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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Very shortly we will be needing a new Editor for The Manchester Genealogist [TMG]. After almost thirteen years our current Editor, Patricia Etchells will step down from the role leaving an important vacancy which we would like to fill as soon as possible. Applications are therefore now requested from members interested in fronting the Society's keynote journal, which is recognised throughout the family history community for the quality of its contents.

Publication of TMG in four quarterly editions each year calls for an organised individual with a good grasp of language, an ability to manage to a timetable with close attention to detail. The successful candidate will possess organisational and planning skills, with an ability to coordinate diverse material and present it in an appealing manner for our readership. The role can be performed from home and training will be given.

If this role appeals to you, contact the Society office for further details and a role description, either by mail sent to the Society's registered address, MLFHS, 3rd floor, Manchester Central Library, St Peter's Square, Manchester M2 5PD or by email to office@mlfhs.org.uk.

This month all branches will be presenting talks, all of which will be available by Zoom. Also in October the Oldham branch will be supporting a Family and Local History Fair on the 15th October in Huddersfield. Manchester are also supporting the Salford Histories Festival on the 29th October and I am sure that they would like to see some of our members supporting these events.

Advanced notice is given of the FHF Really Useful Family History Show and following the link will take you to their booking page. Tickets at £12.00.

With the nights drawing in I am finding a little more time to carry out some family research and I hope that this is the same for some of our members.

I have also included the FRIENDS OF SALFORD CEMETERIES TRUST Newsletter for Autumn 2022 and the current FHF news.

Best wishes
Barry Henshall

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello again, fellow members

Certain events in life herald change. One such is the death of the Queen. Many things will stay the same, but many more will undergo subtle changes as the years move on.

Your Society is undergoing changes day by day and my main concern is that the steady supply of volunteers we have relied upon over our 54 years' existence is slowly declining. There are a lot of reasons for this, though the ageing demographic of the society is perhaps foremost, exacerbated by the privations forced on us by the Covid-19 restrictions. In the last three years we have said goodbye to many of our long-term volunteers and replaced them only with difficulty. As a result, our volunteer base is now stretched to the limit.

In the next few months, I expect we will have to find replacements for one or more of our officers, as well as adding to our Helpdesk strength and editorial teams. Occasionally, we find that a new post is required as we develop our strategic aims. Our branches largely operate with reduced numbers of active committee members. Thankfully, we continue to find volunteers readily enough to ensure our project programme can meet its timetable, but we cannot guarantee that will always be the case.

And so, the trustees have agreed to develop a Volunteer Register to be managed by a Volunteer Registrar, with responsibilities to advertise volunteer vacancies as they arise, receive applications from potential volunteers, liaise with activity leaders to fill the vacancies and record retirements and resignations as they occur. Further details will be announced once the register has been completed, tested and put in place.

The Appeal

Meantime, we are anxious to hear from any member who has a little time to devote to volunteering to help the society – whether you have basic skills in administration, research techniques, transcription, digitisation and publication. Training will be given where more than basic skills are required. Modern communication platforms mean that there are ample opportunities for you to work from home if that is your preference or in Central Library or other archives if you are able to travel within the City of Manchester.

I know if you are to volunteer you will want to know just what is being asked before you commit, but if the idea has crossed your mind why not tell us what kind of role would appeal to you and what kind of time you could commit to it. You may be pleasantly surprised to find we have just the role for you. If we haven't, there are few roles that cannot be tailored to your wishes.

For further information contact the office, by post at MLFHS, 3rd Floor, Manchester Central Library, St Peter's Square, Manchester M2 5PD or by email at office@mlfhs.org.uk or follow the guidance on our website, <https://www.mlfhs.uk>. Your details will be passed on to the

Volunteer Registrar and the activity leaders and you will be contacted to discuss the possibilities further.

I look forward hearing from you in due course.

David

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Please feel free to contact the office office@mlfhs.org.uk for enquiries about your membership. If contacting us please give your membership number and the surname of the member.

From the members area on the website you can make changes to your address and email.

We have found it is easier to work from home and are able to provide a quicker service.

If possible please use the on-line option on our new website to renew your subscription.

We now use Stripe so you can use Stripe or pay as a guest with your card.

Have you considered taking out a Bank Standing Order? It means you don't have to think about renewing and you can stop it at any time.

If you must pay by cheque please send to:

MLFHS
17 Fortyacres Drive,
Bredbury,
SK6 2EZ

DO NOT send it to the office, we no longer take cash at the helpdesk. The Click and Collect is now available from our shop.

Best wishes

Elsie

EVENTS/TALKS

Manchester Branch



Advance notice of an online talk for Black History Month in collaboration with Archives+ at Manchester Central Library, given by Linford Sweeney.

The History of Carnival . An online talk for Black History Month

Date and time

Wed, 12 October 2022

19:00 – 20:30 BST

The Caribbean Carnival

The history of the Caribbean Carnival is a complex one. It is more than a celebration of colourful costumes, music, and dance. Historically, it an interesting mix of eighteenth-century European masquerade events, Christian practices, African traditions, and freedom from slavery. Also, in the Caribbean, it is a yearlong celebration; and now takes place around the world. We can be easily distracted by the costumes, music, and dance, but these celebrations have great historical and cultural significance.

Linford Sweeney, a Black history educator, genealogist, and author, with seventeen years' experience in delivering courses, talks, workshops, and projects to a wide variety of organisations, including schools, colleges, universities, local authorities, health services, private companies, and the African and Caribbean communities in the UK and abroad.

Website: www.inspiredhistories.com

Email: inspiredhistories@gmail.com

Booking is through [Eventbrite](#) and there is considerable interest in this talk. I suggest you book early as tickets may be limited.

Bolton Branch



Exploring Family History - A beginners guide. A ZOOM meeting

Date and time

Wed, 5 Oct 2022, 19:30 BST

This talk is suitable for newcomers or those who like to research online and has a distinct Lancashire theme. Using family information as a starting point I use my family as a case study to show how researchers can use census records, parish records, and to add colour to resources at the Lancashire Archives their family story. A second case study from one of my research commissions demonstrates how people with connections to the Leeds Liverpool canal boat families can explore their ancestry. After a quick browse through the boat family's website ODFHS Boat Families a number of people on there were born in Bolton, Farnworth, Little Lever etc and at least one had parents from Cheshire and a boating/watermen connection going back 3 generations. Much more to explore.

This is an online event and can be booked through [Eventbrite](#)

Bolton Golf Club
Chorley New Road
Bolton BL6 4AJ

To register and find directions go to the [Eventbrite](#) page.

Full details of Bolton Branch meetings <https://mlfhs.uk/bolton/events/meetings>.

