

Information

New Manchester Walks is an independent walks, talks and tours outfit run by professionally-trained and qualified Blue Badge and Green Badge guides with decades of experience in the tourism business in Manchester, London and around the world.

Booking is recommended for walks such as the Town Hall and Cathedral tours, and those marked with an asterisk*.

Booking is compulsory for Underground Manchester and Canal Cruise (due to restriction of numbers). Booking through Quay Tickets – www.quaytickets.com, **0843 208 0500**.

If bringing a group, please let us know in advance.

Price: mostly £6 (£5) Cathedral £7 (includes £2 donation to the Cathedral), Manchester International Festival walks £7, Underground Manchester £8, Canal Cruise mostly £15.

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SPECIALS

Canal Cruise: Castlefield to the Quays
Take to the water on our 30-minute trip from Castlefield, along the Bridgewater Canal, through Pomona Lock, to the Manchester Ship Canal and on to Salford Quays, Media City and Manchester city centre. Booking essential through Quay Tickets: www.quaytickets.com, 0843 208 0500. **Wed 11 May, Non 30 May, Wed 1 June, Sun 10 June, Wed 25 June, Sun 10 July, Sun 17 July, Sat 23 July, Sat 6 Aug, Wed 17 Aug, Fri 26 Aug** at various times (see elsewhere in leaflet). **Meet outside the Castlefield Hotel, Liverpool Road. Regret no wheelchair access.**

C. P. Lee's Rock 'n' Roll walks
Hilarious tales of music madness from a Manchester legend: **Sun May 22 (Bob Dylan 70th Birthday special), Sun Aug 14. Meet Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street, 2pm.**

Political Walks
Academic analysis and awesome anecdotes about Engels, Marx, Peterloo, Gladstone, the Pankhursts, Churchill, Thatcher and Dave on walks devised by Ed Gilmer, author of *The Manchester Compendium*. For dates and times, see elsewhere in leaflet. Political walks are run in association with the People's History Museum and usually finish there.

Town Hall Tour
Explore Britain's grandest Gothic municipal palace with the experts. Some rooms may be unavailable at the last minute due to council business but we will endeavour to bring you the best possible tour. **Mon 9 May, Tue 31 May, Sun 12 June, Mon 27 June, Sun 3 July, Wed 3 Aug, Wed 17 Aug** at various times (see elsewhere in leaflet). **Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street.**

Underground Manchester What You're Overlooking
As featured in the Manchester Evening News, Telegraph and on Granada Reports, we go down, down deeper and down in to the very depths of Manchester. Bring a torch and stout shoes. **Cost: £8 (torch, no concessions).** Various dates and times (see our website and Quay Tickets website). Booking essential through Quay Tickets: www.quaytickets.com, 0843 208 0500. **Meet by the Central Library, Peter Street side.**

Coach Trips and Tours

Panoramic Coach Tours & Private Walks.
Take to the water on our 30-minute trip from Castlefield, along the Bridgewater Canal, through Pomona Lock, to the Manchester Ship Canal and on to Salford Quays, Media City and Manchester city centre. Booking essential through Quay Tickets: www.quaytickets.com, 0843 208 0500.

Talks. Need an entertaining, experienced and witty speaker on Manchester history, football, politics, Jack the Ripper, the 2012 Games, the Manchester Ship Canal, Manchester and Salford Docks? Contact Ed Gilmer or Sue Grimditch at New Manchester Walks.

Visit Manchester

Friday Pub Walks, 6.30pm

May 13 The Village Pub Walk
The one-lane red light traffic by a rolling canal is now Manchester's grand parade ground. And what stories the fancy bars conceal! **Meet Malmison Hotel, No. 3 Picoadilly.**

June 3 Old Salford Pub Walk
Up and down Chapel Street, in and out of the Eagle ... and maybe the King's Arms, The Oxford and the Crescent to drink in tales of fervent Victorian vegetarian vegans, Ewan MacColl and Love on the Dole. **Meet Victoria Station wall map.**

July 10 The Pubs of Old Manchester
These are the pubs that time forgot, where Manchester floats on a sea of mild and bitter, and "gastio" means half rather than haute cuisine. Bring your own Woodbines. **Meet Malmison Hotel, No. 3 Picoadilly.**

July 8 Hidden Manchester Pub Walk*
Far from the madding crowds are the back-street boozers, twilight alehouses and tucked-away taverns where serious thinking and drinking sets the world to rights. **Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street.**

July 29 The Lost Pubs of Manchester, Time Gentlemen, Please!
Meet Victoria Station Wallmap.

