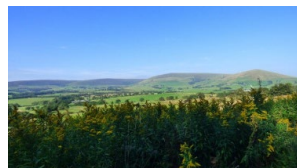
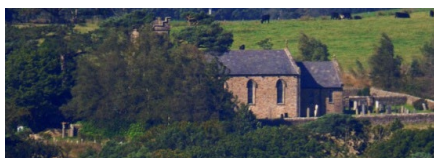


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**Primrose Gardens, Fleet Street, Chorley PR7 2EE
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Website and Members Forum

LANCASTER & MORECAMBE

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**First and third Friday 11 am – 4 pm OR
Third Thursday of the month**

LONDON & SOUTH

No meetings at present, but check Branch Programmes, Website and Members Forum for information of Zoom Meetings/Speakers. Five meetings a year on Saturdays at 2.00pm

PENDLE & BURNLEY

No meetings at present, but check Members Forum for information about Zoom/chats which have been set up as requested

PRESTON

Kingsfold Methodist Church, Padway, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EJ
Last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

RIBBLE VALLEY

No meetings at present, but Zoom meetings every 4th Thursday of the month

ROCHDALE

St. Andrew's U.R. Church, Entwisle Road, Rochdale OL16 2HZ
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First Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

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Third Thursday of the month at 6.45pm for
7pm start.

LONDON & SOUTH Special Interest Group (Zoom)
Five meetings a year on Saturdays at 2.00pm as
advised.

**PENDLE &
BURNLEY** **Special Interest Group (Zoom)**
First Thursday of the month at 7pm

PRESTON Kingsfold Methodist Church, Padway,
Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EJ
Last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

RIBBLE VALLEY Special Interest Group (Zoom)
4th Thursday of the month at 6.45pm for
7.00pm start as advised.

ROCHDALE St. Andrew's U.R. Church, Entwisle Road,
Rochdale OL16 2HZ
Last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

ROSSENDALE Longholme Methodist Church (opp.Bus Station)
Bacup Road, Rawtenstall BB4 7NU
First Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

SOCIETY VIRTUAL GROUP (Zoom)
Second Tuesday of the month 6.30pm for 7pm start
as advised.

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BRANCH AND GROUP PROGRAMMES

2025

- 26 Feb-Rochdale - Research Evening
5 Mar – Fylde Branch AGM
5 Mar – Hyndburn Branch AGM and Members Research
5 Mar – Rossendale -
6 Mar – Pendle & Burnley Zoom 7pm
11 Mar – Virtual Zoom – 6.30 for 7pm –
A Brief Review of Britain’s Early Trading Company’s
- Alan Fitzgerald
13 Mar-Chorley - AGM and Using Newspapers in your
research – Pauline Chapman
18 Mar – Bury Zoom 7pm
20 Mar – Lancaster & Morecambe Zoom 7pm
26 Mar – Preston Horses for Courses – Philip Walsh
26 Mar – Rochdale -
27 Mar – Ribble Valley Zoom 7pm
2 Apr – Hyndburn -
2 Mar – Rossendale -
3 Apr – Pendle & Burnley Zoom 7pm
8 Apr – Virtual Zoom 6.30 for 7pm - My One Place Study –
Old Romney – David Burgess
10 Apr – Chorley -
12 Apr – Irish – Zoom 2pm - Branch AGM and Advice
17 Apr – Lancaster & Morecambe Zoom 7pm
23 Apr – Rochdale -
24 Apr – Ribble Valley Zoom 7pm
26 Apr – London & South – Zoom – 2pm - Victorian Hiring
Fairs – Clare O’Grady
30 Apr – Preston Pocahontas to Preston : A Patawomeck
Experience – Miranda Rutherford
1 May – Pendle & Burnley Zoom 7pm
7 May – Hyndburn -
7 May – Rossendale -
8 May – Chorley -

13 May – Virtual Zoom 6.30 for 7pm - The Victorian Legacy
What Our Ancestors did next – Helen Baggott
15 May – Lancaster & Morecambe Zoom 7pm

17 May

SOCIETY CONFERENCE AND AGM
Rhyddings Methodist Church Hall
Watson Street off Rhyddings Street
Oswaldtwistle BB5 3EP

22 May – Ribble Valley Zoom 7pm

28 May – Preston Jack Grime – DNA reveals his secret – Bill Grime

28 May – Rochdale –

4 Jun – Hyndburn –

4 Jun – Rossendale –

5 Jun – Pendle & Burnley Zoom 7pm

10 Jun – Virtual Zoom 6.30 for 7pm - A History of the Scold's
Bridle in Early Modern Britain – Colin Penny

12 Jun – Chorley –

14 Jun – Irish – 2pm Advice & Research Workshop at Straits

19 Jun – Lancaster & Morecambe Zoom 7pm

25 Jun – Preston The Historic Importance of Bank Hall – Janet Edwards

25 Jun – Rochdale –

26 Jun – Ribble Valley Zoom 7pm

2 Jul - Hyndburn -

2 Jul – Rossendale –

3 Jul – Pendle & Burnley Zoom 7pm

8 Jul – Virtual Zoom 6.30 for 7pm - To Be Arranged

10 Jul – Chorley –

17 Jul – Lancaster & Morecambe Zoom 7pm

20 Jul – London & South Zoom 2pm (Sat)

24 Jul – Ribble Valley Zoom 7pm

30 Jul – Preston – When Emigration Goes Wrong – Megan Roberts

30 Jul – Rochdale –

6 Aug – Hyndburn –

6 Aug – Rossendale –

7 Aug - Chorley -

7 Aug – Pendle & Burnley Zoom 7pm

9 Aug – Irish -2pm Advice & Research Workshop at Straits
12 Aug – Virtual Zoom 6.30 for 7pm -The Industrial Heritage
of Leyland and Farington – Peter Houghton
27 Aug – Preston No Meeting
27 Aug – Rochdale –
3 Sep – Hyndburn –
3 Sep – Rossendale –
4 Sep – Pendle & Burnley Zoom 7pm
9 Sep – Virtual Zoom 6.30 for 7pm - To Be Advised
11 Sep – Chorley -
18 Sep – Lancaster & Morecambe Zoom 7pm
20 Sep – London & South Zoom 2pm (Sat)
24 Sep – Preston To be advised
24 Sep – Rochdale –
25 Sep – Ribble Valley Zoom 7pm
1 Oct – Hyndburn –
1 Oct – Rossendale –
2 Oct – Pendle & Burnley Zoom 7pm
9 Oct – Chorley –
11 Oct – Irish - Zoom 1pm – An Irishman Missing in
Manchester – Carol Lee
14 Oct – Virtual Zoom 6.30 for 7pm - To Be Advised
16 Oct – Lancaster & Morecambe Zoom 7pm
23 Oct – Ribble Valley Zoom 7pm
29 Oct – Preston To Be Advised
29 Oct – Rochdale –
5 Nov – Hyndburn –
5 Nov – Rossendale –
6 Nov – Pendle & Burnley Zoom 7pm
11 Nov – Virtual Zoom 6.30 for 7pm –
Prov Andrea Hetherington
13 Nov – Chorley –
20 Nov – Lancaster & Morecambe Zoom 7pm
22 Nov – London & South Zoom 2pm
26 Nov – Preston Jacobs Join and Quiz
26 Nov – Rochdale –
27 Nov – Ribble Valley Zoom 7pm
3 Dec – Hyndburn –
3 Dec – Rossendale –

