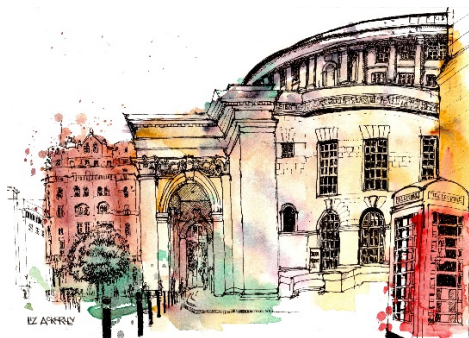


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to this, the final issue of the Society newsletter for 2020. It has been a year that many, if not all of us, will want to forget. The onset of a pandemic due to Coronavirus has meant restrictions for all of us.

The Society has needed to adjust accordingly and I am very grateful to all the volunteers who have been busy maintaining services such as the Bookshop and the Help Desk. Also the many volunteers working at home on Society projects. I must also thank all those members who have helped to run the Society Branches by keeping people up-to-date through their newsletters and meetings, especially those via ZOOM. Finally, to all those other members behind the scenes who have kept the Society running smoothly throughout this year.

Many are turning to the internet for their shopping and many sites give donations to registered charities of which we are one. This month's newsletter suggests how you can help the Society in this way. You will also find a short piece about the Promotions and Education Committee and their rôle in the Society

One of our members, George Cogswell, tells us about his 'Greater Manchester Blitz Victims' website, December being the 80th anniversary of the blitz over Manchester.

Another member, Richard Lyons, has just published his book 'Were You There' about popular music at Manchester's Free Trade Hall between 1951 and 1996. You will also find reviews of two other books and a list of recent additions to the Bookshop.

Finally there are regular updates for the Help Desk, Projects, UKBMD and Archives+.

The Manchester Genealogist is currently running very short of articles. Any contributions however small are always gratefully received. Please contact Pat Etchells at editor@mlfhs.org.uk. The deadline for contribution is the first week of January 2021.

Don't forget to entertain your family and friends during the festive period with our Christmas Quiz on page 13.

I wish all our members, throughout the world, a very enjoyable festive season and look forward to hearing from you in 2021.

Stay safe.

Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

The promise that not one, but three, effective vaccines will soon become available to combat Covid-19, is the best possible news as we come to the end of an extraordinary year. For the Society it will mean we can plan ahead with some certainty. Already, our branches have shown the way, each with fully-itemised meeting programmes for 2021- a mixture of virtual and physical meetings (when it becomes possible to gather again in numbers). For details please see the website.

The branch committees are to be congratulated on their achievement in this area. As I write, two trial virtual meetings have already taken place this year (with a third to follow) and have been successfully received by members. What is encouraging is that the virtual platform allows many who live remotely from the physical venues to participate. I want that to continue and so the virtual medium will be a welcome addition to the Society offering to members for the future and will be factored into its meeting programme for 2021 when this is announced in the new year.

Resumption of other activities will clearly take time. I'm thinking of the various Helpdesks - at Manchester Central Library and the branch venues, and our traditional programme of beginners talks - but we will work within the guidelines set by government and library authorities to restore normality where we are able. The astonishing thing is that our steadfast volunteers have been able to maintain such a great part of the Society's offering almost seamlessly. All of us owe them a great debt of gratitude for that.

Elsewhere, you will see details of an upgrade of our fundraising arrangement with easy fundraising now extending to SmileAmazon. I know many of us use Amazon as a go-to means to purchase goods at this time of year, so do think of the Society when you order your Christmas goods. Alternatively, why not use the online bookshop for that special gift.

Wherever you are in the world I send my best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas season and the prospect of a much happier new year in a post-Covid era.

David Muil
Chairman

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

The office is being run from home, as is the bookshop, by our usual team.

Feel free to contact the office office@mlfhs.org.uk for enquiries about your membership. If contacting us please give your membership number and the surname of the member (it is not always the same as the person paying). We are finding that members have never informed us of changes to their email address from when they first joined so it is **important** on the new website that we have an **up-to-date address** so please check.

