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SUBJECT	TITLE	ARTICLE SUMMARY	AUTHOR	LOCATIO N	PERSON KEYWORD	KEYWOR D	KEYWO RD (2)	KEYWOR D (3)	KEYW ORD (4)	ISS UE	DATE	PA GE NO.
Heritage	An introduction to Wigan Heritage Service			Wigan		Heritage				1	Summ er 1991	2
Mining	A colliery lives again	The planned re-developme nt of the closed colliery as a tourist attraction				Lancashir e Mining Museum				1	Summ er 1991	3
Heritage	The History Shop: First in Britain	The opening of the History Shop which will include exhibitions and local studies		Wigan		Local History				1	Summ er 1991	5
Libraries	Wigan Library: The early years			Wigan						1	Summ er 1991	5

Artists	Isherwoods on view again	Exhibition of the artist's work in the History Shop		Wigan	Isherwood, James Lawrence (1917-1989)				Exhibitions	2	Spring 1992	8
Heritage	A likely story	The History Shop featured in a children's TV show 'A Likely Lad'		Wigan		Television				2	Spring 1992	8
Leisure	Wigan at play in days gone by	Various leisure pursuits in the past		Wigan		Greyhound Racing	Brass Bands	Rugby League	Cricket	2	Spring 1992	10
Halls	Haigh comes to life	The publication of 'Life and time at Haigh Hall' by Donald Anderson			Anderson, Donald	Haigh Hall				2	Spring 1992	12
Art	Sir Roger on tour	"Sir Roger and Lady Bradsaigh", a painting by Edward Hayley on tour in the North West			Bradsaigh, Roger (1628-1684)	Exhibitions				2	Spring 1992	12

		of Mab's Cross'										
Battles		The Devil's Hill: local men at the Battle of Spion Kop 1900										
Mining	Bickershaw machinery moved to Astley Green			Astley Green		Lancashire Mining Museum	Bickershaw Colliery			3	Autumn 1992	14
Watermills	Standish Hall water corn mill	The mill stood in what is now Elnup Wood	Morris, Adrian	Standish		Corn mills				4	Spring 1993	4
				Elnup Wood								
Industrial History	Industry in Victorian Wigan	Industries such as iron smelting, cotton spinning and mining		Wigan		Cotton Industry	Iron Smelting	Mining		4	Spring 1993	5
Halls	Owd' Tom Hughes &	The cyclist Tom	Winstanley, Albert	Tunley	Hughes, Tom	Cycling				4	Spring 1993	10

Windmills	From 'The Friends of Haigh Windmill'	A brief history and an invitation to join the Friends		Haigh						5	Autumn 1993	14
Childhood	Aspull recalled	Digging for coal, working in a mill, and other memories	Seddon, Harold	Aspull		Blackrod Mill				6	Spring 1994	3
Biography	Francis Merryman and 'The Captain'	A local councillor and publican survived a ship's capsize		Atherton	Merryman, Francis	Mariners				6	Spring 1994	5
Doctors	F. P. Sturm: A literary Leigh doctor	Sturm was a doctor and a published poet		Leigh	Sturm, Frank Pearce (1879-1942)	Poets				6	Spring 1994	5
Locomotives	The story of the Yorkshire Horse	Robert Daghish of Haigh Foundry built a locomotive for Orrell Colliery	Daghish, Richard	Haigh						6	Spring 1994	6

				Orrell	Daglish, Robert (1777-1865)	Mining						
Engineering	Remembering Walker Bros. (Wigan) Ltd.	Walker Bros built machinery for the mining industry		Wigan		Mining				6	Spring 1994	8
Family History	Migration from the land (part 2)	The interwoven stories of the Carson and Nurdin families	Carson, Gladys		Nurdin family					6	Spring 1994	10
					Carson family							
Windmills	Scholes Windmill - early history	Lamb's Mill was between 132 & 134 Scholes	Lamb, David	Scholes						6	Spring 1994	14
Watermills	Arley Hall water mill	The mill is in the grounds of Arley Hall, which is now a golf course	Aldridge, Bill	Red Rock		Wigan Golf Club	Golf			7	Summer 1994	5

Places	A community called Bottling Wood	The history of the area	Heaviside, R D	Bottling Wood						7	Summer 1994	6
Transport	Alfred Goulding Limited	The 90th anniversary of the road haulage firm		Wigan	Goulding, Alfred	Road haulage				7	Summer 1994	8
Doctors	A Leigh medical playwright, James Sackville Martin	James Martin was a doctor, playwright, poet and actor		Leigh	Martin, James Sackville	Poets	Playwrights			7	Summer 1994	9
Theatres	Year of drama 1994: The Prince of Wales Theatre, Leigh	Opened 1863, demolished by 1879		Leigh	Wardhaugh, Matthew					7	Summer 1994	10
Actresses	Year of Drama 1994: Lily Brayton	Lily Brayton was born in Hindley in 1876, and became famous here and abroad		Hindley	Brayton, Lily (1876-1953)	Theatres				7	Summer 1994	11

Biography	A worthy citizen	The life of Robert Barrow of Golborne	Worsley, Herbert	Golborne	Barrow, Robert	Grocery	Mining	Cricket		7	Summer 1994	14
Locomotives	The story of the Yorkshire Horse [Part 2]	Robert Daghish of Haigh Foundry built a locomotive for Orrell Colliery	Daghish, Richard	Haigh	Daghish, Robert (1777-1865)	Mining				7	Summer 1994	16
Mining	Memories of a colliery electrician 1907-1912	C A Lamb's recollections of working for Corlett Electrical Engineering Co.	Lamb, D R	Wigan	Lamb, C A	Mining	Corlett Electrical Engineering Co.			7	Summer 1994	18
Biography	A mystery solved: Ellen Weeton's last days	Further information about her life, and her date and place of death		Upholland	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)	Liverpool	Diaries			8	Winter 1994	4
Places	Collection of parish magazines acquired in house clearance	The Upholland magazines cover the period 1885-1955		Upholland						8	Winter 1994	5

Biography	George Olivant obituary, Leigh Chronicle 24 September 1920	Reproduction of the obituary		Leigh	Olivant, George	Magistrates	Builders			8	Winter 1994	7
Heritage	The Spinning Jenny panel	The Heritage Service wished to restore the panel		Leigh						8	Winter 1994	8
Diaries	The diary of Roger Lowe of Ashton-in-Makerfield 1663-1678	The Heritage Service published the edited diary		Ashton-in-Makerfield	Lowe, Roger					8	Winter 1994	9
Biography	Nathaniel Eckersley	An account of the famous local MP, mayor and businessman	Fairhurst, James	Wigan	Eckersley, Nathaniel 1815-1892	Members of Parliament	Mayors			8	Winter 1994	11
Mining	A terrible and painful accident at Abram	The death of a colliery engine driver, Ludovic	Barker, John	Abram	Berry, Ludovic 1877-1945					8	Winter 1994	12

		Berry, in 1945										
Childhood	The way we were in Aspull	Recollections of the author's childhood	Alker, C	Aspull						8	Winter 1994	14
Family History	Continuous Wigan family connection from 1500s	The author traced his Wigan family back to the 16th century	Marsden, Len	Wigan	Marsden family					9	Spring 1995	2
Biography	Dr George Henry Evans and his Pyrotechnic Time Signal	The Leigh doctor burst a shell each day to signal 10pm		Leigh	Evans, George Henry (1833-1897)	Doctors				9	Spring 1995	3
Photography	News from the Archives	The Archives acquired lantern slides of Edwardian Leigh, taken by Frederick Wynne		Leigh	Wynne, Frederick Edward (1870-1930)					9	Spring 1995	4

Military History	George Derbyshire 1919-1975	George Derbyshire was the author of 'The Wigan Military Chronicle' covering various units from 1758 to 1948	Brown, Elizabeth	Wigan	Derbyshire, George (1919-1975)						9	Spring 1995	5
Theatres	Hippodrome Wigan	Recollections by the author	Bean, Colin	Wigan							9	Spring 1995	5
Actresses	A chat with Miss Lily Brayton	Lily Brayton was born in Hindley in 1876, and became famous here and abroad		Hindley	Brayton, Lily (1876-1953)	Theatres					9	Spring 1995	7
Childhood	Memories of Hindley	Recollections from 1922 to 1947	Bryden, Marjorie	Hindley							9	Spring 1995	9
Childhood	Observations of life as a child in Ashton-in-Makerfield		Fleming, Mrs	Ashton-in-Makerfield							9	Spring 1995	10

	during World War II											
Mining	Remembering 'Daisy', 'Delia' and 'Dorothy'	The anonymous author recalls colliery engines and the reason for the name of Maypole pit [connection with Morris dancing]		Abram						9	Spring 1995	13
Poetry	Requiem for a Colliery	An anonymous poem about the Maypole colliery		Abram						9	Spring 1995	13
Family History	Notes on Sarah Crank	The author traces his extensive research into his ancestor, of Ashton-in-Makerfield	Haimes, Mr	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Crank, Sarah					9	Spring 1995	14
Biography	I remember when	The author recollects his life in	Taberner, Ernie	Gidlow								

		Wigan districts										
				Beech Hill								
				Springfield	Taberner, Ernie					10	Summer 1995	3
Chapels	News from the Archives	The Archives acquired the records of the Christian Meeting House, Rodney Street (1858-1989)		Wigan		Christian Meeting House	Church of Christ			10	Summer 1995	4
Mining	The Atherton Mill disaster	Six [named] women were killed by the explosion on 21 September 1911		Atherton						10	Summer 1995	7
Farming	Plough and Furrow	Herbert Worsley recounts his ploughing life in Lowton	Worsley, Herbert	Lowton						10	Summer 1995	8

Childhood	Observations of life as a child in Ashton-in-Makerfield during World War II: School life		Fleming, Mrs	Ashton-in-Makerfield		Education				10	Summer 1995	10
Banks	1894-1994 100 years of banking in Standish	The bank opened as a branch of Williams Deacons bank at 2 High Street (now Royal Bank of Scotland)		Standish						10	Summer 1995	13
Childhood	The way we were in Aspull	Recollections of the author's childhood	Alker, C	Aspull						10	Summer 1995	14
Crime	Wigan murder mystery in 1894	The unsolved murder of Richard Blaylock, the landlord of the Crofters Arms in Hallgate, in 1894	Cant, Sybil	Wigan	Blaylock, Richard	Pubs	Murder			10	Summer 1995	15

Cotton Industry	News from the Archives	A collection of glass slides from Howe Bridge Spinning Company mills		Howe Bridge		Spinning Mills				11	Autumn 1995	4
Childhood	A schoolgirl's reminiscences of life on the pit brow	Visits to Victoria Colliery, Standish, during the early 1950s	Farrimond, Freda	Standish		Victoria Colliery				11	Autumn 1995	5
Prehistory	Further Stone Age discoveries in Upholland	Prehistoric artefacts at Jollies i'the Dean Farm		Upholland	Bostock, Harry	Stone Age				11	Autumn 1995	6
Clergy	Notes on Jacob Robson, first vicar of Tyldesley	Jacob Robson, born 1799, became the first vicar in 1842, and died in 1851	Robson, R H	Tyldesley	Robson, Jacob	St George's Church				11	Autumn 1995	7
Military History	We remember them too!	Reminiscences of family and	Bullock, Derek John		Bullock, William Frederick					11	Autumn 1995	8

		society in World War II										
Local History	Hard times in Edwardian Wigan	Information from a manuscript by William Henry Evans		Scholes	Evans, William Henry					11	Autumn 1995	10
Childhood	Mediterranean charm	Observations of life as a child in Ashton-in-Makerfield during World War II [Part 3]	Fleming, Mrs	Ashton-in-Makerfield						11	Autumn 1995	12
Childhood	Appley Bridge	The author's reminiscences	Swain, Margaret	Appley Bridge						11	Autumn 1995	14
Family History	A long way round to Wigan Pier	The anonymous author traces his Wren ancestors		Wigan	Wren family					11	Autumn 1995	15
Windmills	New Jersey tombstone leads to link with Wigan windmill	The tombstone of Daniel Lamb records his	Lamb, David	Scholes	Lamb, Daniel (1791-1867)					12	Spring 1996	6

Biography	From the pit to the Peerage: the Gordon MacDonald story	The former miner became MP for Ince in 1929, then Governor of Newfoundland and was made a peer in 1949	Fairhurst, James	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Macdonald, Gordon, Baron MacDonald of Gwaenysgor (1888-1966)	Mining				12	Spring 1996	13
Childhood	More memories of Hindley		Bryden, Marjorie	Hindley						12	Spring 1996	14
Corn Mills	Standish Hall corn mill	Archaeological excavations in Elnup Wood, Shevington	Aldridge, Bill	Shevington		Wigan Archaeological Society				12	Spring 1996	16
Heraldry	The County Borough of Wigan Coat of Arms	The Coat of Arms from 1922 to 1974		Wigan		Coats of Arms				13	Summer 1996	2
Shops	I remember when...	The author remembers Woolworths in Standishgate	Taberner, Ernie	Wigan		F W Woolworth & Co Ltd				13	Summer 1996	3

Theatres	"Fierce fire guts Wigan's Theatre"	The fire which destroyed the Hippodrome in 1956: an account by fireman Henry Haddock	Haddock, Henry	Wigan		Hippodrome Theatre					13	Summer 1996	5
Charters	Wigan - A Borough-1216-1996	A special supplement to celebrate the granting of the town's charter		Wigan							13	Summer 1996	9
Military History	"I was born on VE Day"	Mrs Coleman was chosen to represent Wigan in the 50th anniversary celebrations of VE Day in London.	Coleman, Vera Victoria								13	Summer 1996	17
House History	Lime House, Lowton, and Mr P T Eckersley MP	Occupants of the house from 1903, including the MP and	Worsley, H	Lowton	Eckersley, Peter Thorpe, MP RNVR (1904-1940)	Cricket					13	Summer 1996	20

Deeds	News from the Archives	A c.1270 deed of transfer of lands in Kenyon		Kenyon	De Sankey, William							
					De Kenyon, Jordan	Land Ownership				15	Spring 1997	3
Biography	I remember when	The author recollects industry around Wigan Pier	Taberner, Ernie	Wigan Pier						15	Spring 1997	4
Canals	Standish Festival canal trip (1996)	The description and history of a stretch of the Leeds-Liverpool canal		Wigan		Leeds-Liverpool Canal				15	Spring 1997	6
Biography	A visit to Wigan - 84 years later	An American traced the family of her father, born in Wigan	Carome, Madeline	Wigan	Molyneux, James Francis					15	Spring 1997	7
Places	More about Bottling Wood	The history of the area	Heaviside, R D	Bottling Wood						15	Spring 1997	8

Cinemas	From a Leigh fourth, third and second projectionist	Memories of the Regal cinema, Leigh	Waterworth, Wilf	Leigh						16	Summer 1997	8
Biography	Interesting letter from a 'Down Under' 89 year old	Memories of life in Golborne from birth in 1908	Hill, Les	Golborne						16	Summer 1997	9
Schools	HAGS - school records	Extracts from the records of Hindley and Abram Grammar School		Hindley						16	Summer 1997	12
Shops	No. 8 Wigan Road, Hindley	Recollections of the Temperance Bar and Herbalist	Hutchinson, Margaret	Hindley	Gore family	Temperance Bar				16	Summer 1997	14
Schools	Who was the 'Baron'?	Recollections of Hindley and Abram Grammar School	Entwistle, Harry	Hindley						16	Summer 1997	14
Biography	I remember when	More recollections of industry	Taberner, Ernie	Wigan Pier						16	Summer 1997	15

		around Wigan Pier										
Biography	A family funeral	An 1888 account by Alfred H Lamb of Bellingham Lodge	Lamb, Alfred H	Wigan	Lamb, David					16	Summer 1997	16
					Ruddick family							
Roads	Tracing the ancient highway from Wigan to Standish	Tracing history via a walk from Gidlow Lane to Standish	Barker, John	Standish						17	Autumn 1997	3
Biography	Wigan's pioneer lady councillor	The life of Mary Elizabeth Hart (nee Connell)	Fairhurst, James	Wigan	Hart, Mary Elizabeth	Weavers Association	Sankey Coal Commission			17	Autumn 1997	6
Churches	Atherton Parish Church	The refurbishment of the 1879 church	Grimshaw, Peter N	Atherton						17	Autumn 1997	7
Workhouses	Thowd Work Heause (or Mount	The 11 cottages were	Worsley, H	Lowton						17	Autumn 1997	8

	Tabor), Lowton	demolished in 1939										
Chapels	The treasure of Park Lane	The Brindle family's connections with Park Lane chapel, Ashton-in- Makerfield	Chorlton, Freda M	Ashton- in- Makerfiel d	Brindle family	Presbyteri an Chapels				17	Autum n 1997	12
Swimming	Tyldesley Swimming Club - the forgotten years	The club was formed in 1876	Pierce, G	Tyldesley						17	Autum n 1997	14
Artists	A token of friendship	The artist Arthur Turner gave one of his panitings to his teacher, George Millard	Millard, W O		Turner, Arthur (1892-1964)							
					Millard, George					18	Spring 1998	2
Artists	Arthur Turner 1892-1964 Artist: An appreciation by his	The miner and artist, who drew enemy gun positions in WWI	Barker, Eva	Highfield	Turner, Arthur (1892-1964)					18	Spring 1998	3

	daughter, Eva											
Poetry	A Standish poem, 1756	The poem was probably addressed to Cecilia, who was married to William Towneley, and inherited the estate in 1755 on the death of her father Ralph.		Standish	Towneley, Cecilia (1714-1778)					18	Spring 1998	4
Actors	Mr Robert Donat's recitals (form the Leigh Chronicle 15 February 1924)	Robert Donat, then an elocution student, gave two recitals in Leigh		Leigh	Donat, Robert (1905-1958)					18	Spring 1998	5
Mining	From the Manchester Guardian, 16 March 1875	The Leigh Chronicle records Hindley miners recalling		Hindley						18	Spring 1998	5

Mining	The Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Permanent Relief Society	The society was founded in Wigan in 1872; Canon Bridgeman was the first president	Magrath, G	Wigan	Bridgeman, Hon and Rev George Thomas Orlando (1823-1895)					18	Spring 1998	14
Schools	Ashton Grammar School - and all that	Recollections beginning in 1938	Knowles, Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield						18	Spring 1998	16
Schools	Hindley & Abram Grammar School	Notes for parents of new entrants 1964-65		Hindley		Education				18	Spring 1998	19
Biography	Maud Boyd (nee Wilkinson), an Aussie Wiganer	The family lived in Lower Ince; Maud emigrated to Australia in 1926	Dennis, Audrey	Lower Ince	Wilkinson family							
					Boyd, Maud					18	Spring 1998	21
Recollections	Wigan Dole School?	The author asks for more details of the	Smith, J Harold	Wigan		Unemployment				18	Spring 1998	23

		unemployment centre										
Transport	On the (Wigan) buses for 47 years	Alfred Rouse was a bus driver for the Corporation, who drove the last Wigan tram	Rouse, Wally	Wigan	Rouse, Alfred	Trams	Buses			19	Summer 1998	2
Biography	Leigh - did you know?	Arthur Rostron, Captain of the Carpathia, which came to the rescue of Titanic survivors, was married in Atherton		Atherton	Rostron, Arthur Henry (1869-1940)	RMS Carpathia	RMS Titanic	Ships		19	Summer 1998	4
Childhood	Sweet nostalgia	Recollections of boyhood in Abram		Abram						19	Summer 1998	5
Breweries	Memories of Haigh Brewery (part 2)	J F Moore worked at the brewery in the 1920 and 1930s		Haigh	Moore, J F					19	Summer 1998	6

Biography	Memories from the life of James Albert Davies	His formative years in Aspull and Coppull 1912-1925	Davies, James Albert	Aspull						19	Summer 1998	8
Heritage	Friends	The launch of the Friends of Wigan Heritage Service		Wigan						19	Summer 1998	12
Recollections	Ashton-in-Makerfield in the 1930s		Knowles, Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield						19	Summer 1998	14
Actresses	Viola Smart	The stage and screen actress (stage name Viola Keats) lived in Golborne		Golborne	Keats, Viola (1911-1998)					20	Autumn 1998	4
Biography	Ellen Weeton (1776-1849)	Ellen Weeton's letters and journals include recollections of her time spent	Roby, J A	Upholland	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)					20	Autumn 1998	5

		in Upholland										
Breweries	Memories of Haigh Brewery (part 3)	J F Moore worked there in the 1920 and 1930s		Haigh	Moore, J F					20	Autumn 1998	6
Biography	Memories from the life of James Albert Davies (part 2)	The years from 1926 onwards	Davies, James Albert	Aspull						20	Autumn 1998	8
Music	"Come welcome the New Year with anthems of joy"	Singers from Roby Mill used to go carolling on New Year's Eve, beginning in the 1860s	Bearon, Peter	Roby Mill		Carol Singing				20	Autumn 1998	11
Recollections	Ashton-in-Makerfield just before and during World War II		Knowles, Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield						20	Autumn 1998	14
Museums	Astley Green Colliery Museum	Developments in the museum (now the		Astley Green		Mining	Red Rose Steam Society			20	Autumn 1998	16

		Lancashire Mining Museum)										
Swimming	Ashton Swimming Baths - a note	The baths opened in 1910 but closed shortly afterwards because of subsidence		Ashton-in-Makerfield						20	Autumn 1998	17
Schools	Sacred Heart School, Hindley Green (early 1930s)		Bryden, Marjorie	Hindley Green						20	Autumn 1998	18
Charities	The Lowton United Charity	William Leadbeater (d. 1686) bequeathed land in Lowton and Golborne to the poor	Worsley, H	Lowton								
				Golborne	Leadbeater, William (?-1686)					20	Autumn 1998	20
Family History	Descendants of Robert Arkwright (born 1606) wanted	The author also records the death of John	Arkwright, Peter	Ince	Arkwright, John	Mining				20	Autumn 1998	22

		Arkwright in 1904 in Springs Branch colliery										
Biography	John Faiclough (1854-1923)	Became the first mayor of Leigh in 1899, and a freeman of the borough		Leigh	Fairclough, John (1854-1923)	Mayors				21	Spring 1999	4
Biography	The illustrious 'Little' Steve	Stephen Walsh, brought up in the workhouse, became a miner, then MP for Ince and the Secretary of State for War in the first Labour government	Fairhurst, James	Ince	Walsh, Stephen (1859-1929)	Members of Parliament				21	Spring 1999	5
Biography	Ellen Weeton (1776-1849) Governess: From Lancaster to Upholland	Ellen Weeton's letters and journals include recollections of her time spent	Roby, J A	Upholland	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)					21	Spring 1999	6

War Memorials	Second World War memorials in metropolitan Wigan		Mc Pherson, Eric	Wigan						21	Spring 1999	21
Recollections	Ashton-in-Makerfield during the 1930s		Knowles, Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield						21	Spring 1999	23
Biography	White Hope, or searching for Great Uncle Harry	The author researched her uncle, an amateur boxer who was killed on the Somme	Bell, Margaret	Leigh	Bilsbury, Harry (1891-1916)	Grenadier Guards	Thiepval memorial			22	Summer 1999	4
Biography	Ellen Weeton (1776-1849) Governess: Village life - coarse and fine	Ellen Weeton's letters and journals include recollections of her time spent in Upholland	Roby, J A	Upholland	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)					22	Summer 1999	6
Biography	Rev. John Braithwaite (1754-1812)	John Braithwaite was headmaster of	Roby, J A	Upholland	Braithwaite, Rev. John (1754-1812)	Upholland Grammar School	St George's Chapel			22	Summer 1999	7

