

# M&LFHS Newsletter

The monthly newsletter of the  
Manchester & Lancashire Family  
History Society



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Anglo-Scottish Branch of MLFHS – <http://www.mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots>

### **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Welcome to the July newsletter. Summer is well and truly upon us with thoughts of holidays, rest and relaxation. Sadly the recent COVID-19 surge in cases, at least in the north of England, has meant that full restrictions are not planned to be lifted until later in July.

If you are thinking of a staycation or a virtual holiday this year, or maybe you are just thinking about having a relaxing break at home, then there are a few choice books in our bookshop.

Although the Helpdesk has not been open for business you can still request assistance through our virtual Helpdesk.

Leslie Turner and her team are busy with the Census 2021 project as mentioned in the Chairmans' message and a specific mention later in the newsletter. As always there are a selection of interesting talks via ZOOM and the Anglo Scots are planning a walk titled "Gems of Manchester Walking Tour." Here's hoping for good weather.

Thank you to the volunteers who are continuing with the Societies projects. Updates of these as well as those from UKBMD are listed below. I have also given links providing news and general updates to a selection of family history sites.

The editor of The Manchester Genealogist, Pat Etchells, is extremely short of articles so anything you can do will be warmly welcomed. Please contact Pat directly at [editor@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@mlfhs.org.uk).

Barry Henshall

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Hello again, fellow members,

I hope you have seen the updated web page devoted to our Census 21 programme. If you haven't already, I recommend you take a look. It's easy to find –go to <https://mlfhs.uk> and scroll down a bit on the home page to follow the link. There you will discover a short introduction to the first census of modern times, which, depending on your age, is likely to feature your parents in their young days or your grandparents. This is followed by a specially developed Vimeo film in collaboration with our Archives+ partners, the North-West Film Archive at Manchester Metropolitan University. David Mott's commentary alone is worth hearing as he explains why the Census contributes massively to our understanding of our social history.

But that's not all. Another of our talented team of volunteers, Jenny Roche, has produced a short radio play, which focuses on the social unrest of that time after WW1 and its impact on the lives of an ordinary working-class family. Other short presentations are devoted to the pioneer aerial photographer, Alfred G Buckham and the role of the Pit Pony in the coal mines when industrial disputes and lock-outs interfered with mining operations.

Other volunteers have contributed a wide range of Blogs on diverse contemporary topics – from the first tax disc for motor vehicles, what the fashions were at the beginning of the Roaring Twenties and what the lowly postcard was used for during the Census. These and much more illustrate the times our parents and grandparents lived through in the aftermath of WW1.

The Census 21 Team, led by Leslie Turner and John Marsden are to be congratulated for delivering an inspiring picture of 1921; one that supplements our understanding of a period just out of reach for our generation and serves to flesh out the conditions in which the postponed Census of that year was taken. We hope to add more as the year moves on. I know we will be better able to appreciate those conditions when the Census is released in January 2022.

Please don't let the hard work of our volunteer team go to waste. I am sure you will find something in our offerings, to enhance your knowledge of the times before you dip into the Census results looking for those essential details of your nearest ancestors.

Meantime, as we await news of a general relaxation of Covid restrictions, I hope you will take advantage of the better summer weather to pick-up those social contacts that you needed to suspend in the wake of the virus.

Best wishes and successful researching,

David

## 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](mailto: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.

We now use Stripe instead of PayPal so you can use Stripe or pay as a guest with your card. Have you considered taking out a Bank Standing Order? It means you don't have to think about renewing and you can stop it at any time. No need to think about it, just renews every year.

With the new system a reminder is automatically sent out two weeks before it is due date, it will not let you pay more than three months in advance. This is to stop members paying twice in the year.

I trust you are all keeping well in these difficult time, looking forward to the time when we can all meet up again.

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Stay safe and well Elsie

### EVENTS/TALKS

All our meetings and events are ticketed through Eventbrite. Please ensure you use the links in this newsletter, or our website, to book a place.

## Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society



“Dating and understanding your old family photographs” by Steve Gill F.R.P.S.

Wednesday, 21 July 2021  
19:00 – 20:30 BST

“Dating and understanding your old family photographs” How to get the most out of your photographs, date them and learn from their past.

