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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter. For the first time in 2 years we are hosting a live event at Manchester Central Library which we are calling 'Family and Local History in the City'. A number of local groups and societies will be there and our film archive partners will be showing a section of short films taken from in and around the Manchester area during the 1920s. The event is free to everyone so please come along, if you can, and enjoy this event.

Bolton, Oldham and the Anglo-Scots Branches have organised three talks via Zoom for this month and there are a number of Zoom talks organised by the National Archive which look interesting.

If you missed the 1921 census by Myko Clelland of Findmypast on 29 January, you will be pleased to hear that you can now see and hear Myko's excellent presentation on our web.

And finally



You've helped us send £27.89 to Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society this quarter. Every single donation you raise helps make a difference - so please keep going.

This quarter we're sharing the love more than ever and have paid out over £1.8 million in donations!

Thanks to supporters like you raising donations, together we've now raised over £40 million for good causes across the UK!

Help us share the love by letting everyone know the great news and encourage more people to join in.

Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society has been paid in the £1.8 million payout from #easyfundraising! These donations make a BIG difference and you can help too - it only takes 2 minutes to sign up and 6,000+ shops will donate for free, every time you shop with them! Visit:

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mlfhs/payments/61f901cd4a900db4227b865b/

Best wishes

Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

The removal of legal restrictions is a step towards a return to normal service, though inevitably we will all want to exercise caution over our social mixing for a little time yet.

Our Helpdesk continues to operate on a daily basis each weekday in the library, guiding visitors through the intricacies of the Free Search of the 1921 Census Returns. The number of visitors is increasing all the time and my hope is it won't be long before it reaches the level attained two years' ago.

The first opportunity for members to gather in Manchester Central Library will come on 26th March when the Society will host a Family and Local History in the City Fair embracing many of the local organisations in harness with the Society's partners to celebrate the vibrant cultural life of the city as spring approaches. This event, originally planned for 2021, was victim to the pandemic restrictions. However, thanks to the work of our Promotions and Education Committee, we have been able to stage it in the library's Performance Space this year. Admission is free to all, with craft workshops to keep the children occupied. For further details check with the website <https://mlfhs.uk>.

In the months ahead we have other meetings planned, one of which is the Annual General Meeting in May, which will be sandwiched between talks by Michael Billington and Dr Joanna M Williams on local topics. Consult the website for full details.

I look forward to seeing you at one or other, maybe all of these meetings.

In closing, I take this opportunity to congratulate Bolton Branch, which this month celebrates the 40th anniversary of its formation as the Bolton & District FHS in February 1982. I was privileged to chair the branch's annual meeting this month when its hard-working officers and committee were re-elected. As they await their first meeting at a new venue in April, I send best wishes to David Baker and his team, knowing that their packed meeting programme will quickly restore the friendly social atmosphere they were denied by the pandemic.

May you have a successful year of research,

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.

Best wishes
Elsie

EVENTS/TALKS

Manchester Branch



SATURDAY, 26TH MARCH 2022
Manchester Central Library 10.00am - 4.00pm

craft workshops for children

local groups & societies

preservation & conservation

archives+, NW Film Archives

free admission to all

Films from the past from North West Film Archives
View items from the Archives.
Learn about your town and learn about your Ancestors.
Full list of local-based exhibitors on our website and posters
Get creative with craft activity aimed at children but all welcome.
Books at great prices.
Manchester Military History
Plus GMP Spam Squad
More information at <https://mlfhs.uk/fairs>

Bolton Branch

Not Mass Observation Again!

by [Bolton Family History Society](#)



Date and time

Wed, 2 March 2022
19:15 – 21:15 GMT

Yes! We've recently uncovered just how important local working people were to the 1937 - 1940 Bolton/Worktown survey.

Booking through [Eventbrite](#).

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

Oldham Branch

'Edwin Butterworth – Oldham's Forgotten Historian '

by Michael Winstanley



Family & Local History



'Edwin Butterworth – Oldham's Forgotten Historian'
A free, online talk, on zoom, given by Dr. Michael Winstanley

Date and time

Sat, March 12, 2022
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM GMT

Edwin Butterworth's journals and publications provide an important insight into life in early industrial Lancashire. He died in 1848, age 35

Edwin Butterworth – Oldham's Forgotten Historian

An illustrated, free, online talk, given by Dr. Michael Winstanley who became interested in Edwin Butterworth during the 1980s while researching Oldham history. He tells us about the importance of Edwin's travels and historical researches on Lancashire and the news reports he supplied to Manchester newspapers in the 1830s and 1840s. Edwin's journals and publications provide an unparalleled insight into life in early industrial Lancashire. He died young in 1848 aged just 35.

