



Bolton's Genies



The Monthly Newsletter of the Bolton Family History Society:

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December 2017

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

This month's seasonal picture is of one of Bolton's most historic buildings, Smithills Hall, courtesy of Owen Lythgoe. We did have a group visit here in 2015 but for more about its history <https://goo.gl/pRDvaf>



Well, here we are, and the end of the year is looming. I am starting to write this on Armistice Day, and tomorrow will be Remembrance Sunday. In the UK of course, these are the last of the big national events before the Christmas season starts, although even these dates seem to be becoming more overlapped these days. Our Christmas party has been and gone, (see below for a report), and now we are moving on to a new year. As there has not been much more activity to tell you about, I am planning to have a clear out of the interesting websites that I have been accumulating but not had the space to pass on to you, and I hope that exploring same will be a happy occupation when the weather is bad and if you also don't have to go to work or have the usual commitments

OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

• Where?

Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Brow, Chorley Old Road BL1 5SU. Buses 519&125 <https://goo.gl/TH5zYC>. All MLFHS members free. £3.00 to non-members unless joining on the night.

• When?

7pm beverages available for 7.30pm start, on the first Wednesday of each month. Extras include a Help Desk for personal research, Stationery Table for discounted equipment, and recycle service for your used Family History Magazines



Wednesday November 29th Our Christmas “Bash” and “Christmas: Don’t we just love it?” by Linda Sawley

Yes, not even December but as our usual monthly venue is unavailable at this time of the year, this one does seem to fall well, and provide an early launch into the festive season. We managed to arrange the, now traditional pie and peas supper via the Golf Club, and 90+ tickets were booked. The room was well prepared but unfortunately the heating not quite up to the coldest day of the year. Christmas jumpers came into their own and overcoats remained firmly fixed until the warming food was served after the talk.

A few made good use of the Bar! It was also good to welcome some old faces who haven’t visited for a while with Alan and Joan (Brabbin) Sheppard popping in. Both have served as Chairmen in the past in the 1990s

Linda arrived in good time from Burnley, with accompanying friend, and she started to get us into the Christmas spirit by launching into her very interesting account of the history of Christmas. Hers was a fascinating tale of how the Romans had originally introduced the concept of Christmas in 300AD to conveniently coincide with their pagan festival of Saturnalia

which marked the start of the Winter Solstice. Rather than upsetting the procedures were tweaked, reasons amalgamated, and partying continued, with a bit of religion thrown in and carolling, mumming (religious plays), feasting and so on. By the Middle Ages swan was the upmarket meat of choice, with goose, beef, ham or even bacon if you were poorer. Peasants usually only ate rye bread, cheese, peas and bacon. Carrots, tomatoes and roast vegetables were yet unknown.

Sadly the water was unsafe so Linda explained how, *“In 1363 in King Edward III’s household, he used 10 pipes of wine (a pipe is 105 gallons!!!); 12 pipes of Rhenish wine/; and 1,600 pipes of Gascon wine – a total of 170,130 gallons. Not all drunk by the King but all his household, and some given away to friends and family and retainers eg Geoffrey Chaucer was given a gallon a day!!”*. Multibird roasts were popular and composed of “A swan on outside, then goose, then duck, guinea fowl, chicken, pheasant, partridge, pigeon, woodcock.” A fashion which has of course been recently revived with maybe slightly different birds.! It was commented that this could also be a difficult time for the peasants in more ways than one, as annual payments of taxes, rents etc became due, often at a time of hard weather and food shortages. Apparently, the kindlier landlords sometimes tried to compensate by providing a festive meal for their tenants. This will have coincided with the general rule of no meat to be eaten Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays or Lent or Advent, so Christmas Day broke the meat fast.

The word “mumming” actually means “to disguise” and Edward III’s well recorded Christmas of 1347 at Guildford <https://goo.gl/XRTBDG> after his earlier triumphant return from Calais and the Battle of Crecy in October, <https://goo.gl/1FzUak> , apparently involved a mind boggling variety of food, and celebration. Dressing up was also the fashion with extravagant headdresses, masks, and costumes used for play acting and parading. This event is now commemorated annually by local towns. (Editor’s note it would seem likely that this acting is probably also an early version of our modern Pantomimes <https://goo.gl/Hre3ot> but not mentioned here).

