



# Bolton's Genies



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Bolton Family History Society is a branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society  
banner picture shows our first live meeting for two years which was planned to be a hybrid event at our new venue.



Hello again everyone .

Well, the long expected date arrived, and here is just one picture from our meeting last night, more below. It was successful in that we had an attendance of 41 although it felt like a lot more, and the talk went well, see notes p 2 , but sadly we had a few setbacks as well, the main one being that the well-rehearsed Zoom broadcast failed on the night, and approximately another 50 booked Zoomers were not able to join the talk. We are needless to say very disappointed after all the effort that had gone into the preparation. It was also evident that despite all our publicity many members still do not understand the importance of booking beforehand as we need to control numbers, and also of cancelling places if they can't use them so that others can use their seats. Apparently 18 people who had booked places in the room did not arrive. Some did send their apologies, mainly for Covid contact, but others not and this is so frustrating. We need more work in this area.

We can tell you that our

- first solution has been to arrange another repeat talk Zoomed by Dr Alan Crosby which will be on Wednesday 27th April at 7.15pm. To get the link please book via <https://tinyurl.com/ymars9sr> on Eventbrite.
- Here also is this link for all future events, not all on sale yet of course. <https://tinyurl.com/3fwa4dn4> .

Follow

If you left, click on the "Follow" box on this page for all future Bolton FHS Eventbrite events and you should receive an email when the next talk is available for booking.

Please note that the opportunity to book usually closes at 4pm on the day, prior to the 7pm entrance time for the 7.30pm talk.

Just a reminder that our new venue is



**BOLTON GOLF CLUB ON CHORLEY NEW ROAD BL6 4AJ.**

This is the link describing how to get there from any local address, by private or public transport.

<https://www.boltongolfclub.co.uk/contact/how-to-find-us/>

## **BOOKING**

**ALL TALKS ARE STILL TO BE BOOKED VIA EVENTBRITE TO FACILITATE SAFE CONTROL OF NUMBERS IN THE ROOM. YOU WILL SEE TWO OPTIONS TO BOOK on this page, <https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/events>**

- **ONE FOR THE LIVE TALK,**
- **ONE FOR THE ZOOM**

Please apply for the ticket which suits your situation the best. We are now conducting normal physical meetings as we used to enjoy preCovid, whilst maintaining a safe environment regarding our new lifestyle. Let's look after and respect each other's concerns. If you feel unwell or have been in recent contact with someone else who is, please do the right thing and change to Zoom rather than a live meeting. Email our secretary if you can tell us you have had to cancel/change then we can reallocate seating. Wear masks if you feel more comfortable with one, use any sanitiser available on entrance, give each other space.

To our Zoomers we are doing our best, and hope that May's meeting will bring greater success than April's. We are all on a big learning curve here. We hope you are all able to join us, one way or another. .

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

- When? Bolton's are 7pm for 7.30pm start on the first Wednesday of most months.
- How? Following the guidelines as above .

**Wednesday 6th April 7.30pm Bolton Golf Club & Online via Zoom**

**Speaker: Dr Alan Crosby "Finding Aunt Sarah"**

It felt so good to be able to welcome back all those familiar faces both from our membership, and Dr Alan Crosby our speaker. Please don't be offended if I say It was almost like putting an old comfortable coat back on after a two year break and finding it still fitted. It also felt good being able to welcome new faces though to help regenerate our membership, and many lapsed members re-joined on the night. The downside was the lack of Zoom contact with our members who have been supporting us for the last 18 months, through the pandemic and we hope they don't feel abandoned now because they are not.

We have a Plan B rest assured, and I hope you will already have seen the details re a **repeat Zoom talk Wednesday 27th April at 7.15pm** <https://tinyurl.com/56ddwt95> to book.



Alan started by introducing us to his "honorary" Aunt Sarah who he remembered fondly as a child, visiting her regularly on the summer holiday trips from Surrey to the "family seat" in Lancashire and the northwest. She was not an actual blood relative but someone like so many of us have in our extended family circle, who we have grown up with and regarded with the same love and respect. He showed a picture of her with two companions, discovered recently on an old, well loved, black and white picture he had found during a family clear out. She lived in Openshaw where his mother also came from. He realised he did not even know for certain if/ she had died, or what her actual link was with his Mum, and resolved to investigate.

