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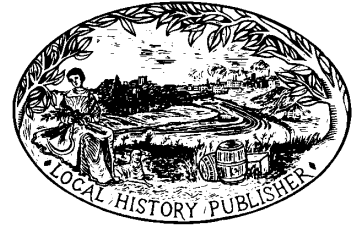
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LOCAL HISTORY PUBLICATIONS 2010-11

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Tugs, Barges and Me by Jake Abram

Price £5

Weight 230gm

The author worked for the Bridgewater Department of the Manchester Ship Canal from 1940 until the 1970s. Starting as a cabin boy on his father's tug, he went on to become skipper on the company's tugs and barges. Stories of working at Salford Docks and Castlefield; on the Bridgewater and Ship Canal to Liverpool. A lively and amusing account of a vanished way of life. Well illustrated. (56 pages A4)

Don't Fret, My Lad: An Ashton Boyhood by Bill Andrews

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Recollections of growing up in Ashton's West End from the time of the First World War. West End Council School; the effects of the war; local characters; Ashton "Tech"; leaving school and starting at Dan Adamson's; on the dole; the "Nash". Illustrated with old photographs. (72 pages A5)

Home to Stay by J G Atherton

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Stretford in the Second World War based on the author's diaries, 1939-1945. Evacuation with Stretford Grammar School, Royal Visit to Metrovicks, invasion precautions, civil defence, air raid alerts, Christmas Blitz 1940, Stretford Blitz 1941, Digging for Victory, fire watching, with the Home Guard, war work at Metrovicks, rationing, VE and VJ Day. An authentic record of what was going on at the time observed by a Stretford teenager. Well illustrated. (64 pages A4)

The Canal Duke's Collieries by Glen Atkinson

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The story of the Duke of Bridgewater's collieries and the underground canal system which, over 200 years ago, linked coal seams at Walkden, Mosley Common, Farnworth and surrounding districts with Worsley. Illustrated with maps and photographs, many taken inside that astounding feat of engineering, the Navigable Level. Second, revised edition. (72 pages A4)

Worsley Textile Mills by Glen Atkinson

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The story of the mills of Worsley, Walkden, Little Hulton and Boothstown, from the opening of the first in the eighteenth century to the closure of the last in the 1980s. Mill technology, millowners and the workers. Delph, Stirrup Brook and Garden Mills in Boothstown; Drywood, Sindsley and Hazelhurst Mills in Worsley; Granville, Park, Walkden, Primrose, Linnshaw, Wardley, Bridgewater and Hope Mills in Walkden; Greenheys, Brookhouse, Grecian, Lakefield, Suez and Cleggs Lane Mills in Little Hulton. Well illustrated with old photographs, maps and plans. (80 pages A4)

Blackleach and North Walkden

by Glen Atkinson, Philip Hagerty & Annie Surtees

Price £4.75

Weight 250gm

A history of what is now Blackleach Country Park and the surrounding area. The building of the reservoirs, coal mining and underground canals, railways, chemical works and cotton mills, farming ancient and modern. The growth of the township and local government, work and play, social conditions, religion, pubs, the Co-op. Twentieth century developments, new industries and house building. The decline of industry and the making of the park. Illustrated with old photos and maps. (64 pages A4)

Barton's Bridges by Glen

Atkinson

Price £5.50

Weight 210gm

The story of the bridges over the Irwell at Barton, from the first stone bridge, destroyed at the time of the 1745 Jacobite invasion, to the modern high level motorway bridge. The second road bridge, the masonry aqueduct carrying the Bridgewater Canal, and the swing road bridge and swing aqueduct over the Manchester Ship Canal. Details of the bridge builders and the engineering problems they solved. Well illustrated. (52 pages A4)

Building the Big Ditch compiled by Glen Atkinson

Price £4.50

Weight 260gm

A photographic record of the construction of the Manchester Ship Canal. The author has used 19th century slides from the Frank Mullineux collection and provided explanations of the details shown and the technology used. A readable, and often humorous, look at one of the region's greatest engineering projects. (52 pages A4)

Lancashire: A History of the County Palatine in Early Maps

by J J Bagley and A G Hodgkiss

Price £4.75

Weight 295gm

A history of Lancashire from Roman roads and medieval towns to the Ordnance Survey and specialist nineteenth century maps. Tudor maps - Saxton, Speed and Smith - estate plans - road maps - Moll and Hutchinson - William Yates - Manchester and Liverpool plans, etc. Well illustrated with sections from over 70 county maps, town plans, estate maps, etc. (84 pages A4)

Just Henry by Henry Bairsto

Price £4.25

Weight 200gm

Memories of Bradford and Moston Collieries. The author was born in Miles Platting in 1917. He recounts his early experiences - the poverty in the area, industry, churches, cinemas, St Luke's School, the General Strike, etc. He eventually found work at Bradford Pit and provides an account of being a trammer there, and then a rope-rider at Moston Pit., plus articles on Philips Park and the public houses. Well illustrated with old photographs. (40 pages A4)

Banks' Manchester & Salford Directory 1800

Price £3.75

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A reprint of a directory containing names, addresses and occupations of well over 6,000 inhabitants. Lists of streets, lanes and passages, carriers to other towns and officers of institutions, etc. (64 pages A4)

Banks's Plan of Manchester & Salford 1831

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A reprint of one of the earliest detailed maps showing Manchester, Salford and outlying districts such as Pendleton, Stretford and Chorlton Row. It shows the town during the upheavals brought by the Industrial Revolution: cotton mills, dyeworks and just one railway line. (18 A3 sheets + title sheet)

The Way to Glory by James Bancroft

Price £4.75

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Men of the North West who rode in the Charge of the Light Brigade. A description of the famous Crimean War action, together with a brief account of events leading up to it. Biographies of 28 men from the North

West who took part. Well illustrated with photographs, prints, maps, etc. (22 pages A4)

Industrial Revolution and Social Reform in the Manchester Region by Malcolm Bee

Price £5.50 Weight 210gm

A concise account of Manchester in the Industrial Revolution: Working Class and Middle Class Radicalism; the Cotton Unions, the Factory Movement, Co-operation, Popular Reform and the New Society. Well illustrated with contemporary engravings, posters, documents, etc. 2nd edition. (48 pages A4)

A History of Oldham Churches by John Beever

Price £4.50 Weight 255gm

Brief histories of every church within the borough boundary: Church of England, Friends, Congregational, Methodist, Unitarian, Baptist, Moravian, Roman Catholic and others (Presbyterian, Latter Day Saints, Oldham Town Mission, the Salvation Army and more). They were built as Oldham grew and in passing the author links the town's religious development to other aspects of its history. Well illustrated with old and new photographs and indexed. (72 pages A4)

A Window on Warrington by Peggy Beverley

Price £3.50 Weight 160gm

The author lived on Manchester Road, Warrington and these are her recollections from 1923 to 1941: playing in Warrington Cemetery; St Elphin's Cottage; Fairfield Infants' School; childhood games and illnesses; Warrington Secondary School in wartime; out and about; the Parish Church; Whit Walks; shops and cinemas. Illustrated with old photographs. (32 pages A4)

Four Bolton Directories

Price £3.75 Weight 205gm

A reprint of four directories in one volume, covering thirty years of change: Pigot & Dean 1821/2; Pigot & Son 1836; Slater 1843; Whellan & Co 1853. The 1853 directory contains a short history and a trades classified section. (106 pages A5)

Bolton Bred by Brian Bradshaw

Price £3.25 Weight 150gm

The story of several generations of the Bradshaw family, formerly tenants of Haulgh Hall, Bolton. The history of the Hall and the varied experiences of the family in peace and wartime. A readable, often amusing and interesting record through extracts from old diaries, First World War letters and personal recollections. (80 pages A5)

