

Bolton's Genies



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Bolton Family History Society is A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.



and Hello all.

Hope you have all had a good summer. The children should all now be back at school, or college, to the relief of some, but maybe not all those now taking up the responsibility again. (Where would we be without teachers looking after our next generations? I am so full of admiration and gratitude at the end of each school holiday).

We are now getting back into stride for our autumn programme, with I think some excellent speakers booked, visits being planned, courses arranged, and I should maybe also mention Christmas events in the offing, (an early warning that our Christmas meeting/ party will actually be held on Wednesday November 30th as the room is unavailable on what would be our normal date of December 7th). You might have noticed our fund raising raffles started again this last month, and tickets for the Old Links meat and potato pie and peas (with dietary options), will be for sale from next month. The event also includes a "festive talk" by our Rita Greenwood about "Death". (Please don't ask, -- I don't know. -- I am only the messenger but it should be OK on the night), and our usual quiz courtesy of Rita's "other half". The price will be £7 each for none members, £3.50p each for all MLFHS members BUT YOU NEED TO BOOK AND TICKETS.

This article published recently in Dick Eastman's blog <https://goo.gl/X9X3AD> has stimulated some thought for us in the last month or so. We hope we are not being too optimistic in thinking that at least here in Bolton, we are more or less on the right track, but more importantly what do you think?

Those members regularly visiting our meetings may have noticed our numbers going up and up over the last year, both in numbers and literally via the stairs, (particularly since we again upgraded our venue), and I think we are now averaging at least 70 at most meetings. We are really "chuffed" that so many of you are making the monthly event, and we are also aware that there have been some "annoying" hold ups re accessing the room, particularly on the staircase. Whilst much improved on before, we know the situation is still not ideal. We are promised an imminent stair lift but this will still not resolve some congestion. We are actually reviewing our "entrance procedure", and this last month to run a meeting we had: -
*2 people downstairs at the entrance "meeting and greeting", * 2 manned reception desks upstairs, (1 taking members names and 1 welcoming visitors and new members.)

(NB , IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE THE NAMES OF ALL IN THE ROOM FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS.

WE KNOW IN THE PAST SOME HAVE BYPASSED THE DESK WHEN WE ARE BUSY.

!!!IF WE HAD A FIRE WE WOULD NOT KNOW YOU WERE THERE!!!!)



* 1 person serving coffee/tea, *1 person managing alternate months recycled magazines, maps & stationery sales, * 1 person setting up the microphone, *1 person setting up the projector, * 2 on the Help Desk afterwards, and the *Chairman welcoming the speaker and coordinating. This makes at least 11 in total if we have our numbers right. If any one of these people is unable to attend we would, and do, struggle.

We would like to offer a better second reception desk, and more sales, but would need at least 2 more people. Please is there anyone out there who could offer some help with any of these roles, if only as back up to assist with what we are already doing, (and you don't have to be on the committee but would be welcome there as well to "observe" if that is all you want to do). We usually arrive a bit earlier between 6.30pm and 6.45pm to set up for 7pm that's all, so. Just ask any of us on duty for more information or ring our secretary Barbara Own, as above.



NB We do also badly need more IT support and help with our website if that is your strength

- **Where Do We Meet? → Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Brow, Chorley Old Road BL1 5SU.**
<http://goo.gl/zL38Uv> .

(Buses 5SU <http://goo.gl/3llsRd>) . All MLFHS members free. £1.50 to none members unless joining on the night.

- **When Do We Meet →? 7pm beverages available for 7.30pm start, on the first Wednesday of each month.**
Extras include a Help Desk for personal research, Stationery Table for discounted equipment, and recycle service for your used Family History Magazines



TALKS, TRIPS AND COMING EVENTS

July 2016 Nick Walmsley's Somme Anniversary Trip. The following account is an adaption (with permission), of the report one of our members has given after she and her husband went on this trip. Thank you Gaynor and Jim.



