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View from the Chair

The Federation Committee was sad to accept the resignation of Morris Garratt recently. He had served many years as a member and was Chair for part of that time. His passion for local history extends to several different groups and areas, and his expertise and wise counsel will be missed. As a mark of appreciation we asked him to become Honorary President, and I am glad to say he was very pleased to accept. This is subject to approval at the next AGM – which I am sure will be endorsed unanimously.



The Federation was represented at the Manchester Histories celebration day in June. Over 70 organisations had stands in Manchester central library, which was packed with visitors on the day. We had the opportunity to talk to many people and to show them the Federation's attractive website.

Next year's focus will be – of course – the bi-centenary of the Peterloo Massacre.

WEBSITE NEWS

Website success: The new website has certainly proved a massive success, as hits now total 25212, approximately 2800 per month. Many thanks to Peter Houghton, the website manager, for completely reinvigorating our image.

Events Diary for Societies: Please let Peter Houghton have your new season's programme to put on the monthly diary by emailing him at peter@leylandhistoricalsociety.co.uk. **Make sure your events are publicised widely by using this service.**

SAVE THE DATE - FOR FYLDE HISTORY NETWORK

Once again, Maureen and Peter Shakeshaft and Christine Storey have drawn up an enticing programme for the annual FHN event.

THE MAKING OF LANCASHIRE

- **Rachel Newman:** Expect the Unexpected: the contribution of recent development-led archaeology to our understanding of the past
- **Dr Alan Crosby:** Creating a county: the emergence of Lancashire 700-1200
- **Dr William Shannon:** The Chancery Court of the Duchy of Lancaster at Westminster in the 16th and 17th centuries
- **Dr Michael Winstanley:** Who did Lancaster Castle 'belong to'? – c.1698-1930

St Anne's United Reformed Church Hall, St George's Road, St Anne's on Sea, FY8 2AE

Saturday 3rd November. Conference only £12; £22 with lunch.

The Federation is pleased to support this annual event. It is always popular, so we advise you to book early! Details of how to book and more information about the day is available on the website www.fyldehistorynetwork.co.uk

'AT HOME' AT LEYLAND 19 MAY 2018

Arranged and hosted by Leyland Historical Society

The 60 participants on the day were treated to an interesting mix of speakers in the morning, and a tour of the town in a vintage bus, followed by a choice from three walks highlighting different aspects of its history.

Peter Houghton spoke about Leyland's industrial heritage. He started with an aerial view showing many of the different industries from decades ago, all but one of which have now disappeared. It is amazing to think that at least three companies - which manufactured paint, motor vehicles and rubber - became large international

businesses, all bearing the name of the comparatively small town in which they originated.

Elizabeth Shorrock told the story of some members of the ffarington family of Worden, concentrating on a comparatively brief period of their long history. They lived in Worden Old Hall in Buckshaw village, before moving to Worden Hall in Leyland. A great deal is known about them because many family papers have been deposited in Lancashire Archives in Preston.

Sir William of that name (d. 1781) became controller of the household of the Lords of Derby, and Sheriff of Lancashire. After undertaking a Grand Tour of Europe he filled and decorated the hall with treasures, principally in the grand salon which was 67 feet long. He was equally enthusiastic about the gardens, which he adorned with temples, bridges, streams, follies, an ice house and more besides.

A non-linear descendant, James, died shortly after marriage, so did not produce an heir. He and his wife lived at the hall with his two sisters, Mary Hannah (who amassed a huge collection of shells and fossil shells from all over the world) and Susan Maria (who was an artist, historian and heraldry expert). After their deaths there was no immediate family connection with the hall.

Colin Dickinson then presented some of his vast collection of slides in his talk about the cotton mills of Lancashire. They illustrated the huge importance of the industry to the country and indeed to the world, the capacity of the steam engines which powered the mills, and the wonderful ingenuity and decoration of their design.

Sid Calderbank led the last session of the morning. He is one of the leading lights in the Lancashire Society and a passionate advocate and steward of dialect. He said that there had long been a debate about whether dialect poems, songs and stories represented a legitimate literary form or a music hall joke and asserted that both were true. It seems that the Lancashire comic character first appeared in writing in Oldham in 1805, and the thread can be traced down to today, including entertainers such as George Formby (father and son), Frank Randall, Les Dawson and Peter Kay. Sid treated us to amusing and entertaining stories and poems.