Firstly, he found Sarah's year and quarter of death in 1983 quite easily, knowing the approximate time period and location, and ordered the certificate the cheapest way using the GRO index <https://tinyurl.com/nvh6rpyv>. This revealed she had died in Bury General 30.01.1983, gave her maiden name of Bridge, date of birth as 15<sup>th</sup> June 1895 Beswick, told him she was the widow of William Henry Ince, and gave her address then as Kyleakin Court, Heywood, with the informant being Alice Marston of Poole Dorset, described as stepdaughter. This was of course a treasure trove of information. Alan now remembered an Uncle Henry, and the fact that Auntie Sarah used to visit an Alice Dawson living in Bournemouth. The pieces of the jigsaw were beginning to fit together.



The 1939 Register now revealed another address in Anglesea Ave, Harpurhey where William, Sarah, and their daughter Alice Ince had all lived, and Sarah was described as a specialist "blouse machinist". He recalled he had pictures of various street scenes, including Anglesea Ave, showing a row of terraced houses and a group of children and he speculated he could identify the homes where vaguely remembered people had probably lived.

Going backwards now, having found Sarah's date of birth and maiden name, he found Sarah's birth certificate, at St Marys Hospital Manchester. Even then the hospital was a prestigious mother and children's unit and at a time when most births were at home for ordinary folk, there was the question of why her

Mum Elizabeth Bridge nee Hall went there for her delivery. Her father was named as Thomas William Bridge a journeyman velvet dyer . The area she lived in , not far from Phillips Park cemetery was said to be the most deprived in the country at that time though.

Alan next found Elizabeth and Thomas' marriage records at St Barnabas Openshaw which gave her father's name of Joseph, and then went on to find her family in the 1871 census at Holbrook Ave , St Clements Manchester. Elizabeth's father, Sarah's grandfather, had been a planer for machines. Elizabeth had two siblings then, and her paternal , widowed grandmother Elizabeth Hall was living with them, having moved from Burton on Trent. This was a typical three generation household of the time, with new occupations changing from rural to industrial. Looking at their marriage certificate it was noted that this was Thomas' second marriage, and he was quite a bit older than her.

In 1891 Elizabeth's parents were in bigger and better housing in Openshaw having had 9 children, and some now out earning and bringing in four wages .

Elizabeth was not with them here though; she had moved on with her specialised use of the sewing machine and was lodging with a family on Richmond Street in Chorlton where she was a buttonhole maker. She married Thomas Bridge , in 1893, and had two girls Sarah and Lily soon after. She was widowed in 1898, and married Samuel Wiley a joiner from Birmingham in 1901. Sarah was then just 5 years old , and sister Lily aged 3. In 1911 the new family were living on Whitworth Street. In 1921 the sisters were by themselves living on Clayton Lane and employed in the textile industry.

In 1927 Sarah married William Henry Ince a railway employee. It was his second marriage and he brought daughter Alice born 1921 to the new household. He died in 1953 leaving Sarah £476.

Alan next showed a timeline he had made of events in the Ince family, Sarah's husbands line. It seems his first wife Alice A Williamson had died soon after giving birth to daughter Alice in 1921 . In the 1939 Register William, Sarah and Alice Ince they were all together as mentioned above and sister Lily was by herself living on Clayton Lane South.

Intriguingly though Alan had also found Sarah's mother , Elizabeth Wiley, , widowed and in Crumpsall Hospital aka the Workhouse in 1939, occupied with domestic duties!! She died there in November 1939. On researching Elizabeth's will on the National Probate Register <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills> Alan found she had left £1111 10s 6d. As her husband William Ince had only left her £476 the question is where did all the money come from and go to? Could she have built it up over the years of her specialised career as a seamstress??? The question remains unanswered, but Alan does know that both Elizabeth and daughter Lily received some quite skilled legal advice from a family friend who was determined to ensure the legacy would be protected and received by the right bloodline !!! Lily died in 1949 and left £607 8s 11d to her sister Sarah, so maybe that is part of the answer, but a lot of money for those days.