Because of the current lockdown volunteers are not accessing our office at Manchester Central Library. Could members still paying via cheque please note the address for sending them has changed. Please do **NOT** send anything to the library. There will be delays if correspondence is sent to our office at Manchester Central Library. If possible please use the on-line option on our new website to join or renew your subscription to the Society.

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Stay safe and well Elsie

FUNDRAISING FOR THE SOCIETY

Easyfundraising.org.uk is an easy way to help the Society.

Easyfundraising.org.uk is a website with links to major on-line retailers, such as Amazon, Argos, B & Q, BT Shop,, Comet, Curry's,, eBay, John Lewis, M & S, Staples, Trainline etc.

When you purchase on-line through the site, the retailer makes a donation to the person's chosen charity. The price you pay is exactly the same as if you had gone direct to the retailer's website.

There are over 4,400 participating retailers, so if you shop online the chances are you order from at least one of them.

There is a link to Easyfundraising on the home page of the Society web site.

To participate in Easyfundraising and help the Society:

1 Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and register your details with the site.

2 Use the 'support your cause box' to find your chosen charity, just type in Manchester and you will find us.

3 Click on the Society name and continue with the registration. If you are a UK taxpayer, do not forget to click the 'gift aid it' box to boost your donation.

4 Continue with your shopping.

Remember to use the site for all your on-line shopping - Your favourite suppliers are almost certain to be there. Every donation we receive helps the Society without costing you a penny.

However there is no need to go to Easyfundraising every time you wish to shop. It is even easier with Donation Reminder!

Donation Reminder is a browser add-on which you can install from the Easyfundraising home page. When installed and you visit the web site of a participating retailer, an alert is shown at the top of the screen to invite you to register your visit with Easyfundraising. Click the button in the alert and MLFHS will receive a donation from the retailer when you complete your purchase.

Do not forget to go to your preferences and choose what information you would like Easyfundraising to send to you via mail. The donations may be small but they all add up. Up to the 24th £21.88 has been raised this November.

However, from the 5th August 2019 the way you raised donations with **Amazon** has changed.

When you search for Amazon on www.easyfundraising.org.uk or the easyfundraising App, you will be directed to smile.amazon.co.uk where they can continue to shop as normal.

Please support our Society whenever you shop online.

Smile.Amazon is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you shop on smile.amazon.co.uk, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) to your organisation. You can simply sign up for a **FREE account**, choose to support our Society and then get a **FREE** donation whenever you buy an eligible product at smile.amazon.co.uk.

Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society has now been registered as a charitable organisation on Smile.Amazon

Promotions and Education Committee

At the Executive Committee meeting in November 2019 the Committee, in light of a working party assessment, approved the formation of the Promotions and Education Committee.

The prompt for this was the situation in which the Executive Committee found itself following the retirement of the Family History Fairs co-ordinator who for many years had organised, promoted and attended to the Societies involvement in Family History Fairs throughout the country. No replacement was forthcoming. This, together with the Executive Committee's desire that the Society be promoted more broadly resulted in the formation of the Promotions and Education Committee.

The remit for the Promotions and Education Committee is threefold:

- To meet twice/three times a year or as often as appropriate.
- To provide guidance for any material that emanates from the Society by way of publicity and education including the Manchester Genealogist; all leaflets produced by the Society and all promotional material
- To be responsible for identifying, co-ordinating and developing the Societies involvement in fairs and other gatherings where the Societies aims would be met.

It is understood that the existence of this resource for the Society has not been sufficiently disseminated. We bring it to your attention in the hope that any member of the Society who has observations or suggestions as to how the Society might best be promoted would share these. You can get in touch with the committee via the Society office email address.

EVENTS/TALKS

This is not an event as such but if you are interested in The Secret History of Manchester Town Hall then this video by Martin Zero takes you into some incredible places.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxT4lzO8BWk&t=391s>

Our Branches have been very busy organising talks for 2021. Why not register with the Branches to receive their current newsletter and therefore keep up-to-date with all the news and gossip.

Zoom talk on Manchester resources JGSGB Manchester Regional Group - 13 December

You are invited to attend this talk. Advance registration is required and is free for non-members as well as JGSGB members.

