

**"THE TOWN HALL IS A REMARKABLY
DIGNIFIED BUILDING AND ALTOGETHER
THIS ONE CORNER OF ACCRINGTON
HAS MUCH DIGNITY"**

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BLACKBURN ROAD

Blackburn Road was built in 1826
and the flourishing and
expansion of Accrington to
the arrival of the railway

TOWN HALL

The Peel Institution was built
in 1857 for public concerts
and meetings. It was named
in honour of Sir Robert Peel,
the area's greatest industrialist
and twice Prime Minister.

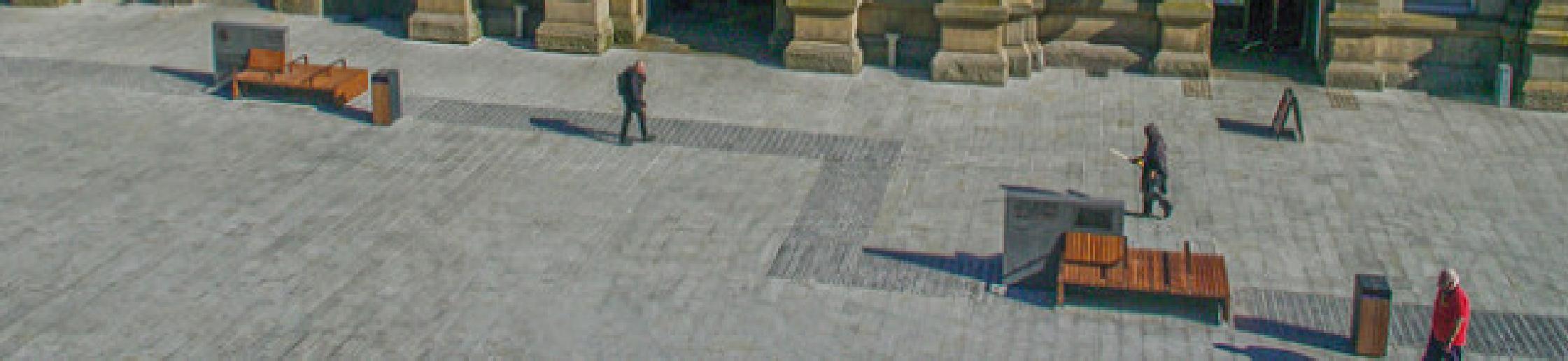


ACCRINGTON TOWN HALL CIRCA 1950



HELP AND
WALK IF YOU HAVE
T'L NOT FREE TO
WALK AND







RON HILL MBE
Runner and Textile Innovator

JON ANDERSON
Musician

GERARD DE ROSE
Artist

JOHN VIRTUE
Artist

'PATCH'
ACCINGTTON STANLEY F.C.
MAN HARRY NASH



"NEXT TIME YOU
VISIT NEW YORK,

ACCINGTON

NORI BRICKS

Accington Bricks were



"THEY LEFT THEIR HOMES AND
FAMILIES TO COME TO A STRANGE
COUNTRY WITH THE PROMISE OF
JOBS AND A BETTER FUTURE"

Joe Moran



MACHINERY CALCULATIONS & USEFUL MEMORANDA 1890

A CHINESE VILLAGE

This is how Melbourne was described in 1852. As growing numbers of gold-seekers and mining immigrants from China steadily increased in the 1850s, tensions between Chinese and European miners grew. In 1855, nearly half of the miners in Victoria were Chinese.

A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

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When it comes to diversity, there's no room for stereotypes. Diversity is key to our strength, our resilience, and our success. It's what makes us unique, and it's what makes us strong. We're all different, and that's what makes us special.



23rd FEBRUARY 1915

"A BUZZ PASSED ALONG THE CROWD, THE DISTANT SOUND OF THE BAND DREW NEARER, AND AS THEY APPROACHED THE TOWN HALL, THE BUMBLING CHEER HAD DEVELOPED INTO A DOOMENING ROAR."

LOCAL NEWSPAPER

"IT WAS A GREAT SIGHT AND YET ONE TREMBLED LEST SOME OF THEM MIGHT BE SEEING ACCRINGTON FOR THE LAST TIME"

JACK SMALLSHAW 1915

A GRAND SEND-OFF

An estimated 15,000 people turned out to witness the Pals' departure by train, including the battalion mascot - a terrier dog dressed in the Union Jack. The mood was enthusiastic - there was no band, but the sound of fog horns signalled their leaving. The local press reported that there were more cheers than tears on that bright February morning.

PALS' MARCHING PAST ACCRINGTON TOWN HALL
1st AUGUST 1915





THE DOG OF THE 'PATCH'
GROUNDSMAN HARRY NASH
1062

FAMOUS FROM ACCRINGTON

RON HILL MBE
Runner and Textile entrepreneur

JON ANDERSON
Miner

GERARD DE ROSE
Artist

JOHN VIRTUE
Artist

FREDERICK GATTY
Inventor of Knitwear
in Accrington

JOHN REX WHARFEP
Inventor of Tin Tie

DAVID LLOYD
Singer

"GET UP AND
WALK IF YOU HAVE
TO, BUT PRAY IN
THE MEANTIME"

EDWARD WHARFEP







"I LEAVE ONE WISH THAT THIS
HELLISH WAR TO BE OVER
AND ALL THE BOYS BE SAFE
HOME AGAIN"

LEONARD ECKERSON OF WILM. PITTSBURGH

AROUND AND
BEHIND YOU
THE WOODEN SLATS ON
THIS BENCH ARE THERE
TO REMIND YOU OF THE
DUGBOARDS, THE LINES
OF GROWING IN THE
TRENCHES STAGGERED
TO PROTECT THE MEN
WHO LIVED IN THEM.

FROM
ANOTHER DUGBOARD
OVER THE TOP

FIRST WORLD WAR
SKETCHBOOK VOLUME 1
HOFFMAN,
GEORGE SPENCER



WHO LIVED IN THEM
FROM
ARTHUR GUY EMPEY
'OVER THE TOP,'
1917

















"I REMEMBER WHEN THE NEWS
CAME THROUGH THAT THE PALS HAD
BEEN WHIPPED OUT. THE BELLS AT
CHRIST CHURCH TOLLED ALL THE DAY"

FRANCIS HOWARTH, BROTHER OF AN ACCRINGTON PAL

UNITED
KINGDOM

WESTERN FRONT
1914-1918



1ST JULY 1916

720 ACCRINGTON PALS
TOOK TO THE FIELD ON
THE FIRST DAY OF THE
BATTLE OF THE SOMME.
BY NIGHTFALL MORE
THAN 600 WERE DEAD,
WOUNDED OR MISSING.

THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

After almost a year in training, the Pals were sent to the Somme Valley on the Western Front. Orders were given to recapture the hilltop

fortress of Serre from the Germans. As well as machine-gun fire, soldiers had to contend with walls of barbed wire, and deep flooded shell holes.











