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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Hello and welcome to the December issue of the Manchester newsletter.
There are only two events scheduled, one organised by Manchester called 'Our Ireland in Colour' and the other with the Bolton Branch organising 'Christmas food and drink through the ages'.
I have listed a few other on-line podcasts and events that you may be interested in booking.

There are a large number of updates to our projects and I thank all our volunteers who work so tirelessly for the benefit of all our members. Maybe there will be an entry that will help breakdown one of your brick walls.

Our bookshop has some special offers on at the moment with a number of hard backed books selling at only £10.00 each. Perhaps just what you are looking for as a present for this Christmas.

A new Advanced Search page option has now been installed on all the Local BMD Project websites with links to it via the menu tabs at the top of each page. Also Cheshire BMD has been busy with marriage updates. I would also like to thank those members who have kindly sent me BMD certificates and these will be scanned and entered into our Great Database.

I hope that you will enjoy this issue and I would like to wish you all, wherever you are in the world a relaxing and happy festive season. See you in the New Year.
Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Lots of talking points this month.

Pride of place goes to our tireless group of volunteers who, after many years of dedicated work, have put the last entries into the Index of Catholic Registers for the Manchester Churches. I congratulate Madeline Best and her team on this great achievement. You might think that they have earned a rest from their labours. Not a bit of it. They have recently resumed their work in Central Library and are already hard at work on the first entries for the Salford Diocese. Look out for the addition of this final tranche of indexes for Manchester once the necessary administrative tasks have been performed by the technicians.

Another group to be congratulated is the Census 21 organisers of the year-long programme of talks and events in preparation for the release of the 1921 England & Wales Census. The planned final presentation in January by Myko Clelland of FindMyPast was fully booked within days when bookings opened on Eventbrite. So great was the demand by members that Leslie Turner had to pull a few strings to arrange a second talk by FMP who agreed to add it to their already busy programme. This talk will take place in February, at which point FMP also agreed a recording will made available in the Member Area of the website for a short period afterwards. In this way we hope many more of our members will be able to take advantage of this special presentation. Well done to Leslie and her team for successfully delivering a sustained programme of events and talks on the same theme throughout the year.

It isn't often I get the chance to celebrate our Archives+ partnership with our friends in another Family History Society. That's just the privilege I had this month when I welcomed David Smetham and his party from the Family History Society of Cheshire to Central Library to observe our Helpdesk team in action and view the excellent facilities available to us in the Archives+ Hub. David and his team, along with Paul Newman, Heritage Officer of Cheshire Records Office left us mightily impressed by the wide range of functions available to us within the partnership. Foremost among these is our ability to collaborate with Manchester Archives and Greater Manchester County Records Office on all manner of preservation projects. Plus the facilities available to us at Central Library are second to none. In addition, collaborations with our other partners, the North-West Film Archive, and the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Library and Resource Centre and their University patrons enable us to enhance one another's projects and exhibitions with ease.

We now look forward to the release of the 1921 Census for England & Wales in January, together with the resumption of the full service of advice and guidance at our Helpdesk, with the prospect later in the year of details of the 1921 Census for Scotland becoming available. So good things to look forward to. I can't wait to obtain details of my parents' families in the 1920s- a time so different from today.

Best wishes,

David

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Please 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.

From the members area on the website you can make changes to your address and email.
We have found it is easier to work from home and are able to provide a quicker service.
If possible please use the on-line option on our new website to renew your subscription.

We now use Stripe 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.

If you must pay by cheque please send to:

MLFHS
17 Fortyacre Drive,
Bredbury,
SK6 2EZ

DO NOT send it to the office, we no longer take cash at the helpdesk. The Click and Collect is now available from our shop.

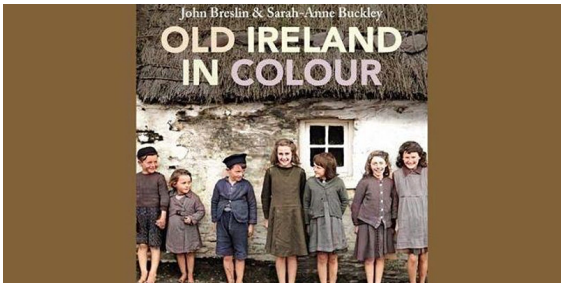
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Hope to see you all soon

Best wishes
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.



