

## Information from Lancashire Archives

The Record Office will be closed on May Day and the Spring Bank Holiday in May. The next Saturday opening is April 14.

“Family History Fridays” are being held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> June. These consist of 10am till 12 noon for obtaining FREE advice and help with family history problems; 12.30 pm listen to a FREE talk on a source you may not have considered for your research; 2.30 pm join the FREE “Getting to know” session for anyone new to Lancashire Archives, learning about the collections held and how to use them. The search room is open as usual for personal research from 9.30 am till 5 pm.

### *Online Updates*

*Find my Past – Canadian Headstone Index – 2.8 million records; New South Wales – Railway Employment Records; Wales – Llanwenog monumental Inscriptions 1768-1996. Prerogative court of Canterbury Administrations 1660-1700 (You could find your ancestors estate – if you’ve got that far back); Ireland – Indexes to the Townlands and Parishes 1851-1911 (browse to find electoral divisions and baronies): Find my Past also has one of the largest archives of Irish Newspapers, at least one from each of the 32 counties. You can also refine your search by using filters to specify the type of article you are looking for. Don’t forget that Find my Past also has many helpful guides on searching for specific topics on their site. They have also indexed Civil Registrations of Births and Marriages in Ireland.*

I had a lot of things to do but then I started researching census records...

now I don't know what day it is.



Twisted Twigs  
on gnarled branches

If you are after 20<sup>th</sup> century ancestors, you may be interested in a new resource added by Find my Past. They have indexed and uploaded the electoral registers for 1920, so it fills a gap between the 1911 census and the 1939 Register. Search by name, year, constituency or polling district.

### Handy tips on searching marriage records

- 1) A marriage record is one of the best sources for identifying a mother's maiden name, and confirming the fathers' names of both parties to the union.
- 2) If you are using a family history site such as Ancestry or Find my Past you may be able to limit the search to either parish or civil records. Parish records sometimes go back as far as the 16<sup>th</sup> century.
- 3) When you get a marriage certificate, read ALL the information on it, not just the happy couple. You will often find family names in the witnesses, i.e. siblings or parents. If a female party to the marriage was widowed, the witnesses could give a lead to her maiden name, if that was previously unknown. Also, don't forget to check addresses and relate them to census records.
- 4) Always check for the matching maiden name against any children being born of the union.

#### Lancashire BMD Updates

Added 32,973 Births for Manchester RD comprising:  
Manchester (1981-1987);  
Added 3,489 Deaths for West Lancashire RD comprising:  
Aughton (1950-1974)

It looks as though things are slowing down again. The only other additions are a couple for Yorkshire and Cheshire BMD sites.

#### *Anti-Depression Kit*

*An Eraser – so you can make all your mistakes disappear*

*A Penny – so you will never say you are broke*

*A Marble – in case someone says that you've lost all your marbles*

*An Elastic Band – to stretch yourself beyond your limits*

*A Piece of String – to tie things together when everything falls apart*

Roots Ireland has issued a newsletter, so if you have Irish interests the link below may be of interest to you.

<http://www.rootsireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Irish-Genealogy-Matters-Newsletter.pdf>

From Durham Records Online - Barnard Castle burials 1847-1883; Norton burials 1847-1886; Esh burials 1872-1901; Etherley burials 1863-1901; Eldon burials 1883-1902; Staindrop burials 1899-1973; Bearpark burials 1879-1908; Updated baptisms: Castle Eden 1852-1919 & Seaham 1852-1999:

Lancs OPC Updates - Confirmations 1831 to 1917 and Church Roll 1859 from the Roman Catholic Church of St Mary, Chipping; Baptisms 1610 to 1643 and 1653 to 1812 (Updated) All Hallows, Mitton; Baptisms 1826 to 1837 from Longholme Methodist, Rawtenstall  
Baptisms 1829 to 1831, 1839 to 1841, 1849 to 1851, 1884 to 1890 and 1896 to 1903 St Peter, Bolton; Marriages 1842 to 1866 St Mary, Rawtenstall:

## 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.

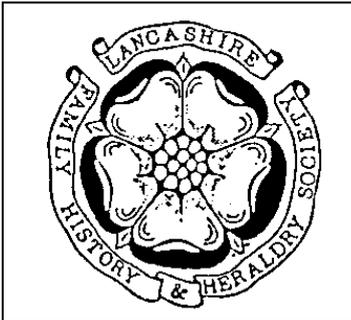
**Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society**

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

**Hyndburn Branch**

**April 2018**



**WELCOME**

Hi everyone, we are very pleased to welcome Mr Derek Clabburn to our meeting tonight. His talk is entitled "Clock Making in the Yorkshire Dales", something different than our usual talks, so this should be an interesting and informative evening. If you are planning to attend our workshop next month, please make sure you have the date right as you may remember that we had to change it. The meeting is on the TUESDAY not Thursday, in order to fit in with library staff.

*If you haven't booked for the One Day Conference and AGM on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, please remember to do so. It's a really good day out with excellent speakers and usually a great buffet lunch, which does cater for anyone with specific food allergies, as long as you let them know. The AGM follows the Conference, so if it is inconvenient for you to stay, no one will be twisting your arm, even though we would appreciate you staying.*

~~~~~ What's On ~~~~~

Cleveland FHS - Spring Family History Day – 21 April 2018 - Holiday Inn, Scotch Corner – Richmond DL10 6NR

Chesterfield & Derbyshire FHS - 19th of May between 10am and 4pm. '2018 Showcase Event, Family History, Local History, Heritage and Crafts' - Free Talks 11:30 and 1:30pm, at the Proact Stadium (Home of Chesterfield FC) 1866 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, Derbys, S41 8NZ