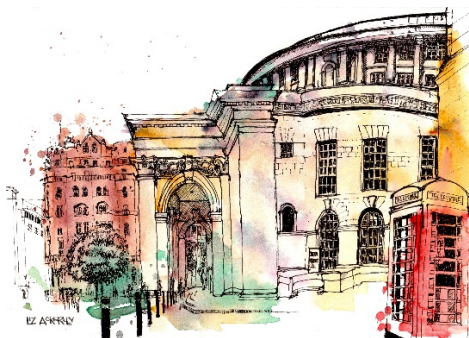


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Hello and welcome to the April 2021 edition of the Manchester newsletter. As I write this the sun is shining and the trees are awakening from their winter slumber. I am also looking forward to the slackening of restrictions meaning that I will be able to meet family and friends, albeit limiting in numbers, outdoors. Perhaps it is time to dust off the barbecue. Sadly this will not be the case for all our members around the world. I hope that you are all managing the crisis we are facing and it will not be too long before we reach some sort of normality.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place, via ZOOM, on the 21st April and more details can be found later in this newsletter. Manchester and the branches are continuing with their ZOOM meetings and I have received a number of mails from around the world saying how much they are being appreciated.

Our Bookshop sales remain buoyant and our presence in the market has been extended by placing a large selection of our sales items on the Parish Chest website run by the Family History Federation.

We begin a new item this detailing about our Society 1921 Project.
All our main features have been updated and I hope there is something interesting for you all.

Stay safe
Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Hello everyone,

Just 12 months on from the announcement of a pandemic, we in Manchester are gradually moving towards the easing of the lockdown and I am encouraged by the plans being made for the remainder of the year.

I am delighted by the many testimonials we have received about the quality of the Zoom talks delivered by the Society and its branches, and the value placed on them by the many members they reach who live beyond the Greater Manchester boundaries. Plans are being made for more of the same to run alongside face-to-face meetings at our venues when it becomes safe to do so.

An exciting year is in prospect too in anticipation of the release of the England & Wales 1921 Census by FindMyPast in January 2022. A small team led by Leslie Turner is planning a series of talks and events leading up to the release. An introductory blog already appears on the website, www.mlfhs.uk alongside a Vimeo commentary explaining what is intended, with opportunities for members to engage with and contribute to the project.

In April we hold our AGM when the work of the Society's year is summarised, and our management team is renewed. This takes place with the Quarterly Meeting talk by Ray Hoerty about the origin of Manchester Street Names. Bookings are required via the website and Eventbrite. Further details appear elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Meantime, our project work in other areas goes on, our bookshop continues to deliver orders, beginners talks, and a Quarterly Meeting programme continue to attract visitors in increasing numbers, the Member Forum and the Helpdesk services respond to research questions.

Fingers crossed the infection rate will continue to diminish and the pathway out of lockdown will happen as planned.

Best Wishes,

David

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

The office is being run from home, as is the bookshop, by our usual team.

Feel free to contact the office office@mlfhs.org.uk for enquiries about your membership. If contacting us please give your membership number and the surname of the member (it is not always the same as the person paying). We are finding that members have never informed us of changes to their email address from when they first joined so it is **important** on the new website that we have an **up-to-date address** so please check.

Because of the current lockdown volunteers are not accessing our office at Manchester Central Library. Could members still paying via cheque please note the address for sending them has changed. Please do **NOT** send anything to the library. There will be delays if correspondence is sent to our office at Manchester Central Library. If possible please use the on-line option on our new website to join or renew your subscription to the Society.

We now use Stripe instead of PayPal so you can use Stripe or pay as a guest with your card. Have you considered taking out a Bank Standing Order? It means you don't have to

think about renewing and you can stop it at any time. No need to think about it, just renews every year.

With the new system a reminder is automatically sent out two weeks before it is due date, it will not let you pay more than three months in advance. This is to stop members paying twice in the year.

I trust you are all keeping well in these difficult time, looking forward to the time when we can all meet up again.

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Stay safe and well Elsie

EVENTS/TALKS

Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society

Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 10.30 a.m.

