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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

1921 Census on Findmypast

To access the 1921 census details on Findmypast from home there is a pay-to-view charge. 10% discount on this charge is available if you have a Findmypast PRO subscription. If you want to do a lot of 1921 census searches it may be worth upgrading to the PRO subscription. Findmypast are offering a 21% discount on Pro Subscriptions taken out before 16 June 2022. Simply enter the promotion code "ROADSHOW" when you subscribe to get the discount. Having said that our Chairman reminds us that the 1921 census is free to anyone who visits Manchester Central Library and volunteers on our Helpdesk will be only too willing to answer any queries.

A gentle reminder that the Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 in the Performance Suite at Manchester Central Library. There will also be two talks, one prior to the AGM and the other following in the afternoon. More details can be found later in this newsletter.

Best wishes
Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

The year is developing much as I expected. It began with a flurry of activity surrounding the release of the 1921 Census Returns by FindMyPast and a very busy period for our Helpdesk, now operating its traditional 5-hour-a-day, 5-days-a week service. Many researchers, members and non-members alike, have been taking full advantage of the Free Search and Download facility offered by Manchester Central Library as the Northern Hub of The National Archive. That facility continues to be available, so I urge anyone who wishes to take advantage of it to do so.

Whenever I have visited Central Library during the early months, I have noticed that the number of visitors is on the increase, though not quite yet at pre-Covid levels. It is understandable that folk are returning slowly and cautiously to their traditional pursuits. To encourage this return Society events are now being arranged with face-to-face meetings being added to the more Covid-friendly online programme. It is early days, but attendances thus far have been disappointing. The weather has been generally better than seasonal average and the city centre has been thronged with crowds in the sunshine, yet we are struggling to attract our core membership from Greater Manchester.

My hope is that our members will recall the enjoyment they found in the company of like-minded friends at our presentations with in-person speakers and pencil our programme dates back into their diaries. [Yes, I know that's old hat- I ought to say - key those dates into your planner.]

The next opportunity to come together in Central Library will be our Quarterly Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 11th May when we hold our AGM sandwiched between two inspiring presentations by local speakers. The first will be given by old friend, Michael Billington who will follow up his last visit in 2018 when he takes another look at the quirkier side of life in Urmston, Flixton and Davyhulme. His talk begins at 10.30 and will be followed by our Annual General Meeting taking us up to lunch time. Our afternoon offering features a presentation by Dr Joanna M Williams when she explains how a loophole in the law allowed a thousand women to vote in the general election of 1868, fifty years before the Representation of the Peoples Act was put on the statute. Only the dedication of early suffragist, The Great Miss Lydia Becker, led to this unusual episode. Why not come to hear how this was?

Full details and booking facilities are displayed on the Society website. Go to <https://mlfhs.uk> and follow the Meetings and Events prompt to access the Eventbrite link. I look forward to renewing friendships with many of our former regulars on May 11th.

For the many others who cannot visit Central Library, I assure you that our online programme will continue alongside our traditional face-to-face meetings. There will continue to be online presentations, and so plenty to interest those of you who do not live within easy travel distance from central Manchester. We are currently looking to overcome technical obstacles which prevent us offering hybrid meetings. When we are satisfied that we can do this successfully, we will do so.

Meantime, I wish you every success in your 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



**URMSTON, FLIXTON AND DAVYHULME
A COLLECTION OF
ANTIQUES AND CURIOS**

Urmston, Flixton & Davyhulme, a Collection of Antiques and Curios: Michael Billington

Date and time

Wed, 11 May 2022
10:30 – 12:00 BST

This talk is essentially the sequel to Michael Billington's The Story of Urmston, Flixton and Davyhulme, which was held at Manchester Central Library in 2018; here we take a look at the quirkier side of life in the area.

Who has heard of Lillicrap's Hone?
Or Leeming's concrete incinerator in the shape of a tree trunk?
Why did the local bobby pay children for sparrows' heads and crows' legs?
Who was the Davyhulme Yank?
What are the "Seven Sisters"?
Where was the concrete map of England?
What was Push Plough Field?
Who was Tim Bobbin?

