



# Bolton's Genies



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

- Above Picture: Bolton to welcome The One Show presenters on UK Rickshaw Challenge for Christmas lights switch-on 27 October 2013 MM Staff

The committee are always on the lookout for new members and if you can spare some of your time, we would be grateful. We are a friendly bunch and hold 3 or 4 committee meetings a year. If you are interested in family history and wish to help the Society, please contact myself or the secretary Christine Ellis.  
We wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

David Baker  
Chairman

BFHS's MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE  
BOTH LIVE AND BY ZOOM

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 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 will also be 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 speakers, who are known to be top quality in their area of expertise. and 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, as well as streaming the same screen to our Zoomers.

The usual facilities will still be available in the room, and we will, therefore, hopefully have the best of all 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**

**IT IS ONLY NECESSARY TO BOOK VIA EVENTBRITE, <https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/events> FOR THE ZOOM MEETINGS. MEMBERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING AT BOLTON GOLF CLUB DO NOT NEED TO BOOK ON EVENTBRITE.**

- 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. There is a bar, plus tea and coffee availability, a

Stationery Table for recycled genealogy books and magazines, Godfrey maps of local areas, and discounted equipment.

## RECENT EVENTS

### December 7<sup>th</sup> XMAS MEETING

We held our Xmas meeting and Supper on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 which was well attended by over 40 members, who enjoyed a meal of Meat and Potato Pie with red cabbage and mushy peas with tea/coffee. Our thanks to the catering staff at Bolton Golf Club for providing an excellent meal. The meal was preceded by a talk Geoff Scargill who told us he is a retired headteacher and magistrate, and loves music, cricket, politics, and history. He gave an interesting talk on Christmas music and nostalgic poetry. In addition, there was a raffle and Christmas quiz kindly supplied by Peter Greenwood. A copy of the quiz is set out below with answers on page 6.

### BOLTON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2022

1.	The traditions of which Roman festival, celebrated in December, were carried over to Christmas when the Roman Empire embraced Christianity	
2.	What song associated with Christmas was the first song to be broadcast from space	
3.	Written by Franz Gruber in Austria when his church organ broke, what is the most recorded Christmas song	
4.	What is the best-selling Christmas song	
5.	What does the word Noel mean in its original language	
6.	What are the three traditional colours of Christmas	
7.	What is the most popular Christmas meal in Japan	
8.	If you were born on Christmas Day, what would be your star sign	
9.	In which ocean would you find Christmas Island	
10.	What is the period leading up to Christmas called	
11.	What is the name of the day of the year with the fewest hours of daylight and the most hours of darkness	
12.	Which famous scientist was born on Christmas Day in 1642	
13.	What is the name for a female turkey	
14.	Which traditional Christmas plant supposedly wards off demons	
15.	Which member of the Royal Family popularised Christmas trees in the U.K.	

16.	On what date is twelfth night	
17.	Who created the first electric Christmas lights	
18.	The name of which of Santa's reindeer translates into English as "lightning"	
19.	In the 12 days of Christmas song, how many gifts were given in total	
20.	The Germans made the first artificial Christmas tree out of the feathers of which bird	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 4 JAN 2023 7.30PM =HYBRID



## **Cath Cole, authoress, educator, nurse - her story**

- **Cath Cole** - had a working-class upbringing in a northern town. She trained as a nurse and health visitor and eventually a lecturer and nurse tutor. She had a successful career in further education, becoming a principal of a further education college. After rescuing a failing college, she was awarded the OBE. The impact of nurse training has underpinned her professional success. She was awarded a Master of Arts (Creative Writing) from Edge Hill University in 2013. Booking: [Eventbrite details here.](#)

**Cath Cole** is one of our members who will present stories from her two books "Everyday Lies: Fibs and Fairy tales", and "Home from Home".

## FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

•**Feb 1st Steve Gill “20<sup>th</sup> Century Photographs”** The twentieth century has gone but lives on through our photos. But can you tell whether a photo was taken in 1922 or 1930? Will your children and grandchildren look at old photo and know when they were taken by the state of your miniskirt or Brylcreamed hair? You need to know more!!! HYBRID

•**March 1<sup>st</sup> Hilary Hartigan** One of our Members from Manchester **“DNA research”** This talk is about making connections, grouping DNA matches together to form family clusters. What can you do to try and identify a DNA match when you don't recognise the name and there is no tree to view? - all makes you wish to hear more! ZOOM Only but in our club house as well as at home if you wish.

•**April 5<sup>th</sup> Mark O'Neil** from Lancashire Archives Continuing last year's talk about conservation, and advice about looking after documents at home. HYBRID.

