

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR OLDHAM & DISTRICT RESEARCH

- * Oldham Local Studies & Archives Catalogue
<http://calmview.oldham.gov.uk/calmview>
- * The Oldham page on the GENUKI site has wealth of information about the area and records as well as photos of local churches.
<https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/LAN/Oldham>
- * Commonwealth War Graves Commission
<http://www.cwgc.org>
- * Lancashire BMD
<http://lancashirebmd.org.uk>
- * Yorkshire BMD
<http://www.yorkshirebmd.org.uk>
- * Cheshire BMD
<http://www.cheshirebmd.org.uk>
- * Lancashire On-Line Parish Clerks
<http://www.lan-opc.org.uk>

Oldham & District

Free, Monthly, Digital Newsletter

Family and local history information, articles, transcriptions, useful links and news. It includes Meeting updates for Oldham, Manchester, Anglo-Scots and Bolton, an e-Postbag from readers and additions to the Branch pages on the MLFHS website. Final pages have a Gallery of photos or images.

Sign up for email notifications whether a member or not at - <https://mlfhs.uk/oldham/newsletter>

JOIN the MLFHS online at :
<https://www.mlfhs.uk/join>

OLDHAM & DISTRICT BRANCH of

Manchester & Lancashire F.H.S.

aka **Manchester Ancestors**

- * **Membership** : £15 per annum
- * Currently, Meetings are held
at Oldham Library in
The Performance Space,
the Education Suite,
and/or on Zoom

(Booking on Eventbrite for zoom)

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- * Up to date information is on
the Meetings Page on the Website.
 - * Attendance on zoom is free
to both members and non-members.

- * Attendance in the Library is :
Free to MLFHS members
£5 for non-members

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**Please note, Library Postcode  
is OL1 1AL**

### Visiting Oldham Library by Metrolink?

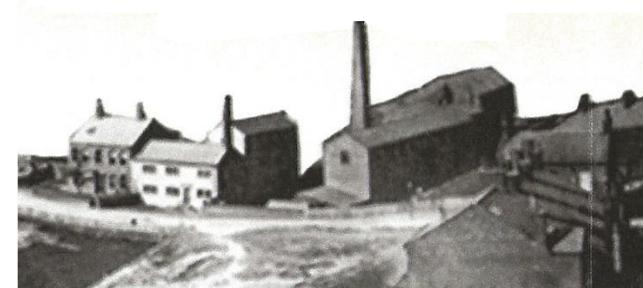
The nearest stop is Oldham Central  
Map and directions on the website at  
<https://mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/venues-and-maps>



A Branch of MLFHS aka  
Manchester Ancestors



## Programme 2024



**13<sup>th</sup> January 2pm – Zoom only**

**Dr. Michael Winstanley**

***Life and Work in Cotton Lancashire,  
circa 1830 - 1914***

an illustrated presentation

Dr. Winstanley seeks to provide answers to the question of the ways in which major changes in the cotton towns affected the roles of men, women and children and how different these towns were from others in Lancashire or the rest of the country.

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2pm – Zoom only**

**Hilary Hartigan**

***DNA and Ethnicity***

an illustrated presentation

How and if your DNA can tell you anything about your ethnicity... typically, your ethnicity will relate back many generations so how relevant is it to our family history research?

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2pm - Hybrid**

**Brian Groom**

***Made in Manchester***

an illustrated presentation

Based on his soon to be published new book, this is the story of how the people of Manchester and its region - including Oldham - shaped the emergence of the modern world from the Romans up to today.

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2pm - Hybrid**

**Annual Members' Meeting at 1:45** followed by

**Michael Lawson**

***Manorial Records of Chadderton :***

***Foxdenton Hall***

an illustrated presentation

The story of an ancient Hall, built in the mid 15<sup>th</sup> century, and long associated with the Radcliffe Family.

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2pm – Zoom only**

**Jackie Depelle**

***19th century Boom and Bust -  
Exploring Business and Family Fortunes***

an illustrated presentation

This talk looks at exploring business and family fortunes through the elements of a case study. Was your family in business? let's review sources in Archives, Libraries and Museums as well as those online.

**8<sup>th</sup> June 2pm - Library only**

**Keith Warrender**

***Manchester Oddities***

an illustrated presentation

Oddities come in many different forms and Keith's book covers 'oddities' across the Greater Manchester area and a little beyond.

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - Hybrid**

**Christine Widdall**

***A Victorian Society: Oldham Photographers***

an illustrated presentation

A story about early photography in Oldham, told against the backdrop of life in what would be the most productive cotton spinning town in the world. In 1867 a group of photographers came together and founded the Oldham Photographic Society.

**10<sup>th</sup> August 2pm - Zoom only**

**Linda Hammond**

**Exploring the Licence family through photo  
postcards: An illustrated journey.**

an illustrated presentation

Postcards can contain a wealth of genealogical information with just a few snippets and pictures. We will explore a series of photo postcards which were found online all related to one family.

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2pm - Hybrid**

**Joseph O'Neill**

***Manchester Martyrs***

an illustrated presentation

An account of the events surrounding the execution of three Fenians who would become known as the 'Manchester Martyrs' after their execution in 1867, and uniting the Irish people in patriotic fervour and outrage unmatched until 1916.

**12<sup>th</sup> October 2pm - Library only**

**Hilary Hartigan**

***Hesketh Booth of Oldham***

an illustrated presentation

The story of one boy, Hesketh Booth, one-time town clerk of Oldham: family, friends, business acquaintances ... what footprints does he leave in the history of the town?

**9<sup>th</sup> November 2pm - Hybrid**

**Chris Herd**

***It Happened in Oldham ...***

**Darker Stuff!**

an illustrated presentation

Based on a timeline which can be seen in Gallery Oldham, we will learn of terrible local accidents, riots, murder and even worse.

**December**

**No Meeting Planned :**

***Merry Christmas***

***& a Happy New Year***

***to all our Members and Visitors***