

Bolton's Genies



The Monthly Newsletter of the
Bolton & District Family History Society.

Newsletter comments and Speaker Queries: boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk

Research help, Bookings and General Queries: bolton@mlfhs.org.uk

Secretary: Barbara Owen on 01204 309515

August 2015

A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.

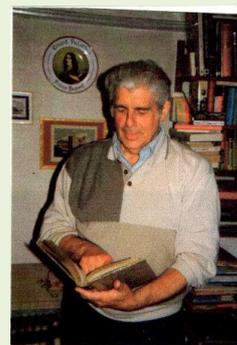
Well Hello everyone, and I hope you are all enjoying the summer months. I know many are getting out and about, some to some quite exotic places, others exploring areas



nearer home and many just catching up with family. Hopefully all relaxing activities, (unless you also have a garden to mind). My family have been rather preoccupied welcoming another "twig", (and I know a few others have as well recently), so we are actively keeping our trees growing as well as researching them. I apologise that this means this is a bit of a last minute "hotch potch"

and I hope you will bear with me.

We had a strange start to this month as you may have gathered. Soon after our last edition of the *Genie* we were contacted by a member to let us know that **Mr Ron Smith, a founder member of the Bolton branch and Fellow of the MLFHS**, who has not been well recently, has now had to review and "downsize" his accommodation. "Recent" members might not know that Ron was the lead in many of the B&D FHS projects at our start in the 1980s and he and his family were kindly offering first "dabs" of his extremely extensive library of family history-related material to the Society. This of course happened just as most of the committee were away on holiday. Despite that the troops rallied ASAP, and we can now report that we acquired a large proportion of these items to be passed on for the benefit of society members and those with local interest. By the time this is published however, all sales will have taken place first in a member's garage and at then at our August meeting, but these pictures show just the "tip of the iceberg". I am told there were some really special, collectables here. Rest assured that we have also passed on quite a selection to the Bolton Archives for the benefit of all. Our main goal was to make sure all items were found suitable good **local** homes if possible and to at least recoup our expenditure in securing them which I believe we have.



The question has arisen of course of how we manage situations like this in the future. I think we are all agreed in principle that where possible we will try to offer assistance if required, but always endeavour to keep such treasures nearby and freely available.

OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

On Wednesday August 5th, Elaine Taylor MA, nationally acclaimed garden historian and Chair of the Association of Garden Trusts, came to tell us about the creation of some local stately gardens, and in particular about Thomas Mawson who helped Lord Leverhulme design his Rivington estate.

<http://www.about-rivington.co.uk/section/26/rivington-terraced-gardens/>

. I suspect that this event will now forever be called "that jinxed meeting" in our annals. The talk was superb as expected but despite confirmation of date and time the day before, there was a mix up and Elaine eventually made it to us 40 minutes late, planning to come on the Thursday. We filled the time in for our audience of near 50 by advertising our programme and courses, and getting some feedback on what is wanted at our forthcoming events, so this was actually quite helpful. Thank you everybody for not abandoning us in disgust, especially when the juke box joined in at full blast from next door in the middle of the talk, (and this was all actually received with good humour). What a stalwart lot you are and thank you for your patience. Thanks particularly to Stuart Whittle who was visiting from Horwich HHS, for making the mad dash to bring us his Lord Leverhulme dvd from home for emergency entertainment. Hopefully we will soon be able to announce that Rivington Heritage Trust has been successful in its Heritage Lottery Fund bid which apparently was submitted this week. <http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/plans-for-historic-rivington-gardens-on-show-1-7383381>



Our Next Meeting is on September 3rd when Anita D Forth's talk is entitled "Edgworth to Crowthorn, the Story of a Lancashire Children's Home". <http://www.childrenshomes.org.uk/EdgworthNCH/> I believe Anita used to work there in another life, and I know she has some fascinating details and anecdotes to tell. This is part of the upgrade →



(All at Bolton Cricket Club (Back door), Bishops Road, off Green Lane,
Farnworth, BL3 2JB 7.30pm,

First Wednesday of each month apart from January).