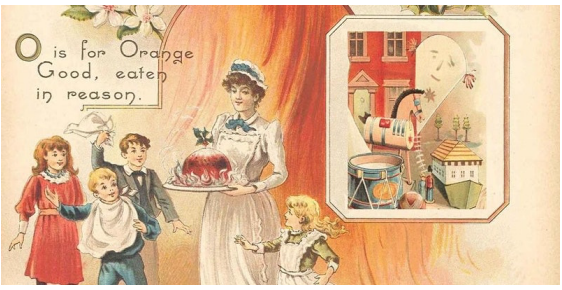
Old Ireland in Colour

Thursday, 2 December 2021
19:30 – 22:30 GMT

A talk based on the authors' books of colourised black and white photographs documenting the rich history of Ireland.

Booking through Eventbrite.

Bolton Branch.



Bolton FHS Meeting - Christmas food and drink through the ages

Wednesday, 1 December 2021
19:30 – 21:00 GMT

Join us as we find out what the men, women and children of Bolton and Manchester rich and poor, would have eaten and drank over the Christmas period. Would they have eaten turkey and furmity? Or have drunk Smoking Bishop? And would the paupers in the workhouse have been allowed a pint of beer? All will be revealed.
We'll be supplying a eighteenth century mince pie recipe, that your ancestors might have enjoyed. Why not make the recipe and join us to sample it during the meeting?
Sylvia Levi is an enthusiastic food historian with a particular interest in what our ancestors baked.
Simon Fowler is a professional genealogist, writer and tutor who enjoys his Roast Beef on Christmas Day.

Booking through Eventbrite.

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

Oldham Branch

There is no meeting in December

Full details of Oldham Branch meetings https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings

Anglo-Scots

There is no meeting in December

Full details of Anglo-Scots Branch meetings 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.

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* **Family History Federation**

Three podcasts and loads of information on this site:
https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/podcast

* The Society recently attended the Salford Histories Festival and one of the stalls visited was the Eccles and District History Society. Below is their programme for December and for the first half of 2022.

2021

8 December The Manchester and Salford Blitz - Graham Pythian.

2022

12 January Prince Albert, Consort and Manchester Man(?) - David Astbury.

9 February Worsley New Hall - Mike Nevell.

9 March Elizabeth Clarke Wolstenholme Elmy - Olivia Smedley.

13 April Worsley Delph - Judith Atkinson and John Aldred.

11 May Annual General Meeting and Members' Evening.

Details to be announced. Non-members welcome to attend.

8 June The Phelps Collection at Chetham's Archives – Fergus Wilde.

Please go to their site for further details

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 December

* A Medieval Ghost Story with Dan Jones

Wednesday 1 December at 19:30

First recorded in the early fifteenth century by an unknown monk, The Tale of the Tailor and the Three Dead Kings was transcribed from Latin by the great medievalist M.R. James in 1922. Building on that tradition, bestselling historian Dan Jones retells this medieval ghost story in crisp and creepy prose.

* At Christmas We Feast: The history of the Christmas dinner with Annie Gray
Friday 3 December at 14:00

Turkey, trimmings, pudding and brandy butter – but where do our festive food traditions come from? Join Annie Gray on a delectable trip through time, from the earliest mentions of extravagant meals at Christmas to the trappings and traditions of the present day.

* Ask a Historian: In conversation with Greg Jenner
Wednesday 8 December at 19:30

In conversation with author and historian, Greg Jenner, we get the answers on things you always wondered about, but didn't know who to ask. Such as, which people from history would best pull off a casino heist? Book now to join us for an amusing evening of facts and stories on historical curiosities.

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.

PROJECTS UPDATE

These updates were notified to members by John Marsden via the Forum.

* Chris Willis has spent some time improving the street index to the 1934 Lancashire Street Atlas in the member area. This includes correction of some errors introduced when the printed index was converted to machine-readable format using OCR and some further corrections which relate to errors in the original printed index. Finally 125 new entries have been added.

I have now replaced the index with the new version. [John Marsden]

Thanks to Chris for his work on this invaluable index, now of 44,139 streets.