A brief AGM for the Federation, during which the committee was elected, was followed by a delicious lunch.



We then boarded a Leyland Atlantean vintage bus for a tour of the town, with members of the Historical Society pointing out buildings and places which had been mentioned in the morning. Elizabeth Shorrock took us to Worden Hall, where we were shown round by a member of South Ribble staff. Sadly, the oldest part of the building had been destroyed by fire, but we were allowed in the remaining Derby wing. There is a plan to restore it, depending on funding and securing a financially viable use for it.

Dr David Hunt conducted some members round the parish church, and the adjacent museum, which was originally the grammar school. Peter Houghton led the third

tour, complementing his talk in the morning about Leyland's industrial history, and arranging a look inside the Society's pop-up museum in the town.

Leyland Historical Society are to be thanked and congratulated for a splendid event, which reflected their hard work in preparing and hosting the day.

Marianne Howell

NEWS FROM ARCHIVES

LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

The Friends of Lancashire Archives have autumn events which may be of interest to local historians. Some of these are for members only, but non-members will be able to join on the day. Annual membership costs just £10. For more information see:

www.flarchives.co.uk

Saturday 8 September 11am-3.30pm FREE no need to book
Lancashire Archives Heritage Open Day with Café Archive

Tuesday 11 September 7pm FLA members only FREE no need to book
The short Annual General Meeting of the FLA will be followed by a talk by Dr Sam Riches of Lancaster University: *From Cologne to Preston – a pilgrim badge of St Ursula in context.*

Monday 15 October 2-4pm FLA members only FREE but booking essential
Behind the scenes at Lancashire Archives. Halfway through cataloguing the Dalton of Thurnham collection, Vicci McCann will describe the process and reveal some of the things she has uncovered. Refreshments provided.

To book please email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk OR telephone 01772 533039 OR ask in person at Lancashire Archives.

Friday 26 October 7pm £13
Back by popular demand, Dr Hugh Doherty, lecturer in Mediaeval History at the University of East Anglia will speak on: *Stephen, count of Mortain, and the foundation of the Savigniac abbey at Tulketh.* His talk will be followed by a glass of wine and a buffet supper.



The Lancashire Place Name Survey is holding its 2018 AGM on Tuesday 9 October at Lancashire Archives. After a short formal business meeting there will be a lecture by Professor Diana Whalley, Professor Emeritus of Early Mediaeval Studies at Newcastle University: *From Botany Bay to Seldom Seen: Classifying minor names in Lancashire and Northumberland.* This will make use of the LPNS database of placenames from the 1840s Ordnance Survey maps.

Tickets cost £5 and must be booked and paid for in advance. Please email Jacquie.crosby@lancashire.gov.uk for further information.

North West map digitisation project update: The heads of North West archive services have obtained funding from The National Archives to appoint a heritage consultant to scope the project, and to identify whether there is a need to digitise key historic sources – especially tithe maps - and to provide online access through a GIS map-based platform. Marianne Howell, the LLHF chair, will attend an open meeting in September as a representative of the Federation. It is hoped that the scoping and consultation exercises will lead to the development of a regional application for Heritage Lottery Funding in 2019.

Jacque Crosby reports encouraging use of the Archives: We have hosted a record number of school visits this term, and spent 3 days at the UCLan Science Festival. There, more than six hundred children looked at real Mediaeval documents, made clay seals which they fixed with a parchment tag to a postcard facsimile of the 1301 Euxton market charter, and inspected bugs, caught in our sticky traps, through a digital microscope.

We are also pleased to report that our visitor numbers, enquiries and copying orders have all shown a slight increase in the last quarter. It's too soon to claim that this is an upward trend but we hope that it means that we have reached a plateau after 15 years of falling figures. Family History Fridays on the second Friday of each month may be contributing to this. They offer a family history surgery, run by the Preston branch of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society, a free lunchtime talk on a range of sources for researching different aspects of family history, and afternoon archive familiarisation sessions – Getting to Know Lancashire Archives.

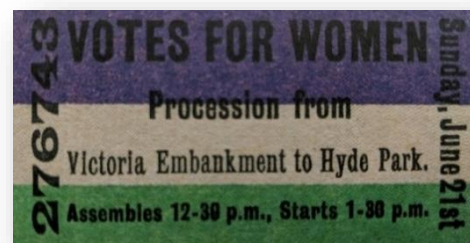
For more information see www.lancashire.gov.uk/archives or email: record.office@lancashire.gov.uk

WIGAN ARCHIVES AND LOCAL STUDIES

Rebel women – the fight for suffrage in Wigan and beyond!

