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OPEN MORNING

4th November

9.30am to 12.30pm

at

Colne Library

please note the date as volunteers will be
needed to help with any queries

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PRACTICAL EVENINGS

So far this year we have had talks on Newspapers online, how to use Mario maps and a short introduction to the 1939 records.

We would welcome suggestions for topics for future meetings.

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GAZETTE – Editor – Arnold Slater

Articles for the January 2018 Gazette
by the end of December please.

Please send articles to Editor at lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk
or by post to the Editor,
c/o 6 Sussex Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire BB18 5DS

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2017 Programme

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| 15th Nov | "WWI talk" (topic to be chosen)
Richard Wimpenny |
| 29th Nov | Practical Evening
topic to be announced |
| 6th Dec | Christmas Party (By Ticket Only)
"The Way Things Used To Be"
Harold Hoggarth |

2018 Programme

- 17th Jan "Should I Stay or Should I Go?"
Roger Blaxall
- 31st Jan Practical Evening - topic to be announced
- 21st Feb "Elizabeth Parker of Browsholme Hall"
Linda Sawley
- 21st Mar A.G.M. T.B.A.
- 18th Apr "Thieves, Forgers & Luddites – Executions at
Lancaster Castle during the Bloody Code Era"
Martin Baggoley
- 16th May Outvisit
- 30th May Practical Evening - topic to be announced
- 20th June T.B.A.
- 18th July Day Visit
- 15th Aug "Richardson Family of N. Birley, Bradford &
Thornton-in-Craven"
Derek Clabburn
- 29th Aug Practical Evening - topic to be announced
- 19th Sept "The Double Identity of John Robinson of
Colne"
David Tildsley
- 17th Oct "WWI German Prisoners of War in Skipton"
Anne Buckley
- 31st Oct Practical Evening - topic to be announced
- 21st Nov "About The Jam, Darling"
Virginia Aighton
- 5th Dec Christmas Party T.B.A.

Query Corner

Replies please to Jean Ingham

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Joseph Michael KELLY

Steve is currently researching a Commonwealth War Grave in Killay churchyard, South Wales. The grave belongs to a Joseph Michael Kelly (from Burnley) who died, aged 51 in 1943, as a result of a cycle accident when he was a Leading Aircraftman in the RAF.

During the 1914-18 war Joseph Michael KELLY had won the Military Medal whilst serving with the South Lancashire Regiment.

Steve is interested to know if any of this man's descendants are members of LFHHS, or if anyone has carried out some research about him ?

In the 1901 Census (RG13/3861): he lived at 66 Anne Street, Burnley.

Parents: Hugh & Catherine Kelly.

Born possibly 1892/93 and may have had a twin sister Mary Kelly.

DEMAIN Family

One of our members would like to hear from anyone connected with the DEMAIN family who were in Colne in the early part of 1800. Several of the family were Coopers. She is particularly interested in Thomas DEMAIN who was born in Colne in 1830/31 and later moved to Accrington.

Other people on her tree are:-

William DEMAIN married Ellen WHITTAKER in St. Bartholomew's, Colne in 1829. Buried at St. Bartholomew's.

William DEMAIN married Hannah KING in St. Bartholomew's, Colne in 1803. Buried at Winewall Inghamites.

RAWSTHORNE

Christopher is trying to link the RAWSTHORNES, RAWSTORNES etc of Pendle with those in the chapelry of Newchurch in Rossendale many of whom were descendants of this couple married at St. Nicholas, Newchurch in Rossendale in 1736. He says there were several registers kept at Newchurch at that time and that the record below from the so called paper register is probably the most accurate:

MARRIAGE 1736 Sep 30

Edmund Rawstorne of Pendle & Lydia Smith of Rossendale

Christopher would like to be put in touch with anyone who has researched the name in Pendle in the early 18th and 17th centuries.

JOHNSON and SANDERSON

Brian from "Down Under" is hoping that there is someone researching JOHNSON and SANDERSON from Burnley/Nelson. His ancestor, William JOHNSON had a sibling Eli who married Ellen DUGDALE at Holy Trinity in Burnley in 1864. Are there any living descendants still in the area?

Qualified Sanitary Inspector (or Inspector of Nuisances)

How would a cotton weaver, living in the Nelson area in the late 1880s/1890s, gain a certificate as a qualified Sanitary Inspector by 1892 ? Any information will be greatly appreciated.