Aug 19 Hidden Manchester Pub Walk*
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May 28 Manchester and Human Rights 50 Years of Amnesty International
Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.

May 28 John Rylands Library & St Ann's Church*
400 years of the King James Bible. **Meet outside St Ann's Church, 1.30pm.**

June 4 War & Peace The Blitz and the Bomb
A political walk in association with the People's History Museum. **Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street, 11.30am**

DID YOU know?

When George Best first arrived in Manchester as a raw 15-year-old in July 1961, never having left Northern Ireland before, he asked the taxi driver outside the station to take him to Old Trafford and was surprised to be asked "Which one?" De being told further that Old Trafford was the name of a cricket ground, Best was more confused. He'd never heard of cricket, growing up in Belfast.

Find out more on our football walks.

June 4 Disraeli, Gladstone, Cobden Victorian Titans
A political walk in association with the People's History Museum. **Meet Manchester Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 3pm**

June 11 The Wonders of Worsley Dukes and Delphs, Coal and Canals
Industry, innovation, heritage and heart-warming history at the western edge of Salford. **Meet outside the former Worsley Library, Worsley Road, 11.30am.**

June 11 The World's 1st Railways Adventures on the Wheels of Steel
Meet Victoria Station wallmap, 1pm.

June 25 Airport 100 Years of Flight in Manchester
Meet at Airport Station barrier, 11am

July 2 This is Manchester The Big Sights, The Main Sites
In association with the Manchester International Festival. **Meet Festival Information Point, Albert Square, 12 noon. Cost: £7.**

July 2 The Manchester Music Tour*
Faget Memphis and the Marley, Manchester is Music City. In association with the Manchester International Festival. **Meet Festival Information Point, Albert Square, 3pm. Cost: £7.**

July 9 The Manchester Explorer: Cheetham, Strangeways and Red Bank
Meet Victoria Station wall map, 12 noon.

July 9 Manchester Architecture Revealed
In association with the Manchester International Festival. **Meet Festival Information Point, Albert Square, 3pm. Cost: £7.**

July 16 Bridgewater Canal 250th Birthday*
A trek along the entire original Bridgewater Canal route from Castlefield to Worsley to mark the anniversary of its opening. Bring refreshments and plenty of energy. **Meet outside Deansgate Railway Station, 10.30am.**

July 23 Canal Cruise Castlefield to the Quays*
Take to the water on our 3-hour round trip along the canals of Manchester and Salford. Booking essential at www.quaytickets.com, 0843 208 0500. **Meet outside Castlefield Hotel, Liverpool Road, 11.30am. Cost: £15.**

July 23 Adolphe Valette An Impression of Manchester
Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 2pm.

July 30 Manchester Cathedral and around*
A detailed look at St Oswald church and the "old religion". **Meet Victoria Station wall map, 10.30am. Cost: £7 (includes £2 donation to the Cathedral).**

July 30 Dark Secrets of Lindow Moss
Stories of murder and sacrifice around an Ice Age bog. **Meet outside Winslow station, 11am.**

July 30 Engels & Marx in Manchester*
Part 1 – The Pank-Coated Communists. **Meet Oxford Road station, 1pm.**
Part 2 – The Condition of the Working Class in Manchester. **Meet outside St Ann's Church, 3.30pm.**

Aug 6 The Disused Churchyards and Cemeteries of Manchester
St James-by-Clintons, St Peter's, St John's-by-Granada, St Mary-Paragon, the Walker's Croft plague pit and the Bible Christian Vegetation Church. **Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.**

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Aug 6 The Manchester Explorer: Hulme
Meet 20n Arts Centre, Shefford Road, 2.30pm.

Aug 13 Peterloo Massacre On The Streets of Manchester*
More than a dozen were killed and hundreds injured at Britain's most infamous political rally. **Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street, 12 noon.**

Aug 20 Left-Wing Manchester From German Fred to Red Ed
A political walk in association with the People's History Museum. **Meet Oxford Road station, 11am.**

Aug 20 Right-Wing Manchester From Disraeli to Dave
Meet People's History Museum, Bridge Street, 3pm.

