



ALTRINCHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

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Hello everyone,

Looking forward to our **13th December meeting, the Christmas Party**, we will keep the cost the same as last year, with the same arrangements. We will have a simple buffet, cutting out anything that involves a lot of serving, but including snacks, wine and soft drinks, and the usual quizzes. We will have a raffle, but please don't bring in raffle prizes, we will provide a smaller number of prizes. To save a lot of money handling, one strip of raffle tickets will be included in the cost of the evening.

The cost will be **£5.00** each - pay on the night, and please **bring exact money** or a cheque. If you have not already put your name down, **please book in with our secretary Eleanor.**

Email: eleanor.rogers5@btinternet.com or phone 973 0829. (If you need Gluten-free please tell us.)

'Handling the Mediaeval Past' Pottery Day - **Sat. 12th November** at Altrincham Town Hall, 9.30am - 3pm. South Trafford Archaeology Group (STAG) are holding a one day seminar on Mediaeval Pottery, with finds from local sites including Timperley Old Hall. Followed by a guided walking tour of Mediaeval Altrincham and its buildings. Cost is £15 including Tea /Coffee. You can book by email: stag.archaeology@outlook.com

STAG - meeting on Friday 25 November is the AGM followed by Mike Nevell talking on 'Looking for the Great Keep at Hoghton Tower, Lancashire'. 7.30pm at the STAG HQ behind the Old Hall Hotel.

Walton Park Aircrash Memorial - Recent event saw the unveiling of a memorial at Walton Park, Sale. Watch a video of the dedication of the memorial, delayed from September because of the death of the Queen. All due to hard work on the part of George Cogswell.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hjy0uqkTNmk>

'The Daniel Adamson: the oldest Mersey steam tug'. Following our talk on The Danny, I found a video which shows some additional information, and views from a kayak. 14 minutes long, produced by 'Bee Here Now'. (He does some interesting local pieces.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSTCbRYaouE>

Mersey Navigation - a short video (7 minutes) of various 'cuts', recommended by a member.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjOuoRufK9I>

The presenter, Kieran, puts together a good balanced professional video. At the start of the series he is looking at the parts of the Mersey navigation which were left abandoned when the Ship Canal was constructed. They are a mixture of history and the environment. He takes you on a bike ride along some of the lost sections which will save lots of us pedalling the routes ourselves. In later videos he looks at the Sankey Canal (England's first true canal) and the Warrington transporter bridge. To find more of them just do a Google search for bimbism or bimb along with YouTube.

More Canal Industrial archaeology on YouTube - a 10 minutes video by Paul Whitewick, about a waterwheel from 1780 built to pump water from the R. Arun into the Wey and Arun canal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEc925r6Kng>

On a different scale - 'The Wreck of the schooner 'Wyoming', the largest wooden ship in history'. A short video (14 minutes). I started watching to see what the presentation was like and found it very interesting - schooners still working into the 1920s.

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

Our Roads - English Heritage Blog - Brief but interesting.

<https://heritagecalling.com/2015/10/14/a-brief-introduction-to-ancient-paths-and-highways/>

Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society has been going for a long time. The first volume of the Transactions was published in 1884. This volume and others over 100 years old can be read online - check the website and go to Transactions. <http://landcas.org.uk/index.html>

Great source for photos

The Geograph Britain and Ireland project aims to collect geographically representative photographs and information for every square kilometre. Lots of layers of maps and thousands of photos of places, but not all places covered yet. <https://www.geograph.org.uk> (use maps from left menu)

Local History in The National Archives

Archives of any kind are probably the best place to conduct local history research and The National Archives is no exception. It has a huge collection of documents along with other resources such as maps, photographs and plans. It also houses an open access library which has potential for all kinds of research including local history. Local history, like all history, allows for various approaches and there are many ways into the subject and many sources to use. One possible approach can be to use rarer, lesser-used items, in conjunction with more traditional resources. The library certainly has a lot of more orthodox tools, such as runs of the Victoria County Histories, sets of Local History society volumes and runs of useful journals. Over the years, many titles have been acquired and in some cases donated to the library. Some of these works are rare and in some cases they are unique. This is often the case for works produced by the person who donated them.

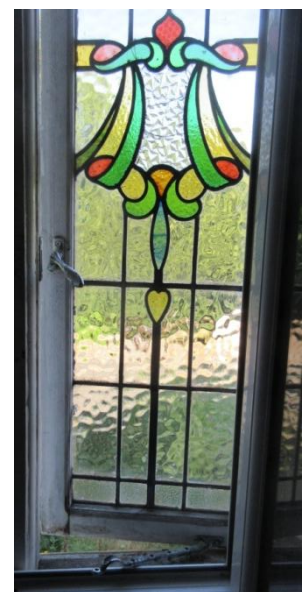
These titles have often been put together with great care and passion, labours of love. While these titles are not necessarily academic in nature they often use local sources – many written, some verbal, some in the form of images. Many of them contain photographs, drawings and other illustrations which may often be hard to find elsewhere, and might well be unique. There's a blog introducing some of these items, here's the link -

https://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/local-history-in-the-national-archives-library/?utm_source=emailmarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly_mailer_03_mar_22&utm_content=2022-03-08



Have you got stained/ leaded glass? How about taking a photo?

Here are a few local examples.



(One is currently away being encapsulated in double glazing, back soon I hope).

See you soon, Hazel