



Ferreting around the Archives

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Our normal column from the Chair, Alan Crosby, will resume in the next edition

David Tilsley, Archivist

On 25th April we were featured online by BBC News, Lancashire:

A ferret caught "ferreting around" in a council's archives is believed to have "tailgated" a delivery to get in, an archivist has said.

The "domesticated" animal was found at Preston's Lancashire Archives earlier.

Senior archivist David Tyldesley said he had initially thought the ferret was stuffed, but "then I saw it move".

He said despite his shock, the animal was "very comfortable" and would be spending a night in the archives before the RSPCA come to collect it on Friday.

"We had just taken a delivery when I thought 'where did that stuffed ferret come from?', then I saw it move," said Mr Tyldesley.(sic)

"I think that it must have tailgated the delivery people.

"We tried to shoo it away but it was very reluctant."

He added that the RSPCA had given staff "some advice" about how to look after ferrets and it now seemed "to be very comfortable".



Lancashire Archives
@lanchistory

We're used to visitors ferreting around in the archives but this is the first one to be an actual ferret !!!!
(We're currently waiting for the wonderful @RSPCA_official)
7 12:47 PM - Apr 25, 2019

Sign the Petition

Change the logo of Lancashire Archives to a ferret rampant
Access the online petition at
<http://Imhavingyouon/ferret/>

Events booking forms on last three pages

End of free parking in sight

The days of free parking at Lancashire Archives are numbered as Lancashire County Council intends to introduce charges this summer. The car park will still be designated for use by Archives and Certificate Services visitors only; it is not the intention for it to become a public car park.

The good news is that there will be parking permits for volunteers and other valid purposes, including deliveries to the building.

The charging structure for the Lancashire Archives car park is likely to be:

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| Up to 1 hr | £1.00 | Up to 2 hrs | £1.60 |
| Up to 4 hrs | £3.20 | Over 4 hrs | £4.00 |

The parking charges will apply any time the building is in use. If the gates onto Bow Lane are open, parking charges will apply, including evenings and Saturdays. This will also apply to FLA events.

For disabled visitors using the Lancashire Archives car park, parking charges are likely apply in the same way that they do at Preston Bus Station – ie the first three hours will be free. Any time longer than this would need to be paid for in accordance with the above charging structure. If disabled visitors were to exceed this time limit, a Penalty Charge would become payable.

The penalties will be the same as those applied by Parking Services across the county. The standard Penalty Charge Notice is currently £60. This is reduced by 50% if it is paid within 14 days, but is increased by 50% if it is paid after the expiry of the notice period.

As soon as we know more, we will inform you.

In the meantime we also urge users to actively consider public transport and the available park and ride schemes for Preston.

Café Archive: would you like to help?

You may have already learned that our stalwart supporter Anna Watson has decided it is time to hang up her pinny. We're very grateful for all the pop up cafés which she has run for the last few years, and the money which has been raised through them.

We now have to decide whether to stop doing them after this year, or whether to set up a small catering team which will run them in future and possibly do other things as well.

I'd like to know what members think. We certainly need help for the two events in September and November this year (Heritage Open day on Saturday 14 September and Lancashire Day on Wednesday 27 November). For the future we would also need a couple of people to organise the café as well as several willing bakers and a small team of kitchen porters.

If you're interested in helping please get in touch with Jacquie Crosby. (01772 533028 – email:

Jacquie.crosby@lancashire.gov.uk)

The Archives wouldn't be what it is without its volunteers

Thank you!

Jacque Crosby, Archive Manager

The first week in June is National Volunteer Week and I need to thank all the Friends who have so generously given their time to support Lancashire Archives over the last 12 months – and, in many cases, for much longer. I particularly want to thank Anna Watson who, following her retirement, managed Café Archive whenever it popped up, joined the FLA committee and also ran the specific Friends volunteer project. Anna has now decided to step down from these but most of the other volunteers continue.

