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View from the Chair

As most of you will know by now, new regulations concerning data protection will be coming into force this month. The EU GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) stipulates how organisations collect and process personal data, and how they communicate with people. It requires organisations to state how the information is used, and how people's privacy is ensured. The Federation is not able to offer advice to societies on this issue, but it is important to note that this is an 'opt-in' scheme – people must give their active consent to societies collecting, keeping and processing information, and be able to withdraw that consent if they wish. You can find guidance on the website of the British Association for Local History at <http://www.balh.org.uk/news/gdpr-and-local-societies-general-advice-1>

Our membership secretary has written to all society and personal members about this topic – please ensure that you respond to her email. We don't want to lose you!

As always, we would welcome nominations to the committee at any time in the year. We are a friendly, focussed group and meet only four times annually.

Best wishes – **Marianne**

NEWS FROM ARCHIVES

Lancashire Archives

Family history. On one Friday each month there will be a family history surgery provided by volunteers from the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society from 10am to 12 noon, a family history talk on a different topic each month from 12.30 to 1.30pm, and a Getting to Know session for those who want to find out more about how to use the service and its vat resources, at 2.30pm.

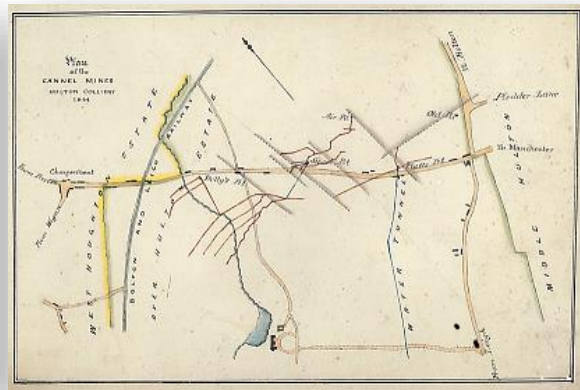
Visits to Lancashire libraries. An archivist will visit libraries during the year to talk about the Archives and the resources available for family history research. There is no need to book.

Poulton Library	Fri 20 Apr 2.15pm
Accrington Library	Wed 23 May 2pm
Lancaster Library	Thu 21 Jun 10.30am
Nelson Library	Fri 21 Sep 2pm
Harris Library	Wed 17 Oct 2pm
Skelmersdale Library	Tue 13 Nov 2pm

The Friends of Lancashire Archives have two interesting summer visits which are also open to non-members.



On 2 June there is a visit to Parrox Hall in Preesall, a Grade II* listed 17th century building which is rarely open to the public.



On 4 August there is a walk led by mining historian Alan Davies to the site of Lancashire's largest pit disaster, the Pretoria Pit at Over Hulton.

For further information please see the Friends website: www.flarchives.co.uk

Map digitisation project. In 2017 a meeting was convened at Lancashire Archives of representatives of Cumbria, Cheshire, Merseyside and Lancashire Archives, Lancashire's IT Services, Lancaster University, Lancashire Archaeological Advisory Service, the National Archives, the Friends of Lancashire Archives, the Lancashire Place Name Survey and the Federation. The group discussed the project of making

digitised maps available on a website, starting with tithe maps linked through GIS technology to Ordnance Survey maps. The project could allow maps from different periods to be overlaid, and links could be provided to additional information, including photographs, place-names and texts of all kinds. Cumbria is taking the lead although Lancashire is interested in hosting the technology.

A grant from the National Archives Sector Sustainability Fund has now been awarded which will allow an archive consultant to scope the project and carry out a consultation exercise across the region to evidence need and user engagement.

We encourage societies to inform their members of these plans in due course, as volunteers would be needed to help crop and sew maps together as well as providing information to link with the digitised maps. Members and member societies may also be interested in donating to the project since they will gain access to digitised maps of their area.

Jacquie Crosby gives news about readers tickets:

County Archive Research Network readers tickets 'I thought LLHF members should know that I have just received a letter giving six months' notice that the CARN Reader Ticket Scheme will close on 30th November 2018. The scheme has been in operation for almost 30 years and does need upgrading. An Archives Card scheme has been developed but unless more record offices sign up to take part in this scheme it will not be financially viable, and from December each record office will be running its own individual access control system.

In Lancashire I have signed up for the new scheme because I believe it benefits both our county archive service and all our users, who are able to use one ticket in many record offices around the country.

In order to succeed the Archives Card scheme needs more archive repositories to sign up by 31 May 2018 and/or an injection of funds to support the initial development costs. If there are any potential sponsors for The Archives Card scheme I will be happy to advise them who to contact.'

Wigan Archives



Wigan Council's Archives and Local Studies service has secured a major grant of over £1.3m from the Heritage Lottery Fund thanks to money raised by National Lottery players for the 'Revealing Wigan Archives' project.

