

Oldham and District Branch of the Manchester and
Lancashire Family History Society

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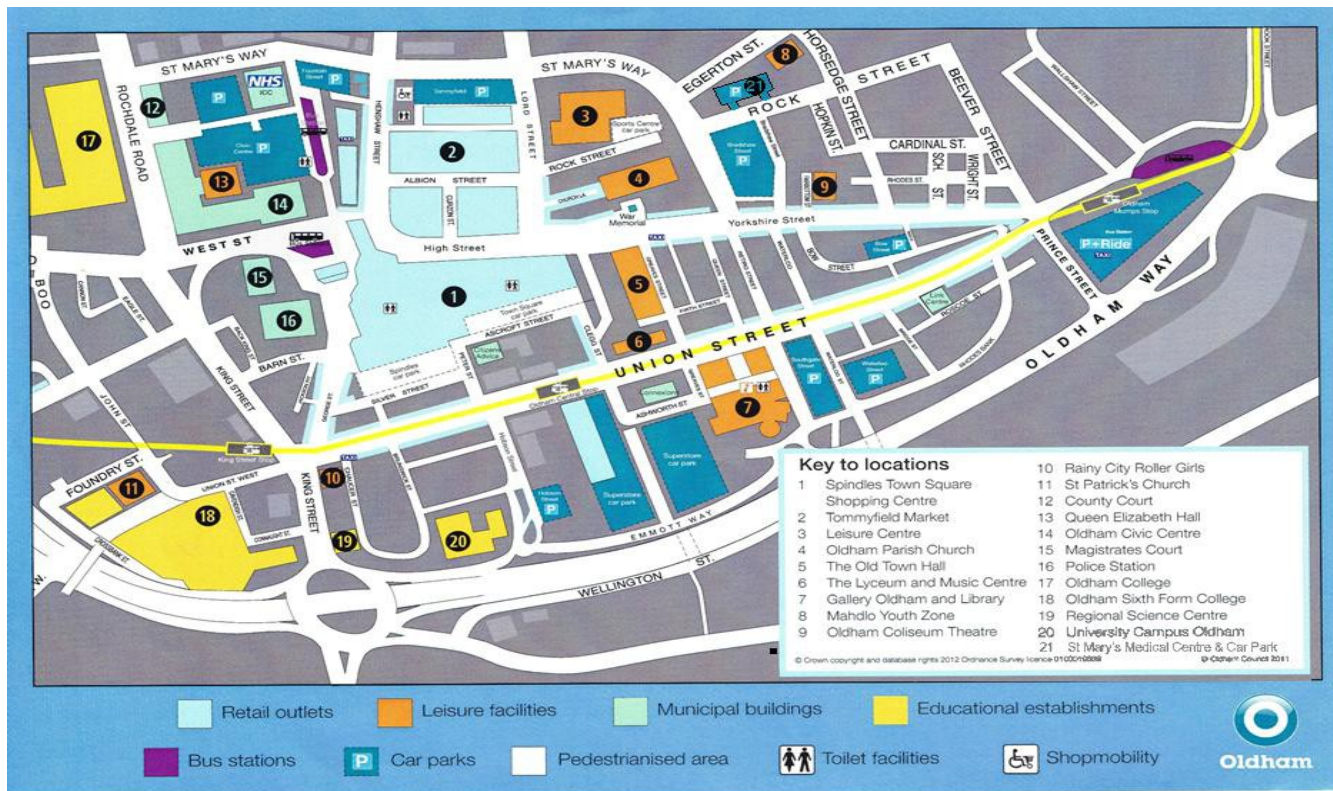


Branch News

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 9th September** and will be a talk given by **Cpl Stewart Cook on the Third Battle of Ypres.**

Stewart will be talking about if it was the Somme all over again. What was different? What were its aims and objectives? War in 1917 was changing; equipment, strategy and manpower.

Please note this meeting will take place at **Mahdlo, Egerton Street, Oldham at 2.00 pm** (marked 8 on the map) The room we are meeting in has its own entrance on the Horsedge Street side and we are allowed to park in St. Mary's Medical Centre car park (marked 21 on the map) off Rock Street, which is almost back to back with Mahdlo.



