



# Bolton's Genies



The Monthly Newsletter of the  
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A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.

Welcome all. Firstly, may I, on behalf of the committee, thank you for the fantastic turnout we have received on the opening meetings at our new venue. I think the attendance at our "getting to know you" meeting in January was 88, in February it was 93, and this last March meeting was 75. This was unexpected and unprecedented. I think our highest numbers previously have been about 65. Those attending will know that we have, and still are having, "teething" problems.

Firstly, the seating arrangements where we have been quite "cosy" in the ground floor Mackenzie Suite. For March we moved the "signing in", and some stationery tables to the entrance, and bar area to make room for more chairs, but obviously this will not be practical when the golfers will need the space, (and it was draughty to say the least). Negotiations are under way for better accommodation but as things stand nothing else is available at present. We are currently in a quandary as to what options we have, so watch this space. We and the golf club management are aware of the problem and working on it.

Secondly our loud speaker system has had "hiccups" to say the least, but our brand new equipment seemed to be in full working order this last meeting, (still working out where to put the microphone though!)

Thirdly we knew details on the screen had not been readable from the back, but hopefully adjustment of the projector position, and also a revised seating plan has resolved the problem this time?

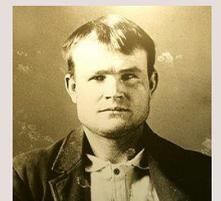
On the brighter side we have tried to make disabled access more user friendly, and we are hopeful that you are now enjoying the addition of beverages available before the talk. So these are the dilemmas we are still trying to sort out, and please bear with us.

## OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March was about the Church of the Latter Day Saint first converts in Lancashire, and the story of Butch Cassidy aka Robert Leroy Parker and**



**his Lancashire origins. Well we knew this was going to be an interesting, and different talk because it was by Kathryn Carter, and we weren't disappointed were we. Did you know about the connection?? What revelations!**



<http://www.wikitree.com/photo/jpg/Parker-11929> and when Charles Dickens and the

"Artful Dodger" were thrown into the pot as well as family connections what fun. There will be a fuller report in the next journal but this <https://leigh.life/index.php?topic=35718.0> will give you a clue as to what I am talking about. ( It was also a pleasure to welcome one of our past Chairman Mr Geoff Timmington , visiting us on a short "catch up" break and looking very spritely ).

**Wednesday, 6th April, 7.30pm, Peter Watson, a local historian, will talk about "The Lore of Birth, Death and the Household".** A look at some folk-lore beliefs surrounding birth and early days, death and traditions of the home in a non-scientific age. A window into how our ancestors coped with everyday problems.

**Meetings are held at**

**Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Brow, Chorley Old Road BL1 5SU. 7.30pm, the first Wednesday of each month, with beverages served from 7pm. We offer a Stationery Desk, Help Desk for personal research, 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 , ACTIVITIES and COMING EVENTS

**\*Manchester MLFHS Events** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--manchester/mlfhs/?sort=date>

This mainly includes the Manchester Central Library (MCL) based meetings, I know these dates are not always suitable for those working or with other things to do on a Saturday afternoon, but well worth a visit. Access is slowly getting easier again via either train or the Metro, and the number 1 and 2 bus shuttles <http://www.tfgm.com/Corporate/Documents/Information/Manchester-Metroshuttle.pdf> We thought the last Quarterly meeting in January with a "Law and Order" theme was very interesting, and one of our previous Bolton speakers Michael Powell, who guided us around Chethams College , is speaking again here this time. .

**\*VIDEO: Time-lapse footage shows scale of Farnworth Tunnels job as project is shortlisted for award** Liam Thorp, politics reporter / Bolton News Wednesday 24 February 2016

[http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/14296746.Time\\_lapse\\_video\\_shows\\_the\\_scale\\_of\\_Farnworth\\_Tunnels\\_job\\_as\\_project\\_is\\_shortlisted\\_for\\_award/#comments](http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/14296746.Time_lapse_video_shows_the_scale_of_Farnworth_Tunnels_job_as_project_is_shortlisted_for_award/#comments) Thought you might like to see one of the reasons why we haven't been doing trips to Manchester on the train lately. Hopefully now resolved. We just need people to organize some now. Any offers please?? We have the ideas, just need coordinators.