Join the Museum of Wigan Life in commemorating the centenary of some women (over the age of 30) voting for the first time.

A panel of speakers has been engaged for the day including special guest Helen Pankhurst. Helen is the granddaughter of Sylvia Pankhurst, one of the leaders of the suffrage movement.



Talks will also focus on the history of suffrage in the Wigan Borough and beyond. Speakers confirmed so far are:

- Yvonne Eckersley - 50 years of women's suffrage in Wigan 1868-1918
- Marianne Howell - 'No persons here - only women'
- Dr Ali Ronan - 'These Dangerous Women' – Introduction and film

- Helen Pankhurst – talk and book signing

Tickets cost £12 for people from the Wigan Borough and £15 for others. Lunch is included. Places are limited so please book now.

Thursday 22 November 2018 – Museum of Wigan Life, 10am – 5.30pm

For more information or to book please contact the Museum of Wigan Life on 01942 828128 or email wiganmuseum@wigan.gov.uk

Development of the Archives: More than £1 million has been granted by the Heritage Lottery Fund to improve the borough's archives service, which holds records dating back 800 years. As part of the planned building works, the current public search room based at Leigh town hall is now closed. A limited service is available at the Museum of Wigan Life until the end of October, while the collections are moved and safely stored. From 5th November, the public search room and the archives team will be based at Leigh Library, until the major remodelling work at the town hall is finished. Some of the stock will be housed off-site, so it is advisable to check in advance whether particular research material will be available to visitors.




NEWS FROM MEMBER SOCIETIES

BURNLEY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Autumn programme:

- 13th September - Transported: the story of two Burnley boys: Rev. David Wiseman
- 11th October - Old Inns of the Yorkshire Dales: by Dr David Johnson
- 8th November - Yours in the Dark: Joel Lee Clark, 12th Battalion KOYLI

The lectures take place at St. John's R. C. Church Hall, Ivy St., Burnley BB10 1TB starting at 7.15 p.m.

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

		
<p>JAMAICA'S LINKS WITH LIVERPOOL IN 1756: A MICRO HISTORY SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 Dr Sherylynne Haggerty's lecture will be in the evening on 26th September</p>	<p>THE MAN WHO BUILT THE TOWN HALL: ABEL HEYWOOD, MANCHESTER'S VICTORIAN MAYOR OCTOBER 17, 2018 This lecture by Joanna Williams will be on 17 October</p>	<p>'DIG GREATER MANCHESTER': A COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT NOVEMBER 21, 2018 Mike Nevell's talk, postponed from last year, is re-scheduled for 21 November</p>

KNUTSFORD HERITAGE CENTRE



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The MBE for volunteer groups

The Centre has been nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Award was created in 2002 to recognise excellence in voluntary activities by community groups. The award will be formally presented later this summer.

Centre Archivist Vivien Hainsworth and Centre Administrator Jan McCappin attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace in early June for organisations which have made a positive impact in their community.

The Queen's Award team told the Heritage Centre: "This award was created by the Queen in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of the Queen's coronation, recognising excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community. It is an MBE for volunteer groups.

"The work your group does for the community was very much admired by the independent assessment committee, chaired by Sir Martyn Lewis CBE. This award represents a tremendous achievement for your organisation. We hope that everyone involved, and particularly your volunteers, feel immensely proud of the recognition that this award represents."

The Edward Penny RA and Knutsford Local Artists exhibition is running until 28th August.

Edward Penny RA (1714-1791) was born in Silk Mill Street, Knutsford. The exhibition explores the history of this local portrait and historical painter and his contribution to The Royal Academy of Arts as one of its foundation members and its first professor of painting.



Local artists Diana Bernice Tackley and Lindsay Brogan will be demonstrating their painting techniques in the Garden Gallery during the summer months.

In addition, four local artists – Sheila Scholes, Emma Williams, Steve Wall and Diane Birkett - will be displaying their works in the gallery.

Knutsford's Extraordinary and Remarkable Women will be highlighted as part of the Heritage Centre's contribution to the nationwide Heritage Open Days festival of history and culture.

