

# Bolton's Genies



**The Monthly Newsletter of the Bolton Family History Society:**

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**July 2017**

Bolton Family History Society is a branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society

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(Did you know that this building at the junction of Blackburn Road, and Moss Bank Way, was the offices of the short-lived Astley Bridge Urban District Council. The Local Board of Health for the Astley Bridge District was constituted in 1864. The District comprised the higher (detached) portion of Little Bolton, and the lower portion of Sharples. The Board became an Urban District Council in January 1895; in 1898, under the Bolton, Turton, and Westhoughton Extension Act, it was dissolved, and its powers vested in Bolton County Borough Council. From Face book (Bolton Lancashire Bygone Days)

Things have been a bit quieter this month but I think most would agree it has been too hot to do much anyway hasn't it, certainly in the first half, maybe windier and wetter in the second. Most will be aware however, that we, as well as the country in general, have been going through a few upheavals lately. With Chairman Brian Whittle's sudden resignation, plus holiday cover, all the committee old and new, plus many of our much valued "helpers", have been reshuffling responsibilities. We are now keeping our fingers and toes crossed that we haven't missed anything. Inevitably there have been some hiccups, and we can only apologise. It hasn't been easy.

One of the most urgent problems has been that this is the time when we try to complete our speakers programme for next year. It might seem early to be doing same, but the best people soon get booked up; and printing and publishing of same needs to be arranged, ready to start distributing in the autumn.

Some will also know that we have been asked to assist with another Open Day in conjunction with the Bolton Museums and Library Services at the Central Library, after the success of our last one in February. We have opted, after considering the dates offered, to hold this on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, which we anticipate will be the first Saturday of most local school half term holidays. Rough plans have been drawn up to start at 11am with the first of two top class speakers (Jackie Depelle

<https://goo.gl/4WgdkP>), taking a fresh look at what facts can be extracted from

routine paperwork through our ancestor's lives, (and some others that

might not have been considered even). The second talk will be photographer Anthony Firmin looking at the analysis of old photographs, and carrying on giving advice on those brought in, into the afternoon.



Other thoughts for later are to focus on the grandparent, grandchild relationship, and to look at their family stories and help them to draw up simple trees, encouraging them to realise the importance of passing stories on. This will be probably on a one to one basis. Obviously, we will need help with this and we are hoping to have the assistance of our members here. This is a golden opportunity to help both our society and the museum services, and to encourage the public to join in and learn more about our heritage and what we can contribute. If anyone can spare an hour or more please contact as above. We cannot provide the quality of service we would like to do without your help.

## **OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS**

### **Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> Peter Braun, National Trust volunteer, "Monarchy & Dunham Massey Hall, including the Grey area**

An illustrated talk about the Hall and its occupiers. Wow, what an understatement this was. I think Peter was really giving us a "potted version" of his routine when guiding groups around, so he started from outside showing us how there have been 3 buildings from 1616, 1650, to 1730. He then told us stories of the Booths who had lived there from the 1400s, but after 350 years they were succeeded by the Greys who took over in 1770 by marriage, and who managed the house and estate for another 200 years until 1976 when the 10<sup>th</sup> and last Earl, Roger Grey died. We heard of royal and political intrigue linking Edward 1Vth s' descendants via Elizabeth Woodville <https://goo.gl/Hc5TGR> to the facts behind the "Princes in the Tower" incident <https://goo.gl/TVese5>, (who had been two of the couple's children guarded by step brother Thomas Grey who had been removed and killed). Lady Jane Grey <https://goo.gl/1k3KaT> was another descendant. George Booth <https://goo.gl/Z8JECL> who was involved with the build up to the 17<sup>th</sup>C Civil Wars. Thomas Greys signature was on Charles1 execution order, second only to the senior judge John Bradshaw <https://goo.gl/wDtQxL> and before Oliver Cromwell's. Memories were long, especially re royalty, and it seems likely that the willingness to sign the king's death warrant stemmed from incidents 90 years previous related to Jane Grey. By now I think most felt they were whirling around in a fast track TV drama which was for real. We knew most of these stories but had never related them to each other.

Architects were mentioned such as John Norris and Joseph Crompton Hall and the reshaping of the building through the ages.



