



Marple
Local History
Society

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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The Society has had another successful year. There have been eight well attended and informative talks at our regular [meetings](#). Many members completed a questionnaire at the AGM and as a result we decided to extend our season into some summer "meetings" in the form of four evening or afternoon [walks](#). These proved popular so may well be continued next year.

Explaining one of the gravestones.

As usual, Judith provided a variety of trips locally and further afield which were much appreciated by the travellers. Descriptions, lavishly illustrated, of these visits can be found on our website: www.mlhs.org.uk or simply by clicking [here](#).

The archive team have been beavering away all year collating the wealth of material they have received and working on ways to make it more accessible to all. Some of the stories they have uncovered are described below and many more can be seen on our [website](#).



Marple Neighbourhood Forum

Earlier this year, a Management Committee was set up with a view to creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Marple. Along with other local groups and organisations, MLHS was invited to become an Affiliated Member and we have accepted this invitation. Once the registration process is completed, it is intended to hold open meetings to discuss and seek views and help shape the development of the Plan. We would very much like one of our members to represent the Society – if you are interested in this role, please speak to Hilary Atkinson or Judith Wilshaw following our monthly meeting.

Warwick Burton

As I mentioned a few months ago, Warwick Burton has bequeathed to the Society some of his papers and photographs relating to Marple. A few weeks ago a rather large box arrived at the Archives Group. We have had a quick look at the papers and over the winter months we will sort through everything, check for duplicates and separate those items that aren't suitable to keep in the archives.

Committee Members

We are always looking for new Committee Members to help run the Society and introduce new ideas. If you are interested, please speak to one of the Committee Members. The jobs are varied and the Committee work together as a team to ensure that we have interesting talks, visits, exhibitions and also look after our large archive collection.

HMS Maple

I am pleased to report that the HMS Maple plaque which recognises the people of Marple's contribution to the War Effort has now been placed in the Memorial Park.

To read the full story please follow the [link](#):

Julie Clay, Mark Whittaker and Hilary Atkinson at the unveiling of the plaque.



All Saints School Project



In May this year, I was asked by Philip Alston, the Children and Families Worker at All Saints Church, to help with a project about Samuel Oldknow, involving two classes from All Saints School. Together with Philip we assisted teacher Heather Manning to plan the project for Years 1 and 2.

It involved the children recreating the apprentices' walk from Brick Bridge up to the church, climbing over the stile at the back of the Churchyard. The children dressed up as apprentices and as you can imagine, a good time was had by all! The weather was kind and the walk was filmed for the DVD that is being produced as part of the Revealing Oldknow's Legacy project.

More on our [website](#)

Electronic Communications

Thank you for letting us use your e-mail address. Every month we send you a reminder about the meeting coming up and other local events which may be of interest. Once or twice some of the mails have bounced back as the address sent to is no longer in use. If you change your address please can you let us know by e-mailing the new details to members@mlhs.org.uk .

Another use of our e-mail system is to let you know if a speaker is indisposed and we have had to change the programme. Once, the weather was so bad the meeting had to be cancelled and most members were informed by e-mail, so do please remember to check for e-mails from the Society on the day of meetings.

Also keep an eye on our website (www.mlhs.org.uk) where our webmaster is constantly updating the articles and adding new features. Throughout this newsletter you may have noticed that some of the words are in blue "ink" and underlined. You probably know this already, but just in case I'll tell you these are links. Click on them to be taken to pages on the internet telling you much more about the events chronicled.

We would like to hear what you think about the Society and if there are any ways in which we can make it even better.

Two events occurring before our first meeting on September 19th are:

Sunday 4th September 11 am – 5 pm

[Fact and Fun Day](#) at the Roman Lakes

Saturday, 10th September 10 am – 4 pm

& Sunday, 11th September 1 pm – 4 pm

[Heritage Open Days](#) at St Martin's Church, Low Marple

There will also be a concert in the Church at 7:30 pm on the Saturday night

2016/17 Programme of Meetings

Sep 19	<i>The History of Trafford Park</i> Paul Callaghan
Oct 17	<i>St Martin's, Arts and Crafts Church</i> Anthony Burton
Nov 21	<i>The Railways of New Mills</i> Derek Brumhead
Dec 12	<i>The Old Vicarage, Mellor. Never a Vicarage!</i> Ann Hearle
Jan 16	<i>Gorton Monastery</i> Clare Mount
Feb 20	<i>The Lyme Missal</i> Neil Mullineux
Mar 20	<i>Early Urban Manchester History</i> Erin Beeston
Apr 10	AGM – followed by: <i>The Goyt Miner</i> Kevin Dranfield

Cheshire Local History Day

The Cheshire Local History Association is holding a Cheshire History Day on Saturday, 29th October in Northwich. The topic will be "Industrial Cheshire". More details can be found [here](#).

Judith will be going and may have seats available in her car.

Autumn Outing

On Thursday, 3rd November we will visit the AVRO Heritage Museum at Woodford.

Judith writes:

A group of enthusiasts maintained a heritage museum at Woodford in the somewhat cramped conditions of the old personnel department, and Society members visited this in March 2010.



But when the works closed down, BAe arranged for the conversion of the airfield fire station building into a much more extensive museum which includes the nose of a Canberra Bomber, a VC10 cockpit, the forward fuselage of a Nimrod MR2, and the cockpit of a Vulcan bomber, among many other exhibits. The museum opened in November 2015 to great acclaim. It is high time for another Society visit, so we have booked a 'guided tour' on the morning of Thursday 3rd November.

Full details will be revealed and bookings taken at September's Meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the first meeting on September 19th in the Methodist Church on Church Lane which, as usual, is also enrolment evening.

Subscriptions are £10.00 per person for the full season or £3.00 per meeting for visitors.

Best wishes

Hilary Atkinson