

# Bolton's Genies



The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Bolton Family History Society.

<http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/>

Newsletter Comments and Speaker Queries: [boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk)

**NB PLEASE REPLY AS ABOVE ,NOT TO ADMINISTRATION**

Research help, Bookings and General Queries: [bolton@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:bolton@mlfhs.org.uk)

Secretary: Barbara Owen 01204 309515

January 2016

A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.



**Hello everybody and a happy new year to you all.**

**We start a new chapter of our society**

I am actually starting to write this on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> whilst also trying to come to terms with Windows 10. I had intended to tweak the colour scheme anyway but it seems I have no choice so I hope it is OK for all of you as we start off the new year. We hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations and made the most of family catch ups. I personally dislike the fashionable term of "holidays" as though the world and his wife are having two weeks off. Let's face it, it is actually a religious festival which has now developed into a great family catch up time in the gloom of the shortest days, but I know many, including most of my immediate family and friends have always worked through the period as per normal, taking one day's extra leave if lucky., They are usually much busier than normal as well, but I hope we have all managed to enjoy some of the traditional get-togethers which brighten up the darkest days and not overdone the eating and drinking too much.

Maybe it is also appropriate here to commiserate with the victims of the devastating floods first seen just north of us, but then they found us further south on Boxing Day. I suspect the sight of the local flooding in the Croal Irwell Valley in all the rivers volume and ferocity was quite frightening for many, not to mention the accumulations of standing rain water elsewhere with nowhere to go. We may remember family stories of floods from the past and here is another one for the annals. Thank goodness the emergency services, bolstered by all the volunteer back up services, stepped in as they did, and I do hope none of ours have been too closely involved.



## OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 Our Christmas Party and last meeting at the Bolton Cricket Club.



Well I hope and think that this was perhaps one of our most successful events yet after another wobbly start. Our advertised speaker Linda Sawley had to cancel at short notice due to ill health. Fortunately, our own Rita Greenwood, offered to step into the breach, and she gave us some excellent food for thought by asking "Are you comfortably settled?".

We were then given a quick overview of the often overlooked resource of Settlement records. At the same time many were making new friends at the different tables by trying to remember the answers to our quickly rehashed 2013 quiz. The supper was ready prompt at 8.15pm thanks to Pat and Alan Lee with help from the Calderbanks, and I think everybody left happy with the quiz answers and a few raffle prizes. (Apologies Alan, I know you were chief spud peeler and I should have got a picture of you as well as Pat, but thank you both).



January 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Extra and Free Opening Meeting at our New Venue

The Old Links Golf Club, Chorley Old Road. BL1 5SU

We meet as usual at 7.30pm but there will be free tea/ coffee available from 7pm. This is intended as a familiarity meeting where we can welcome new faces, show you all around, you can find out where everything is (and we will even do the regulation fire drill I believe). We will also give the quiz answers to the Dec 2015 Genie questions with a small prize for the winner, and Rita Greenwood will give another "taster" talk about "Holy and Unholy Matrimony" This will be followed by our normal routine of meeting the first Wednesday evening of each month.

We launch this year's full programme with the



\*February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting Jacqui Crosby Senior Archivist from the Lancashire Archives



comes to tell us about "Saving Hulton" the campaign to save the Hulton Archive for posterity. <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/news/details.aspx?Id=PR15/0020>

Many will recall the desperate fund raising that the MLFHS had a small part in in 2014 to retain this collection intact in Lancashire. The project was thankfully successful and two collections of documents have been retained. One covers the 12<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> C,

with much of it in mediaeval Latin, and includes family letters and deeds giving a window into life during the Plague, Great Fire, Interregnum and onwards, as it effected the Hulton family from their connection by a marriage to William Jessop a follower of Oliver Cromwell. The second collection covers the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> C and includes estate papers and mentions Magistrate William Hulton's role in the Peterloo incident during the Industrial Revolution. . PS those on the next terms Enjoy Learning course will hopefully be able to see some of this at Preston CRO on a planned visit the day after. See below---

--o—O—o--

### VISITS and ACTIVITIES

**\*March 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 Helmshore Mill** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmshore\\_Mills\\_Textile\\_Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmshore_Mills_Textile_Museum) We are very lucky that Brian has managed to book us a visit at this time. As things stand we are told that the museum's funding sadly comes to an end with this financial year, and unless someone pulls something out of the proverbial hat it will close at the end of March. There is currently a petition circulating where you could help here if you have not already.

