# **Bolton's Genies**



The Monthly Newsletter of the Bolton & District Family History Society.

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A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.

#### Hello Everybody

Well, we are now well into the Spring equinox and we have been doing a bit of seasonal spring cleaning ourselves. What do you think about our new access arrangements? We hope we have made another step forward by introducing a new, more reliable, distribution system which avoids the complications of emailing a bulky document. Please let us know your thoughts, good, bad or indifferent.

We have also of course had a very busy month with, first the launch of our stationery sales desk at the April meeting, then the "Who Do You Think You Are?" show at Birmingham where members both represented us and visited, and then our annual General Meeting, so here come the details---

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## OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

May 6th was when our central MLFHS chairman John Marsden , came to meet our members and share his expertise about "Researching military personnel who served in what was known for the next 20 years as the "Great War" , World War One". You did us "all proud" as they say, and we had possibly our best turn out yet with 61 on the books. Well done all and thanks. The talk was very informative and I understand there will be notes appearing shortly in the Miscellaneous column of our site <a href="http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/">http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/</a> , where you also found this.

The event was of course preceded by our yearly General Meeting which John was good enough to chair for us. The formalities were completed and you once again have voted in Brian Whittle as Chairman, Barbara Owen Secretary, Sue Boddy Treasurer, plus Val Leese, Graham Holt, Margaret and Colin Calderbank, David Baker, and yours truly Jane Milne, supporting with various other roles. Rita Greenwood has agreed to re-join the committee to mainly assist with the Journal preparation. This is all for one year. I hope it was made clear that we are always grateful for any help, and even if you do not actually want to become a voice on the committee please just come and get involved with whatever you feel comfortable with. It all helps, whether with articles /photos for the Genie or Journal, technical expertise, arranging a visit, helping at the desk, supporting "newbies", etc.

NB

Brian thanked everybody but himself, and I think credit should be given to him for his leadership. He has lead the team and brought in new enthusiasm. Well done Brian!

June 3<sup>rd</sup> is our next monthly get together when we celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta. Some will know the earlier bad news that our booked speaker, Bolton Library Archivist Caroline Furey, had to cancel due to ill health, BUT, the good news is that Dr Alan Crosby has agreed to come back to us again, all in the same year and tell us about how "King John was Not a Nice Man". Fingers crossed he may have some "extras" as well. We also wish Caroline a speedy recovery. She is a good friend to B&DFHS.

This talk is actually another "special "as it means we are remembering arguably the most important document in the "Free World", the framework for many other local "adaptions" worldwide, and which was described by Lord Denning as "the greatest constitutional document of all times - the foundation of the freedom of the individual against the arbitrary authority of the despot".

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magna\_Carta#CITEREFDanzigerGillingham2004



Just to make the evening even more interesting we have also purchased, at great expense, (well £6 each), two commemorative items from the Magna Carta website, a mug, and a tea cloth, which we propose to raffle as a fund raiser mainly for the Christmas party. In this year of commemorations of so many wars and disasters is n't it

good to have something to cheer about, and be proud of!

(All at Bolton Cricket Club (Back door), Bishops Road, off Green Lane, Farnworth, BL3 2JB 7.30pm,

First Wednesday of each month apart from January).
We offer a Help Desk for personal research after each meeting, and have a recycle service for your used Family History Magazines.

Don't throw them out, bring your old ones in to be passed on..

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#### **VISITS and ACTIVITIES**

#### Our Genealogy Supplies Sales

This project is still in its infancy, but we have negotiated buying a selection of archive class genealogy supplies from "My History" <a href="http://www.my-history.co.uk/">http://www.my-history.co.uk/</a> at a discount price, with a sale or return option, and are now able to sell those items on at our



desk at routine monthly meetings. The first sales last month were received very enthusiastically and I did n't even get a "look in". It remains to be seen how plans progress though, as we have also had some hiccups, and we will keep you posted.

# The "Who Do You Think You Are?" show Thursday April 16th -Saturday $18^{th}$ at Birmingham NEC.

This was of course the main activity this month, after the venue at last came northwards from London Olympia, (not yet totally north but I think most would agree certainly more "central" for the lower half of the UK. (Even Glasgow had had a "crack at the whip" last year, and I have heard reports that that commute was now easier by air to Birmingham, than it was to London). We in the north of England, have been stuck in the middle, so at last a day trip could be contemplated without the additional exorbitant costs associated with going further south.

