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FEDERATION DAY SCHOOL ON THE CANALS AND WATERWAYS OF LANCASHIRE

The Federation is holding a day school, in association with the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Society, to commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the opening of the first section of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, from Parbold to Wigan. It is to be held on 2 November at the Preston Masonic Hall. There is an excellent line-up of speakers with talks on a variety of topics. See the programme and booking form below for further details. It is sure to be a most interesting day.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEWSLETTER

Zoë Lawson, our membership secretary, distributes each issue of the newsletter to one named person for each society, with a reminder to distribute it. The editor understands that in some cases not everyone sees a copy of it. Please will you ensure that **every** member on your mailing list is sent a copy by email. Thank you.

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR The June 2024 issue of the magazine *Current Archaeology* included a very interesting article by Patrick Maloney of the Wigan Archaeological Society. '*Ringing the changes: investigating an enigmatic monument at Aspull*', describes the excavations the Society carried out in 2021-2023 focusing on a low mound in the centre of a very large slightly oval cropmark on the edge of the village. The provisional conclusion is that this feature is a henge, the first ever discovered in Lancashire and dating from the Neolithic period, while the central mound, which was perhaps reused from an earlier phase, was a Bronze age funerary site.

The article tantalisingly hints at more ancient landscapes. From the putative henge a series of other confirmed or suspected prehistoric cairns and other features are easily visible, implying a possible ritual landscape. In other parts of the country the inter-relationships between stone circles, tumuli, cairns, standing stones and rock art are increasingly recognised and accepted. Do we have something similar in Lancashire? All being well, we can look forward to further exploration.

This is a reminder that archaeological work continues to make exciting discoveries and offer new or more nuanced explanations and interpretations of sites across our county. Sometimes these are such that they can significantly revise the history of the area. In 2018 it was announced that a previously unknown Roman fort had been identified at Burscough. This provided the first major evidence of a Roman presence in south-west Lancashire, which had hitherto been regarded as a Rome-free zone. In fact, it had been apparent for many years that there must have been some sort of fortification in the Ormskirk area, because of the place-name.

Burscough tells us so. The 'scough' element in the name is Old Norse *skogr*, which means 'wet, waterlogged woodland'. It is found in a handful of other places across Lancashire (such as Myerscough near Kirkham). 'Bur', however, derives from the very common Anglo-Saxon term *burh*, which means 'a fortified place'. There were various suggestions as to what that 'burh' might be, but not until the discovery of the Roman fort did the real reason for Burscough's name become clear.

The discovery of the fort not only added a new and very important piece to the picture of Roman Lancashire, but also gave further relevance to David Ratcliffe's wonderful work, using Lidar evidence, on mapping the county's Roman road network. With probable roads now identified from Wigan to Burscough, and from Burscough to a ford over the Ribble to link with the fort at Kirkham, that blank space on the map is steadily being filled. Two thousand years on from the Roman presence, much is only now being revealed, and much more surely lies waiting.

Archaeological investigation in recent years has included the site of the Franciscan friary in Preston, the remains of early industrial housing in Manchester, and the revealing of early settlement sites on the line of the new road at Windy Harbour near Poulton le Fylde. As many of us are well aware, Lancashire's documentary record begins late – not until the latter years of the 11th century, and even then only in a fragmentary way – and it remains relatively poor until the 15th century. Archaeology is absolutely vital in helping us to understand our story, in comparatively recent times as well as thousands of years ago. **Alan Crosby**

LLHF Day School
With the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society

Saturday, 2 November
At Preston Masonic Hall
Ashlar House, Saul Street, Preston
PR1 2QU

The canals and waterways of Lancashire:
A day school to commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the opening of the first section of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal from Parbold to Wigan

Programme

09.30 – 10.00	**Assemble & coffee**
10.00 – 10.20	**Mike Clarke (L&LCS)** The historical importance of Lancashire's waterways, putting the L&LC 250th anniversary into perspective
10.25 – 11.00	**Bill Froggatt (Lancashire Heritage Officer for Canal & River Trust)** Constructing the Lancaster Canal
11.00-11.15	**Short break**
11.15 – 11.50	**Bill Aldridge (Wigan Archaeological Society)** Researching the Douglas Navigation
11.50-12.00	**Colin Thunhurst (L&LCS)** Kennet on the L&LC, 25 years of L&LC canal anniversaries
12.00-12.15	**Q & A session**
12.15 – 13.30	**Lunch**
13.30 – 14.05	**Mike Clarke (L&LCS)** Traffics and traders on the L&LC in Lancashire
14.10-14.45	**Dr Alan Crosby** Canals in the Lancashire landscape
14.45 – 15.00	**Short break**
15.00 – 15.40	**Dr Paul Hindle (Manchester Bolton & Bury Canal Society)** The Lancaster Canal, transport, change & urban growth
15.40 -16.00	**Q & A session**

Fee **£22 (to include lunch)** **£14.00 (day school only)**

Booking form for Day School 2024

Please complete and return to**:**

Zoë Lawson, 'Old Cuddy Cottage', Cuddy Hill, Woodplumpton, PR4 0BP
Telephone: 07471908077 email: elizoelaw@gmail.com

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

I wish to book___places for lunch

Choose from: Hotpot ____ or Veggie lasagne ____

Name(s) ……

Address
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Postcode……..