"I think it was as long ago as the February meeting that Nick Walmsley visited the monthly Bolton FHS meeting to tell us about the four-day trip that his company, Espirit Tour Services, were organising to the Battlefields of the Somme to commemorate the July Centenary. We have visited the Thiepval Memorial in the past as we have ancestors who were killed on the Somme, but have always thought we would learn more by going on a tour with a knowledgeable guide. We were impressed with the tailor made tour

package Nick was offering which promised to be personalised to the requirements of members of the group, so we booked our trip. Little did we know what a memorable, and humbling journey we would be taking.

From a couple of hours into departing from Bolton right up to getting back, Brian, our tour guide, was a fountain of knowledge which he passed on with infectious enthusiasm. He also gave in depth answers to anyone who needed more information on possible activities of WW1 lost ancestors, during their last battle. The itinerary was exceptionally well thought out and certainly brought history to life. We were based comfortably and conveniently in the centre of Arras and nothing was too much trouble for all staff. The programme was prepared in a professional, and efficient manner, certainly exceeded our expectations and provided a unique experience. We were shown various battlefields, and at least 17 cemeteries and memorials with individual research profiles provided for our own people of interest. We were very moved, and somewhat overwhelmed to see our family member's names there, in stone, on the memorials and even, my husband's ancestor's name and details displayed there in a Worcester Regiment commemoration register prepared by the people of Malvern, his hometown, on the exact 100th anniversary of his death. It

brought the reality of it all home to us so vividly". Thank you Nick the organiser, Brian the guide, Lynn the driver, and all the team. We look forward to hearing of more trips planned"

Sunday August 7th Trip to Heaton Park Tram Museum <https://goo.gl/OJp1YT> and <https://goo.gl/supobO>



Well we made it at last after all the planning. We had been sounding out interest over the previous couple of months and had concluded that on this occasion, as we knew there was a lot of interest but many people were on holiday and the weather was also quite unpredictable, we would just leave it at turning up on the day. Our host David Lloyd was good enough to say they could accommodate any number anyway. We think 28 actually arrived, largely grandparents and children, making it a nice family outing. We were greeted at the lake side boat house as planned and David and colleagues first introduced us to their most recent acquisition as above i.e. an old Oldham tram with assorted



"attachments", which had been recently retrieved from a farmyard, and was a typical example of what their exhibits looked like in a "before" condition. <http://goo.gl/V0tr2d> We were then shown their workshop with other types of trams in various stages of renovation. All age groups had fun exploring these vehicles and getting the "feel" of climbing on and off, inside and out, and up and down the steps, and then the big treat came of actually having a ride on the first tram No 619 from Manchester and Blackpool. A "clippie" came on board, much to the children's amusement giving tickets out, and then the system of communication bell rings, and exchanging the safety "staff" was explained, that ensured trams didn't meet head on, on a single line. We were next driven right through to the old entrance gates at the other end of the route and shown how they moved the overhead cables and seating for a return journey. After this we returned to the museum half way along the

track, and explored the memorabilia, model track, and the collection of miniature trams which the children enjoyed in particular. The staff seemed to enjoy patiently explaining it all to the younger generation and their light refreshments were welcome on a warm day. We returned to the workshop on another tram, their first project, which we were told was a Manchester "single deck California car" 765, which they had rescued from the moors above Huddersfield), and we were then given the opportunity of a third trip on the newly renovated tram 96 from Hull, much to my delight. A brilliant visit highly recommended for all age groups. Thanks to David Lloyd and his team (and they are open every Sunday, Easter to October).



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Wednesday 7th September Brenda Hustler, Irish researcher, Manchester & Lancashire FHS came to talk about "Parish Registers on the Internet". Brenda has a reputation of providing us with massive information supplying it with an easy to follow format. She didn't let us down. The information supplied I know reflected just a tip of her preparation time. Her notes will be on here shortly <http://goo.gl/RGAIsk> but the main messages were keep supporting the family history societies and always look for the original documents. The transcriptions, and even the originals, are only written by human beings like you and me and subject to mistakes..

Thursday 8th to Sunday 10th September Heritage Open Days Weekend <https://goo.gl/RtjbnP> "Every September some 40,000 volunteers across England organise 5,000 events to celebrate our fantastic history, architecture and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore." Apologies that this might be late for many but final details were late coming in.

