

Bolton's Genies



The Monthly Newsletter of the
Bolton Family History Society.

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A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.



Welcome All and Please Note -
Meetings are now held at
Bolton Old Links Golf Club,
Montserrat Brow,
Chorley Old Road BL1 5SU.



Bus route <https://bustimes.org.uk/services/LAAO1250>

Refreshments available from 7pm for a 7.30pm start on the First Wednesday of Each Month.

(Maybe I should add here that our hosts at the Golf Club are celebrating their 125th anniversary this year <http://www.boltonoldlinksgolfclub.co.uk/> and a more detailed account will shortly be available via the Misc tab of our website as above and via our quarterly journal.)

This has been a very busy month, with information coming in thick and fast from many directions. I hope I haven't missed anything out, and apologies for the unusual length of this edition. There are a lot of extras so I hope you will bear with us.

OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

***Wednesday January 20th. EXTRA The Launch of our new Meeting Place.** I think all committee members will agree this event was anticipated with both excitement and considerable trepidation. I suspect few can possibly appreciate how much background research and planning went into this "brave", new move. We knew the situation could not remain the same with our growing numbers but "Where to next?" was the big problem. We soon realised it would be impossible to find a central situation that would suit everybody's needs so we concluded (after a post code check), that this spot is at least reasonably accessible to most, and offers us a comfortable and competitive "package". The next step was to introduce both old, and new, to the new venue and this has obviously been more successful than we dared to imagine. You may be interested to know that 88 attended on our opening evening, 66 beverages were dispensed, two more volunteers joined the project team, and 10 new "family groups" joined from Bolton this first month. I am sure Rita Greenwood's talk on "Holy and Unholy



Matrimony" was a bonus, and the news about several forthcoming events were announced as well.

This was an extra "getting to know you" session of course, and we now revert to holding our routine meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, and offering the usual Help Desk for personal research after each meeting, recycle service for your used Family History Magazines, and stationery desk for genealogical books, and bits and pieces at very competitive rates.

We have of course also identified some teething problems which will need sorting out, such as confirming need of a speaker system, and review of seating and screen positioning, but that is what it was all about really. We knew it wouldn't be that simple and are still working on it.



***On Wednesday February 3rd Jacquie Crosby, Senior Archivist and Keri Nicholson her colleague from, Lancashire Archives, came to talk about "Saving the Hulton Papers for the Lancashire Archives".** Many will recall the desperate fund raising that the Manchester and Lancashire FHS had a small part

in in 2014, to retain this amazing collection intact in Lancashire. The project was thankfully successful and two important collections of documents have been retained in the County Record Office at Preston. One covers the 12th -19th C, with much of it in mediaeval Latin. This includes family letters and deeds giving a window into life during the Plague, Great Fire, Interregnum and onwards, as it effected the Hulton family, who were connected by a marriage to William Jessop, a follower of Oliver Cromwell.

The second collection covers the 19th and 20th C and includes estate papers and mentions Magistrate William Hulton's role in the Peterloo incident during the Industrial Revolution. (see below), and a fascinating account of the launch of the Lancashire Witch locomotive [http://spartacus-](http://spartacus-educational.com/RAbolton.htm)



[educational.com/RAbolton.htm](http://spartacus-educational.com/RAbolton.htm) amongst other things. We can also announce that at least 92 attended this meeting by the way, but **please will you all make sure you sign in** for H&S Regulations). Those of us attending Rita Greenwood's Enjoy Learning classes were fortunate enough to be able to inspect some of these samples at Preston CRO the next day.

***Wednesday, 2nd March, 7.30pm, Kathryn Carter, of the Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints, https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Preston_England_Family_History_Centre will return to us for another talk, this time about "Early Mormon Immigration and Butch Cassidy".** Kathryn visited us from the Preston Temple in 2014, when she gave us an impressive introduction to the workings of the above. Regular researchers will already know there are some radical changes taking place at the moment in their family research project <https://familysearch.org/search/> and we are looking forward to some updates and interesting examples. (Particularly of Butch Cassidy who apparently came from Accrington!!!)