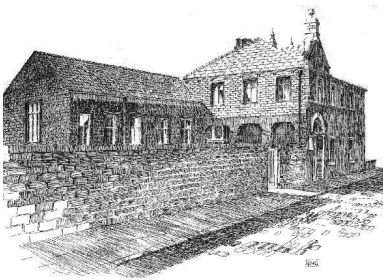
Manchester Street Names by Ray Hoerty

Annual General Meeting following the Quarterly Meeting

Elections will be held for the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and General Secretary, as well as Council Members.

Meetings will be via ZOOM. Booking will be with [Eventbrite](#) for both the Quarterly meeting and the AGM. Tickets are restricted to 100. If you book tickets and then find that you cannot attend then please email the Society office on office@mlfhs.org.uk and the tickets can be offered to other members.

Bolton Branch



Quakerism in Bolton, by Gordon Benson

Date Wednesday 7th April 2021

Via Zoom

Booking: [Eventbrite booking details](#)

Gordon Benson is a busy member of the [Pendle Hill Quakers Area Meeting](#), however they prefer the term Friends to Quakers which is a mere nickname. He has taken a particular interest in research and the history of the local Friends, and has been good enough to take

it upon himself to look into local records, to help us understand how the group progressed in Bolton.

The Friends Meeting House in Silverwell Street is well known as a venue for many local groups in Bolton. However, many people know little of Quakers other than chocolates or their crusade against slavery.

This talk will explain how they worship and what they believe. The Society of Friends, to give them their formal name, has its roots in the radicalism of the English Civil War and it grew rapidly during the Commonwealth period. Since then it has developed worldwide particularly in America and Africa.

Quakers have had a continuous presence in Bolton for over 250 years, and some prominent local families have been members.

Full details on the Bolton Branch website <https://mlfhs.uk/bolton/events/meetings>.

Oldham Branch



Memories from Holidays Past

Date Saturday 10th April 2021

Via Zoom

Booking: [Eventbrite booking details](#)

This presentation will take you back to those childhood holidays in a caravan, Guest House and Butlins. Everything from knobbly knee competitions to calamine lotion. From Sunday School annual treats to outings at Blackpool, the 1960s package holiday and then to futuristic holidays and a few laughs on the way.

A free online talk, with zoom, given by Chris Helme,

Meetings for the rest of 2021 can be found at <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings>

Anglo-Scots



Ancestral Brickwalls: a branch discussion and social meeting

Date Thursday 15th April 2021

Via Zoom

Booking: [Eventbrite booking details](#)

ONLINE BRANCH DISCUSSION

Traditionally, our May meeting has been a very local affair, where members can bring details of their ancestral brickwalls and share them, in the hope of finding a breakthrough. Whilst all meetings are online for the foreseeable future, our arrangements will be slightly different this year. Members will be invited to describe their brickwalls in advance so that we can arrange to share documents online via Zoom, if necessary, and generally manage the meeting a little differently. More details nearer the time.

Further meetings planned for 2021 can be found at <https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events/meetings>

A reminder that you can register for your favourite Branch(es) by going to our website 'Manchester Ancestors', choosing your chosen Branch(es) and clicking on the 'newsletter' option. This will take you to the newsletter sign-up page. If you have logged on as a member then the form will be automatically filled for you. Just hit the sign up button. If you are not a Society member then you will have to fill in the form manually, identify yourself as not a robot and then sign in.



TALK SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED [HERE](#)

For the main website please go to <https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com>

The National Archives

What's Online in 2021

Sign up at <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/contact-us/email-updates/> for priority booking across all new events.

14 April | 19:30

Alison Weir discusses the fifth novel in her Tudor Queens series, as she sheds light on Henry's 'rose without a thorn' fifth wife and teenage bride, Katheryn Howard, her hidden past which came back to haunt her and how her life was cut short.

[Once British, always British: A live audio-play experience](#)

29 April | 19:00

Experience two 30-minute audio dramas exploring migration to British port cities by Yemeni and Indian sailors during the 1920s. Produced by [Tamasha Theatre](#), each story is inspired by real material uncovered at The National Archives. Includes a live Q&A with the playwrights.