Origins of Street Names in the City Centre of Manchester by L D Bradshaw

Price £5.50 Weight 245gm

From Artillery Street to Withy Grove - a study of the street name origins in the city. A look at the men, the events and the legends behind the naming of Manchester's thoroughfares, drawing information from a wide variety of sources, published and unpublished. Well illustrated with old photographs, engravings and sections from Laurent's 1793 plan and the 1848 Ordnance Survey plan of the city. (60 pages A4)

Visitors to Manchester by L D Bradshaw

Price £4.75 Weight 250gm

Descriptions of Manchester by visitors from c1538 to 1865. "It is in the middle of this vile cesspool that the greatest stream of human industry flows out to fertilise the entire universe. From this filthy cesspit flows pure gold" (de Tocqueville). "Dark and smoky from the coal vapours, it resembles a huge forge or workshop. Work, profit and greed seem to be the only thoughts here" (J Schopenhauer). Thirty-one visitors, indexed, footnotes, illustrated. (64 pages A4)

Salford Boy by Wallace Brereton

Price £2.75 Weight 120gm

Childhood recollections of Higher Broughton 1923-33. Originally published by Salford Local History Society in 1977, this was one of the

first booklets of Salford memories. Illustrated with pen-and-ink drawings by the author. (48 pages A5)

Salford Boy Goes To War by Wallace Brereton

Price £3 Weight 140gm

The sequel to the author's boyhood memories. In 1939 he enlisted in the Royal Artillery and joined the 81st (Welsh) Field Regiment. The regiment was part of the 53rd (Welsh) Division which landed in Normandy on 24th June 1944. He served as an Observation Post "Ack", advancing with the 1st Highland Light Infantry through France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany. Illustrated with the author's drawings. (64 pages A5)

The Dukinfield I Knew, 1906-1930 by James Brooke

Price £3.25 Weight 130gm

The author's father found work with the recently-opened SHMD Tramways in 1905 and the family rented rooms over a furniture shop near Alma Bridge. From there they moved to Crescent Road and then to Wharf Street. This book records James's memories of growing up in Dukinfield during the lean years: wartime, strikes, unemployment, making ends meet and recreation. Illustrated with old photographs. (64 pages A5)

With the Manchester Ship Canal, 1894-1945

by Warren J Bruce

Price £5.50 Weight 230gm

The author was born in 1880 and recalls his early life in Stockport before joining the Canal Company as a messenger boy. Memories of the Docks from the early days; working conditions and characters; Trafford Park from parkland to industrial estate; No.9 Dock; Dock Office memories. In 1938 Mr Bruce became Docks Manager, he retired in 1945 and these recollections were written in 1954. Well illustrated with old photographs etc. (56 pages A4)

Salford 1900-1914 by Roy Bullock

Price £5.00 Weight 300gm

The County Borough at the start of the Twentieth Century as recorded in the newspapers of the time. The end of the Boer War and Coronation celebrations, the arrival of electricity and electric trams; public houses, theatres, cinemas and temperance; development of Weaste and other housing areas; dirt and disease, Workhouse and rat catchers; crime and punishment; suffragettes, heroes and Salford characters, etc. Fully indexed and well illustrated with photographs from the time. (88 pages A4)

Salford 1914-1920 by Roy Bullock

Price £5.75 Weight 270gm

The County Borough in the First World War, based on newspaper reports of the time. Raising the Salford Battalions of the Lancashire Fusiliers, Rolls of Honour, letters from soldiers, Belgian refugees, wartime restrictions and rationing, allotments, women workers, military hospitals, Salford's tank, beer shortages, Armistice and Peace celebrations, post-war rebuilding. Fully indexed and well illustrated with photographs of the time. (72 pages A4)

Salford in the Nineteen-Twenties by Roy Bullock

Price £5.75 Weight 330gm

From County Borough to City of Salford, based on newspaper reports. War memorials, strikes and unemployment, new housing estates, the end of the Workhouse. Cross Lane and other markets, Albion dog track and speedway, cinemas and theatres. Broughton landslide, Agecroft Electricity Station, Rat Weeks, Motor traffic and road safety, the wireless and telephones. Salford at the Wembley Exhibition, Hospital pageants, Poor Children's Holiday Camp and other charities. Fully indexed and well illustrated with photographs from the time. (96 pages A4)

Salford 1940-1965 by Roy Bullock

Price £5.00 Weight 260gm

Twenty-five years in the history of Salford. Over 1,000 items selected from the newspaper stories of the time, covering all aspects of life in the

city. From wartime conditions to the post-war boom of the 1950s and the slum clearances and redevelopments of the 1960s. Shops, pubs, sport, people in the news, entertainment, industry, schools, churches, etc. Fully indexed and well illustrated with photographs from the time. (72 pages A4)

Salford 1966-1990 by Roy Bullock

Price £5.00 Weight 330gm

Another twenty-five years in the history of Salford, with some 1,500 items taken from the newspaper stories of the time. Salford Carnival and Salford Show, Compulsory Purchase Orders and the rise and fall of tower blocks, Manchester Liners and Salford Quays, cinemas and bingo; pubs, clubs, discos and restaurants. Poll Tax protests and beef bans; colliery closures and country parks. Sport and some famous Salfordians. Fully indexed and illustrated with photographs from the time. (96 pages A4)

Ancoats Lad by Mick Burke

Price £5.25 Weight 215gm

Mick Burke was born in Ancoats in 1898 and in this book he recalls his childhood and working life in Manchester. Between 1915 and 1918 he served in the Dardanelles, Egypt and France, where he was badly wounded. After several other jobs, he traded from a horse and cart, selling fruit and vegetables from the Manchester markets. A lively tale of the old districts of Manchester. Well illustrated with old photographs. (56 pages A4)

Bury Memories by Bill Byrom

Price £5.50 Weight 300gm

The author was born in 1913 and recalls his childhood in Woolfold, then working for the family building firm and other local companies such as Tinlines during the 1920s and 1930s. Projects included Charles Walmsley's, Bury Grammar School, Bentley & Jackson's, Yates Duxbury's and other firms. Marriage and moving to the Manchester Road area; Buckley Wells, the railway and football. Together with an account of the life of James Byrom, founder of the building firm and Mayor of Bury in 1899-1900. Well illustrated with old photographs. (76 pages A4)

Bury in the 1920s by Fred Campbell

Price £3.75 Weight 145gm

"Optimism against Adversity". Fred Campbell's schooldays and early manhood in Bury - football, George Street faces and places, the Junior Technical School, a railway clerk, Freetown, Spring Street, General Strike, Radcliffe Goods Yard, country walks, leaving home. Illustrated with old photographs. (28 pages A4)

Bury's Two Rivers by Fred Campbell

Price £3.75 Weight 160gm

The story of the masters, the workers and the industry which developed along the Irwell and the Roch in the last two hundred years. Brooksbottoms Mill, Burrs and Calrows to Bury Ground, Around Bury Bridge, Wellington Street, Lower Hinds and Warth Fold, Crimble to Bridge Hall, Heap Bridge, Under the Seven Arches to Gigg, Hampson Mills to Blackford Bridge. Well illustrated with old photographs of the people and places. (32 pages A4)

Oxen, Oat-Cake and Ale by Fred Campbell

Price £3.50 Weight 175gm

Some sketches in the history of Bury. Bury in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The growth of the town, its industrial pioneers, politicians and men of influence; the houses, the streets, entertainments, the coming of the railways, the markets, the newspapers, etc. Fully illustrated with old maps, photographs and engravings. (36 pages A4)