Mahdlo only has two disabled parking spaces in front of it on Egerton Street.
Free to members. Non members £2.50.

Society News

MLFHS Help Desk

The desk is normally open **every week day** from 10.30 to 3.30. A team of MLFHS volunteers will assist you in your family history research.

Friday 8th September: Henshaws 180th Anniversary

An exhibition will be opened at Manchester Central Library celebrating the 180th anniversary of Henshaws (Originally Henshaw's Asylum for the Blind). The exhibition is free to the public.

Saturday 9th September 10am-4pm: Stretford Family History Fair

MLFHS will have a stall at this new event at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 9AJ. There will be a number of society and other stalls offering advice, help and a variety of publications for sale. There will also be two talks on family history topics.

Admission £2.00

Saturday 16th September 2.00pm: Peak District U3A Family History Conference

The society will have an exhibitor stand at this event at The Palace Hotel, Palace Road, Buxton SK17 6AG.

Speakers

Else Churchill - Researching before 1700

John Titford - "Ey up mi duck!". A history of British accents and dialects

John Barker - Heir Hunting

Dr Gill Draper - Local History for Family Historians

The cost for the day, which includes the talks, refreshments and a 2 course finger buffet lunch is £22. There may be some free parking at the hotel otherwise please use side streets or the pay and display car parks in town.

Booking for this event is essential.: Contact [Ian Taylor](#) or telephone 01298 70959

Saturday 16th September 2.00pm: Anglo-Scottish Branch Meeting

Ancestral Breakthroughs - Come and share your experiences and learn from others how they broke down their brick walls.

This meeting will be held in the Performance Space at Manchester Central Library. The talk is open to both members and non-members. Booking is not required.

Wednesday 20th September 2pm - 5pm: Letters and the Lamp

Sir Humphrey Davy 1778-1829

by Professor Sharon Ruston and Dr Andrew Lacey

Free public talk and workshop at Manchester Central Library, in association with Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society

In 1815, just over two hundred years ago, Sir Humphry Davy invented a miners' safety lamp that would revolutionise industry in Britain, Europe and beyond. The

safety lamp was a source of controversy, however: others laid claim to having invented it, and a bitter public dispute ensued. In this talk, Professor Sharon Ruston (Lancaster University) will explore some of Davy's private letters, the majority of which will be published for the very first time in 2018. After the talk there will be a more informal workshop, run by Dr Andrew Lacey (Lancaster University), to discuss some of the issues raised in Davy's letters.

If you wish to attend, please reserve your free place via [Eventbrite](#). This event will be held in Performance Space 2/3 at Manchester Central Library.

Thursday 21st September: Family History for a Floating World

Alison Light, author of *Common People*, will be talking about family history and genealogy. Alison will be reflecting on the work she did for her own family history, published as the acclaimed book *Common People*.

There will also be a wine reception. Talk starts at 5:30pm

This event is sponsored by Ancestry.com and is part of a two-day event considering International Family History.

This meeting will be held in the Performance Space at Manchester Central Library. The talk is open to the public. Booking is essential. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Friday 22nd September: International Family History

International Family History - a day-long symposium looking at Family History in an international context.

This event is sponsored by Ancestry.com

Please register in advance for catering - there will be coffee and lunch provided.

Speakers include:

Marc Scully (University of Leicester)

Paul Knevel (University of Amsterdam)

Sarah Abel (University of Iceland)

Ashley Barnwell (University of Melbourne)

Henriette Roued-Cunliffe (University of Copenhagen)

Indira Chowdury (Shrishti School of Art and Design, Bangalore)

Tanya Evans (Macquarie University)

Peter Wade (University of Manchester)

Carolina Jonsson Malm (Malmö University)

Andre de Lemos (Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto)

Ewa Jurczyk-Romanowska (University of Wrocław)

Marcelo Abreu (Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto)

This meeting will be held in the Performance Space at Manchester Central Library. The talk is open to the public. Booking is essential. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Visit to Manchester Museum Friday 6th October

A visit for members has been booked for Friday 6th October at 1.00 pm. Places will be limited.

For further information and booking please see Eventbrite on the Society's home page.