[Once British, always British: A live audio-play experience](#)

4 May | 14:00

Experience two 30-minute audio dramas exploring migration to British port cities by Yemeni and Indian sailors during the 1920s. Produced by [Tamasha Theatre](#), each story is inspired by real material uncovered during a writing residency at The National Archives. Includes a live Q&A with the playwrights.

A site worth visiting at regular intervals is <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/events> where you will find a number of virtual meetings organised by other family history societies. The Federation is also producing a series of podcasts aimed at providing information on various family history research topics, with questions raised at Federation events and family history society talks.

THE 1921 CENSUS

With the approaching release of the 1921 Census early next year, MLFHS has planned rather an ambitious project to help 'set the scene' during the course of this year.

Leslie Turner has put together an introductory video, which you can find on the home page at mlfhs.uk which explains it all. She has also posted a short blog article, which will introduce the 1921 Project.

Scottish Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference, 17th April.
Free to attend by ZOOM or Facebook and open to everyone. For further information www.safhs.org.uk/conference.php

WEBSITES

By now members in England and Wales should have filled out a census return. If you wish to know more about UK census records this blog on [Findmypast](#) is a good starting point.

Perhaps one of your ancestors was a member of Parliament. These sites will satisfy your curiosity!

UK:-

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/research/members>

Canada:-

https://lop.parl.ca/sites/PublicWebsite/default/en_CA/HistoricalInformation

Canada:-

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_members_of_the_Canadian_House_of_Commons

Australia:-

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Members_of_the_Australian_House_of_Representatives

New Zealand:-

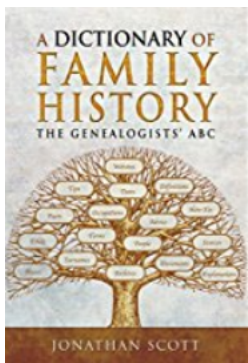
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_members_of_the_New_Zealand_Parliament_who_died_in_office

At the beginning of the 1970's I visited a churchyard just outside Stirling, Scotland. This churchyard dates back to the 14th century and I could not help but notice headstones depicting a skull and crossbones. My first thought was that disease and plague were the causes of death but I could not have been further from the truth. If you want to know more about images and carvings on headstones then why not head down to the following sites.

Learn more about the history of winged skulls as gravestone symbols in BillionGraves' latest blog post by clicking [HERE](#). Two other interesting article from this site are Understanding Cemetery Crosses [HERE](#) and Understanding Cemetery Symbols [HERE](#)

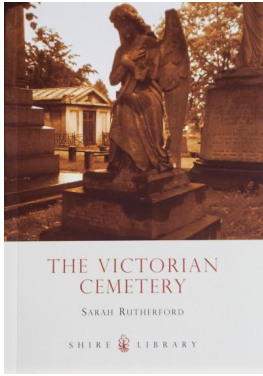
Also Family Tree Magazine Magazine has an interesting article on The Hidden Meanings of Common Gravestone Symbols [HERE](#)

BOOKSHOP



Part encyclopedia, part dictionary, part almanac - Jonathan Scott's Dictionary of Family History doesn't claim to be exhaustive, but it is practical, easy to use, entertaining and genuinely informative. It is the kind of book you can dip into or use as a starting point for deeper study, and it is the essential companion for experienced family historians and for anyone who is approaching this fascinating subject for the first time. Thousands of A to Z entries are full of intriguing facts. There are definitions, timelines and terminologies, details of archives and websites as well as advice on research methods and explanations of genealogical peculiarities and puzzles that would test the knowledge of even veteran researchers. Longer entries explaining the mechanics of

the first census and other major sources and records rub shoulders with simple one-line definitions of obscure terms, useful addresses and signposts to little-known but rewarding corners of family, local and social history. Sale price £13.99. [Bookshop](#).