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FLACK and COCKSHUTT Family Histories

Recently Dr Edmund ("Ted") Flack who lives in Brisbane, Australia sent three reports to the Burnley and Pendle Branch.

These reports cover the Family History of Capt. William FLACK, William Henry FLACK and Frederick Henry FLACK, all of whom had strong ties with the Colne-Nelson-Burnley area.

Dr Flack has also sent us a report of his research into the COCKSHUTT branch of his family.

These reports are worth reading and are available at the Branch Meetings.

Arnold G. Slater

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DROP-IN FAMILY HISTORY HELP SESSIONS

will be held at Colne Library on the following dates:

October 25th

November 22nd

10 am to 12 noon

Volunteers welcome

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Of Mouse and Man - by Rod Moorhouse

During the past few months I experienced some difficulties with my right wrist. It affected the sensitivity in the index finger and thumb to the extent that I could only use my computer mouse with some restrictions and constant pain. I tried using the mouse with my other hand but this proved to be slow and felt like trying to operate a left hand drive car while on a continental holiday – something I never really mastered!

At some point I remembered the early days of personal computing; the era when everyone felt they had to learn basic programming! On one occasion I visited an infant school and saw a small machine demonstrated called a 'turtle' or 'floor turtle'. It had an on-board computer which could be pre-programmed to send it forwards or backwards across the floor and to turn its wheels either right or left through 90 degrees with precise synchronicity. At a later point I was introduced to a computer programme called 'Arrow' or 'Screen turtle'. Some of you may remember this; a green arrow appeared on the screen which, like 'Floor turtle' could be programmed to move around the screen. The great advancement was that the arrow left a straight line or trace behind it and so geometrical patterns could be constructed. These could be saved and re-run rather like animations - magic! Here, I guess was the forerunner of both screen graphics and the mouse pointer.

What has all this to do with family history; just the realisation that we have made rapid progress since the days of screen turtle. The mouse pointer is now taken for granted as it speedily skids across our computer screens assisting in scanning and selecting information from online records. The result is fewer visits to centralised archives with endless searches through files, fiches or micro films. Obviously there is a long way to go yet in digitising public records but for basic family history research we are reaching a stage where we may rarely need to leave the comfort of our homes.

However, our research efforts are still frustrated from time to time by the absence or the limitations of official records. Omissions, errors, mis-transcriptions etc. create even more problems; and so it was when I recently searched for more information about a man named John Moorhouse. I found him recorded on the 1851 census living in Skipton workhouse aged 74 and therefore born around 1777. When I enquired the Archivist at Skipton Library told me that the workhouse records were lost in 1990's. A wider search on Ancestry.com revealed a long list of John Moorhouses who were born, married or died in and around the Skipton area in the 18th century. However, one stood out from the rest and he was baptised in January of 1777 in Kildwick. I almost shouted 'Bingo' but then stopped to think where do I go next in order to try and find a possible link between John of Kildwick and John of the workhouse? Where might he have been during that period? What other records could be searched?

Around the turn of the 18th century the Napoleonic wars were fought culminating in the battle of Waterloo in 1825. I searched on ancestry.com and to my delight found a series named '*UK, Waterloo Medal Roll, 1815*'. [WO25 ref. 963] A quick search produced three John Moorhouses together with their rank, regiment and date of enlistment. Two of them were in Guard's regiments but the third man was a Private in the 1/33rd Foot regiment who enlisted in 1800. Wikipedia, the free online encyclopaedia, states that this regiment was an infantry regiment whose title was changed in 1782 to the 33rd or First Yorkshire West Riding Regiment and later known as the Duke of Wellingtons.

Before the days of rapid passenger transport it would have been more likely for men to enlist in their local regiment. Was John Moorhouse enlisted locally as part of a recruitment campaign or did he volunteer to join the army at a time when he was out of work and desperately seeking support? I recently contacted the West Yorkshire Regimental museum in Halifax and was informed that no records exist for recruitment at the time of the Napoleonic wars.

Once again my search has reached an impasse and the possibility of a link between the three John's, the baby who was baptised in Kildwick, the soldier who served in Wellington's Army and the old man in Skipton workhouse may remain unsolved unless a descendant of his family with more information can be found. Could their common birth year be more than just a coincidence?