Oldham Branch



"Not just the 3 R's" : Life in a Lancashire School"

Date and time

Sat, 8 October 2022, 14:00 – 15:30 BST

Louise, who was born in Ashton-under-Lyne but now lives in Wigan, has been tracing her family history since she was 10 years old (that's over 40 years!) and has been fascinated by some of the characters she has "met" whilst time-travelling.

An illustrated talk given by Louise Wade

A hybrid meeting in the Performance Space at Oldham Library and on zoom.

* Booking for attendance on zoom will be free to all.

* No booking necessary for attendance in the library; members free, non-members £3.

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* No booking necessary for attendance in the library; members free, non-members £3.

Full details of Oldham Branch meetings <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings>

Anglo-Scots



The Fromelles Project

Date and time

Sat, 1 October 2022

14:00 – 17:00 BST

In May 2008 250 WW1 soldiers were uncovered in a mass grave in France and this led to the instigation of a ground-breaking project to uncover their identities via DNA testing, anthropological data and genealogical research. This presentation will tell the story of the

Fromelles Project with a specific focus on how genealogical detective work has so far helped to identify 166 of the soldiers and give them named graves in the first military cemetery to be built in France since WW1. It will also tell the stories of some of the fallen soldiers, introduce the 'Commemorating The Missing' Project and give a brief explanation of how to research WW1 soldiers and trace DNA appropriate relatives.

Booking details at [Eventbrite](#).

The Zoom invitation will be sent to those who have booked at 6.00 am on Friday 30th September. If you do not receive your invitation at that time please contact angloscots@mlfhs.org.uk

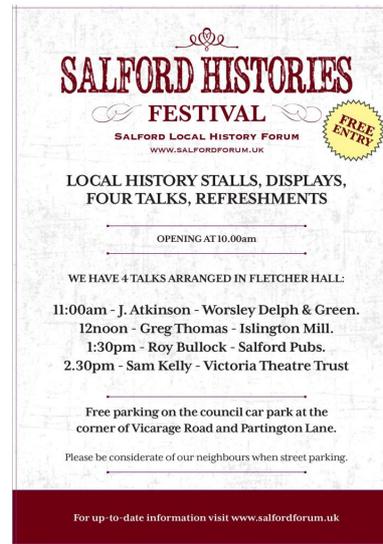
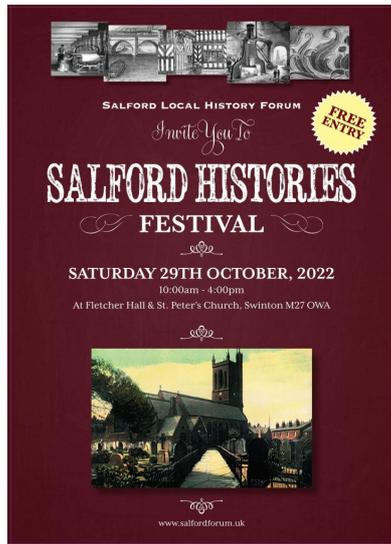
Full details for the Anglo-Scots Branch meetings <https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events>.

Family & Local History Fair - Huddersfield

Huddersfield & District Family History Society are holding their annual fair once again. on Saturday 15th October 2022 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Cathedral House, St Thomas' Road, Huddersfield, HD1 3LG.

There is free parking and it is only £3 on the door admission.
Stands, exhibitors, talks and refreshments all available.

Our Oldham Branch will be taking part so if you are going to be in the area then why not pop in and have a chat.



Local Histories Festival
Saturday 29th October 2022
 held at Fletcher Hall and St Peter's Church, Swinton
 M27 OWA

Free entry.
 Opening at 10am
 Organised by Salford Local History Forum

More details [HERE](#)



Saturday 22 October 2022, 10am-4pm
 St Andrew's Church Hall, Taunton

Join the **British Association for Local History** for a day of exploring lesser known sources for local history, including:

- Travel diaries
- Coats of Arms
- Early Modern Court of Wards and Liveries
- Local politics
- Taxation records
- and more

Visit www.balh.org.uk for more information and booking.

outreach@balh.org.uk



The British Association for Local History (BALH) is thrilled to be holding our first Regional Conference in Taunton on Saturday 22nd October on 'Unusual Sources for Local History'.

This will be our first in-person-only event since the pandemic and we are hoping that lots of people will come and enjoy the talks. Perhaps more importantly we intend for this to be a chance to talk with other people interested in history and to compare notes on history in the south-west of England.

The conference programme and booking information can be found here: <https://www.balh.org.uk/taunton2022>



FHF REALLY USEFUL Family History Show 11-12 November 2022

<https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com/full-ticket-for-november-2022-show>

PROJECTS UPDATE

The following update has been posted to Newspaper Announcements
Added 3,478 BMD announcements from Manchester Courier for 1838-9 to the Great Database. Transcribed by Linda Bailey Laura Lewis and Chris Hall

The following update has been posted to Manchester School for the Deaf Admissions, three volumes covering 152 admissions 1851-1868 have been completed and added to The Great Database. See appendix 1 for the list of admissions.

HELPDESK

If you have not been into the library post-covid please put a date in your diary and pay us a visit. I think you will find the day very rewarding. If you have any questions, please drop the Society an email: office@mlfhs.org.uk

MLFHS Family History Help Desk Hours: M-F 10:30 am-3:30 pm.

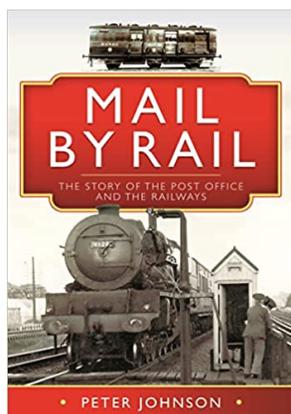
WEBSITES

Sadly, with a holiday break and other issues that have arisen this past month I have had no time to surf the internet for interesting and unusual websites.

But, perhaps you can help.

What websites have you come across recently that have helped you with your research? Why not drop me a line at newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk. I am sure that many of you fellow members would be interested.

THE BOOKSHOP



Mail By Rail

Code: 8635
£20.00 ~~£35.00~~

Railways have been used for the carriage of mail since soon after the Liverpool & Manchester Railway opened in 1830, the development of the first travelling post offices following, enabling the Post Office to achieve maximum efficiencies in mail transportation. As the rail network grew the mail network grew with it, reaching a peak with the dedicated mail trains that ran between London and Aberdeen. The Post Office also turned to railways when it sought a solution to the London traffic that hindered its operations in the Capital, obtaining powers to build its own narrow gauge, automatic underground railway under the streets to connect railway stations and sorting offices. Although construction and completion were delayed by the First World War, the Post Office (London) Railway was eventually brought into use and was an essential part of Post Office operations for many years. Changing circumstances brought an end to both the travelling post offices and the underground railway but mail is still carried, in bulk, by train and a part of the railway has found a new life as the Mail Rail tourist attraction. Author Peter Johnson has delved into the archives and old newspapers to uncover the inside story of the Post Office and its use of railways to carry the mail for nearly 200 years.

