

# **Bolton's** Genies



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Bolton Family History Society is a branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society Banner picture shows the return of the great family tradition of walking to the Pike at Rivington on Good Friday. Picture courtesy of the Bolton News "Families enjoy traditional Good Friday walk to the pike - the first in two years. The area was packed with hundreds of people enjoying the hike" <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8kjt2y">https://tinyurl.com/2p8kjt2y</a>

Hello and welcome to our May edition. I am writing these notes as we review the success of our second hybrid meeting since we have started to slowly resume pre pandemic life. I hope all are agreed this was much more successful than our first, but we accept there is still some room for improvement. I do also think we need to applaud Michael Isherwood and Graham Holt for their dedication to the cause, and thank them for the hours of personal time they have both been giving on trying to work out the technicalities of all the new wiring etc that has been involved. What you can see on the night is just the tip of the iceberg believe me, and of course they went straight after work, so not even a tea break.

We have little else to report this month apart from our Graham Holt's nomination and acceptance of the role of Fellow of MLFHS at the recent Manchester AGM. We are very proud of him, and more details p6.

All MLFHS branches are now offering physical talks, see details below; some are also hybrids but apparently there are issues re use of Wi-Fi at Manchester Central Library, so this is still causing problems. It is the way we all hope to move forward though.

I leave you with a timely reminder from Peter Calver in one of his recent Lost Cousins newsletters which would seem to be sensible for us all to consider in these difficult times. Please read the section entitled "Russia with love" in https://www.lostcousins.com/newsletters2/18thbirthdaynews.htm

#### BFHS's MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE BOTH LIVE AND ONLINE

Our live talks are held upstairs at our new venue, Bolton Golf Club, Chorley New Road, BL6 4AJ. This is the link to get there from any local address by private or public transport.

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

The talks are also zoomed from there, and usually given by a visiting speaker.





Just occasionally though we will be taking advantage of modern technology and welcoming a speaker who is not actually on our premises, but speaking from elsewhere.

This will happen when individuals, who are known to be top quality in their area of expertise. are based some distance away and enough to make commuting complicated and expensive. We will instead be seeing them on the screen in our meeting room, (admittedly a bit larger than life ), as well as streaming the same screen to our Zoomers.

The usual facilities will still be available in the room, including our book stall and recycling tables and tea/ coffee provisions and we will, therefore, hopefully have the best of both worlds. Meetings from other branches of the MLFHS also remain available, some live, some Zoomed, some Hybrid, and free to all members. Just scroll down the page of this link <a href="https://www.mlfhs.uk/">https://www.mlfhs.uk/</a>, and select an event. Visitors are also welcome for a small charge, but all need to be booked beforehand.



#### **BOOKING**

ALL TALKS NEED TO BE BOOKED VIA EVENTBRITE TO FACILITATE SAFE CONTROL OF NUMBERS IN THE ROOM.

YOU WILL SEE TWO OPTIONS TO BOOK on this page, <a href="https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/events">https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/events</a>

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

select the talk you wish to attend, left click and follow the booking instructions.

Bolton's meeting room opens at 7pm for a 7.30pm start on the first Wednesday of most months. Refreshments, book table with Godfrey maps, recycling of genealogical magazines and other FHS journals are all available for your browsing. Zoomers can sign in from 7.15pm

#### PLEASE NOTE

If after booking a place you find you are unable to attend, please could you cancel your place so that others can use it. We are finding many are booking but not attending. We have a limited capacity in the room, and may have to turn unbooked attenders away unnecessarily

#### RECENT AND COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 4th May "Taking Care of the Past: Packaging and Handling Archives" by Mark O'Neill - an Archive Conservator (Preventive) at Lancashire Archives and a qualified Preventive Conservator

This was a hybrid talk, i.e., live in the Room, and by Zoom (see booking links above)

I think all will agree that Mark, who is based at the County Record Office in Preston, gave us excellent information on the correct way to handle precious and old documents, explaining that the material at

the CROs are composed mainly of archival one-off documents that can't be replaced.

He first discussed the history of the Preston Archives with their first launch in 1940 and update in 1975, then he went on to discuss their procedures in caring for the different items.