Telephone ……..

Email (please print)……

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**.

There is ample 'pay & display' car parking in the vicinity. Delegates may bring their own packed lunch

Applications must be received by 25 October

LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES & LOCAL HISTORY

Pride of the Pitch: Preston's Footballing Icons, the new exhibition at the Archives, chronicles Preston's footballing team and individual icons, from PNE's 'Invincibles' team of the 1880s, to the Dick, Kerr Ladies team of the early 20th Century, and Tom Finney from the mid-20th century.

During the exhibition there will also be some exciting public and community programming including drop-in family craft sessions in school holidays; focused community sessions with key community groups to create a responsive artwork that will become part of the exhibition; behind the scenes tours; 'In Conversation With' talks with football heritage experts - and much more!

The exhibition has been created in partnership with Lancashire Archives and is supported by key partners, such as Gail Newsham, Michael Barrett (PNECET) and Lancashire Museums Service.

Saturday 10 August 2024, 2.00pm to 3.00pm: *Pride of Preston: Dick, Kerr Ladies 1917 to 1965:* a talk by Gail Newsham Join Gail Newsham, renowned football historian, at the Archives for her talk and find out why she believes they are the most important team in the history of women's football.

This talk is free but booking is essential as places are limited. As well as the talk you will have an opportunity to view the *Pride of the Pitch* exhibition.

LANCASHIRE LOCAL HISTORY PUBLICATION – *ARCHIVES*

The fourth edition of our Lancashire Local History magazine, *Archives*, is available to purchase from all Lancashire County Council libraries and at Lancashire Archives, priced at £3. If you'd like to receive a copy by post, please email archives@lancashire.gov.uk If you have an idea you'd like to discuss, please contact us at the address above. You can now read previous editions of the magazine online.

You can find out more about how to submit an article by visiting our website at: Ordering copies and publications - Lancashire County Council.

This issue features articles from all corners of Lancashire and beyond, with Stephen Poleon's account of the career of fast-bowler Ignatius St Louis, Michael Banham-Guerrero looking at 100 years of the famous Rossendale Male Voice Choir, and Angela Norris reflecting on the history of the HM Coastguard in Lancashire with former Knott End Coastguard, John Bradbury. We feature Bancroft Mill and British Velvet and an amazing account of First Lieutenant Anthony Brockholes, Acting Governor and Commander in Chief of New York.

Thanks to all the contributors to the magazine for submitting their articles, the design & print teams at Lancashire County Council and the Archives editorial team.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

Our monthly digest of updates and news from Lancashire Archives & Local History has had a refresh and is now available as a direct web-link as well as in PDF format, depending on how you like to take your archives news.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, email archives@lancashire.gov.uk and mention you would like to receive it.

LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES & LOCAL HISTORY ON FACEBOOK!
Please have a look and follow us at: https://www.facebook.com/lancsarchives
You can also follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/LancsArchives

KEEPING EAST LANCASHIRE IN THE PICTURE
This summer the Keeping East Lancashire in the Picture project has been hosting talks in libraries in East Lancashire.

Sherif Dhaimish delivered a very interesting talk *on Publishing the visual narratives,* and his work with Pendle Press. This included a discussion on the work of his father

Hasan 'Alsatoor' Dhaimish (1955-2016), who was born in Libya but left in 1975, due to Qaddafi's repressive regime, to pursue his dream to travel. He moved to Burnley, where he married and became a father and later worked as a teacher. He was also a political cartoonist and satirist under the pseudonym of 'Alsatoor'. The rise of the internet meant his anti-Qaddafi satire could reach people globally, as well as inside Libya. Sherif also discussed other books Pendle has published, including *Round our way*, about the life and work of photographer Sam Hanna (featured in the *Publications of interest* section of this newsletter).

Andy Pritchard, a professional photographer, delivered his fascinating talk in Colne library presenting an outstanding range of photographs he has taken of the landscape, buildings, people, nature and heritage of East Lancashire. He will be delivering this talk in Accrington and Burnley libraries in November.

Mike Smith from Burnley Film Makers delivered an extremely popular talk in Nelson library in June on The Nelson Imp. Mike showed photographs and film clips about the Imp, from its heyday in the 1960s when it hosted concerts by The Who, The Rolling Stones, Tina Turner, The Beatles, and many others, until its sad demise in 1976 after a fire leave it derelict. By popular demand, plans are under way for Mike to deliver the talk again in October.

