

Lancashire BMD Updates

Births for Bolton RD comprising: Farnworth (1951-1956); Records have also been added to the Bath, Cheshire and Yorkshire BMD Sites. There has also been a notification that Blackburn with Darwen certificates can now be ordered online. If you follow the reference link on the Lancashire BMD site, you will reach the relevant information. The Copy Certificates page within the UKBMD website also has a link to the appropriate page on the Council's website.

If you have an interest in old/rare books and manuscripts, you might like to check out a website, new to the public but formerly only available to academic institutions. This is the Parker Library of rare books and manuscripts at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

<https://parker.stanford.edu> The College has released digitised versions of more than 550 medieval and Renaissance documents on its revamped Parker on the Web portal. The library's holdings include the Gospels of St. Augustine and the earliest copy of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle.

If your tastes are less academic, you may be interested in a Beer Exhibition to be viewed at the Tudor-Jacobean Temple Newsam House in Leeds. The exhibition is devoted to the history and drinking of beer. It focuses on the 'Long 18th Century' and reveals aspects of life on the Temple Newsam estate through the eyes of the owners and workers on the estate.

The exhibition runs from March 24th to October 27th.

www.leeds.gov.uk/templenewsam

If you have trouble finding records on Family Search, visit their site and check the "What's new on Family Search" from their blog. You will find videos to help with finding those slightly obscure records that have sometimes not been indexed.

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/whats-new-at-familysearch/>

Help in book format

<https://archive.org/> & <https://www.forgottenbooks.com/en/search?q=Lancashire+registers> (some of these are R.C. records)

If you are searching for unusual or hard to find records check out these two sites. They both specialise in recreating old out of print issues on a variety of topics including some parish records, some of which may be read free online. Well worth a look.

Forces War Records now has 4 million WW2 records available to search online, many of them only available on Forces War Records. They also have many of the interesting war diaries.

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Find my Past has been able to successfully match and open over 60,000 more records that were previously closed on the 1939 register. If you have tried unsuccessfully to find a family member who died after 1991, it may be worth trying another search in the Register.

Also added on Find my Past - Jersey Wills 1564-2000; Over 3,000 records from The National Archives recording the details of the women and men who supported women's suffrage in the early 20th century; Durham Diocese Bishop's Transcripts 1639-1919 - Image Browse - over 900 bishop's transcripts from the Durham diocese. The diocese's boundaries will have changed over time, and included in this collection are records from Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, and Yorkshire counties.

If you're enjoying 'A House Through Time' on BBC2, why not use the National Archive's research guide full of advice on researching the history of your own house?

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/houses/>

*Just a reminder of "Free" sites for searching*

*<https://www.freecen.org.uk/>  
<https://www.freereg.org.uk/>  
<https://www.freebmd.org.uk/>  
<https://www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk/>*

*These sites are now fully compatible with mobile devices*

*Origins of some of our customs-*

*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 fulfil obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.*

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Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

BECAUSE:

In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

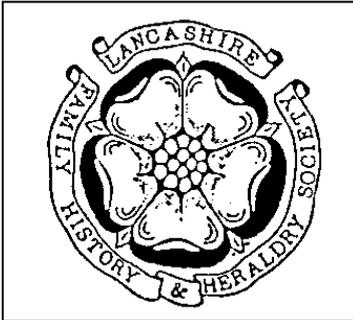
Hyndburn Programme of Events 2018

- 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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Welcome

Good evening everyone. We are very happy tonight to welcome Mr David Pilkington with his talk on “The Buried Treasure of James Dixon”. I believe this talk may be completely different than you imagine and we will all be further enlightened by the end of the evening.

Due to the increased cost of printing inks and problems with my printers (I have three) which for various reasons have trouble printing these newsletters, I shall in future only be printing a few copies, so anyone who receives the email version will have to read it online or print their own copy. I am hoping to be able to print enough to supply the speaker with a copy and anyone who does not get the email version. If anyone would like to be added to the email list I will be happy to oblige. Please let me know after the meeting.

Just a reminder that “The Pals Memorial Service” is on Sunday 18th February at St. John’s Church, Accrington, please be seated by 2.30pm for 2.45 Service.

Cornwall Online Parish Clerks is now transcribing wills, bastardy bonds, prison inmate records and lists of voters, as part of its work at www.cornwall-opc-database.org . It just goes to show what can be achieved if you get the help.