



**"I'M SO GLAD I LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE THERE ARE OCTOBERS"**

L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

**NIFHS CHAIRPERSON'S AUTUMN UPDATE**

Dear Everyone,

The changing of the seasons from Summer to Autumn or Winter to Spring, heralds the start of the Society year. This is usually a busy time of the year for the Society Membership Team and, thankfully, this year is no exception. The branches are presently finalising and publicising their programmes of meetings and talks, most of which, will be available on Zoom whenever possible.

The Society AGM, which took place, by Zoom, on Saturday 18th of September, was kindly hosted by The Causeway Coast and Glens Branch of NIFHS. The AGM chairperson made everyone welcome noting that there were over 60 branch members present many of whom were 'Zooming in' from different time zones. During the proceedings the Annual Reports were duly adopted, and the Statutory Officers were duly elected. Thank you and congratulations to all who were elected. Following the AGM proceedings, the attendees stayed on for a most enjoyable talk by Guest Speaker, Dr Nic Wright of Causeway Coast and Glens Museum Services entitled; "Pre-history of the Causeway Coast and Glens Area".

The AGM was a great success and a truly **HUGE THANK YOU** is due to all involved in organising and running the event, the magnitude of which, should not be underestimated.

***Thank you to the excellent work of all the AGM Team.***

Thanks are also due to every member of the Society who volunteers in any role, at any level, within the Society. Without willing volunteers, the Society would not be able to function.

*Please do consider if there is any way that you could help, no matter how large or small, all offers of help are greatly appreciated.....*

***Thank you to every volunteer for your valuable contribution to the running of the Society.***

Finally with health restrictions easing, the work of assessing how best to return **SAFELY** to use the Research Library is continuing, and there will be more information about this very soon.

Best wishes to everyone in the Society for an enjoyable year ahead, researching and networking with the family history family, connecting people to people and people to places, linking the past to the present and to the future.....

Alison Tait.  
4th October 2021



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Dear Members,

Summer seems to have gone in a heartbeat, but the darker nights and colder days mean more time for researching. On this side of the world anyway. I'd love to hear more from our members in the southern hemisphere. As we in the north hunker down for the winter, what are you planning?

A quick reminder for any **BRANCH** members who haven't yet renewed their membership, there are two options. You can request a printed form from your Branch Secretary, or you can renew online.

Details of above are available at - [www.nifhs.org/membership/](http://www.nifhs.org/membership/).

One of the many benefits of membership, Branch or Associate - you may have your **Research Interests** and **Queries** listed on our website and in our Journal by completing a Member's Profile Form.  
(See below for further details)

This month's Newsletter has taken on a life of its own. Information, events, a competition and a cry for help. Plenty to read and do.

Enjoy!

Evelyn B2513

### LOOK UP SERVICE UPDATE

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Broughshane Presbyterian Church

Just completed and available for 'Look up' is a set of Baptism records from 1<sup>st</sup> Broughshane Presbyterian Church. There are over 5,000 entries dating from 6 Oct 1830-30 Sep 1832 and 17 Feb 1836-2 Dec 1894. There are only 6 entries which include birth dates.

There are very few baptisms noted as illegitimate births, but there are many instances where only a mother is recorded. An occasional note records that the father is of a different faith, but most have no additional information. On checking one of the entries in Civil Registration I discovered that Maria White, baptized on 18 April 1875, with only her mother Mary White recorded, did have a father, James White, and he was in Australia.

So, in the entries before Civil Registration in 1864, where only the mother is recorded, we don't know whether a mother's surname is a married name.

Sandra Ardis  
Projects Coordinator



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### LIBRARIES NI -HERITAGE FROM HOME 2

Tuesday 12 October 2021 - March 2022

Following the success of last year's *Heritage from Home* series of online talks, Libraries NI are organising a second series this autumn and winter. *Heritage from Home 2* will run from October to mid-March and is part of a government-funded Shared History project. The funding was allocated by the National Heritage Lottery Fund.

In this centenary year, the programme will focus more specifically on the social context, historical events and impact on people and institutions of the creation of Northern Ireland, but will also more generally explore how life in Northern Ireland and border areas has evolved within the last 100 years. The aim will be to provide a critical look at the last century from a variety of perspectives, through talks by speakers with different backgrounds and interests (History, Politics, Architecture, Genealogy, the Arts and Museums and Archives).

All these events will be delivered via Zoom and can be followed on PC, laptop, iPad and on most smartphones.

To book please visit - <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/heritage-from-home-2/>

The programme will be updated regularly, so keep checking this page for more events and follow our Facebook page for notifications.