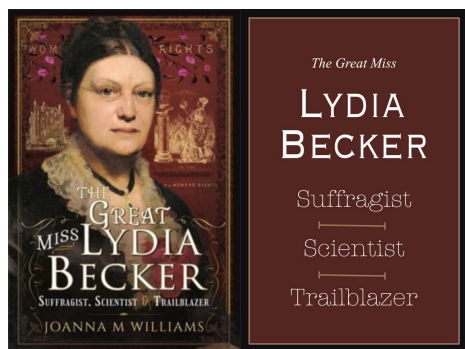
What was a “tin tabernacle”?

And what is the connection between Hollywood actor George Coulouris and Urmston?

All will be revealed at this morning quarterly talk by Michael Billington.

- Date: 11 May 2022
- Wednesday, 10.30am
- Venue: Manchester Central Library
- Speaker: Michael Billington
- Booking: via [Eventbrite](#)
- Cost: members - free of charge
- Cost: non-members £3
- Non-members, who join the Society before buying a ticket, will receive a membership number allowing free attendance at this meeting and all future Society meetings for the duration of their membership.

The talk will be followed by the M&LFHS Annual General Meeting



The Great Miss Lydia Becker - Suffragist, Scientist and Trailblazer: Dr Joanna M Williams

Date and time

Wed, 11 May 2022
13:00– 15:00 BST

Fifty years before women were enfranchised, a legal loophole allowed a thousand women to vote in the general election of 1868. This surprising event occurred due to the feisty and single-minded dedication of Lydia Becker, the acknowledged, though unofficial, leader of the women's suffrage movement in the later 19th century.

Brought up in a middle-class family as the eldest of fifteen children, she broke away from convention, remaining single and entering the sphere of men by engaging in politics. Although it was considered immoral for a woman to speak in public, Lydia addressed innumerable audiences, not only on women's votes, but also on the position of wives, female education and rights at work. She battled grittily to gain academic education for poor girls, and kept countless supporters all over Britain and beyond abreast of the many campaigns for women's rights through her publication, the *Women's Suffrage Journal*.

Steamrolling her way to Parliament as chief lobbyist for women, she influenced MPs in a way that no woman, and few men, had done before. In the 1860s the idea of women's suffrage was compared in the Commons to persuading dogs to dance; it was dismissed as ridiculous and unnatural. By the time of Lydia's death in 1890 there was an acceptance that the enfranchisement of women would soon happen. The torch was picked up by a woman she had inspired as a teenager, Emmeline Pankhurst, and Lydia's younger colleague on the London committee, Millicent Fawcett. And the rest is history.

- Date: 11 May 2022
- Wednesday, 1.00pm
- Venue: Manchester Central Library
- Speaker: Joanna M Williams
- Booking: via [Eventbrite](#)
- Cost: members - free of charge
- Cost: non-members £3
- Non-members who join the Society before buying a ticket, will receive a membership number allowing free attendance at this meeting and all future Society meetings for the duration of their membership.

Bolton Branch



A Hybrid Talk - Taking Care of the Past: Packaging and Handling Archives

Date and time

Wed, 4 May 2022
19:15 – 21:15 BST

An examination of how the storage and handling of archival documents is vital for their preservation.

About this event

Taking Care of the Past: Packaging and Handling Archives

– an examination of how the storage and handling of archival documents is vital for their preservation.

The Speaker, Mark O'Neil, Archive Conservator (Preventive) at Lancashire Archives and Joint Training Officer for the ARA Preservation & Conservation Group, is to bring some sample archive materials to demonstrate some aspects of handling and give a short introduction Conservation in general followed by a presentation on document handling. There will be an opportunity for Q&A's at the end of the presentation.