[https://www.change.org/p/councillor-jennifer-mein-save-lancashire-s-mill-museums?recruiter=183130986&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=share\\_email\\_responsive](https://www.change.org/p/councillor-jennifer-mein-save-lancashire-s-mill-museums?recruiter=183130986&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=share_email_responsive)

More details to follow re the trip, and obviously fully paid up MLFHS members will take priority. There will still be a small charge.

--o—O—o—

### GENIE'S TIPS for JANUARY 2016

**\*\*Beginning Your Family History\*\*** <http://www.mlfhs.org.uk/Infobase/beginning.php>

*"A short introduction to provide a brief overview of the records and processes which are used to establish a pedigree in England and Wales. Tracing families in Scotland and Ireland is based upon similar methods and records but there are also many differences which will not be addressed here. Tracing a family history requires gathering evidence, evaluating and corroborating facts from different sources and finally setting down relationships which have been established beyond reasonable doubt ---"*



**\*Introducing Hints from "Findmypast"** <http://www.findmypast.com/hints> It seems FMP have now got their own version of Ancestry's shaking leaf. Now if they were also to become compatible with Family Tree Maker would not that be wonderful. "From now on, whenever you add a new person to your tree or amend a key piece of information for anyone already present, you may notice that a number within a circle appears on your relative's profile. This number represents the number of hints we've found for that person".

**"TheGenealogist" completes English and Welsh tithes maps collection**

<http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/> These maps link to the searchable schedules which contain over 14 million records. The schedules contain detailed information on land use with linked maps that jump to the plot for an individual from the records. The maps can contain hundreds of individual plots with varying levels of detail. They can reveal buildings, fields, houses, rivers, lakes, woods and cities.

**\*A New Year's Gift from ScotlandsPeople!**

[http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/?utm\\_campaign=news&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=sp&utm\\_content=750696](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/?utm_campaign=news&utm_medium=email&utm_source=sp&utm_content=750696)

For seven days only the Catholic Parish Register indexes are free to search. You can explore the indexes for Catholic Births, Marriages, Deaths and Other Events for free from now until 9 January at 23:59 GMT. See also new data release of birth, marriage and death images, Scots Italians, and more.

--o—O—o—



## WORKSHOPS and COURSES and CLASSES



### **\*MLFHS Bolton Central Library Workshops**

**23rd January Parish Records** What are they, where to find them and how can you use them to further your research

**6th February The Parish Chest** Studying the contents of the parish chest and how they can assist in locating ancestors in parishes where they were not born

**20th February The Parish Chest** How to go about accessing the documents associated with the Parish Chest, including affiliation/bastardy orders.

**5th March Pre-1858 probate** Most researchers will find wills relating to their ancestors. How to use them to further your research.

**19th March What next?** Further sources to be used by advanced researchers.

Cost: £25 (including refreshments). To reserve a place, please apply to Barbara Owen 01204 309515.



**\*MLFHS Bolton Branch Library Starter Courses** involve a series of 5 classes with a charge of £15 payable in advance. Please contact your library of preference to book.

**Blackrod Library Monday 10-12md commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

**Bromley Cross Library Thursday 10am-12md commencing Thursday Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Westhoughton Library 10-12md commencing Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb followed by**

**Harwood Library 1.15pm - 3.15pm commencing Friday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**



**\*Enjoy Learning** a not for profit association offering courses for adult learners in Bolton and the surrounding areas with tutor our Rita Greenwood

