

**Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society**

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**Hyndburn Branch**

**November 2019**



Hi Everyone

We are very pleased to welcome Shelley Whitehead to our meeting this evening.

Her talk on “Women in the First World War” replaces the advertised talk by Mr Tony Foster on “A girl without a name”, as he has been unavoidably called away.

I am sure we will all thoroughly enjoy Shelley’s talk and are very grateful for her willingness to step into the breach for us.

**News from Lancashire Archives**

This month they are hopefully having the new computers installed, complete with Windows 10 and Wi-fi printing from these and your own devices.

They will be celebrating ‘Explore Your Archives week’ and ‘Lancashire Day’ on Wednesday 27 November with red roses, Café Archive and a lunchtime talk from Dr Colin Penny on the *Rogues, villains and scoundrels of Lancaster Castle*. The talk is free but

places must be booked in advance by emailing

[record.office@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:record.office@lancashire.gov.uk) or phoning 01772 533039.

**DONT FORGET** – The car park at the Archives is now Pay and Display, so take change with you if you are paying a visit.

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*Are you after an unusual Christmas Present for someone? If you need a present for an animal lover who is also into history, try checking out the National Archives Gift Shop. They have many books about animals in the war, (remember War Horse?) dogs, pigeons etc. They also stock the Purple Poppy, which has become the symbol for these animals. Other than this, you can also check out the British Museum Gift shop for unusual gifts.*

## Hyndburn Programme of Events 2019 - 2020

- Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**            **“Oliver Cromwell’s Northern Journey”**  
**By Nick Burton**
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**            **“A Girl without a Name”**  
**By Tony Foster**
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**            **Christmas Social**
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**                **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**            **“A Week in the Life of Grandma”**  
**By Harold Hoggarth**
- Mar 12<sup>th</sup>**            **AGM – and “The Secret History of the**  
**Victorian Lodging House”**  
**By Joseph O’Neill**
- Apr 9<sup>th</sup>**                **“The Winter Gardens”**  
**By Mike Coyle**
- May 14<sup>th</sup>**            **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Jun 11<sup>th</sup>**            **“The Love Life of John of Gaunt”**  
**By Dr. G Kemp**
- July 9<sup>th</sup>**                **“Betsy, the Scullery Maid”**  
**By Joanne Halliwell**
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup>**            **“Midwifery Through the Ages”**  
**By Linda Sawley**
- Sep 10<sup>th</sup>**            **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**

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

Workshops held at Accrington Reference Library, St. James St. Accrington. 7.30 – 9.30 pm

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.

## ***What's New at Durham Records Online?***

***Durham Cathedral baptisms 1609-1812 & 1851-1895, burials 1612-1812 & 1851-1896, marriages 1611-1896***

***Brancepeth baptisms & burials 1813-1847***

***Tweedmouth baptisms 1846-1885***

***West Hartlepool Primitive Methodist baptisms 1852-1870***

***Middleton St. George marriages 1616-1753***

***Hartburn marriages 1773-1804***

***Seaham Harbour St. John baptisms 1861-1870 updated***

***Marriages 1837-1841 or 1851 at Barnard Castle, Billingham, Bishop Middleham, Boldon, Brancepeth, Cockfield, Coniscliffe, Croxdale, Darlington, Denton, Dinsdale***

***Netherwitton marriages 1795-1861***

***Hartlepool Wesleyan Methodist (Northgate St) baptisms 1874-1886***

*There are no updates for Lancashire BMDs and only one for Shropshire this month, maybe there will be more next month.*

### ***New to Find my Past***

New Norfolk Parish Records - Over 501,000 new parish baptisms adding 307 new parishes; Over 522,000 additional parish banns and marriages covering new 461 new parishes; Over 423,000 new parish burials adding over 301 new parishes:

Scotland, Forfarshire (Angus), Dundee Trade & Postal Directories 1783-1842

1801 Lancashire, Liverpool Census

Cornwall Burials - Over 75,000 new records covering 52 parishes

Kent Burials - 12,000 new records have been added, the majority of these cover Swanscombe municipal cemetery.