In August, four 'Family Fun' Sessions will be happening from 11am to 3pm in:

- Nelson Library on Monday 5 August
- Colne Library on Tuesday 6 August
- Burnley Library on Thursday 8 August
- Accrington Library on Friday 9 August

Plans are being developed for families to be involved in some exciting activities, including Cyanotyping, games, arts and crafts and a dressing up historic photo booth opportunity. More details to follow but everyone welcome!

METHODIST REGISTERS AVAILABLE ON ANCESTRY

Lancashire Archives have been working in partnership with Ancestry to make more of our church registers available online. Ancestry have recently launched a collection of Lancashire Non-Conformist registers which contains high quality, colour images of many of our Methodist registers. There are nearly 450,000 images covering baptisms over 100 years old, marriages over 70 years old and burials over 30 years old. The collection is fully indexed so you can either search by name across all the records or browse through the images of an individual register. Ancestry can be accessed free of charge within Lancashire Archives and in any Lancashire library.

NEWS FROM LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES & LOCAL HISTORY BLOG

In the last few months, we have been adding more and more articles to the blog. This is thanks to volunteers, customers and staff who have been regularly updating the site with stories they have discovered in collections held at Lancashire Archives and in local studies collections at Lancashire Libraries.
You can now subscribe, to receive notifications when new articles go live. Visit https://redrosecollectionsnews.wordpress.com/ and click on subscribe.

Our latest article is by volunteer Helen Gore, looking at the role of the Fleetwood Fishing Queen in the 1930s
https://redrosecollectionsnews.wordpress.com/2024/06/24/fleetwoods-fishing-queens/

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Save the date in your diary for our annual celebrations of Heritage Open Day and Fun Palaces! The Archives will be open with a range of family-friendly activities, events for all ages and our famous *Café Archive* from the Friends of Lancashire Archives. For more information, please keep an eye on our social media pages, our *News from the Archives* newsletter, or our events page: https://events.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/upcoming-events?q=&venues=Lancashire+Archives

- **Heritage Open Day** at Lancashire Archives, Saturday 14 September, 10:30-3:00 – FREE, no booking required
- **Fun Palaces** at Lancashire Archives, Saturday 5 October, 10:00-3-00 – FREE, no booking required

Alex Miller

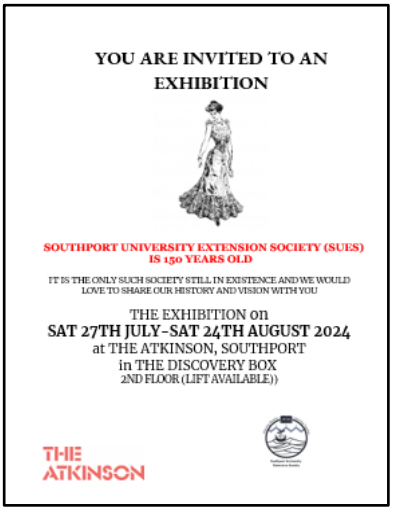
MEMBER SOCIETIES

NEWS FROM ONE OF THE FEDERATION'S NEWEST MEMBER SOCIETIES

SOUTHPORT UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SOCIETY

The society has submitted news of two of their events, as well as an interesting article about the university extension movement, and their own part in it. They have not only survived, but continue in good heart. **Peter Firth** has supplied the following information.

Exhibition: The history of Southport University Extension Society (until 24 August). The Discovery Box, 2nd Floor, The Atkinson, Lord Street, Southport PR8 1DB. Free entry. The story of the society is told in a timeline presentation, together with artefacts and historical items.



Four week course: *Southport and the University Extension Movement* led by Peter Firth. Four consecutive Mondays, beginning 16 September, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. All Saints Church Hall, Rawlinson Rd, Southport PR9 9JR (car park access in Park Road. Free of charge, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The society meets at All Saints Church Hall for Monday Morning Courses (from 10.30 am to 12.30pm) and Friday Afternoon Lectures (from 2.30pm to 3.30pm). Membership costs just £15 per year (there is an extra charge for Monday morning courses). *Forum*, our monthly email newsletter, keeps members up-to-date and

provides stimulating reading material. See our website www.southportues.com and Facebook page facebook.com/groups/southportues for further information.

To become a member, contact our Membership Secretary, Chris Nelson, at membership@southportues.com or at 43, Pool St, Southport PR9 8HZ. Alternatively, just come along to one of our Friday afternoon meetings.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION MOVEMENT AND SOUTHPORT UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SOCIETY (SUES)

The idea that universities should reach out to the wider community can be traced back to the 19th century. Many leading social thinkers, such as John Ruskin, sought to end material and cultural poverty across areas of society, including education. Two particular sections of the community, both seeking greater access to university-standard learning, were middle-class women and working men. Women were held back by strict gender stereotypes, views held even by prominent reformers like Ruskin. Men and women operated in separate spheres. For middle-class women, their place was in the home – 'the Angel in the house,' the perfect wife and mother. Their husband's role was outside in the world of work, such as businessmen or industrialists.