We offer a Help Desk for personal research after each meeting, and have a recycle service for your used Family History Magazines.

Don't throw them out, bring your old ones in to be passed on.

--o—O—o—

VISITS and ACTIVITIES

No actual events arranged over the summer break as most of us are out and about anyway but for those of you who might not be able to get out for whatever reason maybe you can enjoy this armchair riverside trip

- "A Stroll Along the Croal", <http://www.croal.webeden.co.uk/through-the-town/4580359098>. I found this by accident whilst trying to help someone, but sit back and enjoy, or a bit further afield take

- **A Walk Through Derbyshire's Past** for a look at some of their MIs <http://www.spanglefish.com/awalkthroughderbyshirespast/index.asp?pageid=171720> a photographic guide to those researching their family histories in Derbyshire

We do however have

- **Friday 18th September Smithills Hall.** picture by courtesy of Bolton Camera Club→

There is a café there now as well where we can have lunch so either meet there at 12md or outside the hall at 1.00pm, .The trip will last about 60-90 minutes .The charge is £2 and tea and coffee are available at a nominal charge. This event is open to non-members but the café tables are busy and will need to be booked so please contact Brian Whittle at Boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk for a place with **closing date Wednesday 16th. September.**



The next visit will be

- **Hall i'the Wood booked for Tuesday 10th November.** More details to come
Maybe here I should also mention the forthcoming
- **Heritage Open Days Weekend for 2015 Sept 10-13th.**
<http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/> .

Many will remember this from previous years as a national event with many local, activities. More next month but some might need booking now, such as this free tour of Bolton Archives strong room on 12th September as part of Bolton's programme. There are three tours which have to be booked. Many of us have already done this but others might be interested. Tele 01204 332185 or e-mail archives@bolton.gov.uk

--o—O—o—

GENIE'S TIPS for AUGUST

Do you know about the **MLFHS online bookshop** <http://www.bookshop.mlfhs.org.uk/> . We supply over 1000 titles from stock, the widest range relating to family and local history in the Greater Manchester area. We hope you will find something here to interest you.

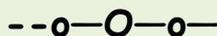
Genealogy Insider, Posted by Diane 14 July 2015 **Power-User Tip: How to Find New Genealogy Collections to Search**

<http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2015/07/14/FamilySearchPowerUserTipHowToFindNewGenealogyCollectionsToSearch.aspx>

"The free genealogy website FamilySearch.org is a go-to place for researching family history just about anywhere in the world. It has more than 2,000 record collections with more added all the time. Here's a quick tip for finding the site's new and updated collections. I do this at least once a week:---"

Deceased online Advanced Search Hope this works for you. I appreciate it is a long address but I think there are some really good ideas in here even if they are still not doing "my " area. One day maybe ---

<https://www.deceasedonline.com/servlet/GSDOSearch?AcctView=LoggedIn&SrchView=Basic&lang=E&sessionId=398F4F6AD86C517412ADDEEA923928EA76FB75C8&GSDOInptSName=S%&GSDOInptFName=hy&GSDOInptRegion=&GSDOInptFrom=&GSDOInptTo=&GSDOInptSoundex=&GSDOInptRegType=&GSDOInptCountry=&GSDOInptRegion=&GSDOInptCounty=&>



WORKSHOPS and COURSES and CLASSES

Beginners Level Local Library Courses Margaret and Colin Calderbank are now taking bookings for these classes starting at

Blackrod Library Church Street, Blackrod, Bolton BL6 5EQ Monday mornings 10am -12md
Sept 28th for 5 weeks contact 01204 332380 and

Bromley Cross Library Bolton Rd, Bolton, Lancashire BL7 9JR Thursday mornings 10am-12md
from Oct 1st for 5 weeks contact 01204 332354

These are introductory classes teaching the basics of family history research in a fun way

Progressors morning and Advanced afternoon courses are offered by our Rita Greenwood in conjunction with "Enjoy Learning" , at the Friends Meeting House , Silverwell Street, Bolton, see <http://www.enjoy-learning.org.uk/courses-by-day.php> for more information. . These are 10 week courses starting Oct 1st with a fee of £75 in a "convivial" atmosphere and many of us just keep going back for more. Email Boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk for more information about which class to join etc.

