

# M&LFHS Newsletter

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## **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Hello and welcome to the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the Manchester newsletter. Two years ago saw the beginning of a nationwide shutdown due to the Covid 19 virus but now all restrictions have been lifted in England. This has meant that an event planned for 2021 was finally a reality and was held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March with family history societies and community groups meeting in the performance suite at Manchester Central Library.

We also had support from the library's sound and film Archives departments (Archives+). Thank you to David Govier and his team for organising an opportunity to visit the sound studio and learn how they are digitising thousands of tapes (both cassette and reel to reel) and using equipment that is no longer commercially available. When tape heads wear out or equipment fails then the only way forward is to buy second hand and strip out the usable components. It was also startling to discover that recordable CDs and DVDs have a very limited life span. If you have used these formats to archive your precious photographs or other memories then it was recommended that you back them up immediately to a hard drive or to the cloud. But remember, hard drives can, and do, fail. David also organised a film show of a selection of silent films (from 1910 to the mid 1920s) which ran continuously throughout the event.

I managed to visit all the stalls and everyone said that it was good to return to face-to-face events and have the opportunity to talk to friends and the general public. Thank you to all who attended the event and in particular to all the Society volunteers who gave up their time to help man our stall and to meet and greet the general public.

Pat Etchells, editor of our quarterly journal *The Manchester Genealogist*, has been in touch to say that she would like to hear from members about their research. If you have a story to tell about your ancestors and the way they lived then please get in touch with Pat at [editor@MLFHS.org.uk](mailto:editor@MLFHS.org.uk). Perhaps our overseas members have interesting stories about how their ancestors emigrated from the UK to start a new life. I am sure that it would be of interest to everyone particularly if you could say what websites and other sources were used to trace their movements. The article can be of any length and guidance can be found in any issue of the *Manchester Genealogist* under the heading of 'Notes for Contributors'.

Leslie Turner is also looking for volunteers to assist on the Help Desk at the library. If you feel that you would like to give something back to the Society then please contact Leslie at [helpdesk@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@mlfhs.org.uk).

You will also notice that the Oldham branch are organising a hybrid meeting with a talk programmed for the 9<sup>th</sup> April. More details are given later in this newsletter.

Just a reminder that our annual general meeting will be held at the library on 11<sup>th</sup> May and more details can be found on our website.

Best wishes  
Barry Henshall

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN**

Spring is always such an exciting time. The early spring weather and the shift in the clocks in the UK have lifted our spirits here in Manchester and allowed us to launch our 2022 face-to-face meetings programme with a bounce. Last Saturday saw the Performance Space in Central Library buzzing with animated conversations between representatives of fifteen community groups and a high number of visitors from every corner of Greater Manchester as well as friends from Liverpool and Cheshire. My thanks to all who organised and participated in a thoroughly enjoyable event.

This will be just the start of our programme to combine physical meetings with the continuing Zoom presentations. In April you can look forward to the resumption of our beginners talks now rebranded Explore when Michael Couper explores the origins and content of the decennial Census. Find details on the Society website – <https://mlfhs.uk>.

Meantime, our Monday/Friday Helpdesk service continues to provide help and guidance to researchers with the 1921 Census Returns largely dominating enquiries. From time to time our Helpdesk teams require refreshing as volunteers take breaks and so if you feel you can help bridge the gap please contact our Helpdesk Coordinator who will guide you through what vacancies exist. Help is always available too from the corps of knowledgeable contributors to the Member Forum. And our project programmes have now broken through the three million records ceiling. Why not spend a little time exploring the variety of unique records we hold in digital form on our website?

And so, during the pandemic many of you will have made great advances in composing the story of your own family. Let your fellow members know the results of your research. The stories you can tell will be interesting and engaging, and knowledge of the sources you have used will help others in their own quest. We are always on the lookout for research articles for *The Manchester Genealogist [TMG]* so if you can, put pen to paper [so to speak – it will probably be word processed these days] and send your story to our Journal Editor [full

details can be found in any edition of *TMG* or the website]. Your story need not span a lifetime or more than one generation of your family and even half a page can carry an interesting yarn.

