



Bolton's Genies



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Contents of the Member Area. Note various Bolton databases <https://goo.gl/QW1jWb>
Other benefits and how to join <https://goo.gl/tjStxw>

A letter I have been asked to post from our Chairman, so I dare not argue:-



On behalf of the committee of Bolton and Family History Society I would like to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. This year has been a real rollercoaster for us, with moving to new premises at Bolton Old Links Golf Club in January. We have seen a significant increase in our attendances and in the last twelve months we have attracted just under 1000 visitors to our twelve meetings. This newsletter is now sent to just under 600 readers and the committee would like to thank you for all the support you have given us over the year.



On behalf of all our readers and members I would like to personally thank Jane Milne our editor for all the time and energy she puts into producing the Bolton Genie. I am sure you agree it is a first-class publication and our Vice Chairman Graham Holt has had all the back issues indexed and this information can be found on our website if you wish to check up on something you had previously read. I would also like to thank Jane for the publicity she gets us in the Bolton News and we cannot forget Rita Greenwood who does a great job in editing our 18 pages in the Manchester Genealogist each quarter.

As a committee, we are always looking at ways to keep our members informed of what is happening in the Family History world and we are in the process of developing a Facebook page so you can keep up to date with your research and comments.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.
Brian Whittle
Chairman

PS. On behalf of the rest of the committee, I think they would all like me to add, that we couldn't have done any of it without such an enthusiastic leadership. Thank you, Brian.



OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday November 30th Christmas Party

Well, did you all enjoy yourselves then, because we did. I think the final number was approx. 90 although about 5 couldn't make it in the end. As well as our regular members, we were delighted to welcome David Lloyd (who had told us about his tram conservation project earlier in the year and he also brought us some quiz contributions), David Burnham came to show us his calendar of sketches of Bolton icons, (and will tell us about Bolton Workhouse staff next month), and Kevan Porter came as our guest from the Golf Club, (and assured us that plans are in hand for a stair lift next year). Rita managed to give us an "enlightening", festive talk about the merits of "Wills and Probate" despite both her voice going and a loud speaker failure, and we then enjoyed excellent choices of meat and potato pie or veggie option and the quiz, (see questions below in case you didn't make it, and answers will be supplied on the website under Miscellaneous after Christmas). The meeting closed with the raffle. (Graham declined to lead the carols Haha!). The pictures show in time order, Brian's first speech, discovering the loudspeaker glitch, Rita's talk, the well organised queuing for the supper, tucking in, and Dave Burnham selling his calendar.



Wednesday January 11th 2017 "What Life was Like for the Poor Law Services and staff 100 + years ago, in Bolton's Workhouses", <https://goo.gl/GUkH1> by David Burnham, Social Work Historian



This is intended to help launch us into the New Year. We hope to help shake off the "left overs", from the festive season, (reminding everyone to document ASAP, all the bits of family gossip, photos and other memorabilia that you might have managed to acquire over the family "get togethers"), and bring people down to earth with a reality check of the workhouse system from a different perspective.

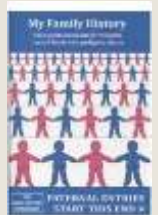


care”) was provided by charitable hospitals administered by the Poor Law through the Local Government Board. The system supported around 2000 people in the community and only 1000 in the workhouse. David focuses on the Bolton Poor Law guardians.

In the meantime some of our members, under the supervision of Graham Holt, have, for some time now, also been indexing the records of the “service users” kept in the Archive, so hopefully there will be news about this database and how it can help your research.



NB, we will also have our first visit in our new venue from our old friend Terry Walsh of the Family History Partnership <https://goo.gl/P2dqmu>. I have asked him particularly to bring as many copies of their latest book, “My Family History” <https://goo.gl/NKljZO>, which includes the popular 10 generation charts. This book is currently selling like hot cakes and Terry is I think the only outlet. (Even Amazon are referring to him, so bring your cash, and favourable rates for all his books.



