



# Bolton's Genies



## The Monthly Newsletter of the Bolton Family History

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## June 2018

Picture shows Worsley new New Hall, an Elizabethan Gothic style building designed by the architect Edward Blore (1787-1879). Work began on the foundations for the building in 1839 and in April 1840 the 1st stone was laid. By the time Lord Francis Egerton was elevated to the Peerage in 1846 as the 1st Earl of Ellesmere, the building was complete. The New Hall at Worsley was to replace the second made of brick and built in the 1760s as the official residence of the 3rd Duke of Bridgewater. <https://goo.gl/9ehSjj> , and the first wooden Tudor Great Hall.



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**Graham Holt**

**Chairman, Bolton Family History Society**

And welcome all to our June newsletter. We do hope you have read and taken note of the above message from Graham. We need to delete our current mailing list as soon as the notice of our new newsletter has been sent out, so please follow the above link to renew your subscription.

**We will have no means of contacting you again unless you have done this.  
(and we don't want to lose you)**

Otherwise it has been a quiet month I think. Here in Bolton and area we have lurched into apparently the warmest May on record, after the Beast from the East moved on. A magnificent Royal wedding did wonders for the tourist trade, two Bank Holiday weekends, Half Term week off for many, and mass family get aways and get togethers. Plenty of opportunities to catch up on, and/or explore family stories. So here is news of more plans.

## **OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- **Where?**

**Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Brow, Chorley Old Road BL1 5SU. Buses 519&125 <https://goo.gl/TH5zYC>. All MLFHS members free. £3.00 to non-members unless joining on the night.**

- **When?**

**7pm beverages available for 7.30pm start, on the first Wednesday of each month, except December and January. Extras include a Help Desk for personal research, Stationery Table for discounted equipment, and recycle service for your used family history magazines, books etc.**



## **RECENT AND COMING EVENTS**

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May Browsholme Hall**



A visit to Browsholme Hall (pronounced "brewsum") was arranged by Carole Wright and Pat Greenhalgh in response to several suggestions from interested members. The Hall is the oldest house in Lancashire still occupied by the same family. <https://goo.gl/xwpkTN> It is therefore not opened as a matter of course but can take pre-arranged tours of 20+ people.

We were welcomed with coffee, tea and delicious home-made biscuits in the newly refurbished tithe barn which is a popular venue for weddings/functions etc. and were walked the short distance up to the Hall itself. It is a magnificent sight in magnificent countryside. The Parker family had been in the area many years before the present house was built, being descended from Peter de Alcantotes who held the Manor of Colne in the mid 13th century. They were park-keepers of Radholme Laund, one of two great deer-parks in the Forest of Bowland. Records of the Parker family date from 1380 when the family had a lease on land at Browsholme. There was no doubt some sort of dwelling on the present site, before the present house was built in 1507. Linda Sawley, a well-known author was our guide for the day. She warned it might be cold in the Hall but as the weather was very kind, we didn't need to wrap up too much. She told us of alterations and additions to the original house before venturing inside, into the Hall, the earliest part of the house. Linda pointed out the many fascinating artefacts displayed in the Hall, commenting that the family clearly kept everything "in case it came in useful". We then progressed into the Library,



again stuffed with interesting family possessions. We were particularly taken with a lovely portrait of Elizabeth Lee who married into the Parker family and heard about her diaries outlining her not altogether happy life. Linda recommended a book "The Gentleman's Daughter" by Amanda Vickery in which Elizabeth is featured, along with other interesting women.

And then on to the beautiful Drawing Room, the Dining Room, the Ante Room and Stairs, the upstairs Oak Drawing Room, Yellow Room and so on.

The current family are Robert Parker, Amanda his wife (a High Sherriff of Lancashire) and their son and daughter.

Thanks to Rita Greenwood for writing this up whilst my hand has been incapacitated. Unfortunately we were not allowed to take photos inside, but each item had a historical tale to tell and Linda amazed us with her detailed accounts. A recommended visit for anyone who has interests in family history and the preservation of our yesteryears.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June BFHS Monthly Meeting. Talk by Dr Michael Nevell, from the University of Salford About " Archaeology Investigations at Worsley New Hall 2011 to 2014, and then 2018"s, ( with a glimpse at the families who lived and worked there, and the renovation of the gardens to RHS status**

<https://goo.gl/3zCTtC> )." <https://goo.gl/9ehSjj>

Well after several teasing glimpses from the media about this exciting plan, at last we had Mike come to tell us about the background to this ambitious project and the progress so far.