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VISITS and ACTIVITIES

***Friday 11th March Helmshore Mill Textile Museum Holcombe Road, Helmshore BB4 4NP.**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmshore_Mills_Textile_Museum The trip starts at



10.30 am at the mill and will take about 2 hours with a 30-minute break for tea and coffee half way through, cost is £6.25 for adults and £5.25 for Concessions. Options of lunch afterwards at the café will need to be pre ordered and we will get a menu if required. There are other local options of Mus bury Fabric Mill Shop opposite which has a cafe, a good eating house at the "Shoulder Of Mutton" in Holcombe and nearby Ramsbottom is also only 10 minutes away with a variety of eating houses and individual shops, plus a Railway Station used by the East Lancs Railway. In other words, there are lots of choices here. . **Closing date 2nd March 2016 at our monthly meeting.** Email boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk to book.

NB Some will remember from last month's newsletter that this maybe be one of the last opportunities to visit the mill as the Lancashire County Council is threatening to stop funding in April. There has even been a petition about this <https://www.change.org/p/councillor-jennifer-mein-save-lancashire-s-mill-museums?recruiter=45454819> .if you have nt already signed. However according to this website <http://lancashirepast.com/> accessed 25.01 2016 , apparently the Heritage Lottery Fund are somewhat displeased after their previous investment of £1,639,400.and are considering demanding a refund of 3x the amount the LCC would be saving. Fingers and toes crossed.



***Saturday 12th March Horwich Heritage Centre Open Day** between 10.00 am and 1.00pm. BFHS are hoping for a chance to display our "wares" there. Come and see us.

***Thursday 7th April WDYTYR visit to the NEC Birmingham**

<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/news/new-venue-2015> Names are now being taken for a visit here. We have a group booking so tickets £12 each which includes a workshop, and hopefully transport of some sort to be arranged depending on final numbers. We have 12 so far. Last year's prototype trip was in a minibus at approx. £35 each for 10 people from Bolton centre to front door of the NEC Birmingham and return. Contact Brian via boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk or at a meeting. There will be a closing date for this, probably at the end of March, and deposits of £12 each will be required on booking.



***Saturday 9th July 2016 to Tuesday 12th July 2016. Esprit Travel: The Somme**



We are currently in the centenary period of World War One, with July 2016 marking the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, in which our community played a major role. Esprit Tour Services, a local tour company, are organising a bespoke tour to The Somme, where you will have the opportunity to discover the history exactly 100 years on. The tour will include elements of local history and will look at the involvement of local soldiers from the Greater Manchester area, as well as providing a great insight into all involved in this conflict. Esprit are offering all members of our society a £10 discount when a valid membership card is produced.

The tour will be over 4 days/3 nights and will cost £319 (£329 for non-members) per person (based on two people sharing). This price includes;

- Pre-tour guide meeting - this will enable you to meet the guide and ask any questions relating to the tour
- Executive coach travel - includes air-conditioning, DVD player, WC, fridge, kitchen facilities and a continental safety door
- Return ferry crossing - Dover to Calais plus
- Accommodation (buffet breakfast included) - 3 nights stay at the Holiday Inn Arras

•Entrance into museums within your itinerary, plus Passionate and knowledgeable guide throughout the entire tour •100% financial security
Lunch and evening meals are not included as individuals have different preferences. There will be several pick-up points in Greater Manchester. To secure your place you will need to fill in a booking form along with a £65 deposit. If you are interested in booking or would like more information, please contact Nicholas on 0151 556 9858 or nicholas@esprittourservices.com . Bolton branch members can speak with Nicholas at monthly society meetings

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GENIE'S TIPS for February 2016

***Bolton Council Information and advice on births, marriages and deaths**

<http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/Pages/Birthsmarriagesanddeaths.aspx> . This is the link to make enquiries or order online from their very helpful staff. i.e if in doubt, local record offices are much more amenable, within time constraints, to checking you have the correct individual rather than ordering a certificate and finding you have the wrong person. An expensive mistake.

****A Word About the Privacy of Your Genealogy Information"** Dick Eastman January 8, 2016

<http://blog.eogn.com/2016/01/08/a-word-about-the-privacy-of-your-genealogy-information/> ". Dick Eastman has been involved in genealogy for more than 30 years and is well known for his daily USA based blog. He reports here, "a newsletter reader wrote today and asked a question that I think many people are asking. I replied to him in email but thought I would also share my answer here in the newsletter in case others have the same question about privacy issues-

***Decisions Decisions :-**

>**Ancestry to Retire Family Tree Maker Software"**, This article might be useful re FTM closing <http://blog.eogn.com/2015/12/08/ancestry-to-retire-family-tree-maker-software/> Dick Eastman December 8, 2015

>**Findmypast has announced that it is to stop charging subscriber's extra money to access the 1939 Register.** Wednesday 20 January I am sure most of you will already know by now that it has been announced that the record set will be soon included as part of Britain and World subscriptions from Tuesday 16 February. The news coincided with their announcement that on the same day of the switchover, it will also be increasing the price of subscriptions by 20 per cent. After this date, the cost of a new Britain membership will rise to £119.95, with those taking out a World membership required to pay £155.95.

