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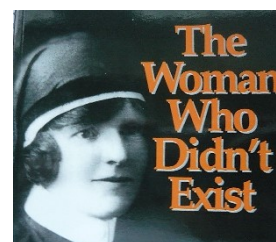
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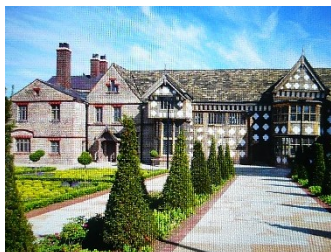
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March and April meetings

At the March meeting Duncan Jagger kept the large turn-out of members in stitches as he recounted the pleasures and perils of working with horses both on his own account (he bought his first pony for £19 then later bought a horse and two-wheeled trap before buying more horses and larger carriages) and as coachman at Halifax's Museum of the Working Horse (opened in 1986, closed in 1991). The following month Clive and Kath Richardson gave an intriguing presentation on 'The woman who didn't exist', outlining their research into Margaret Purvis nee Burns, left homeless and destitute with four children when her husband John George Purvis was killed in WW1 and his mine-owning former employers evicted her. Margaret's strategies for coping with this and an unhappy second marriage saw her abandon her family, move from Durham to Manchester, change her name and remarry. Lies on this third marriage certificate and the 1951 Census saw her almost caught out when enumerators could find no record of her earlier life and dubbed her 'The woman who didn't exist'. Clive and Kath's researches pieced her life together, their talk ending with an unexpected twist. The illustration is taken from the cover of Clive and Kath's book.



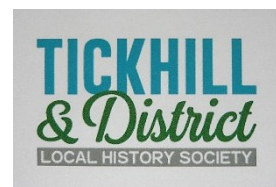
Visit to Salford Quays



Our visit this year to Salford Quays will make it possible to see The Lowry and the Imperial War Museum North at the Quays as well as Ordsall Hall, shown left, within walking distance of the Quays. Owned by Salford Council since 1959 and opened to the public from 1972 as a period house and local history museum, Ordsall Hall was built in 1512 with additions in the 1600s. The visit will take place on 12 September and the coach will leave from the Methodist Church at 9 a.m. then depart from Salford at 4 p.m. The cost for the coach fare is £15. Entry to the three venues is free. There are plenty of cafes around the Quays and shopping opportunities.

Changes to the main website: update from Steve Payne

Work is progressing on the new website (which will have the logo shown right). Materials will be easier to access via a much more attractive layout. As well as the technical work, there is a great deal of re-writing needed to update the original text. We have come a long way and there have been many developments since 2006!



Notice of the AGM and membership renewal

The AGM will take place at the beginning of the October meeting listed below. Annual subscriptions are due in September. Members may renew them by taking £6 per person (by cheque payable to TDLHS or by cash) in an envelope with your name on the front, addressed for the attention of Lesley Nicholson at Tickhill Community Library. This will help to avoid a long wait at the start of the September meeting. We hope you will all renew your membership. New members always welcome.

Future programme

5 June 2019 Lesley Smith *Sex and the Tudors* Tickets price £10 (includes tea and biscuits).
This extra meeting will be held in the Methodist Schoolroom (this is a change of venue) starting at 2 p.m.
(Please note the Members' evening which was to have been held in June has now been postponed until March 2020)

Autumn talks

19 September 2019 Jan Townend *The real Queen Victoria*

17 October 2019 AGM then David Bell *The Plague Doctor*

21 November 2019 Pat Smedley *Florence Nightingale and the Crimean War*

The above three meetings take place in the Methodist Schoolroom starting at 7.30 p.m. Members £1, visitors £3

The topics covered in this Newsletter are Tickhill Postmaster William Watkinson and The dedication and orientation of St Mary's parts 2 and 3