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### View from the Chair

I would like to draw your attention to two Federation events – the Spring Day School on 24<sup>th</sup> February and the At Home, hosted by Leyland Historical Society on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Details and booking forms are below – we look forward to welcoming you.

Subscriptions for societies (£8) and individuals (£5) are payable from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. We hope that you feel membership is worthwhile and that you will renew (or join for the first time!) for 2018.

**Best wishes from Marianne**

### Website news

**Events Diary for Societies:** There is now a diary showing monthly events for member societies. This will be updated on a monthly basis by the web manager, so please let Peter Houghton know about all your activities by emailing him at [peter@leylandhistoricalsociety.co.uk](mailto:peter@leylandhistoricalsociety.co.uk).

**Index to the *Lancashire Local Historian*:** An updated index to the Federation journal, the *Lancashire Local Historian*, which was produced between 1983 – 2007/8 is now available on the website. The content of journal articles is listed alphabetically under author, title and subject, so it is worth checking to see if there are any items of interest to your research.



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## LLHF Day School Saturday 24 February 2018

At Pendle Heritage Centre  
Park Hill, Colne Road, Barrowford BB9 6JQ



### Studies in Vernacular Architecture

#### Programme

- 09.30 - 10.00      **Assemble & coffee**
- 10.00 - 11.00      **John Miller**  
Pendle Heritage Centre at 40.
- 11.00 - 11.15      **Short break**
- 11.15 - 12.15      **Mike Nevell**  
Excavating Engels: recent archaeological evidence for 19th century industrial housing in Manchester and Salford.
- 12.15 - 13.45      **Lunch**
- 13.45 - 14.45      **Kevin Illingworth**  
From the Mersey to the Duddon: recent discoveries in Lancashire since 2014.
- 14.45 - 15.00      **Short break**
- 15.00 - 16.00      **Nigel Neil**  
Record it before it moves! 25 years of recording buildings in advance of conversion.

**Fee    £18 (to include lunch)**

**£12.00 (day school only)**

There is ample car parking at the centre.

Delegates may bring their own packed lunch.

**NB Lunch will be served on the 1st floor. There is no lift available so those unable to manage stairs will need to make their own arrangements either by bringing a packed lunch or using the small café on site.**

**Applications must be received by 16 February.**



#### **Booking form for Day School 2018**

Please complete and return to: Zoë Lawson, "Roselea", Mill Lane, Goosnargh, Preston, PR3 2JX

Telephone: 01772 865347      email: zoe.lawson@talktalk.net

Please reserve me \_\_\_\_ place(s)      I do/do not require a map of the location

I wish to book \_\_\_\_ places for lunch      Choose from: Meat & potato pie \_\_\_\_ or Cheese & onion pie \_\_\_\_

Name(s) .....

Address .....Postcode.....

Telephone ..... Email.....

I enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ made out to LLHF      Or

I wish to pay by BACS. Please transfer funds to the following account:

Sort Code: 01-05-31      Account number 32603983. **Ensure you give your surname as reference.**

**LANCASHIRE LOCAL HISTORY FEDERATION  
'AT HOME', SATURDAY 19 MAY 2018**

**LEYLAND CIVIC CENTRE, WEST PADDOCK, LEYLAND, PR25 1DH**  
Leyland Historical Society is pleased to welcome members of the Lancashire Local History Federation to learn something of the town's history and to help celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Programme**

- 09.00 – 09.15** Registration/tea or coffee  
**09.15 – 09.30** Welcome/notices  
**09.30 – 10.15** Peter Houghton: The Industrial Heritage of Leyland & Farington  
**10.15 – 11.00** Mrs Elizabeth Shorrock: The ffaringtons of Worden
- 11.00 – 11.15** Interval/tea or coffee
- 11.15 – 12.00** Colin Dickinson: The Cotton Mills Lancashire  
**12.00 – 12.30** Sid Calderbank: Lancashire Local Dialect
- 12.30 – 13.00** Annual General Meeting of L.L.H.F
- 13.00 – 14.00** Buffet Lunch with tea/coffee
- 14.00 - 15.00** A guided Fishwicks double decker bus trip around Leyland
- 15.00 – 17.00** Three different walks around Leyland
1. Industrial Walk around Hough Lane, North & South Works of Leyland Motors & Rubber Industry
  2. Walk to Worden Hall and Park with Elizabeth Shorrock
  3. Walk to the South Ribble Museum and Parish Church
- 17.00 – 19.00** Make own arrangements for evening meal but recommend the Leyland Lion (Wetherspoon's – which includes a display provided by the Historical Society).
- 19.30 – 21.30** Special talk by John Gater of Time Team who will discuss what the programme meant to him.

