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- 6 Sep Hyndburn - Heritage & Legacy of William & Anne
Haworth – Alison Iddon & Gillian Berry
- 7 Sep Blackburn & Darwen
Parish Registers – John Dalton
- 12 Sep Virtual - Where did that phrase come from? –
Linda Sawley
- 14 Sep Chorley - Down the Rabbit Hole – Megan Roberts
- 27 Sep Preston - Emigration of Lead Miners from Swaledale
to the Burnley area to work in the mills –
Phil Batman
- 27 Sep Rochdale - Research Evening
- 4 Oct Hyndburn - The Winter Gardens – Mike Coyle
- 10 Oct Virtual NW Cartographic History – Dr Bill Shannon
- 12 Oct Chorley - History of Poor Knights of Christ and
Temple Solomon – David Casserley
- 14 Oct Irish - Advice and Research – 1pm – 4.30pm
- 25 Oct Preston - My Grandfather – Alan Crosby
- 25 Oct Rochdale - The Story of Henry Whittle – Dilys Pearson
- 1 Nov Fylde To be arranged
- 1 Nov Hyndburn - Arthur Rickman & The Boer War (film) –
Ian McGuinness
- 9 Nov Chorley - It's a Wonderful Life – Brian Halliwell
- 14 Nov Virtual War Memorials – Fighting for Survival –
Mike Coyle
- 25 Nov London & South – Zoom Meeting 2pm – DNA – Debbie
Kennet
- 29 Nov Preston - Jacobs Join
- 29 Nov Rochdale - Christmas Party
- 6 Dec Fylde To be arranged
- 6 Dec Hyndburn – Christmas Social

7 Dec Chorley - Christmas Quiz
 9 Dec Irish - Advice and Research – 1pm – 4.30pm
 12 Dec Virtual UK Calendar Customs – Daphne Atkinson
 27 Dec Preston - No meeting
 27 Dec Rochdale - No meeting

2024

Jan Hyndburn - No meeting
 9 Jan Virtual - To be arranged
 11 Jan Chorley - Members Evening
 31 Jan Rochdale - TBA
 8 Feb Chorley - Strange Things in Medieval England –
 Canon Robert Brunswick
 13 Feb Virtual – To be arranged
 28 Feb Rochdale - Research Evening
 14 Mar Chorley - AGM then History of Midwifery –
 Linda Sawley

SOCIETY VIRTUAL BRANCH TALKS BY ZOOM

Contact: Marian Crossley
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for more information or check our website.

Hopefully you will be able to join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm sometime.

There is continued support from the wider Society for our monthly Virtual Zoom meetings. It is always lovely to talk to our members from far flung countries and 'counties'. We have had a wide selection of talks so far this year.

A reminder e-mail is sent approximately 1 week before the talks, and details posted on the forum. If you are not receiving the e-mails, please let us know. However, you do not need the reminder as the current Zoom link will work until February 2024.

You can get the link for the meetings via the Members area of the LFHHS website. (<https://www.lfhhs.org/members/php>).

See you the second Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm
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Marian Crossley on behalf of LFHHS Trustees

LINK TO SOCIETY TALKS – UNTIL FEBRUARY 2024

This document will allow you to download the information for the Society talks until February 2024. It can be done via inputting to your 'calendar' so you will always have the links available. Hope this makes it easier for everyone.

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MEMBERS' ARTICLES

PEDIGREE OF THE CHORLEY'S OF CHORLEY

By Ron Chapman

Some months ago, I came across a fire damaged Pedigree of the Chorley's of Chorley. To record this for the Society I now have photographed the Pedigree scroll and have the information from that tree and another printed tree kindly provided by Bob Dobson entered into Family Historian.

The printed tree which is dated 1873 seems to be a copy of the much older fire damaged roll. This damaged tree seems to

have been longer than it is now. The missing portion possibly lost to the fire. However, the printed version makes up for those discrepancies. I have now started checking out these trees and up to now they have proved accurate, but much more work needs to be done. In addition, I have started putting meat to the bones and it is very interesting.

Here is one connection which I came across that might interest you. In the 1600's the Chorley's became Quakers. They appear to have been quite wealthy. In 1765 a John Chorley married a Sarah Rawlinson and they had 5 children. Their youngest child Sarah Chorley married a John Walker in 1793.

John Walker was the wealthy friend and partner of Robert Owen. They set up the New Lanark cotton mill which is now a UNESCO world heritage site. They were run by Robert Owen and Mr. Dale. The ownership of the mill was in 1825 transferred to two of John Walker's sons, Charles and Henry. "As members of the Society of Friends or 'Quakers', they held the view that decent working and social conditions were worth investing in. The Walker's did not possess Owen's flair for self-promotion or Dale's extensive connections with the Scottish establishment, and as such, less is known about New Lanark under their ownership. We do know that New Lanark was one of the first of several Scottish country spinning mills to be visited by the new Factory Inspectorate in 1833. The inspectors were suitably impressed, reporting that the mills were "under the same excellent management with a view to health, education and general comfort of the workers, which prevailed during the proprietorship of the late philanthropic Mr. Dale and his son-in-law the well-known Mr. Robert Owen."

* The Walker ownership ended in 1881.

* New Lanark website – About New Lanark – New Lanark Visitor Centre.

A MĀORI PHRASE FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

By Mike Coyle



I recently listened to a 'Thought for the Day' on Radio 4. The speaker was a Buddhist clergyman, relating on how we might interpret people and feelings (if I remember correctly!).

Amongst his deliberations, he referred to a Māori phrase 'Be a good Ancestor' equaled in another culture as 'Plant a Good Tree'; one you may never see mature, but one you may be proud of. A valuable legacy.

Both these phrases stuck me as sound guidance, not just for life in general, but sound advice for Family Historians. Be a good ancestor suggests making sure that your descendants know and understand your lives and those who have gone before. Your offspring may not be interested, but future generations will be, you can be sure of that.

Our family history research usually concentrates on names, dates, locations, and relationships, less so about the lives they and we led and circumstances of their lives.

The internet and archives have provided us with all the resources we need for the former, but where might we get the 'stories' of our ancestors. In my studies of Business Management, I learned of a mnemonic that might help: STEEPLE, it provides a set of targets for further research and understanding our Ancestors lives:

S – Social aspects	the features of social interactions of the time, the places, the people, their work life
T – Technical aspects	those technological features, tools and qualifications affecting social and work life, equipment they used at home, at work and in leisure and the knowledge required to operate it.
E – Economic Aspects	those economic features of the time, what was life and living like? – earnings, food costs, job, and career progression, getting to work, cost of travel, costs impacting work and leisure
E – Environmental Aspects	Those features affecting health, life, work at the time, dangers at work, etc.
P – Political Aspects	what was going on in local, regional, and national government that affected our ancestor's lives.
L – Legal Aspects	What laws, regulations and conditions were impacting our Ancestors lives for good or bad, at work, daily life, work, and death
E – Ecological Aspects	What in the natural world helped or hindered social and working lives

It follows too that we make sure that, along with names, dates, locations, and relationships, we supplement information with the environments we live in. Planting seeds for future generations to see us not as a statistic in the family tree but as a living working ancestor.