Wassailing <https://goo.gl/cBHD4Z> apparently emerged in the 1400s and involved what we might today call a cider based hot toddy, or mulled wine, being made in a container and passed around households where occupants partook in exchange for money, minced pies etc.

There are many variations on this theme, but the goal was to wish each other a good new year.

The 17th C arrived though, and so did Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans who decided that all this carousing was too “Popish” and made Christmas festivities, and holidays illegal

<https://goo.gl/hG77cM> . Happily, Charles II took over in 1660

<https://goo.gl/D8wRg5> and restored the previous status quo,

although apparently the law of austerity has never been



locals,



revealed!

It seems generally agreed that the traditional Christmas that we know, and love today was introduced by the Victorians. Charles Dickens writing "A Christmas Carol" in 1843 introduced the concept of the benevolence of the rich distributing gifts and food to the poor, and in the same year Sir Henry Cole introduced cards in his art shop to be delivered on the Day to wish his customers well. <https://goo.gl/DQP776> . Father Christmas was a composite of an Old English character dressed in green, celebrating Spring, and the Dutch St Nicholas arriving in the USA in the 17thC. The character "morphed" into Santa Claus over the years. The idea of presents "mimicked" those of the Three Kings to baby Jesus. The turkey that we now celebrate with, only arrived with Prince Albert from Germany, the Yule log can be attributed to the Vikings bringing a big log in that would burn for 12 days and the remnants used when

starting next year's fire for continuity . Holly, ivy, and mistletoe are all symbolic. The red and green colours represented the crown of thorns at the Crucifixion, ivy was considered a female plant combining in union with the prickly male holly, "(Bacchus the Roman god of drinking is always depicted with a wreath of ivy, as it supposed to ward off drunkenness)". Magical mistletoe is also an ancient tradition <https://goo.gl/KRSGLK> going back to the Druids, with the name describing its usual whereabouts of "dung" (mistel) and "twig" (tan). Apart from protecting against witches, getting rid of fleas, and stopping the fairies from stealing the kids, Norse mythology also thought it promoted love allowing one kiss per berry, to cease when the berries ran out.

The talk was closed with a rousing rendition of Jingle Bells, and having sung for our supper, it was served. By this time most had managed to scan the quiz, and certainly there had been deep concentration for a while, and things had become a little competitive. Papers were exchanged, and Graham took to the role



of Quiz Master as though he had been doing it for years. A man of many talents! I think the top score was 30+ and prizes were allocated to team members. The raffle was then drawn with we hope acceptable prizes, and the evening came to a close. For those of you unable to attend, or wanting another look, the questions are provided at the end of this newsletter. The answers will be posted in the Misc column of our website with a notification email 9am Christmas Day <http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/>

The committee members and helpers, hope you have all enjoyed the show. Here are just a few of the pictures we took, including one of Lindas Christmas shoes for those of you who could not see them. Thanks for all your support over the year and beyond.



Our next meeting will be in

10th January 2018 Dr. Alan Crosby "Bullbaiting and buddles: exploring the social history of a Peak



District family" This is a corrected title and Alan a local historian with an international reputation and a very popular speaker tells us "It's about my maternal forebears, the Bagshaw family of Hazlebadge near Tideswell, and includes a good deal of medieval exploration so it's a bit different, --- but quite entertaining too, ---- of course"

RECENT TRIPS AND COMING EVENTS

WANTED: VISIT ORGANISER.



A person, (or people), are required to organise visits for the members of the Bolton FHS. Visits are normally between Spring and Autumn depending on what is available, but hoping for at least 4 visits spread through the season.

Not all visits need have a direct genealogy connection, for example the recent visit to the BBC Media City, (which included looking at its creation and a bit of reminiscing as well), was of general historical interest.

Visits undertaken in recent years include: Hall i'th Wood, Smithills Hall, Turton Tower, Ordsall Hall, John Rylands Library, Chetham's Library, Manchester Cathedral, Manchester Central Library, Bolton Parish Church, Deane Church, Victoria Hall, BBC, Salford Museum, Helmshore Mill, Stockport Hat Museum & Air Raid Shelters, Heaton Park Tramway Museum, WDYTIA at the Birmingham NEC,

Possible future trips might include the Theatre Organ Heritage Centre and Museum at Eccles, Manchester Portico Library, Gaskell House, Port Sunlight (with Lord Leverhulme connections), the Terracotta Army at Liverpool, (we have a provisional date but nobody to coordinate).