So, all is set fair for another exciting year. Our AGM takes place a little later this year- in May- but it will be the first one we have been able to hold in person for a couple of years. The AGM itself, in accordance with our tradition, will be sandwiched between presentations by two experienced local speakers. And there will be an opportunity to catch-up, perhaps for the first time in two years, with friends and fellow researchers. Full details on our website, *TMG* and our regular newsletters. I look forward to seeing there if you are able to attend.

I wish you all good health and successful research,

David

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY**

Please feel free to contact the office [office@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto: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**

#### **CENSUS: A TALK BY MICHAEL COUPER**

MLFHS PERFORMANCE SPACE Central Library

April 23 10-30 to 12-30

Michael Couper looks at the reasons for and method of taking census together with the varied information each census gives. Also discussed will be methods of finding your ancestor when errors of transcription have occurred. This talk is aimed at people new to family history research or those who simply wish to refresh their knowledge.

It is free to Society members but non-members are most welcome to attend for a small charge of £3.00 (refundable for anyone who joins on the day).

Please check our website later this month for more details and to book through Eventbrite

## Bolton Branch



### Finding Aunt Sarah -Zoom meeting

by Bolton Family History Society

Date and time

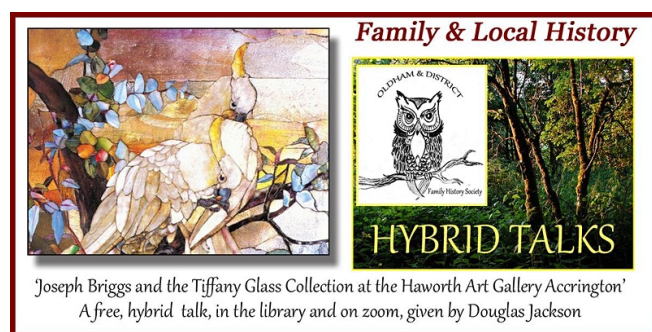
Wed, 6 April 2022  
19:15 – 21:15 BST

We are pleased to welcome one of our regular speakers Dr Alan Crosby. Reconstructing the family history of his grandma's best friend.

Book through [Eventbrite](#)

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

## Oldham Branch



### Joseph Briggs and the Tiffany Glass Collection at the Haworth Art Gallery

by Douglas Jackson

Date and time

Sat, 9 April 2022  
14:00 – 15:30 BST

Douglas Jackson is the author of 'Mosaic' about Joseph Briggs and 'Tiffany Glass'. One of the world's finest collections of classic American art glass by Tiffany is not in New York or London or Paris - it's in the old Lancashire mill town of Accrington. Joseph Briggs, was a native of Accrington and emigrated to America.

**HYBRID MEETING** : a free talk, in Oldham Library, and simultaneously to an audience on zoom. Booking only necessary for zoom attendees.

Book through [Eventbrite](#) and to find more details about the talk

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



## Anglo-Scots



### Anglo Scottish FHS Meeting Annual Meeting followed by Members Heirlooms

Date and time

Sat, 2 Apr 2022, 14:00 - 16:30 BST

Annual Meeting followed by Members  
Heirlooms

This meeting will be an opportunity for attendees to show their treasured heirlooms and let us know what they mean to their owners.

The meeting will be held in Central Library Performance space. This decision is subject to Covid restrictions applicable at the time.

Register at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

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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## 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](https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

## Events

An exciting programme of [online talks](#) from April through to June are for everyone and are delivered by experts, specialists and special guest speakers. When you book an event, you are invited to pay what you can – this is optional and entirely at the discretion of attendees. Some of the events remain completely free, as are the [online research and academic events](#). Browse the latest programme below visit [FAQ page](#) to find out more about registering and accessing an event.

## Priority booking to all events

Get priority booking to all our events every month when you subscribe to our weekly newsletter. Get priority booking – [sign up to our mailing list now](#).

## PROJECTS UPDATE

The following update has been posted to **Manchester Burials**

Added the final register for Pendlebury, St. John's Church courtesy of Mark Harrey. These are 489 burials 1940-45.

Single volume of burials for Sacred Trinity, Salford, now in progress.