UKBMD UPDATES

The following update has been posted to LancashireBMD -

Manchester RO Births (Mother's Maiden Name)

Mother's maiden names have been added to 28,064 births for Blackley sub-district, completing this work for the Blackley sub-district.

Added 25,418 Births for Bolton RD comprising:

Bolton A (1994-1997)

Bolton B (1994-2000)

Bolton C (1995-2001)

Bolton D (1993-1996)

Thanks are due to Bob Winder and his team and to my own team at Manchester.

The following update has been posted to Manchester Burials

Added 1,081 burials for St. Andrew, Ancoats 1831-1855 transcribed by Mark Harrey

Staffs BMD Updates for September

Deaths:

2,548 for Burslem, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1970-1974)

1,012 for Hanley, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1969-1970)

Marriages - updates, additions and corrections to:

73 for Werrington (Caverswall), Ash Bank Road Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1995-2019)

Marriages - additions:

8 for Alstonefield, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2014-2017)

11 for Wetton, St Margaret, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2007-2019)

12 for Newcastle, Congregational Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2018)

Bill Harrison, Staffordshire.

For access to all the UK's major BMD and Census sites visit <https://www.UKBMD.org.uk/>

For access to all the UK's major Family History sites visit <https://www.UKGD.org.uk/> For

access to all the UK's major Military Family History sites visit <https://www.UKMFH.org.uk/>

ORPHAN BMDs

If you have any BMDs you no longer want then why not consider dropping them off at our Helpdesk or you can send them to:

M&LFHS

61 Queens Road

Urmston

M41 9HF

However, if you wish to keep your certificates then you can send scans, preferably as a PDF to office@mifhs.org.uk and they will be passed on to me. If you have problems sending scans to this address then please contact me at newsletter@mifhs.org.uk and I will suggest an alternative means of forwarding the PDF files.

NORTH WEST SOUND HERITAGE

Unlocking our Sound Heritage

Thousands of cassettes, open reels, CDs and MiniDiscs are sitting in archives, museums, libraries and in people's homes all over the UK. All kinds of unique live music, radio and conversation are recorded on these tapes and discs. We've already lost many of the people captured on them. And the British Library estimates that we have fifteen years to preserve the sounds themselves.

That's why the British Library has received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to establish Unlocking Our Sound Heritage, an exciting new national project to save thousands sounds which are at risk of being lost forever.

Archives+ is the hub partner for the North West region, which covers Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside. We'll be digitising around 15,000 recordings on 5,000 cassettes, reels and optical discs held all over the region here at Manchester Central Library.

This is a fascinating site providing a flavour of times gone by. If you are a sword swallower then discover what not to eat and drink before a performance!

Find more information [here](#).

NORTH WEST FILM ARCHIVE

Welcome to the [North West Film Archive](#), the professionally recognised public home for the moving image heritage of the North West of England.

WHO WE ARE

From historical footage and home movies to newsreels and adverts, we find, preserve and share over 50,000 items of film and video, for public, educational and professional use. We love film and how it can open a window into the past and the present in ways that can be powerful, moving and unexpected.

Part of Manchester Met, and based within Manchester Central Library's Archives+ partnership, we are a specialist resource dedicated to saving and growing our region's rich filmed history.

WHAT WE DO

Do you need some footage for teaching, broadcasting or an artistic or community project?

Do you have film of our region's people or places that needs looking after?

Whoever you are, if you need a professional and friendly service, we're here to help.

We offer:

- research support and loan or licence of footage (including for professional broadcast)
- bespoke learning and teaching support
- opportunities to hire or watch unusual and interesting films, with a local and historical theme
- opportunities for community engagement and collaboration
- a home for the region's film and video, where moving images are professionally preserved, stored and made available, for now and for the future

This is a site well worth visiting The NWFA was set up in 1977 and preserves moving images made in or about Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside and Cumbria and offers a variety of access services to users in the public, academic and commercial sectors.



<https://www.facebook.com/MandLFamilyHistory>

and Twitter



M&L Family History@MLFHS

Appendix 1

A further addition to The Great Database. This time it is a further 132 sets of admission documents for the Royal Manchester School for the Deaf & Dumb for admissions taken from three volumes of documents covering between 1851 and 1868.

Thanks are due to Jim Chadwick and his team (Marie Collier, Karen Hugill, Janet Moores and Chris Norcross.)

The names in this batch are as below.

ALLEN William
ALTEY Elizabeth Alice
ARCHER Arthur John
BADEN John
BAILEY Eliza
BANE Edward
BARNES Charles
BARRATT John
BARRETT Agnes
BELL Eliza
BENT Hannah
BENTLEY Joshua
BEVINGTON Ellen
BIRTWISTLE James
BISSON Frederick, Shirley, De Carteret
BLEARS Miriam
BOSTOCK William
BOYLE John
BREARLEY Noah
BRIERLEY John
BROOKS Edith
BROWN Adam
BROWN Frances
BROWN John
BUCKLEY Eliza
BUCKLEY Mary
BUDD Fredrick
BULL Ellen
BUNTING John
CHARNLEY Elizabeth Ann
CLOUGH Louisa
COCKROFT John
COLLINS George
COOKE Martha
COOPER Mary Ann
CORK Hugh
CRABTREE Harriet
CROSSLEY Thomas
CUMPSTY Mary
DALEY Edward
DAVISON Hannah
DAWSON George
DAWSON Louisa
DECIE Catherine
DIGGLE Sarah
DILLON Mary
DOWNHAM Margaret
DOWNHAM Martha
EMMOTT Samuel
EVANS Sarah Ann
FARNWORTH Joseph
FAWCETT Sarah Hannah
FETHNEY Robert Douglas
FIDDLER Eleanor Gertrude
GAULTER John
GIBSON Martha
GILCHRIST John
GOODWIN Hannah