Live event held at

Bolton Golf Club
Chorley New Road
Bolton
BL6 4AJ

Book your place through [Eventbrite](#) for the **live** meeting

Taking Care of the Past: Packaging and Handling Archives - ZOOM Meeting

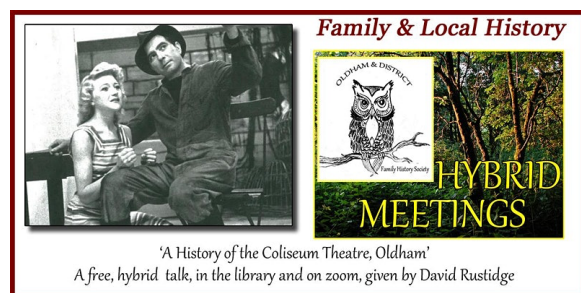
Date and time

Wed, 4 May 2022, 19:15 BST

Book your place through [Eventbrite](#) for the **ZOOM** meeting

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

Oldham Branch



A History of the Coliseum Theatre, Oldham, given by David Rustidge

Date and time

Sat, 14 May 2022
14:00 – 15:30 BST

A Free, Illustrated, Hybrid Talk: 'A History of the Coliseum Theatre', Oldham, given simultaneously in person and online on Zoom.

About this event

Our speaker, David Rustidge, will give this free, hybrid presentation, in person in the Education Suite at Oldham Library, simultaneously with an audience on zoom.

If you intend to join the meeting in person there is no need to register and there will be coffee and biscuits on arrival.

The talk takes in the early history of the Oldham Coliseum and its varying fortunes; also, the famous actors who have appeared at the theatre during its time. David first attended the Coliseum as a 15 year old, to see the Christmas Pantomimes. He was hooked! After a period as a teacher in Middleton he became the House Manager at the Coliseum in 1982 working there until April 2016. He continues to support the Coliseum as a supporter, occasional speaker and volunteer. He has been a fairly wide traveller and also managed to squeeze in acting with local amateur groups.

The Coliseum Theatre, in Oldham, dates back to Victorian Times, in 1885, when it opened on what is now 'Tommyfield' Market, on Henshaw Street, as the 'Grand American Circus and Hippodrome'. Two years later it was moved, literally, to Fairbottom Street, where it still remains.

Over the mid 20th century, many famous names, of stage, screen and television, began their early careers in this venue, as part of its varied and exciting programmes. Many of the Oldham Repertory Theatre Company actors and actresses moved on into TV 'soaps' and became household names. In 1978 it was reconstituted as the 'Oldham Coliseum Theatre' and to this day continues to delight audiences.

For zoom attendees:

A meeting reminder email will be sent out 3 or 4 days before the talk; a zoom meeting link on Friday morning 13th of May. Registration closes at 11am on the 14th. A final reminder and link will be sent at 11:30am, on the meeting day.

Login will be from 1:45, for an informal 'meet and greet' of old friends and a welcome to new visitors to our meetings. All are welcome and we hope you will enjoy the meeting and join us again in the future.

Note ... please ensure that you enter your email address correctly in both required boxes, when registering. If you have already registered and do not receive the meeting links, please email me at <mlfhs.oldham@gmail.com> and a link will be sent to you. Any emails requesting a link should be sent before 12noon on the meeting day.

Please also note ... that if more than one person will be joining the meeting, but sharing the same device, in the same room, only one ticket is required.

Book through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) and to find more details about the talk

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

Anglo-Scots



Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors at The National Archives, by Audrey Collins of TNA
7 MAY 2022
At Manchester Central Library.

Date and time
Sat, 7 May 2022
14:00 – 16:30 BST

Have you looked at The National Archives records to find your Scottish Ancestors? If not, you might be in for a surprise because TNA holds far more Scottish records than we might have imagined, and consequently they may hold records of value in your research. Our speaker, Audrey Collins, is the Records Specialist for Family History at The National Archives, Kew, and has many years of experience working with a huge range of records that interest family historians. It seems that the Scottish records, sometimes misnamed in the past as 'Scotch' are a hidden treasure for most of us. The 'Scotch Rolls' are the Chancery rolls relating to Scottish Affairs and range from Margaret of Norway to licenses for students to study at Oxford and Cambridge.

This is sure to be a very popular talk, and early booking is recommended

- Date: 7th May 2022
- Saturday, 2.00pm
- Venue: Manchester Central Library
- Speaker: Audrey Collins of TNA
- Booking: [Eventbrite Booking](#)
- Cost: members - free of charge
- Cost: non-members - £3.00
- Non-members who join the society before buying a ticket will be issued with their membership number and will be able to join all society meeting free of charge during the term of their membership.
- Image credit: Edinburgh, HH

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](#).