Booking through [Eventbrite](#).

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

Anglo-Scots

Banking Records in Scotland

by Sian Yates



Date and time

Sat, 5 March 2022
14:00 – 16:30 GMT

Sian Yates is the archivist for the Museum on the Mound and her presentation will centre on the banking records that exist for Lloyds Bank. Other than that, we have to wait to see what Sian will reveal.

The image above is of Edinburgh's Museum on the Mound, the purpose-built head office of the Bank of Scotland, which is now also the Scottish headquarters for the Lloyds Banking Group.

Booking through [Eventbrite](#).

The Zoom invitation will be sent to those who have booked at 6.00 am on Friday 4th March. If you do not receive your invitation at that time please contact angloscots@mlfhs.org.uk

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.

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 Online in March



What is History, Now? In conversation with Helen Carr and Suzannah Lipscomb

Friday 4 March at 14:00

Join Helen Carr and Suzannah Lipscomb in conversation about their latest book, What is History, Now?, a ground-breaking collection of essays addressing the burning issue of how we interpret history today.

[Book tickets on Eventbrite](#)



British Sign Language: Exhibition Tours (at The National Archives)

Sunday 6 March at 14:00 at various times

Take a BSL signed tour of our current exhibition and discover some surprising stories about the 1920s.

[Book tickets on Eventbrite](#)



Researching your family history: Military sources

Tuesday 15 March at 14:00

Join our experts as they draw on our collections to explore how to using these sources can enrich genealogical research and help develop your understanding of an ancestor's time in military service.

[Book tickets on Eventbrite](#)



The 1920s: Radical Fashion with Amber Butchart

Wednesday 30 March at 19:30

Dress historian Amber Butchart looks at radical fashion changes in the 1920s and some of the notable figures that helped to define the decade.

[Book tickets on 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. Sign up for free. 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](#).

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

PROJECTS UPDATE

Godfrey Map Index

Knowing which of the Alan Godfrey Maps covers the streets where your ancestors lived is often a problem. To help with this, Harry Bebbington and Rita Whitefield many years ago created indexes to the maps covering central Manchester and some of the inner suburbs. Entering a street name will return a list of all the sheets on which the street appears, each with a link to the page on the MLFHS Online Shop where there is more information about the map's coverage. The index can be accessed on the society web site (Research – Godfrey Map Index).

More recently, Sheila Goodyear kindly agreed to adding similar indexes, which she had created for Oldham and many of the surrounding districts, to the index and I have added further entries from my own maps covering Stretford and Sale. The maps now covered by the index are listed below with the MLFHS Online Shop code number and the Ordnance Survey sheet number:

Coverage	Code	OS No		
Ashton & Dukinfield 1907	3427	c3.09	Gorton & Belle Vue 1905	3109 104.16
Ashton-on-Mersey & Sale 1927	3951	110.08	Guide Bridge 1918	3318 105.10
Ashton-under-Lyne 1916	3952	105.06	Harpurhey & Collyhurst 1891	3123 104.03
Audenshaw & Droylsden 1916	3427	105.09	Higher Ardwick 1849	3041 40
Castlefield 1848	3032	32	Hulme 1844	3038 38
Chadderton 1907	3129	97.05	Hulme St George 1849	3037 37
Cheetham & Hr Broughton 1931	3136	104.02	Lees 1906	3382 97.11
Chorlton-c-H & Stretford 1905	3103	111.01	Lydgate 1906	3130 97.12
Chorlton-on-Medlock 1848	3039	39	Manchester (Clayton) 1932	3134 104.08
Denton Town Centre 1918	3120	105.14	Manchester (NE) 1891	3121 104.07
Denton West 1916	3122	105.13	Manchester (NW) 1915	3129 104.06
Droylsden 1906	3107	105.05	Manchester (SE) 1915	3110 104.11
			Manchester (SW) 1894	3111 104.10

