



Bolton's Genies

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Bolton Family History Society:

<https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton>

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<https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/newsletter/archives>

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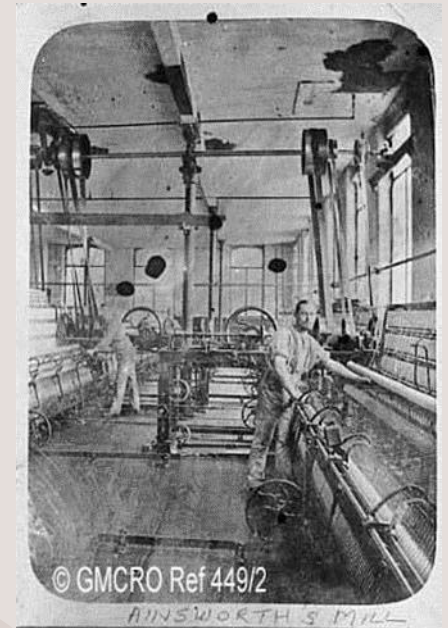
or visit our

• Bolton Facebook page <https://goo.gl/n99qtW> 869 Likes and 959 Following on August 7th

• Bolton Research Collection on MLFHS website: <https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/research>

(for members only and ongoing)

• Join the MLFHS/BFHS at: <https://www.mlfhs.uk/join> .



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Bolton Family History Society is a branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society. This month's picture courtesy of the Manchester CRO is continuing the theme of old time occupations shows Sylvanus Anderton in the early 1900s, operating a spinning mule. He rose to be Manager of Ainsworth Mill. This was one of the elite Boltonian careers late 19th early 20thC and many will be proud to discover this high tech occupation when researching their ancestors.

So, welcome all to another edition of the Genie, as many of us are taking the chance for a summer break, the majority it seems are going to "staycations" as opposed to crossing the water; others of us are still only just slowly venturing out of our houses and getting used to mixing with crowds again. Fortunately, no pressure, and most are being allowed to choose their own pace.

IN BOLTON WE CONTINUE WITH OUR MONTHLY ONLINE MEETINGS

Other MLFHS meetings are also available and free to all members from our other branches. Just scroll down the page of this link <https://www.mlfhs.uk/> , and select an event. Visitors are also welcome for a small charge.

• Where?

Any convenient "perch" where you can access the internet and have a suitable appliance to connect up. All MLFHS members free. £3.00 to non-members.

• When?

Bolton's are 7.15pm for 7.30pm start on the first Wednesday of most months.

• How?

We use Eventbrite so all you need to do is open this page

<https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/events> , select the talk you wish to attend, left click and follow the booking instructions.



Wednesday 4th August 19:30 – 20:30 BST “Birth & Death – The Hidden Secrets of Registration” by Antony Marr by Zoom. This talk has not been recorded but handouts are available on our members website <https://www.mlfhs.uk/member-area/documents/bolton-records/meeting-notes-archive/2021-1>



In a change to our previously advertised talk we welcomed Antony Marr, a retired police officer with many years training experience, and former deputy registrar of births, deaths and marriages. He is now a professional genealogist and Chair of AGRA (Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives) with a specific interest in the records of civil registration. Anthony described how in his second career he soon found there was much he did not know about how civil registration works.

He next advised researchers to obtain the actual certificate instead of relying on indexes, as certificates are proof that an event took place, they are not however always totally accurate. Informants presumably have their own reasons for giving false information, but perjury has taken place and is a criminal offence. He stressed that the only original certificate is held by individual registration offices, and all certificates issued are copies of that original.

As the talk progressed, he certainly gave us plenty of surprises.