There will be a special history walking tour around Knutsford, led by the Centre's Tour Leader Caroline Sherwin, when visitors can hear the stories of some of the town's remarkable women. Among them are writers, an aristocrat, an educational pioneer, and another who offended Indian sensibilities in Calcutta. Rich or poor – all have a story worth telling. The walking tours are on Friday 7th September and Friday 14th September, commencing at 2pm from the Heritage Centre shop.

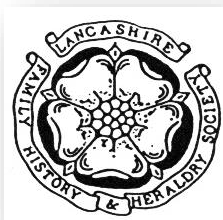
Extending the theme of extraordinary women, East Cheshire based author and poet Margaret Holbrook will talk about some of the extraordinary women featured in her poetry collection "Not Exactly Life", and will read some of the associated poems. Included are: Elizabeth Gaskell, Elizabeth I, Lucretia Borgia, Emmeline Pankhurst, Edith Sitwell, St. Margaret, and women we will all have known - mothers, aunts, school teachers. The poetry readings are on Saturday 8th September and Saturday 15th September. There will be two talks each Saturday, commencing at 2pm and 3pm in the Tapestry Gallery.

Heritage Centre Manager Val Bryant comments: "We are delighted to be able to feature the lives of some of Knutsford's Extraordinary Women, some familiar and some less so. Caroline's excellent research has produced a tour that will take our visitors on a memorable journey through the town, whilst Margaret's thoughtful poetry will amuse us with poems and anecdotes about extraordinary women in a wider context, within Cheshire and beyond".

See the website for more details www.knutsfordheritage.co.uk.

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY AND HERALDRY SOCIETY

Irish Ancestry Group



Where do I find it? – One day conference

9.30am - 4.00pm

Saturday 13th October 2018

Civic Centre, 157 Union Rd, Oswaldtwistle,
BB5 3HZ

£14, or £20 to include buffet lunch.



See the website www.lfhhs.org.uk for details.

REGIONAL HERITAGE CENTRE

The first event of the new academic year will be on **Friday 12 October**. Unusually this is a weekday because this is an exciting partnership with the **Ruskin Centre for Culture, Landscape and Environment**.

Entitled 'Upland Landscapes and World Heritage: Insights from the Past and Prospects for the Future in North-West England', this event will take place on

campus as part of the Ruskin Centre's programme of launch events. The keynote speaker will be Richard Leafe, Chief Executive Officer of the Lake District National Park. The other speakers include two names well known to RHC supporters: our former Director, Professor Angus Winchester, and Dr James Bowen, who recently worked on the Victoria County History of Cumbria project. Please keep an eye on our website www.lancaster.ac.uk/rhc for updates about this event - we hope to open bookings in August. But for now, save the date! And remember, early booking helps avoid disappointment

Online version of the Elizabeth Roberts Working Class Oral History Archive is live (<https://www.regional-heritage-centre.org/>). After months of hard work retyping, redacting and digitising the original transcripts, the online version of the Elizabeth Roberts Working Class Oral History Archive was launched at a festive oral history conference on 19 May. Lancaster University's own Dr Corinna Peniston-Bird (History department) interviewed Elizabeth in a fascinating, wide-ranging and relaxed conversation, before RHC Academic Coordinator Dr Sam Riches explained the ins and outs of using the new online archive, which is being added to regularly. Our creative partners Mirador rounded off the day by introducing projects from various artists who have responded to Elizabeth's ground-breaking work. And now Pippa Hale, one of the artists working under the Mirador banner **Walking in Others' Footsteps**, has released a short film about her Preston-based project **Skip, Play, Repeat** (available on Mirador's website).

[Editor's note: The Federation gave £100 towards this project]

TAMESIDE LOCAL HISTORY FORUM

The theme for Heritage Open Days this September celebrates the 100th anniversary of the partial enfranchisement of women.

The dedication is to all the millions of women who have lived in the area since the first weary travellers found our valleys and decided to settle here. Most were unknown, and carried out their work and domestic tasks, helping to build up their hamlets, villages and towns leaving few imprints of their lives. But we know of some:

.... a woman who, in the C18 married a widower with 7 children, most of them sons, and went on to have 11 of her own, raising 14 to adulthood. She continued to work on the family farm whilst either pregnant or breastfeeding.