HALLIS William
 HARLING Thomas Edward
 HARTLEY Thomas
 HEANEY John
 HEAPS Sarah
 HEATON Jonas
 HETHERINGTON Elizabeth Ann
 HIRLAM James
 HODCROFT Anne
 HOLLAND Mary Ellen
 HOLLIDAY Annie Jackson
 HOLT James
 HUNT Susan
 HURST George William
 JACKSON Henry
 JAMES George
 JOHNSON Richard
 JONES Joseph Blakley
 KENNEDY William
 KIRK Sarah Ann
 LAW Betsy Emma
 LAW John
 LEE Frederick Arthur
 LEE Samuel Talbot
 LEWTHWAITE Thomas
 LOWE Susannah
 LUTEMER Charles
 LUTENER Eleanor
 MANN Mary
 MANOCK Abraham
 MARLOR George Washington
 MARTIN William
 MAYFIELD Hannah
 MEADOWCROFT Emma
 MELLING Richard
 MILLIGAN Agnes
 MILLS Nuttall
 MILNER Mary
 MOULTON William
 NEWTON Elizabeth
 NOBLETT Job
 OLDFIELD Elizabeth
 PARKINSON Ellen
 PARTINGTON Charles
 PAUL Margaret
 PLATT Mary
 PLATT Thomas
 POCKNELL John
 READE Edwin
 RICHMOND Thomas
 RIMMER James
 ROBERTS James
 ROBERTS William
 ROBINSON Mary
 ROUEN Ann
 SANDERSON Mary Ann
 SEDDON Elizabeth Alice
 SEDDON Ellen
 SELLARS Mary Ellen
 SHELMERDINE Frederick
 SHEPHERD Clara Maude
 SHEPHERD Henry
 SLINGER Susan Elizabeth
 SMITHIES John Henry
 SNELSON Thomas
 SPONGE Harriet
 STALKER Robert
 STIFF Thomas
 STOCKDALE George Francis
 SUNDERLAND Jane

TAFFT Ada
TAFT William Henry
TAVARE Frederick Lawrence
TAYLOR Silvester
TOPPING Martha Ann
TOWLER Elizabeth
TRELFOED Cornelius
TYLDESLEY Esther Ann
WALKER Alicia Ann
WALKER Elizabeth
WARD Martha
WEBB Emma
WEBB Emma
WEBB Emma Anne
WHITE Henry
WILLIAMS Edward
WILLIAMS Elizabeth
WINTERBOTTOM Mary
WOLSTENCROFT Jacob
WOODRUFFE Rosa Elizabeth
WOOLLEY Alfred
WRIGHT George
WRIGHT Mary
YATES Thomas

Newsletter

**FRIENDS OF SALFORD CEMETERIES TRUST
2022**

AUTUMN

A Note from the Chairman, Paul Sherlock.

Looking back, I can see that this is the eighth such set of Notes that I've written. Originally, they appeared with our first online Newsletter after several months of getting used to a new way of life with Covid. At the time these on-line communications were hopefully partially filling a gap that existed, as we were unable to hold any of our usual activities and meet one another in person. Having said that, I realise that many of our members are/were not able to physically meet up with each other anyway for a variety of other reasons and so I hope that now we are in a post-Lockdown situation, members still enjoy hearing from us in this way. We do of course also have our Facebook page and we are also considering how we might improve our website.

On 5th June the Ceremonial Mayor of Salford unveiled a plaque at Weaste Cemetery marking a tree to be dedicated to the Queen for her Platinum Jubilee. Unfortunately, the plaque has since suffered slight damage during routine maintenance but hopefully this will be made good. The Mayor was interested in the history of the cemetery and Pete took her and her consort for an impromptu tour of some of the headstones.

Agecroft had a successful **Green Flag** inspection on 8th June, which we supported. It has also been encouraging since then to see the ongoing work that has been undertaken restoring the appearance of our cemetery gates and railings.

We had intended to hold a further committee meeting on 19th July, but as this coincided with the heat wave, we decided to cancel it and continue business with our next meeting provisionally planned for 18th October. Fortunately, most of the arrangements for the annual Lancaster Bomber Memorial Service on 31st July, had been made prior to the cancelled committee meeting and so this was able to go ahead without any last-minute, full committee discussion. The Memorial Service was well attended and as well as the planned guests, there were a number of old friends and additional civic visitors, including the City Mayor, Paul Dennett, who joined us.

The Memorial was a particularly poignant occasion, as Derrick Corfield, who has taken an active part in this event in recent years, once more took part, despite recent ill health. One week later he died and so we were privileged to have afforded him what was probably his last chance to represent the Armed

Forces at a public event. Steve Worsley and I were able to attend his funeral on 18th August and Rev Daniel Burton, who had conducted our Lancaster Bomber Service, oversaw Derrick's funeral.

Other future planned events are the Guided Tour of Weaste Cemetery on Sunday 11th September, the Salford Local History Festival (again in Swinton) on Saturday 29th October and our usual commemoration events in November and December.

Cemetery News from Salford Bereavement Services Manager, Barry Ellis.

I am pleased to be able to report that Salford City Bereavement Services has once again retained the Green Flag Award for both Peel Green and Agecroft Cemeteries. The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks, green spaces and cemeteries across the United Kingdom.

Over the last few weeks we have carried out work at Agecroft and Weaste Cemeteries to paint and improve the entrances and exits. We also have future improvement work planned for Swinton and Peel Green Cemeteries.

After the success of the partnership working with the Community Payback Team last year in Swinton Cemetery, we are now looking at setting up a team in Peel Green, and I am sure we will have the same success.

From Monday 5th September work will commence on the refurbishment of Peel Green Crematorium Chapel which will be closed for two weeks. As part of this work, there will be new lighting, flooring and seating installed. The Chapel will also be redecorated and the catafalque refurbished.

Over the last few years Salford City Council has worked in partnership with "Once Upon a Smile" which is a charity that provides bereavement support for children. They have lots of creative programmes where children and young people come along to remember their loved ones and to express their thoughts and feelings in a fun and safe environment. "Once Upon a Smile" has been nominated as Salford City Council Bereavement Service's chosen charity this year, for receiving a donation from the Institute of Cemeteries and Crematoria Management's initiated, recycling of metals scheme. As such we have been able to donate £12,000 to this deserving charity, that supports bereaved children and their families within Salford and surrounding areas.

Interesting Performance Rates about our Website: WeasteHeritageTrail.co.uk.

The August performance was 409 clicks with 11.2K impressions. The top performing pages were: 262 for Old job titles from the textile Industry; 24 for Children's education in the 1800s; 13 for Children's education in the cotton

industry. Our audience used the following devices: 213 for desktop, 156 for mobile, and 40 for tablet. The top three countries were: 255 from UK, 104 from United States, and 12 from Canada.

Unusual Gravestone Inscriptions at Weaste Cemetery from Pete Kilvert.

John Leach, killed on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, 2nd March 1867 aged 53 years. John was based at Ordsall Lane Railway Station and on that Saturday evening, he clocked off at 10.30 pm and walked towards his home in Pendleton along the railway track. He never made it home. On Sunday morning his body was found near Windsor Bridge and an Inquest revealed that an engine had passed that way at about the same time John had left work, and there was evidence of blood on it.

Some Interesting Cemetery Facts and Snippets from Jean Coward & Sue Tydd.

Agecroft. James Park (1899 - 1959) was a Chartered Accountant by profession and a local politician in Salford. He became Salford's youngest Councillor in 1926, youngest Alderman in 1935 and youngest Mayor in 1941/42. He was also Chairman of the Finance Committee for 22 years and awarded an OBE in 1949.

