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Our email seems to be getting a little erratic. If you don't receive at least an acknowledgement in a few days then please resend you message.

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PROGRAMME 2013

David Marshall our Programme Secretary needs YOUR help with the meeting on 16th January next year. We need people to give a short talk about their family history – interesting or unusual characters etc. Please let David know if you are interested in telling your story.

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The Libraries at Colne, Nelson and Burnley are now opening from 9.00am

FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Saturday November 3rd

10am to 1pm

at Colne Library

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DROP-IN FAMILY HISTORY HELP SESSIONS

will be held in Colne Library

Wednesday 24th October

Wednesday 28th November

10.00 am to 12 noon.

If you find any spelling errors in the Gazette its not my fault !!

Eye have a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight for it to say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew!

BMD PROJECT REPORT

On 2nd October the final 11,846 births up to 1974 were added to the Lancashire BMD web site, bringing the total births now searchable on line to 62,068 - quite a landmark and all thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers.

The work on deaths 1966-1974, is now nearing completion..

In addition, a further 20,495 maiden names have been added for birth entries that were already searchable on Lancashire BMD - a great help to aid researching - and this ongoing process will keep the volunteers well occupied!

Janet Knowles, BMD Co-ordinator

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2012 PROGRAMME

The programme of events for the coming year is shown below and can also be viewed on the branch website at <http://www.lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk>

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| 31 Oct | Practical Workshop |
| 21 Nov | 'Newchurch Families' Brenda Hustler |
| 5 Dec | Christmas Festivities (By ticket only - available at the November meeting)
'From Muck and Music to Stones and Roses'
Raymond Smith |

MURPHY'S LAWS FOR GENEALOGISTS

Copies of old newspapers have holes occurring only on the surnames, especially the ones you need.

2013 PROGRAMME

- 16 Jan **Short informal talks by members** of interesting stories from their own researches.
- 30 Jan **Practical Evening**
- 20 Feb **'Children working in the mines and in other employment in the Victorian era'**
Graham Stirrup
- 20 Mar **A.G.M. and Practical Workshop**
- 17 Apr **'The House of Clifford'** Gillian Waters
- 15 May **Out Visit**
- 29 May **Practical Workshop**
- 19 Jun **'Beatrix Potter'** Margaret Curry
- ?? Jul **Practical Evening? Open Evening**
31? Jul (Pactical evening - date to be arranged)
- 21 Aug **'DNA in Genealogy'** Rodney Brackstone
- 18 Sep **'Life in the Workhouse'** Peter Watson
- 16 Oct **'Origins of Blackpool'** Frank Watson
- 30 Oct **Practical Evening**
- 20 Nov **'Thomas Francis Bawden, Royal Marines. 1845-1880'** Brian Jeffrey
- 4 Dec **Christmas Festivities** (By ticket only)
'How I became a Butlin's redcoat' Dee Ellis

Printed copies of the programme are available.

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QUERY CORNER

Replies unless otherwise stated to:

Jean Ingham at enquiry@lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk

KNOWLES Update on Photograph.

The photograph of James KNOWLES of Pancake Farm and his Granddaughter published in the July Gazette generated two responses and we were able to put two distant members of the KNOWLES family in touch with each other.

STUTTARD

Julie Dugdale would like to hear from anyone researching Thomas Ellis STUTTARD and Elizabeth Ellen ANDERTON who married in the Burnley Registration District in 1900.

One of their children, Ernest, was born in Burnley in 1909. Julie has many old photographs but, unfortunately, doesn't know who the people are; although one photograph has been identified as the marriage of Ernest STUTTARD c1935 at Barnoldswick

WARING

James Robert WARING was born in 1873 at Green Hill, Habersham Eaves, Burnley.

In the 1881 census he is with his grandmother, Sarah NUTTALL, in Hopwood St., Burnley but no sign of his parents.

Any information on this family will be appreciated but we particularly want to find the marriage of James Robert's parents, Thomas WARING and Ann SMITH possibly in the Burnley area c. 1870.

WOOD

Kevin WOOD has traced his family back to the late 1600's in either Colne or Newchurch in Pendle.

His 7 x great grandfather may be George WOOD born 1680 in the Colne area.

50 years later the WOOD family are recorded as based in Newchurch/Roughlee.

Other information is:-

George WOOD bapt Newchurch 1779 married Ann (Nanny) RILEY 1817 at St. Bartholomew's, Colne.

Their sons, William and George WOOD were both baptised 1829 at Newchurch.

Kevin would like to contact anyone also tracing this WOOD family.