Genealogists and family historians alike, who are researching their Manchester heritage, are strongly recommended to register for this presentation.

Title: Manchester Jewish genealogical resources through a different lens

Speaker: Errol Gross

*_Bio of speaker_: Errol is a long-standing member of the Manchester Regional group of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain. He has helped with the organisation of their events and the Northern Conference, which is held annually in May, and recently with the group's newsletter. In the past, he has presented talks at the London JGSGB Conference, at Manchester Limmud, and to local Jewish and non-Jewish organisations. Most of his family left Lithuania in the early 1900s and emigrated to South Africa. Recent times have seen family members dispersed to other continents. *

Description of talk: This talk will describe some less well-known Manchester Jewish genealogical resources. Some that you know of, but not their location or how to access them... some that you are not aware of... and some that will be a surprise.

The resources reveal aspects of the early Jewish community in Manchester and surrounding areas, the founders, the congregations, notable personalities and some colourful characters.

*_When_: Dec 13, 2020 2:00 PM London *

*The invitation to register is below, but please keep it to yourself! *

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvcuypqjojGNLqPEfxzWdYkfc3ev1Gv4LO>
<<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvcuypqjojGNLqPEfxzWdYkfc3ev1Gv4LO>>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

JGSGB Manchester Regional Group.

WEBSITES

One of our members, George Cogswell, has sent the following e-mail and hopes that it will be of interest to other members of the Society

As we are coming up soon to the 80th anniversary of the Manchester Christmas 1940 Blitz (22nd/23rd/24th December 1940), I was wondering whether members would be interested in my Greater Manchester Blitz Victims website.

The website is surname searchable in any of the 29 pre-1974 districts that make up Greater Manchester. However, I am able to undertake a street search of my database which can be requested by clicking on the "Contact Us" button top right of the home page. Option 30 is the WW1 deaths of Bolton, Wigan and the Cleethorpes Zeppelin raid (Manchester Rgt men).

I now have around 1,450 names of persons killed in the WW1 Zeppelin Raid bombing and the main WW2 bombing with most of those deaths being around the Christmas 1940 period.

The Salford Link Magazine has asked me to write an article for it, which I have done. This should appear in the Winter 2020 edition, soon to be released.

Kind regards,

George Cogswell,
Sale, Cheshire. UK

www.traffordwardead.co.uk

www.greatermanchesterblitzvictims.co.uk

In late autumn 1940, [the Blitz](#) spread beyond London to Britain's other major towns and cities. Many were the locations of major war industries. However, it was often their compact commercial centres and residential areas that were most badly affected by air raids. Manchester, in the north-west of England, was hit by two nights of air raids in December 1940. These are often referred to as the 'Christmas Blitz'.

As a result of these raids, an estimated 684 people died and more than 2,000 were injured.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/the-manchester-blitz>

Searching the internet with the phrase 'Manchester Christmas 1940 Blitz' will lead you to a number of web sites providing a wealth of information.

BOOKSHOP

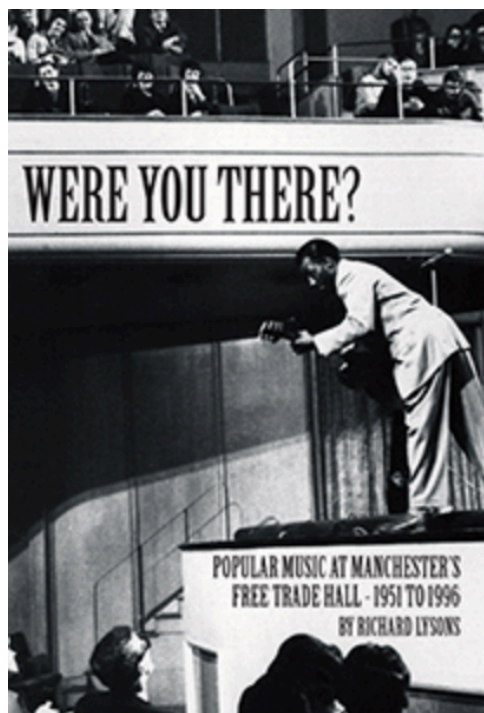
Richard Lysons a member of MLFHS has just published his book 'Were You There?'. Richard tells us that in 2011 he enquired at Central Library about books on popular music at the Free Trade Hall and soon discovered that no such book existed and so decided to do his own research!