Through East and West by Fred Campbell

Price £4.25 Weight 200gm

Bury - a Metropolitan Miscellany. Stories from Holcombe, Greenmount, Edenfield, Radcliffe, Ainsworth, Walshaw, Elton, Whitefield, Unsworth and, of course, Bury itself. Fred Whowell of Hawkshaw; Billington of

Bacup. Bury Justice; Bury Crime. Transport; old Fleet Street; Rock Street and beyond. Well illustrated with old photographs. (48 pages A4)

Old Friends, Old Times by Joe Carley

Price £4.75 Weight 230gm

Manchester Memories 1908-1938. Joe Carley was born in 1908 and from 1925 recorded his life and times in a diary which eventually ran to over a quarter of a million words. This book is based on his writings, covering his childhood in South Street, Longsight, and St Joseph's School; starting Southern Rangers FC; sport, the cinema and other entertainments; pubs, Belle Vue, etc. An entertaining account of growing up in the Manchester of the 1920s and 1930s. Well illustrated with old photographs. (56 pages A4)

Childhood Memories of Gorton in the 1920s

by Harry Chadwick

Price £5 Weight 170gm

The author was born in Brook Street (now Bragenham Street) in 1916 and recalls his family and neighbours, street life and an age when Gorton had a slightly rural air. The shops, industries, church and school, Belle Vue and other entertainments. Well illustrated with old photographs. (36 pages A4)

A Paupers' Palace by Betty Connor

Price £3.75 Weight 160gm

A history of Fishpool Institution (Bolton District General Hospital), 1860-1948. Bolton's workhouse from harsh Victorian times to its transformation into a National Health hospital. Mrs Connor's father and grandfather were resident engineers at the workhouse and it was her home for over twenty years. Illustrated. (80 pages A5)

Little Lever by Betty Connor

Price £4.75 Weight 190gm

Part One comprises memories of Little Lever, near Bolton, from the beginning of this century: work, home life, characters, famous people and events. Part Two is a history of the village from early times: the old families, industry (coal, textiles and paper), churches, shops, public houses and so on. Some of the early information comes from old documents discovered as recently as 1990. Well illustrated with old photographs and maps. (44 pages A4)

Our World Was the Stage by Percy Corry

Price £2 Weight 150gm

A personal history of Watts and Corry, theatrical contractors of Oldham Road, Miles Platting. Percy Corry was born in 1894 and in this book he records his early life and work with "Fitups", as it was then known. As well as the theatrical work, the author was involved in the design of synthetic trainers for the Navy and RAF. Illustrated. (84 pages A5)

North Meols to South Ribble by John Cotterall

Price £3.50 Weight 185gm

An historical journey from Southport to Preston through North Meols, Crossens, Banks, Hundred End, Hesketh Bank, Tarleton, Hoole, Longton, Hutton, Howick, Penwortham, etc. The waterways, the agriculture, the industry, the railways and the wildlife of this hitherto neglected part of the Lancashire coastline, from the early myths and records to modern times. (40 pages A4)

Preston's Palaces of Pleasure by John Cotterall

Price £3.75 Weight 175gm

The story of the development and decline of Preston's cinemas from the early rented halls and music hall shows, through theatres adapted to "kinema houses", to the purpose-built cinemas. The owners and managers, the coming of the talkies, takeovers and modernisations; the sad saga of closures and the surviving cinemas in Preston. Well illustrated. (36 pages A4)

Castle Hall Revisited by Mary Dagnah

Price £3.25 Weight 160gm

Salybridge in the 1930s. An entertaining and amusing account of a childhood in the Castle Hall district. Shops, events, games, Castle Hall School and Holy Trinity Church, dancing classes, the wakes, starting work. Illustrated with old photographs. (32 pages A4)

The Murders at Bill's o' Jack's by James Davenport

Price £4 Weight 180gm

An imaginative account of events leading up to the murders of William and Thomas Bradbury at the Moorcock Inn, Saddleworth, in 1832, together with a summary of the known facts of the case. The author builds his fictional events and characters around the historical evidence of this famous and most bloody unsolved crime. Illustrated with photographs of the inn and 19th century map of the Saddleworth area. (84 pages A5)

My Father's Eyes by Fred Davies

Price £3.75 Weight 110gm

The recollections of a Hulme man born in 1908. When Fred was a child he led his blind father to his pitches in better-off parts of Manchester where his father would beg. Stories of Fred's childhood, working life, unemployment, St Wilfrid's Band, the War, Hulme and its pubs in the 1950s, all humorously told. Illustrated with photographs and maps. (48 pages A5)

It's All Different Now by Monty Dobkin

Price £4.50 Weight 170gm

Some Manchester Memories: Oldham Street, King Street, the Cellars of George Street. Manchester Led the Way - Waterproofs, Mail Order, Marks & Sparks. Travel by Tram; Cars I Remember; When Trains were Trains. The Utility Years. The Old Landmarks - Central Station, Exchange Station, Paulden's, Castle Irwell, the State Café, Baxendale's. Well illustrated with old photographs. (36 pages A4)

Broughton and Cheetham Hill in Regency and Victorian

Times by Monty Dobkin

Price £5 Weight 230gm

In less than a hundred years the rural areas of Broughton and Cheetham Hill were developed as residential districts for the merchants and industrialists of Manchester and Salford. An account of the country villages, the Broughton Halls, the old families and the new aristocracy, the churches, Kersal Moor, Cheetham - an urban village, politics, recreation and sport. Lists of inhabitants in 1825 and 1843. Well illustrated with photos of the two areas and the people who lived there. Maps. Second Edition. (64 pages A4)

Tales of Manchester Jewry and Manchester in the Thirties

by Monty Dobkin

Price £5.25 Weight 215gm

A collection of articles covering many aspects of Manchester Jewish history, personal recollections and life in the city: Isidor Frankenburg; Elias Nathan; Benjamin Hyam; Cheetham Hill; Strangeways; Jewish Hospital; Goller's Cheder; Barmitzvah; Holidays; Manchester Grammar School; Market Street; St Ann's Square; Deansgate; Oxford Street, etc. Illustrated with old photographs. (56 pages A4)

More Tales of Manchester Jewry by Monty Dobkin

Price £4.75 Weight 220gm

An account of the origins of Manchester's Jewish settlement, together with notes on prominent members of the community, such as Joseph Mamlock, Maurice Pariser, Jack White VC, Nathan Laski, Abraham Moss, Leslie Lever, etc. The first Jewish magistrates, Mendel of Manley Hall, the Slazenger story, kosher eating places. Also a collection of articles on areas such as Bury New Road and Higher Broughton. Well illustrated with old photos and maps. (52 pages A4)

Rothschild in Manchester by Monty Dobkin

Price £4.75 Weight 250gm

A further selection of stories from the history of Manchester Jewry. The Rothschild and the Behrens families; 'My Son the Doctor' - the first Jewish medical men; lawyers, architects and women of worth. Nineteenth century celebrations; schools and synagogues; the road to Heathlands; 'Put it on the Book', Waterloo Road and On the Village. The South Manchester Sephardi settlement. Well illustrated with old photographs of the people and places. (68 pages A4)

Manchester Scottish by Roger J Dowson

Price £5.75 Weight 320gm

The story of the Manchester contingent of the 15th Royal Scots 1914-18. Recruiting in Manchester, training and service in France and Flanders. The battalion suffered heavy losses on the Somme in July 1916, at Arras and Hargicourt in 1917 and in the spring of 1918. There are details of recruits from Manchester, Salford and nearby towns like Bolton, Oldham and Stockport. Some 1,400 Manchester and Salford men served with the Royal Scots. Part Two acts as an index to the 15th men and gives brief details of soldiers who served with other battalions, including those transferred to other regiments. Illustrated with portraits of the men, other photos and maps. (92 pages A4)