As a specialist qualified photo restorer Steve has a passion for the history of photography combined with experience and expertise over forty years. Based in Lancashire, he has an excellent reputation for restoring photographs as well as photo-dating and valuation services. As a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society you can be assured that Photo-Consult is one of the best photo restorers in the UK.

Booking through Eventbrite [HERE](#)

Full details of Manchester meetings <https://mlfhs.uk/manchester/events>

## Bolton Branch.



Jerome Caminada, the real Sherlock Holmes  
by Joseph O'Neill

Wednesday, 7 July 2021  
19:30 – 20:30 BST

Jerome Caminada (1844 – March 1914) was a 19th-century police officer in Manchester who served with the police between 1868 and 1899, and has been called Manchester's Sherlock Holmes. In 1897 he became the city's first CID superintendent. His most famous case was the Manchester Cab Murder of 1889, in which he discovered and brought the initially unknown perpetrator to trial and conviction only three weeks after the murder. His personal story, he was born into one of the city's most notorious slums and raised in the most abject poverty.

Booking through Eventbrite [HERE](#)

Full details of Bolton Branch meetings <https://mlfhs.uk/bolton/events/meetings>.

## Oldham Branch



A Brief History of the Canals ... around Oldham and Manchester  
by Judy Jones, of the Canal & River Trust.

Saturday, 10 July 2021  
14:00 – 15:30 BST

A look at why and when the local canals were built, in particular the Rochdale, and the Huddersfield Narrow Canals

Login is from 1:45, in order to greet friends and welcome new visitors to our monthly meetings and talks.

Booking through Eventbrite [HERE](#)

Please note : If you do not receive a meeting link on the 8th July, please email me at < mlfhs.oldham@gmail.com >

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

## Anglo-Scots



Gems of Manchester Walking Tour,  
by Jonathan Schofield

- Date: 17th July 2021
- Saturday, 2.00pm
- Venue: Manchester Central Library, St Peter's Square
- Speaker: Jonathan Schofield
- Booking: Eventbrite – members only
- Cost: to be confirmed

This year we trust, not only that July will bring us the ideal weather for a stroll around Manchester, but that restrictions have eased. This year we will join Jonathan Schofield for a walking tour that takes in the Free Trade Hall, the Midland Hotel and the Refuge Building. These are three iconic buildings, full of architectural and social history interest, and a walk that should suit everyone. We shall meet in St Peter's Square, in front of the library, assuming that events such as these are able to take place safely.

Further meetings planned for 2021 can be found at <https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events/meetings>

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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.

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***Join us for the expanded autumn show!***

**Friday 12th November 6pm—10pm Saturday 13th November 10am—6pm**



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## The National Archives

Please note that places are limited for these meetings and so early booking is essential

What's On in July

[Top level tips: Using Discovery](#)

6 July | 14:00

Level-up your research in just 30 minutes, as we reveal our top tips for using [Discovery](#) – our online catalogue which allows you to download 100 free records a month.

[Arthur Conan Doyle and the case of the Indian Lawyer](#)

16 July | 14:00

What happens when creator of Sherlock Holmes, Arthur Conan Doyle, turns real-life detective? Using letters, police records and Home Office files, this unusual true-crime tale is revealed by author Shrabani Basu.



### [Musical Truth: A Musical History of Modern Black Britain in 28 Songs](#)

21 July | 19:30

Jeffrey Boakye introduces key moments in Black British history through the lens of modern music. Learn about the ground-breaking musicians whose songs have changed the world and discover key moments in the Black British narrative.

### [In Their Own Write: The Testimony of the Victorian English and Welsh Poor](#)

23 July | 14:00

In this talk you'll meet ordinary people at the extreme lower strata of Victorian society, who campaigned to their social "betters" for more acceptable levels of poor relief by changing their rights within the welfare system of the time.

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.

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## *Celebrate the 1921 Census with MLFHS*

As many of you know the Society has now put in motion an ambitious plan with our 1921 project. This heralds the release of the 1921 census early next year. We thought it might be beneficial to members and other family historians in order to provide some context to the 1921 census prior to its release in early 2022. We are looking at all aspects of the census and life in the 20's.

