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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Here in England the Government is easing restrictions giving us more freedom to be with friends and family and visit retail, libraries etc. Although Manchester Central Library is open to the public our helpdesk remains closed. You can find more details about our virtual helpdesk in this newsletter and also on our website at <https://mlfhs.uk/research/getting-help/helpdesk>.

This month we have six meetings arranged by Manchester and our branches Bolton, Oldham and the Anglo-Scots. All are via ZOOM. Please support these meetings if you can. If you book and then find that you cannot attend please contact the office of the branch organising the meeting so that the place can be given to someone else.

A plea for help - One of our bookshop customers is looking for a copy of Barton upon Irwell RC Burial Records on CD. Sadly we have no stock of this item and it seems to be no longer available from other sources. One of our members has kindly offered to do look-ups but our customer would really like their own copy. If you happen to have a copy that you no longer want and are willing to part with it then please contact me via newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk.

Stay safe

Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Hello everyone,

June 21st and the prospect of a qualified freedom to mingle with friends and strangers are just weeks away. I am sure I am not alone when I say I am torn between excitement and apprehension.

Meantime, after 14 months of relative isolation, my wife and I are taking baby steps back into our social timetable. A birthday greeting without hugs to a grandson in his garden; a brunch in an airy barn overlooking a field of alpacas; a trip to the rugby club to watch a match followed by a drink on the terrace- all designed to ease our way into a once-familiar routine and fortify our confidence to embrace the new-found freedoms.

And so, I am excited by our plans to visit my 87-year old brother in south lakeland, who has been a voice only on the end of a phone for so long, yet concerned at the prospect of mixing indoors with strangers during the trip. This despite two vaccinations and several negative lateral flow tests, I remain cautious, though increasingly confident that a return to a recognisable pattern of social mixing in safety is possible.

I am confident that it will not be too long before we can safely come together indoors in greater numbers to hold conversations in a more relaxed atmosphere than the virtual medium can offer.

Meantime, I will continue to work from home and attend the many Society presentations available on Zoom. For me, the latter are one of the few benefits from the lockdowns. They have enabled us to keep in touch with friends in the Society as well as make new friends. I applaud the team of volunteers across all areas of the Society, who have worked tirelessly to deliver such a diverse programme of topics - from Annie Kenney to Zeppelins, Cowkeepers to a Walk around Manchester via Census for beginners and the 1921 Census - I commend them all. They are all well advertised on the website, on Eventbrite, in The Manchester Genealogist and both this Newsletter and the Branch equivalents. Do take advantage.

Among the many messages I have received since we began our online talks programme was a simple plea: 'Please continue with your online talks when we resume our face-to-face meetings.' That from a member in California, who, because of Zoom, feels a closer affinity with the Society she joined from a distance.

Finally a word for our members who have continued to support our branches throughout the pandemic. Your committees have strained might and main to provide interesting online programmes until you can gather again in your respective venues. Residents of Bolton, in particular, have suffered isolation more than most during the pandemic, and I look for an early improvement in your situation so that you can participate in the general relaxation of restrictions.

Best wishes,

David Muil

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

All our meetings and events are ticketed through Eventbrite. Please ensure you use the links in this newsletter, or our website, to book a place.

Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society



Sat, 5 June 2021
10:30 – 12:00 BST

A practical guide to help you get the most out of your Irish research by Carol Wells.

The talk is a practical guide to help you get the most out of your Irish research using the main websites that are available and introducing some that you may not be familiar with.

More details [HERE](#).



Wed, 23 June 2021

19:00 – 20:00 BST

Zeppelin Ship of Dreams Presentation by David Skillen.

The 1920's saw the beginning of inter-continental air travel. This talk looks at the airships and especially the German Zeppelin that made this possible. How they were built, what it was like to

fly on these huge craft and the disasters, including the R38 in 1921, that doomed these magnificent craft.

More details [HERE](#).



Sat, 26 June 2021

14:00 – 16:00 BST

Pit Lasses: The Female Miners of 1842 by Denise Bates

Sparked by the discovery that my 4x Great Grandmother was one of these women, I carried

out new and extensive research in primary sources, trying to discover what her life would have been like.

These sources included the reports of the Children's Employment Commission published in May 1842, the 1841 census, Hansard and contemporary newspapers. Using the information given to the Royal Commission by 300+ women and girls who worked in the Lancashire, Yorkshire, Scottish and Welsh coal fields.

More details [HERE](#).

Full details of Manchester meetings <https://mlfhs.uk/manchester/events>

Bolton Branch.