Perhaps obviously, he recommended careful handling of every document being used, with clean dry hands, and touching as little as possible. It is good to bear in mind your own safety alongside that of the document itself, for example some material is behind glass which can't be removed and may be damaged, possibly cutting the user, others might contain pollutants from when they were originally in everyday use in the work area. The mantra is minimal handling but need to accept occasional compromise in order to use for research. Everyone is used to seeing the use of cotton gloves in television programmes, but they can cause damage in some cases and if dirt is transferred to the gloves, then that can in turn be transferred to a document. Cotton gloves cause loss of delicacy of touch, thus breaking already fragile documents. These days nitrile gloves are used.

Mark went on to recommend how to conserve your own material at home. As well as the above points, storage in attics and basements isn't good and where documents have mould on them, this can cause respiratory problems. If studying a document with a wax seal, it is good practice to lay the seal itself on a soft surface in order to protect it (and its surrounding tape) from damage.(picture → right shows a document we saw at Preston on a previous class visit with a hanging seal)

It's impossible to tell how long a rolled up document is, so

it is good practice to unroll it a bit at a time, placing something along the length to keep it as flat as possible. Paper from times past was usually made of cotton or linen rags and quite robust, but new faster techniques were introduced to reduce costs, but these were not as good for longevity. Both acid and alkalis are very bad for documents so use archival quality pvc envelopes which are chemically inert, rather than the plastic version bought at normal stationer's shops. Even envelopes advertised as archival quality may not be up to museum standards. (Please see a recommended list of sources below). Under no circumstances use Sellotape on documents, the adhesive fails, and the document will be stained by residue from the Sellotape.





Biro and other modern tools for writing is also an anathema to conservators. Scribes used to make their own ink using variations of iron gall to make gallic acid which was mixed with iron salts (<a href="https://irongallink.org/how-to-make-ink-ingredients.html">https://irongallink.org/how-to-make-ink-ingredients.html</a>) but these fade in time, making e.g. an entry in a parish register almost impossible to read, the only possible remedy is the use of infra-red light. Under professional conditions supports are usually used to access these documents with minimal risk to the item.



Keep anything you want to maintain safely out of a damp atmosphere and preferably at a temperature of between 13 and 23C. Archive conditions are meticulously controlled in temperature, humidity and air flow. Books should be stored upright but large books are best stored flat. Only use acid free bookmarks, and no paperclips. (Manchester Library once had to ask people returning books to their lending library not to use bananas as bookmarks!) Pull the book from a shelf by grasping the middle of the spine rather that the top. There were many questions afterwards and time ran out. The audience were invited to submit any others by email to <a href="mailto:boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk">boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk</a> to be passed on to Mark. Here are some, and if you have more Mark has kindly agreed to accept same.

From one member,

Q1 "There were a couple of things I would have asked Mark last night had time permitted. He was talking about what I think he said was red fox when binding deteriorated and became powdery. I wondered whether books so damaged would ever be produced for study at the CRO."

A1 "Red rot is when the leather of books from about late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries show a particular type of deterioration, most commonly as a red dust on the surface. This deterioration affects the fibrous structure of the leather itself, and leather suffering from red rot can disintegrate completely. This is usually attributed to how the leather was treated during the tanning process as well as the pollution these books will have absorbed during the Industrial Revolution period of their lifetimes and is unfortunately irreversible — treatment plans focus on preventing further damage. The simplest method is improving storage — acid-free tissue or archival boxes show reduced deterioration. A more advanced treatment option is to use a sealant or consolidant to prevent further deterioration and hold weakened leather together."

Q2 "I would also be interested to have Mark's take on the usual office box files for home use. They seem quite robust and similar to the cardboard boxes they use in Preston".

A 2"Office box files can sometimes be problematic if they have a metal binder, this can rust, and can also cause physical damage to the papers. The cardboard used in their construction is likely to become acidic over time, too. Ultimately, however, they are usually better than no box at all and usually much more available than bespoke archival boxes, so will serve as acceptable storage for most records if nothing better is available/affordable. For long-term storage, however, they are not the best storage option."

Q3 "I had also been hoping to ask about an apprenticeship indenture from my own family dated 1807 that I received rolled up in a cardboard roll maybe 20 years ago. via two maiden great aunts and my father. I think I was the first to try to extract them from the roll for much longer than that. Not knowing what it was I slowly started to unfold it and let it open naturally for a several days on a flat surface. I have then stored it flat in a drawer under my bed between two sheets of artist grade acid free paper but without any weight on top. . I



would guess it is about A1 in paper size so too big for much else. Am I doing the right thing or should I be doing anything else please."

