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## SAVING A CENTURY

A photographic exhibition celebrating  
the work of the **Victorian Society**

3 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

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USING ARCHIVE PHOTOGRAPHS AND MATERIAL

from over fifty years of the Victorian Society's fight to save historic buildings,  
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that has done so much to change public attitudes towards 19th century architecture.

The Victorian Society is the national charity (no.1081435) campaigning  
for the Victorian and Edwardian historic environment.

Tel. 020 8994 1019 or go to [www.victoriansociety.org.uk](http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk)

The exhibition is supported by Listed Property Services, Shaws Terracotta and J & J W Longbottom Ltd

# The Ranulf Higden Society

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*Villatae infra forestam de Wyrhale: Townships within the forest of Wirral.*

## LEARNING TO READ OLD DOCUMENTS

A COURSE OF 8 CLASSES is on offer.

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Beginners are especially welcome.

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total cost only £40)

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of the Society AND of the Medieval Documents Research Group.

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**WIGAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY** reported in its June Newsletter:

1. good progress was being made in their project of uncovering more of the evidence for the Wigan Coal and Iron works.
2. The invitation to view the interior of **Kirkless Hall** had been greatly appreciated. The building has a C1663 datestone but its cruck frame construction would seem to date it to C14 or C15. Restoration had exposed two cruck frames but it is thought there were possibly five in total. One cruck bears interesting carvings on its upper sections.

## New rate of subscription for Joint Membership

At the AGM held on 27 June at Burscough Arts Centre it was agreed that there should now be a different subscription rate of £8 for Joint Membership of the Federation. This will be available from the next subscription renewal in **January 2016**. From then, therefore, there will be **three** types of membership: Individual; Joint; and Society, reflecting the widening scope of the Federation.

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## The position of Treasurer

In response to our invitation to members, to come to our aid as we are lacking a Treasurer, our member **Mr. Peter Bamford** has kindly said he will act as our Treasurer up to the AGM in 2016, the first opportunity for members to ratify the appointment. Peter, who will be known to many of you, is a very experienced treasurer and we cordially welcome him to our team.

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## Handing over

It is with regret that the Federation has accepted the resignation of Nancy Hollings as its Hon. Treasurer. Nancy has not been well for some time, yet was determined to fulfil her commitment to us. However, she has found it increasingly difficult to do this. We thank her for her efforts on our behalf and wish her well for the future. A fuller appreciation will appear in the next issue.

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## Searching for a speaker?

Bob Dobson urges members in such a situation not to forget that LLHF offers a **List of Speakers**, with topic and contact details, as one of its **services to its members**. Bob keeps the list updated for us. You can acquire a copy of it direct from Bob at: [landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk)  
Bob is always happy to hear from members who would like to have speakers' names added to the list.

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## EARBY & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

*The Communities who said no -*

*new thoughts on war resisters during WW1*

A talk by Cyril Pearce

September 15th at 7.30pm

New Road Community Centre, Earby

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## CUMBRIA VERNACULAR BUILDINGS GROUP

**Cartmel Fell** Village Hall: Saturday 12th September.

Third Annual General Meeting.

Coffee 10.30am, meeting 11am to 12 noon. Buffet lunch and afternoon tour of local buildings led by Jennifer Forsyth. Cost £9.

To join CVBG, visit website [www.cvbg.co.uk](http://www.cvbg.co.uk)

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## COMMUNITY DIG: Samuel Oldknow's Mill at Mellor (nr. Marple)

August 24th-28th and 31st-Sept.4th 9am- 4pm each day FREE. Suitable for 16+ ( and ages 12 -15 with supervision) CONTACT: Fiona Turpin (Project Officer, *Revealing Oldknow's Legacy in Marple* )

07880 476085 OR 01942 405 729

## REMEMBERING MONA

### *A Day School in memory of Dr. Mona Duggan*

On Saturday 27 June some 50 or so members and friends gathered at Burscough Wharf Arts Centre for this event, mainly organised by Zoe Lawson and Diana Winterbotham, to celebrate the life and work of Mona, who was a former President of the Federation. We were very pleased to welcome Mona's children, Ross and Janet, to the meeting. In some preliminary words, Ross said that, along with his sister, 'he was very moved by the decision to name today's conference in memory of their mother. It was not only interest in the subject which Mona gained from local history. Her early education had been curtailed by the lack of family ambition commonly suffered by girls of her generation. Local history was her opportunity to return to education in her mature years and find fulfilment. The result was that he had the remarkable experience of attending his own mother's graduation ceremonies both for her first degree with the OU and her PhD at Lancaster'.

The day was structured around Mona as a person and as an academic. The formal proceedings began with an address by Professor Michael Mullett, who explained that he had become Mona's supervisor when John Walton left Lancaster. In 'Mona Duggan and urban history: an appreciation', he paid tribute to the meticulous research which Mona carried out, and to the exemplary way in which draft after draft of each chapter was presented. Turning doctoral theses into a published book is not as easy as it would appear, and he took a well-deserved swipe at those publishers who charged exorbitant prices for the finished product, while at the same time praising other publishers who appreciated their clientele and charged more reasonable prices. Professor Mullett's wide-ranging survey of Mona's interests and publications – he also provided a useful bibliography of her output, with some of the main books relative to her chosen field of urban history and the place and rise of the small/medium market town – was well received and struck just the right note between objective critical appraisal and what I think he called 'soppy' self-indulgence (or words to that effect), the whole being delivered in an entertaining manner.