THE CURIOUS CASE OF CHARLES HENRY JACKSON AND HIS MILITARY ALIAS

By Tony Haley

For some unaccountable reason Charles Henry Jackson had two identities. His own and for a brief few year in the 1880s that of Henry Scholes.

This all unfolded because of the difficulty locating the birth record of his daughter, Alice Mary Eliza Jackson. This is the story of that investigation.

Cast List

Charles Henry Jackson alias Henry Scholes (1858-1908)

James – father (1827-1893)

Eliza Jane – mother (1835-1926)

Ann Isabella Lowrey – first wife (1862-1886)

Alice Mary Eliza – daughter by first wife (1884-1959)

Harry Maries – son-in-law via Alice Mary Eliza (1879-1948)

Alice Warburton – second wife (1864-1917)

Charles Warburton (middle name) – son by second wife (1888-1966)

Mary Ann Watkins/Warburton/Pierpoint – mother-in-law via second wife (1838-1918)

Catherine Backhouse – live-in-girlfriend (1863-?)

In 1915 Alice Mary Eliza married a distant cousin of mine, Harry Maries, in St. Pauls, Blackpool. The couple were easily found in the 1939 Register living at 8 Carshalton Road, Blackpool. Alice's birth date was given as 27 November 1884.

With all this information it should have been easy to locate Alice's birth. Nothing could be further from the truth. There was an (under-researched) tree on Ancestry which had arbitrarily changed her surname and decided she had got her birth date wrong in the 1939 Register. There were others that gave a probably incorrect marriage. They were all quickly disproved and dismissed.

The breakthrough came with the 1921 census. Living at 8 Carshalton Road was Harry, Alice Mary Eliza and her 86 year old grandmother, Eliza Jane Jackson. It gave Alice's birthplace as Berwick.

We now had an accurate birth date from the '39 Register and the place of birth from the '21 census. But there were no Jackson births in Berwick upon Tweed or indeed Berwickshire, Scotland around that time.

Further census investigation found her in Blackpool in 1891 with her grandparents James and Eliza Jane Jackson. James died in 1893 and Eliza Jane continued to bring up Alice. The pair were living at 8 Carshalton Road in both 1901 and 1911. Somewhat curiously for a girl with three Christian names, Alice Mary Eliza, she was called Elsie in both those censuses. But the address is her lifetime address in Carshalton Road so it must be her. Her birthplace remained consistent as Berwick although that was sometimes described as Scotland and sometimes Northumberland.

On her 1915 marriage certificate Alice Mary Eliza had claimed her father to be Charles Henry Jackson, deceased, a soldier.

Presumably, if Charles Henry was real then his parents must be Alice's grandparents James and Eliza Jane Jackson. Locate that family and all might become clear. A family was found in Manchester that fitted these criteria. James Jackson married Eliza Jane Scholes in 1851 and had a son Charles Henry in 1858. Surely this must be the family, but how to reconcile that

with the lack of Jackson births in Berwick?

Charles Henry married Alice Warburton in Blackpool in 1887 some three years after the birth of his daughter, Alice Mary Eliza. On the certificate Charles Henry is shown as a widower. This explains why Alice Mary Eliza was brought up by her grandparents but does not move the quest for her birth information any further.

After much searching an interesting birth was found in Berwick, fourth quarter 1884; Alice Mary Eliza Scholes.

Could this be her? After all Scholes was her grandmother's maiden name. Alice Mary Eliza Scholes was baptised the following month in Berwick-upon-Tweed.

From the birth record her mother's maiden name was Lowrey and from her baptism the father was Henry Scholes and mother Isabella. They had married in Berwick the year before, 1883, when Isabella's name was Ann Isabella Lowrey.

How could Henry Scholes be related to Eliza Jane? – a son prior to marriage? – a brother? – a nephew? These were all investigated but drew a blank.

If this was the correct birth, then Ann Isabella presumably died between 1884 and Charles Henry's second marriage in 1887.

In 1886 the Death Register contains an Ann Isabella Scholes who died in Hartley Wintney, Hants. That is many miles from Berwick, but the burial was nearby in the Aldershot Garrison. This makes the probability of Ann Isabella's husband, Henry Scholes, being a soldier almost certain. This is reminiscent of Alice Mary Eliza's marriage certificate in which she gives her father's occupation as a soldier.

In 1881 there is a Henry Scholes of the correct age living in the barracks at Fulford, York. This is the only census where Charles Henry Jackson cannot be located. But if this is him then he is

hiding his birthplace; Clitheroe rather than Manchester.

The hypothesis must now be that Henry Scholes and Charles Henry Jackson are one and the same. The former name being used for his military career, and the latter for civilian life both before and after.

However, at this stage it is just a hypothesis, nothing more, but one that fits all the information so far researched.

Certificates are now needed. These should both verify the facts and add the extra information needed to prove the hypothesis.

The 1908 death certificate of Charles Henry Jackson gives the informant as Alice Mary Eliza Jackson, daughter.

Thus demonstrating that we have the correct Charles Henry.

The 1886 death certificate of Ann Isabella Scholes gives her husband as Henry Scholes, Corporal 2nd Battalion King's Own Borderers.

Thus demonstrating that Charles Henry would have been a widower when marrying for a second time in 1887 as well as demonstrating his military name.

The 1883 marriage certificate to Ann Isabella shows him as a Sergeant in the King's Own Borderers with father James Scholes, cabinet maker.

Further demonstrating his military service with caveats! Was the rank of Sergeant a lie or subsequent demotion? His real father was also James but a blind maker.

And the coup de grace.

The 1884 birth certificate of Alice Mary Eliza Scholes, (father Henry Scholes of the Barracks, Berwick,) gives a birth date of 27 November 1884. *The very same date that Alice Mary Eliza*

Maries (née Jackson) given in the 1939 register.

QED – Charles Henry Jackson and his military alias Henry Scholes are the same person.

So the mystery of Alice Mary Eliza's birth has been solved but that wasn't the only mystery surrounding Charles Henry. His second wife Alice Warburton was one of those rare births that was registered without a Christian name. But unfolding that is a story for another day.

To conclude Charles Henry's second marriage to Alice Warburton lasted less than four years. They had a son, Charles Warburton Jackson.

