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View from the Chair

There is still time to book for our Spring Conference in Burnley on the 29th of February, on the theme of Sounds of Lancashire: Music, Song and Poetry through History. It is sure to be a stimulating and enjoyable day – please see the booking form below. This will be of equal interest to people whose main focus is music, and those who are interested in the historical aspects.

The day will include a very short AGM. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of the Committee, please use the nomination form which you will shortly receive. You would be helping to co-ordinate local history across the County Palatine, and to take forward plans for future events and initiatives. And we are a very friendly and productive group!

Marianne



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LLHF Conference Saturday, 29 February 2020

At Nelson House, Nelson Square,
Burnley BB11 1LA



Sounds of Lancashire: music, song and poetry through history

Programme

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| 09.30 - 10.00 | Assemble & coffee |
| 10.00 - 11.00 | Prof. Dave Russell 'Key workers: a history of private music teachers in England, c.1861-c.1921' |
| 11.00 - 11.15 | Short break |
| 11.15 - 12.15 | Dr Simon Rennie 'Songs of the Distress: poetry of the Lancashire Cotton Famine 1861-65' |
| 12.15 - 12.45 | AGM |
| 12.45 - 14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 - 15.00 | Dr Stephen Etheridge 'Southern Pennine Brass Bands, c.1840-1914: inventing myths of northerness and class in an industrial landscape' |
| 15.00 - 15.15 | Short break |
| 15.15 - 16.15 | Jennifer Reid 'Manchester broadside ballads and Lancashire dialect: at home and abroad' |

Fee £19 (to include lunch) £14.00 (conference only)

There is ample free car parking at the venue. NB Delegates may **not** eat a packed lunch on the premises

Applications must be received by 21 February



Booking form for 'Sounds of Lancashire'

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 ___ (both served with veg)

Name(s)

AddressPostcode.....

Telephone Email..... (PRINT PLEASE)

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.

FYLDE HISTORY NETWORK 2019

The 2019 conference took as its theme Riot, Revolution and Reform in early industrial Lancashire, which was very fitting in the bi-centenary year of Peterloo.

Dr Alan Crosby's title was 'A number of raggelty women made a great noise: food riots and the fear of famine in Lancashire 1760-1820'. He pointed out that food riots were common over several generations. One historian has estimated that two thirds of riots were about food, rather than a demand for political reform. The talk painted a picture of the background of changes in society and agriculture against which food riots occurred.

In the late 18th century, a series of harsh winters and baking summers meant that potatoes and wheat were scarce. Unscrupulous people bought up produce to sell at a higher price, while people were suffering from unemployment and low wages. In addition, the wars against the French lasted 22 years. Some vicars and magistrates were sympathetic to the plight of the populace, but the authorities were often quick to act with force against demonstrators whom they labelled rioters. Women were involved in these protests not as bystanders but participants and often leaders. There are accounts of these events in early newspapers, in letters to the Home Office, and in ballads and broadsides.

Peterloo 1819-2019 was Prof Robert Poole's theme. He said that it is often not realised that Manchester was a Georgian and Regency town with a small centre, with St Peter's field lying on the edge of the built-up area. People at the time felt they suffered from oppression and poverty, and were against the Corn Laws. There had been no peace dividend for the populace at the end of the Napoleonic wars. It is estimated that in 1817 alone there were 700 local petitions with perhaps a million signatures calling for constitutional reform. And in 1819 ten mass meetings had been held, mainly in the north, before Peterloo.

Of the casualties of Peterloo, 35-45% were handloom weavers, and only 5% cotton factory workers. Handloom weaving involved more women than did many other occupations, and women played a prominent part in the demonstration. Female reform societies had been formed in the North, and Mary Fildes was on the platform on the day.

The authorities were determined to suppress rebellion. Correspondence in the Home Office makes it clear that female reformers were to be repressed. The authorities were given carte blanche to act as they wished, and would be supported by the Home Office whatever happened.