WERE YOU THERE?

**POPULAR MUSIC AT MANCHESTER'S FREE TRADE HALL - 1951
TO 1996**

BY RICHARD LYSONS - FOREWORD BY CLINTON HEYLIN

Manchester's Free Trade Hall was the most important popular music venue in Great Britain.



After several incarnations, the current building was constructed in the wake of the Manchester Blitz and opened in 1951 as the new home of the city's esteemed Halle Orchestra. Yet it was popular music which would secure the venue its fame as it responded to each wave of popular music from trad jazz and skiffle, through rock 'n' roll and folk to prog, punk and heavy metal. From Billie Holiday to Blondie, Duke Ellington to Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd to Happy Mondays, Rolling Stones to The Beach Boys, David Bowie to The Smiths and Suede, just about everyone who mattered played there. The Free Trade Hall was also the venue for incendiary gigs by Bob Dylan and the Sex Pistols which changed the course of music history.

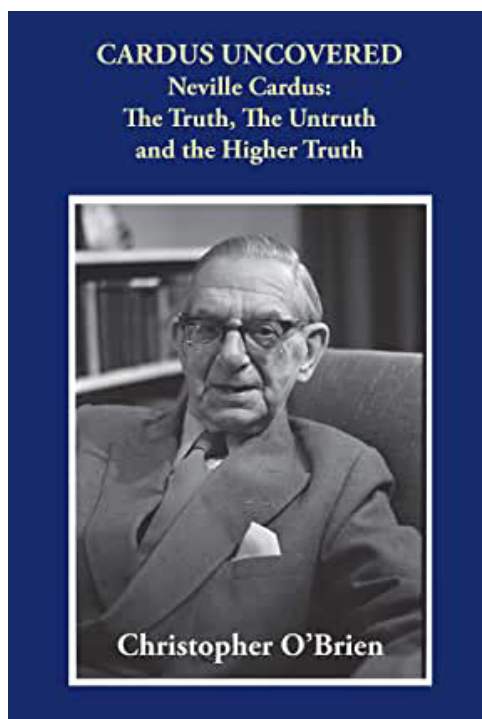
Richard Lysons' 'meticulously researched tome' will be of interest of anyone who ever attended a concert at the venue or has an interest in the history of popular music in Britain's most musically important city. Alongside his own expert commentary on every headline act he gives the reader a sense of what was going on at other venues in Manchester. There are photographs of several seminal blues gigs by Brian Smith who attended concerts at the Free Trade Hall throughout the 1960's.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

RICHARD LYSONS attended his first Free Trade Hall concert in 1972.. After a career teaching English, he is now a music researcher and writer. He was chief researcher for the highly acclaimed Discover Amazing Women by Rail project. 'Were You There?' is his first book.

The book may be ordered through Empire publications,
<http://www.empire-uk.com/FTH.htm>

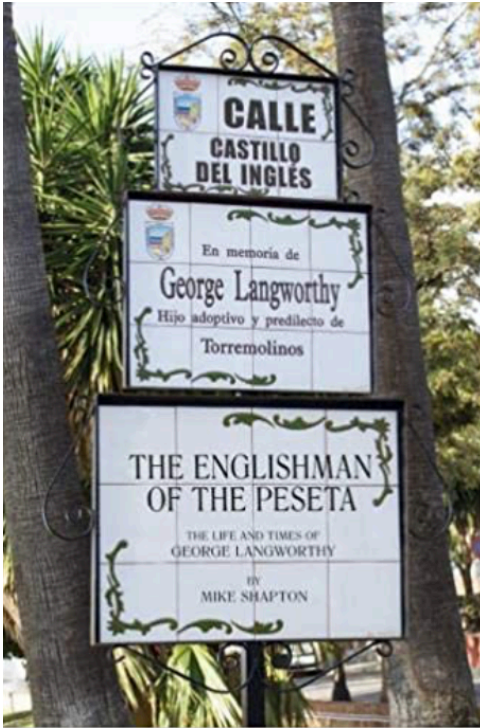
Cardus Uncovered by Christopher O'Brian



A book full of new insights about Sir Neville Cardus, who transformed cricket writing while also a music critic. You will learn who his father was (Neville didn't know), about his mother (and why the man she lived with was sent to jail) and when Neville changed his name from Fred.

