

If you are looking for local updated records it may be worth checking back on the Lancashire Online Parish Clerk site. They make regular updates as others do, including some R.C. records. I've put a few of the recent local updates below.

Marriages 1837 to 1843 from the Church of St James, Haslingden

Baptisms 1844 to 1901 from the Church of St Thomas, Musbury, in the District of Rossendale

Banns 1889 to 1895 from the Church of St St John the Evangelist, Accrington

Baptisms 1746 to 1758 from the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Blackburn
Reworked from a better quality source with new entries and information

Baptisms 1854 to 1906 from the Priory Church of St Mary and St John the Baptist, Pleasington

Baptisms 1972 to 2005 from the Church of St Cuthbert, in the Parish of Darwen

The 21st May sees the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CWGC, originally the Imperial War Graves Commission. It started mainly due to the concern of one man, Fabian Ware, who while working for the Red Cross, was distressed by the fact that there was no existing system for locating the graves of those killed in the war. He created an organisation, later to become The Graves Registration Commission, then, with the support of Edward, Prince of Wales, the Imperial War Grave Commission was established by Royal Charter to ensure that the graves would continue to be looked after. The body established then, continues now as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and carries on the sterling work of logging and caring for the graves of those lost in war.

Giggle Corner

A prospective husband in a book store asks - "Do you have a book called, 'Husband – the Master of the House'?" Sales Girl: "Sir, Fiction and Comics are on the 1st floor!"

A Geordie and a Yank aid worker were helping out in a disaster area.

Yank says, "Where you from buddy?" He replies, "Newcastle". "What State's that in?" asks the Yank. "Pretty much the same as this place!" came the reply.

Lancashire Archives Events for your diary - book 01772 533039

May 17 - Using family and estate records for family history research
12.30-1.30pm

Friday 9 June – 2.30 – 4pm - How to use the Archives

Friday 7 July 10.30am-12.30pm
Café Archive with family history surgery

Tuesday 11 July – 5.30 – 7.00pm –
How to use the Archives

Saturday 9 September 11.00am-
3.30pm - Café Archive - Heritage Open Day

Online Updates

There are no updates this month for the Lancashire BMD site but there have been additions to Cheshire, Yorkshire & Staffordshire.

Find my Past have added Millions of new US marriages, Queensland Schools records, London Ironmongers, and baptisms, marriages & burials from Yorkshire & Devon. Also added are new Kent parish baptisms, marriages, banns, burials; Irish newspapers, new Easter Rising records, Australian parish bmds, passenger lists, military records; wills & probate records, bishops & archdeacons transcripts and British newspapers.

Britain, Missing Beneficiaries and Unclaimed Estates 1910 - *Did your British ancestor leave behind a significant estate or inherit a fortune from a distant relative? Search Dougal's Index Register to Next of Kin, Heirs at Law and Cases of Unclaimed Money Advertisements from 1910 to discover more. (These records are found on Find my Past)*

Perquisites for the Victorian Servant – now known as ‘perks’ of the job: These were usually goods which could be sold for cash to supplement a servant’s salary. They ranged from grease for cooks, corks for butlers, clothing for valets and ladies’ maids, and rabbit skins for scullery maids. Some employers banned perquisites to prevent abuse of the system.

If you have servants in your family you could find out how much they were paid by checking the ‘Situations Vacant’ columns in a local newspaper nearest to where he or she worked. Then as now, salary rates varied across the country depending on the role, location and number of years’ experience.

More wonderful church bulletins by the church ladies with typewriters: -

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Hyndburn Programme of Events 2017

- Jan 3rd Workshop**
- Feb 9th 'Village Signs'
By Shirley Addy**
- Mar 9th AGM – and “Friends and Family – Heroes and Villains”
By Hilda Rawcliffe**
- Apr 13th “Carnforth to Clitheroe”
By Harold Hoggarth**
- May 11th Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Jun 8th “Origin of Surnames”
By Peter Watson**
- July 13th “History of Accrington Blind Society”
By Marion Clark**
- Aug 10th “A Trip to Switzerland in 1916”
By Tony Foster**
- Sep 14th Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Oct 12th “Wounded & Missing in Action, POW of the Germans”
By Bill Taylor**
- Nov 9th 'Mediaeval Monasteries'
By Julia Beedon**
- Dec 14th 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

Good evening everyone and welcome to our May workshop. Please note that the workshop in September will also be here at the Library on the second Thursday (14th) which is now our regular meeting night. We are hoping that all our future workshops will also be here at the library.

The June 8th meeting on "Origin of Surnames" by Peter Watson will be back at the Accrington & District Blind Society premises on Bank Street at the normal time of 7.30pm.

It happened in May in History

1429 - The English siege of Orleans was broken by Joan of Arc.

1663 - The first Theatre Royal was opened in London.

1812 - May 11th British prime Minister Spencer Perceval was shot by a bankrupt banker in the lobby of the House of Commons.

1833 - May 7th Johannes Brahms Composer and pianist was born

1915 - The *Lusitania*, a civilian ship, was sunk by a German submarine. 1,201 people were killed.

1946 - Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering Corp. was founded. The company was later renamed Sony.

1949 - Siam changed its name to Thailand.

1994 - The Edvard Munch painting "The Scream" was recovered after being stolen 3 months earlier from an Oslo Museum. This version of "The Scream", one of four different versions, was painted on paper.

1997 - Garry Kasparov, world chess champion, lost his first ever multi-game match. He lost to IBM's chess computer Deep Blue. It was the first time a computer had beaten a world-champion player.