There are 417 eyewitness accounts from the day and the names of 1500 people who were there on the day are known. Eighteen people died and over 700 were injured. People came from 45 locations to be there.

Prof John Belchem spoke about 'Orator' Hunt, radical reform and potwalloper Preston 1820-1832. Peterloo had inflamed passions, but split the radicals. Some wanted to keep the moral high ground, whilst others wished to act more forcefully.

As a result of his participation at Peterloo, Hunt was arrested for high treason but convicted of the lesser charge of seditious conspiracy, and sentenced to a term of 30 months at Ilchester gaol. Whilst in prison he campaigned for the Preston parliamentary seat but lost (narrowly) to Horrocks. After release he first unsuccessfully contested a seat in Somerset, then moved to London to run businesses. He was again defeated in the 1830 election in Preston, but was successful in the by-election there later that year. A potwalloper or householder borough was a parliamentary borough in which, before the 1832 Reform Act, the franchise was extended to the male head of any household with a hearth large enough to boil a cauldron (or "wallop a pot"). Preston at that time had 5000 men eligible to vote.

Hunt opposed the Whig Reform Bill as not being radical enough, and positioned himself as a champion of the poor. During only two years in Parliament he spoke over 1000 times. He was implacably opposed to the system which produced poverty and oppression, but did not wish to set the poor against the rich. After his death (in 1835) he was honoured by the Chartists.

Holders of a Lancashire library reader's ticket can access Prof Belchem's article about Henry Hunt in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography free of charge.

Dr Michael Winstanley took as his theme 'Lancashire communities in the age of reform 1830-1848'. He outlined the effects of the 1832 Reform Act on parliamentary politics in Lancashire; the transformation of local government; and continuing campaigns for reform.

Henry Hunt railed against Earl Grey's introduction of the reform bill as not being sufficiently radical. The effect of the Act was to redistribute seats, end pocket and rotten boroughs, and extend the franchise. There were to be county and borough MPs. There would still be property qualifications, and challenges to a man's right to vote were made by both radicals and conservatives.

The Act did not change the property qualification for MPs; the frequency of elections (every 7 years); no payments to MPs; and open voting (so that poll books showed who had voted for which man).

In the 1832 parliament the representation was 441 Whig, 175 Tory, 42 Irish. By 1841 this had changed to 271 Whig, 367 Tory and 20 Irish.

Dr Winstanley then outlined the changes which took place in local government over the following years in the middle of the century. Towns which had improvement commissioners (drawn largely from the elite) were able to become municipal boroughs, which enabled them to do away with the commissioners and the county police, and many Lancashire towns followed this pattern. Gradually, campaigns for better public health resulted in local boards of health. Various reform movements campaigned for the abolition of the poor law and the corn laws, for the promotion of free trade, and for safer conditions in mines and factories,. Political agitation gained ground with the Chartist movement.

It was with regret that we heard the announcement that this was to be the last conference organised by the Fylde History Network. It was fitting that Alan Crosby, who had spoken at the first one in 2010, and again at the final one, should be the

person to pay tribute to the hard work of Peter Shakeshaft, Maureen Shakeshaft and Christine Storey in arranging such stimulating programmes which had drawn so many people to the Fylde to hear talks on a different theme each year. We wish them well in their continuing local history research. They intend to maintain the website and to keep it updated www.fyldehistorynetwork.co.uk.



(l – r) Mike Winstanley, Christine Storey, Maureen Shakeshaft, Peter Shakeshaft, Alan Crosby

NEWS FROM ARCHIVES

Lancashire Archives

The new Archives Card is on its way! We have been promised a nationwide February launch date and now have a supply of cards. In the north west the new cards will be in use in Cheshire, Cumbria and Lancashire record offices.

Applications for the new card will be via a single online registration form on the Archives and Records Association (ARA) website, www.archives.org.uk to which participating record offices provide links on their websites along with information about how the scheme works. When an applicant submits a completed form, the new system will create an initial record that will be visible to the nearest, most convenient or 'home' service of the applicant. For data protection reasons, the ARA will destroy this initial record if the applicant does not complete his/her registration within one month.