By 1891 Charles Henry was in lodgings in Blackpool. Also living there was the landlady's niece, Catherine Backhouse. She became (or perhaps already was) his live-in girlfriend; whilst his wife, Alice, was living with her mother (Mary Ann Watkins) and son (Charles Warburton Jackson) in Llandudno. They eventually moved to Bournemouth.

Their fortunes took very different paths.

Alice Jackson née Warburton died in 1917; her estate was valued at £6,783 (£5,915 net).

Her mother Mary Ann Watkins (formerly Warburton née Pierpoint) died in 1919; her estate was valued at £3,274.

Charles Henry died in 1908; he left everything to his girlfriend, Catherine Backhouse; the value of his estate – just £21 and 7 shillings.

TWO LANCASHIRE MEN

By John P. Lethbridge

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Background.

In 1898 President McKinley took the USA to war with Spain. The US Navy easily defeated the Spanish Navy. There was harder fighting on land in the Spanish colonies of Cuba and the Philippines. In this Spanish-American War the US Army lost four hundred men dead in battle.

President McKinley gave Cuba its independence but annexed the Philippines. The Filipinos had been in rebellion against Spain and had fought alongside the Americans against the Spanish. The Filipinos had been promised their independence as a reward and objected to this double cross. The resultant Filipino insurgency cost the Americans more than four thousand lives before it was quelled.

Charles Frederick Simpson and Thomas Haslam.

Charles Frederick Simpson was born on 27 November 1872 at Habergham Eaves in Burnley Registration District in Lancashire. His parents were John Charles Simpson a cotton weaver and Sarah Ellen Simpson née Pollard. The baby was christened at Habergham Eaves on 5 January 1873.

The 1881 census records Charles Frederick Simpson as a scholar aged eight living at 20 Scarlett Street, Habergham Eaves, with his parents who were thirty-two, a brother Arthur Herbert Simpson, six, and Jane Simpson, aged fifteen.

Charles Frederick Simpson was an Anglican and a choir boy at St Matthew's Church in Habergham Eaves. On growing up he became an over-looker for Messrs Woodward of Springfield Road, Burnley.

According to an Ancestry Tree Charles Frederick Simpson married Mary Jane Haslam at Bolton in 1894. According to the

same Ancestry Tree they were to have two daughters.

A Charles Frederick Simpson did marry Mary Jane Haslam on 24 January 1894 at Bolton. However, the relevant marriage certificate calls the groom's father Edward Simpson, a foundry manager rather than John Charles Simpson.

The 1 March 1899 Burnley Express stated that Charles Frederick Simpson was engaged to a daughter of John Cryer, an Accrington Road, Burnley, grocer, who was a member of the Burnley Board of Poor Law Guardians. This statement was based on a journalist's interview with Charles Frederick Simpson's mother.

Charles Frederick Simpson was and is a common name. Probably two different men got confused.

In 1898 Charles Frederick Simpson moved to Manila in the Philippines to be an over-looker at the Andrews Cotton Mill there, reportedly on a five-year contract. It was managed by an Argentinian man Enrique Cortes and owned by a Manchester syndicate in which John Witham JP a Habergham Eaves master cotton spinner had a large interest. By then John Charles Simpson was the steward of the Union (Conservative) Club on Manchester Road, Burnley.

Thomas Haslam a Radcliffe, Lancashire, man was also an over-looker at the Andrews Cotton Mill in Manila. I have been unable to identify him in the census records as he had a common Lancashire name but the Haslam's were an influential Lancashire family.

The Incident

There was hard fighting in Tondo, a Manila suburb, on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 February 1899. Most civilians retreated to their cellars but the Argentinian mill manager and his over-lookers Simpson and Haslam were curious and watched the battle from an upper storey window. They flew a Union Jack and thought it would protect them.

The Americans ignored the Union Jack and at thirty yards range opened fire. The Argentinian man was killed. Charles Frederick Simpson was mortally wounded and died later that day aged twenty-six. Thomas Haslam flinched when he heard firing and a bullet missed his heart by a few inches and hit his left arm. He made a full recovery.

Charles Frederick Simpson left £71 and sixteen shillings to his family. He was buried at the English Cemetery in Manila. His parents had a memorial placed to him in Burnley Cemetery Old Ground.

The Reaction.

The case was nationally reported. The Times first briefly mentioned it on Monday 27 February 1899. Even the Daily Mail that day headlined its report of it – *Britons shot in manila – Lamentable Mistake by American troops*. There was more publicity about it in Lancashire and particularly in Burnley, but even Lancashire newspapers generally portrayed it as a regrettable accident.

On Tuesday 28 February 1899 Reginald McKenna the Liberal North Monmouthshire MP, acting for Philip James Stanhope, the Liberal Burnley MP, in a Commons question, asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, William St John Fremantle Brodrick, if he had heard about the incident; would the Foreign Office investigate it; and would it ask the Americans to compensate the victims' families? Mr Brodrick replied that he would investigate and report back.

On Monday 20 March 1899 Mr Stanhope asked Mr Brodrick a similar question. Mr Brodrick replied that he was still awaiting information about the case.

The case then disappeared from view. I could not find any documentation in the National Archives to show that the British government asked for compensation for this case. In a 31 July 2019 email David A. Langbart of the American National

Archives said that he could not find any record of such a claim. Thomas Haslam and the families of the two men killed in the incident may have made personal claims but I have been unable to discover any evidence for this.

Conclusion

In 1896 Britain and the USA had been close to war over a boundary dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana but it was solved by international arbitration. Neither country had wanted a war. If Britain had wanted war the above incident would have made a good pretext. A British citizen was cold bloodedly murdered and another seriously injured by American troops who had fired on a Union Jack.

Britain could have pressed the issue without going to extremes. A request for an apology and personal compensation for Thomas Haslam and the victims' families might sometimes have worked. However by this time war in South Africa was looming and Britain could not afford such a distraction. What is more the American government knew this.

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ENCOUNTERS WITH ALCOHOLISM IN A BLACKBURN FAMILY ; DILEMMAS AND CONFLICTS

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A London paper in the mid 1800s described Blackburn as the most beery town in the world!¹ Conflict and controversy surrounding alcohol consumption in the northern industrial towns and cities in the Victorian and early Edwardian era provides the backcloth to this article. On the one hand the temperance movement, some advocating total abstinence, argued that the evils of drink harmed both physical and mental health. On the other, there was the conviction that the drink trade was unfairly targeted by temperance advocates because it was a legitimate and respectable business which served the public and generated substantial revenue for the nation. The article seeks to recall some of the issues of the time through the lens of one Blackburn family.