**Stage 3 Intermediate** <http://www.enjoy-learning.org.uk/courses-by-day.php>

**CF329-2 7th Jan-17th Mar 10wks £75 10-12noon** progressing on from last terms start

**Stage 4 Advanced** <http://www.enjoy-learning.org.uk/courses-by-day.php>

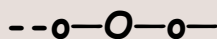
**CF330-2 7th Jan-17th Mar 10wks £75 1-3pm** *Once researchers have gone as far as possible with civil registration, census etc and have hit the inevitable brick wall then other avenues have to be used. This course analyses more advanced sources and suggests how they can push research further back in time and put flesh on the bones*

**\*Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree -University of Strathclyde, Glasgow,**

[https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy?utm\\_source=FL\\_DB&utm\\_medium=crm&utm\\_campaign=15\\_12\\_2015\\_FL\\_newsletter&utm\\_content=text](https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy?utm_source=FL_DB&utm_medium=crm&utm_campaign=15_12_2015_FL_newsletter&utm_content=text)

*Develop an understanding of genealogy - how to research your family tree and communicate the results - in this free online course. This might be an option for those unable to make any of our courses. They do explain that, "Throughout the course, you'll follow the story of Chris, as she uncovers her own family history, and you'll be encouraged to share sources and ideas particular to your area of genealogical interest and geographic focus." The course will not*

concentrate on a specific country's records or how to source these, so it will be (more general) but useful to anyone around the world". Obviously as this is based in Scotland, it will not offer the benefits of the more specialist local courses that MLFHS and Enjoy Learning do but might help some.



## 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



#### **MLFHS: New In the Member Area - Lancashire Street Atlas**

[http://mlfhs.org.uk/member\\_area/member\\_area\\_contents.php](http://mlfhs.org.uk/member_area/member_area_contents.php)

A really substantial addition to the member area this time. Ray Hulley has scanned a street atlas for the whole county of Lancashire and with a team of volunteers has digitised the index of over 44,000 street names.

The index has now been added as a database to the member area (Databases). You can search for any street and by clicking on the reference produced, link to a pdf showing the atlas page on which it appears

**\*Bolton News "Looking Back"** <http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/features/> Do you know about this regular Wednesday Features section. Gail has become a loyal friend to the Bolton FHS from the promotional point of view, and regularly gives us publicity for our meetings plus some fascinating articles. This is just one

**North West Film Archive** is looking for more information about two former Bolton soldiers in an old photograph. Follow the link to find out more.

[http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/features/14163040.Film Archive is looking for former Bolton soldiers/?ref=twtr](http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/features/14163040.Film%20Archive%20is%20looking%20for%20former%20Bolton%20soldiers/?ref=twtr)

Gayle McBain, feature writer / Wednesday 23 December 2015

The first is a soldier called Farrimond who is pictured with some of his colleagues and pals. The other is a soldier called Collier preparing to send a message home. Can you help?

#### **\*Family Tree Maker to be discontinued**

On Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, Ancestry made the shock announcement that they will stop selling Family Tree Maker at the end of the month. They have pledged to support existing owners until 1st January 2017, but whilst this sounds like a long time away, it's only just over a year from now. This announcement came a few days later as FTM users went into virtual "melt down"

[http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/12/09/more-information-on-family-tree-maker-desktop-software/?c=1&sid=ii0ppk3nt300qybk01mcm&netid=cj&o\\_xid=0006154581&o\\_lid=0006154581&o\\_sch=Affiliate+External](http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/12/09/more-information-on-family-tree-maker-desktop-software/?c=1&sid=ii0ppk3nt300qybk01mcm&netid=cj&o_xid=0006154581&o_lid=0006154581&o_sch=Affiliate+External)

Now, not surprisingly, all sorts of other software manufacturers are trying to attract FTM customers, but what is the urgency? The general consensus from "those who know", seems to be DO NOT PANIC. The only thing that is likely to disappear in Jan 2017 is the twitching leaves and merge feature between FTM and Ancestry databases. Those who have subscriptions to Ancestry and find records they want to transfer to their FTM tree will have

to do it manually rather than merge, but no data should be lost. Let's wait and see, but I suspect it is Ancestry who are now panicking by completely underestimating the loyalty and comfort zone of FTM customers. I do also find these comments from the excellent site "Genealogy in Time" also very perceptive, illuminating, and well worth reading.