The following update has been posted to **Manchester School for the Deaf Admissions**

A further volume covering admissions 1889-1895 have been added to The Great Database.

The following update has been posted to **Miscellaneous Small Projects**

Added 264 baptisms for Bolton, King's Hall Wesleyan Methodist Mission 1932-1958 transcribed by Joan Bridges for Bolton & District FHS

Added 402 baptisms at Walmsley Old Chapel, Dimple transcribed by Bolton & District FHS.

Added 278 names taken from the Little Bolton Poor Rate books transcribed by John Lippiat of Bolton & District FHS.

Added a further 548 deaths at Scutari Hospital during the Crimean War 1854-6 and reported in UK newspapers. Transcribed by Anthony Stephen. This completes this project with a total of 5,893 deaths recorded.

Added 47 Marriages for Blackburn RD comprising:

Darwen, Congregational Church (Hollins Grove) (2005-2008)

Blackburn, Ragged School (Bent St) (1976-2007)

Blackburn, Elim Pentecostal Church (Park Rd) (1986-1998)

Thanks to Tony Foster and his team for the above.

Another sheet added to the **Godfrey Map Index**. This time the sheet for Bardsley 1906, which has been indexed by Barry Birch.

A mostly rural area, but provides the locations of a number of farms as well as the street names.

I have just added a further 198 street/building references to the Godfrey Map Index. These relate to the sheet for Royton in 1932 and come thanks to the work of Paul Thomas. More on the way!

Indexing of several more sheets is in progress around the Oldham area, but if you have any of the sheets for areas south of Manchester or between Bolton and Oldham, there are opportunities to contribute to this increasingly useful index.

The following update has been posted to **Zion Letters**

Work on the project is about to re-commence.

The following update has been posted to **LancashireBMD - Manchester RO Births (Mother's Maiden Name)**

Work on adding mothers' maiden names to the index is re-starting at Manchester Central Library

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

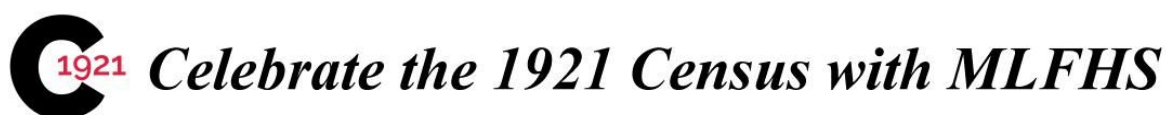
As a reminder our Virtual Help Desk remains open for member queries. Please keep your research questions as specific as possible.

### 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](mailto:helpdesk@mlfhs.org.uk)

Leslie Turner  
Help Desk Co-ordinator



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!

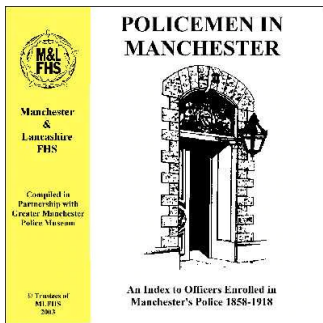
## WEBSITES

### **Greater Manchester Police Museum & Archives.**

This is a new website developed during the Covid lockdown and is well worth a visit. If you live in the Manchester area then why not book a visit. The museum is based in the heart of Manchester's Northern Quarter. The museum is set inside an 1879 police station allowing you to step back in time and see cells and a courtroom as they would have been at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Visit [www.gmpmuseum.co.uk](http://www.gmpmuseum.co.uk) for more details about this fascinating and unique museum in Manchester.

## THE BOOKSHOP

Following on with our police theme you may be interested in the following:-



### **Policemen in Manchester**

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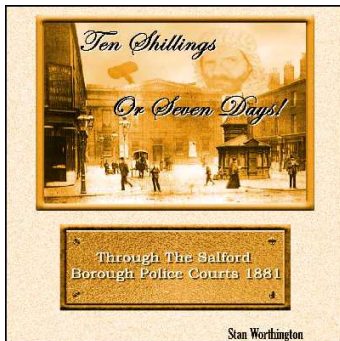
£4.25

£5.10 inc VAT for customers within the EU

An index to the service records of Manchester police officers appointed from 1858 to 1918. Provides details of name, age, birthplace, previous occupation, religion & marital status, as well as date of appointment, for some 8,500 officers. Further information on officers identified in the index may be available

from the Manchester Police Museum, Newton Street, Manchester.