**COST: £17.50 (including buffet lunch, bus tour and evening speaker)**

*For a further £7.50 access to our last two meetings of the season (usual price £10.00 each):*

- *Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Dr Mark Baldwin "World War II Codebreakers"*
- *Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Dr David Starkey "The Monarchy"*

**Closing date for applications: 5 May**

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**Booking form for 2018 'At Home'**

**Please complete and return to:**

**Peter Houghton  
Leyland Historical Society  
14 Clifton Avenue  
Leyland  
PR25 3ES**

**01772 641604**

**Email: peter@leylandhistoricalsociety.co.uk**

**Please reserve me . . . . . Place/s**

**Please indicate which of the three walks you wish to go on (1, 2 or 3). . . . .**

**Name/s . . . . .  . . . . .**

**Address. . . . .**

**Postcode. . . . .**

**Email. . . . .**

**I enclose my/our cheque, payable to Leyland Historical Society, in the sum of  
£. . . . .**

**Or contact Peter if you wish to make a Bacs Transfer**

**AND a stamped addressed envelope (9" x 4½" preferred) for further  
information.**

**If you have any special dietary requirements, please state here. . . . .  
. . . . .**



## **WOULD YOUR SOCIETY LIKE TO HOST AN 'AT HOME' IN 2019?**

Each year one of our member societies hosts an 'At Home' on behalf of the Federation. As you will have seen above, this year our hosts are the Leyland Historical Society, who have devised an extremely interesting programme.

The host society makes the arrangements – for the speakers, the venue (up to 100 people) and the refreshments – in conjunction with Federation committee members. It gives them the opportunity to showcase their society, and to invite speakers who can shed light on what is often a little-known aspect of the local area. The Federation undertakes to ensure that the society is not out of pocket, although on most occasions the costs are easily covered. The day includes a very short Federation AGM (no more than 30 minutes) to which all are invited.

We would welcome interest from any member societies. So If you think your society would be interested in hosting the event in late Spring 2019, please contact Marianne Howell – details on the first page.

## **A TRIBUTE TO MARGARET EDWARDS**

On behalf of the Federation Committee, I wish to thank Margaret for all the hard work and dedication which she has put into editing the newsletter over the past six years. Through the channel of the newsletter, Margaret has brought together the members of the Federation in a way that had not previously been achieved, and ensured that we had up-to-date, interesting and varied news from throughout the county. I think I can say that the current success of the Federation is in no small measure a result of Margaret's handiwork.

I know that Margaret is involved in many other activities and standing down as editor will allow her to pursue them with greater enthusiasm. The Federation wish Margaret well in all she does.

At the moment we have no replacement editor and Marianne Howell the Federation Chair is bridging the gap until a successor can be found. So, if anyone would like to take up this interesting position please contact Marianne [mariannerh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mariannerh@hotmail.co.uk)

**Zoë Lawson**

## **NEWS FROM ARCHIVES**

### **LANCASHIRE**

Jacque Crosby writes: "As 2017 draws to a close I am proud and pleased to tell you that we've just heard that Lancashire Archives has retained its status as an Accredited Archive Service. The letter says: 'The Accreditation Panel "... *recognised the significant impact of finance and staffing reductions on Lancashire Archives since the award in 2014. However, they also recognised the service's considerable achievement in continuing to develop and to deliver a positive service throughout this very difficult time. The Panel congratulated the service's staff and management on this success.*" So a big thank you to my staff, our volunteers, the Friends of

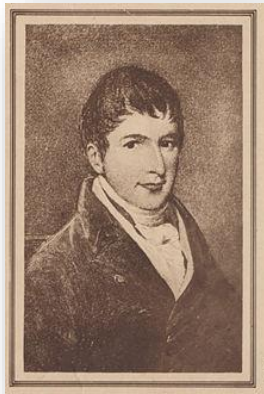
Lancashire Archives, and all our visitors who have contributed to our success and supported the service.”

**THREE EVENTS AT LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES BOW LANE, PRESTON, PR1 2RE**  
***Booking is essential*** for the following events. Further details and booking forms are available on the Friends website [www.flarchives.co.uk](http://www.flarchives.co.uk).



**The Poor Law into the 20<sup>th</sup> century** talk by Dave Burnham. Focussing on Bolton, Dave will explore how the Victorian Poor Law system, centred on the workhouse, developed during the 19<sup>th</sup> century to provide a more enlightened response to poor relief by 1930.