You will not be expected to think of all the possible visits yourself, assistance in that area will be available, and the main responsibilities will be finding a suitable date, ascertaining facilities, costing, perhaps arranging transport if necessary, and taking names and subs.

If you are interested talk to Graham Holt Chairman, if that is possible, or email gholt32@gmail.com.

It is unlikely there will be any more trips until an Organiser is in post, (and this will not include committee membership.)



GENIE'S TIPS for DECEMBER

Pro: For the serious genealogist <https://goo.gl/7xHqtK> FindmyPast. Upgrade to the Pro package and access all our records at a great price

This might provide a quick fix for those unable to, or reluctant to, pay for a full Findmypast years subscription but who are really anxious to have quick access to the 1939 Register or international records. It is now possible to access the Register with a single month's subscription, or5 there are other options.

Here is a summary of all

current offers from **Genealogy Discount**, just in time for Christmas. <https://goo.gl/aFDA8C>

Just in case you can't make it to any of our courses either in Bolton or Manchester, here are some good tips to be thinking about in preparation over the Christmas period when you will probably be having family catch ups and a bit of alcohol to help jog the memory

Start Your Family History with the Society of Genealogists <https://goo.gl/57NR9k>

BUT WE DO HAVE

WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES

Family History Workshops at Bolton Central Library, Saturdays 10-12.30pm Feb 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th 2018. These classes are aimed at those who need help starting their trees off, or are trying to develop their research but have reached brick walls. It does not matter either if your family's roots are not local, it is the theory that is being taught. The Autumn classes are now well under way, and Rita and Barbara are now taking names for the Spring series. The cost for the workshops once again will be £25 including refreshments and materials. For further details and to book please contact Barbara Owen on 01204 309515 or email bolton@mlfhs.org.uk,

THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

***The Victorian mill owner's daughter behind Bolton's vast Egyptology**



collection <https://goo.gl/e42epX> _ BoltonNews 1.11.17 Saiqa Chaudhari. Did you see this recent article? I know many are wondering what is happening with the museum, well this is

"BOLTON Museum houses one of the most comprehensive collections of Ancient Egyptian objects in the UK, containing some 10,000 artefacts spanning a 12,000-year period.

In Bolton Museum a new multi-million-pound gallery is being developed to show the world-renowned collection which gives a glimpse into the land of the Pharaohs and

continues to fascinate and intrigue people today. Once open next year, it is set to be a major tourist attraction attracting visitors from abroad. The collection can be traced back to the daughter of a mill owner, Annie Barlow (1863-1941) (picture courtesy of Bolton News). Her father, James, who lived in Edgworth, founded one of the most success mill companies — Barlow and Jones — which imported Egyptian cotton. While Egypt was of great interest commercially, his daughter's interest lay in Ancient Egypt." ---

***Our proposals for North West** <https://goo.gl/NLVeJ8> **2017 Boundary Commission for England**

Ok, this isn't exactly family history related at the moment but it will be soon, so have a look at what they want to do with your polling area. Big shakeups coming for Bolton I think.

"Our Revised proposals, published on 17 October 2017, set out the new constituencies in the North West. You have until 11 December 2017 to tell us what you think of them.

You can use the map below to view the proposals, compare them with our initial proposals, your existing constituency and see how they relate to local government boundaries in your area. ---"

***£600,000 renovation plan to bring historic Carnegie library in Great Lever back into use**

Dan Holland Bolton News 18th October 2017. *"The building, which is more than 100 years old, is a Carnegie library, endowed by the 19th century American tycoon and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, and later became the Great Lever Community Centre" ---. picture courtesy of Bolton News*

***Holden Mill in Bolton an example of preserving historic mills - Historic England** <https://goo.gl/kEeQ8Q> 21st November Bolton News Saiqa Chaudhari

"Bolton has been highlighted in a report for the way it has preserved its historic mills, as the textile mills in the region disappear — despite 'massive public support against demolition'. Holden Mill, a Grade II listed building in Blackburn Road, has been held up by Historic England as an example of how such historic buildings can be preserved. The mill built in 1926 has been converted to 275 apartments named The Cottonworks".