The HLF investment will allow the archives to produce a new vision for the future and the services it will deliver.

Along with a new public search room, three vacant Leigh Town Hall shop units will be converted into new exhibition space for archives, and additional shop units will be used as specialist storage to protect the collection. This will transform Wigan Borough's archives and restore part of the town hall building. The plans also include a new café space in the town hall. New conservation facilities to catalogue and digitise collections will make them more readily accessible. The shop unit facades adjacent to the town hall will be restored in keeping with the building's design and shop 'windows' created to form part of an interpretative scheme.

The HLF grant also includes a two-year temporary exhibition programme, with content shaped by community contributions and in partnership with the Museum of Wigan Life.

Nathan Lee, Head of HLF North West said: "We are delighted to support this project, which, thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, will mean that more people will be able to get involved with, protect, and learn about the exciting heritage right on their doorstep."

As well as more outreach and engagement activities there will be a learning programme with schools led by an education and engagement coordinator. There will also be an enhanced volunteering programme offering various roles for residents, including; digitising collections, public talks delivery, hosting visits, welcoming visitors and exhibition stewarding.

The archives contain historic records dating back 800 years and covering the entirety of Wigan Borough's history, including those from local councils, hospitals, churches, businesses and clubs, as well as thousands of donations of personal records from individuals and families.

Alex Miller, Lead Officer, Wigan Archives and Local Studies

Kendal Archive Centre Notice of temporary closure

The Archive Centre in Kendal County Offices will be closed from 2 May until 7 November 2018 for essential building work.

NEWS FROM SOCIETIES

Leyland Historical Society

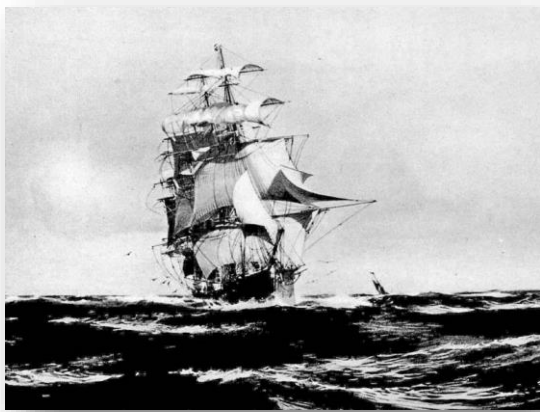
During the summer, the Society will have a pop-up heritage centre at 55 Hough Lane, PR25 2SA, until 7 July.

This initiative is part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Leyland Historical Society and formed part of the Heritage Lottery award. The Society aims to show the people of Leyland a part of the historical research the members have undertaken in the last 50 years.

The facility will also be used to promote the Oral History Project exploring the rich industrial heritage of Leyland and Farington, recording the many workforces of the town by highlighting the project and, if required, interviewing ex-employees on the premises.



Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire



Liverpool Shipping and the End of Empire with Professor Nick White from Liverpool John Moores University.

This is the Mike Stammers Memorial Lecture, being held jointly with the Centre for Port and Maritime History.

Wednesday 13 June 6.15pm in the top-floor meeting room of Liverpool Central Library.

Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society

Pat Rowland writes about **William Field's Log Book**

In 2013 the society acquired a handwritten book entitled 'A Copy of the Late William Fields Log Book' that records events in the area between 1754 and the 1890s. The book is very delicate, and we decided to transcribe the entries to preserve them.

The initial entries are one line per year from 1754 to 1780; between 1780-1788 the entries expand to 2 lines; 1788-1810 there are several entries per month. These have been copied from an earlier book written by William Field who died in 1810. In

1810 the handwriting changes and the style of the entries change as another member of the family continues to use the book. The entries become more narrative but do not record events regularly. However, by 1824 they return to factual, concise entries for several dates per month. Events included some marriages and deaths, alterations to properties, journeys undertaken by the writer, results of sales of land and estates, trials, weather events and news items about the area. Some years have more entries than others. From 1858-1869 there are very few entries. The next entry, in a different handwriting, is for 1869. Another writer began recording information in September 1870 when a near daily diary was kept up to the early 1890s.

The content of the later diary does include a lot of local births, marriages and deaths but there is much interesting detail about visitors, family matters and outings. Weather reports also feature extensively. The book also contains a few newspaper cuttings for 1879, the 1880s and 1890s. No emotion or comments are expressed in the entries: they are purely factual.