However, they have promised that it is not only freezing subscription rates for existing members when they next renew, but they will also receive a 10 per cent loyalty discount. Swings and roundabouts then but the goal posts are changing aren't they. This article from WDYTYR might help you make decisions for this coming year.

>" Genealogy subscription sites: what's hot for 2016" By Editor, 26 January 2016 - 2:44pm

<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/genealogy-subscription-sites-2016> Some timely comparisons

***12 Part "How to" Genealogy Series. Build your Family Tree** from Familytree.com

https://uk.pinterest.com/familytreecom/12-part-how-to-genealogy-series-build-your-family-/?utm_campaign=homefeednewpins&e t=634a9c01b574430cad993b539ecb8b64&utm_medium=2025&utm_source=31&utm_content=383861636928362381 Some useful tips here, I think originating from My Heritage, but now more Anglicised.

***GenealogyInTime Magazine** [http://www.genealogyintime.com/genealogy-](http://www.genealogyintime.com/genealogy-news.html?awt_l=6R3yQ&awt_m=Jr3cwYwbdwk.Vy)

[news.html?awt_l=6R3yQ&awt_m=Jr3cwYwbdwk.Vy](http://www.genealogyintime.com/genealogy-news.html?awt_l=6R3yQ&awt_m=Jr3cwYwbdwk.Vy) This is another free e-newsletter coming out about every two weeks. Canadian based but containing helpful worldwide updates I find it very useful and with quite refreshing comments at times.

***The British GENES blog** <http://britishgenes.blogspot.co.uk/> and another with a more Celtic bias.

"Top stories concerning British Isles ancestral research from Irish born Scottish based professional family historian, author and tutor Chris Paton.

***From Bolton Libraries Online Information Resources "We subscribe so you don't have to!"**

Did you know we have a host of online resources available? - FREE, 24/7 access to electronic databases at home, work or at your local library? All you need is your eight-digit library borrower number. How do I access them? It's easy - go to the **Online Information Resources** page on our website:

<http://www.boltonlams.co.uk/ask-bolton-libraries/online-information-resources> . From this link you can access:

British Newspaper Archives, Encyclopaedia Britannica , Oxford Reference - including, Oxford Art, Music, DNB, Dictionaries and Also available within Bolton Libraries Ancestry Library Edition , Find My Past

If you have any questions about the above contact: Ask Bolton Libraries 01204 332853 or askboltonlibraries@bolton.gov.uk Also

***Computer Help in the History Centre** Every Thu, 10am - 11am and 11am - 12noon. Book an hour's session with our computer mentors on the basics of using computers to help search your family history. To book call 01204 332185.

***Don't Let Those Memories Fade! How to Scan Old Photos with Your Phone**

http://dustyoldthing.com/scan-old-photos/?utm_source=dot-dot&utm_medium=social-fb&utm_term=011616&utm_content=link&utm_campaign=scan-old-photos&origin=dot_dot_social_fb_link_scan-old-photos_011616 "Thankfully as our mobile phones have become more powerful and advanced, so to have their cameras. This means that you can now use your

PHONE to take a picture of your old photos — which is the same thing as scanning!". A brilliant idea, plus of course if using a white paper background as suggested you can label the picture at the same time.

***How to use search like a pro: 10 tips and tricks for Google and beyond**

Searching with regular sentences will only get you so far - if you need to find something a bit tricky turn to these advanced yet simple methods

<http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2016/jan/15/how-to-use-search-like-a-pro-10-tips-and-tricks-for-google-and-beyond>

****4 Tips to Organize your Genealogy today"** January 22, 2016 Family Tree University

http://view.familytreecommunity.com/?j=fec41c7176640d7b&m=fe9d15737567067574&ls=fd61574766d067474107875&l=fed015717663047e&s=fe211675746c017f7c1c76&jb=ff67177474&ju=fe6a1776776404787616&utm_source=course&utm_campaign=ftu-cors-vlw-160118&utm_content=813096_FTU160120&utm_medium=email&r=0 This is an introduction to one of the new

courses they are offering. I rather liked it. "There are different ways of organizing your physical files and ephemera, or perhaps, like me, you do a combination of both online and physical records-keeping. Below, excerpted from the workshop, are four (4) approaches to organizing your physical files into folders. " and

"8 Habits of Highly Organized Genealogists" Posted by Diane Tuesday, January 19,

2016 http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2016/01/19/8HabitsOfHighlyOrganizedGenealogists.aspx?utm_source=source=newsletter&utm_campaign=campaign=sft-dha-nl-160121&utm_content=814249_FTI160121&utm_medium=email What I like about the

following eight getting-organized principles (which have come from Family Tree Magazine



contributors and readers over the years) is that you can apply them with the tools and techniques that are right for you.