Wed, 2 June 2021

19:30 – 20:30 BST

Liverpool Cowkeepers: A family history by Dave Joy

The mid-1800s witnessed a mass exodus from the Pennine Dales. Farmer and miners sought a new life – some in the New World, but others closer to home. Many former farmers became Liverpool Cowkeepers, selling milk to a rapidly expanding population. The cows kept in Liverpool back yards became part of the life and economy of the city and continued to serve its people for over a hundred years. The Cowkeepers overcame many challenges, and survived through hard work, good Dales business nous and the ability to adapt. Later, they became suburban milkmen – part of the best doorstep food delivery service in the world and a key part of the British way of life.

More details [HERE](#).

Full details of Bolton Branch meetings <https://mlfhs.uk/bolton/events/meetings>.

Oldham Branch



Sat, 12 June 2021
14:00 – 15:30 BST

Market to Supermarkets and beyond ... 200 years of shopping by Michael Winstanley

Covers the main changes in shopping over the past 200 years.

More details [HERE](#)

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

Anglo-Scots



Sat, 19 June 2021
14:00 – 16:30 BST

Anglo Scottish FHS The Mitchell Library and its Holdings by Dr. Irene O'Brien

Irene O'Brien will bring to life for us the extensive holdings of the library and how they can help us with our family and regional research. The library building also has an interesting history, being named Stephen Mitchell, a wealthy tobacco producer.

More details [HERE](#).

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.

Genealogy show June 25th - 26th 2021

One of THE BEST international Genealogy and Family History Shows is going virtual! This year's show will be broadcast across the globe, straight to the homes of genealogists of every background and experience level. Packed full of industry-leading speakers and the highest quality exhibitors, THE Genealogy Show 2021 has something for everyone and is not to be missed. <https://www.thegenealogyshowlive.com/about/>

Join us for the expanded autumn show!

Friday 12th November 6pm—10pm Saturday 13th November 10am—6pm



Early Bird tickets are now available.

Just £7.50 - only on sale until 30 June 2021

Full price of £10.00 from 1st July 2021 Don't miss out—Book your ticket [NOW](#)

The National Archives

Please note that places are limited for these meetings and so early booking is essential

What's Online in 2021

[The Loves of Oscar Wilde](#)

4 June | 14:00

Join award-winning author Neil McKenna and explore the many loves of Oscar Wilde. Neil will examine Wilde's marriage and love affairs, as well as his relationship with his artistic muse and lover, Lord Alfred 'Bosie' Douglas.

[Top Level Tips: Medieval records overview](#)

8 June | 14:00

In this new expert-led webinar you'll get an overview of the wealth of medieval records that we hold – from Domesday to the War of the Roses – and come away with everything you need in order to begin your research.

[Reflections of Alan Turing with Dermot Turing](#)

9 June | 19:30

Everyone knows the story of the code-breaker and computer science pioneer Alan Turing. Except, our knowledge of Alan Turing has been obscured by misinterpretation for decades – Dermot Turing discloses the real story.

[Unsettled: Citizens, Migrants and Refugees](#)

15 June | 18:00

Jordanna Bailkin unravels how Britain's refugee camps have shaped its multicultural present. As the world's refugee crisis once again brings to Europe the challenge of mass encampment, Bailkin offers a warning.

[LGBTQ+ Collections: A different perspective](#)

18 June | 14:00

The National Archives and the Bishopsgate Institute hold collections that represent two very different perspectives; one government departments; the other the voice of the community. This event brings them together.

[Rebel Countess: Eleanor de Montfort and the Second Barons' war 1264-5](#)

29 June | 17:00

In her own time, Eleanor de Montfort was one of the most important women in England.

Prof. Wilkinson assesses her role, the pressures which were placed upon her and the fates of those who supported her in 1265.

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.

Celebrate the 1921 Census with MLFHS

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.

As many of you know the Society has now put in motion an ambitious plan with our 1921 project. This heralds the release of the 1921 census early next year. We thought it might be beneficial to members and other family historians in order to provide some context to the 1921 census prior to its release in early 2022. We are looking at all aspects of the census and life in the 20's.

There was a lot happening in 1921, for example, the original census date (April 24) was postponed due to industrial unrest (Black Friday/Triple Alliance), the Defence Force was then established in order to deal with possible civil unrest, unemployment was high, there was a coal strike (lock out by the mine owners) and then coal rationing. The new census date of 19 June was selected in order to avoid a clash with the "big industrial holidays of the North", and therefore to try and avoid people not being in their usual place of residence. The first birth control clinic was set up by Marie Stopes in London, the Anglo-Irish Treaty was signed (Dec), and the country continued to mourn its war dead and built numerous war memorials. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

For updates about this important project go to our website at <https://mlfhs.uk/blog>.