Thank you, Alan. What a happy life story you have found of her, and she seems to have made it to a good age of 87 after all those "trials and tribulations".



Next Bolton FHS Meeting is

**Wednesday 4th May 7.30pm Bolton Golf Club & Online via Zoom**  
**“Taking Care of the Past: Packaging and Handling Archives” Speaker: Mark O'Neill**

Mark has told us he is , “ an Archive Conservator (Preventive) at Lancashire Archives and is a qualified Preventive Conservator and has worked at local government archives since 2019. He is also Joint Training Officer for the ARA Preservation & Conservation Group.

He plans to bring some sample archive materials to demonstrate some aspects of handling whilst he is talking, and give a short introduction about himself, the archive, and Conservation in general, and then a presentation on document handling. There should be plenty of time for Q&A's and a discussion.”

Ticket links bookable now

Live <https://tinyurl.com/yrep8c8j>

Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/39599saf>



### GENIE'S TIPS for



I don't think I have reminded you recently of this excellent newsletter from Peter Calver, but it is free,( always offering good tips and knowledge) , and up to date news , which even most seasoned researchers still enjoy and learn from. A link to a new newsletter is usually sent out about every two weeks. If you want to go one step further, for £12 a year, you can even subscribe and join in the scheme which involves finding as many of your ancestors as possible who were around in the free to access 1881 census, and adding them to the Lost Cousins list in the hopes that another subscriber can match them, and thus extend each other's knowledge. <https://tinyurl.com/2h5f9v2d>

### **National Probate Register- Searches**

Has anyone else been getting really frustrated re the failing payment mechanism on the Beta version of the above <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills> I have at last managed to order a will after many weeks of problems, and I believe others have for a lot longer.

When you have found the will that you want you are asked to fill in all the details including the Folio number if they have one. I ordered it but was not able to pay. Advice appeared on an FB group saying it had worked for her by not putting the Folio number in. I have just done the same and the money has at last been accepted and gone out of my bank account. It says I might still have to wait up to 4 weeks but at least my £1.50p has gone through.

## An iPhone / iPad Trick from Allan Mees via Scottish Indexes

13th April <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scottishindexes/?ref=share>

A Document Scanning Tip - Instruction in the following link.

<https://www.geeky-gadgets.com/how-to-scan-with-an-iphone-11-04-2022/> "How to scan documents using your iPhone or iPad with Notes" April 11, 2022 By Julian Horsey

I've used my iPhone camera to take photographs of source documents but didn't realise there is a super scan function in the iPhone Notes app which produces excellent results which can be auto cropped and saved as a pdf. The scan can be annotated in the Notes app and exported as a pdf.

My hint would be to turn Auto off when you want to scan.

## MISCELLANEOUS



Bolton standing in for Birmingham in the Peaky Blinders and London for spy thriller The Ipcress File

13.03.2022 | By Chris Hastings | Daily Mail

<https://tinyurl.com/4abfjd73>

Where else have you spotted Bolton and area on recent TV series? It is becoming quite exciting isn't it.

## THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records



<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 and more



From the MLFHS Forum for subscribed members

<https://www.mlfhs.uk/research/getting-help/member-forum/forum-handbook>

Hi All

I have just added references to the 543 streets and establishments, which appear on the Alan Godfrey reproduction OS map for Bolton (North), to the Godfrey Maps Index in the public area of the web site.

Also now added to the listing page is a schematic showing the maps which cover much of the Greater Manchester area and the sheets which have been street indexed.

If you own any of the other sheets and would be prepared to index the streets for the online index, please let me know and I will let you know what is needed.