New Zealand, Women's Suffrage Petition

Burma Star Association Membership Forms

Dekho, Burma Star Association - over 4,000 records; find out if your World War 2 ancestor became a member of the Burma Star Association. Dekho! Is the journal of the Burma Star Association, it is published three times a year & it informs members of the Association who are unable to get out and meet their comrades, with information about events that are going on in the Burma Star Association. These editions run from 1951 to 2018.

### ***Genealogy quotes***

*Some family trees have beautiful leaves, and some have just a bunch of nuts. Remember, it is the nuts that make the tree worth shaking.*

*~Author Unknown*

*"There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his."*

*-- Helen Keller*

**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.

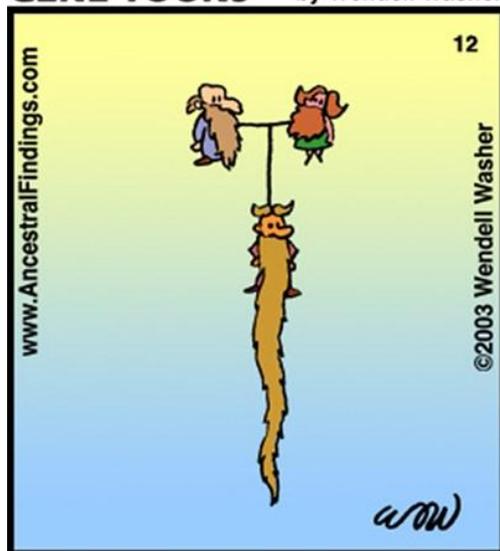
## Also on Find my Past - [Britain, The Great War, I Was There](#)

Learn about the Great War from those who experienced it first-hand. *The Great War: I Was There* is a magazine that was first published in 1938. Edited by Sir John Hammerton, its 51 editions ran from 29 September 1938 to 19 September 1939 and are available to view in PDF format.

The magazine was a weekly periodical, available on Thursdays, which aimed to capture the undying memories of the 1914-1918 war. It contained excerpts from other sources but mainly consisted first-hand accounts and previously unpublished images.

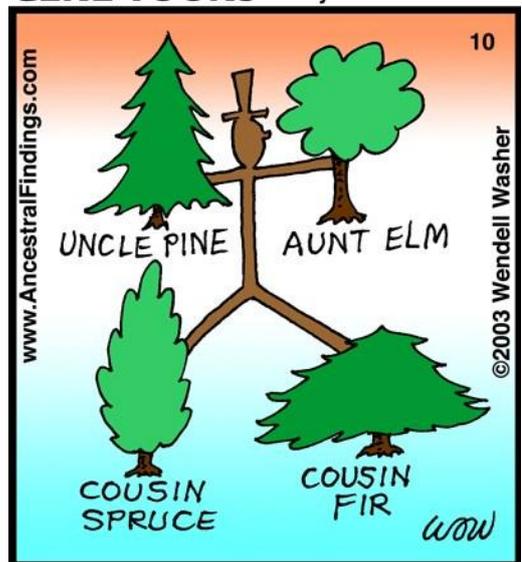
The series eventually ended due to the start of WWII. The cover of issue 51 states: *"In view of the outbreak of the 'European War' subscribers to 'I Was There' will not be surprised to learn that the publishers have decided not to proceed with the issue of the proposed New Series."*

### GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Bearded man and bearded lady have a son.

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Tree's family man.

### Continued - Cemetery Symbol: Broken Obelisk

At first, it may appear that a gravestone that is missing the upper half has deteriorated, which is entirely possible since every year more and more gravestones are lost to decay. But many broken obelisks were formed that way from the time they were made to signify the cutting short of someone's life, particularly the head of a family.

### Cemetery Symbol: Butterfly

Butterflies are the symbol of resurrection. Just as caterpillars change into winged creatures that launch into flight, the deceased will rise from the grave, changing into a new being.

### Cemetery Symbol: Cherubs

Cherubs became popular in the mid-1700's in New England's burying grounds. They usually depicted a human-like face with a serious expression, surrounded by wings. Cherubs signify a soul that has gone to heaven.

More modern cherubs usually indicate a child has died, particularly when featured with a lamb.