**Friday 9 March 2018 at 7.00pm.** £10 per person including buffet supper and a glass of wine.



**Horrockses at Lancashire Archives** - a workshop to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Horrocks, and to explore Lancashire Archives collections relating to the international textile company he founded.

**Saturday 24 March 10.30-3.00.** £5 per person.

**'There is no such thing as a good tax':** Land Tax Assessments, 1780-1832, a half-day workshop on land tax records with tutor, Anna Watson

Find out why this tax was introduced. Learn what you might discover about your ancestors from the returns - where they lived and what they were taxed on. Explore how local historians can use Land Tax returns to help to reconstruct the social structure of a community

**Tuesday 10 April 2018 2- 4pm.** £10.

## CHESHIRE

Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire East Council have decided to allocate sites in Chester and Crewe for two new history centres to house the shared Archives and Local Studies service. These will replace the current Record Office in Duke Street, Chester, which is no longer fit for purpose.

Facilities proposed include better spaces for activities with schools and community groups, exhibition spaces and more 'informal' access, as well as supervised research spaces. They will also look to extend digital provision and develop a much bigger outreach programme.

The proposals will be more fully developed over the next two to three years including consultation with residents, service users and potential new users. The funding would come from each authority and, if approved, an HLF grant. If you would like to be involved in this consultation email [recordoffice@cheshiresharedservices.gov.uk](mailto:recordoffice@cheshiresharedservices.gov.uk)

## NEWS FROM SOCIETIES

### CHORLEY HERITAGE CENTRE GROUP



In 2011, Chorley Heritage Centre began as the Chorley Heritage Centre Support Group. Interested volunteers, drawn together by Lincoln Shields, our present Chair, met to form a non-profit making group that undertook to preserve and archive any Chorley-related material.



We had no premises, so our website was an early necessity, along with publicity, and the forging of local contacts. In this, we were indebted to Chorley Library where we were able to have occasional display space, and to arrange drop-in arrange collection days for people to contribute material.

The group has amassed a range of sometimes irreplaceable collections. Thousands of glass slides depicting Chorley people, places and events were given to our archive by the local newspaper, the Chorley Guardian. After a training session at Lancashire Archives, one of our members has digitised much of this collection. Also, we have been given all the historical bound copies of the Chorley Guardian. We have many historical resources from local churches and businesses, and most recently we were given a 32-volume archive of coal mining information relating to the Chorley area and other parts of the UK. These amazing volumes were researched, and hand written by a local pit deputy. They contain diagrams, maps of pit seams, and sketches. One of our volunteers has digitised and indexed the volumes and made them partly searchable. We hope to feature them in an exhibition.

We have done many other things apart from collecting artefacts. For several years UCLan students have worked with us during their Community History modules.

Some of our volunteers give talks to local groups and lead heritage walks, and we have worked with local schools on projects. We have a good working relationship with Chorley's other historical societies.

In 2013 we hosted a week long "Chorley Heritage Event" in the town hall, and invited local groups and long-established businesses to contribute displays. Culminating in a folk-dance presentation by children from Chorley Arts Partnership, the week was a great success. As an Accredited group, in July 2012, at their national conference, we were presented with the Best New Archive for 2011 Award by the Community Archives and Heritage Group of the National Archives and Records Association. The next year we hosted the CAHG Northern Conference in the town hall.

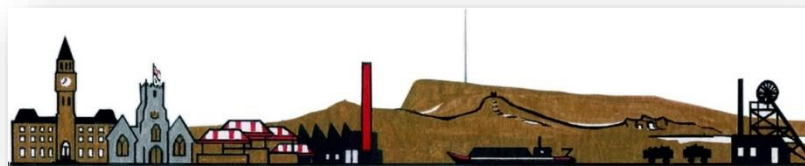
We have a large collection of oral history recollections recorded by one volunteer, and transcribed by several others. Memories include those of Chorley's industries, businesses, banks, schools, churches, and times of war, celebrations, organisations, farms and sport. Most poignant, perhaps, are the recollections of people from other countries who have made Chorley their home.

Although we have not achieved our objective of having a permanent Heritage Centre in Chorley, the Borough has been generous in providing upper floor accommodation in Astley Hall Farmhouse (see above photographs). There we can have long and short-term exhibitions – the current one being "The Changing Face of Chorley's Pubs". We do not have space for on-site storage but, for now, a local businessman generously allows us to use part of his premises for the purpose.

