



ALTRINCHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

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Hello everyone,

Here's another collection of events, websites, etc., and an invitation to an **informal open air visit** - on either **Wednesday 7th July** at 7pm or **Saturday 10th July** at about 1.30 for 2.00pm, your choice.

I don't know how many of you have been to the [Timperley Hall Moated site](#), where we could meet in the walled garden, and perhaps have a look at the early 19th century farm buildings, from the outside.

Situated behind the Old Hall Hotel (at the Golf Course) take the drive off Stockport Road, Timperley (No.11 or 11a bus from Altrincham). There's the Hotel car park, or to get nearer, go round to the left and follow sign for Golf Driving Range, and park in the farmyard. The entrance to the walled garden is in the left corner. There are only a couple of benches, so you may want to bring a folding chair, and a drink. There are toilets at the Old Hall Hotel.

Thomas Ferriar - Mancunian South American liberator: a bi-centennial commemoration

On **Saturday 17 July 2.30-4pm** a free online history event from the University of Central Lancashire's *Centre for History and Public Engagement with the Past* sees three talks linked to Thomas Ferriar.

St Ann's Church in central Manchester contains a memorial to the Ferriar family. This includes Thomas Ferriar (1785-1821), who was mortally wounded while commanding the British Legion at the crucial battle of Carabobo, under the eyes of Simon Bolivar – 'the Great Liberator'. This victory secured independence from Spain for Venezuela. Ferriar's statue figures prominently in the Campo Carabobo national monument. Why did a Mancunian play such a prominent part in the South American liberation movement? These talks will explore Ferriar's background, life and times on the two hundredth anniversary of his death:

"The great liberator": Simon Bolivar and Britain Dr Remy Duthille

Manchester radicals and the Latin revolutions Professor Robert Poole

Thomas Ferriar and British volunteers for Latin American Independence Professor Nick Mansfield

You can join this online event by *using a link* available shortly before 2.30pm on 17 July. To get the link check this address: <https://mailchi.mp/4d53721e2078/news-from-the-working-class-movement-library?e=4494527afb>

Henry VI's 'Readeption', a turning point in the Wars of the Roses - How's your history knowledge? Just the bits we learnt at school, but here's some detail from the National Archives.

https://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/550th-anniversary-henry-vi-reaception/?utm_source=emailmarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly_email_20_may&utm_content=2021-05-21

And the full Newsletter from the National Archives

https://clicks.econnectmail.com/view_online/view_online.php?token2= hGJHeY3rr8VpimMn1NDtPcL_SqMGOZjmX0HUSNWgvstkYzDRnabENFuBkn7XTQYhGSi2gdrLu4wZ8m8YMC3jw..

Working Class Movement Library, Salford

We will be marking the Libraries Festival by launching our exciting new **virtual tour** of our lovely building, thanks to 360 degree filming undertaken this spring by Creative Manchester, part of the University of Mcr. Our founders, Eddie & Ruth Frow built up the Library originally in their Old Trafford home. By the 1980s their house was at bursting point and so the City of Salford Council agreed to house their magnificent library in an Victorian building called Jubilee House on Salford Crescent. The collection moved here in 1987, and

has been open for everyone freely to come and use ever since. Even if you're not able to visit you can now explore our building virtually for yourselves - the tour will go live on **Wednesday 9 June at 10am** at www.wcml.org.uk/virtualtour and we hope you'll want to take a look.

Working Class Movement Library talks are recorded, and all to date can be viewed at www.youtube.com/wcml/videos.

Bridgewater Canal - Stop Plank Cranes - Manchester Moment

<https://youtu.be/LGZnvavdq0k> 12 minutes long very interesting video presentation, including a model of how the stop planks worked to stop all the water draining out.

News under the carpet



Replacing an old bedroom carpet, and under the felt druggot underlay were these newspapers - that just happened to have some significant headlines -

Monty dies at 88;
Roddy: I didn't split the Snowdons;
Smith hints: I may call off UDI.

It's 1976 -

Field Marshal Montgomery died on 24 March.

Roddy Llewellyn had an affair with Princess Margaret, and she and Lord Snowdon (Tony - Anthony Armstrong-Jones) separated in 1976.

In Rhodesia Ian Smith was involved in an internal war following the Unilateral Declaration of Independence.

