

**Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society**

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**Hyndburn Branch**

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Hi Everyone

This month we are very happy to welcome Mr Nick Burton to our meeting with his talk on “Oliver Cromwell’s Northern Journey”. I wonder what we will find out this time. I am constantly surprised by the amount of facts and interesting information that we don’t know. I’m sure we would all have taken much more notice in school if they had fed us the information we are now learning about.

*Please check out the updated list of meetings for next year. I’ve included details up till September 2020, and will add the final three when we get to the end of this year. We have attempted to put together as varied a programme as possible, but if you have any suggestions for future meetings or specific topics to cover, please tell a member of the committee and we will endeavour to comply.*

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**Advance notice of an event at Lancashire Archives -  
Lancashire Day Wednesday 27 Nov 10.30am-12.30pm FREE**  
Café Archive. Talk by Dr Colin Penny, museum manager of  
Lancaster Castle.

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*What’s on?*

*“Keeping the Past Alive” – Images of Burscough and surrounding areas, including HMS Ringtail. Old photo and memorabilia exhibition Sat & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October in the main hall of the Stanley Club, Burscough, 10am to 5p. Free admission and car park to rear; Refreshments, gifts and books available to buy; [www.images-of-burscough.co.uk](http://www.images-of-burscough.co.uk)*

## Hyndburn Programme of Events 2019 - 2020

- Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**            **“Oliver Cromwell’s Northern Journey”**  
**By Nick Burton**
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**            **“A Girl without a Name”**  
**By Tony Foster**
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**            **Christmas Social**
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**                **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**            **“A Week in the Life of Grandma”**  
**By Harold Hoggarth**
- Mar 12<sup>th</sup>**            **AGM – and “The Secret History of the**  
**Victorian Lodging House”**  
**By Joseph O’Neill**
- Apr 9<sup>th</sup>**                **“The Winter Gardens”**  
**By Mike Coyle**
- May 14<sup>th</sup>**            **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**
- Jun 11<sup>th</sup>**            **“The Love Life of John of Gaunt”**  
**By Dr. G Kemp**
- July 9<sup>th</sup>**                **“Betsy, the Scullery Maid”**  
**By Joanne Halliwell**
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup>**            **“Midwifery Through the Ages”**  
**By Linda Sawley**
- Sep 10<sup>th</sup>**            **Workshop – Accrington Reference Library**

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.

## Cemetery Symbols - Celtic Cross

The Celtic cross can be a religious or a secular symbol. Its arms are of equal length and it is surrounded by a circle. Sometimes it is referred to as a "sun cross" because of the outer circle. The interlacing bands on Celtic crosses are known as Hiberno-Saxon art which originated in medieval times. Irish legends indicate that St. Patrick designed the cross as a way to link Pagan symbolism with Christian symbols. Pagans at the time were worshipping the sun, represented by the circle on the Celtic cross. St. Patrick overlaid the circle with a cross, a symbol of Christ's sacrifice. Others claim that the circle represented a moon goddess and the cross signified the greater power of Christianity over the pagan goddess. Nevertheless, if you see a Celtic Cross on your ancestor's gravestone it may indicate an Irish or British Isles heritage.

### ***Find my Past Updates for the last month***

*Cumberland Baptisms, Marriages and Burials The records cover the parishes of Dacre, Dalston, Great Orton, Holme Cultram, Kirkoswald, Lamplugh, Lanercost, Millom, Penrith, Skelton, Whicham and Wigton. Scotland, Forfarshire (Angus), Dundee, D C Thomson Staff War Album 1939-1945*

*Scotland, Forfarshire (Angus) Dundee Poor Lists 1821-1840*

*Scotland, Forfarshire (Angus), Dundee Militia Lists 1801*

*Irish Parish Register Archive, ffolliott Collection*

*Scotland Mental Health Institutions Registers & Admissions 1808-1883*

*Berkshire Marriages Index - covers more than 156 parishes between 1538 and 1933.*

*Derbyshire Deaths and Burials – parishes include Breaston, Chellaston. Derby, Draycott, Duffield, Findern, Marston on Dove, Mickleover, Spondon & Temple Normanton.*

*Irish Boundaru Commission Records 1924-1925*

### *National Archives Book Shop*

*Throughout history, the armed forces have had help from brave creatures, from horses on cavalry charges, to messenger dogs and carrier pigeons. Our Animals in War collection recognises their sacrifices. We also now stock the purple poppy, a symbol of remembrance in the United Kingdom for animals that served during war.*

*<http://bookshop.nationalarchives.gov.uk/theme/animalswar/>*

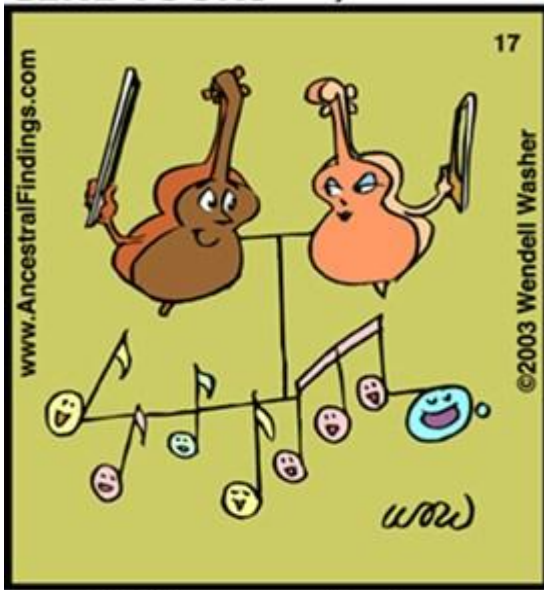
There have been no additions to Lancs BMD this month, but there have been many updates on the Lancs OPC site. Several of these are for Roman Catholic records, including 1908 – 1918 for St. Peter & Paul, Barrowford, & 1852 – 1863 for St. Mary's Bacup.

## *Where did that saying come from?*

*In the 1500s lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up.*

*Hence the custom of "holding a wake"*

### **GENE TOONS** by Wendell Washer



Fiddling around led to  
a lot of notes.



### **Lancashire Archives - Family History Friday Talks**

**11 October, 12.30pm**

**Taking care of the past - packaging  
and handling archives**

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**8 November, 12.30pm - By the  
seaside – our Lancashire  
ancestors at play, with Keri  
Nicholson**

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**Beginning Your Family History - A  
workshop at Lancashire Archives**

**with Andrew Walmsley**

**Saturday 12 October 2019**

**10.00 – 4.00**

**FREE but Booking essential**

**[record.office@lancashire.com](mailto:record.office@lancashire.com)**

### **News from Lancashire Archives**

The days of free parking at Lancashire Archives are numbered as Lancashire County Council introduces charges this month – probably from 14 October. The car park will still be designated for use by Archives and Certificate Services visitors only; it is **not** the intention for it to become a public car park. The charging structure for the pay and display parking will be - Up to 1 hr £1.00; Up to 2 hrs £1.60; Up to 4 hrs £3.20; Over 4 hrs £4.00: For people who don't have cash there will be a facility to phone and pay by card - for which there will be a small additional fee. The parking charges will apply Monday to Saturday, any time the building is in use.

For disabled visitors displaying a blue badge permit, the first three hours will be free. Any time longer than this will need to be paid for in accordance with the current charging structure. If disabled visitors exceed this time limit, a Penalty Charge will become payable.