One of Mona's latter interests was the sugar trade, and this was explored in some detail by Melinda Elder (also from Lancaster University) in 'The marriage of sugar and slavery: exploring Lancaster's involvement'. Through an excellent series of coloured prints we saw how the port of Lancaster adapted to the increasing number of ships both built in and using the port and its facilities to discharge their cargoes, much use being made of information (reports and advertisements) derived from the local press, and other illustrations which graphically illustrated the conditions under which the sugar was grown in the colonies. How many families in modern-day Lancaster (and elsewhere), Melinda wondered, were formerly engaged in, or associated with, this trade. This is how, I reflected, the Gregs of Styal derived their money.

Following an excellent buffet lunch, our LLHF Chairman, Julia Beeden, conducted the Annual General Meeting. There was general satisfaction at the way the Federation operated, and some members appreciated the work put in by the officers, and other members, to arrange events such as the day's meeting; but when it came to filling the vacant post of Hon. Treasurer, they were somewhat more reluctant, and this important post remained unfilled. This is a serious matter, as no organisation can legally operate without such an officer, and Julia pleaded with members to give this matter due consideration.

As WW1 began, the British Army found itself with some 25,000 horses and mules, used for such varied tasks as forming Cavalry Units and for transport. The Army had five Remount Depots and four Remount Companies, with a combined strength of around 1,200 animals. The Remount Service was responsible for the provisioning of these horses and mules, and for their distribution to other army units. 'Lathom's war horses: life and death at the Lathom Park First World War Remount Depot' was an account by archaeologist Nigel Neil of one of these depots situated not far from where we were meeting, but I suspect that not many in the audience knew anything about it. Nigel gave an insight into the workings of

the Depot – it even has a ‘lost’ railway connection – and he drew attention to the very informative website, which anyone wanting to know more about this topic should have a look at –

[www.lbmhs.co.uk/remount-history](http://www.lbmhs.co.uk/remount-history).

This altogether interesting and enjoyable Day School concluded with ‘A view from the sea’ by David Brazendale. David is a retired history lecturer from Liverpool University and has a special interest in C18 Liverpool pottery. The ‘view’ in his title is of Crosby in the early eighteenth century as viewed from the sea; unfortunately the original Crosby Plaque, which dated from 1716, was destroyed many years ago, but not before a photograph of it was taken, and this formed the basis of David’s talk. It shows the original coast road from Liverpool to Preston passing along the beach; in the fields cows and sheep can be seen, possibly with a cow being milked, and some of the buildings shown can be identified from other sources. The talk was a fascinating account of how the accuracy of such early views can be verified, or not, from a study of contemporary, or near-contemporary, maps.

In the course of the Day School we were given a rounded portrait of Mona both as a person and as a historian. She may have now departed but her influence will continue to be felt for many years to come. In a message to the writer, Ross said that ‘attending it was a very touching and interesting experience’.

Morris Garratt  
President, LLHF

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South Ribble Museum & Exhibition Centre, The Old Grammar School,  
Church Road, LEYLAND. PR25 3FJ. Telephone: Preston 422041

**Events: Summer 2015**

Sat. Aug 22nd: 11am. Film of the excavations within Penwortham Parish Church.  
Thurs. Aug 27th: 2pm. Local history walk. 3 Miles. Led by David Hunt.  
‘The ffaringtons of Worden’.

**CLOSES August 29: Exhibition** The spade speaks ...of Roman, Viking and Norman discoveries in South Ribble. Our exhibition includes the finds from Ernest Pickering’s Roman excavations at Walton-le-Dale; Charles Hardwick’s dig at Penwortham Castle in the 1850s; and (courtesy of the Harris Museum) coins from the Cuerdale Hoard discovered in 1840.

Opening Times: **Tuesday & Friday** 10am to 4pm; **Thursday** 1-4pm; **Saturday** 10-1pm.

Other times by appointment. SEE: [www.southribblemuseum.org.uk](http://www.southribblemuseum.org.uk)

Admission free, but donations welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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**Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society**

**September 30th, 2p.m. :** Visit to St. Augustine's R.C. Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester: tour of the church and the Salford Diocesan Archives. Guide: Father David Lannon.

**Oct./Nov. 2015 - Early Alert:** Day School at Gaskell House, Plymouth Grove, Manchester. Details later.  
Theme: Manchester's Literary Heritage.

(Event in association with The Gaskell Society and Friends of Gaskell House.)

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**TODMORDEN U3A :** mentioned in *Third Age Matters* (Summer 2015) was its formation of a Magna Carta Study Group of 20+ people who made excellent use of the official 800th Anniversary Magna Carta Committee's resource. The Group was commended on the depth and scope of its research; and it was recorded that there is now a Magna Carta page on the Todmorden U3A website: [u3atod.org.uk/u3atod/posts/magna-carta](http://u3atod.org.uk/u3atod/posts/magna-carta)

## VISIT TO CLAYTON HALL

On Saturday, May 9th, 2015 twenty one members of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society visited Clayton Hall on the Manchester/Droylsden border on an excursion arranged by the President, Morris Garratt. This included lunch and a special guided tour by the enthusiastic volunteers at the Hall.

Clayton Hall is a rare example of a moated medieval site and the Hall stands on a raised platform which is a scheduled Ancient Monument. The current building is in two sections.

The older Tudor building was owned by Humphrey Chetham, the founder of Chetham's School and Library, from 1620 and it remained in the family (through Humphrey's brother's children) until bought by Manchester Corporation in 1897. At present this part of the building is not open to the public as it was, until recently, rented out to a local family, but the Friends have just acquired access to it and hope to extend into it in the future.

The other section of the building dates from C18 and is managed by the Friends of Clayton Park and presented as a Victorian home. It includes a 'Clayton memories' room and visitors are free to handle items in the house. The Friends use it as an educational facility for schools and groups and it is open to the public on alternate Saturdays in the summer. The hard work of the volunteers who maintain the building and its garden and deal with group visits was evident throughout. Local residents saved the building from the threat of demolition in the 1970s and the Friends group raised funds to open it as a museum in 2009.

