

BMD updates

Births: Bolton A (1974-1986); Bolton B (1974-1981); Bolton C (1974-1980); Bolton D (1974-1981);
Births amended to include mothers' maiden names: Manchester (1965-1967);
Updates have also been added to Bath, Staffordshire, and Cheshire BMD websites.

The "Accrington Pals" Annual Memorial Service

This year this event is being held on Sunday 18th February at St. John's with St. Augustine's Church, Accrington. Attendees are requested to be seated by 2.30pm for a 2.45pm service.

We are being invited by the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment who are hoping to involve as many relatives of the "Pals" as possible. If you are related and wish to be involved you are asked to contact Shelley Whitehead either by phone on 01254 884583 or by email to either of the following addresses

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A selection of recent local updates on Lancashire Online Parish Clerk
Many others have been added but these are probably the most relevant of the additions for Hyndburn members.

Accrington, Sacred Heart RC, Baptisms 1852 – 1875; Ashton under Lyne, St Michael and All Angels, Baptisms 1834 – 1836; Ashton under Lyne, St Michael and All Angels, Burials 1837 – 1840; Blackburn, St Mary RC, Confirmations 1909 – 1916; Clayton-le-Moors, St Mary RC, Burials 1864 – 1876; Constable Lee, Rossendale, St Paul, Marriages 1945 – 1959; Crawshawbooth, Rakefoot Wesleyan Methodist, Baptisms 1812 – 1837; Crawshawbooth, Rakefoot Wesleyan Methodist, Burials 1812 – 1837; Higham, Wesleyan Chapel, Baptisms 1812 – 1837; Higham, Wesleyan Chapel, Burials 1820 – 1837; Padiham, Nazareth Unitarian Chapel, Baptisms 1823 – 1834; Padiham, St John RC, Baptisms 1868 – 1870; Padiham, St John RC, Marriages 1874 – 1909; Rawtenstall, St James the Less RC, Marriages 1854 – 1888; Rawtenstall, St James the Less RC, Baptisms 1862 – 1876; Rawtenstall, St Mary, Marriages 1866 – 1890; Rawtenstall, St Mary, Marriages 1877 – 1890; Holcombe, Bury, Emmanuel, Baptisms 1859 – 1946.

Do you think we have bad weather now? On 26 November 1703 a catastrophic 80 mph hurricane ripped across East Anglia, decimating villages from Northamptonshire to Suffolk killing between 8,000 and 15,000 people. Hundreds of vessels were sunk, homes destroyed and animals drowned in floodwater. Shoreham-by-Sea was devastated.

It has since become known as the worst storm in British history.

SODS LAW OF GENEALOGY: After years of painstaking research when you finally solve the mystery of the skeleton in the closet, your tight-lipped spinster aunt will sniff, "Well, I could have told you all that!"

SODS SECOND LAW OF GENEALOGY: Never ever put the right information on ANY of your certificates because if you do your descendants may actually find you.

Sayings and Tradition

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour, hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

The LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre at Astley Farmhouse Chorley launched their new 'Family History For All' facilities on Saturday 6th January. The facilities include a laptop, specialist computer software enabling the visually impaired to use the computers and access the online facilities for research, a specialist text magnifier enabling the visually impaired to access the library, a specialist keyboard and mouse for the physically impaired, a hearing loop for the hard of hearing and an adjustable desk to accommodate wheelchair users.

New at Durham Records Online: <https://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/> Hetton Cemetery burials 1943-1998; Ingleton burials 1877-1959; Denton burials 1883-1976; Great Stainton burials 1854-1997; Elton burials 1838-1997; Barnard Castle Congregational baptisms 1806-1856; Thornley RC baptisms 1850-1855 updated; 1851 census of Gateshead (part); Blackhill (Park Road) Methodist baptisms 1941-1964; Sunderland marriages 1798-99 updated; New Seaham & Station Town Methodist baptisms updated; Byker St. Silas baptisms 1886-1952; Stranton early records updated; years modernised; Blackhall Colliery Primitive Methodist baptisms 1946-1987; Blackhall (Hesleden Road) Wesleyan Methodist baptisms 1917-1957; Castle

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Cheshire Archives will be on the move over the next couple of years. The present premises are deemed unfit for purpose so two new history centres are being planned to house the shared archives, one in Chester and one in Crewe, allowing easier access for historians across all of Cheshire and improved facilities for preservation of irreplaceable collections.

Hyndburn Programme of Events 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 8th** **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**
- Oct 11th** **“Blood and Gore in Victorian Medicine”**
By Dick Chitty
- Nov 8th** **“Missing in Action, POW of the Germans”**
By Bill Taylor
- Dec 13th** **Christmas Social**

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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Hyndburn Branch
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Good Evening everyone and A Happy New Year to you all. Welcome to our first workshop of 2018 in Accrington Library. Please remember that our 2nd workshop (in May) has moved to the Tuesday to accommodate the library staff, any further amendments will be advised later. Hopefully everything else will stay as already pre-booked. If anyone requires help, please ask, and don't forget all the other resources as well as the computers.

Jacque Crosby, the Archives Manager at Lancashire Archives, is issuing an invitation to attend a User Group Meeting on Tuesday 30th January 2018 at 2.00pm. She will tell you what's happening in the archive service and listen to your views and suggestions.

Other events at the Archives are - A Family History Surgery by Preston FHS Friday 12 January 10-12noon and Council records for family historians on Wednesday 17 January 12.30 – 1.30pm.

The Archive's next Saturday opening is January 13th.

The UKBMD site is being adapted to make it possible for access on mobile devices. It can be accessed on <https://www.UKBMD.org.uk/mobile/> As it takes some time to get everything right, taking into account all the different devices there are, it is not fully live. The site will be visually changed but navigates in the same way as on PC, but with a menu down the left of the screen. Any feedback would be gratefully received by using the "Contact us" page.