[http://www.genealogyintime.com/genealogy-news.html?awt\\_l=GR3yQ&awt\\_m=K3yg\\_KBQVwk.Vy](http://www.genealogyintime.com/genealogy-news.html?awt_l=GR3yQ&awt_m=K3yg_KBQVwk.Vy)

Another aspect for consideration is how to complete a successful transfer of FTM to another programme if that is what you decide to do. This article from

**Genealogy Tools.com Replacing Family Tree Maker, Part 1: How to Scrub Your Data 17 Dec 2015** by Keith – <http://genealogytools.com/replacing-family-tree-maker-part-1-how-to-scrub-your-data/> might be useful

**\*Lost Cousins (Putting Relatives in Touch)**– Newsletter 26th December 2015

<http://lostcousins.com/newsletters2/xmas15news.htm> . I hope by now most of you regular readers subscribe to this excellent and free fortnightly newsletter and have even become fully paid up members. This edition gives a very good report and explanation re the current problems the GRO are encountering in trying to deregulate the registration of and access to BMD records in England and Wales. (Hope I have got that wording right)

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

**\*General Registry Office "Official Information on where to get Birth Marriage and Death Records "**

[https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/most\\_customers\\_want\\_to\\_know.asp#FamilyHistory1](https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/most_customers_want_to_know.asp#FamilyHistory1)

**\*Service and Sacrifice"** <http://ww1.dwlhb.co.uk/> The record of non-conformists and WW1

**\*New Features Make it Easier to Find and View Family Records** Familysearch

[https://familysearch.org/blog/en/viewerupdate/?cid=social\\_20151203\\_55916756&adbid=10153127735906039&adbpl=fb&adbpr=328754391038](https://familysearch.org/blog/en/viewerupdate/?cid=social_20151203_55916756&adbid=10153127735906039&adbpl=fb&adbpr=328754391038)

**\* Ancient Parishes --Lancashire**

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Lancashire\\_Ancient\\_Parishes](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Lancashire_Ancient_Parishes)

also Yorkshire

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/Misc/Maps/ParishMaps.html>

and Cheshire

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient\\_parishes\\_of\\_Cheshire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_parishes_of_Cheshire)

**\*We Make History - The Greater Manchester Sound Archive**

<https://manchesterarchiveplus.wordpress.com/2015/12/15/we-make-history-the-greater-manchester-sound-archive/> "We look after lots of fascinating collections at Manchester Central Library. I'm going to talk to you about just one of my favourites - the Greater Manchester Sound Archive. Sound archives are a new thing for us at the library---"

**Video: Take an eerie tour through Manchester's forgotten underground tunnels**

11:51, 13 Dec 2015

Updated 11:58, 13 Dec 2015 By Sam Yarwood <http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater->

[manchester-news/video-manchester-underground-tunnels-tour-10588239](http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/video-manchester-underground-tunnels-tour-10588239) Man-made structure explorer Paul Powers filmed the footage of Victoria Arches underneath the city

**\*\*"Old Scottish Genealogy & Family History" - expert genealogists, family and local**

**history researchers** <http://www.oldschottish.com/records.html> are offering some free

records online presumably as a taster for their business. Chris Patton comments in his blog

<https://dub115.mail.live.com/?tid=cmFrIIBQOc5RGRlwAifeQWUA2&fid=fILSfm0YzdnEadRhZtH0Bvfw2>





"The majority of records that I have seen on the site so far are the various lists of male heads of households recorded in kirk session registers as required by the 1834 Veto Act, an extremely useful census substitute prior to 1841. ---The National Records of Scotland catalogue reference number for the collection is also helpfully supplied for each list." (Chris has also now created his very own web site which some might find useful

**Scotland's Greatest Story** <https://scotlandsgreateststory.wordpress.com/>

**\*New Zealand Civil Registration- Vital Records**



[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/New\\_Zealand\\_Civil\\_Registration-Vital\\_Records](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/New_Zealand_Civil_Registration-Vital_Records)

"Civil authorities began registering births, marriages, and deaths of the European population in 1848. After this date, most individuals residing in New Zealand were recorded. From 1867, civil registration also included records of divorce. Compulsory registration of Maori marriages began in 1911. Registration of Maori births and deaths followed in 1913, though not all Maoris complied at that time."