And for some useful stationery try

<http://www.ancestry.com/download/charts#ancchart>

NB we will also have some helpful course stationery for sale again at our September meeting



THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records

UKBMD Summary <http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk/update.php> Blackburn, , Radcliffe, Bury and Ramsbottom are amongst this months updates



<http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/> and left click on the "What's New" tab on the left



Manchester War Memorials http://www.mlfhs.org.uk/data/war_memorials.php

This is an ongoing project with more memorials and a total of 390 new names to the war memorial index at the last count . They are always looking for information as well.

And **Another Reason for Joining MLFHS** Posted by John Marsden Chairman 3rd August 2015

Hi all. We have for many years exchanged journals with other societies both in the UK and overseas. Copies of these, for the past year, were always .kept at Clayton House and latterly have been available at Central Library. This is not particularly helpful to those who cannot get to Manchester, however. BUT An increasing number of societies are now offering their journals in electronic (pdf) form and we are now exchanging in this format with:

Barnsley FHS, Chesterfield & District FHS, Dumfries & Galloway FHS, Felixstowe Family History Soc, FHS of Cheshire, Highland FHS, Ipswich Genealogical Society (Aus), Redland Genealogical Society (Aus), Scottish Association of FHS

All of the above have agreed that we can make these available to our members and so they are now being made available, as they arrive, in the member area of our web site. I am sure that more societies will be added to this list before long. Since the storage of the electronic copies does not create the problems we had with the printed ones, we should be able to make copies available for more than a year. Where printed copies are received, these continue to be available at the Central Library Help Desk. John Marsden

Cemetery Records Online <http://www.interment.net/Default.htm> I was very impressed by this website which covers much of the world. Try this

Greater Manchester County Cemetery Records England Select a Cemetery
<http://www.interment.net/uk/eng/greatman.htm>

"Woodland Trust buys majority of Smithills estate for £3 million — ensuring restoration of the historic site" Steven Thompson, news editor / Thursday 23 July 2015 / **Bolton News**
http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/bolton/13496183.Woodland_Trust_buys_majority_of_Smithills_estate_for_3_million_ensuring_restoration_of_the_historic_site/?ref=eb *The Woodland Trust has completed the £3 million purchase of the majority of the Smithills estate — ensuring the ground breaking restoration of the historic 1,700 acre site. Mark Gordon, Smithills project lead for the Woodland Trust, said: "We want to celebrate the history of the area too by bringing its hidden and important industrial and archaeological features to life."*

And a bit further afield but useful for some

Durham Records Online <http://durhamrecordsonline.com/updates/2015/07/annual-subscriptions-available/>

You can now buy an annual subscription to Durham Records Online for £96

Send In Your Census Shopping List <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/> *The next census in England and Wales will take place in 2021. To help prepare for this, the Office for National Statistics is asking the public which types of information they think should be included. It is important to focus on details that we need to know about each person but were not fully covered in 2011, such as:*

##Names in full, including maiden names

##Full place of birth - i.e. village, town or city; county (or local equivalent) and country.

<https://consultations.ons.gov.uk/census/2021-census-topics-consultation>

Don't delay in having your say - **the closing date is Thursday 27 August 2015.**

SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

A GEOGRAPHY LESSON OR TWO

- **County Surveys Search Tool Goes Live Jun 24 2015 -Digitalising the County Surveys of Great Britain**

<http://countysurveys.blogs.edina.ac.uk/2015/06/24/search-tool/>

<http://countysurveys.edina.ac.uk/surveys/search>, which were "commissioned by the



Board of Agriculture, and are the earliest surveys of their kind in the world. They recorded comprehensive information on the agriculture, rural economy and political economy of each county in Great Britain between 1793 and 1817. They provide a unique insight into the innovation and agricultural improvement during a significant period in the making of Britain as the first industrial nation".