John Marsden

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(Editor Please note those of you able to attend our live meetings now, that we have a new stock of local Godfrey maps available for sale at a discount price of £2.50 )

## MEMBERS COMMENTS, QUERIES, and MEMORIES

We have a few this month

- **Bolton Town Council Chamber**

Some of you might remember a visit BFHS made to Bolton's illustrious town hallway back in 2015. It seems much further back than that now of course, and how life has changed since. We did get the chance to look around many of the rooms though, and we were actually shown the Council Chamber where the main meetings are held, and we were permitted to try some of the seats out.

Yesterday was the first time I have had the chance to watch a full council session in action though, and this was also quite an experience. I didn't even know it could be done. Wednesday, 23rd March 2022 at 7:00pm - Bolton Council Webcasting .

BFHS is of course supporting the campaign to save Rock Hall Farnworth, which was the home of Thomas Bonsar Crompton, inventor of the paper drying process which enabled the production of cheap paper and thus newspapers and books for mass education , and this was why I was watching it, when further plans and funding support were being discussed.

[https://bolton.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast\\_interactive/660236?force\\_language\\_code=en\\_GB](https://bolton.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/660236?force_language_code=en_GB) .

Democracy in the raw, and I presume the same procedure has been used for many years. If interested in the question re Rock Hall, please scroll down to Councillor Flitcroft question . We have all our fingers crossed, plus a lot of work done on the Crompton papermakers family tree , with many interesting surprises. These will be available for reference hopefully if/ when the funding for the next stage is achieved.





- Received 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 From recently widowed Carole Cockshott who kindly wrote us her story about her family's emigration to Australia from the Bolton/ Bury area a few decades ago, which was published in last month's edition. Subject: Bolton March Newsletter <https://tinyurl.com/2p93vjk2>

Hello . I am a bit late reading this new edition of the newsletter. I was thrilled with the article and if any pieces were cut to make it fit then I was not able to spot them.

If you hadn't encouraged me, I would never have written to Bolton School and got not only photos of Bryan which we had never seen before but an insight into his early life about which we knew nothing. His mother may have had school photos, but she tossed most family photos out when they came here. I have a few in an album which she had but only two of Bryan as a small boy plus the one of him as a choirboy and the other with his trophies.

Thank you most sincerely as writing this has enabled me to have something to do in my hour of need. Carole and family.



Then quite by chance we have another story also relating to a family who left Bolton to take their chances down under .

- We received this enquiry early April. What a wonderful name!!

**David Bone Nightingale Jack (3 April 1898 – 10 September 1958)**

<https://tinyurl.com/nec3d3yp> England Football Online accessed 06.04.2022. More on

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David\\_Jack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Jack) Wikipedia and elsewhere.

Picture courtesy of

<https://tinyurl.com/f7epd6dx> "Bolton Wanderers legend David Jack's 1930 FA Cup winners medal for sale - for up to £15,000" Bolton News 30th October 2013

<https://tinyurl.com/urpm28am> "The Footballer Made in Heaven – The Story of the David Jack Family Dynasty" February 15, 2019



"I think the people of Bolton would appreciate the placing of a Plaque on the birthplace of their legendary Footballer, David Bone Nightingale Jack, who scored the first goal at Wembley in 1923 when Bolton beat West Ham United. As well as Captaining England he commanded a transfer fee exceeding £10,000 for the first time when Bolton sold him to Arsenal for £10,890. He was born on Chorley Old Road in the building now occupied by the Premier Convenience Store or the flat above. The Heritage Trust say that some History Societies support such projects. Please advise? Regards - Gordon Niven "





So, what do you think about this idea? I personally feel it is rather sad that on immediate enquiry few of us knew of this son of Bolton, but maybe the question was directed to the wrong people. Further enquiries reveal there have already been commemorations elsewhere. Pictures courtesy of Alamy <https://tinyurl.com/5yt8bwre> accessed 06.04.2022.

We presume the suggestions will be to have similar happen here, as they have done in Southend. Any offers for action? We are told that a blue plaque usually costs around £250, and it would of course need liaison with the owner of the house etc.

It would also be interesting to know if there are still any of his family in the Bolton area who would like to assist. Please does anybody know anything about this.