Dian Holme, Glenys Pickens, Christine Tormey, David Haworth, Trevor Simm and Rosemary Ryan – the FLA volunteers- have been working independently in the searchroom to index almost 14,000 entries in the Blackburn workhouse registers. These details will eventually be incorporated into LANCAT when all the registers have been completed. This is a huge project and other volunteers are welcome to join in. Please contact Jacque Crosby if you are interested.

Many other Friends are Lancashire County Council volunteers for our service and join the large groups which meet on Monday and work to make other records more accessible, including building plans, wills, bundles of family correspondence and Preston prison registers.

Lots of people have helped to make Café

Archive a success through baking, serving and washing-up and you have raised more than £500 over the last year. And we must also include Brenda Fox and her legendary buffets at our evening talks.

It is easy to forget that the committee members are also volunteers, as well as trustees of our association. The membership secretary/treasurer has the most onerous role and Peter Bamford does a splendid job, counting the coins and also dealing with significant investments. John Wilson, as secretary, keeps us informed and records the meetings in timely fashion and Maggy Simms keeps our website up to date. Alan Crosby as chairman steers the committee in the right direction, supported by Jane Hamby, Nigel Barker and Peter Newsham.

I must also make a special thank you to the volunteers from the Preston branch of the Family History and Heraldry Society who provide expert advice in the drop- in surgeries on Family History Fridays. Their patient research and their years of experience really has made a difference to the quality of service offered to new family history researchers.

Thank you all. Lancashire Archives wouldn't be what it is without you

A year in Lancashire Archives

Jacque Crosby, Archive Manager

An impressive record of achievement:

2,657,524 views of images of Lancashire documents on *Ancestry* in 2018

169,691 more entries on LANCAT, our online catalogue, taking the total to **1,692,098**

116,973 unique page views on Lancashire County Council website

95,878 page views in **68,189** visits to Lancashire Archives catalogue pages on The National Archives *Discovery* website

19,567 documents produced for users in the searchroom (17,305 in 2017/18)

4,904 people attended events **177** involving Lancashire Archives – **133** of these organised by the archive service

4,505 people used documents in the searchroom (4,418 in 2017/18)

4,205 written or emailed enquiries (3,673 in 2017/18) including **1,128** copying orders

2404 boxes and folders made for our own use and for external customers

2210 Schoolchildren experienced Lancashire Archives, either through a school visit or at the UCLAN science festival last summer

200 Friends of Lancashire Archives supported us

160 accessions of new archives received

56 volunteers gave **4954** hours of their time; one project won a national award

11 excellent staff provided this service

Some of the things our visitors said:

'A superb service- it is some years since I last accessed archives at Lancashire Archives but I am most impressed by the speed with which archives were produced, the help given by staff and the ready access to an excellent reference library despite the cutbacks in funding suffered in more recent years'

'My first visit: Highly impressed with the friendly staff and the process for receiving documentation. Although I live locally I hadn't appreciated the library of local history books existed. I will be back!'

'Fantastic service from the archive staff today- polite friendly and efficient. Turned around archives quickly even though it was busy and very helpful as well. A happy customer- thank you very much (from Historic England)'

'Very busy during our visit, however staff could not have been more helpful. Excellent service, everyone helpful. Thank you'

While the positive comments are well deserved and much appreciated, we do try to respond to the few negative comments we receive:

'Production- More than three tickets should be allowed at once to aid archivists in grouping large orders to save trips and improve production times'

A year in Lancashire Archives (continued)

We now accept document requests in advance, which improves the service to our visitors, especially at busy times

There is insufficient car parking at the archives and no apparent means of enforcing parking restrictions. When I visited there were 26 cars in the car park and only 16/18 people in the archive.

We hope that the introduction of parking charges later in 2019 will deter staff parking and keep spaces for Archive and Certificate Services users. We also hope that it will not stop people from visiting our service

The sound of rattling metal from the ceiling air ducts is very distracting

Facilities Management came in one weekend to put an end to this.