Elijah HAWLEY

Possibly born in Ashton under Lyne Workhouse as Elijah SHAW c 1875. He may have been living in a Lodging House in Bridge St., Burnley in the 1891 census and working as a chimney sweep. By 1901 he was married to Elizabeth Ann DOLAN and living in Denton, Lancashire. He died in 1911, just before the census was taken.

Is he on your family tree?

GILBERTSON

Any information about the GILBERTSON family in Burnley in the early 1800's would be greatly appreciated.

CRABTREE

Susan Ford would like to contact anyone tracing the CRABTREE family in Burnley in the late 1500's and early 1600's. Richard CRABTREE, born 1597, was the son of John CRABTREE and Isabel EASTWOOD.

TACKLERS

Does anyone know of any records of Nelson Tacklers apprenticeships in the late 1920's?

We are aware that there are some records of the Nelson Powerloom Overlookers Union in Lancashire Archives but any information on this subject will be very welcome.

MORE ABOUT MY GREAT AUNT by Rod Moorhouse

In the July issue I wrote about the early life of my Great Aunt, Sarah Ann Hopwood who was born in Burnley, the daughter of James and Elizabeth Moorhouse. The story ended in Blackpool and I suggested that there was more to be told. Although she never returned to live in Burnley I hope the rest of her life story may interest the readers of this Journal. The passages in italics are from an original document in which she set down her autobiography.

Sarah Ann lived in Blackpool with her parents, brothers and sisters for about nine years before they all moved to Skipton, her father's birthplace. This happened in 1883 when she was about 15 years old. Father very soon built a pair of houses on Gargrave Road where Sarah Ann lived with her parents for the next five years. She recalls attending chapel and helping her father who was a lay preacher, *"... when our Minister, Rev. Thomas Windsor, went on his holidays or had other duties father took the weekly services at the Workhouse and visited the patients in the Infirmary. He always liked me to go with him to play the harmonium and help with the singing and to visit the Infirmary with him because he was rather deaf so I was helpful in hearing what the patients had to say to him."* She also describes how, *"On Sunday afternoons after school, our Superintendent Mr John Dawson, often used to take a few of us older children along with him into Union Square or Spring gardens where he would hold cottage meetings in the summer, the cottagers bringing out their chairs and joining in the service. He would ask us in turn to read the scriptures, to offer a short prayer or to sing a few verses of well known hymns and I think it was from this that I gained my experience of public service and of serving others."*

At the age of twenty in the December quarter of 1888 Sarah Ann married John Hopwood. John was twenty two years old and born in Malton. They can be found on the 1891 census living in Skipton; John is working as a 'drapry assistant'. They have one child, a two year old boy named James Alfred. During the following years they had another son, Harold and also adopted a daughter named Daisy.

A major turning point in Sarah Ann's life came soon after the outbreak of the First World War. Her mother died in 1915 and her youngest son was in the army waiting to be sent to France. She explains her feelings at the time, *"I felt I had lost everything but tried to interest myself in Social Service. I was a member of the Skipton Board of Guardians, a member of the War Pensions*

Committee, the Soldiers and Sailors Orphan's Committee and the Khaki Club which catered for refreshments and entertained the large number of boys who trained for the Army in Skipton. I also helped my husband in his drapery and millinery business which we had on Belmont Bridge, Skipton for over twenty years."

Happily, her son Harold returned from the war having survived the trenches and risen through the ranks to become a commissioned officer. Sarah Ann continued with her public work and described her varied activities, *"After the 1914 to 1918 war was over I did a lot of visiting for the War Pensions Children's Committee to War orphans who were billeted out in the country around us. I was the means of commencing the Toc H in Skipton and Barnoldswick and Women's' Legion and the Society to help the Blind which was doing good work in Keighley."* She also kept up her temperance work which had started before she was married, *"When I was seventeen years of age I went to a Temperance meeting held in the Lecture Room of the Temperance Hall at Skipton. My mother and I were both made members and I have been a member ever since. After my mother's death I became President of the branch and have continued in office ever since, about fifty years in all at Skipton and Cleveleys"* She also describes how her support for the work of the chapel developed, *".... my husband and I were both teachers in the Sunday school for many years. Class Leaders and interested in all that took place at the Chapel and Sunday school...."*

These activities seem to have formed the pattern of her life until in the 1930's Sarah Ann and John decided it was time to take life easier, *"We felt that we had both lived busy, useful lives and wanted to spend the rest of our days quietly together. It was about this time that the Board of Guardians ceased to exist, the ministry taking over the management of all the Workhouses and Infirmarys as part of their Welfare state. This was in the year 1930."* They went to live in Thornton Cleveleys where they enjoyed the seaside, attended the local chapel and managed to survive through a second world war.

