

Bolton's Genies



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A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.

Well hello all, and welcome to a landmark edition of "Bolton's Genies". We are 1 year old this month. I can't believe how much the format of this newsletter has changed over the last 12 months. It has been a BIG learning curve and I hope you are all happy that we are moving in the right direction. I am now wondering about reducing the size of the newsletter by going to size 11 rather than 12 font. Would this cause any difficulties anywhere? As always any comments welcome, (as long as they are constructive!).



We have very positive vibes of onwards and upwards at the moment with Sue Boddy, our Treasurer, reporting a 39% increase in attendances over the last year. Next year's programme is complete barring final tweaks for the December meeting, and we hope you will find, a selection of interesting and even some exciting speakers arranged! Details should be on our web page shortly, also stand by for news of more developments before the end of the year!?!?

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OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

On July 1st we were entertained by Cllr John Walsh coming to take us for "A Bolton Ramble". Many will know of John as an experienced Bolton councillor, having served intermittently since at least 1975, and also as the Bolton Mayor from 2002 -2003.

<http://www.boltonsmayors.org.uk/walsh-j.html> . To be honest we really did not know what to

expect , except that it would be good, but on apparently the warmest July night ever recorded he managed to give us a "potted" overview of the history of Bolton in an hour , from 1100 with the Romans to 1215 with the first market , to 1251 with first Charter at the Man and Scythe, to the Flemish weavers coming in 1337, the changes of



boundaries, with electoral reform, the creation of churches to serve the growing industrial population which lead to more graveyards and cemeteries, and on to the history of the mayoral insignia. Deep breath!! A fuller report in the quarterly journal but certainly another good night with 48 attending.

August 5th is our next meeting, with Elaine Taylor MA, nationally acclaimed garden historian, and Chair of the Association of Garden Trusts coming to tell us about the creation

of some local gardens , and in particular about Thomas Mawson who helped Lord Leverhulme design his Rivington estate



(All at Bolton Cricket Club (Back door), Bishops Road, off Green Lane,

Farnworth, BL3 2JB 7.30pm,

First Wednesday of each month apart from January).

We offer a Help Desk for personal research after each meeting, and have a recycle service for your used Family History Magazines.

Don't throw them out, bring your old ones in to be passed on.

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VISITS and ACTIVITIES

Monday 16th June saw our visit to Turton Tower.

<http://www.turtontower.co.uk/index.php/history> This was definitely an impressive visit only pencilled in for an hour but which actually took double that, and I think could have been longer if the café had been open because we would have then had the energy to look at the gardens as well. Our guide Ally Hodgson and her manager Hanif Patel came in on their day off, (the Tower isn't normally open on Mondays), to tell us about the history of the building(s) and people who had been involved with it over the last 600 years. What a team! Eighteen of us were welcomed with tea/ coffee in an upper room, where we made our introductions, and we were then launched into our tour with stories of the buildings original purpose and subsequent alterations, and also charming anecdotes about items like

The Bell: → *The date on the Bell appears to be 1287 but we are told the form of the numeral 5 was often written as what we know as a backwards 's' or '2' in the sixteenth century - so it's most likely that the bell was cast in 1587 at the request of William Orrell. This fits in with the letters R.O. on the bell, believed to be Robert Orrell of Wigan who also cast a bell for Bodfari Church, Flintshire in 1592. Fred Orrell from Forton, Lancashire purchased the bell at the auction of all the items at Turton Tower after the death of Colonel Lees Knowles (1929). His granddaughter Margaret Hobin, living in Penzance, informed the Friends of Turton Tower that she had the bell and it came back to the Tower in 2009*



Another lurking on the ceiling, in the Drawing Room features what is thought to be the ← **Green Man** amongst the Tudor Roses. Apparently the original ceiling of the two storey tower was approximately two metres lower than currently - it was raised when the top floor was added, around 1600. The ornate plastered ceiling was possibly added at this time and was recreated in the 1840's

when James Kay owned the Tower.

And the fascinating **chair** on loan from Towneley Hall, Burnley, bought in the 1920's from the Manor House Rochdale, formerly the home of Lord Byron.--> .

