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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Hello and welcome to this edition of the Manchester newsletter. Hopefully by the time you read this the weather, here in the UK, will have improved from a rather dismal August. With no Government restrictions currently in place some events are being planned without the need for ZOOM. Two in the Manchester area are highlighted in this issue and M&LFHS will have stalls at both events.

I hope you enjoyed the Family History Federation Really Useful Bulletin and have taken advantage of the free subscription to future issues.

Sadly we received news in the month of the death after a short illness of member, former trustee and Society Fellow, Beryl Jones. Beryl was a stalwart of Society affairs for almost 30 years and her presence among us will be sorely missed. I am sure you will join us in sending our condolences to her surviving family, Stephen and Heather. An obituary will be published in the winter edition of The Manchester Genealogist.'

The editor of The Manchester Genealogist, Pat Etchells, is extremely short of articles so anything you can do will be warmly welcomed. Please contact Pat directly at editor@mlfhs.org.uk.

And finally, if you like word searches, head to the end of the newsletter for a little light relief.

Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

It is hard to believe that it is now twelve months since we launched our new website, Manchester Ancestors. Early days, I know, but new memberships are up, the number of visitors is increasing month by month and each of our activities has been enhanced by the multi-purpose facility.

One instance this month confirmed for me just how useful the site is to members. I received a message from a member in Australia who wanted me to know how grateful he was for the help he had received from one of our Virtual Helpdesk volunteers with a research enquiry. Now, this kind of help is going on all the time, delivered by our office team, the member forum, and the Virtual Helpdesk team as well as the physical Helpdesks in Manchester Central Library and Branch venues, when in session. But it is encouraging when members take the trouble to send us such testimonials. The website is fast becoming the hub of our contact with members across the world and alongside The Manchester Genealogist, our Facebook and Twitter presence, together they offer added value for your membership subscription.

If you don't already use the website, I urge you to try it. There is so much of interest to the researcher. Our databases alone, containing over 1.8 million records, represent great value, with many records unavailable elsewhere. Our current project in preparation for the release of the 1921 Census already holds an immense amount of diverse material about the Census and the social and cultural climate of the twenties. And so much more.

Development of the website - <https://mlfhs.uk> - was the single most expensive investment made by the Society and it is there to be a research tool for each of our members. It was a great help to our friend in Australia. Think what it can do for you.

David Muil
Chairman

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 Branch.

I would like to highlight our two 1921 talks: The Anglo Irish Treaty and Horatio Bottomley Swindler of the Century? Both of these are in September.



'The Anglo Irish Treaty of 1921'

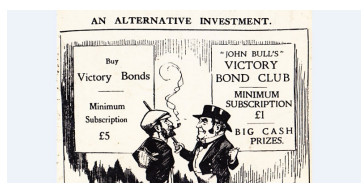
Wed, 8 September 2021
19:00 – 20:00 BST

As part of our 1921 Census project we are pleased to present the online presentation 'The Anglo Irish Treaty of 1921: From the Irish War of Independence to Negotiations and Civil War' by Dr. Éamon Phoenix, a trustee of the Ulster Historical Foundation and retired University educator from Stranmillis University

College. Dr. Phoenix is a specialist in early twentieth century Irish politic history and has written a highly acclaimed book called Northern Nationalism.

The talk will not just be of interest to those who have Irish Ancestry. Even today we can see how events in Ireland surrounding this critical time in history still affect us.

Book through [Eventbrite](#).



Horatio Bottomley Swindler of the Century?

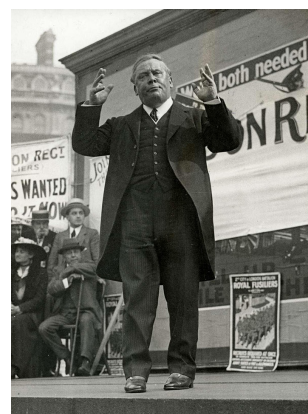
Sat, 25 September 2021
14:00 – 15:00 BST

Horatio Bottomley, Editor of the popular weekly journal 'John Bull', a

demagogic MP, financier turned fraudster and bare-faced crook.