The most notable reaction to such widespread inequalities was the emergence of women's rights movements. As well as agitating for the vote, these groups also campaigned vigorously for the same access to education as men enjoyed.

At the time, Southport was growing rapidly, with middle-class families moving to this 'new town' from the manufacturing areas of Liverpool and Manchester. This created somewhat socially exclusive residential areas, with Birkdale becoming one of the north of England's chief centres for boarding schools for elementary education, 60% of whose pupils were girls.

Nationally, two women in particular were responsible for bringing about change. Josephine Butler and Anne Jemima Clough (pictured right) - the latter born in Liverpool - worked together in the North of England Council for Promoting the Higher Education of Women to raise the status of governesses and female teachers to that of a profession.

Both were instrumental in pushing the University of Cambridge to open its teaching to women. Their council invited James Stuart, a fellow of Trinity College and, later, the first Professor of Engineering at Cambridge, to give a course of university-standard lectures in Leeds, Sheffield and Liverpool, which were oversubscribed and well received.

A strong supporter of women's suffrage, Stuart was also an advocate of education for women and the working-classes. His enthusiasm and support eventually resulted in his pioneering system of extra-mural lectures across the country. This resulted in the development of the global University Extension Movement, with many referring to him as its "Father." The first lecture took place in Derby in 1873. Other universities, such as London, Oxford and Durham, followed suit and by 1891 there were over 140 centres, extending from the south coast to the Scottish border.

Map showing the extent of the movement by 1899.

Southport was an early adopter and in 1874 held its first Lecture for Ladies, now formally associated with the Extension Movement. The first two decades were only partially successful. It wasn't until 1896 when the next major step forward took place with the establishment of the Southport and Birkdale University Extension Society.

In addition to the far-sighted, liberal-minded individuals at universities, many local dignitaries were also supportive. In Southport, this included the mayor and the Right Hon. G N Curzon who later became Viceroy of India. Compared with industrial towns such as Derby and Crewe, Southport, a largely dormitory town, was far more successful in establishing a flourishing Extension Movement centre.

The courses were strictly controlled to ensure that they were of university standard. They had to be the same as taught at Cambridge, delivered by their lecturers, with written work, examinations and certificates awarded for those who passed the examination.

By the early 20th century, with national and local government playing a greater part in adult education, the extension movement encountered new competition, and was still solely dependent on fees from the members of its local societies. Some fell by the wayside, whilst others were absorbed into the increasing number of new universities being established across the country, which housed extra-mural departments focusing on adult education.

Between the two world wars extension societies had to adapt to the changing conditions, and the availability of alternative forms of adult education led to a decrease in their importance.

Economics finally brought an end to the extensive extension empire, when the costs of supplying lecturers to remote centres could no longer be justified. Inevitably, this also led to Southport's long, close association with Cambridge coming to an end, in 1961. However, at this point, Liverpool University assumed responsibility for extension activities in Southport, within their Department of Extra-Mural Studies. That year, a decision was also taken to drop Birkdale from the society's name. Other challenges were to follow with the advent of alternative education providers, such as the Open University, where students are able to study at home, at a time

suitable for them, and obtain an accredited degree over several years. Despite this, it also gave societies the opportunity to focus on the increasing importance of later-life learning. So, in changing its emphasis, the society was able to maintain its identity. However, this was not replicated across the country. All other remaining Extension Societies had closed by 1974, with Southport as the sole survivor.

Its fortunes have fluctuated since then but, just before the turn of the century, great efforts were made to ensure its continuation. This has been maintained over the last decade. The society can now offer a programme containing seven individual lectures plus five 4-9 weekly courses. Together with its own website and monthly magazine, *Forum*, the Society is flourishing once again.

Today, SUES provides opportunities to learn about fascinating subjects from knowledgeable and interesting speakers. The shared side of learning is equally important, enjoying conversations and discussions with others over a cup of tea in a relaxed environment, while delivering the benefits of later-life learning, including cognitive, psychological, social and physical. SUES is in good shape to face the future, as it continues to provide a programme of activities that clearly meets the needs of the local community.

BARNOLDSWICK HISTORY SOCIETY

- **Thursday 29 August: Guided historic walk through the town**
- Local History: the contribution of two Barnoldswick men to WWI**.** Walter and Thomas Horsfield, medical orderlies, were amongst 15 members of St John Ambulance Brigade on board the hospital ship HMHS *Rohilla* sailing to France to evacuate wounded men. It ran aground off the coast of Whitby in heavy seas. Both men died and only three others survived. Five letters from Walter have recently been discovered.
- Volunteers are continuing to catalogue the group's extensive collection of archives.
- Several society members contributed to an article in The Dalesman magazine which quizzed them about their feelings 50 years after the town moved (administratively) from Yorkshire to Lancashire. Maybe it wasn't so bad after all!

