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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Hello and welcome to this, the first issue of the Society newsletter for 2021. I hope that, even though we have had restrictions placed upon us due to the continuing pandemic, you have all been able to relax during the festive season. 2020 brought changes to our lives, some good and some best forgotten.

On the positive side the Society has kept contact with members by way of this newsletter and those from our Bolton, Oldham and Anglo-Scots branches. A Virtual Helpdesk replaced the normal Helpdesk service when this could not be provided. Many of us have been introduced to Zoom giving access to online meetings and events. You will see in this issue a programme of ZOOM meetings arranged by the Bolton and Oldham branches and the first of the Society Beginners Talks for 2021. There are also links to the National Archives and Family History Federation sites with many more opportunities to go virtual.

I am sure that you all have your favourite websites. I am not talking about Ancestry, Findmypast etc. but the smaller sites, often free, that you find useful in your family research. I would like to build up a database of such sites but I will need your help. If you would like to share your favourites with others then why not send details of the site, with site address, and why you find the site useful to you, to newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk. Suggestions will be published.

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Quiz, answers at the end of this newsletter.

Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

As this most challenging year comes to a close, the immediate future remains uncertain. However, the prospects for 2021 are brighter and we must hope for a better year ahead.

I am proud to say that despite the restrictions which bedevilled Society events this year, our services flourished. Even prouder to acknowledge the debt we all owe to our many volunteers in a wide range of roles.

We delivered a bespoke modern website and management system and learnt to provide research guidance using virtual platforms. Thus, the immense treasury that is our Great Database is reaching many more members across the world than ever before. Enrolments are increasing and renewals are much simpler to operate. Book shop orders are on the increase and work continues across a range of projects. I am confident therefore that the Society is well-placed to recover lost ground when the virus is brought under control.

I wish you all wherever you are a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year free of concerns for health and livelihood.

David Muil

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY- SPEAKER SECRETARY

The Society wishes to appoint a Speaker Secretary, a volunteer role reporting to the Executive Committee, to be responsible for arranging and managing its Annual Talks Programme.

The successful candidate will be a fully paid-up member of the Society and will demonstrate good interpersonal and negotiating skills with a capacity to plan ahead within a fixed

timetable. Familiarity with email correspondence and telephone skills will be an advantage. Training will be given if required.

The role requires visits to Manchester Central Library or back-up venues on four days a year, when it becomes Covid-safe to do so.

For further details and a role description outlining the Key Tasks involved, please contact the General Secretary via email at office@mlfhs.org.uk.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE SOCIETY

At the time of writing the amount of donations received by the Society through the Easyfunding website during the last 30 days was £8.03. Currently there are 54 people registered to support our Society.

Amazon transfers donations to our account quarterly provided the amount is £5.00 or more, otherwise it is annually.

Thank you to everyone who is participating in this scheme.

EVENTS/TALKS

MLFHS Beginners Talk

“Starting Your Family Tree”

Sat, 30 January 2021 14:00 – 15:00 GMT

Sheila Goodyear will explain how to start your family tree and how to avoid the pitfalls. The first step is to talk to your family to gather information. There will be help in deciding how to store your information which will start you on the right path.

This is a ZOOM meeting so please register at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mlfhs-talk-beginners-talk-starting-your-family-tree-tickets-133606220803>

Bolton Branch

“Moorlands, Memories and Reflections” and including the Celebration of – “The 125th Anniversary of the 125th Winter Hill Trespass next September” by Prof Paul Salveson.

Wednesday January 6th, 2021 at 19.30 GMT

This is the Eventbrite link for an early sign on sign on with your membership number or £3 as a guest <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/127053740157> and it is a ZOOM meeting.