In 1894 George Holden, my great-grandfather, a leading cotton manufacturer in Blackburn, resigned his position as superintendent of the New Jerusalem Church, Blackburn Sunday School. I discovered the hand-written letter offering his resignation when exploring the archives of the Swedenborgian Society² as part of my ongoing research into the Holden weaving mills of Blackburn. The letter reveals his reasons for the resignation and enables a rather fuller story to be told not only about the temperance movement in Lancashire but about alcoholism and the Holden family.

The letter reveals how George Holden found himself in a difficult position following a meeting of Sunday School scholars to discuss the work of temperance and specifically the establishment of a 'Band of Hope' and the signing of the 'Pledge'. It appears that many in the meeting were of the view that teetotallers alone should carry on the work of temperance and that this position was raised in the meeting and with specific reference to my great-grandfather. My great-

grandfather, whilst very sympathetic to the temperance movement, did not subscribe to this 'purist' position yet clearly considered he could be an obstacle to the progress and success of the movement³.

In the next section I seek to place my great-grandfather's dilemma into a wider context. A final section adds a more personal note about the Holden family and its 'encounters' with alcoholism.

The Temperance Movement, the Sunday School and Bands of Hope.

The significance of the New Church Sunday School in relation to my great-grandfather's 'dilemma of office' becomes clear with the knowledge of the school's role in the temperance movement. Interestingly, the temperance movement has its origins in Lancashire, most notably Preston with its memorial to the supposed 'Father of Teetotalism', Joseph Livesey, from Walton-le-Dale. The Sunday School, whilst not a uniquely New Church institution, came to the fore of New Church activities to eradicate the evils of drink in the latter half of the 1800s. Again, the Schools were most prosperous in Lancashire (Lineham, 1978). Accrington, for example, had over 500 children registered. The Blackburn New Church records of 1896 Sunday School scholars taking the 'Pledge', promised not to drink alcohol and become members of the Band of Hope. At its peak, in 1897, the Band of Hope numbered 3.5 million children and adults. The temperance (use of alcohol in moderation) v teetotalism controversy is reflected in policy advice on establishing local Bands of Hope societies. Whilst advice from 'head office' stopped short of stating that Sunday School committee members should be teetotal, a number of societies argued strongly that officials should be "intelligent abstainers"⁴.

My great-grandfather, whilst unprepared to sign the 'Pledge', nonetheless had considerable empathy with the temperance movement. The extent to which this influenced his business practice as a weaving manufacturer remains subject to

conjecture. However, within his own family alcoholism and teetotalism took on a very personal note. Tom Holden, George Holden's eldest son, died of alcohol related illness at the age of 42. Despite being a Sunday School attendee at the time of the resignation letter Tom Holden succumbed to alcohol in his early 20s. In his book on the Holden weaving mills of Blackburn my father reflects on the impact on the family.

He had been a chronic alcoholic for some time and the whole thing must have been a ghastly family tragedy. His name was rarely mentioned when I was a boy and if 'it' were to be mentioned then in hushed tones. For the Chapel going, slightly puritanical Holden 'clan', this must have been shattering and shaming episode. (Holden, 2021)

Furthermore, the views of George Holden, combined with the death of his eldest son, clearly had a lasting impact on his middle son (my grandfather), James Holden. Drawing again on my father's recollections:

The death of Tom hit hard. One result was that my father (James Holden, Tom's brother) resolved that he would never again touch alcohol and never again enter a public house. He kept these resolutions literally and totally. I remember an East Lancs Bowling Club trip to Blackpool which I joined because someone had dropped out. At lunchtime all 20 or so retreated to a nearby pub for lunchtime snacks. My father turned aside and despite friendly pressure from the others left to find an alternative lunch venue. (Holden, 2021)

History has shown that it does not matter how often or to what extent alcohol consumption has been problematised or prohibited people still continue to drink. Whereas in 1894, the date of my great-grandfather's resignation letter, we had the temperance movement and Band of Hope, today we have sobriety societies and Alcoholics Anonymous. This article, whilst a family-based story, nonetheless provides an insight into society's alcohol 'conflicts and dilemmas', as pertinent today as in the late 19th century.

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¹Cottontown

(<https://www.cottontown.org/Health%20and%20Welfare/Efforts%20at%20Reform/Pages/Temperance-Movement.aspx>)

²Emmanuel Swedenborg (1688-1722), a religious philosopher, is widely regarded as the founder of the New Jerusalem Church (often simply referred to as The New Church). I am indebted to Alex Murray and James Wilson (Swedenborgian Society) for their assistance in searching the records from the New Jerusalem Church, Blackburn, held in the Society's archives.



THE SILENT LANGUAGE OF CEMETERIES

By Tony Foster

Cemeteries and burial grounds speak to us in several ways. For family historians the most obvious way is through the inscriptions on the gravestones and memorials. Sometimes the

information can be very brief but yet informative as with this example from Darwen Cemetery:

In loving memory of
the descendants of
John Shuttleworth born 1782
John Shuttleworth 1831-1894
and his wife Annas 1843-1923
William Thomas Shuttleworth
1857-1947
and his wife Maud 1872-1935
and their children
Frank 1897-1969
Lena 1899-1974
Eleanor 1906-1955
Florence 1909-1976
and for their future generations

How many of us wished we have a gravestone that had date of birth and deaths for several generations of the family.

Other gravestones may carry 'interesting' verses as the following:

Behold young man as thou pass by,
As thou art now so once was I,
As I am now so thou shalt be,
Prepare thyself to follow me.

There are many other amusing verses that can be seen on gravestones.

However, this article is more about the meaning behind the symbols associated with the gravestones and memorials.

Anchor	Hope and steadfastness, and eternal life. Can also indicate a person's occupation.
Angel	Guardian of someone's soul and protection on their journey to Heaven. If the angel is pointing towards heaven with outstretched wings this usually represents escorting the soul to Heaven. If the angel points downwards this may mean sudden departure or an untimely death.
Bedpillow	At rest; sometimes this is just illustrated by a pillow.
Book	The Book of Life but can mean the Bible, learning and faith.
Column	Represents a person's life and a broken column indicates a life cut short. A wreath over the column is victory over death.
Doves	The Holy Spirit or peace.
Hand	Clasped hands are a symbol of farewell from the earthly life and welcome to God's kingdom. Hand(s) pointing upwards indicates the person's heavenly journey.
Heart	Represents love, or heartfelt emotions.
Hourglass	Implies the sands of life running out.
Ivy	This evergreen plant is a symbol of immortality. Its three-pointed leaves also represents the Holy Trinity.
Knight	A popular Masonic symbol.
Lamb	Signifies Christ; The Lamb of God.
Laurel	A symbol of victory over death.
Lion	Represents courage, strength, and the resurrection. A winged lion represents Mark the Evangelist.
Obelisk	Can represent eternal life. Became very popular in the 19th century.
Rock	Represents the Church or steadfastness.
Skull	Represents mortality and its permanence.
Snake	Often shown with its tail in its mouth which symbolises eternity.