This is also available as a download Code: DL1611 at £2.00



### **Ten Shillings or Seven Days**

Code: 1609

£4.25

£5.10 inc VAT for customers within the EU

Through The Salford Borough Police Courts 1881. Stan Worthington. Cases extracted from Salford's three main newspapers from the year 1881 with the majority of reports coming from the Pendleton Reporter. The cases are listed in chronological order and appear as reported.

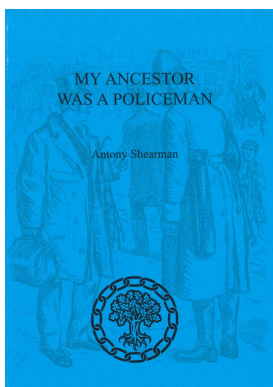
Some typical entries:

Saturday 19th February 1881 MISCELLANEOUS Moses Wilkinson, 6, Brewerton-street, Pendleton, Mechanic, drunk and disorderly in Chapel-street, Salford, fined 5s, or three days. –William McNunn, 26 Crowther-street, Salford, labourer, drunk in Liverpool-street, fined 5s, or three days.

Friday 1st April 1881 WIFE ASSAULT. David Butler, 6, Johnson-street, Salford, hawker, was charged with assaulting his wife,

Mary, on the 28th inst. –The case having been proved the prisoner was ordered to find one surety in £5 and himself in £10 to keep the peace for twelve months, or in default fourteen days' imprisonment.

This is also available as a download Code: DL1609 at £2.00



### **My Ancestor was a Policeman by A Shearman.**

Code: 6618

£5.50

Details of some 250 archives with references to may thousands of names recorded in the police force registers in Britain including details of police museums. A5, 44pp.



### Roman Catholic Baptisms

#### Fourth Collection

St. Alban, Ancoats  
1863-1898

St. Aloysius, Ardwick  
1854-1903

St. Mary, Failsworth  
1849-1908

St. Mary, Mulberry Street  
1850-1922

St. Patrick, Livesey Street  
1861-1897

St. Casimir, Collyhurst  
1904-1931 (images only)

Images and transcripts of 52,664 baptisms  
plus an index to the 243,155 persons named in  
the above register entries

## Roman Catholic Baptisms 4 (Fourth Collection)

Code: 1600

£5.00

£6.00 inc VAT for customers within the EU

This DVD contains copies of the baptism registers of the Roman Catholic churches of

- St. Alban, Ancoats 1863-1898
- St. Aloysius, Ardwick 1854-1903
- St. Mary, Failsworth 1849-1908
- St. Mary, Mulberry Street 1850-1922
- St. Patrick, Livesey Street 1861-1897
- St. Casimir, Collyhurst 1904-1931 images only

Members of the Irish Ancestry Branch of Manchester & Lancashire FHS have, by kind permission of the Diocese, transcribed details of the 52,664 baptisms recorded in the above registers.

The transcript provides full details as contained in the registers and is accompanied by a composite index to the 243,155 names of children, parents and godparents appearing in the entries. Scanned images of each register concerned are also included.

### UKBMD Updates

Message from Bill Harrison, Staffordshire.

Below is the Staffs BMD updates

#### Deaths:

1,526 for Longton, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1970-1974)

#### Marriages - updates, additions and corrections to:

18 for Tamworth Leyfields, St Francis, registers at Lichfield (1986-2018)

21 for Farewell, St Bartholomew, registers at Lichfield (1995-2018)

103 for Gentleshaw, Christ Church, registers at Lichfield (1992-2019)

58 for Leek, All Saints, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1995-2019)

267 for Leek, St Edwards, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1994-2014)

65 for Fegg Hays (Fegg Hays Rd), St Bernadette's Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1973-1997)

151 for Burslem, St Paul, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1972-2017)

223 for Rugeley, Roman Catholic Church of St Joseph & St Ethelreda, Lichfield Street, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1988-2020)

9 for Rugeley, Kingdom Hall, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2004-2020)

