

### **Lancashire BMD Updates**

*Marriages – many churches from Upholland, Skelmersdale, Tarleton and district from mid 1950s forward.*

*Updates have also been made to Cheshire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire BMD sites.*

### **Durham Records Online Updates -**

**[www.durhamrecordsonline.com](http://www.durhamrecordsonline.com)**

*Alnwick baptisms 1792-1812 & burials 1777-1791*

*South Shields St. Cuthbert RC marriages 1850-1858*

*South Shields St. Bede RC baptisms 1857-1864*

*Dalton-le-Dale marriages 1877-1907 updated with details*

*Whitfield baptisms & burials 1762-1876, marriages 1754-1876*

*Etherley burials 1902-1929*

*Frosterley burials 1904-1946*

*Alnwick baptisms 1777-1791*

*Bishopwearmouth baptisms 1838-1841*

*Whickham/Swalwell Garden House Cemetery burials 1916-1969*

*Newcastle St. Ann baptisms 1845-1877*

### **Good News**

Lancashire County Council recently announced the re-opening of several of the museums which closed during the cost cutting measures a couple of years ago.

The re-opening dates were announced for Helmshore Textile Mill on May 26th, Queen Street Mill, Burnley, July 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Lancaster Judge's Lodgings on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

They will then be open on each Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 28<sup>th</sup> October. They will also be open from Easter to October in 2019.

Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

You can't get pain killers in the jungle, because the parrots ate 'em all.

Give a man a fish and you'll feed him for a day. Give him religion and he'll starve to death while praying for a fish.

~ Timothy Jones

The only reason that they say, 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats. ~ Jean Kerr

*The Family History Show, York – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018; 10.00 to 16.30 at The Racecourse, Knavesmire Rd, York YO23 1EX: Free talks on 'Breaking down Brick Walls', 'Tips and Tricks for Online Research' & 'Tracing your Military Ancestors' held during the day, and over 70 exhibitors from Family History societies and retailers of Family History products.*

**Recent additions to Find my Past** - County Mayo National Schools Register; Scotland – Monumental Inscriptions Index – covering 14 counties including the Isle of Skye with possible details of birth date, death date, burial ground and any extra notes. Links to Scottish Ancestry through one or two special collections and partnership with Scotland’s People; Over 64.000 newly opened records on the 1939 Register – don’t forget the address search; South Lancashire Regiment POWs 1914 – 1918; Worcester Probate Register 1600 to 1858; UK death index from 2007 to 2016; British in India – Directories 1792-1948; Queensland, Australia, Trustee files 1889-1929; British Newspapers updated – this collection includes 2 Blackburn papers and 4 from Burnley; Norfolk Parish Registers and Parish Chest Records 1300 – 1990; Norfolk Land Tax Registers to 1837; Norfolk Archdeacon’s Transcripts 1600-1812;

*Don’t forget that many of the records you are searching for originate at the National Archives. If you can’t find something, try checking their index of records. There is a wealth of information held. Also, if you are after a gift for someone, try checking out the online shop there and also at ‘The Genealogist’.*

*‘The Genealogist’ is another website worth checking out. Unfortunately, it is a subscription site but they do have records which aren’t on other sites. They hold records for many non-conformist churches and have recently released the ‘Metropolitan Habitual Criminals Register. In this you may find full colour images of the criminal, front and profile, and details of the crimes they committed. The register has criminals from habitual drunkards to spies, with descriptions and dates of convictions and release.*

### Stuff you didn’t know you didn’t know

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

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WHY - Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

BECAUSE:

In France , where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the USA, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.'

## 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>**            **“Dig in the Past”**  
**By Jim Whittaker**
- Sep 13<sup>th</sup>**         **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup>**         **“Missing in Action, POW of the Germans”**  
**By Bill Taylor**
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**           **“Blood and Gore in Victorian Medicine”**  
**By Dick Chitty**
- 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.**

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**Registered Charity No.513437 – President Steve Ward**  
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## WELCOME

Hi everyone, and welcome to our June Newsletter. We are very happy to see the return of Rodney Brackstone for our meeting on Thursday evening at the Bank Street Premises of the Blind Society.

Many people missed the talk on his last visit to us, and so we invited him to return. It was a fascinating talk and wonderfully explained so that even the least scientific amongst us were able to understand. I'm sure it will be just as entertaining this time now that we all know a little more about the subject.

*The speaker for the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> August has now been fixed and we can let you know that it will be "Dig in the Past" by Mr Jim Whittaker, (The Bottleologist).*

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*An out-visit is being planned for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, to Smithills Hall in Bolton. The hall dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century and much of it has now been restored to its original splendour after being opened to the public in 1963. It claims to be one of the oldest and best preserved manor houses in the North of England. There are Tudor and Victorian wings and a private Chapel dating from AD792. The Chapel was rebuilt in 1520, maintained by the families living at the hall and is still a consecrated property. The cost for a guided tour during opening hours is £3 or £2 concession and there is a tea room for refreshments after the tour. The only other cost would be for the coach.*