God's Own - the 1st Salford Pals

by Neil Drum & Roger Dowson

Price £6.00 Weight 310gm

An account of the 15th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers from its formation in Salford in 1914 to its virtual destruction on 1st July 1916. Recruiting in Salford, camps at Conway and Brough Hall and active service in France, described as far as possible through eye witness accounts. Biographical details of over 1,000 men who served with the battalion. Many of them were killed in the attack on Thiepval at the beginning of the Battle of the Somme. Well illustrated with photographs of the locations, old Salford and portraits of the officers and men. (84 pages A4)

Hell Let Loose by Neil Drum and Roger Dowson

Price £6.25 Weight 320gm

The 1/7th (Salford) Territorial Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, 1914-1915. Mobilisation in August 1914, camp at Turton, embarkation and voyage to Egypt with the East Lancashire Division. The 1/7th landed at the Dardanelles on 5th May 1915 and saw action on the peninsula throughout the Gallipoli campaign. The men's letters home and the battalion war diary are used to tell the story. The book includes a list of well over 1,000 men who served with the battalion and brief biographical details of many of them. Well illustrated with photographs of Lancashire Fusiliers in Egypt and at Gallipoli, and portraits of the officers and men. (92 pages A4)

Reminiscences of Edgworth in the 1920s and 1930s by Arthur Fairhurst

Price £4.50 Weight 230gm

The author was born at Quarlton in 1914 and in this book recalls the Edgworth and Turton he knew: the Methodist school, shops and shopping, the Village Institute, the mills, trains and buses, trips to Bolton, holidays, etc. Becoming a stripper and grinder at the Edgworth Spinning Company and tales of mill life. Well illustrated with photographs and maps. (56 pages A4)

More Memories of Edgworth by Arthur Fairhurst

Price £4.75 Weight 240gm

Life and work in the mills, Edgworth Methodist Church, Brandwood Fold, Vale Cottages, communications, Bolton Artillery at Turton in 1914, Wayoh Fold tea rooms, courting and buying a house, some thoughts on travel, the National Children's Homes, sport in the village, Isherwood Fold, the village cloggers, living on Blackburn Road and more. Also includes a street-by-street listing of Chapeltown, Edgworth and Entwistle residents in 1932. Well illustrated with old photographs (60 pages A4)

Hollinwood Canal by Gerry Fanning

Price £5.50 Weight 250gm

An account of the Hollinwood branch of the Manchester and Ashton-under-Lyne Canal, 1792-2000. The Oldham coal owners and the

building of the canal. The Hollinwood branch as it was: Waterhouses aqueduct and locks, Sammy's Basin, the Fairbottom branch, Crime Lake, Bradley Bent basin, the Hollinwood Reservoir, Hardman's and Drury Lane basin, the private canal to Washbrook. Decline and Fill: loss of business, neglect, 'a source of fear', council involvement, filling in and fencing; Daisy Nook Country Park and the M60 motorway. Well illustrated with photographs, maps, advertisements, etc.

(64 pages A4)

The Manchester Fighters by Denis Fleming
Price £5.00 Weight 245gm

Johnny King, Jock McAvoy, Jackie Brown, Len Johnson, the Marchants and many others - a celebration of famous fighters of the 1920s and 1930s. Boxing booths, the Collyhurst Stable, Belle Vue, Managers and Money, and other articles about the Fight Game in Manchester. Well illustrated. (64 pages A4)

Waterways into Castlefield by John C Fletcher
Price £4.25 Weight 150gm

The story of the navigable waterways into Manchester from the River Irwell Navigation to the Manchester Ship Canal: Bridgewater Canal, River and Railway, Connecting the Systems, etc. The decline and restoration of the canals and the 1988 National Boat Rally. Well illustrated with plans, old engravings and photographs. (20 pages A4)

My Dukinfield Childhood by Dorothy Flowers
Price £3.25 Weight 210gm

The author's family moved to Dukinfield in the 19th century and she was born in Taylor Street in 1924. Her mother, well known as "Stella", made clothes for many Dukinfield people. Domestic routine in the 1920s, outings and visits, Whitsuntide, the Sewing Room, childhood friends, Miss Dale's dancing class, Crescent Road Musical Society and others, schools and Sunday Schools. Well illustrated with family and other photographs. (48 pages A4)

Hanky Park by Tony Flynn
Price £5.50 Weight 260gm

A history and recollections of the Salford district made famous by Walter Greenwood in "Love on the Dole". The development of the first houses on Broad Street to the crowded streets of the late nineteenth century. The churches and the schools. Memories of the streets, the shops, the pubs and the characters. 1938 street listings for Hankinson Street, Ellor Street, Broad Street and Rossall Street. Well illustrated with old photographs, maps and family snapshots of old Hanky Park residents. (64 pages A4)

The History of Eccles Cinemas and Theatres by Tony Flynn
Price £3.75 Weight 165gm

From the early moving picture exhibitions in the Town Hall to the plush custom-built cinemas of the 1920s and 1930s. The Crown, Empire, Majestic, Palladium, Regent, Princess and the Broadway; the owners, the managers, the "turns", the vote for Sunday cinema. Well illustrated with photographs and old advertisements. (32 pages A4)

The History of Salford Cinemas by Tony Flynn
Price £3.50 Weight 200gm

A record of over 30 cinemas which have existed in Salford - the Alex, Bijou, Central, Empire, Kings, Langworthy, Olympia, Seedley, Tower and many more, together with the recollections of those who went there. Illustrated with photographs and old cinema advertisements. (44 pages A4)

Cross Lane by Tony Flynn
Price £6.00 Weight 300gm

The story of what was once the centre of Salford from its beginnings over 200 years ago to the redevelopment of the 1960s-80s. The shops, pubs, markets, theatres and cinemas, churches, drill hall and industry. Cross Lane crime and punishment, Sunday League football and other memories. Well illustrated with old photographs. (88 pages A4)

Salford in Print by Tony Frankland
Price £2.75 Weight 145gm

A short collection of articles, letters, etc, from the various Salford newspapers in circulation between 1862 and 1925. A lighthearted view of Salford at work and play in those days. Illustrated with newspaper advertisements of the period. (20 pages A4)

Electricity in Manchester by Roy Frost
Price £4.75 Weight 270gm

Manchester Corporation's first electric light station opened in the city in 1893 and this book tells the story of the development of electricity supply from modest beginnings to nationalisation and after. Dickinson Street, Bloom Street, Stuart Street and Barton power stations; the first consumers; electrifying the tramways and the railways; early electrical appliances; distribution and the National Grid; private electricity companies, etc. Well illustrated with old photographs and plans. (76 pages A4)

Radical Salford by Edmund and Ruth Frow
Price £3.75 Weight 165gm

Episodes in Labour History, with a foreword by Stan Orme MP and Frank Allaun. The Making of a Manufacturing Town; Child Labour; John Johnson, a Salford Radical; Salford Men and Women at Peterloo; Freedom of the Press and the Salford Zetetic Society; Owenite Socialism; Chartism; Frederick Engels and Salford; Trade Unions and Industrial Struggles; Socialist Revival; Tom Mann; Labour Representation; General Strike 1926; Unemployment, etc. (36 pages A4)

Call Back Yesterday by Winifred Garner
Price £5.75 Weight 250gm

Northenden Remembered. Mrs Garner's family came to Northenden in the latter part of the nineteenth century and she was born in 1910. Her account reflects the life and times of the village from when the Tattons were Lords of the Manor to the development of the Wythenshawe estate in the 1930s. Working in service, the Great War years, day trippers and Northenden Fair, shops and shopping, farms and market gardens, buses and trams, schooldays, Sunday School outings and the cinema. Well illustrated with old photographs. (68 pages A4)