* The following update has been posted to Miscellaneous Small Projects
Added 14,353 baptisms for St. Mary, Deane 1813-1886 (data originally published on CD by Bolton Branch)

* The following update has been posted to Manchester Burials
Bolton, Walmsley Old Chapel, Burials. Transcript of burials 1793-1840 (167 records)

Also 1,586 burials for St. John, Pendlebury 1889-1907.
Thanks to Mark Harrey for these.

Oldham, Shaw, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Burials
Burials 1817-1872. Transcribed from the Burial Registers by Linda Richardson, Gillian Melton and Joan Harrison. (381 records)

* Added 2,375 burials for St. John, Pendlebury 1842-1889 (transcriptions ongoing) addition to these new data sets, I have now completed the adding of listings for all of the data sets in the great Database so that you should be able from the contents listing to open up a descriptive document containing an alphabetical listing of all of the records (except for Pendlebury, St John, which will be added when all of the registers have been completed).

* The following update has been posted to War Memorials
Added 7 names from Oldham, Shaw, Salvation Army, Farrow Street, Memorial plaques (WW1 & WW2)

Added 3,065 names from the new Oldham WW1 memorial (names omitted from the original memorial) and 270 names from the Men of Cadishead and Irlam memorial.

* The following update has been posted to Manchester Crematorium Obituaries
Accumulated new obituaries have now been uploaded to the Great Database increasing the total by over 1,000 to 8,252.

* The following update has been posted to Miscellaneous Small Projects
Added 1,787 BMD announcements from Manchester Courier for 1835 to the Great Database. This brings coverage to: Manchester Courier 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1832, 1834, 1835, 1837, 1895 and Manchester Mercury 1804,1805, 1806, 1809, 1814 transcribed by Linda Bailey and Chris Hall (21,514 records)

1921 Celebrate the 1921 Census with MLFHS

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?

The 1921 Project still has a few more interesting items still to be included into our webpages and a couple of blogs to be posted before the end of the year. We have just one more topical speaker to hear (Horatio Bottomly MP Swindler of the Century? Presented by Jef Parks) We certainly enjoyed hearing Dr Éamon Phoenix's presentation about the Anglo Irish Treaty which gave us a better idea of the circumstances surrounding this event!

We hope that you have been checking the 1921 Project webpages regularly and are looking forward to the 1921 edition of the Manchester Genealogist which rounds off our 1921 themed year. I'm sure those of you who have been following the project will agree that 1921 was a fascinating year. We can't wait to finally see the actual 1921 census material which we believe is still on target to be released in early 2022.

WEBSITES

Tameside Local Studies & Archives

Here you will find the Manchester Regiment archive plus a wealth of information about the 9 towns of Tameside including maps, newspapers, photographs, books, and original documents. Check the website for events.

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

GENEVA --- GENealogical EVents and Activities
Run on behalf of GENUKI and the Family History Federation

Findmypast

Northumberland Baptisms
Delve into over 9,000 additional baptism records from several Northumberland parishes spanning 1753-1919.

Durham Baptisms
We've expanded this collection with over 3,000 records from St Paul's Church in Ryhope. This latest releases cover 1889-1903.

1939 Register
We've opened over 57,000 previously-redacted records from this important resource. Findmypast is home to the most up-to-date and extensively-detailed version of the 1939 Register.

Indian Army Records of Service 1900-1947
From emergency commissioned officers to medical personnel, explore the stories of those who served in the Indian Army with over 12,000 records spanning nearly five decades and both World Wars. What will you discover?

Greater Burnley Roll of Honour, 1914-1918
Commemorate the incredible sacrifices made by the men of Burnley with these unique records. Discover death details, service numbers, battalions, sub-units, honours, awards and more.

A new way to explore the 1939 Register
We've created a shiny new search feature to help you find special interest groups in the 1939 Register. Using our new search field, you can focus your research on disabled people, evacuees, Welsh language speakers and more.

Facts & Finds
There are over 17,000 evacuees listed in our new 1939 Register special interest group. Those included in the group were explicitly noted as having been evacuated. Many others were not.