The visit was enjoyed by all and many hope to return to see the older section of the building when it opens in the future.

Alice Lock



## ROUND AND ABOUT

The information in the following items has been taken by me  
**FROM A SELECTION OF OUR MEMBERS' OWN WEBSITES**  
as listed on the website of our own Lancashire Local History Federation, managed by Committee Member  
Stephen Benson. The photos have been selected by me from members' and Wikipedia views. M.E.

### QUICK OFF THE MARK!

*Picked at random* - from those who have September fixtures lined up.....

#### Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire

Sept. 16th Lost Castles and the Barons of Newton Hall, Newton-le-Willows  
Speaker: Mark Adams  
2.30pm at the Museum of Liverpool (first floor).

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#### Halliwell Local History Society



Sept. 29th Blackpool: fresh air and fun  
Speaker: John Doughty  
7.30pm at St.Luke's, Chorley Old Road. BL1 3BE

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#### Poulton-le-Fylde Historical and Civic Society

Sept. 11th The Duchy of Lancaster  
Speaker: Sue Seddon  
2pm at the Fylde Methodist Church Hall, Queensway, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7ST

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#### North Meols (Southport) Family History Society

Sept. 2nd Marshside Fishermen and their families  
Speaker: Gladys Armstrong  
7.30pm at the Methodist Church, Marshside Road.

This interesting image was taken from the Society's own photo gallery and shows Sarah 'Dabber' Sumner, who was a 'hawker of fish'. She lived with her husband and family in Threlfalls Lane.



The image was presented to the Society by John Sumner, great grandson of Sarah Sumner.

## Ramsbottom Heritage Society

Sept. 16th 3D Photography, Past and Present

(A brief history of Stereoscopic (3D) imaging, supported by shows of local and general interest over 100 years)

Speaker: Barry Aldous

7.30pm at The Civic Hall, Ramsbottom.

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## Burnley Historical Society



Sept. 10th Oliver Cromwell's Northern Journey

Speaker: Nick Burton

7.15pm at The New Church, Briercliffe Road, Burnley.

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## Preston Historical Society

Sept. 7th 'Historic Preston: 'Now you see it.....'

Speaker: Stephen Sartin

7.15pm at The Minster, Preston.

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## Mourholme Local History Society

Sept. 23rd Early Maps and Mapping

Speaker: Dr. Ian Saunders

7.30pm at the Village Hall, Yealand.

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## Pendle Forest History Group

Sept. 16th Houses and Halls of the Colne area

Speaker: Gill Pengelly

7.30pm at the Village Hall, Barley.

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## Horwich Heritage

SEPT. 12th OPEN DAY: FAMILY HISTORY/HERITAGE WEEKEND

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The Group also holds **regular monthly meetings** at the Horwich Resource Centre (off Longworth Road), Horwich: 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of every month. The Centre, which offers free parking and access for the disabled, is the home of Horwich Heritage and offers a permanent exhibition.



## THE RANULF HIGDEN SOCIETY

*After our Day School at Haigh Hall, it emerged that people in the audience had mentioned to Committee members how interesting they had found the day, especially the presentation given by two members of the Ranulf Higden Society about their work on medieval documents and the resulting information they had compiled. I approached Diana Winterbotham concerning a contact with someone who might write an article about the RHS for this edition of Newsletter and was delighted when Diana herself undertook the task. Her article follows. M.E.*

Ranulf Higden entered the Abbey of Saint Werburgh, Chester, in 1299 to become a monk. He in due course wrote a popular world history (in Latin, of course!) called the Polychronicon. In 1992, when a group of people interested in medieval and early modern history, and especially in old documents linked with those periods, decided to form a Society, it seemed highly appropriate that the Society should be named after Ranulf Higden. That Society had grown out of a 3-year class run at Liverpool University Department of Further Education (alas no longer in existence) by Paul Booth and John Harrop. The class was so enthusiastic that it refused to disband at the end of the three-year course, and evolved into the R.H.S. (Both Paul and John are still members).

R.H.S. members are by no means unapproachable academics. Many are local historians who joined because *they wanted to be able to read Latin documents relating to the towns and villages in which they were interested*. Often they had not done Latin at school; some had done a little Latin at school but had mostly forgotten it. (Do you recognise yourself here?). The R.H.S. could help. It still can.

Within the Society there is a very active group, the Medieval Documents Research Group, which meets once a month, from September to May, at the Sydney Jones Library in the University of Liverpool, in order to transcribe and translate medieval Latin documents. Meetings last from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a relaxing break for lunch, and members work in small groups, or occasionally alone, on documents of their own choosing. Members help each other, and there are always expert members to help those who are less experienced.

In addition to the monthly meetings, the society runs three full-day Saturday meetings a year; these have a visiting speaker, the venues moving between Liverpool, Keele and Manchester.

**The society's latest venture is to run a course on reading and transcribing Latin documents – beginners will be welcome.**

If you are interested in joining **the course** (see fuller details elsewhere in this Newsletter) or the **Society as a whole** you will find an enthusiastic and friendly group of people, who will make you welcome either to work on your own project or to join an existing group already working on a document.

Contact: The Honorary Secretary (Prue Vipond), Ranulf Higden Society,  
at Southerton, Hazler Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 7AQ

or e-mail [peterandpruevipond@gmail.com](mailto:peterandpruevipond@gmail.com).

Diana Winterbotham

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## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE RANULF HIGDEN SOCIETY

The Society has an excellent reputation for publishing and there follow some interesting items reflecting work in progress, going through the press, and already published. I am indebted to members of the Society for this up-date. (Ed.)