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 **LancashireBMD - Bolton RO (Deaths)**
All deaths up to and including 2008 have been indexed together with a limited number from 2009.

Paul Thomas has been busy again and has indexed the 327 streets and buildings which appear on two more Godfrey Maps. These are the sheets for:

North Chadderton & SW Royton 1932

Shaw & Crompton 1907

Also 180 street and building references for the Godfrey map for Heaton Chapel

Followed by another four Alan Godfrey maps

Failsworth & Hollinwood 1932

Failsworth South 1931

Dukinfield South 1897

Stalybridge 1897

Godfrey Map Index

NEW FEATURE!

The Godfrey Map Index on the society web site (Research Menu - Godfrey Map Index) has now been expanded to include references to localise each entry down to one of the ten areas of the map created by the way it is folded. This will, we hope, make the index even more useful than it was.

The index now has over 21,000 references to streets and buildings on 62 maps, with more on the way.

If you own one of the maps which has not yet been indexed (see the listing on the web site) and are prepared to spend a little time indexing the streets and buildings, John Marsden will be pleased to tell you how to go about it. Contact him direct on john@johnmarsden.name

WHERE'S THAT STREET?

If you have bought copies of the Alan Godfrey reproduction Ordnance Survey maps for Manchester from us in the past, you will probably be aware that we published indexes to these maps, in the form of booklets, to help users locate streets and named buildings within each map. The indexes were originally created by Harry Bebbington and Rita Whitefield and proved very popular.

The Godfrey Map Index

The maps themselves lack a suitable grid on which to base an index, and so it is difficult to locate a street precisely. However, the maps are consistently folded such that the folds divide the map into ten sections as below:

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| A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | A5 |
| B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | B5 |

By numbering each section as shown, a street can be located to within the section in which it is located. Not perfect, but (literally) ten times easier than searching the whole map. Perhaps even more important, the index tells you which map (or maps) shows the street you are looking for and can save you buying the wrong map in the first place.

When we launched the new web site in 2020, we included a searchable version of the index (Research menu – Godfrey Map Index) but this only included the map number on which each street appears. The index has now been expanded to show the references described above, so it is even more useful than before.

Expanding the Index

Adding the local references is not the only way in which the index has been expanded. Sheila Goodyear had already indexed many of the Godfrey maps for Oldham and the surrounding district and kindly agreed to her indexes being added to the online index. Subsequently, Paul Thomas offered to index a number of maps (mostly) for the Tameside area and Graham Holt some for Bolton and district. Add to these several maps which I have indexed for Trafford, and the index now covers some 62 maps.

The index contains (at the time of writing) 21,521 references. While the bulk of these are street names, there are also, in urban areas, named mills and other businesses, in suburban areas many named houses, and in rural areas, named farms. There are also references to railways (and stations), rivers and canals, and municipal institutions such as sewage works, workhouses and hospitals.

How You Can Help

There is still, however, much which remains unindexed. In particular, there are large areas to the north and south of Manchester and to the north and west of Salford which could usefully be added. You can see the state of play if you visit the web site and look at the list of maps and coverage chart you will find there <https://www.mlfhs.uk/?view=article&id=346&catid=9> If you have maps for any of the areas which have not yet been indexed and would be prepared to spend a little time indexing them, I will be pleased

to hear from you and to tell you how to go about it. You can contact me direct on john@johnmarsden.name

John Marsden (7501)

Miscellaneous Small Projects

Added 1,999 birth, marriage and death announcements from the Manchester Mercury 1821 and 1822, kindly transcribed by Linda Bailey and Chris Hall.

These early newspaper announcements can be invaluable for that 'difficult' period shortly before the introduction of civil registration and census returns which included names.

Just added another small but interesting dataset to The Great Database:

Names and details of those killed in the explosion at Wood Pit, Haydock on 7 June 1878. Compiled by Graham Normansell. (191 records)

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

Added 1,034 burials at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, 1813-1854, transcribed by Mark Harrey. Unusually, many of the burials in this register include a cause of death.

Just added are a further 114 sets of admission papers 1887-1900 to the **Royal Manchester School for the Deaf & Dumb** to the Great Database. Thanks as always, to Jim Chadwick and Marie Collier for these additions.

