

Bolton's Genies



The Monthly Newsletter of the
Bolton Family History Society.

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A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.

Well welcome to our latest edition. We were not sure what response we might receive after what we thought was a "big announcement" last month, about us changing our meeting venue, but things have been very quiet so all seems good. Presumably most people are waiting to see what the new setting is going to be like, but are not really surprised that we have done it, so we are relieved.

We have actually been quite busy again this month, mainly with the preparation for and staffing of the Halliwell LHS Open Day involving most local historical societies. See the report below. We have also now been "cajoled" by some of our more exhibitionist colleagues into presenting a "corporate image". (This just means we have got some new Bolton FHS sweatshirts - what do you think of them those who have seen them, bearing in mind a few of us are quite reluctant to have our pics taken???) Will try to publish a photo next month. The jury is out!!

So, winter and Christmas are around the corner, we are all getting back into serious research mode with the dark days and nights, the big subscription companies are all vying for our business, and we hope we can also provide a bit of convivial company and research help for you all.

OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

***Wednesday November 4th.** A talk about "The History of Bolton Wanderers, Looking particularly at how the Teams, their Families and Supporters, were affected by the Two World Wars" by their Secretary Simon Marland.

Certain members of our committee and beyond, had been looking forward to this ever since it was announced. Others were not quite as enthusiastic. In the event I am sure all will agree it was a very successful evening, with the story of the ups and downs of players and events through the ages. He described their inaugural match at Christchurch in 1874, to Pikes Lane, on to Burnden Park in 1895, how they coped with two World Wars and the fire of 1946 to move on to the Reebok Stadium in 1997. He threw in the personal stories of many of the players and their opponents, and recounted how they have always entertained and responded to the need of the locals to have a team of their own that they could be proud of, (and also the prerogative to complain about regularly, but defend against all others.)



Our attendance was approx 75 with 18 "visitors". Welcome to all.

***Wednesday 3rd December** will be "A Light Hearted Look at Christmas Traditions with a few more serious thoughts" by Linda Sawley. This of course will be our last meeting at the



Cricket Club, so it will be a bit emotional for us all. We will once again have the meat and potato pie and peas 'supper, and a Christmas raffle. NB if you prefer vegetarian please discuss with one of the committee members ASAP but don't feel excluded. .



Names and numbers needed before November 18th. None members are welcome but will need to book by this date with a charge of £2 a head. Contact bolton@mlfhs.org.uk or Barbara Owen on 01204 309515

(I hope to put a quiz in the next newsletter to be enjoyed over Christmas rather than have it on the night. The answers will be given at our inaugural January 20th meeting at our new venue. See below. In the meantime you could try this

What's Your Genealogy Know-How Score? Find Out With Our Fun Quiz from Family History Daily http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/whats-your-genealogy-know-how-score-find-out-with-our-fun-quiz/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+familyhistorydaily+%28Family+History+Daily%29)

I scored 39/50 so am a "go-to-gal" I don't think. What can you get??

The Meeting on Wednesday December 2nd 2015

will be our last one at Bolton Cricket Club (Back door), Bishops Road, off Green Lane, Farnworth, BL3 2JB



**On January 20th 2016,
we are holding an extra, free for all,
opening "Welcome Meeting" at the**

Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Chorley Old Rd, Bolton, England BL1 5SU

when Rita Greenwood will be giving a short talk about "Holy and Unholy Matrimony", (good way to start the New Year 😊), and tea/ coffee will be served. Our regular main meetings will continue on the first Wednesday of each month, and we will offer the usual Help Desk for personal research after each meeting, and recycle service for your used Family History Magazines.

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



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VISITS and ACTIVITIES

*** 18th September A Belated Report on the Smithills Hall Visit by Rita G**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smithills_Hall

This is a place well known to some local people but how many have actually visited, thus missing out on the "jewel in Bolton's crown", or haven't visited for a long time, in which case, things have altered and a visit is well worthwhile, as the Bolton members found. The new Tea Room in the Hall, has clearly become a very popular venue, with no free tables - we were glad

our table was reserved. After a good lunch in very convivial surroundings, the group was met by their guides, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sheppard, both former Chairmen of the Bolton Branch and both keen members of the "Friends of Smithills Hall" <http://www.friendsofsmithillshall.co.uk/>

The Hall is medieval in parts with a splendid Great Hall, laid out with "food" which would have been consumed in medieval times, wooden eating ware, and with the family trees on display of the main families who owned the Hall. We saw the adjacent Buttery and Brewhouse, the old kitchen with an excellent display of the Hall through the ages and then went on to the Tudor portion of the Hall, with its bower and solar. The withdrawing room with its linen-fold panelling and effigies of owners of the Hall or people associated with it (all identified) was much admired.