Paul is a visiting Professor from Bolton University amongst many other roles, <https://www.facebook.com/paul.salveson1/> and describes himself as a writer, historian, social entrepreneur, general crank ("a useful object that causes revolutions") and Creator of the Lancashire Luminaries website <https://tinyurl.com/y4k5d63l>. More information in the Bolton newsletter, December 2020 <https://mlfhs.uk/bolton/newsletter/genies-archive/2020-1/1350-genie-2020-12/file>

The subjects of the talks at forthcoming Society meetings all booked for the first Wednesday of each month are:

February	Dr Alan Crosby 'ROGUE'S GALLERY: CRIME AND CRIMINALS IN BOLTON 1625-1645'.
March	Carol Wells, Irish Research
April	Gordon Benson, North West Story of the Society of Friends aka "Quakers"
May	Jackie Depelle, Females in the Family – Ladies, Ships, locomotives and More
June	David Joy, Cow Keepers of Liverpool
July	Joe O'Neill, Jerome Caminada, Manchester's Sherlock Holmes
August	Victoria Coyle, The Cotton Famine and how badly was Bolton affected'
September	Anna Watson, Researching Illegitimate Ancestors
October	David Tilsley, Researching using Education Records
November	Dr Penny Walters, Why did the Welsh leave Wales (1800s)
December	?? Quiz

All meetings are "Zoom" until Covid-19 permits otherwise. November is a Zoom meeting whatever the Covid state.

Oldham Branch

Just taken your DNA test with Ancestry by Hilary Hartigan
Saturday 9th January 2021 at 14.00 GMT.

When you receive your DNA results from Ancestry you might have between 20,000 and 60,000 matches arranged in order of "best first". How do you work through them? Why might your third cousin not be shown in your list of matches (and it might not have anything to do with the milkman)? Is your ethnicity chart accurate? Hilary shows you how to interpret your test results, the benefits and limitations of Ancestry and how you can use your results with other sites, like My Heritage, to increase your chances of finding matches.



Details of the talk are on the 'Meetings' page of the Branch website <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings> .

Booking for an online talk is essential and can be by emailing us (newsletter or website email addresses) or on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/just-taken-your-dna-test-with-ancestry-tickets-119066901307?aff=erelpanelorg> (where you can also find more details of the talk).

The talk will be free to members and non-members alike. Wherever you live, Welcome!

Annie Kenney . a Working Class Suffragette

Saturday 13th February 2021 at 2.00 pm



This local girl became one of the most well known of Suffragettes. Imprisoned many times, she endured hunger-strikes in the fight for Women's Suffrage.

Details of the talk are on the 'Meetings' page of the Branch website <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings> .

Booking for an online talk is essential and can be by emailing us (newsletter or website email addresses) or on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-class-suffragette-the-life-of-annie-kenney-tickets-129690845811> (where you can

also find more details of the talk).

The talk will be free to members and non-members alike. Wherever you live, Welcome!

Meetings for the rest of 2021 can be found at <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings>

A reminder that you can register for your favourite Branch(es) by going to our website 'Manchester Ancestors', choosing your chosen Branch(es) and clicking on the 'newsletter' option. This will take you to the newsletter sign-up page. If you have logged on as a member then the form will be automatically filled for you. Just hit the sign up button. If you are not a Society member then you will have to fill in the form manually, identify yourself as not a robot and then sign in.

The National Archives

What's Online in 2021

Sign up at <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/contact-us/email-updates/> for priority booking across all new events.

England's mistress: Emma Hamilton

22 January | 14:00

Kate Williams discusses the tumultuous life of Emma Hamilton, and how her affair with Lord Nelson became one of the most epic love stories of all time.

Belsen and the British

29 January | 14:00

Dan Stone examines what the British found at Belsen in April 1945, and explains how the aftermath of the liberation was never just a British affair.

Public health and the 1918-19 Influenza pandemic

19 February | 14:00

Laura Robson-Mainwaring dives into the government's response to the Influenza pandemic, at a time when the cause and treatment of Influenza was unknown.

AIDS: Prejudice, prevention and publicity

26 February | 14:00

Mark Dunton examines how the government wrestled with the limits of frankness in a national public education campaign to address the AIDS epidemic.

