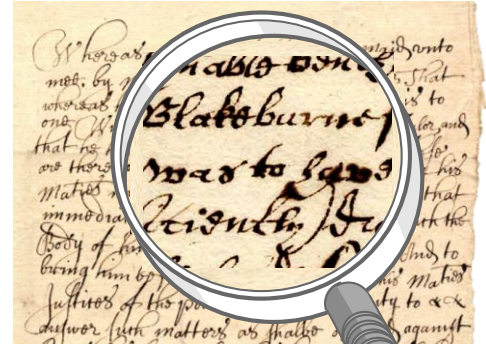


News from the Archives

Newsletter of Lancashire Archives



Lancashire Adult Learning Art Exhibition



Art Exhibition

A creative collaboration between Lancashire Adult Learning's teachers and learners, celebrating everyone as an artist.

Opening Times:

Thursday 7th July, 10am - 4pm

Friday 8th July, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 9th July, 10am - 4pm

Where: Lancashire Archives
Lancashire Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston PR1 2RE
01772 533039



0300 123 6711 www.lancashire.gov.uk/adultlearning

at Lancashire Archives, Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE. This FREE exhibition will showcase a real breadth of talent. It features a diverse selection of artwork, including drawing and painting, ceramics and upcycling, by individuals of all abilities.

Lancashire Archives has supported local artists and hosted *Demolition Street* by William Tittle in 2015; we have also organised and facilitated many creative writing projects including *Time and Tide* (with Arts Council funding) and we have provided inspiration to artists through such diverse things as Engels' signature and Horrockses pattern design books (DDHS).

LAL provides courses for adults throughout Lancashire. A wide range of courses are offered, including those designed to help people improve basic skills for life and work, such as maths, English and computer skills.

It also caters for adults who are job seeking and brushing up on their skills, adults who have a learning disability, and supports people who are making a return to learning.

Education and training is currently provided for 22,000 people, delivered in more than

This month the creative work of Lancashire Adult Learning's students will be on display

120 community based venues throughout the county.

From 1 August this year, Nelson and Colne College will permanently take on the responsibility for running Lancashire Adult Learning College, offering learning opportunities throughout Lancashire.

LAL has recently been rated 'Good' by Ofsted. To enrol on any of the new courses contact 0300 1236711.

The art exhibition at Lancashire Archives will be open from 10am to 4pm from 7 to 9 July.

For more information email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk or telephone 01772 533039

Archive Service News

From this month the reductions in the archive budget and staffing will begin to affect our customers directly as the new opening hours come into effect on Monday 4 July. We are planning a range of projects on our closed Mondays and will provide a regular report of what we have managed to achieve during that time. We will also be tweeting about it. Follow us on Twitter @lanhistory.

We will be monitoring the effect of the changed hours – especially on Tuesday evening when we will open only one evening each month. Our next user group meeting will be on Tuesday 13 September so that you can come and tell us how this is working for you.

At the beginning of July we welcome Lynda Semans who will join the searchroom team for 3 months until the end of September.

Jacquie Crosby, Archive Service Manager

Literary Lions at Gawthorpe Hall

An original letter from Lancashire Archives, written by Charlotte Bronte to Janet Kay-Shuttleworth after her first stay at Gawthorpe Hall will form part of an exhibition celebrating the 200th anniversary of Charlotte's birth. The *Literary Lions* exhibition will be at Gawthorpe Hall from Saturday 18 June until Sunday 30 October.

The display shows the effect that Charlotte's friendships - especially with Elizabeth Gaskell - and her visits to Gawthorpe Hall, staying with the Kay-Shuttleworth family, had on her literary legacy. Some of the objects featured in the exhibition have been loaned by the Bronte Parsonage Museum. Other items include period costume dress from the Gawthorpe Textiles Collection and the exhibition also looks at what Padiham would have been like when Charlotte visited. A pharmacy book from the 1830s, with prescriptions for the Kay-Shuttleworth family, is also on display.

For more information and to book tickets telephone 01282 771004 or email gawthorpehall@lancashire.gov.uk

Normal opening times are 12pm to 5pm Wednesdays to Sundays, with last entry to the hall at 4.30pm. The museum is open on Bank Holidays.

Undergraduate success

We were pleased to learn recently that Josh Monk had won a prize of cash for his dissertation submitted as part of his history degree at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan). Josh, from Preston, spent many hours in our Searchroom last year examining probate documents. His success was reported by John Belchem of The Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire (and emeritus professor of history

at Liverpool University) when he announced that the society's "undergraduate dissertation prize is awarded to Josh Monk for his impressive study of 'The Farming Inventories of Amounderness c.1750-69'".

