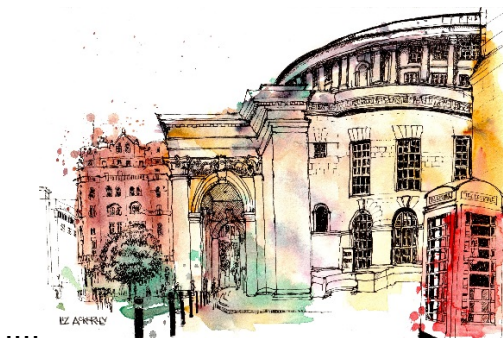


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Hello and welcome to the first issue of our newsletter for 2023. Perhaps this will be the year when you will knock down some of those 'brick walls'. The Society has many unique sources of information to which we are continually adding. A regular search through our databases may provide that little bit of information that you have been looking for.

Our bookshop is carrying an increasing number of download options, the newest of which are described later in this newsletter. You can check out all our download options [HERE](#).

Thank you to all who have purchased online and received a donation to the Society through Easyfundraising £876.55 as of November 2022 and SmileAmazon £28.42 as of May 2022.

Pandemic Retrospective - Part 1 is the first of a 3 part series produced by Archives+ describing the pandemics that have affected our lives and those of our ancestors. You will find a link to Part 1 on page 13.

I have attached FRIENDS OF SALFORD CEMETERIES TRUST WINTER 2022 newsletter which I hope you will find of some interest and also the Family History Federation Newsletter for December containing an excellent article on 'How to use The Gazette to search your family history'.

Barry Henshall

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I had the great pleasure of welcoming many of our volunteers and our Archive+ partners to the Society's annual gathering of volunteers at Christmas time. When we last met in December 2019 we little knew what lay in store in the three years that followed. But happily, we have all survived and the Society has flourished as the following examples show:

- Our Helpdesk led the launch of the 1921 Census at the Northern Hub and continues to attract lots of visitors – a 30% increase on past years already, at the end of November.
- Our Bookshop continues to supply books and DVDs as well as Downloads of some archival material, having worked for a large part of the lockdown from home
- We have learned to combine face-to-face meetings with online meetings, reaching more of our members than before.
- In particular, our Family and Local History Show in March assembled representatives from 15 local organisations. Only capacity limits prevented the presence of several other groups. Another is planned for 2023.
- We designed and launched a new website, membership database and management information system, Manchester Ancestors [<https://www.mlfhs.uk>] with the help and guidance of our professional design firm, Web Foundry Ltd.
- Several of our long-term projects have now been brought to completion including the Roman Catholic Registers for the Manchester Diocese, the Victoria Station War Memorial for Fallen Railwaymen and the Admission Registers of the Royal Manchester School for the Deaf and Dumb.
- Our work with the long-term Lancashire BMD project continues adding substantially to the vast number of records recorded.
- Many other projects were begun, developed and completed throughout the year. Each contributes significantly to our vast collection of records held in the Great Database now containing more than 3.2 million names.
- The Manchester Genealogist continues to carry quality articles reporting the results of painstaking research with countless sources new to many readers. Following the retirement of Pat Etchells as Editor after 13 years, the journal will go forward into 2023 in great shape under a new Editor.
- Our branches have each overcome their own lockdown difficulties in style. Both the Bolton Branch and the Anglo Scottish Branch celebrated their 40th birthday this year and their younger sister, Oldham Branch is thriving with increasing attendance figures for their online/in person meetings.

The Society is thus set fair for another successful year in 2023.

The party is our way of thanking all our volunteers and recognising the work they do – those who were able to attend and those who for whatever reason could not be there, for the immense contribution each of them has made to another successful year. The Society could not function at the level it does without their efforts. Our thanks are due also to our Archive+ partners who work with us throughout the year to promote the partnership and the Society in the best light. In concluding, I wished them all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Finally, my thanks to Elsie Lowe and her team, Barry, Patricia, Susan, and Ruth for arranging the event. I know the amount of planning that goes into its smooth running and am sure you would wish to be associated with my words of appreciation.

One of the many privileges I enjoy as your Chairman is to celebrate the completion of each one of the range of projects that we undertake every year. It is a source of great satisfaction when the planning and delivery by our Project Managers and their volunteer teams come to fruition.

One such project delivered this year gave me special satisfaction because among several other ventures it was completed on time despite the intervention of the Covid lockdown which prevented access to original volumes in the custody of our partners at Manchester Archives.

The project was to digitise the Admission Registers of the Royal Manchester School for the Deaf and Dumb. The school was a ground-breaking charity founded in the early 19th century by two Manchester textile merchants, Robert Philips and William Bateman to provide, as they put it, 'an institution for instructing the deaf and dumb'.

Established in 1823, next year will thus be the bi-centenary year of the school, which is now administered by the Seashell Trust. More will be told about the school in the coming year, but it is enough to say that the MLFHS project has now been completed and shared with the Seashell Trust.

To mark the bi-centenary year, the Trust commissioned the publication of a history of the school. On 5th December, I was privileged as your Chairman, in the company of Dominic Tinner, Relationships Director of the Trust, to be presented with a copy of 'A Beacon of Hope' authored by the Trust's 'Volunteer Champion' and Society member, Ed Baines. Full details about the book and how it can be obtained were published in last month's newsletter.

The occasion was also used to show the Trustees of Seashell the results of the four-year project managed by our own John Marsden and Jim Chadwick to develop a searchable database of the first 100-years of the school's Admission Registers. The project was completed in early December and a copy of the database is to be made available to the School to respond to enquiries from descendants of its pupils about their ancestors.

My thanks go to John, who developed the database and Jim, who scanned the entire collection of registers. Both were ably assisted by Ed Baines on behalf of Seashell, conservator Sharon Oldale as well as Marie Collier, Karen Hugill, Shirley King, Janet Moores and Chris Norcross who performed the indexing duties.

I trust you all enjoyed a peaceful Christmas and I wish you a happy and productive new year with your research.

David Muil

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Please 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.

From the members area on the website you can make changes to your address and email.

If possible please use the on-line option on our new website to renew your subscription.

We now use Stripe 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.

If you must pay by cheque please send to:

MLFHS
17 Fortyacre Drive,
Bredbury,
SK6 2EZ

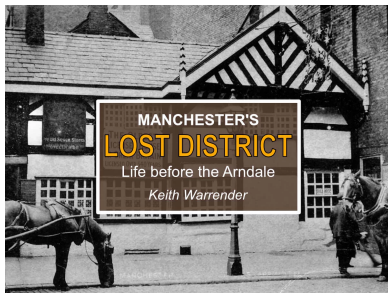
DO NOT send it to the office, we no longer take cash at the Helpdesk. The Click and Collect is now available from our shop.

Best wishes

Elsie

EVENTS/TALKS

Manchester Branch



Manchester's Lost District

18 JANUARY 2023, MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1.00PM
Keith Warrender:

The Manchester Arndale stands on the site of one of the oldest parts of the city. Once it was a maze of alleys, squares and narrow streets where all sorts of businesses existed.

