We will be making a few changes to our website over the next few months. Here are a few of the things we are doing:

We are looking to redesign the top of each description page to more clearly emphasise that the Archives Hub does not hold the content, and to show where the content is from. This is about making it clear to end users that they need to contact you directly for more information.

We are also going to add a filter for images that are displayed within the Archives Hub. At the moment our 'digital content' filter is for both images displayed on the Hub and links to content displayed elsewhere.

We will be making some changes that will improve the way that subjects and place names are displayed. At present you have probably noticed that they don't always have spaces between words, and dividers
are inconsistent. We are trying out the use of a ‘normalised’ version of subjects and places that we can create by writing quite complex scripts to make display more consistent. More about that when it is live.

We have realised that words with accents can be found, but if you take the accent away, you get no results. So we are addressing this problem.

Using the Archives Hub EAD Editor: training for non-archivists and volunteers

We are exploring the idea of training sessions that are aimed at those with little experience of archival cataloguing. We will use the EAD Editor, but the sessions would be about some of the basics of good cataloguing as well as encouraging attendees to complete a basic collection-level entry during the session. We will not assume any archival knowledge, so we hope that this will reassure those who think that using the Editor might be too difficult for them. If this sounds like it might be of interest to you, or any institutions that you know about, please do email us.

A reminder that our contributors' email address is contributors.hub@jisc.ac.uk.
Out and about, promoting archives!

We try to attend research fairs and other events where we can effectively promote the Archives Hub and UK archives to potential users. We recently attended the Humanities Research Fair at The University of Oxford, which was very busy, with a constant stream of enthusiastic postgraduates! We also attended the Manchester Metropolitan University Discovery Day, with similar success. It is a great opportunity to talk to people face-to-face, and we do our best to represent all archives on the Archives Hub. If you know of any similar events that we should be attending - maybe they would also be relevant for other Jisc services such as Library Hub or Historical Texts - then please let us know.