

WINCKLEY SQUARE TIMES

Friends of Winckley Square

Every year we raise funds to run FREE large events in the summer and at Christmas. We couldn't do this without the additional help of Preston City Council and local businesses. In this edition you will find our extensive **spring/summer Guided Walks Programme**. They fill up fast, so please book early.

There has been an upsurge in voluntary groups/ campaigns concerned with the state of historic buildings in Preston. The **Friends of Edith Rigby** are appalled by the state of Preston's most famous suffragette's former home and they are campaigning to reclaim the building and give it a new life. A second group, **Preserving Preston's Heritage**, takes a broader view of identifying properties across the city which are being neglected or are otherwise at risk. What is good news for us all, is the number of young people who were actively involved in the founding of these groups and their passion for local history. Both groups are featured in this edition.

Given the fact that we appear to be losing buildings to neglect and vandalism we thought it might be interesting to look back at the buildings in Winckley Square that have already been lost. What we find is that many of the last to be constructed were the first to be demolished. The first in this series of the **Lost Legacy of Winckley Square** is the Winckley Club.

We look forward to seeing you in the Gardens this spring and summer.

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Meet Emily Castle

I'm a 25-year-old history lover, currently diving deep into my history degree at UCLan. I grew up in the seaside town of St. Annes, where my mum sparked in me a fascination with local history and a love for reading. There's something about the past that always called to me, and that pull has only grown stronger over the years.



While I've worked in all sorts of places – from healthcare to pubs to renewable energy – my heart lies in history and heritage, particularly in the stories of women and social change. Living in Manchester opened my eyes to the power of women's voices in history, and now, I'm especially passionate about uncovering these often-untold tales. At present, I'm busy as the Secretary for the Friends of Edith Rigby Group.

This brought me into closer contact with the Friends of Winckley Square who are committed to sharing the heritage of the Winckley Quarter and making the Gardens and the surrounding area a special place which Preston can be proud of. I share their values and goals, and I'm really pleased to be welcomed into their lovely group of volunteers.

When I'm not buried in research or lecturing on Edith Rigby (watch out, if you're ever near her house on Winckley Square, I might just share her story with you!), you'll find me at the Brontë Parsonage. The Brontë sisters are a big part of what keeps my love of history and reading both vibrant and exciting.

I believe history isn't just something we study - it's something we live, share, and celebrate together.



Interested in volunteering?

Contact patricia@winckley.org.uk



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We love seeing your photos of the Square; tag **#friendsofwinckleysquare** on Instagram.



Christmas Concert carol singing:
Paul Rushton

A Special Thank You

We are grateful to the support we get from
Preston City Council, local businesses and individual donations.



Christmas 2024 - local businesses were so generous donating prizes for our three Christmas event raffles that we raised over £1500. As a voluntary group we are dependent on the generosity of our sponsors and donors.

Our raffle prize donors were:

- ✦ Anne Desforges ✦
- ✦ Barristers Chambers ✦
- ✦ Preston BID ✦
- ✦ Alan Jones Chartered Surveyor ✦
- ✦ Artistry House ✦
- ✦ Business Utility Services Ltd ✦
- ✦ Cassidy & Ashton ✦
- ✦ David Cox Architects ✦
- ✦ Eckersley Property ✦
- ✦ Farleys Solicitors ✦
- ✦ Frank Whittle Partnership ✦
- ✦ Freshfield ✦
- ✦ Harrison Drury Solicitors ✦
- ✦ Hedley & Co ✦
- ✦ Keith Johnson ✦
- ✦ MHA ✦
- ✦ Michael Bailey Estate Agent ✦
- ✦ Napthens Solicitors ✦
- ✦ Service Care Solutions ✦
- ✦ Sarah O'Halloran ✦
- ✦ Tropic Selfcare with Sarah ✦
- ✦ Williams Hand Baked Biscuits and Cakes ✦
- ✦ Winckley Square Residences ✦
- ✦ WOR_SPACE ✦

Closed Auction Prizes raised £450

We were able to offer three Christmas closed auctions thanks to the following kind donations.