Square & Compass	A common Masonic symbol.
Star	A symbol for divine guidance and common on Masonic graves.
Torch	Means immortality. An upturned torch means a life extinguished.
Urn	Represents death and the return of the body to dust. A draped urn signifies that the soul has departed the earthly body.
Veil	Often represents the crossing between life and death.
Willow	Associated with mourning, grief and earthly sorrow.
Wings / Feathers	Signifies the ascent to heaven.
Wreath	Indicates memory and victory over death.

There are many other symbols that can be found on gravestones and there are some excellent websites. The following contains some good illustrations:

<https://tinyurl.com/yerzip3p>

The design of a gravestone may reflect the person's occupation.



The one I particularly like is the one in Poole Cemetery, clearly a book lover or someone connected with the book trade – the

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President: John Dalton

The Society invites you to celebrate our

50th ANNIVERSARY with a SOCIETY LUNCHEON



FARINGTON LODGE, Stanifield Lane, Leyland PR25 4QR

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023

Arrival from 12.30pm for LUNCHEON at 1.00pm prompt

Carriages at 5pm

The Luncheon will be followed by a short talk about the Society's achievements over the last 50 years and then musical entertainment by

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Your 'Lancashire' Entertainment for the afternoon.

3 Course Luncheon with Tea or Coffee
£32.00 per person
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V = Vegetarian; GFO = Gluten Free Option; VG = Vegan

Starters:

Roasted Tomato and Garlic Soup
Golden Crouton, Basil Oil **(V. VG. GFO)**

Ham Hock Terrine
Potato & Egg Chive Salad, Lambs Lettuce, Rapeseed Oil **(GFO)**

Traditional Smoked Salmon
Grated Egg, Capers, Shallot Rings, Brown Bread & Butter **(GFO)**

Heirloom Tomato and Watermelon
Feta, Rocket Salad **(V. VG, GFO)**

Mains:

Roast Sirloin of Beef
Roast Potatoes, Butter Mash Honey Roasted Vegetables, Tenderstem Broccoli,
Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy **(GFO)**

Half Roast Chicken
Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Butter Mash Honey Roasted Vegetables,
Tenderstem Broccoli, Gravy

Honey Glazed Pork Shank
Mustard Mash, Sticky Red Cabbage, Spiced Orange Sauce **(GFO)**

Sea Trout Kiev
Mussels Garlic Butter, Flat Bread, Tenderstem Broccoli, Sea Salt Fries **(GFO)**

Vegetable Wellington
Fondant Potato, Honey Roasted Carrot, Tenderstem Broccoli, Vegetable Gravy **(V. VG)**

Desserts:

Sticky Toffee Pudding
Toffee Fudge Sauce, Honeycomb, Vanilla Ice-Cream **(V. VG. GFO)**

Black Forest Cheesecake
Cherry Compote, Chocolate Crumb **(V)**

Lemon Posset
Blood Orange Gel, Shortbread Biscuits **(V)**

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Please indicate if you have special dietary requirements

There is a maximum capacity of 60 diners so please send your application in early **no later than Friday, 8 September**

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I/We enclose a cheque for £ _____ (Cheque to be made payable to: LFHHS)

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grave of Thomas Longman of the book publishing firm.



Does this gravestone refer to a builder as it seems to represent a roof? Only research will provide the answer.

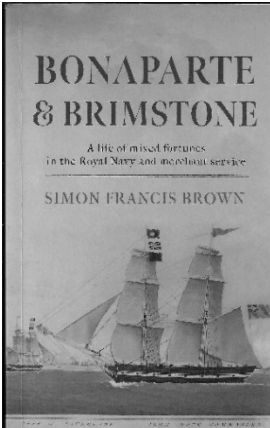
Although the cemetery can be silent, they still can speak to us.

DEATH NOTIFIED

Alan Walsh – Blackburn & Darwen

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of the
above.*

BOOK REVIEWS ETC



BONAPARTE & BRIMSTONE

by Simon Francis Brown - The story of John Monk's life of mixed fortunes in the Royal Navy and merchant service.

Napoleon Bonaparte's defeat in 1825 came at an inconvenient time for John Monk, an ambitious young naval officer who was forced to rethink his future career and turned to the merchant service where he encountered storms, shipwreck and piracy as he traded between Liverpool and the Mediterranean through the 1830s and 1840s.

Bonaparte & Brimstone is a fascinating biography of a Georgian naval lieutenant turned master mariner from Parkgate on the Wirral bringing him unforgettingly to life, making his way through the decades after the long war with France, always returning to his family in the North West of England. An emotional tale of family life from an abundant collection of personal documents, a diary of a stormy voyage to Italy in 1824, and survival of the dreadful bloodshed and loss of life on HMS *Impregnable* during the bombardment of Algiers in 1826. This is a tale of British society and of the country's seafarers who navigated a path through it centered around Liverpool, Chester and the Wirral with ties to Cumbria as the master of two Cumbrian-built brigs: the *William Black* of Workington and the *Monk* of Maryport.

Simon Francis Brown introduces his book with the statement 'Growing up, John Monk lived in our dining room – an old watercolour of his merchant brig the *Monk*, hung above the grey stone fireplace, and his flintlock pistols and daggers were

arranged beneath it on the mantelpiece.’ These items were fascinating to Simon and his brother, of course, when they were growing up. His father had inherited these artifacts which stayed tucked away in black metal box until to Simon’s delight when he began to sort through the contents where he discovered a life like any other, achievements and victories, disappointments and rejections, love, and family. A donation of a lifeboat to the Isle of Man represented the final act of a long and eventful life.

John’s will was proved on May 21st 1880 leaving £500 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, an organisation close to every sailor’s heart. At his personal insistence the lifeboat *John Monk* was, unusually, christened with his name, a thirty-seven foot, twelve oared self-righter and placed in the Peel, Isle of Man station in 1885. A storm in the Irish Sea raged in 1889, the *John Monk* lifeboat rowed towards a stricken Norwegian ship the *St George* which had left Greenock bound for Monte Video. After three hours of rowing and bailing, drawing close to the Norwegian, the Peel Lifeboat could see that the *St George* was a complete wreck and impossible to approach. With no way to get closer the lifeboat crew heaved a buoy out towards the ship and began to pull each person (there were 23) in through the water, one at a time, while eight of the crew manned the oars to hold their position. The captain’s wife was first, next the carpenter carrying her nine-month-old baby tied up in a canvas bag and slung between his shoulders, then the rest of the ships company. The poor ship’s dog was left to meet his maker on the sinking ship!