.... a mother of 6 who brought up her children in a 2-up-2-down whilst she and her husband worked in a cotton mill. She watched their 5 boys go to war and saw them return. A son emigrated to Detroit to work in the motor industry, to be followed by her daughter: she would cross the Atlantic several times to visit them before her death. A quiet but courageous life, but not exceptional.

The theme also celebrates the mothers, sisters, cousins, friends and teachers of the "exceptional" women who gave them the tools to take on the world. And those who gave up their own chances to give them a future in their chosen professions.

We are not forgetting the men of our area, but this is dedicated to the half of our population too often forgotten by history: our very special women.

The lives of these women will be documented in a book and there will be an official launch on the 6th September. Following this the display will rotate around various venues throughout September.

This book is being compiled by Gay Oliver and Kate Booth with invaluable input from members of the Tameside Local History Forum, which also funded the publication, and from Tameside Archives. www.tamesidehistoryforum.org.uk.

WARRINGTON HISTORY SOCIETY forthcoming talks:

17/9/18: **Burtonwood Airbase** by Aldon Ferguson

15/10/18: **The Restoration of a Warrington Tram** by Rob Jones.

19/11/18: **Anna Laetitia Barbauld** by Janice Hayes.

21/1/19: **Two Entrepreneurs of Warrington's Gas Industry** by Margaret Fellows.

18/2/19: **Medicine in The Rylands Archives** by Phillip Jeffs.

18/3/19: **Newton Hollows and the Roman Route from Chester to Wilderspool** by Monty Mercer.

15/4/19: **William Beamont – His Later Years** by Harry Wells.

All talks will be held at Friars Green Independent Methodist Chapel, commencing at 7.30pm.. Talks are free to Society members. Anyone interested can find details of joining (subscription £11) at www.warringtonhistorysociety.uk.

WARRINGTON LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

1st October. **Technological dead ends: ideas that have gone nowhere** with Dr Dave Southall (Retired lecturer in Electronic Engineering at MMU).

So many mind-blowing ideas and inventions have never been widely embraced by society. Perhaps we might have enjoyed more of the magic of our inventive prowess had at least some of these logic-defying ideas been more fervently pursued. Dr Southall takes a sideways look at the wonders of the improbable.

5th November. **A Millennium of Monasticism** with Fr Michael Burgess, St Peter's Church Oughtrington.

The rise in the number and power of the monasteries during the early part of the 2nd millennium was remarkable and threatening. Father Michael looks at their influence and in particular at the Premonstratensians, and Mother Kate of Warburton (and Chester) against the wider background of monastic life and development.

The Society has been given a collection of photographs taken by the late Warrington photographer Ben Harling. Many of his images will be posted on the website in the coming weeks.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

An exhibition about the voyages of *Abram* runs until Sunday 9 September at Lancaster Maritime Museum.

The new exhibition will then tour to locations associated with the vessel, thanks to a legacy from long-time CNWRS supporter Dr Margaret Bainbridge, whose original research forms the basis for the display and a book.



The predecessor of the Regional Heritage Centre, the Centre for North-West Regional Studies, published the book in 2013: *The West Indies and the Arctic in the Age of Sail: the voyages of Abram (1806-62)* which can be ordered from the Regional Heritage Centre <https://bit.ly/2KtKuaS>.

BOLTON'S EGYPT



The redevelopment of Bolton Museum's Egypt galleries has been completed and the collections, of considerable international importance, will now be displayed in a manner that better befits their significance. Professor Joann Fletcher and Doctor Margaret Mountford will perform the official opening.

A preview will be held on Friday, 21 September 2018, at 6pm at the Museum. This event has been sponsored by Leach Studios, Willmott Dixon and W M Dyer Electrical Contractors, the Museum's partners in the redevelopment, which was supported financially by Bolton Council, Mr Edwin Davies, CBE, and DCMS/Wolfson Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund.

Margaret Edwards

THE BIG HISTORY SHOW

29th & 30th September 2018

Western Approaches HQ - 1-3 Rumford St., Liverpool L2 8SZ

A two day exhibition of local history and heritage from across Merseyside:

Lots of displays and exhibits and a full programme of guest speakers, all in the stunning secret, underground, wartime bunkers, marquees in the piazza behind the town hall and a room in Exchange Flags where talks will be given

Completely FREE to exhibit and FREE Admission for the public.

for more details contact Ken Pye ken.pye@discover-liverpool.com

TIM CURTIS MEMORIAL LECTURE 2018

The speaker is Dr Jill Liddington, University of Leeds and author of several books about women and the struggle for the vote. It is organised by UCLan, and is to be held at the Harris Museum and Library on Wednesday 19 September 2018 from 17.45. It is part of the wider *Vote 100* events taking place across the country. *This event is already sold out*, but you can join a waiting list on Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/2MzSuc8>.