OneCoWork Winckley Square opened its doors in May 2024 to redefine the way professionals and businesses connect and thrive. This vibrant workspace offers a range of options to suit every need including flexible hot desks, private offices and meeting rooms, all in a beautifully restored space. With state-of-the-art facilities and a supportive atmosphere, it is not just a place to work—it's a place to belong. Priya Silverstein was delighted to win 3 months Flexible Desk Membership donated by OneCoWork.



"I am a Postdoctoral Researcher for the Psychological Science Accelerator - a globally distributed network of researchers that pool intellectual and material resources to accelerate the accumulation of rigorous knowledge in psychological science. I work remotely, so I'm so grateful to win the prize and have such a great space to work in for the next three months!"



Winckley Square Residences and Winckley Street Ale House donated super gifts which FoWS combined into one prize: an overnight stay in one of the delightful Winckley apartments and food and drink donated by Paul and Jonny owners of this wonderful ale house which is a great place to sample the vast array of craft beers and delicious food in a very friendly warm atmosphere.



Preston North End donate prizes every year to support FoWS. A big thank you to Beverly Till, PNE, for organising family tickets to see a home match and a football signed by the team.

Spring & Summer Guided Walks



Winckley Square Summer Festival 27 July.

Fun for adults, kids and everyone in between.



Walks
- price and how to book

£5

unless stated otherwise

Walks fill up very quickly. It is always better to book early at www.trybooking.com/uk (search for Winckley Square).

Problem booking? Contact patricia@winckley.org.uk

Guided Walks start in the centre of Winckley Square unless stated otherwise.

