



Bolton's Genies



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Bolton Family History Society is a branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society



Picture shows a steam powered galloper powered by a steam engine invented by Boltonian Thomas Bradshaw. See more details below.

Well hello again to all as we enjoy the colours and aromas of autumn, say goodbye to the heat of summer, and wonder what this winter is going to bring us. We hope we have a few ideas for you to keep the energy levels flowing.

Some of our **courses have started, and more planned**, just follow this link if you are still interested but have not yet booked anything, <http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/Workshops.php>. If these arrangements don't suit, please share your difficulties and maybe we can adapt.

Please note we also now have a dedicated **email address as above for our Help Desk Team** lead by Margaret and Colin Calderbank, mainly for those who can't attend the regular Help Sessions. These are of course on the first Saturday of each month at Bolton Central Library, or at our monthly meetings.

Arrangements are also being finalised as I write for our **Open Day on Saturday November 3rd** <https://tinyurl.com/y9pbv2aj>. I am sure you will agree that this is a golden opportunity to inspect the newly refurbished museum, as well as grabbing the chance for expert advice and hearing our quality speakers Peter Higginbotham and Steve Gill for free.



Susan is now also now **selling tickets for our Christmas party** (Quiz, short fun talk about more Christmas traditions by Linda Sawley, pie and peas supper, and raffle), on Wednesday, November 28th, at £4.50 for members, and £8 for none members (yes two meetings in one month but the room is not available in December). The tickets are available via Sue Boddy at our next meeting, on Wednesday November 3rd, or please email our secretary if you cant make that. Closing date Monday November 19th.

Lastly may I add that our **Facebook page continues to grow** and we now have 145 people "liking" us from 105 at the end of July, and 154 actually "following" us compared to 112 in July. The news and informative articles that Jeanette sends out daily are interesting in themselves, but also as things stand, this is the only method we have to send out urgent messages and keep you informed.

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 TRIPS AND COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 3rd October “Headstones and How to get the Most Out of Them” by John Smith , master stonemason of Crosby Memorials, Liverpool <http://www.crosbymemorials.co.uk/>

Well what an amazing talk this was, I hope you will all agree. John admitted as he started that he was quite nervous about the new experience of talking to a group like us, having only spoken to other professionals before. It must have been quite daunting having to stand up and talk to 80+ people, and trying to keep a headset on without it falling off, despite the assurances that we are very friendly. He didn't need to worry though. And we were all soon entranced, He started off by telling us about the National Association of Letter Carvers

<https://tinyurl.com/y7noo3rf> of which he is obviously one of the most prominent and certainly nearest member.

This is sadly a “dying trade” with technology taking over from the hand crafts as it does. He first listed , and showed a short video of, some examples that his profession had contributed to in the area, such as town and village memorials which were requested by them to create a focus to remember their war dead, and Liverpool's Williamson Tunnels <https://tinyurl.com/3xhxhmn> . Here various unemployed had learned the basics of the trade in the early 1800s thus passing the skills on to some new students. The type of stone used tends to reflect what is available locally, so granite may be used in Cornwall, and Scotland, whilst sand stone , Portland stone, and marble, and Yorkshire stone is used elsewhere. This also might depend on the architect or craftsmans personal preference though, and the sort of finish that they are looking for. When considering memorials of course, the object has always been to record the existence and service of each person for as long as possible, and for the benefit of future generations.

The traditional methods of cutting are by measuring out and planning each letter, then making a V shaped incision with a hammer and chisel so that the shadow created in the indentation can help the legibility of the letter. Some stone is easier to cut than others though, and granite leaves a courser finish than sandstone, usually needing raised lead insertions to make the letter legible, compared to sandstone where strips of lead are inserted and levelled off with gentle pummelling. As the letter is cut in , pin holes are made to secure the lead strips later. Lead is used because it is dark, resistant to weather damage and malleable. Italian marble is one of the preferred stones to work with and easily carved but expensive . The black lettering on white marble is considered one of the most effective finishes .

