

Bolton's Genies



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

Hello everyone. Yes it is March already, the start of the Spring solstice, and we are back again. Time flies does nt it, and I think many of us feel as though we have been in hibernation this winter. Once again I have also started off with apparently little to write about, but readers have contributed, events have occurred inviting comment, and we are already in 11 pages again. I certainly don't want to overload you to the point of not wanting to read this so here goes

STOP PRESS

March 1st 2015 Previous Genies are now also available in our MLFHS Bolton archive
<http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/Newsletter.php>

Midday on Friday, March 6th (GMT) to midday on Monday, March 9th (GMT), If you are not on "Findmypast" it is free this weekend, if you are on "Findmypast" your subscription is extended by 3 days. If you are asked for card details there should be a box to click so you don't start paying after the weekend.

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/freeweekend> Can we remind members that if they use the logo link at www.mlfhs.org.uk to access "findmypast" for this free weekend, the Society will receive a commission should they decide to take up a subscription

My History <http://www.my-history.co.uk/> Some of you may already have had dealings with this company from Doncaster. . A few of our members have, but despite the apparent good offers and discounts that are made online every two weeks it has been frustrating to have to add the unavoidable cost of postage, and also we did nt always want to buy large amounts of plastic sleeves etc. So, nothing daunted, Brian our Chairman has been and spoken very nicely to them and negotiated a deal. We plan initially to make a bulk buy of a selection of their genealogical supplies and pass them on at cost price to members who can collect at our meetings. So, if anyone wants to have a look at the website, select items that they are interested in, and send the catalogue number and details to our Genie address as above we can then give a price and arrange confirmation of



the order. We do hope to expand on this idea maybe by providing a discount code for MLFHS members for online buying, but details as yet are not finalised.

WE WANT TO PROVIDE MORE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS. ANY OTHER IDEAS?

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OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

March 4th 2015 Dr Alan Crosby "How I found out my grandfather, was a multiple bigamist and travelled the globe!". A welcome return visit from another of our most popular Lancashire historians. He came to tell us about part of this story <http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/blog/family-history/alan-crosbys-family-history-blog-trip-poland> . which gave us all such a powerful example of what amazing family history research resources are now available on the internet. It is the story of how his Polish mathematician cousin (so quite computer savvy), managed to trace the whereabouts of their shared grandfather in Australia, and with a few twists and turns. We are looking forward to rest of the story next year.

April 1st 2015 Jim Lancaster will come to offer "Some help with the Intricacies of Research into Lancashire Roman Catholicism". This is his first official visit to us in Bolton, but those who follow the MLFHS forum regularly will know what a fount of knowledge Jim is on this subject. When I asked him to give us a flavour of what he plans to talk about this was his reply. "*Recently I have talked about the development of dissent in the Church ca 1500 and then a quick run through the Church/State 'relations' to about 1800. From that time, I will talk about the relationship between the State records and RC records (Hardwicke's Act and civil registration) and on to the development of Catholic registers after the repeal of the penal laws to modern times. I will bring a set of hand-outs that people can take before the talk so that they can make notes on that if they need. I will speak for about an hour and I will be prepared to try to answer questions.*" I will leave it at this.

All at the same venue Bolton Cricket Club,
Bishops Road, Farnworth, BL3 2JB 7.30pm,
(across the front on the left, and down either the
slope or steps to the door on the other side).
First Wednesday of each month apart from
January).

We routinely offer a Help Desk for personal
research after each meeting,

and have a recycle service for your used Family History Magazines and cds.

DON'T THROW THEM OUT!

BRING YOUR OLD ONES IN TO BE RECYCLED .

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VISITS and ACTIVITIES

Friday 13th March Visits to

John Rylands Library, Deansgate, Manchester http://www.visitmanchester.com/what-to-do/architecture/MAN-85841_johnrylandslibr

We meet at 10.55am in the Rylands entrance hall (make your own way there but convenient for the Metro or train, and Metrolink), and expect the guided tour to take about an hour. We then have the offer of having tables set aside for our use in their café for lunch, prior to making our way on to a second guided visit to

Manchester Cathedral <http://www.manchestercathedral.org/>

starting at 2.00pm and expected to last about 45 minutes. This should leave us conveniently next to Victoria Station to make our way home by train or tram. (STOP PRESS, TRAMS RUNNING FROM VICTORIA AGAIN) There is no charge at any point for these events but I am sure donations will be appreciated, certainly at the Cathedral.