(Top picture courtesy of Betty Connor author of “Pauper’s Palace: History of Fishpool Institution (Bolton General District Hospital), 1860-1948”, by Betty Connor (ISBN: 9781852160364)

Lower Photo with the permission of Judith Holder Barnett whose gg grandmother, Susannah Swan is seated third from the left with her husband behind to the left. Susannah worked on the board of Governors in the workhouse in Bolton, picture dated at approx. 1910)



• Where?

Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Brow, Chorley Old Road BL1 5SU. Buses 5SU <http://goo.gl/3llsRd>. All MLFHS members free. £2.00 to non-members unless joining on the night.

• When?

7pm beverages available for 7.30pm start, on the first Wednesday of each month (apart from next January 11th). Extras include a Help Desk for personal research, Stationery Table for discounted equipment, and recycle service for your used Family History Magazines.



RECENT TRIPS AND COMING EVENTS

Thursday 24th November Group Visit to Manchester Central Library

This was an extra outing that Graham had negotiated for us.

Approximately 12 of us were made welcome in the Performance Room and Leslie Turner, the MLFHS Help Desk coordinator gave us a quick overview of the assistance available for researchers in the library, and then introduced us to David Govier the lead archivist. He gave us a fast track overview of the vast resources available both online

<https://goo.gl/ACr1hR> and in the building, including the Greater Manchester County Record Office, North West Film Archives, and various other

collections. It was difficult to keep up but this <https://goo.gl/mxauvi> was just one section relevant to Boltonians. It seems therefore that there are different Bolton record collections to be inspected both in the



Manchester library archive as well as the MLFHS site, and more projects ongoing. When Dave had finished, Leslie then given a whistle stop tour of the library floor, which included a visit to the Archive room and the chance to inspect some original copies of the Parish Records from St Peters, (see below). We were shown the MLFHS Help Desk, where volunteers are on duty most days to assist with research enquiries.

This month has been quiet otherwise, mainly because of the imminent festive season and shorter days. We do have ideas for next year but are also very short of coordinators. If six people out there could just volunteer to organise one trip each it would be so helpful. It mainly means collecting names, suggesting how to get there and the timetable, lunch suggestions if appropriate, and arranging a guide to wherever we want to go. It is more time consuming than difficult, but as most of us on committee are multitasking anyway, more help would be appreciated to lighten the load.



GENIE'S TIPS for DECEMBER

We were so very frustrated as the last Genie went out on November 4th, that within hours of doing it the General Record Office made their momentous announcement about the publication of their new Index of births and deaths 1837 to 1915 <https://goo.gl/mnMmdF>, recorded after the **Births and Deaths Registration Act of 1836** and implementation of same in July 1837. <https://goo.gl/hXuw4P> 1837.com. accessed 20.11.16

This is their latest update I noticed on 30.11.16

"Period of High Demand / PDF Pilot Phase 1

We are currently experiencing high volumes of demand, and therefore some customers may experience delay in the receipt of their order. We apologise for any delay in processing and we aim to despatch orders as quickly as possible. Priority applications for certificates are unaffected.

PDF Pilot Phase 1:

Since the 9th November, we have been trialling a PDF service for registration records. Records will not be immediately viewable, but emailed as a PDF.

The pilot is in 3 phases, starting with our digitised records:

Births: 1837 – 1934 and 2007 on, Deaths: 1837 – 1957 and 2007 on, Marriages: 2011 on, Civil Partnerships: 2005 on

Phase 1 closes on 30 Nov, or when 45,000 PDF's have been ordered, whichever is sooner.

Details of Phase 2 (3-hour PDF Service) and Phase 3 (Records not Digitised) will be announced shortly".

What a wonderful early Christmas present to us all. I have visions in my mind's eye of you all being glued to your pcs, knocking down so many brick walls. This Lost Cousins extra edition explains it much better than I can, <https://goo.gl/j6Jzln> and I think this perspective from the Kiwis is helpful.

"GRO - Have you tried the new ordering system?" <https://goo.gl/aaJjcr> **Memories in Time** Nov 10, 2016

"The GRO are trialling a new system of ordering English and Welsh birth & death certificates. These will arrive via email as a PDF within five days (which for those of us outside the UK will be exceptionally speedy). They will be uncertified e.g. you can't use them for identity proof, but perfect for family history research and only cost £6 each. There is a limit on the trial of three weeks or 45,000 certificates and it will be interesting to see which comes first?"