Cardus Uncovered traces his early cricket articles and includes examples of his superb writing, but reveals contradictions and errors. It also covers his writing on music, for the Daily Citizen as well as the Manchester Guardian. And much more, such as the Test cricket he wrote about but didn't see! The book exposes disagreement at the Manchester Guardian about whether he should report on the 1953 Tests. Not forgetting his unusual marriage and his mistress in the 1930s.

This book gets to the facts about Neville Cardus and transforms our understanding of his life and work.



The Englishman of the Peseta by Mike Shapton

This is a book about the Englishman who converted his home into the first hotel on the Costa del Sol in 1927. He did this of necessity because he had given away his fortune to the local poor people, a peseta at a time. The peseta was the currency of Spain before the euro. George's wealth first came from the family cotton business in Manchester but he chose a life of adventure in the cavalry before injury cut that short. His story takes us through the highs of the British Empire and the lows of wars on foreign soil, revealing fascinating details from history as we follow his exploits.

The following books can all be found, together with a short review, on the book shop web site.

Life in Miniature a History of Dolls' House
 The Liverpool & Manchester Railway
 The Food Bible
 The Architecture Lover's Guide to Rome
 The Art lovers Guide to Paris
 Beside the Seaside
 Mrs Despard and the Suffrage Movement
 A History of Death in the 17th Century England
 The Second World War Through a Soldier's Eyes
 Sex & Sexuality in Georgian Britain
 Animals in the Great War
 Struggle & Suffrage in Windsor
 Radio Broadcasting A History of the Airwaves

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The Bookshop Competition

This competition has been running throughout October and November. Each time a member places an order during these months their order number will be put into a draw. At the beginning of December all order numbers will be listed in an Excel spreadsheet and, on command, Excel will choose a number at random. The winner will be able to choose a book of their choice from the entire stock of the bookshop.

Please ensure that your email address is up-to-date in order that we can contact you swiftly and your selection can arrive before Christmas (post delivery allowing).

Good luck
 Barry Henshall

THE HELP DESK

While the Covid-19 epidemic prevents us from providing our Help Desk at Manchester Central Library, we have set up a Virtual Helpdesk to provide remote support to those with Manchester research problems. We hope that you will find these short videos helpful, but if you still need help, click the button below to ask the virtual Help Desk team to assist.

On the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society website you will find 'Hints from the Help Desk' videos hosted by Vimeo.

As a reminder here is the list of videos currently available and can be found at <https://mlfhs.uk/virtual-help-desk-landing>

The National Archives Research Guides

Masses of high quality information for free - what's not to like?

The 1841 Census

Often written off as providing much less information than later censuses, you can still get a lot out of the 1841 returns. Find out how.

Squeezing the Most out of the 1911 Census

There is a lot of information on the forms - get the most out of it!

Keeping Track of Electronic Records

Name your documents meaningfully

Using the GRO Web Site and Mother's Maiden Name Facility

Get the most out of this important web site

DNA Testing: How to get the best value for your money

There are a lot of DNA tests on the market. Here are some ways to decide which one to choose.

Leslie Turner

Help Desk Co-ordinator

PROJECTS UPDATE

A new item to the member documents (General - Trades and Professions) has been added to the Great Database. This is a listing of 500+ Manchester Public Houses, with addresses and the names of publicans, taken from Kelly's Manchester Directory for 1933. Thanks are due to Joe Hilditch for this list.

Linda Bailey has completed another large file of newspaper references and they have been added to the Great Database, as follows:

Manchester Mercury - to complete 1806 (365 records)
(1807-1808 - not available)
1809 (650 records)

Manchester Courier - 1827 (1254 records)

The following update has been posted to Miscellaneous Small Projects
Added 2,690 deaths at Scutari Hospital during the Crimean War 1854-6 and reported in UK newspapers. Transcribed by Anthony Stephen. Work continues on this index.