We then saw the famous footprint of George Marsh, a local man who refused to renounce his Protestant faith and who was burned at the stake in Chester.



The party then went through to the Victorian part of the Hall, the exterior being Tudor but several of the interior rooms restored to show Colonel Richard Henry Ainsworth's library, Mrs. Ainsworth's very pretty sitting room and so on.

Whilst being shown round, the work of the Friends of Smithills Hall was explained and, as with most other similar groups, they are

looking for new members and/or volunteers. Anyone interested in further details could phone 01204 332853 or email enquiries@friendsofsmithillshall.co.uk

***October 17th Halliwell Local History Society Fair.**

This is a biennial event and I think all participants will agree that this years was the best by far with an attendance that must have been well into 3 figures. In essence the aim of it is, that it should be a "getting together" of all the local, and family history societies serving the greater Bolton area, so that members can meet each other, display and share their knowledge, records and treasures, help researchers, and hopefully recruit new interest. I think all those who attended this year will agree that it was an extremely successful day, rewarding all those who had spent so much time and effort preparing for same. We from the Bolton FHS all thoroughly enjoyed it and came home tired, but happy that it had "worked". Well done HLHS. No pics sorry. We were too busy.

***October 23rd "Reading Old Hand Writing" at the Lancashire Archives.**

A group of us went to this fascinating talk which is part of a series of lunchtime talks at the Preston County Record Office. We were told about the origins of writing with numbers preceding letters, picture graphs, stone carving being slow so progression to other materials, then styles and language through the ages, culminating in the Secretary hand and varied spelling that we



now see on so many documents from the last few hundred years, Those attending Rita Greenwoods classes will no doubt be benefitting even more before too long as she pinched the transcriptions from the practice work before I could put it away, but I still can't claim to be anything more than a beginner with this challenge. Thank heavens for Word Processing. Here also is an article from "The Genealogist" website discussing the merits of researching Wills <http://www.noseygenealogist.com/blog/3582/last-will-and-testament>

and for your diary

***Sunday November 8th BOLTON'S Remembrance Day parade**



http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/bolton/13903801.Bolton_s_Remembrance_Day_parade_will_be_slowed_down_after_elderly_veterans_tell_town_hall_chiefs_they_cannot_keep_up_with_the_march/?ref=eb

"This will be slowed down — after elderly veterans told town hall chiefs they were struggling to keep up. Ex-servicemen including Robin Scott-Smith call on Bolton Council to slow down the music". I was talking to Robin after the parade last year, (many will also know him from his Smithills Hall activities), and I am so glad they have done this. It is always a very moving ceremony wherever it is held, and wonderful to see so many veterans still attending as well as the new generation of children.

***9th - 10th and 16th - 17th January 2016 The East Lancashire Railway**

http://www.flyingscotsmanatelr.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Generic+Newsletter+27102015&utm_content=Generic+Newsletter+27102015+CID_c71352efb786ded0db9b8ba581d88442&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software



will be welcoming the Flying Scotsman for a dedicated "Scotsman in Steam Preview" event. This will be the first opportunity for the general public to preview the engine in its Wartime Black livery following its £4.2 million restoration and ahead of its inaugural run and official launch.



GENIE'S TIPS for November

***Gravestone Photographic Resource**

<http://www.gravestonephotos.com/public/country.php?country=En&scrwidth=1366> for those who, like me, have nothing on "Deceased Online" another resource. (I still have nothing but keep hoping)



***Lincolnshire Church and Parish Records**

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/LIN/churchrecs.html#Baptisms> "Perhaps the best source of genealogical information in the UK are the registers kept by the churches ---". These notes were intended specifically for Lincolnshire researchers but I think they are in fact a fascinating overview of the "whys" and "wherefores" of the history of Parish Records. A good read even if it is only revision. See also

***Lincolnshire 1837+ Marriage Indexes** <http://mi.lincolnshiremarriages.org.uk/> . OK I am biased because I have an interest here, but please if you can offer similar from other areas let us know and share them. It helps all of us