Aug 27 Airport 100 Years of Flight in Manchester
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Aug 27 Royal Manchester Aethelred Unready, Victoria Not Amused
The throne was restored in 1660, and it's still in use today despite the Republic of Mancunian. **Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 12 noon.**

Sunday

May 1 People: Protest!
May Day political special on Manchester's bohemian history. **Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street, 11am.**

May 15 Salford Quays
By the huge docks which once harboured the world's ocean-going liners are gleaming museums of the modern age and the monumental Media City of glass, steel and burnished metal. **Part 1 – The New City on the Old Canal. Meet outside the Lowry Arts Centre, 11.30am.**
Part 2 – The Great Port of Manchester. Meet outside the Lowry Arts Centre, 3pm.

May 22 C. P. Lee on Bob Dylan in Manchester*
Dylan 70th birthday special almost 45 years to the day since that gig. **Meet Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street, 2pm.**

May 29 Radisson Edwardian Hotel/Free Trade Hall 5-Star Hotel, 5-Star Tour*
Meet Cenotaph, St Peter's Square, 3pm.

June 12 Investigating the Iwell
Meet Victoria Station wall map, 11am.

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June 12 Manchester Town Hall Tour*
Meet Midland Hotel steps, 3pm.

June 26 Macclesfield Beyond the Silk Road
Leave the Mancunian cotton mills for the Maxonian silk mills in a town with a history dating back to the Domesday book that boasts a 13th Century parish church and 16th century school. **Meet outside Macclesfield station, 11am.**

July 3 Manchester Town Hall Tour*
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July 10 Canal Cruise Castlefield to the Quays*
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July 10 This is Manchester The Big Sights, The Main Sites
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DID YOU know?

The opening of the Manchester Ship Canal in 1894 allowed ocean-going liners to come within two miles of the city centre, bringing in raw materials from around the world, and taking away cotton goods and machines to the furthest reaches of the globe. Find out more on our Salford Quays and canal walks.

July 10 Radisson Edwardian Hotel/Free Trade Hall Tour*
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July 17 Bridgewater Canal 250th Birthday Cruise*
New Manchester Walks on water as we cruise along the entire original Bridgewater Canal route from Castlefield to Worsley to mark the anniversary of the canal's opening. Booking only through www.quaytickets.com or 0843 208 0500. **Meet outside Castlefield Hotel, Liverpool Road, 11.30am. Cost: £20.**

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Aug 14 Sedition Salford Bolshev Old Town
Fierce tales of risk and radiation from the red city. **Meet Working Class Library, 51 The Crescent, Salford, 12 noon.**

Aug 14 C. P. Lee's Rock 'n' Roll Walk*
Hilarious tales of music madness from a Manchester legend. **Meet Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street, 2pm.**

Aug 14 Radisson Edwardian Hotel/Free Trade Hall Tour*
The legendary Free Trade Hall is now Manchester's only 5-star hotel. **Meet Cenotaph, St Peter's Square, 3pm.**

Aug 21 The Origins and Myths of Manchester
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A detailed look at St Oswald church and the "old religion". **Meet Victoria Station wall map, 3pm. Cost: £7 (includes £2 donation to the Cathedral)**

DID YOU know?

The Quality Street Gang, Manchester's 1970s villains, are honoured in song on several The Lizzy records, including the classic single "The Boys Are Back In Town". Find out more on our Gangland walk.

New

Manchester Walks

in step with the city...

1 May to 31 August 2011

A word cloud featuring various Manchester landmarks and historical references, including: Railway, Industrial, Canal, United, Coronation, City, Docks, Cotton, Exchange, Mills, Quarter, Ancient, Salford, Manchester, Lowry, Northern University, Peterloo, and others.

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"Manchester is the most wonderful city of modern times" – Benjamin Disraeli

Monday

May 9 Manchester Cathedral & Chelham's Library*

The centre of medieval Manchester, an ancient place of worship and Europe's oldest library. **Meet Victoria Station wall map, 10.30am. Cost: £15.**

May 9 Manchester Town Hall Tour*

Meet Midland Hotel steps, 10am.

