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View from the Chair, November 2017.

The Federation is growing! Since January this year, 10 new member societies have joined, which gives us our largest membership to date: 81 Societies and 62 Personal members. We hope that all the societies benefit from membership, and we would encourage office-bearers to let their members know about our website and newsletter.

Our website now has a totally new look. It is more interactive and easier to keep up to date. We would like to thank Stephen Benson and Chris Rycroft for their work to date, and welcome Peter Houghton as our new website manager.

As you will know from reading previous issues, we are saying a very reluctant thank you and farewell to Margaret Edwards as our superb newsletter editor. We hope that, amongst our large membership, someone will come forward to take on the role – they would be offered a lot of help from the Committee. Meanwhile, please send any contributions to me, Marianne Howell:

mariannerh@hotmail.co.uk (Please put LLHF newsletter in the subject line.)

I would like to remind society and personal members that subscriptions (£8 and £5 respectively) fall due on 1st January. We look forward to your continuing membership.

With best wishes

Marianne.

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STOP PRESS:

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS 'LIVE'.

Do make time to have a look at it, enjoy the new features, and get to know your way round it.

LANCASHIRE LOCAL HISTORY FEDERATION

24 FEBRUARY 2018 DAY SCHOOL

THEME: VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE (4 SPEAKERS)

VENUE: PENDLE HERITAGE CENTRE

19 MAY 2018 AT HOME

HOSTS: LEYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VENUE: LEYLAND CIVIC CENTRE, WEST PADDOCK;
LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE. PR25 1DH

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

DAY SCHOOL : SATURDAY 12 MAY 2018

SALE MASONIC HALL

The venue can be reached in 5 minutes from Metrolink.
A cheap multistorey car park is situated a 7-minute-walk away.
Details of programme available later.

*** IMPORTANT FEDERATION NOTICE: CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Any newsletter information you may wish to send to the Federation should be addressed (*pro tem*) from now on to:

mariannerh@hotmail.co.uk

(Please put LLHF newsletter in the subject line.)

FEDERATION DAY SCHOOL ON VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE

The next Federation Day School will be held at The Pendle Heritage Centre at Barrowford on Saturday, 24 February, 2018. The theme is vernacular architecture, which has proved extremely popular in the past, and there is an excellent line-up of speakers.

John Miller, who is the Director of the Pendle Heritage Centre and Chief Executive of the Heritage Trust for the North West, will start the day, speaking about the establishment and development of the Pendle Heritage Centre over the past 40 years. This will be followed by **Mike Nevell**, who is Head of Archaeology at Salford University, with research interest in industrial archaeology, community archaeology and the history of buildings. Mike will give a talk on nineteenth-century housing in Salford and Manchester. In the afternoon **Kevin Illingworth**, well-known to many, will discuss recent vernacular architectural discoveries in the county. Kevin is an avid enthusiast of vernacular architecture and is actively involved in a number of societies in the area. The final talk of the day will be given by **Nigel Neil**, who is an archaeology consultant with experience in the assessment of listed buildings and the recording of standing farm buildings. His talk will be on recording buildings before conversion.

The venue itself is of vernacular architectural interest, having on site a cruck frame barn, which will be open for visits during the day. The Centre also has a lovely restored eighteenth-century walled garden and a museum of Pendle life. There will be a charge for entrance into the museum.

Please note that lunch will be served on the first floor, reached via a spiral staircase, and there is no lift available. Those unable to manage will need to make their own lunch arrangements either by bringing a packed lunch or by visiting the café in the main Centre.

NOTE: This event is likely to be well-attended so book early to avoid disappointment. See booking form below.

Zoë Lawson



LLHF Day School Saturday 24 February 2018

At Pendle Heritage Centre
Park Hill, Colne Road, Barrowford BB9 6JQ



Studies in Vernacular Architecture

Programme

09.30 – 10.00	Assemble & coffee
10.00 – 11.00	John Miller Pendle Heritage Centre at 40.
11.00 – 11.15	Short break
11.15 – 12.15	Mike Nevell Excavating Engels: recent archaeological evidence for 19th century industrial housing in Manchester and Salford.
12.15 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 14.45	Kevin Illingworth From the Mersey to the Duddon: recent discoveries in Lancashire since 2014.
14.45 – 15.00	Short break
15.00 – 16.00	Nigel Neil Record it before it moves! 25 years of recording buildings in advance of conversion.

Fee **£18 (to include lunch)**

£12.00 (day school only)

There is ample car parking at the centre.

Delegates may bring their own packed lunch.

NB Lunch will be served on the 1st floor. There is no lift available so those unable to manage stairs will need to make their own arrangements either by bringing a packed lunch or using the small café on site.

Applications must be received by 16 February.

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Booking form for Day School 2018

Please complete and return to: Zoë Lawson, "Roselea", Mill Lane, Goosnargh, Preston, PR3 2JX

Telephone: 01772 865347 email: zoe.lawson@talktalk.net

Please reserve me ____ place(s)

I do/ do not require a map of the location

I wish to book ____ places for lunch

Choose from: Meat & potato pie ____ or Cheese & onion pie ____

Name(s)

AddressPostcode.....

Telephone Email.....

I enclose a cheque for _____ made out to LLHF Or

I wish to pay by BACS. Please transfer funds to the following account:

Sort Code: 01-05-31 Account number 32603983. **Ensure you give your surname as reference.**

CARTMEL PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

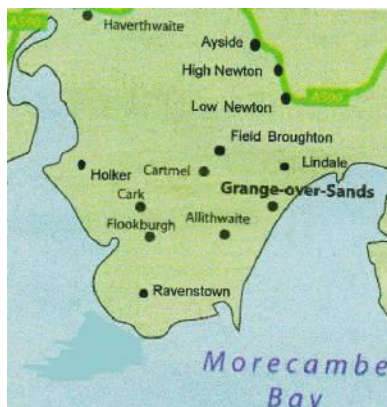


Photo 1



Photo 2

Cartmel Peninsula is located on the north shore of Morecambe Bay with the northern part being within the Lake District National Park. It contains the town of Grange-over-Sands, the surrounding villages of Lindale, Allithwaite, Flookburgh, Cark, Cartmel and Newton, and the communities of Ravenstown, Holker and Field Broughton. (Photo 1) The name of the society, founded at the end of 1995, was originally Grange and District LHS, then became Cartmel and District LHS and then the Cartmel Peninsula LHS. Meetings originally took place in the first floor meeting room of Cartmel Institute; but deciding on a date was fraught with difficulties – Fridays were already booked, Wednesday was too noisy (bell practice), Thursday was not popular with the committee, Tuesday brought lots of other events; so Monday it had to be. Refreshments were served at the end of each lecture. Summer field trips were to be organised. As the society grew, Cartmel Institute proved to be too small and not easily accessible for some of the older members. Some lectures were held in different venues, including the United Reformed Church hall in Grange; but now we meet in Cartmel Village Hall, which has proved to be the most convenient venue. Monday evenings changed to Thursday evenings; but refreshments are now provided only at the AGM.