8 March 2pm - 3.15pm Guide: Susan Douglass & Steve Harrison	Slavery, Suffrage, Poverty 8 March is International Women's Day. We will celebrate the lives of women in the past who campaigned for equality, women's suffrage, slavery abolition and mother and child well-being. All are associated with the Winckley Square Quarter. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EJWF
22 March & 30 August 10am - 12 noon Guide: Helen Howell	Preston Suffragettes and Suffragists Follow in the footsteps of Preston women fighting for the right to vote. Learn more about the Preston Suffragettes and Suffragists who played a part in the national campaign to gain equal suffrage. Walk begins at the Obelisk, Flag Market, Cheapside, Preston PR1 2AP. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/76839
6 April 1pm - 2.30pm 20 July 2pm - 3.30pm Guide: Michael Akers	'Drawing Board Dreams' and the reinvention of Preston In the 1960s and early '70s, ambitious planners and architects attempted to remake Preston with bold modernist ideas. This tour, which includes the iconic bus station, will ask what drove this re-imagined future half a century ago. Walk begins and ends outside the Guild Hall, Lancaster Road. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ENHK
16 April 1pm - 2.30pm 22 July 7pm - 8.30pm Guide: Michael Akers	The Bridges that made Preston This walk along the riverbank explores the context in which the Ribble's bridges were built and their impact, socially, strategically and economically on the development of Preston. Walk begins at the Old Penwortham Bridge (Broadgate side) and ends at the site of the Old Tram Road Bridge. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ENHO
27 April, 5 July & 2 August 10am - 12.15pm Guide: Nigel Hardacre	Lancaster Canal and Tram Road Explore the Old Tram Road route and visit the site of the original Preston Basin, hidden bridges and other local history from the 19th and 20th Centuries. This is a flat route but good walking shoes are still recommended. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EMZB
3 May 10am - 12.30pm Guide: Nigel Hardacre	The Old Tram Road Route: Bamber Bridge An enjoyable walk that will extend your knowledge of the Old Tram Road and other local history from the 19th and 20th Centuries. Walk begins outside the 'Ye Olde Hob Inn', Bamber Bridge PR5 6EP. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ENHP
21 May & 11 June 2pm - 3.15pm Peter Wilkinson 3 June 7pm - 8.30pm Steve Harrison	Former Residents of Winckley Square – Famous and Infamous Probably the most popular of guided walks: Winckley Square in the Beginning. Starting with the vision for the Square and the first house in 1799. We will encounter real people who made history. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ELUE
28 May & 30 July 10.15am - 11.45am Guide: Judy Beeston	Edith Rigby Trail The walk starts in the centre of Winckley Square and takes you to where Edith was born. We stop for refreshments in the Olive Grove Coffee Shop. Spend time in Winckley Square where Edith and Charles lived and where Preston Suffragette meetings were held. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ENHR
1 June 2pm - 3.30pm Guide: Steve Harrison	Preston as the 'Jerusalem of Temperance' Learn about the establishment of Preston as the 'Jerusalem of Temperance' when the 'seven men of Preston' signed the first total abstinence pledge, initiating the influential Temperance Movement. Walk starts in front of Ye Olde Blue Bell pub, 114 Church Street PR1 3BS. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ENHY
2 June & 5 August 2pm - 3.15pm Guide: Susan Douglass	The Horrocks' Family Connections 'Horrocks, Miller & Co.' was one of the largest cotton manufacturing businesses in Preston but Horrocks and Miller were not just business partners. The two families inter-married and occupied the premier residences of Winckley Square. Find out more about these connections and what happened to the families. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ENHQ
16 June 7pm - 9pm Guide: Michael Akers	All the Bridges that made Preston - by bike This new cycle tour uses a 4½ mile section of the Guild Wheel exploring the context in which the Ribble's bridges were built and their impact on the development of Preston. Begins at the Old Penwortham Bridge and ends at 'Halfpenny Bridge' at Brockholes. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ENHT
29 June Walk 1: 12.30pm - 2.15pm Walk 2: 3pm - 4.45pm Guide: Elaine Taylor	Winckley Square: A Regency Promenade with Afternoon Tea The walk will start with afternoon tea in the beautiful Winckley Square Gardens. Then the group will follow in the footsteps of former residents who promenaded through Winckley Square Gardens, along Avenham Walk and into Avenham Park. Visit two fascinating private gardens that open or us one day a year. £12.50 To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EMRH
2 July & 13 August 2pm - 3.15pm Guide: Peter Wilkinson	"Preston It's a Gas!" Preston was the first town outside London to have a public gas supply. Visit key locations including the site of the first gas works, the obelisk where the opening ceremony took place, the coal yards and some of the buildings first lit by gas. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ENHV
22 August 2pm - 3.15pm Guide: Susan Douglass	Servants – The Hidden Occupants of Winckley Square The wealthy residents of Winckley Square depended on servants to run their households, yet they were expected to be invisible and inaudible to the family at all times. Find out about the lives of some of these hidden residents and what became of them. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ENHW

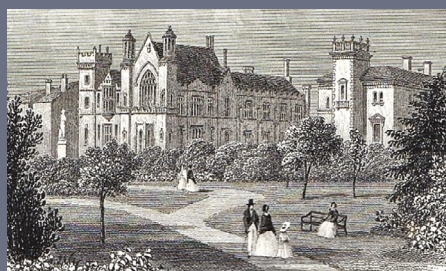
LOST LEGACY OF WINCKLEY SQUARE: THE WINCKLEY CLUB

by Steve Harrison

When the Square was first planned it was to be for residences. Each new home was to comply with strict conditions in terms of style. Broadly speaking, these conditions were typical of what we now recognise as the Georgian style of architecture - with a focus on simplicity, symmetry and classical influences. By the 1840s things had changed. The concentration of the rich and powerful in and around Winckley Square and the arrival in Preston of the railways, along with the explosion of technological and scientific knowledge, led to a demand by the oligarchs who lived locally for places to meet both socially and for self-improvement. A new Grammar School for boys had been located conveniently on Cross Street in 1841, handily for the sons of the well-heeled locals.