For further details about these items and about the society contact Alan Roberts alanrobertsbarnoldswick@gmail.com

BURNLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

St. John's R. C. Church Hall, Ivy Street, Burnley BB10 1TB. Talks take place on Wednesdays, starting at 2.00pm.

11 September: *Ernest Evans: From Weaver to Master of Natural Sciences (The Mechanics Institutes).* Nick Burton

9 October: *Oh! We did like to be beside the seaside*. Molly Haines

13 November: *Parliament peculiarities* Frank Bartram and Gordon Birtwistle

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

To mark the 175th anniversary of the Society in 2023, our own **Dr Alan Crosby** delivered a lecture on the theme ***Lancashire and Cheshire in 1848: a new society in a fast-changing world***.

While across Europe 1848 was the 'Year of Revolutions' there was no popular uprising in Lancashire and Cheshire. Yet a quieter yet even more fundamental revolution in society, economy and landscape was taking place in the two counties. Was the founding of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire in that year perhaps a counter-reaction to this revolution?

The talk has now been made available on YouTube via this link https://bit.ly/48BRrnC.

LANCASHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Saturday 28 September: Sunderland Point guided tour.

If you would like to know more or wish to attend, email lancsarchsoc@gmail.com.

MOURHOLME LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October 10.30am to 4.00pm: Silverdale history weekend. Gaskell Hall, Silverdale, Carnforth, LA5 0RA

Mourholme Local History Society and Silverdale Parish Council are hosting a two day history weekend which is free for visitors. There will be a number of exhibitors on the day alongside talks about different aspects of history in and around Silverdale, as well as both guided and self-guided walks around the village.

The final times for speakers and participants are still being finalised. For more details and updates visit the society's website https://tinyurl.com/29ukh43v.

PRESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Talks and walks cost £5 for visitors. Talks are held at Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, Preston PR1 2NL.

Sunday 25 August 2.00pm: The Romans in Walton-le-Dale – the archaeological evidence. A guided walk with David Hunt. Meet at St. Leonards Church, Church Brow, Walton-le-Dale PR5 4BH. Email Judi Castley at jcastley47@outlook.com to book a place.

Monday 9 September 7.15pm: *Restoring Preston Basin – from coal carrier to carbon store.* A talk by Daniel Crowther.

Monday 14 October 7.15pm: *The role of Preston in the development of the world-wide Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*. A talk by Martin Cook.

FRIENDS OF WINCKLEY SQUARE

Tuesday 20 August 2.00pm: *Cornelia Connelly – Blissful bride to notorious nun!* A presentation by Judy Beeston. Judy takes on the role of Emily Bowles, once Cornelia's friend, who became her nemesis. Cornelia had a significant impact on education in Preston. Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, Preston PR1 2NL. To book https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DKDI.

FRIENDS OF PENDLE HERITAGE

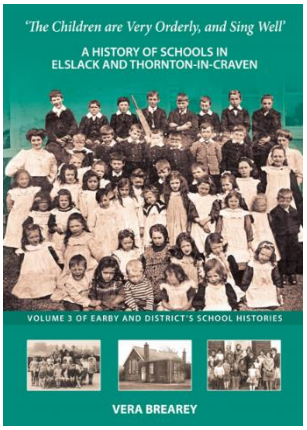
Tuesday 6 August 2.00pm: Rimington Heritage Trail walk. At one time Rimington and Middop had 2 corn mills, 2 textile mills, 2 schools, 2 chapels, and a public house, along with many shops and other businesses. In the late 19th and early 20th century it must have been a very bustling and busy place. Now there is Martin Top Chapel, and Cosgroves dress shop, which is on the site of what was a garage. What has not changed is the beautiful view of Pendle; so, come along to enjoy some lovely countryside on a 2 mile walk and get a glimpse into Rimington's past.

Photo: Stopper Lane windmill (credit Rimington Heritage Trail)

This will be followed by refreshments at Rimington Memorial Institute. Members £3, Non-members £5. Car parking: a layby by Bustards Farm, Rimington Lane BB7 4DS.

Saturday 10 August 10.30am / Saturday 14 September, 10.30am / Saturday 12 October, 10.30am: **Archaeology pre-walk meeting** with Alex Whitlock at Booths café in Barrowford, followed by a field walk.