Blackburn Steam Engine Makers' Society

James Towe, Archivist

Recently purchased for Lancashire Archives by the Friends is a minute book of the Blackburn branch of the Steam Engine Makers' Society.

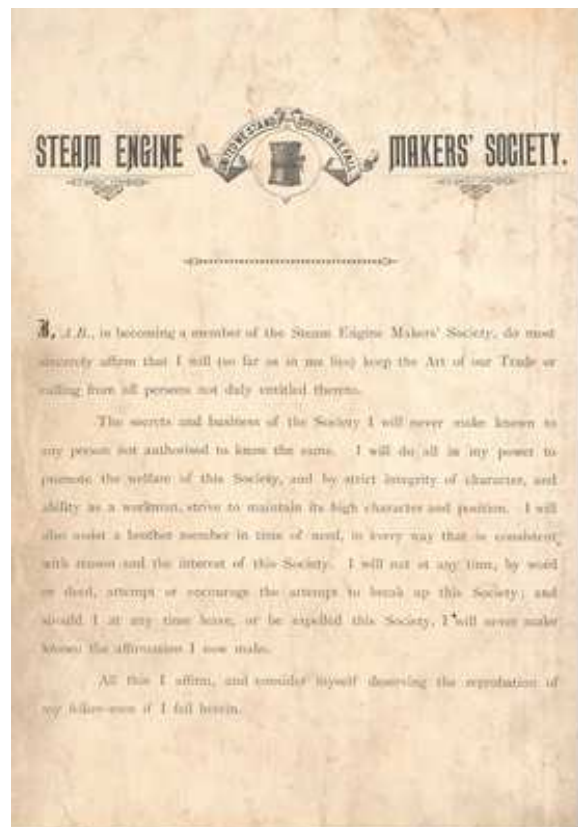
The minute book, bought on ebay, was brought to our attention by the Modern Records Centre at the University of Warwick, a key repository for national archives of trade unions, who in turn had been shown the sale by a researcher.

Founded in Liverpool in 1824 The Steam Engine Makers' Society was an early trade union representing engineers. By 1914 it had some 17,800 members. In 1920 it merged with the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and other smaller unions to form the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

The Blackburn minute book begins in December 1915, by which time the branch appears to already be well established, and runs to the end of 1931. Although sometimes lacking in detail it nevertheless forms an important record of the society's activities and membership. It joins a minute book and membership register for the Preston branch

already in the collection at Lancashire Archives.

The minute book has been catalogued as DP/539.



Insert pasted to the inside cover of the minute book

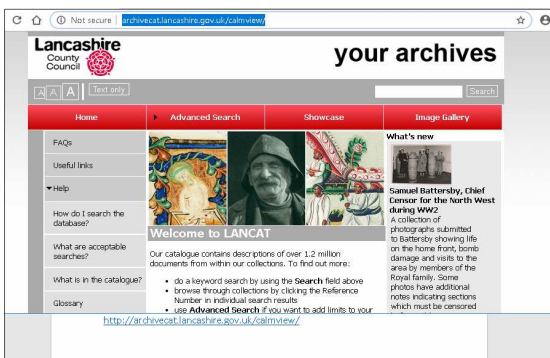
The Dalton of Thurnham Collection: how to access the catalogue online

David Tilsley, Archivist



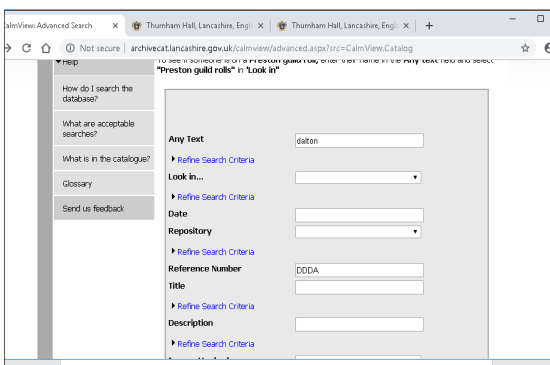
This is an old photo of Thurnham Hall. Roger Dalton (1531) father of Walter I, was the Lord of the Manor of all the lands that his brother Robert owned. Robert had died without issue. When Walter I grew up he moved his family to Witney, Oxfordshire and raised sheep and became a wool merchant. Roger Dalton probably also owned sheep in Witney.