Member Area Contents of the Member Area <https://goo.gl/UPTpPP> The member area contains many databases and document files to which access is limited to MLFHS members only. New information is constantly being added, both as we digitise some of our printed collection and as society projects deliver new data sets. Current projects being actively worked on can be inspected via this link <https://goo.gl/MXPYqV> , and there is always room for more help.



Bolton Newspapers on Findmypast <https://goo.gl/19P2d3> Yes, I am sorry this is a subscription site although also accessible from most libraries. Recent updates now include coverage of the Bolton Evening News 1869 – 1909, and also, have the Bolton Chronicle 1835 – 1871. Nearby towns include Blackburn Barnoldswick, (3,036) Blackburn, (23,581) Burnley, (47,095) Chorley (2,661) Lancaster, (27,433) Ormskirk, (1,164) and Preston, (142,172).



One example of what you might find to titillate the interest

"On a death certificate for William Whalley, death 22nd June 1854, the cause of death is given as "Cutting his own Throat", the informant being John Taylor, Coroner, Bolton. I went onto British Newspaper Archive and I found an item on this incident in the Bolton Chronicle Saturday June 24 1854. The newspaper item reads.

"SUICIDE. The Borough Coroner held an inquiry on Thursday evening, touching the death of Wm. Whalley, spinner, York Street, aged 36 years. The deceased had for some time lived uncomfortably with his wife. He had been drinking on Wednesday evening, and quarrelled with her on his return home. In the morning, he was found in bed with his throat cut. The act appeared to have been committed by himself, and a verdict was returned accordingly". -----Suicide?? Hmmm, not sure about that!

Thanks to Dennis Corbett (contributed when he wasn't indexing, what a star!!) also



Millions of 'new' records have been added to the 1939 Register on Findmypast.

<https://goo.gl/W1mVhQ> (Introduction courtesy of WD TYR newsletter THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016)

"When the record set first launched online in November 2015, 32 per cent of the total entries (approximately 15 million) remained closed, with details of people born less than 100 years ago, and not known to have died before 1991 redacted due to privacy laws.

However, Findmypast has now matched millions of closed entries to other sources such as death records, enabling the site to confirm whether, or not, certain details can now be made public.

This process has resulted in three million records being opened in the past 12 months, with an additional two million opened this week to mark a year since the 1939 Register first went online"



How genealogists can make best use of The Gazette <https://goo.gl/QNcrrz> **The Gazette** accessed 03.11.16



"Else Churchill is a genealogist at the Society of Genealogists.--- she explains how to bolster your research using The Gazette and the Society of Genealogist's rich (and varied) resources"

6 best websites for tracing debtors and bankrupt ancestors <https://goo.gl/BgHEcH> **Who Do You Think You Are website** By Guest, 27 October 2016 –

"Thankfully for researchers, our ancestors' financial woes tended to generate quite a paper trail. Jonathan Scott looks at some of the best resources for finding records of debtors and bankrupts online".

Boltons "Dark Angel" <https://goo.gl/e6OfZk> **Mary Ann Britland (1847 – 9 August 1886)**

How many of you know about this lady, then? Born Mary Ann Hague, in Bolton GRO Reference: 1847 S Quarter in BOLTON UNION Volume 21 Page 86, but spending most of her life in Ashton under Lyne she married Thomas Britland in 1866, but , following a similar path to the Mary Ann Cotton whose story was recently televised, our Mary poisoned her daughter, husband and then lovers wife.



"Boolean Basics – Part #2" <https://goo.gl/UmHAEw> Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

The Daily Online Genealogy Newsletter Dick Eastman · November 3, 2016 · Genealogy Basics

Last week's article introduced the concept of Boolean search terms for use on Google. That article is still available at <https://blog.eogn.com/2016/10/27/boolean-basics-part-1>. You might want to read that article again now to refresh it in your mind before proceeding with new topics. This week I will describe several advanced topics.