He started off by explaining the philosophy behind the comparatively recent creation of the Archaeology facility at Salford University

<https://goo.gl/qLA4DP>, their aims being to work on local projects with the involvement of the public. In this case in 2010/2011 Peel Holdings,

(having acquired the property, and yes he got the vibes ☺), had asked his team to make a "Heritage Site Assessment" prior to their proposed development of same maybe into a golf club, hotel complex, race course or similar, (does this ring bells for Boltonians???) . They were not expecting much to come of this, but apparently it is part of their routine to do this. Mike added that to be fair, they had already started positively by recovering the kitchen garden area back to the main estate, having bought it back from the descendants of a head gardener who had once worked on the land, and developed it into a garden centre.

The first mission was to try to locate landmark features in the old garden area such as walls, structures, drainage, and water supply, This was to progress in three phases. Initially desk based looking at old plans, building surveys, then trial excavations. The second phase was to look at what remained of the house and gardens. The house had been demolished by a firm from Bolton in the late 1940s but it was discovered they had only gone to ground level so there were plenty of footings below there to explore. Local volunteers got involved, enjoying the hands on experience under the teams supervision. There have actually been three Halls over the years. The first wooden version dating from Tudor times in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> C similar to our local Smithills Hall, and it could actually boast having a "Mediaeval Great Hall" <https://goo.gl/hqX8wr> a particular archaeological feature. Subsequently however in the late 18<sup>th</sup>C the 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Bridgewater had ownership, and, having made his fortune building the Bridgewater canal and reaping the rewards of transporting coal from the mines to Manchester, he wanted to demonstrate his wealthy status by building a second hall in brick in the Georgian style, similar to Tatton Park. This was the first Worsley New Hall. In later years in the 1830s the property was taken over by a distant nephew, Francis Egerton who continued to make his fortune with the local industry, served with Wellington, gaining high social status and was now in the class of "nouveau riche". Similarly to his uncle in wishing to display evidence of his wealth, (he did not own any land at this point), he commissioned a new, New Hall completed in the mid 1840s. This design was in the fashionable Gothic style, with a boating lake and terraced gardens for upper class leisure, and a vast kitchen garden and greenhouse for exotic fruits which





were home grown and providing self sufficient sustenance. No money was spared to obtain the latest technology and Edward Blore was the man in charge, fitting this in with various Royal commissions <https://goo.gl/1pxZTk> . Many of the plans are still available to inspect at the Victoria and Albert museum in London, showing comments from Francis which reflect his active involvement in most aspects of the design. Peter Clare was the first head gardener there shown in the 1841 census <https://goo.gl/Hg1SQk> and his house is one of the few remaining buildings still there and occupied . <https://goo.gl/DzvHqw> . In the 1870s there were 12 undergardeners fully employed. The sophisticated boiler house provided underfloor heating for the house and greenhouses and is still being explored. An icehouse provided a degree of refrigeration rare at that time. Queen Victoria and other dignitaries were regular guests. During WW1 it was used as a hospital. The family visited less often and staff were laid off. Sadly , times continued to change. The high demand and income from the north wests coal mines and heavy industry disappeared in the 1920s and 30s. The maintenance of the house and gardens was allowed to lapse. A head gardener in the 1920s was told not to submit any more costly projections. During WW2 the War Department used the building and cellars as air raid shelters, but the house was demolished in 1947 by a Bolton company. In 1951 a “top secret” cold war bunker was built nearby, but fortunately never needed. <https://goo.gl/e7Pqj6> . The site was later used by the Royal Navy, a gun club and various other organisations but is now empty.

Locals however are known to have many memories of exploring the grounds since then, albeit some “unofficially”. Many will have memories of scouting in Middlewood and these activities are known to have “saved” some of the original stonework for use in their campsite. Further excavation by Mikes team has discovered more interesting structures inside the house , including a double basement with tunnels between the two suggesting possible central heating by air, as yet unconfirmed but interesting. Peel Holdings had by now concluded that their hopes of a leisure base of some sort would not be appropriate, and the RHS took an interest to the point that they offered to make it their fifth garden with an arrangement of a very long lease of many hundreds of years.