A detailed list of the Dalton of Thurnham collection is now available in LANCAT, our online catalogue. Is there anything to interest you?



To find out, first go to the Advanced Search:

<http://archivecat.lancashire.gov.uk/calmview/>



Then enter your keyword query in the Any Text field along with DDDA in the Reference Number field and click Search.

A little more work is needed to structure the catalogue information and this will be completed in the coming months.

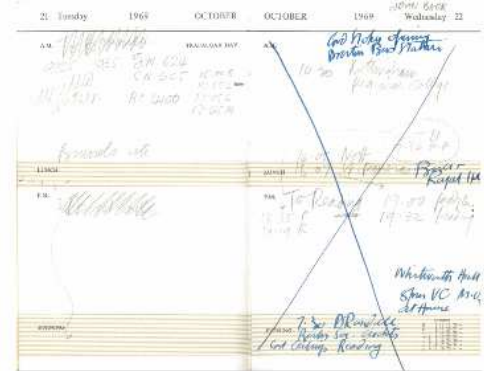
If you have any questions about what you find, or any general questions about the collection, please send them to record.office@lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire Archives Collections Survey

James Towe, Archivist

Funding by the Friends has allowed Lancashire Archives to undertake a four month project to improve our collections catalogue.

I have just begun work on this project which will improve access to previously unlisted collections. There are currently several collections which appear on LANCAT (Lancashire Archives' online catalogue) as broad collection level descriptions only.



BDP report on the new Preston Bus Station, 1969, and Sir George Grenfell-Baines diary recording its opening in October 1969, both from the Grenfell-Baines papers.

These include only very basic information and no details about the individual items within a collection. So, for example, you can identify from LANCAT that we hold the records of German, Petty, & Co, Preston, flax spinners or the estate papers of Cavendish of Brindle and Inskip, but there is no detailed indication of what exists within these collections or their extent.

The survey will provide on LANCAT useful 'box lists' and detailed contextual information which will make these uncatalogued collections much more accessible. It will also help us to decide priorities for future work and identify potential for more detailed archival cataloguing to follow.

There are more uncatalogued collections than it would be possible to work through in four months, so it will be necessary to be selective! By choosing a representative selection of collections we will gain an understanding of how the best results might be gained from similar survey work in the future while making a significant and useful contribution to LANCAT.

The survey work includes collection DDGB, the papers of Sir George Grenfell-Baines, 1940-1996. Grenfell-Baines was a Preston born architect and town planner of national renown and founder of the architectural firm Building Design Partnership (BDP). The collection has proved fascinating, although I have had to resist the temptation to linger too long over the documents! Personal and professional papers include material relating to local projects, such as Preston Bus Station (which is 50 years old in 2019), and the Central Lancashire New Town and national and international works such as the Tate Gallery extension and a proposed United Nations complex in Vienna. So far I have listed the contents of some 170+ boxes the details of which will appear shortly on LANCAT.

By way of a contrast and perhaps a typical illustration of the diversity of the collections we hold, the next focus will be the on collection DDW, the estate papers of the Winckley family of Brockholes and Preston, 1391-1867.

Who do you think they were?

Apart from a Lancashire connection, what do the following people have in common? Richard Arkwright, Laurence Binyon, Nicholas Blundell, Humphrey Chetham, Kathleen Ferrier, Edmund Robert Harris, John Horrocks, John Lennon, Joseph Livesey, the Pendle witches, Benjamin Shaw and James Williamson. No idea? The answer is that they are all recorded in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

This amazing national record contains over 60,000 biographies of people who died in or before 2012. What's more, it's available online free of charge in any Lancashire library or in Lancashire Archives or at home if you have a Lancashire Library card. Just go to the website and enter your library membership number.