In 2007 the society had between 20 and 30 members but ten years later, in 2017, the society could be said to be in excellent health with 120 members. Over those years the committee has had a number of enthusiastic, hard-working and informative members who have supported the society and moved it forward into the thriving society it is today. The lectures and field trips continue as originally envisaged, and the internet has proved to be an informative tool with the society's website attracting global enquiries. Communication to members is now done mainly through email. Financially the society is doing well and has been able to purchase equipment such as a digital projector.

In 2015, the Society helped Cartmel Priory to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. During the year there was a lecture by Dr David Starkey and the society organised by two further lectures by Dr Alan Crosby and Dr Sarah Rose. During the celebrations members of the Society led two Magna Carta themed walks around the village. In 2016, the Society celebrated its 20th Anniversary, and during the year encouraged members to continue their local research into the villages, and held a photographic competition to capture the history of today for tomorrow. The winner of the competition was Jenny Bleakley. (Photo 2)

For the past few years members of the Society have been researching their villages and we have, on our website, a significant library of original research articles backed up with hard copies which also contain additional information that we cannot put on the internet. Members have been encouraged to publish their research in the Newsletters, published three times a year, and expanded versions appear on the website. Research articles are also published annually in CPLHS Transactions. For example, the Society hosted a community group in Lindale who during 2014/5 worked together and individually on their research interests. This resulted in a Special Edition Newsletter, with the full research articles appearing on the Lindale page of the website.

The Society is also building an accessible archive of old photographs, recent photographs, local books and historical manuscripts to support local history research. Oral history is starting to support our knowledge of local history, and there is also a group digitising the census records to aid the local researchers. Working alongside and with the support of other groups, such as Cartmel Village Society and Morecambe Bay Partnership, local people are throwing a light on our more recent past.

Phil Rowland

Website <http://www.cartmel-peninsula-lhs.org.uk>

Strict Baptist Historical Society

History Day

Saturday 25th November 2017

at Jireh Baptist Church
Chapel Street, Orrell, Wigan, WN5 0AG



Everyone Welcome

Main speaker: Oliver Allmand-Smith
Pastor at Trinity Grace Church, Ramsbottom

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| 10:00am | Arrival and tea/coffee |
| 10:30am | Luther - His life |
| 11:30am | Break |
| 11:45am | Luther - His legacy |
| 12:45pm | Lunch - bring your own food, drinks provided |
| 2:00pm | A reforming church case study - Trinity Grace, Ramsbottom |

Bookstalls available all day

Travel instructions

By car: M6 Jct. 26, turn right at top of slip road onto A577 towards Wigan. Chapel St. is 400yds on left, just before 2nd pedestrian crossing. Limited parking at chapel, so continue on A577 to traffic lights (KFC), turn left then first right - free parking behind shops.

OR from Wigan centre follow A577 Skelmersdale signs for 2½ miles. Turn right at lights (KFC).

By public transport: nearest stations are Wigan North Western or Wallgate, then 352, 375, 385, or 395 Arriva bus (every 10 mins.) from bus station or outside North Western Station alighting at Fishergate Inn stop opposite Chapel Street.

For more details contact Pam Thomas on 01942 218717 or 07805 020437 or pthomas168@uwclub.net

www.strictbaptisthistory.org.uk

www.jireh-wigan.org.uk

BLACKPOOL MUSEUM PROJECT

Via L/c Univ. Regional Heritage Centre enewsletter, August 2017, I discovered that Blackpool Council had announced that it was unable to proceed with the Blackpool Museum Project in its current form. In a press release, the Council had stated that, 'Unfortunately the scale of the matched funding target is too great at a time when the Council is under severe financial pressure.'. Apparently the Council still had the ambition, furthering the excellent work done to date, to build a museum in Blackpool; however, that would now probably have to be over a different scope and time frame. For more information see:

www.blackpool.gov.uk/News/2017/July/Changes-to-plans-for-a-Blackpool-Museum.aspx

(c.f. LLHF N/L 19, page 10). Editor.

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY AND HERALDRY SOCIETY

One Day Conference and AGM

Saturday 19 May 2018

St. Cuthbert's Church Centre Lytham Road Fulwood Preston PR2 3AR

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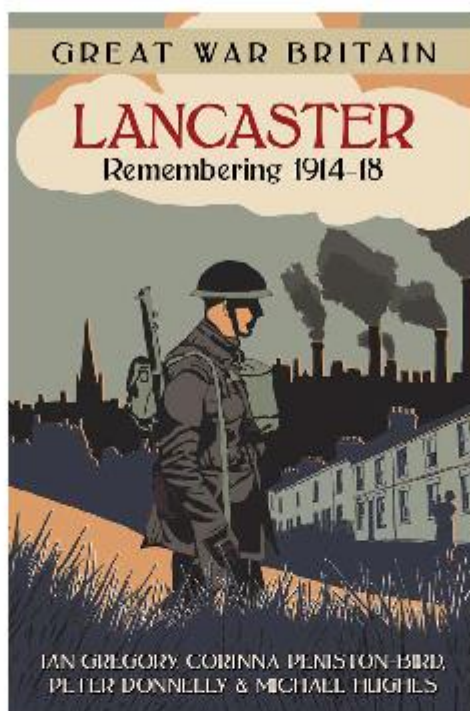
E-mail campaign to a
variety of local and
family history societies as
well as websites
dedicated to the area
and its history



Great War Britain Lancaster

Remembering 1914-18

IAN GREGORY, CORINNA PENISTON-BIRD, PETER DONNELLY
& MICHAEL HUGHES



The First World War claimed over 995,000 British lives, including the deaths of over a thousand 'Men of Lancaster', and its legacy continues to be remembered today. *Great War Britain Lancaster* looks at the impact that the loss of so many men and offers an intimate portrayal of the city and its people living in the shadow of the 'war to end all wars'.

Drawing on detailed research conducted by Lancaster Military Heritage Group, it describes the local reaction to the outbreak of war, the experience of individuals who enlisted, the changing face of industry and related unrest, the work of hospitals in the area, the effect of the conflict on children, the women who defied convention to play a vital role on the home front, and how the city and its people coped with the transition to life in peacetime once more.

The Great War story of Lancaster draws on all of these experiences to present a unique account of the local experiences of a global conflict.

AUTHORS

IAN GREGORY, CORINNA PENISTON-BIRD and MICHAEL HUGHES are all lecturers in the History Department at Lancaster University with an interest in the First World War.

PETER DONNELLY is curator of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment Museum.

An intimate
portrayal of
Lancaster and its
people during the
First World War to
commemorate the
centenary of the
conflict

KEY SALES INFORMATION

- Scrapbook-style collection contrasting snippets from the home front and the frontline
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- Compiled by expert authors at Lancaster University and the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment Museum



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NORTH WEST REGIONAL RESEARCH FRAMEWORK FOR THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

An Update Project, funded by Historic England, is a two year project designed to update and widen the scope of the original NWRRF project, which concluded in 2007. Early Medieval and Medieval period review workshops have recently been held at Penrith; Post Medieval and Industrial at Liverpool; and Prehistory and Roman at Chester. One session focused on the Built Heritage was held from 14.00-17.30 on 2 November 2017 at the University of Salford, Greater Manchester. Those interested in contributing their knowledge were invited to do so at the appropriate times. This item is included here for the sake of the record. M.E.

