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<https://riverradio.uk/>

The link below now gives access to all backdated Rise & Shine programs:

<https://www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/>

### Time to spare?

**Missing company and a team? Think about joining the Conference Council - have a chat today.**

**Please phone Judith on 01425 279408.**

## A Surprise in the Guardian

David Haseler writes:

### A SURPRISE IN THE FIRST EDITION OF THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN

5TH MAY 1821

|                                    |      |      |       |       |                                                 |
|------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Windsor .....                      | 74   | 79   | 153   | 20    |                                                 |
| BAPTISTS, . . . . .                | 120  | 100  | 220   | 45    |                                                 |
| Yurk-street .....                  | 230  | 180  | 410   | 7     |                                                 |
| Fleet-street .....                 | 60   | 40   | 100   | 30    |                                                 |
| NEW JERUSALEM, Peter-street .....  | 75   | 60   | 135   | 15    | Taught writing.                                 |
| Bolton-street, Salford ...         | 35   | 45   | 80    | 10    |                                                 |
| King-street . ditto ..             | 60   | 50   | 110   | 25    |                                                 |
| Hulme .....                        | 90   | 60   | 150   | 40    | Taught writing.                                 |
| UNION SCHOOLS, George Leigh-street | 200  | 180  | 380   | 80    | “ writing and accounts.                         |
| UNITARIAN, Mosley-street .....     | 230  | 50   | 280   | 10    | Taught writing and accounts. Ex-                |
| Greengate, Salford .....           | 38   | 12   | 50    | 110   | pences defrayed by payments from                |
| CATHOLICS have Eight Schools.....  | 700  | 500  | 1200  | £1801 | the writing Class of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for every |
|                                    | 7983 | 7478 | 15461 |       | two copies, and fines from the                  |
|                                    |      |      |       |       | Teachers for non-attendance.                    |

  

|                     | DAY SCHOOLS.   |       |        |        |           | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. |        |        |        |           |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
|                     | No. of schools | Boys. | Girls. | Total. | Ann. Exp. | No. of schools  | Boys.  | Girls. | Total. | Ann. Exp. |
| Establishment ..... | 13             | 830   | 411    | 1232   | £5110     | 19              | 3434   | 4213   | 7647   | 1078      |
| Dissenters .....    | 3              | 890   | 381    | 1271   | 554       | 46              | 7983   | 7478   | 15461  | 1801      |
|                     | 16             | 1720  | 792    | 2503   | 5564      | 65              | 11,417 | 11,691 | 23,108 | 2879      |

  

|                                                                                     |                        |                    |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| No. of Day Scholars,.....                                                           | Establishment, 1232... | Dissenters, 1271—  | 2503   |
| Sunday Scholars, .....                                                              | Establishment, 7647... | Dissenters, 15471— | 23,108 |
|                                                                                     |                        |                    | 25,701 |
| Deduct One Third of Day Scholars, the proportion supposed to attend Sunday Schools, |                        |                    | 834    |
|                                                                                     |                        |                    | 24867  |

Besides the above, there is a school recently established in Union Place, Salford, at which there are already 120 scholars.—At the Sunday Schools, reading only is taught, except in the instances noticed in the remarks. But it must be observed, that nearly all the school rooms are open two or three evenings in the week, and writing and arithmetic then taught to the Sunday scholars, who pay a small sum to defray the expence.

I was sent this extract from a facsimile of the first ever edition of the Manchester Guardian. Conspicuous on the front page, no less, is a list of Sunday Schools in the area, showing that there was a total of 475 pupils at the 4 New Jerusalem Churches. My interpretation is that the NJ Schools taught both reading and writing but presumably it was implicit that the pupils also received lessons about The Word and probably took part in simple acts of worship.

With more Schools than both the Baptists and Unitarian, it shows the numerical strength of the church only about 30 years after its start-up in England.

The Peter Street church is near the site of the Peterloo massacre that took place only 2 years earlier.

## Events Reminder

**Jenny Jones writes:**

Here are some reminders of up and coming events for families and young people:

<https://www.generalconference.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/events.pdf>

Details of how to apply for financial help from the NCCS can be found here:

<https://www.generalconference.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/support.pdf>

If you have any further questions please get in touch with Jenny Jones:

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## Message from a Reader

**Gemma McLean writes:**

Susan Graham recently wrote to say how much she enjoyed reading E-News and E-Read.

She mentioned that she'd love to hear from anyone who remembers her from Radcliffe New Church.

She also has a wonderful set of Volumes 1 to 12 of Arcana Coelestia, the first published in 1903 and the final one in 1915, which she no longer has needs and wondered if anyone would be interested in them? However, it's worth noting that she is currently residing in Ireland and postage costs might be quite high.

Her email is [susangraham@eircom.net](mailto:susangraham@eircom.net) for anyone that would be interested in the books or wants to catch up.