

ALTRINCHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

Newsletter for October/November 2020.

Hello All,

I hope you are enjoying the autumn colours while they last, with Hallowe'en and Remembrance Day coming up here are some bits to keep you going. Also with this newsletter you should receive an updated Publications List.

Witches - Here's an online talk from the National Archives

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-huge-pack-of-witches-a-witch-scare-in-17th-century-lancashire-tickets-125608629793?aff=email&utm_source=emailmarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly_mailer_22_october_2020&utm_content=2020-10-26

Remembering

At this time of the year, among all the people to remember, here are a couple far away from home. Buried at Hale Cemetery:

William Johnston Elliott, First Officer Air Transport Auxiliary died 8 Feb 1942 aged 24. Son of Gernard Leslie and Louise Johnston Elliott, of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; and Earl Lamar Renicker, First Officer Ait Transport Auxiliary died 7 Feb 1942 aged 35. Son of Sherman E. and Delia R. Renicker of Wichita, Kansas. Died a day apart, was this from an air-crash or some other accident?

Have you heard that **Altrincham Town Hall** is up for Sale or Rent? What next I wonder.

Greater Mcr Spatial Framework is back again ! Public consultation is planned to start early December 2020.

<https://mailchi.mp/greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/spatial-framework-radical-rewrite-and-consultation-update-1338928?e=055840ebbe> Only 491 pages !

Stuff on TV

If you haven't already watched these, perhaps you could catch-up.

"Bone Detectives" (Series 2 Episode 3) on Channel 4 on Sat 10 October was about Norton Priory.

'Scotland From The Sky' on BBC 2. I missed the first one, but no. 2 of 3 (on Sat 10 Oct) was interesting and no.3 is on prehistoric monuments.

Castles on YouTube

'Bodiam Castle' on YouTube - interesting 45 minutes programme uploaded by J. Bassett from 2016, from a TV series called 'Castle'. I missed it first time round, but worth a watch.

Then it was followed by another - 'The Story of Castle Rushen' (Isle of Man) about 35 minutes uploaded by Culture Vannin.

Serendipity at work again

I switched on to Talking Pictures TV on Sunday after church and found a file called 'Every day except Christmas'. Wondered what it was about and found a super documentary film on Covent Garden market made in 1957.

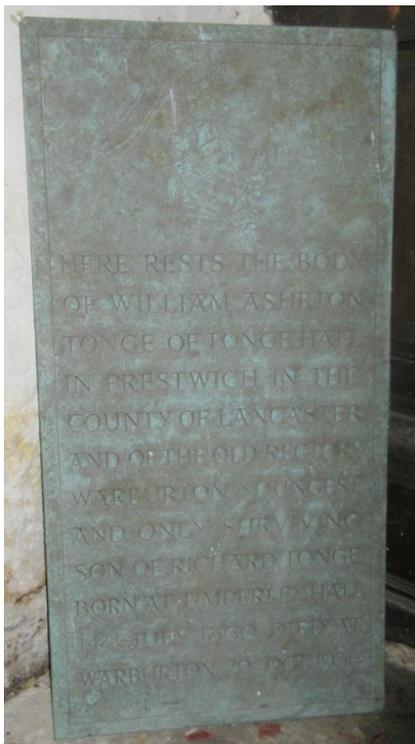
Given my interest in market gardening, this was a glimpse into a world before plastic packaging and electric trucks. I've got a flat wooden box with a loose lid, we kept Christmas baubles in it and green painted fir-cones and cotton wool, now I know it was originally used to transport flowers.

STAG website has copies of their newsletter Browsings and some of the earliest survey or excavation reports. www.stagarchaeologymanchester.wordpress.com

Trafford now has a Heritage Champion in Mike Cordingley. As well as Conservation Officer Elisabeth Lewis.

Alexandra Fairclough (Faulkner) was Conservation Officer for Trafford several year ago. Alexandra has a Facebook page and Twitter and Instagram accounts. She has been writing articles and posting about heritage buildings around our area. E.g. Ordsall Hall is opening with tours for 'bubbles of 6'. <https://www.facebook.com/Bricksandwatertours>

Twitter bricks_andwater Insta alexatourguide



An unexpected find at **Warburton old Church**. A metal plaque with a Timperley connection.

Here rests the body of William Asheton Tonge of Tonge Hall in Prestwich in the County of Lancaster and of the Old Rectory Warburton youngest and only surviving son of Richard Tonge Born at Timperley Hall 14th July 1860 died at Warburton 29 Oct 1936

There's an etching of a coat of arms at the top.

Old Altrinchamians - the old boys society for Altrincham Grammar School has digitised its Newsletters going back to the 1940s. An interesting read available on the website.

<http://www.oldalts.com/the-2018-old-altis-newsletter-is-now-available-here/>

WCML another Newsletter from the Working Class Movement Library in Salford <https://mailchi.mp/8a5a9436275a/news-from-the-working-class-movement-library?e=4494527afb>

BALH British Association for Local History

You can watch their '**Ten-Minute Talks**' on various topics <https://www.balh.org.uk/ten-minute-talks>

They are now extending the call for Ten-Minute Talks to non-members who would like to share their knowledge of local history with us. These talks have been extremely popular and you are welcome to submit these as a video or in the format of a PowerPoint presentation with accompanying notes.

The latest Ten-Minute Talk, '[The railway and how it affected life in mid-nineteenth century Rillington](#)', was delivered by Pam Smith and is the first of our talks to be accompanied by a [video](#). Our recent talks also include '[Crockford's Flock: Priest and Parish in a Wiltshire Valley](#)' by John Chandler and '[Chedworth and The Great War: The people who went to war and the village they left behind](#)' by Mike Tovey.