Tuesday 17 September, 2.30pm: *Oyez, Oyez*: Rawden Kerr, **Great Harwood Town Crier**, will give an instructive, but light-hearted talk on the job of the town crier through the ages, and their relevance today. Rawden won the 2023 British Championship's 'Best Content of Cry' award and took the 'Real Lancashire Cry' to Parliament in November 2023 to mark Lancashire Day. Members £3, Non-members £5, Refreshments £1. Higherford Methodist Church, Barrowford BB8 9NY (free car parking at the rear of the church). *Photo: Mr Deputy Speaker and Rawden Kerr (credit Mrs Kerr)*



Tuesday 22 October, 7.30pm: **FoPH AGM** followed by a talk, book sales, and refreshments. 'A teacher should stay at the school each dinner hour to prevent it being demolished'. **A look back at schools in Thornton-in-Craven and Elslack from the mid-19th century to the 1970s, with Vera Brearey**, author of a 2023 book published by Earby History Society. No charge. Higherford Methodist Church, Barrowford BB8 9NY.

(Photo: credit Vera Brearey)

NEWS ROUNDUP

POPULAR CULTURE OF THE NORTH WEST

Mirador, a Lancaster-based arts and heritage charity (which also has undertaken projects with the Regional Heritage Centre), has launched *Jukebox: the teenage revolution* in partnership with Lancaster University library. The project puts a spotlight on Blackpool and Lytham St Annes, birthplace of the distinctive British jukebox, manufactured by companies such as the Ditchburn Equipment Company.

Several events are being held along Lancashire's seaside coast during the year. One is a touring exhibition with unique displays which show the boom in youth culture during the 1950s and '60s, including the rise of coffee and milk bars and 45rpm vinyl records.

Events have been held at More Music in Morecambe and The Storey and Lancaster library, where visitors listened to music of the period and shared their memories of the era. These will be collected in an oral history.

The History of Ditchburn of Lytham St Anne's website contains a wealth of documentation. The archive of Jack Hylton, the band leader and impresario, is held at Lancaster University library.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION – MANCHESTER BRANCH

Saturday 7 September: Guided visit to the Rochdale Pioneers' Museum.

Meet for tea/coffee at 11.30am (for 12 noon tour start) at 31 Toad Lane, Rochdale OL12 0NU. The museum was the site of what is regarded as the birthplace of the co-operative movement, which influenced issues such as women's rights, poverty, education, fair trade and social reform.

£5 for non-members. Places are limited: please register your interest in advance by emailing srazavi@live.co.uk.

MANCHESTER HISTORIES

The Manchester Histories festival was held in June. A varied programme attracted many visitors to different events. The regular newsletter contains reflections on the events. One of the highlights was a talk by Michael Wood about Manchester University, as part of its bicentennial celebrations. If you subscribe to the newsletter, you will be able to see and hear his talk, and much else besides.

www.manchesterhistories.co.uk

FRIENDS OF SALFORD CEMETERIES

Wednesday 14 August 1.30pm: Guided tour of Swinton Cemetery (Meet at the entrance gate).

Sunday 8 September 2.00pm: Guided tour of Weaste Cemetery (Meet at the war memorial).

As well as news about events and the upkeep of the cemeteries, the regular newsletter from the Friends contains potted biographies of the some of the people buried there, of whom the most famous is Sir Charles Halle (1819-1895), who founded his orchestra in Manchester in 1858. The notes state:

Sir Charles Halle died on 25th October 1895 in Manchester. The funeral ceremonies commenced at the Church of the Holy Name on Oxford Road, Manchester, where his choir and orchestra of 150 performed Mozart's Requiem Mass. Thousands of people lined the streets and flags were positioned at half-mast. Many prominent people, musicians and members of music societies were present at the interment at Weaste Cemetery.

To subscribe to the newsletter, email PeteKilvert@virginmedia.com.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

The Archives has a bumper crop of local history books available for sale*.

- ***Family history and the lost buildings of West Lancashire*** – Ormskirk & District Family History Society. *Also available from Ormskirk Library*.

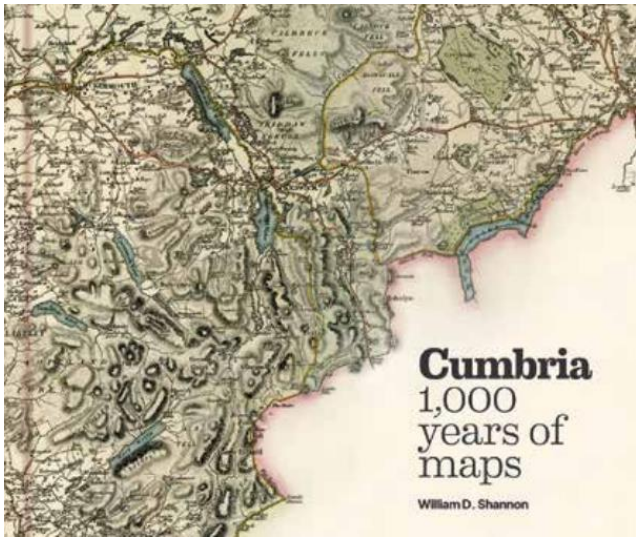
- ***Moses holden 1777-1864: the Preston astronomer who was never eclipsed*** – Stephen Halliwell.