Visiting a few weeks ago I took the opportunity to see how the head gardeners cottage looks now, and see



the clearance of roots around the boiler house and installation of the pigs for more “natural “ clearance. Emboldened by all this Mike and his team are now launching their third phase of the project by trying to explore the social history of the area and obtain anecdotal evidence of community involvement in the area. Today June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am they are launching their desk at Worsley library inviting stories from anyone with any memories of the scout camp or anything else related to the estate however insignificant it might seem. Did your family have any involvement. Please call 0161 794 8750 to find out when they are there again, or email [Boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:Boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk) and we will pass the query on.

We have already asked Mike to visit us again next year. He plans his next “dig” on the Hulton Estate in August. Fingers crossed for what he might find there, and participants are invited.

**23rd June 2018, 10:00-16:30 York Racecourse, The Family History Show, York** <https://goo.gl/SYSN2r>

The MLFHS are represented, but if any of you are hoping to go and would like or can offer a lift, please let us know and maybe we can help each other .

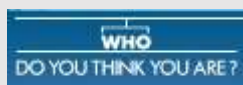
**Wednesday 4th July, 7.30pm, David Tilsley, archivist, at the Lancashire Archives** will talk about **“Using Manorial Records for Family History Research”**. You may recall some of our members have heard this talk as part of the series being given at Preston County Record Office on Fridays. This one was so good that we have managed to persuade David to come and give a similar one with a Bolton flavour.



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October Terracotta Warriors in Liverpool** <https://goo.gl/WQ3NiA>

We are proposing a trip here courtesy of Greyways coaches who have plenty of experience with this trip. The plan will be to meet in Bolton town centre at 9.30am, arriving at Liverpool museum in time for a booked tour to see the warriors. There is a café available for lunch afterwards depending on individual plans, and free time for further exploration until the coach leaves Liverpool at 4pm. The cost will be approximately £26 to cover tickets and transport on a 33 seater coach. Please contact [boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk) to confirm interest and money will be required to confirm a seat at our next meeting on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **GENIE’S TIPS for**



**How to find a Gateway Ancestor in your tree** <https://goo.gl/qtFn8T> **Who Do You Think You Are?** By Jon Bauckham, 25 November 2016

*“Henry I fathered over 20 children, possibly as many as 29 – some the fruit of marriage, but many more born to mistresses. Edward III and his wife Philippa had 14 children together, while Charles II acknowledged 14 illegitimate offspring.*

*Their descendants have multiplied with each new generation, watering down the blue blood over the course of hundreds of years. Little wonder, then, that it is estimated that millions of us now have royal blood, even if it’s just a smidge.*

*The key is to find a ‘gateway ancestor’ in your family tree –“---*

**Evaluating Evidence in Your Genealogy Research** <https://goo.gl/hrTPfx>

Posted on May 10, 2018 Amy Johnson Crow blog”

*“If you’ve been doing genealogy for any length of time, you’ve probably heard the advice that you need to evaluate evidence, but what does that really mean? How does that fit into our genealogy research? Let’s see what it really means to evaluate evidence”---*

**Our Criminal Ancestors** <https://goo.gl/t81Z67>

*This website aims to provide a useful starting point for anyone looking to explore their criminal ancestry, providing handy tips, advice and insights on the history of crime, policing and punishment as well as case studies, blogs to help in your own research. Please join in. We are looking for stories and events from between roughly 1700 and 1939 (lots of records are subject to closure of between 75-100 years). Tell us (and each other) about crime history in your local area or your family history – we are interested in stories ‘big’ and ‘small’ – perhaps your ancestors was a police officer, prison warder or a witness to a crime, they may have been an offender or a victim – using crime history records can reveal some fascinating stories but also important contextual information about our social history”*

Some excellent tips in this website and I might even be able to contribute myself.



## Marriage Sources | Family Tree Live | Ideas and Resources <https://goo.gl/H3KTTk> May 2018 Edition of the Federation of Family History Societies Newsletter

Some very useful information here for those starting research or others appreciating a refresher, plus more helpful links.