Swinton. Second Lieutenant Charles Reginald Cooke was born in 1892 in Pendlebury. He married Ethel Kate Halford in 1915. He was employed as an engineer at the Partington Steel and Iron Company, located by the Manchester Ship Canal. At the outbreak of WW1 he immediately enlisted in the 6th Manchester Regiment and rose to become 2nd Lieutenant. During the Somme he was wounded and suffered shell shock. He died on 12th February of influenza and pneumonia and his wife Ethel died two days later. They were both buried near the main gate of Swinton Cemetery.

Peel Green. Walter Carter (1855 – 1908) was a director of the well-known engineering company of Messrs J Carter and Sons, New Bailey Street, Salford. He was the third son of John Carter, the founder, and helped to build up the company with his three brothers. In his younger days he was an energetic worker at the Wood Street Mission and also a member of the Methodist Free Church, Eccles New Road, Salford. For a short time he was a Salford Councillor representing Hope Ward. He died in February 1908 and was buried at Peel Green Cemetery, aged 52 years old.

Weaste. In September 1855, the Salford Burial Board Committee offered a premium of 30 guineas for the best set of designs for an Entrance Lodge, to contain a dwelling for the Cemetery Keeper, an Office, Entrance gates and three Chapels with the necessary accommodations. The designs should

ensure that the cost of the construction would not exceed £2,500. The Committee preferred the building to be executed in rough faced stone. Also a premium of ten guineas was offered for the best design for laying out, planting, ornamenting and draining the grounds.

Agecroft. Private William Laffin died at the British Military Hospital in Berlin on 28th February 1955 after a 6 mile route march. The Government's policy on returning soldiers to the UK was at the cost of the parents, who faced a £120 bill. The coffin was flown home marked "Freight" and British Railways helped to keep the cost down by charging reduced rates. He was buried at Agecroft Cemetery in plot 25 grave 212.

Swinton. A disorderly scene occurred at the funeral of William Wilson Drew, aged 27, on 4th July 1899. He had been married three years and resided near his parents in Swinton Hall Road. Three weeks before his death from consumption (TB), his parents had their sick son removed to their house. The parents had also removed an organ that had been given to their son and his wife. The widow was not consulted in the funeral arrangements, but followed the hearse in a private cab to Swinton Cemetery. A large crowd of sympathisers with the widow, assembled in the streets and at the cemetery and booed and hooted. Drew's will was mainly in favour of his parents.

Latest Research about people buried at Weaste Cemetery, Pete Kilvert.

Thomas Dimilow (1890 – 1909) was employed by Messrs George Leek and Sons, Iron and Brass Founders of Hope Street, Salford, and was killed along with three others when a lifting operation of a huge casting box, failed, crushing him to death.

George Evans (1842 – 1893) was one of Salford's first Socialists, becoming a member of the Social Democratic Federation in 1892 and helped to form the Independent Labour Party. He played a prominent part in the Salford Gas Works strikes of 1888/9.

William Hampson (1780 – 1894) claimed to be Queen Victoria's oldest subjects, just before he died aged 113. He distinctly remembers hearing John Wesley preaching at Salford Cross, Greengate, in 1790. His two sons were killed in the Crimean War.

Walter Richard Craine Goulden (1856 – 1922) was manager of his father's calico printing business in Seedley, before establishing his own book cloth company at Pendleton Mills. He was also the brother of Emmeline Pankhurst, leading suffragette.

Jonathan Preston (1816 – 1863) was an engineer employed in the flax mill of William Renshaw and Co, Flax Street, off Adelphi Street, Salford. He was killed at work when a beam engine collapsed on top of him and crushed his skull on 27th October 1863.

Edward Reynolds Chick (1834 – 1860) was a physician and surgeon. He was the junior partner of Robb and Chick, Surgeons, 116, City Road, Hulme, Manchester, but the partnership dissolved when Edwin married Dr Robb's only daughter, Annie.

Isaac Daniels (1826 – 1902) was a porter at Weaste Railway Station, then appointed station master when his father retired. At that time there was a level crossing at Weaste and a hut for a waiting room. He retired after nearly 50 years service.

Incidents at Weaste Cemetery as Recorded in Newspapers.

Manchester Courier 27th June 1868. Stealing flowers from Salford Cemetery. Yesterday at the Salford Police Court a servant girl named Matilda Steward was charged with plucking flowers in the Salford Cemetery on the previous day. The defence was that she did not know that she was doing any harm. She was fined 5 shillings and as she could not pay the amount, she was committed for seven days.

Manchester Weekly Times, 12th February 1876, Assault in Salford Cemetery. At the Salford Police Court on Friday a stone-letterer named William Weston appeared to answer a summons with having violently assaulted another stone-letterer named Charles Pearce who was working on a gravestone. After an argument the defendant struck Pearce with two blows to his head. The Magistrates described the defendant's conduct as very improper and fined him 40 shillings with costs.

Facebook: Friends of Salford Cemeteries Trust and Website: WeasteHeritageTrail.co.uk.

Copy deadline for Winter Newsletter is 1st December 2022 – petekilvert@virginmedia.com.



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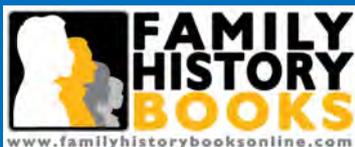


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The UKBMD Project – a brief history

by Ian Hartas

As I write this it's the beginning of July 2022 and the project has reached a major milestone. We now have over fifty million index entries on line!

So, what is this project? It can best be described as a connected set of associated websites that have the same software, design, and the same aim which is to put online the indexes to the birth, marriage and death events which have been registered locally in England and Wales since 1837.



It's worth stepping back for a moment to highlight the differences between this project and other BMD indexes that are online via sites such as FreeBMD, Ancestry, Find My Past, etc. These are all based on indexes to the registers held by the General Register Office (GRO). When births and deaths are initially registered the registration occurs at your local register office. Likewise, marriages are either registered at the church or the local register office.

Quarterly, copies of these original registers are sent to the GRO where they are collated and re-indexed. If we look back to 1837, there were no computers, not even typewriters, so the copying and re-indexing process used to create the GRO version has become well known for its errors and omissions. Michael Whitfield Foster wrote two books on the errors in the GRO marriage indexes [*A Comedy of Errors or the Marriage Records of England and Wales 1837-1899* and *A Comedy of Errors Act 2*].