***Thursday, 8 September 2016 from 1 pm to 4 pm Bolton Museums and Archives service "The Crompton Ward Walk" by Suzanne Hindle and Matthew Watson.** This was advertised as a look at some related artefacts and then a chance to walk back in time with the tour guides, leading you through part of a new heritage trail of "Crompton Walks", <http://goo.gl/0zJLkQ> with stories of invention, industry, notable Boltonians and beautiful architecture. I didn't manage this but if anyone did please let us know how it went. (and should we do it as a society trip maybe)

***at 7pm a talk and guide around the Bolton Parish Church** <http://boltonparishchurch.co.uk/> Cllr John Walsh had already invited Bolton FHS so this was now opened to all.

They also have an open house planned 10am to 4pm on Saturday. This church has a fascinating history and John is a fount of knowledge on the subject. He gave us a most interesting account of the origins of the church dating from the Saxon cross relic of the 600s, through the Norman period, to the Middle Ages and approx. 1420 when a new "squat style"



structure was built which lasted approx. 450 years with various modifications. Galleries were built to accommodate the expanding population and a grand 3 tier pulpit was installed. As a Puritan stronghold in the 17th C the town was besieged 3 times (details June 2017 when David Casserley will be telling more of this, programme out shortly), and the 1644 massacre of 78 Parliamentary soldiers by the Royalists is apparently recorded in burials of the Parish Registers, (and Lord Derby was subsequently beheaded up t'road of course, outside the "Man and Scythe".)

September 17 and 18th Bolton Methodist Mission, based in Victoria Hall are holding a heritage weekend <http://goo.gl/jGcJQL> including free hourly tours and magic lantern shows on Saturday 10am to 4pm and an old time Music Hall at 7.30pm for £12 in the evening. They say "For one night only go back in history and re-live one of Britain's pastimes here at Victoria Hall with a Music Hall recreation". (Think they mean Sid Calderbank will be there, not "Chadebank".)

Sunday September 18th 10am "Pretoria Ruins, a Walk and Talk" with mining historian Alan Davies Who will conduct another of his superb walking lectures for the Atherton Local History Society round the ruins of the Pretoria Pit Disaster. Cost £3 per person.

Meet at the Pretoria Memorial at the end of Broadway off Newbrook Road.

Places must be booked - ring John 01942 874719 or email j.bullen1@ntlworld.com

Friday 23rd September, 1pm Talk by Scott Carter Clavell "To commemorate the Centenary of the Zeppelin Raid on Bolton on 25 September 1916". Bolton Central Library and Museum have invited author Scott to tell more about the events that happened that night. Scott has written a book 'The First Air Raid on Lancashire: The Zeppelin Menace' about the event which ended in thirteen people losing their lives.

Wednesday, 5th October, 7.30pm, Dr Alan Crosby, <http://goo.gl/d51YBd> visiting lecturer at Lancaster & Liverpool Universities. will talk about "Travels with my Great Aunt". Explorations in family history in England, Russia and Poland. We can't wait for this continuation of his own family research story. One of our favourite speakers and we expect the room will be full. (Picture courtesy of Preston Historical Society Posted on - 11th January, 2013)



Saturday 8th October "Tracing your Irish Ancestors" <http://goo.gl/1mGAI> Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society A one-day conference at Oswaldtwistle Civic Centre 155-157 Union Road Oswaldtwistle BB5 3HZ Contact Marian Crossley on 01257 268311 or marianc@fsmail.net for more information

GENIE'S TIPS for SEPTEMBER

Genealogy Discount <http://goo.gl/7gWP2w> Copyright © 2016 genealogydiscount.co.uk •All Rights Reserved – As the autumn season approaches and we start to think about more serious research, this is the website to check up on for the best current offers for subscription sites. It is rare that you should be paying full price for anything these days. They want our business don't forget.