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\* Paul Booth reports: In 1991, on a trip I was making to various record offices, I found, most unexpectedly, in the Nottinghamshire Record Office, the roll of estate accounts of Henry Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, 1277-78. They include accounts not only of the Earl's vaccaries in North-east Lancashire, but also of his estates elsewhere in England, all of which later became incorporated into the Duchy of Lancaster. The account roll appears to have been in Nottingham because it is in the collection of the Foljambe family, members of which were Duchy officials. The accounts were transferred to Nottingham University Library's Special Collections department for photographing, and since then have been transcribed and translated by Eric Foster of Oldham. They will be published by the Ranulf Higden Society later this year:

"Estate accounts of Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, for 1277-1278". Edited by Eric Foster.

\*Diana Winterbotham reports: published, still in the press, or expected by the end of 2015, are: *Crown pleas of the Lancashire Eyre, 1292*, edited by Margaret Lynch; published by the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, July 2015.

*The Cheshire Forest Eyre (1353)*, for Wirral; to be launched on September 26th by the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire;

*The Lancashire poll taxes of 1379 and 1381*; to be published in September by the Ranulf Higden Society.

Other, already published, projects include *The Legh of Lyme Survey, 1466* (publ. by the Ranulf Higden Society) and *Life, love and death in North-East Lancashire 1510 to 1537:...the Act Book of the Ecclesiastical Court of Whalley* (publ. by the Chetham Society).

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### A Talk in Cartmel Priory by Dr Alan Crosby

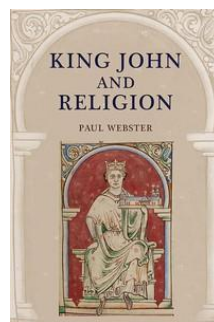
'King John was not a good man' : Understanding Magna Carta on its 800th anniversary.  
Monday, 7th September, 2015, at 7.30pm

A charge of £2.50 will be made at the door and refreshments will be served.  
(The charge does not apply to members of the Cartmel Local History Society)

For further information see:

<http://www.cartmelpriory.org.uk/Whats-Happening/A-Talk-in-The-Priory-by-Dr-Alan-Crosby>

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Dr. Paul Webster, a Teaching Associate in the School of History, Archaeology and Religion at Cardiff University, is the author of a book about King John which appeared in June this year, published by **Boydell and Brewer**: *King John and Religion* .

This extract forms part of the publisher's summary of the book's themes posted on its website:

*'King John has been perceived as one of England's most notorious monarchs. Medieval writers and later historians condemn him as a tyrant, seeing his long-running dispute with the church as evidence of a king who showed little regard for his faith. This book takes issue with orthodox opinion, arguing that in matters of religion, the critique obscures the evidence for a ruler who realized that outward manifestations of faith were an important part of kingship. It demonstrates that John maintained chapels and chaplains, prayed at shrines of the saints, kept his own collection of holy relics, endowed masses, founded and supported religious houses, and fed the poor - providing for his soul and emphasising his aura of authority. In these areas, he ranks alongside many other medieval rulers.'*

# RECENT RESEARCH INTO LANCASHIRE'S ROMAN ROADS: LIDAR DISCOVERIES

## Introduction

Lancashire has an impressive network of Roman roads and yet several routes are either poorly understood or have long stretches where the route is lost. Traditional methods of finding these missing parts, such as field walking and aerial-photography, have just about been exhausted. Fortunately there is a new wonder tool that has just recently become available - namely LIDAR. There is a dispute as to the derivation of the acronym LIDAR but basically it is a combination of light and radar to produce imagery of the ground. In this country its primary purpose has been for flood defence but it has opened a fantastic window of discovery for archaeology. LIDAR imagery is available from the Environment Agency:

<https://www.geomaticsgroup.co.uk/geocms/homepage.aspx>.

The coverage for Lancashire is somewhat patchy, with several gaps, often at critical points, but what is available has proved extremely revealing. The most useful format of the data for our purposes is where the raw height data has been converted into a shaded relief model known as a Digital Terrain Model (DTM). Here vegetation, including trees, is stripped away to reveal apparently bare ground. This is ideal for spotting previously undetected linear features, such as surviving Roman roads.

## Lancashire

So what has been discovered?

**Lancaster to Burrow-with-Burrow:** Solid evidence on the ground for this route has been surprisingly scarce with a variety of suggestions over the years. LIDAR has revealed much of the full route including a very direct and well preserved alignment to Caton.

**Ribchester to Burrow-with Burrow:** The line of this road was thought to be known and secure in its entirety. However, this has turned out not to be the case - at least for the stretch from the Hindburn Valley to the River Greta. A new route here has been revealed around 500 metres further east than shown on OS maps.

**Walton-le-Dale to Lancaster:** LIDAR has not solved everything but at least we now have reasonable certainty in the Garstang area. The key piece of road was spotted several years ago by Peter Iles on an aerial photograph yet, with so many other claims, doubts remained. LIDAR has shown this is almost definitely the route with other traces visible between Barton and Cabus Cross Roads.

**The Danes Pad (west of Kirkham):** The road from Ribchester to Kirkham shows faintly but clearly on the LIDAR imagery but west of Kirkham nothing has been found to support this 'road'. What has been revealed are the remains of the old embankment crossing the Main Dyke but with no extensions in either direction to suggest a road. Did this embankment create a myth?

There are also several minor discoveries but there is not the space to report on them all here - besides the work is still ongoing.

All the new alignments found have been deposited with Peter Iles, Lancashire's Strategic Adviser for Archaeology, for inclusion in the County's Historic Environment Record (HER). For more details of Lancashire's Roman Roads and the latest discoveries, please visit the websites below.