Barbara B and I rather fancied the idea as a "one off", and found that a few others in our Course group also did, so we started to make tentative enquiries when the first tickets become available last February, on an online offer. Friday was the day that most suited everybody.

The next problem was transport. It was going to be a long day and Bolton  $\leftarrow$ - $\rightarrow$  Birmingham is not the easiest by public transport. Here Barbara was a star. The rail option would have been preferable in theory, but as it turned out it was costly, complicated, and time consuming. We decided on a minibus which would take us directly from Bolton to the NEC front door.

In the meantime our Chairman Brian W had also been approached to help man the MLFHS stall on the Thursday, so we have two accounts.

#### This is Brian's a story

"I was invited to assist on the opening Thursday of the show. The main organiser was Ray Hulley, who has been organising these events for well over 20 years, (raising over £30k in the process ---an incredible effort).



I travelled south the previous evening, so arrived fresh before the show opened in the morning. The stand was manned by Ray and four volunteers throughout the day, with others covering the next two days. The procedure was explained to me, mainly to be as "helpful as possible to all our visitors, and promote the society". (Photo shows Brian in the middle, with white shirt, with Ray in horizontal stripes to his left).

We had many items to sell including Godfrey Maps, but the leaflets in general produced by Manchester,

attracted a lot of people to our stall. This in turn started conversations about their interests and in some cases brick-walls that they had not overcome. We were very busy until around 4.30pm and this meant I unfortunately, had very little time to visit the other stands. Visitors were very varied, ranging from absolute beginners to experts with 30 years' experience. We were able to help the vast majority of them with ideas on how they might breakdown their own brick-walls. "

#### And this is Barbara B's

"On Friday 17th April eight "intrepid explorers", set off for the NEC in Birmingham for the WDYTYA? Show. Unfortunately two of our group were already missing, Pat with a broken arm and Jane with a nasty virus. We arrived just after lOam having made good progress on the motorway from a 7.50am Bolton departure

We had downloaded a floor plan of the event and it looked HUGE, in fact it was quite manageable. All the usual exhibitors were there, Ancestry, FMP, The Genealogist, FamilySearch, The National Archives and many more. Experts were on hand to give one to one advice on subjects including antiques, photos, war research and general enquiries. These could be booked in advance but this was not necessary as waiting times to see an expert were very small. The exhibitors also gave short talks which could be booked on the day. Family History Societies from all over the country, and farther afield, were well represented, with plenty of information by knowledgeable members.



Our group split up and arranged to meet up at lunchtime. There were plenty of cafes and seating areas for those with a packed lunch (advisable). After swapping ideas and information we split up again, arranging to meet mid-afternoon. By this time we had done most of what we had intended and decided to make our way home. As we left the Arena our mini-bus pulled up at the door (like the Queen's car does) and we piled on board and arrived back in Bolton at teatime, tired but not exhausted. We all agreed it was worth\_the early start and long journey and were looking forward to next year."

#### Summary

The show by all accounts was very well attended and will be repeated next year on the 7th-9th April 2016 at the NEC. We hope to arrange an official coach party from Bolton next year. This year the "unofficial" minibus trip has in effect been a good test run and was worth it as a learning curve. Arrangements all seem to have gone very well, thanks to Barbara's organising skills, and it was only spoilt by Pat and "yours truly" having health hiccups at the last minute, and having to drop out.

PS Brian also adds that the last time he was there was at a car show 30 years ago when he talked to a very attractive lady called Ann Diamond !!- Happy Memories

## PPS Hot off the Press. What a Bonus Who Do You Think You Are? Live Speakers' Handouts!!!

"Speakers' handouts or slides presented at WDYTYA? Live in Birmingham, Glasgow and London are published here as PDFs or online links. Not every speaker will have provided slides of their presentations but we do expect more to arrive, so if the talk you wanted isn't yet represented on the list below do pop back to this page and check again later."

http://www.soq.orq.uk/learn/who-do-you-think-you-are-live-2014-speakers-handouts/

#### Next Event

#### Monday 15th June 11am Turton Tower, Bolton

We have our own guide for this with a charge of £5 per person. Contact Brian at <u>Boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk</u>. More details to follow. With a possible light lunch also to be arranged.