Lancashire Records



<http://goo.gl/I29JpI> with recent local updates <https://goo.gl/MGeZCC>



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

LFHHS Chorley Branch are moving <https://goo.gl/j1Amvh>

I know our newsletter does reach this far, so good luck in your new home from January 2019, at Cunliffe Hall (Chorley Masonic Hall), Cunliffe Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2BE on 3rd Thursday in the month (2nd Thursday in December)

Frank Rogers - Volunteering with FreeREG <https://goo.gl/XnRXou> **Free UK Genealogy**



I have mentioned this wonderful free site a few times now, but here also is an example of how you can get really involved with it.

SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES



Publican, Brewery and Licensed Victuallers Records (Occupations) <https://goo.gl/rJPZme> **GenGuide**

What an excellent and free resource this is of all sorts. Have a dabble!! Other items on the list include Passenger Lists (Immigration) (Emigration) (including Scotland and Ireland) Merchant Navy - Registers of Seamen/Service (Seamen) Coroner Inquest Records (Crime & Courts) Lunatic Asylum Records

"Records of those who applied for an annual victualler's licence, issued to an individual who intended to serve food and alcoholic beverages in a public house. From 1522, a person wanting to sell alcoholic drinks had to apply for a licence from the Quarter or Petty Sessions and it is from the records of these courts that the majority of publican records originate". ---

Military and Conflict Stuff

"British Military Terminology" <https://goo.gl/WBQr8S> US Army Military History Institute

This was dated 1943 and apparently for the benefit of American troops finding a language conflict with their opposite numbers. Maybe it worked both ways though!

Clarifying Fates – Searching for Family Members <https://goo.gl/gj3Q3W> International Tracing Service

"Every year, thousands of people turn to the International Tracing Service (ITS) to find out more about the fates of victims of Nazi persecution. The inquiries come from all over the world: the crimes of National Socialist Germany tore families apart. The ITS preserves and provides information on all victims of the Holocaust and Nazi tyranny: ---"

How to interpret a campaign medal index card – <https://goo.gl/kRtzZm> **The Long, Long Trail**

"The medal index cards are not easy to interpret. Here are some tips that will help you make sense of a card you have found." ---

The General Register Office and the First World War <https://goo.gl/MneyDD> by Audrey Collins, Posted on:

10 November 2017 - Categories: **Civil service, First World War, The National Archives** (courtesy of Peter Calver)

This article answers so many questions that we have probably asked but never found a satisfactory answer for. How did the regular BMD events and other logistics get recorded during the period of hostilities? There

were obviously extra demands, both at home and abroad, and yet many of the regular clerical staff were themselves called up. This blog gives an interesting insight into how it was managed.

“Shell-Shocked Britain: Understanding the lasting trauma of the First World War”

<https://goo.gl/rMEhyr> The National Archives Published date: 25 May

2016 Carianne Whitworth (admin). *“Millions of soldiers were scarred by their experiences in the First World War trenches, but how new was what we now know as ‘shell shock’? What treatments were on offer? And what happened after the men came home. Writer and researcher Suzie Grogan reveals the First World War’s legacy for soldiers and looks at the impact of the Spanish influenza outbreak, air raids on the*

Home Front, the trauma experienced by the survivors, and why the conflict still resonates into the 21st century” and what good timing as “Peaky Blinders” starts its 4th season on BBC 2. <https://goo.gl/whJ1eH>

WomensWork100 at the First World War Centenary Partnership <https://goo.gl/PJRDJH> Posted 13th November 2017 in News By Liz Robertson

In 2018 the First World War Centenary Partnership, led by IWM, will present WomensWork100. This international programme of exhibitions, events, activities, creative responses, personal stories and digital resources will recognise and celebrate the working lives of women during the First World War and beyond. Uncover new stories of women who joined the workforce in diverse roles during the First World War, against the backdrop of the campaign for female suffrage, and explore the important IWM Women’s Work Collection, all online at 1914.org. We want more organisations to take part in #WomensWork100, and help tell the story of the working lives of women in the First World War, and beyond. Organisations can register online to get involved. The Centenary Partnership team will be in touch with you shortly.”

First World War volunteers <https://goo.gl/yKggJS>

“Over 90,000 people volunteered for the British Red Cross at home and overseas during the war.