We have set up a working party drawn from local historical groups, Chorley Parish Church and the Borough. The aim is to involve Chorley in the Mayflower 2020 events to be celebrated in that year in the UK and the USA. Because of Chorley's possible link with Myles Standish, who claimed descent from the Standish family, and named his Massachusetts's estate "Duxbury", there is much American interest in this part of Lancashire and in Chorley in particular.

And so we continue! If you are not familiar with Astley Park and its Farmhouse where Chorley Heritage Centre is situated (entrance from the courtyard at the rear), why not make time to come to Chorley and visit us? The opening days and times are on our website [www.chorleyheritagecentre.co.uk](http://www.chorleyheritagecentre.co.uk) . If you have any artefacts or collections that relate to Chorley and wish to offer them to us, please contact the Secretary, David Horsfield Tel: 01257 263245. We welcome new supporters and active members. To join, please contact the Treasurer, Bill Walker Tel: 01257 273294.

**Jenny Cree**



*(Please let the editor know if you would like to submit a profile of your society for a future edition of the newsletter)*



## **HALLIWELL LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

The Society held a local history fair at the former All Souls' Church, Astley Street, Bolton. The venue is open as a community centre, and the Society has a help desk there, as well as having a permanent display from its photographic collection.

*(Would other societies benefit from organising a fair in their area, including neighbouring groups, to attract interest in local history, and potential new members?  
– Ed.)*

## **CARTMEL PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### **Two field trips in High and Low Newton**

High Newton and Low Newton villages lie towards the north east of the Cartmel Peninsula. A road bypass built in 2008 took the A590 away from the villages and this returned them to a more peaceful existence. Two members of the society had researched the flax industry which disappeared at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in this specific area and this summer two field trips in and around the two villages took place. The first trip discovered the remaining signs showing where this industry had been and the second looked at the vernacular buildings of High Newton. Both trips were oversubscribed and so there were two tours of each.

The first walk started at High Newton, where the weaving sheds were located on the edge of the village, and continued towards Barber Green. En-route, the retting ponds were pointed out, one of which is used today to collect run off rainwater from the A590. Retting is the process where the harvested flax was immersed for 10-14 days. In Barber Green the group visited the engineered water-course that provided the power to the fulling mill, a place where the bleached cloth was beaten to flatten the fibres. Then, just outside Barber Green, the fields where the flax was grown were identified and the amazing "consumption wall", created from the process of clearing the fields. Afterwards the group walked to Low Newton, viewing more retting ponds and the engineered water course.

Newton was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 and the second walk looked at two vernacular buildings in High Newton. The road through the villages, between Lindale and Newby Bridge had been turnpiked following the 1818 Act, with a new section of road through High Newton. One of our researchers advised that by 1850, post for Grange was left by the mail-coach in "Newton -in -Cartmel" and addressed as such. The first house visited was the Post House. The earliest features are at the rear of the house, where there is a west-facing, previously external wall that is approximately five feet deep. Contained in this wall is an unusual flat arch fireplace, with a beehive oven inside on the right. A room at the front of the house, with a floor of black slate, has a tie beam with roll moulding similar to a house in Field Broughton and also Cartmel Priory. Wood used in the house is some oak and in addition possibly some chestnut or elm. There is evidence of re-used timbers, several possible halvings, and curved principal rafters upstairs. The Jackson family appear to have occupied the building from the 1840s and generations of the family were described as postmasters in the census with Thomas Jackson described as postmaster dying in High Newton in 1965.

The second house visited was Newton Hall, a grade II listed house of 2 storeys plus attics, and 3 bays. The entrance door is central, with pedimented panel, with initials and date, A I D 1754. It was explained that the 1754 date over the front door represents the Georgian extension northwards, of an earlier house, which is evident from the rear. The walls are roughcast under a slate roof, with gable stacks. The staircase is superb, with a return stair, 5,2,7 steps up, and open well. The interior windows to the front are uniform, with sash window to facade, all 2 x 9 panels. There are no lugs, also known as horns, to the sashes. The glass is old, possibly original, with thick glazing bars. On the west gable is a feature which may represent a former bread oven. To the rear, a gabled wing with small-paned fixed glazing, with opening lights. A room at the rear is open to the rafters with a tie beam still in position and empty mortices for floor joists, now removed. Both properties show that a front facade even with a datestone is not always to be relied upon in interpreting a building. With regard to the datestone on Newton Hall, A I D 1754, it is now so worn that it is not readable. Timothy Askew married Dorothy Seatle at Cartmel in 1753. Could the I have been a T? Askew Timothy Dorothy 1754. Timothy was described as yeoman of Newton.