## --o-O-o-GENIE'S TIPS for MAY

Legacy Tree Genealogists <a href="https://legacytree.com/blog/2-guidelines-for-dealing-with-conflicting-information-in-sources">https://legacytree.com/blog/2-guidelines-for-dealing-with-conflicting-information-in-sources</a> "2 Guidelines for Resolving Conflicting Information in Sources" from Jessica - President, accessed 20.04.2015

Who Do They Think They Are? | The Checkout <a href="http://youtu.be/C61tKCkR8Nk">http://youtu.be/C61tKCkR8Nk</a>. This is from Australia and a bit tongue in cheek, but with a serious message. The bottom line being BEWARE!!!, and there is usually a cheaper option.

#### WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES

Saturday 9 May 2015 at Manchester Central Library,

10.30am - Beginners' Course: 2 Civil Registration. This, the second of seven monthly lectures, deals with birth, marriage and death certificates, how to find them and what information they contain. Please book via the Eventbrite online booking system <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--manchester/mlfhs/?sort=date">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--manchester/mlfhs/?sort=date</a> where you will also find details of the other lectures. These are FREE to members but a charge of £3.00 per lecture applies to non-members. This will be refunded if the person joins MLFHS on the day.

#### Saturday 16th May 2015 Guild of One Name Studies

http://one-name.org/seminar 2015may bmd.html

"One-Name Studies: Hatches, Matches and Despatches Seminar"

St Leonard's Church Hall, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham, Preston, Lancashire PR1 9JA
The flyer reports "this seminar will be based on new ways to tackle our favourite topics of
Birth, Marriage, Death and Burial. The Guild has many contacts in this field and we have
secured a number of specialist speakers who will provide a new twist."

NB have you also come across their useful page called <a href="http://www.marriage-locator.co.uk/">http://www.marriage-locator.co.uk/</a>

Tuesday 9th June "An Introduction to Title Deeds" with Dr Alan Crosby

<a href="http://www.flarchives.co.uk/title-deed-workshop-9th-june-2015.html">http://www.flarchives.co.uk/title-deed-workshop-9th-june-2015.html</a> at Lancashire

Archives <a href="http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/archives-and-record-office/search-the-archives.aspx">http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/archives-and-record-office/search-the-archives.aspx</a>

#### THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

#### Lancashire Records and beyond



http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk/update.php . This site is of course part of the much bigger http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/ which

encompasses, "2514 links to websites that offer on-line transcriptions of UK births, marriages, deaths and censuses. A wide range of other indexes and transcriptions are also available for most counties, these may include parish records, wills, monumental inscriptions etc".and has also been undergoing an overhaul.

UKBMD Overview of the Summary Page's New features. April 2015 <a href="http://www.ukbmdcertificateordering.co.uk/helptext.html">http://www.ukbmdcertificateordering.co.uk/helptext.html</a>



http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/ and left click on the "What's New" tab on the left.

- Marriages 1920 to 1927 from Victoria Wesleyan Chapel, Great Lever in Bolton le Moors
- Baptisms 1859 to 1900, Marriages 1857 to 1899 and Burials 1886 to 1896 from the Independent Chapel, Little Lever in Bolton le Moors
- Marriages 1917 to 1931 from the Independent Methodist Church, Wingates in the Parish of Westhoughton
- Baptisms 1829 to 1852 from the Church of St Bartholomew, Westhoughton
- Baptisms 1838 to 1979 from St Andrew Presbyterian, Bolton le Moors

A New Start For FreeREG <a href="http://www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk/blog/2015/04/14/a-new-start-for-freereg/">http://www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk/blog/2015/04/14/a-new-start-for-freereg/</a> The blurb says "The new system currently holds all of the information that sits within FreeREG but from now on will be updated on a daily basis with all of the work from FreeREG transcribers. This is an early stage of our redevelopment which might mean that the new system provides some answers that you are not expecting. The new system will run in parallel with FreeREG until we are confident that it is working as expected."

