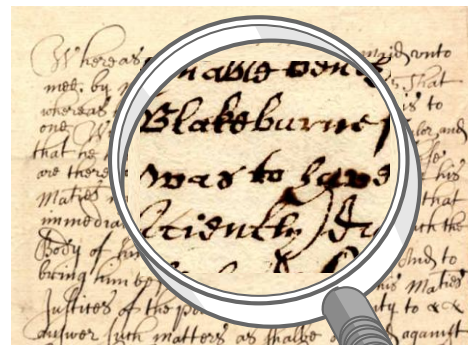


# News from the Archives

Newsletter of Lancashire Archives



## ***Friends support Hulton Appeal***

I am delighted with the initial response to the appeal to raise £95,000 to secure the Hulton of Hulton archive for Lancashire. Many local and family history organisations have offered contributions, including the Friends of Lancashire Archives who have pledged £10,000 to the campaign. I am very grateful to them all. The campaign is running until 30 November and donations may be made in the donation box in the searchroom or by post to: The Treasurer, Friends of Lancashire Archives c/o Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE.

More information about this amazing archive collection can be found on the Friends website: [www.flarchives.co.uk](http://www.flarchives.co.uk) and of course there is a detailed listing on LANCAT:

<http://archivecat.lancashire.gov.uk/calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=D DHU&pos=1>

If you are not already a Friend of Lancashire Archives, now is a good time to join, to add your support to the campaign and also to attend the Annual General

Meeting on Monday 30 September.

This is followed by a free talk by Alan Crosby - A few of my favourite things – a selection of treasures from our archive collections. Membership of the FLA costs just £10 a year. Forms are available in the tearoom at the record office and online.

## ***Drinks Machine***

In October the contract expires on the hot drinks machine in our tea room. We will not be renewing it as it has been running at a loss for some time. It is likely that the supplies of coffee will run out before then and it is not worth restocking. So I apologize in advance for the inconvenience. There is a new cafe across the road which is open in the morning, Nutty Butty on Fishergate Hill in front of County Hall and Better Butts, if you turn right down Bow Lane and left at the end.

## ***Commons Register***

The Commons Register kept by Lancashire County Council is now housed in Lancashire Archives.

**Jacquie Crosby, Archives Service Manager**

## *Who do you think you are?*

We hope that the new series of *Who do you think you are?* on BBC1 will inspire the family historians among you to return to researching your family trees this autumn. Although it is now so easy to find dates online, it is only through asking questions and searching archives for the answers that your real family stories will emerge. Do come and visit Lancashire Archives and see how we can help you.

## *Industrial Action*

Please note that a day of industrial action has been called on Tuesday 14 October. If you are planning to visit then please telephone beforehand as there may be disruption to the service.

## *Change to the Programme of Events*

Please note that the date of the Preston Arts Festival evening of readings 'Be Creative' has been changed from the 14 October to **Thursday 9 October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.**

## *Heritage Open Days 2014*

Along with other venues in Preston we will be throwing open our doors to take part in this year's Heritage Open Days. On the 13 September there will be tours of the building and in the stacks at 11am, 12 pm 1.30pm and 2.30pm. There will also be a small exhibition on the history of the building and the service.

## *Searchroom News*

We are raising funds to save the Hulton archive, an amazing collection spanning 750 years.



After your visit, as you collect the pound coin you used for your locker, please consider putting it in our donation chest by the lift rather than back into your purse or pocket.



**Thank you, every  will help**

## *Collections*

Each month we bring you the highlights of our new acquisitions. In July we processed 23 new deposits of documents, 22 of which were selected for permanent preservation.