**\*Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> Helmshore Mill** . <http://www.visitlancashire.com/things-to-do/helmshore-mills-textile-museum-p7153> Maybe your last chance to see this wonderful old building. We had 32 booked at the last count. Details as in last month's newsletter. Contact Brian as above

**\*Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> Trip to the WDYTYR show in Birmingham.**

<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/> Places are now filled but if you are still interested please contact Brian as above to go on the reserve list. £40 for return transport from Bolton, and entrance ticket including one workshop.

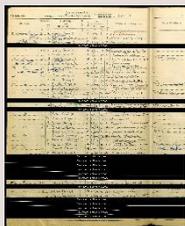
**\*Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> Greater Manchester Police Museum and Archives.**

<http://www.gmpmuseum.co.uk/>

The tour starts at 11.00am and lasts for approximately 2 hours. The tour is free but we suggest a donation of £3 would cover the costs. Contact Brian as above



## GENIE'S TIPS for MARCH



**\*"1939 Register Special Newsletter" Lost Cousins** published 14th February 2016 4.20pm <http://lostcousins.com/newsletters2/1939special.htm> I seem to be regularly repeating myself re this website and 2 weekly newsletters, but I am not making excuses because I find this "special", and also the routine editions, are so useful and interesting. I am sure you will all know by now that Findmypast are now including the 1939 register within their normal subscription package rather than buying extra credits for it. Here now also are some very helpful guidelines on how to make the best use of it all. also

### **\*"Understanding 1939 Registration Districts" Findmypast**

[http://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/1939-register-enumeration-districts?sourceID=13&utm\\_source=affiliate&utm\\_medium=affiliate&utm\\_content=LostCousins&utm\\_campaign=+fmp\\_uk&awc=2114\\_1448818677\\_2b68d72cf7eeea1e077910af1b3e4a2e&dclid=CJTz9pOW+skCF5NR2wodspokMg](http://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/1939-register-enumeration-districts?sourceID=13&utm_source=affiliate&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_content=LostCousins&utm_campaign=+fmp_uk&awc=2114_1448818677_2b68d72cf7eeea1e077910af1b3e4a2e&dclid=CJTz9pOW+skCF5NR2wodspokMg)

*"There are over 1400 districts in the 1939 register. On the left hand side, the list is organised by their short code. On the right the same list is repeated, sorted by Registration District. Borough/district. Those outside of London include various abbreviations after them: ---".*

### **\*"How to Tell a First Cousin from a Second Cousin" <http://www.familytree.com/blog/how-to-tell-a-first-cousin-from-a-second-cousin/> Family Tree.com <http://www.familytree.com/>**

*"Genealogists, realize that "cousin" is often used as a general term. Genealogy is the study of family, so it makes sense for genealogists to take the time to figure out precisely how each individual is related to the rest"*

### **\* "8 Ways to Find a Maiden Name" <http://www.webgenealogist.com/articles/> Web Genealogist.com**

### **\*"Tapping your roots @GSQ" A blog about all things of interest in genealogy and family history from the team at the Genealogical Society of Queensland**

<http://gsqld.blogspot.co.uk/2016/02/the-importance-of-checking-variations.html> The importance of checking variations in the spelling of names

### **\*Five expert tips for finding missing birth records" [http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/5-expert-tips-finding-missing-birth-records?utm\\_source=Adestra&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_content=&utm\\_campaign=WDYTYA-25022016-Newsletter\\_40981\\_Who%20Do%20You%20Think%20You%20Are%3F\\_Newsletters](http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/5-expert-tips-finding-missing-birth-records?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=&utm_campaign=WDYTYA-25022016-Newsletter_40981_Who%20Do%20You%20Think%20You%20Are%3F_Newsletters)**

**\*Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree" <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy> University of Strathclyde "Develop an understanding of genealogy - how to research your family tree and communicate the results - in this free online course". A free starter course to whet your appetite if you can't get to any of our classes. Starts March 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **\*"What is Probate? Probate Explained by Probate Solicitors" [https://www.co-oplegalservices.co.uk/probate-solicitors/what-is-probate/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social-network&utm\\_content=v7&utm\\_campaign=socialfeb16\\_probate](https://www.co-oplegalservices.co.uk/probate-solicitors/what-is-probate/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social-network&utm_content=v7&utm_campaign=socialfeb16_probate) Co-operative Legal Services**