I have nt had chance to try it yet but let us know what you think.

Bolton Remembers: First World War Casualty Database Just to remind you all of this ongoing project at Bolton History Centre, especially in the light of the recent Gallipoli commemorations. Apparently there were more casualties from Lancashire than there were from New Zealand, although I doubt if that was pro rata of the population. They are still trying to "produce a (more accurate) database of Bolton casualties. The database will comprise information gleaned from Bolton's Roll of Honour, the Commonwealth War Graves Committee index, local newspapers and war memorials. The database will include the names from the cenotaphs and memorials in parks, schools, hospitals, churches and other places in the Bolton Metropolitan area where war memorials are still in existence. Additional information such as rank, battalion, date and place of birth, residence, place of death will also be recorded." If you can help with your family memorabilia or just checking that a

memorial that you know of has been processed please do get in touch with the History Centre.

June 19, 2014 by nickycrewe <a href="https://gm1914.wordpress.com/2014/06/19/bolton-remembers-first-world-war-casualty-database/">https://gm1914.wordpress.com/2014/06/19/bolton-remembers-first-world-war-casualty-database/</a>

National Library of Ireland "Launch date for Catholic Parish Register Digitisation

Project announced" http://www.nli.ie/en/list/latest-news.aspx?article=2345487b-12cb4de2-91dc-f43bed57a577 "On 8th July 2015 the NLI will make its collection of Catholic
parish register microfilms freely available online on a dedicated website. These records,
which are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history
prior to the 1901 census, consist primarily of baptism and marriage records and date from
the 1740s to the 1880s."

Archives Wales or *Archifau* Cymru Are you a complete beginner or an experienced family historian, but new to research in Wales? <a href="http://archiveswales.org.uk/index.php?id=1030">http://archiveswales.org.uk/index.php?id=1030</a>. A few interesting hints and tips.

#### SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

Cambridge University Digitalised Collection Re the Battle of Waterloo

<a href="http://bbc-vip.touchcast.com/embed/19830?autoplay=1">http://bbc-vip.touchcast.com/embed/19830?autoplay=1</a> as we approach the 200<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of this historic event have a look at these fascinating documents held at their library.

http://olivereast.tumblr.com/post/115131571788/press-release-for-how-im-spending-my-days-at-the One of Manchester Museum's prize exhibits is the skeleton of Maharajah the elephant who walked to Manchester from Edinburgh in 1872, and has since become part of local folklore. Manchester comic artist Oliver East has been re-enacting the walk this month as an art project but what must our ancestors have thought of it?

"If-Christ-Had-Not-Died-for-Thee-Thou-Hads't-Been-Damned"... The Weird and Wonderful Names of the English Puritans

http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2015/if-christ-had-not-died-for-thee-thou-hadst-been-damned-the-weird-and-wonderful-names-of-the-english-puritans/

Sorry this one is n't free but I do think it is worth a read at the local library if you have nowhere else. This is part of the blurb (I would maybe ignore the first paragraph which seems aimed more at aliens from outer space!!)

"A wide variety of Hebrew names became incredibly popular in Britain following the publication of the first publicly accessible English Bible in 1560. By the late 1600s, many Puritan communities were breaking away from mainstream society as they believed it to be riddled with sin. Many viewed common names as too worldly and began to name children after virtues or religious slogans, not only as way of setting community members apart from their

non-Puritan neighbours, but also as a means of reminding children of their spiritual obligations ----"

The blog for the Borthwick Institute for Archives at the University of York.

http://borthwickinstitute.blogspot.co.uk/2015/04/introducing-genesis-project.html
"Currently only about 10% of their vast archives are available online.--- Over the next two
years the Genesis Project will open up the full range of the Borthwick's collections to the
general public. For the first time, users anywhere in the world will have remote access to
accurate and up to date information about their full holdings, bringing the Borthwick in line
with other institutions of similar size and scope and creating a wealth of opportunities for
research and discovery"

## Durham Records Online "Bishopwearmouth & Durham St. Nicholas burials, Seaham Harbour marriage updates"

https://dub115.mail.live.com/?tid=cmjJOYeSXs5BGU6didZ181Xg2&fid=flinbox Yes I know this is nt local, but I know also that several of our readers have ancestors from this area and it is a wonderful website so please bear with me. Similarly if you know of any others that might be useful to others please let us know.