How to Quickly Scan Documents Using Android & Google Drive <http://goo.gl/LKPhSM> Written by Ben Stegner August 5, 2016

"While going paperless is the dream for some, it's probably not going to happen for a long time. Most people still have to print to get computer documents in a physical form, and scan to get physically documents on their PC. The good news is that you don't need any hardware other than your smartphone to scan these days. You can actually scan documents with nothing more than your Android phone — here's how."

WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES

Please see last months' newsletter <http://goo.gl/yZoX66> for full details of this autumns

- **Bolton FHS courses.**

As I write this in late August there were approximately 60+ already booked on the

* first stage of the Calderbanks local library class lists.

* The more advanced "Enjoy Learning" courses run by our Rita Greenwood can be booked via <http://goo.gl/p4toci> , or turn up on the day at the Friends Meeting House, Silverwell Street, October 6th 9. 30am. (You will also be able to meet Rita at our routine meeting the evening before of course, on Wednesday, October 5th). Hope you all enjoy it and also manage to visit

our monthly meetings. Any enquiries as above.

- **Manchester Central Library Beginners' Talks**

This series of individual talks by experienced family historians is designed to guide beginners in family history step-by-step through the various elements of research. The talks are free to Society members but non-members are most welcome to attend for a small charge of £3.00 (refundable for anyone who joins on the day).

October 1st Irish and Scottish Research *"The usual problem for those of us with Irish ancestors is the lack of information on the origin of our forebears, apart from 'born in Ireland' on a census return. Margaret Thurston's class gives help and advice showing how to start your Irish research plus the various records which are available to help you locate that elusive place of birth.*

Research into Scottish ancestors is also an area requiring a rather different approach. Ina Penneyston from the Society's Anglo-Scots branch will aim to put beginners on the right path and look at the increasing amount of data that is available.

Booking is recommended and helps in the planning. An online booking facility is available on our website at www.mlfhs.org.uk (Click on the 'Eventbrite' link)

Participants may attend any or all of the topics as desired. It is expected that we will run these on a regular basis, depending on demand"

THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records

 <http://goo.gl/l29JpL>



Lancs OPC <http://goo.gl/AN699Z> and left click on the "What's New" tab on the left

"New plaque set to be unveiled at site of Burnden Disaster 70 years on" <http://goo.gl/Y11n9R> August 4th 2016 by Andrew Bardsley, reporter Bolton News **A NEW plaque to honour the 33 people who died in the Burnden Disaster 70 years ago will be unveiled on the site of the tragedy today**



Bolton Document Collection in the MLFHS website <http://goo.gl/BMEs4r> Two new documents,

*Protestation Returns 1642-1643 &

*Bolton Street Renaming,

have been added to the Members Area and the list of documents has been reorganised to make it more user-friendly. I am told we now have 34. MLFHS Members sign-in page <http://goo.gl/NQ2o6a> .

Just a reminder that all the Bolton MI's that you pay for on the Deceased-on-Line website are available for free from the Members Only databases / Index to Memorial Inscriptions.

News of what is coming to these MLFHS Members resources:

*Bolton Workhouse Register of Servants – it is only about 340 lines but it does tell where the Workhouse sent children. If you have "lost" a workhouse child it may be because they went to Rochdale to become a chimney sweep. This list will tell you where and to whom the 340 children were sent.

*Bolton Workhouse Creed Registers – work on transcribing these registers began some time ago and continues. **If you want to help with this large project, you can.** Send an email to the Genie

boltongenie@mlfhs.org.uk and you will be sent digital images of the register which you will be asked to transcribe onto a spreadsheet. Obviously you can be anywhere in the world and still assist with this large project. It would be an advantage to have two screens available but is by no means essential. An example of the digital images can be seen at <https://goo.gl/ORnXnv>

Salford Diocesan Archives <https://goo.gl/tDFzNh> The **Catholic Heritage Centre is**

based at St Augustine's Church Hall, Grosvenor Square,

Manchester. M15 6BW. Their archivist Lawrence Gregory has been showing some fascinating postings recently on Facebook. (They have not even got a website anymore), <http://goo.gl/XRTVHL> this seems to be a wonderful resource for those researching local, Roman Catholic records, (and I include Bolton here), now sadly likely to be closed. There

have been fascinating books and documents shown, but apparently the job is to finish this September with no replacements planned. As yet, it is not known what is going to happen to the records. Recent postings include the discovery of the burial register from Salford Cathedral 1848-1857, long lost in antiquity which was returned to the diocese 24.08.16. A member of the public handed it to the Anglican diocese of Manchester, who passed it to Chetham's Library who passed it back to them. Apparently it was found in a fish and chip shop!