He swindled his readers through the 'John Bull Victory Club' scheme and finally went to prison in 1922 for seven years.

There was even scandal connected with Bottomley to do with the 1921 census.



This virtual presentation will be given by Jef Page, President of the Ilford Historical Society, experienced freelance lecturer and guide for over 25 years at the National Gallery.

To read more look out for the MLFHS blog article:

Sabbath concerns: The 1921 census and the advertising slip by Barbara Meredith.

Book through [Eventbrite](#).

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

Bolton Branch.



Researching illegitimate ancestors

Wed, 1 September 2021

19:30 – 20:30 BST

Retired professional archivist Anna Watson explains how Church Court Records can help to find our illegitimate ancestors

Image. Hogarth's print of the examination of a pregnant woman, c172

Register at [Eventbrite](#).

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

Oldham Branch



A History of the Co-operative Movement ... Rochdale Pioneers to the present

Sat, 11 September 2021

14:00 – 15:30 BST

Covering the development of independent Co-operative Societies; an explanation of the 'divi', and how different are the co-ops of today.

A talk given by Sophie McCulloch, of the Co-op Archives,

Register at [Eventbrite](#).

Note ... please ensure that you enter your email address correctly in both required boxes, when registering. If you do not receive the meeting link, on Thursday 9th, please email me at < mlfhs.oldham@gmail.com > and a link will be sent to you.

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

Anglo-Scots



Instantly Buckled for Life

Sat, 18 September 2021

14:00 – 16:30 BST

In this presentation Chris Paton will be talking about Scottish Marriage customs and how they have changed over time.

Register at [Eventbrite](#).

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.

Manchester History



Manchester Histories Salon: Nation of Shopkeepers,

Wed. September 15, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM BST

Have you ever wondered how and where you would have bought your food and other essentials in late 1700s and 1800s Manchester? How the streets and shops would have looked in a rapidly expanding industrialised town?

Could you trust the products you were being sold? Which businesses survived over decades and even centuries, and what happened to those that didn't?

In our first salon of the Autumn / Winter 2021 series, Prof Hannah Barker and Dr Michala Hulme trace the history of shops, shopkeepers and shopping in 18th, 19th and 20th century Manchester.

More details of Manchester Histories [website](#). Why not subscribe to their newsletter.

This is a free event, please register through [Eventbrite](#)

The National Archives

Please note that places are limited for these meetings and so early booking is essential. In the future why not monitor the [National Archives site](#).

What's On in September

General sale started on Monday 23 August, 09:00.

[Recovery from the Black Death in late-medieval Britain and Ireland](#)

3 September | 14:00

With each new wave of the came fresh modes of thought in Britain and Ireland in the 14th and 15th centuries. In this talk, Paul Dryburgh as he examines how the royal government, communities and individuals dealt with dramatically changing circumstances and how the country attempted to recover from living with the pandemic.

[Writing John of Gaunt, The Red Prince: a conversation with Helen Carr](#)

8 September | 19:30

In a conversation with the head of medieval records, Dr Sean Cunningham, Helen Carr will discuss how she pieced together and interpreted the life of one of England's greatest medieval magnates and father of English monarchy.

[Recovery and Regeneration after the Great Fire of London \(1666\)](#)

10 September | 14:00

On 2 September 1666, a fire began in the bakery on Pudding Lane. The fire spread rapidly across the city of London, resulting in the destruction of 13,000 homes, 87 churches, the Royal Exchange and St Paul's Cathedral. In this talk, Philippa Hellawell explore hows 17th century Londoners recovered from the disaster.

[Top Level Tips: Wills and other Probate Records before 1858](#)

14 September | 14:00

Find out how you can use wills, administrations, and probate disputes in your research. The webinar will have a focus on the wills left by people from all around England and Wales which were proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury between 1384 and 1858.

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.

Looking further ahead you may be interested with a talk about how funerals were depicted in 18th century England which examines striking imagery that promoted or criticised funerary practices.



'This awful scene': Depictions of the funeral in eighteenth century England

by [The Association for the Study of Death and Society](#)

Wed, 6 October 2021

18:30 – 19:30 BST

This is a free ZOOM meeting organised by The Association for Study of Death and Society (ASDS) Seminar Series
More details at [Eventbrite](#).