The National Archives "Changes to our record copying service" Monday 4 January

2016 <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/changes-to-our-record-copying-service/> "On 2 February 2016 we will launch a new record copying service, integrating the service into our online catalogue, Discovery, with revised costs and clearer guidance on how to order

WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES



STOP PRESS Bolton FHS Central Library Family History Workshops Saturdays starting at 10.00 a.m.

6th February Parish Records What are they, where to find them and how you can use them to further your research

20th 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

5th March The Parish Chest How to go about accessing the documents associated with the Parish Chest, including affiliation/bastardy orders

19th March Pre-1858 probate Most researchers will find wills relating to their ancestors. How to use them to further your research.

2nd April What next? Further sources to be used by advanced researchers

Cost: £25 (including refreshments)

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THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records

UKBMD Summary

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

NB Did you realise This includes Lancs BMD plus links to many other sources such as other counties with similar free BMD databases

UKBMD - <http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/> Births, Marriages, Deaths and Censuses on the Internet

I recently tried to order a Bolton birth certificate and found the access was now diverted via this site and actually now includes **all county sites where online ordering is available**.

This was the Bolton link once I had the reference number.

<https://www.payments.bolton.gov.uk/Sales/EnterSaleFormDetails.aspx> . Cost £10.

UKGDL - <http://www.ukgdl.org.uk/> Genealogical Directories and Lists on the Internet and

UKMFH - <http://www.ukmfh.org.uk/> Military Family History on the Internet



Lancashire Parish Clerk <http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/> and just left click on the "What's new" tab on the left



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***Volunteers Wanted and other MLFHS Updates**

MLFHS, including the Bolton and Oldham branches, is constantly engaged in a wide series of Projects to preserve and publish original source material to assist its members, and others, with their researches. Many of our members, as well some non-members, already contribute time and skills to initiate, develop and bring projects to a successful conclusion. Many more archives of material are coming to hand and the Society is considering new projects all the time but it is dependent on having competent volunteers. Most of our members will be familiar with the skills needed because they are often the same skills as required for their family researches - transcription, data checking, editing and typing. More and more the familiarity with computers, scanners and digital photography are usable skills. Training and guidance are always available from the Project Leaders.

If you are interested in making a contribution to the Society by helping with a project, you can see a list of current projects at <http://www.mlfhs.org.uk/projects> and there you can contact the MLFHS Project Leader. If you want to contact the Bolton Project Leader send your details to boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk and Graham will contact you, asap, and provide details of what can be done for Bolton.

NB Please also note the new MLFHS Shop Link <http://www.mlfhs-shop.co.uk/> which enables much easier ordering of our more specialized books online.



*** Saturday 20th February 2016, "Memories and Memory" , The MLFHS AngloScots branch (meeting at Manchester Central Library)**

<http://www.anglo-scots.mlfhs.org.uk/#Meetings>

Their next meeting will be a presentation by Anne Reid of Speaking Lives (not the actress). Anne runs a company that records Oral Histories and will be speaking about how it is done. They anticipate this will be of interest to more than just their specialised group and so extra space has been booked. However, they must show they can attract sufficient numbers so booking is essential. Accepting that travelling to Manchester on a Saturday afternoon can have problems, alternatives to the train or Radcliffe Metro are driving to Prestwich for the Metro. There is a free shuttle bus from Victoria and Piccadilly that goes past Central library, every 10 minutes. Please use the Eventbrite link on the Society website <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mlfhs-anglo-scottish-branch-meeting-memories-and-memory-tickets-.19510528516?aff=ebrowse>

***Saturday March 12th 2016, "Researching Catholic Family History (including using Internet Sources)" 11.00 a.m. to 4.0pm a Conference organised by Catholic Family History Society (North West Region).**

It will take place at the Salford Diocesan Archives, St Augustine's, Grosvenor Square, M15 6BW. and will be led by Dr Brenda Hustler, an excellent speaker who is also coming to us again in September. Cost for the day: £12.00 including lunch and all refreshments (payable in advance). To book, please contact Mrs Diana Henaghan, 15 Maveen Court, Edmonton Road, Woodsmoor, Stockport SK2 7BG or dmhenaghan@gmail.com - before February 28th 2016. Cheques to be made payable to: CFHS North West.