This is just a gentle reminder about the 1921 Project now that we are half way through the year! I mean who can believe it! We have been making slow but steady strides with the Society's 1921 Project. As you know we have been taking a 'holistic' to approach to 1921 learning about all things '1920' whilst we wait for further information regarding the release of the 1921 census by Findmypast early in 2022. We have also recently learnt that Scotlands People will not be releasing the Scottish census until later in 2022. I guess they like keeping us all on tenterhooks.

You might be pleased to know that the MLFHS website now has a dedicated 1921 Census project page which can be found here: <https://mlfhs.uk/1921-census-event> This contains a growing variety of 1921 related information, including a radio style play and we will soon be adding a 'one off' podcast.

We also have our whole world 1921 Timeline here: <https://mlfhs.uk/1921-timeline> This has some great events and people mentioned with clickable links! Do you perhaps know of anything else we could add?

We still welcome contributors so it would be really great to see some branch projects that can be added to the 1921 Census project pages. I know that Oldham had some really interesting ideas which we would love to add.

Finally, any further promotion you could offer the project would be greatly appreciated. We have two specific 1921 talks booked in September (Anglo Irish Treaty/ Horatio Bottomley) I'm hoping the podcast will be ready by the end of summer, we've got more blogs and a couple of little videos in the pipeline also. The 1920's were pretty interesting on all levels.

## WEBSITES

### Findmypast updates

Details of new releases at the Findmypast website. [HERE](#).

### The Genealogist

Keep up-to-date with all the latest news at <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/news/>

### Scotlands People

Find all the latest news [HERE](#)

### MyHeritage

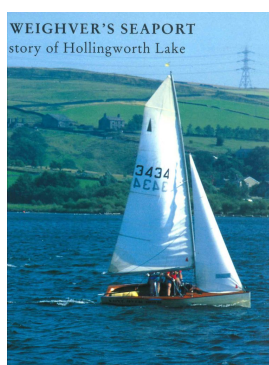
Those of you who have watched the Harry Potter series of films will know that pictures have a life of their own. Now this is possible thanks to MyHeritage's new enhancement for your uploaded pictures.

As it says on their website 'Animate the faces in your family photos with amazing technology. Experience your family history like never before!'

Why not give it a try? Go to <https://www.myheritage.com/deep-nostalgia> for more information.

## BOOKSHOP

Are you thinking of a staycation or a virtual holiday this year? Maybe you are just thinking about having a relaxing break at home. Here are a few choices from our bookshop.



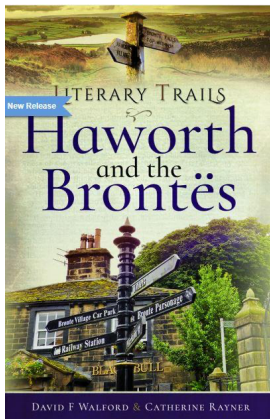
The Weighver's Seaport – The Story of Hollingworth Lake  
by A.W. Colligan JP.

£5.95

This is a short history of the development of Hollingworth Lake Littleborough from 1790 to the present time. It includes a brief record of notable characters and unusual and remarkable events which have occurred at the lake. This small country area nestling at the foot of the Pennine moors, is rich in history and tradition. A hundred years ago

the lake was the scene of great holiday gatherings when thousands arrived by train and on foot to enjoy a day in the open air. The Hollingworth Lake is widely known as a centre for countryside recreation, and since 1975 it has become known as a 'Country Park'. Well illustrated with over 40 photographs that include: Inns, Hotels, sailing vessels, streets, houses, a frozen lake, and one particular photo of the camp where the Manchester Regiment 'The Pals of 1914' were camped.

Further details [HERE](#).



## Literary Trails Haworth and the Brontës

£14.99

This light-hearted but deeply researched book offers interest and guidance to walkers, social historians and lovers of the Brontë family; their lives and works.

Set in and around the town of Haworth it gives a dual introduction to walkers and lovers of literature who can explore this unique area of Yorkshire and walk in the footsteps of those who knew and loved this town and its moorlands two hundred years ago.

With guided tours around special buildings as well as outdoor walks and the history of people and places who lived and worked in Haworth over centuries, it offers an insight into life and death in the melee of the Industrial Revolution.