For more information, please email: [heritage.talks@librariesni.org.uk](mailto:heritage.talks@librariesni.org.uk)

Date	Time	Title and Speaker	Booking details
Tuesday 12 October 2021	12.30 - 1.30pm	Dr Darach MacDonald  More than two sides to every border story	Please register at: <a href="https://librariesni.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkd-iorTsr6dSf8g3Dlj5Y4fcxX0JVkbYS">https://librariesni.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkd-iorTsr6dSf8g3Dlj5Y4fcxX0JVkbYS</a>
Tuesday 19 October 2021	12:30- 1:30pm	Susan McKay  Northern Protestants On Shifting Ground	Please register at: <a href="https://librariesni.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqce2ppz8pHNbQq42C2KprXaVte4PqZGnW">https://librariesni.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqce2ppz8pHNbQq42C2KprXaVte4PqZGnW</a>



## **AND SOME MORE...**

### **6-Week Online Lecture Series: Irish History from Plantation to Partition**

Armagh Robinson Library, in collaboration with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, has organised a six-week lecture series that will explore Irish history from the Plantation of Ulster to Partition. The free lectures will be delivered by Zoom on Wednesday evenings (7.30pm-8.30pm) from 13 October -17 November.

Places can be booked online at <https://armagh-robinson-library.arttickets.org.uk/>, by emailing [admin@armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk](mailto:admin@armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk) or calling 028 3752 3142. Attendance can be for specific lectures or for the full series.

### **PRONI Express - Register now for the latest seminars**

Sign up for PRONI Express at - [www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/subscribe-pronis-newsletter](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/subscribe-pronis-newsletter)

**FHF REALLY USEFUL, Family History Show, 12-13 November 2021** more information and purchase tickets at - [www.fhf-reallyuseful.com](http://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com).

## **COMPETITION TIME**

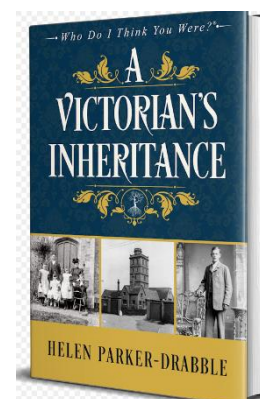
For a chance to win a signed paperback edition of

**'Who Do I Think You Were? @ A Victorian's Inheritance'**

Just choose the most relevant statement -

Helen's book *A Victorian's Inheritance* is for people who:

1. Are interested by Victorian English village life
2. Want to deepen their understanding of an ancestor
3. Have questions about how trauma, alcoholism, or physical and mental illness might have affected their forebears
4. Are looking for examples of family history in print
5. All the above



For help to answer please visit: - [www.helenparkerdrabble.com](http://www.helenparkerdrabble.com)

Email your answer with your name and address by 14 November 2021 to: - [newsletter@nifhs.org](mailto:newsletter@nifhs.org) with the subject line 'NIFHS Newsletter Christmas competition'.

Good luck!



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

### HAVE YOU GOT SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE TO HELP IN THESE NIFHS VOLUNTARY POSITIONS?

#### **Assistant Treasurer: Key duties include:**

- The Society Treasurer's day to day role revolves around the Cashbook, a spreadsheet in which are recorded all the payments and receipts. Each such transaction is supported by a voucher, e.g. an invoice, two copies of which are kept: one online and one on paper, filed in the Society's Office in Newtownabbey.
- The Society has bank accounts with Danske Bank and PayPal and the Treasurer reconciles the bank transactions with those in the Cashbook spreadsheet; again, two copies are kept of each bank statement.
- Particularly towards the end of the financial year, March 31st, liaison is required with each of the Branch Treasurers as their accounts need to be combined with those of the Society to produce a consolidated statement. This is then approved by an Independent Examiner before being sent to the Charity Commission.
- The Assistant Treasurer should become sufficiently familiar with the procedures to step in when the Treasurer is away. Preferably the Assistant Treasurer should be able to visit the Research Centre at Newtownabbey occasionally.
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#### **Webmaster: Key duties include:**

- WordPress Core Updates
- Theme and Plugin Updates
- Hosting Support
- Website Security and Legal Compliance

The Society's web asset would be under the control of the Webmaster, who should preferably be resident in Northern Ireland. A sub-committee is investigating the requirements for a new website and the Webmaster would contribute to that.

If interested, please email the General Secretary of NIFHS at [Secretary@NIFHS.org](mailto:Secretary@NIFHS.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.