Births

- All births must be registered in the district in which the event occurred.
- A woman's maiden name is not necessarily the name she was given at birth. A maiden name is “the name in which a woman first contracted a marriage”.
- The address of the informant is the one where they are living on the day of the registration.
- It is commonly thought that births should be registered within six weeks of the births, but 12 months is the real time limit. After 12 months, a birth can only be registered on approval by the Registrar General.
- Before 1969, birth entries do not show any surname for the child, only a first name. Entries are indexed only for the parent(s). Many single mothers gave the surname of the father as one of the child's first names.
- From 1874, an unmarried father couldn't be entered on a birth register entry unless he was present to sign as a “joint informant” (until 1874, presumably the mother could name anyone as the father), and this situation is still the case today. Anthony gave an example of a mother who wanted her boyfriend to be named as the father of her baby, but he wasn't present – he was in jail. When he was released, the baby was re-registered in both parents' names, and reregistered again when the parents got married.
- It is essential to look closely at the informant column of a certificate. It tells you how the informant signed (not always their full names, initials and surname is often used), their qualification that allowed them to register the event. The mother is the preferred informant, but the father can register if married to the mother (or claiming to be). If two informants are listed on the informant column, then the parents aren't married. The mother can appear to be a married woman, but she might be married to someone other than the father.
- Births can be re-registered to add an unmarried father (from 1953) or to legitimise the birth after the later marriage of the parents (from 1926). The Registrar General can authorise a birth to be re-registered if he feels it is warranted, especially where fraudulent information has been given during the original registration. Re-registration creates a new register entry, as well as the original one.
- It is possible to register a birth by declaration. If a birth takes place away from the usual district, a mother can declare the details of the birth and the registrar will forward the information to the correct registrar.



Deaths

- All deaths must be registered in the district where it took place or where a body was found.
- They should be registered in the name the person used at the time of death, there is no requirement for it to match their birth name.
- On close scrutiny of a death certificate, it will be found there are numbered causes of death.

The first (no 1 or 1a) is the actual cause of death, which was caused by 1b, which was caused by 1c. Anything listed as 2 is a condition present and maybe contributory but not directly causing the death.

The informant of a death may be the most important piece of information. Any relative can register a death (the youngest informant dealt with by Mr. Marr was 14). Early certificates often give an informant and "present at the death" or "in attendance".

- Some certificates say "causing the body to be buried/cremated". This cannot be a funeral director but someone from a hospital or nursing home, especially if the deceased has no relatives. These days, where a couple have been living together as man and wife, the survivor can register the death, but it will say "causing the body to be buried".
- Lots of deaths are notified to the local coroner, but that doesn't mean the coroner deems it necessary to take any action.
- If a postmortem or inquest is to be performed, there might be a long delay before the death certificate is issued.
- It is often thought that a burial can't take place unless there's a death certificate, but that's not the case, a "Green Form" can be issued before or after a burial. A tear off slip from the Green Form is sent to the local Register Office when the burial/cremation has taken place. These are kept for a couple of years and then destroyed. It is notoriously difficult to find out where a burial took place so a researcher might not know where the burial took place, but the Registrar does!

Antony was happy to answer the many questions posed by the participants and is always happy to receive any other queries or unusual certificates. Forward to: www.chalfontresearch.co.uk

Notes from the talks are available on the MLFHS website <https://www.mlfhs.uk/member-area/documents/bolton-records/meeting-notes-archive/2021-1>

Thanks to Rita Greenwood for this very helpful report.

Our next Bolton talk will be

**Wednesday , 1 September 2021 19:30 – 20:30 BST by Zoom Bolton FHS Meeting –
"Researching illegitimate ancestors" by Anna Watson**

Anna Watson is a retired professional archivist with over 30 years' experience working at Lancashire Archives in Preston, specialising in probate and Church Court Records.

"The latter has led me to looking into how to find our illegitimate ancestors, a stumbling block for many family historians. My talk looks at legislation and sources beyond the filiation and maintenance order, hopefully offering new avenues for genealogists to explore. "

(Image. Hogarth's print of the examination of a pregnant woman, c1729).



Please book by Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bolton-fhs-meeting-researching-illegitimate-ancestors-tickets-128430660563>

OTHER COMING EVENTS

From the Lancashire Archives we are advised by them :-



Before your visit, please remember to register online for a new Archives card <https://archivescard.com/>

The old CARN tickets are no longer valid. Please upload a photograph during the online registration process and bring appropriate identification for us to check when you visit.



Online Talks We are really pleased to publish details of our online talk programme for the rest of this year.

There is no need to book – just click and join us on Zoom!

