

## Lancashire BMD Updates

Births; - Aughton (1954-1974);

Births amended to include mothers' maiden names; - Hulme (1869-1877)

Marriages; - Bury Register Office or Registrar Attended (1955-1963);

Hillock, St.Andrew (1971-1977); Holcombe, Emmanuel (1957-1984);

Blackburn Register Office or Registrar Attended (1994-1995); Bury,

St.Thomas (1941-1987); Elton, All Saints (1951-1973); Elton, St.Stephen

(1958-1973); Bury, St.Peter (1951-1976);

Deaths; - Blackburn (2000-2001); Ormskirk (1971-1974)

Updates have also been added to the Bath, Cheshire, Staffordshire, Wiltshire and Yorkshire websites.

*Stuff you didn't know, you didn't know!*

*The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monument*

*111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987, 654,321*

*Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service.*

*'Wet your whistle' - is the phrase inspired by this practice.*

*In English pubs, ale was ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.' . . .*

*It's where we get the phrase – "mind your P's and Q's"*

Find my Past has included on their website over 9,000 names of victims of mining disasters in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Yorkshire. The names can be the miners or rescue workers who lost their lives. Details included in the transcripts are of the circumstances surrounding the disaster, the victim's age, the date of the incident and the colliery involved. This could be very handy for those with mining ancestors.

*Did you know – that Anne Bronte, the youngest member of the noted literary family, was not buried in the family vault at St. Marys Church in Haworth. As with her sister Emily, she was suffering from consumption, and she had been taken to Scarborough for her health. Unfortunately the sea air didn't get a chance to help and she died very soon after her arrival. Subsequently she was buried at St. Mary's Church in Scarborough.*

<https://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/> - recent updates

South Shields St. Cuthbert RC baptisms 1849-1857; Ninebanks (West Allen) baptisms and burials 1837-1860; Auckland St. Helen baptisms 1798-1812 updated; Tynemouth Christ Church marriages 1837-1842; Frosterley burials 1869-1903; Newburn burials 1764-1812; Newburn baptisms 1764-1812; Newcastle All Saints baptisms 1806-1808; Lanchester marriages 1764-1768 updated; Escomb burials 1850-1943:

Don't forget that the Lancashire Online Parish Clerk website is also constantly updating. Many extra records have been added during February including some of the Roman Catholic records. It's well worth a check if you are still missing details.

*News from Lancashire Archives*  
*From 1 April 2018, the cost of a copy of a probate record will rise from £7.50 to £10.00. All copy orders will be subject to a separate charge for postage and packing (currently included in the cost of the copy): £2.40 for UK postal area £3.50 for other areas. Please note that charges differ from Archive to Archive. The Borthwick's charges are different again, and some archives will actually provide a digital copy at a different price, rather than a paper copy.*

## Problem solving

Have you got any problems or brick walls that you are struggling to break through? You may find the answers at <https://www.british-genealogy.com>. There are many questions and answers on this site, including an interesting entry on Copyright/Data Protection. The site/forum is free to use and could be helpful if you don't find answers anywhere else.

## Origins of some of our strange customs, and common words

**WHY:** 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.

**WHY:** Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

**BECAUSE:** Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

## **Hyndburn Programme of Events 2018**

- Jan 11<sup>th</sup>            Workshop**
- 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**
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup>           “Blood and Gore in Victorian Medicine”  
By Dick Chitty**
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup>            “Missing in Action, POW of the Germans”  
By Bill Taylor**
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup>           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](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**

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**Registered Charity No.513437 – President Steve Williams**

**Hyndburn Branch**

**March 2018**



Welcome Everyone

We are very pleased to welcome the return of Canon Brunswick for this evening's talk, "Royal Army Chaplains' Ministry". I am sure it will be as entertaining and enlightening as on his previous visits to our group.

As it is March, we have to undergo the formalities of the AGM first, but this should be completed swiftly, even though there were no nominations made at last month's meeting. Let's just hope that the weather has improved enough not to spoil the evening.

GRO copies of Birth and Death Certificates

The GRO has been piloting a service from 12 October 2017 to provide portable document format (PDF) copies of digitised historical birth and death records. The extended pilot will now run for a minimum of 9 months. Applications for each PDF cost £6, must be made online, and include a GRO index reference. England and Wales records which are available as PDFs in this extended pilot include: Births: 1837 –1917; Deaths: 1837 –1957.

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7<sup>th</sup> March saw the launch of the Timepix map app [www.timepix.uk](http://www.timepix.uk) which is hosting thousands of previously unseen historical photographs of Greater Manchester. These belong to the Library and have been scanned with help from Ordnance Survey, whose surveyors originally took the 46,000 photographs. Around half will be online by the launch with more arriving every week.

This could prove to be an interesting site, especially if it is extended.