

Bolton's Genies



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Bolton Family History Society is a branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society Banner picture of the Queens Platinum Jubilee balcony scene courtesy of Vanity Fair but seen in many other sources.

Well, welcome all to our June edition of the newsletter. There were many options for this month's banner picture, but I think this scene has melted the hearts of so many, showing the wonderful relationship between four generations of our Royal Family on the traditional balcony photograph session to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee . This link https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/jubilee/ might help explain the historical value to the country of the monarchy, even if you are a "none believer", and this link https://tinyurl.com/bddutdpr shows the Royal family tree and line of succession which some might find interesting.

It has been a few days of pleasant diversion and an extra long Bank Holiday break if nothing else, as we try to adjust to life post Covid, and Brexit. So much has changed over this last few years, plus the ongoing news of the situation in Ukraine causing more mass population movement and general shortages. We seem to be endlessly trying to find alternative ways of doing things, and yet looking back our ancestors have encountered and dealt with similar situations over the centuries so let's be optimistic. If they did it, so can we.

Here at home our immediate problem remains trying to give all our members access to our meetings whether they can make the live talk or prefer to use the Zoom route. Those who tried to Zoom at our last meeting will know that once again the connection failed. I understand that this time it was a signing in problem between Google and Zoom at the Golf Club, which had worked previously. All I can tell you is we are still trying to sort the problem, and in the meantime, we have asked Jackie Depelle if she could fit a Zoom version of the talk in for us sometime and more news of that below on page 3.

BFHS's MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE BOTH LIVE AND ONLINE. **HERES HOW TO ACCESS THEM**

Our live talks in the room are held 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 plan is that the talks are zoomed from there, and usually given by a visiting speaker.





Just occasionally though we intend to take advantage of modern technology and welcome a speaker who is not actually on our premises, but speaking from elsewhere. This will happen when speakers, 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 see them on the screen in our meeting room, as well as streaming the same screen to our Zoomers.

The usual facilities in the room will continue and we will, therefore, hopefully have the best of both worlds.

Meetings from other branches of the MLFHS remain available, some live, some Zoomed, some hybrid, and free to all members. Just scroll down the page of this link https://www.mlfhs.uk/, and select an event. Visitors are also welcome for a small charge.

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

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.
- Zoomers can sign in from 7.15pm

If after booking a place you find you are unable to attend, please could you cancel your place so that others can use it.

Extras include a bar plus tea and coffee availability, a Stationery Table for recycled genealogy books and magazines, Godfrey maps of local areas, discounted equipment.

RECENT AND COMING EVENTS

Wednesday June 1st BFHS "Researching House History" The talk by Jackie Depelle who was making a very welcome return to visit us was planned to be hybrid. Unfortunately, we did have a bad start in finding that, once again, our well-rehearsed Zoom procedures let us down at the crucial time. The simple explanation that I have been told was that Zoom did not want to communicate with our Google email address when it had done before. "Frustrating" is an understatement. The good news is that Jackie has agreed to provide us with a repeat Zoom only talk on Thursday June 16th at 7.30pm. (From Grahams house so we know that works.) A new link should be sent out shortly to those who had booked.

Jackie introduced herself as a – "Specialist Family History tutor, guiding and motivating family history research for just over twenty years. She is a regular virtual speaker at shows and to groups across the country, and supports voluntary Family & Local History and the Guild of One Name Studies through membership and via her former role as Chairman of the Yorkshire Group of Family History Societies. She now also runs many online courses mainly for the WEA and other education providers."

Jackie next launched her talk at a rate of knots. I might have counted 150 screen shots. Fortunately she has

provided a list of her references which should have been received by now by all those who booked on Eventbrite and are here in the members Bolton Document's section https://www.mlfhs.uk/memberarea/documents/bolton-records/meeting-notes-archive/2022-1

She first discussed the various approaches some of her students have taken to follow this alternative to a simple family tree, by doing a "house tree," much as recent TV programmes by David Olusoga and others have done. This examines the changing social history over the years, as well as finding a few "potted " family stories. One of her students did a



whole road of 20+ houses, but the method can be adapted to study any type of institution over the years, such as a school, prison or workhouse, or even looking at the history of a ship or similar. As in starting a family tree, the creation of a simple flow chart of what is known anecdotally by the family /house occupants is a good start, obtaining birth, marriage, death certificates of occupants, checking details backwards through the census entries and Civil Registration up to 1837, then resorting to Parish Registers before that. The descriptive names often seen in early census returns can give good clues to location features, ownership, or perhaps occupation of residents. Findmypast offers a simple address search facility by going via the Search tab on the home page, to All Record Sets https://tinyurl.com/mry7nx69 . Filter to England (or country being researched), then select a census. You should see a link to this page https://tinyurl.com/2h7ztwpx and can see options to go to other censuses to compare. Ancestry does provide similar but in a more complicated way. Over the years the various censuses do change in detail provided but basic names, ages, origins, and occupations can be gleaned, (although it has to be said this depends on the informant and is not always totally accurate).

