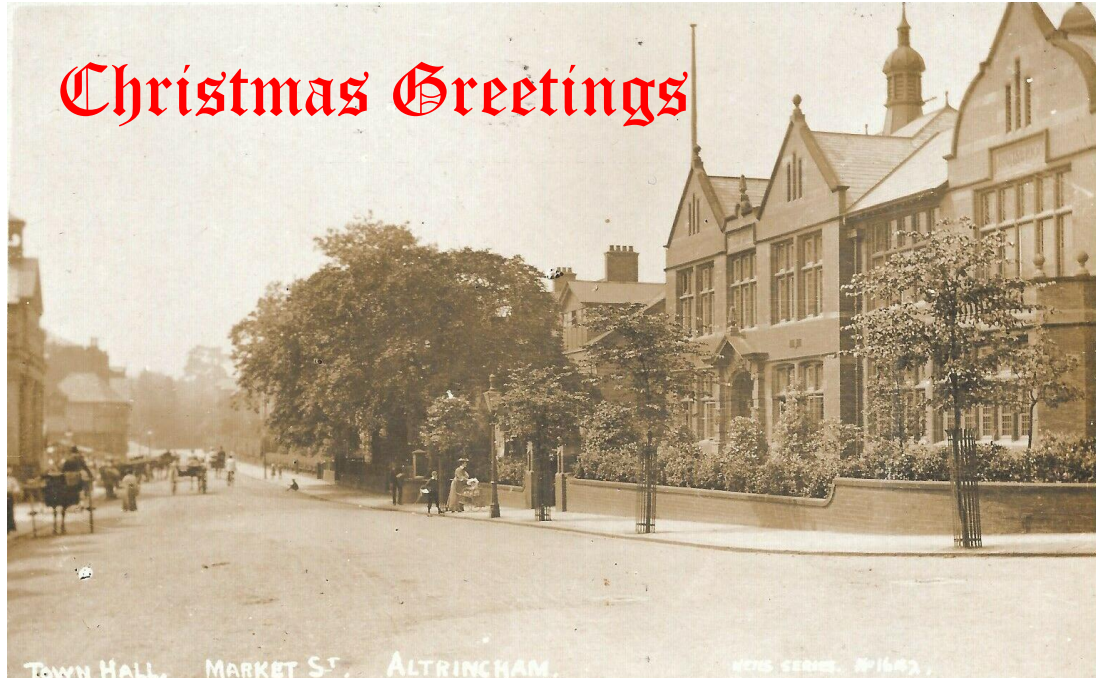


## ALTRINCHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

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Hello everyone,

I'm looking forward to our 'Christmas Party' meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not already booked a place, please contact Eleanor Rogers before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. (email: [eleanor.rogers5@btinternet.com](mailto:eleanor.rogers5@btinternet.com) or phone 973 0829).

Included with this newsletter also the latest Catalogue of AHS Publications with new and forthcoming titles. Jill says - for December and January I am only doing click and collect, or pick up from the stall or edownloads via GenFair. This is because of all the problems with Royal Mail strikes etc. If anyone wants a particular booklet from the stall could they let me know via email.

### December Events

#### Working Class Movement Library - Engels Walk with Dr Morag Rose

Saturday 10th December

As part of the library's Engels season we are organising an Engels walk in Salford and Manchester with Dr Morag Rose. Morag is a walking artist, activist and educator and her tour will be a creative exploration that weaves together the past, present, personal, poetic and political into a wander through Engels in Manchester and beyond. Morag's research has also been influenced by the walking tours written and delivered by Ruth and Eddie Frow, the founders of the Working Class Movement Library. The tour is free, but places are limited. To book a place please email [enquiries@wcml.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wcml.org.uk)

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#### BBC100 in Greater Manchester

This year the BBC celebrates its centenary. *Archives+* has partnered with the BBC Archives and Greater Manchester's ten archives services to find interesting local items from the BBC's radio and TV archives.

Explore all the content at Manchester Central Library until December 31. Find out more at

[https://librarylive.co.uk/event/bbc100-in-greater-manchester/?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://librarylive.co.uk/event/bbc100-in-greater-manchester/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

## Altrincham Heritage Website goes Live

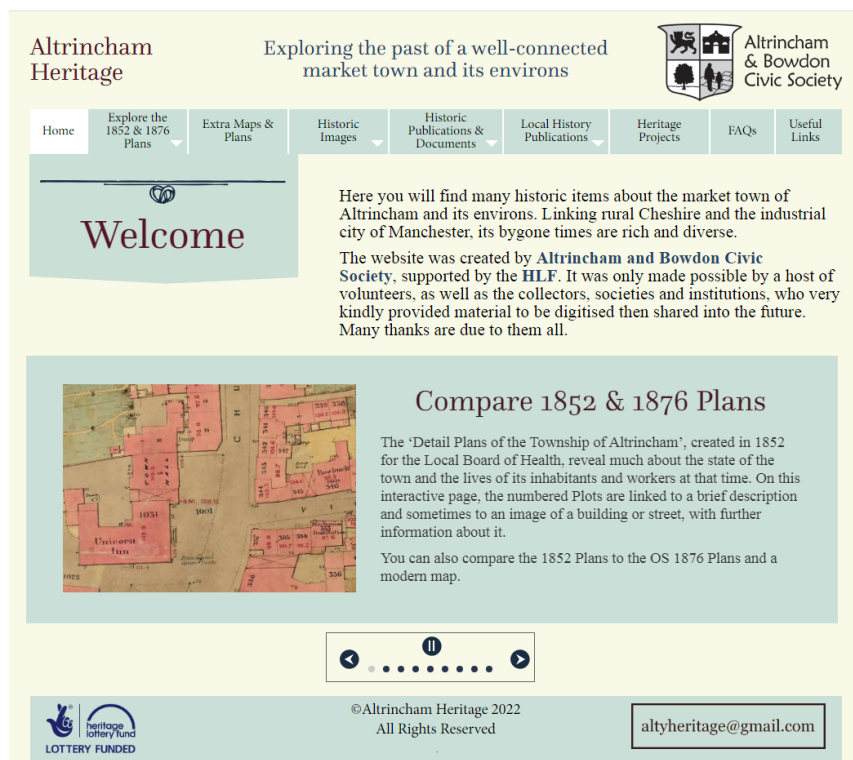
We hope you will enjoy exploring the new website about the fascinating bygone times of Altrincham and the surrounding area.