		Upholland School, and a curate there and at St George's in Wigan										
Poetry	Miss Weeton, the great walker and versifier	Ellen Weeton's poem about Dean Wood		Dean Wood	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)					22	Summer 1999	8
Poetry	Down there	Jack Daniels' poem about a pit accident in 1929	Daniels, Jack			Mining				22	Summer 1999	9
Biography	Memories from the life of James Albert Davies	His experiences during the Second World War	Davies, James Albert	Coppull		Teachers				22	Summer 1999	10
Maps	Sew for the Millennium	A national project for communities to create parish maps		Wigan		Millennium				22	Summer 1999	13
Places	One hundred years old	Celebrations to mark the centenary of Leigh		Leigh		Centenaries				22	Summer 1999	14

		being made a municipal borough										
Biography	Let's talk Wigin	The author has recorded memories from his elderly ancestors	Cain, Neil	Wigan	Cain, Edward	Railways				22	Summer 1999	18
					Morris, Stanley							
Wrestling	Wigan wrestlers at the Alhambra	Several Wigan wrestlers competed at a national event in London in 1910	Heyes, Thomas	Wigan						22	Summer 1999	20
Museums	The Museum of the Century	Opie's Museum of Memories opened at Trencherfield Mill		Wigan	Opie, Robert (1947-)	Brands	Social history			22	Summer 1999	21
Mining	Giant's Hall colliery, Standish Lower Ground, near Wigan	The author's father was manager in the 1920s and 30s	Gaskell, Paul	Standish Lower Ground	Gaskell, Paul					22	Summer 1999	23

Authors	How George Orwell took a running jump at Wigan Pier - and missed	The author reproduces his 1984 Guardian article taking issue with Orwell's description of Wigan and Wiganers	Ollerton, J H	Wigan	Orwell, George (1903-1950)	<i>The Road to Wigan Pier</i>				22	Summer 1999	26
Restaurants	A lost eating house: Roy's Café	Roy's Café, started by the Gorer family, was at the junction of Marsden Street and Hope Street	Webb, Nicholas	Wigan	Gorer family					23	Autumn 1999	3
Places	It happened in Ince	The history of Ince from the earliest times	Cain, Neil	Ince						23	Autumn 1999	4
Biography	Ellen Weeton (1776-1849) Governess: Pastures new	Ellen Weeton's later life in Liverpool and Kendal	Roby, J A	Upholland	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)					23	Autumn 1999	7

Biography	Thomas Rawlinson Weeton (1781-1845)	The life of Ellen Weeton's brother	Roby, J A	Upholland	Weeton, Thomas Rawlinson (1781-1845)						23	Autumn 1999	9
Mining	Sir Henry Hall - The miners' friend	Henry Hall was HM Chief Inspector of Mines for Lancashire and North Wales	Fairhurst, James	Wigan	Hall, Henry (1845-1936)						23	Autumn 1999	10
Hospitals	Wigan Infirmary in the early years	The Royal Albert Edward Infirmary opened in 1873	Rayner, Don	Wigan							23	Autumn 1999	11
Dialect	Is your dialect really necessary?	The author wished to promote the Wigan dialect	Smith, J Harold								23	Autumn 1999	17
Recollections	More memories of Ashton-in-Makerfield in the 1930s		Knowles, Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield							23	Autumn 1999	18

Shops	A clean sheet	The first launderette was in New York in 1945; the first in the Wigan area was in Atherton in 1949	Ashcroft, Tony	Atherton		Launderettes				23	Autumn 1999	21
Childhood	Early days in Hindley		Bennett, E	Hindley						23	Autumn 1999	22
Celebrations	Unparalleled scenes 100 years ago: Wigan and District on Mafeking night	The ending of the siege of Mafeking in the Boer war was celebrated by the public	Holcroft, Fred	Wigan		Boer War	Siege of Mafeking			24	Spring 2000	3
Biography	William Maskell Peace	William Peace was a solicitor who was closely associated with the mining industry, and helped to secure the establishment of	Fairhurst, James	Wigan	Peace, William Maskell (1834-1892)	Mining	Parks			24	Spring 2000	8

Maps	Mapping the Millennium	The Millennium map, in 28 sections, was to be exhibited around the Borough		Wigan		Millennium				24	Spring 2000	13
Biography	I remember when	The author recalls his long association with cars	Taberner, Ernie	Wigan		Cars				24	Spring 2000	16
Dialect	Lanky Twang, or Language in its warkin' clooas	The differences in styles of speech within Wigan	Ford, Ernest	Wigan						24	Spring 2000	17
Biography	Tamperin' wi' t'moon: the life of Lydia Fletcher (1845-1933)	The author's ancestor worked in a weaving mill	Symes, Ruth A	Wigan	Fletcher, Lydia (1845-1933)	Cotton Mills				24	Spring 2000	20
Rugby League	Albert V Twose (A reader's reminiscence)	Albert Twose played for Wigan for a short time from 1931	Taylor, Roger	Wigan	Twose, Albert V					24	Spring 2000	24

Childhood	The exploited generation	Memories of a 1930s childhood in Wigan	Hodge. Molly	Wigan						25	Summer 2000	12
Recollections	May Day	Recalling the May Day parades and May Queens	Humphreys, Elene	Wigan		May Day				25	Summer 2000	12
Poetry	The Lamplighter's Pole	Dialect poem	Humphreys, Elene							25	Summer 2000	13
Millennium	Mapping the Millennium	Celebrations of the Millennium in the Borough		Wigan		Millennium				25	Summer 2000	16
Biography	Tamperin' wi' t'moon: the life of Lydia Fletcher (1845-1933) (2)	The author's ancestor worked in a weaving mill	Symes, Ruth A	Wigan	Fletcher, Lydia (1845-1933)	Cotton Mills				25	Summer 2000	18
Recollections	More memories of Ashton-in-Makerfield in the 1930s		Knowles, Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield						25	Summer 2000	22

Childhood	Childhood reminiscences of Haigh	The author lived in Winstanley Farm, Haigh, from 1907	Fairhurst, Jane	Haigh						25	Summer 2000	24
Poetry	My Owd Case Clock	Dialect poem	Fitton, Sam							25	Summer 2000	29
Cinemas	Prince's Cinema opening	Anna Neagle attended the cinema opening in 1935		Wigan	Neagle, Anna (1904-1986)					25	Summer 2000	31
War Memorials	A constant pledge - An obligation fulfilled	The memorial was unveiled on 17 October 1925	Holcroft, Fred	Wigan						26	Autumn 2000	3
Mining	Pit brow girls' protest	A deputation to the Home Office in 1911 in protest at the plan to exclude women workers from mines	Fairhurst, James							26	Autumn 2000	5

Dancing	Dance to the music of time	Recollections of Miss Gee's School of Dancing	Berry, E	Wigan						26	Autumn 2000	8
Dancing	Dance to the music of time	Recollections of Miss Gee's School of Dancing	Westhead, Florence	Wigan						26	Autumn 2000	8
Dancing	Take your partners please	Recollections of ballroom dancing in venues around the borough	Lucas, Kenneth	Wigan						26	Autumn 2000	9
Dancing		Request for information about named dance venues	Ashcroft, Tony	Wigan						26	Autumn 2000	9
Biography	Ellen Weeton (1776-1849) Governess: 'Spare the rod and spoil the child'	Ellen Weeton's time as a governess in Huddersfield	Roby, J A	Huddersfield	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)					26	Autumn 2000	10

Statues	The strange case of the vanishing statue	An appeal to restore the Boer War statue in Mesnes Park on the war's centenary	Hilton, J A	Wigan	John, Gascombe (1860-1952)	Boer War	Mesnes Park	Sculpture		26	Autumn 2000	13
Millennium	Mapping the Millennium	A summary of events around the Borough		Wigan						26	Autumn 2000	14
Millennium	Wigan 2000: the way we are	Celebrating the Millennium and the people of the Borough		Wigan		Exhibitions				26	Autumn 2000	16
World War II	The first two years of World War II	Recollections of a pupil in Ashton Grammar School	Preston, Nora	Ashton-in-Makerfield		Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School				26	Autumn 2000	19
Nursing	From Wigan to world tour: the life of Mary Alicia Hodkinson 1912-1995	Mary Hodkinson was born in Wigan, emigrated to Australia and	Bradley, Anne	Wigan	Hodkinson, Mary Alicia (1912-1995)	Swedenborgian Church				26	Autumn 2000	20

		became a nurse										
Biography	I remember when...	The author recalls his motor bikes and cars	Taberner, Ernie	Wigan		Cars	Motor bikes			26	Autumn 2000	22
Police	Wigan Borough police - a tale from the graveyard shift	Reproduction of the recollections of Sergeant Newcombe, from 1881 to 1902		Wigan	Newcombe, (Sergeant)					26	Autumn 2000	23
Recollections	God's good fresh air	The author's visit to his brother in hospital by bicycle, and a later serious car accident	Smith, J Harold	Wigan		Wrightington Hospital				26	Autumn 2000	24
Childhood	Coal fires and loved faces: memories of an Ince childhood		Roberts, Irene	Ince						26	Autumn 2000	27
Poetry	The beauty of Ince	An anonymous		Ince						26	Autumn 2000	31

		poem, dating from at least the 1940s										
Biography	The Dr Mary Tomlinson story	Mary Tomlinson became a medical missionary in India	Fairhurst, James	Pemberton	Tomlinson, Mary (1899-2000)	Doctors				27	Spring 2001	3
Elections	Election fever? You ain't seen nuthin!	The election in Wigan in 1857 in which Francis Sharp Powell and Henry Woods were elected	Holcroft, Fred	Wigan	Powell, Francis Sharp (1857-1911)	Members of Parliament				27	Spring 2001	4
					Woods, Henry (1822-1882)							
Dancing	I won't dance - don't ask me	The author's childhood attempts at dancing	Smith, J Harold	Wigan						27	Spring 2001	8
Health	The Great Stink of Standish	Reproduction of an 1859 letter	Cain, Neil	Standish	Woodcock, Edward	Wigan Board of Health				27	Spring 2000	8

		to the Wigan Board of Health about a noxious smell from a factory										
Singers	Street singer who conquered empires	Mary Connolly, a native of Ireland, who worked at Pretoria Pit, became famous in the UK and Ireland	Villiers, Eric	Wigan	Connolly, Mary (1892-?)	Pretoria Pit				27	Spring 2000	9
Biography	Ellen Weeton (1776-1849), Governess: Persecution and despair	Ellen Weeton's disastrous marriage to Aaron Stock and her forced separation from her daughter Mary	Roby, Alan	Upholland	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)	Diaries				27	Spring 2000	10
Schools	Parr Hall: boarding academy for young ladies:	The school to which Aaron Stock sent Mary, his	Roby, Alan	St Helens	Stock, Aaron (1776-?)	Parr Hall				27	Spring 2000	12

	Principal William Grundy	and Ellen Weeton's daughter										
Aircraft	Crash landing at Aspull: the tale of an American B24 Liberator bomber	A bomber crashed in Hall Lane, Aspull, after taking off from Burtonwood on 27 August 1943	Heyes, Hugh	Aspull						27	Spring 2000	14
Police	Wigan Borough police: a tale from the graveyard shift	An account from a police sergeant in 1902 revealing the extent of child cruelty at the time	Tetlow, Dave	Wigan	Newcombe, Robert					27	Spring 2000	18
World War II	Reminiscences of events in Atheron township in 1941	The damage caused by German aircraft releasing ordnance over the town	Leather, Harold	Atheron						27	Spring 2000	19

Hospitals	The state of the National Health Service	The author's recollection of Billinge Hospital when visiting relatives, and later as a nurse	Westhead, Florence	Billinge		Billinge Hospital					27	Spring 2000	27
Schools	Gidlow Girls' Senior School 1939-42	The author's recollections of school life	Shawcross, Jean	Beech Hill		Gidlow Girls' Senior School					27	Spring 2000	29
Dancing	Dancing days - the sequel	The author provides the names of more dancing establishments in the borough	Lucas, Kenneth	Wigan							27	Spring 2000	30
World War I	Reluctant soldiers: Wigan's conscript tribunals 1916-1918	The members of the conscript tribunal, and some of the cases they heard	Holcroft, Fred	Wigan		Conscription					28	Summer 2001	4

Recollections	Perpetuum mobile	Recollections with an emphasis on motor vehicles	Smith, J Harold	Wigan		Cars				28	Summer 2001	15
Transport	I remember when...	The difficulties of driving in wartime	Taberner, Ernie	Wigan						28	Summer 2001	21
Parks	Memories of days in the park	Recollections of Mesnes Park	Topping, Edith	Wigan		Mesnes Park				28	Summer 2001	22
Schools	Memories of the Central School, Ashton-in-Makerfield	The career of teacher Percival Clifford Ralls	Ralls, Stan	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Ralls, Percival Clifford	Central School, Ashton-in-Makerfield				28	Summer 2001	23
World War II	Life in the Grenadier Guards	The author volunteered from Wigan, and was at Salerno and Monte Cassino	Seddon, Harold	Wigan		Battles				28	Summer 2001	25
Childhood	Childhood sounds of the 1920s and 1930s	The knocker-up, clogs, trams, music, etc.	Ollerton, J H	Scholes						28	Summer 2001	27

Ancient History	The history of Tel-al-Amarna	The work of egyptologist , John Pendlebury, whose grandfather founded Pendlebury & Co. Ltd	Ashcroft, Tony		Pendlebury, John Devitt Stringfellow (1904-1941)	Archaeology				28	Summer 2001	28
Shops	"Wigan is a grand old town, the Romans knew it well"	Recollections of Baines grocery store, Darlington Street	Baines, J Vincent	Wigan		R. Baines (Grocery shop)				28	Summer 2001	30
Festivals	Queen at the annual May Day festival (14 May 1909)	The author's mother was crowned festival queen in Golborne	Brookes, Betty	Golborne		May Day				28	Summer 2001	32
Swimming	The lovely ladies of Coop's swimming club		Heaton, Tom	Wigan		Coop & Co.				28	Summer 2001	35
Theatres	Jonathan Dewhurst - the	Jonathan Dewhurst was a leading	Taylor, Philip	Leigh	Dewhurst, Jonathan (1837-1913)	Theatre Royal, Leigh				29	Autumn 2001	3

	Lancashire tragedian	actor, and managed Leigh Theatre Royal										
Recollections	Every picture tells a story	Memories of Ashton-in-Makerfield	Smith, J Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield						29	Autumn 2001	4
Witches	The witches of Wigan	The 17th century witch craze, including Isabella Rigby of Hindley	Fairhurst, James	Hindley	Rigby, Isabella					29	Autumn 2001	7
Family History	The Hitchen name in Wigan: some clues to the past	Beginning with Peter Hitchen b. 1784	Baxby, Pam	Wigan	Hitchen family					29	Autumn 2001	8
Biography	Ellen Weeton (1776-1849), Governess: Final days	Ellen Weeton lived in Standishgate from 1827 to 1844	Roby, Alan	Wigan	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)					29	Autumn 2001	10
Childhood	The ghost of Christmas past	Childhood Christmas in Wigan	Roberts, Irene	Wigan						29	Autumn 2001	13

Pubs	Market Hotel, Wigan, 1931-1976	The author's father and grandfather were licensees	Cook, L M	Wigan	Cook, Colin					29	Autumn 2001	14
Scouts	Away the lads	Leigh parish church Scout camp in Filey in 1934	Axon, H H	Leigh						29	Autumn 2001	16
Places	Aspull - the story of a village	The cover of a new book, designed by Gerald Rickards		Aspull	Rickards, Gerald (1931-2006)					29	Summer 2001	20
Recollections	A time long ago	Recollections of Scholes from 1920 to 1932	Schofield, Fred	Scholes						29	Autumn 2001	22
Clergy	Rev. Alfred Williams Momerie (1848-1900)	For a short time Alfred Momerie was a priest in Leigh	Higgins, Kathleen Ashcroft, Tony	Leigh	Momerie, Alfred Williams (1848-1900)					29	Autumn 2001	24

Biography	"Our Clifford" as told by Mrs Margaret Young to her nephew, Bill Chaloner, 2001	The life of Clifford Young, who was part of bomber crew in WWII. Includes his own account of bailing out.	Young, Margaret	Hindley	Young, Clifford	World War II	Royal Air Force			29	Autumn 2001	26
Schools	A matter of belief	A teacher's unkind correction of spelling at Marylebone primary school	Hirst, Margaret	Marylebone						29	Autumn 2001	30
Recollections	Letters and articles about 'The Hut' in Stoney Lane, Hindley			Hindley		Dancing				29	Autumn 2001	32
Rugby League	It's simple!	The author's father played for the Ince All Blacks	Lees, John	Ince	Lees, Billy					29	Autumn 2001	34

Hospitals	"Supported by voluntary subscriptions"	The author included a list of Wigan Infirmary subscriptions from 1899-1900	Taberner, Ernie	Wigan		Royal Albert Edward Infirmary				29	Autumn 2001	35
Clubs	Left Book Club, Leigh	The author's father was a founder of the club which met to discuss books published by Victor Gollancz	Griffiths, H B	Leigh	Griffiths, Wesley	Victor Gollancz Ltd	Left Book Club			29	Autumn 2001	36
Childhood	So many memories	Reminiscences of growing up in Kendal Street	Dawber, James	Wigan						29	Autumn 2001	38
Mining	Pre-eminent in his field	The author, a surveyor, attended classes led by Thomas Bryson in Wigan mining college	Knowles, Harold	Wigan	Bryson, Thomas	Wigan Mining and Technical College	Colleges			29	Autumn 2001	39

Women's Movement	A hidden gem in the Archives	The Heritage Officer found a 17th century book in stock:" <i>Womans worth, or a treatise proveing by sundrie reasons that woemen doe excell men</i> " (Author unknown)	Davies, Alan	Leigh						30	Spring 2002	4
Railways	Great days on the Great Central	The recollections of the author's uncle who worked on the railway line	Cain, Neil	Wigan	Morris, Stan	Great Central Railway				30	Spring 2002	5
Authors	James Hilton, a famous son of Leigh	James Hilton wrote <i>Lost Horizon</i> and <i>Goodbye Mr Chips</i>	Hammond, J R	Leigh	Hilton, James (1900-1954)					30	Spring 2002	7

Hospitals	Were they cooking the books?	The author reproduces a letter from Pearson & Knowles in 1883, accusing the Infirmary of publishing misleading information in the list of subscribers	Rayner, Don	Wigan		Royal Albert Edward Infirmary	Pearson & Knowles Coal & Iron Co Ltd			30	Spring 2002	16
Childhood	A Wigan childhood	The author's recollections.	Hirst, Margaret	Wigan						30	Spring 2002	17
Workhouses	The Frog Lane 'ghost' - January 1901	An extract from the local press of the time - the ghost was actually an inmate of the workhouse.		Wigan		Wigan Workhouse				30	Spring 2002	17
Places	Orrell	Reproduction of an artwork by Gerald Rickards		Orrell	Rickards, Gerald (1931-2006)	Art				30	Spring 2002	20

Recollections	My year in Garswood 1928-1929	The author lived with her grandparents before emigrating to Australia	Colquhoun, Olwen Mary	Garswood						30	Spring 2002	23
Theatres	Jonathan Dewhurst - the Lancashire tragedian	Further information about Jonathan Dewhurst's links with Leigh	Taylor, Susan	Leigh	Dewhurst, Jonathan (1837-1913)	Theatre Royal, Leigh				30	Spring 2002	24
Recollections	I remember when...	A teacher gave Ernie a valuable lesson for life	Taberner, Ernie	Wigan						30	Spring 2002	24
Cinemas	"The Bug"	Recollections of the Doric Cinema in Ince	Roberts, Irene	Ince		Doric Cinema, Ince				30	Spring 2002	26
Recollections	My Grandparents	Recollections by Mary Hodge, sent by her daughter	Hodge, Mary Lilian	Wigan	Humphreys, Elene					30	Spring 2002	27
Poetry	Eric's Card	Written in dialect	Humphreys, Elene							30	Spring 2002	27

Parish Registers	Parish registers	Volunteers transcribe the registers for the Lancashire Parish Record Society	Davies, Alan	Wigan	Taylor, Ken					30	Spring 2002	28
Mining	Roman coal mining in Wigan	It is possible that the Romans dug for coal near the site of Arley Hall	Aldridge, Bill	Blackrod						30	Spring 2002	29
Schools	From the other side of the Ditch	Recollections of a pupil at Ashton Central School	Thompson, David	Ashton-in-Makerfield		Ashton-in-Makerfield Central School				30	Spring 2002	31
Schools	34 years at Ashton-in-Makerfield Central School	The author's father, Firth Hartley, taught at the school	Barbara M Hartley	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Hartley, Firth	Ashton-in-Makerfield Central School				30	Spring 2002	32
Football	[Photograph of a football team]	The named players of a Hindley &	Chadwick, Robert	Hindley		Hindley & Abram	Schools			30	Spring 2002	32

		Abram Grammar School team 1949				Grammar School						
Schools	"I never wanted to leave school"	Recollections of Whelley Senior School	Land, Edna	Whelley						30	Spring 2002	33
Family History	The story of Great Great Grandfather Horrocks	James Horrocks eventually inherited Scholes manor house	Cooke, J	Scholes	Horrocks, James (b. 1805)					30	Spring 2002	34
Dancing	Kenneth's word picture evoked memorable love for dance music	The author danced in several local venues	Siney, Joe	Wigan						30	Spring 2002	36
Schools	Glad to have missed Miss Gee!	Recollections of Marylebone Primary School	Miller, C	Wigan		Marylebone Primary School				30	Spring 2002	37
Women's Movement	"Womans Worth" revisited	Publicity following the discovery of	Davies, Alan	Leigh						31	Summer 2002	4

Biography	George Lyon - Up Holland highwayman?	The life of the notorious thief and his hanging in 1815	Miller, Allan	Upholland	Lyon, George (1760-1815)					31	Summer 2002	14
Places	Standish	Reproduction of an artwork by Gerald Rickards		Standish	Rickards, Gerald (1931-2006)	Art				31	Summer 2002	20
Railways	Another great day on the Great Central	The author worked at the LNER Lower Ince shed	Darbyshire, Fred	Ince		Great Central Railway	London & North Eastern Railway			31	Summer 2002	22
Cinemas	Open door for the 'Penny Rush'	Recollections of the Labour Hall Cinema, Scholes	Heaton, Tom	Scholes		Labour Hall Cinema				31	Summer 2002	24
Rugby League	The year is...1959	Recollections of Wigan's famous games and players	Cain, Neil	Wigan						31	Summer 2002	26
Mining	Bickershaw Colliery - a wealth of memories	Recollections of a mining engineer, manager	Hindley, Harry	Pennington		Bickershaw Colliery				31	Summer 2002	29

		and surveyor										
Biography	Charles Albert Berry (1852-1899)	Charles Berry was a Congregational minister who travelled widely overseas		Leigh	Berry, Charles Albert (1852-1899)	Congregational Church				31	Summer 2002	32
Accidents	Terrible gas explosion at Leigh	The Leigh Chronicle article of May 1905. Two sisters were injured at 24 Ellesmere Street.		Leigh		Gas Explosion				31	Summer 2002	34
Cinemas	"The Bug", "The Vic" and some Hindley characters	Memories of Hindley cinemas	Brownbill, W	Hindley						31	Summer 2002	35
Workhouses	The Frog Lane 'ghost' and other spirits	Letter from the grandson of the man who saw the 'ghost'	Greenwood, S	Wigan	Greenwood, William	Wigan Workhouse				31	Summer 2002	36