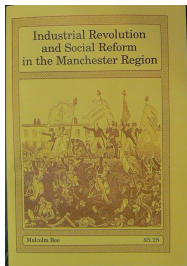


The Victorian Cemetery by Sarah Rutherford A5, 64pp, £6.99

The Victorian period has been described as the 'Great Age of Death'. The customs of death, notably burial and mourning were taken very seriously and elaborate rituals of commemoration were part of everyone's lives. As demand grew for hygienic and dignified burial places, the humble parish graveyard – unable to cope – was joined by a newcomer to the landscape, the garden cemetery. The book tells the story of Victorian cemeteries in their many guises, of the variation in their size, design, planting and monuments, and how most of them survive to this day. Some having been neglected, take on a gloomy

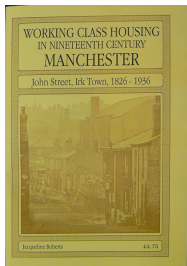
Gothic character, while others remain an oasis of rest and contemplation. Some of the cemeteries included are:- St. Bartholomew's Cemetery Exeter, Highgate London, Gravesend in Kent & Armos Vale, Bristol Brockwood Cemetery near Woking and Horoforth Cemetery Leeds. Well illustrated with over 100 photos of graves, cemetery plots, mausoleums, graveyards & gravestones. There is also a list of cemeteries in the counties of England and web sites to visit. [Bookshop](#)

Neil Richardson books are always popular with our members and here are 4 you may find interesting.



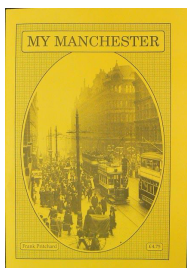
Industrial Revolution & Social Reform in the Manchester Region. M Bee. Concise and readable account of Manchester during the Industrial Revolution.

[Bookshop](#)



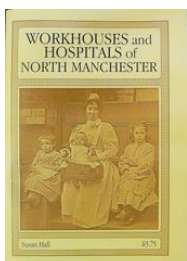
The example of John Street, Irk Town 1826-1936. The book charts the history of the street, the buildings, the owners and the inhabitants.

[Bookshop](#)



Memories of Manchester in 1920s and 30s. Illustrated with photographs.

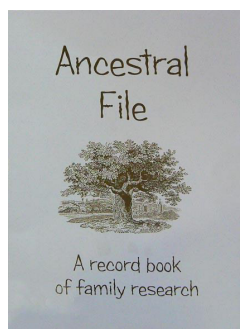
[Bookshop](#)



A comprehensive study of the workhouses and hospitals in the North Manchester area.

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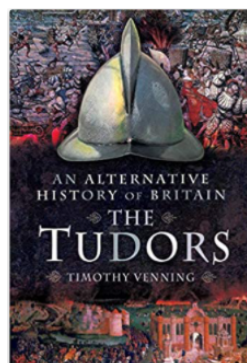
Ever popular is the Ancestral File: A Record Book of Family Research



Ancestral File is a convenient way to record your family tree - no batteries, no technical know-how needed - all you need is a pen or pencil (you buy both from the 'badged' items section of this shop!) and, of course, your family knowledge.

[Bookshop](#)

Finally we are offering 4 hardback books at a greatly reduced price. We have only 1 copy of each at this price so it is 'first come first served'.



An Alternative History of Britain The Tudors

£19.99

Sale price £13.99

[Bookshop](#)



Britain 1940 The Decisive on the Home Front

£19.99

Sale price £13.99

[Bookshop](#)



First World War Trials & Executions

£19.99

Sale price £11.50

[Bookshop](#)



The Engineering Revolution

£25.00

Sale price £15.00

[Bookshop](#)

THE HELP DESK

On 16th March 2021 we passed a sad milestone, it has now been 1 full year since our Family History Help Desk closed. We still await news from Manchester Central Library as to when we will be allowed to reopen. Currently we believe it to be beyond June. Our Virtual Help Desk remains open. Until then stay safe.

A Virtual Helpdesk provides remote support to those with family history research problems or queries. We also have a selection of short videos available and hope that you will find these helpful. However, if you still find you need some assistance, please click the button below to contact the Virtual Help Desk team. On the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society website you will find 'Hints from the Help Desk' videos hosted by Vimeo.
<https://mlfhs.uk/virtual-help-desk-landing>

The National Archives Research Guides

Masses of high quality information for free - what's not to like?