The names of those admitted are:

AINSWORTH William; ALLEN William Thomas; AUSTIN William Kershaw; BATESON Violet; BAXTER Charles Victor; BERRY John; BESWICK Gordon; BOOTH Emily; BRIDGES Martha; BRIERLEY Fred; BRINDLE Norman; BROOKS Samuel Henry; CARLEY John; CHEETHAM Samuel; CLARKE Ernest; CLARKE John; CLUGSTON Henrietta; COLLIER Edmund; COLLIER James; CRANK Alice; CROFT Hannah; CROOK Emma; DRIVER John Robert; DUFFY Arthur; EASTWOOD John Henry; FISHER Susannah; GARDINER Albert; GARNER Annie; GIBSON Frank Harvey; GILES Frederick William; GILL Thomas; GRANGER Alice; GREENHALGH Florence; GREGG Mary; GUY John Henry; GUY Thomas James; HALL John Edward; HALL Samuel; HALLIWELL Martha Ann; HAMNET Herbert Stanley; HARDWICK Ethel May; HARDWICK Squire; HARRISON Ethel; HARRISON William; HARRISON William; HATTON Mary Jane; HAVERY Edith Bell; HERMAN Fred; HICKMAN Mary; HILL Kathleen Alice; HINDLEY Mary Elizabeth; HORRIDGE John; HOWARTH Gertrude; HUDSON Thomas; HUGHES Margaret; HULMES Arthur; KIRKBY Fred; LAMB Elizabeth; LAMBERT Fred; LAWSON William Edward; LISTER Dyson; LOMAS Henry Morten; LONG Sydney; LORD Clara Ethel; MACARTNEY Robert John; MARLER May; MARSH Ellen; MATTHEWS Martha; MILLER Frederick; MINARDS Francis George; MORRIS Jessie; MOULT Caroline; NEAL Jonah; OLIVE William; ORAM Margery; OWEN Eliza Jane; OWEN Florence May; PARKINSON George; PEARSON Edward; PICKSTONE Sarah; PLATT Margaret Ellen; POTTER Alice Maud; PRENDERGAST John Herbert; ROSTRON Ellen; ROUGHSEGE John William; ROYLEY John; SCRAGG George Frederick; SHAW Thomas; SMITH George Abel; SMITH Margaret Ellen; SMITH Nicholas; STOTT Cecil; TATE Alfred; TATTERSALL Joseph; TAYLOR Nelly;

THORNEYCROFT Jane Elizabeth; TONGE Elizabeth Ellen; TONGE Harriet Ann; TRAVIS Rebecca; TWEEDALE Ann Elizabeth; WALKER Charles Thomas; WALKER Sarah; WALLWORTH Edith Bell; WEIR Ronald; WHEELTON Joseph; WHITE Joshua; WHITELEY Thomas Alfred Gilbert; WILDE Annie; WILLIAMS Edward Thomas; WILLIAMS Iorwerth; WILLIAMS Mary; WINTERBOTTOM Lena; WITTER Margaret; WOODWARD Elsie;

A while back, Joe Hilditch sent me a file of the names of 130 people fined for breaking the blackout rules during WW2 reported in the Manchester Evening News for part of 1940. I have just completed a search through the MEN 1939-1945 and added a further 422 names to this collection. These are now in the Great Database.

Added a further 380 references to persons fined for infringements of WW2 blackout regulations to the great Database. Transcribed by John Marsden

If you find a reference of interest it may be worth following up in the original newspaper as while many entries have little more than name and address, some have quite lengthy accounts of arguments and fisticuffs with wardens and police.

John Marsden
Webmaster:
John Marsden

HELPDESK

Our Help Desk hours remain Monday - Friday 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 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!

WEBSITES

Welsh Family History Websites

Looking through our website I noticed that there were only a few references to websites that would help with Welsh family history (<https://mlfhs.uk/research/find-out-more/weblinks/20-main>). Searching through my files I came across a list that I must have picked up at one of the family history events that I have attended. My apologies for not knowing the source of this list although I suspect it was from the Association of Family History Societies of Wales. I have deleted the Societies covering Welsh counties as these are already on our weblink page and checked the remaining links and updated where necessary.

