

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society

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Hi Everyone

I hope you can join us this Thursday for our meeting. Mr Neil Smith is giving his talk on "Beyond the Iron Curtain with Guitar".

This promises to be an unusual and interesting talk taking us into Europe. I do wonder where it will take us but I'm sure it will be well enjoyed by all as usual.

News from Lancashire Archives

Heritage Open Day - Saturday 14 September 2019 - 10am-4.00pm

Exhibition of documents relating to Peterloo 10am-3.30pm

Café Archive and a book stall 10am -3pm

Look behind the scenes in a strongroom at 10.15am; 11.15am;
12.15pm; 1.15pm

Readings of creative responses to archives relating to Peterloo at
2.00pm

The searchroom will be open for research

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The Preston newspapers have been transferred to the Archive from the Harris and appear to be being well used. Many articles appear in these newspapers when they haven't been included in our local papers. I know that they sometimes covered items from Blackburn, so it is possible that there are articles from other towns. If you can't find them in your own local paper there may be something in the Preston papers. Also the 'Friday Lecture' at the Archives this coming week (9<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30 pm) is about using newspapers for family history research, and is given by Mr. Peter Bamford, one of our Society members.

## Hyndburn Programme of Events 2019

- Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**            **Workshop**
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**            **“The Future of Family History”**  
**By Mike Coyle**
- Mar 14<sup>th</sup>**            **AGM – and “Bells, Bell Ringing & Bell**  
**Ringers”**  
**By Stuart Crosby**
- Apr 11<sup>th</sup>**            **“Lancaster Castle”**  
**By Dr Graham Kemp**
- May 9<sup>th</sup>**             **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Jun 13<sup>th</sup>**            **“Elizabeth Parker of Browsholme Hall”**  
**By Linda Sawley**
- July 11<sup>th</sup>**           **“Bene & Hot – The Tommies’ Tipple”**  
**By Denise North**
- Aug 8<sup>th</sup>**             **“Beyond the Iron Curtain with Guitar”**  
**By Neil Smith**
- Sep 12<sup>th</sup>**           **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**           **“A Girl without a Name”**  
**By Tony Foster**
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**           **“Oliver Cromwell’s Northern Journey”**  
**By Nick Burton**
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**           **Christmas Social**

Meetings are held at the Accrington & District Blind Society, Bank Street, Accrington  
– 7.15 for 7.30pm start.

Workshops held at Accrington Reference Library, St. James St. Accrington. 7.30 – 9.30 pm

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.

## Find my Past updates

Cincinnati (USA) Roman Catholic Parish Records - Over 644,000 new Cincinnati records have been added to the Catholic Heritage Archive.

Kent Burials - Over 4,500 records of burials that took place at St Martin's church in Cheriton are now available. These new additions cover two periods, 1843 to 1855 and 1907 to 1958.

Scotland, Orkney, 1821 South Ronaldsay Census

Essex Baptism Index 1538-1920

Essex Marriages and Banns 1537-1935

Essex Burial Index 1530-1994

Derbyshire Births and Baptisms - Just under a thousand additional records from 15 non-conformist parishes have been added mainly covering Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians.

Huddersfield Baptisms - Over 52,000 records covering 14 new parishes have been added.

Yorkshire Memorial Inscriptions - Over 5000 additional records covering 14

Anglican churchyards across the York area (West Riding, North Riding and Ainsty)

Middlesex Baptisms - Over 64,000 new records added.

<https://blog.billiongraves.com/2019/07/23/10-cemeteries-to-see-before-you-die/> - This is a very interesting section of the Billion Graves website and well worth a look. They have imaged 10 Cemeteries from around the world which are of special interest. They include Arlington Cemetery in the USA and other very unusual cemeteries, including one which is underwater. They are well worth a look.

### Lancashire BMD Updates

Marriages - Chorley and district many venues varying from early 1970s to some in the 1990s.

Deaths - Manchester (1999-2007).

Not many updates as we are in holiday season again.

Some updates have also been added to Cheshire, Yorkshire and Shropshire

### GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Digging up the bones.

<https://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/> - Updates

Monk Hesleden St. John baptisms 1882-1930 updated

Two Hartlepool Methodist church names corrected

Newburn baptisms 1713-1723

Tweedmouth burials 1846-1865

Wolsingham marriages 1754-1812 updated

Houghton-le-Spring marriages 1800-1812 updated

Dawdon marriages 1912-1930 updated

Newcastle St. Andrew baptisms 1869-1880

Durham St. Oswald baptisms 1580-1629

Sedgefield burials 1750-1769

Haydon Bridge baptisms & burials 1743-1870, marriages 1813-1837

Durham St. Giles baptisms & burials 1701-71 & marriages 1701-90

Middleton St. George baptisms 1652-1767

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Cain's family tree.

*It appears that Find my Past is now in partnership with the "Billion Graves" website, so they are currently adding the millions of records to their website and as such they will be free to view (if you have a subscription to FindmyPast or alternatively, visit the library and use their facilities. You can use the library computers any time or on our research evenings.*

**Cemetery Symbols – Angels**

Angels signify that the departed has taken flight into heaven. Some angels are weeping with wings that droop in sadness, denoting sorrow and lamentation. Others are in flight with a trumpet to proclaiming the gospel to the whole world. Some are walking upright, ready to escort the deceased into heaven.

Sometimes specific angels can be seen in cemeteries, such as St. George from an 11th-century legend, who rescued a princess from a dragon that required human sacrifices. Another is St. Michael with his drawn sword, engaged in the war in heaven against Lucifer.

In older Jewish cemeteries angels were forbidden, as were depictions of human faces. This was in conformity with one of the 10 Commandments, in an effort to thwart anyone from worshipping graven images. In later years, angels were allowed on gravestones if their faces were covered by their hands or arms.