**Barbara Copeland**

**CHORLEY HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY** now meets in a new venue – Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Gillibrand Walks, Chorley, PR7 2HF

## **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY REGIONAL HERITAGE CENTRE AT LANCASTER UNIVERSITY**

- **Archaeology Forum 3<sup>rd</sup> March.** Subjects include developments in Roman archaeology from Vindolanda and Chester; the early medieval church of St Michael, Workington; industrial archaeology from the Greater Manchester mills project; and a talk on the community archaeology project at Warton Crag.
- **Director's Event, 'Cymry in the North: The North Britons from the sixth century to the tenth 28<sup>th</sup> April.** Speakers include RHC Director Fiona Edmonds; Rachel Newman of Oxford Archaeology North; and Dr Christopher Bowles of the Scottish Borders Council.
- **Launch of the website for the Elizabeth Roberts Working Class Oral History Archive with an exhibition and special conference 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Full details of events organised by the RHC can be found at <http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/users/rhc/events/>. You can also subscribe to the free monthly e-newsletter.

## THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY – MANCHESTER

Forthcoming illustrated talks. For details of venues, times and prices see the website <http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/manchester/>

**27 February 2018:** A great Gothic insanity with Rob W J Robinson. Parallels between A W N Pugin and George Gilbert Scott Junior

**27 March 2018:** Ancoats revisited with Michael Rose. Founder member of the Ancoats Preservation Trust

**25 April 2018:** The evils of architectural competitions with Penny Harris. The perils and benefits of Victorian competitions

## RESOURCES YOUR SOCIETY MAY FIND USEFUL

**Manchester Histories Festival** makes available four toolkits which can be downloaded free of charge. They are part of the HLF project Hidden History, Hidden Historians. The four are: Doing your historical research project; Doing your oral history project; Evaluating your project; and Creating your own archive. <http://www.manchesterhistoriesfestival.org.uk/getinvolved/>.

**Community Archives and Heritage Group** is a national group which aims to support and promote community archives in the UK & Ireland. It is now a special interest group of the Archives and Records Association. CAHG provides a forum for the regular exchange of views and information; organises conferences; makes awards (non-financial!) to groups in various categories; and maintains a useful website. Membership is free and open to anyone [www.communityarchives.org.uk](http://www.communityarchives.org.uk)

## USEFUL TIPS FOR SOCIETY MEETINGS

Bob Dobson draws attention to an idea from the Bury & District Local History Society: the meeting in May is entitled 'Bury on the bookshelf', inviting members to bring along a local history book and talk about it. This may well introduce other members to aspects of local history previously unknown to them, and is less formal than having a speaker. He writes, *"If I were present, I would read a short story from one of the books by Bury author Tommy Thompson, whose very humorous stories were set in a barber's shop and involve discussion between the barber and his customers. They were very popular in the 1950s and 60s. The speech in them is not dialect, but is certainly Lancastrian. Tommy was a friend of the parents of Bury lass the late Victoria Wood. He is almost forgotten now. I feel sure that most societies have enough members to give a ten-minute talk on a book of local interest. Give it a go!"*

Does your society have tips to pass on to others? This could be innovative events, or successful ways in which you have attracted new members. Let us know via the newsletter editor.

**VOTES FOR WOMEN 'CENTURY 100'** is a national project celebrating the centenary of important developments linked with women achieving the right to vote.

Dr Jill Liddington, Honorary Research Fellow of Leeds University and author of 'One hand tied behind us: rise of the women's suffrage movement', will present a talk on this subject, focusing on people and events in Oldham.

**Wednesday 18 April at 7pm. Oldham Local Studies & Archives**  
84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN. Details at [www.jliddington.org.uk/talks.html](http://www.jliddington.org.uk/talks.html)

## **SOUTH RIBBLE MUSEUM**

**The Museum is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018**

**24 February** 11am Illustrated lecture: Alston Hall: Lives of a Lancashire mansion with Colin Dickinson.

**3 March** 10:30am Stewart Whillis's Clock Workshop; 11am. Illustrated lecture. William Leigh of Wigan: Master Clockmaker. Leigh built the Worden Hall clock.