Manchester City Centre 1849	3028 28	Oldham South West 1916	3902 97.09
Manchester London Road 1849	3034 34	Openshaw 1905	3114 104.12
Manchester New Cross 1849	3024 24	Oxford Street & Gaythorne 1849	3033 33
Manchester Piccadilly 1849	3029 29	Pendleton (North) 1889	3380 104.01
Manchester Victoria 1848	3023 23	Sale (Brooklands) 1908	3438 9.15
Manchester, Ancoats	3030 30	Salford (Adelphi) 1848	3022 22
Manchester, Ancoats (North)	3025 25	Salford Docks 1905	3115 104.09
Moss Side 1889	3118 104.14	Salford West 1916	3132 104.05
New Bailey & Ordsall Lane 1848	3027 27	S. Denton & Haughton Gn 1904	N/A 112.02
Newton Heath 1915	3137 104.04	Stretford 1904	3379 110.04
Old Trafford 1905	3113 104.13	Upper Ardwick 1849	3035 35
Oldham 1907	3128 97.06	Victoria Park 1889	3116 104.15
Oldham East 1907	3127 97.07		
Oldham South 1906	3125 97.10		

I will be happy to add to the index if you have any Alan Godfrey Map sheets for other areas in the Greater Manchester area which are not listed above and are prepared to index the streets which appear. If you are interested, please contact me on john@johnmarsden.name and I will let you know what is needed (and make sure that there is no duplication!).

The Manchester sheets for the Godfrey Map Index are in the public area of the web site at <https://www.mlfhs.uk/databases/godfrey-map-index>

The following update has been posted to Manchester Catholic Registers

The DVD containing indexes and transcripts for the baptism registers of five further catholic churches (plus images only of St. Casimir, Collyhurst, for which a transcriber capable of reading Polish and other Eastern European names was not found) has now been published. A further 243,155 names have been added to the Catholic Records Index taking the total to 1,076,294 names.

John Marsden

HELPDESK

The MLFHS Family History Help Desk remains busy since our reopening in January despite the library recently experiencing a number of technical issues. These lie outside the control of the Help Desk or MLFHS, however most visitors bring several research queries with them in order to make the most out of their visit. In general, the Help Desk remains busy. The team are enjoying meeting the many visitors who are travelling from further afield in the UK especially for free access to the 1921 census.

Our Help Desk hours remain M-F 10:30-3:30

Top Tips if visiting:

- Please bring enough change for the printer if you plan to print out your discoveries. 1 A4 B/W print = 20p. Remember to print any census material landscape!
- Remember to bring a memory stick if you are planning to save your discoveries this way. We do not sell any at MCL.
- Planning to email your discoveries home? Please, make a mental note of your email address and password otherwise you won't be able to access your email account!

We are still looking for additional afternoon support for the Help Desk. If this interests you and you feel you have the relevant experience necessary, please contact Leslie Turner: helpdesk@mlfhs.org.uk

Leslie Turner
Help Desk Co-ordinator

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.

Manchester & Lancashire FHS Introducing the 1921 Census - Now Online!

If you were unlucky and could not get a ticket to the talk about the 1921 census by Myko Clelland of Findmypast on 29 January, you will be pleased to hear that you can now see and hear Myko's excellent presentation on our web site.

If you were lucky and heard the talk, you may wish to see it again since it contained so much information that it was hard to take it all in the first time.

The talk is available to MLFHS members only so to access the recording you must first log in to the member area. To see the video:

- Go to the [MLFHS web site](#)
- Log in to the member area.
- Go to the 1921 Census page (first featured item)

The link to the recording, which lasts about one hour and fifteen minutes, is the first item on the page.

Please note: The video will remain on the web site until Friday 18 March, after which date it will no longer be available.

WEBSITES



The MyHeritage site hosts a wealth of information covering all aspects of genealogy and it is all free. It offers features and practical tips which you can filter by family tree, research, photos or DNA. More details [HERE](#).

MyHeritage - Introduction to Genealogy

About this course

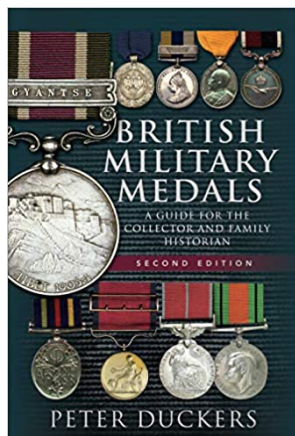
If you're looking to learn more about your family history, you're in the right place! In this free online course you'll gain a detailed understanding of how to kickstart your family history research. Each lesson will provide a step-by-step walkthrough of different topics in the world of genealogy. You'll learn firsthand from top experts, and once you complete the course you'll have all the tools you'll need to grow your family tree and make exciting discoveries about your ancestors. The entire course comprises of 40 lessons lasting 5 hours and is completely free of charge.

