

# Bolton's Genies



The Monthly Newsletter of the  
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A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.

Well, hello again and welcome to a momentous edition for us, and by "us" I mean all of us,  
Please Notice This i.e. **YOU** as well.



Those of you who managed to attend our meeting last Wednesday,  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, will now know that **we are moving "house" in the New  
Year.**



This decision was made after much heart searching about being in our comfort zone at the Bolton Cricket Club venue on Green Lane, Farnworth. They have made us very welcome over the last decades, but we are growing and you may have noticed this. There are times when we are struggling for chairs at our meetings, and the car park is overflowing on to the street. Committee members have been looking around for an alternative meeting place for some time now, and at last we think we have managed to find one at the



**Bolton Old Links Golf Club,  
Montserrat Brow, Chorley Old Road,  
Bolton BL1 5SU.**



<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Bolton+BL1+5SU/@53.5935302,-2.4844103,17z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x487ba7628fe8bb19:0x48eb3448799cd293?hl=en-GB>

We do realise that this might cause some transport difficulties for some members but we are hopeful that these problems can be easily resolved. One of the attractions of this new venue is that, as well as having a large free car park (which should not be needed for golfing events on a Wednesday evening), there is also a regular and frequent Bolton ←--→ Horwich bus service on the main road running at least half hourly even in the evening, and also with disabled access. (The 125 being the main one).

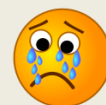
We think the room, the MacKenzie Suite, which is on the ground floor on the right with easy access and good facilities, is warm, comfortable, and more spacious without being too big. It also offers the bonus of Wi-Fi, and coffee and tea available from 7pm- pre meeting and seats already in position.

If anyone does anticipate they are still likely to have problems getting there, or are also willing to help out in these instances, please do contact us via [boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk) and maybe we can arrange some car sharing



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BY HITTING THE "REPLY" BUTTON AS THESE MESSAGES SEEM TO BE GETTING LOST IN THE ETHER.  
WE HAVE GREMLINS SOMEWHERE!!



NB Our new 2016 programme also published this month, (a copy should have been enclosed with notification of this newsletter, and is on our website), includes our free, extra, opening event on January 20<sup>th</sup> with an opening talk by our intrepid Rita Greenwood, so please do come and assist with the launch. More information next month

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So with this news can I now summarize that  
**OUR NEXT TWO MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> AND DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>  
WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT BOLTON CRICKET CLUB BL3 2JB.  
(Back door), Bishops Road, off Green Lane, Farnworth, BL3 2JB 7.30pm**

**\*Our Last Meeting was October 7<sup>th</sup> 2015** when Sara Vernon came to tell us about her research into the origins of local Bolton surnames, and what a fascinating report she gave us, recounting how she had obtained her information on the background of local surnames, from grave yards to hearth tax reports, to school registers, resulting in queues for her "name trails" afterwards. Arrangements are being made to continue these tests for individual names at some subsequent meetings so come prepared.

**\*Our November 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting** welcomes Simon Marland, Club Secretary of Bolton Wanderers Football Club who is coming to tell us about some of the history of the team and in particular how they and their supporters were affected by war time.

NB No stationary sales in December this year so last chance in November and please make sure we have got your name on the December supper list for meat and potato pie. (£1.50p for none, members closing date November 30<sup>th</sup>.)

**\*Our December 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting** is when Linda Sawley retired nurse, author, "observer of life", is coming to give us a light hearted talk about our traditional Christmas with some more serious thoughts. We will also have the meat and potato pie supper (names needed please), and raffle.



THEN WE MOVE TO THE  
BOLTON OLD LINKS GOLF CLUB BL1 5SU  
IN JANUARY 2016.



We will continue to hold our meetings on the first Wednesday of most months and offer  
**\*our Help Desk for personal research,**

- \*our recycle service for your used Family History Magazines etc
- \*and our stationary desk for discounted research equipment etc

In 2016, however, although we do not normally have a meeting this month, this year we plan an extra "come and meet us" session on Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm which will be free to all, coffee and tea from 7pm, and our Rita Greenwood will entertain us with a short talk about "Holy and Unholy Matrimony"



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## VISITS and ACTIVITIES



### Manchester Victoria Baths Open Day September 6<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.victoriabaths.org.uk/>

This was not an official visit (more of a preliminary skirmish), although there were leaflets available at our meeting, but I am

mentioning it because we hope it will be on our list next year. Brian went to help man the MLFHS table and I went on the official tour. What a wonderful place this has been and is well on the way to being again. I was amazed at the magnificent structure and fittings, now

being renovated by many local firms including several from Bolton including "Design Lights" of Blackrod apparently, who did the glazing and of whom we can be very proud. We hope to arrange a trip here next year when public transport is a bit more user friendly



### Smithills Hall Friday Sept 18<sup>th</sup>

I missed this one due to urgent Grandma "duties", but I believe 16 attended, it was preceded by lunch at their new café, and the tour went very well.



