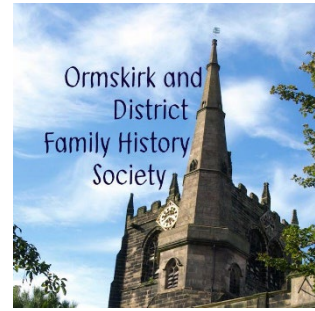


## **ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY** **(ODFHS) - MEMBER BENEFITS**



### **Sharing Experiences**

- Meet like-minded people who share your own interests
- Learn about new family history sources and techniques
- Share your own experiences and expertise
- Make new friends
- Worldwide membership knowledge, experience and contacts
- Contribute to our newsletter and magazine

### **Meetings and Events**

- Monthly members meetings with variety of speakers
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month – 7.30pm at Guide Hut, Moorgate, Ormskirk
- Monthly Help Desk at Ormskirk Library
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month, except bank holidays – 10.30 to 11.30am
- Regular ZOOM Family History Chats with members worldwide
- Annual Open Day plus regular stalls and displays at local and other events

### **Communications**

- Monthly newsletters by email (or printed copies available), Facebook and Website
- Additional special announcements for short notice news and events
- Local announcements of interest to local members
- Thrice-yearly magazine available online or in printed form
- Membership of the Family History Federation with their monthly Really Useful Bulletin
- Membership of the Lancashire Local History Federation with their quarterly Newsletters

### **Research Resources**

- Research Library based in Ormskirk with wide range of documents, including many about local families which have already been researched.
- Specialist Boatfamilies database with over 60,000 entries
- Range of local Monumental Inscriptions, Church records, Tithe Maps and much more available as downloadable files from Parish Chest.
- Back-copies of magazine and newsletters available in members' area of website.
- Exchange magazines with other family history societies (worldwide) on website.
- Large gallery of local photographs on website
- Directory of surnames other members are researching
- Increasing proportion of research library now available online to all members

### **Support and mentoring**

- Experienced members available for assistance as needed
- Opportunities to put questions via magazine and newsletters
- Listing of freely available family history related websites

### **Cheap and easy to join/renew**

- UK Memberships from £11 - £15 per year; apply online, by email, post or in person
- Payment by PayPal, Credit/Debit card, bank transfer, cheque or cash in person