Chorley Pals by John Garwood
Price £4.75 Weight 230gm

'Y' Company, 11th (Service) Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment. A short history of the company in the Great War 1914-1919. Formation and training; Egypt; France. The Somme - the Attack on Serre, 1st July 1916. Neuve Chapelle; the Battles of Arras and the Lys. The Armistice and farewells. Based on war diaries and conversations with local veterans. Appendices contain biographies and photographs of the Pals and information on the graves of those who did not return. Well illustrated with maps and photographs. (56 pages A4)

Breakfast at Windsor by Emily Glencross
Price £3.25 Weight 130gm

Memories of a Salford Childhood, 1914-1928. A childhood in the Clarendon Road and Cross Lane area and memories of the various charitable institutions for poor children, such as the Windsor Institute (Ragged School). West Liverpool Street School, family life and some general notes from the newspapers of the time. Illustrated with family, school and general photographs of Salford. (56 pages A5)

For Better or For Worse by Emily Glencross
Price £3.75 Weight 195gm

Memories of Salford in wartime. Mrs Glencross lived in Ariel Street, Weaste, and in August 1939 was evacuated to Blackpool, where her daughter was born. She returned to Salford and, with her husband in the army and then a prisoner-of-war, she looked after her daughter by herself, coping with illnesses, work and uncertainty, as well as bombings and all the other problems of a mother alone in wartime. Well illustrated with old photographs. (48 pages A4)

Green's Map of Manchester & Salford 1794
Price £5.50 Weight 750gm

A reprint of the first accurately surveyed map of Manchester and Salford, showing the towns on the eve of the vast changes of the nineteenth century. The Bridgewater Navigation had reached Castlefield but it was several decades before the arrival of the railways. Fully indexed. (18 A3 sheets + title sheet)

Streets Away From Paradise by Eli Hague
Price £3 Weight 180gm

Reminiscences of a Stalybridge Lad. The author was brought up in the Castle Hall district of Stalybridge and recounts tales of childhood and working life in the town before leaving during the depression in 1932. Schooldays, Stamford Park, 'Bridge Wakes', "Going to the Flicks", Local Characters, Hard Times, etc. Illustrated. (100 pages A5)

Workhouses and Hospitals of North Manchester
by Susan Hall
Price £5.75 Weight 290gm

The story of the workhouses, workhouse infirmaries, voluntary dispensaries and hospitals which were the forerunners of today's North Manchester General Hospital: New Bridge Street Workhouse, Crumpsall Workhouse and Infirmary, Swinton Industrial Schools, Prestwich Union Workhouse and Infirmary, Booth Hall Children's Hospital, Ancoats Hospital, Manchester Northern Hospital, Jewish Hospital, Monsall Fever Hospital. Memories of working at Crumpsall and brief biographies of some matrons, doctors and administrators. Well illustrated with photographs, maps and plans. (72 pages A4)

A Spark on Salford Docks by Bill Hardie
Price £5.00 Weight 240gm

Manchester Ship Canal Memories 1954-63. The author was an electrician with the Ship Canal Company and recalls day-to-day life on the docks: Pomona, Trafford Wharf, Nine Dock, Irwell Park, Barton, etc. The ships and shipping lines, tugs and railways, cranes, the grain elevator, etc. Accidents and incidents, and the characters among the dockers and tradesmen who kept the whole operation going. Well illustrated with old photographs. (52 pages A4)

Cricket in My Life by Arthur Hargreaves
Price £2.25 Weight 160gm

A story of cricket in the Bolton district, 1917-1983. The cricketing career of Arthur Hargreaves is a history of the sport in the Bolton area. The teams, the players, the characters: Astley Bridge, Bradshaw, Eagley, Egerton, Farnworth, Heaton, Tonge, Horwich, Kearsley, Little Lever, Walkden, Westhoughton, etc. Illustrated with team photographs spanning the years. (86 pages A5)

200 Years of Stationary Engines in Stockport by Bernard Hayes
Price £6 Weight 350gm

From the 18th to the early 21st century: beam engines, gas engines, tandem compound steam engines, diesel engines, turbines and others made or used in Stockport, together with details of the companies involved and some of the individuals who ran them. Well illustrated with diagrams, site plans, advertisements and photographs. (72 pages A4)

Dukinfield Cotton Mills by Ian Haynes
Price £4.50 Weight 220gm

Dukinfield once had over 20 cotton mills and this book contains an account of each of them, from Dukinfield Old Mill, established at the end of the eighteenth century, to Queen Mill, completed in 1901. There are also sections on the general progress of the cotton industry in the town and on labour disputes, factory reform and the Cotton Famine. Well illustrated. (56 pages A4)

Stalybridge Cotton Mills by Ian Haynes
Price £4.50 Weight 200gm

A brief history of the Stalybridge cotton industry, together with histories of the forty-odd mills which were built in the town. From the first (the

"Soot-Poke") to the last (Victor, Ray and Premier Mills). Fully annotated and well illustrated with photographs and maps. (44 pages A4)

Mossley Textile Mills by Ian Haynes
Price £4.75 Weight 250gm

The story of the cotton and woollen industries in Mossley, with individual histories of over forty mills in the area. From the water-powered mills of the 18th century to 'the largest mill in the world ever built by one man at one time'. Well illustrated with old and present-day photographs, maps and advertisements. (64 pages A4)

The Manchester Village compiled by Frank Heaton
Price £5.75 Weight 250gm

Deansgate remembered. A book based on taped conversations with former residents of the Deansgate area who recall the 'village' as it was from 1900 to the 1960s. Chapters include school and church, shops and pubs, lodging houses, hospitals, entertainments, charities, law and order, work, politics, wartime and Castlefield. Well illustrated with old photographs of the people and places. (64 pages A4)

Memories of Wythenshawe by Bryant A Hill
Price £4.50 Weight 170gm

The author moved with his parents to the new Royal Oak Estate in 1933 and in this book he describes life in Baguley from the 1930s and through the post-war years when the new estates were being developed. Schools, shops, buses and trains, country walks, entertainment, working for the Evening News and memories of friends and neighbours. Well illustrated with family and other photographs. (40 pages A4)

Melodrama, Mirth and Make-Believe by Brian Holland
Price £4.50 Weight 210gm

The story of the Cinemas and Theatres of Oldham: Roxy, Pop-In, Gem, Scala, Grand Theatre, Grosvenor, Electraceum, Cosy, Theatre Royal, Empire, Coliseum, People's Concert Hall, Saddleworth Picture Palace, Royton Pavilion and many more. Memories of the old theatre and picture-going days and the people who brought entertainment to generations of Oldhamers. Well illustrated with old photographs and advertisements. (52 pages A4)

Avro - The Story of Manchester's Aircraft Company
by Harry Holmes
Price £3.50 Weight 145gm

Alliott Verdon-Roe was born in Patricroft in 1877 and in 1910 he registered the world's first aeroplane company, based at the Brownsfield Mill in Ancoats. From there, Avro moved to Miles Platting, Newton Heath and then Chadderton. The company designed and built many famous aeroplanes, from the Avro 504, used in the first bombing raids of World War One, to the WW2 Lancaster and the Vulcan. Well illustrated (28 pages A4)

It Seems Like Only Yesterday by Rosalind Horrocks
Price: £6.00 Weight 275gm

Growing up in Bolton in the 1950s and 1960s. Memories of the town before much of the industry disappeared; shops in the town centre; places to play, trainspotting, visits to the theatre and treats; school, church and girl guides; pubs, clubs, coffee bars and music; starting work and getting married. The author combines her family recollections with references which bring the era back to life. Well illustrated. (72 pages A4)