		(PF 30, p.17)										
Schools	Spring View teachers in the late 1930's	Photograph of teachers (and another article with a photograph)	Heyes, Daniel	Ince		Spring View Senior Boys school				31	Summer 2002	36
Romans	"The Romans knew it well"	A coin of Constantius I, who invaded Britain in 296, was found in a garden in Beech Hill	Appleton, Clarence	Beech Hill		Roman Coins				31	Summer 2002	37
House History	Haigh Hall farm kennels	A photograph of the remains of the kennels, near the laundry room at the hall	Smith, J	Haigh		Haigh Hall				31	Summer 2002	38
Schools	Beech Hill Infants School	A photograph of a class		Beech Hill		Beech Hill Infants School				31	Summer 2002	38

		from 1933 or 1934										
World War I	Remembering the Zeppelin raid on Wigan	A Zeppelin fell in Lorne Street in 1918	Hitchen, Lily	Ince		Zeppelin Raid				31	Summer 2002	38
Archives	Michael Follows	Tributes to a volunteer at Leigh Archives	Taylor, Ken	Leigh						32	Autumn 2002	4
Farming	Life on the farm	Photographs from Yew Tree Farm, Hindley Green		Hindley Green	Hardman, Fred	Yew Tree Farm				32	Autumn 2002	6
Biography	The Sam Woods story	Sam Woods was a miner and first president of the Lancashire and Cheshire Miners Federation	Fairhurst, James	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Woods, Sam (1846-1915)	Mining				32	Autumn 2002	8
Legends	The Dead Hand	Legend that a dead man's will was signed by the dead	Ford, Ernest	Ince	Arrowsmith, Edmund (1585-1628)	Ince Hall	Bryn Hall			32	Autumn 2002	9

		hand of Father Edmund Arrowsmith										
Carnivals	Wigan Carnival	Memories from the 1920s and 1930s	Heaviside , R D	Wigan						32	Autum n 2002	10
Boer War	Letters from the Front	Local men in the Boer War 1899- 1902	Holcroft, Fred	Wigan						32	Autum n 2002	12
Rugby League	A Rugby League diary 1898- 1938	Based on the diaries of John Counsell, chairman of Wigan Rugby League Football Club	Miller, Alan	Wigan	Counsell, John					32	Autum n 2002	15
Mining	Coal dust, the miner's unexpected menace	The explosions, deaths and injuries caused by coal dust	Davies, Alan	Wigan		Explosions	Industrial diseases			32	Autum n 2002	18
Places	Leigh	Reproducti on of an artwork by		Leigh	Rickards, Gerald (1931-2006)	Art				32	Autum n 2002	22

		Gerald Rickards										
Authors	"In their own write"	Women writers associated with the area	Ashcroft, Tony		Isherwood, E L O					32	Autum n 2002	24
					Heman, Felicia Dorothea (1793-1835)							
Childhood	Childhood revisted	Growing up in Ashton-in-Makerfield	Smith, J Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield						32	Autum n 2002	25
Recollections	Remember, remember, the fifth of November	Memories of bonfire night	Roberts, Irene	Wigan						32	Autum n 2002	28
Cars	I don't remember when	Memories of past car and motor bike makes	Taberner, Ernie			Westwood 11.9 HP Open Tourer car				32	Autum n 2002	29
Family History	The Lambs of Wigan	Including William James Lamb, Mayor in 1880	Lamb, David	Wigan	Lamb, William James (1839-1901)	Mayors				32	Autum n 2002	30

Transport	Wigan 100 - the centenary of Wigan Corporation Transport	Celebration held at Haigh Hall on 29 September 2002	Whimpany, Nick	Wigan		Wigan Corporation Transport	Buses			32	Autumn 2002	33
Recollections	Wigan tales	The author's mother went to St Catherine's school in 1939, and then worked at Santus's Toffee Works	Charnock, Gwen	Wigan	Mitchell, Doreen	St Catherine's C of E school, Scholefield Lane	William Santus & Co Ltd (Uncle Joe's)			32	Autumn 2002	34
World War II	Winstanley Hall WAAF camp confirmed	Three letters confirming its existence	Smith, Mary	Winstanley		Women's Auxiliary Air Force	Winstanley Hall			32	Autumn 2002	36
			Heaton, Joe									
			Cross, Derek									
Cricket	Park Lane Unitarian Chapel cricket team 1927	Two photographs naming team members	Fairhurst, I	Ashton-in-Makerfield						32	Autumn 2002	37

Biography	Mr George Tinsley - local celebrity	Reproduction of a 1927 article about the miner, railwayman and rugby player		Wigan						32	Autumn 2002	38
Railways	A particular interest in railways	Recollections of trainspotting in 1965	Allen, Peter	Ince						32	Autumn 2002	42
Railways	Exciting time for a small boy	Memories of the Great Central Railway	Liptrot, Brian	Wigan		Great Central Railway				32	Autumn 2002	42
Chapels	The old Primitive Methodist chapel, Bradshawgate, Leigh	The history of the chapel	Szymanski, Joan	Leigh		Methodism				32	Autumn 2002	43
Biography	Mr Tom Bennett	An outline of the life of a volunteer, who had served in the RAF in World War II	Davies, Alan	Wigan	Bennett, Tom	Lancaster Bombers				33	Spring 2003	3

Parish Registers	The Sexton's day registers for Wigan All Saints Parish Church	Extracts from the late 18th and early 19th century registers	Taylor, Ken	Wigan	Latham, James	All Saints Church				33	Spring 2003	4
Boer War	Letters from the Front (episode 2)	Local men in the Boer War 1899-1902	Holcroft, Fred	Wigan						33	Spring 2003	6
Schools	One man's memories of Wigan Grammar School in the 1930's	Contains a photograph naming most of Form 5C in 1935, with details of some of the boys	Taylor, Roger	Wigan		Wigan Grammar School				33	Spring 2003	9
Cars	The rise and fall of the "Westwood"	A car made in Wigan from 1919 to 1924, designed by Bill Williamson	Worthington-Williams, Michael	Wigan	Williamson, Bill	Westwood Engineering Company	Britannia Works			33	Spring 2003	12
Authors	"In their own write"	Women writers associated with the area	Ashcroft, Tony		Greenwell, Dora (1821-1882)					33	Spring 2003	15

Rugby League	A Rugby League diary 1898-1938 (part two)	Based on the diaries of John Counsell, chairman of Wigan Rugby League Football Club	Miller, Alan	Wigan	Counsell, John					33	Spring 2003	28
Childhood	Childhood revisited (part two)	Growing up in Ashton-in-Makerfield	Smith, J Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield						33	Spring 2003	32
Mining	More on the miner's menace - coal dust	The explosions, deaths and injuries caused by coal dust	Fairhurst, James	Wigan		Explosions	Industrial Diseases			33	Spring 2003	35
Photography	Quest for Volney Stephenson's portraits	Volney Stephenson was an early photographer	Smith, Robin		Stephenson, Volney (1870-1915)					33	Spring 2003	36
Armed Forces	From a WAAF teleprinter operator	Cpl Betty Bell was stationed at Winstanley Hall from June 1943	Jones, Carol	Winstanley	Bell, Betty	Winstanley Hall	Women's Auxiliary Air Force			33	Spring 2003	37

World War II	"Memories are made of this..."	Letters about the wartime use of Winstanley Hall		Winstanley		Winstanley Hall				33	Spring 2003	38
Carnivals	Wigan Carnival, 1928, "Bohemian Girl"	Photographs based on the carnival's theme	Harrison, Gwyneth	Wigan						33	Spring 2003	41
Biography	Edmund (Ted) Cheetham	A brief outline of the life of a volunteer	Rigby, Gerry		Cheetham, Edmund (1926-2003)					34	Summer 2003	4
Biography	Donald Anderson	Tribute to the former miner and mining historian			Anderson, Donald (1912-2003)	Mining				34	Summer 2003	4
Maps	Opening of <i>Wigan on the Map</i>	Display of the 28 textile representations of parish maps	Webb, Yvonne	Wigan	Staunton-Unsworth, Tony	Exhibitions				34	Summer 2003	5
Boer War	Letters from the Front (episode three)	Local men in the Boer War 1899-1902	Holcroft, Fred	Wigan						34	Summer 2003	6

Authors	George Orwell's "the Road to Wigan Pier"	How the book came to be written	Fairhurst, James	Wigan	Orwell, George (1903-1950)	<i>The Road to Wigan Pier</i>				34	Summer 2003	9
Archives	Wigan Heritage Service - Discovery of regionally important textile archive	A regional survey of pattern books has uncovered the archive of Charles Hilton & Son, silk weavers	Webb, Yvonne			Charles Hilton & Son	Silk Weaving			34	Summer 2003	11
Lighthouses	The (long) road to Wigan Pier	The Wigan resident recounts his service with the Trinity Lighthouse Service	Medlicott, Gordon			Trinity Lighthouse Service				34	Summer 2003	12
Horses	The cart horse (c. 1938)	The author's grandfather was a coal dealer with a shire horse	Heavisde, R D	Wigan						34	Summer 2003	13
Schools	From Up Holland Grammar	A book traces the		Upholland	Miller, Allan	Up Holland	Winstanley College			34	Summer 2003	14

Childhood	The dream	Recollections of childhood in Ince	Roberts, Irene	Ince						34	Summer 2003	24
World War I	"Their name liveth for evermore"	The author found a memorial to a Leigh soldier in Skopje, Macedonia	Parry, Russell	Leigh	Seddon, W (c. 1897-1918)					34	Summer 2003	25
Local History	Victoria's secret	Life in Wigan in Victorian times	Cain, Neil	Wigan		Cotton Famine	Mining	Civil Unrest		34	Summer 2003	26
Childhood	The memoirs of John Vincent Gerner	Transcribed from a 1969 letter to his son	Gerner, John Vincent	Ashton-in-Makerfield						34	Summer 2003	28
Childhood	Pre-school memories	Growing up in Hindley	Westwell, John	Hindley						34	Summer 2003	30
Childhood	Childhood revisited (part three)	Growing up in Ashton-in-Makerfield	Smith, J Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield						34	Summer 2003	32
Schools	All proud Wiganers	A photograph of named	Houldsworth, Sylvia	Abram	Draper, Sidney					34	Summer 2003	35

		pupils at St John's C of E school, Abram, 1919-20										
Football	One of the highlights of the municipal year	The annual match, Town Hall v Municipal Buildings, with photo from 1953	Ashurst, Roy	Pemberton						34	Summer 2003	36
Family History	The Watsons, an old and respected family	A family of noted builders	Watson, Audrey	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Watson family	Watson's (Builders)				34	Summer 2003	37
World War II	Photos of great personal interest	A photograph from RAF Station Blackbrook in 1946 includes the author's mother	Phillpotts, Dee	St Helens	Taylor, Pat	Women's Auxiliary Air Force				34	Summer 2003	37
Leigh	The 'Eight Mites' of Leigh	Photographs of a clog dancing troupe and Plank Lane rugby team	Lirakis, V	Leigh		Clog Dancing	Rugby League			34	Summer 2003	38

Heraldry	Mystery of Wigan's past	A photograph of the emblem of the Moot Hall and an unidentified heraldic device	Rayner, Don	Wigan		Moot Hall				34	Summer 2003	38
Cinemas	Labour Hall Cinema anecdotes	Recollections of the Labour Hall Cinema, Scholes	Roocroft, Ken	Scholes		Labour Hall Cinema				34	Summer 2003	39
Schools	"There's nowt like a blast from the past..."	Recollections of Wigan Grammar School	Greenough, Stanley	Wigan		Wigan Grammar School				34	Summer 2003	40
Biography	Miner's friend - Thomas Aspinwall	Thomas Aspinwall was miners' agent for Wigan district, and Vice-President of Wigan Infirmary	Davies, George	Wigan	Aspinwall, Thomas (1846-1901)	Royal Albert Edward Infirmary	Mining			34	Summer 2003	41
Corn Mills	Pleasant memories of the old corn mill	The corn mill stood at the bottom of Coppul Lane		Wigan						34	Summer 2003	41

World War II	War years as a Flight Engineer air gunner	Memories of 1178 Squadron ATC	Dennis, J H			Royal Air Force				34	Summer 2003	42
Family History	The Dragoon who served under Wellington	Various members of the Hitchen families of Wigan	Baxby, Pam	Wigan		Battle of Waterloo	Mining			35	November 2003	9
Childhood	Childhood revisited (part four)	Growing up in Ashton-in-Makerfield	Smith, J Harold	Ashton-in-Makerfield						35	November 2003	10
Recollections	Village life in Abram 1902-1911	Extracts from Abram parish magazines	Sayers, Mary	Abram		Maypole Colliery Disaster 1908	Mining			35	November 2003	13
Dancing	The Falcons Dance Band	The dance band was formed in 1942 by ATC cadets in Leigh	Ashcroft, Tony	Leigh		Bands				35	November 2003	16
Recollections	Random thoughts on Atherton	The author was born in 1921	Rigby, Albert	Atherton						35	November 2003	19
Boer War	Letters from the Front	Local men in the Boer	Holcroft, Fred	Wigan						35	November 2003	21

	(Episode four)	War 1899-1902										
Biography	Donald Anderson (1912-2003)	Appreciation of the life of the miner and author of mining books	Davies, Alan	Wigan	Anderson, Donald (1912-2003)	Mining				35	November 2003	24
Recollections	"Good stuff comes out of Wigan!"	The recollections of Eunice Bowman at the age of 105	Berry, J M	Ince-in-Makerfield	Bowman, Eunice (1898-)					35	November 2003	26
Recollections	I remember when...	The author composed a letter on behalf of a coach driver, asking to visit Blenheim Palace, before it was opened to the public	Taberner, Ernie							35	November 2003	27
Railways	Tyldesley railway station	Recollections of the station (opened 1864,	Smith, J G	Tyldesley						35	November 2003	29

		closed 1969)										
Family History	The Clarke brothers of Leigh	Five brothers served in World War I	Belch, Bill	Leigh	Clarke family	World War I				35	Novem ber 2003	30
Mining	The Children's Employment Commission (Mines) 1842	The evidence gathered helped to end appalling working practices for children	Davies, Alan							35	Novem ber 2003	33
Childhood	Saturday morning	Unhappy memories of shopping for a rabbit at Allsop's in wartime	Lloyd, Alan							35	Novem ber 2003	36
Fire Service	Wigan's wartime Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS)	Short article with a photograph taken in 1940	Davenpor t, Alan	Wigan		Auxiliary Fire Service	World War II			35	Novem ber 2003	37
Childhood	What a memory	Recollec tions of growing up in Swinley	Heavisde, R D	Swinley						36	March 2004	5

Ghosts	The ghosts of Upholland	Ghosts said to haunt various houses in Upholland	Miller, Alan	Upholland	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)					36	March 2004	6
Mining	Mining tales	Recollections of Bickershaw Colliery	Pearce, Ken	Bickershaw						36	March 2004	9
World War II	Tom Taylor's war	Wartime experiences in the Royal Engineers	Taylor, Thomas				Royal Engineers			36	March 2004	10
Family History	Chance encounter	Research into the Taylor Family	Taylor, Graham	Ince	Taylor family					36	March 2004	13
Doctors	A Wigan family album	Photographs by Dr Maurice McElligott, in Wigan 1900-1925	Hudson, Len	Wigan	McElligott, Maurice					36	March 2004	17
Parish Registers	Ephemera from the archives: baptisms and church registers	History of the registers and interesting examples	Davies, Alan							36	March 2004	18

Recollections	Memories of happy days in Wigan	Recollections of Beech Hill and Gidlow Houses	Cole, Cecil E	Wigan	Taylor, Eunice					36	March 2004	20
Places	Wigan	Reproduction of an artwork by Gerald Rickards		Wigan	Rickards, Gerald (1931-2006)	Art				36	March 2004	22
Recollections	Memories of old Wigan	Various recollections from the 19th century	Fairhurst, James	Ashton-in-Makerfield		Park Lane Chapel				36	March 2004	26
Recollections	Brass bands and kind hearts	Memories of Walking Days	Roberts, Irene	Wigan		Walking Days				36	March 2004	28
Skating	"Eau'r Nell's Jack"	Two skaters in the 1880s and 1925	Winstanley, Eric	Billinge	Hill, John							
					Hill, Thomas					36	March 2004	30
Recollections	Barm cakes in the pantry	Visits to relatives in Wigan	Cain, Neil	Wigan						36	March 2004	31

Recollections	Garswood - the old village	Description of places and people	Cunliffe, Frank	Garswood						36	March 2004	34
Music	Ashton-in-Makerfield Male Voice Choir	Account written in the 1960s	Hughes, Alfred	Ashton-in-Makerfield		Choirs				36	March 2004	36
Biography	Apprenticeship memories, 'Top Pit', Dalton	Working in the pit run by Donald Anderson	Goodwill, Frank	Dalton	Anderson, Donald (1912-2003)	Mining				36	March 2004	37
Biography	Superb tradesman and gentleman	Working life in 'Bottom Pit'	Penny, Arthur	Dalton	Anderson, Donald (1912-2003)	Mining				36	March 2004	37
Shops	The memories of a master butcher	The author recollects his and other shops	Smith, A E	Wigan		Butchers				36	March 2004	39
Schools	St Thomas's Infant School, Caroline Street, Wigan c.1948	Three photographs and names of teachers	Dennis, Joyce	Wigan						36	March 2004	41
Recollections	Right in the first place	Bellringing in Holy Trinity	Smith, J Harold	Downall Green		Bellringing	Holy Trinity Church,			36	March 2004	42

		Church, Downall Green					Downall Green					
Boer War	Called to the colours	The author's grandfather served with the South Lancs Regiment and was awarded the DCM	Brighouse , H	Skelmers dale	Brighouse, Richard	Distinguis hed Conduct Medal		South Lancashire Regiment	Spion Kop	36	March 2004	42
Shops	A family business in Wigan	Lonsdale grocers and merchants	Hudson, Len	Wigan	Lonsdale, William	Lonsdale & Sons	Grocers			37	July 2004	5
Recollections	Memories	Tom Unsworth's service in WWI	Unsworth, Tom	Wigan		Butchers	World War I			37	July 2004	6
Dialect	Weer are't gooin	A story in Wigan dialect	Ford, Ernest	Wigan						37	July 2004	8
Mining	William Thomas Miller (1880- 1963)	William Miller was a pit deputies leader and Non- conformist	Ackers, Peter	Wigan	Miller, William Thomas (1880-1963)	General Federation of Firemen, Examiners and Deputies	Church of Christ			37	July 2004	10

						Associatio n of Great Britain						
Farming	Farming notes in the wartime years	Recollectio ns of Arrowsmith Farm, Leigh	Guest, Jean	Leigh		Arrowsmit h Farm, Leigh	World War II			37	July 2004	11
Poetry	The farmer's year round	By a farmer at Garret Hall Farm	Patrick, John	Tyldesley	Patrick, John (1896- 1966)	Farming				37	July 2004	11
Artists	John Mallinson Stamper, Wigan 1910	An artist who portrayed Billy Boston and the Infirmary		Wigan	Stamper, John Mallinson (1888-1982)					37	July 2004	12
Biography	James Lowe	James Lowe was the founder of a metal works and vice president of Bellingham Bowling club	Williams, Susan	Wigan	Lowe, James (1856-1930)	Douglas Sheet Metal Works	Bellingha m Bowling Club			37	July 2004	14
Biography	Sergeant Thomas Atkinson	A police sergeant who was	Atkinson, William	Wigan	Atkinson, Thomas (?- 1909)	Police	Eckersle y's Mill			37	July 2004	14

		wounded in a fire at Eckersley's mill										
Mining	A pit brow girl's story	Recollections of Long Lane colliery ('Crowpit) in the 1930s	Fairhurst, James	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Leyland, Jenny	Pit Brow Lasses	Long Lane Colliery			37	July 2004	15
World War II	Going to war	Service in the RAF	Wadeson, George Victor	Wigan		Royal Air Force				37	July 2004	16
Rugby League	A try scoring machine!	The rugby career of Lewis Bradley, killed on war service in 1918	Mather, Tom	Wigan	Bradley, Lewis (1889-1918)	World War I	Wigan Rugby Football Club			37	July 2004	18
Transport	Memories of LUT	The company ran buses, trams and trolley buses	Ogden, Eric	Atherton		Lancashire United Transport (1905-1976)	Buses	Trams		37	July 2004	20
Churches	Saint Luke's, Orrell	Art work by Gerald Rickards		Orrell	Rickards, Gerald (1931-2006)	St Luke's Church, Orrell				37	July 2004	23

		of 8 Wigan men who were killed										
Recollections	From Spring Bank to Winstanley	Recollections of family life from 1938 to 1948	Berry, John	Winstanley						37	July 2004	35
Hospitals	The Sanny	Treatment of diphtheria at Whelley Hospital in 1937	Hurst, Margaret	Whelley		Whelley Hospital	Diphtheria			37	July 2004	37
Churches	The beginnings of Christ Church, Pennington, 150 years ago	The foundation stone was laid in 1853	Ashcroft, Tony	Pennington		Christ Church, Pennington				37	July 2004	38
Music	Parkside Choir	The author's father was the first conductor of Ashton Male Voice Choir, later dissolved and membership	Jones, Trevor	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Jones, Tudor	Ashton Male Voice Choir	Choirs			37	July 2004	40

		transferred to Parkside Choir										
						Parkside Choir						
Recollections	Brigadoon situation	60 families moved into new houses in Billinge in 1952	Wilson, Elsie	Billinge		Housing				37	July 2004	40
		Recollections of Billinge dialect										
Schools	Years rolled away	Recollections of St Thomas's school, Clayton Street	Hilton, Ralph	Wigan		St Thomas's School, Clayton Street				37	July 2004	41
Football	The team of 1942-43	Named members of St Andrew's Sunday School football team	Little, Joe	Garswood		St Andrew's Sunday School Football Team						
Schools	The Furey brothers	Attendees at St Joseph's RC School, Leigh	Aldred, M	Leigh		St Joseph's RC School, Leigh				37	July 2004	42

Entertainments	The Indians are coming!	The visit of Buffalo Bill's show in Leigh in 1904	Blake, Colin	Leigh	Cody, William Frederick (Buffalo Bill) 1846-1917	Buck's Farm Estate				38	November 2004	4
Recollections	Marlebone village 1900-1950	Recollections include the Ball and Birchall families of Marylebone stores	Rowe, P	Marylebone		Marylebone Stores				38	November 2004	6
Mining	The battle of Howe Bridge 1881	The government sent in infantry and Hussars to intervene between working miners at Atherton and strikers from other districts	Davies, Alan	Leigh		Howe Bridge				38	November 2004	8
World War I	Another war in Iraq	William Moore DCM served in Iraq in the war, and died in an uprising	Holcroft, Fred	Orrell	Moore, William (1897-1920)	Distinguished Conduct Medal				38	November 2004	11

		there in 1920										
Family History	The Wright family	Six brothers served in the Primitive Methodist church	Wright, Eric S	Glazebury	Wright family	Primitive Methodism				38	November 2004	14
Mining	Grounds family newsletter	2004 extract about a pit brow lass, Ellen Grounds	Grounds, Jack	Wigan	Grounds, Ellen (1849-?)	Rose Bridge Colliery				38	November 2004	15
Family History	Three Wigan families	The Cole, Hulse and Taylor families of Beech Hill and Gidlow	Cole, Cecil E	Beech Hill	Hulse family	Gidlow				38	November 2004	17
					Cole family							
					Taylor family							
Places	25 doorways	A quiz asking for the location of Wigan doorways	Rickards, Gerald	Wigan						38	November 2004	22

Rugby League	Lance Todd: memories of a Rugby League legend	Todd played for Wigan from 1907 to 1914	Fairhurst, James	Wigan	Todd, Lance Beaumont (1883-1942)					38	November 2004	25
Schools	An apple for the teacher	Memories including school days at Ince Central school	Roberts, Irene	Ince	Ince Central School					38	November 2004	26
Health	"Very nearly an armful"	Leigh blood transfusion service	Ashcroft, Tony	Leigh	Blood Transfusion Service					38	November 2004	28
Rugby League	Percy Leslie Moxey: Wigan (& Llanelli)	Percy Moxey signed for Wigan in 1938, but died in a training operation in the RAF in 1942	Mather, Tom	Wigan	Moxey, Percy Leslie (1915-1942)					38	November 2004	29
Poetry	The Ballad of Billinge Hill	Extolling the view from the hill, and the beacon used for aircraft observation	Smith, J Harold	Billinge						38	November 2004	30

