

BMD updates for Lancashire

Births - Bolton North (1953-1954); Farnworth & Kearsley (1967-1972); Farnworth (1944-1947); Halliwell (1943-1947); Horwich (1935-1941); Townleys (1956-1960); Amended for Mother's maiden names; Hulme (1839-1865);
Marriages - Darwen, United Reformed Church (Chapels), registers at Blackburn (1921-1936); Radcliffe, Trinity Baptist Church, Church St. (1910-1975); Whitefield, Methodist Church, Elm St. (1912-1994); Summerseat, Methodist Chapel, Rowlands Rd. (1911-1974); Radcliffe, New Jerusalem Church, Stand Lane (1914-1952); Whitefield, New Jerusalem Church, Charles St. (1920-1994); Hawkshaw, Methodist Church (1922-2000); Ramsbottom, Dundee URC, Dundee Lane (1899-1975); Prestwich, Heaton Park Cong. Chapel, Newton St. (1901-1989); Radcliffe, St.Thomas & St.John (1928-1951); Shuttleworth, St.John (1935-1970); Stand, All Saints (1923-1952); Tottington, St.Ann (1920-1960); Walmersley, Christ Church (1926-1952); Woolfold, St.James (1920-1957); Prestwich, Prestwich Methodist Chapel, Bury New Rd. (1900-1963); Prestwich, Sedgley Park Methodist Church, Bury New Rd. (1936-1992) Prestwich, Heaton Park Methodist Church, Bury Old Rd. (1934-1995); Ramsbottom, Christ Church Baptist Methodist, Market Place (1938-1993); Radcliffe, Stand URC, Chapelfield (1939-1993); Radcliffe, St.Pauls, Ringley Rd. Outwood (1944-1986); Radcliffe, Independent Methodist Chapel, Bridgefield St. (1955-1983); Walmersley, Park URC (1955-2001)

Online updates worth noting

*Ancestry – indexes to Irish Poor Law Union removals from England 1859-60: Irish schoolmasters and mistresses 1826: Alien registration cards for Jersey 1920-1953: Wiltshire parish baptisms, marriages and burials - 1538-1916, includes Sir Christopher Wren. www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk has now reached about half way through the original proposed digitisation plan, recent additions being *The Sportsman*, *Oswestry Advertiser* and the *Islington Gazette*.*

rootsireland.ie – has added records including non-Catholic marriages, census substitutes and graveyard inscriptions for East Galway.

fibis.org – has added 10,000 soldiers from the registers of the Bengal Army European Soldiers 1790-1839 at the India Office.

Banknotes – originally these were 'I.O.U.s' for gold deposited at the Bank of England. People used the notes to pay for goods and services, safe in the knowledge that they were backed by the 'promise to pay' the equivalent value in gold. The promise still appears on banknotes today.

In the future you may see a poster when you sign in, next to the donations box. We are not begging, but need to explain how the finances of the branch work. When you pay your annual membership to the society, the funds go to central accounts and are used to pay for the quarterly "Lancashire" journal, and also to pay for the leasing of the premises which each branch uses each month. Branches are expected to raise enough funds to pay for the monthly speakers and events that take place. As the cost of speakers seems to be rising quite steeply at the moment, and as we are one of the branches with fewer attendees, our income from refreshments and raffles isn't matching the expenditure. The outcome is that if you have enjoyed one of our speakers, any contribution that you wish to give will be gratefully received and help to fund further speakers. Thank You.

Don't forget that you can access Lancashire Library non-subs sources, i.e. newspaper records, by using your library bar-code on your own computer. Go to Lancashire Library Digital and you will be requested to log in with your library bar-code, you can then search national records.

The State Pension was only introduced on 1st January 1909, meaning that if you find an ancestor on census before that time listed as a pensioner it must have been a private pension. If your ancestor was listed as an 'annuitant' it doesn't mean they were wealthy. Small annuities were awarded by charities such as the UK Benevolent Association who aided the upper and middle classes in temporary distress.

Last round up of Church Ladies with typewriters -

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday. -----

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door. -----

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy. -----

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance. -----

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: - 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.

(And that about says it all!)

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**

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 – or speak to me at the meetings if you wish to have an article included in the newsletter.

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society
www.lfhhs.org.uk
Registered Charity No.513437 – President Steve Williams
Hyndburn Branch
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WELCOME

Good evening friends. We are very happy to welcome Marion Clark who is talking to us about the Accrington and District Blind Society, whose premises we are now very happily using for our meetings. The society goes back over a hundred years and has a fascinating history. I am sure it will be a very interesting evening.

What's on?

Buckinghamshire Family History Society Open Day – 29th July
All the society's research libraries will be available in one place including a names database, plus stalls from other societies. Held at
The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury HP21 7NH
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### July in History

5<sup>th</sup> July 1865 saw the founding of the Salvation Army. Initiated by the former Methodist preacher William Booth, it was originally named The East London Christian Mission. After 13 years he reorganised it and introduced the military style structure with himself as the general. It had its own flag, uniform and hymns, and members considered themselves as "God's Army". While Booth preached to the poor, his wife Catherine sought monetary contributions from the rich. Focusing originally on the outcasts of society, including alcoholics and prostitutes, they fed and cleaned them and then attempted to 'convert' them to the religious cause. Their music, now strongly associated with the Salvation Army started as an attempt to distract the crowds who sometimes confronted them as they travelled through the London streets. ~~~~~

28<sup>th</sup> July 1866 saw the birth of Beatrix Potter of Peter Rabbit fame