ERRATUM AND NOTE: KNUTSFORD HERITAGE CENTRE

George Williams writes: *My Archivist has informed me that I made a mistake in the article in Issue 20. Apparently we are not 'the repository of the town's archives', as the main repository is Cheshire Record Office. I should have said:*

The Centre holds the business records of the operation of the Centre itself and two very recent donations of the records of the Knutsford Junior Chamber of Trade and the archives of the Knutsford Royal May Day committee.

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The Centre's current exhibition, *Today's Businesses – Tomorrow's Heritage*, was launched on 28 July 2017 (see photo) and runs to Saturday, 16 December 2017. Guest of Honour at the Launch was Councillor Arthur Moran, Mayor of Cheshire East Council. Other guests included Knutsford Deputy Mayor Peter Coan and 2017 Knutsford Royal May Queen, Charlotte James, together with representatives of the businesses taking part. The exhibition tells the history of the businesses in Knutsford - their place in the community and the premises that they occupy. M.E.

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LYTHAM ST ANNES U3A : ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

Readers will no doubt be aware that attendance at a U3A Group Meeting depends on membership of the Main U3A. READERS IN THE FYLDE AREA, keen on archaeology, might be interested to explore avenues to membership, as this Archaeology Group appears to be thriving, offering a wide-ranging programme for monthly meetings, as well as visits and trips. Visit the Lytham St Annes U3A website; click on Groups; click on archaeology; then click on Programme in the list at the right. 2017's activities will be on view. Editor.

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BOLTON ARCHAEOLOGY AND EGYPTOLOGY SOCIETY

Tuesday 21st November 2017	Lucie Duff Gordan and the Temple of Luxor	Pip Rance
Tuesday 19th December 2017	The Story of the Pretoria Pit Disaster	Alan Davis (<i>Local Historian</i>)
Tuesday 16th January 2018	3D Scanning and Reproduction of Travellers Graffiti at Egyptian Sites	Lee McStein (<i>The Monuments Men</i>)
Tuesday 20th February 2018	The Bolton Massacre, Civil Wars in Lancashire 1642-1651	Dave Casserley (<i>Silver School of Arms</i>)
Tuesday 20th March 2018	Howard Carter: You Who Love Thebes - biography of Howard Carter from birth to 1914	Claire Ollett (<i>The University of Birmingham</i>)
Tuesday 17th April 2018	The Staffordshire Hoard and its Conservation	Lizzie Miller (<i>Conservator, The Staffordshire Hoard</i>)
Tuesday 15th May 2018	TBC	TBC
Tuesday 19th June 2018	TBC	TBC

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

1. Mr Jack Kenley-Wright is seeking information about **High Park Football Team (Southport): its visit to Moscow, 1968**. He explains:

'I undertook an oral interview with the players from the 1968 High Park Football Team (Southport) and found that the content of the interview, when written up, and the various ambassadors that went to Moscow, are apparently as yet unstudied.

I have noticed a parallel with these visits and actions across Vietnam and find that they fit into the then political climate, making my paper a record of the use of these visits, and interlacing their timing and importance into the geopolitical atmosphere of Vietnam (Hearts and Minds).

If anybody knows of, or has, any sources, such as newspapers, diaries, etc., that might give a fuller local picture, then I would be grateful to know about them. In addition, any anecdotes that might enable me to set the scene, or give a useful insight into the context, would be a great help in my research and would be gratefully received. I can be contacted at jackkenleywright@gmail.com.

2. Mr. Ruslan Pashayev is a wrestling fan and scholar from Delaware, Ohio, USA. His inquiry is about **Edward (or Edmund) 'Teddy' Lowe of Whitworth, Lancashire, who was undisputed champion wrestler of Lancashire at 126lb-134lb weight in the 1860s**. He writes: 'Lowe held the most prestigious wrestling titles of that era: 'The Copenhagen Grounds Championship' (Newton Heath, Manchester) and 'The Higginshaw Grounds Championship' (Higginshaw, Oldham). In C19 Teddy Lowe was considered the best pound-for-pound wrestler Lancashire ever had.

I did most of my research on 'Teddy' Lowe's career at BritishNewspaperArchive (BNA). First I found information on Lowe when I was researching the 'Copenhagen Grounds Wrestling Championship' (please find my research attached). I discovered that most prestigious title during my study of the history of the Lancashire Wrestling Style which was widely practised in South Lancashire and Cheshire at least since the 1830s (according to the earliest reports on that subject I found on BNA).

According to some newspapers Teddy Lowe was born on July 4th 1841; but other newspapers mention June 24th 1841 as his date of birth.

It is not clear whether Whitworth was his place of birth or not, but it is worth mentioning that, as his earliest competitive results show him wrestling out of Newchurch, Lancashire, there is a chance that Newchurch was his actual place of birth. In the 1860s he sometimes wrestled out of Crankey Shaw, Rochdale.

I discovered that in late 1865 Lowe got married and was the owner of the Hargreave's Arms at Whitworth, near Rochdale; however, according to some newspapers the actual location of that hostelry was at Facit, Rochdale.

Lowe also competed internationally. In 1873-79 he was wrestling in the USA in the Pittsburg-Philadelphia areas. He also worked as a coal miner at Washington, PA. Later he was back to England and in the early 1880s he was still competing. At that time he was resident of Stacksteads, Lancashire. Unfortunately I have not been able to locate on BNA any obituary notice referring to him.

I would be very grateful to hear from anyone who knows of materials relating to "Teddy" Lowe and the 'Copenhagen Grounds' title which he held. I can be contacted at: ruslan-pashayev@yandex.ru

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‘The Redress of the Past: Historical Pageants in Britain 1905-2016’

A new, free-to-use resource for local history: <http://www.historicalpageants.ac.uk/pageants/>

Dressing up and re-enacting the past through dramatic performance was a popular C20 activity across Britain. Historical pageants, often featuring notable events from local history, were put on throughout the country and were enjoyed as large-scale events.

Researchers have created a free, publicly-accessible database of historical pageants, available [here](#). This database, fully searchable, contains detailed information about hundreds of historical pageants. Each pageant has its own entry (factual material and an essay setting it in its local and national context). You can find out about Lancashire pageants by visiting this [database](#). 'The Redress of the Past' project website contains information which includes [images](#), details of some pageant films, and [illustrated essays](#) on particularly notable pageants. Members of the project team are available to give talks on pageants. For details contact Paul Readman. email: paul.readman@kcl.ac.uk and phone: 0207 8481573.

SO MANY POSSIBILITIES - IN LOCAL HISTORY!

Yesterday (September 16th, 2017) I attended a well-established Local History Fair in the former All Souls Church, Bolton, arranged by the **Halliwell Local History Society**. For several years it was held in another venue. This new venue is the Society's 'home', the walls full of its collection of photographs. It is open to the public as a community centre (10am-noon and 2pm-4pm each day). The society has a 'help desk' and gives access to its collection of press cuttings, photos etcetera. It still meets monthly and is still active in publishing books and booklets. It is certainly one of Lancashire's busiest local history societies.

