E-NEWSLETTER, March 2019
Welcome to the latest e-newsletter from the Department of History’s Regional Heritage Centre. If you have difficulty reading this email please open it in your web browser.

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Welcome to the March 2019 newsletter

Complete Sell-Out for our April Director's Event Lancashire 500-1500: Re-envisioning our Medieval History and Heritage

We’re pleased to announce that this year’s very special Director’s event Lancashire 500-1500: Re-envisioning our Medieval History and Heritage has completely sold out. This event, to be held on Friday 5 April in the inspiring setting of Whalley Abbey, features seven brilliant speakers including RHC Director Dr Fiona Edmonds, looking at what is known about Lancashire’s medieval past, examining the material culture and asking what remains to be discovered. It obviously struck a chord with all you Medievalists, because tickets flew out of our Online Store. We’re sorry for anyone who hasn’t been able to secure a place (seating was limited to just 70), but all is not lost. We have opened a waiting list in case of cancellations (you can join it by sending us an email, specifying how many tickets you want) and we do have an alternative suggestion for the day...keep reading below. But first, important news of our next Study Day.

Call for Bookings for our last Study Day of the 2018-2019 Season

Bookings are now open for the final RHC Study Day of the 2018-2019 season. From Farm to Table via Railway and Road – feeding the towns of the North West in the 19th and 20th centuries will be held on Saturday 18 May in our usual on-campus venue, the Biology Lecture Theatre. This Study Day will bring together a range of perspectives on how the urban population was fed, from the phenomenon of dairy cows being kept in terraced streets to the distinctive public houses of Liverpool which operated more like retail shops than the traditional houses that most pubs were based on, and anticipated the branded, themed public houses of the late twentieth century. We will also hear about charitable efforts to support the diet of the poor in times of crisis. Speakers include RHC favourites Dr Michael Winstanley and Dr Alan Crosby, as well as independent scholar
Dave Joy. Don’t miss out – make sure you book your tickets early. For more information, click here or to secure your place book now.

A Chance to Get Involved with a new Online Exhibition linked to the Elizabeth Roberts Working Class Oral History Archive

Now if you weren’t lucky enough to get a ticket for our Whalley Abbey Director’s event, you might be wondering how to engage with regional heritage in the month of April? Well never fear, two of our MA students at Lancaster University, Emily and Naomi, are now inviting local people to become part of the Elizabeth Roberts Working Class Oral History Archive story. They’re hoping many of you will contribute objects and photographs relating to home, work and social life in Preston, Lancaster and Barrow during the period 1890-1940, as part of a project to create a digital exhibition to accompany the Archive. Events have already been held in Preston and Barrow, and on Friday 5 April we will be part of Lancaster University’s annual 'Campus in the City Event', at the St Nicolas Arcade in Lancaster. You’ll be pleased to hear there is no need to book – you can simply turn up on the day between 10.30am and 3pm with your treasures, have them documented and help history come alive. And if you haven’t yet seen the award-winning documentary film ‘Give Me Today, Anytime’, which was inspired by the Elizabeth Roberts Working Class Oral History Archive, there will be a chance to see it (or see it again) at Campus in the City – just another reason to come along and get involved.

Click here to see the news item on our website.

Needless to say, all this activity is in addition to the main task of adding material from Barrow and Lancaster to the Archive – we are hoping to have all of our 1890-1940 material available through the website in the next couple of months, and work towards preparing the transcripts of the 1940-1970 material is now well in hand. If you haven’t yet had a look, why not visit the website now. Please note that more material is being added to the site, so it is worth checking in regularly in the coming months. You’re in for a fascinating trawl through memories of working class life in the 19th and 20th centuries.

New 'Mapped Histories' website

The ‘Mapped Histories’ element of the ‘Rusland Horizons’ landscape partnership involved the RHC, through our former Director, Professor Angus Winchester. Angus helped to train and support volunteers to gather field names and minor place-names, which offer rich insights into the history of this part of Cumbria. The project has given rise to a fascinating interactive website, which now includes many field–name forms. Click here to visit the website and find out more.

External Events and Announcements

Please note that the RHC cannot provide further information on these events and announcements, nor be held responsible for any inaccuracies in what is posted below. If you have queries or wish to book for any event listed here please contact the organiser/venue/promoter directly.

The King’s Own Regiment Museum invites you to the exhibition For The Fallen: Now That The War Is Over, telling the story of the end of the Great War and the immediate aftermath for both the Regiment, and Lancaster and District. The exhibition features the first public display of the Victoria Cross awarded to Lance Sergeant Tom Neely, and runs until 24 March 2019 at the Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster LA1 1HT.