*** "A 1938 guide to 1838 Bolton"** , Bolton News, Gayle McBain feature writer

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/14200373.A_1938_guide_to_Bolton/ In 1938 the, then, Bolton Evening News, published a very interesting article chronicling the centenary of Bolton Corporation

with an imaginative "guide" used to take readers on an imagined tour of the town centre in 1838. The article appeared in the paper on October 11, 1938 and explains that it was "one hundred years ago today that Bolton was granted a charter of incorporation". --- it then goes on to explain the background to the incorporation "when a group of men met at the house of Mr John Dean in Silverwell Street and drew up the requisition for a public meeting as the first step towards securing a charter of incorporation. "Fascinating reading

***St Peter's, Halliwell** <http://www.stpetersparish.info/parish/burialsmenu.asp?m=1> **Introduction to the Graveyard** , Copyright © 2014 St Peter's Parish. All Rights Reserved. registered charity 1138035 How to do a Burial Search, Begin a Burial Search , Detailed Graveyard Location Plans , 2012 Churchyard Monuments

***People to pay tribute to 198 men, women and children buried in paupers' graves at special ceremony**

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/bolton/14242265.People_to_pay_tribute_to_198_men_women_and_children_buried_in_paupers_graves_at_special_ceremony/?ref=rss&utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook

***Bolton Municipal / Higher Grade School (or St Catherines Academy as we now know it) WW1 Memorial Board**



Some will remember how we were involved with the original research commenced last year looking into the background of the names on these newly retrieved Memorial Boards. The story was told in our February 2015 edition http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/pdf/Genie_2015_02.pdf (we are still

needing someone to assist here by listing and indexing the contents of each of our old newsletters for occasions like this, if anybody has the time and energy). We have now received a progress report and they are hoping for some more help, having already identified quite a few ex-students. There are now two kinds of groups which still need further research

Group A any further information of any kind will be gratefully received for the following 2nd Lt Robert Taylor, 1st Gloucesters Regt, "killed in action" and awarded a Belgian medal according to the school journal???

Gunner Alan Ward Royal Engineers KIA 1918

Pt John Whalley LNL???

Pt Richard Whitefield 6th Manchester Regt died 1917

Group B these names are on the board but no more is known about them:-

H Shufflebottom, A Blackledge, J W Benson, A Corbett, J Edge, J R Hampson, A Harrop, G € Hunt, J Hutchins, E J McDowell, G A Roberts, H B Scowcroft, J H Vickers.

If you know of a family that lived in the area and whose son might have attended the school at this time please could you contact Aileen McDonald on ron.mcd70@yahoo.co.uk . She will be most grateful.

Inventors, a steeplejack and an unfortunate lion tamer - 6 of Bolton's most interesting burials Thursday 4 February 2016

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/14251152.Inventors_a_steeplejack_and_an_unfortunate_lion_tamer_6_of_Bolton_s_most_interesting_burials/?ref=mr&lp=16

***Lancashire History Website and Blog** <http://lancashirepast.com/>

"This website is all about historical places you can visit in Lancashire and North West England. It was started in September 2013. It is one of a number of sites written by two brothers, A & R Bowden. Each of us takes a lead on one of the websites, and this one is

mainly written by Adrian. The main focus is Lancashire, including the modern counties of Greater Manchester and Merseyside. Sites bordering on Cumbria, West Yorkshire and Cheshire will also be covered." Some fascinating pictures and history on here. Enjoy! (Thanks to Brenda Hall for passing it on)

***GENUKI or UK and Ireland Genealogy** <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng> This is a well-established, free "Brit" resource and has maybe been taken for granted and overlooked lately in favour of the more fashionable set ups. I had a dabble today though and was amazed at how it has and is changing. Well worth a catch up for anywhere in the British Isles <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/LAN/> with separate sites for each county

***Mike Leigh to make movie of Peterloo massacre in Manchester** @catherineshoard
Friday 17 April 2015 09.45 BST <http://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/apr/17/mike-leigh-to-make-movie-of-peterloo-massacre> Peterloo, due to start shooting in 2017, is a drama about the infamous 1819 Manchester massacre, which killed an estimated 18 protesters and injured up to 700.