A Most Excellent Dish by Marjory Houlihan
Price £4.50 Weight 230gm

Tales of the Lancashire Tripe Trade. All you ever wanted to know about tripe. Its history, preparation, the old tripe firms - Hill and Hiley's, Entwistle's, Worsick's, Voses, Charlie Smith's, the Pendlebury Tripe Colony and others. List of Lancashire tripe sellers in 1924. Bolton Tripe (there were 76 tripe shops in Bolton in 1911). Recollections of boiling it, selling it and eating it. Plus over 60 tripe recipes from home and abroad. Well illustrated (48 pages A4)

Ben Brierley by David Huk

Price £4.50 Weight 200gm

The story of the Failsworth-born writer (1825-1896), who became famous for his tales of Lancashire life and humorous sketches. Childhood in Hollinwood, working in the textile industry, political involvement, his literary friends. Daisy Nook and Ab o'th'Yate, Ben Brierley's Journal, City Councillor and Freemason, trips to America, old age and poverty. Well illustrated with photographs, drawings and examples of his work. (48 pages A4)

The History of the Welcome Brewery, Oldham

by Susan F Hyde

Price £5 Weight 180gm

Based on the diaries of Charles Frederick Hyde, who bought the Welcome Inn and Brewery on Henshaw Street in 1912, this account of the life and death of a family-run brewery is told by his granddaughter. A lively tale of enterprise, pleasures, problems and personalities in a beery world. Well illustrated with photographs, maps and plans. (32 pages A4)

Down Hollow Lane by C S Jackson

Price £2.25 Weight 140gm

Memories of Higher Blackley. Charlie Jackson was born at New Bridge Farm in 1908 and in this book recalls episodes from his childhood - The Milking Lesson; Top o'th'Arbor; Smoke and Smog; An Errand to Bowlee; The Gymkhana; The School Board Man; Crab Lane Monument; Haymaking, etc. Illustrated with the author's drawings and old photographs. (28 pages A4)

Under the Smoke by Jack Jackson

Price £5 Weight 230gm

Salford Memories 1922-1941. Childhood memories of Waterloo Street and Hope Street. Starting work with Mallinson-Eckersley, then at the S.E.I. Apprentice strikes and trade unions. Preparations for war and the Salford Blitz. A well-told and amusing story of growing up in Salford in the 1920s and 1930s. Fully illustrated with old photographs. (56 pages A4)

Hulme Memories by Mary Jordan

Price £5.00 Weight 210gm

Mary Jordan's grandparents came to Hulme in the early nineteenth century, when the township was just beginning; Mary left Hulme after it had changed almost beyond recognition. This is the story of her family's experiences in the hard times, in peace and war, typical of many in those crowded streets of one of Manchester's working class districts. Illustrated with family photographs and views of the old Hulme. (44 pages A4)

The Chronicles of a Harpurhey Lad by Joe Kay

Price £4.00 Weight 160gm

Opening with an account of a camping adventure to Rhodes Woods in the 1920s, Joe Kay goes on to recall the people and places of bygone Harpurhey - Conran Street, Rochdale Road, the Palais de Danse, Tony Gotelli's shop, etc, and the day-to-day life in his corner of Manchester in the 1920s and 1930s. Illustrated with old photographs. (84 pages A5)

North Manchester Remembered by Joe Kay

Price £4.50 Weight 200gm

More Chronicles of a Harpurhey Lad, 1914-1950. Memories include the Great War, General Strike, Queens Park and its Parliament, Hugh Oldham Lads' Club, Blackley Harriers. Working in Manchester in Wartime; "The Night Collyhurst Flats were Bombed"; Christmas Blitz; From War to Peace; Queens Park Hippodrome. Well illustrated with old photographs and drawings. (48 pages A4)

The Dark Cloud by David Kelsall

Price £4.75

Weight 280gm

Stockport Life in the Great War, 1914-1919. The town on the eve of war. Recruitment, conscription and conscience. Volunteer Training Corps, Women's Defence Corps, Special Constables. Industry and munitions factories. Food, economy and rationing. Childhood and education. Handforth P.O.W Camp. The military hospitals and caring for the wounded. Belgian refugees. Stockport's contribution to the armed services; medal winners. Health and the influenza pandemic. The boys come home; Stockport in 1919. Well illustrated. (76 pages A4)

I Belong to Bolton by Norman Kenyon

Price £4 Weight 160gm

The author was born at the old Kings Arms Hotel, Deansgate, in 1917. He recounts stories from his childhood spent in the old part of the town near the River Croal - Ridgway Gates, Velvet Walks, Duke's Alley and beyond. Well illustrated with family photographs and views of the old streets. (32 pages A4)

Chippy by Norman Kenyon

Price £4.25 Weight 220gm

The story of a Bolton carpenter and joiner from the start of his apprenticeship in 1931 to retirement in 1979. The building trade in the 1930s; "designated craftsman" in wartime; with the Royal Engineers; Blitz work in Salford; maintenance joiner at Haslam Spinning Co, Walker's Tannery, Drake Mill, Sunnyside Mill, Gilnow Mill, and working for Bolton Health Authority. Well illustrated with old photographs of the places and characters. (48 pages A4)

Bolton Memories by Norman Kenyon

Price £4.50 Weight 200gm

Schooldays, Tales of the Old Kings Arms, The Age of the Cinema, Chorley Old Road Memories, Holidays, Deansgate in 1829 (a little local history), and From the Barber's Chair. Entertaining and amusing stories of Bolton life. Well illustrated with old photographs and maps. (52 pages A4)

Bolton, Daubhill and Deane by Norman Kenyon

Price £4.50 Weight 190gm

'A Sentimental Journey' from Great Moor Street in the town centre, along Derby Street and St Helens Road to Daubhill and Deane, where Norman lived in the 1940s. Recollections of the shops, pubs, characters and a way of life. Living with Old Bill Morgan in Joseph Street, Daubhill. Some local history - Crumblehulme's, John Hilton and his family, Bolton's first Co-op - and a listing of the occupants of Derby Street and St Helens Road in 1932. Illustrated with old photographs. (48 page A4)

I wish I'd asked my Grandad by David E King

Price £4.75 Weight 190gm

Boyhood memories of Heyrod, Stalybridge, 1947-1963. The author lived with his grandparents at 22 John Street, Heyrod and recalls his childhood in and around the village. The school, local characters and events such as the Rose Queen ceremonies and the Coronation, Stalybridge Wakes, holidays in Blackpool, going to the pictures and West Hill School. Well illustrated with the author's photographs. (44 pages A4)

Cheetham to Cordova by Maurice Levine

Price £3.50 Weight 130gm

"A Manchester Man of the Thirties". A biography of Maurice Levine, born in 1907, son of Lithuanian Jewish immigrants. Childhood in Cheetham; early working life; socialist inclinations. Maurice Levine was one of the first Manchester volunteers to travel to Spain to fight for the

Republic and this booklet contains an account of his experiences in the International Brigade. Illustrated. (56 pages A5)

A Stockport Tale by A H Lomas

Price £4.50 Weight 200gm

Childhood memories of Stockport in the 1930s. Arthur Lomas, the son of a Stockport policeman, lived on New Zealand Road and he recalls the 'white spider' neighbourhood, Stockport Market and shops, Woodbank Park and Vernon Park, collecting coke from Portwood gasworks, Parish Church School, Vernon Street Police Station, and watching the covering of the Mersey. An entertaining account, well illustrated with old photographs. (48 pages A4)