#### The Imperial War Museum "The Women War Workers of The North West".

http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/the-women-war-workers-of-the-north-west Unfortunately this only seems to be available at the London branch, but following the link to IWM North I found this interesting selection.

http://centenaryconnections.org/ Greater Manchester Centenary Partnership presents Centenary Connections where you can , "Journey across Greater Manchester to discover stories of the First World War. Explore highlights from over 20 organisations and find landmarks across the city, which connect to the events of 100 years ago."

By Matthew Brosnan, Historian

The Guardian Friday April 17th 2015 Mike Leigh to make movie of Peterloo massacre <a href="http://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/apr/17/mike-leigh-to-make-movie-of-peterloo-massacre">http://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/apr/17/mike-leigh-to-make-movie-of-peterloo-massacre</a>

## Missing Gallipoli Victoria Cross medal presented to Fusilier Museum

http://www.fusiliermuseum.com/ ahead of new exhibition

http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/missing-gallipoli-victoria-cross-medal-8995266 All six 'before breakfast' VCs are now on show in an exhibition to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War and Gallipoli. In what is a major coup for the small museum, it is the first time all six of the famous medals have gone on display alongside each other

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission <a href="http://www.cwgc.org/about-us.aspx">http://www.cwgc.org/about-us.aspx</a> I am taking it for granted that you all know about this site and its wonderful resources. They are currently trying to trace relatives of some casualties in English war graves <a href="http://www.cwgc.org/news-events/news/2015/3/appeal-for-relatives-17032015.aspx">http://www.cwgc.org/news-events/news/2015/3/appeal-for-relatives-17032015.aspx</a>. I note there are two local ones in particular

WALKER, T H Private 09/03/1940 Border Regiment New Bury (St. James) Churchyard CEM 2133

TAYLOR, 5 5 Gunner (Signaller) 01/11/1918 Royal Garrison Artillery Darwen Cemetery CEM 1880

Family History Daily- "19<sup>th</sup> C Phototypes: A Breakdown to Help You Date Old Family Photographs" / http://familyhistorydaily.com/expert-help/19th-century-photo-types-a-breakdown-to-help-you-date-old-family-pictures/ accessed April 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

"How are we Related? "A handy chart. American version with a few more "grands" than we have but useful. <a href="https://familytreeuk.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/family-relationship-chart.jpg">https://familytreeuk.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/family-relationship-chart.jpg</a>

#### !Bastardy Bonds & Documents (Parish & Poor Law)" The Gen Guide

http://www.genguide.co.uk/source/bastardy-bonds-amp-documents-parish-amp-poor-law/140/ accessed 03.05.15. I have nt seen this site before but it seems to have some very helpul articles "Records generated from a number of documents relating to the issue of illegitimacy and bastardy cases mostly trying to determine the name of the bastard child's father. A child born to unmarried parents was considered by law to be illegitimate. The range of documents, mostly deposited in the parish chest, include the Bastardy Examination, Bastardy Warrants And Summons, Bastardy Order, Maintenance Order and the Bastardy Bond." And to compliment that I now hear from

Sandra Danbys website <a href="http://www.sandradanby.com/family-history-bastardy-records-now-online/#mc\_signup">http://www.sandradanby.com/family-history-bastardy-records-now-online/#mc\_signup</a>

it's good news that 14,000 bastardy records held by the West Yorkshire Archive Service have been indexed and made available online.

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## "Boarding Out" <a href="http://www.childrenshomes.org.uk/boardingout/">http://www.childrenshomes.org.uk/boardingout/</a>

"Boarding out was the practice of placing children in the long-term care of foster parents who usually received a weekly allowance for each child staying with them. The system, which is usually said to have originated in Scotland, was seen as the nearest approximation to a 'normal' home life that could be provided by a child-care agency, and was also financially economical compared to institutional accommodation.---"

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### Sylvester Stallone in a Warburtons Advert in Bolton

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/12884263.Advert\_starring\_Sylvester\_Stallone\_in\_B olton\_to\_be\_shown\_on\_TV\_tonight/?ref=mr Nothing to do with genealogy—I don't think so anyway -- but I could nt miss out on this one could I.