Another such is the **Westhoughton Local History Group**, whose meetings are held in the local library. (See article on p13.) It meets twice each month, in the daytime, and attracts 70 members. It still finds time for research projects, exhibitions and displays, as well as publishing books, prints, cards, and DVDs - not to mention the field trips.

Other local societies were represented at the fair, including the **newly-formed Belmont Local History Society**, which has a Facebook page. (I have suggested to the Chairman that the Society joins the LLHF.)

I take my hat off to the Societies mentioned here; and I hope that their example might induce others to *link up with their neighbours and put on a one-day Local History Fair*. That might well encourage other societies to get their members *working* at local history, rather than simply attending a monthly lecture.

Bob Dobson

POSTSCRIPT: All Souls CofE church closed in 1986 and re-opened in its present form, bearing the name All Souls, in 2014. It is a registered charity and is cared for by a national body which looks after old churches. It is in Astley Street, Bolton - well worth a visit.

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NEW BOOK

A HISTORY OF THE GARSTANG & KNOTT END RAILWAY

By Robert Cunliffe

Published by the author in 2017. ISBN 978-0-244-32459-9 Price: £8.

Available from Market News in Garstang and online at Lulu.com

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The author explains that 'This book is the story of the "progress" of the line and the problems that were encountered.....The route taken is shown with photographs of the remains of the track bed and railway buildings. There are some plans and technical details but the book is not strictly for rail enthusiasts.' In his Introduction he points out that his aim has been to 'relate the history of theRailway with an emphasis on the history of the line and places without straying too much to the technical side.'

Editor's note: In 1973 the Lancaster City Museum published my monograph, 'Garstang and Knott End Railway', which is included in Robert Cunliffe's bibliography. In it I recorded a list of railway sites of which I had found surviving traces, duly photographed. A copied set of my colour slides and a copy of my monograph were given as a deposit to the Museum in order to preserve the record. When Robert contacted the Museum while preparing this book, hoping to see my records and to make photographic comparisons between my 1973 sites and his own more recent evidence, he was informed, he tells me, 'We are short of staff and probably can't find them.' M.E.

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Bob Dobson writes:

LANCASHIRE LOCAL HISTORY FEDERATION

OUR **LIST OF SPEAKERS** WAS LAST AMENDED **25.9.2017**

This list has been compiled and maintained by the Federation for the use of members. It is made available to others as a gesture of good will.

You are asked to bring any necessary alterations/ additions/deletions to the notice of Bob Dobson : landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk Tel.: 01253 886103

NOTE: Any matter regarding fees is purposely omitted here, as this is a matter for the speaker, whose contact details are given, and the enquirer.

LIVERPOOL & SOUTH WEST LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Leigh Group of L&SWLFHS hosted the Society's Annual Conference on Saturday 14 October 2017 at the Turnpike Gallery, Leigh.

Dr. Alan Crosby opened the day's programme with an interesting look at the plight of single mothers, in his talk, 'Bastards: single mothers and their children in 17th and 18th century Lancashire'. The audience was entertained to hear various quotations from Quarter Sessions records about the circumstances leading to these applications for help from the Poor Law. We alternately took the part of the woman and then the men when hearing their circumstances - and of course there was no DNA technology available at this time to prove anything!



There followed the first of two talks by Michael Gandy, Editor of the magazine of the Society of Genealogists. His title was, 'Seeing it through their eyes (social history books)' and he warned those in his audience not to believe everything they read in historical novels, since this is often romanticized. The same, however, may also happen with details on birth, marriage and death certificates. He asked, "Can a 'ploughman' actually plough all year round?" We were left wondering what such a man did for the rest of the year while the crop was growing.....

At this point we held the Annual General Meeting, which was followed by buffet lunch.



After lunch, Michael gave his second talk. This was entitled, 'Tracing your Medieval Ancestry', in which he emphasized that we should always check all research carefully and not merely accept other people's findings. He gave examples from across Lancashire and Cheshire, from both his own family history and that of others, of illegitimate children, and of marriages shortly before child-birth, and he provided references to books along with further research strategies for those focused on this period.



One of the valuable features of this annual event is that members from the six groups of the Society (**LIVERPOOL, SOUTHPORT, WARRINGTON, WIDNES, LEIGH, SKELMERSDALE & UPHOLLAND**) are able to meet up and exchange ideas. I even witnessed how two people who had never met before found out they are actually related!

Glenys McClellan

LEYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings are held in the Shield Room, Banqueting Suite, Civic Centre, West Paddock at 7.30 pm.

All meetings marked * are free to members, though visitors have to pay £10.00 rather than the usual visitors' entrance fee of £5.00.

The membership fee of £15.00 per year includes all 10 meetings and the Lailand Chronicle at a discount price of only £1.00, usual price £3.00.

Monday 4 th December	'The Diary of Samuel Pepys'	Lizzie Jones
Monday 8 th January 2018	'Industrial Archaeology - The Latest Past'	Chris Wild
Monday 5 th February	'Cracks from the Cobblers Seat'	Sid Calderbank
Monday 5 th March	'Development of Late Victorian and Edwardian Gardens'	Colin Dickinson
Monday 9 th April	'The Story of Heraldry'	Thomas Woodcock, Garter King of Arms
Monday 7 th May	13 th Annual Historical Society Trip	
Monday 4 th June*	'World War II Codebreakers'	Dr Mark Baldwin
Monday 2 nd July*	'The Monarchy'	Dr David Starkey

LEYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be our host for our
2018 **AT HOME** event.
See details on page 2.

FRIENDS OF PENDLE HERITAGE

Editor's note: this society's website has an excellent page advertising the programme below - attractively illustrated and very informative. Readers interested in any of the talks would be well advised to consult the website.

Date: 23rd November 2017 Times: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Location: Pendle Heritage Centre
Brian Jeffery traces the history of Corn-milling in the Whalley and Billington area, from about AD1200 to the present day, in this illustrated talk.

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Date: 12th December 2017 Times: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Location: Pendle Heritage Centre
Local actress Joanne Halliwell reprises the lot in life of a scatter-brained servant.

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Date: 16th January 2018 Times: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm Location: Pendle Heritage Centre
'*Desperately seeking Joseph - The search for the English "Tiffany" !*.
A talk by Manchester author and researcher Douglas Jackson, based on his book *Mosaic – The Story of Joseph Briggs* (with a foreword by Eric Knowles).

The extraordinary story of Joseph Briggs, an ordinary man from Victorian Accrington, who went off to seek his fortune in America – and as a result gave his home town Europe's biggest collection of classic Tiffany art nouveau glass, now at the Haworth Art Gallery.

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Date: 15th February 2018 Times: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Location: Pendle Heritage Centre
'*Early Medieval North Craven - Archaeological and Historical Perspectives*' - Dr David Johnson
presents a talk highlighting latest finds.

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Date: 13th March 2018 Times: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm Location: Pendle Heritage Centre
'*Travel in the 17th century – the Journeys of Lady Anne Clifford*': Sheila Gordon presents an illustrated talk on the journeys of Lady Anne Clifford as she travelled between her castles in Yorkshire and Westmorland.

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Date: 19th April 2018 Times: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Location: Pendle Heritage Centre
'*Latest traffic news - Roman roads...*': Mike Haken, Chairman of the Roman Roads Research Association, furthers our understanding of this important network and the latest findings in relation to Lancashire.