James Stockdale in his book *Annals of Cartmel* paid tribute to William Field following his death in 1860, at the age of 90, and described him as the 'father of Cartmel'. Amongst his many roles according to Stockdale

'He was grocer, ironmonger, tallow chandler, high constable, bridge master, post master, stamp distributor, savings bank clerk and treasurer, manager of the parish charities, vestry clerk, clerk and writer at all sales, will maker, lease and agreement maker, general arbitrator, trustee under numerous wills, and agent for five of the principal owners of estates in the parish. He was an excellent antiquarian and numismatist, and to him we owe the preservation of what remains of the ancient Headless Cross and several of the other still remaining antiquities of the parish.'

We think he was the copier and keeper of the log book between 1810 and the entries up to 1858.

The people who have transcribed it all consider that it is a gem that must be made available to a wider audience and we are discussing how to make this happen. Our current thoughts are to make a digitised version available online for researchers to use and produce themed booklets which will contain researched information suggested by entries in the book.

Halliwell Local History Society



Norman Hindley writes about an informal monthly reminiscence group which meets in addition to the monthly meetings with speakers. They meet at All Souls, Halliwell.



So far, they have looked at parts of Crompton Ward, including Astley Bridge Railway Station, All Souls, Dobson and Barlow's, the Empire and Palladium Cinemas, Rationing in World War and Bolton Co-operative Society. Norman usually prepares notes before the meeting to stimulate discussion.

People are welcome to take part in the discussion or listen, as they wish, and to have a cup of tea or coffee at the end of the hour.

Denton Local History Society

In 1978 Denton was being cut in two by the construction of the M67. Countless homes, shops, hat works and also several churches and schools were being demolished. So we founded Denton Local History Society and work was begun immediately to record all we could.



Simultaneously thieves stole the roof off part of derelict Denton Hall. Thus began our fight to save the remaining East Wing and research and record the rest of the site. Though the building was not saved, we organised an archaeological dig, during which the previously unknown moat was uncovered, containing timbers and artefacts from the earlier hall. One of our members created a perfect scale model of the main hall with which he gave illustrated talks. and we have full records of the site.

This spurred us on to hold monthly workshops, creating an archive and collection of artefacts, in rooms provided by our library. An invitation to Denton Show started our yearly exhibitions. (We now have over 300 display cards.) Then followed an Oral History Project: From childhood in the Boer War, through two World Wars, to today.

Publications came next for the History Press and commentaries for Godfrey Maps.

Challenges continued. In 1990 the proposed Kingswater development across Debdale Vale would have destroyed early landscape, routes, buildings and part of Nicoditch, all presently preserved on two golf courses. After concentrated research, our book helped the campaigners to stop the proposal.

In the early 2000s, the Crown Point North shopping centre warranted mass demolition around Wilton Street, centre of hat production in Denton, plus about 70 homes, a chapel and shops. The developers invited us to have access to record pre-development and even to put some artefacts on permanent display. Two information boards were created with their help and our book 'Hats Off to Wilton Street' was produced to mark our 25th anniversary.

In 2006 we were part of the council's bid to restore the bandstand in Victoria Park. Research into the park's history followed, culminating in the installation of two information boards and our school pack presented to each local school. Dressed in period costume our society members processed in the park at the unveiling of the bandstand.

Our input into the town continues with school visits, exhibition loans, providing speakers and advice, and welcoming family and other researchers. Some of our members have produced more books for us recently. Our membership grows but we are all growing older! To celebrate 40 years as a society, we shall, as usual, take over historic St Lawrence's Church (once a Chapel of Ease for Manchester parish)

for a week this October to showcase a special exhibition on Hatting in Denton. Sadly we failed in the council-led bid to create an outdoor Hatting Corridor by the park and town hall for various hatting related artefacts. A local school has taken up the idea in their bid and so we are still hopeful and will celebrate by sharing our anniversary with the people of Denton and the local schools.

Allan Arrowsmith and Jill Cronin

Tameside Local History Forum- History on Your Doorstep Group

16th August 2019 marks the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre at St Peter's Field in Manchester, where ordinary working people had gathered to protest against poor working conditions and lack of representation in Parliament. The protesters, estimated at a minimum of 60,000, came from all over the north west of England, including the area we now know as Tameside - Ashton-under-Lyne, Audenshaw, Denton, Droylsden, Dukinfield, Hyde, Longdendale, Stalybridge, and Mossley. The "massacre" resulted in 11 deaths, and hundreds of people being injured.

Volunteers in Tameside are planning to commemorate the protest in several ways. The History on Your Doorstep group are researching newspapers and other archives for an exhibition to be displayed in the Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre. This will feature the events that led up to the massacre and describe the day itself and its aftermath. Special emphasis will be on the casualties

The Stalybridge Brass Band, which was formed in 1814, and still exists today, were invited by Orator Hunt, a Radical leader, to take part in the event. This didn't go as planned, and the band were forced to flee from the violence.