When Stockport Rocked! by Beryl Lomas

Price £5.00 Weight 200gm

Stockport in the Swinging Sixties. An account of local groups like the Teenbeats, the Toggery Five, etc. Clubs such as the Kingfisher, the Manor Lounge and the Fab Tab. Memories of the visiting stars - Donovan in Stockport Cemetery, Herman under a coat, P J Proby's pie and chips. Mods and Rockers, teenage fashion, Dansette record players and Six-Five Special. Well illustrated. (44 pages A4)

Life and Labour in Victorian Macclesfield by George Longden

Price £4.25 Weight 215gm

Extracts from the Macclesfield Courier, 1838 to 1897, providing a detailed insight into the social and economic history of Victorian Macclesfield. Coronation Year; Hand Loom Weavers; Cotton Mill Fire; Cholera; Emigration to America; Child Labour; Overcrowding; Corrupt Elections, Silk Weavers' Union; the Workhouse, etc. Well illustrated with maps and photographs. (52 pages A4)

A Directory of Ashton Pubs by Rob Magee

Price £5.25 Weight 265gm

From Albert Inn to Ye Old Vaults. Notes on all Ashton-under-Lyne pubs from the earliest records to the 1980s. With full lists of known licensees for each pub. Illustrated with old and modern photographs; town centre map. (72 pages A4)

Failsworth Pubs 1737-1995 by Rob Magee

Price £4.50 Weight 210gm

A detailed, pub-by-pub account of the old alehouses along the Oldham road and in the surrounding hamlets; nineteenth century beerhouses and modern estate pubs. The story of the "Failsworth Murder" in 1830 and lists of all known licensees. Well illustrated with old and new photographs, maps and plans. (56 pages A4)

Chadderton Pubs 1750-1999 by Rob Magee

Price £4.50 Weight 260gm

A pub by pub history of the old inns and beerhouses of Chadderton from the earliest records to modern times, listing all known licensees to 1999. Well illustrated with old photographs and interior plans. Second Edition. (68 pages A4)

A History of Crompton & Shaw Pubs by Rob Magee

Price £4.50 Weight 220gm

The history of the public houses and beerhouses of the district from the eighteenth century to the 1980s. With a brief history of Crompton, notes on licensing laws and lists of licensees. Well illustrated with old photographs, plans of the pubs and old maps. (48 pages A4)

A History of Royton's Pubs by Rob Magee

Price £3.75 Weight 215gm

A pub-by-pub account of the old hostelrys of Royton from the earliest records to the 1980s. There were once over sixty licensed houses in the

area and the author lists licensees and details the pubs' origins, stories, and, in many cases, closure. Well illustrated with old photographs and maps. (48 pages A4)

Inns and Alehouses of Oldham by Rob Magee

Price £5 Weight 340gm

A history of Oldham's public houses from the earliest records to the 1990s. 135 inns and alehouses are covered and a comprehensive list of licensees is given for each. Illustrated with old photographs, plans, etc. (96 pages A4)

The Oldham Beerhouses 1828-1994: Part 1 by Rob Magee

Price £4 Weight 230gm

Albert Hotel to Hunters Tavern: a detailed history of over 150 of Oldham's licensed houses which opened as beerhouses in the nineteenth century. Contains listings of all recorded licensees. Well illustrated with old photographs. (60 pages A4)

The Oldham Beerhouses 1828-1994: Part Two

by Rob Magee

Price £4 Weight 230gm

Ironworkers Arms to Yorkshire Dining Rooms: over 140 licensed houses. Listings of all recorded licensees and well illustrated with old photographs. This book, together with 'Inns and Alehouses of Oldham' and 'Oldham Beerhouses Part One', completes Rob Magee's history of licensed houses in the town. (60 pages A4)

Middleton Pubs 1737-1993 by Rob Magee

Price £4.25 Weight 280gm

From Albion to Woodman - the pub-by-pub story of Middleton's alehouses and beerhouses from the earliest records to the present day. All known licensees are listed. Well illustrated with old photographs. (76 pages A4)

Mossley Pubs 1750-1991 by Rob Magee

Price £4.50 Weight 230gm

From Albion Inn to Waggon & Horses - a pub by pub history of all the licensed houses known to have existed in the town. Information from licensing records and newspaper reports. All known licensees are listed. Well illustrated with old and present day photographs and maps. (40 pages A4)

Stalybridge Pubs 1750-1990 by Rob Magee

Price £4.00 Weight 250gm

A record of some 140 licensed houses which have existed in Stalybridge - in 1990 there were 43 left. Opening and closing dates; information from nineteenth century newspaper reports and licensing records; lists of all known licensees for each pub and beerhouse. Well illustrated with old and present-day photographs and maps. (56 pages A4)

Springhead and Lees Pubs 1717-1996 by Rob Magee

Price £3.75 Weight 230gm

A detailed history of the pubs in the two areas, including Alt, Austerlands, Pitses and Lydgate, from the earliest times to the present day, complete with listings of all known licensees. Well illustrated with photographs, maps and old advertisements. (60 pages A4)

Saddleworth Pubs c1674-1998 by Rob Magee

Price £5 Weight 270gm

A detailed history of the pubs of Denshaw, Delph, Dobcross, Diggle, Greenfield, Uppermill, etc. Listings of all known licensees to 1998. Well illustrated with old photographs, advertisements and maps. (72 pages A4)

Coal, Cotton and Canals by Hugh Malet

Price £3

Weight 105gm

Three studies in local canal history by the Bridgewater Canal historian: Coals to Manchester - the Duke of Bridgewater and the Eighteenth Century Fuel Crisis; James Brindley - Canal Engineer; Canal Passenger Services. Illustrated with old photographs. (16 pages A4)

Manchester & Salford Directory 1788

Price £3.50

Weight 165gm

A reprint based on the 1888 reprint. Alphabetical list of merchants, manufacturers, etc; country tradesmen attending Manchester markets, coaches, carriers, etc. Contains 1790s street plan. (36 pages A4)

Memories of Park Bridge by Jack Marland

Price £3.75

Weight 135gm

In 1915 Jack Marland was recovering from a serious illness and he was sent to live with his grandparents at Park Bridge, between Oldham and Ashton. In this book he recalls the sights and sounds of his childhood in the village - home life, church and school, the industry, the railway, the institute and the people. Illustrated with family photographs and views of Park Bridge. (20 pages A4)

Time to Stand and Stare by Sylvia McHale

Price £5.25

Weight 190gm

Tottington memories 1939-43. The author was seven when she was evacuated from Bradford, Manchester, to Gorseley Clough in Tottington. Life with other evacuees and the Hardmans' staff at the big house. School and church in the village. Rural pursuits in the changing seasons, games and treats. Well illustrated with photographs and documents of the time. (52 pages A4)

Oldham - The Formative Years by K McPhillips

Price £4.50

Weight 200gm

The growth of a Lancashire town during the Industrial Revolution. Roads - canals - cotton - coal - engineering - unionism and politics. Well illustrated with maps, photographs. Also contains a reproduction of the 1818 directory of Oldham, Chadderton, Crompton and Royton. 2nd Edition (48 pages A4)

Manchester's Music Makers by Phil Moss

Price £4.75

Weight 240gm

After touring with Joe Loss, Phil Moss formed his first dance band in September 1950 and for seventeen years the band was resident at the Ritz Ballroom in Manchester. He recalls the dance halls in the Manchester area, the bands and local and national celebrities. From the Hulme Temperance Band to the Northern Dance Orchestra; Oxford Street, Manchester's 'Golden Mile', Finnigan's Dancing Academy, musical families and more. A lively tale of some of Manchester's principal achievements in the music business. Well illustrated with photographs from the author's collection. (52 pages A4)