Serving Winston: The life of Churchill's cook with Annie Gray

5 March | 14:00

Annie Gray celebrates the life, times and food of Georgina Landemare, No.10's society chef, and serves us a reminder that behind every great man lies a woman who can make a mean custard.

[Agents for change: Women and protest in The National Archives' collection](#)

12 March | 14:00

Vicky Iglikowski-Broad reflects on women and protest in modern Britain, from the movement for women's suffrage to the Ford Dagenham Campaigns of the 1960s.

[Dead famous: Greg Jenner](#)

19 March | 14:00

Greg Jenner unravels how celebrity burst into life in the early 18th century, as he assembles a vibrant cast of over 125 actors, singers, dancers, sportspeople and more, to search for its historical roots.

[Uncovering hidden stories: Women in archives](#)

26 March | 14:00

Angelina Osborne gives a glimpse into the lives of women around the world, from their determination to receive a university education to raising awareness of injustices in institutions.

A site worth visiting at regular intervals is <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/events> where you will find a number of virtual meetings organised by other family history societies. The Federation is also producing a series of podcasts aimed at providing information on various family history research topics, with questions raised at Federation events and family history society talks. The first, at the time of writing, is the 1939 Register.

WORKING ON THE 2021 ENGLAND & WALES CENSUS

Year 2021 is a census year and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has been looking for volunteers. Census day will be Sunday 21st March 2021. The link <https://census.gov.uk> leads to their home page which gives details about the census, working on the census and details about keeping the data safe. The site as a whole provides plenty of information so let's look in a little more detail.

About the census:

Here we find a brief overview of what a census is, the past, present and future of a census, what the ONS does between each census and references to the census for Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Why we should take part in a census is followed by information on the 2021 census itself. This will be the first digital-first census and it is claimed that it can be done on any device although I would not be too happy using a smart phone with a small display. The ONS will also be providing help for those who need it and, presumably, those people who are not online. Following on we are told what the census coverage survey is and finally about the census quality survey.

Working on the census:

For the 2021 census the ONS will be hiring at least 30,000 field staff across England and Wales, together with advertising the opportunities online and the role of the field team.

Keeping your data safe: Here you will find a brief overview of the cover protection given to the information provided.

Returning to the Home page you can then link to the section on how to apply to participate in the census and where you can find details on the application process and any preparation needed before you apply.

Finally you can explore the different roles and locations at <https://www.censusjobs.co.uk/search-for-a-job/>

At the time of writing some roles are already fully booked but there may still remain an opportunity to participate. The application window for community engagement has passed but there are opportunities in the manager, supervisor and officer roles.

WEBSITES

I was going to write a small article about the 1939 register and how it helps with our family searches, bridging the gap between the 1921 and 1951 census. However, <https://www.lostcousins.com/newsletters2/inside1939.htm> does that for me.

The registers for Scotland and Northern Ireland are not online. If you wish to access the Scottish and Northern Ireland registers, check out the National Records of Scotland and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

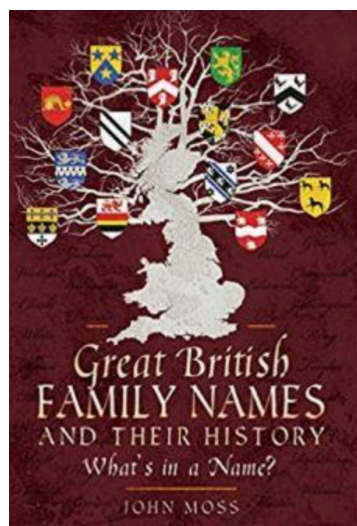
Whilst looking through some old family photographs I wondered whether there were any useful websites that host photographs useful to the family history researcher. One such website is <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/photos/websites-for-old-family-photos/> and as you can see from the address is hosted by Family Tree Magazine. It identifies 13 websites useful for finding old family photos. These are:

Ancestry, AncientFaces, DeadFred, Denver Public Library, Digital Public Library of America, FamilySearch, Flickr, Library of Congress, Mass. Memories Roadshow, MyHeritage, National Archives, New York Public Library Digital Gallery and Ohio Memory but as you can see some are sites based in the U.S.A.