- I have also only just found out in helping someone that Bristol was once considered a county in its own right <http://www.about-bristol.co.uk/hom-00.asp> and
- **Definitions of the terms used to describe areas of land and habitation in the county of Yorkshire.**
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/Misc/Definitions/AreaDefinitions.html#Wold>

FASHION AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Ancestralfindings.com More Photo Identification Tips: Hairstyles of the 19th Century

http://www.ancestralfindings.com/more-photo-identification-tips-hairstyles-of-the-19th-century/?utm_campaign=Genealogy+Campaign&utm_content=15479763&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter

Winter's Photographic Studio, Derby, England - Can You Help? Posted on July 9, 2015

<https://qvictoria.wordpress.com/2015/07/09/winters-photographic-studio-derby-england-can-you-help/> *In the early years of the 1850's, Walter William Winter set up a photographic studio at Midland Road, Derby, in the English Midlands. This may not seem unusual. However, what makes Winter's studio almost unique is that it still exists at the same site where it was first set up and is still taking photographs of the citizens and surroundings of Derby to this day.*

Because of this unique status, and because many of its original photographic plates still survive, Winter's studio has embarked on a mission to clean, conserve and catalogue these photographic treasures for posterity. The project is now entering Stage Two and the search is on for copies of any original Winter's photographs that may be out there in the wider world. These will be used to complement the images that are already emerging from the grime of decades, as more and more of the glass plates are cleaned and restored. ---!

What To Do If a Scrapbook Gets Wet (or Photo Album or Pictures)

http://lisalouisecooke.com/2015/07/what-to-do-if-a-scrapbook-gets-wet/?utm_s

From **Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems** July 12, 2015 by Sunny. I bet a few of us have had this disaster. Don't panic, read this

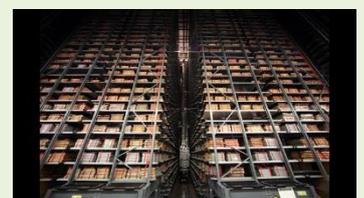
And more

CONSERVATION

The National Newspaper Building in Boston Spa, near Leeds and Finding the British Library, Boston Spa

<http://www.bl.uk/aboutus/quickinfo/loc/bsp/> Photo from this website→

This gigantic robotic vault is the British Library's high-tech approach to safeguarding what it rather endearingly termed "the national memory" - 750m pages of news, covering more than three centuries of goings-on, as reported in papers across the nation. Robots are preserving our old newspapers. Similarly reported in



<http://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/jul/05/british-library-digitising-newspapers-boston-spa> **The Guardian Nicola Davis Sunday 5 July 2015 09.00 BST**

"In a Yorkshire outpost of the British Library, archivists using the latest conservation technology are racing to digitise 300 years of newspapers before they crumble to dust - and that's just for starters"

This is a visit I would love to do. What if we could get a mini coach, anybody interested in organising something??

RESEARCHING OTHER COUNTRIES FOR FREE

I thought I would try to do a "special" this month about access to foreign records. The list has snowballed with quite little effort as it happens. If you get a good result from any of these or can pass on more, please let us know.