Historic Catholic church torn down <http://goo.gl/Wt3CyC> Bolton News 30.08.16



"THE last remnants of a Farnworth church have been torn down. Contractors have been carrying out demolition work at St Gregory, the great Roman Catholic Church, which will make way for a children's play area, and are close to flattening the 19th century structure."

NB Bolton FHS members did try to check headstones etc before this happened but were unable to gain access due to? Japanese Knotweed already invading the site. A sad state of affairs.



Progress on securing future of threatened museums <http://goo.gl/pl7JDL> Tuesday, 23rd August 2016

"As negotiations are still underway, the county council is not naming those organisations which have applied to take over the running of the five museums, which are the Judges' Lodgings Museum in Lancaster, the Maritime Museum in Fleetwood, the Museum of Lancashire in Preston, Queen Street Mill Textile Museum in Burnley, and the Helmshore Mills Textile Museum in Rossendale. Under the plans agreed today, the five museums will close to the public on 30 September 2016 while negotiations continue with the organisations which have applied to take them over. Care and maintenance plans will be put in place to ensure that they are looked after, preserved properly, and kept safe and secure. The intention is that negotiations are concluded as soon as possible with a view to the transfers being made by 31 December 2016."

Just a reminder of our visit earlier this year. This and the other sites are all hanging on a knife edge for their survival and need our support, and visits.



Lancashire Archives September 2016 Newsletter <http://goo.gl/2vWGkE>

Chorley Family History Research Centre <http://goo.gl/uRs8Uj> part of the **Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society**. Do you all know about this resource from a neighbouring society. Their area of interest actually overlaps with that of the northern part of the MLFHS and they have some useful and different databases <http://goo.gl/1b8T7d> .

"1950s Lancashire cotton mill workers" <https://goo.gl/srgrlx> courtesy of You Tube accessed 20.08.16. Assorted footage of some local mills and technology past.

SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

Landed Families Blog Spot <http://goo.gl/ar6jR7> Thursday, 22 August 2013 (65) **Ainsworth of Smithills Hall and Moss Bank**

Nick Kingsley tells us he *"is an archivist, architectural historian and genealogist. He has been working on the country houses of Britain and Ireland and the families that owned them for over 35 years",---"In this blog I am presenting the results of my research into the landowning families of the British Isles and the country houses which they owned. Each post concerns the history and properties of a particular family, making it possible to trace both the links from families to houses and from houses to their owners over time. Comments, especially in the form of corrections, additional information or new illustrations, are very welcome"* This is the home page. Worth an explore <http://goo.gl/XLA4P5> , see also a recent account of the history by Gayle McBain in the Bolton News <http://goo.gl/onDPPS>



and come to that, have you ever wondered if your own or an ancestors home might have a story to tell?

Here are a few sites to explore

How to Find Out about Your Home's History <https://goo.gl/ldK54l> accessed 20.08.16 There are a wide range of resources available if you want to start researching the history of your house - in libraries and archives, local studies centres, or on specialist websites. Some will charge a fee for their services but many are free.

Heritage Gateway <http://goo.gl/yTx24d> accessed 20.08.16 (for posher houses) 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

British Listed Buildings Online <http://goo.gl/dTWpWa> accessed 20.08.16 Welcome to British Listed Buildings, an online database of buildings and structures that are listed as being of special architectural and historic interest.

OK so maybe your family were not in this income bracket but these houses had lots and lots of male and female "servants", whose wages, tenancy agreements etc may well be recorded in the estate papers.

