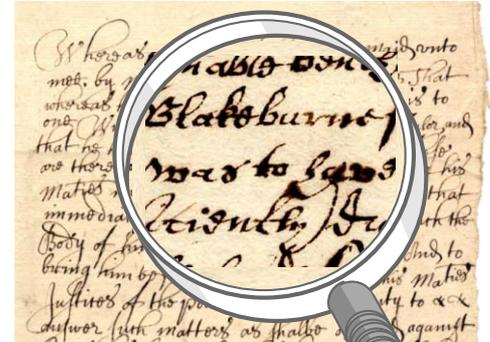


News from the Archives

Newsletter of Lancashire Archives



New opening hours

Please note that from Monday 4 July 2016 Lancashire Archives will be open as follows:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9.30-5.00 – open until 7.00pm on the second Tuesday of each month
Wednesday	9.30-5.00
Thursday	9.30-5.00
Friday	9.30-5.00
Saturday	10.00-4.00 on the second Saturday of each month only

The reduction from 42.5 to 30 hours each week reflects a significant reduction to the archive service budget and the loss of several staff. These stem from the county council's need to make significant financial savings, both to offset the Government's cuts to its funding and to account for cost pressures brought about by high demand for services. Additionally, the fall in archive visits from 12887 in 2005 to 5504 in 2015 means that we have to do things differently.

The phrase 'use it or lose it' starts to become real.

Mondays will be spent on essential tasks such as cleaning new accessions, answering enquiries, and digitisation. At the moment I intend to continue document production on demand and throughout lunchtime (except on Saturday) but this will be kept under close review and I can't rule out further reductions in opening hours or a document ordering system in the future.

Following the user consultation, which identified a surprising amount of support for an evening opening, I have decided to open on one Tuesday evening each month. This will be fully staffed and I hope that it will be well supported by archive users. Saturday opening will remain as at present, so that there is an opportunity for people who work Monday to Friday to use the service.

I am sorry to introduce these cuts and I sincerely hope that they will not cause major problems to archive users, but will instead encourage you to make the most of the time when the searchroom is open.

Jacque Crosby, Archives Service Manager

Collections

Each month we bring you the highlights of recent new catalogues. In March and April we processed 18 deposits of documents, all of which were selected for permanent preservation.

Battersby Photographic Collection DDX 3111

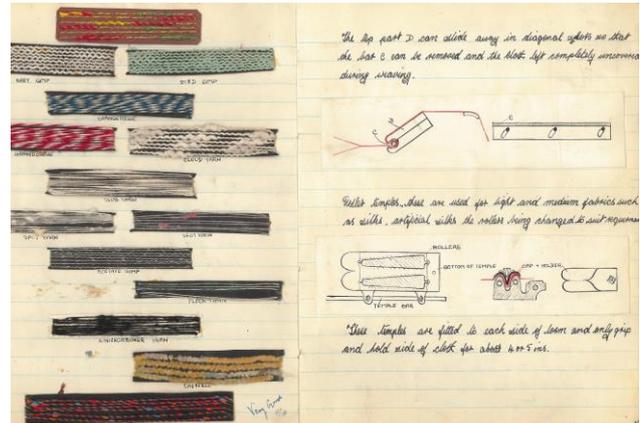
This collection was transferred to Lancashire Archives following the closure of the North West Sound Archive. It consists of papers and photographs collected by Samuel J.I. Battersby while acting as the Chief Censor for the North West region during the Second World War. During this time the Manchester Office of War Censorship handled more than 37,000 stories and 6,000 pictures. Some of the photographs contain additional information explaining the censorship decision or are edited to inform the press what to include or censor.



K Jolleys Collection DDX 3140

This collection was deposited by Mr Jolleys, who worked for Horrockses up until the 1960s. He began working in Fishwick Mill as a management trainee, initially in the design room and later in other departments. He subsequently worked at Centenary Mill and Queen Street Mill, and when Horrockses closed he went to work in a mill in Blackburn.