REAPPRAISAL OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1918



Friday 14th September, 2018

9:30am-5pm at UCLan

Room 013, Livesey Building, Heatley Street, Preston, PR1 2HE

The day conference is free with lunch and refreshments provided. Booking is required via Eventbrite

<https://bit.ly/2M4bvrB>

For any queries or further information please contact

historyoutreach@uclan.ac.uk



As part of UCLan's contribution to the centenary commemorations of the First World War, this day conference will draw together speakers who are currently involved in the debate about gender, class and nationhood.



The conference complements the exhibition *Represent! Voices 100 Years On*, held by UCLan's long term partners, the People's History Museum in Manchester between 2nd June 2018 and 2nd February 2019. Attendance is open to interested members of the public as well as academics.

CHORLEY PALS MEMORIAL GROUP EXHIBITION AND VIDEO – CHORLEY 100

The exhibition has been delivered by the Chorley Pals Memorial group. It opened in its original format as the Chorley Remembers Experience in 2013, and is likely to close at the end of this year, at the culmination of the WW1 Centenary commemorations.



The promotional video was produced by a local film-making company who are currently building up their portfolio. I do hope you find the video interesting and informative and, for those who are local enough, it may encourage you or a friend to visit the exhibition on the first floor of Astley Hall coach house .

There is a link to the video here [Chorley 100 Exhibition](#).

Stuart A. Clewlow (more details via Facebook or Twitter @StuartAClewlow)

SOUTH RIBBLE MUSEUM AND EXHIBITION CENTRE: As part of an autumn programme, two events are being held to mark the Great War:

- Saturday 8th September at 11am: South Ribble in the Great War: The year 1918, by Bill Brierley
- Sunday 9th September at 2pm: John MacNamara, the Bamber Bridge VC. Guided walk with David Hunt

See www.southribblemuseum.org.uk for more details.

PROPOSED NETWORKING EVENT

Do you want to develop a Heritage Project but aren't sure how to start?

Has your society ever thought of developing ideas for an archaeology-led or wider heritage project but weren't sure how to go about it? Oxford Archaeology is a registered charity with a heritage and education focus, its northern office (the old Lancaster University Archaeological Unit) being based in Lancaster. An important part of our work is helping people to learn about and get involved in investigating, protecting and enjoying their local heritage. OA North has extensive experience of community archaeology and heritage projects, and has worked with numerous community and educational groups in the North West to develop, fund and run their own projects. These projects have involved training and guidance in a wide range of activities such as excavation, landscape survey, historic building investigation and desk-based research as well as the creation of exhibitions, trails, publications, conservation plans, resource packs and much more.

If you, your community or your society have an idea for an archaeology or wider heritage project, OA North can help to make it happen. To start the ball rolling, **we are proposing to organise a structured networking event for members of the Lancashire Local History Federation** to help you find out about the experience and expertise OA North has to offer and to discuss your ideas for projects exploring aspects of your local heritage. The event would include a workshop on project design and making grant applications, and the opportunity to network with other groups and potential partners.

If you would be interested in attending a structured networking event on developing heritage projects this autumn then please register your interest by emailing Oxford Archaeology's Community Archaeology Manager on community@oxfordarch.co.uk

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Community Archaeology Manager

OTHER NEWS

Chance to acquire local history books free of charge

Member Bob Dobson is a second-hand book dealer specialising in Lancashire-interest books. As 'Landy Publishing', he published local history books relating to Lancashire & Yorkshire. He is now giving his publications away because he has to reduce his storage facility. He offers these new books to any organisation such as history societies so that they can be sold to members to raise funds. He suggests that they be sold @ £2 each.

The titles relate mainly to Colne and Preston, but 'Lancashire's Medieval Monasteries' covers the whole county. Two others relate to the Lancaster Canal.

Bob asks that, if you want one or more box, you contact him to arrange to collect from his home in Staining, near Blackpool.