### Do You Know What a GEDCOM is? <https://goo.gl/XDPB6e>

*"The acronym for GENEalogical Data COMMunications. GEDCOM is a data structure created by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for storing and exchanging genealogical information so that many different computer programs can use it. It is identified by the file type ".ged".---*

### 1939 England and Wales Register

Now that Ancestry <https://goo.gl/7RmHoY> (Transcript and original image) and also My Heritage <https://goo.gl/wR7q3A> (Transcript only) are also providing access to the above, there is of course renewed interest in this resource, but just a few words of warning. As always it is advisable to check the original copy rather than just a transcript. There are also other subtle differences it seems. Findmypast <https://goo.gl/m1h8M3> (Transcript and ongoing updated image from the original National Archives copy since their launch last year, whereas Ancestry is apparently still only offering the original. It is also being reported that living people are being shown on the Ancestry version which has of course breached the 100 year rule.

## WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES



### 18 June 2018 Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree <https://goo.gl/up2YTm> Future Learn, The University of Strathclyde is doing another run of the popular free 6 week course.

*Develop an understanding of genealogy – how to research your family tree and communicate the results – in this free online course.*

### Fraturdays, 29th June, 6th July, 13th July and 20th July 10am to 12md Intermediate Family History Workshops at Harwood Library 12 Hough Fold Way, Bolton BL2 3HN

Due to popular demand the BFHS has been asked to provide this new extra course, under the tutorage of Rita Greenwood and Barbara Owen. All enquiries please to [bolton@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:bolton@mlfhs.org.uk), places to be booked at Harwood Library on **01204 332340**. Fees of £20 for the course of four sessions to be taken at the first meeting.



## 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



Lancashire Archives News and Events <https://goo.gl/H8UexE> for their latest newsletter and more



## The MLFHS Website, and what it can offer you

- The first batch of **Creed Registers** have been added to the **Bolton Collection in the Members Area of the MLFHS** website. There are about 17,000 entries in various parts of the pipeline and more to follow.
- Also by the same route that there is a database of the **unwanted BMD's** that members have given to the society.

Access procedure is Sign in to the membership area <https://goo.gl/Hm9Vgc> , sign in, follow the link to the Member Area Main Menu, scroll down to the Bolton section for the Creed register, or Miscellaneous , General documents selection for the certificates in Birth, Marriage, Death and Burial



### **Three Lancashire Museums to Reopen** <https://goo.gl/Sn4NAA> by Lancashirepast Posted on May 18, 2018

*“Good news at last on the fate of three of the four remaining closed Lancashire Museums. Lancashire County Council has announced that Helmshore Textile Mills, Queen Street Mill in Burnley and Judges’ Lodgings in Lancaster will open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from April through to October. This will continue for two years until 2020 while talks are ongoing with unnamed cultural organisations, with a view to the running of the buildings and their collections being taken over from the council. The unnamed organisations could be museum trusts, or historical charities.”*

### **The Smithills Hall Story exhibition** <https://goo.gl/QAT1qB> *“This fantastic new exhibition tells the story of*



*Smithills Hall through the ages and the people who lived and worked there. Smithills Hall has been the centre of local life for over 700 years. The new exhibition spaces have been put together with the help of The Friends of Smithills Hall. The exhibition will introduce you to some of the powerful families who owned the house and estate over the centuries, but also the lives of the servants who worked behind the scenes. Come along and see the new addition to the hall.*

*Free admission”.*

Just to say I really recommend this for a rainy day occupation with the kids or grandkids. We took our 8 year old there over Half Term and he really enjoyed it as it complemented what he had just done at school. The opportunity for hands on inspection of everyday items of yesteryear, and the treasure trail to find particular objects in each room were a real bonus, and a pleasure to watch.



Well done Margaret Koppens and team.

**South Lancashire Regiment Prisoners Of War 1914-1918** <https://goo.gl/kwWxbX> Findmypast *Discover your South Lancashire Regiment ancestor in this index of prisoners of war from 1914 to 1918. This collection has been obtained through Warrington Museum & Art Gallery. Additional information about these records can be found on the source’s website.*

**“Get in touch if you have memories of working in Bolton's hospitals”** <https://goo.gl/4pHWxX> **Bolton News** 30<sup>th</sup> May Gayle McBain *“WHEN the NHS celebrates 70 years of service this summer it will be a special occasion recognised by many. There will still be Looking Back readers who can remember a time before the NHS — a time when getting health care was not only costly but for many impossible” ---*



## SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES



**How will GDPR impact historical records?** <https://goo.gl/U8t4P3> **Free UK Genealogy** accessed 28.05.18 Lots of questions at the moment and see our BFHS notice above. I hope this might help some.

