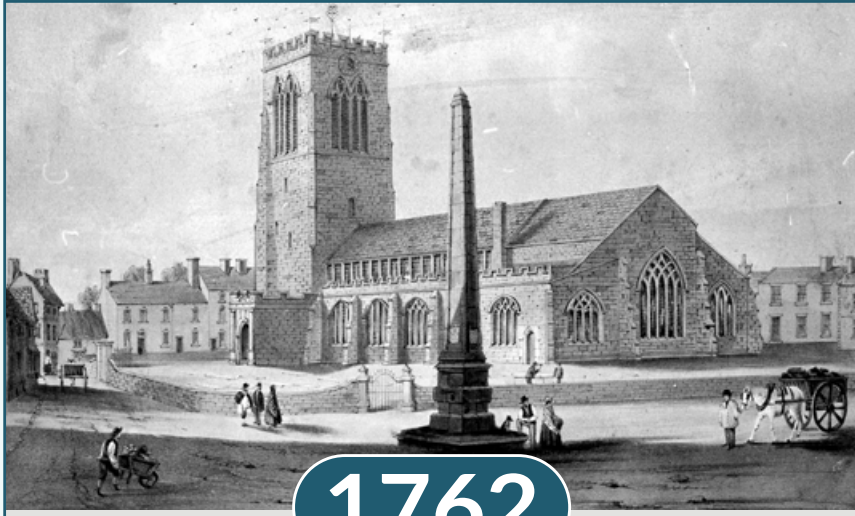


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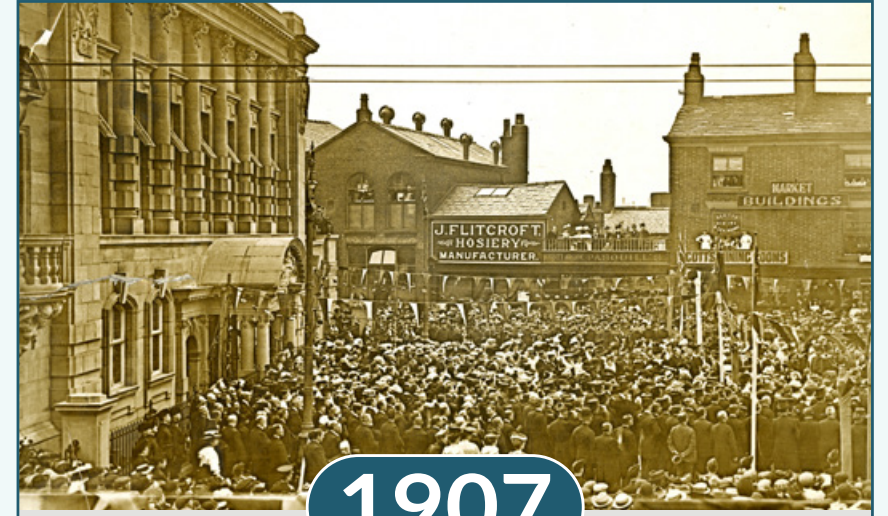
1762

The obelisk was erected in 1762, and it has been moved a few times since then. This view shows how the area looked in the 1820s.



1894

A Victorian map of Leigh shows that before the Town Hall, the area held houses and businesses. These were cleared to expand the market and widen Market Street.



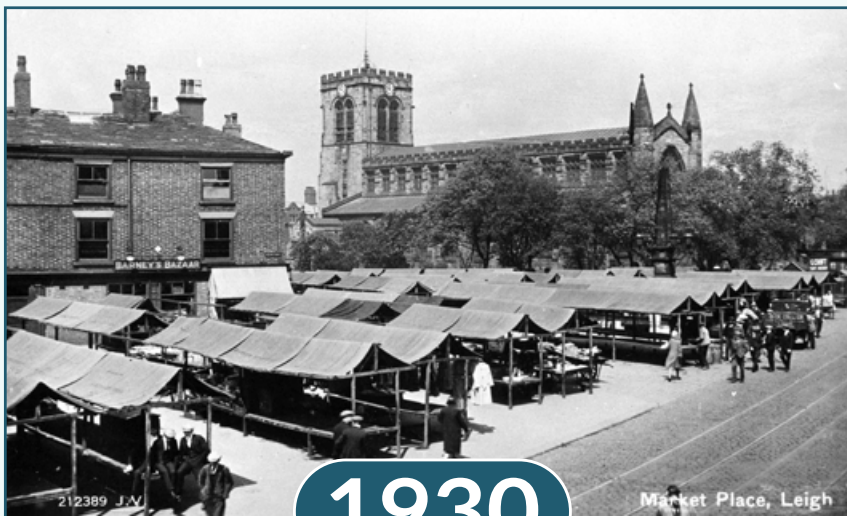
1907

Leigh Town Hall opened, designed by the architect James Caldwell Prestwich, who was born in Atherton and practised in Leigh.



1919

A tank was presented to the town in recognition of its financial support during the First World War. It was moved to Lilford Park until it was dismantled for scrap metal during the Second World War.



1930

Leigh Market as it looked in 1930. The market was held in this spot from the 16th century. In 1968, the market was moved to the north side of the church to make way for the development of the library and Civic Square.



1971

Leigh Turnpike Gallery and Civic Square opened in 1971. They were designed by the local firm J.C. Prestwich and Sons, with the distinctive architectural frieze created by English artist William Mitchell.



1977

Queen Elizabeth II visited Leigh as part of her Silver Jubilee UK tour. She greeted crowds and viewed an exhibition at The Turnpike Gallery.



2022

UEFA Women's EURO 2022 saw four football matches held at Leigh Sports Village, while crowds gathered on Civic Square to support and celebrate their teams.



2023

Leigh Leopards won the Challenge Cup for the third time, following their 1921 and 1971 wins. Their homecoming parade finished at Civic Square, where Leythers celebrated the lifting of the trophy.