 **Reviewing the Irish registers from "Family history across the seas"** <https://cassmob.wordpress.com/2015/07/27/reviewing-the-irish-registers/> this is an overview by an Australian lady called Pauleen Cass, of all the recent data released, and I think quite helpful. She starts " *The days have ticked along and I imagine many of us have crossed eyes from staring at the digitised Irish Catholic parish registers...* <http://registers.nli.ie/> I know I have! Hasn't the **National Library of Ireland** done us all proud? <http://www.nli.ie/en/homepage.aspx> ---"

Hasn't the National Library of Ireland done us all proud? What a great program they have that even with all the Irish at home and abroad, the system didn't crash, nor was it especially slow at the peak periods

 **"Many Roads", Initially a personal journey through Prussian/ German Genealogy Help** but then much more --- <http://www.many-roads.com/focus/> . Have a dabble....And

The Germans in Britain <http://nrscotland.gov.uk/news/2015/germans-in-britain-exhibition> Monday, 6 Jul 2015 An exhibition that highlights the immense contribution by Germans to British life is being shown in Scotland for the first time at the National Records of Scotland

 **Italian Genealogy.com** <http://www.italiangenealogy.com/>
Welcome to ItalianGenealogy.com, the leading resource for those who undertake research into their Italian Genealogy. At ItalianGenealogy.com your research is free, you can find answers regarding Italian Genealogy and ask your questions in order to help you along your search.

 **French Bigenet** - this is the translated introduction to the site " *This genealogical database provides vital of France from its origins until the early twentieth century. She is regularly enriched with new references to the participation of 53 genealogical associations , for a total to date of 54,192,975 records acts, or 177 139 411 indexed individuals*"

http://www.bigenet.fr/index_us.phphttp://translate.google.co.uk/translate?hl=en&prev=search&sl=fr&u=http://www.bigenet.fr/index_us.php&sandbox=0&usq=ALkJrhhFw6slzeIUk9LVyHkAkp0t8iLo5g

I personally have nobody to look up to confirm its efficiency but it is recommended by WDYTYR so maybe worth a try and please let us know your thoughts if you do. Also

Geneanet, the Website for (French) Genealogists <http://www.geneanet.org/> and **Geneabank.** <http://geneabank.org/englind.html> What is GeneaBank ?

"A secured publication system for the databases of genealogical societies: At any time, participating societies keep a complete control over their data which are never communicated to a third party (except for a small « security deposit » that is made in order to insure a fair dealing between societies). Data cannot be accessed freely on the Internet. The browsing of data requests the use of a login identification with a password provided by people in charge of this in each participating society.

A data sharing system between genealogical societies: in addition to a secured access to data records, GeneaBank offers an exchange system of points that allows any member of any participating society to browse anyone of the records that are provided by any society. This exchange system is only dedicated to manage possible discrepancies between « consummating societies » and « providing societies

After starting this feature of looking at sources for other countries



I then came across this article which seems to be doing the job very well as an ongoing project **GenealogyInTime Magazine "Genealogy Records by Country"** <http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/genealogy-records-by-country.html>

And last but not least, Danish, Norwegian, Jewish, American, Japanese, Canadian, New Zealand --- the list goes on, just read this **"25 Free Family History Sites You Don't Want to Miss"**, **Family History Daily** <http://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/20-free-family-history-sites/>

WARTIME

- **Library of the Religious Society of Friends.** http://fau.quaker.org.uk/?cid=social_20150714_48720516&adbid=620978584828534784&adbpl=tw&adbpr=45937003
- The Friends Ambulance Unit was set up by Quakers during World War I. The personnel records from this service are now available to search online. *"The Friends Ambulance Unit (1914-1919) was a civilian volunteer ambulance service set up by a group of Quakers during World War I. Its members from 1914-1919, both Quaker and non-Quaker, totalled over 1000. Friends Ambulance Unit would first go to Dunkirk in October 1914 under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem ---"*
- **Aircraft accidents in the English Lake District** <http://www.yorkshire-aircraft.co.uk/aircraft/table3.html> This site started off as a personal research project for Yorkshire but is now expanding to include parts of the North West as well, and they are looking for more contributors. `
- **Royal Air Force combat reports 1939-1945** The National Archives homepage http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/raf-combat-reports-1939-1945/?utm_medium=SocialSignIn&utm_source=Twitter
- **Royal Air Force Air Historical Branch** <http://www.raf.mod.uk/ahb/recordsofservice/> are a *"small department within the RAF with the responsibility of providing the Air Staff, the wider RAF and MOD, and other government departments with RAF related historical support on operational and other matters. We have a specialist staff of historians and*

researchers who use material held within AHB or other official repositories as sources through which to provide this support"

- **Get a copy of military service records** <https://www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records/overview> You can get a copy of your own or someone else's military service records, eg for proof of service or research purposes.