One of our members Judith Redfern has written a more detailed account of the visit for the next MLFHS Journal but suffice it to



say here that the visit was just top quality for a nominal £5 each towards their funds, and we hope to take Ally up on her offers of more MLFHS talks and hopefully also more visits to places such as Helmsshore Mill.

The Fishpool Workhouse Creed Registers Work has started on transcribing which will give us details of the residents of the workhouse from 1869 onwards. There is work for more transcribers but it can only be done at The Bolton History Centre, which is open 7 days a week. Contact Graham Holt at boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk for more details.

NB The work of earlier transcribers has already created a catalogue of over 33 Bolton-specific documents in the Members-only pages of the MLFHS website.

http://mlfhs.org.uk/member_area/member_area_contents.php

House of Parliament Tours

We have talked very hypothetically about organising a group tour here sometime, but maybe this isn't going to happen if it is reportedly crumbling away so badly. In the meantime maybe this will compensate a little. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBLcwwCRUVU&feature=youtu.be>

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GENIE'S TIPS for JULY

Legacy Tree Genealogists - Jewish Research Tips,

Part 1: History and Immigration <https://legacytree.com/blog/jewish-research-tips-part-1-history-and-immigration>

accessed 6.6.15 Ever wondered where the saying "Beyond the Pale" comes from, and the political background to "Fiddler on the Roof"? Read this fascinating explanation and account of the movement of the European Jews in recent centuries, and suggestions of how to research them. And accessed on 29.06.15



Part 2 : Maps and Gazetteers

<https://legacytree.com/blog/jewish-research-part-2-tips-and-resources> Once you have found a record that names your Jewish immigrant's hometown, it is important to identify all possible matches for this town

The Family Deeds Project <http://www.familydeeds.org/index.php> "provides a large amount of free online information to help you with your family history using information contained in our collection of old deeds and documents. We have information on many documents with new documents being uploaded regularly."

The Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) has added recordings of its recent lecture series entitled Your Family Tree to its dedicated YouTube channel. Details of the talks, with links to each on YouTube, are located at www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/proni-on-youtube/your_family_tree_lecture_series.htm.

This information has been obtained courtesy of Chris Pattens

British GENES (GEnealogy News and Events) <http://britishgenes.blogspot.co.uk/> . New readers may not know about this irregular but very informative free newsletter, to which

everybody can subscribe. I just pick out what I think might interest our readers but have a look yourself.



Notes on Digitised BMD's The Deregulation Act 2015

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/20/notes/division/5/96/1?view=plain>

You may have heard that this will soon allow for digital copies of BMD's to be issued but did you realise that the digital service will only be available from the GRO? Your local registrar will not be permitted to issue a digital non-certified copy of a certificate at a reduced price.

The relevant part of the Deregulation Act 2015 reads as follows:

"Information contained in entries of births and deaths

(1) *The Minister may make regulations for the purpose of enabling the Registrar General—
b) to provide, on request, a record of information contained in an entry in the Registrar General's certified copies, otherwise than in the form of a certified copy.*

And for marriages:

b) to provide, on request, a record of information contained in an entry in the Registrar General's certified copies, otherwise than in the form of a certified copy. "

The important bit is the reference to the Registrar General [i.e. the GRO] issuing the digital copy with no mention of a similar power for local registrars. And thus a source of income disappears from the local registrars.

Another factor in this situation is that the GRO do not have the original registers, they have a hand written copy and as we all know copies are not always perfect. I accept that modern birth and death details may be passed via a computerised system but your local church still sends a 3rd paper copy of the marriage to the registrars, as they always have done.

From our Graham H



WORKSHOPS and COURSES and CLASSES

Saturday 18th July 10.30am 12.30pm. Session 4 looks at how to research your ancestors before the start of Civil Registration in 1837. This session predominantly focuses on parish registers but other sources are also discussed.

This is the fourth programme of seven monthly sessions for those beginning their family history or for those who would like to polish up on topics which they feel they would like to understand better. <http://www.mlfhs.org.uk/news/user/story.php?id=94>

These sessions are FREE to paid-up MLFHS members but there is a charge of £3.00 for non-members. If, however, you decide to join MLFHS on the day, the fee will be refunded.

NOTE All of the remaining sessions will be held in the Friends Meeting House on Mount Street just at the rear of Manchester Central Library.