*"Probate is the word normally used to describe the legal and financial processes involved in dealing with the property, money and other possessions of an individual who has passed away in England or Wales. Probate involves a lot of complicated legal and financial work, and can be broken down into five different phases ---".*

### **\*What's Your Genealogy Know-How Score? Find Out With Our Fun Quiz**

<http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/whats-your-genealogy-know-how-score-find-out-with-our-fun-quiz/> *"This (American) quiz is designed to be fun, to give you a laugh and something to share with*



friends. But it's also a wonderful way to help you identify areas where you can improve your research techniques and become a better family historian! Answer NO to a statement and you've found an area you might want to explore and improve on".



**Genealogy Discounts**

[http://www.genealogydiscount.co.uk/?utm\\_source=MadMimi&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Genealogy+Discount+Newsletter+%2358+Irish&utm\\_campaign=20160301\\_m130027026\\_Genealogy+Discount+Newsletter+%2358+Irish&utm\\_term=www\\_genealogydiscount\\_co\\_uk](http://www.genealogydiscount.co.uk/?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Genealogy+Discount+Newsletter+%2358+Irish&utm_campaign=20160301_m130027026_Genealogy+Discount+Newsletter+%2358+Irish&utm_term=www_genealogydiscount_co_uk)

Lots of discounts available at the moment but be quick.

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## THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

### \*Lancashire Records



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



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

>Manchester Evening News , "Greater Manchester residents to have access to almost three million books as library services join together"

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/libraries-join-greater-manchester-books-10834899>

4 Feb 2016 By Todd Fitzgerald People in Manchester, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport and Trafford will be able to borrow books from scores of sites across Greater Manchester - rather than just libraries in their own boroughs

>Friends of Lancashire Archives and including Lancashire Archives own monthly

newsletter <http://www.flarchives.co.uk/newsletters.html> . You can subscribe to this list for the monthly updates on coming events, courses and general events at Preston.

### \*The Latest on Digital Tree Programmes: -

>Family Tree Maker: what the latest news means for users By Guest, 4 February 2016

- 1:07pm <http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/blog/family-tree-maker-what-latest-news-means-users?device=desktop>

Genealogy tech expert Nick Peers shares his views on

Ancestry's decision, which will see Family Tree Maker and its key features taken

on by new publishers, but not until Jan 2017. In the meantime, competition is coming in thick and fast with all sorts of options and I for one am finding it quite difficult to keep up with it all, so here is a list of some of those chasing our business this month

>Tree View <http://treeview.co.uk/> which is linked to **The Genealogist** and some thoughts on this

<https://sdfhs.wordpress.com/2016/02/20/family-tree-maker-and-ancestry/> from a member of Somerset & Dorset Family History Society

>RootsMagic UK Version 7 <https://genealogysupplies.com/rootsmagic> which will be linked to Ancestry if not already but already states it is part of The Genealogist , so who knows what is happening?

<http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2016/02/03/FamilyTreeMakerReturnsPLUSAncestryPartnersWithRootsMagic.aspx>

>Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems blog asks "Are we getting closer to the "holy grail" of family history software: one that will sync with all the major genealogy websites --" in an interesting perspective

<https://dub115.mail.live.com/?tid=cmrfhXPBnc5RGNbwAjfeSnnq2&fid=f18FmnZW9NiEenQxU4YiPCWw2>

And then there is



>**Twile** <https://twile.com/blog/> who have just won two awards in the Innovator Showdown, including People's Choice, at the recent Roots Tech 2016 show at Salt Lake City and are now partnering with Findmypast <https://twile.com/blog/2016/02/twile-partners-with-findmypast/>. This firm is at least based in comparatively local Doncaster. All I can say is we are trying to find out more and there is no urgency to make any decisions if you are a current FTM user. I was told by Paul Brooks on the 12<sup>th</sup> February that

*"Twile is different from Ancestry, Findmypast and software like FTM, in that we aren't a research tool. We have plans to include some research features, but primarily Twile is a tool for visualising your family history data.*