"Illegitimacy, Bastardy, Apprenticeships and More" <https://goo.gl/2uElcl> Norfolk Record Office

Some useful reminders from Norfolk.

WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES



Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree <https://goo.gl/nE2cW3> Future Learn, Strathclyde University

Develop an understanding of genealogy – how to research your family tree and communicate the results – in this free online course. FREE online course Duration: 6 weeks 4 hours pw Certificates available This free online course will help you develop an understanding of basic genealogy techniques and how to communicate your family history. We will consider how to effectively find and analyse sources and explore the potential of DNA testing as applied to genealogy. We'll help you add historical context to your family history and discuss how to record and communicate research findings in a clear fashion. The course is primarily designed for people at beginner to intermediate level.

THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Bolton History Centre

Julie Lamara, Collections Access Officer-Local Studies has emailed to tell us they have now completed their move and are open again for research. They are on the ground floor of the Central Library on the left side at the back where the audio-visual library used to be and more recently the temporary One Stop Shop.

Our opening hours are as before 7 days a week, Sunday 10am - 4pm
Tel: 01204 332194 or E-mail: Julie.lamara@bolton.gov.uk for more information.



Lancashire Local History Federation <https://goo.gl/FmyFae>

They are not letting me copy and paste here so I can't give you a taster of what they have to offer, but if you have any interest in life beyond the Bolton boundary but within the north west of England, have a look.



Lancashire Records Update <http://goo.gl/I29JpL>



Lancs OPC <http://goo.gl/AN699Z> and left click on the "What's New" tab on the left

News from the Lancashire Archives <https://goo.gl/f7PSzq> Libraries, Archives and Record Office



Their newsletters are released monthly, like ours, but some might prefer to subscribe directly as the news tends to be out of date by the time I can pass it on. As anticipated on Nov 28th as I complete this month's Genie, another newsletter is published and with some very interesting updates. They are looking for volunteers to assist with two projects: -

"A Lancashire Place Name Survey" looking at local mediaeval Lancashire records to identify old place names, and

"Ancestors at Sea", looking at Lancashire Crew Lists with the Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society in partnership with Lancashire Archives. They been awarded local project funding by the Federation of Family History Societies, (more on that with David Latimer's talk to us next year), and the local research is led by Tony Foster tonyfoster@fastmail.co.uk who spoke to us last month. Apparently, these entries cover the period 1863 to 1914, and include about 82, 000 mariners from the UK and beyond, some of whom might have escaped the routine census if at sea.

Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society Special Offer <https://goo.gl/gDatlv> *"Join us today and don't renew until January 2018".* . No I am not going over to the opposition, but if any of you have



roots starting on the other side of the Bolton/ Blackburn border this society might also be helpful to access their local membership facilities <https://goo.gl/Gb687u> . I suggest it is worth joining any local FHS for this reason, if you have connections from there, even if you can't get to the meetings, just to access their knowledge and databases. Conversely although I have no ancestral connections locally I have learnt a lot from the courses and activities, and gained a good social life. However, I am also an online member of 3 more (if they haven't got one ask them why not), for their resources and hopefully the subscription fee helps them to transcribe and process more stuff to go online. Every little help.

Family Tree Maker news update <https://goo.gl/zvPZAr> via Chris Paton's The GENES Blog (GEnalogy News and Events): Tuesday, 22 November 2016

A news update from Software Mackiev on genealogy software package Family Tree Maker:

I think most users should have received this reassuring email directly if they have already registered as users. If you have not, you are likely to be missing out on any free updates etc that are flying around. I was very glad to have ordered the (pretty, wooden) USB backup drive for £15 to recover my tree from my back up on Ancestry after mine crashed last week after an unrelated update. Be careful. Monthly backups everywhere.

SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

'Forgotten' Lancashire dialects revealed in poetry research <https://goo.gl/2Lnpaz> BBC 2 November 2016

Lancashire Poems written in "forgotten" Lancashire dialects have been uncovered as part of an academic research project.