The Family Tree Magazine site has direct links to each of the suggested sites. It is also worth reading 'Copyright Considerations for Using Online Images' which can be found after the Ohio Memory link.

Entering a place or name into Google and filtering for images may sometimes give surprising results.

BOOKSHOP



Great British Family Names and their History: What's in a Name?

Code: 8083: £12.99

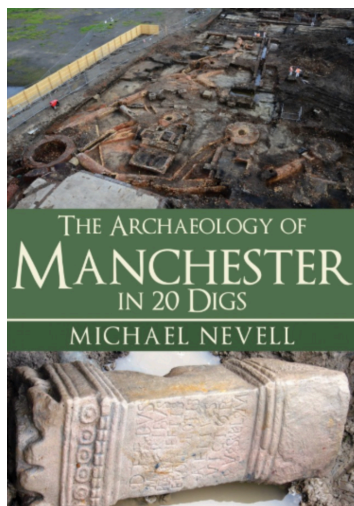
For better or worse, what we are is often determined by our family; the events that occurred many years before we were born, and the choices that were made by our forebears are our inheritance - we are the inexorable product of family history. So it is with nations. The history of Great Britain has been largely defined by powerful and influential families, many of whose names have come down to us from Celtic, Danish, Saxon or Norman ancestors. Their family names fill the pages of our history books; they are indelibly written into the events which we learned about at school. Iconic family names like Wellington, Nelson, Shakespeare, Cromwell, Constable, De Montfort and

Montgomery... there are innumerable others. They reflect the long

chequered history of Britain, and demonstrate the assimilation of the many cultures and languages which have migrated to these islands over the centuries, and which have resulted in the emergence of our language. This book is a snapshot of several hundred such family names and delves into their beginnings and derivations, making extensive use of old sources, including translations of The Domesday Book and The Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, as well as tracing many through the centuries to the present day.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF MANCHESTER IN 20 DIGS

Code: 8532: £14.99

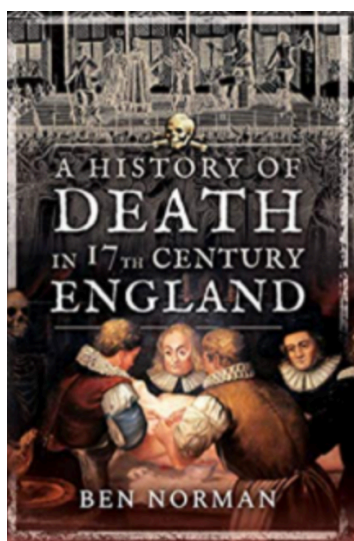


Manchester has always had the ability to reinvent itself. Evolving from a Roman fort to an Elizabethan linen market town and a Georgian market centre, it became the world's largest cotton spinning town in the early nineteenth century. In the Victorian period it was a commercial, engineering and port city. After industry declined in the mid-twentieth century Manchester re-emerged as an education, music and sports destination. The urban regeneration needed to revive Manchester was an archaeological opportunity to explore the city's deep roots and its more recent radical past. Over fifty digs have been undertaken since 2000, changing our understanding of the city's origins, which are prehistoric, Roman, and international.

Archaeological remains from bricks and cobbles to pots and glass bottles have helped to bring to life the world's first industrial city, with its pioneering canals and railways, filth and poverty. Even the city's newer history of live music has been rediscovered through modern archaeology.