*“The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on the 25th of May 2018. Designed to augment existing Data Protection rules, the principles as set out in Article 5 show clear requirements that all personal data held by anyone must be stringently and transparently collected, stored, processed and preserved or removed, and will result in heavy fines for breaches and failure to comply.*

*Genealogy services that store and process data are having to review and strengthen their procedures; for example WikiTree are removing DNA test information on living non-members. Family historians may understandably have questions about what the GDPR means for genealogical research... will we still be able to order birth, marriage and death certificates for living people?”*



**Tools for DNA and Genealogy Research** <https://goo.gl/njHL8h>

This of course is the company that has generated a lot of debate recently due to its use in identifying the culprit of an outstanding murder enquiry in the USA, and the ethical questions raised by this. This is what they say their aims are:-

*“GEDmatch provides DNA and genealogical analysis tools for amateur and professional researchers and genealogists. Most tools are free, but we do provide some premium tools for users who wish to help support us with contributions. You will need to upload DNA and / or genealogical (GEDCOM) data to make use of the tools here. Registration requires your name, email and a password of your choice;”*

and this was their status on 28.05.18 :-

*“May 26, 2018 We are still working to hide GEDCOM entries for Living individuals, as required by GDPR. Until we complete this effort, you will likely see many entries hidden”.*

Oh what a can of worms the GDPR has identified, but maybe for our own good.



**Bastardy Bonds & Documents (Parish & Poor Law)** <https://goo.gl/UPMwDN> **Genguide**

A good explanation here of the different sources and documents that can assist further research

*“Records generated from a number of documents relating to the issue of illegitimacy and bastardy cases mostly trying to determine the name of the bastard child’s father. A child born to unmarried parents was considered by law to be illegitimate. The range of documents, mostly deposited in the parish chest, include the Bastardy Examination, Bastardy Warrants And Summons, Bastardy Order, Maintenance Order and the Bastardy Bond.*



**Scotland, Paternity Decrees 1750-1922** <https://goo.gl/UKyefA> **Findmypast**

*“Did your ancestor appear in the Scottish Sheriff Court to determine a child’s paternity? Use these decrees to discover your illegitimate ancestor and break through your genealogy brick walls”*

**Scottish Indexes** <https://goo.gl/eUp2fa>

*“The aim of this website is to help you trace your Scottish family tree and find out more about the lives of your ancestors by helping you access historic documents that are here in Scotland”.*



**South Africa Online Genealogy Records** <https://goo.gl/2z1SY8> **Familysearch**

*Guide to South Africa Online Genealogy Records for researching ancestry, family history and genealogy: birth, marriage, death, census, church, military, immigration, and naturalization records. This was just a quick “dip in” to chase a lead up but I was very impressed by how these databases have changed, with good links to other resources. Highly recommended .*





## Royal Voluntary Service Archive and Heritage Collection Online Catalogue

<https://goo.gl/Usqva8>

Many of us more senior readers will remember the ladies in the smart green uniforms who always seem to be there in their supportive role in any community crisis, initially from the Home Front in WW2. This dedicated service has provided us with 80 years of records offering an insight into comparatively “recent” yesteryear. Now of course the men are also involved, and we might know their faces better, from the “Meet and Greeters”, ward shopping trolleys, and cafes at the local hospitals, and in some areas meals on wheels for the housebound. They are always there giving a bit of comfort though. Maybe you have a relative mentioned?. Have you any photographs even that you could share please? This one is not from Bolton but I couldn’t find any local ones.