### Peak District Family History Conference 20<sup>th</sup> September

OK so this was not actually a Bolton or even Manchester event, but I expect many from this area will have ancestors from the Derbyshire area. One of our members Judith R went to this one and was thoughtful enough to give a quick report. It certainly offered some good speakers and M&LFHS had a stand there. This is a summary

**Roy Stockdill - "Ancestors in Print"** [www.roystockdillgenealogy.com](http://www.roystockdillgenealogy.com) who discussed how, "over the years he has found searching through newspapers a bit of an obsession. He starts out looking for something in particular and soon gets distracted. (don't we all), --- he also showed clips of how he found out interesting facts about his own ancestors through press stories and classified adverts and even sometimes -- finding things like obituary reports e.g. in the Australia press that find themselves in British newspapers months later as "fillers in".

I know from personal experience that Roy also contributes to several genealogical based blogs and has been involved with some WDYTYR research.

**Peter Higginbottom** - "**Sources for Workhouse Research**", the well-known Workhouse specialist was there to *"remind us that after 1904, sources do not use the names 'workhouse', 'master' or 'matron' as it was deemed stigmatising especially on birth certificates, so the address of the workhouse would be recorded and not the name of the building.* (Talking of which, look who was the "despotic" master of Farnham Workhouse in the 1860s <http://workhouses.org.uk/>, no less than Jeremy Corbyn's great x 2 grandfather). *Amongst other ideas he offered some interesting sources such as* <http://maps.nls.uk/> for finding exact locations of a workhouse, and [www.parlipapers.chadwyk.co.uk](http://www.parlipapers.chadwyk.co.uk) parliament papers often discussing poor relief expenditure, the new poor law of 1834, rules and regulations and sometimes lists of teachers, apprentices etc. sent from the workhouse

**Jackie Depelle** - **Ideas for Non-Conformist Research** [www.yourfairladies.co.uk](http://www.yourfairladies.co.uk) . Jackie recommended:

- The University of Leicester website for trade directories NOTE THIS UPDATED ADDRESS for what used to be called "Historical Directories", due to software overload <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/map/collection/p16445coll4>
- Methodist Heritage website <http://www.methodistheritage.org.uk/>
- National Burial website - currently managed by the fee charging Findmypast 18m entries so far <http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/national-burial-index-for-england-and-wales>
- Local Record Offices
- Dictionary of Genealogy <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~randyj2222/gendict.html>
- "Ancestry" subscription site but good for marriage bonds, church licences, etc and
- Archives Hub [www.archiveshub.ac.uk](http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk) which has been described as "An incredible resource for the researcher looking for materials relevant to their subject."

Thank you for your notes Judith, much appreciated.

## AND OUR NEXT OUTINGS



**Tuesday 10th November, "Hall I'th Wood"**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hall\\_i%27\\_th%27\\_Wood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hall_i%27_th%27_Wood) meeting outside at 1pm. The charge again is £2. Booking details as above: [boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk)

**Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> A Visit to the new All Souls Community Centre. Ashley Street,** <http://www.allsoulsbolton.org.uk/> to see the work they have been doing. Guide Alan Simpson of Halliwell LHS. Starting at 7.30pm. More details next month.

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## GENIE'S TIPS for OCTOBER

**"Compare Genealogy Subscriptions". -British Genealogy Network**

[http://www.britishgenealogy.net/compare\\_genealogy\\_subscriptions.php](http://www.britishgenealogy.net/compare_genealogy_subscriptions.php). What an excellent site this is. It is so confusing deciding where to invest to get the best information return and much of it does depend on the individual needs. They explain " *The aim of this page is to assist you in*

deciding which subscription to take. Each of the companies offer a variety of subscription choices, so our aim is not highlight all the subscription variations but to list, as best we can, the content offered by each company". We are told they will also update regularly This site <http://www.genealogydiscount.co.uk/> will keep you up to date with the latest offers.