"There has never been a feature film about the Peterloo massacre," said Leigh. "Apart from the universal political significance of this historic event, the story has a particular personal resonance for me, as a native of Manchester and Salford."

The massacre occurred when government troops - including local yeomanry - charged a crowd of around 60,000 people gathered in St Peter's Field in Manchester to demand the reform of parliamentary representation.


****Findmypast and sister site Mocavo Come Together"** Dick Eastman January 18, 2016

<http://blog.eogn.com/2016/01/18/findmypast-and-sister-site-mocavo-come-together/> How nice to see a British site making inroads into an American one. I might continue my world subscription if this is happening.

***New Family Tree Maker Options** http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2016/02/02/good-news-for-users-of-family-tree-maker/?c=1&sid=ik9j2bmq4800qybk01mcm&netid=cj&o_xid=0006154581&o_lid=0006154581&o_sch=Affiliate+External

They make it sound as though they are doing us a favour on this one. The jury is out and we knew they would come up with something. Plenty of comments available so I will say no more .

**** "Independent.ie" State archives to get €8m revamp in time for 'decade of centenaries'**

Jane O'Faherty Published 20/01/2016 | 02:30 <http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/easter-rising/state-archives-to-get-8m-revamp-in-time-for-decade-of-centenaries-34380581.html> Some four million State files are set to have a new home as part of a new €8m redevelopment of the National Archives of Ireland
 **Ulster Historical Foundation** <http://www.ancestryireland.com/> Search over 2 million records incl. birth, death & marriages (BMD), census records, street directories and more + 50% sale off until February 14th

SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

***How to: Findmypast's Parish Records** <https://blog.findmypast.com/how-to-findmypasts-parish-records-1522803536.html>



***UK, Police Gazettes, 1812-1902, 1921-1927**

<http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=60861> "This collection contains printed publications used for communication between members of the police force in the United Kingdom between 1812 and 1927 (with gaps in coverage). It contains information on wanted criminals, crimes committed, criminals who

had been apprehended, and missing persons" --- new bragging rights ???(this is my gt granddad)

***Family Pride "The meaning behind Shield patterns on Coats of Arms"** June 3, 2011 by <http://www.family-pride.org/the-meaning-behind-shield-patterns-on-coats-of-arms/> This seems to be an American website but quite interesting.

***Irish Genealogy Toolkit** - <http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/> Your free and independent guide to finding your Irish ancestors. They claim "You'll find all the information and contacts you need to help you to discover your heritage in Ireland. Whether you are just starting out on your family history search or you've already made some headway on your journey,"

***IrishGraveyards.ie** <http://www.irishgraveyards.ie/locations.html> The homepage of Irish Graveyard Surveyors. This site claims to provide the facility to search a number of Irish graveyards to locate a specific grave or simply to browse through a graveyard or number of graveyards.



***Online database of fallen British and Irish railwaymen from WWI**

Posted on January 11, 2016 by Gail Dever <http://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=12699> "The National Railway Museum in York, England announced it has launched its online, searchable database of fallen railway workers from the First World War. More than 20,000 English, Scottish, Welsh, and Irish railwaymen lost their lives during WWI, and this unique database sheds light on how the war affected the railways and their employees who served in the military. One railway in England lost more than 1,300 men. Another lost 1,200."

***Rationing in Schools & Manchester Library** Posted on January 5, 2016 by frandp1993

<https://manchesterarchiveplus.wordpress.com/2016/01/05/rationing-in-schools-manchester-library/> Establishments hotels, restaurants, tea shops and other public houses obviously could not adopt rationing in the same way normal households could. A 1939 leaflet entitled Preliminary Statement For The Guidance Of Catering Establishments by the Ministry of Food outlined the steps that had to be taken by a 'responsible head' in order to get an organisation classed as a catering establishment.

http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/how-victorian-water-engineers-put-10769535#ICID=sharebar_facebook

***'Time capsule' of Georgian coins found stashed in Blackburn cemetery: Treasure was unearthed alongside 800 child skeletons from the Industrial Revolution** Read more:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3415858/Time-capsule-Georgian-coins-stashed-Blackburn-cemetery-Treasure-unearthed-alongside-800-child-skeletons-Industrial-Revolution.html#ixzz3yMlr+ZDw> By Sarah Griffiths for MailOnline Published: 17:13, 25 January 2016

Skeletons of 800 children are among the remains of 2,000 bodies discovered on the site of a new road in Blackburn that was once St Peter's Burial Ground. The remains are buried in some 400 graves and the find sheds light on the poverty of people who toiled in the Lancashire city's 'dark satanic mills' during the Industrial Revolution.