24th Aug 1-1.30pm “Oh I do like to be beside the seaside”, with Victoria McCann

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88056996886?pwd=UnprUVpydlIjM216aFZkZERrRkwyQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5699 6886 Passcode: 662450

30th Sep 1-1.30pm “A Summer of Sport – celebrating Sports Heritage Day”, with Victoria McCann

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89267682022?pwd=ajBmQ05pSW4wd092cU1PWDI2YU9yZz09>

Meeting ID: 892 6768 2022 Passcode: 950850

29th Oct 6.30-7pm “The Witch of Woodplumpton”, with Kathryn Newman

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81640361254?pwd=N3JZVU80Q245MDQxMk10T3FjY2oxZz09>

Meeting ID: 816 4036 1254 Passcode: 409465

26th Nov 1-1.30pm “Not disabled, just differently abled” -marking Disability History Month with Victoria McCann <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81485594746?pwd=ekxrNzgzbmV6cVtYVB6K0V0L0xOQT09>

Meeting ID: 814 8559 4746 Passcode: 494976

14th Dec 4.30-5.30pm “Joy to the World” with Victoria McCann and Kathryn Newman

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85884182038?pwd=Yi8xUk9mUURqVWV4Zld0ZUhScUNnUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 8418 2038 Passcode: 724718



Saving Rock Hall Farnworth

Some of you might recall the article shown here a few months ago re the successful application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding to save Rock Hall in Moses Gate Country Park, Farnworth. This Hall was built in 1807 by Thomas Crompton papermaker, who died before he could take up residency. Instead, it became the home of his son Thomas Bonsar Crompton inventor of the innovative continuous-drying apparatus for paper making, which contributed to introducing cheap newspapers for the masses.

<http://thomasbonsarcrompton.info/>. The building is now sadly in desperate need of renovation



The project, led by Jayne and Chris Allman was awarded just short of £100,000 to launch the scheme, and initial moves have now been made to gain community involvement. This newsletter is posted too late to advertise the free Zoom talk “Why Archaeology” given by Dig Ventures <https://digventures.com/> on August 5th but a link to the recording will be posted here <https://www.facebook.com/RockHallFarnworth>. We all found it really interesting, and it looks as though we could be enjoying our own Time Team experience here in Farnworth soon (but no Tony Robinson, he was too expensive 😊).

Dig Venture are next offering free workshops as below, as an introduction to preparing material which it is hoped will eventually be made available for an exhibition in the renovated building.

How to build a Community Archive for Local People :

They tell us that “Rock Hall has a wealth of historical information, old pictures, characters from the past and hidden heritage which we think people would love to know more about. Archive material provides access to fascinating stories about people and places but can be difficult to get into unless you are a researcher or know where to look.

The Save Rock Hall project is currently exploring ways that the history of the site can be made more accessible to everyone and become a real benefit to the local community. If you are an existing volunteer with the Rock Hall Trust, someone keen to get more involved in the project or simply fascinated by local archives – then come along! Our two Community Archive workshops will investigate how online archives and resources can help anyone explore records and learn about the past.

1.Thursday 12th August 2021, 18:30 – 19:30 Workshop One: What is a Community Archive?

Virtual workshop via Zoom will explore the vast range of information available online and look at how archaeologists and historians use archive information to research places like Rock Hall. Our key questions will be: How are community archives created? Why do they exist? What can we learn from them?

Book Workshop 1 here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/save-rock-hall-how-to-build-a-community-archive-for-local-people-tickets-165397697967>

2. Thursday 19th August 2021, 18:30 – 19:30 Workshop Two: How do you build a Community Archive?

Virtual workshop via Zoom How to build a Community Archive! Workshop 2 (August 19th) will invite you to join a conversation about what the Rock Hall Community Archive could include and how we might build one... what do you want to know about? How might it be used? Do you want to be involved in creating it?

Book Workshop 2 here : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/save-rock-hall-how-archaeologists-know-where-to-dig-tickets-163513432077>

What you'll learn

You'll learn about how you can access and use archive information to research your favourite places, and help contribute to the planning and creation of Rock Hall's Community Archive. The online workshops will introduce:

- what Community Archives are
- the range of community archives accessible online
- what archive materials can tell you about places
- how communities can benefit from local archives
- how communities build archives
- how you can help support the Rock Hall project through volunteering

This workshop will be run online by DigVentures on behalf of Banana Enterprise Network.