We are already fully booked for these trips, which are both optional, and the group will probably be split to make things easier. For more information or to go on the reserve list please contact Brian as above.

Friday April 17th The WDYTYR Show at Birmingham. Just to let you know that some of us are going to this on the Friday having taken advantage of a brief "early bird 2 for 1" ticket offer. They are still offering some discount on tickets I see

https://dub115.mail.live.com/?tid=cmS_0tHqa-5BGAd2w75af6bq2&fid=fILSfm0YzdnEadRhZtHOBvfw2

. Having looked at transport options we have now booked a minibus leaving Bolton at 8am Chadwick Street BL2 1JN, to leave Birmingham probably around 4- 4.30pm ish arriving back about 6.30-7pm ish. All traffic dependent of course. There are still some spare seats on the bus if anyone would like to join us (cost max £34) but will need to arrange your own tickets. Enquiries to Genie address as above

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GENIE'S TIPS for March 2015

Peter Calver's "Lost Cousins" edition of 28.02.15, "What Does Constitute Proof?"

["http://lostcousins.com/newsletters2/latefeb15news.htm"](http://lostcousins.com/newsletters2/latefeb15news.htm) is a timely reminder for us all.

He identifies five key elements:

- A reasonably exhaustive search has been conducted.
- Each statement of fact has a complete and accurate source citation.
- The evidence is reliable, and has been skilfully correlated and interpreted.
- Any contradictory evidence has been resolved.
- The conclusion has been soundly reasoned.

Read his full article for an expansion on this.

Genealogy in Time Magazine "A Simple Way to Read Old Tombstones" "Old tombstones are often worn and difficult to read. Here is a simple trick to help you overcome this common problem" <http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/a-simple-way-to-read-old-tombstones.html>



Boltons Database on the MLFHS site

http://www.mlfhs.org.uk/member_area/member_docs_bolton.php I suspect that those of you who are not MLFHS members will not be able to open this site but will at least be able to use the link to see what you are missing out on. . Those of you who are paid up members may still not have ventured this far, but why not give it a try. It is part of your membership package, you lucky people. At least it means I can help friends which I am enjoying. . Just some of the latest additions are

- **Bolton Grammar School History** (NB now known as Bolton School) Includes List of Trustees 1658-1879 & List of Headmasters & Ushers 1658-1882 (108kb) and
- **Bolton Grammar School Boys 1658-1882** Names of boys attending Bolton Grammar School. Includes addresses (for most) and year of admission to the school. (174kb)
- **NEW Records of Turton Manor 1737-1850** Scanned copy of the records published as a book in 1909. Includes indexes of names and places. This is a large document split, for convenience, into several parts.

Have you ever tried The National Archives Webinar? Eric K did. Here is his report of what happened

"A few weeks ago I was browsing through the list of events in a family history magazine (there never seems to be anything in the Manchester area!), when I noticed this: January 19 Online. Sign up for this handy free webinar from The National Archives, 'Using Discovery, and our online catalogue'. 4pm-5pm. I followed the link to book my place. In response, I received a confirmation email from Eventbrite (who host the webinar). This was followed the next day by a confirmation email from TNA, who sent a further email nearer the date of the event which contained a link which I used to sign on to the webinar (they gave instructions for desktop, laptop and mobile devices).

On the day of the webinar, I signed on in good time (about 30 minutes before the start time). This gave me time to install a small piece of software which is needed to enable the webinar to run, then make sure I was connected to TNA ok, and then familiarize myself with the layout of the screen.

The main part of the screen displays the current slide which the presenter is speaking about. When the session begins, you can see the presenter in a small window. Most of the slides show pictures of the Discovery screens, and the presenter is able to highlight fields on the screen with a red marker so you can see exactly what she is talking about.