RootsTech Connect 2022

FamilySearch has announced that [RootsTech Connect 2022](#) will take place on March 3–5, 2022, as a fully virtual family history event. RootsTech Connect 2021 attracted more than 1 million visitors from over 240 countries, making this year's gathering the largest in RootsTech history. Further details can be found [HERE](#).

Family history enthusiasts can [access](#) over 1,500 free, on-demand sessions from RootsTech 2021.



Medieval Manchester Festival

Chetham's School of Music, Long Millgate, Manchester, M3 1SB

Saturday 25th September 2021 10am – 5pm

Sunday 26th September 2021 10am – 3pm

About

Join us for a unique family-friendly festival celebrating the 600th anniversary of Manchester's oldest buildings.

Chetham's stunning medieval buildings date back to 1421. The history of the city as we know it begins here.

They were originally built to accommodate the priests of Manchester's Collegiate Church, now Manchester Cathedral. These are the oldest buildings in Manchester.

A two-day festival on Saturday 25 – Sunday 26 September will celebrate the city's history, and the incredible story of Chetham's.

Visit Chetham's historic courtyard for medieval stalls, re-enactments, live music, food and drink.

Explore Chetham's Library – the oldest public library in the English speaking world – with special guided tours of our medieval site and collections.

Laugh and enjoy Horrible Histories shows in The Stoller Hall at Chetham's.



THEN // NOW

The Big Community & Heritage Weekender 2021

Victoria Baths

Information for Potential Collaborators

Event Dates

Saturday 25th September 2021 11am – 4pm

Sunday 26th September 2021 11am – 4pm

THEN // NOW - The Big Community & Heritage Weekender

Community & Heritage Open Weekend at Victoria Baths

About this Event

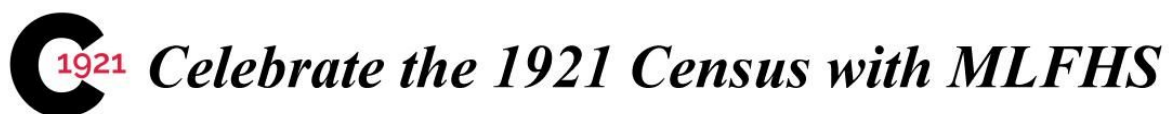
Save the date for our Big Community and Heritage Weekender this September. You can expect a fantastic line-up of activities, from History displays, Open Archive sessions, Art exhibitions, Community pop-ups and stalls, Tea Room, Guided Tours to Food stalls and an Art Trail for children

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th September
11am - 4pm

Our beautiful building will be open for all. Come along and enjoy the following:

—HISTORY DISPLAYS
—OPEN ARCHIVE SESSIONS
—ART EXHIBITIONS
—COMMUNITY POP-UPS & STALLS
—STAINED GLASS DROP IN
—TEA ROOM
—WELLBEING SESSIONS
—KIDS ART TRAIL
—GUIDED TOURS
—PHOTOGRAPHY & ART WORKSHOPS
—FOOD STALLS

Entry Tickets are free, with the option to add a donation (suggestion £4) to support the work that we do.



The MLFHS website has a dedicated 1921 Census project page which can be found at <https://mlfhs.uk/blog>. This contains a growing variety of 1921 related information. A radio style play titled One Family's Life in 1921 by Jenny Roche can also be found at <https://mlfhs.uk/1921-census-event>.

We also have our whole world 1921 Timeline here: <https://mlfhs.uk/1921-timeline>
This has some great events and people mentioned with clickable links! Do you perhaps know of anything else we could add?

1921 Census Special 'The Genealogist' Edition

MLFHS is planning a special edition for the final issue of The Manchester Genealogist in 2021, which will focus on the imminent release of this invaluable and long-awaited resource.

In addition to planned articles about the background to the 1921 census and the information which the household returns will contain, we will welcome member contributions with a focus on or around 1921. Some possible topics include:

- What is the big question in your research that you hope the census will answer?
- What was your family doing in 1921?
- Family events in or around 1921 – do you have wedding or other photos?
- Other events in the census year, particularly events in or affecting Manchester.