Why are we researching Rock Hall?

The online workshops are part of the Save Rock Hall project which aims to protect and breathe new life into the Hall, and to raise awareness to the nationally important industrial heritage of the Farnworth Paper Mill. The project will enhance and reveal the history surrounding the hall for everyone in the region to enjoy, and will develop a vibrant and viable multi-purpose space for the local community to use.

What's next?

This online class is open to everyone interested in the history of Moses Gate Park and likes the idea of a Community Archive. It is part of a series of online and field-based workshops about the heritage of Rock Hall and the Moses Gate Park which will run through August.

Field based activities will take place between the 27th and 31st August and will provide an opportunity to learn about geophysics, landscape survey and archaeology. Look out for news and booking details on the Save Rock Hall Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/RockHallFarnworth>

How to book

Registration links are provided in the details above. On registration, we ask some questions about you to help us understand who is coming to the event and taking part in the wider Save Rock Hall project. This is so we can provide feedback to our funders at the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Before the event, we'll send you a link for the live Zoom workshop or to the recording. After the event, we will send you a link to an evaluation form, so you can tell us if you enjoyed the workshop.

If you are not able to book online but would like to attend, please contact Jayne and the team at Banana Enterprise via Jayne@bananaenterprise.co.uk and include the following details:

- Your first name and surname
- Your email address
- Your year of birth (needed to confirm they are accessing all age groups,
- Your postcode, first half will do. "

PS despite the recent episodes of vandalism we have been assured that the funding will remain, and the project is all systems go. Reassuring <https://tinyurl.com/9an652ds>

GENIE'S TIPS for August

STOP PRESS re recent Ancestry News posted 02.07.2108

All Ancestry subscribers will have recently received an email notifying them of more updates and clarifications of their terms of service and privacy statement . <https://tinyurl.com/6nc5nm9c> . This has caused some alarm after eagle eyed legal beagles read the small print and noticed that "This time there is a change buried deep in its language that is of significance to users. Effective yesterday (3rd August 2021), a user can't change his or her mind about any content uploaded to Ancestry: as of yesterday, you've just gifted the rights to that content to Ancestry, forever. Read all about it in this blog from the Legal Genealogist <https://tinyurl.com/tpcyem99>

If you also read the comments under the blog there is a 30 day grace period for you to remove any content that you wish - which isn't mentioned in the main body of the post". (Thanks to the Cheshire FHS FB page <https://tinyurl.com/4z9u7rm4>)

We can't provide a generic answer to this but advice by Pete Norris on the Family Tree Maker FB group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ftmuk> suggests :-

Question

Further to the recent post about Ancestry having full rights to our media. If I delete all the media on Ancestry.com but leave it in FTM, next time I sync will it upload it all again?

Answer

Mark your media as private in the media space in FTM and it won't upload next time you sync.

In FTM, go into the media tab, you can select all the media in one go by select the first item, then hold shift key and select the last item, right click on the selection then select mark as private from the list.

Just to clarify things. The changes on Ancestry terms do not change ownership, it simply allows them to USE images etc. which is exactly what they could before anyway. It's a housekeeping exercise.

This article from Family Tree 06 August 2021 might also be helpful <https://tinyurl.com/4zu2trh2>

NB And one other note. Last year my FTM tree became corrupted, and I had to delete it and download a recent copy from Ancestry. I had lost much of my media that I had privatised though plus people who are still alive who I had privatised. It gets tricky, be careful .