Cheshire Record Office

'To tie in with our Activity Plan for '[Cheshire's archives: a story shared](#)' and to reach new audiences, we will be hosting two online events which you can experience from the comfort of your own home!

- Join us for **A Walk Through History**, a journey through Cheshire's past using the wonderful Tithe Map website.
- Have a go at **The Cheshire History Quiz**, packed with facts and photos from the archives, and see how much you know about the place you live!

Both take place on Wednesday 21st October, but the videos will stay on our YouTube channel after the event in case you miss it.' <https://www.cheshirearchives.org.uk/home.aspx>

Regional Heritage Centre Newsletter October 2020.

<https://www.alumni.lancs.ac.uk/emailviewonwebpage.aspx?erid=7020844&trid=d0dbd6bd-3134-475f-88ca-18f2c18de8dd> Including the Answer to 'How many Hills in the Lake District?'

National Archives latest news (and jigsaw)

https://clicks.econnectmail.com/view_online/view_online.php?token2= hGJHeY3rr8VpimMn1NDtPcL_SqMG0ZjmX0HUSNWgvsBv_iwHux5IwV3SeZ2YuYneyimkS9aqnypjn3we9KY-w..

A Zoom talk on Derbyshire Monastic Granges

Tuesday 10th November 2020 7:30 pm

Sue Woore Derbyshire Monastic Granges

Sue has always had an interest in Landscape History. She has often worked in collaboration with Mary Wiltshire and others to research and produce publications relating to Derbyshire, (Medieval Parks of Derbyshire, Duffield Frith, A Catalogue of Local Maps of Derbyshire c.1528-1800).

This talk is based on their book, 'Monastic Granges of Derbyshire' and aims to give a snapshot of the medieval granges established around the county by various religious houses.

This lecture will be presented by Zoom. You can join the meeting from 7:00 pm and the speaker will start at 7:30 p.m. Those interested in attending should email the Society at

ashheritagesoc@gmail.com. The Society will email out the Zoom link to them a few days before the meeting.

The Danny

Lifeline funding has been awarded to 'The Danny' project - restoring and preserving 'The Daniel Adamson' steamship.

The Danny, a 1903 steamship, listed as 15th on the register of National Historic Ships has received funding to the value of £151,000 which will mean the 20 year volunteer-led project will be able to continue after facing a year of cancelled leisure cruises which provided much-needed income for the project and its ambitions to support the communities it comes into contact with. <https://www.thedanny.co.uk/full-history>

Remembering: The Rustige family in WW1.

George Rustige came from a large family in Altrincham. In 1901 they lived at Burgess Place off New Street. George was then age 12 and had seven siblings. His father Thomas was a 'Slater's Labourer' and his mother came from Scotland. George went to Seamon's Moss School and attended St Margaret's Church. By 1911 the Rustiges were at 73 New Street and George aged 22 was a Gardener (Domestic) i.e. not a market gardener, employed by Mr Jesse Haworth of Woodside, Bowdon. In 1915 he married Emily Heywood.

George joined the 8th Battalion South Lancs Regiment, his younger brother Fred joined the Royal Irish Rifles and was killed in June 1916 in France. His eldest brother David served with the Canadians and was awarded the Military Medal, and brother Ernest also served.

George was wounded in both legs and one leg had to be amputated. He died on 7th November 1916. The *Altrincham Guardian* reported that he died at Wharncliffe Hospital Sheffield from wounds received on 2nd July 1916 (just before the Somme offensive). His death was registered in Wortley in the West Riding aged 27. The *Guardian Yearbook* Roll of Honour stated that he lived at Oak Cottage, Wellfield Lane, Timperley, and he is listed there in the Slater's Directory for 1916. [Second on the right after Branksome]

His widow Emily married James Whittle in 1920 and they lived at 52 Stamford Park Road.

George is buried at Christ Church Timperley and his grave marked with a War Graves headstone.

With acknowledgement to George Cogswell for details from Trafford War Dead.

HOUSES

WW2 Agents in Bowdon

Through the Society website, myself and our secretary get occasional queries. A fairly recent request for information has wound up with me getting a credit in a new book by Bernard O'Connor about a WW2 agent called 'Kurt Konig'. He was a German and got himself to England, where he was trained including parachute training at Ringway. During his short stay he was housed away from other agents in training who were staying at Dunham House on Charcoal Road. Bernard found reference to a house called 'Tulloch' on West Road, Bowdon. He was enquiring if there was a photograph of the house. I couldn't locate an old one, but a look in the 1942 Kelly's Directory followed by a showery walk round Bowdon, found the house and my photo appears in his book.

PS Has anyone come across a house called (probably) 'Westerwald' or a family called Klug in the 1910s, possibly in Timperley?

YOUR HOME

What do you know about the history of your dwelling? For some it will be a recent construction, was the site occupied before, and by what? For others there may be more history attached, with more occupiers and possibly a change of use from business or commercial premises.

Have you got house deeds? If so, have you actually looked at them from a history point of view. How much information will you find? My previous house was an 1880s terrace - but because it had changed hands in recent years, all that I got was the Land Registry paperwork of two or three pages.

With my current house I inherited a bulky file of old paperwork back beyond 1922 when it was built, with the 'Abstract of Title' quoting the ownership from the Brooks family, with mention of wills, sale of land, and plans showing ownership of neighbouring land. Also there are restrictive covenants - I can't run a blacksmith's or anything equally smelly! What will you find?

My house has the name 'Dalwhinnie' on the gatepost, I wonder where that came from. (By the way it's a distillery in the Lowlands - cheers !)

Keep well, keep warm, keep in touch.

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