## Websites:

*David Ratledge: Roman Roads in Lancashire:*

<http://www.romanroads.org/gazetteer/lancspages.html>

*Lancashire's Historic Environment Record (HER):*

<http://new.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-andarchives/archives-and-record-office/historicenvironment-record.aspx>

David Ratledge

# LANCASHIRE PLACE NAME SURVEY

## 1. Could you help on a matter of information?

The May 2015 Newsletter of the Lancashire Place Name Survey reported work in progress and carried a most interesting illustration of the tithe map for Bradford, east of Manchester's centre.

The writer concludes with a plea: 'Perhaps someone who knows Bradford could comment?'

This small township was in the 1840s an area of open fields, bounded on one side by the River Medlock. However, the owner began to lease land for development. In due course the Manchester and Ashton under Lyne Canal was cut through it to serve local collieries; and nowadays you find the Manchester Velodrome there.

Intriguingly, a water course shown on the tithe map as entering Bradford from the north west has been assumed to be a spur of the Canal, created to serve the collieries.

If you're interested, and perhaps could contribute to the discussion, go to the LPNS website [www.lpns.org.uk](http://www.lpns.org.uk) and find the Newsletter; study the attractive tithe map; and... 'take it from there!'. There is a useful list of contacts.

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## 2. *Brittonic and Welsh influence in Lancashire: history and place-names*

**EVENT:** ANNUAL LECTURE

**BY?** DR FIONA EDMOND OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

**WHEN?** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2015 (at 7pm approx., i.e. after the AGM)

**WHERE?** LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES, PRESTON

**COST?** A MODEST CHARGE

**COMING?** ALL ARE WELCOME

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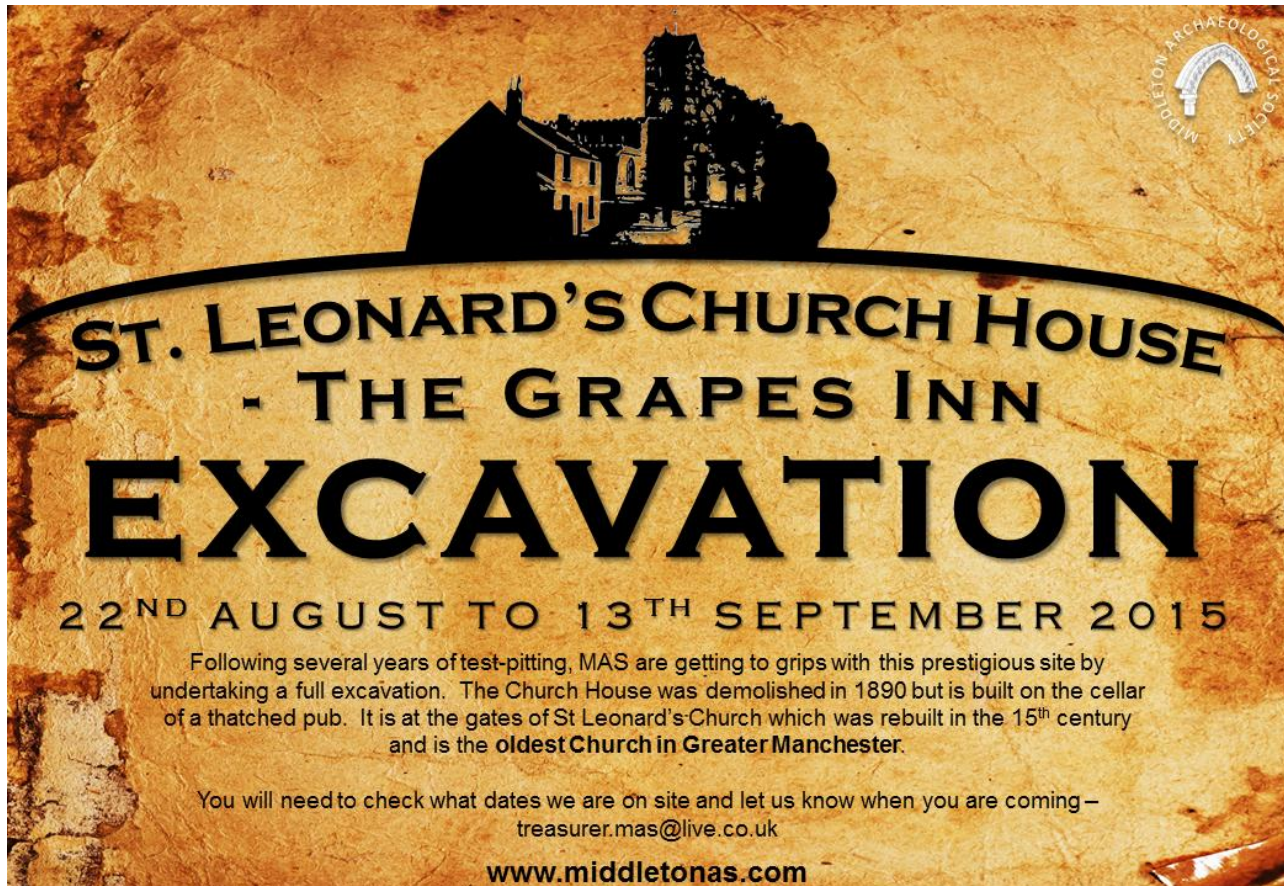
## UCLAN : ARCHAEOLOGY AT RIBCHESTER

During July the University of Central Lancashire has conducted archaeological excavations and more general fieldwork at Ribchester. This is part of the 'Ribchester Revisited' project, which will last for at least three years, and it has been carried out in conjunction with Historic England and Ribchester Museum. It has focused especially on the north gate of the Roman fort, but in due course will include the areas considered to be 'at risk' by Historic England, including the scheduled monument, the churchyard and the existing historic houses. A press release emphasised that evidence of the early medieval settlers who followed the Romans would be of considerable interest, so explorations of the kind represented by this Project, taking in survey work, assessment of any finds and dating of structures, naturally offer the possibility of widening our knowledge of this very important settlement. It was made clear that visitors would be welcome at the museum and the site. The development of the Project can be followed at

<https://www.facebook.com/ribchesterrevisited>

Excavation Opportunity:  
St Leonard's Church House -  
Middleton Archaeology Society

Want to get out in the field and get some experience of excavation? Then why not contact **Middleton Archaeology Society**, who are asking for help excavating St Leonard's Church House between August and September? Please see flyer below for more details.