Applicants will then need to complete their registration **in person** at a participating office, with the necessary identity (ID) verification process, which will include a photograph (details to follow).

For user security, there will be no personally-identifiable information held on the card itself, beyond a signature strip to show receipt and ownership. Any service that the

cardholder visits will be able to check the photographic identity of the card holder through access to the central database. Other than the signature strip, the card will display only the unique user barcode. There will be more details in the next few weeks.

Jacque Crosby

Friday 14 Feb: Hidden rainbows - in search of LGBT family history, with Victoria McCann

Sunday 1 March: 80th Anniversary celebration – see the poster below

Friday 13 Mar: Breaking the mould - an introduction to mould prevention and cleaning, with Mark O'Neill



The workhouse
A half-day workshop with tutor
Alan Crosby
Wednesday 18 Mar 1.30-4.00.
£10 Booking essential

*(Image from Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Cotton Town digitisation project:
www.cottontown.org)*

In 1834 the Poor Law system, which had operated with modifications since the beginning of the 17th century, was radically overhauled, reformed and reorientated. It was redesigned on the principle that seeking poor relief or other assistance should be the last resort, so the system needed to be a deterrent rather than a comfort. The consequence was the building of the massive barrack-like workhouses which became part of our folklore, folk memory and literature, as well as our townscapes and our health services.

This workshop, which uses original sources including those from Blackburn Workhouse (currently being indexed by FLA volunteers), explores the 1834 new Poor Law and the huge quantity of documents which it generated, and shows how in Lancashire and Yorkshire the response to the 1834 legislation was definitely not what the government had intended.

Bloody-minded northerners subverted the system and helped to bring about its downfall!

Where booking is required please email: record.office@lancashire.gov.uk or call phone 01772 533039 (Tuesday-Friday) Where there is a fee for events, payment MUST be made in advance. Please make cheques payable to Friends of Lancashire Archives. To pay by BACS please see the Friends' website: www.flarchives.co.uk.



LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

Enjoy the real thing

The Archives at 80

Join us for an open day at Lancashire Archives

Sunday 1 March, 11am to 3pm

Family and Local History fair, offering information and advice for those just starting out as well as for the more experienced

- Get advice from family and local history societies from across Lancashire, local archive services and other organisations
- Take part in practical online family history surgeries with Preston Family History Society and beginners workshops
- Peruse the Friends of Lancashire Archives (FLA) book stall
- Browse our exhibition of treasures from local family and estate collections
- Enjoy the refreshments in Café Archive and don't miss the behind the scenes tours!

To find out more telephone 01772 533039 or email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk

www.lancashire.gov.uk/archives

Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE

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www.lancashire.gov.uk/archives

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NEWS FROM SOCIETIES

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY

The Society has a long-standing project to try to secure the future of three ancient town wells: Heild Well (left below), St Mary's Well (right below) and Stock Well.



Details of this initiative can be viewed on our website at <http://clitheroecivicsociety.org.uk/projects/town-wells.html>. We are continually updating information on our website in relation to this initiative, but the present pages give a very good idea of their significance and of the problems faced in trying to secure their long term future.

The wells have not been a source of water since the establishment of the Clitheroe Water Works in 1854, although water ran through some of them until towards the end of the last century.

As far as our research has indicated to date, there is no other town in England which still has three public wells - though the present enquiry may well put paid to this claim!.

We are now asking if any societies or individuals have information about their own public town wells. This should not relate to holy wells - though it is apparent from our research that it was not uncommon for holy wells to have been adapted into public town wells: indeed St Mary's Well in Clitheroe may be an example.