4 Dec – Chorley -

4 Dec – Pendle & Burnley Zoom 7pm

9 Dec – Virtual Zoom 6.30 for 7pm - To Be Advised

31 Dec – Preston No Meeting

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13 Jan – Virtual Zoom 6.30 for 7pm - To Be Advised

SOCIETY VIRTUAL BRANCH TALKS BY ZOOM

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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 6.30pm for 7pm start sometime.

Again, my appeal for speakers has resulted in a couple of members volunteering, which is brilliant. If you have a talk, even if it is very short, we can perhaps put a few together and do one evening. Be brave, come forward and Mike and I will hold your hand virtually!

MEMBERS' ARTICLES

DNA JOURNEY (Part 2)

By Bill Grime

After having my DNA tested I had over 200 matches up to 4th-6th cousins. I checked each one to see if they had signed into Ancestry in the last month, and messaged each one who had signed in recently, nearly 50. More than half of them replied, most were from the USA, but also from Britain, Canada,

Australia and New Zealand.

One person I contacted was the granddaughter of my cousin, shown as 2nd-3rd cousin on the Ancestry DNA matches. She had my cousin in her tree on Ancestry, but none of his family.

I had her grandfather in my tree. He had married in Preston and had two children, but I had not seen him since I was about six years old, and I had no further knowledge of him, other than from BNDs online. When I contacted her, she was adamant that my cousin was not her grandfather, who had died in 1998. She had spoken to her father, who had no knowledge of any of his father's family history, and his year of birth was different on his death registration to the year his birth was registered.

Very diplomatically I laid out all the evidence. There were only two births registered in the 1930s with his name. One was born in Yorkshire; I had found his marriage and found him and his wife on the Electoral Registers in 2002.

Later she spoke to her father's sister, her aunt, who confirmed to her that her grandfather had a family before starting his new family with her grandmother. She asked for more information, which I sent. I asked if her grandmother was alive and if she had a record of their marriage. The aunt was the only one in their family that knew her grandparents were not married.

Her grandfather's first wife re-married in 1988, so at some stage they had divorced. Her grandmother was Irish and she returned to Ireland after the death of her grandfather, and was no longer in contact.

Another person with 'Garth' ancestry, and shown as a 4th – 6th cousin was a lady living in British Columbia. I have traced my ancestry back, but I had not been able to find a documentary link until I included the marriage of William Garth and Jane Stables.

She was born the same year as I was, married the same year as I did, but emigrated to Canada soon after she married. She attended the same primary school as my children did 20+ years later. She sent me details and photographs of the school in the early 1950s to compare with when my children attended in the 1970s. In the photographs, she has identified fellow pupils who we knew as adults, parents of children at school with our children. Her husband's family includes people we know who still live in the area, and she has been back to UK, meeting up with those same people.

Another match that came up was a first or second cousin, and she had six matches with Garths, so she must be a descendant of my grandfather, either grand-daughter, which would make her first cousin, or great grand-daughter, which would make her first cousin once removed. I know all my legitimate first and second cousins, so it is very probable that she is illegitimate. She had not signed into Ancestry for over a year.

My grandfather had five sons who served in WWII, one died in 1942, but the other four served until the end of the war, but I do not know the dates when they were discharged. This was a time when servicemen met up with women, had short relationships, and then returned to war or moved on, sometimes not knowing that the girl was pregnant, other times not wanting to know. It is very likely in this case.

I found her birth registration in Liverpool in the first quarter of 1947 (conceived about April 1946). From that I found her parents' marriage, and her marriage.

She had a very unusual married name. I searched the electoral registers and found her and her husband living on the Wirral. I wrote to her and the following morning she telephoned me. I explained the DNA results. She said that she had stopped doing family research as it had 'caused problems in the family'. Before she was born her mother was working as a nurse in Liverpool and had married her father in 1942, so she said that we could not be related; but her daughter was coming over that

day and she would be fascinated with the story. She has not contacted me since that telephone call.

Another person I contacted after Peter first had his DNA tested replied confirming the Grime DNA connection, but would not confirm any other details. Early this year I contacted her again, and three months later she emailed me directly. She said that she was in a delicate position and could not provide any more information as the DNA test had caused problems in her family.

She said that her grandmother, now in her nineties, did not know who her father was, but had assumed that he was an indigenous person, but in fact her great grandfather was the DNA connection to the Grime family. Through Facebook and other information online I was able to find details of all her family. Out of respect to her wishes I cannot give any personal details. The grandmother, her mother and herself, had become involved in representing the indigenous people in their country. Everyone can understand that coping with such a revelation would be difficult to deal with, especially for someone in their 90s.

DNA adds so much to family history, but it may reveal details better left dormant. I would advise anyone to take a test, but be aware that the truth provided by DNA must be treated with discretion and sensitivity.

BLEACHERS, DYERS & CALICO PRINTERS

By Tony Foster

(first published in Lancashire – August 1999 – Vol.20 No.3)

I have been researching the Greenway family of Darwen. According to Abram(1) it was James Greenway (c1732-1822) who introduced calico printing into Darwen in 1776. The family's contribution to the calico trade in Darwen is also contained in Shaw(2) and Sugden & Entwistle(3). In addition

I have found two valuable sources on the calico trade in the north west(4). Both sources have enabled me to extend knowledge of the Greenway family and also gave me an insight into the calico trade.

BLEACHING, DYEING, CALICO PRINTING & ALLIED TRADES

In 1957 Haggas Bryan extracted all references to bleaching, dyeing etc. that appeared in the Manchester Mercury between 1752 and 1825. The Manchester Mercury commenced publication in March 1752 and was printed weekly until 1830. It consisted of four pages. In general, there were two pages of international and national news and two pages of advertisements. Local news consisted of half a column of information at the end of the back page. The paper, which cost 2d., was distributed throughout a wide area of Lancashire and Cheshire and even into Yorkshire. By 1756, Joseph Harrop, the printer, was claiming a circulation of 2,000 papers. His success was attributed to the fact that he arranged for the mail to be met in Derby and the latest news rushed back to Manchester(5).