***Bankrupts and insolvent debtors - The National Archives** <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/bankrupts-insolvent-debtors/>

****"Why It's Important to Use Desktop Family Tree SOFTWARE"** Christine Woodcock/August 6, 2015/ <http://www.geneosity.com/why-its-important-to-use-desktop-family-tree-software/> "Big name databases have all encouraged us to create our family trees online. And while this is fine, it is also limiting. You still need to have a software program on your hard drive on your desktop computer, laptop, pad or mobile device. Here's why.---"

I suppose many will argue that the best way is also to have hard, paper, copies of everything at home, to pass on. Maybe the solution is a compromise of the two, but the message here is clear



DO NOT LEAVE IT JUST ON A CLOUD SOMEWHERE. IF THAT CRASHES YOURS
CRASHES—→ALL GONE. Or
IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO ACCESS THE ONLINE TREE HOW CAN ANYONE ELSE?

***The Huge Genealogy Mistake We All Need to Stop Making Now**

http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/the-huge-genealogy-mistake-we-all-need-to-stop-now/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+familyhistorydaily+%28Family+History+Daily%29

I really think this is such a good article to read. Especially as the problem was brought up at least 3 x in conversation at the recent Halliwell LHS Fair as discussed above, and is obviously becoming a real source of worry and frustration amongst experienced genealogists.

"As genealogy grows as a hobby, and information becomes easier and easier to find and share, one particular mistake has become a huge problem online - copying and sharing other people's research. The reasons NOT to do this are numerous, and yet so many people continue the practice that long time researchers can't help wondering why?"

I would suggest this is an occupational hazard of putting a tree in the public domain and maybe if you do want to use Ancestry or similar for your main working tree you will have more protection if you at least keep it private and control who has access to it. Otherwise all the fruits of your hard work and document memorabilia are up for grabs whether good or bad.

***You no longer need a Facebook account to use Facebook Messenger**

<http://mashable.com/2015/06/24/facebook-messenger-without-fb/#6Y6fDQM618qd> At last it is going to be possible to at least contact people via FB without jumping through a load of hoops. I still want to know how to send FB messages to the email system though, or am I just thick?

***Information on what to do if you were Adopted in the UK.** <http://www.ukbirth-adoptionregister.com/resources.php> Adopted adults have been able to apply for access to their original birth record since 1975.



***General Register Office for England and Wales** From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Register_Office_for_England_and_Wales

A fascinating explanation of why and how it was created, what it does, why it does it, and why so many facts that we look for are not there. A good read.

***Genealogy Discount** <http://www.genealogydiscount.co.uk/> the offers are changing here all the time and with the Christmas season approaching they are becoming even more competitive. It becomes addictive—be strong, — (and don't miss the cut off dates)

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WORKSHOPS and COURSES and CLASSES



***Monday 9 November, 1pm 'Worktown: The Astonishing Story of the Project that Launched Mass Observation'** Bolton Library and Museum Services Lunchtime talk with author David Hall

<https://dub115.mail.live.com/mail/ViewOfficePreview.aspx?messageid=mgPZorPH155RGTxQAIzMLAqA2&folderid=flinbox&ttindex=2&cp=-1&attdepth=2&n=48637609>

This event will be celebrating the opening of their new exhibition, '**Worktown People**', which looks at some of the personal stories behind Humphrey Spender's famous photographs of 1930s Bolton. For more information contact Julie.lamara@bolton.gov.uk Tel: 01204 332194

*19.00, 26 November 2015, "The Vital Dimension: The Maritime First World War" a free by Professor Eric Grove. George Fox Lecture Theatre, Lancaster University. To book email <https://dub115.mail.live.com/mail/ViewOfficePreview.aspx?messageid=mgRjF-RE2C5RGzfwAhWtfcvg2&folderid=flinbox&attindex=0&cp=-1&attdepth=0&n=11943448>

*Tuesday 1 December "The 1939 Register" Manchester Central Library

THIS IS A MLFHS MEMBER ONLY EVENT

<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2015/what-does-the-1939-register-mean-for-family-historians/>

Myko Clelland of Findmypast is returning to deliver two (identical) presentations about the much publicised launch of the 1939 Registration Records on November 2nd. Both the talks are now fully booked, however, (which again shows the advantages of being a full member). Most are hoping to find some information to compensate for the destruction of the 1931 census returns which were lost in a fire and in 1941 there was no census owing to the war. Consequently this vital source has been denied to researchers between 1921 and 1951. Fortunately, the war prompted government to set up a registration system and even more fortunately, today's government has agreed to publication (with some small redactions) of the original registration records. "Findmypast" have now digitised these records and indexed images are there as we send this out.

https://www.findmypast.co.uk/1939register?_ga=1.19584696.1299198159.1446565601 Records are available to purchase for £6.95 per household, or £24.95 for our 5 household bundle (£4.99 per household).