PRESTON AND DISTRICT U3A ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

<https://u3asites.org.uk/preston/welcome>

Click on: <https://u3asites.org.uk/preston/events>

CONTACT: Group Leader: Pat Hastings at pathastings@yahoo.com OR Tel. 07803 044238

Venue: Melrose Room, St. Cuthbert's Church Centre, Preston.

Day/Date: 1st Monday of the month, 2-4pm

NOTE: To attend the Interest Groups you must be a member of the MAIN U3A.

BOOK BASED ON RESEARCHES WHICH LED TO THE MAKING OF A FILM

An interesting technique: pooling of local history researches

The Women's Peace Crusade 1917 - 1918 Crusading Women in Manchester and East Lancashire -

The 'Real Rebels' of WW1 *Anti-militarist, socialist and internationalist*

Manchester Metropolitan University 2017. A5, 98 pp, well illustrated in b&w and colour.

ISBN 978-1-910029-27-5 Price: £5

This book was published in 2017 after the making of a film created to bring researches to life; the film was placed fourth in a national film competition. Interested local history enthusiasts pooled their researches and Dr Alison Ronan brought the results together and edited them. The book includes a script of the film and a book list for follow-up. Dr Ronan is available to give talks to societies and show the film. She was the Speaker at the September 2017 meeting of the **STOCKPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, the Society which hosted our Lancashire Local History Federation STUDY DAY on 6 May 2017, a day which offered three lectures, our AGM, and information on, and directions for, a selection of self-guided visits.

Dr. Ronan can be contacted at alironan61@gmail.com

Margaret Edwards

LANCASHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Visit to Lancashire Conservation Centre, 23 September 2017

Heather Davis, Senior Conservator, welcomed us to the Centre and gave us an outline of its development. The Lancashire County Museum Service was set up in 1973, at the time of local authority reorganisation, to keep local collections safe; the emphasis was to be on preserving the history and objects from the current county of Lancashire. By 2000 there were 1.3 million objects in the Museum Service's collection. In the late 1970s the first conservator was appointed (the second was not appointed until the late 1990s). In 2000, Lancashire was divided into 5 regions, which had their own conservators. Then, however, all staff were made redundant; but it was decided to employ people with specialist skills at a central location. The selected location was the Grade II Listed St. Mary's Church in Preston, recently declared 'redundant', and the church was duly purchased by L.C.C., the stipulation being made by the Church of England that any future use had to have an educational purpose. It was therefore decided that it be turned into a conservation centre. It was planned that the Centre would be so constructed that the public would have access and the opportunity to view something of the work carried out in it.

Heather followed up this interesting outline history of the Centre with a short history of the church. Designed by John Lathom, and built in 1836, this beautiful Italianate church was a Church Commissioners' church. When it was converted to the present use as many features as possible were retained and even highlighted, e.g. stained glass windows.

After this talk we were treated to a guided tour of the Conservation Centre, seeing the work it does. We were shown how paintings are conserved then visited the textile room. The latter holds Hylda Baker's costume collection, and, from a much earlier period (mid- C17), the Bourne sewing box, whose embroidery is extraordinarily bright. The box contains an acorn, taken from the Royal Oak at Boscobel (where Charles II hid after the Battle of Worcester), and wrapped in silver thread. We then moved on to the design room, which contains a dress made in 1910 out of cigar papers and worn for roller skating, which was a craze at the time. We also learned how it is decided how an exhibition should look. After this we went to the natural history section, a department which is growing; we saw a marmoset, a chimpanzee and a koala at different stages of conservation. The last area we saw was that of statuary and large objects; these can be treated with lasers that sensitively clean these grimy objects; and we were shown a bust that was partially cleaned, so that we could see the difference between 'before' and 'after'. The last object we saw had been created by one of the next door neighbours - artwork created by a prisoner. It was entitled *The Magic Roundabout* and was emblematic of his journey in life from prison and eventually back to prison again.

Heather and Philip, the paintings conservator, were our expert guides, always ready to answer our questions. They gave us a most interesting, informative and enlightening visit.

Jeanette Dobson

WESTHOUGHTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

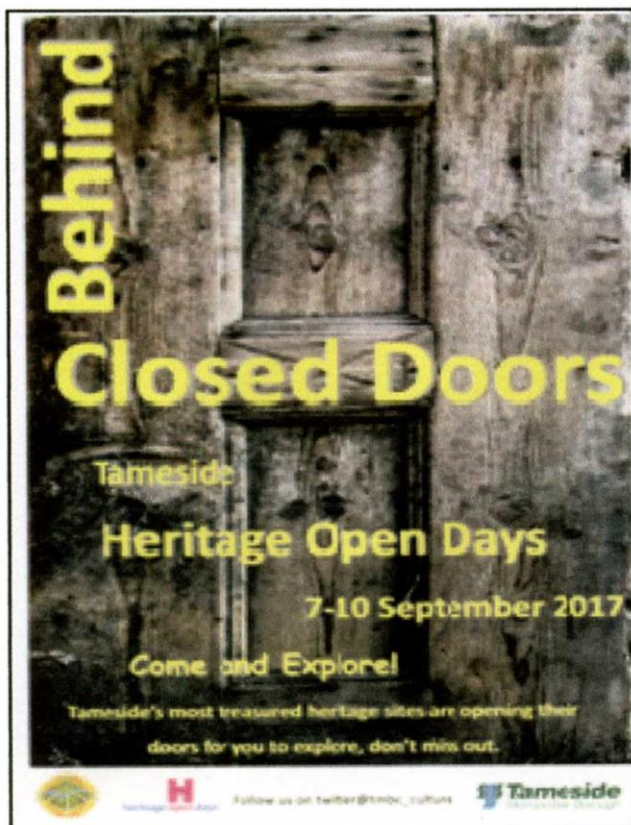
2017: Saturday 23 September to Tuesday 31 October marked the period during which the town's first permanent 'Timeline' and a new temporary exhibition were available, free of charge, to the public during all scheduled library opening hours. Many facets of the town's rich heritage featured - industrial, social, cultural, educational and sporting history. Entitled *Aspects of Howfen*, the exhibition was staged at the Group's base, the upper level of Westhoughton Library (BL5 3AT)

Working closely with key members of staff at Bolton Library and Museum Services, and aided by a generous grant from Westhoughton Town Council, the Group created the Timeline, a colourful display formed of themed information panels, 4 feet high, the whole being 65 feet in length. The Timeline would have gladdened the heart of Pamela Clarke, President and founder-member of this flourishing heritage organisation, but unfortunately she did not live to see it accomplished. Pam, a well-known researcher and writer, was an authority on the town's history and heritage, one who long hoped that such a Timeline would one day be available to all visitors to the library, especially the town's schoolchildren. One of the panels in a caption records that the Timeline is dedicated to the memory of Pam Clarke, whose contribution to the town's history has been incomparable.

Two new WLHG publications, linked to the Timeline project, were launched. These, and the two-segment temporary exhibition, were the work of Tom Newton, MBE. Tom produced images for the Timeline, as well as paintings forming one segment of the exhibition. One of the two new publications is a collation of 37 of Tom's evocative images of Westhoughton past; the second documents many facets of the Timeline, and provides an ideal permanent souvenir of this latest major project implemented by the Heritage Group.