Manchester's Dancing Years by Phil Moss

Price £5.00

Weight 260gm

Manchester's dancers and dance halls remembered. Phil Moss begins his 'waltz down memory lane' by recalling Winifred's, Cowan's, Dyson's, Higher Broughton Assembly Rooms and many other venues big and small. Playing for dancing at High Street Baths and Harpurhey Baths; Manchester's Ritz, the Isle of Man ballrooms and Blackpool. Mecca Dancing, Manchester's dancing teachers and champions, ballroom etiquette, bands on the radio, etc. A lively account of the bands, the singers, the dancers and the hazards! Well illustrated with old photographs. (56 pages A4)

True Romances at Manchester's Dances by Phil Moss

Price £4.75

Weight 270gm

Boy meets girl in the ballroom. A collection of memories of church hall dances, dancing schools, Palais, Astoria, Lido, Ritz, Plaza; Oldham, Eccles and elsewhere. Contributors recall tea dances in wartime, 'Bob Night' at Levenshulme Palais, jiving at Belle Vue, 'Dancing in the Dark' at High Street Baths, brushing off leg tan, catching the last bus

home, and meeting her mother! The book is well illustrated with photographs of the people, the bands and the ballrooms. (60 pages A4)

Memories of Manchester by Charles Naan

Price £4.75

Weight 200gm

Charles Naan was born in Bradford, Manchester, in 1928. He writes of his boyhood, his first jobs, employment at S&J Watts, wartime in Manchester. In 1946 he joined the Royal Armoured Corps and served in Palestine. Returning to Manchester, he joined the Manchester City Police. Recollections of policing in Manchester, 1952-1968: B (Collyhurst) Division, the Plain Clothes Department, CID, A (City Centre) Division, E (Hulme, Moss Side) Division, etc. Illustrated with old photographs and maps. (44 pages A4)

Lancashire Leatherneck by Bill Naylor

Price £1.75

Weight 135gm

Born in Heywood in 1909, Bill Naylor joined the Royal Marines in 1926, serving with them until demobilisation in 1948. His story covers his childhood in Heywood and his travels around the world in His Majesty's warships - the China Station, the Americas, the Spanish Civil War and the Second World War, when he survived the sinking of HMS Cornwall by the Japanese. Illustrated. (64 pages A5)

The Belle Vue Story by Robert Nicholls

Price £5.50

Weight 310gm

Belle Vue opened in 1836 and for well over a century it was the North of England's premier entertainment venue. This is the story of its foundation by John Jennison, the years of success and eventual decline of Manchester's "Showground of the World" - the Zoo, the Firework Displays, the Circus, the Amusement Park, Concerts, Speedway, etc. Well illustrated with old photographs, drawings and maps. (84 pages A4)

A Bolton Mill Village - the Eagley Story

by Denis O'Connor

Price £5.00

Weight 300gm

Eagley Mills from 1782 to their closure in 1972, and their influence on the development of the village. The Greg family, the Lads' Club and other social activities, the Nursing Association, the schools, the Co-op, flood, fire and fever. Public services, sick and burial societies, the paper mill, Eagley in wartime. Well illustrated with photos, maps, etc. (80 pages A4)

A History of the Motor Trade in Bolton

by Denis O'Connor

Price £6.00

Weight 300gm

Mechanised transport in Bolton from 1847 to 1945. Inventions, rules and regulations, fines and court cases. The development of both industrial and private motor vehicles and cycles; public transport and coaches; holidays; accidents; police, fire and ambulance services; garage sales and services; adapting to war. A detailed and thorough account of the development of the trade in the town, with a glimpse into the characters of some of the men and women involved. Well illustrated with old photographs and advertisements. (80 pages A4)

A History of Stockport Breweries by Mike Ogden

Price £4.50

Weight 190gm

There were once six major brewing concerns in Stockport (Bell's, Showell's, Robinson's, Clifton's, Worrall's and Clarke's) and around sixteen smaller breweries. This book records the history of them all, together with a look at many of the "home-brew" pubs. Well illustrated with old photographs, maps, advertisements, etc. (40 pages A4)

Bailey Wall Memories by Joy Openshaw

Price £3.50

Weight 155gm

An account of growing up on the boundary of Walkden and Little Hulton, 1934-1947, together with family recollections of three generations. Schools, churches, life in the old Bridgewater cottages near

Walkden Sales Yard; wartime memories and starting work. Well illustrated with family and other old photographs. (32 pages A4)

The Six-Inch Ordnance Survey of Manchester & Vicinity 1848

Price £9.50 Weight 1020gm

A reprint of the following O/S sheets (reduced in size), covering south-east Lancashire: (Sheet no.87) Bolton le Moors, (88) Bury-Heywood, (89) Rochdale, (95) Halshaw Moor-Pendlebury, (96) Middleton, (97) Oldham, (103) Worsley-Eccles, (104) Manchester, (105) Ashton under Lyne, (110) Flixton, (111) Didsbury, (112) Stockport. A detailed map showing the lanes and streets, mills, farms, and many other features. (45 A3 sheets)

No Mean City by Milan Pavasovic

Price £3.50 Weight 225gm

A history of Dukinfield from its beginnings to modern times. The village; Industrial Revolution - industry, canals, railways; Politics - Chartism, Cotton Famine, Murphy Riots, etc. Religion - the Moravian Church, Methodism, Church of England, Roman Catholic Church, etc. Education. The development of Dukinfield. Well illustrated with maps and photographs. (52 pages A4)

Men of Dukinfield by Mike Pavasovic

Price £4.25 Weight 270gm

Dukinfield during the Great War. Recruitment, Volunteer Defence Corps, Belgian refugees, Zeppelin threat, Ashton munitions explosion, Armistice and post-war celebrations. Listings of Dukinfield men who were decorated and details of the town's war memorials. Brief accounts of actions at sea and at Gallipoli in which local men were involved. Biographical details of more than 600 men from the town who died as a result of active service. Well illustrated with photos of the men, the town, wartime advertisements, etc. (72 pages A4)

Lower Broughton Remembered compiled by Eric Pegg

Price £5.50 Weight 260gm

Eric Pegg and twelve other contributors provide memories of Lower Broughton and other parts of Salford from the 1920s to the 1960s. The streets and the shops, the characters, Reliance Radiators and other local firms, Grecian Street and other schools, Spike Island and Wheaters Field, the Christmas Blitz, the floods of 1946. Well illustrated with old photographs and maps. (72 pages A4)

Pigot & Co's Commercial Directory of Cheshire, 1834

Price £5 Weight 245gm

A reprint containing brief descriptions and histories of the towns and villages: Chester, Macclesfield, Knutsford, Marple, etc. Listings of gentry, clergy, tradesmen, carriers, etc, for each area. (68 pages A4)

The Life and Times of Sam Bamford by Joe Pimlott

Price £4.25 Weight 230gm

Sam Bamford was born in 1788 and died in 1872 and saw the great changes which took place in the English way of life as a result of the Industrial Revolution. Growing up in Middleton and Manchester; courtship and marriage; handloom weaver, warehouseman, sailor; the Reform Movement; imprisonment; the Peterloo Massacre; Chartism and mid-nineteenth century politics; journalist and writer; old age and poverty. Well illustrated. (56 pages A4)

The Old Pubs of Hulme and Chorlton on Medlock by Bob Potts

Price £4.75 Weight 245gm

An edited and updated version, in one volume, of the original books published in 1983/84. Articles on the development of the districts and the first pubs, recollections of former Hulme and C-on-M residents, listings of all known pubs in the two townships (there were once over 850) and notes on the breweries which owned them. Well illustrated with old photographs and maps. (60 pages A4)

Old Pubs of Rochdale Road and Neighbourhood by Bob Potts

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