Search for your family’s personnel records, and discover what Red Cross volunteers were doing in your local area 100 years ago”

Folk duo Tomato/Tomato help Edgworth celebrate its Canadian links with UK tour show <https://goo.gl/mro3xn>

RosalindSaul Bolton News Senior reporter

Lastly, and I apologise because this is not Christmassy in the traditional sense, but I suggest it is in looking at how families support each other. Are you watching

“Blitz: The Bombs That Changed Britain “ <https://goo.gl/vGurFp> Currently showing on **Thursdays 9pm BBC 2**

and Iplayer. The fact that this is still within the living memory of, so many people maybe makes us overlook this time period in researching family history, but sadly not for much longer. The second episode shows how my home town of Hull was affected in WW2, and of course I grew up with the humorous family stories, but the terror was never discussed, and I remember the bomb sites and Anderson shelters.

However, the first episode in London does explain how and why the National Health System was created, and the second introduces the idea of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder for civilians. In truth “phoenixes from the ashes”, for which we should all be grateful.

Scottish Stuff

“The Kirk Sessions - More than just fornication cases!” <https://goo.gl/a2jXRz> The Scottish Genealogy Blog 19 February

2016 *“We often turn to the Kirk Sessions to look for cases of fornication when our ancestors were illegitimate. If it was discovered that a child was born to unmarried parents the couple would be brought before the Kirk Session, this was a group of men who would investigate ‘sins’ and discipline congregation members. The minutes of the Kirk Session are a wonderful resource when you are tracing your Scottish family tree and by far the most frequent cases are those of fornication, but they are not the only ones you may come across.”*



Happy Haggis <https://goo.gl/ZibEKW> HappyHaggis is a website that concentrates on just Scotland. The General Record Office of Scotland estimates that over 28 million people have Scottish roots. As of April 2015, HappyHaggis offered, free of charge:

"Some little-known facts about Scottish Clans" <https://goo.gl/Tcn9kG> The Clan Akins Association

"Scottish Post Office directories" <https://goo.gl/sZ9FJq> National Library of Scotland

"Scottish Post Office directories provide a perfect basis for researching family or town history.

These annual directories include an alphabetical list of a town's or county's inhabitants, called a general directory, enabling you to easily find out where people lived at a certain time---".

"The origins of the Scots language" <https://goo.gl/119HmL> Forward

Thinking, University of Edinburgh October 27, 2017 Madeleine Beveridge For me this two minute video report is an absolute gold mine for tracking the migration patterns of the UK population over the last few thousand years. For those trying to find similar answers using DNA research, please do watch and listen to this.



Photography

Are we breeding a 'lost generation' who won't have photo albums to capture their lives?

<https://goo.gl/ynRnUa> The Telegraph Julia Llewellyn Smith 5 November 2017 • 7:00am

"Visiting my parents for the weekend, a traditional ritual plays out. Slumped on the sofa after Sunday lunch, I reach towards the tatty photo albums in the bookcase" ---

Heritage Photo Archive & Heritage Image Register <https://goo.gl/EtS398>. This is the "brain child" of Ken Howarth, retired local historian, who seems to be making it his mission to try to record and preserve as many memories of past times in the north west as he can lay his hands on. This website is a gold mine. Enjoy. He introduces the project as a "Heritage photographic archive of Wales, north west England the Lake District. It is also the location of the "Heritage Image Register" of lost images and photo collections featuring "local history", "family history", "industrial heritage" etc, and a Free 'Archive' Service for individuals, families, heritage groups, photographic societies, archives, private & public organisations, museums & others to display and promote heritage images of North West England, Lake District & North Wales.



Tom Greenhalgh, A Victorian collier recalls working at Outwood Colliery c1901 Heritage Recording Sound Archive UK | Free Listening on SoundCloud <https://goo.gl/45XtzY>. This is another example of Kens collection. Tom Greenhalgh was born in Radcliffe in 1883. The language with its native Radcliffe dialect is nowadays difficult to understand and a transcript will be added in the near future. He was a working collier at Outwood Colliery, one of largest coal pits in Radcliffe. He talks about working underground with 'gals' Galloway pit ponies and roof-falls

More Useful Databases

Theatres and Halls in Bolton, Greater Manchester <http://www.arthurlloyd.co.uk/BoltonTheatres.htm>

The Music Hall and Theatre History Site, Dedicated to Arthur Lloyd, 1839 – 1904

Well it is Pantomime time



I am presuming this is the third Theatre Royal opened in 1922 on Churchgate and now also sadly gone. What a fascinating website this is covering theatres nationally, but here showing how many there have been in Bolton, from the first one apparently in the 1820s, in what is now Victoria Square, to our most recent Octagon Theatre. We also of course have the many amateur dramatic societies as well in full flow at this time of the year so let's get out and support them.