One useful feature is that on the left-hand side of the screen you can type in messages for the assistant presenter, and receive her responses. This enables you to communicate if you are experiencing technical difficulties, but also (very usefull!) to type in questions about points covered during the presentation. Then when the presenter has finished going through the slides, the assistant asks her all the questions which have been submitted during the presentation, and the presenter gives the answers. I found it all very helpful. You can watch it for yourself at

<http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/webinar-using-discovery-national-archives-online-catalogue/>

And here are Eric's notes after this talk. Isn't he wonderful. If anybody else feels like doing something similar to share please do

How to search Discovery

* Go to the TNA Discovery site <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>
This takes you to the Discovery home page (headed '1,000 years of history')



* Enter a keyword in the search box

Note that it only searches the description of documents, not all the text in the document

* If you get too many results from your search, you can filter the results (see left-hand side of screen) by whether documents are held at TNA (and if so, are they available for download) or elsewhere, and by date (after selecting a date range, press 'Refine')

* Near the top of the screen is an option to sort the results (provided you have less than 1000 results!) by relevance, reference, title or date

* Near the top of the screen is an option to 'Export results' if you want to save your search results

* If you select one of your results, it shows you the record information page, where you can see the reference no and description. It also tells you if the document has been digitised or a copy can be ordered, and the cost!

* For a more targeted search, go to the TNA homepage <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> (the one headed 'Explore our records'), where there is a 'Find guidance' option. This gives you access to a wide range of research guides. The same information can be accessed by going to the Discovery home page (the one headed '1,000 years of history'), then clicking on 'Place, Person, Subject' or 'Browse our research guidance'

* The home page has a 'Discovery help' facility if you get stuck

Arrangement of Discovery

Documents are arranged by Series within Government department (eg 'HO' = Home Office).

* On the Discovery home page (headed '1,000 years of history'), there are options to use 'advanced search' or 'browse'.

* Advanced search enables you to use more complex search arguments (you can use '*' for wildcards)

* Browse enables you to browse records by government department name or archive. For example, if you browse 'H', it lists all the Home Office categories (HA, HB, HCA etc). If you select one of these (for example 'HA'), it gives you all the divisions within that category. If you click on 'Details', it gives you more information about that category or division. The category references which you find can be entered in the Search box. There is no list of department codes on the website

* NB if a record has been digitised, the original record can no longer be viewed at TNA.

* You can search for records in other archives, but they can't be ordered at TNA.

Thanks Eric—I believe it is the Suffragettes next month????

TALKS, WORKSHOPS and COURSES

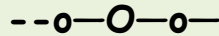
Please refer to last month's *Genie* for details of ongoing courses etc,

http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/pdf/Genie_2015_02.pdf

also new in

Bolton Libraries "Sailors, Fusiliers and Loyals: Bolton's role in the Gallipoli campaign 1915" Bolton Central Library, Friday 24 April 1pm - 2pm

<https://dub115.mail.live.com/mail/ViewOfficePreview.aspx?messageid=mgt5WwDR-u5BGznQAhWtahwA2&folderid=flinbox&attindex=2&cp=-1&attdepth=2&n=93734813>



THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records are updating so often look for yourselves

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

<http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/> and look for "What's New" tab"

Prestwich Asylum Archives This blog post was written for Archives+ by one of their volunteers as part of their Heritage Lottery Funded project.

<https://manchesterarchiveplus.wordpress.com/2015/02/02/the-prestwich-asylum/>

<http://www.capitalpunishmentuk.org/babyfarm.html>

Bury Remembers the First World War <http://www.buryremembers.co.uk/blog/> After a week of staff and volunteers using the new SL1000 they have managed to scan The Bury Times/Guardian, The Radcliffe Times/Guardian and The Ramsbottom Observer from 1914-1916. Feb 2015 This is a good ongoing local resort which I am sure will be useful to many

Oldham FHS Newsletter

<http://www.oldham.mlfhs.org.uk/Newsletter/Newsletter.pdf>

Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org Updates and Additions to 27 Feb 2015

<http://www.emptynestancestry.com/ancestry-com-and-familysearch-org-updates-and-additions-to-27-feb-2015/> NB some useful British ones included here