The grand finale was probably the story of how the direct line died out but was retrieved via a distant cousin living in South Africa, the 8<sup>th</sup> Earl of Stamford, a missionary Bishop who was enjoying many "liaisons". This article by Wikipedia probably explains it better than I can <https://goo.gl/oBm9es>, although Peters version was much more colourful and with pictures! The Stamford lineage died out in 1976 with the death of the 10th Earl. Today, Dunham Massey is a tourist attraction owned by the National Trust

A very pleasant evening with several new visitors. The enclosed picture shows Peter with two of his local family members who came to hear him. Welcome to all.

### **Wednesday 2nd August," Conscientious Objectors in Bolton and district in World War 1", Barry Mills, former Bolton Local Studies Librarian, <https://goo.gl/YFQ4K1> Barry has informed us that his topics include**

1. Attitudes to War in Bolton in 1914 and 1917
2. Conscription and Tribunals - How They Worked
3. CO Statistics – National and Local, CO 'Hotspots', including Westhoughton
4. Quaker COs
5. Other Christian COs

6. Socialist COs
7. Local Organisations Supporting COs
8. Aftermath – what happened to COs later, anti-war sentiments 1920-1939

He adds that *"Although I am mainly looking at Bolton and district, my research on Military Service Tribunals has extended more widely to South East Lancashire. I do look at some individual CO's experiences, the most dramatic being that of the Quaker Charles Bayliss Abbott, (<https://goo.gl/YuEJbL>) who was rescued from a torpedoed hospital ship off the Isle of Wight" (<https://goo.gl/3nst4P>)*, and lived for a while on Darwen Road, Bolton, (see opposite), ironically not far from the War Memorial. .



I know this is the result of extensive personal research by Barry, and there is likely to be a lot more information about the local situation found in this talk than can be found elsewhere.

- **Where?**

**Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Brow, Chorley Old Road BL1 5SU. Buses 519&125 <https://goo.gl/TH5zYC>. All MLFHS members free. £2.00 to non-members unless joining on the night.**

- **When?**

**7pm beverages available for 7.30pm start, on the first Wednesday of each month. Extras include a Help Desk for personal research, Stationery Table for discounted equipment, and recycle service for your used Family History Magazines**



## **RECENT TRIPS AND COMING EVENTS**

The holiday season has started with a vengeance, but truth be told, I think many soon yearned for a cooler life. Never satisfied are we. There have been a few diversions though

### **Tuesday 13 June 2017: Membership Focus Group. "How do we increase and broaden our membership?"**



All members of MLFHS received this email at the beginning of the month, coinciding nicely with this thought provoking blog from Chris Paton posted on the same day. Great minds etc!!! <https://goo.gl/K6Zvhh> dated Tuesday, 13 June 2017  
Family Tree magazine - family history survey.

The challenge was, and is as Chris says, *"The Society faces increased competition from commercial genealogical agencies and a noticeable decline in interest in family history research"*. A focus group formed of members was invited to meet to brainstorm Society activity. The results are to be fed into the Society's Strategy Sub-Committee which will have the responsibility of recommending plans for the development of same over the next few years. All I can say at present is that we met, the meeting was fruitful, and more discussions are planned. "Onwards and upwards!"

### **Beyond Parish Registers Family History Talks 12.30pm to 1.30pm Lancashire Archives. Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE**

**\*Wed 14<sup>th</sup> June** "Coroners' records for family historian's" Victoria McCann

**\*Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June** "Probate records for family historians" Anna Watson





A few have managed to attend some of these hour long, free, high quality talks being offered at the Preston CRO by the very knowledgeable archivists. It is a shame they are not convenient for the average working person. I know they have been very helpful to enable background hands on research, and the main difficulty has been getting there to attend them. The few of us who attended the latter I suspect came out a little overwhelmed with all the information. Most of us also bought the booklet prepared by the Friends of Lancashire

<http://www.flarchives.co.uk/> Archives entitled "Wills and Probate at Lancashire Archives" which is the reference of Anna's talk and available there for £3.