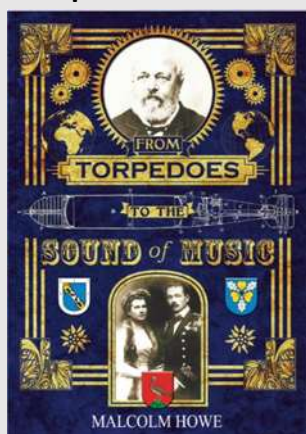
A Glossary of Archaic Medical Terms, Diseases and Causes of Death, The Genealogist's Resource for Interpreting Causes of Death. <https://goo.gl/ctUoBZ> This seems to be American based but some quite useful ideas in it. *"Rudy's List of Archaic Medical Terms is a collection of archaic medical terms and their old and modern definitions. The primary focus of this web site is to help decipher the Causes of Death found on Mortality Lists, Certificates of Death and Church Death Records from the 19th century and earlier. This web site will be updated often and as new information is received. My intention is to collect and record old medical terms in all European languages. The English and German lists are the most extensive to date."*



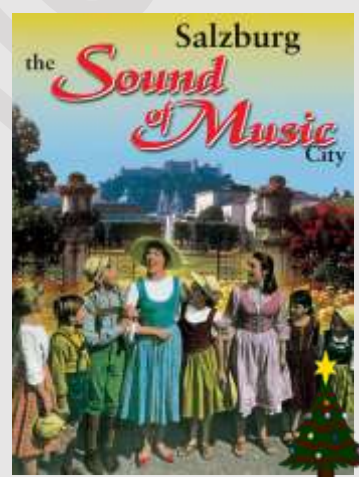
Historical Directories <https://goo.gl/oPZisG> **A digital collection of the trade directories of England and Wales (1766-1919)** *Historical Directories is a digital library of local and trade directories for England and Wales, from 1766 to 1919. It contains reproductions of comparatively rare books, essential tools for research into local and family history. The collection provides national coverage and also integrates material from different institutions into a coherent, and free, online collection.*

MISCELLANEOUS

Robert Whitehead, b 1823-1905, born Mount Pleasant Bolton and, "From Torpedoes to the Sound of Music" A few months ago, the subject of Robert



Whitehead 1823-1905 "of Bury" was mentioned in a general comment. I soon got taken to task by Julia Lamara of Bolton Archives, because I had embarrassingly omitted the fact that this great figure of national importance was actually a Bolton lad and ex Bolton School boy, born in the Mount Pleasant area of the Haulgh. Further to this we were also contacted by Malcolm Howe, himself a Bolton School Old Boy (1948-1956 amongst many other mind-boggling things, ---we



also have his cv), and a member of the Society of Genealogists. He informed me that he had produced a booklet detailing the astounding connections between Robert Whitehead, inventor of the Whitehead torpedo, <https://goo.gl/W2viyS> and <https://goo.gl/iUTk96> , and the original von Trapp family singers of "The Sound of Music" fame. It seems that in 1912 Robert's granddaughter Agatha b 1891 Rijeka Croatia, d Austria met and married submarine commander Captain von Trapp. Malcolm's research and booklet, published by pure chance, very conveniently with the School's recent production of same. We have since received a digital copy but as it is covered by Bolton Schools copyright, it seems safer to just provide you with the link to their website. To download and read a copy of the pamphlet, please click here. <https://goo.gl/Zp7YtP> . I am still trying to "get my head around" this amazing family tree. Wow! The list of nobility and international Royal connections,

(as in the Bismarcks), is incredible, all mixed up with more down to earth but innovative engineers, mill owners, a brewer from Lower Broughton, vicar from St Saviours Ringley, calenderers, connections to the Levers of Great Lever and hence possibly to Lord Leverhulme, also connections to John Kay of Flying Shuttle fame, and maternal connections with industrialists from Wibsey West Yorkshire, and Durham. The list goes on. There is a tree available within the book, but I have tried to do an overview of the Whitehead Torpedo / von Trapp family connection just to give you a flavour of the tale. I hope it is correct, but you must appreciate that this is just the "tip of the iceberg" and with all the international travel it has been hard to even identify a census trail. I hope you will enjoy same.