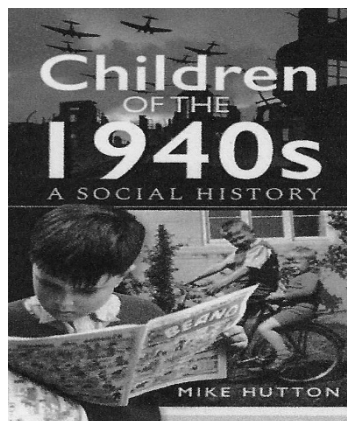
In a masterful achievement of interpretation of old historic documentation and an extensive period of research, Simon Francis Brown has produced a wonderful book in which I have spent many hours totally immersed. Published by the Conrad Press – ISBN 978-1-915494-35-1 and priced at £10.99.

Ian White

CHILDREN OF THE 1940s - A SOCIAL HISTORY

By Mike Hutton

What was it like growing up in the most dramatic decade of the 20th century? Tales of extraordinary stories of escape and survival of the everyday lives of youngsters living some 80 years ago. Bombed out homes, watching dog-fights in the skies above, evacuations and culture clashes between city kids and country cousins, all of us enduring strict discipline at school, and shortages of stringently rationed food. Austerity gnawed away during extremely cold weather with frost lining the inside of window frames. Bomb sites provided ready made adventure playgrounds and pleasures were simple with a weekly pilgrimage to the local cinema for Saturday morning pictures. Sales of comics boomed and Enid Blyton churned out countless books generally loved by the young.



The arrival of the American forces caused a flutter of excitement for children and quite a few of their older sisters and mums too. Just when it appeared it was almost all over there was a new threat as buzz bombs brought new fear and devastation. Eventually there was a brief moment of celebration with VE Day followed by massive victory parades.

Mike Hutton, a social historian and novelist, takes you back to a different world, one where streets offered live entertainment in the form of knife grinders, rat catchers, the calls and cries of rag and bone men and many other essential street traders. The skinny army of the 1940s are old now but their stories live on, some desperately sad, some warmly nostalgic whilst others quite hilarious.

Published by Pen & Sword – ISBN 978-1-399049-50-4
Hardback priced at £22.00

What was it like? I know because I was there!

Ian White

SAND TRACKS

By David Walshe

Having lived in Southport for over 20 years I was delighted to attend a talk entitled "Southport Street Names" with displays of Southport's Roads, Streets and Lanes history by David Walshe, who has been researching the history of Southport (and what existed before) uncovering previously unknown facts along the way. He states "in 2009 I started working on my family history project with my grandfather looking into my grandmother's RIMMER line." This uncovered parts and places of Southport I had never heard of and whetted my appetite for more. He started collecting books, maps, directories, pictures, paintings and started planning fresh ways of presenting the history of Southport and what existed before leading to his debut book "Sandy Tracks."

Southport Street Names looks at how roads were named, how old lanes that have now been renamed after local developments and roads that follow the course of old lanes. Recently he has featured in "The Lancastrian" and "Who Do You Think You Are?" magazines. He can complete house histories and also perform talks, of which he currently has three: "Marshside and It's Fog Bell", "A Brief History of High Park" and "Southport Street Names." Please get in touch if this is something you'd be interested in.

Sandy Tracks, Volume One – A Poetical and Illustrated Journey Through Southport's Past is a unique collection of local history themed poems and paired illustrations including well researched historical notes providing an in-depth look at the subject matter. The book can be purchased for £10 per copy via the website secretsandland.co.uk or at Broadhurst's bookshop on Market Street, Southport. Good interesting work

by a local enthusiast.

Ian White.

A LANCASHIRE FUSILIER'S FIRST WORLD WAR

By Norman Hall

Edited by his granddaughter Tricia Rothwell

Norman Hall (d.o.b. 1892) was born and brought up in Bury. He enlisted as a private in Liverpool in September 1914, becoming an officer with the Lancashire Fusiliers about a month later. He went to France with the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers in May 1915, and served on the Western Front for most of the war, apart from two periods in Britain convalescing (he was seriously wounded in September 1916 and suffered a broken ankle at the end of July 1918).

He survived the war, and in early 1919 began to write an account of his experiences, the original manuscript of which (five chunky notebooks) is now available for research purposes in the Imperial War Museum in London. In November 2020 an edited version of the memoir was published by his granddaughter in order to make it more widely available and to raise money for charitable purposes, primarily Combat Stress.

The published version of the memoir focuses on the training of the 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers in Britain (Bury, Southport and Bedford), their deployment in the trenches in France, and the Battle of the Somme in 1916. An Afterword summarises Norman's later service with the 1/5th Lancashire Fusiliers in France and Belgium. It provides a fascinating insight into life as a soldier on the Western Front, covering topics such as the day to day routine, the evolution of the weapons, skirmishes in No Man's Land, a gas attack by the British, the capture of a German prisoner, how time was spent when out of the trenches, and much, much more; sadly there are also some heart-achingly poignant accounts of the deaths of a number of Norman's comrades in arms.

The book will have general appeal to all those interested in WW1. Although the events narrated by Norman are specifically those in which the 51st Highland Division, the 55th (West Lancashire) Division and the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division participated, many men who served on the Western Front would have had very similar experiences.

The book will also be of interest to those researching any of their family members who happen to be mentioned by Norman. Over 400 individuals are indexed in the published version, mainly from Lancashire. The unedited original mentions many others. Tricia Rothwell has a complete transcript of the original, and, if any bona fide purchaser of the book requests it, she offers to spend half an hour or so checking to see whether there is any reference to a particular individual in the unpublished part of the memoir.

Published in paperback by P3 Publications

325 pages plus index, including c.200 illustrations (maps, photographs, postcards etc) many in colour.

Website: <https://alancashirefusilier.wixsite.com/1914-18>

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Have you had a book published and would like a review in the Society journal? Simply forward a copy to Ian White, address as above, or give the Editor a write up about your book.

**If you have reviewed a book, you have read and think it would interest some of our members, you may simply forward the review to
Hazel Johnson, editor@lfhhs.org.uk or
hazel.johnson2@btpenworld.com as usual. Thank you.**

NOTES AND NEWS

Ian White and Jennifer Benson run regular help sessions at Tarleton Library. Everyone welcome.

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

PRESTON BRANCH HELP DESK AT LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

Usually Jennifer Benson, Joan Clayton, Peter Bamford and sometimes Stewart McLaughlin run regular help sessions at Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston. Everyone welcome.

THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 09.30 am 12.00 pm

HYNDBURN BRANCH HELP DESK AT OSWALDTWISTLE LIBRARY

Muriel Smith and sometimes Eileen Bullock run regular help sessions at Oswaldtwistle Library. Everyone welcome.