## **Tuesday 20th June Bolton Documentary Photographs and Bishop John Bridgeman at St Peter Parish Church by Ray Jefferson.**

This was a free talk given by Ray, prior to the opening of the exhibition about the above and his relationship with the Earl of Bradford dynasty, as prepared by the children of the primary school named after him. What a fascinating account this was, starting with the Bishops birth in Exeter in 1577 and his move to Chester for his ecclesiastical training, and his eventual patronage by Charles 1. He lived in the Great Lever Hall and expanded the estate which extended as far as Middleton. This article from the Bolton News will give you a flavour of his talk. <https://goo.gl/KP8ZnE>. It was mainly about the history of Great Lever, but also about what the Bishop and the Earls of Bradford have done for Bolton. The exhibition is well worth a visit, and here until September when it moves to Weston Park Staffordshire, the Earls "seat", see "The Bridgeman Family and Weston Park" <https://goo.gl/FRJubN>. What a shame we must share all this Bolton history with Staffordshire, but I suppose they might feel the same about Boltonians



**Thursday 6th July A Visit to Salford Museum and Art Gallery** <https://goo.gl/Rs5yDt> This trip, coordinated by Graham Holt, was the last currently planned this year. We have the ideas but need more help for arranging please.

## **Wednesday 19th July 10am -12.30pm "Salt, Sand and Coastal Trade in the Morecambe Bay in the Seventeenth Century",**

A special morning discovering the fascinating world of probate records with **historian Jonathan Cass. & Tour of the Lancashire Archives, Preston with Archivist Vicci McCann** Jonathon will reveal what probate records can tell us about life around Morecambe Bay and uncover new information about the mysterious salt industries. The events are free but booking is required for the talk and the tour. There will be an optional extra "drop in" workshop with Jonathan to explore the original documents after Vicci's tour. To book a place follow the link from:

[www.morecambebay.org.uk/events](http://www.morecambebay.org.uk/events) 01539 734888 [info@morecambebay.org.uk](mailto:info@morecambebay.org.uk)



## **Saturday & Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> St Marys Deane "Grave yard Shift"**

Some will remember a very interesting trip we made here in March <https://goo.gl/pvwRsy> this year, in which we noticed the beautiful interior of the church but sadly dilapidated state of the churchyard. They are now planning working parties to try to start on the massive job of renovation, and are looking to tidy up same - the biggest in the country – and the final resting place for hundreds of Bolton families down the centuries. It's a mammoth task and they are looking for volunteers to help.



If you can go along and help with jobs in the graveyard on Sat 29th or Sun 30th July, or help to provide refreshments over the weekend, or donate a pot of paint so that they can paint the railings along Junction Road, please contact Becky, the wife of vicar Dr Rev Terry Clark 01204 659637 or email

[deanechurchoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:deanechurchoffice@btinternet.com)

## September 21 – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 International Family History Symposium at Manchester Central Library

sponsored by Ancestry

**Thursday, 5:00pm – 8:00 pm, Alison Light, author of “Common People”, will be talking about “Family History and Genealogy.** There will be a wine reception and talk starting at 5:30pm. This event is sponsored by Ancestry.com and is part of a two-day event

Friday September 22 **International Family History by Jerome de Groot with an array of 12 internationally known speakers advertised here** <https://goo.gl/ZWY7Cr> where the tickets can also be booked. The free tickets need to be booked by August 1<sup>st</sup> <https://goo.gl/zN6ENp>

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October Leigh and District FHS Annual One Day Conference at the Turnpike Gallery Civic Centre WN7 1EB (Fee: £ 14.50 includes morning and afternoon refreshments and Buffet Lunch)

See <https://goo.gl/A4gTi8> for more details and a booking form.

This promises to be a good day out with some excellent speakers.



09.45 a.m. ‘**Bastards: single mothers and their children in 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century Lancashire**’ by Dr Alan Crosby,

10.45 a.m. Morning Coffee

11.00 a.m. ‘**Seeing it through their eyes (social history books)**’ by Michael Gandy a well-known personality in the family history community. A Fellow of the Society of Genealogists, Michael Gandy is the editor of the “Genealogists’ Magazine”, the

author of many books on the techniques of genealogy and an accomplished after dinner speaker.