May 14 Didsbury in the Summer It's Posh Down South

Grand villas, Gothic towers and garden gems.

Meet outside Cafe Rouge, 653 Wilmslow Road, 2.30pm.

May 30 Canal Cruise Castletield to the Quays*

Take to the water on our 3-hour round trip along the canals of Manchester and Salford.

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Meet outside Castletield Hotel, Liverpool Road, 11.30am. Cost: £15.

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June 27 Victorian Manchester Shock City

Relive the horrors of the 19th century from the safety of the 21st.

Meet Oxford Road station, 2pm.

June 27 Manchester Town Hall in the Evening*

Meet Midland Hotel steps, 8.30pm.

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July 4 Born in the USA

American Civil War 150th anniversary special. **Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 3pm.**

July 11 John Ryland's Library & St Ann's Church*

400 years of the King James Bible. **Meet outside St Ann's Church, 2.30pm.**

Aug 1 The Great Buildings of Manchester

The Royal Exchange, Town Hall, John Rylands Library, Athenaeum – inside and outside.

Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street, 10.30am.

Aug 1 The World's 1st Railways Adventures on the Wheels of Steel

Meet Victoria Station wallmap, 1.30pm.

MANCHESTER IS MUSIC CITY - 10 reasons why...

808 State - Pacific State

Detraction - Time Goes By So Slow

Darrett's Column - Sketch for Summer

Elbow - Mirrorball

Happy Mondays - God's Cop

Jay Division - Dead Souls

Liza Searcfield - All Around the World

New Order - True Faith

Sartre - Aob

The Fall - The Classical

Aug 15 Cotton The Cloth That Cut Manchester

Part 1 – Mills & Boin. How Manchester grew rich from the coal, cottonopolis cloth.

Meet Museum of Science & Industry reception, Lower Byrom Street, 12.15pm, following cotton machinery display in museum.

Part 2 – Merchants' Palaces. Cotton's rich legacy can be found across Manchester, centring on the Royal Exchange where cotton merchants traded in the world's biggest room. **Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 3.30pm.**

Aug 15 The Manchester Explorer: Canal Street and the Two Villages

Meet Maimson, 3 Piccadilly, 6.30pm. Ends at the Izza O'Gowrie.

Aug 22 Italian Manchester Arrivederci Cromia

130 Years since #Risorgimento brought ice-cream and Venetian visits to Manchester.

Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.

Aug 22 Russian Manchester Behind the Ironc Curtain

Meet Victoria Station wallmap, 2.30pm.

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May 17 Cholera A Plague on Manchester

Meet at the People's History Museum, Bridge Street, 4pm. Ends at the Marble pub.

May 31 Manchester Town Hall Tour*

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June 14 The Old Jewish Ghetto

A chosen walk for the chosen people, following in the footsteps of Marx, Maxwell, Rothschild and Weizmann, looking for synagogues that are now (non-kosher) shops and the soap-making factory alongside Torah Street (yes, really).

Part 1 – Mavens and Schmutter Merchants. **Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street, 10.30am.**

Part 2 – Building the New Jerusalem.

Meet Victoria Station wallmap, 1.30pm. Ends at the Jewish Museum.

June 21 The Baroque & Gothic Palaces of Manchester

In association with the North-West Architecture Festival.

Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.

June 21 Concrete Jungle Brutal Buildings Terrible Towers

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July 19 Tread the Boards Manchester TheatreLand

Re-enact the history of Manchester's theatrical past and present: its famous names, plays and players. **Meet outside Hovey Nichols, New Cathedral Street, 2pm.**

Aug 2 The Great Art Treasures of Manchester Stubbs, Turner, Holman Hunt, Valette and more

Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza 12 noon.

Aug 2 The Football History of Manchester

Meet Victoria Station wallmap, a goal-kick from the site of the new National Football Museum, 3pm kick-off.

Aug 2 Angel Meadow Victorian Hell Hole

Meet Victoria Station wall map, 4pm. Finish at the Marble pub.

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On the day in 1819 more than a dozen were killed and hundreds injured at Britain's most infamous political rally. **Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street, 10.30am.**

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Meet outside Castletield Hotel, Liverpool Road, 11.30am. Cost: £15.