*When you import your tree (yes you can import a GEDCOM) we take all of the data within it and use that to create a visual timeline, made up of milestones - such as birth, marriage, death. You can then manually add more events and upload photos to the timeline - either scanned pictures or recent digital photos. In this way you create an attractive picture of your whole family history, from your earliest ancestor to the most recent addition.*

*The purpose is to make it easier for the whole family to explore and engage in the family story, both by looking through the timeline and by adding their own more recent history. You may want to watch this video that we put together ahead of the RootsTech competition:*

*<https://vimeo.com/147302949>. While sharing with family is a key element of Twile, it's also a*

*great tool to give you personally a better understanding of your family history, by showing how every person's events relate to the rest of the family. We have just*

*this week announced a partnership with Findmypast - this includes investment from them as well as plans for technical integration. It means that we'll be able to access their records data and soon you'll be able to jump to your Twile timeline from within your FMP account."*

So watch this space. If you are already a Findmypast subscriber your problem might be solved.



## **SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES**



\***rootsweb** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/rootsweb/support.html>. The Intro starts with

*"Thank you for choosing RootsWeb.com as a genealogy resource. With your help, and Ancestry.com's support, we remain the oldest and largest free genealogy site. --- The most successful researchers use all of the great resources on the Web including Ancestry.com and Rootsweb.com. Because these are the two largest genealogy websites on the Internet you can communicate with others, share research, and volunteering your time and skills.*

\***The United Kingdom and Ireland family history research page** can be found here

[http://search.ancestry.co.uk/Places/UK/Default.aspx?geo\\_a=r&o\\_iid=41013&o\\_lid=41013&o\\_sch=Web+Property](http://search.ancestry.co.uk/Places/UK/Default.aspx?geo_a=r&o_iid=41013&o_lid=41013&o_sch=Web+Property), and as an example **this is the Bolton link ENG-LAN-BOLTON Mailing List** : .



<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/intl/ENG/ENG-LAN-BOLTON.html> A mailing list for anyone with a genealogical/local history interest in Bolton, including Horwich, Farnworth, Westhoughton and Turton.. and they have them for most other areas around the country, and are well used. I use two in

Yorkshire and one in Cambridgeshire. A useful linked site is

>**Bolton Genealogy** <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~boltongenealogy/index.html> a

Genealogical Website for Bolton, Lancashire. This is an off shoot run by Valerie Lirakis a "stray" Boltonian who I have mentioned in the past. It includes several interesting record

collections, and historical genealogy resources to help you trace your ancestors

[http://search.ancestry.co.uk/Places/UK/Default.aspx?geo\\_a=r&o\\_iid=41013&o\\_lid=41013&o\\_sch=Web+Property](http://search.ancestry.co.uk/Places/UK/Default.aspx?geo_a=r&o_iid=41013&o_lid=41013&o_sch=Web+Property)

**\*The British Newspaper Archive South Wales Daily News** I have been looking for some



time now for useful Welsh websites as I know a lot of you have family from that area and it is a difficult area to research. It has recently been announced that this database is now available.

[http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/search/results?newspaperTitle=South%20Wales%20Daily%20News&utm\\_campaign=news&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=bn&utm\\_content=822296&utm\\_term=FMP-CAM-New-11216-N&dcid=CJCh2rWv78oCFWNj2wodA\\_4NWw](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/search/results?newspaperTitle=South%20Wales%20Daily%20News&utm_campaign=news&utm_medium=email&utm_source=bn&utm_content=822296&utm_term=FMP-CAM-New-11216-N&dcid=CJCh2rWv78oCFWNj2wodA_4NWw).

Of course I think subscription to this website is approximately £75 but if you already have access to Findmypast which includes this database, here is the link <http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search/british-newspapers?keywords=south+wales+daily+news>. If anyone knows of any other good Welsh sites, please could they share.

**Wales Genuki** <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal> This is probably a good start. And

**Archives Wales** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKGsIpujkdPUcykzt-S3M6Q> The Intro says "Archives Wales highlights the great work that is being done in archive services across Wales. Your local archive/record office offers free access to a wealth of information including online family history services and the friendly expert staff can help you find what you are looking for quickly and efficiently".

