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Autumn Lecture Series 2016

All at Liverpool Central Library – starting times vary

Wednesday 21 September 2016, 6-30pm

"Who lived in Stockport in the 1620s? The Stockport Easter Books, 1619-1629."

Easter Books, which were lists of names made to record money paid as an Easter Offering to an incumbent, are used by Dr Colin Phillips to investigate who lived in Stockport in the 1620s, where in the town individuals lived, and what the books can tell us about the social structure of the town. The Easter Books also throw light on the impact of unusually high mortality in that decade.



1626 Easter Book
with thanks to "Cheshire Archives and Local Studies".

Wednesday 19 October 2016, 2pm

"The survey of Cheshire commenced by me this day":

the practicalities of making 19th century county maps. Jonathan Pepler (formerly County Archivist of Cheshire),
The early decades of the nineteenth century saw the final flowering of English county map-making by private surveyors and publishers. However, there has been very little evidence of how they actually set about their task. Jonathan Pepler's lecture will explore the activities of William Lloyd Holden who worked in the field for William Andrewes Bryant (who published maps of twelve counties and the East Riding under the name A. Bryant). His diaries covering the years 1829 and 1830 have recently come to light and provide remarkable insight into the practicalities of the task, which requires some revision of our accepted understanding. The diaries are in the forthcoming publication programme of the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.

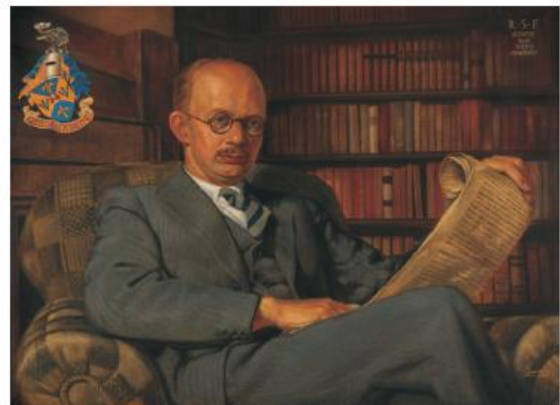
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Wednesday 16 November 2016, 2pm

"Past, present, and future: 75 years of Lancashire archives".

Lancashire Archives manager, Jacquie Crosby will give an overview of 75 years of record keeping in Lancashire, looking at the people and events which have shaped the service and the challenge of facing an uncertain future.



Reg Sharpe France,
Lancashire county archivist from 1940-1976.

Galkoff's and the Secret Life of Pembroke Place project wins Heritage Lottery Fund support

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and National Museums Liverpool have received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support a collaborative project looking at two important heritage sites on LSTM's campus.

Galkoff's and the Secret Life of Pembroke Place will investigate the history of Court Housing and the former Galkoff's butchers shop, situated opposite LSTM's original 1914 building. Development funding of £52,400 has been awarded to help LSTM and National Museums Liverpool carry out exploratory work with local people and organisations.

If successful in attracting further funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the project will undertake extensive research into both sites on Pembroke Place, revealing stories of life in this area from the late 19th century to present day. Archaeological investigations will unearth evidence of how people lived in the Court Housing, the only example left in Liverpool and one of the few examples of this housing type that remains in the UK.

The proposed project would see the removal of Galkoff's historic tiles from a rapidly deteriorating building, conduct essential conservation works and remount the tiles in a new installation, alongside a Secret Life of Pembroke Place display within The People's Republic gallery at the Museum of Liverpool.

Galkoff's butchers shop opened in 1907 and was a supplier of kosher foods to the passenger ships that sailed to and from Liverpool including Titanic. The 1930s green faience tiles are a distinctive feature on Pembroke Place, but have been falling off the derelict building over the past 20 years. Education activities, including workshops and talks will also allow the public and local schools to learn more about this unique history and become involved with the project.

"We are particularly interested in working with people from Liverpool's Jewish community and local historians who are familiar with the area and may have knowledge of the secret life of Pembroke Place. **We have a public consultation event taking place at the Museum of Liverpool on Sunday 18 September 2016 at 2pm**, so please do also contact us if you would like to attend to discover more about the project, provide feedback or register as a volunteer."