Poetry	A tribute...D-Day invasion	A poem commemorating the people who took part on D-Day	Burns, Rose			World War II				38	November 2004	38
Poetry	"Request for pedicure" poem		Humphreys, Elene			Dialect				38	November 2004	39
Mining	Nook Colliery	A bus crash near Nook pit in 1950	Oldham, A	Astley						38	November 2004	39
Mining	The Burgie	Several letters about the meaning and location of The Burgie		Orrell						38	November 2004	40
Places	Hall Lane tollgate	Memories of going through the tollgate in Hindley (with a photograph)	Spooner, Norman	Hindley		Tollgates				38	November 2004	41
Places	Skeletons in the cupboard	Family members who lived at St Domingo	Sage, Muriel	Swinley		St Michael & All Angels Church				38	November 2004	41

		Farm, Duke Street										
Schools	Argyle Street School	Memories plus class photo	Bowery, J	Hindley						38	November 2004	43
Health	Plague in Wigan	Record of plagues in 1625 and 1649	Holcroft, Fred	Wigan						39	March 2005	4
Ships	Lost at sea	The <i>Priam</i> was wrecked in 1889, with passengers including Mr & Mrs Derbyshire and their servant Elizabeth Sith from Wigan	Ashcroft, Tony	Wigan	Derbyshire, John	Steamer <i>Priam</i>				39	March 2005	7
Health	Come to healthy Wigan, spa town extraordinaire!	There was a Harrowgate Spa in the 18th century, mentioned by Dr Prosser White	Davies, Alan	Scholes	White, Robert Prosser (1855-1934)	Spas	Wells			39	March 2005	8

Armed Forces	RAF strikes, Calcutta 1946	Rebellion in India when demobilisation was delayed	Miller, C			Royal Air Force				39	March 2005	11
Singers	Anne Broadhurst	Anne Broadhurst was a pioneer singer on the radio in the 1920s, and an international performer	Ashcroft, Tony	Leigh	Broadhurst, Anne (1900-1993)					39	March 2005	15
Cycling	Halcyon days with the Clarion	Recollections from the 1930s of the Leigh club	Boardman, Nancy Strand	Leigh						39	March 2005	16
Places	Haigh & Wigan	Answers to the quiz about doorways [PF no. 38]	Rickards, Gerald	Wigan						39	March 2005	22
Canals	Life on a Lancashire canal during World War II	Recollections of the Leigh arm of the Leeds & Liverpool, and of the	Walls, Harry	Leigh		Leeds-Liverpool canal	Bridgewater Canal			39	March 2005	24

Recollections	The "Battle" of Wigan Lane Mark 2	Young people used to parade down Wigan Lane on a Sunday evening	Wadeson, George Victor	Wigan						39	March 2005	31
Local Government	The Poor Law - local government in 18th century Atherton	The workings of the Elizabethan law	Evans, R	Atherton						39	March 2005	32
World War II	Wartime in Wigan		Fairhurst, James	Wigan						39	March 2005	36
Childhood	The Girl	Recollections of childhood in Ince	Roberts, Irene	Ince						39	March 2005	37
Wrestling	Burgy Ben	A Lancashire Style wrestler, born in 1867	Ralph, Tom	Aspull	Jones, Thomas (Burgy Ben)					39	March 2005	39
Schools	Ince Central School	Memories from the 1950s	Meadwell, Kathleen	Ince		Ince Central School				39	March 2005	40

Clubs	Irish clubs in the Wigan area	Request for more information	Clegg, Charles	Ashton-in-Makerfield		Brian Boru Irish Democratic League Club				39	March 2005	40
Recollections	Marylebone Village		Roberts, Stan	Marylebone						39	March 2005	41
World War II	Wartime blitz on Atherton	Landmines caused damage in 1941 [2 letters]		Atherton						39	March 2005	41
Biography	Mary Tomlinson - Pit brow worker	Mary Tomlinson spent two years as a pit brow lass	Houghton, Jack	Pemberton	Tomlinson, Mary (1899-2000)	Doctors				39	March 2005	42
Childhood	Stoney Lane Bridge and Navvies Lump	Recollections of life in Hindley	Booth, Edna	Hindley						39	March 2005	43
Mining	Gibfield Colliery pithead baths still open for business	The baths, built in 1913 (and now a garage) were the first pit head baths in the country	Wood, K	Atherton		Gibfield Colliery				40	July 2005	4

Mining	Killed by electricity	An electrical engineering student was killed in an accident at Park Collieries in 1898	Finney, Michael	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Alker, John Thomas (1877-1898)	Park Colliery				40	July 2005	6
Childhood	Trips on the barge	Recollections of barge trips on the canal at Crooke	Anderton, Barbara	Crooke		Leeds-Liverpool Canal				40	July 2005	8
Halls	Winstanley Hall	History of the hall and of the Winstanley and Bankes families		Winstanley	Bankes family Winstanley family					40	July 2005	9
Schools	Higher Folds: a new school opens	An account of the opening in 1965, by the first headteacher	Jones, Glyn	Leigh		Higher Folds County Primary School				40	July 2005	15
Recollections	I'll tell you a tale...	Recollections about	Cain, Neil	Wigan	Cain, Jack	Boys Brigade	Walker Bros			40	July 2005	18

		Jack Cain, by his son					(Wigan) Ltd					
Places	Wigan Pier	Reproducti on of drawings by Gerald Rickards		Wigan	Rickards, Gerald (1931-2006)					40	July 2005	22
Childhood	Just one day	An account of one day growing up in Ince	Meadwell, Kath	Ince						40	July 2005	24
Football	50 years of football in Ashton-in- Makerfield	An account of Ashton Town Football Club	Templem an, Ian	Ashton- in- Makerfiel d		Ashton Town Football Club				40	July 2005	25
Childhood	The Return	Dreamy recollection s of childhood in Ince	Roberts, Irene	Ince						40	July 2005	26
Battles	The Scots are coming	Atherton men took part in the Battle of Preston in 1715	Evans, R	Atherton		Atherton	Jacobites			40	July 2005	28
World War II	Wartime in Wigan	Continuatio n of the series	Fairhurst, James	Wigan						40	July 2005	31

Motor Racing	What happened to the prizes	A time trial in 1933 in aid of the mayor's Cot Fund, with Gracie Fields as the star guest	Heaviside, R D	Wigan	Fields, Gracie (1898-1979)					40	July 2005	32
World War I	Wigan and the Arras tunnels	A Wigan man helped to dig tunnels under Arras with New Zealand army tunnellers	Sutton, Noeleen		Ogden, George					40	July 2005	33
Cinemas	Fond memories of the Ritz	Two accounts of the cinema, in advance of its demolition	Darbyshire, Fred Chadwick, Caroline	Wigan		Ritz Cinema, Station Road (1938-1997)				40	July 2005	34
World War II	"Never married, but wore engagement ring until her death"	Letters from the Western Front from Norman Wilkinson	Anderton, Eileen	Hindley	Wilkinson, Norman Cecil					40	July 2005	35

		to his fiancée										
					McCormick, Edith							
Poetry	Wigan (Written on the Somme, May 1918)	By a Wigan soldier	MacKenzie, Donald	Wigan						40	July 2005	36
Houses	Are we all knobsticks?	The term was used for strike-breakers, but the author's grandfather wrote in 1920 that people decorating their own homes did not deserve the name	Rayner, Stan	Wigan	Foster, John Monk					40	July 2005	38
Recollections	Memories 1935-1945	Life in a grocery shop in Gidlow Lane	Cunliffe, Irene	Wigan		Shops				40	July 2005	39
Rugby Union	Wigan Old Boys: RUF: Memorials	The quest to find the families of 13 men	Unsworth, Gordon	Standish		Wigan Old Boys Rugby Union	World War II			41	November 2005	4

Recollections	Father's chimney	The lives of family members	Whitehead, J	Wigan		Buckley House, Walkden Avenue				41	November 2005	20
Apprenticeships	Atheron apprentices in the 18th and early 19th century	Account based on the Atherton Township records in Leigh town hall	Evans, R	Atherton						41	November 2005	23
Mining	The Pretoria Pit disaster	One of the worst mining disasters in Britain	Ford, Ernest	Westhoughton		Pretoria Pit Explosion 1910				41	November 2005	26
Refugees	A refuge in Wigan	Letters from people who were given shelter in Wigan during World War II		Wigan		World War II				41	November 2005	28
Food	The famous Leigh cheese	The recipe contained in John Holt's 1795 book about Lancashire agriculture		Leigh	Holt, John (1743-1801)	<i>General view of the agriculture in the county of Lancaster</i>				41	November 2005	30

Poetry	The Cleansing	A poem about pit-head baths	Holt, Eric			Mining				41	November 2005	33
World War I	Wigan and the Arras tunnels	Men from St Helens awarded the DCM for their tunnelling work	Collins, Henry	St Helens		Distinguished Conduct Medal				41	November 2005	34
Recollections	Memories of a golden voice	Memories of the the Black Horse pub, John Pit and Almond Brook	Morris, F	Almond Brook	Aston, Jim	John Pit				42	April 2006	5
World War II	A refuge in Wigan	The council and voluntary groups settled refugees from Europe	Watts, Christine	Wigan		Refugees	Guernsey			42	April 2006	13
World War II	[Letter]	Recollections of refugees from Guernsey	Whales, Delma	Wigan		Refugees	Guernsey			42	April 2006	13
World War II	[Letter]	Recollections of	Martin, S T	Wigan		Refugees	Guernsey			42	April 2006	14

		refugees from Guernsey										
Shops	Memories of war time working at Rushton's		Land, Edna	Wigan		World War II				42	April 2006	15
Biography	Henry Tennyson Folkard, Librarian of Wigan Library, 1877-1916	Henry Folkard was the first Wigan librarian		Wigan	Folkard, Henry Tennyson (1877-1916)	Libraries				42	April 2006	15
Railways	Brown & Haigh's chartered train	A works outing from the clothing wholesalers in Wood Street		Wigan		Brown & Haigh				42	April 2006	16
Mining	Early mining gem rediscovered at the History Shop	Henry Folkard, the first librarian, acquired a 2nd edition of <i>De Re Metallica</i> , dated 1561	Davies, Alan	Wigan	Agricola, Georgius (1494-1555)	Books				42	April 2006	18
Local Government	The settlement laws of the	Parish relief could be offered only	Evans, Robert	Wigan		Poor Laws Act 1662				42	April 2006	20

	18th and early 19th centuries	in one's own parish				(14 Cha. 2.c. 12)						
World War II	Robert Ogden - gone but not forgotten	Robert Ogden was one of the men killed by the sinking of HMS Hood in 1941	Ogden, Paul		Ogden, Robert	HMS Hood				42	April 2006	24
Dancing	Dance in time	Recollections of various dancing venues	Darbyshire, Fred	Wigan						42	April 2006	25
Schools	Joe arrived in a Jaguar	Further recollections of Higher Folds School, by its first headteacher	Jones, Glyn	Leigh		Higher Folds County Primary School				42	April 2006	27
Theatres	Wigan Pier Theatre Company - outreach: past, present & future	Outreach work in Leigh		Wigan			Wigan Pier Theatre Company			42	April 2006	29

Wrestling	Riley's gym in the 1950s	Ernie Riley was a famous 'all-in' wrestler	Yates, Derek	Wigan	Riley, Ernie					42	April 2006	30
Biography	They called her 'The White Mother'	Emily Sprott, a member of Wigan parish church, became a missionary in the Solomon Islands	Ashcroft, Tony		Sprott, Emily (nee France), (? - 1958)					42	April 2006	31
Biography	Gerald Rickards (1931-2006)	Remembering the Wigan artist, who designed and painted the central window of Queen's Hall	Gillies, Alastair	Wigan	Rickards, Gerald (1931-2006)	Queen's Hall Methodist Church	Artists			42	April 2006	33
World War II	A refuge in Wigan part 2	The warm welcome was contrasted with that of Blackpool	Watts, Christine	Wigan		Refugees	Guernsey			43	August 2006	11

Mining	Black Friday 13th 1886 - Bedford Colliery explosion	38 miners were killed in the firedamp explosion on 13th August 1886	Holmes, Helen	Leigh		Woodend Pit, Bedford, Leigh				43	August 2006	13
Schools	Student days at Gidlow Secondary Modern School for girls	From a pupil in the 1950s	Markland, Jean	Wigan		Gidlow Secondary Modern School, Buckley Street				43	August 2006	16
Royal Visits	The Wigan Observer's Royal scoop	The author's photos of the royal visit on 20 May 1938 were published the same day as the event	Lyons, Austin	Wigan	King George VI					43	August 2006	18
Local Governme nt	Robert Settle, Atherton Overseer of the Poor	Robert Settle kept detailed records from 1802 to 1808	Evans, Robert	Atherton	Settle, Robert	Poor Laws				43	August 2006	20

Schools	Magic moments	Further recollections of Higher Folds school, by its first headteacher, as he retired	Jones, Glyn	Leigh		Higher Folds County Primary School				43	August 2006	27
Childhood	Memories of Millgate	The author's grandmother had a sweet shop at the top of Millgate	Parkinson, Graham	Wigan	Cunliffe, Sarah	Shops				43	August 2006	29
World War II	Walker Brothers' wartime nursery	The nursery was at the rectory in Frog Lane	Atty, Lawrence	Wigan		Nurseries	Wigan Rectory	Walker Bros (Wigan) Ltd		43	August 2006	31
Shops	Do you remember	Recollections of shops in Wigan town centre	Barron, Joan	Wigan						43	August 2006	32
Shops	Wigan memories	Recollections of shops in Wigan town centre	Glover, Joyce	Wigan						43	August 2006	33
World War II	[Two letters about Guernsey refugees]			Wigan		Guernsey	Refugees			43	August 2006	33

World War II	Robert Ogden - gone but not forgotten: generous gift	A Past Forward reader donated one of Robert Ogden's medals to his nephew, Paul [see PF 42, p. 24]	Ogden, Paul		Ogden, Robert	HMS Hood				43	August 2006	34
Dancing	Dancing and Rugby	The Madhatters Dance Band was associated with Shamrock Rovers Amateur RL Club	Heaton, Tom	Scholes		Madhatters Dance Band	Shamrock Rovers Amateur Rugby League Club			43	August 2006	34
Recollections	Life in the old Higher Ince	The author's parents ran the Bay Horse Hotel	Alker, Elsie	Higher Ince						44	December 2006	12
Schools	Wesleyan Methodist Day School, Dicconson Street, Wigan	Recollections from the 1930s	Heaviside, R D	Wigan		Wesleyan Methodist School				44	December 2006	14

Celebrations	[Letter]	Christmas presents given to Heinz employees	Sharples, G	Wigan		Christmas	H J Heinz			44	December 2006	14
Celebrations	Father Christmas comes to Lowe's!	Father Christmas climbed the chimney into Lowe's shop	Barton, W J	Wigan		Christmas	Lowe's Department Store			44	December 2006	15
Childhood	Childhood memories of an Old Park Laner	Memories of Park Lane Chapel	Sudworth, Sarah Ellen	Ashton-in-Makerfield		Park Lane Chapel				44	December 2006	16
Industrial History	Brock Mill Forge	R R Angerstein, a Swedish metallurgist, wrote about his visit in 1753, and the new inventions used in the iron works	Blakeman, Bob	Wigan	Angerstein, R R (1718-1760)	Brock Mill Iron Works				44	December 2006	18
World War II	The last of the doodlebugs	An RAF man on duty at Springs Branch	Taylor, Mr	Wigan						44	December 2006	20

		shed witnessed a plane about to drop bombs nearby										
Recollections	1960	Work at Eckersley Mill, and dancing to new music in the evenings	Coleman, Vera	Wigan		Eckersley's Mill				44	December 2006	22
Mining	The story of James Tinsley, one of the Explorers, Bedford Colliery explosion 1886	Further recollections of the author's great uncle [see PF 43]	Holmes, Helen	Leigh		Woodend Pit, Bedford, Leigh				44	December 2006	24
Shops	Shops ancient and loyal	Recollections of shops in the town centre	Roberts, Irene	Wigan						44	December 2006	26
Schools	How the Archbishop 'saved Arnold's bacon'	Events at the laying of the foundation stone of St Thomas More	Lyons, Austin	Newtown	Richard Downey, Archbishop of Liverpool (1881-1953)	St Thomas More RC School				44	December 2006	27

		School in Newtown										
Transport	Book review	Review of 'Lancashire United - a centenary celebration'	Haddon, Mike		Ogden, Eric	Lancashire United Transport (1905-1976)				44	December 2006	28
Mental Illness	Committed to a lunatic asylum for being a vagrant and spitting	The author's ancestor who was detained in Lancaster until her death	Wogan, John	Lancaster	Wogan, Catherine (?-1851)	Lancaster Moor Lane Lunatic Asylum				44	December 2006	29
Legends	The laying of the Gatley Farm boggart	An ancient waterwheel was the cause of ghostly sounds during storms	Finney, Michael	Billinge						44	December 2006	31
Shops	Rushton's	The author worked at Rushton's from 1939 to 1942	Winstanley, J	Wigan		World War II				44	December 2006	33
Farming	[Letter]	Recollections of Edge	Winnard, Frank	Orrell						44	December 2006	33

		Wood Hall farm, Orrell										
Industrial History	J H Naylor Brass Foundry	Recollections of working at the Millgate works 1935-1939	Atty, L	Wigan		J H Naylor				44	December 2006	34
Books	Copernicus and Lord Crawford	The Royal Observatory in Scotland had a copy of a book by Copernicus which had been owned by Lord Crawford	Whalley, David		Alexander William Crawford Lindsay, 25th Earl of Crawford, 8th Earl of Balcarres (1812-1880)	<i>De revolutionibus orbium coelestium libri sex</i>				44	December 2006	35
World War II	Refugees	Recollections about a Guernsey family in Pemberton	Chadwick, Thelma	Pemberton	De La Mare family	Guernsey	Refugees			44	December 2006	35
Dialect	"Wiggin speak"	The author shares 20 Wigan phrases, and hopes the dialect continues	Clitheroe, T K	Wigan						45	April 2007	5

		to be spoken										
Archaeology	Wigan's bathhouse remains - a view from Wigan Archaeology Society	The exciting finds of Roman occupation in Millgate	Aldridge, Bill	Wigan		Roman Empire				45	April 2007	8
Heritage	Wigan Heritage Network	An invitation to groups and individuals to join the new group		Wigan						45	April 2007	16
Local Government	Letter from America	An emigrant to Philadelphia wrote to the Overseer of the Poor at Atherton, asking for financial help to send for his family	Evans, R	Atherton	Clewes, Thomas Radcliffe	Poor Laws				45	April 2007	18
Cotton Industry	The mid-thirties depression and the	The author photographed some of the	Lyons, Austin			Cotton Queens				45	April 2007	26

Churches	[Letter]	Recollections of Archbishop Downey at a CYMS rally in Wigan	Bryden, Marjorie	Wigan	Richard Downey, Archbishop of Liverpool (1881-1953)	Catholic Young Men's Society				45	April 2007	33
Industrial History	[Letter]	Recollections of working at J H Naylor's works (1958-1964)	Pugh, R J	Wigan		J H Naylor				45	April 2007	33
Shops	From counter to checkout in Wigan	The evolution of shops and shopping habits in the town	Bailey, Adrian	Wigan						46	August 2007	4
Recollections	Scholes remembered	Life in Scholes from the author's birth in 1925	Ollerton, Tom	Scholes						46	August 2007	8
Industrial History	Copperas - a lost local history	Copperas was used to fix dyes in cloth, and there were several works in the Wigan area	Blakeman, Bob	Wigan		Chemical Industry	Textile Industry			46	August 2007	10

Churches	The Church of Christ, Rodney Street, Wigan	The church, founded in 1841 by Timothy Coop, closed in 1989	Lloyd, G	Wigan	Coop, Timothy (1817-1887)					46	August 2007	12
Poetry	Memories of old Hindley	Recollections in rhyme	Spinks, Sheila	Hindley						46	August 2007	15
World War I	Wiganers at Gallipoli	The 6th (Service) Battalion of the Border Regiment included men from Wigan	Holmes, Derek			6th (Service) Battalion, Border Regiment	Gallipoli Campaign (February 1915-January 1916)			46	August 2007	16
Poetry	Growing on up Ashton Heath	Recollections in rhyme	Anderton, Tom	Ashton Heath						46	August 2007	19
Local Government	The Atherton Workhouse	Records of the workhouse building and its inmates	Evans, R	Atherton		Workhouses				46	August 2007	20
Memorials	From Coniston to Leigh: a	The Johnson family erected a	Hilton, J A	Leigh	Ruskin, John (1819-1900)					46	August 2007	23

Childhood	1926 and all that	Recollections of Higher Ince	Wadeson, George Victor	Higher Ince						46	August 2007	32
Mining	When Borsdane Wood nearly became a mine	Excavations to find coal in 1926 stopped for an unknown reason	Lyons, Austin	Hindley	Davy, Bartley					47	December 2007	10
World War I	The World War I battlefields of France	A reader's photographs of the grave of a Wigan soldier on the Somme	Howarth, Vera		Hoyle, J					47	December 2007	11
Childhood	A portrait of my grandmother, Lillian Gerner	The family lived in Bryn	Yates, Lillian	Bryn	Gerner, Lillian (1892-1963)					47	December 2007	12
Health	Stone House, Pennington	Stone House housed the Child Health and Welfare Centre from 1920 to 1968	Ashcroft, Tony	Pennington						47	December 2007	16

Childhood	The other side of the Heath	Growing up in Ashton Heath	Williams, Marlene	Ashton Heath						47	December 2007	18
Local Government	The Leigh Poor Law Union: Atherton - 1837	The formation and operation of the Union	Evans, R	Atherton		Poor Laws				47	December 2007	20
Mining	Hindley Green Springs Colliery disaster	62 people were killed by the explosion on 26 November 1868	Wood, Keith	Hindley Green		Arley Mine, Springs Colliery				47	December 2007	24
Police	Ghostly tales from a policeman	The author's grandfather joined the police in the 1890s	Berry, A	Wigan	Berry, Robert (1872-1947)					47	December 2007	27
Shops	Ida Norcliffe's corset shop	The author wore a corset from the shop in Scholes	Naylor, Anne	Scholes	Norcliffe, Ida					47	December 2007	29
Recollections	Memories from Pool Street	Life in Poolstock	Mitchell, Barbara	Poolstock						47	December 2007	29

World War I	Gallipoli Campaign	Information about the Wigan men who fought and died at Gallipoli	Long, David			1st/15th Manchester Regiment	Gallipoli Campaign (February 1915-January 1916)			47	December 2007	30
Poetry	Memories of Hindley Green	Recollections in rhyme	Gregson, Neville	Hindley Green						47	December 2007	31
Schools	Reunion - Gidlow Secondary Modern School for Girls	Recollections of school life at a reunion after 50 years	Markland, Jean	Wigan		Gidlow Secondary Modern School for Girls				47	December 2007	32
Civil War	Cromwell's Ditch	The named ditch which ran from Poolstock Church to the Saddle Junction appeared on early maps but may have been a natural feature not a fortification	Blakeman, Bob	Wigan						48	April 2008	9