***English Heritage "8 things you didn't know about 1066"** [http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/1066-and-the-norman-conquest/8-facts-about-](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/1066-and-the-norman-conquest/8-facts-about-1066/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Social&utm_content=1066_8_things0601&utm_campaign=Battle_Hastings)

[1066/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Social&utm_content=1066_8_things0601&utm_campaign=Battle_Hastings](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/1066-and-the-norman-conquest/8-facts-about-1066/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Social&utm_content=1066_8_things0601&utm_campaign=Battle_Hastings) As well as it being the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings fought 14th October 1066, there were two other important battles fought for the English throne the same year---

*** "Need advice on flood-damaged documents?" University of York Borthwick Institute for Archives** <https://www.york.ac.uk/borthwick/news/2015/flood-advice/#.VpPLcBANpng.facebook> Posted on 8

January 2016. "Following severe flooding in York and surrounding areas, we have put together the following guidance to help flood-hit residents and businesses recover important documents, photographs and books"

*Language Resources and Handwriting Helps FamilySearch can help you understand those hard-to-read records. <https://familysearch.org/indexing/help/handwriting?cid=fb-lidx-4280#/lang=en&title=Alphabet%20>

*The Ryerson Index to death notices and obituaries in Australian newspapers <http://www.ryersonindex.org/> The Ryerson Index is a free index to death notices appearing in Australian newspapers. The date range covered extends from the Sydney Gazette of 1803 up to newspapers published within the last week or so. The Index also includes many funeral notices, and some probate notices and obituaries



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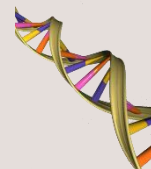
*Federation Of Family History Societies Newsletter <http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/?u=de0e864aeab489858df93c75f&id=ccfd8d1f3e> Welcome to our first

FFHS Newsletter of 2016! Hope this isn't more competition. Actually quite interesting.

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MISCELLANEOUS

*The Allen DNA Project <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/allan/about/background> is partnering with the Allen Guild of One Name Studies in an exciting new Research Endeavour. The Allen DNA Project is a USA based group, but is very interested in expanding membership to a world-wide audience by actively seeking out Allens from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Mainland Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or anywhere else on the planet. Additionally, any spelling variation of the Allen surname is welcome: Allan, Allyn, Allin, etc.



To this point, FREE yDNA 37 marker tests will be made available to any males carrying the Allen surname and residing outside the United States who are willing to join the project and participate in the testing. The only requirement for a free yDNA test is a known Allen/Allan (any spelling) lineage to at least the participant's Great Grandfather Allen/Allan (any spelling) in any country. Additionally, The Allen DNA Project is setting aside a specific Sub-group within the Project with a full commitment of assistance from Allen Project Co-Administrator Dr. Eric Allen who will be overseeing this specific International Sub-group.

Guild of One Name Studies: <https://d.docs.live.net/bf8bc7edd0f4290c/Genies/2016FebBoltonGenie.docx>

Allen DNA Project: <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/allan/about/background>

* Participants wanted for 2nd series of BBC Family Finders

<http://www.sog.org.uk/news/article/participants-wanted-for-2nd-series-of-bbc-family-finders> BBC1 documentary series "Family Finders is looking to hear from genealogists who have successfully tracked down people who had lost touch with loved ones. --- We're also looking for people who have already been reunited and are meeting up again with their newly found family..."

*The Kingfisher Trail <http://www.lancswt.org.uk/kingfisher-trail> . For those who do not know this has become the posh name for the 11 mile "recreational route which connects the rural West Pennine Moors to the urban communities of Bolton, Bury and Salford". We in Bolton are particularly concerned with the Bolton arm of the walk, much of which is based on the Croal Irwell valley and our section of the Manchester Bolton and Bury canal and there is now funding available for more research.

http://www.walkjogrun.net/routes/current_route.cfm?rid=0A7EA089-DB0D-D374-BC65D2176BD2C1D2 . A recent



meeting was held inviting "interested parties", when development plans were discussed, and at last, amongst other ideas, they are hoping to find out more about the social and family history of the workers involved with the Bolton section of the canal and valley. We in this society are now looking for anyone who can contribute memories, anecdotes etc with a view to looking at the families who were involved in the canals construction and everyday use, and maybe taking some oral history. Who were they? What were their working conditions? How did they live? Are there any descendants in the area? If you can help in any way, please email on the Genies address boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk and I will pass it on. Work has started researching many relevant documents held at Bolton History Centre but not yet catalogued.