'Bleaching, Dyeing, Calico Printers and Allied Trades' is in three volumes (Vol. 1 1752-1803, Vol. 2 1804-1825, and Vol. 3 Indices). The indices were compiled by Gladys Coupe in 1959 and consist of three parts – names, places, and subjects.

The first two of Haggas Bryan's extracts are from the Manchester Mercury of 21 April 1752 and both related to stealing cloth from bleaching grounds.

'John Andrews of Crumpsall, for feloniously stealing out of the Croft of Mr. Hugh Crosby, of Blakely, a Quantity of Linnen Yarn, was ordered to be transported for 7 years.'

'James Croston, late of Chowbent, Collier, for feloniously stealing out of the Croft of Mr. John Oldham, in Great Lever, two Shirts and one Woman's Gown, was ordered to be transported for 7 years. This person was transported for Felony

about nine years since.'

With so much cloth being laid out on the ground it is not surprising that stealing was such a common activity. The prospect of transportation did not seem to be a deterrent.

'Manchester Mercury 1 November 1774

Stolen Out of Bleach Croft, at Chadkirk, in the night betwixt the 30th and 31st October two pieces of printed cottons, one 28 yards long Laylock Ground Marked R. & G. and the other 8 yards red ground sett pattern No. 76 at the end. Whoever will give information to Messrs Roe and Greenway of Chadkirk of the offender and offenders so that they may be brought to justice shall receive on their conviction 5 guineas reward.'

It was this item that helped me to identify that James Greenway was in Cheshire before his move to Darwen. It also helped me to locate the baptism of one of his children at Chadkirk Chapel, (16th March 1777 James the son of James & Sarah Greenway of Bredbury, Cheshire). I still need to find the marriage of James and Sarah.

Not all extracts relate to the north-west, Haggas Bryan included all entries to bleaching etc. whether they applied to this country or overseas.

'Manchester Mercury 10 October 1752

Bankrupt. Day appointed for the Payment of Dividend. October 25th Peter Bean, and Joseph Walter, of the Parish of 16 St. Leonard Shoreditch, in the County of Middlesex, Dyers, Callico Printers and Partners.'

Manchester Mercury 9 March 1756

Bankrupt. Thomas Tearne, now or late of the Parish of Bromsgrove, in the County of Worcester, Whitster of Cloth and Linnen-drapeer.'

'Manchester Mercury 31 January 1815

That very convenient and valuable concern of Greenville, otherwise Roperis Rest, (near Dublin) containing about eight acres of the most capital Land, on which there is erected a variety of houses, calculated for the finishing of cotton cords, velveteens, &c &c viz singeing, dying, and stove-tenter houses, setting up and other machinery, for the complete finishing corduroys &c Mr Greenham, the proprietor, will receive proposals.'

Several of the extracts relate to bankruptcies and sales of properties but some of the items appertain to printers advertising their services:

'Manchester Mercury 9 January 1759

This is to give notice that Edward Clayton cotton & Linnen Printer, at Bamber Bridge, near Preston Lancashire, has now great variety of the newest and most fashionable Patterns; where all Drapers &c who please to favour him with their commands may depend upon having their Goods done in the very neatest & cheapest Manner.'

Other items detail various partnerships:

'Manchester Mercury 10 February 1801

Partnership dissolved between James Greenway of Manchester & John Potter of Darwen calico-printers trading as Greenway & Potter continued as Greenway (James jur), Potter (John) & Brettargh (Henry).'

And some items also pertain to the personal lives of bleachers etc.

'Manchester Mercury 16 February 1802

Married on Tuesday last Mr William Maude of Blackburn and

Miss Greenway daughter of James Greenway, esquire of Darwen.'

'Manchester Mercury 2 March 1779

On Friday died suddenly, Mr John Ryder, an eminent Fustian Dyer.'

'Manchester Mercury 21 May 1822

Died on Saturday last, at an advanced age, James Greenway, esq. of Over Darwen.'

Clearly this is an important source for anyone with ancestors connected to the bleaching and calico-printing trades. A rich amount of information can be added to one's family history if Haggas Bryan's work is used in conjunction with the following source.

THE CHEMISTRY OF CALICO PRINTING FROM 1790 to 1835 AND HISTORY OF PRINTWORKS IN THE MANCHESTER DISTRICT FROM 1760 to 1846

This manuscript consists of six parts, the first five parts relate to the chemical processes involved with calico printing. The final part contains the histories of various print works and their owners, around the Manchester area.

- Part 1 Chronological series of receipts for colours and processes with illustrations from 1790 – 1831
- Part 2 General collection of receipts for colours processes and patterns from 1793-1835
- Part 3 General collection of receipts for colours processes and patterns principally printed by B. Wilson, Baxenden from 1802-1815
- Part 4 General collection of receipts for processes and patterns of bronzes
- Part 5 General collection of receipts for processes and patterns having indigo as the base

Part 6 History of printworks from 1760-1846 arranged alphabetically and includes lists of

English Calico Printers 1st March 1840

Scotch (sic) Calico Printers 1st March 1840

Irish Calico Printers 24 Feb 1840

American Calico Printers 1st Jan 1840

American Silk & Woollen Printers 31st Aug 1846

English Calico Printers 31 Aug 1846

Alphabetic Arrangement of Printworks 31 Aug 1846

The following is a typical entry from the first part:

'Red Standard in one gallon of boiling water dissolve 4 lb of Alum and 2 lb of white sugar-lead, first dissolve the Alum then added the Sugar lead and lastly 2 ozs of ground Chalk and stir frequently during the day and then let it settle and take the clear liquor for use.'

However, family historians with ancestors connected with the calico trade will be more interested in Part 6. The entry for Livesey Fold, Darwen gave me valuable information on the Greenway family:

'Livsey Fold, (sic) near Darwen 20 miles from Manchester, was begun by Mr Greenway who came from Chadkirk in 1777 and carried on by him in a very flourishing state for a long time. He lived to an extreme old age and made a large fortune. He gave up business to his son James and son in law John Potter. James gave up trade after sometime to live in independence. Was afterwards carried on by Potter and Maude who married two of old Mr Greenway's daughters, they failed about 1831. It was unoccupied for sometime and then taken up by Charles Potter and William Ross. Charles Potter had failed at Dinting Vale, he soon left the Darwen concern and is now paper manufacturer and stainer at Darwen. William Ross still carries on printing on a small scale by machinery only. The most part of the works are let off for power loom weaver and Rag Grinding, part unoccupied. Darwen is the most improved place I have visited.'