Our search is for any information whatsoever about other town wells within Lancashire's (existing or pre 1974) boundaries, as this will help to compare 'our' wells with those in other locations. However, what is of particular interest to us is to find out how other town wells have been looked after and, most importantly, by whom, after they have ceased to be used as a source of drinking and washing water. We are also interested in the status and condition of these highly significant social and environmental heritage assets within other towns and villages in the county. Given the enormous importance these facilities would have had prior to the delivery of piped water in the mid-19th century, there is surprisingly little published information on them, so reference to any such publication, in whatever form, will also assist us.

We will gratefully receive and acknowledge any information you send.

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CHORLEY HERITAGE GROUP

Sadly, after five years during which the Chorley Heritage Group housed its Heritage Centre at Astley Hall farmhouse, Chorley Council decided that the farmhouse is to be used for commercial purposes, and the Heritage Centre has gone into storage. This is a setback, but the Group is determined that the vision should not be lost.

2020 is the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, and many things are happening in Chorley. Three years ago, the Group spearheaded the town's planning for this year, during which we will commemorate Myles Standish, the military leader of the Pilgrims.

Myles Standish originated in this part of Lancashire, and a local committee drawn from representatives of the council and community groups has created a series of events running from April until November. Funding has been obtained from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and from Chorley Council.

Chorley Heritage Group will hold a Myles Standish exhibition in Astley Hall from April until the end of August, and for October and November will transfer the exhibition to St. Laurence Parish Church. A travelling exhibition will also visit other venues during the year. Please check the following websites for more information www.chorleyheritagecentre.co.uk , www.stlaurencechorley.co.uk , www.mylesstandish.info and come and visit Chorley during this special year.

Meanwhile, during February, the Chorley Heritage Group is holding a "Buckshaw Then and Now" exhibition in Chorley Library. The exhibition includes work by pupils from Buckshaw Holy Trinity Primary School children and Runshaw College students. It traces the development of the Buckshaw area through its farming past to its use as the site of the Royal Ordnance factory, and culminates in the present creation of Buckshaw Village.

Jenny Cree

FRIENDS OF PENDLE HERITAGE

Pendle Heritage Centre, Park Hill, 2 Colne Rd, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancs. BB9 6JQ

Thursday 21 Feb 7.30pm: Altham's industrial past - Brian Jeffery

Tuesday 17 Mar 2.30pm: Talk by a member of Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Thursday 16 Apr 7.30pm: Medieval bridges on the Ribble - Chris Hudson (ICE – Engineer):

Tuesday 5 May 7.30pm: AGM followed by **Pendle in particular** - Andrea Smith

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE



Wednesday 12 Feb 2pm - Liverpool beyond the brink: the extraordinary renaissance of Liverpool during the last thirty years. Talk by Professor Michael Parkinson, University of Liverpool.

The event is in the top floor meeting room of Liverpool Central Library.

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY AND HERALDRY SOCIETY

The society exists to help researchers with their enquiries about family history. Enquiries can be made by post or email, and there is a blog as well as Twitter and Facebook accounts. There are two research centres – in Oswaldtwistle and Chorley. The society produces a wide range of publications, such as books and CDs.

Some individual member societies offer regular one to one help with enquiries in local venues.

The website lists all the local societies, and has a comprehensive list of all forthcoming activities, a selection of which is listed below. There is a great deal of information on the website, including details of how to join www.lfhhs.org.uk.

Wednesday 19 Feb: Update on DNA in family history. Pendle & Bury group

Thursday 19 Mar: AGM and update on the need to preserve and protect war memorials. Chorley group

Wednesday 8 Apr: The diary and life of George Wylie Rigby of Freckleton 1883-1950. Fylde group

RECORD SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

Wednesday 8 Apr 1.45pm. The AGM will take place in Meetings Rooms 1 & 2 of Liverpool Central Library (William Brown St, Liverpool, L3 8EW), At 2pm there will be the inaugural Colin Phillips Memorial Lecture, to be delivered by Professor Mark Towsey (University of Liverpool) and Mr David Brazendale. They will introduce their forthcoming (2020) RSLC volume: *'An Ornament to the Town': The First Minute Book of the Athenaeum, Liverpool, 1797-1806*, and shed light on the fascinating development of public libraries in eighteenth and nineteenth century Liverpool and elsewhere. **All are welcome to attend.**