We have now planned a couple of talks around events that were happening in the 1920's and are kicking off with a talk called: "Zeppelin - Ship of Dreams". The 1920's saw the beginning of inter-continental air travel and we have invited speaker David Skillen to present a talk about this amazing craft. How they were built, what it was like to fly on these huge craft and the disasters, including the R38 in 1921 that doomed these magnificent craft. Please join us by booking via Eventbrite for this talk on Wednesday 23 June at 19:00. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/zeppelin-ship-of-dreams-presentation-by-david-skillen-tickets-148590904395>

This should be a fascinating presentation and a great introduction to the 1920's.

WEBSITES

The Archives Hub

The Archives Hub brings together descriptions of thousands of the UK's archive collections. Representing over 350 institutions across the country, the Archives Hub is an effective way to discover unique and often little-known sources to support your research. New descriptions are added every week, often representing collections being made available for the first time. <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/introduction/>

There is also a short Youtube video which gives more details about this site.
[Archives Hub Introduction](#)

If you are thinking about taking out a subscription to Findmypast and wish to know more about what they have to offer and how they can help with your research then follow this [link](#) to their blog page.

Findmypast are anticipating a release date of early 2022 for the 1921 Census for England and Wales. Please follow this [link](#) for more information.

Updates for May:

Australia, Inward, Outward & Coastal Passenger Lists 1826-1972

We've merged our vast collection of Australian passenger lists into one simple search and added over 9 million new entries.

Middlesex Poor Law Records

Only searchable online at Findmypast, these fascinating records cover 10 Middlesex parishes between 1699-1846.

Devon Parish Records

Over 240,000 new baptisms, marriages and burials that you won't find anywhere else online are ready to explore, only on Findmypast.

Britain, Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards

Discover decorated ancestors in thousands of new medal records, covering the China War Medal, India Medal and more.

British Army Service Records

Search exclusive Scots Guards' service records from the Second World War and beyond. Some documents even include photos.

Norfolk, Churchyard Graves and Memorials Image Browse

Virtually visit the graves and memorials of your Norfolk relatives with thousands of unique colour photos.

More details at the Findmypast website. [HERE](#).

If you are thinking of taking out a subscription to either Findmypast or Ancestry then head to <https://genealogystories.co.uk/ancestry-vs-find-my-past/> where you will find a balanced guide to these two leading family history sites.

The Genealogist

The 1939 Register has been added to the Genealogist with additional search tools. Family Tree Magazine have reported the the Genealogist has added 2,738 parishes of Tithe Maps to their Map Explorer covering 30 counties.

National Records of Scotland

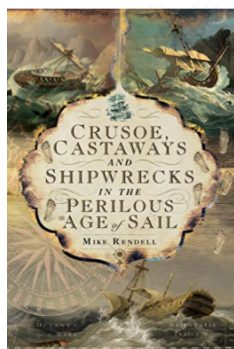
Over 1 million records from the collections of the 'National Records of Scotland' have been added to their online collection. These cover the dates 1559 to 1900.

Ancestry

Family Tree Magazine report that Ancestry have published 2.2 million new prison and criminal records

BOOKSHOP

This month we are offering the following books at a greatly reduced price. We only have one copy of each so it is first come first served. These books are not being offered on Parish Chest.



Crusoe, Castaways and Shipwrecks

Code: 8585

£14.50 £19.99

Fascinating" stories of real-life people and events that inspired the author of the classic adventure novel Robinson Crusoe (Historical Novel Society). This book looks at some of the stories that inspired Daniel Defoe, author of Robinson Crusoe—stories of bravery, determination, and good fortune, as well as human negligence, sheer stupidity, and bad luck. Further details [HERE](#)



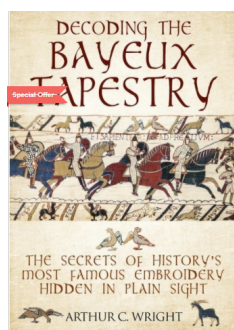
Scott of the Antarctic

Code: 8586

£13.00 £19.99

Captain Robert Falcon Scott CVO (6 June 1868 – 29 March 1912) was a Royal Navy officer and explorer who led two expeditions to the Antarctic regions. During the second venture, Scott led a party of five which reached the South Pole on 17 January 1912, only to find that they had been preceded by Roald Amundsen's Norwegian expedition. On their return journey, Scott and his four comrades all perished from a combination of exhaustion, starvation and extreme cold.