WEBSITES

The link to the The War Graves Photographic Project was recently posted on our Forum which some of our members may find interesting <https://www.twgpp.org/>.

MyHeritage

MyHeritage have added 10.7 million Austrian Roman Catholic church records in two new collections that cannot be found on other commercial websites. The first is an index of records from a variety of communities around Austria-Hungary as well as Eastern Europe, covering modern-day Austria, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Poland, and Germany. The second focuses on Vienna, the capital of Austria, and some surrounding areas. The collections include vital records — baptism, marriage, and burial records — covering a span of 4 centuries, from the 16th century to the 20th. The collections are invaluable for anyone seeking to learn more about their heritage from Austria and Eastern Europe.

More details [here](#).

Familysearch News releases are regularly updated at <https://media.familysearch.org>.

More than 100,000 Middlesex parish registers and 30,000 non-conformist church records for Lancashire have been released. The Lancashire releases are 3,553 Lancashire marriage bonds and Allegations 1746-1799 and 31,970 Lancashire non-conformist Church Records, 1647-1996

(Family Tree Magazine September 2021)

Billion Graves

Have you ever seen a fence around an individual gravesite and wondered why it was there?

Our ancestors during the Victorian era used fences, gates - and even explosives! - to keep grave robbers away from their family member's final resting places!

Grave robbers were a serious problem in the Victoria era! Learn more about how our ancestors protected their family's final resting places in BillionGraves' latest blog post by clicking [HERE](#).

Findmypast

[Scotland, Parish Births & Baptisms 1564-1929](#)

The most comprehensively indexed collection of Scottish parish births and baptisms online, transcribed and compiled from a wide range of primary sources.

[Scotland, Parish Marriages & Banns 1561-1893](#)

Millions of new regular, irregular and cross-border marriage records are now online, some for the very first time.

[Scotland, Parish Deaths & Burials 1564-2017](#)

Search millions of new records, published in partnership with local societies, archives and volunteers covering Scotland.

[National School Admission Registers](#)

Findmypast have added over 9,000 new school records from Halifax, Yorkshire. In them, you can uncover family details you won't find elsewhere.

[Staffordshire Parish Registers](#)

This collection expanded with thousands of new baptism, marriage, banns and burial registers from four parishes in Staffordshire.

[British Army, Royal Engineers 1900-1949](#)

This essential collection is now complete with over 130,000 new tracer cards that mainly cover those who served in World War 2.

[British Army Service Records](#)

This must-search military resource has expanded again with the addition of over 6,000 new Chelsea Pensioners' discharge forms.

[Essex Parish Records](#)

In partnership with Waltham Forest Family History Society, we've released over 43,000 baptism and burial records from several Essex churches

[British Army, Royal Engineers Other Ranks: Casualty Cards](#)

These detailed records cover casualties during and after World War 2. Discover the nature of their injuries, next of kin and more.

[Greater London Burial Index](#)

Is your ancestor buried in London? This collection has grown again with thousands of new additions from Southwark and Chiswick.

[Britain, Knights of the Realm & Commonwealth Index](#)

We've updated this collection of notable knights and dames with the latest entries from the Queen's Honours lists.

[Waterford Poor Law Unions Board of Guardians Minute Books](#)

Over 158,000 new records from Kilmacthomas and Dungarvan on Ireland's southeast coast, spanning from 1845 to 1921. More details at the Findmypast website [HERE](#).

[Clare Poor Law Union Board of Guardians Minute Books](#)

Search over 21,000 new additions from Kilrush Union to uncover details surrounding the day-to-day running of the workhouse.

BOOKSHOP

We have a couple of books that may be of interest to those members who may be considering attending the meeting in October hosted by The Association for Study of Death and Society (ASDS).



A Date with the Hangman

Code: 8536

£12.99

It is a sobering thought that until the closing years of the twentieth century, Britain's courts were technically able to impose the death penalty for a number of offences; both civil and military. Although the last judicial hangings took place in 1964, the death penalty, in theory at least, remained for a number of offences. During the twentieth century, 865 people were executed in Britain, and of those only 3 were ever posthumously pardoned. This book details each and every one of those

executions, and in many cases highlights the crimes that brought these men and women to the gallows.