7,054 baptisms from the registers of All Saints, Newton Heath 1793-1837 have been transcribed from the scanned images on FamilySearch. Thanks are due to Susan Mayall for this substantial contribution.

A final batch of 141 deaths from the registers of Withington Hospital completes this index and covers 910 deaths recorded 1923-1940. These are particularly useful as they not only include cause of death, but also often include the place of burial/cremation. Thanks are due to Joe Hilditch for this helpful resource.

Geoff Edge and his team have built an excellent index to the names appearing in wills and administrations of Manchester residents proved at the Chester Consistory court 1812-1837. However, as Geoff would be quick to admit, the process to find the scanned image of any particular will or admon on the LDS FamilySearch site is far from user-friendly.

I am pleased to say, that the excellent index has now become even better. Chris Willis has applied his technical wizardry to the problem and created a new PDF file of the names arranged in reference order. The subtle, but important difference in the new file is that now, where the film number on which the will or admon appears, you will find that the film number is a link and that this will take you directly* to the start of the images of the film concerned, from where it is a simple matter to go to the required page using the page number selector.

* FamilySearch requires you to log in to access the records, so if you are not logged in at the time, you will have to do so before being taken to the page.

I am sure that everyone who has used this resource will thank Chris for this radical improvement.

You can access the new listing either by clicking the 'source' link in a Great Database search result or directly in the Member Documents collection (General - Death and Burial)

John Marsden

UKBMD UPDATES FOR NOVEMBER

Yorkshire BMD has been updated as follows:

Marriages:

114 for Catterick Garrison Memorial C of E, Richmond, registers at Harrogate (1983-2005)
19 for Catterick RC Church St Josephs, Richmond, registers at Harrogate (1965-1975)
220 for Catterick Garrison Joan of Arc RC Church, Richmond, registers at Harrogate (1935-1996)
160 for Catterick Garrison Memorial C of E, Richmond, registers at Harrogate (1980-2002)
229 for Catterick Garrison St Martins C of E, Richmond, registers at Harrogate (1934-1979)
53 for Harrogate, St Aelred RC Church, Claro, registers at Harrogate (1993-2011)
59 for Catterick Garrison Methodist Church, Richmond, registers at Harrogate (1951-1981)
20 for RAF Leeming St Bedes, Northallerton, registers at Harrogate (1996-2012)
22 for Catterick Garrison St Michael & All Angels - C of S, registers at Harrogate (1982-1993)
32 for Uniacke Barracks St Albans Baptist Methodist, Claro, registers at Harrogate (1981-1993)
7 for Uniacke Barracks St Albans R C Church, Claro, registers at Harrogate (1970-1987)
61 for Norton, St Peter, Ryedale, registers at Harrogate (2002-2011)

5 for RAF Catterick St Michael & All Angels - C of E, Richmond, registers at Harrogate (1983-1991)

198 for Catterick Garrison St Oswalds C of E, Richmond, registers at Harrogate (1935-1963)

46 for Uniacke Barracks St Albans C of E, Claro, registers at Harrogate (1969-1995)

505 for Easingwold, St John, Northallerton, registers at Harrogate (1837-1876)

390 for Stillington Parish Church, Northallerton, registers at Harrogate (1838-1985)

Many thanks to the Harrogate Register Office and their volunteers.

Staffordshire. - The following records have been updated

Deaths:

604 for Lichfield (held at Lichfield RO), registers at Lichfield (1977-1978)

1,827 for Cannock (old Penkridge Rural District), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1997-2007)

168 for Seisdon, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2008)

155 for Burslem, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1974-1974)

357 for Longton, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1974-1974)

Births:

8,964 for Stoke, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1930-1974)

715 for Stafford, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1984-1991)

THE SOCIETY FORUM

The Forum continues to be very active with many members asking for help in tracing family members.

Why not post your query or problem to like-minded and very knowledgeable members and you may be surprised at the result.