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**WYRE ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP** The July Newsletter reports on WAG's work on **Hollowforth mill**. The general outline and shape of the mill have now been exposed and two members have made good progress with drawing the plan and elevation of the upstanding features. While the field work has been going on, two members have carried out desk research into water mills in general and Hollowforth mill in particular, visiting the County Archives at Chester Castle, where records of this estate are held. This research is ongoing and the dig seems likely to continue for the foreseeable future. Most of the external and internal walls have now been exposed along with areas of flagged floors and other surfaces of earth. Some of the walls are of three courses of brick in height; most of the external walls appear to be constructed of hand-made bricks and in places are bonded into, presumably, even older stonework. However, some internal walls appear to be built with more modern bricks. It is known that a brick and tile factory was located nearby.

The Newsletter also reports that The Environment Agency has announced that **from 1st September LIDAR data for England will be available as Open Data**, free of charge for both commercial and non-commercial use, via Datashare. The current Geomatics portal will close mid September. M.E.

# 'Traditional Buildings of the North West, and the West Riding of Yorkshire'

## TEN WELL-ILLUSTRATED TALKS BY KEVIN ILLINGWORTH,

on the traditional buildings of 3 historic counties of the North-west, and the West Riding, concentrating mainly on Lancashire (esp. North), Craven, Forest of Bowland, and Westmorland. Talks content will include:

Development of traditional farmhouses; Farm buildings; Building materials, including stone, timber, brick, cobbles, clay, etc.; External features, including regional variation; Internal features;

Information on Groups and societies that visit vernacular buildings

10 Tuesdays starting September 15th, 2015. (7pm - 9pm )

Venue: Clapham Primary School (North Craven) Cost: £50

Contact: 015242 51324

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Monday, 21st September, 2015. 7.30pm

St Helens Historical Society Talk by Mark Olly

Title: Vikings in the North West

Venue: Friends' Meeting House, Church Street, St Helens.

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Friday, 25th September, 2015. 9.30am – 5pm : Council for British Archaeology NW  
Industrial Archaeology Panel Day Conference, at Burnley Mechanics Institute

Title: The Cloth of the World See website: [new.archaeologyuk.org](http://new.archaeologyuk.org)

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Thursday, 15th October, 2015. 9.30am – 5.10pm

Institute of Historic Building Conservation NW Branch **Day Conference**

Title: Homegrown architecture.... Towards a new vernacular

Venue: Friends' Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester. Website: [www.ihbc.org.uk](http://www.ihbc.org.uk)

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Tuesday, 20th October, 2015 7.30pm

Halifax Antiquarian Society Talk by Peter Thornborrow

Title: C17th Oak Furniture and Vernacular Houses of the Pennines

Venue: Calderdale Central Library, Halifax. See website [www.halifaxhistory.org.uk](http://www.halifaxhistory.org.uk)

NOTE: this talk will include some Lancashire buildings

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Saturday, 14th November, 2015 : Council for British Archaeology NW

Day event at Barley, Pendle. (No more information at this stage.)

## SKELMERSDALE GROUP VISITS LANCASTER CASTLE

**Marianne Howell**, of the Lancashire Community Heritage team, took a party of 35 people, mainly from the Skelmersdale U3A, for a guided tour of Lancaster Castle. The visit was reported in the LCH August Newsletter. It was part of the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the hanging of **George Lyon, the Upholland highwayman**. The visitors were able to see all parts of the building associated with Lyon's imprisonment, trial and execution, and to hear part of the contemporary account of these events.

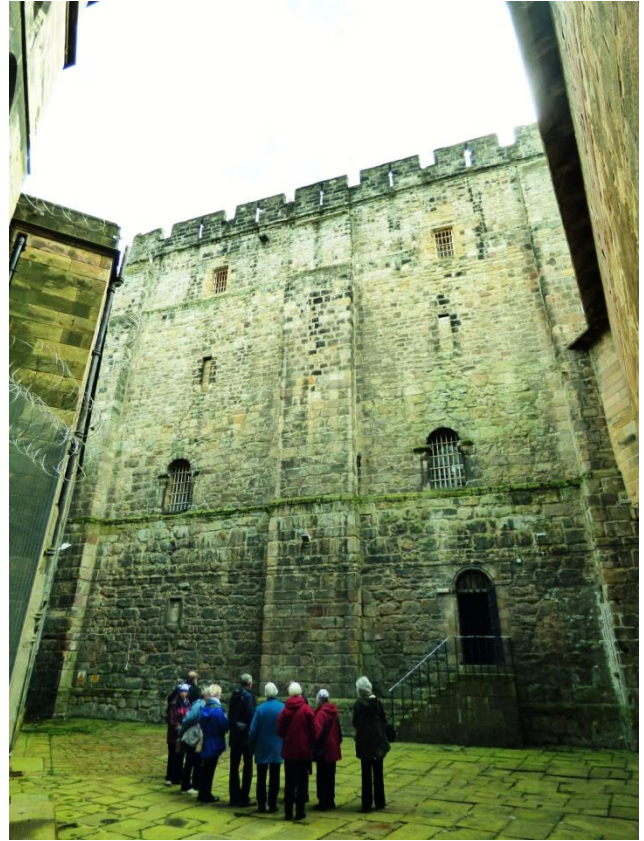
**Marianne will present** a talk about George Lyon  
in the courtroom at Lancaster Castle  
on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 7.30pm.