- ***People of old Preston*** – Keith Johnson.

- ***Preston remembered*** – Keith Johnson.

- ***Horse & Bamboo: a journey*** – Bob Firth (The author is the founder and artistic director of the country's only horse-drawn theatre.) **Available from Bacup, Haslingden and Rawtenstall libraries.*

CUMBRIA: 1,000 YEARS OF MAPS



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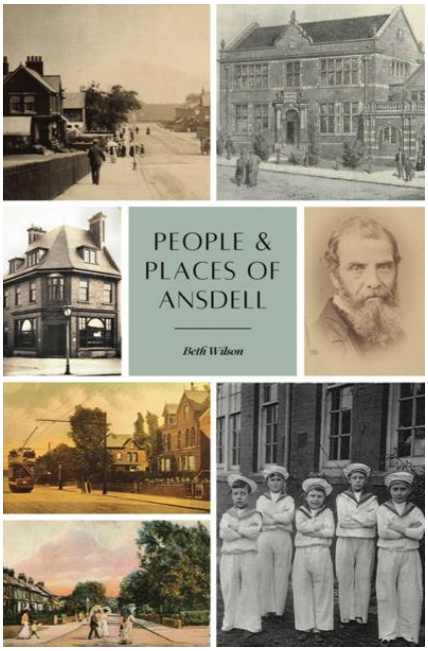
Dr William D. Shannon is an independent researcher in history and Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. His main research interests and published papers concern the landscape, agricultural and cartographic history of England. He is involved in in long-term research of the Gough Map (c. 1400).

PEOPLE AND PLACES OF ANSDELL

Beth Wilson



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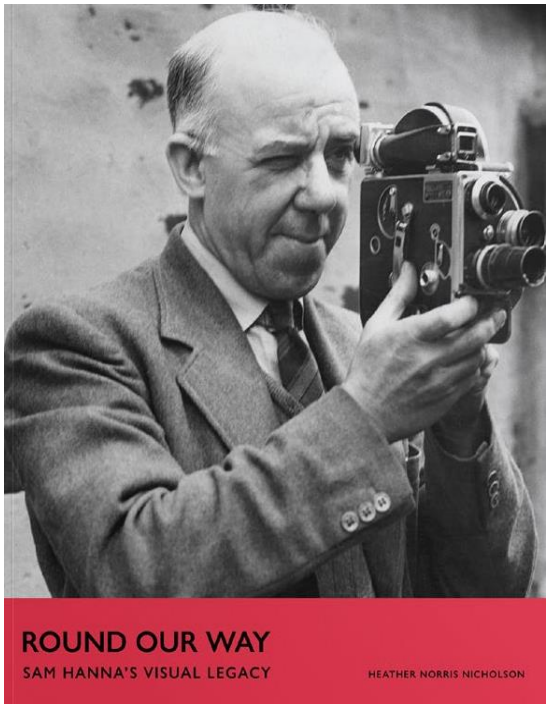
£18.00. Available from Plackitt and Booth in Lytham, Lytham Heritage Centre, Ansdell Post Office and other local venues. Can also be purchased by cheque from the author (add £5 p&p) Wilsonbethj@gmail.com.

It charts the town's beginning, when Richard Ansdell leased a plot of land so that he could enjoy solitude and quietness. It covers the development of the railway (the first railway stop was called Ansdell's Halt), services, shops, churches and schools, and tells the story of some local residents.

Beth is a local resident who has spent more than 4 years in research for the book. She also acts as a tour guide and room steward at Lytham Hall.

Contact Beth if you would be interested in hearing one of her talks about Ansdell. She travels on the Fylde and Wyre, and further afield if asked, and prefers talks in person rather than via Zoom.



ROUND OUR WAY:

SAM HANNA'S VISUAL LEGACY

By Heather Norris Nicholson

Pendle Press ISBN 9781838369361 £25.00

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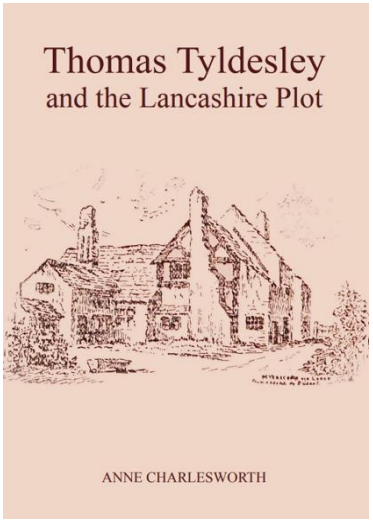
This book celebrates the life and work of pioneering Lancastrian film-maker Sam Hanna (1903-1996). His films offer a unique visual record of a Lancashire undergoing profound transformation in the mid-20th century. The author offers an in-depth analysis of 50 of Hanna's films in insightful essays which include rare photography, production stills and archival materials.