Findmypast subscribers should have been contacted re a one off discount and a credit voucher offer. These two reviews from Chris Paton's blog might also be helpful

[http://britishgenes.blogspot.co.uk/2015/11/review-of-1939-english-and-welsh.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed:+BritishGenesGenealogyNewsAndEvents+\(Genealogy+News+and+EventS\)\)](http://britishgenes.blogspot.co.uk/2015/11/review-of-1939-english-and-welsh.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed:+BritishGenesGenealogyNewsAndEvents+(Genealogy+News+and+EventS))) and this

<https://dub115.mail.live.com/?tid=cmmBztudOC5RGQpRzB3vGHcg2&fid=flinbox>

**FOR MORE LOCAL COURSES STARTING
IN THE NEW YEAR.**

CHECK THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES



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

updates worth checking regularly for your area of interest.



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

Bolton Remembers <http://boltonremembers.org/> If you have already unsuccessfully searched the MLFHS database of War Memorials for Bolton records you may be interested in this site



from the Bolton Archives which has lots of Bolton and Salford memorials. The Bolton History Centre also have access to more names which have yet to be uploaded to the website and are happy to receive details of any Bolton armed forces war casualties that should be added to the database.

Unusually they are interested in listing the casualties from any military action, from the Boer War to Afghanistan. Why including Salford? It would seem we have some overlapping in the sites remembering that Salford also has

"SWARM" Salford War Memorials - Lest we forget

<http://www.salfordwarmemorials.co.uk/memorials1.html> and I suspect many will have ancestors from both areas. .



The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment <http://www.loyalregiment.com/> lead by the IWM are researching the stories of the soldiers that served with the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment during the First World War. This website is a place to share the stories and preserve the memory of these men. They will also include other articles of interest about the Regiment during the War of 1914-18.

They are researching all Battalions. If you have an interest and would like help researching your own ancestors, or have any other comments about the website please get in touch.

Unclaimed estates list From: Bona Vacantia and Government Legal Department

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list#the-list> First published: 6 December 2013 Last updated: 20 October 2015, see all updates

Are there any Bolton Heir Hunters?

[http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/13879350.Are_you_the_heir_to_a_fortune_6_Boltonians_whose_estates_are_stil
l_unclaimed/?ref=ebmpn](http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/13879350.Are_you_the_heir_to_a_fortune_6_Boltonians_whose_estates_are_still_unclaimed/?ref=ebmpn)

There is the very real possibility that someone in Bolton right now is entitled to thousands, or maybe even millions of pounds. Anyone who dies without making a will has their financial affairs handled by the Government. If there are any living relatives, the inheritance will go to them. But if no one can be found, the money goes to the Treasury. The Government releases a list of unclaimed estates each year. Among 15,000 cases nationwide are half a dozen individuals who have links to Bolton. So if you're related to one of these six people, you could be entitled to a fortune.



The six people are:-

- Fredick Booth. A bachelor born in Bolton 18 February 1914, who died in East Bournemouth, Dorset, on June 20, 1995.
- Gladys Davies, born in Heaton, Bolton on July 17, 1923, who died on February 5 2013 in Warrington. It is not known if she ever married.
- Agnes Berth Glover, born in Bolton 8 January 1905, who died on February 24 1997 in Barnstaple, Devon.
- Annie Snape was born in Bolton on January 3, 1912 and married to become Annie Taylor. She died in Fishfoot, Lincolnshire, on May 9, 2003.
- Florence Phoebe Rigby was born in Leigh on September 9, 1895. Her married name was Ratcliffe and she died in Hastings, East Sussex, on August 22, 1991.
- Frank Unsworth, born in Hindley, east of Bolton, was born on June 22 1922 and died in York on June 9, 1986. His marital status was unknown.