**\*Geneanet** <http://www.geneanet.org/> This is a French genealogical site in English, apparently with records going back to 11<sup>th</sup> C, and I am seeing good reports of it.



**\* German family matters** <http://erickopittke.blogspot.com.au/> Saturday, 2 January 2016 **Is**

**German family history too difficult?** From Australia but a new recommended blog.

"Although some records were destroyed during and after World War Two, the majority of records still exist and it is often possible to trace families back to the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries through civil records of birth, marriage and death, and church records of baptism, marriage and burial."



**\*Legacy Tree Onsite: The Chodovec Archive Complex, Czech Republic**

<https://legacytree.com/blog/legacy-tree-onsite-the-chodovec-archive-complex-czech-republic> At the

outskirts of Prague, you can find a giant building complex housing three large archives - three genealogical eggs in one basket! Completed in 2001, it has research rooms, conference halls, exhibition areas and even a cinema hall, and is one of the largest and most state-of-the-art archival buildings in Europe. If you are doing research about ancestors from Prague or the Central Bohemia region, this is the place you most definitely need to visit



**\*This Map Shows Just How Long Travel Took 100 Years Ago**

[http://gizmodo.com/this-map-shows-just-how-long-travel-took-100-years-ago-](http://gizmodo.com/this-map-shows-just-how-long-travel-took-100-years-ago-1745216429?utm_content=buffer0d833&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

[1745216429?utm\\_content=buffer0d833&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://gizmodo.com/this-map-shows-just-how-long-travel-took-100-years-ago-1745216429?utm_content=buffer0d833&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

**\*The Coalmining History Resource Centre**



<http://www.cmhrc.co.uk/site/home/index.html>

This seems to be basically a "historical resource" supported by Raleys Solicitors "experts in work related disease and accidents" ---The website is introduced with "Welcome to the UK's largest and most comprehensive website concerning the history of coalmining - including a searchable database of over 164,000 recorded accidents and deaths..."



**"Persecution and prosecution: Quaker 'sufferings'" from The Iron Room**

**Birmingham Archives & Collections** <https://theironroom.wordpress.com/2015/11/30/persecution-and-prosecution-quaker-sufferings/> This is Warwickshire based but I think of general

interest as far as the history of legislation goes. "From the early days of Quakerism, Friends were subjected to persecution, which at times was violent and in some cases led to death in prison or on release from prison. In the 1660s, a series of acts aimed at quelling Quaker and other non-conformist dissent were passed, with failure to comply punishable by fines and six months imprisonment"

\* **British Army, Worldwide Index 1841** <https://blog.findmypast.com/british-army-worldwide-index-1841-1533776158.html> The Index was created from muster rolls and pay lists between April and June 1841. It includes both British Army and Honourable East India Company servicemen and cover locations as diverse as Sydney, Ceylon, Madras, Honduras, Canada and Malta.

\* **Heritage Gateway** <http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/> "Search for information on England's historic sites and buildings, including images of listed buildings. This website allows you to cross-search over 60 resources, offering local and national information relating to England's heritage. Click here for full details of the range of records that you can search on this website"



\* **Ancient DNA sheds light on Irish origins** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-35179269> By Paul Rincon Science editor, BBC News website. 28 December 2015. I know this isn't everybody's cup of tea but if you read the links as well I find it fascinating.

I don't think many of us will have the ability to trace trees this far back though

\* **Bygone Bolton** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhVvzqHViOQ&feature=share> a selection of Youtube clips from Old Bolton. This will stir some mud up I think. Enjoy, (and make a cup of tea first).