This 'Lost District' once boasted many historic pubs such as the Rover's Return and the Seven Stars. Someone who was arguably Manchester's greatest-ever entertainer had a bar here, and it was in these parts that royalty stayed for two nights. Hear about 'the king of the barrow boys' and a feature film which was based on the area. I will tell the stories of Manchester's first cinema with its own permanent site and some of the clubs including the Stork Club and the Magic Village which attracted many to the district. The presentation will feature one of the few existing remnants of the district along with many previously unseen photographs of the area.

Booking: [Eventbrite Tickets](#)

Cost: members - free of charge

Cost: non-members - £3

Please check the website <https://mlfhs.uk/manchester/events/meetings> for more details and to register.

Bolton Branch



Cath Cole, authoress, educator, nurse - her story

- Date: 4th Jan 2023
- Wednesday 7.30pm
- Bolton Golf Club & Online via Zoom
- Speaker: Cath Cole

Cath Cole - had a working class upbringing in a northern town. She trained as a nurse and health visitor and eventually a lecturer and nurse tutor. She had a successful career in further education, becoming a principal of a further education college. After rescuing a failing college she was awarded the OBE.

The impact of nurse training has underpinned her professional success. She was awarded a Master of Arts (Creative Writing) from Edge Hill University in 2013.

Booking: [Eventbrite details here](#)

Bolton Golf Club
Chorley New Road
Bolton BL6 4AJ

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

Oldham Branch



'How We Used To Live'

An illustrated talk given by Chris Helme
Saturday 14th January, at 2pm
A zoom only meeting.

This is a PowerPoint presentation with my running commentary that will take the audience from the day they were born – just why did your parents call you the name you have? Were you born at home or in a hospital... what kind of house were you born into and how many people did you share the house with? I take the audience through the various stages of growing up. We go through street games, street traders including the ice cream man and then here come the church socials, the youth club and maybe a little bit of independence; and eventually, the word 'courting' ...

* Booking for attendance will be on Eventbrite and free to all

Book via [Eventbrite](#)

Full details of Oldham Branch meetings <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings>

Anglo-Scots

No meetings planned for January

Full details for the Anglo-Scots Branch meetings <https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events>.

Society of Genealogists Events in January

Live online events in January - March

More information can be found [HERE](#) and for the latest news and subscribe to their newsletter [HERE](#).

The National Archives

Our exciting programme of online talks is for everyone and delivered by experts, specialists and special guest speakers. When you book an event, you are invited to pay what you can – this is optional and entirely at the discretion of attendees. Some of our events remain completely free.

The National Archives also hosts a range of onsite events. To browse these, please see [Events at Kew](#) page.

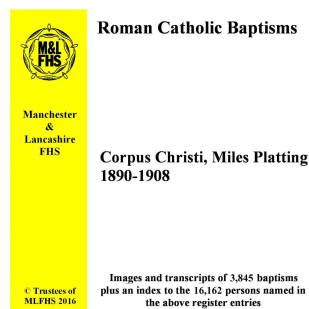
Priority booking to all events

Get priority booking to all events every month when you subscribe to the weekly newsletter. Get priority booking – sign up to the [mailing list](#) now.

BOOKSHOP

CD readers are being phased out by computer manufacturers and the trend now is to rely on downloads. It is likely that we have published our last CD/DVD and all further releases will be available as downloads.

We are therefore starting a programme to put together downloads for the Roman Catholic Baptisms.



Corpus Christi RC Church, Miles Platting: Baptisms 1890-1908 (Download)

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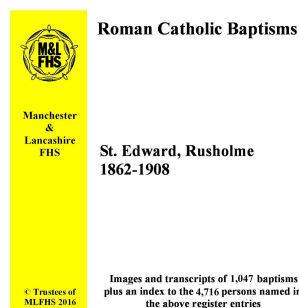
£2.00

[Bookshop](#)

Corpus Christi was founded in 1889 and the Basilica, on Varley Street, was built in 1907 by the Norbertine Canons. It closed in April 2007.

The Norbertine Canons of the Order of Premontre were once famous in England. The Salford diocese was pleased to help their restoration in this country by inviting the Order to open a mission in Manchester. The mission was opened on Christmas Eve, 1889, by the much beloved Abbot Geudens. Schools and a very fine church were built under his rule. He retired to Belgium in 1913 and died the year following.

In the twentieth century the life of the Priory of Corpus Christi has been largely identified with Abbot Seadon and Abbot Toner. The parish suffered heavily during the air-raids. The above description is based on information published in "Salford Diocese and its Catholic past", a survey by Charles A. Bolton, a Priest of the above Diocese. Published 1950 on the First Centenary for the Diocese of Salford.



St. Edward the Confessor RC Church, Rusholme: Baptisms 1862-1908 (Download)

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£2.00

[Bookshop](#)

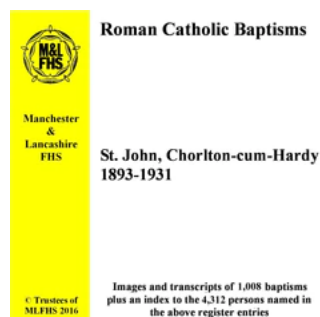
St. Edward the Confessor RC Church, Rusholme; 1862-1908

Early in January 1862, Father Thomas Fox was sent to take charge of the new mission at Rusholme, which had just been opened. The church here was built by him, but it was not designed on a scale to cope with the great population that eventually surrounded it. In those days Rusholme was almost a rural area. Fr. Fox left Rusholme for Clayton-le-Moors in 1873 and Father Peter Vermeulen was Rector until 1876. In 1876 a young Dutch priest was appointed, Fr. Cornelius Vervoort. Unfortunately he was of indifferent bodily strength and died suddenly in 1879 at the early age of 38. The parish benefited from the long rectorship of Mgr. Thomas Croskell, who was here from 1879 to 1913. A well-known figure in the diocese, Monsignor Charles Canon Rothwell, was Rector until 1927. He rendered great service to the diocese by editing The Harvest, a task which he had undertaken in 1892 when Canon Moyes went with Bishop Vaughan to Westminster.

In more recent years the parish remembers the services of Fr. Arthur O'Connor and the late Vicar-General, Monsignor Robert McGuinness.

The parish has long been associated with the College of the Xaverian Brothers, whose property adjoins that of the church. The Xaverian Brothers form one of the many links between Salford Diocese and Belgium, especially Bruges Diocese.

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St. John's RC Church, Chorlton-cum-Hardy: Baptisms 1893-1931 (Download)

Code: 90003

£2.00

[Bookshop](#)

A scanned copy of the original baptism registers 1890-1908 complete with a transcript of the 1,008 baptisms performed and an index to the 4,312 names of children, parents and godparents which appear in the register.