Records date from 1920 and may include: medals received, medical records, details about someone's career, eg the units they served in , date of death, if they died in service

In some cases little or no information is available about someone's military service.

- **Online volunteers unearth details from Merchant Navy Crew Lists for 1915** <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/online-volunteers-unearth-details-merchant-navy-crew-lists-1915/> and for free <http://1915crewlists.rmq.co.uk/>

Tuesday 30 June 2015. *The completion of an online volunteer project between The National Maritime Museum and The National Archives and the Crew List Index Project (CLIP). For the first time you can search online for details from all the surviving First World War Merchant Navy crew lists for 1915. The crew lists contain particulars for 36,000 voyages, including the names and personal details of 750,000 seamen.*

- **Who was Margery Booth from Wigan?** <http://issuu.com/wlct/docs/pf57/26> by Holly Dallman "Born in Wigan in 1905, Margery Booth became a singer (training in Bolton), - and in World War 2 she would entertain British troops. But there's a big difference between Margery and that other Lancashire lass, Gracie Fields - Margery was singing to soldiers in German PoW camps ---"

- **What You Need To Know About Rationing In The Second World War**

By Jessica Talarico <http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-you-need-to-know-about-rationing-in-the-second-world-war> Many of us will remember rationing of course as it went on until 1954. It all started in January 1940, when the British government introduced food rationing to ensure fair shares for all at a time of national shortage. Those of us who have managed to watch the recent ITV series the Home Fires

<http://www.itv.com/presscentre/press-releases/itv-commissions-second-series-home-fires> will have had a few memories stirred. How has shopping changed???

OTHER SOCIAL HISTORY

- **HMS Victory: The mystery of Britain's worst naval disaster is finally solved - 271 years later** <http://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/hms-victory-the-mystery-of-britains-worst-naval-disaster-is-finally-solved-271-years-later/ar-BBlhdPn> "More than two and a half centuries on, archaeologists have now worked out what caused one of the Royal Navy's greatest disasters - the sinking of the mid 18th century British fleet's flagship, the Victory." David Keys The Independent 01.08.15
- **The History of Parliament** <http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/> an ebook celebrating 750 years since the Simon de Montfort parliament of 1265 this is a research project creating a comprehensive account of parliamentary politics in England, then Britain, from their origins in the thirteenth century. Unparalleled in the comprehensiveness of its treatment, the History is generally regarded as one of the most ambitious, authoritative and well-researched projects in British history
- **York Wardmote Court Records** Dealing with everyday problems in Elizabethan York <https://yorkwardmoterecords.wordpress.com/the-wardmote-courts/> Ongoing research by Pamela Hartshorne. Makes us realise not a lot has changed.

- **Workhouse Tales** By Lesley Hulonce / July 15, 2015 "**Drunk and Riotous: troubled and troublesome inebriate women**" <https://lesleyhulonce.wordpress.com/2015/07/15/drunk-and-riotous-troubled-and-troublesome-inebriate-women/> (Rita Greenwoods students will enjoy this one)
- "**Irish Women Who Lived as Men in the US Civil War, British Army**" from Sheila Jagan , **Irish Central** July 28th 2015 <http://www.irishcentral.com/roots/Irish-women-who-lived-as-men.html> This is a fascinating story in itself but the wider connotation might explain the odd brick wall as well.
- **14 Insane Names Victorian Parents Actually Gave Their Kids** http://www.buzzfeed.com/lukelewis/insane-british-names-from-the-19th-century?utm_campaign=Genealogy+Campaign&utm_content=17052773&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter#fb2q7YzWv Genealogy firm "Fraser and Fraser" uncovered the following names while looking for heirs to unclaimed estates. Some of them eclipse modern efforts