This etching is the view looking N.E. towards the rear of the Peel statue in the direction of Cross Street. Across the road from the statue, you can see a cluster of large imposing buildings. To the right of Cross Street is William Ainsworth's 'Italian Villa'. On the opposite corner stands The Literary & Philosophical Society (Lit & Phil) building and to its north The Winckley Club.



Rock & Co 1854: Harris Museum

The Birth of the Winckley Club

In the 1840s, a group of wealthy businessmen used to meet in a Gentlemen's Coffee Room on the corner of Church Street and Lancaster Road and in the Newsroom in the Guild Hall. To separate themselves from the more socially diverse group they rubbed shoulders with, they decided to have their own building erected. It would house both a Newsroom and Billiard tables as well as providing card tables and 'refreshments'.

100 shares were issued at £25 a share to 82 shareholders. All were men. Many were cotton and other textile manufacturers, some were lawyers, a few were merchants and about a quarter were listed simply as 'Gentlemen', a description which included landowners. All were wealthy.

A plot of land in Winckley Square was purchased and the Winckley Club erected. The ground floor housed the Newsroom, and the first floor had two Billiard Rooms. Beneath the Newsroom were the servants' quarters.

The Winckley Club opened in May 1846 and the Lit and Phil, which adjoined it, opened in December of the same year. These and the Italian Villa, completed in the early 1850s, could not be more different from the strict conditions applied to the first homes.



The Winckley Club, 1950s, after the demolition of the Literary and Philosophical Society to which it was adjoined: Preston Digital Archive

The new building would serve as the Winckley Club for more than a century.

In addition to the shareholder members, annual membership was available. This attracted officers from Fulwood Barracks as well as local clergy, medics and other professionals. Hardwick described the clientele as 'chiefly of the upper classes'. There were town members and county members.

In 1851 shareholders paid 2 guineas a year (£2.2s), town subscribers £2.12s.6d, and country subscribers £1.6s.6d. Many of the shareholders and town subscribers lived close to the club. It liked to project a distinguished membership, all male and sociable. However, it was viewed differently by some. In 1871 the Winckley Club's activities were described as 'the promotion of card playing, smoking and drinking' – until two or three in the morning. Some of the younger gentlemen were described as 'cads'. The members could be snobbish; on one occasion even the mayor was black-balled.

Black Balling

Many private clubs and organisations used a system whereby a proposition was voted on and a single vote against would mean the proposition was defeated. This would apply to a new member being proposed. A secret ballot took place where each member placed a white ball or black ball into a box. An anonymously placed, single, black ball signalled rejection.



In the News Room

While reading a newspaper is now a largely solitary activity, that was not the case in the 19th Century. Newspapers were read aloud. Not just in pubs, where many of the listeners were illiterate, but more widely. Following the reading, there would be discussion of what had been heard. Newspapers were also expensive. Andrew Hobbs tells us that before 1856 a copy of the Times was the same price as 10 pints of beer.

The Winckley Club newsroom provided newspapers for members to read. In the early years of the Club most members would not have had a daily paper at home. Instead, reading was carried out at the club and the issues of the day discussed. The range of publication subscriptions grew over time.

Auctions were held for the back copies. In 1851 the income to the Club from the auction was worth 25% of the total outlay. As other societies closed their newsrooms, the Winckley Club bucked the trend and continued to subscribe to a growing list of publications.

The range of newspapers was remarkably wide. Local, regional and national. We should remember that the membership had commercial interests that were affected by world news, especially conflicts that affected the raw material they depended on (chiefly cotton) and the markets they aimed to sell into. The 1850s saw conflicts in the Crimea, China (Opium wars) and India all of which affected trade and, in the 1860s. the American Civil War had a profound and long-term effect on the Lancashire cotton industry. Reading about and discussing these events would have loomed large.