Living and working together: England's immigrants in the Middle Ages <https://goo.gl/3hZgGy> Posted on 17 February 2015



"A major new research database revealing extraordinary data on immigration in England in the late medieval period is launched today by the Universities of York, and Sheffield and The National Archives-- . It reveals evidence about the names, origins, occupations and households of a significant number of foreign nationals who chose to live and work in England in the era of the Hundred Years War, the Black Death and the Wars of the Roses", and now we have the

"Welcome to the England's Immigrants Database"
<https://goo.gl/IGakjr> 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.

The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland <https://goo.gl/PqLlb8> Published by the Oxford University



Press Edited by Patrick Hanks, Richard Coates, and Peter McClure.

"Covers over 45,000 family names in the UK, including immigrant names. Each entry includes the current and 1881 frequencies of the name, its main GB location, and its language or culture of origin. Each main entry explains the name's origins and history, supported by a selection of early bearers taken from a wide range of sources such as wills, tax records, court records, parish registers, Nonconformist circuit records, and many other documents", and more . A snip at £400 each!!!

England & Wales Jurisdictions 1851 <https://goo.gl/L04m6M> Familysearch

This is a (new to me) wonderful map of England which Peter Calver recommended on Lost Cousins a few weeks ago, but I missed it. You can select from a selection of layers such as , *Parish, County, Civil Registration District, Diocese, Rural Deanery, Poor Law Union, Hundred, Province, Division*

Pub History Society <https://goo.gl/DqUf5V> 'Promoting the heritage of British pubs and the people connected with them' and

Memories of Bolton pubs of yesteryear <https://goo.gl/DrKy5I> Bolton News by Gayle McBain 2.11.16

Grace's Guide to British Industrial History http://www.gracesguide.co.uk/Main_Page *"Grace's Guide is the leading source of historical information on industry and manufacturing in Britain. This web publication contains 120,769 pages of information and 177,561 images on early companies, their products and the people who designed and built them."*

I have mentioned this site before but it continues to surprise me. If your ancestor used to work in a mill in Bolton, look it up, likely as not it will be there with facts and figures. My great uncle's workplace is there with an engineering firm in Hull. All long gone now, but if you can contribute with your knowledge let them know.

The Blacksmiths Index <https://goo.gl/Qtv7Ei> Compiled by Ann Spiro **A Genealogical Index of Blacksmiths and Related Occupations.**

"Smithing: a smith is a person involved in the shaping of metal objects. St Clement's Day was traditionally, and in some places still is, celebrated on the 23 November, a welcome festival between Halloween and Christmas. Saint Clement is the patron saint of metalworkers and blacksmiths, and so these workers traditionally enjoyed a holiday on his feast day." An interesting international list of all sorts, also looking for more contributions.



Parliamentary Archives <https://goo.gl/mykw4b> *"The Parliamentary Archives provides access to the archives of the House of Lords, the House of Commons and to other records relating to Parliament. We also provide a records management service for both Houses of Parliament". ---*



England Indexed Historical Records <https://goo.gl/qzQB9R> Familysearch England

Welcome to our England research page. We've brought together tools to help you with your research in England. A very useful grouping of all 58 of the English records, and FREE!!!

Religious Stuff

"None Hath Refused – Digitising the Protestation Returns | Parliamentary Archives: Inside the Act Room" <https://goo.gl/kdTRQb> **Parliamentary Archives: Inside the Act Room** Catherine, 9 December 2015 — Digitisation, Online Access, Protestation Returns

"One of the behind the scenes teams in the Parliamentary Archives is the Digitisation Team – we're two staff who are responsible for delivering the Archives' public copying service, digitisation project work and supporting exhibitions and outreach activities".--- "we have photographed a few of our smaller collections

which the Archives' plans to link to our online catalogue. <https://goo.gl/J9nswt> (Welcome to Portcullis, the gateway to the Parliamentary Archives).