Josh's success shows how the use of primary sources can help produce original and distinctive work in the field of history. He said:

"I knew I had my work cut out for me when I decided to undertake an analysis of farmers' goods in central Lancashire during the eighteenth century. It was my first major research experience, and I think by the end I had managed to transcribe around 350 probate inventories and other documents. If not for the efficiency (and patience) of the staff at Lancashire Archives, I would not have managed as well as I did. The best piece of advice I could give to other budding researchers is to go into the archives with a clear plan but to be adaptable. You never know what curious things are hiding in the next box!"

We have welcomed visits by groups of undergraduates from UCLan and from other local universities for many years. The students are given a general introduction to Lancashire Archives and are encouraged to interact with a range of original records. Sometimes the documents directly help with proposed dissertation topics, and as with Josh they result in happy hours spent poring over unique items of Lancashire's written heritage. Sometimes they generate ideas, but most often they ferment discussion about record-keeping and the use of primary source material.

Following the most recent undergraduate visit Dr Máirtín Ó Catháin, History Dissertations Tutor and Senior Lecturer in Modern Irish History at UCLan, said, "The feedback from the students I've spoken to has been very positive. It opened their eyes not only to the archives service in general but to the great potential that lies in the

material you possess there. They also found it informative and entertaining!"

Josh Monk's dissertation was instrumental in his award of a first class degree. He is now at Exeter University, where he was unable to hide from our intrepid reporter: "I was so pleased with the experience of using the Lancashire Archives during my undergraduate dissertation that I decided to repeat the process for my Masters degree", he said. We wish him all the best for his future career.

Neil Sayer, Archive Access Manager

Repairing Tithe Maps

Due to their fragility, a number of Lancashire Tithe maps have been unable to be produced for research for some time. Following conservation work, the maps for the townships listed below are now available to be enjoyed again in the search room:

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| Ashton, Ingol and Cottam | (DRB 1/123) |
| Ellel | (DRB 1/73) |
| Goosnargh | (DRB 1/86) |
| Leyland | (DRB 1/125) |
| Much Woolton | (DRL 1/93) |
| Poulton, Bare and Torrisholme | (DRB 1/154) |
| Shuttleworth and Walmersley | (DRM 1/102) |
| Whittingham | (DRB 1/202) |



Zoe Kennington, Archive Conservator

Collections

Architectural plans of Lancaster Moor Hospital (DDX 3148)

A comprehensive set of plans which show the development of the Lancaster County Asylum. The original building was designed by Thomas Standen and opened in 1816. However our first set of plans date from 1879, when the extension known as 'the annexe' was added. The gothic designs were by Arthur W Kershaw, and the buildings opened in 1883. Further plans in the collection trace the development and modernisation of the site, including the proposed addition of an isolation hospital for men in 1903; a villa for private patients in 1906; an admissions hospital in 1938 and a surgery unit in 1954.



Some of the other records selected include:

DDX 1143 Fenwick family of Burrow Hall: Schedule of deeds 1300-1808; bundle of deeds relating to the mortgage of lands at Burrow Hall; Fenwick family pedigree (18th cent-1920)

DDX 2804 St Annes Library: Printed ephemera including sales particulars; church magazines and bazaar souvenir brochures; photographs of the opening of Carr Hill High School, Kirkham; War Weapons Week and Warship Week photograph albums;

printed programmes; local council development plans (20th cent)

DDX 2916 Preston Multi-Cultural Arts Festival: Programme of events and photographs (1988)

DDX 3147 Pat Allouis Research Papers: including research on calico printing at Catterall and the Fayles family of Little Poulton as well as transcripts of registers for Whitechapel St James (1986-2000s)

LCC 1770 Adoption register (1972-c2008) subject to restricted access

PR 3296 Preston, Emmanuel baptism register (1990-2006)

PR 5080 Heskin Parish Council account books (1895-1967)

Certificate Services

For the family historians among you please note that you can now order civil birth, marriage or death certificates from Certificate Services while at the Record Office. Their hours of opening are from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Just ask a member of staff at the reception desk for more information.

[Our next Saturday opening is 9 July 2016](#)

Afternoon Talks

Our next (and final) Wednesday afternoon talk is:

13 July – Westfield: A story of First World War survival, Martin Purdy, 12.30pm

**ANY
COMMENTS?**

If you have any comments on, or suggestions for this newsletter please send them to: Vicci McCann, News from the Archives, Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE. Telephone: 01772 533039. Email: record.office@lancashire.gov.uk