**11 March** 2pm. Walk: Exploring Leyland Old Graveyard with David Hunt.

**April 3-28**

**Churches Together in Leyland - Golden Jubilee Exhibition.**

**14 April** 10:30-12:30pm Family History Workshop.

**28 April** 11am Illustrated talk: Interesting Times: Leyland 1530-1630 with Dr James Mawdesley.

**5 May** 10-30am. Walk: Churches and Chapels of Leyland with David Hunt (2 miles)

## **A RACECOURSE GRANDSTAND EXCAVATED**

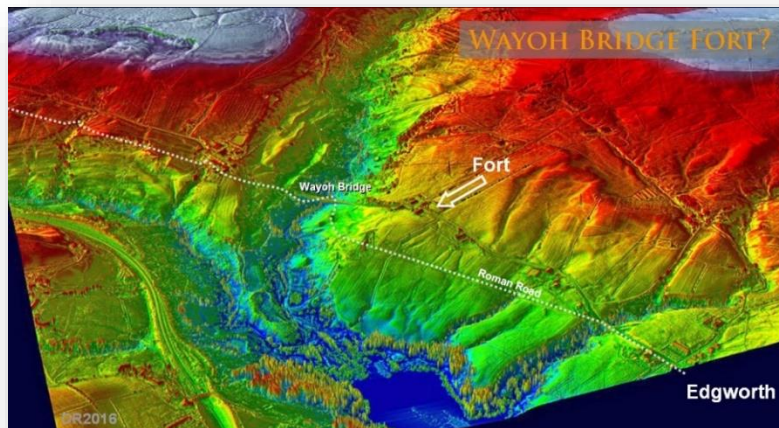
Wardell Armstrong recently excavated the grandstand (late C18 - early C19) of the **Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside**, race course. They found that a second building phase had added larger rooms and a colonnade to the original grandstand by 1831.

An interesting note on the excavations was published in the **August 2017 issue of *Current Archaeology*** (Issue 329, p18), illustrated by a splendid aerial view clearly showing much of the ground floor plan of the main building and brick wall foundations. A photograph of part of an 1831 illustrated racecard heading showed the imposing newly-extended three-storey grandstand, in whose east range, in the first build, there was a cellar.

The course closed in 1898 and racing was transferred to Haydock Park. The unnamed writer of the note recorded that the Old Newton Cup still features in the annual racing programme there.

**Margaret Edwards**

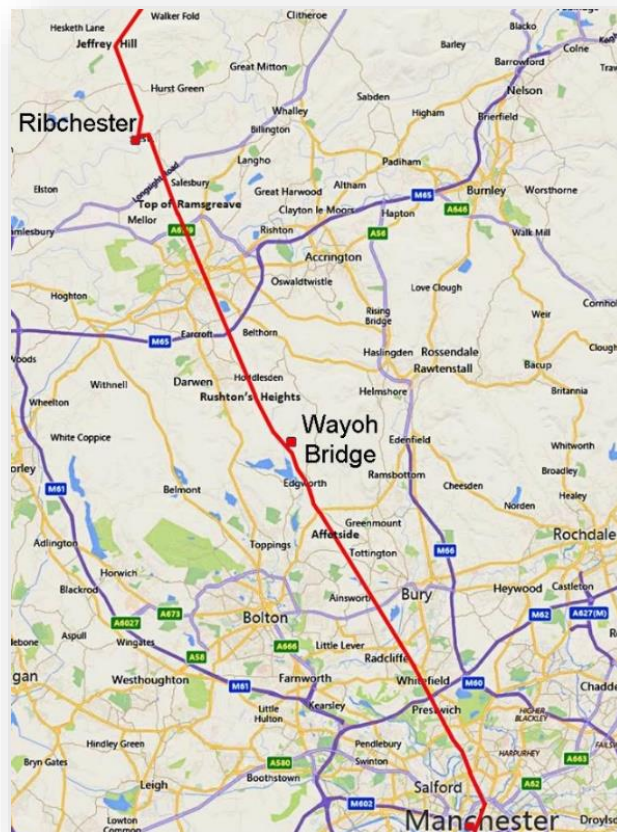
## LiDAR Update: A probable "new" Roman Fort at Wayoh Bridge, Edgworth