The first mission was commenced here in 1892, as a chapel dedicated to St. Peter, in Barlow Moor Road. Father Jerome Vaughan was in charge until 1896. Then for a period, Fr. Paul Dootson took over the chapel. Father Frederick Pozzi Holt worked here until 1916, when Mgr. Joseph Kelly was appointed.

Largely through the generosity of the John Leeming family, the parish saw the building of a new church in 1927. The parish changed the name of its patron when the new church was built, assuming the name of St. John's, no doubt as a tribute to the John Leeming family. Father Edward McGuinness was parish priest until 1946, and then Father William Sewell came here from his long and distinguished career as Chaplain to the Diocesan Rescue Society. St. John's helped to found the new parishes of St. Teresa's, Firwood, and St. Ambrose, West Didsbury.

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Roman Catholic Baptisms

St. Mary, Levenshulme
1853-1920

Images and transcripts of 1,442 baptisms
plus an index to the 6,564 persons named in
the above register entries

St. Mary's RC Church, Levenshulme Baptisms 1853-1920
(Download)
Code: 90004
£2.00
[Bookshop](#)

A scanned copy of the original baptism registers 1890-1908 complete with a transcript of the 1,442 baptisms performed and an index to the 6,564 names of children, parents and godparents which appear in the register.

St. Mary of the Angels and St. Clare RC Church, Levenshulme: 1853-1920

The church was founded in 1853 and was originally attached to the Convent of the Poor Clares, Clare Road. A new church opened in 1883. In 1957 it moved to a former cinema on Stockport Road and in 1975 moved into a new building in Elbow Street.

The parish at first, in 1853, comprised: Levenshulme, Reddish, Heaton Norris, Withington, Barlow Moor and Fallowfield. It was opened through the interest of Samuel Grimshaw, Esq., a native of Levenshulme, who lived at Errwood Hall, near Buxton. In 1853 he gave the land for the parish-about two acres.

The first Rector was the Rev. Thomas Unsworth who became a Chaplain in the Crimean War, volunteering with Fr. Patrick Meaney, the latter dying in the Crimea. A subsequent Rector was Fr. Henry Fox who built St. Edward's, Rusholme, and left here for that parish. In 1867 the Right Rev. Mgr. Robert Croskell who had built St. Chad's, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, was appointed Rector. In 1877 he built the present presbytery and in 1882 the present church. He died at Levenshulme in 1902 at the great age of 94 years. In 1914 Father Sassen enlarged the church. In 1915, through the efforts of Fr. Sassen, St. Robert's, Longsight, was cut off from St. Mary's and made into a separate parish. Fr. Joseph Lomax was parish priest for many years and in 1940 Monsignor Masterson became parish priest after him.

The above description is based on information published in "Salford Diocese and its Catholic past", a survey by Charles A. Bolton, a Priest of the above Diocese. Published 1950 on the First Centenary for the Diocese of Salford.



Roman Catholic Baptisms

St Michael, Ancoats
1877-1917

Images and transcripts of 7,669 baptisms
plus an index to the 34,539 persons named in
the above register entries

St Michael's RC Church, Ancoats Baptisms 1877-1917 (Download)

Code: 90005

£3.00

[Bookshop](#)

A scanned copy of the original baptism registers 1877-1917 complete with a transcript of the 7,669 baptisms performed and an index to the 34,539 names of children, parents and godparents which appear in the register.

A mission was opened in a temporary chapel in 1859 by priests from St. Patrick's, Livesey Street and looked after by them until 1875. Ten years later, the church, on George Leigh Street, was opened. The building was in the early English style and dominated by a fine east window representing the Crucifixion. The Rev. Henry Hill was made the first Rector of the struggling mission followed in 1882 by Fr. John Bramer. Meanwhile, the neighbouring mission of St. Joseph's, Goulden Street, was being administered by Fr. Thomas Byrne who was later made Canon and in 1887, the two missions were joined together under his direction. Canon Byrne became a well-known figure in the parish and remained Rector for twenty years until his death in 1907. He was succeeded by Canon Michael Ryan, who remained in the parish for over forty years. The church was rebuilt in 1956 and was served from St Patricks from 1993 as part of the Team-Ministry. It was used as a base by the Mill Hill Missionaries until 2003, when the church was closed following a compulsory purchase order

The above description is based on information published in "Salford Diocese and its Catholic past", a survey by Charles A. Bolton, a Priest of the above Diocese. Published 1950 on the First Centenary for the Diocese of Salford.
About this Transcript

The information which is contained in these downloads has been transcribed from the original registers, scans of which are included. Information has been indexed as written. The originals are held by the Lancashire Record Office at Preston.

NOTES FROM THE FORUM

From Salford Local History Library -
<https://salfordmuseum.com/explore/local-history-library/>

"Our Local History Library is going to be unavailable for a short period of maintenance and stock-checking work between 19th December 2022 and 1st March 2023. During this time, we are looking to decorate the library, re-organise some of our collections and bring in some new equipment and furniture. We hope you are going to love what we are doing with the Library. Check back for more information."

Additionally, from the 8th January until the 29th January, the Cafe will be unavailable for public use as improvements are being made in the kitchen area. Hot drinks and snacks will be available for takeaway.

All other areas in the building including Larks Hill Place and the Galleries will be open as normal.

Lynne
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Numbering houses; early schooling

The numbering of houses started in the early 18th century, but was by no means widespread. It was common in early days to number consecutively, not the odd numbers on one side and even on the other as is the usual practice today. One result, particularly in towns that were growing quickly, such as Manchester, was that the same house could get different numbers as new houses were built in the spaces between it and the houses next to it. House numbering was and remains a matter of local authorities. In 1855 the Metropolitan Management Act was passed giving the power to regulate the naming and numbering of streets and houses to a new Board of Works. Under pressure from the Post Office the Board started to work in 1857. By 1871 some 4,800 street names had been changed in London and over 100,000 houses renumbered. As might be expected, there was some resistance to the changes. The changes were also slower in smaller towns and rural areas.

<https://www.postalmuseum.org/blog/house-numbering/> has an amusing tale of the brass number 95 appearing on a house between two numbered respectively 14 and 16. It appeared that the owner had moved from a house with the number 95 and as the brass plate on which the number appeared was in good condition she felt it would look nice on her new house. It is also worth noting that in the less populated areas the people delivering the mail often were local and new everyone in the area, so numbers were not as important.

As to literacy, I noted that several people made the distinction between reading and writing. Most if not all of us were taught reading and writing at the same time. Prior to the spread of schools covering the whole population, Sunday schools provided a significant portion of the population with their education, for many their only formal schooling. However, in the early days such schools were often strictly Sabbartian. As writing was considered work and thus not allowed on the Sabbath, it could not be taught in such Sunday schools. Reading the Bible, however, was part of the service and therefore reading could be and was taught in Sunday school. As a result many people who could read had at best a limited ability to write.