The book not only celebrates Hanna's remarkable career, but also serves as a visual and cultural repository of the memories, identities and experiences of communities during a pivotal era.

The publishers believe that Hanna's life and work, as seen through this comprehensive book, should be known to a wider audience. His work can help with the interpretation of the county's local history, industrial heritage and social changes. If your society would like to use Sam Hanna's legacy as a way of exploring ways of exploiting its contents, via exhibitions and events, contact Pendle Press.



THOMAS TYLDESLEY AND THE LANCASHIRE PLOT

Anne Charlesworth

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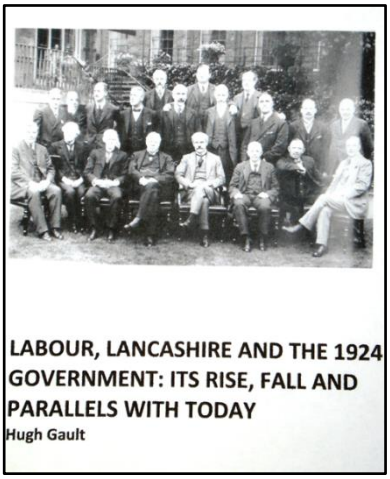
The Tyldesleys were one of the most prominent and Roman Catholic families in Lancashire. They held considerable estates, land and property and had familial connections with many of the county's landed gentry. Thomas Tyldesley (1657-1714) was the grandson of his Royalist namesake who was killed at the battle of Wigan Lane in 1651. His surviving 1712-1714 diary provides a rare and fascinating insight into the life of a recusant squire. The book concerns Thomas's involvement in the early Jacobite Lancashire Plot which resulted in a trial at Manchester in 1694. It is part of a forthcoming much larger research project/book about the recusant Tyldesley squires and family of Myerscough Lodge and Fox Hall in Blackpool.

LABOUR, LANCASHIRE AND THE 1924 GOVERNMENT: ITS RISE, FALL AND PARALLELS WITH TODAY



Hugh Gault

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The first Labour government, led by Ramsay MacDonald, contained a strong representation of Lancashire MPs – 10% of the total. It was widely expected to fail, and had only one significant legislative success, in the Housing Act. Labour lost a censure vote over the withdrawal of the Workers' Weekly prosecution. The government resigned after nine months but in the 1924 election their vote share increased and they replaced the Liberal party as the main opposition to the Conservatives. The account of this administration has many parallels with the current political situation.

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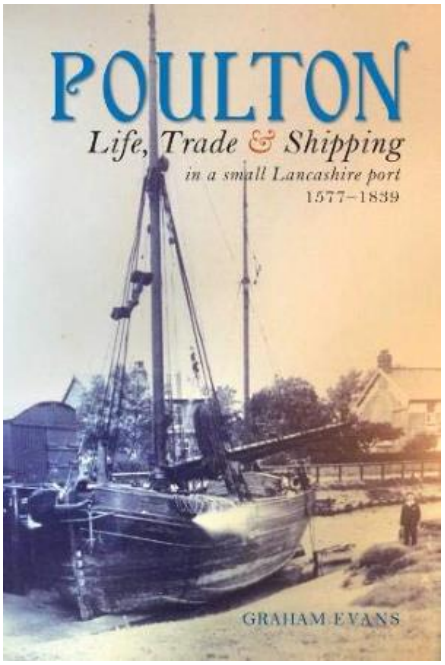

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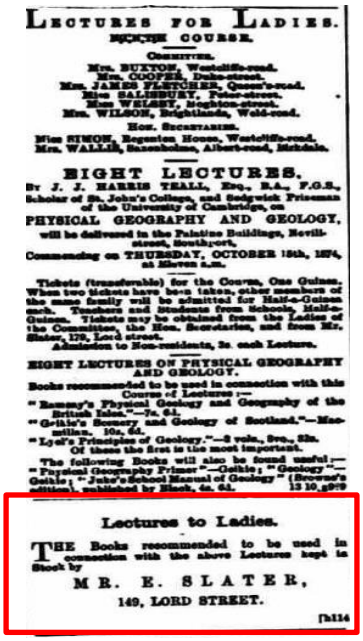
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In the May newsletter, the Blackpool and Fylde Historical Society asked about the age of member societies and a request was made to let the editor know about other societies' ages.

We have had a response from The Southport University Extension Society (SUES). The society was actually founded in 1896 and on 11 December will be able to acknowledge its 122nd anniversary. The origins can be traced even further back. The first series of University Extension 'Lectures for Ladies' commenced on October 15th, 1874 (see the advert from the *Southport Visiter* left), an event for which the Society will celebrate its 150th anniversary later this year. There is an article by Peter Firth (above in the *News from member societies* section) with more fascintating details.

[Please don't let that long history deter you from celebrating your society's (probably much shorter) story! – Ed.]

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