The RSLC seeks to promote understanding of, and public interest in, Lancashire and Cheshire's past, through the publication of editions of historical documents. For an annual subscription of £20, members receive each year a hardback volume and an invitation to a historical lecture. For more information, including details of forthcoming publications, please visit <http://rslc.org.uk/>

REGIONAL HERITAGE CENTRE

Saturday 22 Feb - Alan Crosby: The end is nigh. A one man study day looking at aspects of death and mortality in North West England. Alan will be looking at mortality crises in the North West in the 16th and 17th centuries, examining parish registers for fascinating details and looking at death through the personal lens of diaries and autobiographies.

Saturday 7 Mar – Annual Archaeology Forum. Frankland Lecture Theatre in Faraday Building 9.30-4.30.

Topics include investigations of Preston Friary; Geo-archaeological investigations of a new site in the Lytham-Skippool valley; Virtual reality at Cartmel Priory; Medieval iron working in Holcombe Valley; and the Fairhaven lake restoration project.

Fee for the event is £30 (£27 for Patrons of the Centre and members of the Society of Roman Studies). An optional lunch is available at additional cost. Full details here <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/regional-heritage-centre/events/annual-archaeology-forum>

Saturday 4 Apr – Dialect and regional history: from the Vikings to the voices of modernity. Several speakers will highlight Viking vocabulary influences, the language of the landscape in the Lake District and the poetry of the cotton famine, as well as recitations in Lancashire and Lake District dialects.

WARRINGTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Friars Green Independent Methodist Church Hall, Cairo Street, Warrington, Cheshire
1EH WA1. Meetings are held on Mondays at 7.30pm.

17 Feb: Warrington Freemasons from 1646 - Vic Charlesworth/Caroline Crooke

23 Mar: The Flu Epidemic of 1918-1919, with reference to Warrington – Ron Phillips

20 Apr: AGM followed by: William Beamont, the later years - Harry Wells

WARRINGTON LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Friars Green Independent Methodist Church Hall, Cairo Street, Warrington, Cheshire
1EH WA1. Meetings are held on Mondays at 7.30pm.

3 Feb: Design: Then, Now and the Future. Reflections on design, as a process, from the 14th century onwards – David Cockayne

2 Mar: The Wordsworths at Dove Cottage - Melissa Mitchell, Assistant Curator, The Wordsworth Trust

6 Apr: Antiquarians, Artists and the Archbishop: the discovery and destruction of the wall paintings of Pickering Church - Dr Kate Giles, Buildings Archaeologist, University of York

NEWS ROUNDUP

TWO TALKS BY KEVIN ILLINGWORTH

Wednesday, 20 May 7.30pm: Traditional buildings in Lancashire: the north east. Pendle Forest History Group at Barley Village Hall, Cross Lane, Barley, near Burnley. BB12 9JU. Visitors £3. Contact 01282 699580

Thursday 18 Jun 7.30pm: Vernacular Buildings of Craven and the Forest of Bowland. Malhamdale Local History Group at Malham Village Hall, Cove Road, Malham BD23 4DH. Visitors £3. Contacts: Tel. 01729 830201 or 01729 830572

THE VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE GROUP

There is still time to join the group and book a place on the Spring Conference, to be held in Stockport from 21 to 25 April, which will include visiting villages and buildings in south east Lancashire and north east Cheshire. Details can be found at www.vag.org.uk.