Further details [HERE](#)



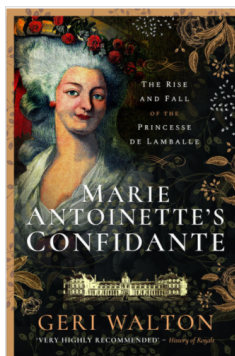
Decoding the Bayeux Tapestry

Code: 8587

£17.50 £25.00

The story of the Norman Conquest and the Battle of Hastings as shown in the Bayeux Tapestry is arguably the most widely-known in the entire panoply of English history, and over the last 200 years there have been hundreds of books portraying the Tapestry and seeking to analyse its meanings. Yet, there is one aspect of the embroidery that has been virtually ignored or dismissed as unimportant by historians – the details in

the margins. Yet the fables shown in the margins are not just part of a decorative ribbon, neither are they discontinuous, but in fact follow-on in sequence. When this is understood, it becomes clear that they must relate in some way to the action shown on the body of the Tapestry. Further details [HERE](#)

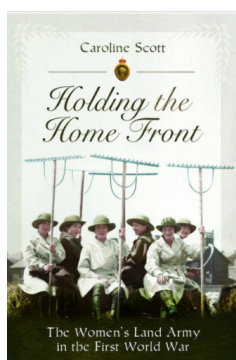


Marie Antoinette's Confidante

Code: 8588

£17.50 £25.00

Marie Antoinette has always fascinated readers worldwide. Yet perhaps no one knew her better than one of her closest confidantes, Marie Thérèse, the Princess de Lamballe. The Princess became superintendent of the Queen's household in 1774, and through her relationship with Marie Antoinette, a unique perspective of the lavishness and daily intrigue at Versailles is exposed. Further details [HERE](#)



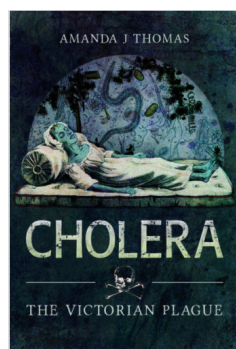
Holding the Home Front

Code: 8589

£17.50 £19.99

In recent years the Second World War's land girl has caught the public imagination. We've seen her in films, television series and novels. We might be misremembering her, we might have distorted her image into one that suits a twenty-first century audience, but we haven't forgotten. Other things have been forgotten, though. One could be forgiven for supposing that the story of the Women's Land Army starts in 1939.

But it's a much older and more complicated history. Further details [HERE](#)

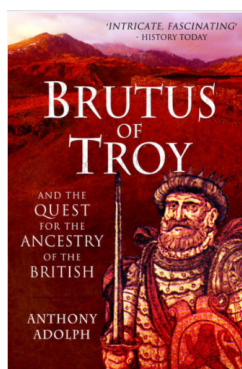


Cholera the Victorian Plague

Code: 8590

£10.00 £19.99

Discover the story of the disease that devastated the Victorian population, and brought about major changes in sanitation. Drawing on the latest scientific research and a wealth of archival material, Amanda Thomas uses first-hand accounts, blending personal stories with an overview of the history of the disease and its devastating after-effects on British society. Further details [HERE](#).

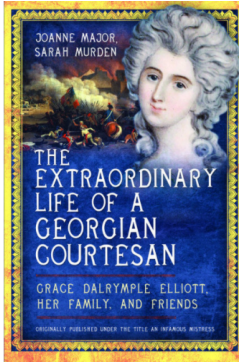


Brutus of Troy

Code: 8591

£12.00 £19.99

Just who did the British think they were? For much of the last 1,500 years, when the British looked back to their origins they saw the looming mythological figure of Brutus of Troy. A great-great-grandson of the love goddess Aphrodite through her Trojan son Aeneas (the hero of Virgil's Aeneid), Brutus accidentally killed his father and was exiled to Greece. Further details [HERE](#).



An Infamous Mistress

Code: 8592

£10.50 ~~£25.00~~

Divorced wife, infamous mistress, prisoner in France during the French Revolution and the reputed mother of the Prince of Wales' child, notorious eighteenth-century courtesan Grace Dalrymple Elliott lived an amazing life in eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century London and Paris.

Strikingly tall and beautiful, later lampooned as 'Dally the Tall' in newspaper gossip columns, she left her Scottish roots and convent education behind, to re-invent herself in a 'marriage à-la-mode', but before

she was even legally an adult she was cast off and forced to survive on just her beauty and wits.

Further details [HERE](#).