So it's the usual advice, if you can get access to originals the information is more likely to be accurate and complete. This is the aim of the *Local BMD Project* – we are indexing the original local registers. An added bonus of the marriage indexes is that the marriages are fully

paired and each also shows the venue for the marriage. Here's an example search result from the Yorkshire BMD website showing the marriage of one of my ancestors:

| Yorkshire Marriage indexes for the years: 1841 | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|---------|-------------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Surname | Forename(s) | Surname | Forename(s) | Year | Church / Register Office | Registers At | Reference | Add to Summary |
| HARTAS | John | HINDSON | Mary | 1841 | Helmsley, All Saints, Ryedale | Harrogate | C26RY/1/74 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

There are a set of tutorials with short videos on the UKBMD website that explain how to get the best out of the *Local BMD Project* websites, covering many aspects from performing a basic search, to how download the results for use in a spreadsheet. Ordering copy certificates is also covered.

See: <https://UKBMD.org.uk/tutorials>

We're human so obviously errors can and do occur, but as we have access to the original registers we can correct the error. An entry missing in the GRO's version will always be missing.

So, how did this all start? Back in 2000 the South Cheshire FHS (my local FHS at the time) were approached by the registrar from Crewe and he asked if we could put his marriage indexes online. At a similar time the main Family History Society of Cheshire had been asked the same question by the Chester Register office. However, the two people chairing the two societies decided that we should pool our resources and create one combined website. The result was the fledgling *Cheshire BMD* website.

As time passed other societies approached and asked if the same software could be used for their indexes and soon after, Yorkshire, Staffordshire and Lancashire BMD websites followed. Over the years other areas joined in we now have eleven regions of the country using common software. Covid restrictions have limited our progress over the last few years but work continues and updates to the various sites keep the totals rising and as mentioned at the start of this article, we now have over fifty million indexes online. There's still a lot to do on



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most of the websites, they all have coverage pages that show the extent of the transcription work so far, and an updates page that details the contents of the latest site updates.

Over time there has been continuous maintenance plus addition of features to the software with the most recent set of updates adding an *Advanced Search* page where births, marriages and deaths can be searched in one go, and then this Advanced Search page itself was updated to add in a feature, *Gaelic Prefix*, which aims to account for names which may have lost their “Mac”, “Mc” or “O” prefixes over time. I’m always open to suggestions for future features – just let me know.

How do I find all these sites on the Internet? The best way is to use the UKBMD website: <https://UKBMD.org.uk>. UKBMD was initially set up just as a quick means of providing links to the various BMD websites, but very quickly its remit was expanded to include links to thousands of websites with online data for genealogical research in the UK. Links to the Local BMD Project websites can be found on the Local BMD page within UKBMD. This page also provides links to the other BMD websites which are run separately to the Local BMD Project, but also share the aim of putting online indexes to the original registers.

UKBMD itself continues to be updated adding new links, and alongside of it there are its two companion websites, UKGDL [<https://UKGDL.org.uk>] and UKMFH [<https://UKMFH.org.uk>]. UKGDL provides links to both free and commercial websites that have online genealogical directories and lists of data aimed at family history and UKMFH does the same for military family history.



About the Author: My interest in genealogy arose due to my rare surname and I’ve been involved in genealogy for several decades now, with the BMD websites a major part of my genealogical life. After a lifetime in the IT industry I have been semi-retired since 2009, but still concentrate on creating websites. A Lancashire lad, with Yorkshire ancestry, living in Cheshire.



And for the technically minded, the first version used *Perl* and *Berkely DB* whilst the current version uses *PHP* and *SQLite*.

Ed: One of the many advantages of UKBMD is that the marriage place confirms when it was a civil marriage. No good searching Church of England holdings online—the only way of obtaining a copy certificate is from the civil registration service. An example from my own family research is below. If you want to see signatures, order from the local civil registration office and request a scan or photocopy!

| Cheshire Marriage indexes for the years: 1876 to 1880 | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|---------|-------------|------|---|---------------|---------------------------|
| Surname | Forename(s) | Surname | Forename(s) | Year | Church / Register Office | Registers At | Reference |
| CHALLONER | Joseph | EARDLEY | Jane | 1877 | Chester, Civil Marriage or Registrar Attended | Cheshire West | ROC/14/31 |

UKBMD also has links to other sources for family historians, especially One-Place Studies website which contain census and similar information. Also, a listing of the Online Parish Clerks around the country.



If you are involved with civil registration locally, why not explore the service provided by UKBMD. Simply use the “contact us” on the UKBMD website!



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Basics for Beginners

Where to start

Start with yourself and your immediate family and work back to each earlier generation. Older relatives can provide a great deal of helpful information, including stories about earlier generations that you could not find in written sources. Many relatives will have kept family certificates which will save you time and money. They may also have newspaper cuttings of family events such as weddings, funerals, etc. Not everyone remembers everything accurately, so it is important to try to locate as many family documents and pictures and either scan or photograph them for your records. In the case of pictures, name your image so it is clear who is included and, where possible date them, e.g. *About 1900 John Baxter and Ann Truman*.

Every family's history is unique and people encounter similar challenges as their research progresses. It can be a great advantage to join a family history society or other local family history group and avail yourself of

their local knowledge by meeting fellow members who could help you with research questions. It is well worth locating the [societies](#) which cover the area in which you live and also the area from which your ancestors originate.

Family history societies

Finding a society

- A-Z of societies
- British Societies
- Overseas Societies
- One-Name Study Societies
- Map view

Researching beyond living memory

The extent of undertaking further research is really dependent on the information you have already gathered. In the early stages, much can be achieved online because birth, marriage and death indexes since 1837 (you will need to purchase a certificate or two) and census returns between 1841 and 1921 are readily accessible. You need to be fairly sure of where your ancestors lived unless their names are less popular.

Finding a certificate for your ancestor

The indexes to most births, marriages and deaths registered in England and Wales between 1837 and

1983 are now included on the free site [FreeBMD](#) and can be searched in a variety of ways. If you search in these indexes and cross-check the results with census records or parish registers, you may be able to avoid the



need to buy loads of certificates to find the correct one. The mother's maiden name prior to 1912 has been added to the indexing available on the [General Register Office's website](#).

If you are looking for a marriage that took place in a church, scanned images of the registers may be available online. In such cases, you will see the same information that would appear in a GRO marriage certificate, with the added bonus of seeing actual signatures of the bride, groom and witnesses. The [UKBMD Project](#) [see previous pages] provides added detail on local registrations of births, marriages and deaths for many areas.

Obtaining birth, marriage or death certificates

How to order certificates – England & Wales

You can order certificates of births, marriages and deaths from as early as July 1837 or PDF copies of certain birth and death records online from the [General Register Office \(GRO\)](#), which is part of the Identity and Passport Service.



You can also obtain certificates from local registrars' offices although the cost is slightly more than that from the GRO. However, sometimes local offices can find entries that the GRO cannot.

How to order certificates – Scotland



["Scotlands People"](#) is the gateway to details from civil registration and a host of other records relating to Scotland. It provides good accounts of the periods covered and the information that should have been included at various dates.

How to order certificates – Northern Ireland



Visit the [General Register Office for Northern Ireland](#) website to order their civil registration certificates.