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Trip to Newby Hall Wednesday, 19th July 2017

On Wednesday, July 19th 2017 a group of 23 members and friends visited Newby Hall, near Ripon. With only two pick-up points for the coach, in Padiham and Colne, we arrived at Newby Hall by about 10:30am.

Built in the 1690's by Sir Christopher Wren, it is the family home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Compton, indirect descendents of William Weddell who acquired Newby Hall in 1748. When William Weddell made his "Grand Tour" in 1765-6, he brought back many classical sculptures and French tapestries and needed to display them. He contacted the leading neo-classical architects, including John Carr and Robert Adam, who altered and enlarged Newby Hall. Yorkshire-born designer and cabinet maker, Thomas Chippendale, made tables and chairs which can still be seen throughout the house. Newby Hall is one of Britain's finest Adam houses with its exceptional 18th century interior decoration. In 1807 the Regency Dining Room was built onto the north-west corner of the house, and the Victorian wing was added in the late 19th century.

Our tour of the house lasted an hour and there was so much of interest to see. The many formal portraits and paintings contrasted with the more informal Compton family photographs on display around the house. The Print Bedroom – so called because the family recently found a stack of old prints in the attic, some of them by Hogarth, which have been hung in this Adam-style bedroom – is where Prince Charles stays when he pays a visit in his helicopter. In the Tapestry Room hang Gobelin Tapestries and the whole room was designed by Adam to complement them. Chippendale had to design his chairs and sofas to fit round the tapestry covers. They are the only pieces of Chippendale furniture known to have original upholstery. The Victorian Billiards Room with its dark wooden panelling made a sharp contrast to the elegant Adam and Regency-style rooms. The tour ended in the Statue Gallery, designed by Robert Adam for William Weddell to display his Classical Sculptures as if they were in an ancient temple.

We were free to explore the gardens, designed by Major Edward Compton, who inherited Newby in 1921. Particularly beautiful were flowers in the double herbaceous borders and there were peaceful walks through the woods which led to the rock garden. A miniature railway proved popular as it travelled alongside the River Ure at the bottom of the garden. Another attraction was the Teddy Bear Collection (donated by Gyles Brandreth), with its tableaux of teddy bears, bears donated by famous people and famous bears such as SuperTed, Fozzie Bear and Paddington. Also housed in the garden is one of the finest private collections of dollshouses in the world. Donated by Caroline Hamilton and Jane Fiddick, there are nearly 70 houses of all shapes, sizes and styles with characters arranged in clever and amusing scenes, from a miniature Adam House with a replica of Newby Hall's Tapestry Room to a miner's cottage with miner bathing in tin tub before the fire, via Steptoe and Son in their junk yard. The attention to detail in these exhibits was stunning.

It was generally agreed that Newby Hall was well worth visiting and the weather had been kind to us declining to rain until we were back on the coach on our way home. Many thanks are due to Mary Jackson who organised the trip so efficiently, but was unable to come with us.

Sylvia Marshall

Obituary Nora SKELTON

Sadly, Nora Skelton, one of the earliest members of the Branch has died.

A very cheerful and positive lady, many of the members will remember Nora as joint Branch Librarian with Gladys Whittaker. Unfortunately, in recent years, she hadn't been able to attend the meetings but she always maintained a keen interest in all the Branch activities. We send our deepest sympathy to her family.

Annual LFHHS Lunch, 2017

One purpose of the Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society is to enable family historians in the County, the Palatinate of Lancaster to meet and discuss our hobby, our family history research.

Our Pendle and Burnley branch was represented at the Society's annual lunch on 1st October – unfortunately by only four of us!

This year's event at the Dunkenhalgh Hotel, hosted by the Hyndburn branch, was a great opportunity to chat round the tables during lunch, to share the fun of successful research and even share ideas for overcoming problems.

Lunch was followed by a talk, given by Les Hardy and illustrated by real old-fashioned 35mm slides, on the history of the Petre family, owners of the Dunkenhalgh estate which extended widely over the present Hyndburn area and who had an influence on the development of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, the local railways and the mining and other interdependent industries of the district.

Very many thanks to the Hyndburn branch for their organisation of the lunch – it certainly raises the bar for grandeur of venue, but I'm sure the organisers of next year's lunch will do their best to match it: let's all plan to be there.

Martin Holtby