[Still got the blue lino, circa 1950.]

South Trafford Archaeology Group

has an updated website, including back copies of their newsletter 'Browsings', and you can read project reports from digs, finds and building surveys, including those from the 1980s and 1990s.

<https://stagarcaheologymanchester.wordpress.com/>

More Archaeology

Council for British Archaeology North West regional group has a new website!

<https://archaeologynw.wordpress.com>

Regional Heritage Centre Newsletter May '21, with details of the Post Graduate Certificate in Regional and Local History, and an interesting item about a historic fish-trap.

<https://lancasteruniversity.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/j/3C011F39B44636F42540EF23F30FEDED>

Altrincham Garrick - BBC connection

I've heard that during WW2, the BBC Home Service was broadcast from The Garrick.

There's no mention on The Garrick website <https://www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk/about-the-theatre/history/>
Has anyone got further information?

Hospital Food - 1934

Minutes of Altrincham UDC - Hospital Sub-Committee, 25 October 1934. [Trafford Local Studies]
“Tenders for Hospital Provisions”

Tenders were submitted for the supply of Hospital provisions for the six months ending 31st March 1935.
RESOLVED That the tender of Mr J. Wood, 112 George St for supply of 600 loaves @ 2¾ d. per 2 lb. loaf, be accepted. [Tuppence three farthing for a large loaf!]

That the tender of Mr J.E. Cumpsty, 26-28 Stamford Street, be accepted, as follows:-

132 lbs.	Butter	@	10½d.	per	lb.
144 “	Bacon	@	9d.	“	“
36 “	Tea	@	1/3½d.	“	“
68 pkts.	Quaker Oats	@	7d	“	pkt
26 lbs.	Cheese (Empire)	@	6d	“	lb.
46 lbs.	Lard (English)	@	4½ d.	“	“
200 lbs.	Flour	@	1 ¼ d	“	“
12 cwts.	Sugar (Tate’s)	@	18/-	“	cwt.

RESOLVED That the tender of Messrs J. Valentine & Son, 21, Navigation Road, be accepted, as follows:-

169 lbs.	Round Beef (English)	@	9d.	per	lb.
264 “	Stewing Beef (“)	@	7d.	“	“
120 “	Pork, Mutton, Veal or Lamb	@	10 ½ d	“	“
20 “	Dripping	@	3d.	“	“

RESOLVED That the tender of Mr. A Starkey, 79, George Street, be accepted, as follows:-

120 lbs.	Cod	@	8d.	per	lb
80 “	Eating Apples	@	3 ½ d	“	“
40 “	Cooking “	@	2d.	“	“
300	Oranges	@	1/-	“	doz.
30 lbs	Brussels Sprouts	@	2d.	“	lb
30 “	Savoys	@	1d.	“	“
30 “	Onions	@	1 ½ d	“	“

Just so that you know it is out there !

THE 44TH KEELE ONLINE LATIN AND PALAEOGRAPHY SUMMER SCHOOL MONDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST 2021

This summer school organised by Keele University (and now in its 44th year) is for those wishing to acquire or improve their skills in reading and transcribing medieval and early modern documents in both Latin and English. Taken mostly from English archives (both national and local), the documents are chiefly those which are used by historians rather than literary texts.

If you need an introduction to medieval Latin or palaeography (the study of medieval and early modern handwriting), or wish to enhance the knowledge that you already have and want to meet others with the same interests, then the Keele school is designed for you, and one of its main benefits is that students are able to build up their knowledge and confidence during the week.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this year’s school is taking place online, but it will maintain much of its usual structure. The school is taught in several small groups, but these are not in sessions at which students just listen to tutors and make notes. Rather, the emphasis is very much on learning the skills in reading and transcribing documents, and so involves a lot of active participation.

The approach is serious but friendly and attracts a wide range of people from both the UK and abroad: national, local, and family historians, along with archive students and postgraduate researchers. Many return year after year, taking the opportunity to seek advice from tutors and fellow students on their own research interests and problems.

The tutors all have considerable experience in teaching adult groups, and have their own expertise in a wide range of topics, beyond palaeography. They include senior archivists, university lecturers, and local history tutors. For more details follow this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18heGXHTEPj-7MjZm-FJu93o6g3YClpHZ/view>

It is a bit expensive !