The exhibition was coordinated by Garth Ratcliffe, the Group's Vice-Chairman.

Westhoughton Local History Group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month, from 10am – 12 noon, on the upper level of Westhoughton Library. Its activities include regular presentations by in-house and guest speakers, field trips, exhibitions, local history walks, quizzes, and the publication of books, booklets and DVDs. Editor. (Article based on the Group's press release)



In 2006 the leaflet listed 24 venues and the centre pages had a map of places of interest with information on the back about the buildings' facilities. The cover featured a building of historical or architectural interest. 2007 followed the same format but the colour was changed.

Numbers of venues which opened for HODs in Tameside steadily increased to 34 in 2010. In 2012 the front of the leaflet showed the Court Leet chair, which the Forum had purchased at auction. In 2013 the format changed to an A4 sheet folded in half, with the venues in town order. The 2016 theme was water, a life force for the church, industry and leisure. Previous themes have included stained glass, as the borough boasts some beautiful examples; but in 2017 the emphasis was on 'Behind Closed Doors'.

Once again, 32 venues opened. The Forum designed and paid for 2000 leaflets.

• TAMESIDE LOCAL HISTORY FORUM AND HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

The Tameside Local History Forum has been hosting Heritage Open Days since 2005, working with TMBC to produce a leaflet for Tameside's nine towns. The first leaflet, A5 size and listing 25 venues, was designed to be opened out to be used as a poster.



Some of the most popular buildings are:

- *Newton Hall in Hyde,
- *Ashton Parish Church,
- *Fairfield Moravian Settlement (see photo above of the Church) and
- *Dukinfield Old Chapel, to name just a few.

We hold a meeting in February each year, to discuss the next year's events and to encourage new venues to join us.
Chris Clough

NEWS FROM WARRINGTON HISTORY SOCIETY

1. The Society's website carries an illustrated article on the Sankey Canal. It was posted on 15 Aug 2017 and is introduced as follows:

Sankey Canal, also known as the Sankey Brook Navigation and St Helens Canal, was opened in 1757 primarily to transport coal from Haydock and Parr to the expanding chemical industries of Liverpool. Widely regarded as England's first true canal, having opened some time before the nearby Bridgewater Canal, a substantial section of it runs through Warrington. One section, known as 'The Hotties', has even been known to include tropical fish! Here, with the help of SCARS (the Sankey Canal Restoration Society), is a brief history of the canal followed by a short essay on the impact the canal had on the childhood of one of our members, Tom Ireland.

2. The SOCIETY LIBRARY

Over the past few months, one of our committee members (Carol Andrew) has been cataloguing the Society's extensive collection of local history books. Although not yet complete, Carol's list is now available to view at warringtonhistorysociety.uk/society-library. (Society members can borrow any of the books listed, free of charge, at our monthly meetings)

3. LECTURE PROGRAMME

20 November 2017 - A Century of Public Transport in Warrington – Ron Phillips
18 December 2017 - Party/Quiz
15 January 2018 - The Life of George Formby – Bill Hallworth
19 February 2018 - The Rylands Family: Wire, Women and Song – Philip Jeffs
19 March 2018 - Life in 19th Century Warrington – Andy Green
23 April 2018 - AGM, followed by - William Beamont – Harry Wells

May 2018 - Outside Local Visit - To be arranged

SOUTH RIBBLE MUSEUM & EXHIBITION CENTRE

The Old Grammar School, Church Road, Leyland. PR25 3FJ.

Telephone Preston 422041. www.southribblemuseum.org.uk

November 28 - December 22 Leyland Invitation Photographic Exhibition

Sat 2nd 11am. Official opening by the Mayor of South Ribble.

Sat 9 10:30-12:30. Embroidery for Christmas with Celia Whittaker.

Sat 16 11am. Showing of the film, 'Battle of the Somme'.

Courtesy of the Imperial War Museum.

General information: Centre's Opening Times: Tues & Fri 10-4pm, Thurs 1-4pm, Sat 10-1pm.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. All details correct at 28-9-17.

From publisher's press release sent 27 September 2017:

Liverpool Territorials in the Great War by Paul Knight

Pen & Sword Books Further details: 01226 734241 psmarketing@pen-and-sword.co.uk

www.pen-and-sword.co.uk 47 Church Street, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 2AS

The Territorial Force is the forgotten army of the First World War. Between the pre-war Regular Army, which attempted to stem the German advance in 1914, and the New Armies, who took to the field with such disastrous consequences on the Somme in 1916, stood the Territorial Army. Liverpool's Territorials could be found on the Western Front before the famous Christmas truce of 1914, fighting in Gallipoli, and supporting the Canadians.

Throughout 1916 and 1917, they succeeded and failed in some of the most brutal battles of the war. During the German 1918 Spring Offensive, Liverpool Territorials in the 55th (West Lancashire) Division halted the German advance, effectively ending Germany's final bid to win the war.

Amazingly, the Territorials were never intended, trained or equipped for overseas service; their role was to defend the UK mainland against invasion. Yet men across Liverpool's diverse communities volunteered for the Territorials in their thousands, forming the core of two divisions during the war. Formed in 1908, but building on the Volunteer tradition of the 1850s, the Territorials remain in Liverpool to this day. Renamed the Army Reserve, they are still training and volunteering for operations.

Offering a fresh, integrated perspective on the Territorial Army during the First World War, this is the remarkable story of the Liverpool Territorials.

About Paul Knight: Paul Knight was commissioned into the Territorial Army (now the Army Reserve) in 1997 and has lived in Liverpool since 1999. He holds a PhD in History and is currently a Major working as the project officer for the Army's First World War commemorations in the North West of England. This is his second book on the British Army in the First World War.

MOURHOLME LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Wednesday November 22 Place Names and the Landscape in Mediaeval North-West England – Dr Alan Crosby

The language in which place names were coined, and their hidden meanings, reveal much about how people saw their world. This talk looks at how familiar and unfamiliar place names shed light on the landscape of the North West a millennium ago.

Thursday December 21 Local Surgeons of the 18th and early 19th Centuries – Mr Bryan Rhodes

Bryan is an orthopaedic surgeon living in Yealand Redmayne. One of his passions is the history of surgery and after discovering that a slave ship surgeon lived in Burton in Kendal his recent research has focused on surgeons at Lancaster Castle. He will explain how and why surgeons were responsible for the public dissection of criminals in Lancaster and the tragic events leading to the execution of a surgeon in Lancaster in 1799.

Wednesday January 24 Cumbrian Stone Circles – Tom Clare

Tom Clare served as Cumbria's County Archaeologist and has studied and written extensively on the county's prehistoric monuments. Some Cumbrian stone circles, like Castlerigg, are amongst the best known prehistoric monuments in Britain; others, like Swinside, much less so. But when were they built and for what purpose?

Wednesday February 28 Fishermen on Morecambe Bay – Michelle Cooper

The fishing industry on the Bay is now considerably diminished. Michelle describes the industry of the recent past and uses archive sound recordings of fishermen to tell their story.

