Quite a lot is known about the history of food in Victorian and Edwardian England, but much of the focus has been on patterns of consumption in the south of the country – which was very dependent on wheat for bread. The picture in the North West was very different, with everyday food much more likely to be based around oats, potatoes….and cow’s milk. This study day brings 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 the charitable efforts to support the diet of the poor in times of crisis.

9.30 a.m. Assemble Biology Lecture Theatre (tea/coffee is not served at beginning of the day – but is available to purchase on campus*)

10.00 – 11.00 How Lancashire was fed during the Industrial Revolution – Dr Mike Winstanley, Lancaster University

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/tea & biscuits

11.30 – 12.30 Liverpool Cowkeepers – fresh milk from cow to customer! – Dave Joy, Independent Scholar

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch*

1.30 – 2.30 Food – and drink – in the public houses of 19th century Liverpool – Professor Alistair Mutch, Nottingham Trent University

2.30 – 3.00 Tea/coffee & biscuits

3.00 – 4.00 Soup kitchens and emergency food supplies in Victorian Lancashire – Dr Alan Crosby, British Association for Local History

Fee for this event: £28 (£25.20 for Friends and Patrons of the Centre) (fee includes coffee/tea & biscuits)

Lunch: *Sandwiches/coffee/tea can be bought on the University campus (at SPAR supermarket, Subway or Gregg’s). Hot and cold snacks and drinks are also available at outlets including Café Republic, Juicafe and Costa Coffee – or you are welcome to bring your own lunch.

Parking: On Saturdays free parking is available on campus. Nearest parking to the lecture theatre is Library Avenue.

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