Also

"The History of Brightmet" by Julie Hewitt <http://goo.gl/cCdJr4> from Bolton Revisited. Telling of the history of Roscoe Fold, Brightmet Hall, Winchester Way, Thicketford Farm and more from 1337 onwards. A fascinating read.



Also some of these big houses were used for: -

Bolton's WW1 Military Hospitals <https://goo.gl/uWlQEZ> May 8, 2014 by nickycrewe. Picture courtesy of Bolton Council in Bolton Archives.

"In November 1914 the War Office requested Mr T Scowcroft the Assistant County Director for the Red Cross to have ready as soon as possible, an auxiliary military hospital in Bolton. Mr Scowcroft already had in mind Crompton Fold, an old Hall at Brightmet and he called on the Vicar of Brightmet Church who rallied the Mother's Union and the Young Men's Class to clean the house from top to bottom. Gifts of furniture and appliances were readily given along with provisions and fresh produce. There were six wards and 10 nurses were drafted in from the Red Cross and trained by two nursing sisters from London hospitals, experienced in dealing with the type of care which would be required. ---

So great were the casualties of this war that further military hospitals were opened at Green Bank House, (later to become Fold's Road School), 'Watermillock', Crompton Way and Blair Hospital. By 1915 Bolton Royal Infirmary had converted the nurses' quarters into two wards for use as a military hospital and in 1916 Townley's Hospital (now the Royal Bolton) had become the largest military hospital in the town where weary soldiers could appreciate the fresh air of the green fields surrounding the wards.

List of auxiliary hospitals in the UK during the First World War <http://goo.gl/v8GUj8>

redcross.org.uk/WW1 It actually seems virtually every big house in the country was taken over for this purpose. A sobering reality check for our generation

"Scarletfinders" <http://goo.gl/1qupez> British Military Nursing Services

"Family history has increased in popularity, but these intelligent, professional and sometimes intimidating women have remained in the background. Many did not marry and therefore have no direct descendants, and of the thousands who served during the Great War, most were children or very young women at the time of the 1901 census, and their later lives are still undiscovered. Now that the 1911 census is widely available, maybe more of them will be recognized."



County Asylums List <http://goo.gl/u0q7Qq> countyasylums.co.uk - 2003 - 2016 - All Rights Reserved

In 1914 there were over one hundred thousand patients within over one hundred mental institutions around the United Kingdom, the majority of these institutions were built since the passing of the County Asylum / Lunacy Act in 1845. With the passing of the care in the community act in the 1980's, many of

these institutions have since closed; only a few of them remain open and in the use for Mental Health services.

Where maybe some of these people were employed

Ancestry adds Scottish, British and Irish nursing records

UK & Ireland, Nursing Registers, 1898-1968 <http://goo.gl/0UGflQ>

UK & Ireland, Queen's Nursing Institute Roll of Nurses, 1891-1931 <http://goo.gl/KMxmj4>

Scotland, Nursing Applications, 1921-1945 <http://goo.gl/MGISiy>

Oooh bit of a shock to find one's own name on an Ancestry register. Now I do feel old. Also

Royal College of Nursing Centenary <https://goo.gl/tFRR0D> Really a timeline of nurse training landmarks since 1915. I would love to find out more about earlier on though if anybody can suggest a site. What were those "nurses" mentioned since the 1841 censuses actually doing??? I have seen and have relatives of mine who were "monthly nurses" <http://goo.gl/FZutvu> (Thursday, 19 January 2012 "Workday Wednesday - the Monthly Nurse" The Family Recorder and am hoping they were not all reincarnations of Dicken's Sarah Gamp



So how might future generations access similar knowledge of perhaps the last 50 years of care from our wonderful National Health Service.

Historical Directories of England & Wales <http://goo.gl/VzGO3E>

"About this collection A collection of digitised trade directories, part of the University of Leicester's Special Collections Online, covering England and Wales from the 1760s to the 1910s.--- The directories can be browsed by location and either viewed online one page at a time or downloaded and accessed via a PDF viewer such as Adobe Reader."