\* **Settle-Carlisle railway drama set to start in New Year** January 7<sup>th</sup>  
[http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/14176823.Settle\\_Carlisle\\_railway\\_drama\\_set\\_to\\_start\\_in\\_New\\_Year/](http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/14176823.Settle_Carlisle_railway_drama_set_to_start_in_New_Year/)

\* **Flying Scotsman is coming to Bury** Preview 9th, 10th, 16th & 17th January 2016 <http://www.flyingscotsmanatlr.com/> A few dining tickets still on sale at time of posting, but can still be seen from Burrs Country Park  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burrs\\_Country\\_Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burrs_Country_Park) and further up the Irwell valley



--o—O—o—

## 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 talk

**26th January Life in the 1950s -A nostalgic look back at the 1950s with stills and film covering the events that shaped our post-war world -Graham Stirrup.**



**Turton Local History Society** Normally all events are on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. All start at Longsight Church Centre at Harwood, BL2 3HX. . They offer talks of local and regional interest.

For this month's event 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



7 January AGM and Review of 2015

21 January Port Sunlight to Rivington - Life of Lord Leverhulme : Malcolm Tranter [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 on January 12th ~ Jonathan Ali "Hawkshaw in Pictures " . With lots more on offer please consult their web site at [http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk/pages/meetings\\_events.html](http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk/pages/meetings_events.html)

**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)

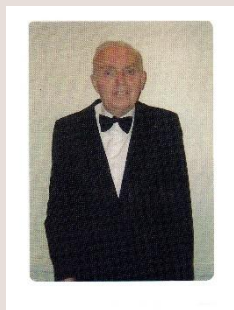
**H** Meetings are routinely held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Girls' Division Great Hall at Bolton School. This next month they have **Monday 11 January 2016, "The Shadows of the Past: Vladimir Putin, Russian Nationalism and the Challenge of Democracy in Modern Russia,"** by Professor Michael Hughes, University of Lancaster. For more information, contact. Secretary Jenni Hyde 01772 93033 or [boltonhistory@aim.com](mailto:boltonhistory@aim.com) .

--o—O—o—

**That's all folks, apart from two last items.**

It is only maybe three months ago that I was remarking on how many new additions had been added recently to various families within our society. Now it seems we have sadly been hearing more about the other end of the life spectrum. I know in the last month there have been quite a few losses and the anniversaries of others. Can I just commiserate with those who have recently lost loved ones? We know who you are and I can share memories on if you wish. I will only name one, and Rita Greenwood has kindly volunteered to tell us a bit about him.

**Mr. Alan Huth Haworth 1929-2015** *was a long-standing and supportive member of Bolton FHS. He acted as Journal Secretary for a long time, sending timely resumes of our meetings to the Administrative staff at Manchester HQ for The Genealogist. .*



*Alan's family history on his mother's side was most unusual. His grandfather George Huth was first heard of knocking on the door of the Liverpool Workhouse asking for permission to enter. He was on his own and eight years old. After staying only a few days at the workhouse, George was transferred to Kirkdale Industrial School and was billeted on a local family, the Garners, in Oswaldtwistle. The family were very kind to George and he called his daughter after their daughter, Ellen. His only son William was killed in the First World War.*

*Alan tried all avenues to get a start in researching George's family background. He is on the 1881 census in Kirkdale Industrial School, the 1891 census, with the Garner family and in 1901 and 1911 with his wife Jane and the two children. On all censuses, George gave Liverpool as his place of birth.*

*On application to the Liverpool Workhouse records, Alan received a letter giving the information that George was the son of Charles and Blanche Huth and gave an address of a shop close to the Workhouse as the place he spent the last night before entry. No other concrete evidence of George's background has been found.*

*Alan wondered whether George's parents went to say, the U.S.A., leaving him behind and that perhaps their origins were in Germany, as Alan always felt at home in Germany, doing his National Service there.*

*One final twist in this story is that when Alan was at University in Liverpool, he realised that he was studying in the only part of Liverpool Workhouse still standing."*

**Maybe this is what family history research is about.**

**Remembering those who were here before us and carrying on with another generation.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**On the brighter side We are looking for some artistic talent to create a Bolton FHS logo for this newsletter, possibly with a "studious genie" having a Eureka moment as a theme.**

**Is anybody any good at this sort of thing please. If you can help please could you have a word with a committee member at one of our meetings or email suggestions in to**

**[Boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:Boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk)**

**We hope to see as many of you as possible on January 20th**