1 Chartism Day 2015: Newcastle upon Tyne, Saturday 13 June
The 2015 Chartism Day will be held in Newcastle upon Tyne on Saturday 13 June at the University of Newcastle (Armstrong Building). Joan Allen is the lead organizer. Contributions will include papers on Chartism and the Canadian Rebellions of 1837-8, female Chartism (the Leeds radical printer and publisher Alice Mann, and Mary Ann Walker and her associates of London) and the Gwent Archives Chartism project. Everyone is welcome and the full programme will be circulated as soon as it is available. Meanwhile, save the date!

2 ‘Chartist Mural, John Frost Square, Newport’

3 Winding up the Chartist Land Plan
Sean Creighton shares this interesting find from a local paper:

WINDING UP OF THE NATIONAL LAND COMPANY. The magnificent but unfortunate scheme which originated with the late Mr. Feargus O’Connor - a scheme for “locating every working man on his own landed estate” - has been brought nearly to an end, so far as the Sheffield subscribers are concerned. F. Roxbury, Esq., has sat at the Town Hall [Croydon] and received the claims of such subscribers to the company as could give evidence of their having paid money on account of shares, the object being to ascertain how to apportion the surplus assets of the company equitably amongst all the claimants. About £90,000 is the amount subscribed, having been paid by about 70,000 persons.

The experience of the commissioner, who has sat in several of the principal towns, goes to show that ... on average about one-third of the claimants have appeared, and about two-thirds of the amount
subscribed has been claimed. In Sheffield about 400 persons claimed. 
(Croydon Chronicle & East Surrey Advertiser, 27 October 1855)

Roxbury was a barrister appointed by the Court of Chancery to administer the dispersal of the Land Plan’s remaining assets, sitting in a quasi-judicial capacity to hear applicants' cases for reimbursement. Presumably most shareholders had thrown away their share certificates long before, believing them to be worthless. Sean asks ‘have others got little stories from around Britain on this to add to this?’

4 Web watch:
A] A City of Light: Socialism, Chartism and Co-operation
Chris Richardson has been in touch to say that the website supporting his book 2013 book A City of Light: Socialism, Chartism and Co-operation has been refurbished and improved, with new information on people and places I wrote about and some additional illustrations. It also includes excerpts from the book itself. See https://acityoflight.wordpress.com/book/

B] BBC History Magazine podcast for September 2014
See http://www.historyextra.com/podcast/hunting-regicides-and-charist-movement a feature on the National Trust’s Chartist Land Plan cottage, Rosedene, at Dodford. This item starts approximately 36 minutes in to the podcast.

5 Publications on Chartism, 2014
This list is almost certainly incomplete. Please send further items to Malcolm Chase (m.s.chase@leeds.ac.uk). Thanks to Owen Ashton, David Black and Gustav Kraus for details of some of the items below.

David Black, Helen Macfarlane: Red Republican (the complete annotated writings, including the first translation of the Communist Manifesto) introduced and edited by David Black, (London: Unkant, 2014), pp xxxii, 155


Benjamin Fagan, ‘The North Star and the Atlantic 1848’, African American Review, Volume 47, Number 1, Spring 2014, pp. 51-67 (Analyses writings by Frederick Douglass, the great black American radical and anti-slavery campaigner, on Europe in 1848, including Chartism)


Peter J. Gurney, ‘The Democratic Idiom: Languages of Democracy in the Chartist Movement’, *Journal of Modern History*, 86: 3 (September 2014), pp. 566-602

- Les James, ‘The confession of Zephaniah Williams and the 1839 Rising’, pp. 3-32
- Colin Gibson, ‘George Shell’s letter revisited: some perspectives on its use at the Monmouthshire Chartist trials’, pp. 33-49
- Christabel Hutchings, ‘A juror’s tail: the travails of Edmund Jones at the Monmouthshire Chartist trials’, pp. 50-67
- Sarah Richardson, ‘Finding Chartism in the family: William Davies of Blackwood’, pp. 89-94
- David Osmond, ‘Newport and the Chartist Land Plan’, pp. 95-102


Grantlee Kieza, *Sons of the Southern Cross. Rebels, revolutionaries, Anzacs and the spirit of Australia’s fighting flag*, ABC Books, HarperCollins, Sydney, 2014, pp410. (Narrative history with extensive endnotes; includes information on English Chartists’ involvement in the Ballarat/Eureka Stockade and the Australian Reform League in the 1850s Reform League (Robert Booley from Suffolk; George and his brother Alfred Black from Nottingham; Henry Holyoake, brother to the better-known GJ Holyoake; John B. Humffray from Newtown, Montgomeryshire; Henry Nicholls; and Tom Kennedy from Scotland).


*Merthyr Historian* vol. 26 (2014) contains three articles of Chartist interest:
- Brian Davies, ‘Evan James, Dr William Price and Iolo Morganwg’s Utopia’, pp. 73-84 (locates Price’s Chartist activities in the broader context of his debt to the Welsh poet, intellectual and druidic authority Iolo)
- Lisa Marie Powell, ‘Welsh women and liberation from the home: feminist or activist?’, pp. 91-108 (survey of the 19th century)


Philological Quarterly 92: 2 (Spring 2013, but published July 2014) - special issue on ‘Nineteenth-Century Working-Class Writing’, edited by Florence S. Boos. Three of the seven contributions deal with Chartism:
- H. Gustav Klaus, “Moral Force” and “Physical Force” in the Poetry of Chartism: John Mitchell and David Wright of Aberdeen’, pp. 147-175
- Margaret A. Loose, ‘Chartist Revolutionary Strategy in Thomas Wheeler’s Sunshine and Shadow’, pp. 199-224


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