"The latest project we've been working on is the Protestation Returns. The Protestation Returns, date from 1641-42, were ordered by the House of Commons and required all adult men to swear allegiance to the Protestant religion. ---"

Parliamentary Archives - Map Search <https://goo.gl/iPvekh> *"This is a prototype service which allows you to search for records from the Parliament Archives online catalogue by place. There is currently one set of records held by the Parliamentary Archives available to search via the map interface - the Protestation Returns, which are the closest record we have to a census from 1642."*

"Protestation Oath of 1641" <https://goo.gl/EV4jjA>



Just to remind you of last year's visit to Bolton Archive with Rita's class where we had a look at a copy of a Protestation Oath acquired with our very own Ron Smiths collection, donated to the archive.

U.S., Presbyterian Records, 1743-1970 <https://goo.gl/65I30m>
Ancestry.com

Useful to us because *"Presbyterianism traces its roots primarily to England and Scotland during the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. John Knox, a Scotsman who studied in Geneva with the French theologian John Calvin, is credited with having brought Calvinist teachings back to Scotland. He, along with protestants among the Scottish nobility, led the Protestant Reformation in Scotland. While churches of other protestant denominations are typically governed by either an episcopal system (by bishops) or through congregationalism, Presbyterians are governed via representative assemblies called presbyteries."*

More Military Stuff

1914-18 War Memorial in Smithills Hall Chapel, Bolton <https://goo.gl/ayWzRW> On October 27, 2016 By Dylan b lawson In World War One

"This chapel , thought to have been "---initially established on this site in 792AD by Eanbald, Archbishop of York and Aethelbert, Bishop of Hexham and dedicated to the 'Blessed Virgin Mary'" ---was "restored and expanded after a fire in 1856, allowed for Richard Henry Ainsworth, the owner at this time, to agree to the establishment in the Chapel of a Memorial to both family members and some of his employees who served and fell during the First World War. The Memorial was erected and unveiled in Smithills Chapel on 28th October 1921 "with appreciation of those who had contributed generously to erect a Memorial to the heroes who fought and fell for the sake of those they loved"



"Thousands of (New) World War 1 records revealed" <https://goo.gl/lptl1Q> Findmypast (Subscription)

"The publication and re-indexing of World War 1 service records (series number WO 363) and pension records (WO 364) by Findmypast has revealed over 4.2m indexed entries, including close to 600,000 names never previously captured." ---"As well as a more thorough transcription process which involved looking at every single one of the 35m+ images in the two series, Findmypast has also identified and indexed lists of names that appear tucked away in individual service papers":

Also from FMP

"Understanding Army Regiments" <https://goo.gl/IHPdrc> 29 June 2016 **Military expert Paul Nixon explains how to understand number sequences within army regiments.**

Home | The National Battlefields Commission

"This is a database of the French and British army soldiers in Québec in 1759 and 1760. There are 11,358 entries, 4,079 for French and 7,279 for British fighters...."

Get a copy of military service records - GOV.UK <https://goo.gl/Pazswz>

Get military service records for the army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines or RAF from 1920 - who can apply, how long it takes, cost, how to apply

UK Military Family History <http://www.ukmfh.org.uk/> "This site provides 1465 links to web sites that offer online information in a wide range of categories"---"UKMFH aims to help you find out the history of your military family by linking to web sites that have online information which will help you discover what your families did and how they lived in their military life. Muster rolls, discharge papers, pension records are all valuable sources of information which can help you complete your family tree – many are now listed under UKMFH's menus along with a whole range of other types of records."

British Army Casualty Lists 1939-1945 <https://goo.gl/EaitN8> Findmypast.uk

--- "thousands of (British) nurses, officers, and other ranks listed as casualties, prisoners of war, or missing during the Second World War? Explore these exciting records, compiled by the War Office and held by The National Archives". I found my Dad on here from D Day wounds so it works.