Prior to the early 20th century the state was far from the omnipresent force we now take for granted. There were major fights in the early attempts to establish greater educational opportunities, particularly for the poor, between those who believed the process should be voluntary rather than state run and between those seeking a purely secular educational system and the Church of England. Manchester was an early pioneer in expanding education. The Education Aid Society of Manchester worked from 1864 to bring children into schools, paying the fees where necessary. In two years it managed to bring several thousand children into schools. (p.315, Lawson & Silver: A Social History of Education in England)

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PROJECTS UPDATE

A further 848 street and establishment references have been added to the Godfrey Map Index at <https://www.mlfhs.uk/databases/godfrey-map-index> This brings the total number of references to 25,834 relating to 89 maps.

These additions relate to the maps for:

Northenden 1916
Withington 1892
Withington (Ladybarn & Burnage) 1934
Didsbury (Palatine Road) 1904
Didsbury (Palatine Road) 1916
Fallowfield & South Rusholme 1933

Thanks to Martin Sullivan for this valuable work, which largely fills the previous gap to the south of Manchester.

There are still several unindexed maps, particularly for the area to the north of Manchester/ Salford. If you have any of the unindexed maps and would be prepared to create indexes, please contact me direct.

John Marsden

HELPDESK

If you have not been into the library post-covid please put a date in your diary and pay us a visit. I think you will find the day very rewarding. If you have any questions, please drop the Society an email: office@mlfhs.org.uk

MLFHS Family History Help Desk Hours: M-F 10:30 am-3:30 pm.

WEBSITES

Findmypast Blog

Perhaps this is the site to go to to develop your search skills. Areas covered are:-

Getting Started
Build Your Family Tree
DNA
Family Records
What's New?
Help Hub
Discoveries
History Hub
The Findmypast Community

The emphasis is on Findmypast and what it can offer but I feel that there is something [HERE](#) for everyone.

Family Tree Website

Four centuries of banns & marriage, plus more than 700,000 Roman Catholic parish records have been added to the free to use database at [FamilySearch](#).

The new additions span the years 1557 to 1968 and focus on the Liverpool area.

This site has much to offer for those new to family history and also for those who are more experienced.

UKBMD UPDATES

Message from Bill Harrison, Staffordshire.

All

Below is the Staffs BMD Update for December 2022

Many thanks to all our transcribers and Volunteers who have helped this year

Merry Xmas to all our readers and have a safe and peaceful New Year

Regards

Bill

Marriages:

51 for Ipstones, St Leonard, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2010-2019)

25 for Onecote cum Bradnop, St Luke, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2001-2019)

22 for Butterson, St Bartholomew, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2008-2019)

5 for Newcastle, Baptist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2013-2017)

15 for Newcastle, Newcastle-Under-Lyme Chapel, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2013-2020)

19 for Chesterton, ELIM Pentecostal Church - Heath St, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1993-2018)

26 for Hales, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2003-2018)

Marriages: Updated for corrections, etc.

22 for Ipstones, St Leonard, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2010)

15 for Leek (West Street), Pentecostal Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1996-2017)

Births:

2,497 for Stoke, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1962-1978)

Updated 2,504 for Ipstones, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1865-1876) for corrections and to add mother's maiden names.

For access to all the UK's major BMD and Census sites visit <https://www.UKBMD.org.uk/>

For access to all the UK's major Family History sites visit <https://www.UKGD.org.uk/>

For access to all the UK's major Military Family History sites visit <https://www.UKMFH.org.uk/>

ORPHAN BMDs

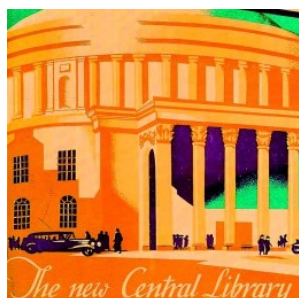
If you have any BMDs you no longer want then why not consider dropping them off at our Helpdesk or you can send them to:

M&LFHS

61 Queens Road, Urmston, M41 9HF

If you wish to keep your certificates then you can send scans, preferably as a PDF to office@mlfhs.org.uk and they will be passed on to me. If you have problems sending scans to this address then please contact me at newsletter@mlfhs.org.uk and I will suggest an alternative means of forwarding the PDF files.

MANCHESTER ARCHIVES+



Pandemic Retrospective – Part 1

It is over a year since restrictions, prompted by the Covid pandemic, were lifted in England. 2 years ago the country was still in the first national lockdown. Since the start of the pandemic, at the end of 2019, we have become used to terms such as SAGE, test and trace, regional tiers, lateral flow and PCR tests, face masks, lockdown, save the NHS, WFH, anti-vaxxers and 'follow the science' among others. We also learnt that the disease spread in overcrowded places, affected the elderly and those with underlying health conditions more than any other sections of the population and was more prevalent in some parts of the country than others.

Continue reading his article [HERE](#)

Why not visit the Manchester Archives+ [website](#) where you can sign up for their Blog via e-mail and also delve into a huge collection of subjects. Just click on 'categories' for a complete list.

NORTH WEST SOUND HERITAGE

Unlocking our Sound Heritage

Thousands of cassettes, open reels, CDs and MiniDiscs are sitting in archives, museums, libraries and in people's homes all over the UK. All kinds of unique live music, radio and conversation are recorded on these tapes and discs. We've already lost many of the people captured on them. And the British Library estimates that we have fifteen years to preserve the sounds themselves.

That's why the British Library has received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to establish Unlocking Our Sound Heritage, an exciting new national project to save thousands sounds which are at risk of being lost forever.

Archives+ is the hub partner for the North West region, which covers Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside. We'll be digitising around 15,000 recordings on 5,000 cassettes, reels and optical discs held all over the region here at Manchester Central Library.

This is a fascinating site providing a flavour of times gone by. If you are a sword swallower then discover what not to eat and drink before a performance!

Find more information [here](#).

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.

WHO WE ARE

From historical footage and home movies to newsreels and adverts, we find, preserve and share over 50,000 items of film and video, for public, educational and professional use. We love film and how it can open a window into the past and the present in ways that can be powerful, moving and unexpected.

Part of Manchester Met, and based within Manchester Central Library's Archives+ partnership, we are a specialist resource dedicated to saving and growing our region's rich filmed history.

WHAT WE DO

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Newsletter

FRIENDS OF SALFORD CEMETERIES TRUST
2022

WINTER

A Note from the Chairman, Paul Sherlock.

Welcome to the Winter 2022 Newsletter. As the new year approaches we will be preparing our program for 2023. We are conscious that we don't offer many activities for our members and indeed members of the public to attend, so this coming year we hope to improve that situation.

Some years back we tried having regular talks, but there wasn't enough interest to justify continuing arranging a venue and a speaker. I doubt if the situation has changed enough for us to try that again, but should interest increase sufficiently, I wouldn't rule it out. We still have an option on a couple of slots each year on the programme for the Local History Group meetings at Critchley Community Hub in Swinton, but there hasn't been sufficient interest to justify taking up that option recently. There's no shortage of local history-type meetings around Salford, but somehow our particular interest area doesn't seem to lend itself to holding regular talks of our own.