<http://bit.ly/researchhistory>



Can you name these Lancashire faces from the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography?

Membership matters

Peter Bamford, Membership and Treasurer

Welcome New Members

Since our last newsletter we have been joined by three new members: the Revd. Phil Parkinson of Preston, Carole Warburton of Heywood, Rachael Krier of Cockerham

Summary of Membership

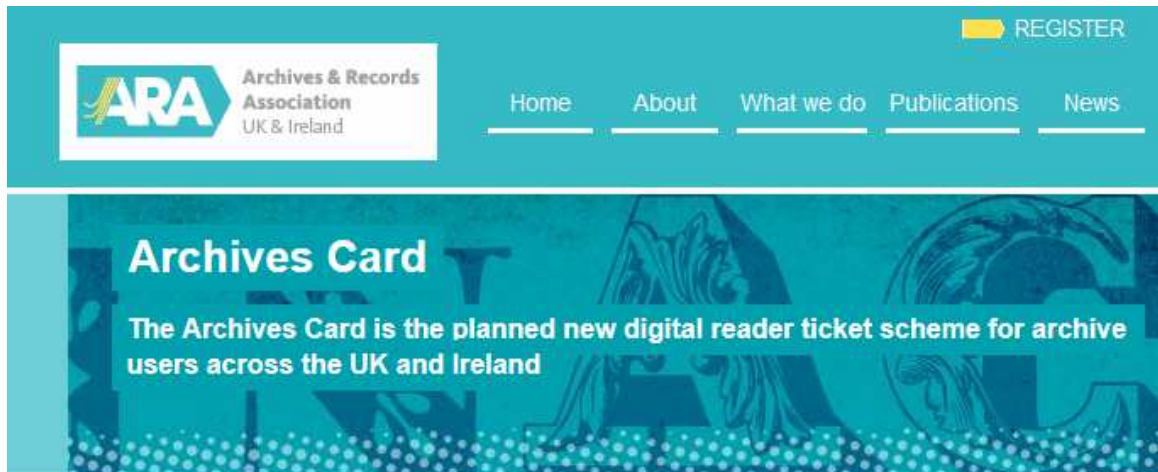
Our total membership now stands at 200; this may decline slightly as we will have to remove those few members who have not paid their 2019 subscriptions by the end of June.

Our Gift Aid claim will shortly be submitted to HMRC. If you have not signed up for this or believe you are no longer eligible, please let me know so our membership register can be updated.

We must give grateful thanks to the late Kevin Walsh of Poulton le Fylde from whom we have recently received a substantial legacy. Kevin died last October. His gift is to provide a lasting acknowledgement of his wish to support the work of the important institution of Lancashire Archives. He also left his collection of research and photographs of the Kirkham Children's Home where he was cared for as a child. We have not yet received his collection of documents and photographs but will report on them in a future edition.

To contact me use: theflatreasurer@gmail.com

New Universal Archives Card planned



<https://www.archives.org.uk/what-we-do/archives-card.html>

The Archives and Records Association has recently announced the implementation, testing and piloting phase of the new **Archives Card** for England and Wales.

The new *Archives Card* is based on the iMIS platform developed by Advanced Solutions International (ASI) and will be delivered by its UK partner, iFINITY plc. The card will enable local researchers and family historians to use one personalised card to access records at all participating archives in England and Wales.

The new card will be more convenient for users; it has an automatic reader facility and offers updated security features and data protection compliance, reassuring cardholders and participating services that their data is safe. The card will give researchers flexibility to access research material in multiple locations and make it easier for people to access important statutory environmental, planning, etc. records that serve the public interest. The new card will be free for individual applicants.