12.15 p.m. The Leigh FHS Annual General Meeting

01.00 p.m. Buffet lunch served in the Derby Room

02.15 p.m. ‘**Tracing your Medieval Ancestry**’ by Michael Gandy

03.30 p.m. Closing Address followed by Tea/Coffee



## GENIE’S TIPS for JULY

### Recently Added and Updated

- **(British) Collections on Ancestry** <https://goo.gl/Sr1v64>

Always a good idea to check these every few months

- **British (Yorkshire), Irish, and Canadian on Findmypast** <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/>
- **Historical Maps** <https://goo.gl/HQkWe5> **Familysearch.org England & Wales Jurisdictions 1851**

*“The Search tab allows you to search for a locality in England. Type the place name with or without the county in the search box and click the Search button. Do not spell out the word Saint or add a period after St, for example: Dover St Mary the Virgin. If you cannot find the parish you are searching for, search for the county name and then click the “List all parishes in [\_\_\_shire]” link in the information bubble that appears”*

## WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES



**Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree – Free Online Course** <https://goo.gl/gaqp8n>

Mentioned before but not too late to start if you are quick. *Develop your understanding of genealogy. Uncover your ancestors’ past and create a meaningful family history or family tree.*

**“Enjoy Learning” lead by our Rita Greenwood** <http://www.enjoy-learning.org.uk/> **(Early notice. Full details out mid-July)**

Thursday 10am – 12md Troubleshooting problems in Family History (5weeks)

Thursday 10am - 12md Further sources of information in Family History (starts 16th Nov)

Thursday 1pm – 3pm Family History Stage 4

**Quiz: How Well Do You Know Your British History** <https://goo.gl/xt2iwS> Findmypast by Niall Cullen

23 June 2017 *How well do you know your British history? Put your knowledge to the test with this challenging 16-question quiz. Well I am ashamed to say I only got half of them right and I thought I knew quite a bit about this subject. See what you can do.*



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

### **Lancashire Records**

**Wigan - Wigan Observer and District Advertiser** <https://goo.gl/MRGrT8> Findmypast

285,814 articles no less from between 1850 and 1949



**UKBMD Summary** <http://goo.gl/l29JpL>



**Lancs OPC** <http://goo.gl/AN699Z> and left click on the “What's New” tab on the left

**News from the Lancashire Archives** <https://goo.gl/1tmPyU> Here is the July edition of News from the Archives

**8th and 9th July 2017 The Kings Visit Re-enactment** <https://goo.gl/pbcL7p> **Visit Lancashire.** *A full and authentic re-enactment co-ordinated by History Needs You, a history and heritage consultancy, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of King James I's visit to the Tower. 400 hundred years ago the Lancashire baronet Sir Richard De Hoghton of Hoghton Tower invited King James I to stay at his hilltop manor just outside Preston, welcoming the monarch with a huge red velvet carpet that stretched the full length of the ¾ mile driveway. During the three day visit the King enjoyed stag hunting and dined lavishly in the company of dukes, earls and knights – all at the expense of Sir Richard. It is said that the King was so enamoured by a loin of beef he ate during a banquet at Hoghton Tower that he knighted it ‘Sir Loin’ which is how it got its name. (Wikipedia disputes this <https://goo.gl/ePx3mr>, but all good fun). The unflagging hospitality sadly bankrupted Sir Richard and he spent some years in Fleet debtor's prison. Needless to say, the King wasn't invited back.*



**“Historic England wants people to help compile the top 100 places of historical interest which have helped shape England”** <https://goo.gl/azGRtX> **Bolton News 17th June 2017 and** <https://goo.gl/vSjkfn>

*A survey revealed that some 77 per cent of people in the North West were not aware that trainers were first produced in the back streets of Bolton and thought they were an American design.*

*In fact, it was in 1895 when Joe Foster invented the running spike above his father's sweet shop in Deane Road, and this is widely believed to have been the foundation for the world's favourite leisure footwear. In 1958 two of the founder's grandsons, Joe and Jeff Foster, formed a companion company Reebok – and the rest is history.*

*The town was also the birthplace of Samuel Crompton in 1753, inventor of the spinning mule, which played a key role in the industrial revolution.*

Well of course I knew the second fact but not the first. Has anyone else got anything to offer here please. I am sure there are some really good facts. Be proud of the place!!!

