

Newsletter

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Family History Society

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Branch News

No meeting in February

Next Meeting

Saturday 9th March

Crooks and Coffin Ships, Quarantine and Cholera

A talk by David Muil, MLFHS Chairman

Crooks & Coffin Ships, Quarantine & Cholera uses contemporary accounts to illustrate the perils and obstacles confronting the aspiring emigrant during the 19th century.

Though mass emigration from Britain to North America had taken place since the time of the Pilgrim Fathers, emigrant passengers were not protected under the law until the early 19th century and even then operators found ways to evade their obligations. And so the 3,000 mile voyage across the Atlantic aboard a flimsy vessel of about 500 tons or so threatened the migrant and his family in so many ways.

Speaker, David Muil, an experienced maritime and family history researcher explores these themes in an illustrated PowerPoint presentation.'

This meeting will start at 2.00 pm in the Education Suite, Gallery Oldham.

Free to members

Non-members £2.50

Future Meetings

6th April –The Manorial History of Chadderton – Chadderton Hall by Mike Lawson

11th May – Elizabeth Raffald by Suze Appleton

8th June – Famous people and things from the North West by Alan Morrison

No meetings in July and August

14th September- Funny You Should Say That by Peter Watson

12th October – Thomas Hayton Mawson – Lancashire's Garden Architect by Elaine Taylor

-Mawson became the foremost landscape architect of the early 20th Century. He designed large, intricate gardens, public parks and Gardens of Remembrance

9th November – What to do with 323 postcards by Julia Bagnall

-The talk is based on the acquisition of and research into a collection of postcards. The book which resulted is titled Cissie and Bella: a family's story 1887-1930

The location of the September-November meetings may change, please see the Oldham pages of the mlfhs website for up to date information in 2019.

Local News

Annie Kenney

The official unveiling of a statue to The Oldham Suffragette, took place on the steps of the Old Town Hall, on a bitterly cold day, exactly 100 years to the day when some women were allowed to vote in a general election.



A large crowd of people gathered in the foyer of Gallery Oldham many dressed as Suffragettes.

Led by a band and with banners, we marched across Union Street and up to the Old Town Hall where the Mayor, Oldham MP Jim McMahon and members of the Kenney family watched with us as local school children pulled the cords to reveal Annie. Members of the public then laid flowers around the foot of the statue in acknowledgement of all that she did to help get women the vote.

By Joan Secker-Wlodarczyk



A statue of Emmeline Pankhurst, the leader of the Suffragettes, was also unveiled in St Peters Square, Manchester on the same day.



Talks by Other Groups (not part of our society)

Chadderton Heritage

On the Right Lines

A talk about Chadderton's railway stations in the lounge of Chadderton Football Club on **7th February** at 7.30

Oldham Historical Research Group

Rugby League in Oldham

At Oldham Local Studies and Archives on **Wednesday 27th February** at 7pm

Society News

Saturday 2 February 10.30am: Beginners Talk: Civil Registration

John Marsden will discuss civil registration of births, marriages and deaths. The talk will examine the background to the introduction of civil registration and how the system operates. John will explain how to find an event using both online and offline indexes and examine the information provided by BMD certificates and where this might lead your research. Finally he will suggest ways you might save some money (or at least waste less!) by using online and offline resources to improve your searches or even avoid the need to buy a certificate at all.

John Marsden is standing in for Jean Newman who is unable to present this talk as originally scheduled.

This meeting will be held in the Performance Space at Manchester Central Library. The talk is free to members. A fee of £3.00 will be charged to non-members but this is refundable if the individual joins the Society on the day of the talk. Booking is required. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Wednesday 6 February 7.30pm: Bolton Branch Meeting

A manicurist in cowboy country: The adventures of Edith Crosby, 1882-1966

Dr. Alan Crosby, MA, DPhil, FRHistS,
Family & Local Historian and University Lecturer.

Meetings are held in the Montserrat Room, 1st Floor,
Old Links Golf Club, Chorley Old Road, Bolton, BL1 5SU. (There is parking for 70 cars).

Guests and potential members are sure of a warm welcome. From 7.00pm tea & coffee are available in the room, and drinks are available from the bar. Unwanted genealogy magazines and CDs can be swapped/collected at the meetings. At the end of every meeting there is a Help Desk, manned by experienced researchers, available to assist you with your genealogy problems.

The meeting are free for members of the MLFHS, £3 for non-members. There is no need to book.

Saturday 16 Feb 2.00pm: Anglo-Scottish Branch Meeting

Irish Records. They all when up in smoke, or did they?

Jill Williams

We know that Irish records were burnt during the Four Courts fire in 1922, so making Irish research very difficult. Jill will be talking about what happened to the records and the alternatives that are available today so we may research into the lives of our Irish ancestors.

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 required. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Wednesday 24th April at 11am

Visit to the People's History Museum- Guided tour of the Peterloo Exhibition- Disrupt? Peterloo and Protest.

This exhibition forms a central part of the People's History Museum bicentenary programme. The nature of Peterloo and the political repression that followed means there are few artefacts remaining, which in bringing together for the first time key items from the time makes this exhibition all the more powerful. This includes a **Peterloo medal**, the only one of its kind uncovered to date, which carries the strong and impassioned words of the time, "These things will not endure or be endured". A newly commissioned film will feature as part of the exhibition, telling the story of Peterloo and the road to democratic reform.

Alongside the exhibition a gallery will become a **Protest Lab**, for individuals, communities and organisations to use as an experimental space for creative campaigning and collective action.

MLFHS will have a guided tour of the exhibition for about an hour. You can then get something to eat in the cafe and go on a self-guided tour of the other galleries if you wish.

Cost £4.50.

Numbers are limited and booking is essential.

Book via Eventbrite on the Society Home page.

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