Information required re social needs changed and more recent censuses up to the 1921 and 1939 Register provide more detail such as fertility, length of marriage, employer, children orphaned or not, literacy levels, number of rooms in the house and more. The enumerators route can also be seen thus giving an overview of the area at the time and showing how many residences there was. A contemporary map facilitates this. The latter can be freely obtained via the National Library of Scotland which offers thousands of maps

covering several centuries for both home and abroad. Other sources such as the National Library of Wales and then County archives usually offer more local maps albeit by a variety of routes. Going back to before Civil Registration, Parish Registers are the first source to consider for family groups and their whereabouts, to think about practical travelling distance for interaction. Wills can be rich in family relationships and location and also may give virtual descriptive tours through the house and grounds describing items within for allocation to beneficiaries. Here servants and estate tenants may also be mentioned if they received bequests.

Other sources for this period of the early 19thC might be Electoral Registers which list all eligible to vote. In modern times estate agents adverts for a house may also give a visual tour around a house where older features can be seen. Mention of a copyhold in any documents suggests there was a manor involved, and therefore a promise of good Manorial Records perhaps in the local archives.

The structure of an older house should also be inspected to enable dating. Is there brickwork suggesting evidence of windows being filled in to avoid the 1696 Window Tax https://tinyurl.com/yckch5fk ? How many hearths were there offering records of the 1662-1674 Hearth Tax (Editor see https://tinyurl.com/3hkayfb8 and a recent study May 13th, 2022 by Mike Shand "Mapping the Hearth Tax" https://hearthtax.wordpress.com/2022/05/13/mapping-the-hearth-tax/. Note as shown here some areas had more access to local fuel than others, e. g. East Yorkshire had few trees or coal mines so often only one hearth in the house whereas West Yorkshire had both). Building regulations changed such as the inset of windows after the Great Fire of London https://tinyurl.com/3wpefht6 "The 1709 Act required timber windows to be set back from the face of the building by at least 4 inches in order to restrict the spread of fire. A further Building Act in 1774 required the sash box to be concealed behind the stone facade, which is the case here. Therefore, it seems reasonable to assume the facade to this building was built sometime after 1774." This enables dating of the house.

Perhaps the name of a new shopping arcade gives clues as to previous occupants or landmarks, such as "Hall Lane", "Shipgates," "Cromptons Arcade", "Crompton Way", "Acrefield" and "Middle Brook" in Bolton.

Jackie went on to suggest several other resources, too numerous to mention here but which are provided in her notes, see link above. As usual her talk was a breath taking "whistle stop," which left us somewhat speechless. I think we were still trying to digest all her information when she came to a close, and after a couple of clarifications that was enough for the evening. We are very grateful to her for revisiting us despite the last years increased difficulties in travelling, especially from Keighley, and leaving us with such extensive references plus a discount voucher. The latter is for 10% off until June 30th 2022 at My History, https://www.my-history.co.uk/, which has been forwarded to all who booked on Eventbrite for the talk.

A reminder of her repeat talk by Zoom on June 16^{th,} https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reasearching-house-history-zoom-meeting-tickets-356966926687 and we do hope we will get the opportunity for another catch up next year.

Thursday June 2nd The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrating 70 Years of her Reign

A Message From Julie Lamara Collections Access Officer-Local Studies, **Bolton History Centre**

"Hello All

We are collecting people's memories of meeting/seeing the Queen on one of her many visits to Bolton. Were you one of the crowd?" The Queen came to a rainy Bolton in 1954 on a whistle stop tour of Lancashire

Were you in Halliwell in 1968 when she visited to see the results of Operation Springclean?

(Editor here are some reports from the Bolton News of visits she has made and a picture from 1968).

https://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/14437093.picture-gallery-the-queens-trio-of-visits-to-bolton/ 20th April 2016 and

https://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/17494539.pictures-queens-visit-bolton/ 16th March 2019 By Gus Sivyer theboltonnews Regional Chief Photographer

"What was it like? Did you speak with her? Did you take any photos?.