Music	My family and music	Musical members of the author's family	Stubbs, Joyce	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Nicholson, Mary Ann (1872-1931)					48	April 2008	10
					Nicholson, Arthur							
Recollections	My teenage years	Life in Higher Ince and Wigan	Wadeson, George Victor	Higher Ince						48	April 2008	12
Music	Stickability on a fiddle - the wartime adventures of a fiddle	The author took his violin with him on service in the far east in World War II	Lyons, Austin							48	April 2008	16
Recollections	Do you remember?	Memories of life in Wigan	Dakin, E	Wigan						48	April 2008	18
Local Government	The Atherton Local Board - a forgotten heritage?	The operation of the Board in the 19th century	Evans, R	Atherton		Poor Laws				48	April 2008	20
Cinemas	Silver screen dreams	Names of lost cinemas in Leigh, and the new cinema club		Leigh						48	April 2008	25

		in the Turnpike Centre										
Mining	Tydin' up is harder than a month in t'pit!	A short story about working in a mine	Ascroft, T H		Ascroft, Thomas (1908-1982)					48	April 2008	26
Shops	Ida Norcliffe	Further information about the corset shop [see PF 47, p.29]	Taylor, John S	Scholes	Norcliffe, Ida					48	April 2008	29
Romans	The search for a Roman road in Higher Ince	An excavation around St William's primary school	Wigan Archaeolo gical Society	Higher Ince						48	April 2008	30
Heritage	Wigan Heritage Network	Aims of the group	Price, Thomas	Wigan						48	Spril 2008	32
Sport	1908 Olympians of the Borough	Two swimmers and a cyclist at the London games	Ashcroft, Tony		Jones, Benjamin Battersby, Sydney	Olympic Games				49	August 2008	6

					Tyldesley, Addin							
Mining	Weekend community celebrations	Astley, Blackmoor and Astley Green commemorations	Jones, Geoff	Astley		Lancashire Mining Museum				49	August 2008	8
Wrestling	Uncovering the shy shooter of the north	The life and career of Bob Robinson, known as Billy Joyce	Bamber, Alan	Wigan	Robinson, Bob (1916- 2000)					49	August 2008	10
			Le Fort, Simon		Joyce, Billy							
Local Government	Help for the deserving poor	18th century social security	Evans, R	Atherton		Poor Laws				49	August 2008	14
Mining	The Maypole Colliery disaster	75 men were killed on 18th August 1908	Watts, Chris	Abram						49	August 2008	18
Health	Spanish Flu	Spring 1918 to Spring 1919 in Leigh,	Eckersley , Yvonne	Leigh						49	August 2008	22

Leisure	Pigeon power	Recollections of pigeon racing	Lyons, Austin	Hindley		Pigeon Racing				49	August 2008	34
Sport	Amsterdam 1928: Leigh's Olympic athletes	One high-jumper and two gymnasts	Ashcroft, Tony		Turner, Geoffrey	Olympic Games				50	December 2008	4
					Smith, Ada							
Police	My grandfather	The life of the author's grandfather [see PF 47, p.27]	Berry, A	Wigan	Berry, Robert (1872-1947)					50	December 2008	8
Railways	2968 and some of Wigan's surviving railway heritage	Some of Wigan's locomotives to be found in other parts of the country	Ward, David	Wigan						50	December 2008	10
Mining	The Maypole Colliery disaster	Report from the centenary commemoration weekend		Abram						50	December 2008	12
Recollections	Do you remember?: Our house	Memories of home life	Dakin, E	Wigan						50	December 2008	14

Pensions	Old Age Pensions: the Leigh experience	The introduction of the pension in January 1909	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh						50	December 2008	16
Roads	The highways of Atherton in the early eighteenth century	How roads were maintained	Evans, Bob	Atherton						50	December 2008	20
Local Government	Christmas Day in the workhouse	The author visited the Frog Lane Institution with the mayor	Lyons, Austin	Wigan	Ramsden, Thomas (Mayor 1938-39)	Mayors				50	December 2008	22
Cotton Industry	Trencherfield mill engine: 100 years and still going strong!	Now a visitor attraction		Wigan		Cotton Mills				50	December 2008	26
Recollections	Brook Lane memories	The author's recollections from 1939 onwards	Berry, Tony	Lamberhead Green						50	December 2008	26

Politics	Trades Council to Labour Representation 1906-1908	The Leigh Trades Council chose their own candidate for an independent political party	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh	Greenall, Thomas (1857-1937)					51	April 2009	18
Banks	The commercial hub of post-World War II in Wigan	Six banks in the centre of the town	Churchill, Joyce	Wigan						51	April 2009	18
Local Government	The parish vestry	The latter days of the parish administration in Atherton 1839-1864	Evans, R	Atherton		Poor Laws				51	April 2009	20
Floods	Welcome floods	Former meadows in town which still flood	Blakeman, Bob	Wigan						51	April 2009	22
Music	Looking back and looking forward	The link between northern music and Tamla Motown	Fairclough, Elizabeth	Wigan		Wigan Casino				51	April 2009	24

Industrial History	Hidden in Haigh	Clues to the town's industrial past in the Haigh estate	Cain, Neil	Haigh						51	April 2009	26
World War II	[Letter]	Two men from Hindley met in the Burmese jungle	Lyons, Austin	Hindley						51	April 2009	28
Childhood	Trips on the barge	Recollections of barge trips on the canal at Crooke	Anderton, Barbara	Crooke		Leeds-Liverpool Canal				51	April 2009	30
Boer War	The war medals of Charles Hogg	A veteran donated his medals to the Museum		Wigan	Hogg, Charles (1871-1966)	World War I				51	April 2009	34
Museums	History Shop update	The building was being totally refurbished		Wigan		Local History				52	August 2009	3
Mining	The Miners' strike of 1984	Recollections on the 25th anniversary	Broadbent, Jenny		Meehan, Terry	Parkside Colliery				52	August 2009	8

					Wood, Keith							
Parks	Vanished deer parks	Research into medieval deer parks, including at Haigh Hall	Blakeman, Bob	Wigan		Deer Parks	Haigh Hall			52	August 2009	12
Health	My mother's eyes	Recollections of illnesses and treatment	Roberts, Irene	Ince						52	August 2009	14
Biography	Walter Hurst - 'Mr Hindley'	The life of the Hindley grocer	Fairclough, Elizabeth	Hindley	Hurst, Walter	Shops				52	August 2009	16
Railways	August 1966 - A nostalgic tour in the dying days of steam	A special tour which began at Springs Branch depot	Morton, T	Wigan						52	August 2009	18
Customs	Hindley's bell-man	An independent bell-man in Hindley in the 1930s	Lyons, Austin	Hindley	Scott, Ike (Isaiah)	Town Criers				52	August 2009	21
Cinemas	Do you remember? Wigan's	Many named,	Dakin, E	Wigan						52	August 2009	22

	town centre cinemas	now lost, cinemas										
Hospitals	Whelley Hospital	Recollections of the former fever hospital which was to be closed	Robinson, Phyllis	Whelley						52	August 2009	25
Poetry	Clogs on cobblestones	A poem recalling Leigh in the past	Rigby, A	Leigh						52	August 2009	25
Politics	The Leigh Labour Party, Tom Greenall and the battle for working men's vote	In 1910 the Liberals won the seat in the first election, and Labour did not stand a candidate in the second	Eckersley , Yvonne	Leigh	Greenall, Tom					52	August 2009	26
Mining	Thomas Hulme's Edward Medal	Thomas Hulme rescued a fellow miner after a roof fall at Parsonage		Leigh	Hulme, Thomas (1903-1988)	Edward Medal				53	December 2009	7

Biography	The lady of Station House	The life of Mary Cheetham, who married the signalman at Bryn Station	Berry, Eunice	Bryn	Cheetham, Mary	Railways				53	December 2009	14
Local Government	"Political jobbery" at Leigh	Disputes within the council in the 1890s	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh						53	December 2009	16
Recollections	"Mild & bitter were the days"	A teenager's life in 1970, based on his diaries	Barlow, Ken	Wigan						53	December 2009	18
Libraries	Andrew Carnegie 1835-1919	In 1909 Andrew Carnegie came to receive the freedom of the borough in recognition of his gift of libraries	Ashcroft, Tony	Wigan	Carnegie, Andrew (1835-1919)					53	December 2009	20
Poetry	A miner's tale		Anderton, Tom	Wigan						53	December 2009	21

Schools	Memories: King Street Methodist School, Leigh	The author started at the school in 1944	Neal, Judith	Leigh		King Street Methodist School				53	December 2009	22
Recollections	Gold, frankincense and th'mayor	Memories of the choir in the parish church	Taylor, John Sharrock	Wigan		All Saints Church				53	December 2009	23
Fire Service	Hindley's fog horn	The very loud horn used to summon the fire fighters	Lyons, Austin	Hindley						53	December 2009	24
Local Government	The eighteenth century constable	Their duties were much wider than just policing	Evans, Bob	Atherton		Police				53	December 2009	26
Railways	Stanier Mogul 42968	The history of the engine which spent part of its life at Springs Branch	Norman, Jim	Wigan		Steam Engines				53	December 2009	32
Carriers	The Stott family: carriers of	The family were carriers in the area	Stott, Paul	Astley	Stott family					54	April 2010	10

Recollections	Under the 'Greenwood' tree	Memories of people in Hindley	Lyons, Austin	Hindley						54	April 2010	20
Workhouses	The neglect of Leigh Workhouse children	Records from 1902	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh		Leigh Union Workhouse				54	April 2010	22
Methodism	Birth of a church	History of Bispham Methodist Church from 1845	Lythgoe, David	Billinge						54	April 2010	24
World War II	A personal story: Italy 1943-1945	The author was called up for Army service, and fought in several places in Italy	Gorner, Roy	Ashton-in-Makerfield						54	April 2010	26
World War II	My first job	A Home Guard exercise demolished a wall at Haigh, and the author was put in charge of hazard warning	Melling, Bill	Haigh		Home Guard				54	April 2010	28

		lights at the age of eight										
Chapels	Chowbent Chapel celebrates 'The General'	James Wood served the congregation for 64 years	Whitelaw, Jennifer	Atherton	Wood, James (1672-1759)	Chowbent Unitarian Chapel				54	April 2010	30
Family History	From Chowbent to Bath	A plaque in Bath Abbey memorialises Sarah Parry (nee Rigby) of Chowbent	Ashcroft, Tony	Atherton	Rigby family					54	April 2010	32
Football	Sir Roger Hunt was wonderful	Hunt was born in Golborne, played for Liverpool, and took part in the 1966 World Cup victory	Broadbent, Jenny	Golborne	Hunt, Roger (1938-2021)					55	August 2010	4
World War II	The Spitfire story: Second World War memories of a young boy	The plane crashed in Aspull	Grundy, Bill	Aspull		Spitfire Crash				55	August 2010	6

Earthquakes	The Earthquake	A tremor was felt in Wigan on 14 September 1777	Heaviside, R D	Wigan						55	August 2010	7
Workhouses	Leigh Workhouse children's experience: a second look	Records from 1902 onwards	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh		Leigh Union Workhouse				55	August 2010	10
Churches	Spring clean for bells	Money was raised to clean the Leigh church bells dating from 1740	Turner, Hannah	Leigh	Farington, Gess	St Mary's Parish Church, Leigh	Bells			55	August 2010	13
Places	The medieval open fields of Wigan	Names such as Longshoot give clues to the open field system	Blakeman, Bob	Wigan		Medieval Period	Field Names			55	August 2010	14
Roads	The Atherton tollgate	There was great controversy over the placing of the toll bar in the 1860s	Evans, Bob	Atherton		Tollgates				55	August 2010	16

Schools	Rose Bridge School revisited	A former pupil visited the school	Coleman, V	Wigan		Rose Bridge School				55	August 2010	18
Rugby League	The first Rugby League tour Down Under	Five Wigan players were in the England team in 1910	Mather, Tom	Wigan		Australia				55	August 2010	22
Biography	Sir Francis Sharp Powell	The local MP and philanthropist is honoured with a statue in Mesnes Park	Watts, Christine	Wigan	Powell, Francis Sharp (1827-1911)	Mesnes Park	Members of Parliament			55	August 2010	24
Biography	Lawrence Spencer Murdoch (1866-1946)	Lawrence Murdoch was vicar of Christ Church Pennington	Ashcroft, Tony	Pennington	Murdoch, Lawrence Spencer (1866-1946)	Christ Church Pennington				55	August 2010	28
Biography	John Lancaster and The Deerhound	The MP and mine owner used his yacht to rescue people from a Confederat	Wantling, Neville	Wigan	Lancaster, John (1815-1884)	American Civil War	Members of Parliament			55	August 2010	30

		e cruiser in 1864										
Churches	Bispham Methodist Church	More memories of the church	Richardson, John	Billinge		Bispham Methodist Church				55	August 2010	32
Mining	Aunt Maggie and the Pretoria tragedy	How the Pretoria Pit disaster touched a family	Lyons, Arthur	Westhoughton		Pretoria Pit Explosion 1910				56	December 2010	4
Mining	344 - A story of the Pretoria Pit disaster	An ancestor of the author died in the disaster	Finney, Andrea Jane	Westhoughton	Gore, William	Pretoria Pit Explosion 1910				56	December 2010	6
Armed Forces	The Queen's shilling	The author's ancestor served in the army from 1842 and then was gatekeeper on the Haigh estate	Melling, Bill	Blackrod	Higson, James (1821-1898)	Haigh Hall				56	December 2010	8
Local History	Aspects of local life in the Wigan	Extracts from local papers from	Berry, Tony	Wigan		Newspapers				56	December 2010	10

	Gazette and Wigan Times	the years 1838-1851										
Workhouses	Leigh Workhouse children's stories	Individual children's records from 1899 to 1910	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh		Leigh Union Workhouse				56	December 2010	12
Shops	A Wigan childhood - shopping in the 1940s	The author recalls shops in the town centre	Morgan, Philomena	Wigan						56	December 2010	14
Employment	Keeping people in touch in a snowbound Wigan	The author struggled to get to work as a telephonist in a snowstorm in 1941	Maggs, Marion	Wigan		Wigan Telephone Exchange				56	December 2010	14
Water Supply	150 years of Cutacre Clough	Between 1863 and 1867 Tyldesley Local Board proposed to build a reservoir using part of the Clough	Evans, Bob	Tyldesley						56	December 2010	16

Farming	Medieval farming in Abram	Information gleaned from the records of Cockersands Abbey	Morris, A	Abram		Cockersands Abbey				56	December 2010	18
House History	The family history of Kilhey Court, Standish	Built by Thomas Fairhurst	Wogan, John	Standish	Fairhurst, Thomas (1839-1912)	Kilhey Court				56	December 2010	20
World War II	Thomas Dainton and Stalag XXA	Dainton was a prisoner of war in Poland		Atherton	Dainton, Thomas (1911-2001)	Prisoners of War				56	December 2010	23
World War I	Captain Walker's war diary	Captain Walker records his service in the Royal Flying Corps in 1915			Walker, E G S	Royal Flying Corps	Edward Hall Collection			56	December 2010	28
Mining	[Letter]	The author's mother was given a cup and saucer after her brother was killed in the	Collins, Mary		Monks, John	Pretoria Pit Explosion 1910				56	December 2010	30

Museums	The Eckersley sword	The museum collection includes the sword awarded to Eckersley in 1827 for his military service		Hindley	Eckersley, Nathaniel (1779-1837)					56	December 2010	33
Royal Visits	The 1938 Royal visit	Vincent France recalled the visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth	Turner, Hannah	Leigh	France, Vincent					57	April 2011	4
Biography	Thomas Darwell Harrison	Harrison was a businessman and magistrate	Ashcroft, Tony	Leigh	Harrison, Thomas Darwell	Albion Foundry				57	April 2011	7
World War II	Southport at Callender's: World War II's Holidays at Home	Local committees organised these local holidays so that non-essential travel could be avoided	Eckersley, Yvonne			Holidays at Home				57	April 2011	8
Clogs	Clogs	The making and	Heaton, Tom	Scholes						57	April 2011	12

		wearing of clogs										
Poetry	Mark Thomas Hughes	Mark Hughes was a poet and painter and founder of Wigan Literary and Scientific Society	Watts, Christine	Wigan	Hughes, Mark Thomas (1851-1899)	Wigan Literary and Scientific society				57	April 2011	15
Royal Visits	Let's celebrate	Photographs from several royal visits		Wigan						57	April 2011	18
Memorials	The stained glass windows in the school: a memorial to Mr Kay	A window dedicated to John Kay who died in a pit explosion in 1895 is installed in a new school building	Sharrock, L	Tyldesley	Kay, John (1845-1895)	St George's Central CofE School	Waterloo Pit, Shakerley			57	April 2011	20
Biography	Mary Tomlinson	Mary Tomlinson worked in a mill and a pit brow, then became a	Ramsdale, Sheila	Highfield	Tomlinson, Mary (1899-2000)					57	April 2011	24

Methodism	William Henry Lax (1868-1937): The Dan Leno of Methodism	The life of 'Lax of Poplar' who lived for a time in Hindley	Ashcroft, Tony	Hindley	Lax, William Henry (1868-1937)	Lax of Poplar				58	August 2011	7
Biography	Who lived in my house	A previous occupant of the author's house was Reginald Kenney, who helped to save Pennington Hall	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh	Kenney, Reginald (1873-1954)	Pennington Hall				58	August 2011	8
Boer War	The tragic story of Arthur Ward	Ward served in the 32nd Lancashire Hussars and was killed in a battle at Kheis in 1900	Melling, Bill	Wigan	Ward, Arthur (1864-1900)	Waterloo Inn, Lyon Street				58	August 2011	10
Childhood	Sundays at 32 Kendal Street	Life in the caretaker's house next to the Independent Methodist Chapel	Thornley, Les	Wigan		Methodism				58	August 2011	14

Local Government	Why keep records	Settlement records contained in historical township records	Evans, Bob	Pennington						58	August 2011	16
Places	Walk the canal in Leigh	History of the canals, buildings and adjoining streets	Turner, Hannah	Leigh		Leeds-Liverpool Canal	Bridgewater Canal			58	August 2011	18
Mining	A very exciting day	The Mayoress Margaret Park led a deputation to London in 1887 on behalf of pit brow lasses	Rigg, Patricia	Wigan	Park, Margaret	Mayoresses	Pit Brow Lasses			58	August 2011	22
Biography	Memories of a Wigan lad	The author recounts his life, including knowing the footballer Billy Mitchell	Parkinson, Alan	Wigan	Mitchell, Billy (1874-1958)	Football				58	August 2011	24
Books	Discovering Coccium: The archaeology	The excavations at Millgate prove that		Wigan	Miller, Ian	Romans				58	August 2011	26

	of Roman Wigan	there was a Roman settlement in the town										
					Aldridge, Bill							
Singers	The Formby Project	Celebrations of the life of George Formby	Bullivant, John	Wigan	Formby, George (1904-1961)	George Formby Society				58	August 2011	28
Music	My best organ-ised bride	The photographer recalls the search for the organist for a wedding	Lyons, Austin	Wigan		Weddings				58	August 2011	31
Dialect	[Letter]	The work of Richard D Lewis, who studied the Wigan dialect	Taylor, Jack	Wigan	Lewis, Richard D (1930-)					58	August 2011	33
House History	South Bank - the history of a house	The house in Atherton and some of its occupants	McGrath, Thomas	Atherton						59	December 2011	4
Juidaism	Wigan's lost Jewish heritage	There were once two synagogues	Jackson, Richard W	Wigan		Wigan Hebrew				59	December 2011	6

		s in Wigan, and Jews' Yard, off Millgate				Congregat ion						
Industrial History	Lowton blacksmiths		Rigby, Susan	Lowton	Higson, Jethro	Boxing	Blacksmi ths			59	Decem ber 2011	7
					Kane, Peter (1918-1991)							
Swimming	International pool remembere d	The former pool was opened in 1966 and closed in 2008		Wigan						59	Decem ber 2011	11
Childhood	My Christmas past		Coombe, Edith	Digmoor						59	Decem ber 2011	14
Religion	A medieval religious recluse	The anchorite Alina was recorded as living in Wigan in 1322 under the patronage of Sir Robert de Holland	Blakeman , Bob	Wigan	de Holland, Robert (1283-1328)	Anchorites				59	Decem ber 2011	16

World War 1	The diary of a Leigh Tommy 1915-1916	Extracts from the diary of Thomas Cooke of the Manchester Pals regiment	Taylor, J	Leigh	Cooke, Thomas (1884-1957)	Manchester Pals Regiment				59	December 2011	28
Biography	Frank Ridyard Horrocks: an unremarkable pioneer?	Frank Horrocks founded the Firs Lea Naturalist Association	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh	Horrocks, Frank Ridyard	Frank Horrocks Hide, Pennington Flash	Naturalism			59	December 2011	32
Cinemas	Goodbye to the Palace	The Palace Cinema stood at the bottom of King Street	Dakin, Ted	Wigan		Palace Cinema				59	December 2011	34
Churches	United Reformed Church, Union Street, Leigh	A history of the church, marking its closure	McClennan, Glenys	Leigh		United Reformed Church				60	April 2012	7
Diaries	Collections corner: The Edward Hall diary collection	The collection at Leigh comprises over 250 diaries and		Leigh	Hall, Edward (1898-1985)	Edward Hall Collection				60	April 2012	8

		many other items										
Halls	Wigan's own Downton Abbey	Life in Haigh Hall in the 1870s	Melling, Bill	Haigh		Haigh Hall				60	April 2012	10
Poetry	Zeppelins ow'er our house	The story of a Zeppelin raid in 1918, told in the form of a poem	Rigg, Patricia Mary	Wigan		World War I				60	April 2012	13
Dancing	Preserving our heritage	The varying fortunes of the Morris dancing ground in Abram, Chowbent Chapel and Astley Green Colliery	Goodwin, Peter	Abram		Abram Morris Dancers	Chowbent Chapel	Lancashire Mining Museum		60	April 2012	14
Crime	Accused of murder: Thomas Rothwell of Haigh	Rothwell was found not guilty of the murder of Francis Brocke in 1699	Rothwell, Brian James	Haigh	Rothwell, Thomas Brocke, Francis					60	April 2012	16

Biography	A family's story	Richard Stott's life, including service in World War I	Hughes, Amanda	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Stott, Richard Harold (1895-1929)					60	April 2012	20
Biography	Wigan's forgotten knights	The lives of Sir Ken Jackson and Sir Les Cannon	Rayner, Don	Wigan	Jackson, Ken (1937-1970)	Electrical Trades Union				60	April 2012	22
Elections	Elections 1831	Violence surrounded the election of John Kearsley (Tory) and Ralph Thicknesse (Whig)	Evans, Bob	Wigan	Kearsley, John Hodson (1785-1842)	Members of Parliament				60	April 2012	24
Childhood	My early childhood memories 1927-1937		Critchley, W J	Newtown	Thicknesse, Ralph (1768-1842)					60	April 2012	28
Cricket	A brief history of		Gregory, John	Leigh						60	April 2012	32

Breweries	A tale of two brothers and Oldfield Brewery	The Oldfield brothers acquired several town centre pubs	Bowden, Ken	Wigan	Oldfield, Charles (1826-1888)	Pubs					61	August 2012	12
					Oldfield, John (1832-1904)								
Chapels	Th'owd Gidlow tin chapel	The chapel which opened in 1897 on Buckley Street was replaced in 1950	Lythgoe, David	Wigan							61	August 2012	14
Schools	Upholland school days	William Berry attended the village school	Berry, Tony	Upholland	Berry, William Henry (1906-?)						61	August 2012	16
Manufacturers	Ellsey's at 80	The company manufactures vinegar		Wigan	Ellsey, Walter						61	August 2012	20
Biography	Wigan: home of Gerrard Winstanley and socialism	Gerrard Winstanley was the Wigan-born founder of the True	Winstanley, Derek	Wigan	Winstanley, Gerrard (1609-1676)	Diggers					61	August 2012	24