"Britain's 1939 Pet Holocaust: Within a week, 750,000 pets were 'destroyed'". <https://goo.gl/iZUi7D> The



National Archives in "The Vintage News"

---"Concerned about the food shortages during the run-up to WWII, the British government formed the National Air Raid Precautions Committee (NARPAC) to decide what to do with pets before the war breaks out. The committee was concerned that pet owners might worsen the situation if they feed their animals. So in order to abbreviate this potential problem they sent out a pamphlet titled

"Advice for Animal Owners" ---"Surprisingly there were thousands of Britons who immediately answered this call and 'got rid of their pets' in order to save both themselves and their pets from a possible starvation. **Within a week, 750,000 pets were 'destroyed'"** ---

MISCELLANEOUS

Suggestions for Local Christmas Activities

Make Your Own Victorian Christmas 25 activities to do at home <https://goo.gl/Tvrd0E> BBC Archives. History of Christmas

It's hard to imagine now, but at the beginning of the 19th century Christmas was hardly celebrated. Many businesses did not even consider it a holiday. However, by the end of the century it had become the biggest annual celebration and took on the form that we recognise today.

The transformation happened quickly, and came from all sectors of society.

North West Places to Visit <https://goo.gl/OFVrHj> and **Festive Traditions** <https://goo.gl/mcQ6mD> National Trust



OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS

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



Email margaret@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,

13th December The welcome return of Sid Calderbank for an evening of Lancashire songs, poems and stories followed by pasty and peas for supper

Turton Local History Society



No events planned over the Christmas season. Please email Secretary PeterMHarris@care4free.net for more information.

Westhoughton Local History Group – <http://goo.gl/XNugI5>

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.

**13 December Evening visit to Manchester Cathedral for Christmas carols
in aid of Christies** – Cost £18 with a coach leaving from

Westhoughton. Contact as above for more details.

15 December The History of Christmas - Linda Sawley



Horwich Heritage Centre- <http://goo.gl/fSPsij>

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Horwich Resource Centre, Beaumont Road (off Longworth Road), Horwich BL6 7BG.

Open Days, are held most months on Saturdays between 10am --- 1pm with one on April 9th

Christmas Special Tuesday 13th Dec. at Horwich Community Centre time not yet announced.

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Well that is all folks, apart from----

**Can you tell us how many Christmas trees there are like this, scattered around
this newsletter? Answers at the bottom,**

**And please find below a copy of our Christmas Quiz from our party on November 30th,
for the benefit of those of you who were unable to attend.**

We know you are out there.

**The answers will be posted under the Miscellaneous Tab of our web page
approximately New Year's Day so that you can use them for your parties
(if you haven't already cheated with Google.**

All the best for 2017 from us all





Bolton Family History Society Christmas Quiz 2016

1. Which Christmas character said "God bless us everyone"
 2. On Christmas Day 1911, Robert Falcon Scott set out to try to be the first man to reach where.
 3. When Joseph, Mary and Jesus left Bethlehem they travelled to which country.
 4. What is the star sign of anyone born on Christmas Day.
 5. In Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" what is the first name of Scrooge
 6. Which 3 of Santa's reindeer have names beginning with the letter D
 7. Which plant, associated with Christmas, has the Latin name *Viscum Alba*
 8. Which festive foodstuff is made from Marsh Worts
 9. The music for the Christmas ballet "The Nutcracker" was composed by which composer. (An extra point for spelling the name correctly)
 10. In the Christmas carol "Good King Wenceslas", the poor man lived close to whose fountain.
 11. In the song "The 12 Days of Christmas", "my true love brought to me 9" what
 12. On Christmas Day 1985 who, one half of a famous comedy duo, was the first person to make a mobile 'phone call in the UK.
 13. Often, incorrectly called a chick, what is a young turkey called.
 14. What name was given to the 10th month of the early Roman calendar
 15. "It was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge" is a closing line from which book.
 16. What was stolen, by Scottish students, from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950
 17. Where was it "always Winter but never Christmas"
 18. At which of her homes does the Queen traditionally spend Christmas.
 19. Associated with making a Christmas cake, what is March Bread.
 20. The traditional English Father Christmas was dressed in robes of what colour.
 21. Which pantomime character marries Alice Fitzwarren
 22. Which King of England was crowned on Christmas Day at Westminster Abbey.
 23. The song "White Christmas" was first performed in which Bing Crosby film.
 24. "Christmas won't be Christmas without any Presents" is the opening line of which classic novel
 25. Who wrote the song "Auld Lang Syne"
- Thanks to Peter Greenwood for preparing this for us. (and there are 24 little trees, did you get them all.)

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