FamilySearch releases include more than 30,000+ nonconformist church records for Lancashire. The records, added to FamilySearch on 12 July, include:

- 3,553 Lancashire, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1746-1799 <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4149574>
- 31,970 Lancashire Non-Conformist Church Records, 1647-1996 <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3656808>

They also of course offer

- England, Lancashire, Parish Registers 1538-1910 Lancashire parish registers containing baptisms, marriages/banns, and burials. <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1465701> Date ranges of available records may vary by locality



Land Registry Online

Land Registry Online <https://tinyurl.com/4c4rkd2y>

Do you all know about this site, with this aspect of it looking particularly helpful for family research, **Historical Title Registers (Including Previous Owners) & Title Plans** <https://tinyurl.com/r9s757vn> accessed 23.07.2021

"The Historical Title Register provides all the particulars relating to ownership of a property, the manner in which it is owned, and precisely what is owned, setting out the covenants, easements and restrictions affecting the property and its ownership. It is the only official document that proves a property's ownership beyond doubt, and is used by conveyancers to prepare the contract and transfer deed when transferring land from one owner to another.

A historical title register generally includes: a Property description, says who owns it, the Mortgage lender (if any), the price paid/value stated (if registered since 1st April 2000). It also mentions any Rights of way (not public rights of way) or other rights affecting the property restrictions or other conditions, and provides a wealth of additional property related information." ---



Findmypast plan major Scottish records launch New records available

- Scotland, Parish Births & Baptisms 1564-1929 <https://tinyurl.com/4ycmkz93>

The most comprehensively indexed collection of Scottish parish births and baptisms online, transcribed and compiled from a wide range of primary sources.

- Scotland, Parish Marriages & Banns 1561-1893 <https://tinyurl.com/te2z35c>

Millions of new regular, irregular and cross-border marriage records are now online, some for the very first time.

- Scotland, Parish Deaths & Burials 1564-2017 <https://tinyurl.com/57mrp9sp>

Search millions of new records, published in partnership with local societies, archives and volunteers covering Scotland.

(Note: some readers may be unaware that Findmypast is a Scottish-owned company – they are part of the DC Thomson group which is based in Dundee.)

Wills of the Isle of Man

Wills of the Isle of Man <https://tinyurl.com/yzvxc8v>

This seems to be a website run by Jim Smith based in USA but with strong Isle of Man roots, and he tells us he has acquired over 14, 000 will transcriptions which as far as I can understand are freely available . I have no personal names to verify. The dates cover 1600 to 1800 in total. If anyone decides to follow this up, please could you give us a report of same.



New Digital Resources for the Summer Collections / e- Posted 29-07-2021

Since the beginning of the year work has continued on digitising our collections and the following items and collections are now available to view from home on the Library's website and/or the catalogue:

Archives and Manuscripts

This is a blog about the work and collections of the National Library of Wales.

Due to the more personal nature of blogs, it is the Library's policy to publish postings in the original language only. An equal number of blog posts are published in both Welsh and English, but they are not the same

postings. For a translation of the blog readers may wish to try facilities such as Google Translate.

<https://translate.google.com/>

Online Events

These can be freely accessed via You Tube https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3UEYq-BdHW9PGdnn8stM1_Ro9quByp1j



Godfrey Maps

We have a quantity of local Alan Godfrey maps that we are able to offer for sale at £2.50

each (excludes p+p). The list can be accessed here for free on our Facebook page, where the details are pinned at the top of the page posted 25.07.21 and without needing to join Facebook.



The titles are taken from the OS 25" maps and reduced to a scale of approximately 14 inches to the mile. They are extremely detailed, showing individual houses, details such as railway tracks, pathways, pubs, factories and even minutiae such as fountains and signal posts. Each covers an area of a mile and a half by one mile, and includes an introduction and map coverage can be checked here -

<https://www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk/bolton.htm>

Please email bolton@mlfhs.org.uk with your order stating whether postage is required (at an additional cost). If you also have another edition not mentioned here, we hope to make a new order soon so please let us know your interests.

“Top Ten Tips to Finding your Ancestors pre-1837” by Genealogy Jude <https://tinyurl.com/4h2488vt> Posted on 24 Jul 2021

Some rather good ideas here I think, well worth a glance or longer.



Suggestions for French Research

‘The Basics of French Parish and Civil Registrations and Where to Find Them Online’ with Anne Morddel, for the Society of Genealogists (19 June 2021)

These suggestions are from an online talk given by Anne Morddel to the Society of Genealogists on the very specialised area of French genealogy. Most of the SoG talks are available to none members for a small charge, and apparently many who attended her previous talk came back for more. Almost a third of the audience were not currently members of SoG.