Many memorials were built after WW1 to give families a local focus who had lost loved ones overseas, and they have now deteriorated and need skilled renovation. This may involve removing the stone temporarily and recutting and / or regilding the lettering . Granite stones which need raised lead letters in a groove, might need the groove surface resanding to smooth down the coarser stone, and this surface and lettering can be sealed with a coat of specialist paint because it is granite. Marble shows the dirt quicker and, with weathering, the minerals in the stone come to the surface giving it a sugary effect. This raises the letters to the surface because of the erosion. The stone grooves can be re indented to put new lead in. If the damage



is too far gone to read but the words are known, the old lead can be removed, a process of clay washing can then be done where the letters are traced and recarved and leaded. A similar process can be done on sandstone , and John showed us a short video recording to demonstrate these skills.

He next told us about the National Association of Monumental Masons (as above), which is now the umbrella organization having absorbed the Letter Carvers. The NAMM was created 12.03.1907 to coordinate and establish standards and quality control amongst the many family , father to son , businesses . In the 1950s Craftex awards were introduced <https://tinyurl.com/y9kzpynr> to establish and maintain and display standards. John then went on to discuss the artistry of designs and pictures found on many headstones where the mason has been given a free hand. Some told stories, such as hands across a wall separating a married couple from different denominational grave yards. Others included humorous or philosophical epitaphs , possibly prepared by the deceased . Modern tools made of diamond and tungsten are now offering more refined cutting , similar to that seen on some glassware. Some new painting methods can offer a 3D effect. Training methods have also changed. John studied for 5 years with a master mason , before going freelance and talked of 500.000 letters in his career. It was about 10 years before he felt brave enough to use a steel hammer as opposed to a vulcanised mallet. Now new technology is replacing much of this. He recommended a granite stone using a process of tungsten chiselling and raised lead writing tapped in with a (champagne) cork, as lasting up to 2-300 years .

His last remarks were about **cleaning and safety**. The dirt that appears on the surface of stone is due to the minerals in the stone, coming to the surface with weathering. Do NOT use bleach to clean, as this reacts with lead and gives a rusty effect which soaks irretrievably into the stone . It may be tried in an unobtrusive spot if there is no lead present. Generally speaking a bucket of soapy water and gentle scrubbing is safe for most stonework, but it is still recommended to try an unobtrusive corner first. A proprietry applications called “Wet and Forget “ <https://www.wetandforget.co.uk/>, is a product made in New Zealand 30 years ago, which is apparently applied and then left to take action over the following months, with rainfall assist. Chalking on slate may assist deciphering sometimes.

He also gave **warnings** that wreaths left on stones often rust and cause permanent damage to stonework, also that most headstones are supported in the vertical position by **dowelling**, and apparently **25 -30% of these in graveyards and cemeteries are now dangerous**, as the dowelling may have broken. Many headstones that had kerb stones also supporting them, have had them removed by the Parks Dept for cutting the grass etc. Ivy etc can be just cut off at the stem and gently removed. Safety pointers from the Ministry of Justice “Managing the safety of Burial Ground Memorials Practical advice for dealing with unstable memorials” <https://tinyurl.com/yd72nvv4> are that since 1970 all headstones are required to be lower and to sit on a base, and since 2001 health and safety regulations require steel anchor dowelling.

Questions from the floor later confirmed that some masons have left their mark identify their work on both headstones and monuments or buildings, and if trying to research a mason from the past it is recommended to investigate which major project was being built at the time, as they tended to recruit the best skills the area, and their records should be helpful. Liverpool Cathedral is a recent example.

John and his wife were allowed to finally leave about 9.30 after what must have been a gruelling , but for us very productive evening . We are very grateful. Thank you John



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DO NOT FORGET

Wednesday October 10th Terracotta Army Visit and

Monday November 12th Christchurch Walmsley Visit

Details in last months Genie http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/newsletter/Genie_2018_09.pdf

Wednesday 3rd November “Protestation Oaths -What Were They, and What Can They Tell Us Now?” by Tony Foster MA Projects coordinator of LFHHS .

