



ALTRINCHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

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A Happy New Year to you, a bit belated but with the answers to the Christmas Quiz, at the end.

On my exercise walks recently, it struck me that some of the flooding locations matched up with old ponds or streams/ditches that appear on the Tithe maps. <https://maps.cheshireeast.gov.uk/tithemaps/> Especially obvious is the flooding at the bottom of Delaheys Road where the water comes from the fields on the right, gathers in a pool and then overflows onto the road. On the Tithe map it looks like a small stream/ditch is marked running along the Timperley/Hale boundary (at the back of Clarke Crescent) which continues across the road, along the back of houses in Kenmore Drive and in line with a stream at the allotments by the football ground. At some point, that route was blocked, possibly when Thorley Lane extension was constructed back in the 1970s?

There was bad flooding on Ridgeway Rd Timperley near Manor Farm, and guess what - the Tithe map shows a large pond along the side of the road right there. And there are more examples in Timperley. Does this apply where you live?

Here are some links to local publications of interest. As yet you can only link to individual items not to the website as a whole:

<https://www.altrinchamheritage.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Diocese-of-Chester-Centenary-1849-1949-Timperley-Parish-Church-1949.pdf>

<https://www.altrinchamheritage.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Coronation-of-King-Edward-VII-Altrincham-Bowdon-Dunham-and-Hale-Programme-1902.pdf>

<https://www.altrinchamheritage.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Deacon%E2%80%99s-Court-Guide-1886-extract-listing-Altrincham-with-Bowdon-and-Neighbours.pdf>

Old buildings in Altrincham's Old Market Place

Dr Mike Nevell has written up a building survey report on numbers 8 -12 Old Market Place, after I spotted the cruck-frame timbers. The full report has been sent out to STAG members. A summary version of the report is available on the STAG website -

https://stagarchaeologymanchester.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/stag2020_nos8to10_omp_summary.pdf

More archaeology: See the refreshed Information boards for Timperley Old Hall Moated Garden

<https://diggreatermanchester.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/timperley-moat-panel-1.jpg>

Report on Wythenshawe Hall ice house dig 2007

<https://diggreatermanchester.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/ice-house-lecturn-a1.pdf>

Greater M'cr Archaeology Federation - <https://diggreatermanchester.wordpress.com> The link doesn't work directly but copy the link into your search engine. There are podcasts and videos, and previous Newsletters online. And for more about the Mayfield dig -

Mayfield Bath house, excavations behind Piccadilly Station. From *The Guardian*.

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2021/jan/10/victorian-mayfield-bathhouse-uncovered-archaeologist-beneath-manchester-car-park>

Other images can be found here. <https://www.bathsandwashhouses.co.uk/archive/your-local-buildings/manchester/manchester-mayfield-baths/#comment-506304>

Now available on YouTube - **The Bridgewater Canal:**

Digging up Britain's Past - Industrial Revolution - Bridgewater (S02E04). 45 minutes long, with Mike Nevell and I'm sure I spotted a few members of STAG. (Keep going through the introduction).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4dHHH0btg8>

Little known crash site

Walton Park Bomber crash WW2. 9 minute video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0khI-5bt-Y8TGc1qwrYQW0nCbDvfx-tfwrIIqt0Fi4pKN6SbaUAwyBM2I&v=BcxKXfSX-_o&feature=youtu.be

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https://clicks.econnectmail.com/view_online/view_online.php?token2= hGJHeY3rr8VpimMn1NDtPcL Sq MG0ZjmX0HUSNWgvuqrjhBuIEkE9Z9d8j9MBnEAOftOpBugzLOGXwvymVLpQ..

Including Top Level Tips webinars - 30 minutes, covering WW1 Army Records, Local history, Using Discovery, the online catalogue.

More from The National Archives -including an online exhibition of love letters.