Archives Wales
<http://archives.wales>

National Library of Wales
<https://www.library.wales>

Welsh Journals and Newspapers
<http://newspapers.library.wales>

Welsh Journals
<http://welshjournals.llgc.org.uk>

The Wales Collection
<http://findmypast.co.uk/articles/world-records/search-all-uk-records/special-collections/the-wales-collection>

GENUKI Wales
<https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal>

Ancestry
<http://search.ancestry.com/Places/UK/Wales>

Welsh Genealogy Links
<http://www.genealogylinks.net/uk/wales>

Wales at War
<http://walesatwar.org>

The Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum
<http://www.rwfmuseum.org.uk/index.php>

The Regimental Museum of the Royal Welsh

<https://royalwelshmuseum.wales>

Morwyr Cymru - Welsh Mariners

<http://www.welshmariners.org.uk>

National Museum Wales

<https://museum.wales>

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales

<https://rcahmw.gov.uk>

Newsplan Cymru

<https://www.library.wales/discover/other-resources/newsplan-cymru>

Wales Links UK BMD

<https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/index.php?county=3&form>

North Wales Births Marriages & Deaths indexes

<http://www.northwalesbmd.org.uk/index.php>

Free BMD

<https://www.freebmd.org.uk>

Free Parish Registers

<https://www.freereg.org.uk>

Welsh Wills

<https://www.library.wales/discover/library-resources/wills>

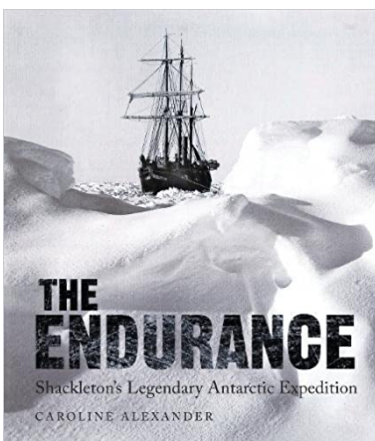
Rootstech

Rootstech has come and gone but you can still listen to all the talks and highlights from the 2022 event by going to the following [website](#). You will have plenty of time to brows as they will be online until Rootstock 2023.

Scottish Indexes

A further 43,000 Scottish prison records have been released by [Sottish Indexes](#). If you have not already visited this site and have Scottish ancestors then it is well worth visiting.

THE BOOKSHOP



The Endurance

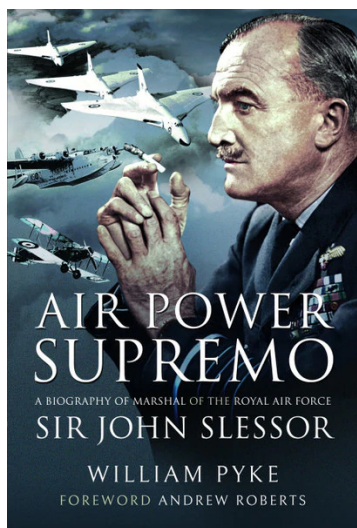
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Drawing upon previously unavailable sources, Caroline Alexander gives us a riveting account of Shackleton's expedition one of history's greatest epics of survival. And she presents the astonishing work of Frank Hurley, the Australian photographer whose visual record of the adventure was never before published comprehensively. Together, text and image re-create the terrible beauty of Antarctica, the awful destruction of the ship, and the crew's heroic daily struggle to stay alive, a

miracle achieved largely through Shackleton's inspiring leadership. The survival of Hurley's remarkable images is scarcely less miraculous: The original glass plate negatives, from which most of the book's illustrations are superbly reproduced, were stored in hermetically sealed canisters that survived months on the ice floes, a week in an open boat on the polar seas, and several more months buried in the snows of a rocky outcrop called Elephant Island. Finally, Hurley was forced to abandon his professional equipment; thereafter he captured some of the most unforgettable images of the struggle with a pocket camera and three rolls of Kodak film.