In effect this is a bit slow and is intended to be an academic resource rather than for genealogical research but worth a look. It replaces the Historical Directories website that some might remember, withdrawn in March 2014

National Library of Scotland <http://goo.gl/Kzyr7a> "Lancashire LXXXVII (includes: Bolton; Bury; Radcliffe; Turton.) Surveyed: 1844 to 1847 Published: 1850" . If you are fairly new to family history research have you seen this 1850 map of Lancashire, and do you know this resource can be used for many more maps throughout the UK.

NB another good directory they have is <http://goo.gl/zUYEZM> Scottish Post Office directories 1773-1911

Family Secrets General Information Gateway <http://goo.gl/DSQ9zD> BBC History Archive accessed 30.08.16

"As a supplement to the timeline, here's a list of records of more general interest to those researching their Family Secrets. Click through the pages to find links that will lead you to the documents you need - parish registers, workhouse records, coroners' reports, and more"

Wow, what a brilliant resource. Sadly, no longer being updated but a very good "jumping off point".

"8th September 1888: First ever Football League matches take place" <http://goo.gl/8ggmzz> History Pod and, by the way, did you know that

"Bolton has the oldest football ground in the country" <http://goo.gl/qnFzWv> 8 May 2007 / NickJackson and some say therefore the world, -- "the oldest football ground in the world still in use today is in the tiny village of Chapeltown in Turton", and

"The Oldest Pitches in the World" <http://goo.gl/WGRvev> , Yes it's true the Old Boltonians play on what is regarded as the oldest pitch in the world. Click here <http://goo.gl/Bn3sOZ> to see recent article in the Lancashire Telegraph "The Oldest Existing Football Club Ground" and



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"The World's Oldest Football Ground" Posted on April 27, 2011 by Craig <http://goo.gl/LRpAoZ> **Witton Weavers** *"The game has been played here in some form since 1856 and in 1871 John Charles Kay of Turton Tower and WT Dixon, the local schoolmaster established a football club for the men of the village, originally playing "Harrow Rules" before adopting "Association Rules" before the start of the 1874-75 season."---*



"Perhaps the most notable game held at Turton was in 1879; a Lancashire challenge game between Manchester & Bolton versus Blackburn & Darwen. Played in glorious sunshine a large crowd arrived by rail at the former Chapeltown Railway Station, on special excursions laid on especially for the game from Manchester and Blackburn. In all seven English and four Scottish Internationals were on show that day".

More Military Stuff

Returned from the Front <http://goo.gl/DngSx0> *Wooden Battlefield Crosses and grave markers exist all across Great Britain and indeed across the world. You can find them in churches, memorial halls, chapels, museums and private dwellings---The aim of this project is to try and provide an online resource which creates a place to find the information about these curious objects, where they exist, how to access them and what they meant a century ago, how they continue to be part of the communities they still exist in and how people continue to engage and respond to them as a link the link to First World War.*

More DNA Stuff

'I won the DNA lottery': Woman finds biological father after lifelong search <http://goo.gl/AwzY13> By Sima Sahar Zerehi, CBC News Posted: Aug 07, 2016 7:00 AM CT | Last Updated: Aug 07, 2016 10:57 AM CT *'I knew I fit in somewhere, I looked like someone, I act like someone,' Bernice Clarke says".* Well it had to happen sooner or later I suppose didn't it.

How did English happen? - <http://goo.gl/J6vRKF> **Yorkshire Dialect Society**

Picture courtesy of the above The origins and development of the world's adopted language. Well yes, I can here you all moaning about "there she goes, on about Yorkshire again", but this site is fascinating and includes the origins of "Lanky" as well. In fact, did you know that *"Nobody in Britain spoke English before the Anglo Saxons settled here following the collapse of the Roman Empire. The native population at that time spoke a variety of Celtic languages and some, especially in the Roman towns, would have had a good working knowledge of Latin. Welsh, Gaelic, Cornish, and Manx originated in this early period, and have no direct relationship with English. ---".* I think we, and hence the world, have come a long way since then. See also Anglo Saxon place names <http://goo.gl/rQesjQ> , and Viking place names <http://goo.gl/NakQw4>