		Levellers, or Diggers										
Streets	The street names of old Wigan		Blakeman , Bob	Wigan						61	August 2012	26
Family History	"The bloody hand": the Foulds family coat of arms	The image on a cloth handed down through 4 generations depicts a coat of arms	Foulds, Arnold	Leigh	Foulds family	Coats of Arms				61	August 2012	28
Industrial History	The attack on Birkacre Mill	A mob, fearing for their jobs because of new efficient machinery, attacked the mill in 1781	Evans, Bob	Birkacre		Cotton Mills				61	August 2012	30
Mining	The fool's errand	Four women who had lost employmen t in the mines walked to London to	Heyes, J	Wigan		Pit Brow Lasses				62	Decem ber 2012	4

		look for work in 1844										
Railways	Lost railway	A walk along the St Helens line from Haydock Racecourse to Golborne	Pilgrim, Anthony	Golborne						62	December 2012	8
Railways	Around Whitley fields in the 1930s	An exploration of old railway lines and the site of pits	Brown, Frank	Wigan	Mining					62	December 2012	10
Elections	Can I buy your vote?	The Liberals petitioned that the Tories had won votes by bribery in the 1880 election	Evans, Bob	Wigan						62	December 2012	12
Nursing	Nurse Martha Hogg JP: she lived to serve	Martha Hogg became the first woman councillor for Wigan in 1920	Walsh, Tom	Wigan	Hogg, Martha (1872-1934)	Local Councillors				62	December 2012	14

Celebrations	A bit of a do	Celebrations to mark the coming of age of Lord Balcarres in 1893	Holding, James	Haigh	David Alexander Edward Lindsay, 27th Earl of Crawford, 10th Earl of Balcarres (1871-1940)					62	December 2012	16
Places	The rise and fall of Pony Dick	The pony which died in 1841 was owned by the Bankes of Winstanley Hall. The article is about the area.	Winstanley, Derek	Winstanley		Favourite Pony Dick Inn	Halls	Rylance Mill		62	December 2012	20
Places	Our story: Shevington with Lower Ground		Goodwin, Peter	Shevington						62	December 2012	22
World War II	Blitz & Bananas! A wartime drama film	The film maker involved many people from the Wigan area	Littler, Anna	Wigan			Films			62	December 2012	24

Recollections	My life in Leigh	The author was born in 1925	Smith, Dorothy	Leigh						62	December 2012	26
Mining	Proud to call him cousin	The life of William Maskell Peace, who was a solicitor who worked on behalf of miners	Barnes, Derek	Wigan	Peace, William Maskell (1834-1892)	Town Clerks				62	December 2012	28
Diaries	Edward Hall: the early years	The life of the man whose collection of diaries is held in the Archives at Leigh	Melling, Bill	Leigh	Hall, Edward (1898-1985)	Edward Hall Collection				63	April 2013	4
Health	Under the weather in Victorian times	A collection of letters in the Edward Hall Collection reveals Victorian health concerns and treatments	Lloyd, Gillian			Edward Hall Collection				63	April 2013	6

Armed Forces	The diary of a rambling life as a soldier's wife	Anna Walker (b. 1763) married George Townsend Walker, who commanded the Rifle Brigade. Part of the Edward Hall Collection	Pike, Joan			Edward Hall Collection				63	April 2013	10
Civil War	The Tyldesley Monument	A history of the inscription on the Wigan Lane monument	Tyldesley, Peter J	Wigan	Tyldesley, Thomas (1612-1651)	Battle of Wigan Lane 1651				63	April 2013	14
Biography	William Medlen Hutchings	Hutchings was a preacher, writer, debater, printer and journalist	Finney, Max	Wigan	Hutchings, William Medlen (1827-1876)					63	April 2013	16
Manufacturers	The restoration of Gullick Dobson Ltd., of Wigan	The firm, now part of Joy Mining, made tamping machines	Timperley, Dave	Wigan		Gullick Dobson Ltd.	Industrial History	Mining		63	April 2013	20

		for use underground										
World War II	The Anderson shelter in Wigan borough	The provision of shelters in the war	Eclersley, Yvonne	Wigan		Anderson shelters				63	April 2013	22
Cotton Industry	A contented and productive workforce	Working life in J & J Hayes Mill in Leigh	Evans, Bob	Leigh		J & J Hayes Mill	Victoria Mills			63	April 2013	24
World War II	From hilltops to bunkers	Experiences in World War I led the government to devise better methods of defending the populace	Raynor, Don	Wigan						63	April 2013	26
Festivals	Whit Monday	Celebrations around St Patrick's Church	Walsh, Tom	Scholes		St Patrick's RC Church, Scholes	Whitsun			63	April 2013	28
Societies	The Duo-decimal Society: Leigh's first	The society was formed in 1901 to discuss	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh		Duo-decimal Society				64	August 2013	4

	creative writing group?	literature and perform readings										
Diaries	Edward Hall: the hungry Thirties	More of the life of Edward Hall, the diary collector	Melling, Bill	Leigh	Hall, Edward (1898-1985)	Edward Hall Collection				64	August 2013	6
Shops	A German pork butcher in Wigan	The Mynekyme family were butchers who changed their name to Marsden in World War I	Marsden, Gerald	Wigan	Mynekyme family	Marsden family				64	August 2013	10
Romans	"Coccium" and its origins	The article asserts that Wigan was a Roman pottery-making settlement	Parr, Brian	Wigan						64	August 2013	14
Health	Health, sanitation and the Government Loan 1891	The Atherton Local Board applied to the government	Evans, Bob	Atherton		Local Government				64	August 2013	16

		for a loan to build an isolation hospital to tackle unsanitary conditions										
Streets	Signs of a vanished past	Street names can give clues to vanished buildings	Blakeman, Bob	Wigan						64	August 2013	20
Recollections	My first day at work	The author worked as a carpet fitter for Lowe's department store	Walsh, Tom	Wigan	Shops	Lowe's Department Store				64	August 2013	22
Boer War	Captain Edwin Kerfoot (1868-1920)	Edwin Kerfoot served with the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles, and volunteered in World War I	Ashcroft, Tony	Leigh	Kerfoot, Edwin (1868-1920)	World War I				64	August 2013	24
Natural History	Pennington Flash: a floral history		Bond, Tony	Pennington						64	August 2013	26

Childhood	The glow upon the heavens	A boy, whose uncle was killed at Paschenda ele, lived in the shadow of Wigan Coal and Iron Kirkless works	Cain, Neil	Kirkless	Cain, Hance	World War I	Wigan Coal & Iron Company			64	August 2013	28
Churches	The sins of the father: parishioners and the vicar of Leigh	Parishioners petitioned against James Irvine, the vicar of Leigh in 1852 because of his inflexibility	Colbert, Denise	Leigh	Irvine, James	Clergy				65	December 2013	4
Industrial History	"No Truck": at Far Moor	The dire conditions of nailmakers led them to form a trade society in 1865	Roby, Alan	Far Moor		Nailmaking	Nailmakers' Friendly Trade Society			65	December 2013	6

Health	An outbreak of smallpox in Wigan, 1798	The disease outbreak caused many deaths	Turner, Stewart	Wigan		Smallpox				65	December 2013	8
Nursing	The Leigh District Nursing Association: the first 25 years	The association was formed in 1893	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh		Leigh District Nursing Association				65	December 2013	10
World War I	Commemorating the First World War	Different ways in which to mark the war	Sivill, Richard	Wigan						65	December 2013	12
Mining	Artefacts from the Atherton coalfields	The results of metal detecting in the area	Hunt, Jim	Atherton						65	December 2013	20
Railways	The Walking Horse and Clarke's Railway	Robert Daglish built the third steam locomotive in the world at Haigh Foundry in 1813 for John Clarke's	Winstanley, Derek	Winstanley	Daglish, Robert (1779-1865)	Haigh Foundry	The Yorkshire Horse	Steam locomotives		65	December 2013	22

		railway at Winstanley										
Food	Wigan's food chain: a link with the past	How food was harvested and sold in the 1930s	Melling, Bill	Wigan		Markets				65	December 2013	24
Family History	James Dean - survivor of the Royal Charter shipwreck	James Dean survived an 1859 shipwreck off the coast of Anglesey	Fleming, Mildred	Wigan	Dean, James (1829-1895)	<i>Royal Charter</i> ship	Shipwrecks			65	December 2013	26
Poetry	Ancient and Loyal	A poem in praise of Wigan	Fairhurst, Joe	Wigan						65	December 2013	29
Wrestling	Wigan's undefeated champion of the world	Billy Riley twice won the middleweight catch-as-catch-can world titles in 1922 and 1931	Heyes, Tommy	Scholes	Riley, Billy (1896-1977)	Catch as Catch Can wrestling	Snake Pit Gym			66	April 2014	4

Health	Travelling dentists: Moseley, Gabel and Eskell	Three Jewish dentists advertised their services in Wigan newspapers in the mid 19th century	Thomas, Hilary	Wigan	Moseley, Lewin Yehuda (1807-?)	Judaism	Dentists			66	April 2014	6
					Messrs Gabriel							
					Eskell, Frederick Abraham							
Family History	The Thicknesse family of Beech Hill	Family members were involved in Kirkless colliery, banking, medicine, the church and politics	Blakeman, Bob	Beech Hill	Thicknesse family	Kirkless Colliery				66	April 2014	8
Railways	Peter Peters: a life given to the London & North Western Railway	The stationmaster at Wigan North Western met an untimely end in 1898	Howell, Marianne	Wigan	Peters, Peter (1855-1898)	London and North Western Railway				66	April 2014	10

Mining	Wigan collieries in 1923 [part one]		McAvoy, Ted	Wigan						66	April 2014	22
Museums	The museum gets connected	The Museum of Wigan Life is part of the Greater Manchester Museums Group	Jackson, Lynda	Wigan		Greater Manchester Museums Group	Museum of Wigan Life			66	April 2014	24
Churches	Falling from grace: Reverend Newbold and his Hindley parish	The vicar's scandalous behaviour led to his suspension in 1873	Colbert, Denise	Hindley	Newbold, Charles Hutchinson (1830-1878)	All Saints Church, Hindley				66	April 2014	26
Railways	High speed railways in Wigan, 1900 style	A proposed Wigan and Heysham railway was never built	Melling, Bill	Wigan						66	April 2014	28
Schools	My first day at school, St Patrick's, 1949		Walsh, Tom	Scholes		St Patrick RC Primary School, Scholes				66	April 2014	30

World War I	The Fallen	Although most casualties were buried in official war graves, some men and women are buried in local cemeteries	Turner, Hannah			Commonwealth War Graves Commission				67	August 2014	4
World War I	The 5th Battalion, the Manchester Regiment	Many local men served in the Territorial regiment	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan		Territorial Force				67	August 2014	6
World War I	Deadman's Penny	Thomas Woodcock VC was a pupil at St Patrick's School	Walsh, Tom	Wigan	Woodcock, Thomas (1888-1918)	Victoria Cross	St Patrick RC Primary School, Scholes			67	August 2014	10
World War I	Postcard from Africa	The author's grandfather served in Africa with the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment	McClellan, Glenys	Wigan	Dean, Robert Hewitt (1871-?)	Loyal North Lancashire Regiment	Indian Expeditionary Force			67	August 2014	12

World War I	Brothers in war	Joseph and Charles Simm both served on the Western Front	Ashcroft, Tony	Leigh	Simm, Joseph (1894-1976)	Distinguished Conduct Medal	Royal Engineers	South Lancashire Regiment		67	August 2014	14
					Simm, Charles (1896-1916)							
World War I	From playing field to battlefield: Lewis Bradley and Patrick O'Neill	Two Rugby League players lost their lives on the Western Front	Latham, Mike		Bradley, Lewis (1889-1918)	Rugby League				67	August 2014	16
					O'Neill, Paddy							
World War I	The unknowable Arthur Turtle	Arthur Turtle was imprisoned for refusing to serve in the war	Colbert, Denise	Leigh	Turtle, Arthur (1888-?)	Conscientious Objectors				67	August 2014	18
World War I	1915: trouble on the Home Front	Tramway employees were on strike despite the war	Melling, Bill	Wigan		Amalgamated Association of Tramway and Vehicle Workers	Trade Unions			67	August 2014	20

World War I	Tragedy at Westleigh	A man who volunteered for the war committed suicide with his wife before joining up	Berry, Susan	Westleigh	Critchley, Shadrach (1881-1915)					67	August 2014	22
World War I	They also served	Bertha McIntosh died of TNT poisoning in a munitions factory and is commemorated on a war memorial in Lowton	Glacki, Ann	Lowton	McIntosh, Bertha (1894-1917)	Munitionettes				67	August 2014	23
World War I	Gallipoli: A Wigan man's eastern journey	The author's grandfather signed up in 1914 and was wounded at Gallipoli	Barker, Hilary	Wigan	Bentley, William	Gallipoli Campaign				67	August 2014	24
World War I	War time friends: Zeppelins over Wigan	The Zeppelin raid on Wigan on	Holland, Dennis	Wigan		Zeppelin Raid				67	August 2014	26

		12 April 1918										
World War I	Lusitania	Some Wigan men survived the sinking in 1915	Houlihan, Jack	Wigan		RMS <i>Lusitania</i>				67	August 2014	28
World War 1	Wigan hero wins Victoria Cross?	Contemporary council records congratulated John Gleave on winning the VC, but there is no record that he did	Walker, Peter	Wigan	Gleaves, John	Loyal Lancashire Regiment				67	August 2014	30
World War I	Thomas Dakin: an experience of war	The author's father enlisted in the Royal Welch Fusiliers and was wounded on the Western Front	Dakin, Ted	Wigan	Dakin, Thomas (1899-1978)	Royal Welch Fusiliers				67	August 2014	32
World War I	Commercial advertising		Musa, Rita	Wigan		Advertising				67	August 2014	34

	and the First World War											
World War I	Edward Williams (1890-1918)	The author's grandfather served with the Royal Field Artillery and died of wounds in 1918	Swift, Jean	Wigan	Williams, Edward (1890-1918)	Royal Field Artillery				67	August 2014	36
World War I	Ashton's First World War 'Alien enemy'	German-born butcher August Reiss was declared an enemy alien and imprisoned in 1914	Pilgrim, Anthony	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Reiss, August (1877-?)	Aliens Registration Act 1914				68	December 2014	4
Recollections	Memories of Scholes: a town within a town		Walsh, Tom	Scholes						68	December 2014	6
Poetry	The young soldier	Poem about the first world war	Boylan, Linda			World War I				68	December 2014	9

World War I	Home Front to battle front: Wigan Borough at war, 1914-1918	A commemorative exhibition in the Museum of Wigan Life	Livesey, Joan	Wigan		Museums				68	December 2014	10
Museums	Museum of Wigan Life wins Heritage Lottery Fund support	A project to engage young people with the museum's collections		Wigan						68	December 2014	11
Biography	A life of service: William Blackshaw and the Leigh Spiritualism Temple	William Blackshaw was an Alderman, county councillor and magistrate	Hayes, Joyce	Leigh	Blackshaw, William (1870-1944)	Spiritualism				68	December 2014	12
Mining	Wigan collieries in 1923 [part two]		McAvoy, Ted	Wigan						68	December 2014	14
Diaries	Edward Hall: war and peace	The life of the man whose collection of diaries is held in the	Melling, Bill	Leigh	Hall, Edward (1898-1985)	Edward Hall Collection				68	December 2014	16

Local History	Ballots, books and bribes: using electoral registers for your research		Musa, Rita			Electoral Registers				68	December 2014	28
Local Government	The old police station, Leigh: memories of the weights and Measures Service		Baillie, Ian Fergus	Leigh						68	December 2014	30
Family History	"Love laughs at locksmiths": the extraordinary story of forbidden romance in a small Lancashire village...	Elizabeth Durie escaped from an asylum to marry Ellis Norris	McGrath, Thomas				Durie, Elizabeth (1824-1857)			69	April 2015	4
							Norris, Ellis (?-1872)					
Rugby League	Leigh Shamrocks RFC 1889	The story of the club	Ridyard, Alf	Leigh		Leigh Shamrocks				69	April 2015	6

		from its founding										
World War I	Remembering local men at Gallipoli, 1915		Turner, Hannah	Wigan		Gallipoli Campaign				69	April 2015	8
Family History	Genealogical experience	Using various resources to trace the Marsden family	Marsden, Gerald	Wigan	Marsden family					69	April 2015	12
Childhood	Half-timers: children caught between two worlds	Children who attended both school and work	Eckersley, Yvonne							69	April 2015	14
Mining	The Lancashire collier girl [part one]	An account, purporting to be based on fact, published in 1795 under the guidance of the philanthropist Hannah More	Taylor, Ken		Moore, Hannah (1745-1833)					69	April 2015	18

Mining	Gullick Dobson: A major Wigan enterprise buffeted by the decline of the British coal industry	The firm, now part of Joy Mining, made tamping machines for use underground	Kaye, Alan	Wigan		Gullick Dobson Ltd.	Industrial History			69	April 2015	20
Biography	A poppy for Harry	The author laid a poppy on the memorial at the Tower of London in memory of her uncle	Bell, Margaret	Leigh	Bilsbury, Harry (1891-1916)	Grenadier Guards	Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red			69	April 2015	23
Biography	The enigma that was George Lyon: to commemorate the 200th anniversary of his execution	The author has searched records to find more details of the life of the Upholland highwayman	Horrocks, Derek	Upholland	Lyon, George (1760-1815)					69	April 2015	24
Biography	David Lindsay, 27th Earl of Crawford	The earl who volunteered as a private	Melling, Bill	Haigh	David Alexander Edward Lindsay,					69	April 2015	26

	(1871-1840): 'A man for all seasons'	in the First world War			27th Earl of Crawford, 10th Earl of Balcarres (1871-1940)							
World War I	"The whole of South Lancashire was in mourning"	The vicar of Haigh lost four sons in the war	Walker, Peter	Haigh	James, Charles H	St David's Church, Haigh				69	April 2015	28
Places	Memories of Atherton		Grimshaw, Joe	Atherton						69	April 2015	30
War Memorials	The Waterloo Monument at Bispham Hall, Billinge		Hilton, J A	Billinge		Bispham Hall	Battle of Waterloo			69	April 2015	32
Ancient History	Ancient history rediscovered	The Museum of Wigan life displayed the collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts	Jackson, Lynda	Wigan		Egyptian Civilisation	Museums			70	August 2015	4
Ancient History	Exploring Egyptology	Detailed examination of the Egyptian artefacts held by the	Gough, Carrie	Wigan		Egyptian Civilisation	Museums			70	August 2015	6

		Museum of Wigan Life										
World War I	My family and the First World War: looking back at my roots	The involvement of the author's family in war and the home front	Mason, Michael Ardern	Wigan	Glover, Humphrey					70	August 2015	10
					Mason, William							
Mining	Counting the cost: The Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Permanent Relief Society collection	Wigan Archives service was awarded a grant to promote and develop the collection	Knott, Stephen	Wigan		Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Permanent Relief Society				70	August 2015	13
Biography	A life well lived: Thomas McCarthy, champion wrestler, war hero and trainer of Wigan Rugby League club		McCarthy, Larry	Wigan	McCarthy, Thomas (1883-1954)	World War 1	Rugby League	Wrestling		70	August 2015	14

Slavery	Wigan and slavery	Notable Wigan families who derived wealth from their links with slavery	Winstanley, Derek	Wigan						70	August 2015	24
Local Government	Local government, Victorian style	A collection of papers from the Town Clerk's office reveals the development of gas supply	Melling, Bill	Wigan		Gas Supply				70	August 2015	26
Halls	Wigan Hall	The hall in Hallgate, built in 1875, served as the rectory and is now used as offices	Musa, Rita	Wigan						70	August 2015	28
World War I	John Wainwright: a Wigan man's rise through the ranks during	John Wainwright served in various ways in the war,	Hodge, Alex	Orrell	Wainwright, John (1894-1990)					70	August 2015	30

Football	South Lancashire Tramways Ladies football team during the First World War	In 1915 the company became the first in the world to promote women's football	Ridyard, Alf	Atherton		South Lancashire Tramways	Women's football	World War I	Women	71	December 2015	12
Health	Saint or sinner? Villain or victim?: the trial of a Wigan herbalist's wife	Nancy Bedford was tried in 1897 for supplying pills to induce pregnancy terminations	Jones, Arthur	Wigan	Bedford, Nancy (1843-1907)	Women				71	December 2015	14
Places	The women of Wareing Street: a snapshot into the lives of Tyldesley women in 1911	Analysis of the 1911 census	McGrath, Thomas	Tyldesley		Women				71	December 2015	16
Authors	Beth Ellis	Beth Ellis wrote seven romantic historical novels	Catterall, Anne	Wigan	Ellis, Elizabeth (Beth) (1874-1913)	Women				71	December 2015	18

Biography	Margaret Park - the Mother of Wigan	The mayoress was a philanthropist, and champion of pit brow lasses	Catterall, Anne	Wigan	Park, Margaret (1835-1893)	Women	Pit Brow Lasses			71	December 2015	20
Biography	Cecilia, Lady Bindloss	Lady Bindloss married William Standish in 1660, and wrote notebooks and other manuscripts	Fussell, Kate	Standish	Bindloss, Cecilia	Women				71	December 2015	22
Biography	Charlotte Ann Fletcher	Charlotte Fletcher was a philanthropist in Little Hulton, Tyldesley and Oswestry	Szkliny, Susan	Tyldesley	Fletcher, Charlotte Ann (1845-1913)	Women				71	December 2015	24
Biography	Lily Hodson	Lily Hodson was a prominent local trade unionist	Musa, Rita	Wigan	Hodson, Lily (1894-1977)	Women	Garment Workers Union			71	December 2015	26

Elections	The 1906 General Election: how Wigan's 'doughty henchwome n' fought Britain's first women's suffrage candidate's campaign	Women union members supported Thorley Smith in his (unsuccessful) bid to enter parliament on a women's suffrage platform	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan	Smith, Thorley (1873-1940)	Women				71	December 2015	28
Mining	Women and miners' relief in Lancashire	The role of the Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Permanent Relief Society in supporting bereaved and injured people	Knott, Stephen	Wigan		Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Permanent Relief Society	Women			71	December 2015	30
World War I	Munitionettes	The women who worked in munitions factories in the war	Turner, Hannah	Morecambe		White Lund Munitions Factory	Women			71	December 2015	32

Romans	Greco-Roman women in the Museum's archaeology collection	Busts of the heads of women in the Museum of Wigan Life		Wigan		Museums		Archaeology		71	December 2015	34
World War I	Remembering Wigan Borough's soldiers at the Somme	Named men who fought on the Somme	Turner, Hannah	Wigan		Battle of the Somme 1916				72	April 2016	4
Biography	The man who made Leigh beautiful	Mayor Joseph Ashworth successfully campaigned for a public bowling green and park	McKiernan, Julie	Leigh	Ashworth, Joseph (1871-1939)	Mayors	Public Parks			72	April 2016	6
Shops	Wallwork's Chemist of Tyldesley	Joseph Wallwork moved into the premises at 94 Elliott Street in 1860 and it became a family business	Latham, Phil	Tyldesley	Wallwork, Joseph	Chemists				72	April 2016	8

Trade Unions	Julia Walkden, Wigan weavers and political activism	Julia Walkden was a prominent member of the Wigan Weavers Union	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan	Walkden, Julia	Eckersley's Mill	Wigan Weavers Union			72	April 2016	10
Recollections	Sunday afternoon, 1950s: a sixpenny wish	How the author as a child spent a typical Sunday in the park	Walsh, Tom	Wigan		Mesnes Park				72	April 2016	12
Biography	Ernest Ball: Mayor of Wigan County Borough 1937-1938	Ernest Ball helped to transform public transport in the borough	Walker, Peter	Wigan	Ball, Ernest (1891-1978)	Mayors	Civic Histories: Wigan Borough Mayoral Project			72	April 2016	16
Family History	In search of Cecilia Strickland of Sizergh Castle, Cumbria	Cecilia Strickland was the daughter of Ralph Standish	Aspinall, Stan		Strickland, Cecilia (1714-1778)	Standish Family				72	April 2016	18
Medieval Period	Medieval stone cross bases in Standish	The crosses may have been religious	Hodge, Alex	Standish		Stone Crosses				72	April 2016	20

		way- markers										
World War I	Wigan's first World War Military Tribunals	An examination of some of the cases found in the Archives	Musa, Rita	Wigan		Military Tribunals				72	April 2016	22
World War I	A Wigan man's Eastern journey: Mesopotamia	Further details of William Bentley's WWI service	Barker, Hilary	Wigan	Bentley, William	Mesopotamia				72	April 2016	24
Mining	A monument's story: Taylor and John pits, Standish	The monument was erected in honour of men from the pits killed in WWI	O'Neill, John	Standish		Mining	Monuments			72	April 2016	27
Churches	A Canadian surprise for Leigh St Mary's Church	Sketches of window designs by James Powell were bought in Canada for the church	Molyneux, John	Leigh		St Mary's Church, Leigh	Stained glass	James Powell and Sons		72	April 2016	28