The number of links to Bolton on the list is down from last year, despite the number of nationwide cases increasing by more than a thousand.

The Nonconformist Chapel in Rivington, Lancashire: Rivington Unitarian Chapel including its early registers <http://www.rivingtonchapel.org.uk/registers.html>

SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

***6-11th November Free access to Ancestry's military records** <http://www.ancestry.co.uk/> To honour this year's Remembrance commemorations they are offering free access to all their military records - from around the world.

***Find Free Genealogy Sites** <http://familyhistorydaily.com/do-genealogy/> by doGenealogy, from Family History Daily, makes it easy to find free genealogy sites by location, research subject or record type. Type in your term to see a targeted list of free research sites. Seems to be USA based but some international resources and advice.

***GenealogyInTime Magazine Newest Genealogy Records**

http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/newest-genealogy-records.html?awt_l=GR3yQ&awt_m=JeN3UPzU3Ak.Vy

WALES

National Monuments Record of Wales Archives and Library Bulletin - October 2015_

http://heritageofwalesnews.blogspot.co.uk/2015/10/national-monuments-record-of-wales_30.html The blog of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales

IRISH

***Irish Genealogy Toolkit** will guide you to your Irish ancestors - See more at: <http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/> More and more records - many of them free - are now available online and offline. - See more at: <http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/#sthash.D8C0dueb.dpuf>

***Making an FOI request about public records- The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) is the official archive for Northern Ireland**

http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/about_proni/freedom_of_information/making_an_foi_request_about_public_records.htm

***What do Ireland's county names mean?** <http://www.irishcentral.com/roots/what-do-irelands-county-names-mean-translations-of-the-irish-names-226474671-237781971.html> Ireland's long history of native kingdoms, which were supplanted by assorted invaders (Vikings, Norse, English, golf-playing American tourists) has had a profound effect on the country's place names. Check out these English translations of Irish county names, and be sure to check the illustrated map below.

***Family and Local History [Bill Macafee's Website]** <http://www.billmacafee.com/> The purpose of this website is to provide a research tool for anyone interested in researching their ancestors and the localities where they lived within the area of Ulster covered by Co. Londonderry and North Antrim - read more. See, also, my paper - Some thoughts on researching families and localities. The website is organised through three menus.

SCOTTISH

***National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR)** <http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/nhs-central-register/about-the-register/1939-national-identity-register-and-how-to-order-an-official-extract>

1939 National Identity Register and How to Order an Official Extract "At the outbreak of war in 1939 a register was compiled by the Registrar General of everybody living in the UK for the purpose of issuing identity cards, ration books and call-up papers.

The 1939 Register had been kept secret due to the 1939 Act which prohibited publication of the information. An application was received in December 2009 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the restriction was reviewed by the Registrar General, with advice from the Scottish Government's Freedom of Information Unit.

Details of people who are contained within the 1939 Register who have since died are now being made available".

***Scotland, National Probate Index (Calendar of Confirmations and Inventories), 1876-1936** <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=60558> This collection includes an index and images to the annually published Calendar of Confirmations and Inventories filed in Scotland for the years 1876-1936. In Scotland, probate records are called confirmations and they include a testament and an inventory of the estate. The testament is the court record ordering distribution of the deceased's estate. Some included wills (testament testamentar) and some did not (testament dative), the latter being more common.

An MLFHS member who has already tried this out comparing the Scottish and English/Welsh report of the same individuals probate has already noted variations in core information, so this is worth bearing in mind.

ENGLISH.



***The Suffragettes"** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suffragette_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suffragette_(film))

For the benefit of those of you who do not live in the UK, this is a newly released film which is depicting the story of these wonderful people to a new generation, that might not have been aware of the bravery and sacrifices made then so that we can "choose" to vote, or not, now. Here are some more facts,

<http://www.historyextra.com/article/social-history/10-facts-about-suffragettes> ,

and here some statistics.

****England, Suffragettes Arrested, 1906-1914 "**

http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=61005&utm_source=The%20National%20Archives&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6300247_October%202015%20newsletter&utm_content=Ancestry%20Suffragettes&dm_i=MAN,3R1AV,3BPK5,DI5HK,1

and local connections

***Suffragette city: take a tour of 10 Manchester places that made Emmeline Pankhurst a political pioneer** 13 Oct 2015 By Sarah Walters <http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/>

A group of us went to see the film and came out with affirm resolve to ensure as many people as possible that we came in daily contact with should use their voting power, and we think it should be compulsory for all Secondary School children to watch the film as a part of the National Curriculum.