More details [HERE](#)



Air power Supremo

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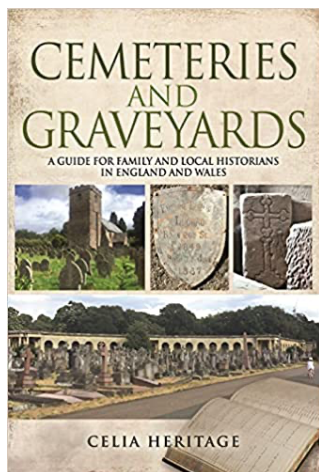
£18.50 ~~£25.00~~

Sir John Slessor was one of the twentieth century's most distinguished wartime commanders and incisive military thinkers, and William Pyke's comprehensive new biography reveals how he earned this remarkable reputation.

Slessor, a polio victim who always walked with a stick, became a First World War pilot in the Sudan and on the Western Front and a squadron and wing commander in India between the wars. When aerial warfare was still a new concept, he was one of the first to develop practical tactics and strategies in its application.

In the Second World War, as the Commander-in-Chief of Coastal Command during the Battle of the Atlantic and the RAF in the Mediterranean during the Italian and Balkan campaigns, he made a remarkable contribution to the success of Allied air power. Then, after the war, as a senior commander he established himself as one of the foremost experts on strategic bombing and nuclear deterrence. That is why this insightful biography of a great British airman and his achievements is so timely and important as we enter a new era of strategic doubts and deterrence at the beginning of the twenty-first century.

More details [HERE](#)



Cemeteries and Graveyards

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UKBMD UPDATES

The following update has been posted to Lancashire BMD - Manchester RO Births (Mother's Maiden Name). Five volunteers have now returned to work on this project, variously working on registers for Hulme, Newton and Blackley.

New data has been added at www.lancashirebmd.org.uk as follows:

6,334 Deaths for Bolton RD comprising:

Bolton A (2007-2009)

Bolton B (2007-2009)

Bolton C (2007-2009)

Bolton D (2007-2009)

Thanks to Bob Winder and his team for these additions.

Message from Bill Harrison, Staffordshire.

All Staffs BMD Updates for the 4th April 2022

Many Thanks to All Involved

Marriages - updates, additions and corrections to:

210 for Trent Vale, St John, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1980-2019)

222 for Cannock, St Luke, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2008-2020)

13 for Lichfield, Cathedral of St Mary & St Chad, registers at Lichfield (2016-2020)

22 for Wetley Rocks, St John, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2007-2012)

2 for Whiston, St Mildred, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2018-2019)

160 for Blurton, St Bartholomew, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2009-2019)

32 for Hanley, All Saints, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2000-2019)

102 for Hartshill, Holy Trinity, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1995-2019)

130 for Longton, St James, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2007-2019)

48 for Longton, St Mary and St Chad, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2011-2019)

14 for Burslem (Swan Bank), Central Methodist Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2017-2021)

477 for Milton, St Philip and St James, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1990-2021)

5 for Hanley, Church of the Sacred Heart, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2018-2019)

13 for Burslem, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2000-2019)

19 for Packmoor (Samuel Street), Methodist Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1981-2019)

20 for Ball Green, Methodist Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2005-2018)

14 for Norton, St John's Methodist Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2000-2012)

2 for Smallthorne, Salem Methodist Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2015-2015)

20 for Longport (Scott Lidgett Rd), Methodist Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1991-2014)