Findmypast February Updates

<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2015/welcome-to-your-february-newsletter/>

The Genealogist February Updates

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/news/>

SOME OTHER INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

Scottish Indexers

Genealogists Graham and Emma Maxwell, have a large collection of indexes, from unique sources such as prison and court records to more commonly used sources such as birth, marriage, death and census records. They tell us that " *While currently many of our records are from the south of Scotland, our Quaker records and mental health records cover all of Scotland. We will also be adding more records from other areas of Scotland soon*"

<http://www.scottishindexes.com/default.aspx> . They also offer an interesting article on

Scottish Naming Patterns <http://scottishgenealogyblog.blogspot.co.uk/2015/01/the-scottish-naming-pattern.html>

Scotlands People <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> if of course the definitive research tool for Scottish research Those registered receive a regular newsletter, and this is their last one received 14th February with the comments

"In August 2012, we published this article about a project by the Abertay Historical Society, who are studying the settlement of the Flemish in Scotland, and impact of the Flemings on local economic and social life. They've recently given an update on their fascinating study, and are again calling those who might be able to contribute to get in touch.<https://dub115.mail.live.com/?tid=cm3fejaza05BGyLwAjfePyuA2&fid=fllSfm0YzdnEadRhZtHOBvfw2> "

. I find this article

http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/Content/Help/index.aspx?r=2322&utm_campaign=news&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dctfhuk&utm_content=295300

about Flemish migrants particularly interesting, as so many of Flemish ancestry settling on the east coast of Scotland seem likely to have moved on from there to England and on to the "colonies". I suspect many of us have ancestry from this area.

Belfast Burial Records "Look up records in Belfast from 1869 onwards" using our burial record search facility. You can buy images of burial records that are over 75 years old for £1.50 each". <http://belfastcity.gov.uk/community/burialrecords/burialrecords.aspx>

The National Archives of Australia "Discovering Anzacs"

<http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/home/> they invite you to "Explore a growing selection of government records about Australians and New Zealanders in World War I and the Boer War. Enhance a profile dedicated to the wartime journey of someone who served. Uncover the personal stories of service men and women through original archival records."

Society of Genealogists 06.02.2015 "GRO information on Births, Marriages and Death doesn't have to be on expensive certificates" The SOG is delighted to announce that the Government has accepted an amendment to the Deregulation Bill currently going before the House of Lords that allows for the publication of information from Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates in England and Wales to be issued otherwise than in the form of a certified copy. <http://www.sog.org.uk/news/article/gro-information-on-births-marriages-and-death-doesnt-have-to-on-expensive-c> Hurrah!!!!

"Abbreviations & Acronyms for Genealogy - The Accepted" (In November 2012, Geni was apparently acquired by MyHeritage Ltd. and is now a MyHeritage company. This is of course therefore an American based firm but maybe still useful for things like this.

<http://www.geni.com/projects/Abbreviations-Acronyms-for-Genealogy-The-Accepted/3096>

Familysearch Wikipedia <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Help:Tour> Have you tried it yet? This is an example of what they have on **English Court Records**

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/index.php?title=England_Court_Records&utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter They report " *There are many English courts. Those described here (except for the Chancery Court and the Court of the Exchequer) generally pertain to the poorer classes. If your ancestor was wealthy, search the records described in the "Land and Property" article.*

Curious Fox <http://www.curiousfox.com/uk/front2.lasso?> Describes itself as "the village by village contact site for anyone researching family history, genealogy and local history in the UK and Ireland." They have been around for few years now. You post the query and see what comes up

Historical Directories Now updated tells us "Historical Directories is a digital library of local and trade directories for England and Wales, from 1766 to 1919. It contains reproductions of comparatively rare books, essential tools for research into local and family history. The collection provides national coverage and also integrates material from different institutions into a coherent, and free, online collection. It is relevant to amateur historians, academics, teachers and the general public. The website contains at least one directory for every English and Welsh county for each of the 1850s, 1890s and 1910s
<http://www2.le.ac.uk/library/find/specialcollections/specialcollections/historical-directories>