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, 10.00 am TO 12.00 pm
**(IF THE FIRST MONDAY IS A BANK HOLIDAY CHANGES
TO SECOND MONDAY)**

AND AT

RISHTON LIBRARY
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH,
10.00 am TO 12.00 pm

HELPING HANDS

Do you have a family history question or need a library/archive lookup then Helping Hands might be able to help.

Contact: help@lfhhs.org.uk

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Did you know that the Society still collect any Out of County Strays or Newspaper Cuttings or Stories?

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Click on <https://www.lfhhs.org/index.php?cPath=63>

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS
Society Coordinators – Steve and Jennifer Benson

THE FAMILY HISTORY SHOW
KEMPTON PARK RACECOURSE TW16 5AQ
SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023

10.00am to 4.00pm

Tickets £12.00 on the day.

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**LOCAL HISTORY & HERITAGE DAY
ST THOMAS CHURCH HALL, GARSTANG PR3 1PA
SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023**

(further details on website or members forum)

**HUDDERSFIELD FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY FAIR
CATHEDRAL HOUSE, ST THOMAS ROAD,
HUDDERSFIELD HD1 3LG
SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2023**

10.00am to 4.00pm

Admission £3.00. Accompanied children under 16 free.

Come and see us at any of these Family History Fairs and shows.

If you would like to help and take part in any of the fairs please contact **Stephen Benson** (telephone 01772-422808 or e-mail Stephen.t.benson@btinternet.com)

SOME HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD CHURCH RECORDS

Olive Thexton, Secretary of Fylde branch (e-mail: fylde@lfhhs.org.uk) has in her possession the following records which she is willing to search for any queries members may have:-

Halifax Parish Church baptisms

1750/1759, 1760/1770, 1771/1778, 1779/1786, 1787/1792,
1793/1798, 1799/1805, 1806/1812, 1813/1818.

Huddersfield St. Peter's Burials Index
1562/1812 C – G

Huddersfield St. Peter's Marriage Index
1775/1788

Huddersfield St. Peter the Apostle Burials
1813/1851 A – I

Huddersfield Parish Church Marriages
1690/1724, 1724/1756

Huddersfield Parish Church Burials
1506/1835, 1813/1851 A – I

Paddock Parish Church Baptisms/Marriages/Burials
1830/1870

Halifax Mount Tabor Methodist MI's

Halifax St. John the Baptist Marriages
Book 1 – March 1754/June 1756
Book 2 – July 1756/September 1760
Book 3 – September 1760/April 1765

Royal Bucks Militia, men discharged 1799 and 1807.

MILITARY INTEREST GROUP (MIG) NEWS

By Mike Coyle

Sorry I have not been active with MIG in recent months. Couple of things that have come up that may be of interest:

The Western Front Project to digitise the WW1 Pension Cards, is now complete and searchable via the 'Western Front Assoc' website at:
<https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/pension-records/>

The WFA is also engaged in digitising Trench Maps at:
<https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/trenchmapper-public/>
and at: <https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/world-war-->

i-articles/trenchmapper-by-the-western-front-association/
You need to be a member to view them. All fascinating stuff.

There's more info on these projects in the latest WFA 'Bulletin'.
Our own Tony Foster gave a talk to the WFA East Lancs branch
on 25 July at 8pm on 'A Visit to Switzerland in 1916; a little
known aspect of WW1.

Let's have another Zoom 'MIG Chat' session, after a summer
break. **Watch this space.** Any items to discuss or comments,
let me know either here or via email:
Mike.coyle@btinternet.com.

Have a great summer.

BRANCH NEWS

BLACKBURN & DARWEN

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BURY

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CHORLEY

Secretary: Jayne Dixon
Branch e-mail: chorley@lfhhs.org.uk

Meeting location:

Please note meetings are now held in Primrose Gardens, Fleet Street, Chorley PR7 2EE (except in December when it is the 1st Thursday) The room we are using is down a few steps, with a lift available if necessary.

Refreshments will be available, drinks and wrapped biscuit for 50p. Raffle tickets are 50p each, and items offered as raffle prizes are always welcome.

Parking:

Free parking after 5pm immediately opposite Primrose Gardens on Fleet Street car park, Chorley PR7 2EY. Also, street parking on Fleet Street and Library Street.

Please note you cannot park on the Primrose Gardens car park as understandably; this is a security-controlled car park for residents and their visitors only.

In May we successfully transferred our branch meetings to the new venue at Primrose Gardens. The meeting room is modern, light, airy and is easily accessible. It has the added advantage of a very modest rental fee. We have also reverted to holding our meetings at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of each month and are hoping that some members for whom Wednesday evenings were not convenient will return to branch meetings.

At the May meeting Steve Fielding presented "Lancashire Murders – Tales from the Hangman's Record", a somewhat gruesome but interesting subject. In June, Steve Williams gave us a talk, "Railways around Chorley", illustrated by many not previously seen photos which brought back memories for many attending.

In July we visited St George's Church in Chorley (a Waterloo Church) and in August our meeting is at Astley Hall where Geoff Maybank will talk about the last eight years of extensive repairs and conservation at the Hall – what happened and what they found – a project in which he has been very closely involved.

In September, we return to Primrose Gardens with Megan Roberts giving a talk entitled "Down The Rabbit Hole"... you never know what you'll find in your family tree.

Our programme of speakers is arranged by Marian Crossley, to whom we give grateful thanks, but this is a role she wishes to relinquish so we need a new Programme Secretary. If you can help, please let us know.

Each month Wendy Pratt prepares a newsletter full of news and information; thank you Wendy. It is published on our website – [www. Lfhhschorleybranch.com](http://www.Lfhhschorleybranch.com)

We now also have, thanks to Megan Roberts, a new Facebook page –<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1528602804565784>

The branch continues to be very active and for this we are very grateful for all the work undertaken by various members who give unstintingly.

You are assured of a warm welcome at any of our branch meetings. Do come and join us.

Bernard Cliffe, Branch Chairman

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Another AGM has been and gone. I cannot remember ever having to miss attending at one of these meetings, especially the lovely buffet that is always provided.

We have held meetings and offered help to members, and we have welcomed a number of new members to join us in the Fylde branch. Each person has different needs relating to their tracing of ancestors. We receive queries through the facebook page and it is good to see how others will jump in to offer help. If you have a facebook page, please just ask to join with us. There are pages full of information attached to the branch page, all relating to the Fylde area. I admit to being a bit of a squirrel at times.

For the July meeting Brenda Warburton came to speak to us about the RNLE, so next month there will be a report on her talk about the lifeboat service, which means such a lot to us living on the coast.

As I sort through drawers I constantly find copies of Gazette articles and I will add anything of interest to the Journal and Facebook.