To my knowledge, in 1812 the village consisted of one short crooked narrow street set without rule or order and was supported by the then flourishing print works and weaving calico by hand. The inhabitants were the most filthy drunken backguards in Lancashire. Now there are flourishing cotton mills and some hundreds of cottages far superior to the old and a clean, orderly and, I believe intelligent people. There formerly used to be one small old church and a chapel without any school. There are now two churches and other places of worship belonging to the leading body of dissenters. The old inhabitants still living in the old parts in dirt and ignorance, the new stretches out from it on a good road leading from Bolton to Blackburn more than a mile in length.'

Besides entries on print works there is also information relating to individuals:

*'**Baker Mrs,** Spring Vale near Darwen, carried on business 3 years and failed (see Spring Vale Darwen).'*

*'**Bailey Edward,** Spring Vale, succeeded his brother John Bailey and is now going on in a slow way printing Delaines 17/8 machines 30 short and 6 long tables.'*

*'**Sanderson Adam,** Moor Gate fold near Blackburn (see Moor Gate fold: see Ewood Mill).'*

More information can be obtained by cross-checking the entries relating to relevant print works.

*'**Spring Vale or Holmes,** near Darwen, was originally a bleach works by Edward Hilton owner of the property, who began printing in 1826. Gave it all up in 1829 and was taken by a Mr Baron who did a little by machinery for a short time. Afterwards taken by Mrs Baker who worked for 3 years and failed then taken by John Wardley & Sons who came from Birkacre in or about 1840. Is doing a middling business. He had some disturbance about water owing to Mr Hilton's failure, who owned two properties and sold them to separate parties.'*

Wardley has been refused the water he used to have and has been obliged to put down 2 engines which may seriously affect him. Have 27/8 and 37/8 total 7 machines Tables 24, 2 engines 25 and 20 horse power. Block printers 18, full of work don't do any Delaines. A well looked after works and appears to be prospering.'

'Moor Gate Fold, near Blackburn, commenced as a bleach works, begun printing by Adam Sanderson in 1776 with 12 or 14 tables. Had no machinery. Afterwards removed to Ewood in 1780 and carried on a good while with brother. Men in those days were mostly Londoners.'

'Ewood Mill, near Blackburn 22 miles from Manchester, an old corn mill begun printing in 1780 by Adam Sanderson the owner of the property. Worked about 20 years and gave up business was taken by Mr Shaw, who had failed at Radcliff about the year 1808, who also failed here about 1811. Was taken by Robert Turner & Bros, Printers at Mill Hill and large manufacturers at Blackburn, and carried on by them with apparent success until the death of William Turner, the last surviving brother, when the circumstances of the concern were contrary to the expectations of all parties and found to be in such a state as to require to be closed. They had built cotton mills on the same premises. All were sold and is now carried on as a cotton works by other parties Printing now extinct.'

The Adam Sanderson referred to above is connected with the Sanderson family of Ewood, mentioned in Abram's History of Blackburn Town & Parish. Adam Sanderson (1738-1786) was buried at Lower Chapel, Darwen and at the time of his death he was living at Preston, his will describes him as a calico printer. Adam was the son of Adam Sanderson and Margaret Norris of Ewood. When Adam senior died in 1737, his estate was valued at £1,672.15s.4d. (in today's value £160,000).(6)

The above reference to Londoners is explained in the entry for the print works at Bamber Bridge.

'Bamber Bridge, near Preston. According to the best information Printing was introduced here about the year 1760. Next at Chadkirk near Stockport Cheshire and afterwards at various other places mostly at ill selected spots never calculated to do a good business. The works were first supplied with men from London. They appeared in rather curious costumes having cocked hats scarlet coats and top boots and, in other respects, being very aristocratic in their way. Holding the Lancashire men in great contempt who were learning the business, they had about 21/- a week which at that time was considered good pay. Printing was at that time very slow in all its process, chemistry not being understood as at present. Bleaching out of the Grey cloth required a great breadth of land. Cloth for printing was linen, linen and cotton, and strong velvet for the Russian Market. After some few years the idea of printing from copper plates was taken from the copper plate press. Printing and the press was made use of by the most of the calico printers in plates of different lengths from 5 inches to 36 and allowed to work by the Block printers of those days without much molestation in patterns of one colour. In after times the masters began to think of other improvements. Mr Robert Peel saw the style of work called Stormont pins, which he thought would have a good run. He ordered a large Broom or besom of very fine twigs with which he spirited the cloth after being printed with black. By this contrivance the spots were very irregular in size and quantity. His man, Christopher Roberts a mechanic, contrived a circular Brush of the same length as the piece was broad. It was made of the best bristles, the ends were allowed only to touch the colour and then by the cloth at the same time being drawn across a common table the rule spurted the colour from the ends of the bristles on the cloth forming the ground of what was called Stormont pin. Many thousand pieces were done in this way, which was considered a great improvement, but Christopher thought of a fresh and greater improvement. Small pins had come into use in common printing blocks Christopher thought that by turning the wood surface rollers and filling it with small pins there would be a great improvement on his old brush plan. He made known his new plan to Robert Peel who approved the idea, tried the

experiment and succeeded beyond their expectations. They next saw it was quite possible to put regular designed patterns on the surface roller and cut them in the same way as the regular block, which was put into execution to great advantage. Machines were improved. The idea of the cylinder suggested itself to the Block printers who took the alarm and in 1790 made one general strike against all machinery. It lasted 13 weeks and ended in the defeat of the Block printers. Block printing has generally declined and at present is in a very depressed condition and there is no appearance of any improvement. Printing was begun by Edward Clayton in 1760. He was succeeded by his sons John Clayton & Bros, they were Succeeded by Ralph Clayton, John Clayton and Edward Clayton who carried on until May 1824 when they retired from business. The 18 buildings are all taken down and the land laid out for Gentlemen's residences. Had 10 flat presses, were all turned by hand. They did largely in shawls. At one time did a very common style of work and although the concern was continued in the hands of one family such a length of time they never made much money and never had very extensive views of the printing business.'

I hope these sample extracts from these two sources have illustrated the type of information contained in Haggas Bryan's and John Graham's works. I believe these two sources have much to offer a family historian with an interest in the bleaching, dyeing, calico printing and allied trades. They are well worth a careful search.

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The information on the Manchester Mercury is taken from the introduction to 'Bury & Adjacent Places: Extracts from the Manchester Mercury 1752-1781' by Rita B. Hirst (Bury Library A65.7MAN). I am grateful to Rita Hirst for allowing to us this information. It would be useful if there were similar extracts undertaken for other townships covered by the LFH&HS. Another good project in the offering.

I am grateful to Steven Broadley for the information on the Sanderson family. Steven would be interested to hear from anyone researching the Sanderson family.