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Altrincham's Christmas Bombing 1940 - a short article from Altrincham Today

<https://altrincham.todaynews.co.uk/2020/12/22/news/nostalgia/eighty-years-ago-this-christmas-german-bombs-brought-death-and-destruction-to-altrincham/>

Remember taking photos on film? Here's an interesting video about the Ilford factory at Mobberley.

<https://www.dpreview.com/news/6493520603/video-a-behind-the-scenes-look-at-the-ilford-film-factory-in-england>

I get asked about all sorts of things, including **The Altringham Carrot**. The who asked knew a lot more than me, he runs the international Carrot Museum.

<http://www.carrotmuseum.co.uk/altringham.html>

The Altringham Carrot is a long and thin carrot, about fourteen inches in length and two inches in diameter. It has slender bright-red roots, the top of which grows above the for about two inches, and usually remains green, which is why the variety is sometimes Green Topped carrot. Some were said to grow a yard long.

The first official records date back to 1842, when it was listed in Carter's Catalogue Now I need a Turnip Museum to find out about the 'Altringham Yellow Turnip' supplied in an invoice dated 1861 by Dicksons of Edinburgh.

Friends of Bowdon Churchyard group now has a database to search for graves surname.

<https://friendsofbowdonchurchyard.org.uk/> Scroll down to the bottom.

But unfortunately it doesn't give the location of graves. Check the website also 'Grave Tales' histories of some of the people buried there. There's a Facebook page also.



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Denzell Gardens and The Devisdale website cheers you up with good pictures of the gardens & wildlife and the history of Denzell. Worth a look if you can't take a walk there.

<http://www.friendsofdenzellanddevisdale.com/>

Elizabeth Gaskell House has online talks, booking needed.

Check the website for details. <https://elizabethgaskellhouse.co.uk/>

UK Government Records

Did you know that **Cabinet Papers** only date from 1916? All Cabinet Minutes and Memoranda up to 1990 have been digitised and are available to search and download at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/cabinetpapers

'Telling Our Story'

The Royal British Legion will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2021 and local history society members are invited to help with an exciting local history project, 'Telling Our Story'.

Having been a membership-based organisation since its creation, the local branches are the stalwarts of the Legion's history. These branches are filled with members and volunteers who have raised money and supported their local communities since 1921 and continue to do so today.

We want to know how all these wonderful people came to be involved with the Legion, what they do for the organisation, their highlights, their heart-warming stories, and see their photos and memorabilia that showcase their amazing work.

We hope that members of local history societies can help the Legion to piece these stories together. They will be compiled into a digital library to celebrate all that these people have done and allow their stories to be known for another 100 years. Some will be inspirational stories of individuals or momentous occasions but equally we want to hear the everyday stories of work done by members, fundraisers, staff and volunteers for the Legion day in and day out.

How can you get involved? This project focuses on what these individuals, branches and teams have contributed to their communities as part of the Legion. We therefore ask you to put your research and story-telling skills to good use to uncover these people's stories and help to put them down into a structured format, or even a video / audio file, so that they may be appreciated and never forgotten.

It could be a big story of amazing achievement and long-service, or a short, simple story of good times as a part of the Legion.

For many members, volunteers and fundraisers their stories span years, if not decades, so telling their story may be daunting to them. They may not know where to begin nor think that their stories are relevant. We want to make one thing very clear - each submission is relevant.

If you would like to get involved, please email us at tellingourstory@britishlegion.org.uk. Please also use this email address to send your submissions.

More Archaeology

Please see below link to a WEA course that Dr Mike Nevell is running on-line. This is only a 2 hour session and a good introduction whether you have been to Park Bridge before or not.