He also has some bound copies of the Manchester Guardian for a few years at the end of the 1800s . He offers to give them away to any Manchester area local history societies, and hopes that societies will be able to use them for research purposes.

They are very heavy and would need to be collected from him. He can be reached on 01253 886103 or 0774 9838 444 or on landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk

Bob Dobson pays tribute to Mike Rothwell

I report the recent death of Mike Rothwell, author of several superb, monumental books on the industrial archaeology of east Lancashire towns including Accrington and Oswaldtwistle, where he was born over 70 years ago. Mike was a retired headmaster and had been ill for some months.

Alan Crosby pays tribute to Eric Higham

Many members of the Federation will recall Mary and Eric Higham, who were stalwarts of local history and archaeology in Lancashire from the 1960s onwards. Mary was a much-loved lecturer and speaker, and was almost invariably accompanied by Eric, who worked the projector and produced the beautiful slides which illustrated her talks. Eric was born in Padiham, had at one-time worked as a weaver and also as an egg delivery driver, and then (together with Mary) trained as a teacher. He was extremely knowledgeable about archaeology and local history, and audiences grew accustomed to hearing Mary and Eric arguing during talks (typically, he would begin by saying “As some of you will probably know, I once worked in a weaving shed ...” and that would be met by “Shut up Eric, they don’t want to hear you”). It was all part of their entertaining and immensely informative double act. Mary died in 2005 and in recent years Eric had been in a nursing home. He died in July at the age of 90, and I would like to pay tribute to his memory – and to all the support and encouragement he gave to Mary over almost half a century.

LANCASHIRE HISTORY THESES ONLINE: BRITISH LIBRARY ETHOS SERVICE

<http://ethos.bl.uk/Home.do>

Michael Winstanley

Being able to find and read a copy of a PhD thesis relevant to one’s interests used to be largely a matter of luck and perseverance. Now there is a simpler way of finding and, in many cases, obtaining a digital pdf version of almost any thesis in all disciplines through the British Library’s EThOS service. There are currently nearly half a million theses listed. Many are free to download immediately; some require a payment to the British Library but are then free to subsequent users; some involve a payment to the awarding institution. Only a few institutions, including Oxford and Cambridge, offer no digital service but require that you contact the university directly, although the theses are listed.

You need to register as a user on the site to order a thesis but there is no charge for doing so. To search for a thesis you can use the simple default, but this may produce a long list of results. Advanced search is more precise, enabling you to use various search terms, but bear in mind that not all fields are complete – most theses do not have abstracts, for example, and there is also no ‘subject’ or ‘period’ index or

full text search. It is worth trying a variety of possible search terms. The listed results indicate whether the thesis is free or available in some other way.

As a taster of what you might find for earlier years here are a few (of many hundreds!) which are available for immediate download (approx. period order).

[With apologies to Michael Winstanley for having to exclude some of his excellent examples for reasons of space – Ed.]

D Kenyon (Manchester, 1984), 'Archaeology, place-names and settlement in Lancashire and Cheshire, c400-1066'

Paul Worthington (Swansea, 1990), 'Royal government in the counties palatine of Lancashire and Cheshire, 1460-1509'

William D Shannon (Lancaster, 2009), 'Approvement and improvement in early-modern England: Enclosure in the lowland wastes of Lancashire c.1500-1700'

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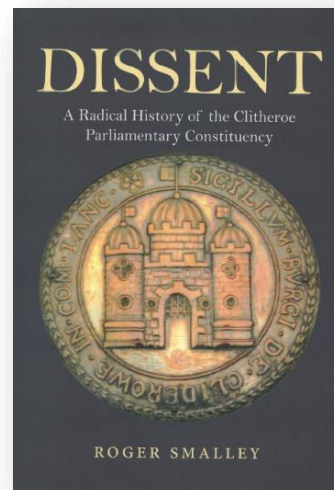
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Dissent: A Radical History of the Clitheroe Parliamentary Constituency By Roger Smalley

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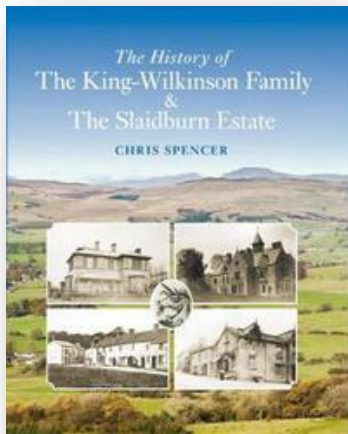
At a time of heightened political tensions nationally, and of attempts to forge new socio-economic approaches locally across Lancashire, it is fitting that this book detailing the radical history of the Clitheroe constituency has been published.