BLEASDALE CHURCH

By Ron Chapman

To help a society member with their researches I went to visit Bleasdale Church to take a photograph of a gravestone. It was a fantastic day and we combined it with dog walking duties. We take our son's dog a walk at least once a week and our destination this time was Beacon Fell. It has a great range of walks of all types.

I took a group of photographs linked to the Church which I thought I would share with you. (See front cover)

The first is of the Church, St Edmar at Bleasdale which was

founded before 1577.

It has a graveyard and a transcription of the MI's is held at Lancashire Archives. They cover 1843 to 1988.

The Baptism records (1779-1982), and Baptism BT's (1815-1849), Marriages 1849-1976, and Burials (1807-1981) are all held at Lancashire Archives.

Lancashire Online Parish Clerks has Baptisms (1779-1982), Marriages (1849-1976) and Burials (1971-1981).

The second photo is also of the Church taken from the Community Hall.

The last two are to show how remote this Church is. The first is a wide-angle view showing a large proportion of Bleasdale and the last photo is a zoomed in close-up of the Church taken from the same spot on Beacon Fell. Can you spot the Church in the wide-angle view?

The Church is about 1.75 miles away in these photos. The Hills are Parlick to the right, Fair Snape just to the right of centre and working from the centre going left are Holme House Fell, Bleasdale Moors and Hazel Hurst Fell, which is on the left edge of the photo. Fair Snape is the tallest. I have walked these fells many times in my youth but sadly beyond my reach now. How lucky I am to still visit such a beautiful place.

DON'T BE AFRAID OF AI – Part 1

By Mike Coyle

In todays rapidly evolving world, **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** is transforming the way we live, work, and interact. For many older adults, AI might seem daunting or even intimidating. But fear not – embracing AI can open doors to new opportunities, simplify daily tasks, and enhance your quality of life.

Understanding AI

At its core, AI is about creating smart machines capable of performing tasks that usually require human intelligence. From voice-activated assistants like Siri and Alexa to personalized recommendations on Netflix and Amazon, AI is already a part of our everyday lives, often working behind the scenes to make things more convenient.

Benefits of AI for Older Adults

1. **Health and Wellness** : AI-powered devices can help monitor your health, remind you to take medications, and even alert caregivers in case of emergencies. Telehealth services also use AI to provide virtual consultations, ensuring you receive timely medical advice from the comfort of your home.
2. **Staying Connected** : Social isolation can be a concern for older adults. AI-driven communication tools like video calling platforms and social media can help you stay in touch with family and friends, no matter where they are in the world.
3. **Safety and Security** : Smart home technologies, powered by AI, can enhance your home's security. From automated lighting and temperature control to security cameras and alarm systems, these innovations offer peace of mind.
4. **Entertainment and Learning** : AI can curate personalized content, suggesting books, movies, and music based on your preferences. It can also provide easy access to online courses, helping you learn new skills or explore hobbies.

Debunking Common Myths

1. **"AI is too complicated for me."** : AI is designed to be user-friendly. Many devices and applications are intuitive, and there are plenty of resources available to help you learn how to use them.

2. "AI will replace human interaction." : AI is meant to complement, not replace, human interactions. It can help you stay connected and informed, but it doesn't substitute the warmth and companionship of family and friends.
3. "AI is not safe." : Like any technology, AI has its risks, but with proper precautions, it can be used safely. Stick to reputable products and services, and don't hesitate to ask for help if you're unsure about something.

Taking the First Step

Embracing AI doesn't mean you need to become a tech expert overnight. Start with small steps – try using a voice-activated assistant to set reminders or explore online resources to learn more about AI. Remember, it's never too late to learn and adapt.

By understanding and embracing AI, you can unlock a world of possibilities and improve your everyday life. So, take a deep breath, stay curious, and don't be afraid to explore the amazing Potential of AI.

I hope this article helps encourage and empower older adults to embrace AI with confidence.

Note: This article was generated for Mike Coyle by Microsoft's 'Copilot', available on all Microsoft software. Copilot is an AI companion designed to assist with a wide range of tasks, from answering questions and brainstorming ideas to providing support and engaging conversations. There are many other AI Assistants available. We will look at them in future.

DON'T BE AFRAID OF AI : Part 2 A Novice's Perspective.

What is AI?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) may seem daunting, but at its core,

it began with simple programming rules like “If That, Then This!” These early codes laid the foundation for the powerful AI we see today. By making decisions based on predefined conditions, these primitive programs paved the way for more sophisticated systems capable of learning and adapting.

Justification : Massive Skills Gap

The rapid advancement of AI has resulted in a significant skills gap. With industries increasingly integrating AI into their operations, the demand for AI-literate professionals is soaring. Bridging this gap is essential to harness the full potential of AI and ensure its benefits are widely accessible.

Types of AI

AI comes in various forms, each serving different purposes.

- Creative AI : Enhances artistic endeavours, generating music, art, and literature.
- Generative AI : Used in research, medical diagnostics, and data analysis to create new content and solutions from existing information.

Main Players & Uses

Several key players dominate the AI landscape, each contributing unique tools and applications:

- Copilot : Assists with coding, helping developers write, understand, and debug code efficiently.
- ChatGPT : A conversational AI used for generating human-like text based on prompts.
- Gemini : Focuses on healthcare, offering diagnostic and treatment recommendations.
- Perplexity : Provides advanced data analysis and interpretation for various industries.
- Alia : Specializes in image recognition and processing, aiding in tasks like medical X-ray analysis.

Issues

While AI holds immense promise, it is not without its challenges:

- Transparency : Understanding how AI systems make decisions can be difficult, leading to trust issues.
- Hallucinations : AI systems sometimes produce false or misleading information.
- Bias : AI can inadvertently perpetuate existing biases present in the data it was trained on.
- Copyright : Ensuring AI-generated content respects intellectual property rights is crucial.
- Risks : As with any powerful technology, AI carries risks that need to be managed carefully.

Conclusion

AI's potential is vast and transformative. By addressing these issues and closing the skills gap, we can embrace AI's benefits without fear. It is a journey of learning and adaptation, but one worth undertaking for the opportunities it offers.

Note: This article was generated by Copilot, Microsoft's AI Assistant, prompted and improved by Mike Coyle

The Story of a Family and a House

By David Smith

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Like many of you, I was first introduced to ancestry research when emptying out my parent's house after their demise. My grandfather on my father's side and both grandparents on my mother's had made some attempts to establish their origins. My mother had then taken up her mother's efforts to research the Stansfield ancestry in Lancashire. Of course, all this was in the days before the internet. I found my grandmother's copy

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of the History of the Family Stansfield book, a number of pages of notes, often just names and dates, and several old photo albums of my grandmother from the 1920s and 1930s. Unfortunately, many of the photos were not labelled or dated, a problem all of us probably share.