GENEALOGICAL TOOLS

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Family-Tree-Maker-Platinum-PC/dp/B00FXJ5MAQ/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1436007526&sr=8-1&keywords=family+tree+maker+2014
accessed 05.07.15

- The latest version of the uk's no. 1 selling family history software
- includes everything you need to begin your family history journey
- quickly and easily build your family tree
- update your tree on the go with the treesync feature
- create family books, charts and reports
- includes a 6-month 'premium' membership to ancestry.co.uk

ABC's of Nicknames by Ancestry http://c.ancestry.com/cs/media/abc-nicknames.pdf?o_xid=57463&o_lid=57463&o_sch=Social

--o—O—o—

MISCELLANEOUS

Legacies of British Slave-ownership <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/search/> "*In 1833 Parliament finally abolished slavery in the British Caribbean, Mauritius and the Cape. The slave trade had been abolished in 1807, but it had taken another 26 years to effect the emancipation of the enslaved. However, in place of slavery the negotiated settlement established a system of apprenticeship, tying the newly freed men and women into another form of unfree labour for fixed terms. It also granted £20 million in compensation, to be paid by British taxpayers to the former slave-owners. That compensation money provided the starting point for our first project. We are now tracking back to 1763 the ownership histories of the 4000 or so estates identified in that project.*"

Maybe some of you managed to watch the recent programmes on BBC 2

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b063db18> about how the legacy of the slave trade and financial reimbursement to slave owners affects us even today. I note there will be a free workshop in Manchester: **on Saturday 24th October at the Central Library, St Peters Square, M2 5PD** with tickets available from 24 August 2015. This will "*explore the legacies of British slave-ownership in the north of England. It will showcase exciting new research that can be used to explore the local links between the north of England and the business of*

slavery. Featuring talks by artists, academics and independent historians it will consider the different ways in which slavery has impacted on the social, cultural and economic landscape of the north of England"

Appeal for information after bid to restore paupers' graves launched in Horwich _

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/bolton/13358567.Appeal_for_information_after_bid_to_restore_paupers_graves_launched/?ref=eb

Monday 29 June 2015 A BID to restore paupers' unmarked graves at Ridgmont Cemetery in Horwich has been launched.

--o—O—o--

OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS

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



Email margaretk@talktalk.net .Meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Chorley Old Road, BL1 3BE opposite Shepherd Cross St, Bolton, Their next month's talk 25th August

"Words of War" a play to mark the centenary of WWI performed by the Go Theatre Company.

Turton Local History Society



Normally all events are on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm except for December, (which is too close to Christmas) and the summer months (May, June and July) when they have the evening walks. I joined them for their very interesting July walk looking at the remnants of boundary walls in the Christchurch area, and lead by one of their senior members. What a lot you can learn from a "young" nonagenarian - thank you Mr Fred Horridge. They offer talks of local and regional interest. All the meetings are at Longsight Methodist Church Community Hall, Longsight, Harwood at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome; entrance £2. The society's publications and CDs are available for purchase at all the monthly meetings For this next month's event 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

http://www.westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk/Westhoughton_History_Group/Home.html

Their next events include

6 August Walk around Eatock Lodge and Daisy Hill

20 August Visit to Port Sunlight and Ellesmere Port Boat Museum

Contact mail@westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk for more information



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

11th August ~ Anne Harvey

How Horwich influenced my life & my book .

OPEN DAYS 2015

15th August

It all started 130 Years Ago (The Building of Horwich Loco Works)

With lots more on offer please consult their web site at <http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk>

--o—O—o—

That's it folks. Thank you for reading if you have got this far. All contributions welcome