John Chambers, the ARA's CEO said:

"We are pleased to be able to move this ground-breaking *Archives Card* to implementation phase, though very much regret the unavoidable delay to the launch timetable. We know – from the number of enquiries we have been getting - that archive service users holding CARN cards and/or the Welsh Reader Ticket are keen to sign up to the new service and thank them for their patience.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Family History Federation, the Museums

Libraries and Archives Division of the Welsh Government, and Ancestry. The ARA reassures CARN card holders that it will continue to manage the CARN network on behalf of services planning to join the new Archives Card scheme. A revised list of services participating in the new scheme is attached below, for information.

Applications for the new Archives Card will be via a single online registration portal. Applicants will then need to complete their registration **in person** at a participating office or service to satisfy the identity (ID) verification process. There is more information on the registration process from this link:

<https://www.archives.org.uk/what-we-do/archives-card.html>

However please bear in mind some details may change between now and the official launch.

To meet data protection requirements, there will be no readily-identifiable personal data on Archives Card itself, beyond a name strip to show ownership of the ticket.

Lancashire Archives is a founding service participating in the new Archives Card. Cheshire Archives and Local Studies and Cumbria Archive Service were also among the first to sign up.

Contact FLA

The Friends of Lancashire Archives can be contacted via our website www.flarchives.co.uk

You may direct letters to any committee member via Lancashire Archives Bow Lane, Preston, Lancashire

PR1 2RE

01772 533039

Art inspired by Archives



Printing workshop led by Helen Draper, community art teacher

Saturday 13 July 2019

10.00am - 1.00pm

£12.50

Take inspiration from Horrockses textile designs in Lancashire Archives and experiment with two printmaking techniques to create repeat or one-off designs.

Suitable for all abilities; no experience or skills needed. Demonstrations and tuition will support you in learning the techniques. Equipment is provided but please feel free to bring blank cards or plain wrapping paper to print onto.

Places are limited and booking is essential. **To book please:**

email: record.office@lancashire.gov.uk or call on 01772 533039 (Tuesday-Friday)

*Payment **MUST** be made in advance. Your place is not secured until payment has been received.*

*Please make cheques payable to **Friends of Lancashire Archives***

To pay by BACS please see the Friends' website: www.flarchives.co.uk



In the footsteps of the Daltons of Thurnham

A walk round Lancaster led by local historian, James Houghton

Wednesday 12 June 2pm

This is a city walk exploring the estates of the Daltons in central Lancaster.

It will include a visit to the Cathedral

(Details of the meeting place will be provided by email in early June)

£10.00

Places are limited and booking is essential. If you would like to enrol please enquire by email to record.office@lancashire.gov.uk OR telephone 01772 533039 OR ask in person at Lancashire Archives, to find out if a place is available.

Once a place has been reserved payment must be made no later than Friday 7 June 2019 by BACS (see below for details) or by cheque (payable to Friends of Lancashire Archives and sent to, walk, Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, PRESTON PR1 2RE)

For BACS payments please use the following details:

Sort Code: 16-28-33

Account number 11771886.

Please ensure that you give your surname and Dalton as a reference.

Please note:

We will hold the personal information about your booking for a period of not more than 28 days after the event. It will not be shared with any third party and will be securely destroyed by the end of that period.

The Origins of the Poor Law in Lancashire



Illustration from British Library

Dr Jonathan Healey, Associate Professor in Social History, Kellogg College, Oxford

Friday 10 May 7pm

Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston PR1 2RE

£13.00 including buffet supper and a glass of wine

Places are limited and booking is essential. If you would like to enrol please enquire by email to record.office@lancashire.gov.uk OR telephone 01772 533039 (Tuesday- Friday) OR ask in person at Lancashire Archives, to find out if a place is available.

Once a place has been reserved payment must be made no later than Friday 3 May by BACS (see below for details) or by cheque (payable to Friends of Lancashire Archives and sent to Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, PRESTON PR1 2RE)

For BACS payments please use the following details:

Sort Code: 16-28-33

Account number 11771886.

Please ensure that you give your surname and **Poor Law** as a reference.