To book follow the Eventbrite link on <http://www.archivesplus.org/events/mlfhs-family-history-beginners-course-4-research-before-civil-registration/>

The program for the remaining sessions is:

Sept 5th Civil Probate & Wills

Oct 10th New sources in the 19th & 20th Centuries

Nov 7st Irish & Scottish Research



THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records



<http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk/update.php>



<http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/> and left click on the "What's New" tab on the left

St Paul's, Halliwell, Baptisms 1911 to 1944

Independent Chapel, Little Lever, Baptisms 1944 to 2013 , Church Roll 1859 to 1916

St Matthew's, Little Lever Marriages 1953 to 2010

Sts Peter and Paul, Marriages 1884 to 1924

St George's Rd Congregational Church, Church Roll 1863 to 1925

Duke's Alley Chapel, Church Roll 1805 to 1863



A second addition to the member area - this time in the Bolton Documents section:

Worsley and Hulton Court Rolls 1581-1888

http://mlfhs.org.uk/member_area/member_area_contents.php

Abstracts from the court rolls of the manor Worsley and Hulton by C. E. Mollineux.

Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society <http://www.lfhsonline.com/>



Lancashire Anglican Church Registers On-Line Jim Lancaster from their Bury Branch (and also a member of MLFHS) has posted this on their Society Forum:-

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Lancashire_Parishes

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SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

MILITARY

The Waterloo Bicentenary

Well by the time you read this I should imagine the main ceremonies will have been and gone, but just in case you still don't understand it all maybe this website will help. I find the timeline very interesting and educational. Especially explaining the political changes in the early 19th C which affected all our ancestors and research.

<http://www.nam.ac.uk/waterloo200/waterloo-timeline/>

<http://www.nam.ac.uk/waterloo200/the-battle-of-waterloo-experience-with-dan-and-peter-snow/>

The Royal Navy Reserve Service Record of John Wilson <http://www.royal-naval-reserve.co.uk/lost2.htm> A list of trawlers lost during WW2 accessed June 11th 2015

<http://www.parliament.uk/about/podcasts/toursofparliament/suffragettes/> " This podcast looks at the actions of suffragettes and suffragists in Parliament. Mike Greenwood talks to experts in Parliament and to those who have been inspired by the movement to extend suffrage to women". Accessed 13.06.2015 Posted on 8 June 2015

Britain's Forgotten Bodysnatchers

The Untold stories of Britain's Resurrection Men

<http://britainsforgottenbodysnatchers.blogspot.co.uk/> I really must start noting more Watch Towers. Some fairly local but are there any in Bolton I wonder???

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Durham Records Online <http://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/index.php?q=1&cookiecheck=1>
re the reading of old documents

Sorry to be bringing this site up again so soon but I thought this explanatory comment might be useful for us all

"Note that "ys" and "ye" should be pronounced "this" and "the", because the first character is not really a "y". In 16th and 17th century printing and writing, a "y" was used to represent the ancient "thorn" character, which in turn represented the "th" sound. Literate people of that era knew to pronounce "ye" as "the" without giving it any thought; modern folks often err by saying it as "yee"."

This article

Petition to release Sunderland men who are prisoners of the Napoleonic Wars

<http://durhamrecordsonline.com/library/petition-to-release-sunderland-men-who-are-prisoners-of-the-napoleonic-wars/> , may also suggest similar records exist elsewhere ready to be investigated. Apparently "around 16,000 British prisoners of war were confined in France between 1793 and 1815, some for many years. Among them were many sailors from the Sunderland area. Without their income-producing husbands, the wives (and children and even parents) of these men, left behind at home, suffered terrible poverty and deprivation. Desperate, they sent a petition to the Prince Regent, begging him to get the prisoners released"

Surely this affect must have been nationwide, so are there any other records I wonder?

