

Bolton's Genies



The Monthly Newsletter of the Bolton & District Family History Society.

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A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.

Hello and welcome

This is the prototype of our new project. An idea which has been long overdue mainly because of limited resources, and know how, hopefully now surmounted. You are receiving this because we have obtained your email or land address from the membership list of the MLFHS, selected as having a Bolton post code, or you are known to have Bolton interests either as a resident or via family history. Our aims are to:

- Invite and collate information & recent activity reports from other members for general circulation
- Announce planned courses and invite people to enrol
- Announce at least the next month's Bolton talk if not further on.
- Announce planned trips/ visits and invite interest.
- Provide regular links to other branches/ local organisations/ interesting sites, which will probably be repeated monthly with a brief summary of coming talks, projects etc. if relevant.
- Pass on information about the release of relevant new databases, offers etc.
- Invite constructive comments on what we are doing, ideas for speakers. help with brick walls
- And of course encourage people (including those like myself with no local family interests), to join MLFHS in order to enjoy the "stimulating company" of like-minded people (well we do try) , use the forum for general help, and make members aware of the other facilities they may not have picked up on
- Maybe offer a local look up service and possibly be prepared to show people how to use the local Archives service
- Try to keep you informed of useful and mainly free websites / newsletters / blogs which are regularly available
- Plus other stuff not even listed here yet.

So, what do you think so far? Email your comments to bolton@mlfhs.com or come and let us know at our next B & D FHS meeting

which is at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 2nd July** at Bolton Cricket Club, Green Lane, Bolton, BL3 4RD. Car parking is free. Meetings are free to members of the M&L FHS but are **£2** for non-members. If you join the Society on the night the meeting is free.

This month's talk will be **"The Dimensions of Time" by Peter Watson**. Peter will be talking about how we perceive, "Time" especially the "Past" and the "Future". He assures us that there will be some involvement of ghosts!!

As usual there will be a genealogy magazine and CD swop/collect facility and a genealogy help desk available at the meeting.

Visits and Activities

- 23rd June saw our first new venture of a team visit initiated by Jane Milne after we had such an interesting talk from Dr Michael Powell of Chethams College earlier this year. I hope we all enjoyed it. **Due to the overwhelming enthusiasm already seen we have already booked another date on July 28th.** and have 7 on the list, maximum 20 so names please,
- Might you be interested in an organised visit to see the new facilities open to us via our new headquarters in Manchester Central Library? We hope to organise a visit if enough people are interested. The Chairman, Brian Whittle, will be asking for numbers of interested people at the next meeting.
- Other ideas for visits include Manchester Cathedral, The John Rylands Library, Deane Church Bolton, Fred Dibnah museum, Preston County Record Office, Family History Centre at Preston Temple We are also looking for more suggestions plus visit coordinators. Any offers please

NB All enquiries welcome but where we have limited places, priority will of course be given to subscribed members of the MLFHS

Other Local Society News

Halliwell Local History Society -<http://www.halliwell-lhs.co.uk/monthly-meetings/>
At 7.30pm, **Tuesday 29th July 2014**, at St Luke's Church, Chorley Old Road, BL1 3BE opposite Shepherd Cross St, Bolton, --" Every Picture Tells a Story " - History and Stories behind Derbyshire Well Dressings by Margaret Dunn. Small admission **fee ? £1**

Westhoughton Local History Group -

http://www.westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk/Westhoughton_History_Group/Home.html

At 10am to noon in The Library, Market St, Westhoughton, BL5 3AU on **Thursday 3rd July 2014** " Education in Westhoughton Prior to 1900 " by Kath Harrington and on **Thursday 17th July** " Looking for Jack " by Keith Thompson. Admission £1

Horwich Heritage Centre- Meetings are held at the Horwich Resource Centre, Beaumont Road (off Longworth Road), Horwich BL6 7BG on the **second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm**. Free parking and disabled access is available.

<http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk/meetings.htm>

Turton Local History Society-Last summer walk on July 23rd looking at Turton Tower. The venue is Longsight Church centre at Harwood, BL2 3HX. This is the old Longsight Methodist Church which has just been converted to a 'multi-use centre'. All events including the walks begin at 7.30 PM. Contact Secretary Peter Harris 01204 3097617

Workshops and Courses

Bromley Cross Library Workshops - Margaret Calderbank is to start a series of 6 workshops at Bromley Cross Library. First workshop will be on Tuesday, 14th July, at 2pm. All are welcome and the meetings are free. The library is at Toppings Green, Bolton, BL7 9JU. Please contact Margaret on 01204 406735 or colmar76@ntlworld.com for further information

Enjoy Learning- <http://www.enjoy-learning.org.uk/> is a locally based "not for profit association", aimed at Bolton and area residents. . Amongst other courses our **Rita Greenwood**, one of our most experienced members, has been running ongoing courses in basic and then improvers/ advanced family history research and many of us have, and still are attending her classes. They are usually in two terms of 10 weeks each, on Thursdays and costing about £67 a term. More details via the above address

M&LFHS Courses -- Beginner Courses Continue in July

The fourth of this year's series of seven beginner courses will be at Manchester Central Library on **Saturday 5th July 2014** starting at 10.30am and ending around 12.30.

All of the courses are held in the Performance Space on the ground floor.

This session will deal with the census, its history, how to find your ancestors in the returns and how to interpret the information they contain.

The session is free to members of MLFHS but a £3.00 fee is payable on the day by non-members. This will be refunded if a person joins MLFHS on that day (the normal £3.00 joining fee will be waived).

Whether a member or non-member, please book for this event using the link below so that we can have an idea of the numbers attending:

Register Now on 

This update was published on 14 May 2014. For more information, please contact Bea Bentham at [MLFHS](#)

Miscellaneous

St Luke's Vicarage, Victory Street, Bolton was demolished in the late 1950's but has anyone got any photographs of it? Graham at gholt32@gmail.com would like any information/scans/originals to copy.

The Bolton News - You may have noticed our monthly flyers in Gayle McBain's "Looking Back" features in the Wednesday editions of the paper. Gayle is always looking for extra material to encourage family history research and elaborate on how we go about it. If you think you have an idea to contribute of about 400 words please contact me **Jane Milne** on sj_milne@hotmail.com or at our next meeting to discuss your suggestion. It can be anonymous, and confidentiality is always respected but I do need ideas.

Lancs BMD - This month's Bolton additions are:--- Sorry there were none.

If you would like to help with this long term project please contact Bob Winder at bob@winder.demon.co.uk You will need a laptop, an excel spreadsheet and be able to visit Mere Hall in normal working hours, Monday - Friday.

Lancs OPC - This month's Bolton additions are:

[Marriages 1867 to 1871 and 1875 to 1893](#) from the Church of St George, Little Bolton,

[Baptisms 1901 to 1954](#) from St Helens Road Methodist Church, Morris Green, Bolton.

Some Useful/ Interesting Free Newsletters etc. include

<https://sites.google.com/site/gm8aob/home/family-history-link/bolton-and-other-local-history-links>

Lost Cousins <http://www.lostcousins.com/>

The National Archives <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/enewsletter.htm>

WDYTYR <http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com>

British Genes <http://britishgenes.blogspot.co.uk/>

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SELECTED ITEMS PASSED ON IN BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS OR DO IT YOURSEVES??? LET ME KNOW.

And Finally remember if there is something you want to pass on to your fellow Bolton genealogists via the B&D FHS newsletter simply send the details in an e-mail to bolton@mlfhs.com

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