•**May 3<sup>rd</sup> Simon Marland “Bolton Wanderers & David Jack 1923 FA cup victory, marking the Centenary of same”** HYBRID

•**June TBA**

•**July 5<sup>th</sup> Dr Alan Crosby.** One of our most popular speakers who will be talking about another member of his exceptional family “. HYBRID

•**Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tony Greenwood** One of our members **“Life and Times of Smithills Estate”**. Life on the Smithills Estate, the families, occupations, and work. There could be a couple of family histories, that will be decided as the talk is developed. Watch this space! HYBRID

•**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. TBA**

•**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Ray Jefferson Author “The Bolton-Bridgeman Connection”**. Ray is a local historian and will be telling us about the story of the Bridgeman family (later elevated to the Earls of Bradford), and their role in the story of Bolton over 350 years. It is a development of the exhibition which was mounted in the parish church in 2017. HYBRID

•**Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Dr Jim Beach.** A contact from Northampton University who traced Jane via the Remembrance and Memorabilia Day that the Bolton History Centre held in 2018, supported by volunteers from BFHS who helped to co-ordinate the event. Jim, a military historian, got in contact with Jane asking about WW1 diaries passed on to her by her Great Uncle William Harcourt. He was a Birmingham engineer who had emigrated to South Africa pre-war but came back to serve in WW1. He wrote diaries judged to be better than the official war diaries, covering his experience joining up and service in Siege battery 330. The diaries give graphic accounts of day-to-day life at the front. He will go on to explain many of his research methods used for his book. HYBRID

•**Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Speaker & quiz & supper TBA (No Zoom)**



**BOLTON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2022 - Answers**

1.	The traditions of which Roman festival, celebrated in December, were carried over to Christmas when the Roman Empire embraced Christianity	Saturnalia
2.	What song associated with Christmas was the first song to be broadcast from space	Jingle Bells
3.	Written by Franz Gruber in Austria when his church organ broke, what is the most recorded Christmas song	Silent Night
4.	What is the best-selling Christmas song	White Christmas
5.	What does the word Noel mean in its original language	Birthday or Relating to Birth
6.	What are the three traditional colours of Christmas	Red Green Gold
7.	What is the most popular Christmas meal in Japan	KFC Fried Chicken
8.	If you were born on Christmas Day, what would be your star sign	Capricorn
9.	In which ocean would you find Christmas Island	Indian Ocean
10.	What is the period leading up to Christmas called	Advent
11.	What is the name of the day of the year with the fewest hours of daylight and the most hours of darkness	Winter Solstice
12.	Which famous scientist was born on Christmas Day in 1642	Isaac Newton
13.	What is the name for a female turkey	Hen
14.	Which traditional Christmas plant supposedly wards off demons	Mistletoe
15.	Which member of the Royal Family popularised Christmas trees in the U.K.	Prince Albert
16.	On what date is twelfth night	January 5th
17.	Who created the first electric Christmas lights	Thomas Edison
18.	The name of which of Santa's reindeer translates into English as "lightning"	Blitzen
19.	In the 12 days of Christmas song, how many gifts were given in total	364
20.	The Germans made the first artificial Christmas tree out of the feathers of which bird	Goose

## INFORMATION REGARDING BOLTON HISTORY CENTRE

The telephone number for any local history and archive queries is 01204 **332853**

For queries and requests for material, it is better to send an email request, so references do not get garbled on the phone.

Requests take seven days to turn around and will either be looked at in the lab at OR the museum at Crompton Place

References to some of the websites:

<https://boltonremembers.org/> has some of the WW1 & WW2 records we have found for Bolton military personnel either born, resided, or enlisted in Bolton.

<https://vad.redcross.org.uk/search?fname=&sname=Bates> you can search for a name or location for VADs in the war. The Red Cross website was down for maintenance when I copied this address so hopefully it will be up and running again when you access it.

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/search.aspx> Canadian Army WW1 personnel records. NOTE these records are soon to be transferred to their new LAC website

<https://bolton.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME> Spydus catalogue for local studies searching.

<https://www.boltonlams.co.uk/history-centre-1> This is the History Centre page for the services we offer to researchers. Gives some information about archives and the records we hold.

This is the archives website for National Archives of which we have records listed on this site. It is possible to choose a search through all the archives of England or drill down just to search in Bolton Archives.

<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/advanced-search>

**Coal picking at Kearsley during 1921 strike. If you thought that strikes and fuel problems were current problems, this picture tells us that things were just as bad 101 years ago.**



## 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

## SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES



### COMING ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER MLFHS BRANCHES

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



### Manchester branch



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

Option to book for the talk through the MLFHS website, Oldham Branch, 'Meetings' Page.

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



#### 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** <http://goo.gl/8erYyr>

Email. [enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk). 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 held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Thursday of beginning at 7.30pm. This next month's event

**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.



**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.

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

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