Churches	The Rigby bell	One of the bells in St Luke's Lowton was given by Thomas Rigby	Glacki, Ann	Lowton	Rigby, Thomas (1815-1886)	St Luke's Church, Lowton				72	April 2016	29
Schools	Going back to school	The author's recollections of Wigan Grammar School	Parkinson, Graham	Wigan		Thomas Linacre Centre	Wigan Grammar School			72	April 2016	30
Health	Pills and potions	Remedies for ailments before the NHS	Melling, Bill	Wigan						72	April 2016	32
Museums	Treasure: the extraordinary to the everyday	A collection of art and artefacts on display in the Museum of Wigan Life	Jackson, Lynda	Wigan		Museum of Wigan Life				73	August 2016	4
Biography	The life of 'The Black Knight' and other visitors to Victorian Leigh	African-American musicians came to Leigh to perform	Joyce, Brian	Leigh	Miller, Harry	Hector, J J, 'The Black Knight'	Fisk Jubilee Singers			73	August 2016	6

Churches	All Saints Parish Church, Hindley	There has been a church on the site since 1641	Bithell, Yvonne	Hindley		All Saints Church, Hindley				73	August 2016	8
Football	A Talbot Road celebrity	Jack Fort of Leigh played for Exeter city and Millwall	Ridyard, Alf	Leigh	Fort, Jack (1888-1965)					73	August 2016	10
Biography	Jane Sullivan: an Irish woman in Scholes	The life of the author's ancestor	Barker, Hilary	Scholes	Sullivan, Jane (1851-1896)					73	August 2016	12
Biography	A life in Westleigh: James William Slater	The author's grandfather told her of his earlier life	Slater, Jane	Westleigh	Slater, James William (1940-?)					73	August 2016	16
Biography Biography	Lawrence Cox, soldier and policeman	Cox fought in the Crimean War	Hesford, John		Cox, Lawrence (1837-1910)	Crimean War				73	August 2016	18
Places	Wigan piers & dock	The history of the area	Winstanley, Derek	Wigan		Wigan Archaeological Society				73	August 2016	22

Football	The Burnden Park disaster	On 9 March 1946, 33 fans were crushed to death in a match between Bolton Wanderers and Stoke City	Melling, Bill	Bolton		Bolton Wanderers FC					73	August 2016	24
World War II	When General Patton 'gave it to them double dirty' at Ashton	General Patton toured the UK before D-Day giving fiery speeches to troops, including at Ashton-in-Makerfield	Pilgrim, Anthony	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Patton, George Smith Jr (1885-1945)	D-Day					73	August 2016	30
Family History	Mam and Dad: another world, Thomas and Frances	The author recounts the lives of his parents	Dakin, Ted	Wigan	Dakin family						73	August 2016	32
Biography	The power of Past Forward	An article in Past Forward led the author to research the life of	Heaton, Paul	Wigan	Heath, George (1858-?)	Boer War					74	December 2016	4

		his ancestor George Heath, a veteran of the Boer War										
Civil War	Pennington Cavaliers	Names men who fought for the Royalist cause	Owen, Trevor	Pennington						74	December 2016	6
Industrial History	The Apprentice	Two apprentices who worked at Rylands Mill and Haigh Foundry	Melling, Bill	Wigan	Melling, William	Haigh Foundry	Rylands Mill	Apprenticeships		74	December 2016	8
Places	John Street: Scholes 1950s to 1960	The author discovered that her ancestors had lived on street where she lives	Biggadike, Veronica	Scholes	Catterall family					74	December 2016	10
World War I	The 1st Astley Lions Troop and the First World War centenary	Astley scouts researched the stories of men who died in WWI	Lethwaite, Michelle	Astley		Scouts	St Stephen's Church			74	December 2016	12

			Thorp, Karen									
Mining	Memories of a pit brow lass	The author worked at Wigan Junction colliery, starting in 1948	Culshaw, Rita	Platt Bridge		Pit Brow Lasses	Wigan Junction Colliery			74	December 2016	16
Recollections	Tony Ashcroft	Tributes to the former Local and Family History Officer		Wigan	Ashcroft, Tony					74	December 2016	18
Biography Biography	Lawrence Cox, soldier and policeman [part 2]	Lawrence Cox served as a soldier in India, then became a policeman in Leigh	Hesford, John	Leigh	Cox, Lawrence (1837-1910)	Crimean War	Police			74	December 2016	20
Family History	A changing world	More memories, including from WWII	Dakin, Ted	Wigan	Dakin family					74	December 2016	24
Mining	Two brothers	Edward and John Saunders	Williams, Jane	Westhoughton	Saunders, Edward (1892-1910)	Pretoria Pit				74	December 2016	26

	and a pit disaster	were killed in Pretoria pit				Explosion 1910						
						Saunders, John (1897-1910)						
Places	Keeping Leigh time: Leigh's two time signals	Two people devised methods of keeping time	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh		Time Signals				74	December 2016	30
Schools	Schools in crisis	A survey of the state of schools in Wigan borough in the 19th century	Blakeman, Bob	Wigan						74	December 2016	32
Biography	Charlotte Blears	The Leigh woman was transported to Tasmania in 1843 after being convicted of theft	Graham, Kath	Leigh	Blears, Charlotte (1822-?)	Transportation				75	April 2017	6
Crime	Pablo and other 'Unfortunates': Prostitution in Victorian		Joyce, Brian	Wigan		Prostitution				75	April 2017	6

Crime	The mystery of the kidnapped corpse	The body of the 25th Earl of Crawford was stolen from his Scottish estate, recovered, and re-interred in All Saints church, Wigan	Melling, Bill	Wigan	Alexander William Crawford Lindsay, 25th Earl of Crawford, 10th Earl of Balcarres (1812-1880)					75	April 2017	14
Crime	The Button Pit murder	James Barton was murdered in 1863, causing a national outcry	Szymano wski, Joan Howell, Marianne	Red Rock	Barton, James (1808-1863)	Button Pit	Mining			75	April 2017	16
Family History	Tracing your criminal ancestors	Sources useful in family history research	Musa, Rita							75	April 2017	18
Health	Wigan Dispensary	The dispensary, formed in 1798, amalgamated with the	Heaven, Chris	Wigan	Counce, William	King Street				75	April 2017	20

		Infirmary in 1873										
Societies	The origins of the New Springs Plotters	The history of New Springs Horticultural Society	Gibbard, Isabel	New Springs		Allotments	Horticulture	New Springs Floral Society		75	April 2017	22
Marriage	A midsummer marriage	The marriage of 12 year old Humphrey Winstanley and 17 year old Alice Worsley in 1559, and subsequent annulment	Pilgrim, Anthony	Bryn	Winstanley, Humphrey (1547-?)					75	April 2017	24
					Worsley, Alice (1542-?)							
Schools	Emmanuel School admission registers, Ashton-in-Makerfield	A volunteer has transcribed the 1870-1919 registers	McClellan, Glenys	Ashton-in-Makerfield		Emmanuel School				75	April 2017	29
Newspapers	The story of Leigh People's Paper and Leyth, Bent		Caine, Michael	Leigh						75	April 2017	30

	and Bongs People's Paper, 1973-1983											
Immigratio n	Irish immigration in Wigan		Ramsdale , Sheila	Wigan						75	April 2017	32
Mining	"A friend for life"	A miners' relief society gave aid after the Pretoria Pit disaster	Hilton, Molly	Westhoug hton		The Lancashir e & Cheshire Miners' Permanen t Relief Society	Pretoria Pit Explosio n 1910			76	August 2017	4
Health	Where there's muck, there's brass: The rise and demise of the Midnight Mechanics	Ashpit and nightsoil removal in Victorian and Edwardian Leigh	Caine, Michael	Leigh		Sanitation				76	August 2017	6
Breweries	The breweries of Leigh in Lancashire	Named breweries in the town	Crook, Steve	Leigh						76	August 2017	9
World War I	Norris Marsden, 1887-1916	Norris Marsden served with the King's	Clough, Gill	Wigan	Marsden, Norris (1887-1916)	Battle of the Somme 1916				76	August 2017	12

		Royal Rifle Corps and died from wounds received on the Somme										
Mining	The 1929 Coalfield Distress Fund in the Leigh area: a snapshot	Help was needed after the Great Depression	Eckersley , Yvonne	Leigh		Coalfield Distress Fund				76	August 2017	14
Schools	Not just the 'Three Rs'	The history of Shevington Community Primary School	Wade, Louise	Shevington		Shevington Community Primary School				76	August 2017	16
Places	Who was Wigan?	A suggestion that the town took its name from a person	Blakeman , Bob	Wigan		Placenames				76	August 2017	18
Customs	"Ringing the sinner in"	Rural customs persisted in towns when people moved there from								76	August 2017	20

		the countryside										
Family History	A different angle on my great-great grandad	The author's research into her Bradshaw ancestors	Seddon, Brenda	Wigan	Bradshaw family					76	August 2017	23
Societies	Best of sisters: 70 years on	The Soroptimist club in Leigh celebrated an anniversary	Molyneux, Margaret	Leigh		Soroptimist International Club of Leigh and District				76	August 2017	24
Brass Bands	The development of brass bands in the Leigh and district area		Boardman, Phil	Leigh						76	August 2017	26
Chapels	Samuel Kniveton - Methodist local preacher	Samuel Kniveton devoted his life to the mission of Astley Methodist Chapel	Melling, Phil	Astley	Kniveton, Samuel (1814-1889)	Methodism				76	August 2017	28

Schools	Madame Teapot takes drastic measures	A humorous account of a teacher at Wigan Grammar School	Taylor, John Sharrock	Wigan	Tison, Margaret Elise	Wigan Grammar School					76	August 2017	30
World War II	Civil Defence project	Civil defence and ARP measures in Leigh	Turner, Hannah	Leigh		Civil Defence Corps	Air Raid Precautions				76	August 2017	33
Chapels	James Wood: Preacher man	The life of James Wood who was a preacher at Ashton Chapel in the 17th century	Pilgrim, Anthony	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Wood, James (1604-1667)	Ashton Chapel					77	December 2017	4
Architecture	J C Prestwich: Builder of dreams	Prestwich built Leigh Town Hall and other impressive buildings in the town	McKiernan, Julie	Leigh	Prestwich, James Caldwell (1852-1940)						77	December 2017	6
Biography	Charlotte Blear... the story continues	The Leigh woman was transported to Tasmania	Graham, Kath	Leigh	Blears, Charlotte (1822-?)	Transportation					77	December 2017	8

		in 1843 after being convicted of theft										
Biography	Miss Ellen Weeton: mother-in-law and grandmamma	Ellen Weeton spent some time in Upholland	Dixon, Barbara	Upholland	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)					77	December 2017	10
Women's Movement	Leigh's political women and women's suffrage 1910-1914		Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh		Suffragettes				77	December 2017	12
Family History	Medieval Wigan and the two Ince families	Research into two Ince families from Ince	Ince, Laurence	Ince	Ince family					77	December 2017	14
Breweries	The breweries of Leigh in Lancashire [part two]	Named breweries in the town	Crook, Steve	Leigh						77	December 2017	16
Biography	Hindsford boy's life in France	William Mather from Atherton became a jockey in	Williams, Marjorie	Atherton	Mather, William	Horsereacing				77	December 2017	18

Family History	Letter from Australia	The Australian relatives of Rev James Irvine, Vicar of Leigh	Waters, Barbara	Leigh	Irvine, James					77	December 2017	34
Celebrations	Letter from America	An American visitor attended an event organised by the Orwell Society to commemorate the 80th anniversary of 'The road to Wigan Pier'	Biederstadt, Carol	Wigan	Orwell, George (1903-1950)					77	December 2017	35
Heritage	£1.3m Heritage Lottery Fund investment in Leigh...	Leigh Town Hall to be transformed to showcase heritage collections		Leigh		Leigh Town Hall				78	April 2018	3
Elections	Thorley Smith: 'He served his generation faithfully'	Thorley Smith was the first person to stand for election to	Walsh, Tom	Wigan	Smith, Thorley (1873-1940)	Suffragettes				78	April 2018	4

		Parliament on a women's suffrage ticket										
Biography	William Henry Jones	The life of the author's father	Jones, Renee	Leigh	Jones, William Henry (1902-1965)					78	April 2018	7
House History	Damhouse and Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee	The celebrations at the Damhouse estate, otherwise known as Astley Hall	Turner, Hannah	Astley						78	April 2018	8
Shops	John Trayner, Chemist of Hindley	The chemist shop occupied several different addresses in Market Street	Aspinall, Jean Hart, Dorothy	Hindley	Trayner, John (1914-1997)	Chemists				78	April 2018	10
World War II	William Lane: Royal Air Force navigator	William Lane survived a wartime crash in the	Karsijns, Tjerk	Lower Ince	Lane, William (1920-1992)	Royal Air Force				78	April 2018	12

		Netherlands										
Local Government	Tales of a Standish parish nuisance inspector	Thomas Bentham was employed to investigate breaches of the law	Sinclair, Nathan	Standish	Bentham, Thomas (1859-?)					78	April 2018	14
Leisure	Holidays by the seaside	In 1952 Wigan council bought a property in Rhos-on-Sea for local people to have holidays	Barclay, Barbara	Wigan		Rockwood Holiday Home	Holidays			78	April 2018	16
Biography	Uncle Willie: William Anthony Thomas	The life of the author's uncle	Lane, Barbara	Howe Bridge	Thomas, William Anthony					78	April 2018	19
Gas Supply	Wigan town centre gasholders dismantled	The gasholders were in Darlington Street		Wigan						78	April 2018	20

World War II	Remembering John Victor Randall - 'Jack'	John Randall's plane crashed near Boulogne in 1941	Barbour-Moore, Christine		Randall, John Victor (1917-1941)	Royal Air Force				78	April 2018	21
Shops	Half a century: The journey of one greengrocer's shop	Anne's Fruit Shop in Ashton-in-Makerfield closed after 50 years	Kubikova, Lena	Ashton-in-Makerfield						78	April 2018	22
Shops	Saturday morning shopping	Recollections of shopping in Ashton-in-Makerfield	McClellan, Glenys	Ashton-in-Makerfield						78	April 2018	24
Local Government	John Cheetham, Mayor of Wigan 1918-1919	John Cheetham was said to be the first working man to be made a JP in England	Carthy, Christine	Wigan	Cheetham, John (1858-1934)	Mayors	Wigan Borough Civic History Project			78	April 2018	26
World War II	Dunkirk - The Aftermath	Edward Hall served as an administrator with 73 Squadron of the RAF,	Melling, Bill	Wigan	Hall, Edward (1898-1985)	Edward Hall Collection	Royal Air Force			78	April 2018	28

		and later donated a collection of diaries to Wigan										
Schools	Leigh Grammar School project	The project is cataloguing , digitising and researching the collections held in the Archives		Leigh		Leigh Grammar School				78	April 2018	30
Biography	[Letter]	Tom Boardman was a prisoner of war on the Burma-Siam railway in WWII	Szymano wski, Joan	Howe Bridge	Boardman, Tom (1919-2018)	World War II				78	April 2018	33
Dancing	[Letter]	Flora MacDonald became a ballet dancer who starred in musicals and entertained	Strowman , Andy	Leigh	MacDonald, Flora (1928-2015)	World War II				78	April 2018	33

		troops in WWII										
Biography	Black families in Victorian Leigh and Tyldesley	Black people who were born or settled in the area	Joyce, Brian	Leigh Tyldesley	Anderson family Wiggins family					79	August 2018	4
Mining	The miners, pit brow lasses and women's suffrage	The National Miners' Union sought to prevent women working on the pit brow	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan		Pit Brow Lasses				79	August 2018	6
Poetry	Tales of Clogger Jack	Barbara Barclay submitted her late husband's poetry	Barclay, John		Barclay, John	Dialect				79	August 2018	10
Biography	Granddad John William Turner	John Turner was a clogger and shoe repairer with a shop just outside Wigan, and		Wigan	Turner, John William (1885-1973)	Councillors	Clogs			79	August 2018	11

		became a councillor										
Women's Movement	Searching for suffragists	Florence Hindshaw was the first secretary of the Leigh branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies	Turner, Hannah	Leigh	Hindshaw, Florence (?-1963)	Leigh Grammar School	National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies			79	August 2018	12
Crime	Murder and mayhem in medieval Abram		Morris, Adrian	Abram						79	August 2018	14
Biography	A loss to Atherton: the life of Sarah Hesketh	Sarah Hesketh was a renowned teacher and philanthropist	McGrath, Thomas	Atherton	Hesketh, Sarah (1829-1919)	Prospect House				79	August 2018	16
Theatres	Royal Court Theatre	The Old Courts purchased the theatre in King Street in order to	Rotherham, Jess	Wigan		Royal Court Theatre				79	August 2018	18

		bring it back to life										
Places	Leigh in 1900...the year of James Hilton's birth...	The changing fortunes of the town where James Hilton was born	Caine, Michael	Leigh	Hilton, James (1900-1954)					79	August 2018	22
Mining	Twenty five years gone	Marking the closure of Parsonage and Bickershaw collieries	Molyneux, Margaret	Leigh		Parsonage Colliery	Bickershaw Colliery			79	August 2018	24
Biography	Josephine Butler 1828-1906	Josephine Butler was a pioneering campaigner for women's education and the repeal of prostitution laws	Ramsdale, Sheila		Butler, Josephine (1828-1906)	Contagious Diseases Act				79	August 2018	26
Railways	I remember	Goods agent John Tarver began work	Tarver, John	Wigan	Tarver, John (1850-1922)					79	August 2018	28

		at Wigan in 1877										
Biography	Miss Weeton and Parr Hall St Helens	Ellen Weeton's letters and journals include recollections of her time spent in Upholland	Roby, Alan	St Helens	Weeton, Ellen (1776-1849)					79	August 2018	31
Women's Movement	Votes for women	The arrest of Florence Clarkson in Leigh in 1909, in cartoon form	Murphy, Chris	Leigh	Clarkson, Florence					79	August 2018	32
Theatres	"There are no flies on Brierley": The Theatre Royal, Tyldesley	William Brierley built a wooden theatre in 1890	Joyce, Brian	Tyldesley	Brierley, William Walter	Theatre Royal, Tyldesley				80	December 2018	4
World War I	All the King's men - the Eckersley brothers	Three brothers served in the army - Harry survived, but William	Booth, Christine	Worsley Mesnes	Eckersley family					80	December 2018	6

		and James were killed										
World War I	A First World War hero remembered	The author's grandfather was awarded the Military Medal	Barbour-Moore, Christine	Wigan	Randall, Stanley Corsellis	12th Light Railway Company	Military Medal			80	December 2018	8
Social History	Leigh and Wigan's Female Reform Unions and Peterloo	Women were amongst those calling for political reform at the time of Peterloo	Eckersley, Yvonne	Leigh		Female Reform Unions	Peterloo Massacre			80	December 2018	10
Water Supply	All's well that ends well: The story of Standish well and the arrival of piped water in the township	James Ainscough was responsible for an improvement scheme which included capping the well	O'Neill, John	Standish	Ainscough, James Martland (1854-1937)	Wells				80	December 2018	14
Biography	Professor James Topping	James Topping was a	Sloan, Terry	Lower Ince	Topping, James (1904-1994)	Hindley and Abram				80	December 2018	16

	1904-1994 - a distinguished Wiganer	physicist and pioneer in university education				Grammar School						
World War II	Bert Trautmann and POW Camp 50, Ashton-in-Makerfield	The footballer arrived at the camp in 1945	Pilgrim, Anthony	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Trautmann, Bernhard Carl "Bert" (1923-2013)	Football	Prisoners of War			80	December 2018	18
Sculpture	A Pennington sculptor: Mary Pownall Bromet	One of Mary Bromet's commissions was Watford War Memorial	McKiernan, Julie	Pennington	Bromet, Mary Pownall (1862-1937)					80	December 2018	20
House History	Astley Sanatorium formerly Astley Hall - Damhouse	The author lived at the lodge at the sanatorium	Jones, Doreen	Astley						80	December 2018	24
World War II	"The art of survival"	The Hindley Green resident recalls life in Jersey during the German occupation	Barron, Robert Dower							80	December 2018	26

Childhood	Growing up in wartime Scholes	The author's family housed evacuees from Coventry	Heaton, Tom	Scholes		World War II	Evacuees			81	April 2019	4
Biography	Comical Cris	The author's grandfather was a well-known ventriloquist	Brooks, Diana	Tyldesley	Matthews, Christopher (1862-1962)	Ventriloquism	Miners Hall, Tyldesley			81	April 2019	6
Biography	A tragic affair	The intertwined lives and deaths of Walter Eckersley and Gladys Shaw, whose graves are in Manchester . Gladys's husband was a Leigh brewer	Crook, Steve	Leigh	Eckersley, Walter Herbert (1875-1919) Shaw, Gladys (1889-1920)	Breweries				81	April 2019	8

Railways	A dreadful tragedy at Wigan North Western Station	Thirteen people were killed and many more injured in a crash in August 1873	Morton, Tom	Wigan						81	April 2019	26
Biography	Jane Nisill Traynor 1887-1940	After being widowed, Jane Traynor trained as a midwife in 1917	Aspinall, Jean	Wigan	Traynor, Jane Nisill (1887-1940)	Midwives				81	April 2019	28
World War II	D-Day	The contemporary account of the landing, by Bert Ryding	Ryding, Malcolm		Ryding, Herbert	D-Day 6 June 1944				81	April 2019	30
Biography	The reluctant baronet	The life of Sir Robert Clayton, the last Baronet of Adlington, who is buried in	Meehan, Jim	Adlington	Clayton, Robert (1746-1839)	St Wilfrid's Church, Standish				82	August 2019	4

		the churchyard of St Wilfrid's in Standish										
Buildings	The ups and downs of Billinge beacon	The beacon has served many purposes	Smith, Stephen Craig	Billinge		Beacons				82	August 2019	6
Recollections	Remembering	Memories of life around Miry Lane in the 1930s	Dakin, Ted	Wigan						82	August 2019	8
Family History	Family histories: the Worswicks and the Greens		Stanier, Tom	Wigan	Worswick family Green family					82	August 2019	10
Crime	"A capital example": the case of John Wainwright	John Wainwright was hanged at Lancaster in 1826 for a non-fatal stabbing in an election day crowd	Joyce, Brian	Newton-le-Willows	Wainwright, John (1797-1826)	Elections				82	August 2019	13

Water Supply	All's well that ends well: The story of Standish well and the arrival of piped water in the township [part two]	How piped drinking water reached Standish	O'Neill, John	Standish		Wells				82	August 2019	28
Biography	The strange tale of Edwin Lindsay	Edwin Lindsay, the fourth child of the 6th Earl of Balcarres, was confined to Papa Stour island for 26 years because of his bizarre behaviour	Morton, Tom		Lindsay, Edwin (1786-1865)					82	August 2019	30
Mining	Suffer little children	The appalling working conditions endured by children working in mines	Pilgrim, Anthony							83	December 2019	4