This is how Tony has introduced his talk for us. “ *The 1642 Protestation Oath returns are the closest thing we have to an early 17th century census but they only list men aged 18 and over. However, is this true for the Lancashire returns? According to Jeremy Gibson (of the Gibson Guides <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Gibson>), the Lancashire returns are the most interesting ones he has seen. Why? In the talk Tony will explain how the returns can be of use even if you have not got back to the 1640s”.*

NB, did you know there are two spools of film in the Bolton Archives containing approximately 100 images of the original Salford Hundred Protestation Returns? See here for what a Hundred was <https://tinyurl.com/yapbjgus> , and here <https://tinyurl.com/ycdgw68k> for maps showing the 11 Parishes of the Salford Hundred. These spools were obtained from the House of Lords library, by Ron Smith →, one of the founder members of Bolton FHS? Don't ask how, but he just seems to have had a happy knack of acquiring Bolton related books and documents when nobody else was very interested in them.



When his family needed to clear his house due to his deteriorating health, it was found to be a veritable Aladdins cave of historical treasures . Members of BFHS were asked to check items and found these films. The collection has since been given to the Bolton History Centre, so now Bolton Archives have the films which are in near perfect condition. Graham Holt our Chairman, took it upon himself to inspect the reels of film (freely available for public research), and on wading his way through the pages found the Bolton St Peter Parish Return. This is one page from the film. →



Bolton Library permitted Graham to make a digital copy of the images. Fortunately we also have member Gaynor Cox, already actively transcribing for us in other areas, and she agreed to work on this. The finished transcription is now available on the MLFHS website in the Members area. Following this find, Graham then realised that there must be a separate one for Deane St Marys Parish. He found it and Gaynor has since transcribed this one as well , and it is now also available in the members area of the MLFHS website).

GENIE'S TIPS for October

Downloadable handouts from some of my family history talks. <https://tinyurl.com/ybv6mh4g> Celia Heritage Family History

Graham, our Chairman, found this website whilst surfing the net and passed it on to me for distribution. What a shame that this very well qualified lady lives near Folkstone, so visiting us would not be practicable, (although she does have her own northern heritage it seems). I have however, been in touch with her and she is more than happy for us to use her notes from her talks, on all of these subjects below. Rather than copying and pasting them into the this newsletter which would take a lot of space up, we do recommend you read them in your own time following the links. They are easy to digest, and full of useful hints and information.



- Exploring your parish church (June 2018)
- How Accurate is the GRO Index & Locating Missing Entries (June 2018)
- 19th century migration within the UK (April 2018)
- Tracing your ancestors through death records (April 2018)
- I've lost my ancestor before 1837 (March 2018) <https://outlook.live.com/owa/?path=/attachmentlightbox>

It seems only fair to add that she does run a variety of e-courses, available by this link <https://tinyurl.com/yc4t8zhj>

Local BMD Project Online Tutorials - Basic Introduction <https://tinyurl.com/yadhvvy4>

Some You Tube advice from Ian Hartas whose name I am sure, many of you are familiar with. His "Linked in" profile is "Webmaster / Developer / Data Processing Manager, Local BMD Project, August 2000 – Present 18 years 2 months Education . The Local BMD Project is a joint development between various family history societies and their local Register Offices, with the aim of placing online the indexes to their Birth, Marriage and Death registers so that family historians may search them online. I created the software and databases used in these websites and currently maintain and develop these websites for 11 regions of the country. Links to these websites can be found on the UKBMD website at <https://www.UKBMD.org.uk/localbmd> and details of the project at <http://www.LocalBMD.org.uk/> " We do have a talk booked about all this next year, but in the meantime this might help some of you.