**FamilySearch Digital Records Access Replacing Microfilm** <https://goo.gl/xnQTnD>

*FamilySearch, a world genealogy leader and non-profit, announced today its plans to discontinue its 80-year-old microfilm distribution service. The transition is the result of significant progress made in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology. The last day for ordering microfilm will be August 31, 2017, and here is Amy Johnson Crows assessment of the new situation <https://goo.gl/VAHCEA> “Let's talk about what the change with FamilySearch microfilms means for your research.”*



## SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

### **Rediscovering Medieval Graffiti: DGM Festival 3** <https://goo.gl/4pDHXU>

Unfortunately, these events have only been noted here after they had happened, but just to show you all that as both places have been in our programme of trips over the last couple of years, you have not been taken to rubbish places, (and now we need more ideas and trip coordinators as well please). *"The first Dig Greater Manchester Archaeology Festival had two events linked to the comparatively new research area of medieval and later graffiti. Such research looks at mysterious marks on historic buildings such as circles, daisy wheels, crossed 'V's, lines grouped in threes, and many other devices. --- The Greater Manchester Graffiti Survey team have been studying a variety of timber-framed halls across Manchester with some surprising results. Ordsall Hall in Salford, for instance, (we visited May 2017) is covered in dozens of protection marks such as circles, but especially taper burns, which leave a burn mark in the shape of an elongated leaf. Indeed, this appears to be the most common form of mark found on the timber-framed buildings of the region. Intriguingly, leaving a cross by or above doorways using the ashes from Ash Wednesday is still a feature in some places. --- The cross-passage and servant's wings have also yielded dozens of taper burns"*.



**The Bolton Archaeology and Egyptology Society** explored Hall i' th' Wood (we visited Nov 2015), on Saturday 24th as part of the festival. *"This research began earlier this year and once more taper burns feature as an important part of the protection and graffiti marks observed. Recently they have discovered taper burns on some of the contemporary furniture in the hall (though much is not from Halli' th' Wood itself), and this has also been noted on the Tudor bed at Ordsall Hall, which was made by the Radcliffe family for that very building."*



### **Historical data from the parishes of the East Trent Benefice in the English county of Nottinghamshire**

<https://goo.gl/T3AWih> **East Trent Genealogy.** A free website offering lots of useful BMD data for this area if any one is researching it. So far? *"There is a huge amount of data available in local libraries and archives, much of which is not indexed and is not available online; it is the aim of East Trent Genealogy to transcribe as much of this as possible. We make all transcriptions available free of charge, but will always be very grateful to receive donations to help fund further additions of historical data to this website"*.

### **Welcome to HHARP, the home of 19th century children's hospital records** <http://www.hharp.org/>

HHARP now provides access to 140,213 admission records to four children's hospitals: three in London, the Great Ormond Street Hospital, the Evelina and the Alexandra Hip Hospital for Children, and one from the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow. Between them the databases cover a period from 1852 to 1921. Family historians and local historians will find a treasure trove of information on Victorian families and healthcare in Victorian and Edwardian London and Glasgow



### **List of Historic Place Names of Wales** <https://goo.gl/pHWXHS> © Crown copyright 2017 : Royal

**Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales.** *a groundbreaking and innovative resource that contains hundreds of thousands of place names collected from historical maps and other sources. It provides a fascinating insight into the land-use, archaeology and history of Wales.*



**Welcome to ItalianGenealogy.com, the leading resource for those who undertake research into their Italian Genealogy.** <https://goo.gl/mXuV4g> *At ItalianGenealogy.com your research is free, you can find answers regarding Italian Genealogy and ask your questions in order to help you along your search*



## 17 best free online Scottish resources | <https://goo.gl/szNv9A> **Who Do You Think You Are Magazine** 15 June 2017

Ayrshire-based genealogist Chris Paton looks at 17 free resources to help you unlock your Caledonian family connections. And did you know that ---

**The Court of the Lord Lyon** <https://goo.gl/zdva1F> "The Court of the Lord Lyon is the



heraldic authority for Scotland and deals with all matters relating to Scottish Heraldry and Coats of Arms and maintains the Scottish Public Registers of Arms and Genealogies. The Lord Lyon King of Arms is also responsible for State Ceremonial in Scotland". The current Lord Lyon is Dr. Joseph J. Morrow, QC, Lord Lyon King of Arms, and he visited the Anglo Scots branch of the MLFHS last year, the date unfortunately clashing with one of our events.