Were you at the Market Place or Water Place in 1988?

Did you work at Warburton's bakery or attended the Valley School when she visited in 2009?

Please send anything you have to Bolton Archives and Local Studies archives@bolton.gov.uk

Don't forget if you attend any Jubilee celebrations in Bolton this June, please take a photo and send it to us remembering to get the permission of all people in the image.

We would like to add the images to our collection."

Tel: 01204 332194 Julie.lamara@bolton.gov.uk

Here also are some pictures of local beacons, the first two courtesy of the Bolton Mountain Rescue Team which were lit on the evening of June 2nd. There were 3,500 lit in total simultaneously around the world Sky News https://tinyurl.com/4xeecpkc.

I remember sitting watching the Coronation at my Gran's house on her TV in black and white with a 9 inch screen. The television was a miracle enough, let alone the Coronation which I barely understood. I was then

given a cardboard model of the carriage which I had to assemble, and we were given a "silver" spoon each and a bag of dolly mixtures at school.

What are your memories.



<-Rivington Pike Darwen Jubilee Tower -> And below Bolton St Peters Parish Church courtesy of Henry Lisowski









Editor- see more below re other topical anniversaries. I hadn't realised how many there are.

Wednesday: 6th July 7.30pm BFHS "How can the Guild of One-Name Studies help me? By Margaret Southgate. https://one-name.org/

Margaret has told us that she first joined the Guild of One-Name Studies in

2008, researching the surname CLOSE and variants, and is currently the Guild's representative for South and West Wales. Although born a Bolton lass she has lived in South Wales for many years, but she still maintains a keen interest in the Bolton area where grew up,

The session will include:

- How to use the Guild's public web pages
- Additional benefits for members
- Advantages of a surname study
- Selecting a suitable surname to study
- Some Lancashire surnames
- Answering your questions

I first watched Margaret give this talk by Zoom to Glamorgan FHS last year. A month later, quite by chance whilst researching my CLOSE line, I came across Margaret again as a DNA contact in the Facebook group Lancashire DNA Genealogy Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/1877532758992155.Imade contact with her, and we found it was via Swaledale origins in

Yorkshire. From a family of tin and lead miners her "stray" had moved over to Lancashire in the early 1800s for work and stayed, mine stayed in Yorkshire but moved to Malton and onwards. All



beautifully checked and confirmed via her Close tree on the GOONS website. I was thrilled to bits.

Booking by Eventbrite:

Room tickets https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-can-the-guild-of-one-name-studies-help-me-livemeeting-tickets-271169193357

Zoom tickets follow https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-can-the-guild-of-one-name-studies-help-mezoom-meeting-tickets-271118612067

GENIE'S TIPS for June 2022



New in the Members Area

Another sizeable addition to the Great Database.

This consists of 3,920 records from the Bolton Workhouse Creed Registers for 1886-1890.

Thanks to Graham Holt and his team (John Gartside, Sue Harding, Vanita Hulme, Frank Jones, Bob Winder) for the above.





Welcome to the CLIP web site Records of seafarers and ships

https://www.crewlist.org.uk/#top

"British seafarers of the late 19th and early 20th century are the best documented workers that there have ever been - millions of documents survive, recording in detail the crews of a hundred thousand ships. Finding records of individuals in this

huge resource can be challenging, but it can also be rewarding when a wealth of detail about their lives is revealed. We explain how the systems worked and how to go about research.

There is one snag - the huge pile of records has no index (that's the point of CLIP). We explain what indexes are available and how to use them.

British shipping, at that time the largest merchant fleet in the world, is also well documented and we explain how to access those records too. The CLIP site provides information and data about the records of British merchant seafarers, mainly from 1863 to 1913. Even after twenty years of work by ourselves and others, the millions of entries transcribed are only a small sample of the huge volume of crew documents scattered across many archives. This site is designed to help you to find records of a merchant seafarer, either from our data, or from other data sites, or by helping you find the original documents so that you can order copies. The site also provides information and data about the records of British merchant shipping with records of every British registered ship from 1855 to the 1950s - all 200,000 of them. The data is focussed on tracking down crew lists, but we provide other resources, such as indexed images of the Mercantile Navy List, as well as a comprehensive set of links to other sites.

If you need help, we're glad to assist

Pete and Jan Owens

(Editor's note -I found a yacht belonging to a family I am researching over the early 1870s and was amazed to find the names of the full crew over about 5 years).