Unwelcome Publications

We get some sense of the lifestyle and attitudes of the membership from the fact that one group of papers they did not subscribe to was those published by the Temperance Movement. Given that Preston was the 'Jerusalem of Temperance' and that Joseph Livesey, the father of the teetotal movement and a local newspaper publisher, lived around the corner, it is clear that the Winckley Club members valued their alcohol.

NEWSPAPER PRICE CURRENT

At the annual sales of newspapers, at the Winckley Club, on Monday the following were the prices at which the whole of those offered for sale were disposed of:

Preston Chronicle	2d each copy
Preston Pilot	½d
Times	2d
Daily News	1d
Morning Herald	¾d
Morning Chronicle	¾d
Morning Advertiser	½ d
Morning Post	1½d
Sun	5⁄8d
Globe	5⁄8d
Standard	½d
Examiner	3d
Naval and Military Gazette	3d
Economist	3d
Press	1½ d
Liverpool Albion	2½d
Liverpool Mercury	½ d
Northern Daily Times	¼d
Manchester Guardian	½ d
Manchester Examiner and Times	1d
Bell's Life	1 5⁄8d
Punch	2d
Illustrated News	3 3⁄8d
Engineer	3 7⁄8d
Household Words	1 1⁄8d

Source: Preston Chronicle 09/05/1857

Temperance & Commercial Hotel,
1, NORTH ROAD (Two doors from Church-st.), PRESTON,
Miss PILKINGTON, Proprietress.

*This Hotel is noted for its Central Situation, Home-like Comforts,
and Moderate Charges.*

240d = £1



d denotes pence from the Roman coin the **denarius**. The copper "cartwheel penny" was first minted in 1797.

12d = 1/-



/- or s. to denote shilling from the Roman coin sestertius or sesterce. Old English **scilling** also known as the **testoon**, was first minted Henry VII around 1504 (shown here).

20/- = £1



£ is an elaborate capital L to denote pound from the Roman coin & weight **Libra**. This is the first £1 note, issued in England in 1797, following gold shortages.

21/- = 1 gn



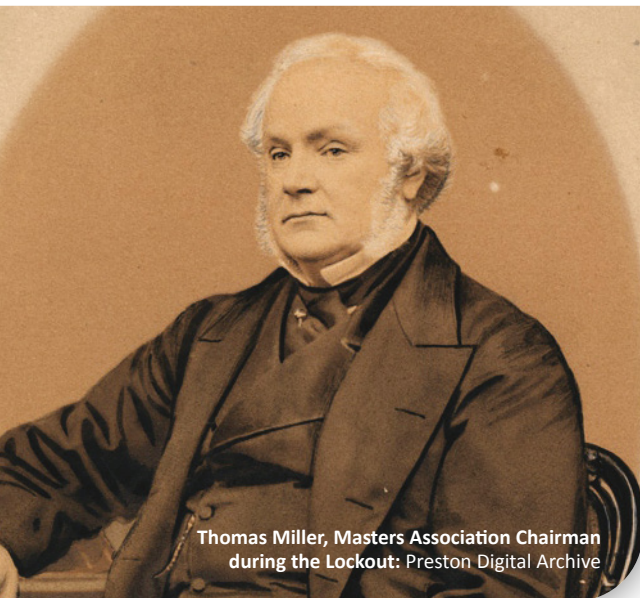
The guinea 1663-1816 varied in value until 1717 when the value was officially fixed at 21/-. The gold was sourced in Guinea hence the name. 5gns coin shows James II 1668.

The Great Preston Strike/ Lockout of 1853/54

The leaders of the Preston Masters' Association, Thomas Miller (Chairman) and William Ainsworth (Secretary), were also founder members of the Club. Thomas Miller had a short walk from 5 Winckley Square and William Ainsworth had an even shorter stroll from the Italian Villa on the other side of Cross Street. Many of the actions of the 'Masters' would have been discussed and agreed in the Winckley Club.