“The difficulties are not simply linguistic ones: they include understanding the purpose of the records, and how they were created, kept, and can now be accessed. Parish records in France go back to 1539, and from 1667 parish priests were ordered also to create duplicate copies” ---

 Geneanet <https://en.geneanet.org/> in English and extensive



Filae <https://en.filae.com/> English option

The French Genealogy Blog

<https://french-genealogy.typepad.com/genealogie/> a blog written by Anne Morddell a Genealogist based in France



Library and Archives Canada <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx>

We are told “As the custodian of our distant past and recent history, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is a key resource for all Canadians who wish to gain a better understanding of who they are, individually and collectively. LAC acquires, processes, preserves and provides access to our documentary heritage and serves as the continuing memory of the Government of Canada and its institutions.”



Chronicling America (ISSN 2475-2703) <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> “is a Website providing access to information about historic newspapers and select digitized newspaper pages, and is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). NDNP, a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress (LC), is a long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages. Supported by NEH, this rich digital resource will be developed and permanently maintained at the Library of Congress. An NEH award program will fund the contribution of content from, eventually, all U.S. states and territories.”

With thanks to Chris Paton of Genes Blog and his reader Robert Dolbeare. How useful after US and Canada newspapers have been removed from FindmyPast. Also, Chris has since had

Old Fulton New York Post Cards Support Forum <https://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html> and

Brooklyn Public Library 1809–1963 <https://bklyn.newspapers.com/> recommended. Please let us know.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Occupation of Mule Spinner Operator see Banner picture.

There are many websites discussing the invention of the original Spinning Mule by Bolton’s Samuel Crompton and the progress to a self-acting model

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spinning_mule (automatic) patented by Richard Roberts in 1825.

Our banner picture shows one local scene, and below the comments of Stanley Covell local historian who tells me “The mill I worked in was The North End Spinning Co, Tipping’s Road. Bolton, I was one of the last of my age to work on a Spinning Mule.

“Mule Spinning, the machine is call a Mule, invented by Samuel Crompton, I’ve worked on Mules in the spinning room. The Mule was a brilliant machine, but in the early days when young boys were employed as young as 8 years old, many lost their lives, the mule worked drawing thread through rollers, by a carriage pulling the twisted tread and the winding it onto cops, the machine run on rails in and outwards, the children had to sweep the cotton fly from underneath the machine with a handbrush whilst the machine was moving, if they were still under the machine when the carriage was on return they could be seriously injured and often killed, The children also had to wipe cotton fly off the moving carriage, this was called Scavenging and the kids were called scavengers, on more modern mules the machines had automatic travelling cleaning wipers that removed the cotton fly (cotton fly is the fine air borne fibres of cotton that settled on the machinery) automatically when the machine was moving. Bolton’s Samuel Crompton (3 December 1753 – 26 June 1827) was an inventor and pioneer of the spinning industry. Building on the work of James Hargreaves and Richard Arkwright he invented the spinning mule, a machine that revolutionised the industry worldwide. The only surviving example of a spinning mule built by the inventor Samuel Crompton, is in Bolton Museum.

Stanley is guessing that the last Mule to operate would probably be in the 1960’s 70’s. He recalls “I left working in the mill 1961, it was still running then”. Can anyone give and update on that please?



Of course, some are still on show in museums and I took the family to see one working at Helmsore museum only last week.

We are also told by John Connolly that "Spinners were on the top pay in the mill. They often controlled a small team of junior operatives and would pay their team from their own wages."



Friends of The Museum of Army Music

<https://tinyurl.com/9e593bth>

I came across this rather interesting website the other day, whilst researching the story of a bandsman. It describes the origins of the training of the official

military bands as we know and admire so much today. Sadly, the museum at Kneller Hall Twickenham was apparently closed last year as another austerity measure, and its contents are still awaiting a new home. I found its history fascinating though, and if you had a family member who trained to be a military bandsman, (or apparently the ladies were called musicians), since the Crimean War this is where they would have trained. We are told the humorous story of a rather rocky start. I cannot contact them by email for further enquiries so presume the Ministry of Defence would now be the place to ask now.

THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records

UK BMD Summary <http://goo.gl/l29JpL>



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



Lancashire Archives News and Events <https://goo.gl/H8UexE> for their latest newsletter you will find the current and last 6 months issues of the newsletter here: <https://www.flarchives.co.uk/newsletters.html>

21st July "Pre-war writings of Bolton schoolgirls inspire new book" <https://tinyurl.com/y9znwubh> by John Anson @LT_Features Regional Features Editor Lancashire

Following on from our talk last year by Dave Burnham about the follow up study now being undertaken to find out more about the Boltonian contributors to the Mass Observation Study of the 1930s it seems this discovery has been made.

"A FASCINATING account of the hopes and dreams of a class of girls living in pre-war Bolton will be published in a new book tomorrow. Class of 37 features essays written by pupils aged 12 and 13 from Pikes Lane School which had lain unread for more than 80 years. They were discovered by historians Hester Barron and Claire Langhamer while working on the Mass Observation Archive in Brighton. "We couldn't believe it when we came across a box of essays all from the same class," said Claire. "You don't often get the chance to see first-hand accounts of everyday life written by children. Usually the sources come from adults who have a different perspective."

The Mass Observation Project was led by Tom Harrison and in 1937 he set up a base in Bolton - which he named Worktown. The aim was to record all aspects of everyday life - including conversations held in cafes and pubs - and in the workplace.” ---

COMING ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER MLFHS BRANCHES

Please note these are all included free to subscribed MLFHS members, £3 to guests.

Wednesday , 8th September 19:00 – 20:00 'The Anglo Irish Treaty of 1921' by Dr Éamon Phoenix

As part of our 1921 Census project, we are pleased to present the online presentation 'The Anglo Irish Treaty of 1921: From the Irish War of Independence to Negotiations and Civil War'. Dr Phoenix is a trustee of the Ulster Historical Foundation and retired University educator from Stranmillis University College. He is a specialist in early twentieth century Irish political history and has written a highly acclaimed book called Northern Nationalism. Picture → shows the Irish Delegation at the Anglo-Irish Treaty Negotiations, 1921. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-anglo-irish-treaty-of-1921-tickets-148719924297>



Saturday 11th September 2021, at 2pm Oldham and District Branch

“A History of the Co-operative Movement ... from the Rochdale Pioneers to the present day” by Sophie

McCulloch

A talk, about the Co-op Archives, covering the development of independent Co-operative Societies; an explanation of the 'divi', and how different are the Co-ops of today.

There is the option to book for the talk through the MLFHS website, Oldham Branch, 'Meetings' Page.

<https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings>



Saturday , 18th September 2021 14:00 – 16:30 Anglo Scottish Branch Zoom talk

“Scottish Marriage Customs Buckled for Life”. By Chris Paton

In this presentation Chris will be talking about Scottish Marriage customs and how they have changed over time.

The Zoom invitation will be sent to those who have booked by 6.00 am on Friday 17th September. If you do not receive your invitation at that time, please contact angloscots@mlfhs.org.uk So do join us. We look forward to seeing you. Eventbrite Link <https://www.mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events>



ALL OTHER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES' MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED, BUT SOME LIKE US ARE TRYING TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.
WE ADVISE CHECKING THEIR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES PERIODICALLY FOR UPDATES ON SAME.



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

Email 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,



Turton Local History Society <https://goo.gl/adx4GM>

Illustrated talks and meetings are normally held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Longsight Church Centre, Harwood BL2 3HX beginning at 7.30pm. Please check their website for any updates.



Westhoughton Local History Group – <https://westhoughtonlocalhistorypresentationsandphotos.com/second-thursday-talks-zoom/> email howfenhistory@gmail.com

Meetings continue but not as we used to know them . Please use the link above to check their current arrangements . They now also have their own newsletter available named the Howfen Herald which you might like to read and follow. <https://tinyurl.com/45mjpm7>



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

Meetings have been held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Horwich Resource Centre, Beaumont Road (off Longworth Road), Horwich BL6 7BG.

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