Wednesday March 28 The Arthurian Legend in Lancashire and Beyond – Dr Andrew Breeze

Six centuries after "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight" was written, new detective work suggests that the greatest of Arthurian poems can be restored to the county of its origin. Andrew Breeze is a Professor of Philology at the University of Navarra.

Wednesday April 25 If God Permits; Myths and Realities behind the Stagecoach Era – Dr Stephen Caunce

Stagecoaches remain enshrined in our collective imaginations as the epitome of a pre-industrial England which was swept away by the railways. This talk will look at wrongly held conceptions about them, and look at their role in the history of transportation. The talk will be preceded by the **Mourholme AGM**.

WIGAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Two matters of special interest formed the contents of the Society's recent Newsletter.

First, Bill Aldridge reported in the Society's Newsletter for October 2017 that Bill Froggatt from the Canal & River Trust had contacted the Society with the suggestion that one of the locks on the Douglas Navigation might still survive, buried under land owned by the Appley Bridge Community Association, which, after approaches were made, proved keen to locate the lock. Bill contacted Ian Miller of GMAAS to see if a GPS survey could be arranged. Ian and his friend Richard Ker carried out a survey in January using coordinates from an overlay of the 1802 map which shows the lock which is the focus of interest. In August WAS offered help with a radar survey. Fir Tree Fisheries organised volunteers to clear the relevant ground and the Society was loaned a 2D GPR machine by Sygma Solutions and carried out three scans. While results were by no means conclusive there were indicators that further work would be worthwhile, and in due course a plan of the site showing the locations of the scans and the suspected line of the lock channel was drawn up. This will be used in an attempt to bid for funding so that a trial trench can be dug. Any further work would depend on the results of that dig.

The second matter was discussed under the intriguing headline, 'Who was Wigan?'. Bill Aldridge, who nearly 20 years ago had reported on the possible origins of the Wigan name, pointed out that Ekwall had suggested it was short for 'Tref Wigan' ('village/homestead of Wigan'), an interpretation strongly accepted. Dr. Breeze disagreed, however, and in the Lancashire History Quarterly (Spring 1998) claimed that that personal name never existed. However, S. Floyd, a researcher, contacted the Society to report that he had seen the personal name 'Wigan' in early Cornish records. Bob Blakeman followed that lead and in due course confirmed that Wigan was indeed a personal name in the early C12. But as for the identity of the Lancashire 'Wigan', well..... that's another matter. Look on the website to find out about Bob's research. M.E.

www.wiganarchsoc.co.uk/content/History/WhoWasWigan.html

DATE FOR THE DIARY

MANCHESTER HISTORIES FESTIVAL

7 - 11 JUNE 2018

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND!

In the third issue of this Newsletter (January/February 2013, page 13) I published an edited version of a reviewer's comments relating to the following book:

Hoddlesden and its Satellite Villages by Roy Parker. Scotforth Books 2012

230 pp, 100+ colour photographs. Price: £14.99

*In preparing this current issue (my final issue as Editor) I received a highly favourable review of that book which appeared in the August 2017 Newsletter of the **Suffolk Local History Council**. The review was written by **Dr Nick Sign**, the Vice Chairman of the Suffolk Local History Council and Editor of the Society's Newsletter. He and I had a most interesting discussion as a result of what had come into my inbox. It was only in the course of this year that he had been invited to review the book and he promptly gave me permission to use his review as I wished, for which I thank him. The setting is my own.*

The poignancy of his final sentence will not be lost on our readers. Margaret Edwards

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When invited this year to review this book my initial thought was to rule it out as not being about Suffolk and thus not appropriate for an SLHC Newsletter. However, on reflection, it seems a good opportunity to find out something of the research being undertaken in other counties, what sources are being consulted and the methodology employed. To any great admirer of the work of the late Professor Margaret Spufford, whose pioneering book *Contrasting Communities* revealed in greater detail the mechanisms of economic, religious, social and demographic change in seventeenth-century Cambridgeshire (with some surprising results), this study using a similar approach in another region and in a different period is of great interest. The scope of Dr Parker's book is an ambitious one, to chart economic and social changes in a group of East Lancashire villages, or townships, in the Forest of Rossendale over a very long-time span, but the results are impressive.

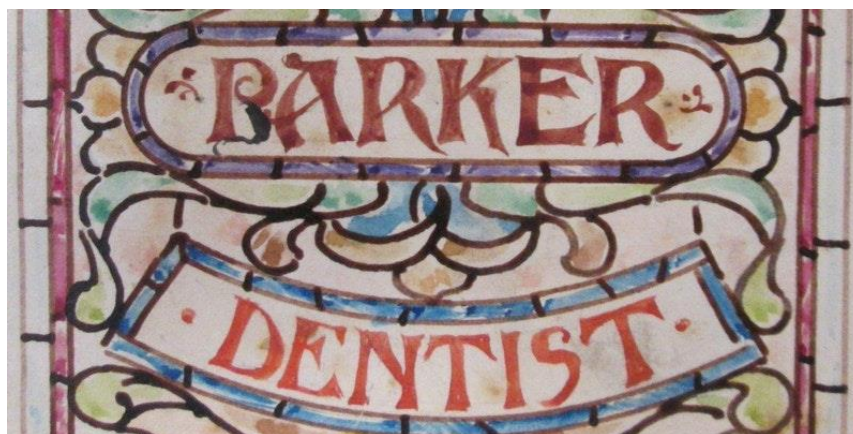
Beginning with a brief outline of the area in Roman times.....how little the Forest of Rossendale had changed before C16.....inward migration of settlers to farm mainly sheep and some cattle drove population growth..... an economy based on animal husbandry on limited land.....practice of partible inheritance steadily reduced farm sizes..... in C18 the villages were transformed, becoming thriving industrial centres for textile manufacture.

This domestic textile production sustained the villages well throughout the eighteenth century, with cotton mix fabrics and eventually pure cotton gradually taking over from wool. Important social changes took place such as the rise of a landless textile workforce employed as handloom weavers who, though now dependent solely on wages, became very prosperous on the high rates of pay they could command through their specialist skills. Technology contributed with the introduction of hand operated spinning machines and then small water powered mills, still located in rural areas on the banks of fast flowing streams. Then, in the first decades of the nineteenth century, steam power allowed the relocation first of spinning and later of weaving to the valley towns where coal supplies and transport links were available.

The collapse of domestic production ensued leading to the well-known migration to swell the urban population. However, using very close analysis of the census data, Dr Parker examines the demographic trends in depth and shows convincingly that the process was far more complex and varied than might be assumed, revealing interesting differences between his chosen communities in the effects they experienced.

Later chapters take the reader through related aspects providing a detailed examination of the villages, first as agricultural then as industrial communities, including other employments and businesses located in them. Chapter 7 gives a clear picture of the various types of housing available for workers with many excellent colour photographs as illustrations. The story of **Hoddlesden, Blacksnape, Eccleshill and Yate and Pickup Bank** is brought up to date with their more recent transformation into popular dormitory townships whose inhabitants work much further away.