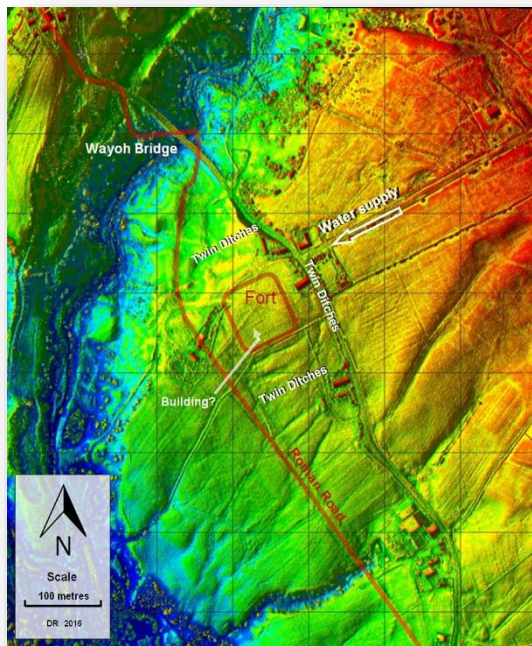
Whilst searching for the course of the Manchester to Ribchester Roman road around Edgworth, the outline of a probable Roman fort was spotted at SD73241817 (ref. 1). The map (right) shows its position on the Manchester to Ribchester Roman road - very close to the half way point.

In the 3D Oblique LiDAR image below, it is clear how the fort's location was expertly selected to command the Edgworth Valley.

A check of various data sources revealed that this site had been recorded previously and was logged in the PastScape database somewhat optimistically as Coccium, No. 44354 (ref. 2). This referred to "*The south-west and south-east sides of a probable ditched enclosure with rounded corner is visible on air photographs on one side of the Ribchester-Manchester Roman road (RR 76) near Crooked Walls, Edgworth.*" It added "....visited by Farrar in February 1981, who was unable to reach any positive conclusion about the earthworks."



LiDAR has provided that positive conclusion and clearly visible is the probable outline of a small fort with double ditches on 3 sides, single ditch on the road side and 3 rounded corners (see LiDAR plan below).



The Roman road from Manchester to Ribchester passes the fort on its south-west side and the fort's location on a headland before the descent to Wayoh Bridge is an excellent one. It has superb views both north and south along the Edgworth Valley. The site lies approximately 14 miles from Manchester and 12 miles from Ribchester making it a logical location.

The PastScape record makes a similar point. However, naming it Coccium was perhaps premature as this name is now generally assumed to apply to Wigan (ref. 3).

Visits to the site have confirmed its suitability for a fort with the ditches evident and 3 of the rounded corners detectable. Often with LiDAR finding the features on the ground can be difficult but not here. The fort platform measures in the order of 75 metres square and could be described as either a fortlet or small fort. The double ditches are perhaps a bit unusual and could indicate two phases with a later reduction in size - possibly similar to Castleshaw which also lies at a very similar distance from Manchester (13 miles). There are traces in the LiDAR data of an internal feature (building?) that respects the orientation of the fort - see the LiDAR plan. Also noticed was a water supply for the fort coming down alongside Moorside Road.

In recent years farm tracks have been constructed through the centre of the fort forming a crossroads, but they do not appear to have caused excessive damage. However, more recently (after the LiDAR survey) a pond has been excavated in the north west corner of the fort which could well have destroyed some features there.



Although on private land there is some access possible with public footpaths on both the north-west and south-east sides of the fort.

**David Ratledge**

[http://www.romanroads.org/roads\\_of\\_roman\\_britain.html](http://www.romanroads.org/roads_of_roman_britain.html)

**References:**

(1) David Ratledge, *Sites Explored, Lancashire*, Britannia 2016.

(2) Historic England PastScape, *Coccium: No. 44354*, <http://www.pastscape.org.uk/>

Note: The quotation incorrectly refers to the Roman Road as RR76 - it is Margary 7b, Edgworth is incorrectly spelt and the fort is further north than Crooked Walls at the hamlet of Wayoh Bridge.

(3) Miller & Aldridge, *Discovering Coccium - the Archaeology of Roman Wigan*, 2011, Oxford Archaeology.