Places	The Welsh in Ashton-in-Makerfield	Stubshaw Cross was known as 'Little Wales' because many Welsh miners moved there for work	McClellan, Glenys	Ashton-in-Makerfield						83	December 2019	6
Women's Movement	Playing with the past	The author wrote a play 'How to be WomanLEIGH' about pioneer women	McKiernan, Julie	Leigh						83	December 2019	8
Buildings	Ashurst Beacon - Icon of the Douglas Valley	The beacon has served many purposes	Smith, Stephen Craig	Ashurst		Beacons				83	December 2019	10
Women's Movement	Julia Walkden, Wigan Weavers' Association and early 20th century trade union activism	Julia Walkden represented weavers, with fellow union members	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan	Walkden, Julia (1881-?)	Wigan Weavers' Association				83	December 2019	12

Civil War	The Earl of Derby's dungeon	Prior to his execution, the Earl spent a night in the Kings Arms in Leigh (since demolished)	Hesford, John	Leigh	Stanley, James, 7th Earl of Derby (1607-1651)					83	December 2019	22
Family History	Charlson and Clayton: a tale of two families	The two families lived in Culcheth in the 18th and 19th centuries	Graham, Kath	Culcheth	Clayton family					83	December 2019	24
			Nolan, Marlene		Charlson family							
Churches	The bicentenary of Wigan's heavenly twins	Two Catholic churches, St Mary and St John, were built in Standish in 1819	Hilton, J A	Wigan		Roman Catholic Church				83	December 2019	27
Crime	Person or persons unknown: the murder of George Green	The unsolved murder of George Green from Culcheth	Joyce, Brian	Culcheth	Green, George (1801-1851)					83	December 2019	28

			Nolan, Marlene									
World War I	Turkish beaded snake	The memento made by a Turkish POW was given to a Leigh soldier and is in the care of Wigan museum		Wigan	Crank, Harold (1895-1983)	Prisoners of War	Museum of Wigan Life		83	December 2019	32	
World War II	The Second World War and the Home Front	Collections in the Archives relating to the Home Front are being analysed and recorded	Turner, Hannah	Wigan					84	April 2020	4	
World War II	A Wigan soldier's story of survival	The experiences of Donald Jolley in Turkey and Italy and his imprisonment in Silesia	Meehan, Jim	Wigan	Jolley, Donald	Prisoners of War			84	April 2020	6	

Biography	Mary Tomlinson - an inspiring pit brow lass who became a missionary doctor	The author has written a book about a remarkable woman	Ramsdale, Sheila	Pemberton	Tomlinson, Mary (1899-2000)					84	April 2020	17
Places	Tyldesley memories		Armfield, Alison	Tyldesley						84	April 2020	18
Crime	A Glazebury tragedy	A dispute arising at a mill resulted in Ernest Monaghan shooting dead William Hindley in 1921	Joyce, Brian	Glazebury	Monaghan, Ernest Morris (1900-?)	Gill and Hartley's Mill				84	April 2020	20
			Nolan, Marlene		Hindley, William (1889-1921)							
Gravestones	The snake grave of Billinge - George and Kitty Smith	Kitty Smith was killed by a snake bite, and the gravestone bears an image of a snake	Guy, Charlie	Billinge	Smith, Kitty	St Aidan's Church, Billinge				84	April 2020	24

Mining	Out of the pits and into Parliament: Part 1 - the legacy of Ashton-in-Makerfield miners	In the late 19th century miners came to realise that they needed political representation	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan						84	April 2020	28
Rivers	The River Douglas		Heaviside, R D	Wigan		River Douglas				84	April 2020	31
Mining	Out of the pits and into Parliament: Part 2 - winning hearts, minds and votes	In the late 19th century miners came to realise that they needed political representation	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan						85	April 2020	4
Biography	What's in a name?: Tracing Myles Standish	Was the Mayflower Pilgrim descended from the Standish branch of the family?	O'Neill, John	Standish	Standish, Myles	Plymouth Colony				85	August 2020	7

American Civil War	Lancashire lads in Lincoln's army	Two men from Leigh fought in the American Civil War	Unsworth, John		Broadhurst, Henry		American Civil War			85	August 2020	8
					Battersby, James							
Gravestones	Death's dictionary: a guide to 19th century gravestone symbolism	An illustrated guide	Guy, Charlie							85	August 2020	10
Health	The Wigan Borough Covid-19 archives	Readers were encouraged to submit their experiences of the pandemic		Wigan		Covid-19				85	August 2020	13
Cotton Industry	A hidden flaw: an Atherton tragedy	Six women were killed in Dan Lane Mill when a pipe leaked scalding steam onto the workers	Joyce, Brian	Atherton		Dan Lane Mill, Tyldesley Road				85	August 2020	14

Halls	Lost parts of Standish Hall found in America	Some parts of rooms of the hall, demolished in the 1980s, have been installed in locations in America	Meehan, Jim	Standish		Standish Hall				85	August 2020	18
Halls	Finch House - fact and fiction: a lost gem of the Douglas Valley	The history and demise of the house near Shevington Moor	Smith, Stephen	Shevington Moor		Finch House				85	August 2020	22
Family History	The Flitcroft inheritance	Tracing the family from the 17th century, until the inheritance of the estate was settled in 1869	Graham, Kath	Leigh	Flitcroft family					85	August 2020	24
			Nolan, Marlene									
Biography	Joseph Peters - a man of his time	From humble beginnings, Joseph Peters	Graham, Kath	Culcheth	Peters, Joseph (1853-1939)					85	August 2020	28

		became President of the Liverpool Trades Council										
			Nolan, Marlene									
Mining	Jim Hammond: miners' leader and trade unionist	Jim Hammond was prominent in the Lancashire area of the National Union of Mineworkers	Ramsdale, Sheila	Wigan	Hammond, Jim (1907-1980)	National Union of Mineworkers				85	August 2020	30
Halls	The Observatory, Haigh Hall, Wigan, Lancashire	No trace remains of the observatory, originally a folly, which was in existence in the mid-eighteenth century	Lynch, Karen	Wigan		Haigh Hall				85	August 2020	32
Apprenticeships	The apprentice compositor	The author served an apprenticeship	Roby, Alan	Ince		Murray's Printing Works, Ince Bar	Printing			86	December 2020	4

		hip with a printing firm										
World War I	Wigan's women: welfare, work and war	Individual and group experiences of women	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan						86	December 2020	8
American Civil War	Cotton is king: Lancashire and the American Civil War	The hardship caused in the industry by the blockade of cotton exports from America	Unsworth, John	Wigan		Cotton Famine				86	December 2020	12
Family History	Self-made: the Charltons of Tyldesley	Tracing the family from the 1840s	Joyce, Brian	Tyldesley	Charlton family					86	December 2020	14
Exhibitions	Rebels, radicals, reform: the fight for better	Campaigns to improve life for local people		Wigan		Museum of Wigan Life				86	December 2020	16
World War I	The diary of William Walls of Abram	The diary in Wigan Archives details William	Taylor, Graham	Abram	Walls, William (1892-?)	Diaries	Kings' Royal Rifle Corps			86	December 2020	18

	1915-1919 [part 1]	Walls' life before and during war service										
Rugby League	Leigh v Australia: 7 October 1959	The home team defeated the visitors	Wood, Brian	Leigh	Fallon, Brian					86	December 2020	22
Mining	Wigan Mechanics' Institute	The Institute in King Street, founded in 1853, was an early forerunner of Wigan Mining and Technical College	Smith, Stephen Craig	Wigan	Wigan Mechanics ' Institute					86	December 2020	24
Local History	Wigan Local History and Heritage Group: history and background information	The author founded the group and was also responsible for starting the successful campaign to have a Wigan mining statue	Ramsdale , Sheila	Wigan	Wigan Heritage and Mining Monument					86	December 2020	27

Rugby League	Boxing Day	The lapsed tradition of a Boxing Day match between Wigan and St Helens	Aspinall, John	Wigan		Wigan Warriors	Poetry			86	December 2020	28
Shops	Memories of a student's holiday job at Tyldesley Cooperative	The author's job as a holiday relief van driver	Pearson, Malcolm	Tyldesley		Tyldesley Co-operative				86	December 2020	30
House History	The weavers' cottages in Twiss Green Lane, Culcheth	Their history from the 1830s to the present day	Graham, Kath	Culcheth						86	December 2020	33
			Nolan, Marlene									
Social History	George Okell: 'Rector o' th' Obelisk'	George Okell was a prominent temperance campaigner in Leigh in the 19th century	Joyce, Brian	Leigh	Okell, George (1810-1885)	Temperance Movement				87	April 2021	4
Schools	A pipe dream?	The building and extension of Leigh	McKiernan, Julie	Leigh		Leigh Girls' Grammar School				87	April 2021	6

Childhood	Childhood memories of growing up in Ashton-in-Makerfield		McClellan, Glenys	Ashton-in-Makerfield						87	April 2021	32
Entertainments	The Empress Ballroom	The ballroom opened in 1916 and later hosted Wigan Casino	Walsh, Tom	Wigan		Wigan Casino				88	August 2021	4
Clockmakers	The curious tale of a well-travelled Wigan long-case clock	A clock made by Henry Burges in 1690 was owned by Joseph Clayton in Australia	de Grijs, Richard	Wigan	Burges, Henry					88	August 2021	6
Family History	The tragedy at Winstanley Hall: the Shortrede family	The family, living at Park House on the estate, suffered two sudden deaths	McGrath, Thomas	Winstanley	Shortrede family	Park House				88	August 2021	8
Biography	"From Gipsy tent to pulpit":	Gipsy Smith, the evangelical	Joyce, Brian	Leigh	Smith, Rodney					88	August 2021	10

	Rodney Smith in Wigan and Leigh	preacher, visited in 1895			"Gipsy" (1860-1947)							
World War II	Spitfire crash in Aspull	The Polish pilot bailed out before the plane crashed in February 1942	Parkinson, Tommy	Aspull	Paley, Boleslaw					88	August 2021	16
Biography	Thomas Jones: a miner and war hero	Thomas Jones volunteered with the SAS, was captured, and returned to mining after the war	Atherton, Andrew	Wigan	Jones, Thomas (? - 1990)	World War II				88	August 2021	18
Nursing	A hidden story	A gravestone in Tyldesley cemetery led to the story of Margaret Stoney, who organised hospitals in South	Mallon, Susie	Tyldesley	Stoney, Margaret (? - 1948)					88	August 2021	20

		Africa in the 1940s										
			Hodcroft, Amy									
Mining	Wigan Technical College finally gets a home of its own	The school (now the Town Hall) was the second oldest mining school in the country	Smith, Stephen Craig	Wigan		Wigan Mining and Technical College				88	August 2021	22
Pubs	The Bricklayers Arms, Culcheth: a pub through time	The pub, now a new building named The Cherry Tree, began as a grocery 200 years ago	Graham, Kath	Culcheth						88	August 2021	26
			Nolan, Marlene									
World War I	The diary of William Walls of Abram 1915-1919 [part 3]	The diary in Wigan Archives details William Walls' life before and	Taylor, Graham	Abram	Walls, William (1892-1973)	Diaries	Kings' Royal Rifle Corps			88	August 2021	30

		during war service										
Mining	The story of my great aunt Charlotte	Charlotte Davies worked for 52 years in local pits	Davies, George	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Davies, Charlotte	Pit Brow Lasses				88	August 2021	33
Rugby League	gerrumonside!	The Museum of Wigan Life opened an exhibition about Rugby League		Wigan		Exhibitions				89	December 2021	3
Social History	Care of Friendless Girls and Unmarried Mothers in Wigan 1884-1934	Associations in Wigan which cared for vulnerable young women and unmarried mothers	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan		Association for the Care of Friendless Girls				89	December 2021	4
Family History	The portraits in the Archives	The lives of Richard and Jane Greenhough	McGrath, Thomas	Leigh	Greenhough, Richard (1814-1886)					89	December 2021	8
					Greenhough, Jane (1810-1862)							

Family History	Marital discord in 16th century Bryn	A divorce was granted to Thomas and Jane Gerrard	Pilgrim, Anthony	Bryn	Gerrard, Thomas	Divorce				89	December 2021	12
					Gerrard, Jane							
Biography	A lad from Scholes meets Queen Victoria	Robert Richards, licensee of The Harp, became mayor and was presented at court	Walsh, Tom	Wigan	Richards, Robert (1831-1912)	Mayors				89	December 2021	14
Biography	Barry Mason, songwriter	Barry Mason wrote several popular hit songs	Mason, Sylvan Whittingham	Bryn	Mason, Barry (1935-2021)					89	December 2021	16
Rugby League	Simply the best: Wigan, Rugby League and the Thomas Gerrard collection	The Archives houses the Rugby photographs which Thomas Gerrard took, which have been	Unsworth, John	Wigan	Gerrard, Thomas					89	December 2021	18

Recollections	Memories of an Ashton lad [part one]	Memories from the author's father-in-law	Foster, Andrea	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Foster, Alan (1926-)					90	April 2022	14
Family History	Where did your ancestor work?	A guide to business records held in the Archives	McGrath, Thomas	Wigan						90	April 2022	16
Cotton Industry	The knight's tomb	The life of Joseph Orrell, a cotton manufacturer in Culcheth, and his family	Graham, Kath	Culcheth	Orrell, Joseph (1797-1848)					90	April 2022	18
			Nolan, Marlene									
Town Twinning	Wigan and Angers twinning	Report about the town twinning, written by the French ambassador	Thécua, Lucie	Wigan						90	April 2022	20
Local History	Getting side-tracked while volunteering	A volunteer has come across interesting	McClellan, Glenys	Wigan	Jones, Rowland (1912-1978)	Brass Bands				90	April 2022	22

		facts in the Archives										
Biography	Thomas Halliwell: from printer to outlaw	Thomas Halliwell began the Leigh Chronicle and was a postmaster who embezzled funds and absconded	Hesford, John	Leigh	Halliwell, Thomas (1822-1877)	<i>Leigh Chronicle and Weekly Advertiser</i>	Post Office	Newspapers		90	April 2022	24
Social History	Poverty in the Depression years	The work of Wigan Guardians and Wigan Councillors in the 1920s	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan		Poor Law Guardians				90	April 2022	26
Mining	Wigan Technical College expands and diversifies during the interwar years	The school (now the Town Hall) was the second oldest mining school in the country	Smith, Stephen Craig	Wigan		Wigan Mining and Technical College				90	April 2022	30
Architecture	J C Prestwich -	Prestwich built Leigh Town Hall	Lawler, Heather	Leigh	Prestwich, James	Leigh Town Hall				90	April 2022	32

Mining	Keeping the peace: miners, magistrates and military	Events in Wigan district during the 1881 miners' strike	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan						91	August 2022	14
Football	The birth of ladies' football	Its beginnings in 1894, its banning by the FA in 1921, and its development since	Ridyard, Alf							91	August 2022	18
Artists	Unusual art find in Wigan	In 1907 a self-portrait by Godfrey Kneller, who had painted Lady Rachel Bradshaigh, was bought in a Wigan shop for 5 shillings	Makin, Laura	Wigan	Kneller, Godfrey (1646-1723)					91	August 2022	20
Biography	Sir Francis Sharp Powell		Atherton, Frank	Wigan	Powell, Francis Sharp (1857-1911)	Members of Parliament				91	August 2022	22

Recollections	Memories of an Ashton lad [part two]	Memories from the author's father-in-law	Foster, Andrea	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Foster, Alan (1926-)					91	August 2022	24
Rugby League	Wigan Warriors - 150 years of history [part one]		Sutch, Keith	Wigan		Wigan Warriors				91	August 2022	26
Archives	Carry on cleaning	The discovery of interesting stories whilst caring for old records	Pattison, Isabel	Wigan						91	August 2022	30
Places	Pinfold and The Pingot	Two Leigh place names from the past	Caine, Michael	Leigh						91	August 2022	32
Crime	"Oh no! It's our Annie, and she is dead"	The Ackhurst Hall murder of 1868	Unsworth, John	Gathurst		Ackhurst Hall				92	December 2022	4
Crime	"Tenpence": a matter of life, death or transportation	John Wilson was transported to Botany Bay for	de Grijs, Richard	Wigan	Wilson, John (1768?-1800)	Transportation				92	December 2022	8

		stealing goods worth ten pence										
Courts	Wigan Court of Quarter Sessions	An Archives volunteer explains the court's function	Thompson, Peter	Wigan		Court of Quarter Sessions				92	December 2022	10
Crime	Ann Poole: a smashing lady	The 19th century criminal career of a Leigh woman	Joyce, Brian	Leigh	Poole, Ann					92	December 2022	12
Crime	The murder on Market Street	Walter Davies was murdered by William Chadwick in a pawnbroker's shop in Atherton in 1889	McGrath, Thomas	Atherton	Davies, Walter (?-1889)	Murder				92	December 2022	16
Crime	A remarkable coincidence	Two strangers found that both knew of a woman who was murdered in 1951	Raftery, Frances	Tyldesley	Mather, Mona	Murder				92	December 2022	18

Rugby League	Wigan Warriors - 150 years of history [part two]		Sutch, Keith	Wigan		Wigan Warriors				92	December 2022	22
Recollections	A step back in time	The author recalls working for the council's water department	Dakin, Ted	Wigan		Wigan Corporation Water Department				92	December 2022	26
Women's Movement	Painting Wigan red	Women and Wigan's Labour movement	Eckersley, Yvonne	Wigan	Silcock, Helen (1865-1951)					92	December 2022	28
Armed Forces	The 5th Manchester Regiment	The regiment is commemorated by a Living History Museum and Association	Pugh, Deborah			5th Battalion Manchester Regiment				92	December 2022	32
Mining	History is full of surprises	Two local men were given industrial heroism medals	McKiernan, Julie	Wigan	Hughes, John Alfred	Order of Industrial Heroism				93	April 2023	4

		designed by Eric Gill for brave mines rescues										
					Jones, Samuel							
Social History	Towards a queer history of Wigan	The attitude towards LGBTQ+I people from 1760 onwards	Martland, Arthur	Wigan		LGBTQ+I History			93	April 2023	6	
Social History	Roll up! Roll up! Wakes Week starts here!	How Wakes Week was celebrated	Armfield, Alison			Wakes Weeks	Silcock's Travelling Fair		93	April 2023	8	
			Roberts, Barbara									
Chapels	Douglas Chapel: over six hundred years of service	The chapel in the Douglas valley was demolished in 1878	Smith, Stephen Craig	Parbold		Douglas Chapel			93	April 2023	10	
Entertainment	Make Some Noise	An exhibition celebrating the history of entertainment in the borough		Wigan		Museum of Wigan Life	Exhibitions		93	April 2023	13	

Local Government	Sidetracked while volunteering	A volunteer uncovers stories from the records of Wigan Poor Law Union	McLellan, Glenys	Wigan		Wigan Poor Law Union	Workhouses			93	April 2023	14
Mining	Journey's end	Some miners from the Wigan area were tempted south to work in the Kent coalfield	Joyce, Brian	Wigan	Dobson, Robert (1896-1929)					93	April 2023	18
Methodism	A Standish baptism	The history of Methodism in the town, following visits by John Wesley	Meehan, Jim	Standish	Wesley, John (1703-1791)	Standish Methodist Church				93	April 2023	23
Family History	Humphrey J G Walmesley of Westwood, Ince, Wigan	Humphrey Walmesley moved the family from Westwood House to Inglewood House in	Lomax, Andy	Ince	Walmesley, Humphrey Gerard Jeffreys (1846-1919)	Westwood House	Walmesley Family			93	April 2023	24

Rugby League	Wigan Warriors - 150 years of history [part three]		Sutch, Keith	Wigan		Wigan Warriors				93	April 2023	34
Streets	"The King Street story that was": an update	Progress on the project to revive King Street	Bannister, Jan	Wigan		King Street Heritage Action Zone				94	August 2023	3
Architecture	George Heaton: "Foresight, sagacity and thoroughness"	The architect and engineer built many buildings still standing today	Pilgrim, Anthony	Wigan	Heaton, George (1840-1910)					94	August 2023	6
Theatres	Built to last	The history of some theatres in Leigh	McKiernan, Julie	Leigh						94	August 2023	8
Places	Lions Bridge: Leigh's bridge of myths and mythstakes	Myths surrounding the bridge which one stood in front of Atherton Hall, at the top of The Avenue	Caine, Michael	Leigh	Atherton Hall					94	August 2023	10

Local History	Celebrating the past: mapping our blue plaque project	Plaques are being erected to celebrate people and organisations within the borough	McGrath, Thomas	Wigan						94	August 2023	12
Biography	"Oh, Maggie, I lost my mind": the tragedy of Father O'Neill	A Catholic priest committed suicide after unendurable prolonged pain	Joyce, Brian	Tyldesley	O'Neill, Richard (1844-1907)					94	August 2023	14
Maps	Time travel with maps	An Archives volunteer describes the history and cataloguing of the map collection	Foster, Andrea							94	August 2023	16
Mining	Visions of the mine (Annotated): sketches of real life at our collieries	The 1891 book by Samuel Woods has been edited and republished	Woods, Samuel	Bryn	Beckman, Ronan	Members of Parliament				94	August 2023	23

Sport	Unearthing the past: searching Douglas Valley's lost golf course	The story of Appley Bridge Golf Club (1907-1951)	Smith, Stephen Craig	Appley Bridge		Golf				94	August 2023	24
			Dix, Barbara									
Art	Chris Murphy, cartoonist	A volunteer is creating cartoons to tell stories of Wigan's past	Murphy, Chris	Wigan		Cartoons				94	August 2023	28
Jacobites	Discovering Wigan's Jacobites: the early Jacobites, 1688-1701		Fleming, Cameron	Wigan						94	August 2023	30
Churches	The history of St Luke's, Lowton	The history of the Chapel from its opening in 1732	Glacki, Ann	Lowton		St Luke's Chapel				94	August 2023	32
American Civil War	The politician and the privateer	John Lancaster, a businessman from Hindley Green,	Unsworth, John	Hindley Green	Lancaster, John (1816-1884)	American Civil War				94	August 2023	34

		became involved in a sea battle during the American Civil War										
Biography	James Marsden: how James Marsden comes to live and work in Wigan	James Marsden took over the running of Coops clothing manufacturers from Timothy Coop, his father-in-law	Clough, Gill	Wigan	Marsden, James	Coops & Co. Ltd				95	December 2023	4
Doctors	"Prosser" Dr Robert Prosser White	Biography of the doctor who specialised in industrial diseases and skin problems, and who lived in King Street	Bannister, Jan	Wigan	White, Robert Prosser (1855-1934)	King Street Heritage Action Zone				95	December 2023	6
Shops	High Riders to Rolls Royces	The history of the car dealership of	Meehan, Jim	Wigan	Timberlake, Herbert Henry (1870-1944)	King Street Heritage Action Zone	Timberlake & Co. Ltd	Cars		95	December 2023	8

Places	Wrightington: part one - its history and its hall		Smith, Stephen Craig	Wrightington		Halls				95	December 2023	24
			Dix, Barbara									
Biography	Moses Morris: an Atherton "Dipper"	The life of the miner and Baptist	Joyce, Brian	Atherton	Morris, Moses	Atherton Baptist Chapel	Mining			95	December 2023	28
Local History	Past Forward: a treasure trove of Wigan and Wiganers	A volunteer has indexed all past copies of the archives and museums magazine	Howell, Marianne	Wigan		Past Forward				95	December 2023	30
Social History	Crimes not fit to be named amongst Christians	People prosecuted for homosexuality in the early 19th century	Martland, Arthur	Wigan		LGBTQ+I History				95	December 2023	32
Crime	A brave Atherton lass	Mary Alice Hartley was the only bystander who helped PC	Hesford, John	Atherton	Hartley, Mary Alice					95	December 2023	34