THE BOOKSHOP

We have a great selection of books for you this month at just £10.00 a copy. A massive reduction on the original price. So, why not

Scott of the Antarctic (Reduced from £19.99) - 8596
A History of Magic and Witchcraft (Reduced from £19.99) - 8502
The Engineering Revolution (Reduced from £25.00) - 8580
Josiah Wedgwood (Reduced from £25.00) - 8512
The Nurse who became a Spy (Reduced from £25.00) - 8602
Cricket in the Second World War (Reduced from £25.00) - 8598
Luxury Rail Journeys (Reduced from £35.00) - 8523
The Railway Haters (Reduced from £30.00) - 8524
A History of Trees (Reduced from £25.00) - 8526
The Magic of Terry Pratchett (Reduced from £19.99) - 8605
The London & North Western Railway (Reduced from £25.00) - 9597
An Encyclopaedia of British Bridges (Reduced from £60.00) - 8522

UKBMD Updates

Message from Ian Hartas, Local BMD Project.

A new Advanced Search page option has now been installed on all the Local BMD Project websites with links to it via the menu tabs at the top of each page.

This new search form will not replace the existing search
pages but adds to the options that the user has, so if anyone wishes to use the current search forms they still can.

On the existing separate pages you can search for marriages, deaths and two types of birth searches, by surname or by mother's maiden name. The new page offers all four types of search in one combined form. Also note that the Order in which the search results has been enhanced to allow for easier analysis of the results, e.g. the "By year, Combined" option will, I believe, be very useful.

Here's a worked example for you to try:
On the Bath BMD advanced search page, working from top to bottom of the form, select "All" as the "Type of Search", enter a range of years of 1892 to 1898,enter SWIFT as the surname, STOCK as the spouse's surname, STOCK as mother's
maiden name and then select "By year, Combined" as the sort order option then press the Display Results button to action the search.
The results will then be displayed and I hope that you will soon spot that there's a family in the results. Starting at the top you will see the marriage of Thomas and Eliza, followed by the birth of Halstead, the death of Halstead, then the birth of two girls Emma Sophie and Amy.
There are other deaths intermingled in there, but they can be ignored.

Immediately below the results you will see a copy of the search form ready with the previous entries selected, ready for refining for a further search or for a new search - avoiding the need to use the back button that would have been needed with the other search forms.

As with the other search forms you have the option to add selected entries on to the Summary page where you can then proceed to order copy certificates.

Access to all the Local BMD Projects can be found, as always, via the UKBMD website's Local BMD
page at https://UKBMD.org.uk/localbmd

As usual, thanks are due to Dafydd Hayes for the translations of the text into Welsh for the North Wales BMD website.

The following updates have just been announced for CheshireBMD

Marriages:
10 for Denton, Hope Congregational Chapel (Stockport Road), registers at Tameside (1998-2012)
5 for Ashton-under-Lyne, Albion United Reformed Church (Stamford Street), registers at Tameside (2019-2020)
43 for Ashton-under-Lyne, Methodist Church (Trafalgar Square), registers at Tameside (1961-2014)
18 for Hurst, Methodist Church (Curzon Road), registers at Tameside (1994-2017)
133 for Denton, Trinity Methodist Church (Hyde Road), registers at Tameside (1982-2017)
21 for Audenshaw, Methodist Church (Red Hall), registers at Tameside (2001-2019)
86 for Fairfield, Moravian Church, registers at Tameside (2007-2019)
16 for Hyde, Flowery Field Christian Church, registers at Tameside (2017-2019)
1 for Gee Cross, Wesleyan Methodist Church, registers at Tameside (2006-2006)
21 for Stalybridge, Unitarian Chapel (Canal Street), registers at Tameside (2014-2019)
63 for Dukinfield, Old Unitarian Chapel (Chapel Hill), registers at Tameside (2011-2020)
8 for Dukinfield, Bethesda Methodist Church (Wellington Street), registers at Tameside (2002-2016)
93 for Haughton Green, Wesleyan Methodist Church, registers at Tameside (1996-2016)
17 for Dukinfield, Baptist Church (Oxford Road), registers at Tameside (1979-2017)
33 for Stalybridge, Weslyan Methodist Church (Grosvenor Street), registers at Tameside (1998-2019)
117 for Stalybridge, St Peter's RC Church, registers at Tameside (2000-2021)
7 for Hyde, Fellowship Mission Hall (Chapel Steet), registers at Tameside (1986-2011)
18 for Hattersley, St James RC Church, registers at Tameside (1993-2011)
3 for Hyde, St Paul's RC Church (Newton Green), registers at Tameside (2017-2018)