Findmypast https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search/british-newspapers

"Searching our newspaper archives? Here's a tip. If you want to get rid of the article highlights on any given page, just click the circular arrow in the middle of the navigation buttons at the top left. This lets you view the page in full, without any highlighted sections. Thank us later.

to explore the criminal past of their own families, communities, towns and regions.



Our Criminal Ancestors: **Preserving Our Past**

https://ourcriminalancestors.org/category/getting-started/

"Our Criminal Ancestors is a public engagement project, led by the University of Hull in collaboration with Leeds Beckett University, which encourages and supports people and communities

We interpret 'criminal' broadly to mean people that have historically encountered the criminal justice system. This might include the accused, victims, witnesses, prisoners, police, prison officers, solicitors and magistrates among others who worked in the criminal justice system." ---

"This website aims to provide a useful starting point for anyone looking to explore their criminal ancestry, providing handy tips, advice and insights on the history of crime, policing and punishment as well as case studies, blogs to help in your own research."

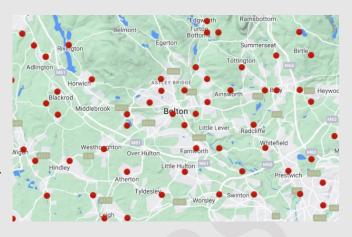
INS

Institute for Name-Studies

Key to English Place-Names (KEPN) picture courtesy of

http://kepn.nottingham.ac.uk/map/county/Lancashire

"The INS conducts numerous research projects into the origins and meanings of names and place-names, derived from English, Norse, British Celtic, French, and Latin languages. It also provides high-quality resources for both the study and analysis of place-names, which are used by historians, linguists, and geographers alike.' I have found most of the local areas in Greater Bolton, plus more nationally. Quite intriguing.



SOME RECENT ANNIVERSARIES AND OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

The 15th of May 2022 the last service to be held at the Unitarian Church on Bank Street.

Henry Lisowski was asked by Bolton Museum if he might be willing to record same with his camera for the Bolton Archives. He has published his series of pictures of this historic event here on his Facebook page https://tinyurl.com/4rurw55a and here is one where he has tried to replicate the scene caught by Humphrey Spender in the Bolton Worktown study courtesy of the Bolton Council https://boltonworktown.co.uk/photographers/humphrey-Spender





The 40th anniversary of the Falklands War Many of us will remember these dreadful times now a generation ago. Hard to think it is 40 years ago now. This website explains the background and timeline for those who don't or have managed to forget a little.

https://tinyurl.com/4xettmp7 picture--> courtesy of The History Press. Accessed 30.05.2022.

"On 19 March 1982, Argentine scrap metal workers illegally arrived at Leith Harbour,



South Georgia, on board the transport ship ARA Bahía Buen Suceso and raised the Argentine flag. This move led to a brief, but bitter conflict on the Falkland Islands, a remote UK colony in the South Atlantic. During the ten week battle a total of 649 Argentine military personnel, 255 British military personnel, and three Falkland Islanders lost their lives ---".

The 40TH Anniversary of the Pope John Paul Il becoming the first Pope to visit Britain. "The day the Pope came to Manchester welcomed by 250,000 worshippers https://tinyurl.com/2tbjhrvp article and picture courtesy of by the Manchester Evening News

"The date was May 31, 1982 – exactly one year after he was shot in St Peter's Square in a failed assassination attempt.

Pope John Paul's visit was described as a

pastoral one rather than a state occasion as Britain was at war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands. (Editor-I remember that well. My husband started shift at 3am to cover it !!!)

The visit of

POPE JOHN PAUL II

June 1st 65 years of Premium Bonds https://tinyurl.com/bdft45s6 "On this day 65 years ago, the first ever Premium Bonds prize draw took place. Since 1 June 1957, ERNIE has drawn 567 million prizes worth £23 billion! To celebrate, we delved into the NS&I archives and found this picture of Ernest Marples, Paymaster General, kicking off the first eve"r Premium Bonds draw Photo credit: NS&I archive.



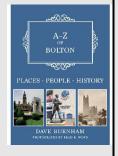
June 6th 78 years since the D-Day landings, the largest Seaborne invasion in history. As reported by the Royal British Legion website https://tinyurl.com/3f7av5yi I am grateful that my Dad came back, but many others didn't. I wonder what they would be thinking about the current situation.



- SOME BOOKS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST
- "A-Z of Bolton Places-People-History Series: A-Z " by Dave Burnham (member of Bolton FHS) and Photographs by Brad B. Wood https://tinyurl.com/4kb93bj4

Just a reminder of the availability of Dave's latest book, currently at a discount via this link.