Many other countries have a civil registration system starting at various dates from which it is also possible to obtain certified copies of vital records.



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Using the census returns

A census was taken every ten years and, with each decade, more information was taken. Very few lists of households with names survive prior to 1841. The censuses for the period 1841 – 1921 for England, Wales and Scotland have been indexed and are available online as digitised images.



Many returns are available free at [FreeCEN](#) or [FamilySearch](#). Pre-1921 can be searched on subscription websites such as FindMyPast, The Genealogist and Ancestry. 1921 is only available on FindMyPast.

If you do not subscribe to one of the commercial sites, many local public libraries offer free access to library members. You can also view census collections for free at LDS Family History Centres and national libraries and at The National Archives, Kew.

Researching further

Some of the other major sources that include substantial family history information:

Parish registers – many of these start in the sixteenth century.

Bishops' transcripts – contemporary copies of parish register entries, again often starting in the sixteenth century and useful if parish registers have been lost or cannot be easily read. Many end around 1840.

Probate records – a will can provide evidence of family relationships but not all people left one. Before 1858 probate was administered by the ecclesiastical court system. Some of these are online via subscription websites, others are in local repositories. After 1858, a national system exists for the whole of England and Wales. The basic name and dates can be found for



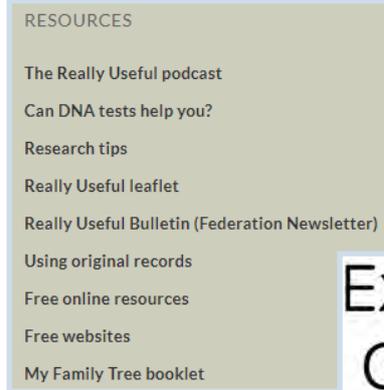
England and Wales on the [government copy will website](#) but you have to order a copy of the will to see the details.

Newspapers – many survive from the late-18th century onwards. Scanned and indexed images of pages from a wide range of titles can be found online at the [British Newspaper Archive](#) and on



FindMyPast, but some are still in original format or microform often available in local libraries.

Other sources – are profuse. Initially use the *Resources* on the [Family History Federation](#) website.



You can see from the list that there are plenty of articles to help you.



Later in 2022 a new website, [Explore your Genealogy](#), is to be launched which will continue to expand with helpful articles and information specialising in UK family history research. The [FamilySearch wiki](#) is an extensive online, wide-ranging source of information and links, including for other countries.

To take your research further
join a local [family history society](#)

In addition to local family history societies covering a geographical area, there are a number within the Federation that cover specialist research topics. Some of these are:



Within the Federation there are also overseas family history societies, groups covering places and organisations which specialise in a single surname [a one-name study]. The websites of these and the above can be found via the link below.

See the full listing of Federation members at www.familyhistoryfederation.com/societies-az



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North West Kent Family History Society

Like virtually all societies North West Kent has had to reinvent itself as a result of the pandemic. Its major focus prior to then was face-to-face branch meetings and attendance at local events to boost membership.

The society already had many members living all over the UK plus some from overseas, but the pandemic and subsequent lockdown made us realise that technology had to play a much greater part in how we operated.

During lockdown the society started following up the opening welcome letter to new members with a further communication providing more information with offers to help their research and it became clear that some eighty to ninety per cent of these new members did not reside close to an area covered by our branches.

So how did we change?

Very few of us had ever heard of Zoom and the thought of conducting a meeting with everyone staring at each other on a screen was unheard of.

Slowly but surely the society adapted with talks, workshops, discussion groups, coffee mornings all conducted via Zoom and thus being able to involve

anyone, anywhere at any time and it is significant that many of our new members who live abroad in different time zones still tune in to our talks and discussions via Zoom.

This meant of course that the members involved all had to adopt new skills, new techniques and learn lots of new terms and which buttons to press and it was a steep learning curve for many.

It was also necessary to recruit volunteers from within the membership with the necessary skills to carry out the additional functions which were now required.

Now we are well into 2022 and although the world is reopening to something like pre-pandemic normality our society realises that to continue to be successful, we must communicate with all our members wherever they reside using every platform at our disposal and we will never be satisfied until everyone feels included in the society's activities be they actual or virtual.

That is why we are still running face-to-face monthly branch meetings at Dartford and Sevenoaks together with a monthly Zoom meeting.

We produce a bi-monthly enews bulletin containing many interesting facts about people who have contacted us as well as details of all our upcoming events. This is open to both members and non-members as is our very active Facebook

page. Examples of the effectiveness of our bulletin include tracing several family members via bibles and old letters.

We currently hold regular workshops and discussion groups on a variety of general and specialist subjects including DNA and Scottish interests. These are at present on Zoom.

We have an enthusiastic team constantly transcribing old parish records the majority of which, when edited, are submitted to Find My Past with some being added to our own website.

Local events and fairs are now becoming more commonplace again and the society will participate wherever it can but like many other societies one needs an active pool of volunteers.

We are also resuming our drop-in sessions to local libraries to assist with the general public's enquiries.

The society is now building on the excellent work already achieved on our website by branching into new areas such as offering digital downloads of many of our products enabling an easier and more cost-effective means of continuing one's research. This development will augment the wide selection of CDs already available for purchase via the eshop on the website.



Our Twitter account is now allowing us to reach a wider audience and share many of the resources that the society and the website has to offer.

We are also hoping to produce a new promotional video and make regular blogging a feature of the site.

All of this is and continues to be possible only with the help of the fabulous members of our team.

Dartford Branch- meetings held at Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY on the first Saturday of each month. Doors open 9.45am.

Sevenoaks Branch- meetings held at Otford Memorial Hall, 28a High Street, Otford, Sevenoaks TN14 5PQ on the second Saturday of each month. Doors open 10.45 am.

Visitors always welcome.

Membership £10 per annum, family membership £12 per annum.

If you would like to know more about North West Kent and all its activities do look at our website (nwkfhs.org.uk) or contact publicity@nwkfhs.org.uk

*Picture: Main Gate, Royal Arsenal Woolwich
from NWKFHS Newsletter, August 2022.*



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Peterborough & District Family History Society



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The Society has an annual update of archives every July. This year's additions meant we added over 4,500 names to our **Archives Names Index** bringing the total names from around the world to over 200,000.

THE ARCHIVE NAMES INDEX IS SEARCHABLE BY EVERYBODY

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Amongst the new archives are:

1.BPB.023 – The Building of Crescent Bridge, Peterborough. This details the reasons why it was built and the families who lived in "The Crescent" whose houses were demolished to make way for it.

1.CDS.020a4a – Missing Glinton Burials 1701-1812 This is the start of our project filling in the gaps of our Bishops' Transcripts archive of many parishes in the old Soke of Peterborough.