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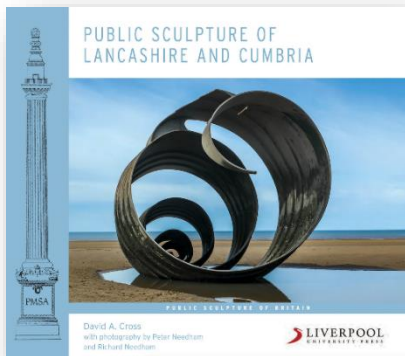
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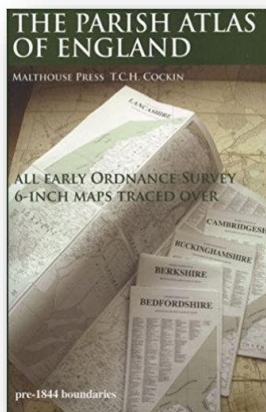
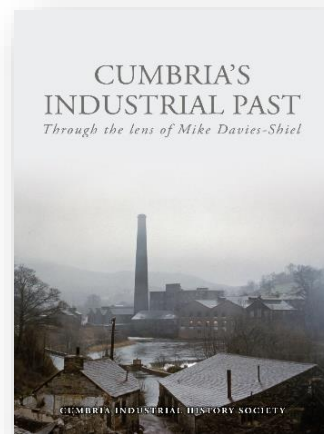
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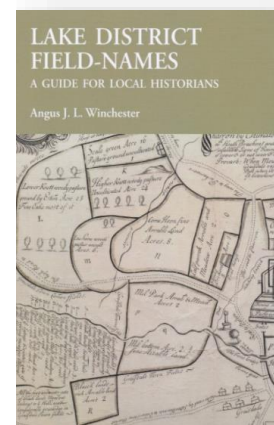
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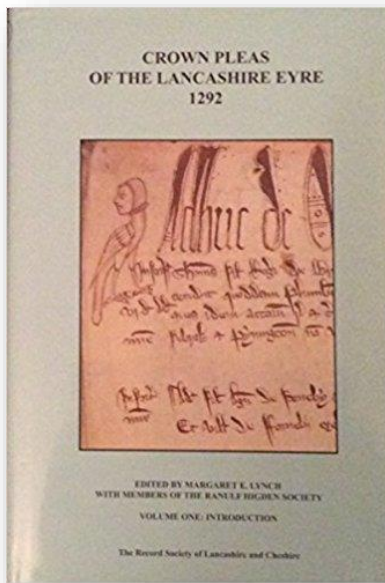
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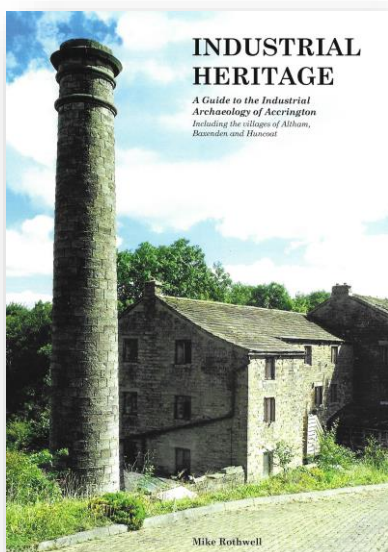
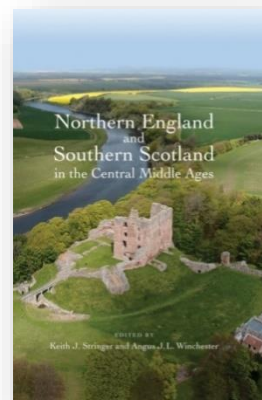
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## **The Hornby castle estates: agrarian change from the 1582 survey to the 1751 sederunt**

Jennifer Holt

*Manchester: Chetham Society, 3<sup>rd</sup> series, vol.52, 2017. 978-0955427657 £45*

As local historians who often work closely with books and pamphlets that have been written about our town or village, it is easy to forget the wealth of material available in the publications of the various record societies. We in Lancashire are fortunate in having several such societies with series of 150 years and more – such as the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, the Lancashire Parish Register Society and the Chetham Society. These volumes contain many transcripts and translations of material not easily available to the local researcher and are valuable to local and family historians alike. This new Chetham Society volume answers to this description.

Jennifer Holt will be known to many members of the Federation, as she has been active in Lancashire local history circles for many years. Her transcript of and commentary on the records of the estates of Hornby castle, in the Lune valley, was published late last summer by the Chetham Society. Some of the source material is part of the Brudenell archive held at Northamptonshire Record Office, and other material is from the Hornby castle archive. The term “sederunt” is a Scottish term applied to proceedings of judicial sittings, and the author tells us that its use is very unusual in Lancashire.

The transcribed records give details of the value, tenancy and management of the holdings on this Lune valley estate, providing a rich source of local information, particularly about the agriculture and management of the land and including the names of many tenants and details of their holdings. The first half of this large (over 600 pages) volume consists of an analysis of this information, including the nature of the survey itself, forms of tenure, rents and financial matters, enclosure, land improvement, livestock and woodland management.

This is followed by a transcript of the records, which cover the honour of Hornby with its ten townships, and the manor of Tatham, as well as a few properties further afield, for instance in Cockerham and Preston. All this forms a very significant body of information, and this volume promises to be an important one for students of Lancashire’s agricultural and family history. Copies should be available to read in the larger local libraries – go in and ask about it!

**Diana Winterbotham**

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