To register go to our website and sign in as a member. On the Member Area home page you will find a link to the Member Forum halfway down on the right hand side. Click the "Enter Forum" button. This will take you to a page about the Forum and from here you can access the registration form.

I know that forums of this type and social media in general is not to everyone's taste but why not give it a try. If you have an interesting story to tell then why not let us know. I am sure that members outside the forum would be interested.

MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY ARCHIVES+

<http://manchesterarchiveplus.wordpress.com/>

During these unprecedented times, it's more important than ever to stay connected with your loved ones whilst observing the government led social distancing guidelines. We hope Archives+ can help you to do this by publishing our popular memory boxes online which can be used as a starting point in discovering your family history, find out what their childhood was like, look back at the area where they grew up, discover their fondest childhood memories and maybe uncover some hidden gems in your family's story.

On-Line Memory Box – Each week Archives+ has been publishing a memory box for an area in Manchester. The following Memory Box has been added: Burnage.

NORTH WEST FILM ARCHIVE

While staff are working from home they have been sharing with you each day a highlight from the collection through 'A Film A Day'. Please visit <https://www.nwfa.mmu.ac.uk> for more information on how to view these short films.

This is a site well worth visiting The NWFA was set up in 1977 and preserves moving images made in or about Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside and Cumbria and offers a variety of access services to users in the public, academic and commercial sectors.

MANCHESTER TIME MACHINE

Announcing 'Manchester Time Machine': the first ever app for the iPhone which merges archive film with GPS to create a street level tour of Manchester's streets and people over the last 100 years.

Manchester has changed a lot, and hardly at all. Manchester Time Machine uses rare historical film from the North West Film Archive to take you back to exactly the same location to experience the scene from the same viewpoint. See for yourself how much the city has changed through these fascinating glimpses into the 20th century. There are 80 highlights from films shot in the city centre, from the early days of film in 1911 (a Whit walk in Market Street) through every decade of the last century until the 1970s (as a student demonstration scatters in Oxford Street).

In between, these enchanting films include historically significant events – VE Day in Piccadilly and Albert Square, and moving documents – such as the victorious Manchester City team bringing home the FA cup in Piccadilly in 1934, alongside powerful everyday views of a life long gone – Piccadilly Gardens in the sunshine in 1961, and in 1914 a mounted policeman barging a cart off the tram tracks on London Road.

Each is presented with a GPS locator and virtual compass so you can find exactly the same scene in the present day, even when many of the buildings may have disappeared. Manchester Time Machine offers smartphone users a true multimedia experience, a moving window through time.

For more information please go to:

<https://www.nwfa.mmu.ac.uk/mcrtimemachinev4.html>

Available on iPhone and iPad with Android version to follow.



<https://www.facebook.com/MandLFamilyHistory>

and Twitter



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Christmas Quiz

1. From what country does the Christmas drink Eggnogg originate?
2. What is the total number of gifts given in the carol 'The Twelve days of Christmas'?
3. St Stephen's Day is also known as?
4. Who wrote 'A Visit from St. Nicholas', the famous Christmas poem with the opening line 'Twas the night before Christmas'?
5. Which UK monarch delivered the first Christmas broadcast to the BBC in 1932?
6. Julmust is a traditional, very sweet, stout-like, Christmas drink from which country?
7. Popular in the UK this Christmas drink is made from cider apple, oranges, lemons, cinnamon, cloves, allspice and nutmeg and is known as what?
8. Which country likes to start the festive season with a warming glass of Bombardino, a mixture of brandy and advocate?
9. On Christmas Day 1950, what did four Scottish students steal from Westminster Abbey?
10. Feliz Navidad is Merry Christmas in which language?
11. How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?
12. In the classic Christmas movie, 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas', the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?
13. Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in The Polar Express?
14. Which Christmas song contains the lyric "Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way?"
15. Which city donates the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square?
16. Shakespeare wrote a play for Elizabeth I, as a Christmas present. Which one is it?
17. Who banned Christmas carols after the English Civil War in 1647?
18. How many tips do traditional snowflakes have?
19. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's partner in A Christmas Carol?
20. Where in the UK is Bethlehem?

Answers in next month's newsletter.