I hope this is useful for some. I know Wales is a difficult research area. If you can recommend for this or any sites, please share.



**\*National Library of Scotland** <http://www.nls.uk/exhibitions/plague> "Plague! A cultural history of contagious diseases in Scotland" This explores the contagious diseases afflicting people in Scotland over the past 700 years, along with society's reactions to contagion. Runs from 11 December 2015 to 29 May 2016

>"The forgotten cave-dwellers of Scotland's far North" <http://www.scotsman.com/heritage/people-places/the-forgotten-cave-dwellers-of-scotland-s-far-north-1-3915730> The Scotsman by Alison Campsie 13 Octo 2015 an interesting find from the late 19<sup>th</sup> C.

>**Scotland and the Flemish People An investigation into a significant medieval immigrant group**

<https://dub115.mail.live.com/mail/ViewOfficePreview.aspx?messageid=mgsCdIPEPf5RGawgAhWte9hA2&folderid=f18FmnZW9NiEenQxU4YiPCWw2&attindex=0&cp=-1&attdepth=0&n=24670832> "---immigration is not a new phenomenon for Scotland. It is perhaps little known that immigrants from Flanders - Flemish people -were an important immigrant group in the medieval and early modern period (roughly 1100 - 1700)".

>**"Vikings 'were warned to avoid Scotland"** The Telegraph 20 Sep 2009

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/travelnews/6212823/Vikings-were-warned-to-avoid-Scotland.html> "Scotland is full of dangerous natives who speak an incomprehensible language and the is weather awful. That was the verdict of a series of 13th century Viking travel guides that warned voyagers to visit at their peril" --- but obviously not all did->



>**"DNA tests prove Scots clan are Viking not Irish" Deadline.com**

<http://www.deadlinenews.co.uk/2015/01/15/dna-tests-prove-scots-clan-are-viking-not-irish/> By Jenny Kane -January 15, 2015

"DNA tests on a Scottish clan have destroyed their claim to royal Irish ancestry - and proved they are Vikings. For centuries the MacNeil clan based on the Hebridean island of Barra have claimed to be descendants of a Ireland's "greatest" King, Niall of the Nine Hostages, but hundreds of cheek swabs taken from Barra MacNeils as far away as Canada and Australia have proved that the blood of fierce Norse raiders runs through their veins"



**\*Ireland** - \*10 million Irish Catholic Parish Records will be released this March, <https://blog.findmypast.com/new-records-announced-10-million-irish-parish-records-1589108582.html> Findmypast. As this is for Ireland I rather think this will only be accessible via a World subscription but maybe worth it for some. Please let us know any successes --- or not. I note

Ancestry are also coming up with similar offers

<http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=4077> so all becoming very competitive I think this article from Genealogy in Time

[http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/newest-genealogy-records.html?awt\\_l=GR3yQ&awt\\_m=J\\_ztBmFkdwk.Vy](http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/newest-genealogy-records.html?awt_l=GR3yQ&awt_m=J_ztBmFkdwk.Vy) explains the new developments much better than I can. See more at: <https://youtu.be/eQZvSCZj7ro> and alternatively

>**"From Ireland: Free Irish Genealogy"** <http://www.from-ireland.net/> "Here you will find millions of free records, compiled by Dr. Jane Lyons, including: gravestone records, gravestone photographs, 1901 census records, 1911 census records, 1931 trade directory records, birth records, marriage records, death records, Lewis' topographical records, Griffith's valuation records, and much more"

And from further afield



**\*New Zealand BMD Records** <https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/home/> This is limited even more than ours, by confidentiality issues but hopefully useful for some, "The historic data available for you to search is limited so that people or families who might still be alive, can be protected. Information available includes:

##Births that occurred at least 100 years ago ##Stillbirths that occurred at least 50 years ago

##Marriages that occurred at least 80 years ago ##Deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago or the deceased's date of birth was at least 80 years ago".

>**The Auckland Research Centre Library**

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/heritage/familyhistory/Pages/familyhistory.aspx> seems a useful resource recommended by a local archivist.