***And the Bride wore white....** <https://pastonglass.wordpress.com/2015/10/06/and-the-bride-wore-white/>

mainly written as a discussion about an Edwardian wedding photography collection but also giving some interesting information about marriages in days gone by.

****Britain, Directories & Almanacs"** <http://search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/britain-directories-and-almanacs> Yes it is via FMP subscription I'm afraid but this covers 300 years and at last I

have found trade directories of the 1930s and know what some of my ancestors were up to. Thrilled to bits.

***Huge collection of First World War memorabilia found in attic of 'real-life Miss Havisham' who died leaving £100,000 vintage clothing wardrobe** Emma Glanfield

Published: 18:27, 12 March 2014 | Updated: 20:45, 12 March 2014 I have just seen this was over a year ago but still fascinating reading.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2579294/Huge-collection-First-World-War-memorabilia-attic-real-life-Miss-Havisham-died-leaving-100-000-vintage-clothing-wardrobe.html>

***Apprentices and their boxes: rethinking the girls' dormitory in the Apprentice House at Quarry Bank—hannahbarkerhistory-** <http://hannahbarker.net/2015/10/08/apprentices-and-their-boxes-rethinking-the-girls-dormitory-in-the-apprentice-house-at-quarry-bank/>

***Manchester's Trafford Park, the world's first industrial estate** – a history of cities in 50 buildings, day 26 <http://www.theguardian.com/cities/2015/apr/29/manchester-trafford-park-world-first-industrial-estate-history-cities-50-buildings>

This five square mile stretch of meadow and deer park became the great arsenal of the second world war effort, and the brains and guts of industrialised Britain. I suspect many Boltonians will have ancestors who worked at Trafford Park. This is a fascinating account of its origins



****Can I Legally Use Online Photos in my Family History**?**

<http://genealogy.about.com/od/copyright/fl/can-i-legally-use-online-photos.htm> Copyright, Etiquette & Ethics of Using Online Photos By Kimberly Powell Genealogy Expert. As you may have gathered this is a problem I am constantly aware of not only re photos but also articles. I hope that by usually giving the website for most references I am avoiding ever being accused of copyright infringement and plagiarism but this is such a thorny issue.

***HHA BMD COM** <http://www.hha-bmd.com/> "allows you to upload to the site copies of documents and files which you own, and could be useful to other family historians, in so doing you earn a credit which allows you to access records of other members to help you with your own research"

***The Brigham Young University Script Tutorial** <https://script.byu.edu/Pages/home.aspx> "Welcome to the enhanced BYU Script Tutorial. This website offers guidance in the deciphering of documents written in handwriting styles or alphabets no longer in general use. It concentrates on alphabets used between 1500 and 1800 in Western Europe. Currently it offers instruction in English, German, Dutch, Italian, French, Spanish, and Portuguese; Latin and eastern European languages will be added in the future." What more could you ask for????

CANADIAN

****Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics**** Welcome to one million new possibilities in searching for your Nova Scotia roots! <https://www.novascotiagenealogy.com/>

MILITARY (sort of)

***Desperate wives and the man known as Derek who fathered 500 children with women whose war hero husbands were too shell-shocked to make love**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2383895/Desperate-wives-man-fathered-500-children-women-war-hero-husbands-shellshocked-make-love.html>

Helena Wright was a renowned doctor, campaigner and educator. She assisted women whose husbands were unable to father children. Many men returned from World War I unable to perform sexually.

I have always supposed I should be considered lucky in that of the 3 newly married men in my family that I know of who served in WW1, they all returned home intact as far as I know; but 2 of them had no children, and the third had one child who later died of leukaemia.

Maybe there were more after effects as yet unacknowledged. What a sad story

TRAVELLING

***A Brief Introduction to Ancient Paths and Highways** by Historic England

<http://heritagecalling.com/2015/10/14/a-brief-introduction-to-ancient-paths-and-highways/>

From main roads connecting towns and cities to meandering green lanes and mysterious paths to nowhere, our highways and byways are steeped in history.

Freight lorries bound for the Continent still use prehistoric tracks, long-



distance coaches hurtle along Roman roads and farmers depend on medieval lanes to reach their fields. A number of these routes have been protected through scheduling: is there an ancient road near you?