Some Software Update Reminders that

Genealogy Discounts <https://tinyurl.com/y9r4rebF> is always worth checking for the up to date offers of most subscription sites and

Family Tree Maker You just get used to something and then they tweak again don't they. Just in case you have missed this and use FTM. Getting ready for update 23.2. It looks like all systems (and weather) are "go" for releasing FTM 2017 version 23.2. To get ready, you should just compact your trees and make full manual backups (with media). Here's the link if you need instructions: <https://tinyurl.com/y8sq87r3>

WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES

For Bolton FHS current and planned workshops please click here <http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/Workshops.php>

THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records

UKBMD Summary <http://goo.gl/I29JpI>



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

When Bank Street in Bolton town centre was a hotbed of non-conformism

<https://tinyurl.com/y8erkret> **Bolton News** By Andy Scoble 12th September. An interesting article with some good pictures , particularly for those not ;living nearby. ?Plans are afoot!!!





“Church of Ireland parish registers to be digitised “ <https://tinyurl.com/y9pdlqwd> 10 September 2018 Posted

by Claire Santry, **Irish Genealogy News**

“Absolutely huge news! The Minister for Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan TD, has announced a capital grant of up to €100,000 for the digitisation of Church of Ireland Parish Registers under the cultural Digitisation Scheme. These register records, some dating back to the early 1600’s, are held by the Representative Church Body (RCB) Library in Churchtown, Dublin ---.”

“Huge historical archive of mail from captured ships to go online” <https://tinyurl.com/yajqxq4m> Caroline Davies Wed 5 Sep 2018 **The Guardian**

“An archive of thousands of undelivered personal letters from all over the world, seized from ships captured during Britain’s naval wars over three centuries, are to be digitised in a project offering an intimate glimpse into people’s lives. The letters, found in mailbags, with many bearing wax seals and some still unopened, have so far yielded personal accounts, some heart-rending, and journals, sheet music, drawings, poems and a packet of 200-year-old seeds from South Africa.---”

SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

“Findmypast warns users that records will only be available with subscription from 1 October” By Rosemary Collins, 30 August 2018

Family history website Findmypast issued an email to lapsed subscribers warning that their previously viewed records will only be accessible with a valid subscription. The change means that family historians with Findmypast accounts will need to be active subscribers to the website to view records stored in their 'My records' section, including those who accessed the site via a free trial or free access promotion or whose subscriptions have lapsed.



Death on My Doorstep <https://tinyurl.com/y9cpehty>

I understand this is a fairly new (amateurs)website, but it is causing a stir amongst family history researchers all over the country . The owner has been researching newspaper reports of all manner of gruesome fatalities in Victorian and Edwardian England. He started in Linconshire, moved over to Yorkshire, and now offers Lancashire records. Not for eating and digesting with your tea, but perhaps a name will jump out at you. This is the Greater Manchester section with almost 200 entries on it.

Spanish flu: 'We didn't know who we'd lose next' <https://tinyurl.com/yavyaky2> By Jennifer Meierhans & Daniel Wainwright
BBC News 20 September 2018 Hannah Mawdsley, who is researching the documents at the Imperial War Museum, describes the letters as a "precious window into the human experience of the pandemic", which killed more than 250,000 people in Britain and as many as 100 million globally. *“A quarter of the British population fell ill with Spanish flu at some point during the pandemic and about 228,000 people died, according to the Wellcome Library. ---Recent research suggest the influenza may have started in the United States as early as 1916, and was brought over by US forces coming to fight in World War One the following year”*. I must admit since reading this account , I have revised my ideas of why so many family pictures from that period show quite haggard looking individuals. The population must have already been at low levels of nutrition due to the war rationing, but then to be hit by this bug must have been the last straw. What some may not know as well, is a little snippet that I recalled from a talk one of our regular speakers Tony Foster, gave us a few years ago when he spoke about “ In flew Enza” - aka the said Spanish Flu epidemc. I contacted him to check the details and he confirmed that Lloyd George had succumbed to the flu whilst visiting Manchester and receiving the freedom of the city. It was kept quiet because of morale and it was still wartime. He was nursed in Manchester Town Hall for 10 days before being transferred back to



Lloyd George catches the flu

London in a taxi. (<https://tinyurl.com/ydzb4bpp> The Observer Mark Honigsbaum Sun 9 Sep 2018). Apparently due to his several headache traffic around the Town Hall was stopped!!! How times change.