The Oldest Profession in the World

I do hope this doesn't offend anyone but I have been given the OK to share this. The conversation started with the display of this unusual census from Tower Hamlets London on Facebook. As you may be able to see there are at least 11 occupations listed as "prostitute" on this page, which most experienced researchers will I am sure, appreciate is unusual for the honesty. I think most seasoned family researchers develop a certain cynicism with their hobby, and can detect euphemisms such as "dress maker", and "charwoman", (although I am sure many were genuine occupations). This lead to another contribution with this You tube website which you might enjoy

| Age | Sex | Occupation | Other |
|-----|-----|------------|-------|
| 20 | F | Prostitute | |
| 25 | F | Prostitute | |
| 30 | F | Prostitute | |
| 35 | F | Prostitute | |
| 40 | F | Prostitute | |
| 45 | F | Prostitute | |
| 50 | F | Prostitute | |
| 55 | F | Prostitute | |
| 60 | F | Prostitute | |
| 65 | F | Prostitute | |
| 70 | F | Prostitute | |
| 75 | F | Prostitute | |
| 80 | F | Prostitute | |
| 85 | F | Prostitute | |
| 90 | F | Prostitute | |
| 95 | F | Prostitute | |
| 100 | F | Prostitute | |

<https://goo.gl/kibpY9> and lasts almost 5 minutes. An alternative version of a WDYTyr show with Armstrong and Miller! Enjoy.

Barnardo's archive photos reveal first foster children <http://goo.gl/R7Ktw> 27 August 2016 From the section UK
"Previously unseen photographs of some of England's first foster children have been released by the charity Barnardo's to mark its 150th birthday. The images, which date back to the children's charity's early days, shed light on the lives of some of the most deprived children in Victorian society"

How French spies burnt London to the ground... at least that's what most Britons thought when the Great Fire started 350 years ago this week. And, as this mesmerising hour-by-hour account reveals, they took savage revenge on any foreigner they caught

<http://goo.gl/uhqHU> Emma Craigie .The Daily Mail 2 September 2016 I must admit I hadn't realised this anniversary was coming up but as it could probably be classed as an event that had national repercussions this gives quite an interesting hour by hour account. I hadn't realised how Royalty had tried to sort it out. Picture courtesy of Bing owner



unknown. Incidentally I also hadn't realised how baking was managed then before our modern days of gas and electric ovens. This recent article in the WDYTyr series of newsletters <http://goo.gl/DII3Yw> describes how ovens were used communally. Bread dough etc was prepared at home then baked in the communal oven nearby. A Maltese neighbour tells me this is still the norm in some parts of his old neighbourhood. We take so much for granted these days don't we.

OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS

Halliwel Local History Society <http://goo.gl/8erYyr>



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,
Tuesday 27th September The Life and Times of Robin Hoode, new discoveries, archaeological and historical evidence presented by Mark Olly also notice of

15th October The 30th ANNIVERSARY LOCAL HISTORY FAIR – 10 a.m. – 4p.m. Displays of old photographs, maps, Notices and Newspaper Cuttings. Visiting Societies-Family History (Bolton FHS will have two tables there), Metal Detectors , and Bolton Tram and Bus Society. Refreshments available. Free entrance and

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. This month's event, Please email Secretary PeterMHarris@care4free.net for more information.

Westhoughton Local History Group – <http://goo.gl/XNug15>

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.

15 September Westhoughton Military Tribunals and Conscientious Objectors - Barry Mills

29 September Visit to Churchtown

Horwich Heritage Centre- <http://goo.gl/fSPsij>



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 with one on April 9th About Family History.

13th September ~ Rita Greenwood " Holy & Unholy Matrimony"

Blackrod Local History Society 20 October at 2.30pm at the Council Chamber Blackrod library will be a talk by the Groups Chairman David Hargreaves, entitled "Found dead at midnight." the story of the short life and murder of Minnie Stott. For more detail please contact Secretary David Hargreaves on 01257 481393

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