**Amalgamated Textile Warehousemen – Preston and District Branch (DDX 1142)**  
We already held a relatively large collection of material for this union, deposited by the former secretary in the 1970s. However a relative was recently able to deposit further items which enabled us to learn a little more about the work of the union. The contribution books and membership registers are probably of most interest to family historians, as they can often give details such as address and occupation as well as indicating at which mill each employee worked, information which can be difficult to track down elsewhere. However the most interesting item for me was the register of accidents, which describes in

some detail the various injuries received by union members while working, and demonstrates vividly the risks of working in the mills even in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### Natural History Diaries of Harry Shorrock (DDX 3066)

Harry Shorrock has been interested in natural history throughout his life, and remains an active member of the Preston Natural History Society. He recently deposited with us a series of diaries which record the wildlife he has witnessed, both in Lancashire and further afield, over a period of 63 years. The diaries include detailed descriptions of the behaviour of any birds or animals witnessed, and are themselves heavily illustrated, with drawings, newspaper cuttings, photographs and even feathers collected within each volume. The collection offers a fantastic record of the changing environment from the 1940s right up to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



## The Discovery of a War Memorial Time Capsule

In July Mark Walmsley, our archive conservation manager, was contacted by Ron Drakewood of the 'Friends of the Penwortham War Memorial' for advice. Ron and his team had discovered a time capsule sealed into the foundation of the Penwortham war memorial and were hoping to retrieve and open the time capsule in time for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of World War 1 on 4 August.

On 29 July Mark was present at the opening of the war memorial vault and was pleasantly surprised to see that the time capsule was in remarkably good condition and that the contents appeared to have survived. The unopened capsule was brought back to Lancashire Archives and carefully opened in our conservation workshop. The capsule contained a copy of the Preston Guardian dated 26 March 1921, a copy of an order of service from the unveiling ceremony and a five page parchment roll listing all of the men from the parish of Penwortham who served, with red crosses next to the names of those who died.

Some of the items had been water damaged at some time during the last 93 years and are being carefully conserved and repaired by our conservation staff. The repaired items are to be put on display at the

Penwortham Community Centre at Kingsfold until Remembrance Day this November, when they will be resealed and replaced in the war memorial, perhaps for our descendants to rediscover in another 100 years. The Friends of the Penwortham War Memorial have a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/friendsofpenworthamwar Memorial](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofpenworthamwar Memorial) where you will find more information and photos.

**Glenn Swarbrick**



Conservation Manager, Mark Walmsley carefully unrolling the parchment list

## ***Tracing Your World War One Ancestors***

Join us on the 4 October from 10.00am to 4.15pm to look at the resources available in Lancashire for tracing your First World War ancestors. The day will include a heritage walk and a talk by Martin Purdy, author of the *Who Do You Think You Are?* Guide to tracing your First World War Ancestors.

This event is FREE and booking is essential by telephoning 01772 533039 or emailing [vicci.mccann@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:vicci.mccann@lancashire.gov.uk).

Refreshments will be available, but please note that lunch is NOT provided.

**Our next Saturday opening will be on 13 September**

## ***'Better Together'***

Chorley Heritage Centre Support Group, on behalf of the Community Archives and Heritage Group of The United Kingdom and Ireland, and with the kind support of Chorley Council, presents

**The Community Archives and Heritage Group - North West Conference for 2014**

**“Better Together”**

**At the Lancastrian Suite,**

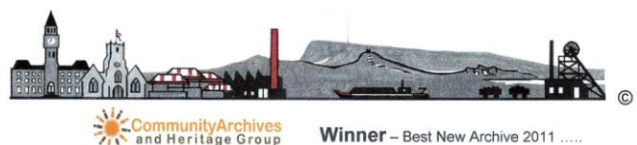
**Chorley Town Hall,**

**On Wednesday, 15 October 2014**

The programme will highlight the ways in which local groups and professional partners work together to tell the story of the north and engage with the local community.

Come and meet fellow enthusiasts and professionals, including Lancashire Archives and Community Heritage, Heritage Lottery Fund and successful project leaders. Consider mounting a small display of your group's work.

To book your FREE place and to find out more about Community Archive & Heritage Group visit [www.communityarchives.org.uk](http://www.communityarchives.org.uk). **Please book by 22nd September.**



**ANY  
COMMENTS?**

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