**"Analysing a Historical Document - What Does the Record Really Tell Us?"** By Kimberly Powell Genealogy Expert **About** [http://genealogy.about.com/od/basics/a/Historical-Document-Analysis.htm?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=sm&utm\\_campaign=shareurlbuttons](http://genealogy.about.com/od/basics/a/Historical-Document-Analysis.htm?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=sm&utm_campaign=shareurlbuttons) Discusses how *"It can be easy when examining a historical document that relates to an ancestor to look for the one "right answer" to our question - to rush to judgement based on the facts presented in the document or text, or the conclusions we make from it. It is easy to look at the document through eyes clouded by personal bias and perceptions engendered by the time, place and circumstances in which we live. What we need to consider, however, is the bias present in the document itself."*

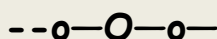
**"101 Best Websites for Genealogy in 2015"** - Family Tree Magazine 21.07.2015 By David A. Fryxell <http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-best-websites-2015>, American but worth a look. Or

**"Top 100 Genealogy Websites of 2015"** - GenealogyInTime Magazine <http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/top-100-genealogy-websites-of-2015-page02.html>

Take your pick. Also

**FamilySearch.org Genealogy Trick: Find Missing Children**

<http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2015/09/30/FamilySearchorgGenealogyTrickFindMissingChildren.aspx>



### WORKSHOPS and COURSES and CLASSES

**\*Bromley Cross Library Beginners Classes Bolton Rd, Bolton, Lancashire BL7 9JR**

**01204 332354** We are glad to be able to announce that Margaret and Colin Calderbanks Autumn classes which were advertised then postponed due to ill health, are now on again. They will commence on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> 10-12md and run for 5 sessions until November 29<sup>th</sup>. Cost £15.

**\*The talks at Manchester Central Library** (actually the nearby Friends Meeting House on Mount Street, to the rear of Central Library) continue with

- Talk 6 (19th and 20th Century Sources) is on Saturday 10th October in room F12
- Talk 7 (Irish and Scottish) is on Saturday 7th November, and will take place in room G1 at the Friends Meeting House.

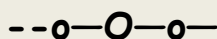
All talks are free for MLFHS members, with a nominal charge for none members off set if joining on the day. They start at 10.30am and last for about two hours. For more information re coming MLFHS activities and booking details look here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--manchester/mlfhs/?sort=date>

You might also like to look at these pages of our website for suggestions about how to start family research <http://www.mlfhs.org.uk/Infobase/beginning.php>

**\*Worldwide Genealogy ~ A Genealogical Collaboration UK National Archives webinars - a new genealogy resource** <http://worldwidegenealogy.blogspot.co.uk/2015/09/uk-national-archives-webinars-new.html?spref=tw> . Some may remember a few months ago, one of our readers tried

out one of these TNA webinars and was very impressed. This is just another reminder of how to do it.



## THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

### \*Lancashire Records



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



\*Lancs OPC <http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/> and left click on the "What's New" tab on the left. There are so many ongoing updates I can't keep up.

### \*330,000 Manchester electoral records available for browsing in Findmypast.

[http://www.findmypast.co.uk/?sourceID=13&utm\\_source=msix\\_affiliate&utm\\_medium=affiliate&utm\\_campaign=%20fmp\\_uk&awc=2114\\_1441392660\\_51f146a28ffec92fbddb706e28447417&dclid=CKqZloyG3scCFcG3Gwodm1oEgq](http://www.findmypast.co.uk/?sourceID=13&utm_source=msix_affiliate&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=%20fmp_uk&awc=2114_1441392660_51f146a28ffec92fbddb706e28447417&dclid=CKqZloyG3scCFcG3Gwodm1oEgq) The new collection, created from microfilm copies held by Archives+ at Manchester Central Library, includes registers of local government and parliamentary elections, Citizens' Rolls and Burgess Rolls. The electoral wards featured include Harpurhey, Hulme, Newton and Salford. (You of course will get this free if a MLFHS member via the web site).



### \* Lancashire Record Office and Wills

What a coincidence. After I posted the website for the Wills Index last month, as mentioned by Tony Foster in his talk, <http://user.xmission.com/~nelsonb/lws.htm>, some might have noticed more conversation on this subject on the MLFHS forum Sept 8th. I hadn't fully realised that "*During the civil war in England, (because) the posts of Bishops were cancelled, so no transcripts were made. (Worse still), a lot of these earlier original parish records were then destroyed in the conflict as in pages torn out. . . (The conclusion being) I suppose it depends who was in control of a district at the time.*"

It seems no Bishops Transcripts exist from pre 1609. This form is now available to enquire as to what is actually available.