THE HELP DESK

The VHD remains open whilst our physical Help Desk must remain closed. Guidance and advice from Archives + suggests that we will not be able to reopen the Manchester and Lancashire Family History Help Desk before late June 2021.

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

More substantial updates to the Member Area databases.

Memorial Inscriptions

Memorial Inscription listings added to the descriptions to the following churches:

Droylsden St Andrew
Hyde St Mary Magdalene
Manchester Unitarian Chapel Mosley St
Manchester St Ann
Manchester Collegiate Church (Owen)
Chorlton Beech Rd Wesleyan Chapel
Salford King St Chapel
Manchester Gadsby's Chapel Rochdale Rd (Owen)
Pendlebury St John
Heaton Mersey Cong Chapel
Ashton-in-Makerfield, St. Thomas
Ashton-in-Makerfield, St. Thomas (churchyard)
Ashton-under-Lyne, Christ Church
Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter (Owen Manuscripts)
Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Michael and All Saints
Astley, St. Stephen
Audenshaw, St. Stephen
Manchester, Clayton, St. Cross
Bacup, Particular Baptist Church
Warrington, Croft, St. Lewis
Warrington, Croft, Christchurch
Burtonwood, St. Michael
Droylesden, St. Mary
Droylesden, St. Mary (second transcript)
Halshaw, Independent
Gateacre Unitarian Chapel
Grange-over-Sands, St. Paul
Great Sankey, St. Mary
Great Sankey, St. Mary, Cemetery
Warrington, Appleton, Hill Cliffe Baptist Church (Owen Manuscripts)

Thanks to Cheyvonne Bower for these.

I have added another 183 memorials and a total of 683 names to the Memorial Inscription database in the member area.

Going through some old papers recently, I found a stack of photocopies of transcripts of memorials which had been removed from the graveyard of St. Cross, Clayton. These include damaged/vandalised memorials and kerbstones which were possibly removed to make maintenance easier.

For some reason, these had not been processed when we published the original transcriptions for St. Cross, so I have completed the work and now added the results to the MI database.

John Marsden

The Great Database

Data added for the following sources:

Bolton Workhouse Creed Book

6,951 names added to the creed book transcription. These cover periods 1884-1886 and 1891-1892. Thanks to members of our Bolton Branch for these. For those unfamiliar, the admission registers for Bolton Workhouse do not survive, but the creed books, which record the religion of each inmate at the time of admission, do. These provide names and other information including dates of admission and discharge (or death). There are no ages, but families are usually listed as a group, which can be helpful.

Another addition to the burial indexes in the Great Database.

This consists of 1,600 burials 1862-1871 at Christ Church, Bradford.

Thanks are due to Mark Harrey for these.

This time it is 126 burials and 307 baptisms between 1740 and 1768 for Ardwick, St. Thomas. These have been transcribed by Susan Mayall.

They appear on the Family Search site but are cunningly concealed in a volume described as "Marriages 1749-1762", which actually covers baptisms, marriages and burials.

Newspaper BMD Announcements

A further 1,641 BMD announcements from the Manchester Courier for 1829. Thanks to Linda Bailey and Chris Hall for transcribing these very useful pre-civil registration references, which frequently provide more information than the parish register entries..

Orphan BMD Certificates

A further 42 birth, 58 death and 28 marriage certificates have been scanned and indexed to the Great Database with links to the images. Thanks to Barry Henshall for these.

UKBMD Updates

The Staffs BMD has been updated with the following Records

Deaths:

2,114 for Lichfield (held at Lichfield RO), registers at Lichfield (1982-1986)

www.staffordshirebmd.org.uk

ORPHAN BMDs

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. The scanning was carried out at Manchester Central Library but 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.

MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY ARCHIVES+

[Heaton Park Online Memory Box](#) by [Archives+](#)

We are now on the road to things easing and opening up and we hope Archives+ can still help you to stay in touch with each other and treasure your memories with our popular online memory boxes. These can be used as a starting point in discovering your family history, finding out what your family's childhood was like, looking back at the area where they grew up, discovering their fondest childhood memories and maybe uncover some hidden gems in your family's story.

Why not take this opportunity to find out about those important stories, ensuring family histories are passed on to the next generation. These can often get lost or put off for another day as we lead our busy lives. Sharing memories of days gone by can bring families closer together, listening to elderly relatives can be a comfort for families as they gain an insight into their life stories.

Since the first lockdown in March 2020, Archives+ has published 23 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

Welcome to the North West Film Archive, the professionally recognised public home for the moving image heritage of the North West of England.

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 open to the public between 9:30 and 16:30.

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".

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