***Turnpike trusts** https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turnpike_trusts Turnpike trusts were bodies set up by individual acts of Parliament, with powers to collect road tolls for maintaining the principal roads in Britain from the 17th but especially during the 18th and 19th centuries. At the peak, in the 1830s, over 1,000 trusts administered around 30,000 miles (48,000 km) of turnpike road in England and Wales, taking tolls at almost 8,000 toll-gates and side-bars - This is a fascinating read of the origins of turnpikes. Makes the M40 look quite tame.

There were several local ones such as Patricroft on the Barton- Moses Gate route and Kersal Bar on Bury New Road. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turnpike_trusts_in_Greater_Manchester and also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turnpike_trusts_in_Greater_Manchester#Lancashire

***"Why apps won't be ousting maps any time soon as Ordnance Survey chief charts a digital future"**. Huge opportunities await the nation's map-maker, but few are geographical http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/11939740/Why-apps-wont-be-ousting-maps-any-time-soon-as-Ordnance-Survey-chief-charts-a-digital-future.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter By Andrew Cave 10:53PM BST 18 Oct 2015



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MISCELLANEOUS

***"Major project to rejuvenate Little Lever canal lock"**

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/13739764.Major_project_to_rejuvenate_Little_Lever_canal_lock/

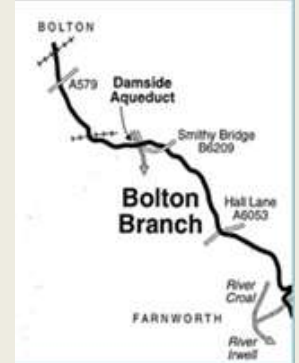


Some of you may remember this announcement in the Bolton News from last September. Residents of Little Lever really still greeted the news with disbelief as the idea has been bandied around for so many years that it had



almost been relegated to folk lore. Now however Wow!--it is happening. The 6 Prestolee Locks, part of that big channel that had been manually dug out by so

many navvies in the 1790s, no doubt with plenty of blood, sweat and tears, and then glibly filled in again by machines in the 1960s as being surplus to requirements, is now being restored with a vengeance, volunteers and hard fund raising. Go and have a look for yourself. It is an amazing salvage programme and something for all participants to be proud of. Dr Paul Hindle did tell us about this a few years ago and we are hoping to have someone from the <http://www.mbbcs.org.uk/history.html> update us about their progress before too long. Certainly 2017 if not before.



***The best scanning apps for Android and iPhone** <http://www.cnet.com/how-to/best-scanning-apps-for-android-and-iphone/> September 8, 2015 by Sarah Mitroff @sarahmitroff .The days of buying a pricey dedicated scanner are long gone. Today, our high-powered smartphones can do the job faster. Never bother with a scanner again. Thanks to high-quality cameras on today's top smartphones and nifty behind-the-scenes tech, scanning a document or photo with great results is as easy as opening an app and snapping a picture

***Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches** <http://www.twistedtwigsongnarledbranches.com/> . This is the American website of a regular on Facebook and I think they have some quite funny genealogical based cartoons on. This seems to be the only way I can share them the none FB way so if you fancy a quick giggle try it. * **"Magna Carta and the Rule of Law"** the 800th anniversary celebrations go on and apparently even the Chinese are commemorating it !!http://magnacarta800th.com/newsletters/Magna_Carta_Newsletter_October_2015.pdf

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OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS

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



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

24th November "Monarchy and Dunham the history of Dunham Massey, families, royal claims, intrigue, power, passion and scandal"--Peter W. Braun.

***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. All start at Longsight Church Centre at Harwood, BL2 3HX. . They offer talks of local and regional interest. This month's event **25th November, "North Atlantic Vikings "by Peter Harris.** 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

This months events are

14 November Open Day and Launch of Overspill Exhibition

19 November Underground Canals of Worsley - Glen and Judith Atkinson

***Horwich Heritage Centre-** <http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk> 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 **10th November ~ Alf Molyneux "Alf's Life Memories.**

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



Meetings are routinely held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Girls' Division Great Hall at Bolton School.

Admission for visitors is £3, students free, and includes light refreshments.

For more information contact .Secretary Jenni Hyde 01772 93033 or boltonhistory@aim.com

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