<https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/questionnaires/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=474749>

PS Did you also know Lancashire Archives has a Box making service? Made to measure acid free archival boxes, Protection for your documents box making service

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/archives-and-record-office/box-making-service.aspx>, --

- well I didn't

### \*Local Church Records - Belmont Congregational Church Graveyard

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbmxiZWxtb250dmlsbGFnZWZzc29jaWF0aW9ufGd4OjJmNzRjYWJjNjg5ZTRjNjQ> Those of you who dabble with Face Book (I have got my big toe in it now), will know that there is a very interesting group on there called "Bolton Lancashire Bygone Days". They regularly show old pictures of the Bolton area as well as discussion of local activities and events and some of the participants are also looking at their family history. Recently there have been enquiries about the whereabouts of some of the old Congregational church records and this site was offered which I thought I would

share. Full marks to Turton Local History Society who did this study. Of course these records are also in Bolton Archives as are most others, and they can be found by linking to <http://www.boltonmuseums.org.uk/archives/archives-indexes/church-records>. We still haven't located the whereabouts of the actual Parish BMD records though at the time of posting. Please can anyone help?

\***Deceased Online** [http://www.wyre.gov.uk/info/200032/deaths\\_funerals\\_and\\_cremations](http://www.wyre.gov.uk/info/200032/deaths_funerals_and_cremations) has digitized all burial records (nearly 35,000) managed by the council for the following sites:

- Fleetwood Cemetery, Beach Road, Fleetwood, opened 1841; nearly 27,000 burials
- Poulton New Cemetery, Garstang Road, Poulton le Fylde, opened 1929; 2,552 burials
- Poulton Old Cemetery, Moorland Road, Poulton le Fylde, opened 1895; 3,660 burials
- Preesall Cemetery, Cemetery Lane, Preesall, opened 1856; 3,000+ burials

The records for each burial recorded comprise:

- burial register scan
- grave details showing all occupants in each grave
- maps indicating the section in cemeteries for all graves

\***"1891 Cotton Mills in Bolton", Graces Guide to British Industrial History**

[http://www.gracesguide.co.uk/1891\\_Cotton\\_Mills\\_in\\_Bolton](http://www.gracesguide.co.uk/1891_Cotton_Mills_in_Bolton) They claim to be "the leading source of historical information on industry and manufacturing in Britain. This web publication contains 110,841 pages of information and 153,008 images on early companies, their products and the people who designed and built them."

\* **"England and Wales Genealogy Records" GenealogyInTime Magazine**

<http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/UK-genealogy-records.html>. For the benefit of newcomers I am repeating previous flyers for this very useful, free newsletter which, as well as giving tips on research, provides regular updates of new worldwide resources becoming available.

\* For those interested in Scottish research via Scotlands People

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> we can now offer £7 vouchers for £6. Contact Brian on [Bolton@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:Bolton@mlfhs.org.uk) to order.

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## SOME OTHER INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

\***The 1939 Register - when is a 'census' not a census?** The National Archives Friday 4 September 2015 | Audrey Collins <http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/1939-register-census-census/>

**BBC Heir Hunters Blog by Finders International Probate Genealogists**

<http://www.findersinternational.co.uk/bbc-heir-hunters/> for you Heir Hunters fanatics who live in hope.

### MILITARY UPDATES

\* **"Royal Air Force combat reports 1939-1945" The National Archives**

[http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/raf-combat-reports-1939-1945/?utm\\_source=The%20National%20Archives&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=6143005\\_September%202015%20newsletter&utm\\_content=AIR50](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/raf-combat-reports-1939-1945/?utm_source=The%20National%20Archives&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6143005_September%202015%20newsletter&utm_content=AIR50) These records are Royal Air Force

combat reports written during the Second World War. They are the official reports which pilots or air gunners filed after they had encountered enemy aircraft on operational flights.