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MANCHESTER

***Angel Meadow: the Irish and Cholera in Manchester**

http://www.mangeogsoc.org.uk/egm/3_2_Angel_Meadow.pdf

Mervyn Busted formerly of School of Environment and Development, University of Manchester and Paul Hindle Manchester Geographical Society

"A walking tour to explore the size, nature and surviving features of Angel Meadow, the largest Irish district in 19th century Manchester. To study the impact of cholera in early 19th century Manchester, notably the 1832 outbreak "accessed 30.06.15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKch1hiHmq8> **Manchester's Angel Meadow**

This video is about **Manchester's St Michaels Flags & Angel Meadow**
and

Underground Manchester: Tunnels, a tube station and even shops hidden beneath the city's streets revealed 14:13, 19 June 2015 By Simon Coyle

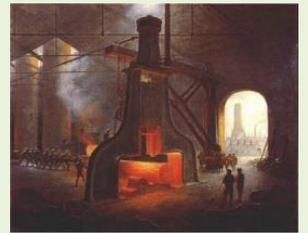
<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/underground-manchester-tunnels-tube-station-9471616>

SALFORD

***Nasmyth's Thor Hammer is restored**

<http://www.aboutmanchester.co.uk/people/nasmyths-thor-hammer-is-restored/>. One of the

greatest inventions of the Industrial Revolution have steamed to a successful conclusion in Salford. One of James Nasmyth's steam hammers, nicknamed Thor after the Norse god of thunder because of the noise it made, stands near the site of his Victorian Salford workshop in tribute to the mechanical engineering genius. Now, as part of a wider £5.5 million restoration package to the nearby Bridgewater Canal and with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Salford City Council, Nasmyth's Business Park and donations from community local groups, the historic machine has been restored, repainted and a new interpretive canopy installed over it to protect it from the weather and explain its significance to visitors



IRISH

***"Ireland Reaching Out"** <http://www.irelandxo.com/ireland> . *"Unsure of where in Ireland you are from? Come join our Ireland XO Community and we'll help you find out more about your ancestral origins"*

***Diasporas Gone but not forgotten** from The Economist Jun 27th 2015

<http://www.economist.com/news/international/21656176-governments-believe-their-diasporas-can-solve-all-sorts-problems-they-are-picky> *"IF YOUR surname is McNamara and*

you live outside Ireland, expect a letter. Ireland Reaching Out, a non-profit organisation financed largely by the Irish government, has pioneered what it calls "reverse genealogy".

***Belfast based Roman Catholic baptism records added to "RootsIreland"**

<http://www.rootsireland.ie/> *"We are pleased to announce the addition of almost 9,000 new Catholic baptismal records! These records from Sacred Heart Belfast, St Mary's Belfast and St Vincent de Paul Belfast cover the years 1890 to 1930."*

The records are available on the County Antrim page.

And **Ulster Ancestry** <http://www.ulsterancestry.com/ua-free-pages.php> is compiling a series of Free pages which you can use for your research purposes. These have been sorted by date and detail the document type for your convenience

MAGNA CARTA

***Conservation Treatment**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqQVY1ZnOoM&feature=youtu.be>

and

***Welcome to the Magna Carta quiz!** <http://www.parliamentgames.co.uk/quiz/#> I am ashamed to say I only got 8/10

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS



***'Sky walk' bridge for cyclists, walkers and horse riders on £1.4 million route on old railway line between Bolton and Bury.** Nice to see a bit of positive renovation going on!!
Thursday 18 June 2015 The Bolton News: I did this walk this week from Leverhulme Park to Scholes Street and back over three magnificent bridges. Try it.

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/13339919.Sky_walk_bridge_for_cyclists_walkers_and_horse_riders_on_1_4_million_route_between_Bolton_and_Bury/?ref=mr&lp=1

****"Average British person has 193,000 living cousins says new research"**

00:01, 17 June 2015 By Mirror.co.uk <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/average-british-person-193000-living-5895798>

The research discovered a typical Brit had five first cousins, as well as 28 second, 175 third, 1,570 fourth, 17,300 fifth, and 174,000 sixth cousins. Brits have an average of nearly 200,000 close living relatives, according to new research.---

The study suggests that the typical Brit has five first cousins, right up to 174,000 sixth cousins ---

And

****65-year-old Aussie found out he is related to England's King Edward I after a man sent him a page from a book on royal family descendants !!!"**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3111856/Meet-65-year-old-Aussie-related-England-s-King-Edward-man-sent-page-book-royal-family-descendants.html> By Emily Crane for Daily Mail

Australia Published: 23:18, 7 June 2015 | Updated: 10:09, 8 June 2015

There is hope for us all then (wonder why and when his family emigrated???)