**\*Upper Canada (Ontario) East Baptism Indexes** Copyright © 2013 Michael Stephenson. All

rights reserved <http://www.ontariogenealogy.com/easternontariobaptisms.html> "The following database have been recorded from 1790's through 1860's baptism registers for Eastern Upper

Canada (Ontario.)--- The COMPLETE baptism record contains information that in most cases includes the name of child, date of birth, parents, location or residence, names of sponsors, name of priest or minister officiating, and the date of the baptism. Many of the Church of Scotland baptisms include an address, ie Concession/Lot in township"

**\*The Ships List** <http://www.theshipslist.com/> Might help to find out how they got there as well.

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"This website, online since August 1999, will help you find your ancestors on ships' passenger lists. We also have immigration reports, newspaper records, shipwreck information, ship pictures, ship descriptions, shipping-

line fleet lists and more; as well as hundreds of passenger lists to Canada, USA, Australia and even some for South Africa"

What an amazing site this is , and all free.



**\*England's Immigrants 1330 - 1550 Resident Aliens in the Late Middle**

**Ages** <https://www.englishimmigrants.com/> a fully-searchable database containing over 64,000 names of people known to have migrated to England during the period of the Hundred Years' War and the Black Death, the Wars of the Roses and

the Reformation. For a longer discussion from the Federation of Family History Societies. . See <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/news/news160201.php> a

**\*Dating, comparing money values, hair fashions and photographs**



>"Five Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a UK Pound Amount, 1270 to Present", <https://www.measuringworth.com/ukcompare/> Measuring Worth.com

*Often one knows the price, cost, or value of something in a particular ("original") year, and one wants to know the value of this money amount in another ("desired") year---*

>**Victorian hairstyles and care** [https://mimimatthews.com/2016/02/01/a-victorian-ladys-guide-to-hair-care-2/?utm\\_content=buffer3c27a&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://mimimatthews.com/2016/02/01/a-victorian-ladys-guide-to-hair-care-2/?utm_content=buffer3c27a&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer) Mimimatthews.com Feb1st 2016

>**Date an Old Photograph** <http://www.rogerco.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/time/date.htm> © Roger Vaughan Personal Collection

2012. I found this is an excellent site offering lots of resources. And

**\* Five Things You Need to Know About Digitizing Photos** December 7, 2015 / Alison Taylor Pictures and Stories <http://picturesandstories.com/news/2015/12/7/five-things-you-need-to-know-about-digitizing-photos> Have you spent loads of time

*"digitizing your photo collection, only to find out that the files are too small or too low-quality for archival purposes. They may look fine on Facebook, but when printed in a family history book or newspaper article, they will look blurry or pixelated ---Don't let this happen to you! Here are five "musts" for properly creating a digital archive of your family's precious photos and documents, in a nutshell". Also Tags and Captions- How to label your digital*

**photos using metadata** <http://picturesandstories.com/news/2014/4/21/tags-and-captions-how-to-label-your-digital-photos-using-metadata> I really must do this. A super article.



**\*Women's Work in Rural England, 1500-1700**

<https://earlymodernwomenswork.wordpress.com/2016/02/03/workers-of-the-week-night-owls/>

**Workers of the Week: Night Owls** Posted on February 3, 2016 by

manyheadedhailwood

Mark Hailwood



*"---how, in the age before electric light and widespread street-lighting, did the length of daylight hours shape the working lives of our sixteenth- and seventeenth-century ancestors?"*

**\*Obscure Old English Census Occupations** <http://www.worldthroughthelens.com/family-history/old-occupations.php> An updated British list, inviting comments and contributions, also **Dictionary of Old Occupations: A-Z Index** <http://www.familyresearcher.co.uk/glossary/Dictionary-of-Old-Occupations-Index.html>

**\*\*"Wife Selling in Nottingham"** by **nottinghamhiddenhistoryteam** by Joe Earp <https://nottinghamhiddenhistoryteam.wordpress.com/2016/02/18/wife-selling-in-nottingham/> Posted on February 18, 2016: *"---divorce was only obtainable by private Act of Parliament until 1857. Even after that date, it remained extremely expensive. Ordinary people could have recourse only to the custom of wife selling, which was the poor man's form of divorce. The buyer of the wife was prearranged, and the proceedings were by mutual consent. They were regarded as legal and binding (though they were not in fact so---"*