1.EXT.023x2 – Alwalton Churchyard and **1.EXT.104a – Maxey Churchyard Memorial Inscriptions**

1.EXT.105 - Fletton Logbook Teachers

1.IND.033a – Gaches Solicitors Papers – An index and summary of papers deposited at Northamptonshire Record Office.

1.IND.034a – National Provincial Bank Account Holders 1869 who had a Peterborough address.

NOTE: There is also a file of all names but without place of residence for MEMBERS to search. This file's names have not been added to our Archives Names Index but MEMBERS can check the file for potential ancestors not living in Peterborough. If they find a potential entry, they can check out the residence at the Local Studies Centre.

To find out what other archives we have made available to MEMBERS please look at the **ARCHIVE SUBJECT INDEX** on the website.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR JUST WANT TO SAY HALLO
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British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

Conference: 28 September—2 October

England and Wales—at Home and on the Move



The pace is picking up for conference 2022!

There's lots happening with this year's fall virtual conference by BIFHSGO.

You can get a taste of the upcoming talks: the speakers are providing short videos with hints on the approach and content of their presentations. They're coming in steadily. Check them out at: www.bifhsgo.ca/in-their-own-words The twelve speakers include Ian Waller, Dave Annal, Mia Bennett, Gill Blanchard, and Janet Few.

The three different *Connect* sessions where you can chat in breakout rooms with conference speakers, genealogy-related vendors, or family history society representatives, are filling up with hosting participants:

- The conference session hosts will be speakers Gill Blanchard and Ian Waller (for England); Gill Thomas (for Wales); and Caroline Gurney (for migration).
- Organisations participating in the vendor session already include ArchiveCDBooks, Family Ancestrees, Geni, Legacy Family Tree Webinars, Linda Corupe, MyHeritage, Sher Letooze, Shop-the-House and Scottish Indexes.
- In the society session there currently are local Ontario societies (eg the Archives of Ontario, Ontario Ancestors, the Ottawa Public Library and the Huntley Township Historical Society), other Canadian societies (eg Manitoba Genealogical Society and the Quebec Genealogical eSociety), and the Family History Federation from the UK.

The Expo Hall continues to grow with currently over forty participants.

And conference registration payment just got easier! We have added e-transfer to the payment options.

Explore the event! You'll learn why your ancestors lied about themselves, how Welsh migration is different, why maps are important for your research, and how the poor were treated before workhouses came into being. There will be research advice, background details on key locations like London and Liverpool, and intriguing tales of adventure.

The registration fee is just \$40, and if you miss any sessions, the online versions will be available for a month. Conference 2022 will be fun and useful...and not just for English and Welsh research!



You can check it out and register at

www.bifhsgo.ca/2022-BIFHSGO-Conference

BIFHSGO is the leading Canadian family history society with a focus on the British Isles.

Located in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, the society encourages research and its dissemination through programmes that connect, educate, share and inspire.

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News from the Federation

The REALLY USEFUL Podcasts Are Back!

The new series of the Federation's Really Useful Podcasts will be launched monthly from September through to February.



- ⇒ September – **Beginning your family history**
- ⇒ October – **Online resources**
- ⇒ November – **Talking to relatives**
- ⇒ December – **Historians collaborate**
- ⇒ January – **Occupations**
- ⇒ February – **Writing your family history**

Initially these will be accessible on the [Federation's website](#), and will then move to the new Explore Your Genealogy site to be launched this autumn.

Keep visiting the [website](#) for final details!

Come and meet the 'Fed'

The Federation's roadshow is out and about in the coming weeks. Some events will have the full bookshop, while the craft shows generally have a smaller selection from Family History Books for your delectation.

When visiting any of these events, do stop by and have a word with our officers and helpers who enjoy talking to visitors!

- 22-25 Sep [Creative Crafts](#), West Point, Exeter
- 24 Sep [The Family History Show](#), Kempton Park
- 1 Oct [Oxfordshire FHS Fair](#), Marlborough CofE School, Woodstock
- 13-16 Oct [Creative Crafts](#), SEC, Glasgow
- 15 Oct [Huddersfield FHS Fair](#), Cathedral House, Huddersfield
- 22 Oct [Suffolk FHS Fair](#), The Hold, Ipswich
- 3-6 Nov [Creative Crafts](#), NEC, Birmingham

Please click the event for link to the organiser's website and further details.



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Child "Care" - 1840s' Style

The provision of newspapers online via the British Newspaper Archive, also on Find My Past, provides much to occupy our time. A simple name search can add great colour to the stories of our forebears. However, this report was somewhat more colourful than anticipated. The item was repeated in many out-of-area papers over the following days.

Stamford Mercury, 30th June 1843

A few days ago, Robert Stokes, baker, at Wansford, sold one of his children, an interesting girl two years of age, for three guineas! The unfeeling parent went into the Granby public house with his child, and whilst there a dealer in drapery goods, named John Turley, made his appearance, noticed the little girl, and asked Stokes whether he would sell her. To the astonishment of all present, a bargain was struck, and the child was transferred to the hawker, an Irishman, who said he had been living for 17 years at Oundle, but was about to return to Newry, in Ireland, his native place. Turley took away his bargain immediately and conveyed her in his cart to Stamford. The news soon spread that the baker had sold his child, and the mother became almost frantic. The female neighbours got together and warmly remonstrated with Stokes, who, perceiving that he was not likely to be treated by them in the most agreeable manner, promised to re-purchase his child and started in pursuit for that purpose. The hawker and his wife were fortunately found at the Woolpack inn at Stamford; and although, having no children of their own, they were delighted with the little girl, and would probably have taken better care of her than Stokes had shown a disposition to do, they were prevailed upon to restore the child to her father on the return of the "purchase money".

One wonders just how "warmly" the local women remonstrated!

With thanks to Steve Manning, who adds that the little girl, called Eliza, had been baptised on 20 September, 1840. She is at Wansford with her family in the census of 1851.

What is the most unusual newspaper report you have found?



Really Useful Back Page

Family History Research Aids from the Experts



Parish Chest, a service from the Family History Federation, has over sixty family history societies and some twenty-plus traders, at a one-stop online shop, offering a wide range of family history materials in some sixteen categories including:

- Parish register transcriptions and more from local FHS
- Memorial inscriptions information from gravestones across the country, compiled by local FHS
- Nonconformists: Baptists, Wesleyans, Independents, Quakers and many more nonconformist lists
- Wills and Probate Indexes of wills and administrations
- Folders, printing facilities, giftware
- ..and more!

Societies and suppliers regularly add new lines, so visit www.parishchest.com to see what is there to help you add to your family tree.

Societies and others interested in joining Parish Chest should initially contact:

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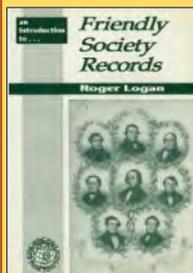
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