

Lancashire BMD updates

Births - Bury (1950-1958); Farnworth (1940-1943); Great Bolton and Lever (1904-1909); Halliwell (1916-1919); Little Bolton (1906-1917); South West Bolton (1909-1921); Turton (1908-1921); Ormskirk (1960-1974);

Amended Births to expand forename initials to full forenames: Farnworth (1837-1851);

Marriages - Bury, United Reform Church, Rochdale Rd. (1905-1911); Radcliffe, St. Andrew (1909-1934); Blackburn, Woodlands United Reformed Church (Cherry Tree, Livesey) (2003-2015); Blackburn Register Office or Registrar Attended (1982-1998);

Deaths - Newton-le-Willows (1837-1916); St Helens First (1957-1968) Manchester (1960-1963);

Additions have also been made to Staffordshire, Cheshire & Bath.

Online data updates

Ancestry – Miscellaneous records from New South Wales, 1787 to 1976

Find my Past – new military medal records; Navy ships' muster rolls 1739 to 1861; additional records to the 1939 Register; 19th Century Irish Trade Directories; Service Records for the Scots Guards 1799 – 1939; thousands of bmd's for Pennsylvania, USA.

Family Search – Christening, marriage & burial records from various non-conformist religious groups in Bristol from 1777-1936

The Genealogist - planned updates for 2017

The site is planning the release of a record set of our ancestors' houses, searchable by name, address and area, along with detailed high resolution maps showing the properties.

There is also a planned 1921 Census substitute which is being compiled from alternate sources such as Trade Directories. It could be very helpful.

Royal Mail – marking 500 years; The Royal Mail has launched an online gallery to showcase 1600 letters dating from 1699. The anniversary is based on Henry VIII's appointment of Sir Henry Tuke as the first Master of the Post, in 1617. Letters include missives by royalty, an eye-witness account from Paris on the day after outbreak of WWI, and a letter sent by pioneering feminist & physician Elizabeth Garrett Anderson in 1887.

www.royalmailgroup.com/lettersofourlives

The Statistical Accounts of Scotland -

<http://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home>

If you have Scottish Ancestry then this web site could be of interest. There facts and figures and maps covering all of Scotland, and giving insight into aspects of life there in the 1790's and 1830's. The content is based on questionnaires sent to every corner of Scotland regarding population, topography, industry, agriculture and other topics. The site, now updated, has interactive historical maps and contextual narratives providing background information on the reports. There are high resolution images and summary pages for every parish and county, listing the resources available.

The Senility Prayer
(apologies to
The Serenity Prayer)

God, grant me the
Senility to forget the
people I never liked
anyway,
the good fortune to run
into the ones that I do,
and the eyesight to tell
the difference.

The National Archives

If you are struggling with research and don't have Ancestry or Find my Past at home, don't forget that a lot of records are searchable online at the National Archives. Wills from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1384 – 1858 can be searched, also Alien's Registration Cards 1918 to 1957, and Naturalisation case papers for persons requesting citizenship in Britain from 1801 to 1871. Other resources are also available and fully searchable.

You know you are living in the 2010's when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries...
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it. to be continued.....

Hyndburn Programme of Events 2017

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

Please contact Muriel Smith – 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

Hi everyone, Welcome to our first workshop of 2017. I'm sorry to announce that our future meetings with speakers will not be held at Accrington Library. We have had the plug pulled on our meetings there as they have no member of staff willing to supervise our evening meetings except at the workshops. We are still hunting for an alternative venue, but as a temporary measure we may have to use The Straits. This is not ideal but beggars can't be choosers. If you are on my email list, I can let you know by email otherwise keep a weather eye on posters and the society website for updates.

Does anyone have any extra suggestions for new venues for our meetings? Please help us to find a new home. We have tried various avenues but nothing has been able to be confirmed at this time. If you have any ideas, please let us know, we are willing to try anything within reason.

Happy New Year Everyone

Let's make 2017 a great year for

Family History