One of the photos that were there was of Fearn's Hall on Booth Road in Waterfoot/Stacksteads, on which my mother had noted my grandmother had lived there. This was intriguing, particularly as the building was older, and I wondered how she came to live there.

I took the plunge and signed up with a popular ancestry program. I certainly made the typical "rookie" mistakes, but fortunately quickly learned to ignore other ancestry trees, data-based hints, and not to trust family history stories (including some of the notes I'd found from my mother/grandmother) without verification. So primary records became my focus. Census data certainly helped, again as long as it could be tied to baptism, marriage and burial records. Lancashire Online Parish Clerk is a great boon here. (Thanks to the many people who helped put this together!) And don't forget to check that the child you found baptised was not subsequently buried.

My grandmother Sarah Elizabeth Stansfield emigrated to the US as a young girl with her parents and family, the last of her grandfather Joseph Stansfield's entire family (sons, daughters, wives, children) to emigrate. I was hoping one of the census records would show her in Fearn's, but that proved not to be the case. Her baptism records equally gave no reference to Fearn's as the abode.

I moved on to her grandparents on both sides, Stansfields and Holts, and immediately ran into the problem of many competing similar name alternatives only differentiated by the abode listed on the record. Google Maps helped, but many of the old locations and names were gone. Somewhere in this process I thought of looking up brothers and sisters to help clarify who went where and with whom.

At which point I went back to my grandmother's siblings, and sure enough one of them had Fearn listed as his birth abode in 1889. So my grandmother may have lived in Fearn Hall as a young girl! Googling Fearn Hall identified some of its history, and the fact it was a listed building. The history also noted that a George Ashworth Cobham had added a wing in 1830, memorialized in a stone inscription above the door. That was an exciting find.

My grandmother is named after Sarah Elizabeth Ashworth, her grandmother on her mother's side, and it now looked like I had found an Ashworth connected to Fearn Hall. Much Google searching indicated that George Ashworth Cobham had only lived in Fearn Hall for about 2 years, had moved to the US, and died there, as had his son, also named George Ashworth Cobham. That was not my line. Fearn Hall seemed to be a dead end.

Somewhere during this time, I joined the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society. I also realised I needed better old maps, and a visit to the area to understand the geography, and the place names. The more research I have done the more I realise how important old large-scale maps are in order to successfully figure out family links. So we travelled over in March 2015 and spent a week in Rossendale, visiting the Chorley Research Centre, Fearn (I noted that Fearn had a 1696 date stone above the door with the initials EEOA), and other family abodes, and the Rawtenstall Library where I happened to meet members of LFHHS that proved invaluable. One in particular, Wilf Day, answered many location questions sent by e-mail over the years since my visit.

Having driven around the area for a week, and with the old maps, the entries on LOPC for the abodes began to pull everything together. The above-mentioned Sarah Elizabeth Ashworth had married Joseph Holt, a blacksmith, at St. Chad on 19 January 1856. The banns and marriage gave both their father's names, John Holt, a stone dresser, and Edmund Ashworth, a farmer. But Fearn Hall was still a dead end. I

also began to appreciate just how many Ashworths there were in Rossendale!

John Holt was the easier of the two to trace back. He died in Greens in 1875, he appears in several census reports, he did leave a will, and his burial notes his age. And there are cemetery monument stones. Still, it took quite a bit of work, and false leads/elimination to identify him as the son of Richard Holt and Mary Ashworth, born in the Lenches. John did follow the naming convention, his first son and daughter are named after his parents. Richard Holt and Mary Ashworth married on 28 April 1803, a witness was George Ashworth. This did turn out to be Mary's father, who was born to Oliver Ashworth and Ellen Hoyle in 1746 when they were living in Heightside. George, his wife, born Peggy Piccop, and their family were living in Crabtree Hurst, across the Irwell near Lench, when Mary was born in 1783. George died in 1823 living in Bankses, across the Whitewell from St. Anne's Church in Edgeside. His father, Oliver Ashworth died in Scout in 1784 and left a will in which his son George is named, as well as other family members. Oliver, baptised in 1711, was the son of John Ashworth and Elizabeth Hargreaves who married on the 26 March 1705/06. John was baptised on 2 July 1682, and died in 1725; there is a probate and inventory administered by his wife Elizabeth. Fortunately, his brother Laurence left a will that names most of his brother's family (and many others).

John was the son of Oliver Ashworth and Elizabeth Ashworth. Oliver married Elizabeth on 21 July 1677 at St. Nicholas. The register notes he is from "ffearnes", Oliver died in 1705 at Fearn's, and Fearn's went to his eldest son George. George died in 1729 without male heirs, so Fearn's Hall passed outside of the Ashworth name. Milton Ormerod, in his book "The Ormerods" also discusses the Ashworths of this period as he was a descendant. Milton and the parish records confirm that Oliver was the son of Edmund Ashworth (1637-1704) and Elizabeth Unknown (?-1699). The date stone at Fearn's of 1696 that has EEOA refers to Edmund, Elizabeth, and Oliver Ashworth, and was placed there when they rebuilt the house in

stone. Oliver and his wife Elizabeth Ashworth are my 8th great-grandparents, Edmund and Elizabeth are my 9th great-grandparents. Milton Ormerod notes this was the senior Ashworth line and they held land in Wolfenden since 1507. The site of their house at Fearn's was chosen as it is one of the best defensible sites in Rossendale.

Let's now turn to the line of Edmund Ashworth, the father of Sarah Elizabeth Ashworth who married Joseph Holt, and, much to my surprise, we shall see these Ashworth's also connect to Fearn's Hall. Once again census records help us identify Sarah Elizabeth's siblings and her mother's name, Martha, as well as the approximate age and birth location of her parents. Still, I was searching for Ashworths, and in order to be sure I had the correct Edmund I needed to build out several Ashworth trees. Edmund had numerous siblings, so I constructed all those trees from census and parish records. Edmund did follow the naming convention, his parents were George and Betty, and his burial gave his age. All of these sources confirm he was baptised 20 April 1794 to George and Betty living at Warth. Betty was also an Ashworth, as my 3rd great-grandfather Edmund said in an 1872 interview she was a Cutler Ashworth (Cutler Greens) while George was a Shore Ashworth (there is a Shore in Rochdale Parish), just outside Littleborough. George and Betty married in 1779, she was from Boarsgreave, and that helped identify most of their 12 children.

George himself was baptised 19 May 1756 to George and Martha with the abode of Fearn's. This was Fearn's Hall as we will see, and was quite a surprise.