I have tried to present a snapshot of a lady who's busy life transcended several eras from her Victorian early life in Burnley and Blackpool, the Edwardian period of her early married life, the social and economic changes of the 1920's and 30's, the austerity of a second world war and the post war period. There is no doubt that she worked relentlessly to help and serve others. The foundation of all this was her religious belief and her upbringing

and so it is fitting to end in her words, *"I owe more than I shall ever know from the example set by good temperance parents....."*

Sarah Ann Hopwood died in the spring of 1960 at the age of 92. This event was registered in Blackpool but I have been unable so far to locate the place of her burial.

Day Trip to Bradford's National Media Museum and Industrial Museum

On Saturday, 28th July a coach trip was organized to visit Bradford's National Media and Industrial Museums. It did not seem a promising start to the day as a small group of us huddled in the Padiham bus shelter to escape the wind and rain, waiting for the coach to arrive. However, the Rigby's coach turned up on time, and as we progressed to the other pick-up points in Burnley, Nelson and Colne, the weather gradually improved, and we arrived at the National Media Museum in the centre of Bradford at about 10:15am.

This modern, purpose-built museum covers the world of photography, film, television, animation, gaming and the web and we were free to spend the morning exploring the eight floors of galleries. Many of the displays were interactive, you could have a go on old arcade machines or classic video games, find out how light behaves in the Magic Factory, try reading the news from an autocue in the replica TV studio, or presenting the weather. It was even possible to view a favourite TV programme, chosen from a catalogue of over 1,000 comedies, children's shows, soaps, dramas, and documentaries. (Does anyone else remember "Mr. Pastry" from 1952?) In Gallery 1 we happened across a young lady dressed as Eliza Kipling, model of photography pioneer Eadweard Muybridge, who was entertaining her audience with an explanation of his work photographing animals and humans in motion, and his importance in the history of film-making.

As we toured round the displays and exhibits there were many opportunities for reminiscing over times past and realising how far we have come from the early days of photography and television to the digital technology of today.

At lunchtime most of the group decided to try out the nearby Weatherspoons pub, the Titus Salt, converted from Victorian public baths, before moving on to the Industrial Museum, a short coach-ride away from the city centre.

It couldn't have been more of a contrast with the modern museum we had just left, based as it was at Moorside Mill, built in 1875 as a small worsted spinning mill. Nowadays the museum aims to recreate life and industry in Bradford from the nineteenth century. The Golden Threads exhibition, on the ground floor, displayed textiles from all over the world, and featured ten waistcoats, designed and made with a modern twist, by the Young Textile Group, from new worsted cloth woven at the museum; local schoolchildren had appliquéd and embroidered Bradford landmarks onto a gigantic overcoat which hung from ceiling to floor. Upstairs, you could have a go at handspinning and learn about the process of spinning and weaving worsted, although none of the machines were working while we were there. A collection of printing machines were on show, as were locally-made Jowett vintage cars and motorbikes making an impressive display. Outside in the yard the mill-workers' back-to-back houses were closed for cleaning and conservation work, but you could visit the Mill Manager's house with its Victorian décor. Unfortunately, due to cuts in funding the working horses were no more, and neither was the café. A pity. A cup of tea would have been very welcome to round off our visit.

Thanks to Mary Jackson and Jean Ingham for organizing the trip to these two very different museums, and providing us with all the information, maps and sweets we needed to ensure the smooth running of the day.

Sylvia Marshall

Change of address

Would you please ensure that the Secretary is informed of any change of address – **including email address**

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Getting to Know Lancashire Archives

Have you ever wondered how to use the searchroom at Lancashire Archives?

What sort of records we hold?

How to find your great-great-grandfather's will?

What goes on behind the scenes?

If so, these sessions may interest you.

An archivist will describe some of the sources we hold and how Lancashire Archives works. They will explain some of the procedures and give guidance on how to use the finding aids helping you to make the best use of your time when you next visit.

Sessions will be held at 2.30pm in the Record Office on the second Friday of each month;

13 January, 10 February, 9 March, 13 April, 11 May, 8 June, 13 July, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November, 14 December

Each session is FREE and will last 1½ - 2 hours.

Places are limited so advance booking is essential

To book a place please telephone on 01772 533039

or email the record office at record.office@lancashire.gov.uk

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Wednesday – 9am – 5pm

Thursday – 10am – 5pm

Friday – 9am – 5pm

Second Saturday of every month - 10am – 4pm

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ARCHIVES NEWS

A number of Archives are reporting revised opening times, some to due to refurbishment and others due to the restrictions on finances. If you intend to visit any of these Archives you are advised to check the opening times and availability of the collections before arranging a visit.

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Articles are always welcome, I will try and fit them in as soon as possible.

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