As the new Preston By-pass is newly opened, an undated piece from the local Gazette caught my eye and it seemed a good idea to remind us of a very important piece of history. On 5 December 1958 Prime Minister Harold Macmillan cut the tape on 8 miles of road which became M6, during the 1970s the Motorway revolution began. By February 1964, 300 miles of motorway were open and ten years later there were 1,100 miles. This promised the end of bottlenecks and swift and trouble-free travel across the length and breadth of the country. The longest motorway is the M6 at 231.4 miles. I

recorded a snippet of 8mm film while travelling on a holiday to the South of England along the new M1. Not another car in view. The films were saved to a DVD, which is hiding somewhere.

Another cutting concerns Yeadon Way in Blackpool. LCC County Surveyor Harry Yeadon, prepared, designed and supervised the construction of the Preston By-pass from 1956 to 1958, He was also responsible for the motorway link, Yeadon Way. This was intended to be a three-lane carriageway, the Government refused and said it had to be two. Eight years later, the other lane was added. In anticipation, they had made an extra wide central reservation. One important piece of information that is missing is the cost.

An extra snippet of information for those not in the know is that ICI in Thornton Cleveleys was the home of Terylene. We remember wearing clothes made from this new fabric.

The number of members attending meetings usually takes a dip at this time of year, when some will take a summer holiday. The one contact throughout the summer that we have is the August issue of the Journal. How many of us will be visiting the places where our ancestors lived, or where they are buried. I remember hearing stories of people who made the most of the summer weather in order to travel around the country, or even further afield. Let's hope we have many more sunny days to come.

HERALDRY GROUP

Contact Stephen Benson

Now that 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle is open again we are trying to relaunch the group.

We are looking into the possibility of conducting our meetings by Zoom for the benefit of interested members who live too far away to be able to travel for face-to-face meetings.

No programme has been arranged, but notices will appear on the members forum and the Society website.

If you are interested in joining us, please let me know.

HYNDBURN

(covering Accrington, Altham, Church, Clayton le Moors, Gt Harwood, Oswaldtwistle & Rishton)

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**New Venue : Accrington Sea Cadets, Harvey Street,
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Our May meeting fell just a few days before the Coronation and as several members were going to be away we decided to hold our own celebration. Members brought along items of royal memorabilia and party food and together with a couple of related quizzes had an enjoyable evening ahead of the big event itself.

Linda Sawley paid a welcome return visit in June with a hilarious talk entitled "Where did that come from?" Many of the expressions she mentioned we remembered from our childhood and it was interesting to hear where they had originated. Needless to say, we were able to contribute several more and we look forward to hearing the next instalment in a few months time.

July was also a return visit, this time by David Pilkington who has an extensive knowledge of the history of Blackburn

Orphanage and its founder James Dixon. There was a very interesting discussion afterwards on how well the children were prepared for life and the support they received after leaving the home.

Our out visit is now being planned round a visit to the Immanuel area of Oswaldtwistle where James Hargraves of Spinning Jenny fame lived. This will be in late August and details will be put on the website when finalised.

September will be a talk by 2 members of staff from the Haworth Art Gallery entitled, "The heritage and legacy of William and Anne Haworth" – the family who once owned the Gallery premises.

In November we will have a film about the Boer War introduced by Ian McGuinness and December will be a Christmas social.

IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

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Meets every two months on the second Saturday at 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle.

Society members and visitors have been sparse, but we have assisted those who came.

Marian Crossley, Irish Group

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Is there a talk or a speaker that you would like to hear and that you think would be of interest to the NW Groups? Would you like to give a presentation? I would also like help in organising the talks. If you feel you might be able to help, or have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please email me at the address below. Helen Conchar - Member 7279
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All talks will be on Zoom starting at 2pm.

Submitted by Helen Conchar – Member 7279

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PENDLE & BURNLEY

Branch website: www.lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk

Topic: LFHHS Pendle & Branch Zoom Meetings

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It is encouraging that although no face to face meetings are presently being held, there has been so much interest from members to request zoom meetings/chats. The advantage of this is that now members far and wide can now join in.

Check the members forum for further information.

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MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Abbreviations:

c.Bury = Bury area
e.20C = early 20th century
m.18C = mid 18th century
c.1650 = about 1650
e.1763 = earliest ancestral link
l.19C = late 19th century

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FROM THE EDITOR

If you or someone from your local branch run a Help Desk which is not listed in our journal please forward details for publication. You do not need to take a query to any Help Desk, just call in to say hello and find out if you have missed any local events etc. It could be a good way of keeping in touch for members no longer wanting to go to evening meetings. Some libraries have even installed coffee/tea machines.

You will have noticed that within the Members' Interests, the contact details vary. This is because of data protection and some members have decided they only want limited contact details published. Anyone wishing to contact a member with no information published, should please liaise with our Surname Interests Co-ordinator Jennifer Benson by phone or e-mail surnames@lfhhs.org.uk

Several members have recently forwarded new e-mail addresses. Again, due to data protection we do not publish a list in the journal. Kindly advise our Membership Secretary and Surname Interests Co-ordinator who are the only people who need your up-to-date details. If you submit any articles etc. for publication in the journal, please advise which contact details you agree to be published.

Some branches are not holding meetings at present. Pendle and Burnley members still wanted to keep in touch, and requested Zoom/Chats once a month which have now been set up. This has also interested members from further afield, some

of whom miss our lovely Lanky Twang and are happy to just listen.

Looking through the members forum items, it seems as though many members are interested in a group or zoom talks regarding writing up your family history. What a brilliant way to enhance your family tree.

We are now celebrating the 50th anniversary of the commencement of our Society. Some photographs have been printed occasionally, showing members at AGMs or outings, but not all have shown the names. Do you have an old photograph which has not been published yet? Kindly send a copy or scan, and share it with everyone, especially if you are able to name the people on it, or where and why it was taken.

A standing order form to renew membership has been printed again, in time for anyone wishing to change their method of renewing membership to set up with their bank or building society. Of course, the usual methods can still be used, cheque or via the website. Don't forget to put your membership number as reference after your name.



40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER GROUP 2013



ALSTON HALL AGM 1980

Back Row: Eric Frankcom, Jack Barber-Lomax, Andrew Todd, George Pelling, John Mackie (founder member), Rodney Hampson.

Front Row: Frank Fell (founder member), Rita Hirst, Dorothy Frankcom, Joyce Pickup

A reminder for you to complete the pull-out application form and decide which method of payment you chose, if you are going to the 50th Society Annual Meal (plus entertainment with a Lancashire flavour). Why not do it now before the allocated places are filled.

While you have your pen at the ready, why not fill in the Standing Order Mandate to present to your bank now, and make the annual membership renewal easier.

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