Initially, however, I wasn't sure these were the correct parents because George and Betty Ashworth did not follow the naming convention. Or, rather, they did, but the oldest son and daughter were named after Betty's parents, an exception that could occur if the wife's parents contributed substantially at the marriage. In this case it was the Boarsgreave properties which belonged solely to Betty, so the first two children were named John and Betty after her parents. The second son is named

George, after his father. Another apparent inconsistency is the naming of a daughter Jane, before naming a daughter Martha after George's mother. Again, this is because of George's wife Betty, whose sister Jane died before marriage, and whose grandmother was Jane Hardman, and after both of whom she must be named.

We are back at Fearn's Hall again, and again it is occupied by Ashworths. Judging by the births it would seem that George, the father of George who married Betty, acquired the property around 1755. George had become a successful Clothier and fulling miller in Boarsgreave and Warth. Parish records evidence him living at Fearn's from 1756, and dying there in 1810. He was my 5th great grandfather. He willed Fearn's to his oldest surviving son James, who died shortly after him in 1810. James had married Mary Ashworth of Parthouse, Boarsgreave 4 December 1787. All of their 10 children were baptised with Fearn's as the abode. James in turn willed Fearn's to one of his sons, Richard, but he was only 15 at the time. He married Alice Livesey in 1819, and their first child was baptised with Fearn's as the abode, but they had moved to Boarsgreave by December 1822 when the next child was born.

You may have noted that Ashworth's marrying Ashworth's occurred fairly regularly. Each time I came across this it gave me a new branch to explore, and sometimes those branches rejoined and lead to Fearn's Hall. I can truly say I was amazed as I pursued the ancestry research and discovered not only that my grandmother lived there, but also ancestors were the ones that inscribed EEOA on the 1696 datestone of Fearn's Hall. I only wish I could have shared my discoveries with my grandmother and mother.

9th great grandparents.

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DEATHS NOTIFIED

John Phillip Proctor – Lancaster & Morecambe

Hilda Rawcliffe – Blackburn & Darwen

Martin Holtby – Pendle & Burnley

John Cookson (1374) – Preston

Pat Allouis – Fylde

Denis Galvin (958) – Fylde

Paula Matthews - Rochdale

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the above.

Hilda Rawcliffe was associated with the Blackburn & Darwen Branch and was a former Chair and Secretary of the Branch. Her talks, especially of her visit to Fall River, Massachusetts, were always very interesting and well researched.

Martin Holtby was associated with our Society in several ways. He was active within the Pendle and Burnley Branch and an Executive Member and Trustee of the Society, who regularly attended the Society AGM along with his partner Pat Dyson. Martin was also a member of the Committee for the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show and other local groups.

Pat Allouis was a founder member of the Fylde Branch and used to live in Inglewhite, where she was known to hold afternoon teas in her garden. Amongst other things, she would repair Church hatchings and such works of art. She also attended Pilling Historical Society and wrote an article for their Over Wyre Journal about Sandside Farm, Pilling (together with John Armour). There is a document in Lancashire Archives written by Pat, a list of transcriptions of wills written by Fylde Catholic Folks. When she became ill she moved into a Garstang home where she spent several years.

Denis Galvin was another founder member of the Fylde Branch, and died late 2023. Until the past few years he was a regular attender at all Fylde meetings. We have a lot to thank Denis and the other people in the photo on the back cover for. The branch numbers were obviously much higher in the early days. I am unsure what positions Denis held in the Branch, but am aware he was Secretary for a good number of years. He had a huge amount of knowledge and so was able to offer a great deal of help to everyone. He contributed to the one name study of Galvin. Thank you for everything Denis. (Olive Thexton)

Paula Matthews was a long-standing member of the Rochdale Branch, and a member of the Executive Committee for over 30 years. In the early years Paula was involved with the Society Publications on Microfiche and at the same time her mother Christine was involved with the Lancashire Marriage Index 1813 to 1837. Paula was one of the very early volunteers on the LancashireBMD project. An extremely knowledgeable and helpful member of our Society who had recently retired from work.

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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NOTES AND NEWS

Steve and Jennifer Benson run regular help sessions at **Tarleton Library**. Everyone welcome.

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, 10.00 am to 12.00

PRESTON BRANCH HELP DESK AT LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

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

THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH,
09.30 am to 12.00pm

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

BARROWFORD LIBRARY

Barry Dickinson holds regular bookable Family History one to one surgery sessions at Barrowford Library.

MOST MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS from 2pm

Please book on the LCC website or phone/call in to see the local librarian.

HELPING HANDS

E-mail: help@lfhhs.org.uk

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

OUT OF COUNTY STRAYS AND NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

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

If you have or find any, please forward to

LFHHS, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU

Many members have ancestors who have strayed away from Lancashire and been lost to their families forever.

SCANNED PDF COPIES OF ALL OUR OLD FICHE NOW AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE BY EMAIL

Our microfiche have now been scanned and are available through our website shop.

Orders are currently being sent out as an attachment to one or more emails, depending on the size of the order.

The prices are the same as the original microfiche, but obviously excluding postal charges.

In the near future it will also be available to purchase as an immediate download.

Look on the website for the shop section showing "Scanned images of microfiche" – this leads to 5 sections divided by alphabetic first letter of location - A-D, E-H, I-L, M-Q, R-Z.

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

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS

Society Coordinators – Steve and Jennifer Benson

Come and see us at any of the 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)

BRANCH/SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

BLACKBURN & DARWEN
Special Interest Group ZOOM Chats

Check Members Forum and Website for more information

All members are welcome.

BURY
Special Interest Group ZOOM Chats

Usually Second Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Copy and paste the link into your Browser. Don't forget to use the 'Passcode' following the link at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/sDpPG324PbnfYyGz81mChg4yraOjq0D5eh_NGghom8mvnOmZcvHdulghhkhdMpsu.vDAhidGSXWgBDCxU

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Check Members Forum and Website for more information.

All members are welcome.

CHORLEY

Secretary: Jayne Dixon

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Following on the very successful talk by Alan Crosby, about a 15th century Chorley family; "The Parkers of Bagganley", we are hoping to persuade him to come back and give us a follow up talk about what happened next!

We are working on finalising this coming year's programme, and for those who were disappointed that we had to cancel January's meeting in view of the awful weather conditions, you will be pleased to know that we will include in that programme, the talk that I was due to give about the Chorley coal miners who went to Wyoming at the turn of the last century.

If anyone has any ideas for talk subjects or speakers please let one of the team know.

As the January meeting was cancelled, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee to wish all our members a happy and healthy 2025, and look forward to seeing you all in the year.

Megan Roberts
Chorley Branch Chair

CHORLEY RESEARCH CENTRE ROTA CHANGE

Chorley Research Centre opening times are now as follows:

1st and 3rd Mondays in the month – 10am to 4pm
1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays in the month – 10am to 4pm
1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays in the month – 10am to 4pm
2nd Saturday in the month – Noon to 4pm

FYLDE

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Our Branch AGM will be on Wednesday 5 March.
Everyone welcome.