The 1841 Census

Often written off as providing much less information than later censuses, you can still get a lot out of the 1841 returns. Find out how.

Squeezing the Most out of the 1911 Census

There is a lot of information on the forms - get the most out of it!

Keeping Track of Electronic Records

Name your documents meaningfully

Using the GRO Web Site and Mother's Maiden Name Facility

Get the most out of this important web site

Leslie Turner

Help Desk Co-ordinator

PROJECTS UPDATE

Joe Hilditch has extracted the names and addresses of Manchester public houses together with the names of publicans listed in Slater's Directory of Manchester 1879 and Kelly's Directory of Manchester, 1933.

These are available in the Member Document Collection - General - Trades and Professions.

One of the criticisms of the Memorial Inscription database is that there is no way to browse all of the memorials for a particular cemetery. Thanks to Cheyvonne Bower, this is on the way to being addressed. Cheyvonne is working through the records to produce listings of the memorials which are to be appended to the descriptive documents. A start has been made, but there is still much to be done. I will keep you updated as the work progresses. The first ones completed are:

GraveYardNo	Name
M080	Manchester, Gadsby's Chapel, Rochdale Rd (Owen)
M085	Manchester, St. George, Oldham Road
M088	Manchester, New Cross, St Paul
M090	Manchester, Cannon St Chapel
M091	Manchester, Great Bridgewater St. Wesleyan Chapel
M092	Manchester, Upper Brook St. Unitarian Chapel
M095	Manchester, St Michael, Angel St
M099	Manchester, Ancoats, Christ Church, Every Street
M100	Manchester, Ancoats, All Souls
M101	Manchester, Ardwick, St. Thomas
M106	Manchester, Newton Heath, All Saints
M111	Manchester, Failsworth, Dob Lane Unitarian Chapel, Oldham Rd
M150	Trafford Park, St. Cuthbert
M155	Manchester, Moss Side, St. James
M180	Manchester, Cheetham Hill, St. Luke
M279	Manchester, Ardwick, St. Benedicts
M280	Manchester, St. Saviour, Plymouth Grove
M300	Manchester, Rusholme, Platt Unitarian Chapel (1974 Transcript)
M301	Manchester, Rusholme, Platt Unitarian Chapel (2000 Transcript)
M311	Manchester, Rusholme, St James, Birch in Rusholme
M336	Manchester, Chorlton-on-Medlock, St Clements (Owen)

Postings to the Great Database.

1,488 records of birth, marriage and death announcements published in the Manchester Courier during 1828. Thanks to Linda Bailey for this substantial extension to her previous work, which now amounts to 14,167 references.

The final part of the admissions to Manchester Grammar School transcribed by Linda Bailey and Chris Hall and consists of 637 index entries 1807-1823. These entries can contain anywhere from a date of admission only up to a fairly lengthy summary of the subsequent career.

Thanks to Linda and Chris for a valuable project conceived and completed.

Also added are details of 2,178 burials at Christ Church Bible Christian Church Hulme 1827-1839 (with a gap 1837-38). Transcribed by Geoff Edge and Mark Harrey.

These are particularly interesting as they include in many cases the cause of death.

A data set consisting of a transcript of 1,304 burials from the combined Baptism, Marriage and Burial Register for St. Mary, Prestwich, 1752-1768 and was compiled by Susan Mayall.

A collection of 321 names, addresses, positions and churches of ministers of churches in Manchester and Salford taken from Kelly's Directories for 1929 and 1933. These are also in the Document Collection (General - Trades and Professions) together with a listing of Manchester (C of E) churches taken from Crockford's Clerical Directory for 1898. This latter names the ministers and curates as well as providing some interesting data on the local population and number of seats in the church. (Joe Hilditch).

4,244 records consisting of an index to testators of 'Supra' wills (those whose estates were worth over £40) proved in the Chester Consistory Court between 1838 and 1858, when the probate responsibility transferred to civil probate registries.

Thanks are due to Geoff Edge and his volunteers for creating the index and to Chris Willis for processing the listing document so that references link directly to the online scanned images on the family Search site.