*“This fully searchable catalogue contains listings, many with preview images of a selection of historical material housed in our Archive & Heritage Collection. It is also the gateway to our digital, downloadable version of all 419 issues of the WVS/WRVS Bulletin from 1939-1974 and the 84,000 pages of the WVS Narrative Reports 1938-1945.”*



## Populations Past –Atlas of Victorian and Edwardian Population <https://goo.gl/u11ZcT>

*“This website allows users to create and view maps of different demographic measures and related socio-economic indicators every 10 years between 1851 and 1911. These include fertility, childhood mortality, marriage, migration status, household compositions, age-structure, occupational status and population density.”*



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Follow Ups From Previous Talks

Well we know a lot of you enjoyed **Jackie Depelles talk in April**, in which she suggested alternative ways of recording our family history. One of our members was inspired by this and decided to “bite the bullet”, “take the plunge”, and go for it. Of course there was still some inevitable preamble to all this though, and I asked her to provide us with a diary of how she went about it. She has been good enough to share this, and we are hopeful of hearing more soon. In the meantime here is how she prepared for the project.

### Writing diary by Linda Frew

- March 2018 Wrote an article on Margaret Walton my 3 times great grandmother.. Submitted it to Manchester Genealogist but not happy with stilted style and clumsy references but enjoyed the process.
- April 2018 Went to talk on turning family history into narrative by Jackie Depelle . Inspired.

Bought the book ‘Writing your Family History’ by Gill Blanchard.

Declared my intention to write a narrative on Facebook. Jane Milne asked me to write a diary about it.

Bought a new notebook and a laptop. Expensive!

Make a list of research to do and gaps to fill.

Consider decisions – What kind of story? Tense? Tone? 1st person or 3rd?

Read ‘The Great Filth’ by Stephen Halliday about Victorian disease and death. Discovered that Thomas Lodge’s ( my 3 times great father and author of an article on the treatment of typhus) theories on cold water treatments were less outlandish than I thought.



Read 'The History of Preston in Lancashire' online. Good info on Preston House of Correction" where Jackson Walton my 4 times great grandfather and his son-in-law Thomas Lodge were surgeons. Read a book on scrapbooking and got side-tracked collecting things about my parents' wedding. Some lovely original horseshoes and wedding cards.

Got 3 books My ancestor was ..... a bastard, an agricultural labourer and in service. Building up quite a library.

Coming to the conclusion the Jackson Walton merits his own section. Or should I put in an appendix on the House of Correction?

Realising I'm working on 3 different stories. Must focus.

My cousin I have not seen for decades contacts me. This gives me the impetus to get down to writing and also to look out stuff on her father (who died very young) that my mother collected.

Learned how to scan documents directly from my laptop. That should help.

Finished 'making it interesting' and 'nitty gritty' chapters in Writing your family history. Wrestling with options of footnotes, citations, references, indexes, copyright etc

Looking at the 'bastard' book I couldn't find out much about attitudes to illegitimacy but got a summary of legislation.

Went to a bastard talk. Main takeaway was the economic drive to stigmatise illegitimacy to absolve Parish of responsibility. Not applicable since Louise was an annuitant.

Decided to focus on Margaret Lodge my illegitimate great, great grandmother.

Started writing. Deleted . Rewrote. Inserted a couple of pictures.

Decided to include parentage of Margaret. Looked back on research. Gleaned the putative father's father, the plasterer, was also a farmer. Sent off for will. Always in search of source of the annuity That Margaret's mother was in receipt of.

- May 2018 Found a link between the Smiths and Batesons going back 2 generations.

Sent for William Bateson's will. It wasn't very enlightening.

Received Thomas Smith's will. He was adamant only his 'lawful' grandchildren could inherit from him. Does this indicate that he had illegitimate descendants or was this commonplace. Must ask the family history group.

Found Thomas Smiths house up for sale for £1.5 million. Cinema, bar, swimming pool, gun room. Very nice.

Found a description of one of the plasterers work – Stoneyhurst and Townley Hall.

Procrastinated long enough.

Write,edit,rewrite. Give to husband to proof read. Correct.Send.Fingers crossed.

### **COMMENTS, QUERIES, and MEMORIES)**

**"Rounders, A Popular Game" by Ron Horsley. Thanks to Halliwell Local History Society website**

<https://goo.gl/6XjWq8>

Anyone living in or around Bolton in the 1930s and the 1940s knew, or was related to, someone who worked in the cotton industry.

The mill owners made sure that they got full value for money from their employees, but in many cases they provided recreational or sporting facilities for the workers to enjoy in their free time. The playing of sports was encouraged, teams and competitions received sponsorship, and some of the larger concerns provided playing fields for cricket, football, tennis, and bowls.