Scottish Burial Traditions <https://tinyurl.com/ybto4jpr> **The GENES Blog (GNealogy News and Events)** Tuesday, 4 September 2018

"This is another article written a few years ago for the now dearly departed Discover my Past Scotland magazine, this time from July 2011 - enjoy!

Chris Paton describes the final journey to the afterlife in older times..."As much as with baptisms and marriages, Scottish funerals were surrounded heavily by tradition in the past.

Today we tend to think of death as a private affair, and the subsequent funeral or cremation the occasion where close friends and family can say goodbye. In the past however, the death of a person in a parish was a much more public occasion, providing nothing short of a holiday for many.---"

Welcome to the SCAN online catalogue <https://tinyurl.com/ydbvxxqq> **Scottish Archive Network Limited, c/o National Records of Scotland** This is an ongoing project it seems so keep checking. *"The SCAN online catalogue is an electronic database, describing historical records in more than fifty Scottish archives. Please use the menu options above to search or browse through the catalogue. You can contact the archive(s) concerned to find out more about the records and how to get access to them.*



Guernsey and Jersey Family History <https://tinyurl.com/y8qgwcgt> **The Priaulx Library collections**



Two of the beautiful Channel Islands . Personally I would much rather do a personal visit here to the record office but if you cant, maybe this is next best. *"Guernsey's foremost centre for family history and genealogical research and holds research files for hundreds of local families. You'll be surprised at what you can find!"*

The Free UK Genealogy 2018 conference

This was held at The National Archives, Kew on 15th September. The main focus was to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of FreeBMD, as well as the project coming to the end of the 'first keying' of records.

We were pleased to have so many of our volunteers and family history enthusiasts join us for a lovely afternoon of speakers, and cake!

In the first part of the meeting, FreeUKGEN trustees Graham Hart and Alexandra Eveleigh spoke about FreeBMD: Past, Present and Future, and Crowdsourcing respectively. Part two saw Audrey Collins of The National Archives give a presentation on the General Register Office's (GRO) Records, and Else Churchill from the Society of Genealogists speaking on the subject of Birth, Marriage and Death: Beyond the GRO Registers.

You can view them, along with the speakers' presentations on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/y8roxvhq>

Sanitation, Sand & Shells The War Diary of Alfred M. Cockburn 2nd London Sanitary Company, Royal Army Medical Corps , The Museum of Military Medicine

"---Historians at Bishop Grosseteste University (Lincoln) engaged volunteers in the process of historical research, exploring the personal journey of a corporal who served in the areas of military hygiene and sanitation during the First World War. The exhibition and project would not have been possible without the discovery of the diary and the willingness of the diarist's grand-daughter to share such a valuable historical document---"

What a fascinating account of how some of the hidden heroes of WW1

contributed to the essentials of the day to day management of all aspects of hygiene on the front line.

Pictures show a typical War Diaries Collection.



The Gazette as a source for naval and military biography <https://tinyurl.com/y7cbpymt>



“Michael Hargreave Mawson explains how you can build a picture of an individual using The Gazette.

It could start with a medal, an old letter or family photograph – or even a family tradition. You may have little more to go on than a name, regiment or ship. But if you are interested in researching the life of someone who served in the Royal Navy or the British Army during the 19th century, you will want to consult The London Gazette.”---

MISCELLANEOUS

The Cheshire Lines Real Ale Trail <https://tinyurl.com/yahl2xk5>

Well if the kids are back at school and you have a bit of “Me Time” again why not try this for a day out. Apart from the obvious gastro attractions of this day out, the route would seem to be a quite pleasant exploration of how our ancestors might have travelled to Liverpool from 1872 onwards, and includes some very interesting and renovated railway stations apparently at Deansgate, Irlam (lovely café and local history museum), and Urmston. We visited it this week and can highly recommend it. Maybe a even a day out for us all when the trains are sorted out?