The following appeared on the Society Forum

The Adventures of No. 10 Mountain Horse Battery

The Anglo Scots branch has completed uploading Elaine Greensmith's transcription of her father's war diary. Elaine's father, Arthur Wood, recounts his time in Palestine in WW1 and the rather long period of time that he continued to serve in that area after the armistice.

The account is full of detail of conflicts, the dangers and the struggles of moving the heavy artillery; the second part of the diary reveals the life of civilians in the area at that time.

Images have been sourced which, amazingly, sometimes match very closely with Arthur Wood's descriptions of events.

The link is at <https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/research/local-interest> where you have a choice of visiting the website page (recommended) or the document version, which is quite sizeable.

We hope you enjoy reading the account; there is always a possibility that some more detail may be added at a later date.

Hilary Hartigan

UKBMD Updates

The latest update for the Staffs BMD is as follows

Deaths:

1,207 for Lichfield (held at Lichfield RO), registers at Lichfield (1979-1982)

301 for Tamworth, registers at Lichfield (1978-1979)

ORPHAN BMDs

Thank you to member Robert Kay for donating a large collection of BMDs. They will be transcribed and made available to all members within the next few weeks. Robert's connection to Manchester goes back to William Kay who used to manage the Sir Sidney Smith in Port Street (long since demolished) until his death in 1832.

Also thank you to Keith from Dorset and others who have sent BMDs anonymously.

Over the years members have been sending birth, marriage and death certificates to the Society that have either been ordered in error or are no longer needed. This has proved to be a valuable asset and has no doubt been useful for many. In more recent times we have scanned all the certificates in our possession and included them in the database provided they complied with disclosure rules. The scanning was carried out at our office in Manchester Central Library but because of lockdown this has not been possible for the last 12 months. We are now in a position to scan and transcribe when working from home. Therefore, if you have any BMDs you no longer want then why not consider sending them to the Society. Please contact me at newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk for further details.

THE SOCIETY FORUM

The Forum is now running on the new Mailman 3 software platform. As far as I am able to see, messages are being sent out as before, so in that respect, you should not have noticed any difference.

HOWEVER (isn't there always a however?)

When it comes to making changes to your mail settings, for example to switch delivery on or off, you will notice some changes - not least that you can't log in or get a password reminder/reset - the system will even say it does not have an account with your address - Fear not, it is not a major problem to solve.

ACCESSING THE CONTROLS

When the system was migrated, it was not possible to transfer the passwords, so you need to take action to set a password. Here is what you do:

1. Go to the forum page in the member area at mlfhs.uk
2. Click the 'Enter Forum' button - this takes you to the new 'Affinity' login/register page.
3. On the top right is a message "Hi Guest" - Click on this to open the menu
4. Select 'Click Here to sign up for a new account'
5. Complete the form using your existing registered email address and a password of AT LEAST 9 characters
6. You will get an email in return which contains a confirmation link - click it to complete registration.

You can now log in using steps 1-3 above and entering your email address and password.

WHEN LOGGED IN

Logging in takes you to an information page to identify the list.

The top right of the page will now show 'Hi [your name]' Click to open the menu.

There are two options: 'Change Password' (no need to explain further) and 'Update Profile':

From Update Profile you can turn mail delivery on or off (i.e. when you go on holiday) and switch from single messages (Regular) to digests

ARCHIVES

On the blue menu bar is an option to access the Forum Archives.

The archives are presented in chronological order with latest thread at the top.

Against each posting is a set of indicators to show who has contributed to the thread. Hover over the markers and the name will pop-up.

Click the thread name to open and read the thread.

You can post to the thread directly from the thread once open.

The BIG improvement is you can now search the archive for key words and display all threads containing the search term

IGNORE THE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS!!!

The existing detailed instructions and FAQs linked to the Forum page are now largely irrelevant and need to be updated. I will do this as soon as I can, but it has arrived at a busy time, so it may be a little while.

Hope you will all find this works for you. Once you have absorbed the different look and feel, I think you will find the interface much easier to use than the old 'clunky' one.