The Gazette Whether you're a keen genealogist, or just interested in finding out a bit more about the lives and times of your family, The Gazette holds a wealth of information to reconnect you to your past. <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/> and more locally

York Peculiars Probate Collection 1383-1857 The blurb from Origins is "As you may be aware, that they are now part of the Findmypast family. Their web page claims "You can now browse all Origins records alongside many millions more at Findmypast." I have tried to do this but as yet have not managed it, but I am sure it is there somewhere or imminent and will be brilliant news for many of us who have wills from the northern part of the country. .
http://www.origins.net/NationalWills/Search/yorkpeculiaris/NWSearch_York_Peculiaris.aspx

The Imperial War Museum - Some recent Bolton Related Additions

http://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/search?query=bolton&submit=&items_per_page=10

Including

Bolton County Grammar School: the wartime years: (NB now known as St Catherine's Academy), a collection of anecdotes and memories from people who experience the disruption of their education during the 1939-1945 war made by: BOLTON COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (author) 2003

British Food Stocks for Liberated Europe, 1945 part of "MINISTRY OF FOOD SECOND WORLD WAR OFFICIAL COLLECTION" (photographs) Made by: Ministry of Food official photographer. Italian prisoners re-pack boxes of foodstuffs in a farm house, somewhere in Britain, (probably near Bolton, Lancashire), for dispatch to civilians in Liberated Europe.

Women Railway Workers During the First World War

Part of "FIRST WORLD WAR WOMENS WAR WORK COLLECTION" (photographs) 1917-05-15 A female oiler employed by the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway at work at Bolton station in May 1917.

Women at War 1914 - 1918 part of "REAVIL ARTHUR L P" (photographs) Made by: Reavil Arthur L P Post Office Sorter, Bolton, Lancs.

The Lend Lease Programme part of "MINISTRY OF FOOD SECOND WORLD WAR OFFICIAL COLLECTION"

(Photographs) Made by: Ministry of Food official photographer Elizabeth Rothwell of Bolton, Lancashire, sitting on a table drinking from a mug containing orange juice. The orange juice was supplied from America under the Lend Lease Programme from a mug.

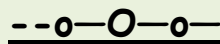
There are lots more and also many recordings of interviews with people to get their memories saved. These are often a couple of hours long. (Thanks again to Martin Briscoe)

Handling Old Documents This item, with links to some others, appeared recently via the MLFHS postings on Facebook and I thought it was rather interesting. Sorry if you have already seen it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=share&v=im9vu7LbsNw&app=desktop>

Married women's property in the Victorian age

<http://www.essexrecordofficeblog.co.uk/married-womens-property-in-the-victorian-age/>



MISCELLANEOUS

Salford University, dig at the site of the 18th century New Bailey prison

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Centre-for-Applied-Archaeology-University-of-Salford/171863342870145?fref=nf>

An exciting opportunity has presented itself for members of the public to join university archaeologists from the Centre for Applied Archaeology. For anyone wishing to volunteer places are open for 2 weeks between March 9th and March 20th (Mondays to Fridays'). The site is in Salford, off Irwell Street, next to the recently built New Bailey multi-storey car park. Although there is no parking available on site it is just 5 minutes' walk from Salford Central Station. If you would like to learn more about the prison, but feel that the on-site work is not for you, they will be running guided tours from the site entrance, on the corner of Irwell Street and Stanley Street, on Friday afternoons between 2pm and 3pm on the 13th, 20th and 27th of March and for those who can't make it during the week tours will also be available on Saturday 21st March from 10.00a.m until 2.00pm.

Places are restricted and so initially you will only be able to book on for a maximum of 3 days (these do not have to run consecutively) however nearer the date as the level of 'take up' becomes clear it may be possible to increase the number of day's on site. To book your place please contact John Roberts at 0161 295 3821 j.s.roberts@salford.ac.uk.

And who knows what is still lurking in these old cupboards. Did you see these?