The alternative is to concentrate on outdoor activities. Although some cemetery groups are very hands on and get involved in restoration projects and the like, that hasn't been our ethos. We leave the manual activities to the professionals and usually concentrate on research-type activities, which can then become the basis of visits, tours etc. Our Heritage Tour of Weaste Cemetery has become well established and some initial tours of Agecroft before Covid were attracting some interest. Members of our committee are keen to translate research at Peel Green and Swinton into future tours as well. We are also considering arranging daytime, cemetery "walkabouts" for members; not necessarily a tour as such, but perhaps something more interactive and taking in other aspects of the cemeteries as well as just the headstones. We hope to participate in an Open Day later next year.

We have also given some thought to creating permanent information display boards in our cemeteries for those who want to discover the cemeteries for themselves and we have already been given some space on the Agecroft notice board. We appreciate, however, that professionally produced information display boards can be very expensive to produce and as we don't charge a membership fee, our income is very limited. Any such project would inevitably require some grant funding. It is interesting to know that Salford's Bereavement Services team is very keen to promote the cemeteries as

environmentally positive community assets, places for the living and not just for the deceased, so I am optimistic that by working with them, we will be able to be part of some interesting communal engagement in the future. And finally Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Cemetery News from Salford Bereavement Service Manager, Barry Ellis.

Green spaces. It has been said the cemeteries in cities are the only green space for miles around and with that in mind I am looking at extending the “re-wilding” program in Salford cemeteries. I have already allowed the field at the back of Peel Green Cemetery to grow naturally and had no complaints. Also, we have created a small “meadow” near the cremated remains section at Agecroft Cemetery and now getting some natural wild flowers established and even a deer has been spotted there. We are now looking to extend this to Weaste and Swinton cemeteries and seeking ideas from members of the Friends group. We also wish to make it clear that this is not a cost-cutting exercise for grounds maintenance, but to allow visitors, both human and animal to enjoy a natural environment.

Green waste. Salford City Bereavement Services would like to make our cemeteries more sustainable and in turn, help residents to memorialise their loved ones in an eco-friendly way. Sustainable cemetery management is a way that we can reduce our carbon footprint and promote bio-diversity. As such we are working in partnership with our Waste Management Team to reduce the amount of waste that does not get re-cycled from our cemeteries. We have now established a “green waste bay” at Peel Green Cemetery between plots U and T. To avoid contamination of the green waste bins, visitors are asked to remove any non-green matter from wreaths or grave displays when disposing of them. This includes plastics, paper, oasis, metal, and other non-compostable material. These items can be placed in other bins located around the cemetery. If the new scheme is successful it will be rolled out to other cemeteries in Salford.

Salford Pride Award. I am very pleased to announce that Bereavement Services Officer Luke Smith, has been presented with Salford City Council’s Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Demonstration of Salford Pride, at the Spirit of Salford Employee Awards 2022. The award is for “providing first class customer service to families and cemetery visitors at one of the most sensitive and vulnerable times of their lives. He shows a real warmth and empathy, and always goes the extra mile to offer support.” Luke has shown pride and commitment to the city, its people and the services we provide, and demonstrates the true Spirit of Salford in everything he does. Well deserved Luke.

Unusual Gravestone Inscriptions at Weaste Cemetery from Pete Kilvert.

Anthony Shore junior. “died whilst engaged with the natives up the River Niger. He was wounded and was buried at sea off Bonny W.G. Africa on 5th December 1886, aged 22 years.” The town of Bonny is near Port Harcourt on the River Niger Delta in modern Nigeria. Anthony Shore jnr worked for the Royal Niger Company, which was a British mercantile company established in 1879. It had an agreement that it would only trade along the coast, but when it started trading up river, it broke the agreement and caused an outbreak of hostilities.

Some Interesting Facts and Snippets from Jean Coward and Sue Tydd.

Agecroft. A newspaper report of 9th December 1955 records that officials at the Cemetery kept watch for vandals who were destroying flowers on graves. The culprits turned out to be rabbits. They are now being tackled by three ferrets.

Swinton. Samuel Davies aged 56, who lived with his sister Alice Brannan at Turton Row, Bolton Road, Clifton, was killed at Pendlebury Wheatsheaf Colliery on 27th February 1886, caused by a roof fall which crushed him to death.

Weaste. William Edward Green aged 15 was one of nine miners killed at the Pendleton Colliery Disaster 4th February 1870, when a shot misfired and ignited coal dust. He was seriously burned and taken to the Dispensary where he died.

Peel Green. James Lyons (1896 – 1918) was a WW1 poet, famous for “Gallipoli – to the Fallen.” He was born in Winton then moved to Broughton. He enlisted in the RAMC, but was invalided out in 1917. He moved to Lytham where he died.

Agecroft. Opened in 1903 and originally named Northern Cemetery, Agecroft Cemetery had three chapels: Church of England, Roman Catholic and Non Conformist. They were designed by Manchester Architects Walter Sharp and Frederick Foster and built by local construction company, Gerrard’s of Swinton.

Swinton. The Manchester Evening News of 21st November 1899 reports the funeral of Police Sergeant Charles Smith aged 46 of Heron Street, Pendlebury. The hearse was preceded by members of St Mary’s Church, Swinton, which he attended. Also 50 County police constables and two inspectors attended.

Weaste. There are six Members of Parliament buried in Weaste Cemetery. Joseph Brotherton (Salford 1832-1857), Benjamin Armitage (Salford West 1880-1886), Henry Lee (Port of Southampton 1880-1885), William Johnson Galloway (Manchester South 1895-1906), Joseph Toole (Salford South 1923-1931) and Edward Arthur Hardy (Salford South 1945-1955).

Peel Green. Alderman Edwin Mather JP was a mineral water bottler and dealer and a member of the Salford Board of Guardians. He was also Salford Council's "Peace" Mayor, appointed in 1918. During his term of office he became chairman of Salford War Memorial Committee, which raised £26,000 for a memorial ward at Salford Royal Hospital, opened by the Duke of York in December 1919.

Swinton. The Manchester Courier of 20th February 1900 reports "Yesterday, the interment took place of the late Mr Richard Partington, age 73 year, of Arundel, Broad Oak, Worsley, and head of Messrs R and J Partington, Hazlehurst Mills, Swinton and Birchin Lane, Manchester. The mill, at which between 300 and 400 workpeople are employed, was closed. The deceased had been chairman of the old Swinton and Pendlebury Local Board. Father O'Rourke, Rector of St Mary's Church, Swinton, to which the deceased was a generous contributor, officiated."

Latest Research about People Buried at Weaste Cemetery from Pete Kilvert.

John William Edge (1803 – 1864) was a craftsman Gun Maker in Manchester and provided the local gentry with sporting pistols, shotguns and rifles. He was also a member of Manchester Mechanics Institute, becoming its Chairman in 1863.