May 18 Control Ian Curtis's Manchester

Manchester's greatest singer died on this day in 1980. **Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 1pm.**

June 1 Manchester Cathedral & Chelham's Library and Dr Dee*

The centre of medieval Manchester, an ancient place of worship and Europe's oldest library.

Meet Victoria Station wall map, 10.30am. Cost: £7 (includes £2 donation to the Cathedral).

June 1 Gangland Manchester "You're Nicked, Sunshine!"*

Bad Copz, Tasty gangs, Quality Street Villains. **Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 2pm.**

June 1 Evening Canal Cruise Castletield to the Quays*

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June 8 The Great Art Treasures of Manchester Stubbs, Turner, Holman Hunt, Valette and more

Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.

June 8 The Grand Hotels of Manchester

The Britannia, Queen's, Portland, Grand, Kamado, Palace, Midland – we won't be able to order room service at each but we will find room for some live-sit takes before the brown Windsor soup arrives. **Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 2pm.**

June 8 Angel Meadow Victorian Hell Hole

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June 15 The 1976 IRA Bomb

Manchester destroyed – 15 years on to the day.

Meet outside DeBridges, Exchange Square, 11am.

June 15 John Ryland's Library & St Ann's Church*

400 years of the King James Bible. **Meet outside St Ann's Church, 2.30pm.**

June 29 Victoria Park in the Summer

Sumptuous tree-lined streets and spookily crumbling mansions fill Manchester's original garden village. **Meet outside the Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road, 11.30am.**

Ends at Victoria Baths in time for the 2pm tea.

June 29 Medievala Manchester

Ancient sites, hidden rivers, timber-framed pubs and Europe's oldest library.

Meet Victoria station wall map, 3pm.

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July 13 Political Manchester The Radical City

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Aug 3 The Manchester Explorer: The Oxford Road Corridor

Part 1 – Palace Hotel, Alan Turing, Lowry, The Atom Bomb, Wilginton and Weizmann.

Meet Oxford Road Station, 11am.

Part 2 – Anthony Burgess, the Holy Name Church, the Pankhursts, Whitworth Art Gallery and the Yorkshire Ripper. **Meet outside the University Students Union, Oxford Road, 2.30pm.**

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Aug 17 Lost Manchester The Vanished City

Old Shambles, the Manchester Guardian, the Free Trade Hall, Tommy Duck's... where have they gone? We have the pictures! **Meet Victoria Station Wallmap, 2.30pm.**

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Aug 24 The Manchester Explorer: Castletield, Canals, Coronation Street

Meet outside Deansgate Railway Station, 11am.

Aug 31 The Manchester Explorer: In Search of the River Medlock

Meet outside the BBC building, Oxford Road, 1.30pm.

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May 12 The Northern Quarter Boho Manchester

Music, fashion, art, design, family found fill the heart of independent Manchester.

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May 12 The Manchester Music Tour*

Forget Memphis and the Messey. Manchester is Music City. **Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 2pm.**

May 19 Manchester Uncovered

Cherry-picking through the city's architectural and historical past and present.

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May 19 Politics & Poverty

Chokea pills, mills and maelstroms, scuffles and hawkers.

Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 2pm.

May 26 Manchester Heroes: Matt Busby

Birth-day special on the man who made Manchester United.

Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 10.30am.

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May 26 Manchester Heroes: L S Lowry

We explore the man behind the paintings, and take you through the haunts he visited and depicted. **Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 2pm.**

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June 16 The Smiths' Manchester

The Queen's 12 Bands gloriously, magnificently, came out 25 years ago today.

Meet Oxford Road Station, 11.30am.

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June 23 Manchester Heroes: Alan Turing, Tortured Genius of the Computer Age, 99th "birthday" special.

Meet Manchester Museum foyer, off Oxford Road, 11am.

June 23 Manchester Heroes: John Dalton Father of Science

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July 14 The Wildlife of Manchester

Meet Victoria Station wallmap, 4.30pm.

July 21 Twenty-First Century City Birth of the Cool

Steak and chic, bold and brassy. Manchester is the 21st century city. **Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 2pm.**

Aug 4 Knutsford in the Summer Classy Cranford in Chi-Chi Cheshire

Mrs Gaskell, Tatton, General Patton and the maddest architecture in the North-West.

Meet Midland Hotel station, 11am.