

# LANCASHIRE PLACE NAME SURVEY

Newsletter

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## Lancashire Place Name Survey 2015 Annual General Meeting

This will be held at Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Refreshments will be available from about 18:00 with the AGM starting at 18:30. Anyone may attend the AGM but only those on our mailing list on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 will be eligible to vote.

Subsequent to the AGM (about 19:00) Dr Fiona Edmond of Cambridge University will give our Annual Lecture when she will discuss:

### *Brittonic and Welsh influence in Lancashire: history and place-names*

The Annual Lecture (tickets £5 each) will be given immediately after the LPNS AGM - please note that the Lecture is open to all.

Due to the limited seating, we ask that all those intending to come to the lecture, book in advance (a booking form should accompany this newsletter).

Limited parking is available at the Archives.

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## Joining the Committee

The Treasurer would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be interested in replacing her - see email address below. Note - asking about the job doesn't mean you have to volunteer (though we hope someone will).

The Officers of the LPNS retire in rotation (though they can stand for re-election). This year, our Secretary - Andrew Walmsley - will be standing down. Please contact Andrew, or any other member of the Committee if you wish to know more.

We also have space for Ordinary Members of the Committee - we generally have three Committee meetings per year. Meetings are normally held at Lancashire Archives and in the afternoon but we have met elsewhere and at other times when necessary.

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## Society for Name Studies in Britain & Ireland

The Society's latest newsletter is now available on line at:

<http://www.snsbi.org.uk/newsletter.html>

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**Bits and bobs** (of land?) The LPNS has now transcribed (and checked) 164 Tithe Schedules - of which, all but four are on LANCAT. In the process we noticed that some fields have very unusual names such as: Pightle or Pingle, Pleck or Plack, Wranglet or Ranglet. Checking John Field's classic works on field names showed that the first four are often used for small pieces of land. (As a dressmaker, the word placket came to mind too.) The general impression - so far - is that these names are being applied to smaller fields and there seems to be areas which have a preference for one term rather than another. It will be interesting to see what the data look like when we get more tithes completed.

John Field - *A History of English Field-Names*, *English Field Names: a Dictionary*

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## LANCASHIRE PLACE NAME SURVEY

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Co-ordinator of Volunteers (Treasurer *pro tem*): Jennifer Holt ([volunteers.lpns@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers.lpns@gmail.com))

Committee Members: Nigel Neil Christine Storey John Wilson

Peter Iles (Specialist Advisor - Archaeology; Lancashire County Council)

Prof. John Insley, Heidelberg University (Editor for the English Place Name Society)