Findmypast Welcome to Crime, Prisons and Punishment Month!

http://www.findmypast.co.uk/crime-prisons-punishment?utm_source=fmp&utm_content=443197&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=news

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MISCELLANEOUS

Bolton School 500th and 100th Anniversaries in 2015

This is an extract from a more detailed article which will shortly appear in our next Manchester Journal in September



"Bolton School will shortly be celebrating two notable anniversaries. Not only will it see 500 years since Bolton Grammar School for Boys was recorded as 'a going concern' in 1516, but it also marks the centenary of Sir William Hesketh Lever's 'munificent endowment', which allowed the merger of the Grammar School with Bolton High School for Girls on 1 April 1915.

Bolton Grammar School was endowed by Robert Lever, who held the manor of Rivington, in 1613. Although much of Lancashire retained traditional religious beliefs in the wake of the Reformation, Bolton had a reputation for radicalism and during the seventeenth century, Bolton Grammar produced several prominent theologians on both sides of the divide between conformity and dissent. These included the dean of Chester, Laurence Fogg; the royalist

presbyterian Oliver Heywood; and James Bradshaw, who was imprisoned briefly during the Protestant Monmouth rebellion against James II in 1685. Given Bolton's industrial heritage, it is perhaps unsurprising that over the years many local entrepreneurs sent their sons to the school. These included the cotton manufacturer and philanthropist, Robert Heywood, and the cotton spinner Sir Thomas Bazley, who became an MP for Manchester in 1858. The late nineteenth century saw great strides taken in the education of Bolton girls, with the establishment of Bolton Girls' Day School in 1877. It was one of the earliest public schools for girls and would soon change its name to Bolton High School for Girls before it joined with the grammar school to create Bolton School.

. Following the outbreak of the First World War, The Boltonian turned its thoughts to 'those of the Old Boys who, in this time of national emergency, have offered themselves to serve their King and Country'. Meanwhile, the Girls' Division magazine offered articles on helping the war effort by working in a Red Cross Hospital or even a bank.

Nevertheless, probably the most famous alumnus is now Sir Ian McKellen, who in his final year was school captain, chair of the Geographical Society, and a stand-in speaker for the Student Christian Movement. Another notable Old Boy is the broadcaster Mark Radcliffe, who, during his school days, was a monitor and represented the school in the local UNICEF branch. The Girls' Division, of course, has been no less successful. Old Girl Ann Taylor, Baroness Taylor of Bolton, was Leader of the House of Commons then government chief whip during Tony Blair's first premiership, and went on to chair the Intelligence and Security Committee. Other noteworthy alumni include the gardener, author and broadcaster Carol Klein and the novelist Monica Ali, who played Helen of Troy in a 1984 production of Christopher Marlowe's Dr Faustus.

By Dr Jenni Hyde is an independent researcher, Trustee of the Historical Association, and secretary of the HA's Bolton Branch, which is based at Bolton School. For more information re the school's history please consult their archives site at

<http://bolton-heritage.daisy.websds.net/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f>



MEMBERS COMMENTS, QUERIES, and MEMORIES

The Napoleonic Wars—A Family Connection

Two hundred years ago this month the Napoleonic Wars came to an end when Napoleon Bonaparte was taken into captivity and imprisoned on HMS Bellerophon. The Bellerophon's captain was Fred L Maitland and the First Lieutenant was Mr Andrew Mott. A report by the ship's assistant-surgeon states:- "On the 15th July at about 4am our Barge was despatched and Lieut Mott brought Bonaparte on board at 7am."

A report by a Midshipman describes the officers:- "Our new First Lieutenant, Mr Andrew Mott, was the best officer I ever saw in charge of a quarter-deck. I often wondered when that man slept, eat or dressed himself, for he was hardly ever missed from deck, was always fresh and vigorous, and his dress and appearance would, at any time, have done honour to the Queen's drawing-room. Maitland was, withal, rather a little easy-going, and it occurred to me that, knowing his defect in this way, he contrived always to get a tolerable tartar of a First Lieutenant, so that between the Captain's good nature and the Lieutenant's severity, which he occasionally checked and tempered when he thought the Lieutenant was likely to exceed bounds, the ship was kept in capital discipline."

