



Marple Local History Society

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What a glorious summer we have all enjoyed but as the nights start to draw in and the rain returns, it is time to think about the new season of talks and put dates in the diary.

Our first meeting is on Monday, 17th September, when Michael Ogden will tell us about Hotels in the Sky – the story of the Zeppelins. Doors open at 7:15pm and, of course, as it is enrolment, please come along with your £10.00 membership fee – cash or cheque payable to Marple Local History Society.

Details of our full programme of talks can be found later in this newsletter.

Our activities are not just confined to the winter months as we organise events throughout the summer. In May we held an exhibition at the Library, exploring Marple's long association with the Children's Hospital on Dale Road.



CRIPPLE CHILDRENS' NURSING HOME. MARPLE

In May and July, members enjoyed two excellent outings, first to Leeds – St Wilfrid's Church and Temple Newsam, and secondly to Ashbourne and Sudbury Hall.



By popular demand, we arranged three "Summer Strolls" - Mill Brow (May) New Mills (June) and Mellor Hilltop (July).



To find out more about these events and see more photos please visit our website www.mlhs.org.uk and look in the Trips/Trips 2017 – 2018 section.

My thanks to everyone involved in organising and leading these events.

2018-19 trips

It is anticipated that the usual richly varied programme of excursions will be provided this season. The first should be on Saturday 27th October to Leek in Staffordshire. So, put the date in your diary and start saving those pennies. Judith Wilshaw will fill in the details at the September and October meetings.

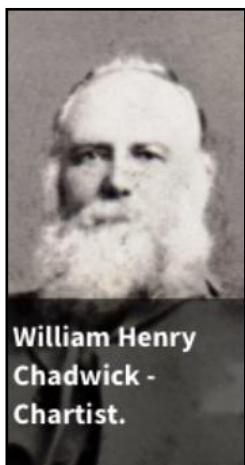
Electronic communications

Don't forget that the Society's website is being constantly updated and is well worth browsing: www.mlhs.org.uk

As well as the articles and photos of our recent trips and walks, we now have a section on "Our Local Heritage" which is proving very popular. Our archive team have been putting many of our records online and these can be accessed from the website. They are constantly discovering fascinating insights to local history and an introduction to two of these tales awaits you on the next page.

We also issue a monthly electronic newsletter, available to all who allow us to use their e-mail address.

Tales from the Archives

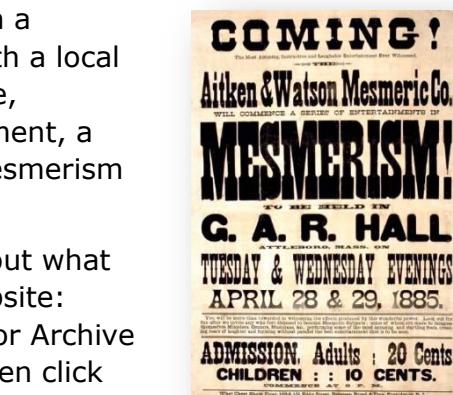


William Henry
Chadwick -
Chartist.

1) A recent Archives enquiry has led archivist Ruth Hargreaves on a rollercoaster of a journey with a local figure of national significance, involving the Chartist movement, a spell in gaol, magnetism, mesmerism and phrenology!

To find out more, (and find out what they all mean) go to the website: www.mlhs.org.uk and look for Archive Stories/Stories of People. Then click on the heading "William Henry Chadwick".

2) Sometimes, something turns up when you least expect it. In June I was shown an original Indenture from 1801 between Samuel Oldknow and a young man called Thomas Hudson. The document records the terms of Thomas's seven years apprenticeship to learn "the art trade history or occupation of a Smith in all its branches." Interestingly, unlike other Oldknow apprentices, Thomas was not an orphan but a local lad from Marple. I have started to look into Thomas's life.....watch this space!



Charitable donations

Following a question raised at the last AGM, the committee are satisfied that donations made to other local charities comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission and meet the objects of the MLHS constitution.

Local matters – can you help?

Life Leisure Marple (or Marple Baths as everyone knows it) has closed because of "some infrastructure issues." We have been assured that it will reopen for swimming as soon as possible but "During survey works, a number of issues of compliance with current regulations for swimming pools have been identified." The current date for reopening is the end of January 2019 but many wonder if the council will take the opportunity to close the facility completely. However, whatever the future might hold, it would seem opportune to compile some memories of the Baths from local residents.

Please let us have any memories you might have from any era - the earlier the better. We don't want a long, beautifully written essay - just one or two sentences that will jog people's memories and help to build a picture of what the Baths meant to the people of Marple.

Just send your thoughts and recollections to info@marplelocalhistorysociety.org.uk or have a word with the chairman at the next meeting and we will build them into a collective memory for the community and our children.

Dates

Sunday 9th Sept, 11am to 5pm

Facts and Fun Day at the Roman Lakes

The History Society will have a stall and exhibition there.

The exhibition is "Places of Worship Down the Centuries". Photographs of local places of worship from our earliest churches and chapels, non-conformist chapels and other groups including Unitarians, Quakers and the Salvation Army.

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th Sept

Heritage Open Days at St Martin's Church

Sunday 16th Sept, 4pm

The new Cross on Cobden Edge will be celebrated and dedicated in a service at the cross. There is no parking by the cross so please park at the Linnet Clough Scout Camp or on Longhurst Lane near the recreation ground and walk to the cross.

Finally, and most importantly, details below of all our talks for Season 2018 – 2019.

2018/19 PROGRAMME

Sep 17	<i>Hotels in the Sky – Story of Zeppelins</i>
	Michael Ogden
Oct 15	<i>What to do with 323 Postcards</i>
	Julie Bagnall
Nov 19	<i>A 1920s Bleaching, Dyeing and Weaving Mill</i>
	Judith Atkinson
Dec 10	<i>Belle Vue</i>
	Brian Selby
Jan 21	<i>A STORM over Mellor</i>
	Bob Humphrey-Taylor
Feb 18	<i>Adlington Hall</i>
	Anne Woods
Mar 18	<i>Early Water Powered Mills of Mellor and Ludworth</i>
	Ann Hearle
Apr 15	AGM – followed by: <i>The Towers Estate</i> Diana Leitch

Looking forward to seeing you on September 17th.

Best wishes

Hilary Atkinson

Chairman