A History of Death in the 17th Century England

Code: 8563: £14.99



Death was a constant presence in the lives of the rich and poor alike in seventeenth-century England, being much more visible in everyday existence than it is today. It is a highly important and surprisingly captivating part of the epic story of England during the turbulent years of the 1600s. This book guides readers through the subject using a chronological approach, as would have been experienced by those living in the country at the time, beginning with the myriad causes of death, including disease, war, and capital punishment, and finishing with an exploration of posthumous commemoration. Although contemporaries of the seventeenth century did not fully realise it, when it came to the confrontation of mortality they were living in wildly changing times.

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The Bookshop Competition

This competition was run throughout October and November. Each time a member placed an order during these months their order number was put into a draw. At the beginning of December all order numbers were listed in an Excel spreadsheet and, on command, Excel chose a number at random. The winner, from Rochdale, will now be able to choose any book of their choice from the bookshop.

THE HELP DESK

While the Covid-19 epidemic prevents us from providing our usual Help Desk at Manchester Central Library, we have set up a Virtual Helpdesk to provide remote support to those with family history research problems or queries. We also have a selection of short videos available and hope that you will find these helpful. However, if you still find you need some assistance, please click the button below to contact the Virtual Help Desk team. On the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society website you will find 'Hints from the Help Desk' videos hosted by Vimeo.

<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

"It is our intention to resume our physical Help Desk sessions at Manchester Central Library from mid to late January 2021. The sessions will be run on a limited basis only **Monday's from 11:00-2:00**. We are currently in talks with the library to establish a temporary base as library officials are unwillingly to let us work from our usual desk owing to their Covid safety measures. For updates and the most current information about the Help Desk please check the Society website or Facebook page"

Leslie Turner

Help Desk Co-ordinator

PROJECTS UPDATE

Chris Willis has made some improvements to the Manchester Probate Names Index data in the Great Database (with index copy in the Document Collection - General - Death & Burial).

The most visible improvement is that when you view the index as a spreadsheet (either from the link to an index entry or directly via the document collection), where before you could click the reference and be taken to the Family Search page with the images of the probate documents, now, instead of having to specify the image number, the link will take you to the thumbnails view of the documents with the thumbnail of the required page being highlighted. Double clicking the highlighted thumbnail will open the document to full size. The image selected should be the first page for the will or administration.

Less visible is the correction of a number of transcription errors and omissions.

Thanks to Chris for the significant work he has done to make these improvements.

Annals of Manchester.

995 names with sometimes extensive personal information relating to entries in W. E. Axon's Annals of Manchester (1886).

Linda Bailey has transcribed these entries which relate to named individuals. These can be sometimes quite lengthy biographical items and can relate to both prominent people or to more humble individuals who are in some way noteworthy.

Linda has also begun transcribing **Jeremiah Finch Smith's 'Admission Register of the Manchester School 1730-1837.**

878 names with sometimes extensive biographical information relating to entries in part 2 of volume 3 Jeremiah Finch Smith's three part listing of pupils admitted to MGS. These records cover 1823-1837. Work is in progress on the other parts to complete coverage 1730-1857. Entries may be as short as the admission date or may extend to a detailed biographical sketch. There are full copies of the transcripts in the Document Collection.

Thanks to Linda for these two additions, which are now indexed within the Great Database.

Another addition to the Great Database is a collection of 1,620 baptisms at **Sacred Trinity Church, Salford 1813-1864.** These were transcribed by Susan Mayall to whom thanks are due.

Just added are a further 5,109 records from the **Creed Registers of Bolton Workhouse** transcribed by members of our Bolton Branch. These relate to people admitted between 1869 and 1874.

The admission registers of the workhouse, as is so often the case, have not been preserved. However, the creed books for Bolton have survived and are in Bolton Archives.

Creed registers were kept so that orphaned children could be given appropriate religious instruction and so that, in the event of the inmate's death, they could be buried with the appropriate rites.

The format of the registers varies over time but they generally record (at least):

The name of the inmate

Date of admission (or in some cases date entered into register)

Previous abode

Religious creed

Name of informant providing information (usually self or parent)

Reason for Discharge (sometimes death)

Date of Discharge or death

Where a family was admitted as a group, the family entries will usually appear together in the register.