Further details [HERE](#).



A History of the Undead

Code: 8576

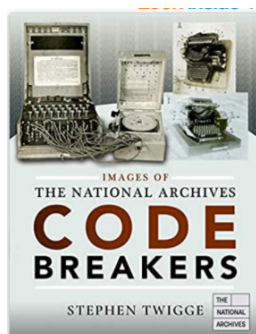
£15.99

Are you a fan of the undead? Watch lots of Mummy, zombie and vampire movies and TV shows? Have you ever wondered if they could be 'real'? This book, *_A History of the Undead_*, unravels the truth behind these popular reanimated corpses. Starting with the common representations in Western Media through the decades, we go back in time to find the origins of the myths. Using a combination of folklore, religion and archaeological studies we find out the reality behind the

walking dead. You may be surprised at what you find.

Further details [HERE](#).

On a more light-hearted note why not relax with



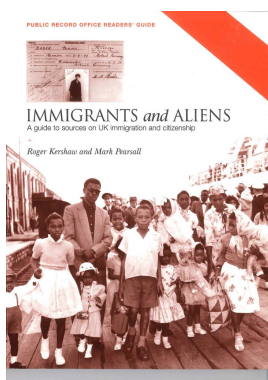
Code Breakers

Code: 8457

£14.99

The book reveals the story of British Codebreakers from the reign of Elizabeth I to the Cold War. It explores the use of ciphers during the Napoleonic wars, the role of the Royal Mail's Secret Office and the activities the Admiralty's Room 40' leading to the creation of the Government's Code and Cypher School. The main theme of the book are the events of the Second World War and the battle to break the German enigma codes.

Further details [HERE](#).



Immigrants and Aliens

Code: 7544

£9.99

Roger Kershaw and Mark Pearsall.

This is a research guide for those tracing ancestors who came to Britain from overseas. Using case studies, the book guides readers through the plethora of records, including lists of arrivals, naturalisation papers and records of religious dissenters. PRO Readers' Guide No. 22. A4 114pp.

THE HELP DESK

The MLFHS Family History Help Desk will be re-opening on 13th September 2021 Monday-Friday but with reduced hours (11:00- 2:30). These reduced hours will continue until the end of the year. We will resume our original hours and volunteer levels M-F 10:30-3:30 from mid January 2022.

The VHD remains open whilst our physical Help Desk must remain closed.
A Virtual Helpdesk provides remote support to those with family history research problems or queries and will remain open whilst our physical Help Desk must remain closed.

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

The Great Database

1,600 burial register entries for Christ Church, Bradford 1882-1891. Also an additional 1,046 burials 1891-1943. This completes the burial registers for this church for all 6,588 burials from opening to closing, 1862-1943.

Thanks to Mark Harrey for this contribution.

Birth, marriage and death announcements from the:

Manchester Courier - 1834 (approx 1778 entries)

Manchester Mercury - 1814 (approx 589 entries)

Thanks to Linda Bailey and Chris Hall for these.

Bolton Poll Books for 1832, 1835, 1837, 1847, 1852 and 1865

There are 8,660 names in the Great Database and transcripts of the poll books in the Document Collection - Bolton - Poll Books etc.

Thanks to Bolton Branch for these.

We can also thank Susan Mayall for 1,963 baptism records for the period 1762-1801 at St. Thomas's church, Ardwick

Another batch of MI listings have been added to the descriptive documents in the Memorial Index database as follows:

Chadderton, Mills Hill Baptists
Warrington, Friends Burial Ground, Buttermarket St.
Warrington, St. Alban, Bewsey St.
Wigan, All Saints
Wigan, St. Paul, Standishgate

Thanks, as always, to Cheyvonne Bower for these.