The Lord Lyon and his team can proudly state that they have been one of the few people who have said an effective NO! to Donald Trump, and he has not been able to do much about it. <https://goo.gl/9kgnkt>

**News Article: Release of Presbyterian Church Records** 22nd June 2017 <https://goo.gl/9XG2nU> Coming soon, details of over 36,000 Presbyterian church records, covering the period 1744 to 1855, will be added to ScotlandsPeople. The 20,255 births and baptisms (1744-1855), 10,368 marriages and proclamations (1729-1855) and 5,422 death and burial records (1783-1855) may be especially helpful for anyone searching for a person born or baptised, married or died before the introduction of statutory registration in 1855



**Papers Past** <https://goo.gl/CSxo6j> **National Library of New Zealand**

We've launched a new version of Papers Past, which has been providing access to millions of pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers since 2001. The new site delivers a number of major changes that bring the service into the present and prepares it for the future.

Here are some answers to a few frequently asked questions about the new Papers Past

**NZ Births, Deaths and Marriages Online.** <https://www.bdmonline.dia.govt.nz/> **The Department of Internal Affairs** You can order certificates and printouts online from Births, Deaths and Marriages, if: you have verified your RealMe account. Learn about verified accounts at [www.realme.govt.nz](http://www.realme.govt.nz).



**Births, Marriages and Deaths Recorded in Canada - Library ...** <https://goo.gl/oVx9wZ>

"Family events such as births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials are key elements of genealogy and family history research. These events are recorded in church records and in other official documents. Library and Archives Canada holds a small collection of such documents, some of which are indexed by name.

This database only includes references found within the following collections: ---"

**Attorney at law** <https://goo.gl/q8pPB6> **Wikipedia**

"The term was historically used in the jurisdictions of England and Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland. The title has been replaced by solicitor, (which was considered more respectable), but still appears in old statutes, in these jurisdictions" ---



**Walgreens Boots Alliance Archive catalogue** <https://goo.gl/94NGwn>

"The Archive was established in the mid-1990s, by Boots UK, following decades of on-going accumulation by the business, now part of our Retail Pharmacy International Division. The current Walgreens Boots Alliance collection comprises of approximately 5,000 boxes of listed archives and artefacts, the majority of which are unique and relate to Boots UK". --- "This digital archive holds around 15,000 entries and includes photographs, letters, advertisements, building plans, and even colleague



magazines. It gives anyone interested in the history of the business the opportunity to discover and study resources rich in detail”.

### **Military Stuff**

**Help identify lost men at sea** <https://goo.gl/jU1WMI> **(in the Battle of Jutland, the largest naval engagement of World War One?)**

“Researchers at the University of Portsmouth have published a naval casualty database, the most comprehensive record of men who died in the 36-hour battle that took over 6,000 British lives. The researchers have found 6,102 records, but some information is still missing and now they’re asking for the public to help” ---



**The Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps was formed during World War One.** <https://goo.gl/L1K7Tq> Citation: C N Trueman “The Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps” [historylearningsite.co.uk](http://historylearningsite.co.uk). The History Learning Site, 17 Mar 2015. 16 Aug 2016

“The Army Council Instruction Number 1069 of July 7th, 1917, is the date considered to be the official start of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps”---. “In the build up to its creation, the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps encountered the prejudices that existed at that time to women in general, but to their part in the military in particular. As with the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY), the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps played an important part in the war – despite the initial obstacles put in its way”.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Communication Systems from Yesteryear**