- Received late March 2022

**“Research re Kay and Company Brass Founders of Black Horse Street” by Lois Dean**

“Hello. I am a local and family history researcher who has been asked to trace information on the Bolton brass founders Kay & Co, by a Mr Jim Dale, son of the company’s former managing director, James Alfred Dale.

(Editor Picture courtesy of Graces Guide

<https://www.gracesguide.co.uk/File:Im19191101IM-KayCo.jpg> )

Mr James A Dale worked for Kay & Co in Black Horse Street, Bolton, from the 1930s until the late 1950s, first as Finance Director and later Managing Director. His son would like to find out more about the company during the 20th century and in particular during the time his father worked there with the intention of writing a book for his family and for the wider Bolton community, if there is sufficient interest.

We have been unable to find company records or related information for the period and so I am writing in the hope that Bolton News readers may be able to help. Does anyone have relatives who worked at Kay & Co or who dealt with the firm on a regular basis? Perhaps you have come across documents relating to the business? Also welcome are stories about the firm and the Kay family’s involvement in the wider community.

Mr Dale is particularly interested in the war work carried out by Kay & Co during World War II, such as what items were manufactured to support the war effort?

If you can help, then we would be delighted to hear from you. I can be contacted via email at [loisedean@icloud.com](mailto:loisedean@icloud.com) or by post at 2 Gatemere Close, Worsley, M28 7UY.”

Many thanks, Lois Dean





## COMING ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER MLFHS BRANCHES

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



Manchester branch <https://mlfhs.uk/manchester/events>

Sat, 23 April 10:30 – 12:30pm Live only , at the Manchester Central Library

Michael Couper Explains what you can find in the censuses and how they have changed over time” To book a ticket please follow <https://tinyurl.com/bdfxjpdh>



Oldham and District Branch

Saturday 9th April at Gallery Oldham, 2pm, a hybrid meeting in the Education Suite. Saturday, 2pm – 3,30pm

“Joseph Briggs and the Tiffany Glass Collection at the Haworth Art Gallery Accrington” An illustrated talk given by Douglas Jackson,

\* No booking is necessary for attendance in the Library. Members free, non-members free.

\* Booking for zoom attendance is free to all on Eventbrite. <https://tinyurl.com/ryudz785>



Anglo Scottish Branch at Manchester Central Library.

Sat, 7<sup>th</sup> May 14:00 – 16:30pm Live only

“Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors at the National Archives” Audrey Collins . To book a ticket please follow <https://tinyurl.com/yu4h4bv2>

## OTHER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES’ MEETINGS.

WE ADVISE CHECKING THEIR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES PERIODICALLY FOR UPDATES ON SAME.



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

Email .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,

26th April Julie Lamara “A Vote and a Voice”



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

Illustrated talks and meetings are held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Thursday of beginning at 7.30pm. This next month’s event is

Thursday 28th April 7.30pm at Harwood Methodist Church, Longsight Visitors £2.00

Speaker: Richard Horrocks “James Kay of Turton Tower (1774 - 1857)

“Originally from Entwistle, James Kay was the inventor of a novel wet spinning system for flax in 1825. His invention enabled very fine linen yarns to be produced by steam driven machinery, and provided the impetus for the growth of the Irish linen industry in the second half of the 19th century. His wet spinning process is still the basis of modern spinning of fine linen yarns, although the industry is now concentrated in Russia and China.

He became sufficiently wealthy from his invention to be able to buy and refurbish Turton Tower to the state that may be seen to this day. <http://www.turtonhistory.com/2021/11/james-kay-of-turton-tower-1774-1857.html>



**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.

Next Meeting 21 April : Ruth Duckworth - North Korea

And don't forget their next big May event is -

**14<sup>th</sup> May : Lancashire Local History Federation Conference at Westhoughton High School. BL5 3DN** For details please see

[http://www.westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk/Westhoughton\\_History\\_Group/Events.html](http://www.westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk/Westhoughton_History_Group/Events.html)



**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.

**12th Apr 2022 Handloom Weavers of Horwich & Elsewhere - Geoff Timmins**

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