

Online Updates

Ancestry – extract parish records for Shropshire 1538 – 1812; Anglican parish registers from Sydney, Australia 1818 – 2011; Bedfordshire Petty Sessions 1854 – 1915; land tax records 1797 – 1832 and valuation records 1838 – 1929:

Find my Past – Middlesex monumental inscriptions 1485 – 2014, and protestation returns 1641 – 2; North West Kent burials;

Buckinghamshire parish records; Ireland Calendar of Wills 1858 – 1920; Oxfordshire marriage bonds 1634 – 1849; 173,000 additions to the National Burial Index.

I have not been notified of any BMD updates for the month of September, Lancashire must be mostly complete.

Fish & Chips – Facts and Figures

– The first combined fish and chip shops either originated in East London in around 1860 or in Mossley, Lancashire, in 1863.

Whichever was first, the dish became hugely popular. In 1888 there were between 10 & 20 thousand fish and chip shops in Britain; by 1910 the figure had increased to 25,000.

Toll Keepers and Turnpikes

Do you know the difference?

By definition the Toll Keeper was one who lived permanently near the toll gate, whilst the pike-men took on shift work at the gate but lived elsewhere. The difference is academic though because the public treated them alike so the terms would be interchangeable. Those living near the gates could claim extra pay if they were woken at night to open the gates.

What's on at the Archives?

Getting to Know Lancashire

Archives - October 13 2.30-4pm ;

November 14 5.30-7pm ;

December 8 2.30-4pm :

Family History talks will take place between 12.30 and 1.30pm on the following dates:

Nov 22 - Any of Your Business?

Business records for family historians - by Vicci McCann

Dec 13 - Grinding the Poor:

records of poverty for family historians – by Keri Nicholson

14th October 2017 –

Doncaster Family and Local History Fair – this is being held at Doncaster School for the Deaf, DN2 6AY – There will be talks by Myko Clelland, of Find my Past fame, and Ian Dewhurst talking on life in the 1950's. There will be stalls and attendance by Family History Societies, and also craft stalls. More info at doncasterfhs.co.uk

Westminster University has created what it claims is the world's first dedicated archive of Men's fashion. The archive holds more than 1000 garments, dating back to 1900. Some of the collections can be viewed online at www.instagram.com/menswear_archive/ details can be found at www.mensweararchive.com :

Ink and Blood: Stories of Abolition – is a new exhibition at the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool, on until 8th April 2018. See www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ism for more details.

<http://www.midland-ancestors.uk/> This is a re-branded group covering the counties of Staffordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire. Formerly Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry, this is one of Britain's largest regional family history societies. There is a fully searchable index of names contained in their resources catalogue with guidelines on usage. It could be very helpful for anyone with ancestors in these areas.

<https://www.wherethepoppiesnow.org.uk/the-poppy-map/>
Do you remember the poppies from the installation at the Tower of London? Did you buy one? The above is a website set up for people to mark where the poppies are now, and to add details of the individual stories behind their purchase. The aim of the site is to digitally locate all 888,246 poppies. You can read stories for all the poppies which have been logged in places across the world.

Thoughts on self improvement – final round-up
Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

Ooops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?

At my age, “Getting lucky” means walking into a room and remembering what I actually came in there for.

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes: come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators – we haven't met yet.

Hyndburn Programme of Events 2017 - 2018

- Oct 12th** **“A Tale of Derring-Do”**
By Bill Taylor
- Nov 9th** **'Mediaeval Monasteries'**
By Julia Beedon
- Dec 14th** **Christmas Party & Social Evening**
- 2018**
- Jan 11th** **Workshop**
- Feb 8th** **“The Buried Treasure of James Dixon”**
By David Pilkington
- Mar 8th** **AGM – and “Royal Army Chaplains’ Ministry”**
By Canon Brunswick
- Apr 12th** **“Clock Making in the Yorkshire Dales”**
By Derek Clabburn
- May 10th** **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Jun 14th** **“DNA in Genealogy”**
By Rodney Brackstone
- July 12th** **“Dating Photographs for Family History”**
By Stephen Gill
- Aug 9th** **T.B.A**
- Sep 13th** **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**

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.

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WELCOME

Good evening everyone and welcome to our October meeting. Mr Bill Taylor is joining us tonight with his talk "A Tale of Derring do", which sounds most intriguing. If you check out the back page, I have now updated the speakers for the first half of next year. We have one or two new speakers and one or two returners with topics of varied interests, plus our usual workshops. We hope there is something to suit everyone.

I am pleased to report that the Annual Luncheon for Lancashire LFHHS, arranged by the Hyndburn Branch Committee this year, appears to have been a great success. We have received several thanks and compliments for the work we put in arranging everything and it does make the effort worthwhile.

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If you have ancestors in the Bolton area you may be interested in a forthcoming event there. Bolton Family History Day, Bolton History Centre, Saturday 21 October, 10am to 4pm – Bolton Family History Society will be in the library foyer to help with queries and membership as well as having items for sale. There are also several lectures and expert advice on hand during the event.