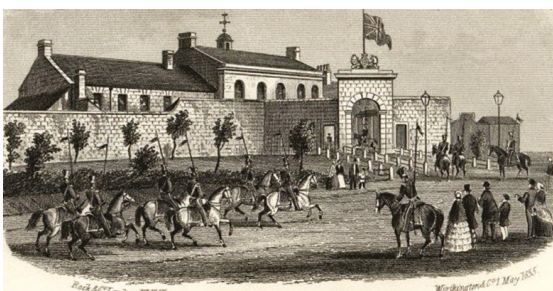
Lockout Illustrations: Preston Digital Archive



Thomas Miller, Masters Association Chairman during the Lockout: Preston Digital Archive

An Officer and a Gentleman?

Officers from the barracks were offered membership. Like all members, they would run up bar bills on account. The Club suffered when officers were posted away and 'forgot' to settle their accounts.



Fulwood Barracks: Rock and Co. 1855. Preston Digital Archive

Working at the Winckley Club

Working at the Winckley Club might have provided secure employment, but the members could be demanding, and the hours were long. The Club was open from 8am to 11pm. The first Club Keeper, William Ward, asked what time the Club should close on Sunday and was told it would be alright to close early at 10pm, *as long as there were no members present!*

He was paid 18 shillings a week and another 10s. for cleaning the club rooms. He had an assistant who earned 5s. a week. Members didn't like being kept waiting. The Minute Book 19 May 1874 reports Charles Catterall:

*Trang the bell in the smoking room three times
for a Cigar but not attended to ...'*

Some complaints about staff suggest the place might have been somewhat chaotic. Peter Catterall complained that the Club Keeper was keeping poultry on the premises. He was told to stop.

Staff included the 'Marker'. This man was a key member of staff. The billiard tables were a major attraction for club members. The Marker would keep scores, look after the equipment, collect fees for each game and presumably settle disputes. The members were not always easy to manage. The minute book for 2 Jan 1854 reads:

*That the Secretary do put up a notice requesting Gentlemen
not to play at Billiards with their walking sticks.*

The members paid 4 pence for a game in daylight and 6 pence by gaslight. The club would be at its busiest in the evening and gas lighting essential.

In 1850 the minute book noted:

'The Marker to be allowed to live with his family in the Cellar and be allowed coal, water and gas for the room-.... for this 4 shillings be deducted from his wages.'

There was no respite for the staff, even at Christmas. On Christmas Day 1877, the Winckley Club was open for business as usual.

*'No London papers at the Club on Christmas Day.
It has not occurred before in my recollection.'*

Winckley Club complaints book, 25 December 1877.

Farewell to Winckley Square

Preston Corporation owned the former Lit. and Phil. building adjoining the Winckley Club and the former Grammar School building that ran along the north side of Cross Street. The Corporation wanted to redevelop the area and approached the Club with an offer to buy. The building was sold in 1966 for £35,000. The 'Swinging 60s' could have referred to a wrecking ball in Preston.

The Winckley Club is still in existence! It no longer has its own premises, but it continues as a social and dining club. A book '*The Winckley Club*' (out of print), published in 2019 to mark its 175th anniversary, tells the history of the club. Dr. Andrew Hobbs, the well-known locally based historian, published '*A Fleet Street in Every Town*' in 2018. The Winckley Club features prominently in the book. Andrew's book is available in hard copy and free online. This article draws heavily on those two publications. FoWS are grateful for the permissions to do so.

Preserving Preston's Heritage

by Rachael Bryson

I'm proud of Preston's history but dismayed by the sight of it disappearing piecemeal before our eyes. A combination of owner neglect, vandalism and arson are hollowing out the city centre. I decided to act by setting up a group dedicated to identifying and preserving those buildings that are part of our heritage and are irreplaceable.