The records in this deposit include an exercise book from a textile course Mr Jolleys undertook at Harris College in 1954 and also material he collected whilst working at Horrockses. This includes books of fabric samples, photographs of mills and newspaper cuttings.



Details of some of the other deposits received can be seen below.

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| CR | Coroner's inquest files 2000
Subject to restricted access |
| DDX 256 | Preston Gas Company: Plan of new offices at Fishergate, Preston 1872 |
| DDX 1101 | Burnley library: glass slides and negatives 19th-20th cent |
| DDX 1291/154 | Souvenir brochure celebrating the work of Queen Mary's military hospital Whalley; including numerous photographs of the building, grounds, patients and activities 1916 |
| DDX 2969 | The John Blackburn Chorley Football Club Collection: Match programmes, other club publications, news cuttings, photographs, DVDs and other |

	material relating to the club 1933-2012		church at Turpin Green Lane 1982-1987
DDX 3029/23-28	Charity Commission: deeds relating to various Lancashire charities 1859-1955	NMR/12/1	Assemblies of God Pentecostal Church, Burnley: register of marriages 2012-2014
DDX 3144	Lancashire Caving and Climbing Club: including minutes; newsletters; meet reports; log books and cottage registers; photographs; 75th Anniversary Dinner menus and other souvenirs 1936-2011	WILF	Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes: branch records for Ainsdale, Aspull and Haigh, Astley, Bashall Eaves, Clayton le Dale, Ellel, Farington South, Freckleton, Hornby, Lostock Hall, Scorton, Singleton, St Michael's on Wyre, Trawden and Winewall and Walmer Bridge; group records for Bowgreave, Calder, Lostock Valley, Moss, Pendle Forest, West Fylde and Wyre Valley, 1926-2014. Some records are subject to restricted access
DDX 3145	North West Association of Civic Trust Societies: Minutes; correspondence files including annual accounts and reports; project files; newsletters of the NWACTS and local civic trusts and societies 1998-2015		
DDX 3146	The Downham Magazine 1888-1889: town magazine produced for 13 issues, including local news and writing as well as a serialised diary of a world tour undertaken by members of the Assheton family of Downham		
LCC	Including Council budgets 2000-2006; Capital programmes 1997-2010; Alston Hall course programmes and history 1962-2015; papers relating to the North West Sound Archive		
MGH 6/1	Orchard St Methodist Church, Great Harwood: registers of marriages 1903-1994		
MPR 18	Leyland Methodist Church: Account book 1961-1975; accounts and invoices relating to the building of the new		

A funny thing happened on the way to the searchroom...

Some days you never quite know what you are going to stumble across. Take the other day for example, while working behind the reception desk an esteemed colleague was having trouble reading a vicar's signature in a baptism register. The baptism register in question was for St. James' Church in Birkdale, Southport (PR 3354).

While we got as far as reading the initial letters of each name, which we were confident were both capital Ms, it soon became apparent that some vicars could give doctors (and one or two archivists) a run for their money when it comes to

illegible handwriting. Another colleague became embroiled.

Finally, a combination of looking in Crockford's *Clerical Directory* and the Internet identified our vicar as Marcus Morris or John Marcus Harston Morris (1915-1989). Why is this interesting? Well, it seems the Revd Marcus Morris was the founder of the *Eagle* comic, which was published from 1950 to 1969. Even though this was 'before my time', I have fond memories of the *Eagle* as a family friend had given a collection of *Eagle* annuals to my brother in the 1970s and we loved them.



Who could forget Dan Dare, Pilot of the Future and his battles with The Mekon? We also have to thank the *Eagle* for captain Pugwash, which was later adapted for television. One last thing to note is that the Revd Marcus Morris was originally from our own fair city of Preston.

This just goes to show that you never know what stories might lie behind a simple (if sometimes illegible) signature.

Victoria McCann, Senior Archivist

Our next Saturday opening is 11 June 2016

Afternoon Talks

Our next Wednesday afternoon talks are:

8 June – The Leeds and Liverpool Canal,
Mike Clarke, 12.30pm

15 June – The Preston Lock Out, Dr
Robert Poole, 12.30pm

**ANY
COMMENTS?**

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