

Oldham and District Branch of the Manchester and  
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## Newsletter August 2016



Welcome to the Oldham Newsletter. It is a quiet month so this newsletter will be relatively short. Please note that there will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on **September 10th**. It will be a talk given by Rita Greenwood called ***Holy and Unholy Matrimony***. This is a history of modern matrimony including irregular and clandestine marriages. It concludes with an explanation of what a genealogist should look for whilst studying a wedding certificate, hopefully with audience participation.

Members of our committee and a number of our members attended events to commemorate **the Somme**. Rod and Gill attended the Somme Commemoration Service at Oldham Parish Church during which one of our members, Derek Thomas, rang the tenor bell 140 times, one for each day of the battle. Follow the link to see his post.

<http://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1015255>

Many thanks to Joan Secker Wldoarczyk who has sent a photograph which she took at the War Memorial in Manchester on Friday 1st July.



The research trip to London took place successfully this month.

Joan sent this report:

This year 12 members made the journey to London, 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July. With temperatures in the mid to high 20s all week, we all suffered for the cause. Most (if not all) went out to Kew on Tuesday in packed Underground carriages to the air conditioned cool of TNA to emerge hours later to the blanket of Heat again. Many Sights and Shows were seen and many Exhibitions walked round, with sore feet and empty wallets.

All hoping to do it all again next year!



Two members engaged in 'in depth' research!

August sees the **commemoration of Peterloo in 1819.**

The following information has come from Martin Gittins, one of the organisers:

The walk will take place on **14th August**. Among the groups taking part are groups from Crompton, Royton, Oldham, Mossley, Chadderton, Saddleworth, Lees, Middleton and Failsworth. Routes have been worked out and the timing arranged to cater for all levels of mobility (we have had 'wheelchair walkers' in the past) and all the groups are planned to meet up with each other as they approach Manchester and join forces to march through the city centre to the front of GMex.

Each group has a designated person for contact purposes and there is communication between the groups as the morning progresses, to ensure timings are being maintained.

If you are interested please contact Martin Gittins [martingzzz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:martingzzz@hotmail.co.uk) or 07760 430 577 so that you can receive full details.

Also, a **Peterloo Tapestry** is being created. Please look at 'PETERLOO Memorial

Campaign' Facebook page where you will find details of 'The Peterloo Tapestry' which will be created this year. Please try and bring something with you on the march to add to the tapestry.

On **Wednesday 17th August** at 7.00pm there is a talk being given on Peterloo by the **Oldham Historical Research Group**. The talk is being given by Sheila Goodyear. It is called **Remembering and Recording Peterloo-Before, on the Day and Afterwards**. It takes place at Oldham Local Studies and Archives.

**That's all for this month. We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter.**

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