The book is beautifully produced in hardback form and very well illustrated with many photographs, maps and graphs; it is based on an extensive bibliography which testifies to the very wide range of primary and secondary sources consulted and the work benefits from copious and detailed references arranged as endnotes for each chapter. It is written in a highly readable style and it is particularly illuminating to learn more about the finer details of industrial expansion and demographic changes, often known only in broad outline. **Moreover, it is interesting to reflect that these developments in far-away Lancashire led to the collapse of textile production in Suffolk in the early nineteenth century.**



Abbott & Co : a celebration by Lancashire Archives

Saturday November 25, 2017 12:00 – 17:00 Admission Free

Join us for a celebration of Abbott & Co of Lancaster and the archives of stained glass manufacture in Lancashire. With talks, exhibitions and art, this will be an exciting and colourful event to brighten up an autumn day.

This event is free, but booking is required.

Lancashire Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston. PR1 2RE

FRIENDS OF LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

Charity Registration Number 518611

Music in a Lancashire Country House: Rufford Old Hall in the 1730s



Friday 8 December, 2017 at 7.00pm Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE
£10 including buffet supper and a glass of wine

Join Alan Crosby in exploring and listening to music which would have been performed by the Hesketh family of Rufford and their friends – revealed by an inventory in the Hesketh of Rufford collection at Lancashire Archives.

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

Once a place has been reserved, **payment must be made no later than 1 December 2017** - by BACS (see below for details) OR by cheque (payable to Friends of Lancashire Archives and sent to Rufford talk, 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 Rufford and your surname as reference.**

FRIENDS OF LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

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Drunken clergy, fornication and abuse - stories from the Archdeaconry of Richmond cause papers

**A half-day workshop on ecclesiastical court records
with tutor Anna Watson**

From 1541 to 1836 the northern half of the Diocese of Chester - from the River Ribble to Workington in West Cumberland, and across the North Riding to Northallerton - formed the Archdeaconry of Richmond.

All its surviving records relating to the area west of the Pennines are now held at Lancashire Archives: a few C16 items, but most relating to the period after 1600.

Church court records can be difficult to read because many of the documents were written in Latin and present us with challenging handwriting. This workshop will teach you how to recognise the different types of documents in Archdeaconry of Richmond court cause papers. Anna will explain how to interpret and understand the information to be found in them and where to look for further information about the causes.

Friday 26 January, 2018 1.30pm – 4.00pm Fee: £10
Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE

Places are limited and booking is essential. If you would like to enrol, find out if a place is available:

***enquire by email to record.office@lancashire.gov.uk OR *telephone 01772 533039**

OR *ask in person at Lancashire Archives.

Once a place has been reserved **payment must be made no later than 19 January 2018** - by BACS (see below for details) or by cheque (payable to *Friends of Lancashire Archives* and sent to ARR Workshop, Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, PRESTON PR1 2RE).

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Please ensure that you give ARR and your surname as reference.

TALKS ON VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE

Thursday, 25th January, 2018 at 7.30pm: 'Hopwood Hall'.

A talk by Geoff Wellens and Hopwood DePree to Middleton Archaeological Society at the Olde Boars's Head, Long Street, Middleton. M24 6U

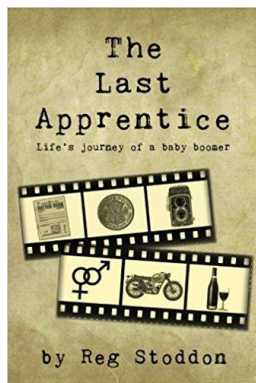
Visitors £3.

Thursday, 1st February, 2018 at 7.30pm: 'Traditional Buildings of North East Lancashire'

A talk by Kevin Illingworth to Hyndburn Local History Society at Accrington Library Lecture Hall, St. James Street, Accrington. BB5 1NQ

Visitors £3. Contacts 01254 237229 or 235880

THE LAST APPRENTICE - Life's journey of a baby boomer



Author: Reg Stoddon ISBN: 978-1912183197 Paperback: 260 pages Price: £7.99

Publisher: UK Book Publishing (18 Sept. 2017) **Language:** English

Further details from: reglstoddon@yahoo.com

When Reg Stodden retired in 2014, he was the owner of a well-known photographic business with premises in Brock Street, Lancaster. That business was named G.L. Robertson, and those premises had housed the firm since 1989. Reg had become the owner in 1974. He had, however, been involved with the firm for almost 52 years, having been an apprentice there, serving his time in photographic retailing, then staying on the staff. This book outlines his life as a teenager (he was born in 1946) in a period when those in their teens had a new freedom and also his experiences in his career. He came to realise he was the last apprentice in retailing in Lancaster. M.E.

MAP DIGITISATION PROJECT

A few weeks ago Jackie Crosby, Manager of Lancashire Archives, convened a meeting at Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, of representatives of Cumbria, Cheshire, Merseyside and Lancashire Archives, Lancashire's IT Services, Lancaster University, Lancashire Archaeological Advisory Service, the National Archives, FLA, LPNS and LLHF.

The group discussed the project of making digitised maps available on a website, starting with tithe maps linked through GIS technology to Ordnance Survey maps. The model for this is 'Know Your Place – West of England'. The website allows researchers to overlay and compare maps of different periods and purposes as well as to link additional information such as photographs, place-names and texts of all kinds to the maps.

Cumbria is taking the lead although Lancashire is interested in hosting the technology. There will be a scoping project, leading to a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Federation can be helpful by informing members and recruiting volunteers to help crop and sew maps together as well as providing information to link with the digitised maps. Members and member societies may also be interested in donating to the project since they will gain access to digitised maps of their area.

GREATER MANCHESTER ARCHAEOLOGY DAY 2017

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 9.30am-5.10pm Peel Hall, The Crescent, University of Salford.

View GM Hist Env Rec database (run by GMAAS) and exhibitions by CfAA and local arch. socs., plus book stalls. £10. Dr Mike Nevell, Head of Centre for Applied Archaeology, Univ. of Salford, will preside.

Programme includes:

**After the Fire: recording the historic fabric of Wythenshawe Hall* Chris Wild (Salford Arch.) **The Archaeology of Infrastructure: Ordsall Chord Railway Bridge* John Roberts (Salford Arch.) **STORM: Safeguarding Cultural Heritage through Tech. and Organisational Management. Short intro. to STORM project being delivered at the UK pilot site in Mellor, Stockport.* (Dr Rob Williamson, Mellor Arch. Trust) **Toddlington Lane Excavations – searching for the elusive Wigan to Ribchester Roman road.* Patrick Maloney (Wigan Arch. Soc.) **Greater Manchester's Historic Textile Mills: survival, condition and future.* Norman Redhead (GMAAS) **A hidden corner of Castlefield: excavations at 2-4 Chester Road, Manchester.* Oliver Cook (Salford Arch.) **Revealing Salford's Fascinating Past: Excavations in the Historic City by Univ. of Salford, 2016-7* Ian Miller (Salford Arch.). FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:

Penny Dargan-Makin - T: 0161 295 0145 | E: p.r.d.dargan-makin@salford.ac.uk

Refreshments: Biscuits, tea, coffee, water and fruit juice will be provided.

A packed lunch can be eaten at the event venue. Alternatively, there are one or two eating places nearby.