A 3 The indenture being flattened – this is quite similar to how we try and flatten documents ourselves. No, not using a bed! But using weights, and time. As long as the material of the document is happy to be unfolded, and doesn't feel too brittle, and doesn't have anything like wax seals or illumination on the surface that might be damaged by the document being flexed or by the weights being placed upon it, it should (without seeing the document in question this is not a guarantee, I'm afraid!) be an acceptable way to gently flatten the document.

I would definitely try and get some good quality images of the document whilst open, so that if in the future you do need to refold or reroll it for storage, you can refer to these without having to open the document again.

(Editor Oh dear! Best of intentions but when I did this 20 years ago, I could not find any advice anywhere. Maybe too late now, but also maybe such a common story. (3)

It was good to see we had 34 attending in the room and another 30 online zooming in from Australia, Belfast and Wigan as well as other parts of Greater Manchester. We had thought everything had worked well this time, certainly better than previously, but it appears the Zoomers were disconnected, we think maybe an hour after the talk had started, possibly due to the unforeseen timer limitations. This will obviously need adjusting and we can only apologise once again. Mark is obviously an accomplished speaker and happily coped with the apparatus.

We accept a few tweaks on our behalf are still needed such as questions from the floor could not be heard by those at the back or on Zoom, and we are getting used to the different shaped room and acoustics. If you haven't yet felt brave enough to venture out though, please do join in. We are very conscious of allowing space for each other, but it is also so good to enjoy each other's company again, in a comparatively spacious, open planned area. See picture page 2.

The link for the handling video is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VOTOrxavhs

Here also are a few of the suppliers mentioned or approved by Mark

Conservation by Design (CXD): https://www.cxdinternational.com/

Ryder Boxes: https://www.ryderbox.co.uk/

Preservation Equipment Limited (PEL): https://www.preservationequipment.com/

Conservation Resources: https://conservation-resources.co.uk/

I also asked about My History Pockets – https://www.my-history.co.uk/ (who we have dealt with in the past), and Mark now deems OK – "they appear to be polypropylene, not PVC, which is the one you want to steer clear of."

We may hopefully be able to approach some of these firms to see if a bulk order might be dealt with favourably!! Watch this space.

#### Wednesday, May 11th, 13:00 Manchester AGM and Award of MLFHS Fellowship to Graham Holt

I was unable to attend this meeting, but others managed it and were able to watch our very own Graham Holt, become a Fellow of the MLFHS. This was the citation that we submitted describing his immense contributions to the society.

"Graham joined the Bolton Committee in May 2014 and the Manchester Executive from June 2014.

He became Deputy Chairman to Brian Whittle in May 2016 and on Brian's retirement took over as Chairman of the Branch in June 2017, serving for four years until January 2021.

Prior to becoming Chairman, he was also Journal Secretary for some years, only giving up that post when he became Chairman.

He served as a member of the panel spearheading the introduction of the new MLFHS website.



One of his main interests is in project work. Again, he was very involved in projects before becoming Chairman, and has resumed that role since withdrawing as Chairman two years ago. Projects he has worked on or managed include:

- Bolton Marriages 1837-1892 for Lancashire BMD (over 330,000
- Bolton Poll Registers 1832 and 5 subsequent years
- Early Bolton Victoria Hall Baptisms
- Bolton Workhouse Creed Register (over 50,000 lines)
- Bolton Workhouse Servants Register
- Protestation Returns 1642 for Bolton and Deane
- Egerton URC Missing and Medal Roll XXth Regiment of Foot 1800-1814

He also organised all the printing of Branch literature and an open day in Bolton library, and has attended the Manchester and other Family History fairs regularly as Bolton's representative.

He continues to be an active member of the Branch and has become involved with the Zooming of meetings, hosting each meeting, and working with Michael Isherwood on the technical side of the forthcoming face-to-face/Zoom meetings. His duties have recently extended to managing liaison with Eventbrite and he posts all details of future meetings and bookings for talks.

