

## **Ancestors at Sea – Lancashire Crew Lists Volunteer Project**

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society in partnership with Lancashire Archives has been awarded local project funding by the Federation of Family History Societies. Under the supervision of an Archive support officer, volunteers will create a name index to two important series of Lancashire Crew Lists. These cover the period 1863 – 1914 and contain about 82,000 entries, which give details of the crew members of ships registered in Lancashire Seamen from across the United Kingdom, and occasionally beyond, are recorded in these records. Many will have escaped the census enumerator and it is an exciting opportunity to unlock a valuable new source for family historians. The project will start in February 2017 and will last for up to 12 months. When complete, the index will be made available online, free of charge, in an appropriate, searchable way.

Indexing sessions will be held at Lancashire Archives each Tuesday. Volunteers may sign up for a morning session (9.30 –12.00) or an afternoon session (1.00-4.00pm) - or even for both. Training for this role is essential and an induction session will be held on Tuesday 7 February 2017 from 10-12. Volunteers should be able to read difficult handwriting and to transcribe key details onto a spreadsheet. A knowledge of the names of ports around the British Isles may be an advantage; although maps, gazetteers and other reference resources will be available. To register as a volunteer please email LFHHS co-ordinator Tony Foster – [tonyfoster@fastmail.co.uk](mailto:tonyfoster@fastmail.co.uk). For questions about the project please email [record.office@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:record.office@lancashire.gov.uk) putting 'CREW LIST PROJECT' as the subject

### Lancashire BMD Updates

**Births:** Manchester (1962-1965); Ormskirk (1971-1972);

Births amended to add mothers' maiden names: Manchester East (1936-1950); Ardwick (1837-1871);

**Marriages:** Blackburn, St Mary the Virgin (Blackburn Cathedral) (2004-2010); Radcliffe, Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Close (1900-1970); Radcliffe, Wesley Methodist Chapel, Ainsworth Rd. (1901-1993); Tottington, St.John's Free C of E., Kirklees St. (1903-2000);

**Deaths:** Blackburn (1999-2000); Manchester (1956-1960);

Additions have also been made to Cheshire & Staffordshire websites.

*The National Archives for England and Wales has launched a consultation about the future of Britain's archives, based on its vision of a 'digitally enabled sector with a rich range of on-site experiences to cater to a diverse and varied audience'. See <http://bit.ly/2fmNPLB> for more details. Views can be emailed to [ArchiveVision@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ArchiveVision@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk)*

**“To walk invisible: The Bronte Sisters”,**

If you enjoyed our talks on the Bronte Sisters and their brother Branwell, you may want to catch up with a new production on TV.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December on BBC1 at 9pm a drama, “To walk invisible: The Bronte Sisters”, will be aired for the first time. The title is taken from a letter written by Charlotte referring to a meeting with an elderly clergyman, who even knowing her literature well, did not recognise her as the author “Currer Bell”. The cast is familiar from other dramas such as Happy Valley, Brief Encounters, Rebellion and War & Peace. It could be good after Christmas viewing!

Hee! Hee! – one liners  
We're thinking of selling our  
Hoover - well, it was just  
gathering dust.

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Denise van Outen once asked  
me out; mind you, I was in her  
room.

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Back in the day, I had so many  
Blind Dates that they gave me a  
Labrador!



*England & Wales Civil Registration starts to catch up online – The GRO is now providing a search facility on its own website so that certificates may be ordered direct from them more easily. At the moment the system only covers births from 1837 to 1915 and deaths from 1837 to 1957, but work is ongoing to complete the years and add the marriage indexes. The trial provision of PDF copies of certificates has ended but will eventually be reinstated when the indexes are complete. These certificates will be at a reduced cost of £6 rather than the full price of £9.25. If you are using this new system try to make sure you know the date to within a couple of years as this is the extent of the search width. The bonus of the search is that it will include mother's maiden names and age at death details prior to 1866, which has only been available on local BMD's. You can also search on district, date and quarter. You will need to register with the GRO to search indexes.*

## **Hyndburn Programme of Events 2017**

- Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>            Workshop**
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup>            'Village Signs'  
By Shirley Addy**
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup>            AGM – and 'A Trip to Switzerland in 1916'  
By Tony Foster**
- Apr 4<sup>th</sup>            “Carnforth to Clitheroe”  
By Harold Hoggarth**
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>            Workshop**
- Jun 6<sup>th</sup>            'Origin of Surnames'  
By Peter Watson**
- July 4<sup>th</sup>            'The Girls in Wartime Munitions'  
By Sue & Glenise Jones**
- Aug 8<sup>th</sup>            Holidays – no meeting**
- Sep 5<sup>th</sup>            Workshop**
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>            'Great Harwood Loop Line'  
By Bernard Bond**
- Nov 7<sup>th</sup>            'Mediaeval Monasteries'  
By Julia Beedon**
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup>            Christmas Party & Social Evening**

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.

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## *WELCOME*

*Good evening everyone and welcome to your Christmas Party. I hope you have all brought your thinking caps with you and are ready for a fun evening. Food and fun is the aim of the game.*

*Don't forget to check out the back page for the updated calendar of events for next year. The workshop in January will be here in the library and we are checking out alternative venues for the other meetings*



**Merry Christmas  
And  
Happy New Year  
To all our  
members  
From Hyndburn  
Branch  
Committee**