

**Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society**

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**Hyndburn Branch**

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For our October meeting this coming Thursday, we have the welcome return of Mr Bill Taylor, with his talk on "Missing in Action, POW of the Germans". Bill's talks are always interesting and I'm sure it will be enjoyed by all, so please come and join us if you are able.

*I will start off with a reminder of the help sessions being run in our local libraries. The first Monday of the month I can usually be found in Oswaldtwistle library between 10am and 12 noon, and on the third Monday of the month I am usually in Accrington library, again from 10 till 12. We have reserved computers and if you are struggling with your research you can bring your problems along and we may be able to solve them together, always remembering that not all of them can be resolved. We just do our best. You can also get help at The Straits Research Centre each Thursday afternoon from 1pm and on the first Saturday of the month. If you are nearer Chorley, then pop along to the research centre in Astley Park. If you need the opening times please check them out on The Society website.*

## **Hyndburn Programme of Events 2018 - 2019**

**Sep 13<sup>th</sup>            Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup>            “Missing in Action, POW of the Germans”  
By Bill Taylor**

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>             “Blood and Gore in Victorian Medicine”  
By Dick Chitty**

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>            Christmas Social**

**2019**

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>            Workshop**

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>            “Emigration from Lancashire”  
By Gordon Read**

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>            AGM – and “Bells, Bell Ringing & Bell  
Ringers”  
By Stuart Crosby**

**Apr 11<sup>th</sup>            “Lancaster Castle”  
By Dr Graham Kemp**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>             Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**

**Jun 13<sup>th</sup>            “Elizabeth Parker of Browsholme Hall”  
By Linda Sawley**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>            “Bene & Hot – The Tommies’ Tipple”  
By Denise North**

**Aug 8<sup>th</sup>             “Beyond the Iron Curtain with Guitar”  
By Neil Smith**

**Meetings, except workshops, are held at the Accrington & District Blind Society premises on Bank Street, Accrington – 7.15 for 7.30pm start.**

**Please contact Muriel Smith – [muesmith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:muesmith@yahoo.co.uk) – or speak to me at the meetings if you wish to have an article included in the newsletter.**

### **Lancashire BMD updates**

Births for Manchester RD to include mother's maiden name, comprising:  
Hulme (1877-1885)

Deaths for Manchester RD comprising: Manchester (1980-1987)  
There are only a few this month, but there have been additions to the  
Yorkshire and Staffordshire sites.

### **Updates for Durham Records Online**

South Westoe St. Michael baptisms 1878-1911; Coundon St. James baptisms  
1846-1863; Alnwick burials 1851-1868; Alnwick marriages 1813-1840;  
Tudhoe Mount Pleasant Presbyterian baptisms 1880-1959; Shotton with  
Haswell marriages 1854-1939 updated; Durham St. Oswald marriages 1701-  
1750; Sunderland baptisms 1839-1841; Usworth baptisms & burials 1835-  
1851, marriages 1837-1851; Newcastle St. Andrew burials 1813-1831;  
Newcastle St. Andrew marriages 1813-1828 & burials 1832-1839:

It's surprising what you discover at the Archives – "Hedgehogs Wanted".  
David Tilsley, Archivist at Lancashire Archives recently found the  
following information whilst researching another topic. He found an  
entry in churchwarden's accounts making payment to several persons for  
Hedgehogs. What on earth would they want them for? – When the  
harvests were poor and food scarce, Henry VIII passed The Preservation  
of Grain Act 1532, declaring war on many small creatures including  
crows, badgers, starlings and foxes. But hedgehogs? Apparently they  
were believed to suckle milk directly from cows' udders, obviously not  
using little ladders, but whenever the cattle lay down in the fields. Not  
only that, but they were accused of rolling in the orchards, and making  
off with fruit on their spines. (The mind boggles)

#### **Cut-price data continues**

**Great news for family historians! The  
GRO has extended its Pilot Test of birth  
& death registrations in PDF format.**

**The main points are:**

- 1. The service will continue for the foreseeable future - no end date has been announced.**
- 2. Each PDF costs £6.**
- 3. Applications for a PDF must be made online and include the GRO index reference (you can get these from the GRO site or from FreeBMD).**
- 4. The England & Wales registrations which are available as PDFs are:  
Births: 1837 – 1916; Deaths: 1837 – 1916**

**WHY:** Why is shifting  
responsibility to someone else  
called 'passing the buck'?

**BECAUSE:**

In card games, it was once  
customary to pass an item,  
called a buck, from player to  
player to indicate whose turn it  
was to deal. If a player did not  
wish to assume the  
responsibility of dealing, he  
would 'pass the buck' to the  
next player.

## Find my Past Updates

### Kent Parish Records Update

Over 515,000 new records have been added to our collection of Kent Parish records. The new additions include baptisms, banns, marriages and burials covering the parishes of Burham, Canterbury, Deal, Dover, Gravesend, Halling, Hawkhurst, Higham, Kilndown, Lydd, Maidstone, New Romney, Tudeley with Capel and Walmer.

England & Wales, Electoral Registers 1920-1932; Jersey, German Occupation Prosecutions 1940-1945; Jersey, German Occupation Identity Cards 1940-1945; Liverpool Echo – 1960, 1962 – 1965; Baltimore Roman Catholic Parish Registers & New York Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms and Marriages

### Scottish updates –

Scotland, Berwickshire, Ladykirk Heads of Household 1811

Scotland, Edinburgh St Cuthbert's Census 1790

Scotland, Perthshire, Inhabitants of the Burgh of Perth 1766

Scotland, Shetland, Tingwall List of Inhabitants 1785

### Surrogation ...

*A modern mother was explaining to her little girl about pictures in the family photo album. The mother said, "This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother and here's your sperm donor and your father's clone. This is me holding you when you were just a frozen embryo." "Who is that?" asked the daughter. "Oh," answered the mother, "The lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt. She's the family genealogist!"*

An exhibition is opening on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at The Harris Museum, Preston.

Whittingham Lives: Hidden Histories, Alternative Futures is part of a project exploring the history and legacy of Whittingham Asylum from its opening in 1873 to its final demolition in 2016. The exhibition has an underlying aim of examining changing attitudes towards mental disorder, a response to stories uncovered in the Archives.

The out visit to Smithills Hall last week was a great success. If you have never been it is well worth a visit, and I think all who went would happily recommend the food in the tearooms. It was a great day out, apart from the lack of signage to get to the destination. Roads are either not marked or signs are hidden in trees.

*If you have any queries on Irish Ancestry, it may be worth your while to attend the Irish Conference at the Civic Centre, Union Road, Oswaldtwistle this Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October. If you haven't booked, I'm sure you will still be accommodated if you contact Marion Crossley - 50 Lighthurst Lane Chorley PR7 3EQ, Tel. 01257-268311  
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