The Telegraph "Top secret D-Day plans found hidden under hotel's floorboards"

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/howaboutthat/11401966/Top-secret-D-Day-plans-found-hidden-under-hotels-floorboards.html>

Top secret documents giving orders for the D-Day landings have been found under hotel floorboards after being discarded by Army chiefs seventy years ago. Telegraph reporter 9:51PM GMT 09 Feb 2015

The Guardian "£10m Magna Carta found in council archives"

<http://www.theguardian.com/culture/2015/feb/08/10m-magna-carta-found-in-council-archives>

Expert says discovery of 1300 edition of historic document raises hopes that there are more than the 24 copies currently known about in existence

Press Association Sunday 8 February 2015 07.28 GMT

And last but not least

Plea for people to create 'digital legacy' letter <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-31598343> . This might be food for all of us to think about even if we don't like it.

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MEMBERS COMMENTS , QUERIES, (AND MEMORIES)

Do You Remember Bolton Dog Track?

My name is Marion H, my parents were Harold & Rhoda

Having left work at the age of 60, I had intended to work until I was 65 yrs old.

I needed something to do that would not be too energetic but would keep my very inquiring mind busy. Looking through some paperwork I was intending to throw away, I found a poem, about my Dad ("A Nutter at Ease", available on request) that had been written by his friend Harry. They had been at the local greyhound race track on Manchester Road (Bolton now gone) . Below is all that is left of it.



My dad had bet on a race and had gone down to the side of the track to watch the race unfold. As the race progressed my dad became more and more animated as his dogs were in the lead. Harry must have been watching the race unfold as well, and returning to the bar my dad sat down with Harry and Harry pulled out a scrap of paper and a pen and wrote the poem. When he finished he handed it to me as a reminder of an evening

spent with Dad at the dog track, (my brother & sister, and I were later to work at the Dog Track as we became old enough to have Saturday jobs.) Finding this reminder was the start of a very interesting search for my families past.

The entrance to the track was on Manchester Rd. We lived locally so we used to walk to the track, with our Mum and Dad when we were allowed, my Dad used to ask us which dog we thought was going to win and he would get us a place ticket on it so we could shout our choice of dog home. When we were older we started working there. My sister and I worked on the tote taking peoples bets on the race. They could also bet with the book makers who were also at the track side. There used to be two sides to the track, a "popular side" and the "best side". Both had a bar and small café. When the punters started to dwindle the popular side closed so for many years it was only one side being used. There was 5 traps for the dog to come out of. My favourites were 5 & 4. I did win sometimes, and I also would like dog if they had a person name in its title! My brother used to walk the dogs. One night he found a roll of notes near the kennels. He handed the money in to find it belonged to one of the owners of a dog running that night. We had some great nights there.

Some of the tote Girls started up a rounder's team I was one of the members and we won a trophy once.

Did you know that (courtesy of the Bolton News)

- ✓ Bolton Race track was the forth in the country it was open December 1927 and closed December 1996 (open for 69 yrs.) it always had a good national reputation.

- ✓ The first dog to win was Conally Lass owned by Mr A Pilkington on the 10th December 1927
- ✓ Robert Sinclair Milne, born in St Helens, was a turf accountant in Silverwell Street, Bolton, when he and his associates decided to convert the old colliery site at Raikes Lane into a centre for the new sport of greyhound racing.
- ✓ BMW dealers brought the site in 2006 to build a new £10 million BMW and Mini dealership catering for new and used cars on the 6 acre site

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OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS

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

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

Their next talk 31st March 2015 "A History of Lancaster Castle" - Dr. Colin Penny, Museum Manager

Turton Local History Society

Normally all events are on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm and start at Longsight Church Centre at Harwood, BL2 3HX. Next talk Wednesday 25th March "The Life and Times of Fred Dibnah" by Alf Molyneau

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

Westhoughton Local History Group -

Meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, between 10am and 12md in the room above Westhoughton Library, Market St, Westhoughton, BL5 3AU . Next talks are 19 March Development of Westhoughton Part 1 - Pam Clarke, 2 April Development of Westhoughton Part 2 1960's - Garth Radcliffe

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

Next talk is on March 10th ~ Mark Olly "The Life & Times of the real Robyn Hoode "

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

This web site is a bit out of date now and they routinely meet 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.

For more information contact .Secretary Jenni Hyde 01772 93033 or

boltonhistory@aim.com

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