John Marsden

The Forum continues to be very active with many members asking for help in tracing family members.

Why not post your query or problem to like-minded and very knowledgeable members and you may be surprised at the result.

MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY ARCHIVES+

Online Memory Box: [International Women's Day](#)

This month's online memory box celebrates the achievements of women who have made an impact on our lives. We take a look at the Suffragists and Suffragettes who paved the way forward for women to have the right to vote in the UK. We have chosen a selection of photographs of women at work during the war years who took on the traditional working roles of men. Fast forward to the 1970s and 80s, we have a collection of photographs of female activists in Manchester, campaigning for a better and fairer society. And let's not stop there! Who are the inspirational women influencing young people in our communities today?

Since the first lockdown in March 2020, Archives+ has published 20 online memory boxes covering some of the neighbourhoods in Manchester. Below you will find a collection of sporting images to enjoy. Dig out your old photos too, these can also be a brilliant resource to trigger fond memories of family times. We encourage you to share your findings on social media, either as comments on our Facebook page or on Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #ArchivesPlusMemorybox. <http://manchesterarchiveplus.wordpress.com/>

NORTH WEST FILM ARCHIVE

We're continuing to offer a good range of services, including some footage sales, so tell us what you want and we will do what we can.

Manchester Central Library is closed to the public for now.

We are continuing to share with you each day a highlight from the collection through 'A Film A Day' on [Facebook](#) and #NWFAdailyreel on Twitter. Please share and enjoy!

This is a site well worth visiting The NWFA was set up in 1977 and preserves moving images made in or about Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside and Cumbria and offers a variety of access services to users in the public, academic and commercial sectors.

MANCHESTER TIME MACHINE

Announcing 'Manchester Time Machine': the first ever app for the iPhone which merges archive film with GPS to create a street level tour of Manchester's streets and people over the last 100 years.

Manchester has changed a lot, and hardly at all. Manchester Time Machine uses rare historical film from the North West Film Archive to take you back to exactly the same location to experience the scene from the same viewpoint. See for yourself how much the city has changed through these fascinating glimpses into the 20th century. There are 80 highlights from films shot in the city centre, from the early days of film in 1911 (a Whit walk in Market Street) through every decade of the last century until the 1970s (as a student demonstration scatters in Oxford Street).

In between, these enchanting films include historically significant events – VE Day in Piccadilly and Albert Square, and moving documents – such as the victorious Manchester City team bringing home the FA cup in Piccadilly in 1934, alongside powerful everyday views of a life long gone – Piccadilly Gardens in the sunshine in 1961, and in 1914 a mounted policeman barging a cart off the tram tracks on London Road.

Each is presented with a GPS locator and virtual compass so you can find exactly the same scene in the present day, even when many of the buildings may have disappeared.

Manchester Time Machine offers smartphone users a true multimedia experience, a moving window through time.

Key features

- 80 unique film clips from the North West Film Archive's collection of over 35,000 items, which reflect people's lives through work and leisure, places and events, culture and tradition – a regional identity.
- Includes films that depict momentous times that still resonate, such as the bombings and destruction in 1940, and VE Day across the city, alongside almost forgotten events – Paulden's Department store collapsing in a terrible fire in 1957.
- Films that show everyday life, the buildings, the people and the transport of a bygone age. Policemen marching in front of the Town Hall in 1914, trams making their way down London Road in 1948.

- The films are grouped by decade from the 1910s, but you can also select a location from the interactive Manchester map to see the same place at different times, or use your GPS to locate a film near you.
- Includes background information on each film clip, plus a virtual compass to orient yourself in the same direction, or just tap the screen to see the original film.
- Create your own Manchester tour and see the city spring to life as it was in the past, or simply watch your favourite films wherever you are and whenever you want them.

How do I get it?

Manchester Time Machine is available for download world-wide. From the iTunes App Store for iPhone - FREE. Just click [Apple App Store Link](#) or search for "Manchester Time Machine".

<https://www.nwfa.mmu.ac.uk/mcrtimemachinev4.html>

Available on iPhone and iPad with Android version to follow.



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