This makes them an excellent substitute for the lost admission registers.

The transcription project aims to transcribe the registers 1869-1918. Twelve of the twenty-one registers have been completed creating 34,649 records covering 1869-1882, 1892-5 and 1902-1907.

Many people, however, will appear more than once since they might be admitted and discharged several times as their fortunes waxed and waned.

John Marsden

UKBMD UPDATES IN DECEMBER 2020

Yorkshire BMD has been updated to add:

Marriages:

226 for Bishop Thornton Parish Church, Claro, registers at Harrogate (1864-1997)
101 for Bolton Priory Church, St Mary & Cuthbert, Staincliffe, registers at Harrogate (2015-2019)
298 for Easingwold, St John, Northallerton, registers at Harrogate (1972-2011)
503 for Birstwith Parish Church, Claro, registers at Harrogate (1858-2005)
21 for Hackness, St Peter, Scarborough, registers at Harrogate (2016-2019)

Many thanks to the Register Office and their volunteers for these.

Update for the Staffs BMD for 10th Dec 2020

Deaths:

9,284 for Lichfield (held at Lichfield RO), registers at Lichfield (1993-2007)
5,143 for Tamworth, registers at Lichfield (1993-2007)
1,275 for Cannock (old Penkridge Rural District), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2003)
276 for Rugeley, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2002-2007)
303 for Burslem, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1974-1974)
3,406 for Hanley, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1965-1974)
302 for Lichfield (held at Lichfield RO), registers at Lichfield (1978-1978)

<http://www.staffordshirebmd.org.uk>

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/>

As this current year is coming to an end and many of us have missed spending time with our families, we thought it would be nice to share some of our family album collections. This latest addition to our memory box series contains images kindly donated to the Digital Photographic Archive (DPA). This archive is a unique collection which documents the life of the Greater Manchester region and includes photographs of people and places from family albums, commissioned collections by professional photographers and deposits of photographic collections. Take a look and see if the photographs trigger any forgotten memories for your family of growing up in Manchester.

[Online Memory Box: Family](#)

Dig out your old photos too, these can also be a brilliant resource to trigger fond memories of family times. We encourage you to share your findings on social media, either as comments on our Facebook page or on Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag **#ArchivesPlusMemorybox**

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 - The Answers

1. From what country does the Christmas drink Eggnogg originate?
England
2. What is the total number of gifts given in the carol 'The Twelve days of Christmas'?
364
3. St Stephen's Day is also known as?
Boxing Day
4. Who wrote 'A Visit from St. Nicholas', the famous Christmas poem with the opening line 'Twas the night before Christmas'?
Clement Clark Moore
5. Which UK monarch delivered the first Christmas broadcast to the BBC in 1932?
George V
6. Julmust is a traditional, very sweet, stout-like, Christmas drink from which country?
Sweden
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?
Wassail
8. Which country likes to start the festive season with a warming glass of Bombardino, a mixture of brandy and advocate?
Italy
9. On Christmas Day 1950, what did four Scottish students steal from Westminster Abbey?
Stone of Destiny
10. Feliz Navidad is Merry Christmas in which language?
Spanish
11. How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?
Four: Jacob Marley, and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future.
12. In the classic Christmas movie, 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas', the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?
Stink, stank, stunk
13. Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in The Polar Express?
Tom Hanks
14. Which Christmas song contains the lyric "Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way?"
"Rocking Around The Christmas Tree"
15. Which city donates the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square?
Oslo, Norway.
16. Shakespeare wrote a play for Elizabeth I, as a Christmas present. Which one is it?
The Merry Wives of Windsor
17. Who banned Christmas carols after the English Civil War in 1647?
Oliver Cromwell
18. How many tips do traditional snowflakes have?
Six
19. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's partner in A Christmas Carol
Jacob Marley
20. Where in the UK is Bethlehem?
Carmarthenshire, Wales