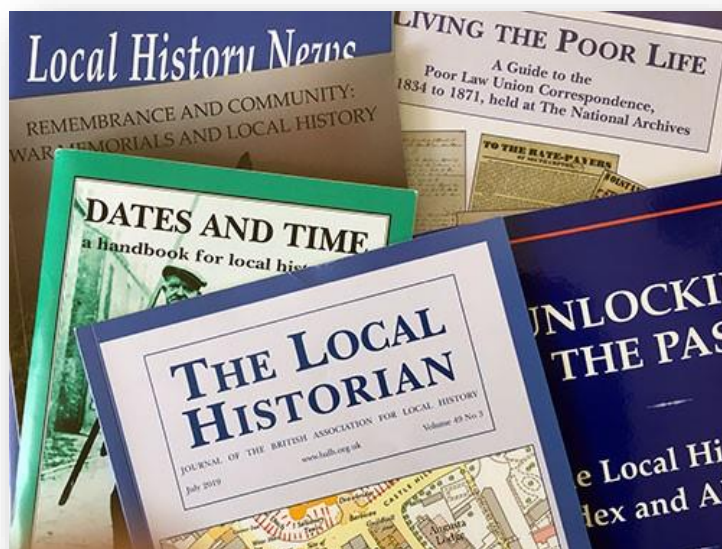
THE LOCAL HISTORIAN AND LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Many societies now take out insurance with the British Association for Local History and as a result are sent quarterly issues of these two journals as hard copies. Most members may not be aware of what the BALH is and does, or that these publications are available digitally on its website. <https://www.balh.org.uk>.

The Local Historian is edited by none other than our own Dr Alan Crosby and contains a wide range articles on general subjects, sources and case studies as well as extensive book reviews. The last three years online are restricted to individual members but EVERY issue before that, dating back to the 1950s, is freely available on the BALH website. Browse as you wish, or use the rather basic search facility at the top of the web page. Here are some Lancashire examples:

- 2019 Peace celebrations in Lancashire 1919 (Michael Hughes)
- 2018 Working class housing in Lancashire (Peter Hampson)
- 2017 Conscientious objectors in Lancashire in the First World War
- 2016 The records of the Palatinate of Lancaster (Mike Derbyshire)
- 2015 Common Land (Angus Winchester)
- 2014 Liverpool Women's War Service Bureau 1914-18 (Josette Reeves)
- 2013 Perceptions of Liverpool 1530-2010 (Alan Crosby)
- 2013 Marriage, family and property in a Lancashire parish 1700-1850 (Andy Gritt)
- 2012 Dispute maps in Tudor Lancashire (William D Shannon)
- 2010 The Old Poor Law in Leyland Hundred (Chris Watson)
- 2010 Carrier of Lancaster 1824 (James Bowen)
- 2009 Manchester Cathedral Sextons' Registers (Michael Powell and Chris Hunwick)
- 2009 Kirkdale Industrial School, 1840-70 apprentices (Kay Parrott)

Not to mention Zoë Lawson's piece on Lancashire Savings Banks in 2005 issue!



Local History News is a magazine with topical articles of interest to local historians, plus reports from local societies, record offices, museums and libraries. ALL issues since 2005 are free to download from the website. The Autumn 2019 edition includes a regular feature from Alan Crosby and also contains a report from Dr Bill Shannon on the Hadrian's Wall pilgrimage this summer. The January 2020 edition includes a short piece on the Lancaster journal *Contrebis*. Individual societies can download these Newsletters and circulate them digitally to all their members.

In addition to these journals, BALH organises regular conferences, publishes books (including a recent one by Geoff Timmins of UCLan on researching local history) and is developing a section of the website to feature activities of member societies. Why not contact them to advertise your society? As of writing (January 2020) there is no Lancashire presence.

You can, of course, join BALH as an individual member and receive hard copies of these journals, and flyers for events etc., as well as digital access to recent issues of *Local Historian*. It costs just £30 (£25 for students). Why not check out the website?

Dr Mike Winstanley



MANCHESTER HISTORIES FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 6 JUNE TO MONDAY 8 JUNE

The festival will mark the 50th anniversary of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act (CSDPA) of 1970. Events will take place in Manchester Central Library and in other venue across Greater Manchester.

The key aim of the 2020 Manchester Histories Festival is to raise awareness of the significance of Alf Morris's ground-breaking act and other legislation for which it paved the way. This includes the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and The Equality Act 2010.