The Bolton Committee believe that he would be a worthy recipient of a Fellowship award by MLFHS." The AGM was preceded by a talk about Antiques and Curios in Urmston, Flixton and Davyhulme, followed by another talk, this time about Lydia Becker - Suffragist, Scientist and Trailblazer".



#### 20 May 2022 2 .15 - 3 pm "How does your garden grow?" Free Zoom talk from the Lancashire Archives

Join Archivist Victoria McCann for a look at archives relating to the history of gardens at Lancashire Archives. To join Zoom, follow this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82396141539?pwd=cGhwL3BVTkZYNWpDcjBhKy8ybVhsQT09#success Meeting ID: 823 9614 1539 Passcode: 562935

Sat May 21st - 11am - Bolton Central Library in the Lecture Theatre in the Central library, Le Mans Crescent. "A-Z of Bolton Book Launch" Join us for the launch of Dave Burnham's new book, the A-Z of Bolton

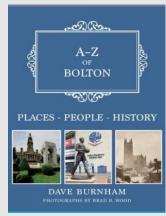


- A fascinating exploration of the history of Bolton highlighting its people, places and events across the centuries. Dave Burnham will give an illustrated talk introducing the book.

This will also include a reading of a newly discovered, unpublished Bill Naughton tale. In A–Z of Bolton local author Dave Burnham

focuses on the town's history and seeks to provide a link between its past and present. He mentions well known people and events, Nat Lofthouse, Peter Kay and Fred Dibnah for instance, but features many more who have been forgotten including Henry Ashworth, the Quaker model mill owner, martyred priest George Marsh and experimenter in mesmerism Dr Joseph Haddock.





There is a mix of well-known and obscure history included - the 1651 execution of James Stanley (7th Earl of Derby) for instance and the 1946 Burnden Park disaster, but also former slave James Watkins, the first street demonstration against Salman Rushdie's The Satanic Verses and Foxy, the last clogger in town. Illustrated throughout, this engaging and informative book will appeal to all those interested in the town's heritage. Pub. 15/5/22 £15.99 – "Vast discount" at \*\*Free Event\*\* no need to book

Wednesday 1st June 2022, 19:15 BST, Bolton Golf Club, Chorley New Road, Bolton "Researching House History" by Jackie Depelle. This will be a hybrid talk i.e., live in the Room,

and by Zoom (see booking links above)

(Picture of 10, Firwood Fold, a 16th-century house in Bolton, Greater Manchester (grid reference SD73171109). It is a Grade I listed building and the birthplace of Samuel Crompton in 1753.

by Margaret Clough, CC BY-SA 2.0,

https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=4477488)

This house of course has been well researched over the years but what about yours? For this year's talk to us Jackie has agreed to make the journey all the way over from Keighley, West Yorkshire, to give us some advice about this. She tells us

"Discovering the history of houses especially those with aristocratic connections has always been popular and many people link studying a property to their Family



Tree. Recent television programmes have stimulated renewed interest in discovering who lived in a house and what happened within its walls. Taking over a family built property prompted Jackie to research and record people, place and contents. This talk will draw on an extensive collection of sources, both online and awaiting discovery in archives. Join us to see what can be found and where."



### 17 Jun 12.15- 1pm "Colour in the Archives", Free Zoom talk from the Lancashire

Archivist Kathryn Newman will deliver a free online talk and visual treat looking at colourful collections and items at Lancashire Archives – expect a veritable

kaleidoscope! To join Zoom, follow this link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85265963941?pwd=eUdMQzhiU1d4WjRJbmdyTEpNMUNjdz09

Meeting ID: 852 6596 3941 Passcode: 860822



#### Online Events

https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/visit-us/whatson/events/

Our exciting programme of online talks is for everyone and are delivered by our experts, specialists and special guest speakers. When you book an event, you are invited to pay what you can – this is optional and entirely at the discretion of attendees. Some of our events remain completely free, as are our online research and academic events. Browse our latest programme below or see our FAQ page to find out more about registering and accessing an event.

You can also get priority booking to all our events every month when you subscribe to our weekly newsletter. Just sign up to our mailing list now https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/contact-us/emailupdates/

#### **GENIE'S TIPS for May**

April 26th "New law raises minimum marriage age to 18 in England and Wales" By Emaan Warraich

BBC News https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-61228240

"The legal age of marriage and civil partnerships has been raised to 18 in England and Wales.

Previously, people could get married at 16 or 17 as long as they had parental consent.

