

Family History

In addition to the local history programme, we will also be running two sets of family history courses in early 2020. Aimed at people with little or no experience, these sessions will introduce participants to the skills necessary to start creating their own history.

Daytime programme— starting Thursday 30th January, 10.30 until 12.30 for four weeks.

Evening programme— starting Wednesday 5th February, 5.30 until 7.30 for four weeks.

Numbers restricted. To book a place please ring 291 8010.



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To find out more about the project please ask in the Feelgood Factory, Glover's Lane, Netherton or phone 291 8010.

If you are interested in being kept informed about the project and forthcoming events, please fill in the form that can be found here.

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THE DAY WAR BROKE OUT

Netherton in 1914 and 1939



A Community Local History Project



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

In August 1914 life in Netherton had changed very little for more than a century. It was as it had always been, a tiny Lancashire farming village. 80% of the men worked as farm labourers, with the big farmers pretty much in charge.

By September 1939 change was on the horizon. Netherton was larger and industry in the surrounding areas had opened up more employment opportunities. Still, though the difference was slight. It would take the upheaval of the Second World War really to start the advances that created the Netherton of today.

To mark the 80th anniversary of the start of World War Two we are seeking to gather together memories of Netherton during its last quarter century as a rural community.



What we want to achieve

At the end of this project we want to have brought together a picture of pre-war Netherton gathered from records and memories that will be preserved both in written form and in an online repository.

We want to equip local people with the skills to undertake their own research, so there will be a series of workshops held during the year.

In addition we will be running five larger community events to bring everyone up to date with progress. In particular we are keen to engage local young people in the process so that they can talk to older residents and former residents about old Netherton. Dates for these sessions will be advertised during the year.

How you can get involved.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the practical work including conducting interviews, photography and copying records onto a computer.

We are also really keen to speak with anyone who has memories or memorabilia concerning Netherton before 1939.

Workshops

These sessions are open to anyone. Most sessions will be held between 1.30 and 3.30.

Wednesday 4th December

Introduction to the whole project.

Wednesday 8th January

Looking at different types of historical evidence. How do you find out about what happened in your area or family in the past?

Wednesday 15th February

Finding people—how to find information about people who lived in the past?

Wednesday 18th March

Finding out about a building—how do you find out the history of buildings?

Wednesday 29th April

Using the internet for local and family history.

Wednesday 20th May

Using archives and record offices.

Wednesday 17th June (times to be confirmed and must be booked)

Guided tour around Lancashire Archives in Preston

Wednesday 15th July

Finding and using newspapers.

Wednesday 14th October

Using maps—what types of maps exist and how do you find them?

Wednesday 18th November

Pulling it all together.