**\*How did Britain hide its treasure from the Nazis** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zgdsbk7>

The monumental plan to save Britain's most valuable cultural treasures from the Nazis and bury them in north Wales remained an official secret for decades, and

**\*Inside the UK's largest salt mine** By Rumeana Jahangir BBC News 17 February 2016

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-35322992> "Cheshire mine's naturally constant temperature makes it a useful storage location. "Some police forces find it ideal but we also store for the National Archives." About 2.2 million boxes - some of which include film archives and banks' records - are shelved in 32 large "rooms", with a couple extending to two floors. -"

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**\*Mail Online "Uncovering more of Britain's 'lost' Roman roads":** Latest maps reveal a key route and fort used to conquer Northern England. Archaeologists are using Lidar data to find hidden Roman roads. Seven have been found in two years, including Ribchester to Lancaster By Sarah Griffiths for MailOnline

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3436936/Britain-s-lost-Roman-roads-discovered-2-000-years-Maps-reveal-new-key-route-used-conquer-Northern-England.html>



**\*"Why is London's Garden Bridge worth as much as five Lancashire museums? Ask Joanna Lumley"** 13 February 2016 [http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/feb/13/why-is-londons-garden-bridge-worth-as-much-as-five-lancashire-museums-ask-joanna-lumley?CMP=Share\\_AndroidApp\\_Facebook](http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/feb/13/why-is-londons-garden-bridge-worth-as-much-as-five-lancashire-museums-ask-joanna-lumley?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Facebook)

Most of you should by now have heard the sad news that extended funding to support the 5 Lancashire museums was not approved by Lancashire County Council Meeting on Feb 12th. This is how it was reported in The Guardian by Ian Jack. "A sum of £60m, adjusted for inflation, would keep Lancashire's museums open for nearly the next half century. Instead, thanks to the power of the chums, it will help finance an unwanted, unnecessary new ornament in London. I like London, but it isn't hard to understand why so many other people hate the place". Amen

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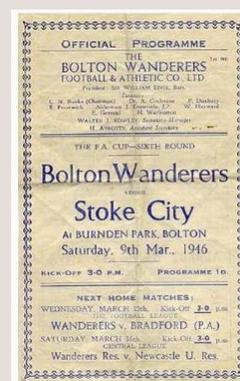
## MEMBERS COMMENTS, QUERIES, and MEMORIES

**\*Burnden Park Disaster 1946 by Alf Ashworth** <http://www.boltonrevisited.org.uk/s-burnden-disaster.html>



Programme image courtesy of Hilda Taylor whose late husband was at the match. "As the Hillsborough Inquest into the deaths of the 96 Liverpool fans comes to an end Bolton is preparing to remember its own disaster when 33 Bolton Wanderers fans died at Burnden Park

Football Stadium on 9th March 1946. I have a personal interest as my mother's two cousins, Fred (31) and James (33) Battersby of Atherton were killed in the disaster. My grandmother often said, "They went all through the war, came home without a scratch only to get killed at a football match." This happened before I was born but my family have always been season ticket holders and now my grandson is carrying on the tradition. The Wanderers have sold over 1,000 commemorative shirts bearing the names of the 33, and I have bought one for him. He



always wears his Wanderers shirts, both home and away, with pride, but this one will mean more to him as he has a personal connection, albeit from 70 years ago. Someone once said that football was more important than life and death, and, sadly, as Bolton Wanderers move towards a different sort of disaster we should keep this in perspective because, in my opinion, it isn't". Barbara B.

**Does anyone know the history of Bolton artist David Winder who owned a shop at 19 Great Moor Street, Bolton?** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David\\_Winder\\_\(artist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Winder_(artist)) . (probably where the new bus station is now being built, opposite the Shelter charity shop). Do you know anything about the shop? It seems Wikipedia is trying to find more information about this Bolton son. *David Winder (1824–16 April 1912 a British portrait painter from Lancashire, England. David was the son of John Winder, manager of a textile mill in Bolton, Lancashire. He gained a reputation as the painter of several portraits of Bolton dignitaries, including several mayors. One of his earliest existing paintings is his portrait of the former Mayor of Bolton, Charles James Darbishire, painted in oil. He also painted landscapes and exhibited at the Royal Institute in Manchester. He lived all his life in Bolton and was buried in Heaton Cemetery, Bolton. He had married Sarah Green: both their son David Horatio and their daughter became accomplished artists. Someone out there must know more surely???*