For details telephone: 01524 64998.

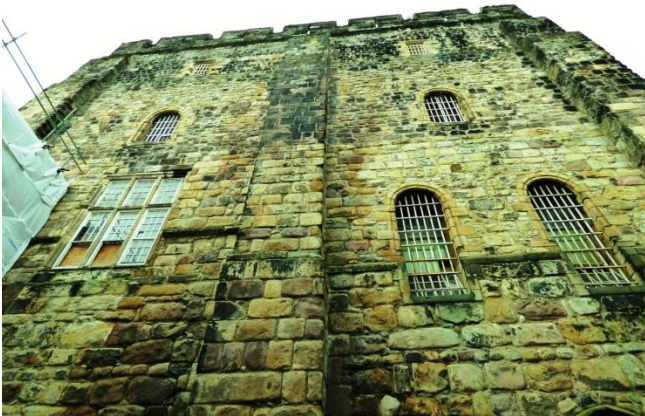
## LANCASTER CASTLE



The C13 Well Tower entrance



The Keep, East Side



Lancaster Castle, North Side



The Keep: East Side Date Stone

Kevin Illingworth was in the first party allowed into 'A' Wing (the C18 and C19 prison) and C14 Well Tower of Lancaster Castle after it had ceased to be a prison and had been opened to the public. The visit was part of the programme of 'History on the Ground' walks in North Lancashire led by James Houghton of Pilling.

Kevin has kindly supplied these interesting photographs from his record of the visit. Editor.

## Treasures indeed!

2015, the year in which Lancashire Archives completes 75 years of collecting the County's documentary history.

- \*To commemorate this milestone we've identified 74 key archives as "Treasures".
- \*They represent our 9 miles of record holdings.
- \*The 75th is still out there – perhaps in your garage, loft, workplace, business premises.
- \*We shall look back on the archive collections we received during our 75th year and identify from those the latest, 75th, treasure.

### SO FAR..... WE'VE IDENTIFIED

- + our oldest record and the first deposit from outside Lancashire County Council
- + a parish register + a school log book + merchants' inventories from C17
- + a volume of patients' case notes from a Lancashire asylum
- + letters and diaries written by Lancashire folk over hundreds of years
- + documents reflecting Lancashire's connections with India and Trinidad
- + a lost property register showing bizarre items left on Blackpool trams in the 1930s.

Not all the 74 archives can be displayed at once, so several venues around the county have volunteered to show off selections drawn from them:

Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston – various items, throughout 2015

Museum of Lancashire, Preston, 15 Aug - 27 Sep 2015

Lancaster Maritime Museum, Lancaster, 3 Oct 2015 – 10 Jan 2016

The Maritime Museum exhibition will be supported by a talk from  
Neil Sayer, Archive Access Manager at Lancashire Archives:

"75 Years, 74 Treasures –

a selection to celebrate our anniversary"

Venue: Maritime Museum Date: November 9th, 1pm.

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## Sound Archives

The Lancashire collections from the North West Sound Archive at Clitheroe Castle have been transferred to Lancashire Archives. This offers an exciting new resource for researchers.

- \* A listening post in the searchroom provides access to some of the wonderful collections.
- \* Compilations of sounds and memories produced by NWSA are available on a self-service basis.
- \* Other copy recordings may be ordered for listening, through the usual document production system.
- \* Our online catalogue LANCAT indicates where a copy is available.

PLEASE NOTE: Where there is no copy available at present advance ordering is necessary and there may be a charge for creating a copy for people to listen to.

While it is possible for people to listen to a recording in the searchroom, it may not be possible for Lancashire Archives to supply a copy for their own personal use. Copyright in sound recordings is very complex.

Jacque Crosby, Archives Service Manager.

The FYLDE HISTORY NETWORK  
in partnership with  
The Lancashire Local History Federation

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7th 2015

9.30am – 4.30pm

St Anne's United Reformed Church Hall  
St George's Road St Anne's on the Sea

**'STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL'**  
**Poverty & Society in Lancashire 1630 - 1900**

**Dr Jonathan Healey**  
Lecturer in English and Social History – Kellogg College,  
University of Oxford  
**'The early Poor Law in Lancashire c 1630-1710'**

**Dr Jonathan Healey**  
**'The nature of poverty in the Fylde  
& surrounding areas'**

**Dr Mike Winstanley**  
Senior Lecturer (retired) - University of Lancaster  
**'When all else failed: poverty and pauperism in the  
19<sup>th</sup> century North West'**

**Dr Alan Crosby**  
Honorary Research Fellow Lancaster & Liverpool Universities,  
Editor 'The Local Historian'  
**'The food of the poor in Lancashire 1750-1900'**

Conference and buffet lunch £20    Conference only £12  
For more information visit the Fylde History Network  
[www.fyldehistorynetwork.co.uk](http://www.fyldehistorynetwork.co.uk)

FYLDE HISTORY NETWORK CONFERENCE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7th 2015  
BOOKING FORM

Please return to Mrs C Storey 77 Arundel Drive Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7TE  
Cheques should be made payable to the Fylde History Network

Please reserve ..... place(s) for the Conference on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

I wish to book .....place (s) for lunch

I enclose £.....in payment (Conference and buffet lunch £20 Conference only £12)

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email (please print)\_\_\_\_\_

Tel\_\_\_\_\_

*(For economy & convenience email will be used whenever possible)*

Address\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ADD THE NAMES OF ANY OTHERS INCLUDED IN YOUR BOOKING

Name/s\_\_\_\_\_

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Dietary requirements\_\_\_\_\_