### MEMBERS COMMENTS, QUERIES, (and now MEMORIES)

### A Serious Genealogists Cry from the Heart

I must be descended from a Super Human Family! "What?" I hear you ask, well let me give you two examples. My 4x great grandmother died in 1791 yet gave birth to my 3x great grandfather two years later. (See - Superwoman). My 2x great grandfather from another branch had TEN spouses - four Marys, three Margarets, one named Ann, one Elizabeth and one with no name at all. He also fathered over forty children in a 17 year period, including one the year after his own birth. (See - Superman - or a serial bigamist with a fast horse and plenty of stamina!).

How do I know this? Well it's all there in black and white on two public member trees on a well-known website. Of course we all know what has happened here. The family tree owners have looked at other trees and just copied sections onto their own, but why do they do this? Surely the point of genealogy is to search for yourself, otherwise where is the satisfaction? There is nothing wrong in looking at other trees, they might indicate if you are on the right (or wrong) track or point you in a direction you had not thought of, but we all know good research is essential. I'm off now to see if I have any more Super Humans. I bet if you looked you'd find some too!

By Barbara B—Thanks Barbara, don't we know about it!!

Living in Post War Prefabs <a href="http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?topic=278711.0">http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?topic=278711.0</a>
OK. I know this example is from the Manchester Heaton Park area where my husband had family, (maybe that is why they emigrated to New Zealand), and not from Bolton, but I remember them well from childhood in Hull, East Yorkshire, and I presume they had them here as well. Just thought you might enjoy reading this discussion. Has anyone got any more memories or pictures even??? Jane M

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## OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS

Bolton Archaeology and Egyptology Society <a href="http://boltonaes.co.uk/">http://boltonaes.co.uk/</a> Meeting at the Friends Meeting House, Silverwell Street, Bolton BL1 1PP, on

Tuesday 19th May 2015 "The Rediscovery of Smithills Hall Stable Block "John Trippier of Bluestone Archaeology. Members £1, visitors £5. Refreshments provided

Halliwell Local History Society <a href="http://www.halliwell-lhs.co.uk/monthly-meetings">http://www.halliwell-lhs.co.uk/monthly-meetings</a>

Email <u>margaretk@talktalk.net</u> .Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Chorley Old Road, BL1 3BE opposite Shepherd Cross St, Bolton, Their next month's talk 27<sup>th</sup> May, "The Underground Canals of

Worsley" - 52 miles of Ingenuity and Achievement. A mysterious underworld explained. All welcome with a small charge for none members.

#### Turton Local History Society



Normally all events are on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm except for December, (which is too close to Christmas) and the summer months (May, June and July) when they have the evening walks. All start at Longsight Church Centre at

Harwood, BL2 3HX. . They offer talks of local and regional interest.

This month's event will be a walk. Please contact Secretary <u>PeterMHarris@care4free.net</u> for more information.

#### Westhoughton Local History Group -

Meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, between 10am and 12md in the room above Westhoughton Library, Market St, Westhoughton, BL5 3AU <a href="http://www.westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk/Westhoughton\_History\_Group/Home.html">http://www.westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk/Westhoughton\_History\_Group/Home.html</a>

Their next meeting will be 21st May "Walkden Yard Workshops 1770-1987" : Alan Davies

Horwich Heritage Centre- Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7: 30pm at the Horwich Resource Centre, Beaumont Road (off Longworth Road), Horwich BL6 7BG.Open Days, are held most months on Saturdays between 10am --- 1pm

This month's talk is on May 12th ~ Brian Hallanson

"The Day the Queen came to Bolton". With lots more on offer please consult their web site at <a href="http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk">http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk</a>

#### Historical Association Bolton Branch

http://www.history.org.uk/resources/he\_resource\_1098\_17.html

Meetings are routinely held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Girls' Division Great Hall at Bolton School.

For more information contact .Secretary Jenni Hyde 01772 93033 or boltonhistory@aim.com