The new law also applies to cultural or religious marriages that are not registered with the local council. Conservative MP Pauline Latham, who introduced the bill to Parliament, said it would "transform the life chances of many girls".

Under the new rules, children will not face penalties but adults who facilitate their marriage could face up to seven years in jail and a fine.

This would include adults who took children abroad to carry out the marriage.

Some other titbits have been gleaned from comments collected from a couple of Facebook pages, Credit given where possible

#### From Ian Hartas in "Yorkshire Genealogy" Re the GRO Index

https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/Login.asp (but a useful tip for anywhere)

"There's also the issue that the GRO copies of marriages are known to be very badly flawed. If you google "A Comedy of Errors" by Michael Whitfield Foster you will find reference to two books, part 1 and part 2, detailing the scope of the errors present in the GRO's copies of the marriages.

For marriages (and births & deaths), even though it will still cost you £11, you are recommended to seek out the indexes online for the local Register Offices which are based on the original registers. These are still held at the local Register Offices. In many cases these indexes pair the marriages fully and also tell you the marriage venue.

The UKBMD website provides links to both GRO and Local BMD websites. UKBMD is free to use.

For Local BMD links: <a href="https://UKBMD.org.uk/localbmd">https://UKBMD.org.uk/localbmd</a>

E.g., for Yorkshire: http://YorkshireBMD.org.uk , Lancashire http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk/

#### 1921 Census on Findmypast by Barry Henshall from the MLFHS members forum

To access the 1921 census details on Findmypast from home there is a pay-to-view charge. 10% discount on this charge is available if you have a Findmypast PRO subscription. If you want to do a lot of 1921 census searches it may be worth upgrading to the PRO subscription. Findmypast are offering a 21% discount on Pro Subscriptions taken out before 16 June 2022. Simply enter the promotion code "ROADSHOW" when you subscribe to get the discount. Having said that our MLFHS Chairman reminds us that the 1921 census is free to anyone who visits Manchester Central Library and volunteers on our Helpdesk will be only too willing to answer any queries

#### From https://www.facebook.com/HGSfamilyhistory/ Hampshire Genealogical Society's Family History Page Posted 27th April 2022 Deceased Wife's Sisters Marriage Act 1907

Before 1907, it was illegal for a man to marry his dead wife's sister. This prohibition was founded in a doctrine of canon law whereby those who were connected by marriage were regarded as being related to each other in a way which made marriage between them improper.

It often happened that a young wife, with children, died leaving her husband with a family of youngsters to support and it was natural for one of the wife's sisters to help with the children, a situation which frequently led to a relationship developing between the widower and his sister-in-law.

The couple would then have to move to an area where neither was known so they could marry illegally, or they had to live as a family without being married.

The change in the law in 1907 meant that these couples could at last marry legally and many did so, even after a good deal of time had passed.

and also

#### posted 3rd April 2022 1929 Ages of Marriage Act.

Did you know that until 1929, in England and Wales, girls of 12 and boys of 14 years could marry as long as they had parental consent? In 1929, in response to a campaign by the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, Parliament raised the age limit to 16 years for both sexes in the Ages of Marriage Act.



NLS are continuing to add maps of towns in England by Martin Briscoe from the MLFHS members forum https://maps.nls.uk/additions.html

With thanks to Martin who has drawn our attention to these updates "We have added 41 new OS Town Plans of England online at a scale of Five Foot to the

Mile (1:1,056 scale)."

There are two of Bolton that I do not remember seeing before

- . Bolton, 1:1,056, Surveyed: 1847 https://maps.nls.uk/os/townplans-england/bolton-1056.html
- . Bolton, 1:500, Surveyed: 1889-90 https://maps.nls.uk/os/townplans-england/bolton.html

In the grounds of Silverwell House there are "mineral specimens" in two places - did the owner of the house collect them?

Also, interesting to see that Nelson Square was a pig market! Also, interesting to see the full extent of the Parish Church graveyard before part was cleared.

Editor -These are addictive, be warned.

#### SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES



https://genealodzy.pl/changelang-eng.phtml Polish Research I have also noticed that this Polish genealogy website is being recommended by Poles to Poles, so if anyone knows of anybody

struggling in this area, perhaps it will help, and please let us know.