The book is a wide-ranging exploration of the wider Clitheroe area (including at different points various settlements around Pendle), its political history, and the reactions to, and driving of, social change from within its changing boundaries. Focusing on the idea of 'resistance to the political establishment', what is clear is the significance of the area to wider debates over political representation and participation. Despite a disparate range of studies from both local and academic historians touching upon the area's often difficult relationship with broader national politics, few have sought to construct a unified narrative in an accessible way, or to give adequate contextualization to key events. Smalley goes a long way towards

rectifying this, whilst also emphasizing the scope for future historians to examine the dynamics of major social movements and events from a regional perspective.

A number of fascinating primary sources are amongst the 59 illustrations reproduced in the book, and this is especially a strength of the work when discussing the 19th and 20th centuries. Similarly, the range of evidence contained within each chapter's endnotes, appendices, and the extensive bibliography show great skill in producing such a focused study ranging across such a broad timeframe (c.13th - c.20th). As identified by the author, the history of Clitheroe itself tends to focus upon the town from a legalistic perspective and thus this socio-political examination of the area is of great use to a range of audiences.

Jack Southern



The History of the King-Wilkinson Family & The Slaidburn Estate

By Chris Spencer

Chris Spencer, vice chairman of the Friends, has published a major new local history work based on his research on the King-Wilkinson collection in Lancashire Archives. In quality hardback format, it runs to over 400 pages and is plentifully illustrated with around 230 images.

There is a limited print run and Chris has subsidised the cost of producing his book to make it available to the public at an affordable price of £30 per copy. He is also donating £5 to the Slaidburn Archive for every copy sold via the Archive. Postage and packing (if required) will be an additional £3, that is, £33 per copy in total. To obtain a copy of the book please contact: Slaidburn Archive, 25 Church Street, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3ER. enquiries@slaidburnarchive.org

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

From Mark Davies

I am conducting some research into where members of the Bronte family travelled in Britain. I believe Charlotte Bronte was at Lancaster railway station for a number of hours, waiting for a connection to Ambleside to meet the Kay-Shuttleworth family and spend time at their summer retreat, around 1850. I wondered where she might have visited in Lancaster, including the castle, as she seemed to be interested in it during her younger days when she created a fantasy world with her brother Branwell, which heavily influenced her writing. I have not been able to find any information from the internet and wondered if there is any record of her visit. Any help would be appreciated.

[Please email the editor for Mark's contact details.]

Digital technology publishing: Has your society recently published books using digital technology? Have you any tips about the process and the marketing which can be shared with other societies? Please contact the Editor if you can help.

From Edd Mather

I'm a brewer and brewing historian, currently researching and writing a book on old beers and brewing, focused on Northern English breweries. My main field of interest is production records from breweries, and any associated literature, including old books on brewing. I've exhausted the publicly available archives as a source, (excepting Barrow which I have yet to visit).

I've heard that there are brewing records from Lancastrian breweries in private collections, but finding and getting access to them is proving difficult.

I would like to contact anyone who may have brewing records in their collections, and would undertake to credit sources (either anonymously, or named) in my book.

I'd be happy to make my collection available for local historians, and the 12 shelves of records of the uncatalogued section of the Magee Marshall archives at Bolton, which comprises managed house reports, coopers' journals (1938-70), estate repairs books etc. I would need notice of a visit.

[Please email the editor for Edd's contact details.]

From Hannah Ruddle at the BBC

I am developing an item for the One Show looking at Littlewoods Edge Lane and the rich history behind the remarkable building. I am trying to find former employees, or descendants of employees, who might be willing to share some memories with me. There is no commitment to take part in the One Show at this stage, I'm currently just researching but, of course, if anyone is interested in taking part in filming that would be very exciting. Are you aware of anyone in your society who worked at Littlewoods Edge Lane at any point, or perhaps have parents who worked there during the war?

Contact Hannah if you can help hannah.ruddle@bbc.co.uk

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER 15TH NOVEMBER 2018

The Federation Committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in editing the quarterly newsletter in future