Chow Kalen (1870 – 1895) was a native of Canton, China, and a seaman. He died of natural causes on board the steam ship Moyune, which was berthed at Salford Docks and was interred in a common grave on 11th September 1895.

Thomas Fuller was a Machinist and Toolmaker, and partner in the company of William Collier and Co. He was also an Alderman of Salford Council, Salford Constable, Trustee of Salford Mechanics Institute and a Poor Law Guardian.

George Tudor Hall (aka George Foottit) (1838 – 1875) was a Circus Clown who became a Circus Proprietor. Initially the circus travelled all over England and eventually it became Foottit's Great Circus, located in Peter Street, Manchester.

Helen Brotherton (1812 – 1898) was the daughter of Joseph Brotherton, Salford's first MP. She was a prominent member of Salford Bible Christian Church and became a Vice President of the Vegetarian Society.

James Rowan (1871 – 1944) was an Electrical Armature Winder by trade, then became General Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) for 34 years. He was also a member of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress.

Richard Garside (1821 – 1899) was a Cotton Waste Manufacturer (specialising in lamp wicks and sponges) at German Street Mills, George Lee Street, Ancoats, Manchester. He was born in Eccles, lived in Salford and retired to Mobberley.

And one from Swinton Cemetery.

Sarah Ann Hampson (1865 – 1953) was born in Pendleton and became a Cotton Weaver. In 1882 she married Simeon Berry, a Coal Miner, and moved to Swinton. She had 15 children: three died in infancy, six died young and six got married.

Friends Trust final activities for 2022.

We invite you to join us in our wreath laying events on **Sunday 18th December**. 11 am at Agecroft Cemetery, (meet at the Blitz Memorial Garden),

12 noon at Peel Green Cemetery (meet at the Crematorium).

12.30 pm at Weaste Cemetery (meet at the Common Graves memorial)

1 pm at Weaste Cemetery (meet near the Brotherton memorial, at the grave of Anton Berntsen, Norwegian Seaman, on the centenary of his death).

**Facebook: Friends of Salford Cemeteries Trust. Website: WeasteHeritageTrail.co.uk.
Copy deadline for Spring 2023 edition is 1st March 2023 -
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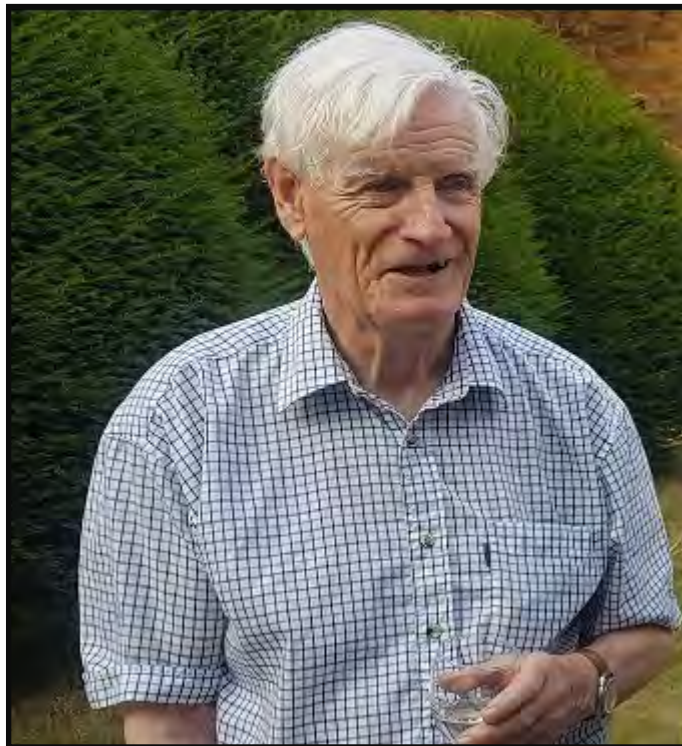
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Jeremy Sumner Wycherley Gibson

22 Oct 1934 - 28 Oct 2022

Jeremy Gibson was undoubtedly one of the names most spoken of among British family historians from the mid-1970s. Over many years, Jeremy compiled and published his *Gibson Guides* in association with the Federation of Family History Societies, as the Family History Federation was formerly known. These *Guides* covered areas including *Militia Lists*, *Muster Rolls*, *Probate Records*, *Hearth Tax Returns*, *Coroners Records*, *Quarter Sessions Records*, *Poll Books*, *Protestation Returns*, *Marriage* and *Census Indexes*, opening up possibilities for researchers far beyond traditional records of birth, marriage and death, parish registers and census returns. The *Guides* are a wide-ranging series of low-priced booklets offering county-by-county locations, with addresses and telephone numbers, across Britain of just about every type of record that all researchers need to study when seeking ancestors. Jeremy spoon-fed us all in telling us where to go for original records, copies, transcriptions and indexes. He enlisted the assistance of many fellow genealogists in gleaning data from local and national archives and libraries and also from history and genealogical societies; but it was he who, by utilising his editing skills, manually sorted and typed up the information ready for publication in easy-to-access formats that so many of us came to consult and value.

Jeremy's sterling work was recognised by the Federation in 1995 when it presented him with its



medal for outstanding contributions to family history. He had been elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1968 and of the Royal Historical Society in 1985. The Society of Genealogists, which he had joined in the 1950s, whose executive committee he later served and whose *Magazine* he jointly edited 1972-76, awarded him a Fellowship in 1963 and an Honorary Fellowship in 1999.

Intensely proud of his Oxfordshire roots, it was Jeremy's maternal Banbury

ancestors that attracted him to initially work in Banbury, where he co-founded its Historical Society and edited thirty-seven volumes of its record series. Likewise in 1976 he co-founded the Oxfordshire Family History Society, edited its *Journal* until 1982 and was elected President in 1993. He composed articles for the *Local Historian* and sat on the Council of the British Record Society contributing to volumes on Oxfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

Even in today's era of digitisation, computerised indexes and commercial family history websites, through his many written works Jeremy continues to give us just that vital link to demolish an all too familiar brick wall. We all owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

Colin Chapman
Vice President

We thank Lady Deborah Hayter for kindly giving permission for use of her photo of Jeremy.



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How to use The Gazette to search your family history

Having been published since 1665, The Gazette has over 350 years of history waiting to be explored. Whether it's military records or British honours, our digital archives are the perfect place to start searching your family history for free.



What information is contained on The Gazette?

The Gazette has been the UK's official public record since 1665. As such, it contains official information on individuals (and companies) which is found in the form of notices. These notices generally fall into one of four sectors:

- [awards and accreditations](#) – for all awards, state awards and military decorations and medals, including the New Year and Birthday Honours recipients
- [insolvency](#) – for all personal and corporate insolvency notices
- [wills and probate](#) – for all deceased estates and unclaimed estates notices
- [companies](#) – for all companies registered at Companies House

This means that if a family member received the likes of a military promotion/award or a British honour, such as an MBE, an OBE or a CBE, you will be able to find them in The Gazette. They will also be in The Gazette if they entered bankruptcy or were the subject of a [deceased estates notice](#).