#### Ukraine Online Genealogy Records

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ukraine\_Online\_Genealogy\_Records

"These are genealogy links to Ukraine online databases and indexes that may include birth records, marriage records, death records, biographies, cemeteries, censuses,

histories, immigration records, land records, military records, newspapers, obituaries, or probate records. Some subscription websites listed below can be searched for free at a family history centre or FamilySearch affiliate library."

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



5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 From our MLFHS Chairman, David Muil

I am circulating this plea from Leslie Turner (who manages the Manchester Central Library

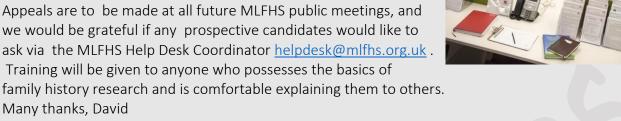
Volunteers Help Desk), to ask for any potential Helpdesk volunteers for the service we operate at MCL . The society's presence in MCL is heavily dependent upon our ability to maintain a full 5 days a week service as our licence requires.



The return of personnel after the removal of Covid restrictions has been affected by an understandably cautious response by some and combined with regular illnesses and holidays has caused backup resources to be exhausted.

We do feel that it is paramount that we fill the vacancies at the earliest moment and a major recruitment campaign is called for. Appeals are to be made at all future MLFHS public meetings, and we would be grateful if any prospective candidates would like to ask via the MLFHS Help Desk Coordinator helpdesk@mlfhs.org.uk.

Training will be given to anyone who possesses the basics of family history research and is comfortable explaining them to others.



Editor – please note that although we have a help email address at boltonhelpdesk@mlfhs.org.uk we are also currently unable to provide a regular help desk in Bolton. We are of course happy to try to help informally at meetings if you are stuck on something so, please do ask any of the committee attending or helpers, and if we don't know we will try to find someone who does.

#### Lancashire Records





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

Thursday 28th Apr 2022 Scottish census deadline extended after high abstention rate. Record number of householders have so far failed to complete their online returns or paper forms The Guardian https://tinyurl.com/2dycztdb by Severin Carrell Scotland editor@severincarrell

"The deadline for submitting Scottish census returns has been extended by a month after a record number of householders failed to complete their forms or delayed sending them in.

Angus Robertson, the Scottish constitution secretary, faced opposition accusations he had presided over a "disastrous" process after he told MSPs on Thursday nearly a quarter of householders had not yet submitted returns, with the original deadline in three days.

As a result, National Records of Scotland, the official data agency, had extended the deadline from Sunday 1 May by four weeks to give householders more time to complete returns."

Editor- Is there a whiff of rebellion here???



#### COMING ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER MLFHS BRANCHES

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



Manchester branch please see <a href="https://www.mlfhs.uk/manchester/events">https://www.mlfhs.uk/manchester/events</a>



#### Saturdays, 2pm – 3,30pm Oldham and District Branch

Option to book for the talk through the MLFHS website, Oldham Branch, 'Meetings' Page. <a href="https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events">https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events</a>

Sat, 14<sup>th</sup> May 14:00 "History of the Coliseum Theatre, Oldham", a Hybrid talk given by David Rustidge



#### Thursday 2p.m -3.30pm Anglo Scottish Branch

So do join us. We look forward to seeing you. Eventbrite Link <a href="https://www.mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events">https://www.mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events</a>

## OTHER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES' MEETINGS WE ADVISE CHECKING THEIR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES PERIODICALLY FOR UPDATES ON SAME.



Halliwell Local History Society <a href="http://goo.gl/8erYyr">http://goo.gl/8erYyr</a>. 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, Next meeting

Tuesday 31st May Stephen Freeborn "Keep Taking the Tablets"



#### Turton Local History Society <a href="https://goo.gl/adx4GM">https://goo.gl/adx4GM</a>

. 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

Thursday 26 May - Guided Walk - Belmont (Tom Carr)



#### 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.

14 May : Lancashire Local History Federation Conference at Westhoughton High School. BL5 3DN For details please see

http://www.westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk/Westhoughton History Group/LLHFC Conference.html

19 May : "Succession of Queen Elizabeth in celebration of her Platinum Jubilee" Presentation by Ted Wisedale



#### 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.

10th May 2022 "English Village Life in the Middle Ages" - Stuart Elliot

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

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