Did You Know This ? A Bolton sons invention of the Steam Fair by Denis McCann

Facebook Administrator “Ancient Bolton - Pre 1800's Bolton”. <https://tinyurl.com/y8x9b79v> posted

11.09.18 For me, hailing from Hull, a part of the country that has had, what is now the largest traditional travelling fair in Europe, coming the first week in October for the last 700 + years, this story is so nostalgic I couldn't resist Denis' timely article. I appreciate Bolton has its own New Year Fair but folk often have other things on their minds at that time of the year .

“I finally found the proof of another 'lost' Bolton 'First' - 'we' invented the steam fairground- so the abolition fairs have special significance. The patent for the steam powered rides such as gallopers or flying boats is shown →. It describes the principle others followed with a steam engine and a central flue driving the ride. Thomas Bradshaw was the very first who opened on the old Pot Market in Bolton on New Year's Day in 1861. The boiler for the engine was constructed at Pollit's Boiler Yard in Lever Street, Bolton, while the engine was the work of Messrs Rogerson and Brimelow of Deansgate. Bradshaw made the horses himself, and patented his idea as shown in the documents in 1863.

I have actually spent more hours than I care to admit, trying to find out more about this said Thomas Bradshaw with no definite result, so if anyone can enlighten me more I would love to share it. There are at least two millwrights of this name in the 1861 census living in the Bolton area , and born about 1838, and coming from parents of the same profession. who seem to be the most likely candidates . I fully sympathise with anyone researching the Bradshaw name, it is a minefield. If anyone can enlighten us about his family and background though, I think many would like to hear it please. Looking at the newspapers of the time, steam was obviously the new “in thing” with new uses being dreamed up almost weekly. Inventions such as steam clocks and time pieces, threshing machines, pattern makers, and saws are being patented, not to mention the now well established railway engines. What an exciting (and dangerous) time it must have been.

What were the abolition fairs? <https://tinyurl.com/y7jzd846>

The law was changed in 1871 with the introduction of the fairs act to allow land owners and local authorities to abolish fairs, provided that it was uncontested. The running of fairs and the enjoyment of the people raised opposition to the abolition's. Hence Abolition fairs. The spoilsports law stated, Whereas



certain of the fairs held in England and Wales are unnecessary, are the cause of grievous immorality, and are very injurious to the inhabitants of the towns in which such fairs are held, and it is therefore expedient to make provision to facilitate the abolition of such fairs: the Secretary of State would on suitable application make an order to abolish the fair.

The Viking Origins Of The Red Hair Gene <http://thedockyards.com/red-hair/> **The Dockyards June 24, 2016**

An interesting article if you have found Scandinavian DNA in your results. Mine seem to be Swedish so I don't know where they came from, maybe before the big bridge was built?

"For some time there has been quite a debate among scholars regarding the origins of the red hair gene. According to some, the gene for red hair is inherent to the Celts, while others claim it to be a genetic trait specific to the Norsemen, being brought to the British Isles during the Viking Age. There is also a third category of historians and scientists who agree on a common Celto-Germanic genetic trait, rather than a separate origin for the gene".---

MEMBERS COMMENTS, QUERIES, and MEMORIES)

"Remembering Resistance" <https://tinyurl.com/yd5zkw6d> developed by Sarah Marsden and Chris Boyko lecturers at **Lancaster University**.

"In 1918, after decades of protest, all men and some women got the vote. To mark the centenary of this milestone in women's rights, this Heritage Lottery Fund supported project will catalogue, celebrate, and engage the public in women's efforts to bring about political change.