Groups of local crafters are sewing a Peterloo banner, comprising of 12 main sections with themes such as "In Petersfield" and "The Charge". These will be supplemented by pennants produced by individuals or other groups.

Two concerts will take place as part of the commemoration. The Stalybridge Brass Band will perform the programme they had intended to play at Peterloo, as well as entertaining the audience with more recent compositions. At a second event, local folk group, the Free Radicals, will perform a set based on the events of Peterloo itself. Further details of venues and dates will be published nearer the time.

If any local people have tales to tell about families who were present at the Peterloo Massacre, or any other relevant information about Peterloo and the local area, please contact clough@tamesidehistoryforum.org

Anne Brewster

Wigan Local History and Heritage Group

The group was formed some years ago, and meets monthly to hear local history talks, to undertake visits and to exchange research ideas. Some members of the group decided that the time was long overdue to recognise the contribution which mining made to the town and, indeed, to the wealth of the country.

At its height, there can have been few families in the area who were not directly or indirectly involved or affected. Untold numbers of people died or were left ill or disabled.

The group founded a charity – WHAMM, or Wigan Heritage and Mining Monument – to raise funds and to keep the memory of mining alive for the people of Wigan. We have raised enough money to have the statue cast and are raising more so that it can be placed in the town centre.

It is going to be sited near the present town hall, which was built as one of the first mining colleges in the country.

The image shows a full-size maquette of the monument. From the outset we were clear that we wanted to recognise not only the miners, but the famous Wigan pit brow lasses and the lads who also worked at the pit heads.

Further details can be found at www.wiganminingstatue.org.uk

Sheila Ramsdale



Westhoughton Local History Group

Founded in 2005, the group now regularly attracts between 70 and 80 attendees to its twice-monthly meetings.

In a review of 2018, the group reflected on 30 'gatherings' of diverse types, comprising presentations on an eclectic range of topics by in-house and guest speakers, walks, quizzes, and 11 well-supported trips and excursions to places of historical interest.

Without doubt, the highlight of the year was the group's hugely-successful 'Aspects of Howfen' exhibition, which ran for six weeks in September/October, and coincided with the official launch of the long-planned 'Westhoughton Timeline' which now adorns the walls of the library. This project was the brainchild of Pam Clarke, founder-member and president of the group, but sadly she didn't live to see its implementation, and hence it is most fitting that a panel within the display dedicates the Timeline to her memory.

The group's publishing team produced two superbly-illustrated booklets linked to the Timeline project, one being an expanded version of the wall-mounted displays, and the other featuring 37 evocative watercolours of the Westhoughton of yesteryear by the group's own in-house water-colour artist, Tom Newton MBE, the originals of which formed part of the autumn exhibition.

Another initiative from the publishing team was the inaugural issue of a planned series of articles profiling prominent personalities of Westhoughton past and present, entitled '*Keawyed Characters*'. Fittingly, Tom Newton was chosen as the first 'in the spotlight', as he is one of Westhoughton's best-loved citizens, and active in a number of the town's organisations, as well as having made an incomparable contribution to the history group over many years.

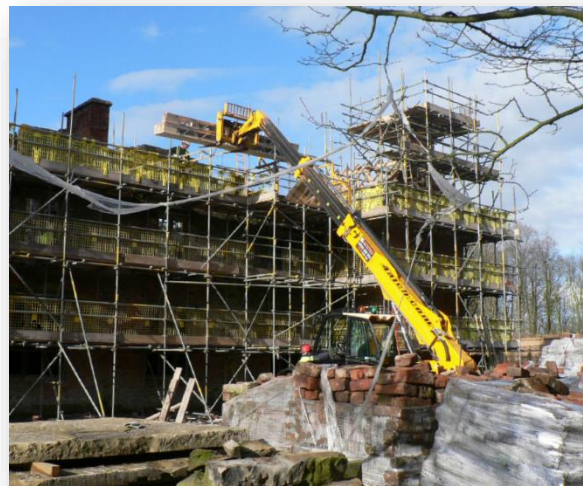
Not content to rest on its laurels, WLHG has launched an ambitious new research and exhibition project for 2018, entitled '*Westhoughton in the Wake of World War I*'. The group's plan is to research those Westhoughton men and women who played a part in the Great War, but *survived*, and went on to play a role in the life of the town in subsequent years. The group is appealing for any information in this regard.

The research team has started to build up a portrait of life in Westhoughton in the years following WWI, taking in the hardships of the 1920s, up to the General Strike of 1926. They are looking at industrial, commercial, religious, educational, sporting, social and cultural activities during this eight-year period. '*The Howfen Herald*', a new periodic newsletter, will contain project updates.