How do I search The Gazette?

The easiest way to start searching The Gazette is by heading to the [All notices](#) section of the website and using the search tools on the left-hand side of the page. However, you can also refine your search, using some of the same tools, on the four different sector pages listed above.

The Gazette website is free to use, however if you would like to save your searches, specific notices, or create [bespoke editions](#), you will need to [create an account](#), which is also free.

Searching for soldiers, promotions and medals

The Gazette is the official bearer of War Office and Ministry of Defence (MOD) events, and for hundreds of years The Gazette has been publishing honours and awards for gallantry and meritorious service in the armed forces, often referred to as 'Mentioned in Despatches'. When searching for a soldier, the best place to start is at the [All notices](#) page and use the *Text search* on the left-hand side.

Being successful in finding an entry will depend on the style used to *gazette* your family member at the time of entry. There was no standard way of submitting and displaying information. For example, often no first name is used, just the initial and the soldier's surname. However, there are certain fields of information that had to be included in The Gazette for a soldier:

- name
- rank
- regiment
- date
- regimental service number (pre-1920) - *note that often soldiers would move regiments and have a new service number assigned to them*
- service number (post-1920)



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The screenshot shows the 'THE GAZETTE' website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'All notices', 'Coronavirus notices', 'Resources', and 'The Gazette: 350 Years'. Below this, the 'Search and filter' section is visible, with a red circle highlighting the 'Text search' area. The 'Text search' section includes a search box with the word 'lorem' entered and a 'clear' button. Below the search box, there's a note: 'Please use this option to search all Gazette data and specifically for notices published before 1998. You can also filter using the publication date and Gazette edition below.' To the right of the search box, there's a 'Notice type' section with a 'clear' button and a list of filters: 'Show all', 'State', 'Royal family', 'Parliament Assemblies & Government', 'Church', and 'Companies'. The 'All notices' section shows a list of 1-10 of 21 notices, sorted by 'Latest' and showing 10 results. The first three notices are listed, each with a 'Publication Date' of '2 June 2021' and a 'View full notice' link. The first notice is titled 'Lorem DOLOR' and the second is 'Dolor Sit'. The third notice is titled 'Lorem IPSUM'. On the right side of the page, there's an 'Actions' section with a link to 'Take advantage of The Gazette research service'. Below this, there's a 'Resources' section with two links: 'Monthly UK insolvency statistics - August 2022' and 'The honours system during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II'. The 'Monthly UK insolvency statistics' link has a date of '20 September 2022' and the 'The honours system' link has a date of '13 September 2022'.

It should also be noted that due to the column widths used in the printed Gazettes, a name could run over two lines and will be hyphenated, making it harder to find. The name of a soldier may also have been submitted in several different ways. Using the example of Arthur James Smith, it could have been listed as:

- "Arthur James Smith"
- "Arthur J. Smith"
- "A. J. Smith"
- "A. James Smith"
- "Arthur Smith"
- "Smith, [service number] A. J."
- "Smith, [service number] A."
- "Smith, [service number] Arthur J."
- "Smith, [rank], A. J."
- "Smith, [rank], A."
- "Smith, [rank], Arthur J."

Providing details of a soldier will greatly improve your chances of success:

- Add a date range if the time of publication, if known.
- Add the award type to your search, for example typing 'Jacka Victoria Cross' into the search box returns Albert Jacka's VC awarded in 1915 ([Gazette issue 29240](#)). It should be noted that often certain awards will be awarded to multiple individuals at once. This means the lists of recipients may run over multiple pages and the award may only be mentioned in the first page.
- Add the regiment or service number to your search, for example typing 'Apthorp Royal Norfolk Regiment' or 'Apthorp 56653' into the search box returns a mention in 1946 for Desmond Pretymen Apthorp ([Gazette issue 37720](#)).



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The screenshot shows the 'The Gazette' website search interface. On the left, the 'Search and filter' sidebar includes a 'Text search' section with a search box containing 'Apthorp 56653', which is circled in red. Below it, there's a 'Notice type' section. The main 'All notices' section displays three search results, each with a 'Publication Date', a link to the 'The London Gazette' supplement, and a snippet of the text. The right sidebar contains 'Actions', 'Resources', and a 'Date' filter set to '20 September 2022'.

Add the citation to your search. It should be noted that due to the sheer volume of soldiers being *gazetted* during conflicts full citations were not common. However, there are several websites that provide information about servicemen, including Gazette citations, such as the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#). For example, the entry for [Charles Yate](#) contains his citation. By typing "*led his nineteen survivors against the enemy*" into the search box, it returns his Victoria Cross entry ([Gazette issue 12744](#)).

It should also be noted that The Gazette has a dedicated search area for [World War 1](#), as well as a [World War 1 medals](#) page.

Searching for awards and honours

The Gazette is the official home of the monarch's Birthday Honours and New Year Honours, which recognise the achievements and service of people across the UK. The [honour lists](#) are published in a special Gazette supplement in the new year and on the reigning monarch's official birthday. Other awards officially announced in special Gazette supplements include the [Awards for Voluntary Service](#), the [Prime Minister's Resignation Honours](#) and the [Dissolution Honours](#).

When searching for individuals who have received an award, the easiest place to start is the [awards and accreditation notices](#) page. Providing details will greatly improve your chances of successful search:

- Add a date range. The monarch announces the New Year Honours at the end of each year and their Birthday Honours (for Queen Elizabeth II, in June), therefore if someone was awarded an MBE in the 1970 New Year Honours list, for example, use the date range starting from *28/12/69 to 01/01/70*. If you know the year of an award but do not know whether someone was awarded in the New Year Honours or Birthday Honours, for example) it's best to change the date range starting from *28/12/69 to 01/07/70*, for example.
- Add the citation to your search. For both New Year and Birthday Honours, if you know what the individual was awarded their honour for, use the keywords '*for services to*'. For example, if you search '*Kevin Sinfield for services to rugby*', the search will return [Kevin Sinfield's MBE](#) in 2021.
- If you want to find the recipients of a certain award, use the *Honours and Awards* search function to narrow your search. *Note that MBEs, OBEs and CBEs are part of the Order of the British Empire.*



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The screenshot shows the 'Search and filter' section on the left with 'Honours and Awards' selected. The main area displays 'Awards and Accreditation notices' with three entries, each dated 2 June 2021 and titled 'Lorem DOLOR'. The right sidebar includes 'Actions' with a link to 'Take advantage of The Gazette research service', 'Awards & Accreditation resources' with a link to 'Winners of the 2021 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service', and 'The Queen's Birthday Honours list 2021'.

Unfortunately, we cannot confirm that knighthoods, other than those invested directly by the sovereign, were gazetted pre-1922; for Irish Knighthoods, you may wish to consult the Dublin Gazette archives (online for the period 1750-1800, with editions from 1800-1922 available to view in person at the National Library of Ireland), and for all others pre-1906, William Shaw's 'Knights of England' is considered to be the authoritative text.