Alf Morris was born and bred in Manchester and served as an MP for Wythenshawe. Throughout his lifetime, he campaigned tirelessly for the rights of disabled people.

As well as celebrating the life and achievements of Lord Morris, the aim is to spotlight, amongst the diversity of disabled people, everyday role models who are neither heroes nor victims but whose positive, ordinary and occasionally spectacularly talented lives make our whole society richer.

The festival will also launch a yearlong programme of activity leading up to 'Nothing

About Us Without Us', an exhibition and programme of work exploring the representation of disabled people, at the People's History Museum in 2021.

More information, how to get involved and details of the celebration event in August will be announced on the website www.manchesterhistories.co.uk .

WIGAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 4 Mar 7pm: The excavation of the Roman fort at Vindolanda – talk by Dr Andrew Birley, director of the excavations. Mercure Oak hotel, Riverway, Wigan WN1 3SS. Tickets £5 available on Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/2REzahO> or contact Bill Aldridge on 01257 402342 or bill@wiganarchsoc.co.uk.

SOUTH RIBBLE MUSEUM AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

The Old Grammar School, Church Road, Leyland www.southribblemuseum.org.uk

Saturday 15 Feb 11am: The story of the Brindle Workhouse – talk by Bernard Fleming.

Saturday 29 Feb 11am: Pride of Preston: The Dick, Kerr Ladies – talk by Gail Newsham.

Saturday 7 Mar 11am: 800 Years of Leyland Church – talk by David Hunt.

Saturday 14 Mar 11am: From the Courtaulds strike to the Boat People: Migration, work and racial politics in late twentieth-century Lancashire – talk by Jack Hepworth.

Sat 11 Apr 10:30-12:30pm: Come and trace your family tree - with members of Preston Family History Society.

Saturday 25 Apr 11am: The Rise and Fall of the Central Lancashire New Town - talk by James and Sheila Melrose.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

MOMENTOUS YEARS: THE RISE AND FALL OF THE DERBY HEBREW CONGREGATION, 1899-1986

DAVID BEESTON (UNIVERSITY OF YORK).

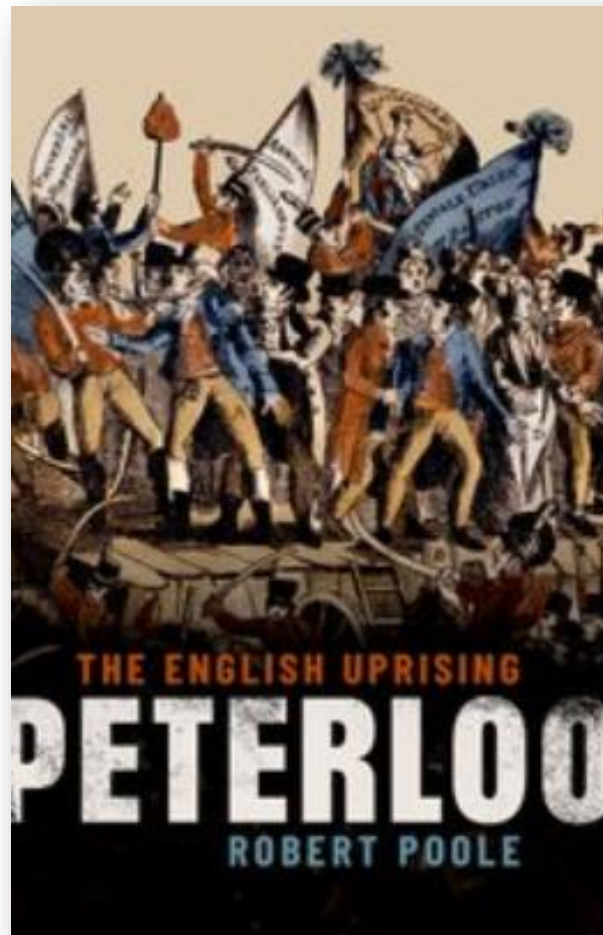
ISBN 978-0-9512535-4-0, Birchwood Publications, £8.00. It can be ordered from booksellers and is also available on Ebay.