The Lancaster Archaeological and Historical Society announces the next talk in its 2019 lecture programme, featuring a certain very active Medievalist…

Thursday 28 March RHC Director Dr Fiona Edmonds (Lancaster University) will lecture on ‘The Northumbrian Kingdom: a part of Lancashire’s history’
NEW Venue: St Paul’s Parish Rooms, Scotforth Road, Lancaster
Parking on street is available. Meet at 7.30pm for 7.45pm start. Visitors welcome at £3.00 per lecture.

The Community Archives and Heritage Group announces the 2019 Community Archives Awards, open to all community groups in the UK and Ireland who are members of the CAHG. The categories are Community Engagement, Gathering Heritage, and Most Impactful involvement in a Heritage Project by Young People. You may nominate your own group, or nominate another group. The closing date for entries is 31 March 2019. Click here for more information and how to apply.

Cumbria Industrial History Society’s Spring Conference will be held at the North Lakes Hotel, Penrith on Saturday 27 April. The theme "Out of the Ground" will be illustrated by talks on the development of mechanical excavators, the history of Tilberthwaite Copper Mine, Shap Pink Granite past and future, and lead smelting in Cumbria. Further information and a booking form can be found on www.cumbria-industries.org.uk or obtained by phoning 015395 68428. Non-members very welcome.

The Judges' Lodgings, Lancaster is looking to recruit volunteers to become room stewards and help in the garden. The Judges' Lodgings is Lancaster’s oldest town house and a Grade 1 listed building. The Room Stewards role is to create a warm, friendly and welcoming environment for visitors and provide them with information about this historic building during their visit. The gardening role is to help maintain the garden to a high standard for visitors. The museum will re-open in the spring until November every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information on volunteering as a room steward, click here. For information on volunteering in the garden, click here.

Cumbria Archives Services is planning improvements to some of its venues. Ongoing construction means some closures and changes to archive services, particularly in Kendal and Whitehaven. Click here for more information on their website.

The Lancashire Local History Federation reports that one of their members has compiled a list of sites associated with the Peterloo massacre. For full information, email zoe.lawson@talktalk.net. The LLHF also draws your attention to a Peterloo website being promoted by Manchester Histories Festival (www.manchesterhistories.co.uk), which is at www.peterloo1819.co.uk which has details and images of the proposed memorial to be erected in August, but the Campaign is more regularly updated on their Facebook page.

Lancashire Archives announces a special talk on Friday 10 May 7pm. Dr Jonathan Healey, Associate Professor in Social History, Kellogg College, Oxford, will speak on The Origins of the Poor Law in Lancashire. Tickets are £13 including a glass of wine and a buffet supper. To book, please email: record.office@lancashire.gov.uk or phone 01772 533039 (Tuesday-Friday) Payment MUST be made in advance. Please make cheques payable to Friends of Lancashire Archives or to pay by BACS please see website: www.flarchives.co.uk

Lunesdale Archaeology Society (LAS) and around 50 volunteers spent 16 days in 2018 excavating a prehistoric settlement at High Carlingill in the Lune Gorge, Tebay, as part of a Heritage Lottery Funded project to better understand the lives of the native inhabitants at the time of the Roman occupation. They are now planning the 2019 follow-up excavations that will take place 20 May to 4 June and are seeking volunteers of all abilities and levels of prior experience to get involved. With the help of experts, LAS will be providing training in excavation techniques so that those with no prior archaeological experience can play a part alongside more experienced amateur archaeologists. LAS are now recruiting volunteers to help with the study. For more information, please visit www.lunesdale.wordpress.com or email lunesdale.archaeology@gmail.com.

Feather Bed and Shive of Cheese by Sophia Martin, Pat Jones and Liz Kingston
In 2016-17 the Regional Heritage Centre was involved in a local history initiative as part of the community-led Rusland Horizons programme in South Cumbria. Entitled ‘Mapped Histories’, the HLF-funded project involved training volunteers to collect and interpret field-names and other minor place-names in the Furness Fells area. An important spin-off of that project has now appeared in print. Three of the volunteers became so fascinated by how the wealth of detail in these names illuminated the past and present that they continued their research and have published a remarkable book which records and discusses hundreds of names of fields and woods in a group of villages at the south-west foot of Lake Windermere. The authors have used archives and local tradition to build up a fascinating picture which echoes both ancient and modern farming and woodland working practices. Hatter Parrock, Justice Scar, The Prison Field, Bell Intake, Sourbutts, Washhouse Hill and the Cuckoo Bridge are just some of the names of fields, woods, and minor landscape features documented in this book, which also contains short histories of Finsthwaite, Lakeside, Stott Park and Ealinghearth. The book is illustrated with photographs and 50 maps pinpointing every field and wood.

*Feather Bed and Shive of Cheese* is available by contacting Pat Jones by email highdam3@btinternet.com (cost £17, inclusive of p&p).

We hope this newsletter gives a good idea of the range of heritage activities on offer locally, but for a concise listing of RHC events for 2018-2019, please view our programme card here. We look forward to seeing you at an RHC event soon.

Best wishes,
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