An interesting description of a "Master and Commander" on one of His Majesty's ships - more interesting to me because Lieut Mott was the half-brother of my 3 x great grandmother. I would love to have met him. Barbara B

'UK's last mail coach' recreated <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-32554321> We got the "heads up" of this event from one of our more distant Bolton "ex pats", MLFHS member Martin Briscoe, who suggested it as a "notable occasion". "The 100th anniversary of what is believed to have been the last horse-drawn mail coach journey in the UK was recreated on the 3rd and 4th of June this year", up in his beautiful part of the world. The service ran between Kingussie and Tulloch Station near Roy Bridge until May 1915 when it was replaced by motorised transport. These are his pictures. (Must have been a magnificent sight although maybe the car drivers were not as thrilled. I know what it has been like around Appleby Horse Fair <http://www.applebyfair.org/> this month.) <https://www.flickr.com/photos/doffcocker/sets/72157653546812440> . Thanks Martin B

Martin was actually commenting on my article from last month about the **Bolton Royal Infirmary Out Patients Register Aug 1939-Aug 1948** which was recovered from a terminal end in a fiery furnace and is now tucked away in Bolton Archives until it can be properly researched 30 years from now. This story has led to more questions though such as :-

*Why were these events documented in this way, with all the service details? Did this make them eligible for special treatment of some sort? Answer YES

*Were none uniformed, older people and children recorded elsewhere or not at all? Answer SEE BELOW

*Were there previous registers and if so where are they or have they been destroyed? Answer PROBABLY NOT LIKE THIS



The records cease at August 1948. We presume with the dates on the register, that the system changed when the NHS came into being on July 4th 1948, and therefore it might well be related to some sort of funding scheme for those in war service. Might it have been via this scheme I wonder?

"During the war, a new centralised state-run 'Emergency Medical Service' (EMS) employed doctors and nurses to care for those injured by enemy action and arrange for their treatment in "whichever hospital was available". The existence of the EMS made voluntary hospitals dependent on the Government and there was a recognition that many would be in financial trouble once peace arrived"

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_National_Health_Service_\(England\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_National_Health_Service_(England))

Did you know that?? ,
and

"Prior to the (National Health Service) reforms, the poor often went without medical treatment, relying instead on dubious - and sometimes dangerous - home remedies, or on the charity of doctors who gave their services free to their poorest patients. Access to a doctor was free to workers, who were on lower pay, but 'national health insurance' often did not extend even to their wives or children.

Hospitals charged for services, and although poor people were reimbursed, they had to pay upfront first to receive treatment."

Dr Sandy Macara of the doctors' professional body, the British Medical Association, describes the pre-NHS era

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/events/nhs_at_50/special_report/123511.stm

Well I did nt.

Then the question arose of

•who owned Bolton Royal and similar General Hospitals before the NHS came into being and how were they funded?

•One of our group born, like many of us, in the late 40s wondered how much it cost when his mother went into hospital for him to be delivered, and put it on the MLFHS forum but nobody answered. Like most babies at that time I and my siblings were born at home. How were those funded? Was it all free then with the advent of the NHS?

I wonder if anyone knows of someone who can come and talk to us about this fascinating subject.

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OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS

Halliwell Local History Society <http://www.halliwell-lhs.co.uk/monthly-meetings>



Email margaretk@talktalk.net. Meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Chorley Old Road, BL1 3BE opposite Shepherd Cross St, Bolton,

Their next month's talk **Tuesday 18th July "Markets and Fairs in Lancashire"** -

Alan Crosby

Turton Local History Society



Normally all events are on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm except for December, (which is too close to Christmas) and the summer months (May, June and July) when they have the evening walks. All start at Longsight Church Centre at Harwood, BL2 3HX. . They offer talks of local and regional interest.

Please email Secretary PeterMHarris@care4free.net for more information.

Westhoughton Local History Group - Meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, between 10am and 12md in the room above Westhoughton Library, Market St, Westhoughton, BL5 3AU

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

Horwich Heritage Centre- Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at



7:30pm at the Horwich Resource Centre, Beaumont Road (off Longworth Road), Horwich BL6 7BG. Open Days, are held most months on Saturdays between 10am --- 1pm

This month's activities are on the web site at <http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk>

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