12 for Bramshall, St Lawrence, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2011-2020)

14 for Gratwich, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1971-2019)

20 for Kingston, St John the Baptist, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2011-2019)

27 for Leigh, All Saints, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2013-2020)



9 for Marchington, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2015-2018)  
 8 for Stramshall, St Michael, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2014-2020)  
 209 for Uttoxeter, St Mary the Virgin, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1998-2020)  
 17 for Yoxall, St Francis Chapel, Wood Lane, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2012)  
 17 for Barton-under-Needwood, Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Wales Lane, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1987-2020)  
 17 for Burton-upon-Trent, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2000-2020)  
 20 for Burton-upon-Trent, Riverside Buildings , registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2012-2020)  
 21 for Hints, St Bartholomew, registers at Lichfield (2004-2019)  
 10 for Lichfield, Church of Latter Day Saint's, registers at Lichfield (2012-2016)  
 18 for Lichfield, United Reform Church, registers at Lichfield (2001-2020)  
 19 for Lichfield, Kingdom Hall, Chorley Rd, Chase Terrace, registers at Lichfield (1998-2018)  
 13 for Alrewas, All Saint's, registers at Lichfield (2018-2020)  
 4 for Lichfield, Elmhurst Mission Of St Chad , registers at Lichfield (2007-2020)  
 37 for Belgrave, Field farm Road, Baptist Church, registers at Lichfield (1988-2013)  
 10 for Colton, St Mary the Virgin, registers at Lichfield (2017-2019)  
 1 for Farewell, St Bartholomew, registers at Lichfield (2019-2019)  
 8 for Fradley, St Stephen, registers at Lichfield (2016-2019)  
 7 for Lichfield, Netherston Lane, Emmanuel Christian Centre, registers at Lichfield (2009-2019)  
 85 for Tamworth, St John's Chapel, registers at Lichfield (2008-2021)  
 1 for Gentleshaw, Christ Church, registers at Lichfield (2019-2019)  
 69 for Tamworth Glascote, St George, registers at Lichfield (2002-2017)  
 121 for Caverswall, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2011-2021)  
 20 for Cheddleton, St Edwards, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2010-2012)  
 48 for Leek, St Edwards, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2014-2020)  
 1 for Knypersley, Biddulph Pentecostal Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2018-2018)  
 64 for Audley, Audley Central Methodist Church - Bignall End, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1992-2018)  
 87 for Knutton, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2001-2019)  
 29 for Maer, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2007-2019)  
 98 for Newcastle, St Paul, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1986-2017)  
 184 for Porthill, St Andrew, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1986-2020)  
 7 for Chapel Chorlton, St Lawrence, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2012-2019)  
 73 for Codsull, St Christopher's Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1995-2018)  
 45 for Great Wyrley, St Mark, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2017-2020)  
 118 for Shareshill, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2001-2019)  
 74 for Weston-under-Lizard, St Andrew, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2007-2020)  
 22 for Wheaton Aston, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2019)  
 52 for Kinver, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2016-2020)  
 32 for Bishops Wood, St John, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2020)  
 15 for Landywood (Great Wyrley), St Andrew, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1982-2019)  
 7 for Lower Penn, St Ann, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2007-2017)  
 21 for Blymhill, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2015)  
 158 for Brewood, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2008-2020)  
 13 for Coppenhall, St Lawrence, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2008-2020)  
 32 for Dunston, St Leonard, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1992-2020)  
 25 for Essington, St John, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2016-2019)

Message from John Marsden, Lancashire.

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Darwen, Congregational Church (Hollins Grove) (2005-2008)  
Blackburn, Ragged School (Bent St) (1976-2007)  
Blackburn, Elim Pentecostal Church (Park Rd) (1986-1998)

Thanks to Tony Foster and his team for the above.

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

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](mailto:office@mlfhs.org.uk) and they will be passed on to me. If you have problems sending scans to this address then please contact me at [newsletter@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@mlfhs.org.uk) and I will suggest an alternative means of forwarding the PDF files.

### 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](https://www.northwestfilmarchive.org/), 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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## Photo Gallery

### Family and Local History in Manchester 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022