**CAN YOU HELP BOB DOBSON TO TRACK DOWN THIS STAFF OUTING?**



**ABOVE: PHOTO 1**

**BELOW: PHOTO 2**



## BOB DOBSON'S PHOTO QUEST: SEE ABOVE

The two photographs reproduced above have come into Bob Dobson's possession and he has been doing research in an attempt to find out which 'works' / 'business' had its Annual Staff Outing at 'WELLS CAFE' in 1937, resulting in these two photographs being taken. Both photographs have been included (they are very alike except for a certain swapping of hats!) because they give us different clues. Photo 1 clearly shows the name written on the board held by the man at the centre of the group, whereas this is obscured in Photo 2. This latter presents us with clearer images of the people at the back of the group. Both photos capture the venue, date and occasion. The name 'DR BODIE' is of interest. Should it be 'BRODIE'? Was there a link, say, with a Music Hall character - which might explain the comic theatrical poses and air of hilarity of Photo 2? If you can help Bob in any way, please get in touch with him at: [landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk) Margaret Edwards

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**\*\*\*OUR FEDERATION EXPECTS TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE FOLLOWING EVENT....**

Victoria Baths, Hathersage Road, Manchester M13 0FE

In July, Barry Johnson  
of the Victoria Baths History Project

announced that a **Local History Fair**  
would take place **at Victoria Baths**  
**on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 11am – 4pm.**



**This Fair is particularly aimed at Local History Groups based in Greater Manchester.**

It is one of the regular Open Day events and has been advertised widely in the 2015 leaflet. Both the previous Local History Fairs in 2010 and 2013 had about 600 visitors.

Small independent museums with an interest in local history are welcome to take stalls; and there will be specialist stalls selling publications related to local history. Groups will be able to take part by booking a stall. Tables and chairs will be provided.

**Activities** include workshops on topics of interest to local history groups and members of the public. So far we have planned workshops on recording memories of family members as part of family history research, and one workshop by the International Brigades Memorial Trust on their oral history archive.

As well as the Local History Fair, visitors and stall holders will be able to view the building and go on one of the guided tours on offer throughout the day. Refreshments will be on sale in our **Café** and the **Shop** will be open.

There is a photo of the previous Fair on:

<http://beyondthebaths.wordpress.com/history/local-history-groups/>

If you have any queries about the event please ring Barry at the Victoria Baths office on 0161 224 2020 or email him at [history@victoriabaths.org.uk](mailto:history@victoriabaths.org.uk)

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**\*\*\* Greater Manchester's sound collections have been transferred from Clitheroe Castle to Manchester Central Library. Further information and details of the 1200 items so far available can be found at:**

<http://www.archivesplus.org/news/greater-manchester-sound-archive/>

**LANCASHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY** has announced its plans for an outing on **Saturday, 5th September, 2pm to 4pm**, to an unusual Memorial of the First World War, Westfield Memorial Village in Lancaster.

Opened in 1924, it was built by a local committee to house wounded ex-servicemen and their families, particularly soldiers from the King's Own Royal Regiment. A plaque on each house records information about the property and its history. Today the Village is run by a housing association, and still provides homes for 189 residents. Members will be taken round by Mr Tom Mawson, the grandson of the renowned Lancaster architect who oversaw the project. This is a unique opportunity to see a very special war memorial, and to learn about it from someone closely associated with it.

Members meet at 2pm at Westfield House in the Residents' lounge, where there will be a display of maps, plans and photographs of the development. The tour of the estate will then commence, to be followed on completion by refreshments at Westfield House.

Cost: £3 per head, payable on the day. No need to book, but those planning to attend should get in touch with Mavis Shannon, the LAS Secretary, by telephone: 01772 709187 or email: [bill\\_shannon@msn.com](mailto:bill_shannon@msn.com)

NOTE: NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND SHOULD CONTACT MAVIS SHANNON ACCORDINGLY.

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### **GARSTANG HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

September 9th 7.30pm Garstang United Reformed Church  
Hidden Histories...on the trail of Lancashire's treasures,  
including the Silverdale Viking hoard  
Speaker: Heather Davies,  
Conservation Manager for Lancashire Museums Service

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### **Call for Papers: *Being Young During World War One***

The Manchester Centre for Regional History is delighted to announce details of its forthcoming conference, *Being Young during World War One*, to be held at Manchester Metropolitan University on November 6 and 7, 2015.

This international conference examines the effects of the First World War on children and young people, and its social and psychological legacies. The image of the child became a potent figure in propaganda and patriotic parades and performances, while war themes became a popular theme in juvenile literature.

The conference seeks papers and contributions which reflect the flourishing scholarship of the past two decades on youth and childhood during the First World War. All disciplines welcome. For more information, please see the conference website: [www.hssr.mmu.ac.uk/mcrh/ww1/beingyoung](http://www.hssr.mmu.ac.uk/mcrh/ww1/beingyoung)

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**The Friends of Lancashire Archives will hold their AGM on September 8th, 2015.** This will be followed by a talk to be given by Mr. Chris Spencer. His subject will be 'Favourite items I have discovered in L.A.'. (At the present time, he has started working on the King-Wilkinson archive (DDKW) - 329 boxes plus 38 bundles! No mean task!) M.E.

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**The Hulton Archive** Jacquie Crosby reports: the legacy bequeathed to L.A. by Dr. Mona Duggan plus a recently obtained grant have made it possible to put in hand the cataloguing of this important archive. Keri Nicholson of the L.A. staff will undertake this task. There are also plans for making the archive more accessible for use.

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Since our last issue appeared, **the *Oldham Chronicle* (June 1st) has published a firm denial by the Council of rumours that Foxdenton Hall is for sale.** However, a proposal concerning the Hall was stated to be expected soon from 'a community-led organisation'.