Can I get help searching The Gazette?

You can find out more about [searching The Gazette](#), however if you need more guidance [The Gazette Research Service](#) can help. Our team of experts can complete an exhaustive and thorough search of our archives and indexes for a small charge. All we need from you are a few details, and once we have discovered the record, we'll send you a comprehensive and personalised results document in the form of a pdf.

To send us your request, please complete the [PDF form](#) and send it to customer.services@thegazette.co.uk.

Alternatively, you can

- call us on 0333 200 2434
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Ed: We thank The Gazette for providing the above article and screenshots.



Transcription Tuesday is on 31st January!

Launched in 2017, *Who Do You Think You Are?* magazine runs an annual day when all family historians can contribute to a variety of transcription projects. There are four projects for 2023:

Medieval London property records * Navy records from the American Civil War

FamilySearch * Parkside Asylum records from Cheshire

Full details on how to take part can be found on the magazine's website at:

www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/feature/transcription-tuesday-2023/

Don't miss the Christmas give-aways—read on!



What's in Santa's sack?



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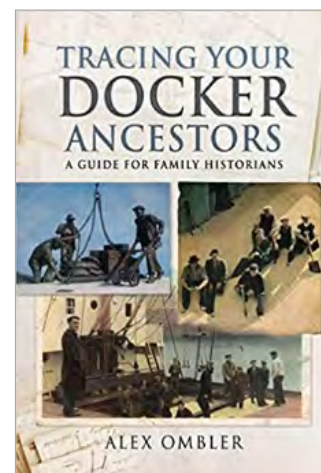
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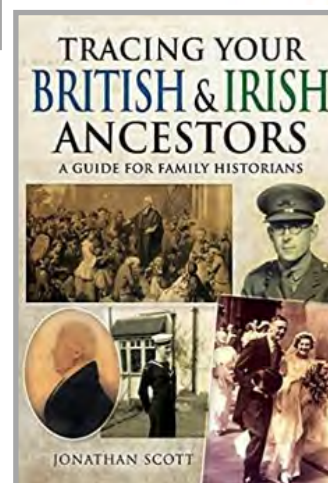
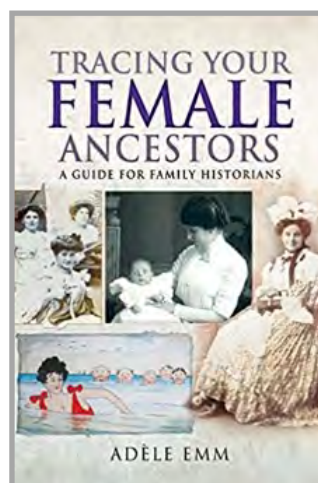
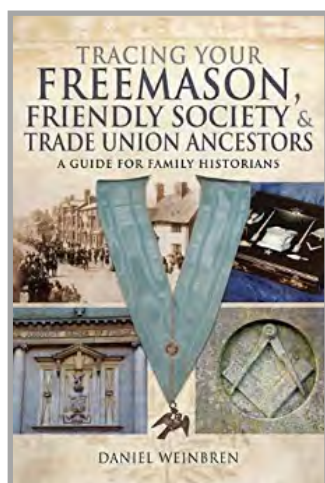
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We are pleased to announce the release of our latest data CD, the transcribed memorial inscriptions for Ripe and Chalvington, East Sussex. The CD has over 500 searchable entries, the cost is £5.00 and is available on our website www.eastbournefhs.org.uk

Did you know we have an online database *index of names on CD*? This database has over 40,000 data entries and covers all of our transcribed memorial inscription CDs.

We also have pre-owned original BMD certificates for sale at £2.00 each. There is a searchable database with a link taking you to the certificate of your choice. These certificates are offered on a first come first served basis.



Other organisations



The Altrincham and Bowdon Civic Society has launched a new website about the fascinating bygone times of Altrincham and the surrounding area.

<https://www.altrinchamheritage.com>

The website was created under the umbrella of Altrincham and Bowdon Civic Society, supported by the HLF. It was only made possible by a host of volunteers, as well as the collectors, societies and institutions, who very kindly provided items to be digitised and shared. Many thanks are due to them all.



Archives & Records Association UK & Ireland

The Archives and Records Association has recently launched *Outside the Box* podcast as part of the *Explore Your Archive* campaign.

All episodes are detailed at <https://www.exploreyourarchive.org/celebrating/>

and will be available here <https://sites.libsyn.com/448569/coming-soon-outside-the-box> and via most podcast hosting services (eg Spotify etc).

Main website: <https://www.archives.org.uk/>

Canal & River Trust has a most useful leaflet for those researching family history on the waterways:

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/refresh/media/thumbnail/42205-research-family-history-booklet.pdf>

Scottish Indexes Conference

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY 2023



Tessa Spencer, Head of Outreach and Learning at the National Records of Scotland, will join the Scottish Indexes Conference on Saturday 14th January to present 'Secrets of the 1921 Scottish Census'.

Come along to this free Zoom event. Scan the QR code to register or visit www.scottishindexes.com to find out more.

'Secrets of the 1921 Scottish Census'

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The Really Useful Bulletin welcomes contributions from all Federation member organisations.

It is opportunity to promote *your* society to the extensive Bulletin readership.



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News from the Federation



Busily Getting Out and About



The Federation will be attending the following events in 2023. The list is subject to confirmation at this early stage, but we will bring you periodic updates during the coming months. We hope to see many readers of the *Really Useful Bulletin* at the major shows! Always stop by for a chat or just to say hello!

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| East Surrey FHS Virtual Fair | 28 th January 2023 |
| Crafting Live—Sandown Park | 28-29 th January 2023 |
| ICHF Creative Craft—Glasgow | 2-4 March 2023 |
| ICHF Creative Craft—Birmingham | 16 – 19 March 2023 |
| FFHS AGM – Stevenage | 20 May 2023 |
| ICHF Creative Craft—Birmingham | 23-25 June 2023 |
| Family History Show—York | 24 June 2023 |
| Crafting Live—Doncaster | 15- 16 July 2023 |
| ICHF Creative Craft—Farnborough | 1-3 September 2023 |
| Family History Show—Kempton Park | 2 September 2023 |
| U3A Family History Conference—Buxton | 16 September 2023 |
| ICHF Creative Craft—Exeter | 21-23 September 2023 |
| Oxfordshire FHS | Saturday 7th October 2023 |
| ICHF Creative Craft—Glasgow | 26-29 October 2023 |
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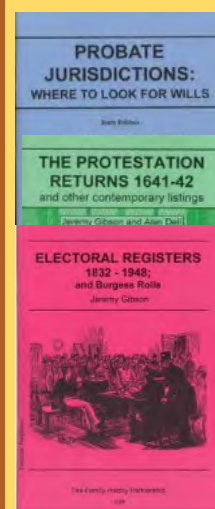
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