David Kaye

Friends of Bank Hall (Bretherton)

The Contractors at the Hall have now started reconstruction work mainly on the East side of the Hall with floors being inserted. In some parts the new roof structure is now in place. A stonemason is now on site to deal with the repair and reconstruction of the decorative stone. The work schedule was delayed by about three months because of the winter weather. There were also structural issues concerning how best to restore the Tower.



NEWS ROUND-UP

Bolton museum

Bolton Museum is undergoing one of its biggest changes since it moved the collections from the old Chadwick Museum to the Crescent in the 1950s. The £3.5

million re-display of the museum's world-renowned Egyptology collection, funded by Bolton Council, is also supplemented by a £200k grant from the Wolfson Trust, and will be completed later in 2018.

The exciting new Egyptology Gallery, 'Bolton's Egypt', will showcase the collection, its history and its collectors, and will include an exact replica of the tomb of Thutmosis III.

Ian Trumble, Collections Access Officer for Archaeology, Egyptology and World Cultures, would like to introduce you to the plans for this new gallery.

Lectures on the theme of "Bolton's Egypt yesterday, today and tomorrow" can include the history of the collection, a collection overview, and the new gallery designs, and can last from 30 mins to 90 mins as required.

Blackpool Museum



Blackpool has received funding from the Northern Cultural Regeneration Fund and the National Lottery to provide a museum in the historic Palatine building, close to the Tower.

It will explore the extraordinary and rarely told stories of Britain's largest seaside resort, one which has played a unique role in the development of popular entertainment over the past 150 years. It will be 'dynamic and celebratory', including artefacts, film, music and performance.

LuneTube

This is a free, online resource, producing a new short film each week, showing little-known aspects of North Lancashire. More details can be found at www.lunetube.co.uk.

Gorton Monastery

Regular events are held in the Monastery, exploring the history of the building and the area.

- Belle Vue and Gorton History & Heritage afternoons – monthly talks on the 1st Thursday
- Nostalgia afternoons and oral history – every Thursday afternoon
- The Monastery is open every day except Saturdays and Bank Holidays



Judges' Lodgings Lancashire County Council has agreed to re-open the Judges' Lodgings in Lancaster on three days a week (Friday-Sunday) from 21 July for an initial three-year period (with school visits and external bookings on other days). It was acknowledged that the hard work of the Trustees, Friends group and local people had been instrumental in persuading councillors to seek alternatives to complete closure. Officers will work with the Trustees in a partnership arrangement, allowing paid staff to be appointed shortly.

The Battle of Winwick: Battlefield registered

On February 1st, 2018, Historic England added this battlefield to the Register of Historic Battlefields, a register which holds the names of over forty such sites, thus giving them protection. Its number in the List is 1412878.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1412878>

The Battle of Winwick, fought in 1648, is sometimes referred to as the Battle of Red Bank or the Battle of Winwick Pass. It was the last battle in the Second English Civil War and the result of it was that the Royalist infantry, whose aim had been to restore Charles I to the throne, was routed. What makes the site so important is that it is fairly well preserved, in spite of holding some later built features. Key parts of the battlefield are still discernible in the landscape, which could well yield archaeological evidence ('shot from various firearms' and 'organic material' are mentioned in the registration), thus developing our understanding of the events of the battle. Such would enhance the substantial surviving body of written records; a list is presented, from which I have selected the first three:

(i) Ormerod, George, 1844. Tracts relating to military proceedings in Lancashire during the Great Civil War. Chetham Society. P264

Internet archive

<https://archive.org/details/tractsrelatingto00ormerich>

(ii) Robinson, Edward, 1864. A discourse of the warr in Lancashire. Chetham Society. p66

Internet archive

<https://archive.org/details/discourseofwarri00robirich>

(iii) Slingsby, H. (1806). Original memoirs, written during the great civil war: being the life of Sir Henry Slingsby, and memoirs of Capt Hodgson. With notes, &c.

Edinburgh: p122; Hathi Trust

<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uc2.ark:/13960/t44q7v208>

Margaret Edwards

Greater Manchester Archaeology Festival The University of Salford and the Greater Manchester Archaeology Federation announce the festival from Thursday 21 June to Sunday 24 June. It features free events throughout the city region. For more information visit www.archaeologyuk.org/cbanw/ .

Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire

The Society was founded in 1878 to transcribe and publish original documents relating to the two palatine counties. During the past one hundred and forty years 153 volumes have been published encompassing a wide variety of records and topics, making available an extensive range of sources important for any study of North West England. During the past ten years these have included The Challenge of Cholera, 1831-33, Justice and Conciliation in a Tudor Church Court, The Crown Pleas of the Lancashire Eyre of 1292, The Letters of William Blundell, The Cavalier, A Londoner in Lancashire 1941-1943 (The diary of Annie Beatrice Holness.)