The work represents the first attempt to record and analyse the history of the former Derby Jewish community.

The book may be of interest to all who study the history of religion and, in particular, Judaism. The Derby Jewish community had strong links their co-religionists in Manchester. One of their more important ministers, Reverend Reuben Restan (in post 1937-46) originated from Lancashire and had graduated from the Liverpool Yeshiva.

PETERLOO: THE ENGLISH UPRISING
Robert Poole

Oxford University Press, 2019 ISBN 9780198783466. £25.

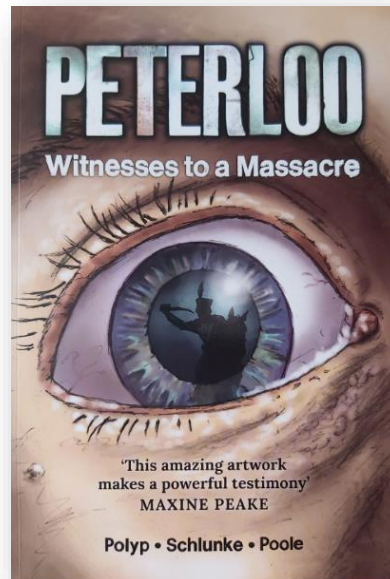


The book emphasises radical populism, English constitutionalism, the role of female reformers, and the effects of the Napoleonic wars. It portrays Regency Manchester and prior attempted uprisings. It is based on over 400 eye-witness accounts and Home Office archives.

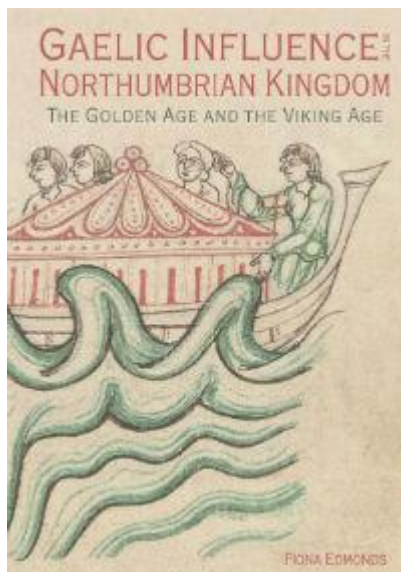
PETERLOO: WITNESS TO A MASSACRE

Artwork: Polyp; Script Editor: Eva Schlunke; Historian: Robert Poole

New Internationalist, 2019. ISBN 9781780264752. £11.99



The narrative is taken entirely from contemporary accounts researched by Professor Poole, and woven together in a narrative by Eve Schlunke. The text is brought vividly to life by professional cartoonist, illustrator and graphic novelist Polyp.



Gaelic influence in the Northumbrian Kingdom: The Golden Age and the Viking Age

Dr Fiona Edmonds, Reader in History and Director of the RHC at Lancaster University

9781783273362 £60. Ebook 9781787445864
£19.99

Series: Studies in Celtic history

Boydell & Brewer www.boydellandbrewer.com.

This is the first full-scale, interdisciplinary treatment of the wide-ranging connections between the Gaelic world and the Northumbrian kingdom.

Influences on Northumbria emanated from Ireland, the Isle of Man, Argyll and the kingdom of Alba (the nascent Scottish kingdom). Northumbria's 'Golden Age' of the 7th and early 8th century is covered. The book reveals the extent to which Gaelic influence was multi-faceted, complex and enduring.

It's not too late to book for the Federation Day Conference on 29 February – see the details above.

If you would like to join the Federation committee, look out for the nomination form which you will soon receive.

The Federation Committee would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking on the role of newsletter editor. This is one of the principal means of communication with members, and is published four times a year. Guidance would be freely offered.

Please phone or email Marianne Howell.

COPY DATE FOR NEXT EDITION

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