UKBMD Updates

The Staffs BMD has been updated with the following

Deaths:

1,546 for Lichfield (held at Lichfield RO), registers at Lichfield (1987-1988, 2006-2008)
1,038 for Tamworth, registers at Lichfield (1987-1993, 2006-2008)
130 for Biddulph, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2008)
367 for Leek and Cheddleton, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2008)
795 for Stone, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2008)
520 for Cannock (old Penkridge Rural District), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2008)
77 for Newcastle-under-Lyme, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2007-2008)
306 for Penkridge, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2008)
122 for Rugeley, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2008)
4,619 for Seisdon, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1992-2008)

Births:

2,158 for Stoke, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1961-1974)

For access to all the UK's major BMD and Census sites visit <https://www.UKBMD.org.uk/>

For access to all the UK's major Family History sites visit <https://www.UKGD.L.org.uk/>

For access to all the UK's major Military Family History sites visit <https://www.UKMFH.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

Library Live - Events at Central Library



Were You There? The Story of Manchester Free Trade Hall.

THE FREE TRADE HALL – THE MOST IMPORTANT POPULAR MUSIC VENUE IN GREAT BRITAIN BETWEEN 1951 AND 1996

Richard Lysons, author of 'Were You There? Popular Music At Manchester's Free Trade Hall 1951-1996' will talk to veteran Manchester music writer, Mick Middles about his widely acclaimed book.

For more details please go to:

<http://www.librarylive.co.uk/event/were-you-there-the-story-of-manchester-free-trade-hall/>

Richard is a member who supports the Helpdesk when in session and contributes to Society projects. This is one of his occasional personal projects which is worthy of support. It comes in the wake of the publication of his book about the Free Trade Hall as a venue for music in the latter part of the 20th century. It should be an interesting presentation.

Manchester Local Image Collection

Over 80,000 pictures and prints of old Manchester.

To order a high quality print select an image and follow the link. The Manchester Local Image Collection is a unique photographic record of Manchester, its people, streets and buildings from a period stretching well over 100 years. Over 80,000 images of Manchester and the surrounding area are available to view online. All images are available to purchase as fine A4 sized quality prints.

The original images are mainly photographs with some prints, drawings, watercolours and postcards, dating from the eighteenth century to the present day. The pictures of people, streets and buildings illustrate all aspects of the social, industrial, religious and transport history of the city. Between 1950 and 1972 the Manchester Amateur Photographic Society carried out an almost complete street by street survey of the city, showing the suburban streets before the major clearances and redevelopment during that period. The entire survey, as well as the Photographic Survey of 1892 - 1900, appears here.

A selection of images from our photographic and archive collections can be viewed on our [Flickr photostream](#)

NORTH WEST SOUND HERITAGE

Unlocking our Sound Heritage

Thousands of cassettes, open reels, CDs and MiniDiscs are sitting in archives, museums, libraries and in people's homes all over the UK. All kinds of unique live music, radio and conversation are recorded on these tapes and discs. We've already lost many of the people captured on them. And the British Library estimates that we have fifteen years to preserve the sounds themselves.

That's why the British Library has received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to establish Unlocking Our Sound Heritage, an exciting new national project to save thousands sounds which are at risk of being lost forever.

Archives+ is the hub partner for the North West region, which covers Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside. We'll be digitising around 15,000 recordings on 5,000 cassettes, reels and optical discs held all over the region here at Manchester Central Library.

This is a fascinating site providing a flavour of times gone by. If you are a food and drink enthusiast then discover what not to eat and drink before a performance!

Find more information [here](#).

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.

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.



<https://www.facebook.com/MandLFamilyHistory>

and Twitter



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Word Search

A little light entertainment to while away the twilight hours.

Find the following words in the word search below.

The words can go in any direction and words can share letters as they cross over each other.

H A K G Q Y C M O E N G R N R
S C E N S U S L G E T E Z E H
I Q D R A P D A W R T E T T T
R L U C K H I S D S K S G A R
A C R M A R P D I F E K E C I
P X G M R A O G C H R S N I B
V G N A P O E W C K Z B E F O
F T M E G R D N R D H O A I J
U A R I D E A T H K F L L T R
S S M B B M A N C E S T O R S
H L D I Y R O T S I H O G E K
Q S L I L M A L Q G G N Y C U
K E I I F Y G N O J F A I D N
X U K R W S T O C S O L G N A
A X O W I S E B J H N N R F Z

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