What will you learn?

- How to build your family tree online
- Researching your ancestors using historical records
- Leveraging different technologies to grow your tree
- Advantages of DNA testing for genealogy research
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Direct link [HERE](#).

THE BOOKSHOP



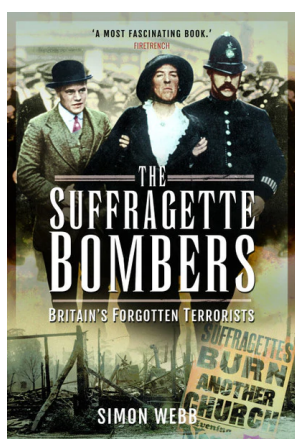
British Military Medals

Code: 8621

£10.50 ~~£14.99~~

This second edition of Peter Duckers best-selling British Military Medals traces the history of medals and gallantry awards from Elizabethan times to the modern day, and it features an expert account of their design and production. Campaign and gallantry medals are a key to understanding - and exploring - British and imperial military history, and to uncovering the careers and exploits of individual soldiers. In a series of succinct and well-organized chapters he explains how medals originated, to whom they were awarded and how the practice of giving medals has developed over the centuries. His work is a guide for collectors and for local and family historians who want to learn how to use medals to discover the history of military units and the experiences of individuals who served in them.

More details [HERE](#)



The Suffragette Bombers

Code: 8622

£10.50 ~~£14.99~~

In the years leading up to the First World War, the United Kingdom was subjected to a ferocious campaign of bombing and arson. Those conducting this terrorist offensive were members of the Women's Social and Political Union; better known as the suffragettes.

The targets for their attacks ranged from St Paul's Cathedral and the Bank of England in London to theatres and churches in Ireland. The violence, which included several attempted assassinations, culminated in June 1914 with an explosion in Westminster Abbey.

More details [HERE](#)

UKBMD Updates

Message from Bill Harrison, Staffordshire.

All

Below is the Staffs BMD 11th feb update

Marriages

14 for Dilhorne, All Saints, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2017-2019)
15 for Knypersley, St John, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2013-2016)
9 for Rushton, St Lawrence, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2015-2020)
24 for Brown Edge (Hill Top), Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1983-2010)
21 for Biddulph Moor, Christ Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2007-2020)
9 for Clayton, Methodist Church (St Luke's), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2004-2018)
11 for Cross Heath, Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2014)
7 for Halmerend, Central Methodist, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2015)
3 for Silverdale, Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2014-2015)
50 for Westlands, St Peter's Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1996-2016)
33 for Silverdale, ELIM Pentecostal Church - High Street, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2020)
59 for Bradwell, Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1995-2020)
43 for Cross Heath, St Michael and All Angels, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1990-2016)
19 for Mow Cop, St Thomas, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2010-2019)
44 for The Westlands, St Andrew, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2000-2019)
47 for Newchapel, St James, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2010-2019)
8 for Bradwell, St Barnabas, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2012-2017)
92 for Chesterton, Holy Trinity, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2020)
106 for Swynnerton, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1987-2020)

ORPHAN BMDs

Thank you to Mrs. Kearsley and Peter Boylan who kindly sent me their unwanted certificates. These will be added to our database together with images.

These certificates are a valuable asset to the Society and will be useful for many.

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

However, if you wish to keep your certificates then you can send scans, preferably as a PDF to office@mlfhs.org.uk and they will be passed on to me.

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 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.



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

and Twitter



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Manchester Histories Festival 2022



Manchester Histories Festival will take place between Wednesday 8 and Sunday 12 June 2022

This year's theme is all about the environment and climate change. By exploring the past, Manchester Histories wants to inspire people to look at ways they can take action for a better future for all.

There are lots of ways you can join in either as an individual, group or organisation.

- **Put on an event:** You could sign up to put on a talk, walk, workshop, exhibition or to let people know what you are doing about climate change and action as part of the festival's programme
- **Celebration Day:** Join us for our famous Celebration Day on Sunday 12th June at Gorton Monastery by hosting your own stall to promote all the history and heritage activities you do and are interested in sharing
- **Volunteer:** Be part of the Manchester Histories team to meet new people, be part of something big and learn new things
- **Sponsor Us:** Make a real difference to the Festival by becoming a sponsor. Our packages offer a variety of unique and valuable benefits to our partners

[FIND OUT MORE](#)