MLFHS Online Bookshop: Special Offer!

From now until the end of September we are offering a 20% discount off the listed price of all books in the Neil Richardson Pubs series. Simply enter the discount code SEPTPUBS when you check out.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the list of books available.

There is a lot of **new data in the member area** of the society web site. [CLICK HERE](#) for a full listing of the records available. Access to the member area is free to all members. If you are not already registered to access the member area, [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for access.

Peterloo Project - A project to discover the stories of all the people who attended the Peterloo demonstration of 1819

Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society has launched a project to find the descendants of those attending the peaceful demonstration that has become known as the Peterloo Massacre. We want to record their stories as a lasting memorial to them. Please help us.

We have the kind permission of Dr. Michael Bush and his publishers, Carnegie Publishing, to use the list he compiled from seven resources to give a list of the injured. Also the kind permission of Peter Castree to use the list he has compiled. We have set up a web page at www.peterloo.mlfhs.org.uk together with a mail address of peterloo@mlfhs.org.uk. This project is to be launched on a worldwide basis and we hope that you contribute to this project, we are looking to involve as many people as possible.

For further information please view the website www.peterloo.mlfhs.org.uk

Rod Melton will be attending Manchester Central Library each Tuesday between 10:30 and 15:00 please go to the Manchester and Lancashire Family History desk and ask for Rod and he will come down to see you.

Peterloo Anniversary 2017: The Peterloo Names

On Wednesday 16th August there was a small ceremony in St Peter's Square when the actor John Henshaw read the list of names and laid a wreath at St Peter's Cross in memory of the dead of the Peterloo massacre of 1819.



On Sunday 20th August people gathered in Albert Square, Manchester to remember the people who took part in the demonstration of 1819. This year the crowd were asked to bring a placard with a name of someone who was there.



Christopher Eccleston, playing the role of magistrate Charles W. Ethelstone, started the commemoration by reading the Riot Act from a window in the Town Hall.

The names of the victims were read out by well-known local figures including the Lord Mayor and the actors John Henshaw and Maxine Peake.

Maxine is currently acting in Mike Leigh's film about Peterloo and she read out a message from the director.





The Peterloo tapestry was displayed and Maxine pinned an extract from the *Masque of Anarchy* with hand-written annotations on how to perform it. Also present was the historian and author Dr Robert Poole who has written a book about the massacre entitled *Return to Peterloo*.



The crowd was also reminded of the campaign for a permanent memorial to the victims before the 200th anniversary in 2019.

By Sue Forshaw

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Local News

Oldham Local Studies and Archives

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Oldham Local Studies and Archives is run by Oldham Council and is not part of our society. The archives date from 1597 and cover an enormous range of subjects and activities. However it is advisable to check on the archives website for coverage. http://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200539/archive_collections

Monday 10.00am-7.00pm

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Saturday 10.00am-4.00pm

Staff will assist with family history enquiries at any time during the week but if you need extended one-to-one advice a family history expert is available between 2pm and 4pm every Monday and Wednesday. There is no need to book, just drop in.

Oldhamers and the Battle of Passchendaele

During September there will be a display at Local Studies on how residents were affected by the battle.

Talks by Other Groups (which are not part of our society)

Chadderton Historical Society

Visit to Bury Transport Museum

Meet at Victoria Street Car Park, Chadderton for transport at 6.30 pm on **Thursday 7th September.**

Saddleworth Historical Society

John Dee and Elizabethan Lancashire

A talk by Dr Stephen Bowd at Saddleworth Museum at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 13th September.**

Oldham Historical Research Group

Courage or Cowardice?

Oldhamers in Word War One who were reluctant or refused to take up arms.

A talk by John Fidler at Oldham Local Studies and Archives at 7pm on **Wednesday 20th September.**

Moorside and District Historical Society

Victorian Sholver

A Presentation by Mike Smith at St Thomas' Church Lounge, Moorside at 7.30pm on **Monday 18th September.**

Oldham's Heritage Open Days 4th -24th September

This year's event runs from September 4th to 24th and features a number of exciting activities spread right across the borough.

For a downloadable brochure please go to:

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/3805/oldham_s_heritage_open_days

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

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