74 for Trent Vale, St Teresa Roman Catholic Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2002-2020)
 15 for Abbey Hulton, Our Lady and St Benedicts Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2004-2018)
 7 for Sneyd, St Werburgh, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2011-2016)
 9 for Sneyd Green, Wesley Hall Methodist Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2002-2013)
 2 for Goldenhill (High Street), Methodist Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2005-2008)
 24 for Brindley Ford (Outclough Road), Methodist Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1994-2011)
 11 for Birches Head, The Potters House at The Bridge Centre, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2014-2017)
 191 for Chell, St Michael, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1995-2020)
 47 for Edensor, St Paul, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1999-2018)
 126 for Great Wyrley, St Mark, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2012-2017)
 2 for Hatherton, St Saviour, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2019-2019)
 261 for Kinver, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2000-2016)
 18 for Blymhill, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2015-2019)
 4 for Eccleshall, Church of the Sacred Heart - (Stone Road), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2016)
 21 for Rising Brook (Stafford), Baptist Church Centre - (John Amery Avenue), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2008-2014)
 4 for Stafford, Nanak Sar Sikh Temple, Tithe Barn Road, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2012-2014)
 11 for Aston-by-Stone, Holy Michael Archangel, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2011-2018)
 10 for Stafford, St.Chads Garrison Church - (RAF Station), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1998-2019)
 30 for Rickerscote, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1995-2019)
 50 for Salt, St James, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1996-2019)
 54 for Stafford, St John, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2000-2020)
 11 for Milwich, All Saints, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2012-2019)
 46 for Bradeley, All Saints and St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1994-2019)
 62 for Sandon, All Saints, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2014-2020)
 74 for Haughton, St Giles, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1996-2019)
 23 for Weston-on-Trent, St Andrew, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2016-2019)
 40 for Stowe by Chartley, St John the Baptist, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2003-2021)
 22 for Forton, All Saints, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2008-2019)
 14 for Fradswell, St James, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2000-2019)
 2 for Gayton, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2017-2017)
 25 for Ingestre, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2016-2020)
 5 for Tixall, St John the Baptist, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2014-2019)
 28 for Derrington, St Matthew, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2017)
 33 for Church Eaton, St Editha, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2004-2020)

Marriages - updates, additions and corrections to:

255 for Rugeley, St Augustine, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1973-1979)
 444 for Civil Marriage (Cannock Chase), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1936-2008)
 245 for Burton-upon-Trent, St Chad, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1980-2019)
 25 for Barton-under-Needwood, Methodist Chapel, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1974-2005)
 257 for Caverswall, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2011)
 13 for Checkley (Hollington), St John, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2002-2017)

56 for Checkley, St Mary and All Saints, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1998-2012)
 54 for Cheddleton, St Edwards, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2010)
 11 for Cotton, St John the Baptist, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1998-2020)
 25 for Biddulph (Station Road), Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2002-2009)
 50 for Draycott in the Moors (Cresswell), St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1938-1963)
 257 for Caverswall, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2011)
 13 for Checkley (Hollington), St John, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2002-2017)
 56 for Checkley, St Mary and All Saints, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1998-2012)
 54 for Cheddleton, St Edwards, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2010)
 11 for Cotton, St John the Baptist, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1998-2020)
 25 for Biddulph (Station Road), Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2002-2009)
 50 for Draycott in the Moors (Cresswell), St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1938-1963)
 53 for Endon and Stanley, St Luke, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2006)
 16 for Foxt with Whiston, St Mark, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1987-2019)
 22 for Freehay, St Chad, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2003-2010)
 22 for Ilam, Holy Cross, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2010)
 53 for Kingsley, St Werburgh, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2006)
 23 for Checkley (Tean), Methodist Chapel, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1992-2011)
 52 for Knypersley, St John, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2001-2012)
 144 for Meerbrook, St Matthew, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1997-2020)
 13 for Oakamoor, Holy Trinity, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1983-2018)
 20 for Bagnall, St Chad, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2008)
 23 for Endon (Leek Road), Methodist Chapel, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2000-2006)
 21 for Sheen, St Luke, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1997-2015)
 20 for Warslow, St Lawrence, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1994-2006)
 22 for Wetley Rocks, St John, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2002-2006)
 19 for Whiston, St Mildred, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1991-2017)
 254 for Biddulph, St Lawrence, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1993-2009)
 23 for Biddulph Moor, Methodist Chapel, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2012)
 21 for Biddulph Moor, Christ Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1995-2006)
 24 for Biddulph Moor, Hill Top Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2012)
 21 for Butterson, St Bartholomew, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1985-2008)
 394 for Civil Marriage (Moorlands), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2004-2006)
 165 for Civil Marriage (Cheadle), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1944-1956)
 272 for Civil Marriage (Leek), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1952-1956)
 22 for Madley, Poolside Methodist, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1976-1987)
 100 for Talke, St Martin, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1981-1988)
 52 for Wolstanton, St Margaret, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1982-1984)
 288 for Civil Marriage (Newcastle-Under-Lyme) , registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1970-1972)
 515 for Stafford, St Chad, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1838-1923)

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