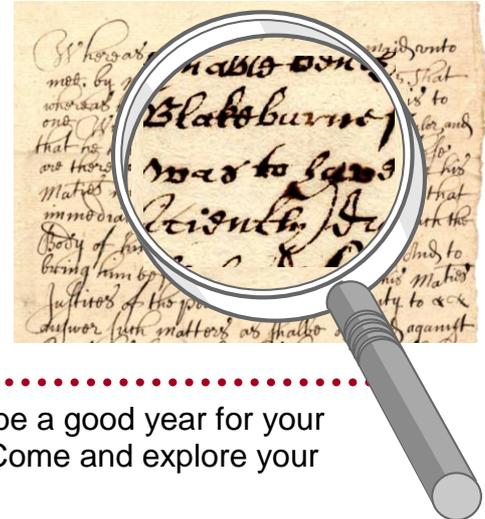


# News from the Archives

Newsletter of Lancashire Archives



## Happy New Year!

The last two years have been very successful for Lancashire Archives and we start 2014 by applying to become one of the first accredited archive services in the country.

As Lancashire County Council faces the prospect of £300 million of savings over the next 3 years we can't possibly know what the future will hold for our service, beyond the loss of an archivist's post in April. I can however promise that we will continue to seize every opportunity to inspire people and communities to explore their heritage, with a high quality public service, 9 miles of wonderful archives and a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who preserve the unique and irreplaceable documents and make them available for you to research.

I would be interested to hear from readers where you think we might make savings or raise income. How much do you value the archive service? What is it worth to you? If you receive *News from the Archives* by post, would you be prepared to pay postage costs or to have it delivered by email? In the Spring I will be holding another user consultation session to gather your views.

May 2014 be a good year for your research. Come and explore your archives!

Jacque Crosby  
Archives Service Manager

## Outing the Past 4: Music, Archives and LGBT History

Join us for our fourth LGBT History Month event at Lancashire Archives. This year the theme is music and we have planned a special event to celebrate!



**Outing the Past 4 – Music,  
Archives and LGBT History**

**Saturday 1 February 2014**

**Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston,  
PR1 2RE**

2pm Open with Preston Musical  
Comedy Society Choir (tbc)

2.20pm Clive Taylor, Hotpot and  
Hotpants: a talk about LGBT  
music history and culture in

- Lancashire in the 1970s and 80s, followed by discussion
- 2.55pm "The Love that Dare Not Speak its Name", a short film by Drew Drake
- 3.15pm Break for refreshments
- 3.30pm Abigail Ward, Manchester District Music Archive, Queer Noise: The Hidden History of Manchester's LGBT music culture, a digital archive project
- 4.20pm O'Hooley & Tidow, Gentleman Jack: A Q & A session with BBC Radio 2's Folk Music Award nominees and critically acclaimed folk band who have used the diaries of Anne Lister as inspiration for writing music
- 4.50pm Performance of Gentleman Jack by O'Hooley & Tidow
- 5.00pm Break for refreshments and hot pies

**Then from 5.45-7.00pm O'Hooley & Tidow play live at Lancashire Archives (tickets cost £5)**

Booking is essential. Please phone (01772) 533033 or email [vicci.mccann@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:vicci.mccann@lancashire.gov.uk) to book a place for the afternoon event and separate booking is needed for O'Hooley & Tidow's performance.

This event is taking place as part of Lancashire's LGBT History Month celebrations and details of other events will appear in



the February edition of *News from the Archives*.



## Collections

Lancashire Archives aims to collect records relating to Lancashire, Lancashire life, and the lives of Lancashire people. The Collections Team ensures that these collections are suitably packaged to guarantee their survival and are kept safe at all times. We provide details of the documents we have received in our catalogues, in our themed guides to record sources, and in publicity.

Each month we bring you the highlights of this month's new acquisitions. In November we processed 20 new deposits of documents, of which 19 were selected for permanent preservation.

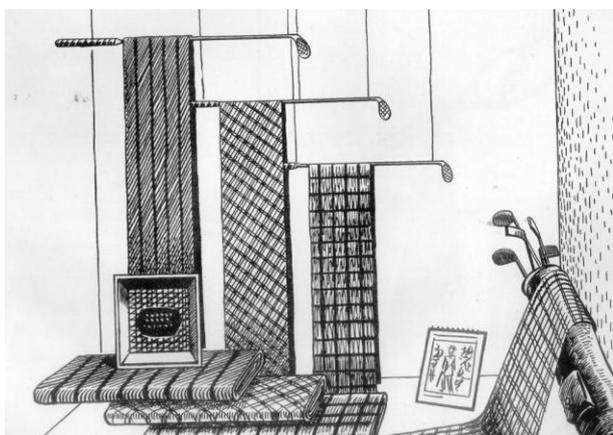
### Elizabeth Roberts (DDX 3003)

In the 1970s and 80s Dr Elizabeth Roberts undertook extensive oral history interviews

of working class people in Barrow, Lancaster and Preston, conducted while oral history was still in its infancy. Our records include transcriptions of these interviews, recordings of which are held at the North West Sound Archive, biographical details of the many individuals who contributed, and subject indexes which reveal the wide range of topics covered.

### **C. E. Barrow, tailors of Lancaster (DDX 3008)**

This firm was started in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, moving to a site on New Street in 1923, where it remained until the business was closed in September 2012. We now hold a range of records, including order books, complete with measurements and fabric samples, and some innovative display suggestions from the Craft Tailoring Council.



### **A Vindication of the Surey Demoniack by Thomas Jollie (DDX 3014)**

Thomas Jollie was a congregationalist minister based near Altham, who suffered frequent imprisonment and persecution for his beliefs. From 1689 he was part of a group of ministers who attended upon Richard Dugdale of Surey, near Clitheroe, who appeared to be possessed. The intention was to exorcise him via prayer and fasting, and the pamphlet includes descriptions of both his symptoms and the methods used to cure him.

## **Lancashire Adult Learning Courses at Lancashire Archives**

- FREE Taster Session for the *Art of Lost Handwriting* on 31 January, 10.00-12 noon in the lecture room. Course no 3BM8667A
- Latin Beginners: 4 sessions on Mondays starting on 20 January, 10.00-12 noon in the lecture room. Course no 3BMC8559A cost £46.40
- Latin Intermediate: 4 sessions on Mondays starting on 3 March, 10.00-12 noon in the lecture room. Course no 3BMC8560A cost £46.40

Booking is with Lancashire Adult Learning phone: 0845 6001331

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/adultlearning)

## **Preston Absent Voters' List**

Preston Absent Voters' List is now online at

<http://preston1914.wordpress.com/absent-voter-list/>

*Look out in the New Year for a new programme of spring/summer talks including Women's History Month and WWI events*

## A Look Back at some of the things we have done in 2013



Volunteers' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Explore Your Archive



Projecting onto the building



Medieval Day



Repair of Lancaster Charters



Lots and lots of outreach, accessioning and cataloguing!!



Vintage by the Sea, Morecambe



The Sandford Award

**Our next Saturday opening is 11 January 2014.**

**ANY COMMENTS?**

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