Further details [HERE](#).

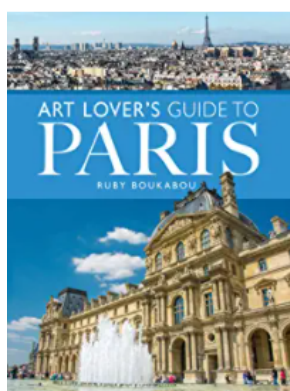


## The Isle of Man Stone Age to Swinging Sixties

£12.99

The reader will perhaps be surprised to learn that the tiny Isle of Man, midway between the coasts of Lancashire and Northern Ireland, is one of the richest historic landscapes in Europe. Packed into its 225 square miles are dramatic stories of Bronze Age conflict, Viking warriors, Medieval kings, smugglers, maritime and railway history, wartime airfields and even a pirate radio station. Add to that the Island's unique motorsport heritage (on two, three and four wheels), and you have a combination unrivalled anywhere in the British Isles.

Further details [HERE](#)



## The Art Lovers Guide to Paris

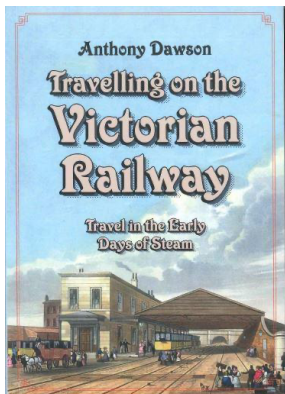
£14.99

There's no doubt that Paris is brimming with some of the world's best art. But on a trip to the City of Light, it's easy to be overwhelmed by the options, get caught up in the queues and miss the back street gems.

Fear not- armed with this companion you'll easily navigate your way through the rich art history to the vibrant present scene, and have a ball doing so. Along with listings of the unmissable museums and galleries (where you'll appreciate the ancients through to the contemporaries), the guide includes more off beat places to find public and private art all over town (from design hotels to auction houses, beautiful brasseries to artist studios).

Further details [HERE](#)





## Travelling on the Victorian Railway

£14.99

The most striking result produced by the completion of this Railway, is the sudden and marvellous change which has been effected in our ideas of time and space. What was quick is now slow; what was distant is now near.'

So wrote Henry Booth of the Liverpool & Manchester Railway. The early railways changed all aspects of life: what people ate (and how they cooked), what they wore and how they communicated. But what was it like to travel on the railways in the 1830s and 1840s? This book hopes to explore the experiences of these pioneer railway travellers, from the first railway stations and railway carriages to the hazards of the journey itself.

Further details [HERE](#)

## THE HELP DESK

The VHD remains open whilst our physical Help Desk must remain closed. Guidance and advice from Archives + suggests that we will not be able to reopen the Manchester and Lancashire Family History Help Desk before late July 2021.

A Virtual Helpdesk provides 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

Leslie Turner  
Help Desk Co-ordinator

## PROJECTS UPDATE

Mother's maiden name has been added to existing birth index entries at [www.lancashirebmd.org.uk](http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk) as follows:

10,473 for Castleton Nearer, registers at Rochdale

Thanks to Tony Foster and his team for the above.

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Another 1,537 burial records for Christ Church, Bradford, these covering years 1871-1879.

Thanks to Mark Harrey for this addition.

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Listings of memorial inscriptions have been added to the descriptive documents for the following burial grounds which are included in the memorial inscription database:

St. Helens, Hollinfare

Salford, New Jerusalem (Owen)

St. Mary Lancaster

Leigh Parish Church

Leigh, St. Mary

Lowton, St. Luke

Middleton, St. Leonard

Middleton, St. Gabriel

Middleton, St. Leonard (Owen)

Middleton, Mills Hill Baptist

Mossley Parish Church

Wargrave, Emmanuel

Newton-le-Willows, United Reform

Newton-le-Willows, St. Peter

Oldham, Northmoor, All Saints

Oldham, Chapelry

Oldham, Werneth, St. John

Oldham, Royton, Quakers

Oldham, St. James

Oldham, Methodist New Connexion Chapel

Oldham, Regent St. Congregational Chapel

Oldham, Lees, Zion Methodist Chapel

Oldham, Leesfield, St. Thomas

Oldham, Springhead, Providence Chapel

Oldham, Hey Leas, St. John

Oldham, Greenacres Congregational Chapel

Bardsley Parish Church

Padgate, Christ Church

Latchford, St. James the Great

Thelwall, All Saints

Patricroft, George St.