<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.

**WOW - the results of years of work by Sue Nichols.** Look forward to many hours of exploring this new website - maps, old photos, local history publications.

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## Stuff on YouTube

“The Brough of Birsay in Orkney” a 13 minute video about the Pictish and Viking settlement on this small tidal island on the NW of Orkney mainland, by Dip in Media. Very informative. ( It’s 26 years since I was there, I don’t remember the concrete causeway.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXIOQAMmieQ>

There’s another video about Gurness Broch and Iron Age village, about 9 minutes.

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From the Isle of Man

‘The secret 1800s bank vault discovered in the Isle of Man’ - a 7 minute video by Culture Vannin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNws-SGqV28>

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They used to be called DMVs - Deserted Mediaeval Villages Here’s a video from 2017 about 8 sites.

<https://digventures.com/2017/04/7-abandoned-medieval-villages-seen-from-the-air-and-one-from-under-the-sea/>

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## WW1 composite footage

A little late for Remembrance, but excellent - I came across it recently on YouTube, well coloured: "Mademoiselle from Armentieres - WW1 Footage". 7 mins.14s. uploaded Jan 2021. By BertPraest - he says: I thought the rendition of "Mademoiselle from Armentières" by Plan 9 deserved better than just being played over the end credits, so I put it to some of the video. A tribute to the Poor Bloody Infantry on the Western Front, where my grandfather managed to survive for six months before 'Copping a Blighty'. Advises re: age of viewers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaEhRFFsDFE>

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Walking the Ypres Salient: Hill 60. A 24 minute video by ‘Living History’.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8ExHk9U\\_b8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8ExHk9U_b8)

There are various other videos about Hill 60 I need to look at.

(My grandad was there, and his brother was killed there. Extract from grandad’s pocket diary:

1915 April Sat. 17 60 Hill blew up trench at 7 o'clock shell fire fatigue Fred hit . )

Can you ‘read the landscape’?

I did a course on landscape history many years ago, and have joined Chester Society for Landscape History. They have a new website <https://www.chesterlandscapehistory.org.uk>. (Not a great deal on there as yet.) They produce a bulletin each year and have recently published a book - a collection of research articles. Meetings are on the outskirts of Chester, currently on Saturday afternoons. We had a good talk before Covid from Stewart Ainsworth of Time Team fame, who is based at Chester University. Field visits are arranged - I went on one before Covid, looking at the development of New Brighton, and another looking at castles and churches south of Chester. The photo is Holt Castle remains.

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**Conway Castle** - a short 3 minute tour with history <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3h9Pa9NWYc>  
Follow this with:

**Conway Castle. a stonemasons commentary**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEqcoX5kjHQ> about 20minutes video. A stonemason from Pennsylvania visits Conway Castle, talks to masons mortaring the walls, and walks the town walls. (I once walked the town wall, and had to chicken out part way round - I’m not good on heights - so I found this ‘proxy’ tour interesting.)

He does another on **Caernarfon Castle** looking at the stonework and wall construction.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTQ3uvowe5U&ab\\_channel=MikeHaduckMasonry](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTQ3uvowe5U&ab_channel=MikeHaduckMasonry)

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**Beeston Castle - history** - and set in the context of other sites for comparison.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/beeston-castle-and-woodland-park/history/>

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**Merseyrail - Building the underground loop & link** - 27 minutes

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krXBdSahsEc&ab\\_channel=Merseyrail](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krXBdSahsEc&ab_channel=Merseyrail)

The building of the Merseyrail underground, opened in 1977. Using previously unpublished plans & photographs This video tells the story of the work to transform the separate electric lines of Merseyside into a successful rapid transit network. The construction period spanning from 1972 to 1977. The planning stages go up to time 10.19, from then onwards is the construction photos. (For anyone who knows the city or is interested in ‘modern’ railway construction. I must admit I skipped bits.)

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‘Saving a historic boat - ‘The Oakdale’ Mersey Flat’. This 22 minute video by Bee Here Now shows the current state of the boat on the tidal mud in Morecambe Bay. It’s sister flat ‘The Mossdale’ is at Ellesmere Port Boat Museum (right). He also does another video on Mersey flats.

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Titbits:

“The Vicar will be away from home from September 1<sup>st</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. The Rev. A. J. Routley, chaplain of H.M. Prison at Knutsford, will take his work on Sundays Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Mr. Routley will preach on behalf of Altrincham & District Police Court Mission.” [Timperley Parish Magazine Sept 1913.]