MEMBERS COMMENTS, QUERIES, and MEMORIES)

Face Book

Further to last month's list of useful Facebook pages one of our readers David Haywood has contributed some more which should be helpful for those with Bury connections

Bury Olden Days <https://goo.gl/gyKjsq>

60s Bury <https://goo.gl/LZsVtL>

Whitefield all our yesterday's <https://goo.gl/qddFtA>



OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS



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

Email margaretk@talktalk.net .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,
19th December 'Traditions of Christmas and New Year from the Past' – Norman Hindley



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

The old Urban District of Turton, includes the ancient Townships of Bradshaw, Edgworth, Entwistle, Harwood, Longworth, Quarlton and Turton. Illustrated talks and meetings are held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Longsight Church Centre, Harwood BL2 3HX beginning at 7.30pm. This next month's event will be in the New Year

Westhoughton Local History Group – <http://goo.gl/XNugI5>

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.

7 December Christmas Entertainment: Senior Moments

14 December Visit to Browsholme Hall with 3 course lunch

Meet at Westhoughton Library 9:45



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

12th December ~ Christmas Entertainment





Christmas Quiz 2017
Bolton Family History Society
(with thanks to Peter Greenwood)

Christmas Films

1. Which film starring Bing Crosby is most famous for its song “White Christmas”
2. In which animated film does Jack Skellington the Pumpkin King decide that he is fed up with Halloween and that he and his gruesome friends are going to stand in for Santa Claus
3. Which 1940s film starring Judy Garland set against the background of the 1904 World Fair is famous for the song “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”
4. The 1998 film “Die Hard” starring Alan Rickman and Bruce Willis has which Christmas song as its soundtrack.
5. Which film, shot in performance capture animation stars Tom Hanks in a number of roles including the narrator, train conductor and Santa Claus.

Christmas Carols

1. In the carol “We Three Kings”, where did the kings come from.
2. In the carol “Hark the Herald Angels” what did the Angels sing.
3. If all the gifts given in the carol “The 12 Days of Christmas were added up, how many gifts would there be.
4. In the carol “Good King Wenceslas”, the peasant lived “right against the forest fence” by a fountain dedicated to which Saint.
5. In the carol “The Holly and the Ivy”, the holly is said to bear which 4 things

Christmas Books

1. In Charles Dickens “A Christmas Carol” whose face appears on the doorknocker when Scrooge returns home.
2. What is the first line of the poem “A Visit from St Nicholas” by Clement C Moore.
3. Which Christmas story by E.T.A. Hoffmann was adapted as a ballet with music by Tchaikovsky.
4. The opening line of which book is “Christmas won’t be Christmas without any presents”
5. “The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding” is a collection of short stories by which crime writer.



Miscellaneous

1. Ilex is the Latin name of which plant, associated with Christmas.
2. Which British monarch gave the first Christmas Day radio broadcast in 1932.
3. Which of Santa's reindeer shares its name with a small astronomical object.
4. In the song "Jingle Bells" how many horses pull the sleigh
5. Which character from the Harry Potter stories laments "one can never have enough socks, another Christmas gone, and I didn't get a single pair"
6. Which slogan was coined by Clarissa Baldwin of the Dogs Trust in 1979.
7. Which Christmas song was the first song broadcast from space when it was sung by Gemini 6 astronauts on December 19th, 1965
8. To escape the wrath of King Herod, an Angel tells Joseph to take his family and escape to which country
9. What is the name of the Simpson's pet greyhound.
10. Rudolph was not one of Santa's original reindeer, name the original 8



And you might have noticed by now the odd Christmas tree lying about like this one.
There should be 12 of them for the Days of Christmas---

Can you find them all?

The committee and helpers wish you all a peaceful, happy, and healthy Christmas. See you next year in
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