I particularly recall Knowles's splendid pavilion and playing fields between Church Road and Moss Bank Way, Tootal Broadhurst and Lee's complex at Higher Swan Lane, Eagley Mills' facilities in the village of the same name, and those of Barlow and Jones' at Sharples Park



One of the popular sports played around the district was Rounders. . (Photo shows Rounders teams from Tootals and Eagley Mills competing in the final of the Chadwick Cup at Heaton Cricket Club ground. Date unknown. Thanks to Bolton Council ). Children played the game at school and in the streets, but when boys were older they considered it a game for girls, and it was teams of young women who played for the town's many rounders teams. Teams represented churches, businesses, and sports clubs, but the majority were sponsored by the cotton mills which provided their teams with sports kit and equipment, eager to acquire the kudos and beneficial publicity that came with a winning team.

League titles and cup competitions were fiercely contested, and the matches attracted considerable followings. At some of the more popular venues, like Holy Harbour, hundreds of spectators came to watch. On sports fields and on cricket grounds the matches were played on grass but many of the other open spaces, which were often pieces of 'waste ground', like 'Lymefields' on Chorley New Road, and the playground at Hatfield Road, and many others, the playing surface was of compacted earth, shale, or cinders.

The teams with generous sponsorship came to the field resplendent in colourful playing kits, at school the girls had worn black or navy-blue gym-slips, but those provided for the leading teams were red, blue, green, or gold, and their supporters wore their colours proudly.

Players made their names in the game; some of the bowlers, or 'pitchers', were considered almost 'unplayable', and those batters with a 'good eye for a ball' would regularly hit the ball to the boundary, or craftily turn their bat as the ball came to them and slice it behind them to surprise fielders and make for easier runs. Some of the games referees also made names for themselves, those respected and considered to be 'good' and 'fair' being in great demand for the top matches and cup finals.

By Ron Horsley

Further to this article I have also found this

**Origins of Bolton rounders game sought by university** 30 June 2011 <https://goo.gl/dPkzQT>  
telling of

*University of Bolton researcher Dr Peter Swain came across a picture of pioneers of the game while researching the 20th Century pastimes of the town.*

*Taken in 1914, it shows girls from Tonge Fold Council School who later formed the town's first league in 1918.*

*Dr Swain said it would be great to "put names to faces" because of their importance to the game.*

*As opposed to the standard national game, Bolton rounders uses a smaller, wider bat and a soft ball, which can be thrown at players between bases.*

*It also uses a different scoring system and has larger teams, with 11 rather than nine players to each side.*

*Dr Swain said that it was adapted from the national game around 1911 and "proved immensely popular with girls and women in the town".*

**"Bolton women's rounders sport enjoys a 120-year tradition rooted in the mills"** <https://goo.gl/aea8yS> Bolton News Gayle McBain  
25th May 2015

*"ROUNDERS in Bolton has a long history going back around 120 years to when it began as "the mill girls' tennis---"*



## OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS



### **Halliwell Local History Society** <http://goo.gl/8erYyr>

Email [margaretk@talktalk.net](mailto:margaretk@talktalk.net) .Meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at

7.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Chorley Old Road, BL1 3BE opposite Shepherd Cross St, Bolton,  
26th June 'Bonnie Prince Charlie & the Manchester Rebels' – dramatic events in 1745 when Manchester was occupied by the Rebel Jacobite Army – John Doughty.



### **Turton Local History Society** <https://goo.gl/adx4GM>

The old Urban District of Turton, includes the ancient Townships of Bradshaw, Edgworth, Entwistle, Harwood, Longworth, Quarlton and Turton. Illustrated talks and meetings are held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Longsight Church

Centre, Harwood BL2 3HX beginning at 7.30pm. This next month's event  
27 June - The Jolly Brows & Wildlife Trust: Guided Walk (Steve Cartwright)

### **Westhoughton Local History Group** – <http://goo.gl/XNugl5>

Meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, between 10am and 12md in the room above Westhoughton Library, Market St, Westhoughton, BL5 3AU.

7 June VISIT to Astley Hall for Afternoon Tea : cost £14

21 June Liverpool's two contrasting cathedrals : Malcolm Tranter



### **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

June 12th 2018 AGM PLUS On The Go Theatre Co & Heritage Quiz

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