HERALDRY GROUP Contact Stephen Benson

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)

Secretary: Eileen Bullock, 51 Hawthorn Avenue,
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**New Venue : Accrington Sea Cadets, Harvey Street,
Oswaldtwistle, Accrington BB5 3LT**

Now first Wednesday of each month.

Doors open 6.45pm for a 7.00 start.

IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

Branch e-mail: irish@lfhhs.org.uk

The group continues to meet most of the year face to face at Oswaldtwistle. We have access to Find My Past and Ancestry and other less well-known websites that hopefully are helpful to our membership.

Unfortunately we had to move the February meeting from the Oswaldtwistle Research Centre to a Zoom Meeting at short notice, due to maintenance issues at the Straits Centre. As it may take some time to get the Centre back into shape we will also be moving the April meeting to a Zoom online.

In order to plan the April meeting and for the branch to be useful to those who are at a distance – if you want to send your queries to us we will 'try' to prepare answers for the meeting. Our June and August meetings will be face to face Advice as usual.

In October we will have a Zoom meeting with a speaker, Carol Lee, and the topic is 'An Irishman Missing in Manchester – The Paper Trail'. A family member who disappeared in 1870s

Hope to see you in person or online soon.
Thanks for your support and hope to see you soon.

Special Interest Group ZOOM Chats
Third Thursday of the month at 7pm

Passcode: 647091

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8266...>

Meeting ID: 826 6367 7214
Passcode: 779416

These talks are open to **all members of the society**. They will continue Saturday afternoons on Zoom at 2pm, with the room opening at 1.30pm. If there is a topic or speaker which you think would be of interest to the group, please email me at the address below.

26th April, Victorian Hiring Fairs – Clare O’Grady

An important time of the year for any rural community, the Hiring, Mop or Statute Fair reached its peak popularity in the 19th century as a way to seek and to provide employment. This talk will outline: How, when and where the fairs worked; The evidence they leave behind; The campaign against the fairs; Registration societies; Why the fairs declined as employment tools; Some of the other attractions provided.

Clare is a professional genealogist and qualified tutor with over 10 years professional experience. She has an MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic studies from the University of Strathclyde and is a member of the Register of Qualified Genealogists and an associate member of AGRA.

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PENDLE & BURNLEY Special Interest Group ZOOM Chats

First Thursday of the month at 06:45 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meetin...>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8634..>

Meeting ID: 863 4065 2791

Passcode: Pendle77

Meeting ID: 863 4065 2791

Passcode: 53260774

Find your local number: <https://usj02web.zoom.us/u/kdB8..>

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 members far and wide can now join in.

Check the Members Forum and Website for further information

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RIBBLE VALLEY

Special Interest Group ZOOM Chats

4th Thursday of the month at 6.45pm for 7pm start

Open for any members with Ribble Valley interests.

The January meeting was about Chipping's Industrial Heritage. You may know of Berry's Chipping Chair Works, but Chipping's Industrial Heritage goes back much further and has greater variety than you might think.

Don't forget to check on the Members Forum or Website for invitation to the next meeting.

Ron Chapman

ROCHDALE

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We welcomed back Brian Topping to our September meeting with Part 2 of his fascinating talk 'Tales of a Customs Officer' – A world of Mules and Minders. After giving a background and history of drug smuggling, Brian spoke from his own experience as a Customs Officer during the 1970 and 80's. He gave examples of the various methods of detection and investigations which were used at the time, explaining the many skills needed to be a good Customs Officer. Brian gave us some amusing anecdotes from his time serving at Heathrow Airport whilst presenting his talk on this serious subject in a light-hearted way.

We welcomed local historian Iain Bowden to our October meeting with another of his excellent talks, this time on Rochdale Shops of Days Gone By. Iain, through a series of photographs, took us on a tour of Rochdale town centre in its heyday. We saw pictures of some of the towns once popular shops and buildings, sadly not all still stand today and many have changed ownership and have been re-purposed. During the evening we heard some interesting stories as members and visitors were able to share their memories of the shops and town centre as it used to be.

Thank you to all those who were able to come along to our Christmas party in November. Thank you for all the lovely donations of food for the buffet and items for the Christmas hamper. We hope you all had a lovely evening.

Lynne has once again put together an interesting collection of talks for 2025. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for future talks or knows of any interesting speakers, please let us know.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support.

ROSSENDALE

Branch e-mail: rossendale@lfhhs.org.uk

Our November Christmas party went off as planned, with Leo bringing his usual excellent potato pie, followed by a quiz.

Alan Mitton came along in December to tell us about a childhood in post-war Accrington. As most of his audience were his contemporaries, it brought back memories!

As our January meeting would have been on New Year's Day, it was cancelled, and we next met in February to hear a paper written by Martin Boggoley on "The Maid of Buttermere". He has retired from lecturing, so he sent it to me to present. This true story was written up as a novel by Melvyn Bragg in 1993, but Martin's paper detailed the actual facts from newspaper reports and court records. I will not retell the story here: suffice it to say that the Maid lived to a good age, but it did not end well for the villain of the piece!

Our AGM will be at our March meeting, followed by a short presentation from member Jean Williams, about how DNA helped solve a puzzle.

On Sunday 16 March from 11am – 4pm there will be a "Northern History & Heritage Fair" at Greenmount Old School, Brandlesholme, Bury BL8 4DS. The Rossendale branch will be having a stall there, manned by myself and Tony Foster, plus anyone else who would like to help. We shall have the LFHHS sales items, and be available to offer advice on genealogy.

John Dalton

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society

Branch Locations



Face to face **BRANCH** meetings currently held at
Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Irish Ancestry, Lancaster and
Morecambe, Preston, Rochdale, and Rossendale.

Special Interest **GROUP** Zoom Chats are conducted by
Blackburn & Darwen, Bury, Heraldry, Irish Ancestry (sometimes),
Lancaster & Morecambe (sometimes) London & South, Pendle &
Burnley, Ribble Valley, and Society Virtual Group.

**YOUR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO JOIN IN ANY OF
THE ABOVE BRANCH OR GROUP MEETINGS.**

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Changes of address and non-receipt of journals should be reported to **Membership Secretary**, 18 Glencross Place, Blackpool FY4 5AD. If you are aware of the death of any member kindly advise **Sue Foster** who will ensure that future magazines are not sent out. Thank you.

REMEMBERING SOCIETY FRIENDS



Martin Holtby (photo Daily Mirror)



A 20th Anniversary event for Fylde Branch, left to right, Bill Joynson, Margaret Purcell, Denis Galvin, Roy Peaker and Pat Allois at the front.

Below is Pat with one of the hatchings she repaired.

