

On line updates

Ancestry – Poor Law records for Kirkcaldy, parish records for Bexley. Kent, Catholic records for Liverpool, Electoral Registers for Fife.

British Newspaper Archive – recent additions include Birmingham’s Daily Post, the Daily Herald and The Stage. The site now offers a quarterly subscription.

Family Search – Parish records for Warwickshire, Derbyshire, Essex and Manchester, plus Bishops’ Transcripts for Hampshire and Cambridgeshire.

Find my Past – Warwickshire bastardy indexes; Parish records for Berkshire, Thames and Medway, London’s East End and Docklands, and the Archdeaconry of Canterbury, Yorkshire burials, and Irish genealogical abstracts.

The Genealogist – additional parish records for Worcestershire and Warwickshire.

Have a Laugh

A man in Hell asked the Devil, “Can I make a call to my Wife?”
After making the call he asked how much to pay. Said the Devil -
“Nothing.. Hell to hell is Free!”

Q: Is it common for 50-plus year olds to have problems with short term memory storage? **A:** Storing memory is not a problem, retrieving it is the problem.

Interesting facts about Christmas

In the nineteenth century the Post Office in England used to deliver cards on Christmas morning.

Postmen in Victorian England were called “Robins” because their uniforms were red.

On December 10, 2010 at New York’s Sotheby office one of the first Christmas cards was auctioned and sold for \$5,313.

One of the most avid collectors of Victorian Christmas cards was Queen Mary and the collection is now at the British Museum.



1000 Cards were produced in 1843 compared to over 750 million which are sent via the Royal Mail each year. It is thought that only 18 of the original 1000 exist to this day

1921 Canadian Census

1921 Canada Census is now free to ALL researchers on Library and Archives Canada's website - LAC announced the launch of the 1921 Canada Census on its website, which means researchers around the world now have access to the country's most recent census. - <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1921/>
Visit LAC's Census page for free access to earlier censuses as well. <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx>
This information is courtesy of Lancashire Archives Newsletter



4. WHY:

Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

BECAUSE:

In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Chorley branch on the move

Chorley Branch is moving their meeting place to - Cunliffe Hall (Chorley Masonic Hall), Cunliffe Street, Chorley, PR7 2BE. The meeting day is now - 3rd Thursday in the month (2nd Thursday in December). The July meeting is at Astley Hall, and August is the Outvisit. Car Parking – Available in street, George Street Car Park, and Fleet Street Car Park; Doors will open at 7.00pm and close at 7.40pm. (Don't be late) Lift available.

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Irish Genealogy Essentials website now live - [www.ancestryireland.com/](http://www.ancestryireland.com/)

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Lancashire BMD updates – Marriages – Bury Register Office or Registrar Attended (1945-1955); Bury, St.Mary (1973-1977); Bury, St.Paul (1953-1995) Also many records have been added for Bolton and Manchester for the middle years of the 20th century.

Updates have also been added to Cheshire, Yorkshire and Bath BMD sites.

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Find my past have now introduced a monthly subscription which includes access to the 1939 register. If you are interested, check the web site for details.

## **Hyndburn Programme of Events 2017**

- Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**      **“A Tale of Derring-Do”**  
**By Bill Taylor**
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup>**        **'Mediaeval Monasteries'**  
**By Julia Beeden**
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**      **Christmas Party & Social Evening**
- 2018**
- Jan 11<sup>th</sup>**      **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**        **“The Buried Treasure of James Dixon”**  
**By David Pilkington**
- Mar 8<sup>th</sup>**        **AGM – and “Royal Army Chaplains’ Ministry”**  
**By Canon Brunswick**
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup>**      **“Clock Making in the Yorkshire Dales”**  
**By Derek Clabburn**
- May 8<sup>th</sup>**        **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Jun 14<sup>th</sup>**      **“DNA in Genealogy”**  
**By Rodney Brackstone**
- July 12<sup>th</sup>**     **“Dating Photographs for Family History”**  
**By Stephen Gill**
- Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**        **T.B.A**
- Sep 13<sup>th</sup>**      **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](mailto: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](http://www.lfhhs.org.uk)**  
**Registered Charity No.513437 – President Steve Williams**  
**Hyndburn Branch**  
**December 2017**



Welcome Everyone  
Is everybody ready for Christmas?  
This is the last newsletter of 2017 so make sure you check out the meetings planned for next year. Hopefully you will be able to attend at least some of them. Also check out the dates for the workshops as we had to change the May meeting from Thursday to Tuesday due to the availability of the Reference Library and someone to act as caretaker in the library.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year  
From Hyndburn Branch Committee