\* **"Prisoners of War 1715-1945" Findmypast**

These newest additions cover The Napoleonic Wars and World War 2, include prison camps in Europe, Africa and The Far East and list nationalities from around the globe

[http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/prisoners-of-war-1715-1945?utm\\_source=fmp&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=533497&utm\\_campaign=fridays&dclid=CNn8t9SE3scCFWaf2wodFiMFpw](http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/prisoners-of-war-1715-1945?utm_source=fmp&utm_medium=email&utm_content=533497&utm_campaign=fridays&dclid=CNn8t9SE3scCFWaf2wodFiMFpw)

**\*Commonwealth War Graves Commission** <http://www.cwgc.org/app.aspx> *The CWGC War Graves app is for anyone planning a trip to the war cemeteries, for those just curious to find war graves near them, or for those who want to remember the 1.7 million Commonwealth servicemen and women who died in the two world wars. Simple to use, the CWGC War Graves app allows you to search for war graves at more than 23,000 locations, in 153 countries and makes it easy to find and visit these places of remembrance.*



**\*\*Reserves and Reservists\*\* The Long Long Trail** <http://www.1914-1918.net/reserve.htm>  
This word "reserve" appears a lot, either explicitly or disguised, in many military documents. This page should help you understand the different types of reserves and whether your soldier was among them at any time.

**\* British Army units from 1945 on,** <http://british-army-units1945on.co.uk/> *This website has been setup to try and list the names and locations of all British Army units that have served at home or overseas since the end of the Second World War in 1945. The information is being continually updated with information received and research results and is by no means complete*

#### RESEARCH PROBLEMS

**\* "The Problem of Family Not Wanting Your Genealogy Research" Olive Tree Genealogy website and other FREE genealogy records.** Bringing you tutorials, genealogy book and app reviews, genealogy news, genealogy specials and more. Helping you find your family tree and ancestors. Some quite interesting ideas here but I feel quite incompetent now

Read more: <http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/2015/09/the-problem-of-family-not-wanting-your.html#ixzz3lG0nOvgW>

#### IRELAND

**\*Irish Poverty Relief Loan** records available online  
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/irish-poverty-relief-loan-records-available-online/>

**\*rip.ie End of Life Matters- Search Recent Death Notices.** <http://rip.ie/Deathnotices/>  
Recommended by those who have used it.

**\*Using Historical Dog Licenses to Trace your Irish Ancestors by**  
<http://www.irishcentral.com/roots/Using-historical-dog-licences-to-trace-your-Irish-ancestors.html>

**\*\*Your \*family tree is just a few clicks away",** The Irish Times Catriona Crowe of the National Archives has a few tips to share with anyone researching their ancestors  
<http://www.irishtimes.com/culture/heritage/your-family-tree-is-just-a-few-clicks-away-1.2353752>

#### SCOTLAND

**\* "Learning Zone - Finding Paternity Cases in Sheriff Court Records. Their Indexing Project (and some fascinating facts and hints)"**  
<http://www.scottishindexes.com/learningcourt.aspx> **Scottish Indexers** are indexing these wonderful records. So far the Registers of Extracted Decrees for the Sheriff Courts of the southern counties of Scotland (from Berwickshire right across to Wigtownshire) have been completely indexed and Margaret (their volunteer), is working hard indexing the Register for Edinburgh Sheriff Court, which is being progressively released on our website.



## ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES

### \*"After Bannockburn"

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/41ccq3Mkt2DV2Wz87XJ9m7H/medieval-scotland-s-vietnam-edward-bruce-s-invasion-of-ireland-in-1315> I have recently been watching this BBC 2 series telling how Robert the Bruce's brother, Edward invaded Ireland in 1315 (which might partly explain why so many surnames originate from both Celtic countries). His progress only really seems to have been stopped by the Great Famine of 1317 - 1322. This stirred vaguely remembered comments about the poor background health of the Londoners of Bedlam recently exhumed for the Cross Rail project



<http://www.crossrail.co.uk/news/articles/crossrail-breathes-life-into-long-dead-londoners> . The causes of death here are attributed to the Bubonic Plague of the late 1650s but a preceding famine of nearly 5 years was also blamed for their weakened and vulnerable state.

I began to ponder about what had caused these famines, remembering the more recent one of 1785 which had caused several years' crop failures, the sky had turned orange even in Turners landscape paintings, and a series of long cold, wet summers and many extra deaths. This was caused by the Mount Laki volcanic explosion in Iceland. . Could we have similar problems even today? I noted that in each case volcanic eruptions seem to have preceded these events, causing harvest failures, starvation and the desperate need to move to better conditions for survival. I Googled and found this site

\* **Volcanic Eruptions and European History** <http://www.eh-resources.org/volcanic-eruptions-and-european-history/> . Food for thought I think!! Maybe we got let off lightly 5 years ago when "on 14 April 2010 the Icelandic volcano Eyjafjallajökull erupted for a second time in two month after having been dormant for just under 200 years".