Prescot, St. Mary

Penketh, Quaker Burial Ground

Rainhill, St. Bartholomew

Rochdale, Providence Chapel

Rochdale, Town Meadows Burial Ground

Rochdale, Ogden Baptist Chapel

Thanks once more to Cheyvonne Bower for these.

1,850 references of names and addresses of Manchester fish fryers taken from:

Slater's Manchester & Salford Directory, 1895

Kelly's Directory of Manchester Salford & Suburbs 1929

Kelly's Directory of Manchester Salford & Suburbs 1954

have been added to the Great database.

Thanks to Joe Hilditch for these.

### **UKBMD Updates**

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Message from Bill Harrison, Staffordshire.

Staffs BMD has been updated with the following ....

Deaths:

598 for Lichfield (held at Lichfield RO), registers at Lichfield (1985-1987)

### **ORPHAN BMDs**

Over the years members have been sending birth, marriage and death certificates to the Society that have either been ordered in error or are no longer needed. This has proved to be a valuable asset and has no doubt been useful for many. The scanning was carried out at Manchester Central Library but we are now in a position to scan and transcribe when working from home. Therefore, if you have any BMDs you no longer want then why not consider sending them to the Society. Please contact me at [newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk) for further details.

### **MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY ARCHIVES+**

#### **Manchester Local Image Collection**

Over 80,000 pictures and prints of old Manchester.

To order a high quality print select an image and follow the link. The Manchester Local Image Collection is a unique photographic record of Manchester, its people, streets and buildings from a period stretching well over 100 years. Over 80,000 images of Manchester and the surrounding area are available to view online. All images are available to purchase as fine A4 sized quality prints.

The original images are mainly photographs with some prints, drawings, watercolours and postcards, dating from the eighteenth century to the present day. The pictures of people, streets and buildings illustrate all aspects of the social, industrial, religious and transport

history of the city. Between 1950 and 1972 the Manchester Amateur Photographic Society carried out an almost complete street by street survey of the city, showing the suburban streets before the major clearances and redevelopment during that period. The entire survey, as well as the Photographic Survey of 1892 - 1900, appears here. A selection of images from our photographic and archive collections can be viewed on our [Flickr photostream](#)

## **NORTH WEST FILM ARCHIVE**

Welcome to the North West Film Archive, the professionally recognised public home for the moving image heritage of the North West of England.

We're continuing to offer a good range of services, including some footage sales, so tell us what you want and we will do what we can.

Manchester Central Library is open to the public between 9:30 and 16:30.

We are continuing to share with you each day a highlight from the collection through 'A Film A Day' on [Facebook](#) and #NWFAdailyreel on [Twitter](#). Please share and enjoy!

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.

### **Key features**

- 80 unique film clips from the North West Film Archive's collection of over 35,000 items, which reflect people's lives through work and leisure, places and events, culture and tradition – a regional identity.

- Includes films that depict momentous times that still resonate, such as the bombings and destruction in 1940, and VE Day across the city, alongside almost forgotten events – Paulden's Department store collapsing in a terrible fire in 1957.
- Films that show everyday life, the buildings, the people and the transport of a bygone age. Policemen marching in front of the Town Hall in 1914, trams making their way down London Road in 1948.
- The films are grouped by decade from the 1910s, but you can also select a location from the interactive Manchester map to see the same place at different times, or use your GPS to locate a film near you.
- Includes background information on each film clip, plus a virtual compass to orient yourself in the same direction, or just tap the screen to see the original film.
- Create your own Manchester tour and see the city spring to life as it was in the past, or simply watch your favourite films wherever you are and whenever you want them.

How do I get it?

Manchester Time Machine is available for download world-wide. From the iTunes App Store for iPhone - FREE. Just click [Apple App Store Link](#) or search for "Manchester Time Machine".

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

Available on iPhone and iPad with Android version to follow.



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