#### **1. Counting by the “vigesimal” system**

**Yan, Tan Tethora,** <https://goo.gl/wWiYhb>



A conversation came up recently on Facebook about the use of “Base 20” for counting, mainly in a sheep farming situation although apparently also seen in knitting, and gardening. The examples given were “Yan, tan, tethera, pethera, pimp, sethera, lethera, hovera, covera, dik, Yan a dik, tan a dik, tethera a dik, pethera a dik, bumfit, Yan a bumfit, tan a bumfit, tethera a bumfit, pethera a bumfit, figgit. Then you place a stone or mark a stick and start again”. Strange language I can hear you thinking. Has she been drinking? No, I haven’t, not yet anyway. The instance given was in Lincolnshire where it is still used in parts by the shepherds apparently, (sheep, are constantly on the move and need counting regularly at least morning and evening, and during various procedures such as shearing, dipping, clipping etc). As the conversation developed, many remembered it from their childhood and nursery rhymes, from many parts of Northern England. The theory, dating back from perhaps the early Middle Ages was that this “vigesimal” system, is based on the number twenty, and once 20 is reached, a marker like a stone or peg is retained, and the counter then returns to one, and does it all over again. Da\*n clever these shepherds weren’t they. And continuing the thread of “sheep”

#### **2. A glossary of words from the Textile Industry**

**The Witney Blanket Project** <https://goo.gl/KI7CZ8> This is based in Oxfordshire in response to the closure in 2002 the last working blanket mill in Witney. Blankets had been made in the town for well over 300 years during which time a world-wide reputation for quality was established with trading links as far-flung as North America and Australia. This section is a glossary of words used in the Witney blanket industry and the woollen industry in general. There are over 340 words to look up, and I am fairly sure are just as applicable for any textile mill.

#### **3. Some common Latin terms used in genealogical documents**

**Common Latin Words for Genealogical Research** <https://goo.gl/lKo5im> Findmypast, blog

Alexandra Edmondson 07 April 2017

“If your ancestors were Catholic, looking at the original documents can be intimidating because the majority of Catholic records are recorded in, or partially recorded in, Latin because up until the 1960's the

official language of the Catholic church was Latin. If you aren't familiar with Latin, many words are familiar, especially within the context of the records, but if you're feeling a bit rusty on your Latin skills or are unsure about what a term could mean, here are some common Latin words to get you started in your genealogical research”.

4. some transcription help

**Word for Word: Document Transcribing Technology** <https://goo.gl/rpicU5> **Abundant**

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*“Here is an overview of websites, apps, and software that can be leveraged to quickly and easily transcribe handwritten and difficult-to-read documents”.*

I suspect this is intended more for personal than “official” transcription use but maybe helpful in desperate cases.

5. And what happened to the Calendar?

**Why Our Calendars Skipped 11 Days in 1752** <https://goo.gl/XpU49s> from Mental Floss by Chris Stokel-Walker

**Calendar for September 1752 UK**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July 5, 2013. *“Six and a half million Britons went to bed on September 2, 1752, and woke up on September 14. The reason? The Calendar (New Style) Act of 1750, of course”.*

I like this article because it is put in an easy to read language, and a very important consideration explaining the “double dating” feature seen on many records from this time when many used both the

Gregorian and Julian calendars. Maybe one of the earlier examples of “reverse Brexit.” and just as confusing. See also **Calendar (New Style) Act 1750** <https://goo.gl/WiuvbD>

**Wikipedia.**

**“Mini Talk on Genealogy if You’re Adopted”** <https://goo.gl/okunF3> **Register of Qualified Genealogists** by Clare O’Grady 30.06.2017

*“Listen to our member Penny’s first-hand account of tracing your family if you are adopted”, Lots of food for thought here, for anyone in this situation.*



## **OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS**

**Halliwell Local History Society** <http://goo.gl/8erYyr>



Email [margaretk@talktalk.net](mailto:margaretk@talktalk.net). Meetings are usually 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,  
**25th July ‘The Crystal Palace & The Great Exhibition’ – An illustrated talk by David Hill**

**Turton Local History Society** <https://goo.gl/PHNXjA>



The old Urban District of Turton. Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month, starting at Longsight Church Centre, Harwood BL2 3HX beginning at 7.30pm.. This next month’s event  
**26th July - Barrow Bridge Guided Walk (Peter Harris)**

**Westhoughton Local History Group –** <http://goo.gl/XNugl5>

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. This next months events are

**6th July Fun with Antiques: Yvonne Woolley**  
**20th July Visit to Speke Hall**

**Horwich Heritage Centre-** <http://goo.gl/fSPsij>



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. This next month's talk is

**11th July Mark Olly The Vikings**

Open Days, are also held most months on Saturdays between 10am --- 1pm with one on

**15<sup>th</sup> July Local Walks & Beauty Spots**

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