To maintain its aim of publishing a volume each year the Society depends on the continuing support of its subscribers. Members receive the annual volume and any volume published during the calendar year in which they join together with all subsequent volumes. Earlier volumes may be purchased as long as they remain available.

The annual subscription is £30 and membership can be obtained by contacting the Membership Secretary at jimsutton37@hotmail.co.uk or by post to 5 Beechwood Drive, Alsager, Cheshire ST7 2HG. The Society's web site address, which provides more information than there is room for here, is www.rslc.org.uk.

Manchester Histories Festival Manchester Histories presents a long weekend of events celebrating and commemorating the rich and diverse histories of Greater Manchester, this year inspired by the themes of protest, democracy and freedom of speech.

Friday 8th June. Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the TUC (Trades Union Congress) in Manchester and Salford in 1868.

Saturday 9th June. A day of exploring the hidden stories of working class electronic music in Manchester, hosted by young people from Annex Agency and Project 13.

Sunday 10th June. Manchester Histories Celebration Day will this year take place at Manchester's Central Library and coincides with the library's Family Fun Day. There will be over 70 exhibition stands from history and heritage organisations and special activities for all ages that uncover and reveal the passionate histories of people and places from across Greater Manchester. (The Federation will have a stand at this event.)

Monday 11th June. The organisers want to encourage people from across Greater Manchester to host debates in schools, cafes, public spaces, museums and galleries, a shopping centres or offices. People are invited to submit their debate topic to the organisers.

Also, in partnership with Manchester Metropolitan University, there will be a 'Soapbox' from 8th to 10th June featuring a Speakers' Corner at All Saint's Park off

Oxford Road. The park will be transformed by students from Manchester Metropolitan University and artists from the region, with a hustings, new visual identity, and food and drink stalls.

All details are available at <https://manchesterhistories.co.uk/>.

CILIP Local Studies Group Conference 2018: Oral History and Sound Heritage

Monday 9 July 2018, 10:00 – 16:30, University of Leicester Library

The conference is for anyone involved in oral history and sound collections, or who would like to work in this area in the future. The program will outline best practice and new initiatives and enable participants to exchange views with other people in this field.

Programme:

- Introducing Unlocking Our Sound Heritage - Sue Davies, British Library
- Running an oral history project - Colin Hyde, East Midlands Oral History Archive
- Tour of the University of Leicester Library's Special Collections & Sound Heritage project facilities
- Oral history and communities - Stephanie Nield, Leonard Cheshire Archive & Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre, University of Manchester.
- Cataloguing oral history and sound collections.

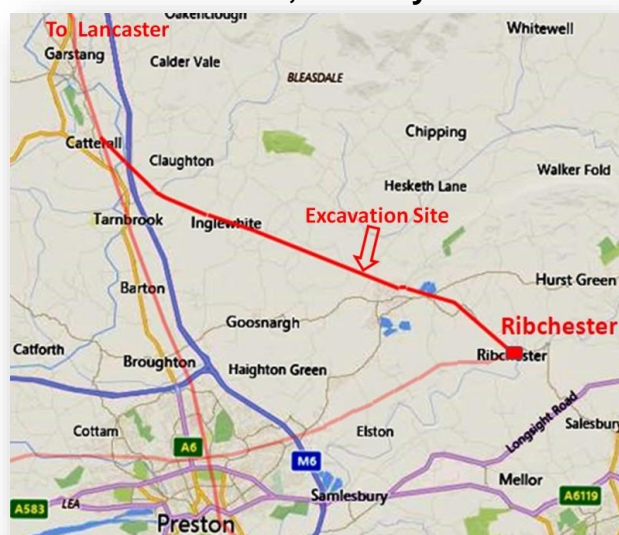
Tickets cost £30 + VAT & Handling fee for LSG members and £40 + VAT & Handling fee for non-LSG members. Please book tickets via [Eventbrite](#).

For further information, please email William Farrell wjbf1@le.ac.uk

LiDAR Update:

Excavation on the Ribchester to Catterall Roman Road, January 2018

Revealed by Lidar¹, this “new” Roman road linking the important sites of Ribchester and Lancaster (via Catterall) had not been seen for probably 1000 years. That all changed in January 2018 when Tony Dewhurst and his nephew excavated the road where it crosses their land just west of Longridge. Tony’s nephew is a professional archaeologist, so expertise was on hand to understand what was revealed.



The line of the road across their land was somewhat approximate as it was only visible in the LiDAR data a few hundred metres to the east and west of the site. It took some exploratory pits before they located the remains of the road. They were unable to excavate a full cross section in the time available but did find that the road was edged with kerb stones. These are larger retaining stones to stop the road foundation spreading rather than upstanding kerbs as we would understand today. It was not known previously that the road used this form of construction. Limited trial pits elsewhere had been more to the centre of the road and just really proved its existence and survival.