Lost Heritage

I've witnessed the closure of two museums: the Museum of Lancashire and the Football Museum. We lost two music and entertainment centres in the form of the Guild Hall and 53 Degrees. We'd already lost the Odeon building and access to countless heritage buildings, including some left to the people of Preston, by our great benefactor Edmund Harris; the Harris Orphanage and Harris Institute, were sold off. Shockingly, Arkwright House, the site of the birth of the Industrial Revolution, lies boarded up and unused.



Will the former head gardener's house on Avenham Park be the next building to be left in disrepair?

Bonfires of Insanity

Then, in 2022, the fires started, by 2024 we had witnessed seven devastating fires. These have largely destroyed heritage buildings including St Joseph's Orphanage, the Odeon Cinema and heritage properties on historic Church Street.



The former, Grade 2, St Joseph's Orphanage & Hospital built 1879 was vandalised and subject to arson.



The former Odeon Cinema

Stop the Rot

I soon found others who share the passion for stopping this rot.

Supported by Anella and Emily, we called a public meeting on December 10th, 2024, and the turnout was excellent. Most encouraging was the number of councillors who attended our inaugural meeting. Since when there has been a whirlwind of interest. So, our initial goal is achieved to raise awareness and identify like-minded people who care passionately about Preston.

Join us to make Preston Proud Again



We aim to campaign to raise awareness of the plight of heritage buildings in the city and hold people to account so that action is taken to preserve and regenerate. We must save some of our buildings at risk and to revitalise others. If you share our passion and care about the legacy we should pass on to future generations then start by joining our Facebook page.



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Friends of Edith Rigby

Aims and ambitions worth fighting for

by Emily Castle

We are a group of passionate Prestonians, united by a shared mission: to save and restore the former home of Edith Rigby, one of Preston's most prominent suffragettes, and transform it into the first Women's Suffrage Museum in the UK.

28, Winckley Square, this building holds Edith Rigby's legacy and the rich history of the women who fought tirelessly for the rights which are so often taken for granted today. While there are museums such as the Pankhurst Centre in the north, there is still no space entirely dedicated to the history and struggles of the women's suffrage movement. We are determined to change that.

Our group was formed with one clear purpose: to secure and preserve this historically significant building and honour the incredible efforts of Edith Rigby and her fellow members of the Preston Branch of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU).



The story of Edith Rigby is a testament to courage and fierce perseverance. Edith's home is not just a building, but a space where the Preston WSPU held meetings. Moreover, it is a symbol of the battles fought for women's rights in this city and beyond. By transforming it into a museum, we aim to bring this history to life, offering visitors, from near and far, a place to engage with the powerful narrative of democracy, women's rights, and local history.

We also want this museum to be more than a place of remembrance. It will serve as a living, breathing space for the community to come together, learn, and find inspiration in the stories of the remarkable women who helped shape the world we live in today. We envision a place where the history of the suffrage movement is explored, but also a hub where conversations around gender equality, activism, and civic engagement can continue. It will be a space that not only honours the legacy of Edith Rigby but also empowers a diverse and inclusive community in Preston.

At present, we are conducting research into the other members of the Preston WSPU branch - many of whom have been largely overlooked and under researched. This is unveiling new stories and offering exciting ideas for future exhibitions and events. Through this process, we are unearthing and celebrating the often-forgotten heroes of our local history.

As Edith Rigby herself once said:

"Surely there are some people who will not let the wonderful heritage found by us... be lost, through neglect and lack of interest, to the generations of men who are to follow us?"

It is this quotation that drives us forward. We refuse to let the rich legacy of these women fade into obscurity. We believe that preserving this history is both a duty and a privilege.



Help us on this exciting journey as we work to reclaim this space from the brink of dereliction and turn it into a beacon of inspiration and education and give this blue plaque a home which it deserves. Together, we can make this vision a reality and create a place that Preston, and indeed the entire UK can be proud of.

Please contact Emily at hello@friendsofedithrigby.org if you are interested in joining the group, or head to our website friendsofedithrigby.wordpress.com for further information.