***Historic Rivington Gardens saved by £3.4 million National Lottery grant**

Steven Thompson, news editor / 00:03 Thursday 14 January 2016

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/bolton/14202468.Historic_Rivington_Gardens_saved_by_3_4_million_National_Lottery_grant/?ref=eb A beautiful and historic terraced garden has been saved for future

generations to enjoy - thanks to a £3.4m National Lottery grant

***Bolton Whites Hotel, Travelodge and Last Drop Village given 'top rated status' by**

LateRooms.com Andrew Bardsley, reporter / Monday 18 January 2016

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/14211106.Three_Bolton_hotels_given_top_rated_status_by_travel_website/

***Bolton - Lancashire - A Quick Tour** <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=a3qqBslQApo&feature=share>

Just in case you are planning to visit Bolton for any research.

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MEMBERS COMMENTS, QUERIES, and MEMORIES

***Lost Pubs Of Bolton Over 250 of the closed pubs of Bolton. Lost but not forgotten**

<http://lostpubsofbolton.blogspot.co.uk/2014/09/bay-horse-scotch-vaults-37-deansgate.html> . How many

memories does this stir then? I am too young of course .

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OTHER LOCAL SOCIETY'S 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, **23rd February The Life and Times of Samuel Crompton -Donna Hughes**

***Turton Local History Society**



Normally all events are on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm except for December, All start at Longsight Church Centre at Harwood, BL2 3HX. .

This month's event **February 24th, Restoration of Bolton Tram 66 David Lloyd.**

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 months events **18 February Visit to the Bethel, Park Road 3 March Smithills Hall and Gardens**

- **Elaine Taylor MA** 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 **February 9th ~ Elaine Taylor Thomas Mawson Parks, Promenades & Gardens**. With lots more on offer please consult their web site at http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk/pages/meetings_events.html



***Historical Association Bolton Branch** http://www.history.org.uk/resources/he_resource_1098_17.html



Meetings are routinely held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Girls' Division Great Hall at Bolton School. For more information contact .Secretary Jenni Hyde 01772 93033 or boltonhistory@aim.com

And to give you a taster of other local history societies out of area but close by

***The Ramsbottom Heritage Society** is based in Ramsbottom, Bury,

<http://www.ramsbottomheritage.org.uk/meetings.html> **Wednesday February 17th** An illustrated talk by John Armstrong from the Milestone society on the fascinating history of milestones and other historic waymarkers, boundary markers and fingerposts, and the various threats they face. Abbreviations - what do the following stand for?

***The Atherton Heritage Society** <http://www.atherton.towntalk.co.uk/events/d/7687/atherton-heritage-society> is held at St Richards Hall, Mayfield Street, Atherton on the **2nd Tuesday of every month**. For further information telephone Margaret Hodge on 01942 884893. On February 9th they have a talk by Mrs Williams about Elizabeth Gaskell.

***The Belmont Local History Society** is to meet 2 monthly at the "Belmont Bull" at 8pm. On February 8th they have a talk by Elizabeth Asden about her memories of growing up in the village. Contact thomascarrbwfc@hotmail.co.uk or ring Julie on 07522789015

Please note. We are happy to publicise these events but details should be provided in digital form, preferably emailed to Boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk . In time for publication at the beginning of each month. Otherwise it is very time consuming and impractical



Some of you who use Face Book may have already noticed that one of their groups has kindly agreed to allow us to advertise our activities on there.

"Bolton Lancashire Bygone Days", <https://www.facebook.com/groups/517526678298639/> already have quite a few members who are interested in local family history so it seemed sensible to use their facilities and they have made us very welcome. The **MLFHS Group** <https://www.facebook.com/Manchester-and-Lancashire-Family-History-Society-178699762214467/?ref=ts&fref=ts> will of course continue to be the main official outlet so I would encourage the use of that. This will just be for local information.

And now finally the answers for our Bolton **Genies 2015 Christmas Genealogy Quiz** . You may have noticed we are a little short of space this month so please look under Misc/Meeting Handouts at www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/Handouts.php

Total 41 points