Email enquiries about the project and becoming a volunteer can be sent to:
museumofliverpool@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk



LIVERPOOL'S HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Public lecture in Liverpool on Monday 24 October, 6-7.30pm



HSLC Council member Dr Nick Foggo will reveal the neglected history of Liverpool's vibrant newspapers and periodicals in the Georgian and Victorian eras. This illustrated lecture will showcase Liverpool's innovation and its major contribution to the development of the newspaper industry. With a vast array of publications, reflecting every political and religious persuasion and supporting global trade, the Second City of Empire was well served by its local press. This untold story features farsighted press barons, political strife, a relentless drive towards mass circulation papers and, not least, trailblazing columns by outspoken journalists. The lecture will be accompanied by a small display of historic newspapers.

This lecture is part of the University of Liverpool's Continuing Education programme and will take place on the University campus. For further information, go to <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/continuing-education/>

Places may be booked online, by post, by telephone or in person.

Aside from the lecture, this will be a rare opportunity to view copies of some of the most important newspapers (and periodicals) in the history of Liverpool and indeed of provincial journalism.

For those wanting to find out even more about Liverpool's press history, this lecture will serve as a taster for a short course Nick is running as part of the Continuing Education programme in early 2017.

Report of 2016 British History Lecture

Chelsea Pensioners and Incurable Rogues:

the demobilisation of the British Army in the wake of the fall of Napoleon

Professor Charles Esdaile of the University of Liverpool

This was the first of a planned series of annual talks on topics unrelated to Lancashire or Cheshire. The talk was well-attended and preceded by refreshments. The audience was treated to a fascinating account of British soldiers and their lives during the Napoleonic period by an absolute expert on the topic – indeed, Professor Esdaile has served on a Ministry of Defence Commission that explored the possibilities of commemoration for peninsular war events.

40,000 British soldiers died in Spain and Portugal in this period, yet no visual historical memory survives of them in those countries. Only 4 British graves are known. The death rate was greater than suffered by soldiers during the first world war. The concentration of horror and death on the battlefield was significantly greater at Waterloo than on the first day of the Somme. As Professor Esdaile remarked – poppies also grow in areas other than northern France.

Most men serving in the British Army were from the poorer section of society: labourers, weavers and spinners. The Scottish regiments recruited entirely in Scotland, whilst other regiments recruited a large number of Irish Catholic men. Military food was inadequate (meat and flour) and soldiers were frequently half-starved. The number of days of actual conflict were not great but many men died of disease. Should they be wounded, any hospitals were weeks away travelling by bullock cart.

The end of conflict in 1815 came at a dreadful time for the men who were demobilised. The eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia caused extreme weather worldwide: the year of no summer. Only a tiny minority obtained a Chelsea or Kilmainham pension as an in-patient. Most out-pensions were insufficient to live on, especially for those men with wives and children.

Many soldiers' diaries and memoirs testify to the hardship they suffered. Bitter ballads speak of the sense of abandonment men felt. Not surprisingly, in the following decades many of these demobilised men became associated with radicalism, such as Chartism.

Members might like to read:

Catherine Exley's Diary: The Life and Times of an Army Wife in the Peninsular War, by R. Probert et al, Brandon Publications 2014, c. £10.00. This volume was discovered by her great, great, great grandson.

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Report of Second Mike Stammers Memorial Lecture

Small Ports in the nineteenth century Dr Helen Doe of the University of Exeter

This was the second Mike Stammers Memorial Lecture, a joint venture, led by the Centre for Port and Maritime History together with the various local societies with which Mike was involved. The large audience was mainly comprised of members from the Boat Museum Society, Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, Liverpool Nautical Research Society, Merseyside Industrial Heritage Society and the Royal Mersey Yacht Club. Dr Helen Doe began by paying tribute to the help and support she had always received from Mike in her research. However obscure her query, he invariably guided her in the right direction.

Dr Doe concentrated her main focus on four middle-sized ports around the country – Whitehaven, Whitby, Kings Lynn and Fowey (her current home). Retired captains were a major factor in investments in small ports and the years between 1829 and 1870 witnessed a big rise in ships over 50 tons registered in the ports. Similarly, together with merchants, they were the major players in shipbuilding. Interestingly, Dr Doe pointed out, that women (many of them widows) were a significant factor in enabling small port communities to remain self-sufficient in their industry funding until the dominance of steam in the 1880s caused the sailing vessel to become increasingly obsolete. In 1865 in Exeter 28% of shares were owned by women with some even having overall control. By comparison, in 1854 the figure for Liverpool was just 1% and for Newcastle 4%. However, as the large ports became increasingly dominant, by 1914 the small port was in decline and investment in building was increasingly concentrated on holiday rental apartments and hotels rather than ships.

Further reading:

Helen Doe, *Enterprising Women and Shipping in the Nineteenth Century* (Boydell and Brewer, 2009).

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