25 for Ashton, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, registers at Tameside (2009-2020)
32 for Denton, St John Fisher Church Hall, Mancunnian Road, registers at Tameside (1995-2019)
14 for Ashton under Lyne, St Anne's Chapel, Burlington Street, registers at Tameside (2014-2021)
4 for Ashton under Lyne, Indian Community Centre, Union Road, registers at Tameside (2011-2014)
94 for Dukinfield, St Mary's RC Chapel, registers at Tameside (1999-2018)
39 for Mossley, United Methodist Church (Market Place), registers at Tameside (1995-2018)
14 for Ashton under Lyne, Church of the Nazarene, registers at Tameside (1985-2020)
20 for Hyde, Kingdom Hall, registers at Tameside (1999-2020)
12 for Stalybridge, Congregational Church, registers at Tameside (2001-2019)
1 for Swaminarayan Hindu Mission, registers at Tameside (2008-2008)
9 for New Chapel Unitarian & Free Christian, registers at Tameside (2019-2020)
8 for Droylsden, Methodist Chapel (Moorside), registers at Tameside (2006-2018)
27 for Ashton under Lyne, Christ Church, registers at Tameside (2011-2019)
48 for Haughton, St Anne, registers at Tameside (2007-2020)
240 for Hurst, St John, registers at Tameside (1987-2018)
7 for Mossley, St George, registers at Tameside (2018-2020)
10 for Roughtown, St John, registers at Tameside (2012-2020)
12 for Droylsden, St Martin, registers at Tameside (2012-2019)
177 for Ashton under Lyne, St Peter, registers at Tameside (1985-2020)
5 for Audenshaw, St Stephen, registers at Tameside (2017-2019)
47 for Denton, St Lawrence, registers at Tameside (2010-2019)

Marriages:
23 for Denton, Carmel Pentecostal Church (Seymour Street), registers at Tameside (2016-2019)
225 for Droylsden, St Mary, registers at Tameside (1998-2018)
173 for Dukinfield, St John, registers at Tameside (1987-2020)
132 for Dukinfield, St Mark, registers at Tameside (1994-2020)
102 for Hattersley, St Barnabas, registers at Tameside (1984-2020)
1 for Hollingworth, St Mary, registers at Tameside (2018-2018)
71 for Hyde, St George, registers at Tameside (1983-1990)
59 for Ashton under Lyne, St James, registers at Tameside (1998-2018)
93 for Millbrook, St James, registers at Tameside (1990-2019)
38 for Newton in Mottram, St Mary, registers at Tameside (2011-2019)
44 for Stalybridge, New St George, registers at Tameside (2012-2019)
30 for Denton, St George's Church, registers at Tameside (1975-2001)
1 for Ashton-under-Lyne, St Gabriel, registers at Tameside (2018-2018)
122 for Ashton under Lyne, St Michael, registers at Tameside (1992-2019)

Many thanks to Bob Kirk, Norma Turner, Bob Knowles and Keith Edwards for these.

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

THE HELP DESK

Just a reminder that our Helpdesk is now open with sessions running Monday - Friday as usual. However, we will be operating restricted sessions hours 11.00 - 2:30 until 17th December 2021 when we will close for the Christmas holidays. We certainly enjoyed seeing our Help Desk colleagues again and greeting visitors and society members back to the Help Desk. The number of customers has varied from day to day, as you would expect, ranging from 2 to 5 per day. If you are hitting a 'brick wall' or just wanting to access our on-line resources then please come on down. The volunteers are always there to help.

The Virtual Help Desk currently remains open but from October will revert to members only. This is considered a member benefit but was open to all during the pandemic when our physical Helpdesk had to close. We would like to thank our Virtual Help Desk team: Sue Williams, Lynne Wilkinson, Leslie Turner, and Pat Etchells for all of their assistance they have provided during the past 18 months or so! There were many interesting queries and we hope that everyone was able to move forward and make further progress with their research as a result.

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

Leslie Turner
Help Desk Co-ordinator

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. You can send them to:
M&LFHS
61 Queens Road
Urmston
M41 9HF

It may take a little time for the information to be entered into our database as I tend to enter them in batches and not singly

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 bye. If you are a sword swallower 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.

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