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## OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS

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



Email [margaretk@talktalk.net](mailto:margaretk@talktalk.net) . Meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Chorley Old Road, BL1 3BE opposite Shepherd Cross St, Bolton, Their next month's talk March 29<sup>th</sup> "The Band of Hope in the North West", an illustrated talk by Annemarie McAllister

**\*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. Please email Secretary [PeterMHarris@care4free.net](mailto:PeterMHarris@care4free.net) for more information.

**\*Westhoughton Local History Group -**

Meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, between 10am and 12md in the room above Westhoughton Library, Market St, Westhoughton, BL5 3AU . Next meeting 17th March A Girl without a Name - Tony Foster

[http://www.westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk/Westhoughton\\_History\\_Group/Home.html](http://www.westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk/Westhoughton_History_Group/Home.html)

**\*Horwich Heritage Centre-** Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at



7:30pm at the Horwich Resource Centre, Beaumont Road (off Longworth Road), Horwich BL6 7BG. Open Days, are held most months on Saturdays between 10am --- 1pm. This month's talk is on March 8th ~ Alan Simpson The Doffcocker Village Model.

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

**\*Great Lever and Morris Green Local History Society**

**St Michael with St Bartholomew Heritage Open Week 14th -20th March**

Displays and talks/slide shows at the church.

Wednesday 16th March 1.30pm



Slide show/talk including brief history of Great Lever and information about notable local families. Pupils from St Michael's school are also attending.

Saturday 19th March 1.30pm

Display and slide show/talk, come along and find out more about the history of Great Lever and the surrounding area. The church is open each day Monday to Saturday from 10am-3pm.

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## POST SCRIPTS

These articles have just come in over the last few days and will spoil my amateurish editing so I hope you will forgive me adding them on here. They seem too good to leave until next month.

### **\*Digitising the Archbishops Registers of the Diocese of York 1225-1646**

<http://www.york.ac.uk/borthwick/projects/archbishops-registers/#tab-1> The Archbishops' Registers held at the Borthwick Institute record the formal acts of the Archbishop of York, the earliest register dating from 1225, fifty years before the first Canterbury register survives, and fifty years earlier than the first registers for Carlisle and Durham, the other dioceses in the Northern Province. They are the earliest systematic records of the archbishops' office, and document the government of the Church, the management and staffing of parishes and the Church's oversight and regulation of the moral and spiritual conduct of the mass of the population across Yorkshire, Northern England and beyond.

The period covered by the Project spans the struggles over Magna Carta; the Anglo Scottish wars; the loss of nearly a quarter of the population to the Black Death in 1349; the Wars of the Roses; the societal earthquake of the Reformation and the first English Civil War in the seventeenth century.

**\* The history of the driving test** <http://www.autoexpress.co.uk/car-news/driving-test/85429/history-driving-test/> "The driving test is 80 years old, so we take a look back at its 110-year history". My

Dad proudly told us that he never needed to take a test yet drove all his life. Did yours?

### **\*Dozens of 'British home children' lie forgotten in Etobicoke cemetery | Toronto Star**

<http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2016/02/27/dozens-of-british-home-children-lie-forgotten-in-etobicoke-cemetery.html>

*Victorian-era kids sent to Canada to build a better life often suffered a sad fate; now a research group is trying to tell their stories.* Christopher Reynolds Staff Reporter, Published on Sat Feb 27 2016

**\*8 Ways to Find a Maiden Name** [http://www.webgenealogist.com/blog/2016/02/24/8-ways-to-find-a-maiden-name/?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=Group%20Post&utm\\_campaign=8%20Maiden%20Names](http://www.webgenealogist.com/blog/2016/02/24/8-ways-to-find-a-maiden-name/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Group%20Post&utm_campaign=8%20Maiden%20Names)

By Emily Hyde February 24, 2016

**That's All Folks. Hope you are enjoying this. If you want anything changing or would like to contribute please let me know!**