The project involves a series of activities, all of which we would love you to be involved with.

At the moment we're inviting (nominations of) women, who have been involved in protest in the North of England over the last few decades to tell their stories".

OTHER LOCAL and MLFHS SOCIETY'S EVENTS

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



Email margaretk@talktalk.net .Meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Chorley Old Road, BL1 3BE opposite Shepherd Cross St, Bolton,
30th October 'Art and the Lancashire Country House' – Alan Crosby

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



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

24 Oct - Manchester's Underground Canal (Phil Broughton)

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.

8 November Anniversary Lunch at Olympus Grill

10 November Opening of exhibition : Westhoughton in the Wake of World War 1

11 November Events commemorating centenary of the end of World War 1. See below.

15 November Westhoughton after the Great War : On the Go Theatre Group

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.

November 13th 2018 Steve Williams - The Road To Armistice

Open Days, are held most months on Saturdays between 10am --- 1pm



MLFHS October Events at

Manchester Central Library All to be booked via this link <https://tinyurl.com/ycw5qlwb>

***Friday 12 October 1.00pm 3pm WW1 Research Workshop**

Researching your Ancestors who served in The Great War. To commemorate the end of World War One we have organised a special hands-on workshop to enable you to research your military ancestor. There will be a Powerpoint Presentation by Frank Harrop of MLFHS followed by hands-on Personal Research (with assistance if required). Attendees will receive an information pack and a copy of the DVD The First World War : Life on the Home Front in North West England. You will need to bring as much information as you have about your ancestor and be able to use a computer. Meet on the third floor of the library, at the bank of computers by the lift, at 1pm. There is a charge of £3 for this workshop.

***Wednesday 17 October 10.30am: MLFHS Quarterly Meeting**

10.30 am The History of Urmston & District Speaker: Michael Billington

Local historian and teacher, Michael, has written a book on the history of Urmston, Flixton and Davyhulme. Urmston in the middle ages was mostly farmland, and incorporated the village of Flixton. Davyhulme was a hamlet in the parish of Barton-on-Irwell.

12.00 pm Lunch

1.00 pm Margaret Ashton 1856-1937 Speaker: Alison Ronan

Suffragist, local politician, pacifist and philanthropist, and first woman City Councillor for Manchester. Margaret Ashton was a member of Manchester's Public Health Committee and Chair of the Maternity and Child Welfare Sub-committee.

This meeting will be held in the Performance Space at Manchester Central Library. The meeting is free to members. A fee of £3.00 will be charged to non-members but this is refundable if the individual joins the Society on the day of the talk. Booking is required.



***Saturday 13 October 2.00pm - 3.30pm : Oldham Branch Meeting**

Clarinda Rowbotham and the Mossley Military Hospital in WW1

Rita Vaughan - Whilst researching Mossley in WW1 Rita found references and articles about Mossley Hospital, intrigued she wanted to find more.

This meeting will be held at The Lees Suite, Oldham Civic Centre (5 minutes walk from Oldham King Street Metrolink Stop. See Oldham pages for map) commencing at 2 pm and ending at approximately 3.30 pm. Members of the committee will be available to assist anyone for a further half hour following the speakers talk. The meetings are free to members. Non Members £2.50. No need to book.

Please note we are also very sorry to have to announce that this is to be the last meeting held in Oldham. Sadly due to ill health of the current Chairman Rod Melton, and lack of anyone able to take on his role, the branch is to close. We hope its regulars will come to visit us in Bolton sometimes where they will be very welcome, or continue attendance via the Manchester HQ. Thank you to Ron and his wife for their long standing services to MLFHS>



***Saturday 20 October 2.00pm: Anglo-Scottish Branch Meeting**

Scottish Resources at Manchester Central Library Larysa Bolton Heritage Collections Officer

This meeting will be held in the Performance Space at Manchester Central Library. The talk is open to both members and non-members. Booking is not required.

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