We hope Dave will be able to come and tell us more about it next year when we arrange our next listings.



> "The Bolton Bridgeman Connection" by Ray Jefferson. Ray is actually giving a free talk about this at Bolton Central Library 11am 29th June. This is the "blurb."

"Bolton has had a very long relationship with the Bridgeman family (ennobled in 1815 as the Earls of Bradford). The family's involvement began in the first half of the 17th century when John Bridgeman (then the Bishop of Chester) acquired the Great Lever estate as a country manor. This soon led to further acquisitions of land, and the family acting as absentee landlords for about one third of the town for more than 350 years.

Over the centuries the Bridgeman's had a strong influence on the development of Bolton. Their decisions supported economic growth, helped develop coal mines, shaped the rapid growth of the town during the industrial revolution, and led to land being given to encourage health, recreation and church building. A family member represented the borough in



parliament and their locally based agents took leading roles in the town's affairs. Even today, many people can still remember having the Earl of Bradford as their landlord.

The Bridgeman's inevitably became involved in many colourful episodes during Bolton's history, and these are the inspiration for this lecture which recognises that Bolton would be a very different place today without the influence and interest of this significant family."

I hope we may also be able to bring him to BFHS in our 2023 programme for more on this.

"About Lancashire Loominary" by Prof Paul Salveson

http://lancashireloominary.co.uk/index.html/publications

I think I would be quite neglectful if I didn't also mention here Paul's list of numerous books about local social history. He spoke to us last year in one of our first Zoom talks about his book "Moorlands, Memories and Reflections" and I know he has more in the pipeline. Hopefully we will be able to see him again, maybe in person, when we know more. Please email him on paul.salveson@myphone.coop to join his circulation list for his newsletter.





The History of Blackpool, Fylde, and South Wyre

A free to download pdf file https://tinyurl.com/mpmw2c34 which many might find simply very interesting to read, but some might also find useful for their personal research. The download link is at the bottom of the page and please first read the comments re copyright.

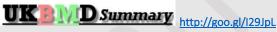
"My name is Nick Moore, and I am the writer of this monster tome, which is chock full of information about my hometown of Blackpool, and the surrounding Fylde coast and South Wyre. I have not shied away from any historical facts which might be considered contentious or Politically Correct nowadays. History exists and should NEVER be changed. To show how things



used to be can only educate us all to be better. If you can't handle this, don't read it! This work is now THE best online resource on the subject – and the biggest."

THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records







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

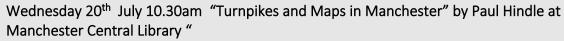


Lancashire Archives News and Events https://goo.gl/H8UexE for their latest newsletter and more.



COMING ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER MLFHS BRANCHES

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



Cost: members - free of charge Cost: non-members - £3 Non-members who join the Society before buying a ticket, will receive a membership number allowing free attendance at this meeting and all future Society meetings for the duration of their membership.



Saturday 11th June, at 2pm "Greater Manchester Police Museum" An illustrated talk given by Katie Henderson. This is a hybrid meeting at Oldham Library and on zoom Oldham and District Branch https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events

A dive into the archives of GMP Museum : what we collect, why we collect it and how it is used now. Featuring case studies of some of our most unique items.

- * No booking necessary for attendance in the library; members free, non-members £3.
- * Booking for zoom attendance is essential, on Eventbrite, https://tinyurl.com/3uw3apn2 and will be free to both members & non-members.



Thursday 2p.m -3.30pm Anglo Scottish Branch

So do join us. We look forward to seeing you. Eventbrite Link https://www.mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events

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



Halliwell Local History Society $\frac{http://goo.gl/8erYyr}{http://goo.gl/8erYyr}$ Email $\frac{enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk}{http://goo.gl/8erYyr}$ Email $\frac{enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk}{http://goo.gl/8erYyr}$

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 Email us at turton.lhs@gmail.com. 23 Jun - Guided Tour - Christ Church Walmsley (Derek Bailey)

. Illustrated talks and meetings are held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Thursday of beginning at 7.30pm.



Westhoughton Local History Group – http://goo.gl/XNugl5 Email howfenhistory@gmail.com

16 June : "The History of Bee keeping" -Harry Barton

PLEASE NOTE: There remain uncertainty as to when we can return to the Library for our meetings, and we can no longer have meetings at the Methodist Church Hall on Thursday. So, for the time

being our meetings will be held at the Hub, Central Drive.



Horwich Heritage Centre- http://goo.gl/fSPsij 14th June 2022 AGM

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.

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