## SOCIAL HISTORY

\***The Victorian women forced to give up their babies** by Joanna Moorhead The Guardian Saturday 19 September 2015 06.29 [http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2015/sep/19/victorian-women-forced-to-give-up-their-babies-new-exhibition?CMP=Share\\_AndroidApp\\_Tweet](http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2015/sep/19/victorian-women-forced-to-give-up-their-babies-new-exhibition?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Tweet)

Most unmarried mothers 150 years ago had to hand over their babies to foundling hospitals. A new exhibition looks at what became of these women.

\* **"From mother to mother": the National Childbirth Trust archive** 28/09/2015 By Elena Carter | From the **Wellcome Library Collections** <http://blog.wellcomelibrary.org/2015/09/from-mother-to-mother-the-national-childbirth-trust-archive/> . *This newly-catalogued National Childbirth Trust (NCT) archive, containing over 270 boxes of rich archive material, brings to life the history of childbirth and maternity care from the post-war period to the present day*

\***National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914**

[http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/national-school-admission-registers-and-log-books-1870-1914?utm\\_source=fmp&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=545696-A-7-C&utm\\_campaign=fridays&dclid=CIyombzQ7scCF5GH2wodMCwIuw](http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/national-school-admission-registers-and-log-books-1870-1914?utm_source=fmp&utm_medium=email&utm_content=545696-A-7-C&utm_campaign=fridays&dclid=CIyombzQ7scCF5GH2wodMCwIuw) . 25 counties with more to come.

\***U.K., Civil Divorce Records, 1858-1914**

[http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=2465&o\\_xid=64493&o\\_lid=64493&o\\_sch=Social+Media+Natural](http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=2465&o_xid=64493&o_lid=64493&o_sch=Social+Media+Natural)+ Some fascinating stories here

\***Bolton Connecticut** [http://www.bolton.govoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC=%7B58048A37-C3F0-41D5-8559-54C88D2EE4E2%7D](http://www.bolton.govoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7B58048A37-C3F0-41D5-8559-54C88D2EE4E2%7D) "Bolton is one of the older Connecticut towns, having been incorporated in October 1720. Many of the early settlers came from Bolton, Lancashire, England, from which the town received its name." Read more—maybe some of your ancestors went there.

### \*Worldwide Genealogy ~ A Genealogical Collaboration

<http://worldwidegenealogy.blogspot.co.uk/2015/09/collaborative-geo-referencing-of-maps.html> . If I understand this right this is explaining how it is now possible to superimpose old on to new maps to see how things have changed.

**"Britain, Directories & Almanacs" Findmypast** <http://search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/britain-directories-and-almanacs> . *Explore 122 almanacs and directories from Great Britain. The collection includes trade directories, county guides, almanacs and general directories. Inside you will find the names of prominent people, tradesmen, people who held office, business owners and local civil servants. Discover your ancestor's address and occupation or explore the history of your home address. The almanacs and directories stretch across three centuries*

**\*"100 Years of Ladybird "** <http://www.vintageladybird.com/> In 1915 the Ladybird trade mark was registered by Loughborough printer Wills & Hepworth. During the First World War the company, based in Loughborough, Leicestershire, began to experiment with publishing 'pure and healthy' literature for children. This was the founding of Ladybird Books



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## MISCELLANEOUS

### \*Bolton Family Trees

Those of you who have been reading our recent newsletters will know that one of our most respected founder members is now in failing health and has entered residential care. His family approached the Bolton branch asking if we could help disband his very extensive family history-based library. Four family trees, produced by painstaking, traditional research (bringing in land and court records, hearth tax, universities, Protestation Oaths) have been unearthed and it is felt that people researching local surnames could very well use them. They date roughly from the late 1500s to the early 1700s, so obviously if researchers get over the pesky 1780 "brick wall", then this thorough research can be latched onto. The four trees are:

BRADSHAW with ancillary surnames of Robinson, Lever, Fogge, Rigby, Whalley

LEVER with ancillary surnames of Barton, Crompton, Warburton

FOGGE with ancillary surnames of Bradshaw, Ainsworth, Greenhalgh, Haworth

CROMPTON with mostly Crompton connections

Each family tree (23 x 27") costs £5, including postage and packing. Please contact the Bolton Branch Secretary on 01204 309515 to order.