Thatched houses - an interesting article from a few years ago.

<https://thatchinginfo.com/thatching-in-shropshire-staffordshire/>

Interested in Crime & Punishment?

How about cases at the Old Bailey? There is an online searchable database of cases from 1674 to 1913 at <https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

And from that site, I found this one:

The Digital Panopticon - <https://www.digitalpanopticon.org/>

This new website traces the lives of 90,000 convicts sentenced at the Old Bailey between 1780 and 1875, linking Old Bailey trials to relevant entries in fifty databases of criminal justice (e.g. Metropolitan Police Habitual Criminals) and civil records, including the census. The '**Life Archives**' allow users to discover both the pre- and post-trial histories of Old Bailey convicts. They allow users to see differences between the punishment sentences handed down by the court and the punishments convicts actually experienced, and make it possible to compare the impact of the punishments of imprisonment and transportation on convicts' lives.

A search for **Altrincham** brought up over 100 convicts, including Henry Starkey, joiner, sentenced for 7 years.

<https://www.digitalpanopticon.org/life?id=rhc18852>

Interesting project on Tithe Maps in Holcombe. I don't know the area, but it shows what can be done with layered mapping. <https://www.holcombemoorheritagegroup.org/mapping/category/tithe-maps>

Compare with the Cheshire Tithe Online <https://maps.cheshireeast.gov.uk/tithemaps/>

Chester Zoo 90th Anniversary - article about George Mottershead.

https://www.cheshire-live.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/story-founder-chester-zoo-how-20850211?utm_source=cheshire_live_newsletter&utm_campaign=daily_newsletter2&utm_medium=email&pure360.trackingid=df64d7d7-4599-4f74-b34c-d55be64e6c86

John Shaw of the Oaks in Bowdon, died 17 January 1872. In sorting out some paperwork, I came across my notes from his will. [Will on microfilm at Cheshire Record Office ref: MF91/17 WR13 P233.]

John Shaw was a landscape gardener, but he was more than just a gardener, he designed Stamford Park in Altrincham and described himself as a gentleman in his will. His executors and trustees were his wife Sarah, and three of his sons John Begg Shaw, William Henry Shaw & James Begg Shaw. After mentioning payment of debts and funeral expenses he left to his wife:-

“ all wines, liquors and provisions for the purpose of household consumption and all the garden implements and utensils which shall be in and about my dwelling house at the time of my decease together with the sum of £100 to be paid to her within one calendar month after my decease. And also I give to my wife during her natural life - as long as she remains my widow - the full and free use . . . of all household furniture beds bedding plate linens china glass books pictures prints photographs engravings and other household effects. And after her decease or re-marriage, the same household furniture articles etc shall be sold . . .” and the money added to the residue. To his son James Begg Shaw he left £500.

He left “all my messuages, dwelling houses, brewhouse and other buildings and land situate in Hulme in Manchester, and all and every other freehold copyhold and leasehold messuages houses buildings and lands . . . rents and hereditaments what- and where-soever . . . to my wife and sons John, William and James, their heirs and assigns Upon trusts . . .” to sell and invest the proceeds, and he specified the type of stocks to invest in. There was £3,000 each for each of his sons and for trusts for his three daughters, to provide an annuity for daughters Sarah Begg Shaw, Mary Ellen Shaw and Margaret Ann Shaw and their children after them. He had five sons - Alexander Shaw, John Begg Shaw, George Begg Shaw, William Henry Shaw and James Begg Shaw. The residue was to be divided into 8 parts - to go to his 5 sons, and the trusts for the three daughters.

He also referred to “ estates vested in me as a trustee or mortgagee” which were to go to the executors. The will was signed on 10 January 1872, the witnesses being Rawson Senior, surgeon, of Bowdon and Manchester solicitor Henry Wood. Shaw died seven days later on 17th January at the Oaks, Bowdon, and probate was granted at Chester on 9th March 1872. The estate was sworn to be under £4,000 including leaseholds. I wonder if the eight sons and daughters actually got their £3,000 each?

I hope to see you at Timperley Hall Moat, fingers crossed it stays dry. Enjoy any outings you may have and keep looking around for history bits.

Best wishes, Hazel.