It is hoped to excavate again and complete a full cross section across the road.

Thanks are due to Tony Dewhurst for sharing his findings.

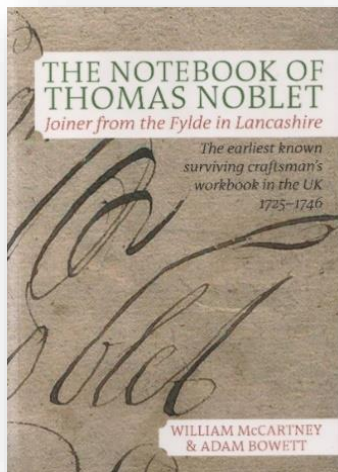
David Ratledge

<http://www.romanroads.org/gazetteer/lancspages.html>

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1. David Ratledge, Lancashire & Cheshire Antiquarian Society Transactions 110, 2017.

BOOKS



The notebook of Thomas Noblet; joiner from the Fylde in Lancashire by William McCartney and Adam Bowett

ISBN: 9781999630300

Available to buy from William McCartney
willmccar@gmail.com

£12.99 (plus packing and postage)

The cost of family tree tracing for genealogical sleuth Bill McCartney included getting a bloodied leg when a dog attacked him at the gate of a farmhouse. But the hound's

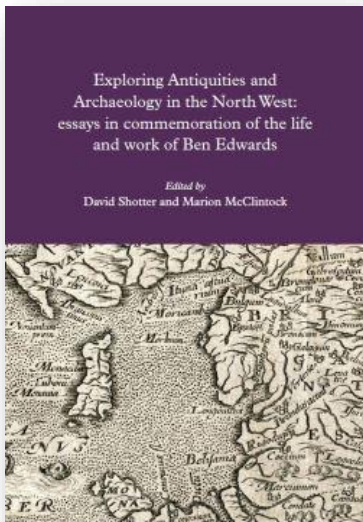
owner turned out to be related to Bill – and the custodian of a treasure trove of family, local and craftwork history, the brightest gem of which was a 1725 notebook.

The reproduction of Thomas Noblet's workbook (with transcriptions and notes on facing pages) forms the basis of this unusual paperback.

Thomas's preserved sketches from his domestic and ecclesiastical commissions include clock casings, clothes chests, chests of drawers, doors, spice boxes, church pews, tables, cradles, bannisters, chairs and squabs (settees). Details of measurements, costings, expenses, itemised listings of timber, financial borrowings and mathematical calculations show Thomas's eye for detail.

The background notes explain how the notebook came to be found, preserved and transcribed, as well as details of the Noblet family and their relations, the Jolly family, over several centuries.

Anthony Coppin, Garstang Historical Society. (A more detailed review can be read on the book reviews page at www.garstanghistoricalsociety.org.uk)



Exploring Antiquities and Archaeology in the North West: essays in commemoration of the life and work of Ben Edwards

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Ben Edwards, County Archaeologist for Lancashire, Honorary Fellow of the CWAAS (Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society, now known as Cumbria Past), scholar and historian, produced work that transcended historical period and county boundaries. This collection of essays by colleagues, based on a study day in Ben's honour in 2012, contributes to our knowledge and understanding of the archaeology and history of Cumbria and Lancashire from the Romans to the early modern periods and commemorates Ben Edwards' outstanding achievements.

The volume has been edited by David Shotter, President of CWAAS from 2005 to 2008, and Marion McClintock, General Secretary, both of whom knew and worked with Ben in a variety of capacities over many years.

Miss Weeton: governess and traveller

Edited by Alan Roby

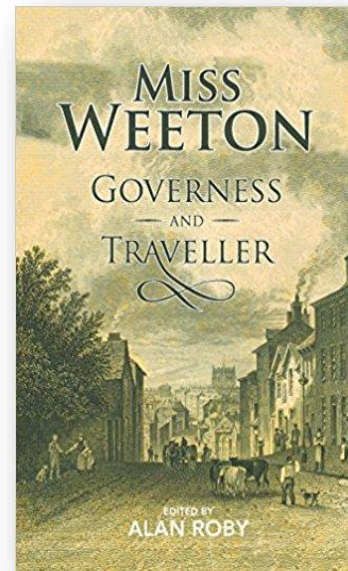
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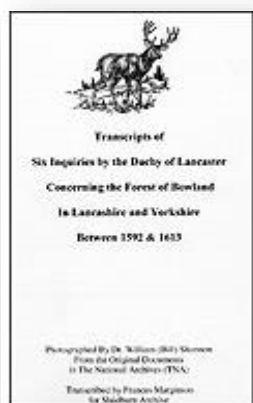
It is based on journal entries and other writings by
Ellen 'Nelly' Weeton, a governess who was born in
Lancaster in 1776 but grew up in Upholland and
Wigan. She took over the running of her mother's
school at a young age and denied a marriage proposal
to support the family.