\* **"Our" Alan Crosby: Manchester Cathedral's many marriages** By jonbauckham, 11 June 2015 - 4:49pm

<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/blog/alan-crosby-manchester-cathedrals-many-marriages>

*"Yesterday I was talking to the archivist of Manchester Cathedral about plans for a project that I may be involved with"* . Read more---

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## MEMBERS COMMENTS, QUERIES,( and now MEMORIES)

None received this month. Have you all been fast asleep or too busy to tell us about it?  
NB I was reassured to learn that on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, after we had notified 413 people of our publication of the September issue on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had actually had 564 "hits".  
All looking good 

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## OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS



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

Email [margaretk@talktalk.net](mailto: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 events are

**17th October "Halliwell Local History Fair"**. Bolton FHS has a table there. Come and meet us then

**27th October "The Rediscovery of Smithills Hall Stable Block"**. -John Trippier. Find out what was discovered during the conversion of the Coaching House into apartments



**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. This month's event is **28<sup>th</sup> October "What the Paper Said" by Glen Atkinson**

Please email Secretary [PeterMHarris@care4free.net](mailto: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

This months talks are

**15 October "Roman Catholicism in Lancashire" - Tony Hilton and**

**5 November A Visit to Bolton Parish Church at 10:30am**

[http://www.westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk/Westhoughton\\_History\\_Group/Home.html](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 talk is

**13th October ~" Underground Manchester" by Keith Warrander** With lots more on offer please consult their web site at <http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk>



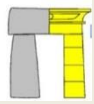
**Historical Association Bolton Branch**

[http://www.history.org.uk/resources/he\\_resource\\_1098\\_17.html](http://www.history.org.uk/resources/he_resource_1098_17.html)

Meetings are routinely held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Girls' Division Great Hall at Bolton School. Admission for visitors is £3, students free, and includes light refreshments. Their next talk is

**Monday 2nd November "Waterloo: the Glorious Irrelevance" by Professor Charles Esdaile** - University of Liverpool

For more information contact .Secretary Jenni Hyde 01772 93033 or [boltonhistory@aim.com](mailto:boltonhistory@aim.com)



**Bolton Archaeological & Egyptology Society** <http://boltonaes.co.uk/> Their website is self-explanatory so I will say no more but BAES is currently offering associate memberships to members of other societies in an attempt to boost their numbers at meetings. If any of our members are interested in attending one of their meetings they will be allowed admission for a reduced cost of £3 on production of their society membership card (normally for non-members admission costs £5), and their e-mail address. Some of their events are probably more attractive to our members than others but their next talk is **Tuesday 20th October 2015 "Horwich Loco Works" by Jack Smith** (Local Historian and Author)

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## Help Wanted

Last but not least. We need help. We are all multi-tasking and this is not sustainable long term. I understand

- in Manchester our main MLFHS Treasurer Graham Porter intends to stand down after many years' of service, and his role needs filling somehow if anyone has the will and expertise please contact John Marsden, the MLFHS Chairman for more information on [lists@johnmarsden.name](mailto:lists@johnmarsden.name) .
- also the Irish branch is likely to close this December unless more help materialises in the next two months.

At least in Bolton, once we have moved our meeting venue we will no longer be having to assemble and replace chairs each month, and refreshments will be provided in-house BUT

Is there anyone out there who can assist with --?

1. Most urgently IT help. Initially in setting up our speaker system pre each monthly talk (more information available on enquiry)
2. Indexing the contents of our previous newsletters so that we can refer back to them in future articles. This could be done sitting in an armchair anywhere in the world.
3. Trip / visit coordinators - we will help with this of course but it is time consuming
4. Roving reporters. What have you been doing with your research? Any brick walls knocked down or you need help with? Any interesting visits you can recommend?
5. Plus any other hidden talents that we haven't even thought of yet?

We are thinking in terms of an official, "assistant" role if the idea of being an actual "decision making", committee member scares you off, (well someone has got to do it haven't they or the wheels will stop turning), but all these activities will assist with the smooth running of the club.

Please think about what you can offer, and thank you to those who already have done and still do. The premise is that the more you put in to it the more you will get out.