Industrial Archaeology Seminar: Tameside's Park Bridge Ironworks Ref: C3845466 – 23 February 2021

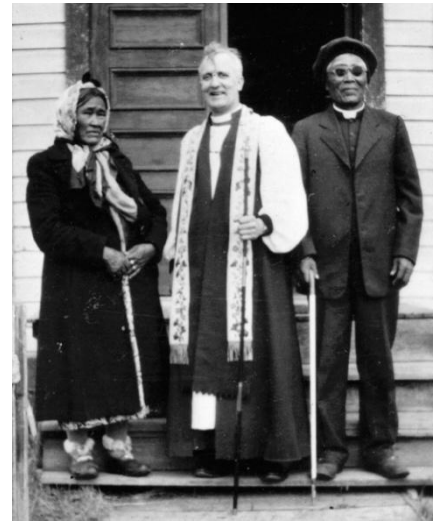
<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2020/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3845466>

WW2 Memories Thank you to everyone who has sent in their memories, or documents, from WW2. The volume is now being indexed by Jill Groves, and should be available fairly soon. We already have some 'overflow', so don't feel you are too late to contribute to a second volume. Even very short memories can add a flavour to the story.

Local connection to the Yukon, Canada.

During a recent church zoom session, a friend mentioned she was baptized by the Bishop of the Yukon. We wondered what was he doing at St Peter's Church, Hale in the 1940s. Further information came from another church member with his name - Tom Greenwood - and a Wikipedia reference.

He was born in Yorkshire in 1903, and grew up in the Church of England. He joined the Church Army, travelling round England holding missions, then in 1926 was asked to go to the USA. He travelled in the southern states and New England for four summers. He studied for the priesthood and was sponsored by the Bishop of the Arctic to continue at Trinity College Toronto, and was ordained in 1934. From then he was in the Arctic, then Minnesota, and returned to England in 1937 as curate at Harrow, then in 1939 he went vicar to St Peter's Hale until 1946. Then he returned to Canada, and was Bishop of the Yukon from 1952-61. He then came back to Cheshire for 4 years and was Assistant Bishop of Chester - assisting with confirmations. He returned to Canada in 1965 to Kamloops, BC, retired in 1969, and died in 1974 while travelling to a Church Army meeting in Toronto. Members of the St Peter's congregation are still in touch with his family.



XMAS QUIZ ANSWERS

Questions: (sorry I forgot to number them)

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| 1. Jacob Marley | 15 Dog |
| 2 Anne of Cleves | 16 Runnymede (nr Windsor) |
| 3 Work | 17 Brussels Sprout. or Cabbage |
| 4 Red Rum | 18 Old Kent Road |
| 5 Portuguese | 19 Robinson Crusoe |
| 6 Newcastle United | 20 Holiday Inn |
| 7 New Scotland Yard | 21 John Wayne |
| 8 Romeo. At first Juliet appeared to be dead, but at that stage she had drugged herself. | 22 Judy Garland |
| 9 The Tawe. Welsh name for Swansea is Abertawe. | 23 Fred Astaire |
| 10 1958 | 24 Richard Burton |
| 11 Michael Collins | 25 Eric Morecambe |
| 12 Mistletoe | 26 Pelé |
| 13 Handel's <i>Messiah</i> | 27 Lulu |
| 14 On your head. A slouch is a type of hat. | 28 Michael Caine |
| | 29 Freddie Mercury |
| | 30 Sting |

How did you get on? I hope the quizzes weren't too hard. Many thanks to Sue for the questions. You can blame me for the Photos- - answers on a separate page.

The Future: There is still no news about resuming meetings of the society, although perhaps we can start planning and booking speakers for this autumn, maybe, fingers crossed, and God willing.

It's been said before, but we are living through history. Are you keeping a diary, or writing down random thoughts? Here's one of mine from mid March 2020, just as we cancelled choir rehearsals for our Palm Sunday music: "The primroses are out, narcissi looking good. The world is still doing it's stuff. The human race is under threat, but still it's a lovely day". So now - next door's Mimosa tree has started showing its yellow flowers, the robin's singing and there are long-tailed tits in my apple tree and a wren in the border.

Best wishes, keep warm, hope to see you again soon.