When she was persuaded into marriage she suffered serious domestic abuse at the
hands of her husband but resisted and secured a deed of separation at the price of
losing access to her daughter.

Although there have been books published about Miss Weeton before, the present
volume completes her story by revealing for the first time where and when she died.
It is the result of three years full-time work on the part of the editor.

The convener of the Alan Ball award judging panel said the book "is an outstanding
publication with engaging content that is accessible to a wide range of audiences.
Alan's skilful editing and research for this new edition enhanced the reader's
enjoyment and is a story that can be appreciated by audiences across the country
and beyond. The book is also physically impressive, and the reproduced images are
brilliant quality".

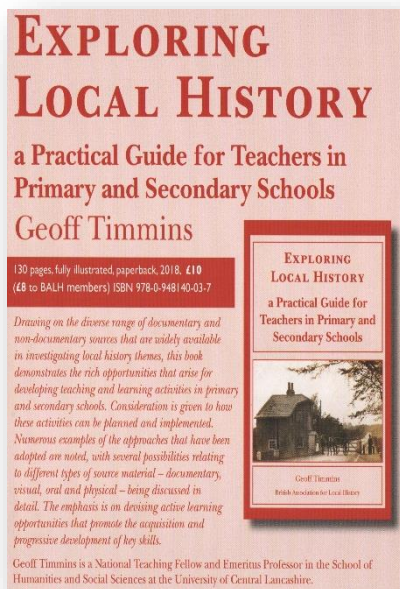


Transcripts of Six Inquiries by the Duchy of Lancaster Concerning the Forest of Bowland in Lancashire and Yorkshire Between 1592 & 1613

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National Archives and are transcribed by Frances
Marginson from photographs taken by Dr Bill
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This publication should appeal to local and family historians with its wealth of names
of people, their residences and often the ages of many who dwelt within the Forest of
Bowland. Deer poaching, illegal felling of Forest trees, disputes concerning

boundaries and the deer park at Leagram are all included. The depositions of local residents reveal first-hand what life was like in Bowland, at a period when deforestation and the sale of the holdings were soon to follow. These transcripts of the original documents are a fascinating insight into the management of Bowland before these changes occurred.



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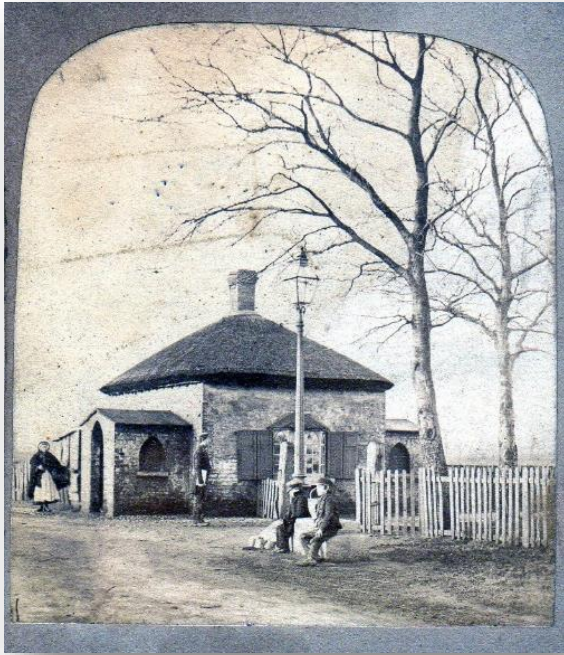
This new publication from the British Association for Local History is a 130-page paperback full of detailed guidance and case studies. Its aim is to show how to stimulate the interest of young people and develop key skills such as numeracy and literacy. It focuses on explaining how a wealth of readily available sources - documentary, visual, oral and physical - can enrich understanding of local history. With its innovative approach and extensive bibliography including websites, this wide-ranging resource makes local history accessible and appealing to all types of schools and students.

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The Federation committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who may be interested in taking on the role of newsletter editor.

The newsletter is published four times a year and is sent to all members. If all societies make it available to their members, the result is that many hundreds of people read it, across a wide geographical spread of the north west. It is a means of allowing member societies to learn what others are doing, to ask for help in resolving queries and to keep in touch with Federation activities.

There would be scope for the person to develop the newsletter, as they would have a free hand, subject to discussion with the committee. If you feel you would like to discuss the possibility of taking on this important role, please contact the acting editor (details on the front page) or use the links on our website.



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