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Edward Schunk dies leaving his Laboratory and library to the Victoria University

13/01/1903

Schunck built a private laboratory in the grounds of his home, "The Oaklands", in Kersal, which together with his library and collection of specimens were bequeathed to the Victoria University of Manchester. He also donated £20,333 to the University for chemical research.

January 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
30	31	1 New year's	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 January Exams..	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 ..January Exams	26
27 Week 2.1 (A)	28	29	30	31	1	2

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Manchester Civil Justice Centre, designed by Denton Corker Marshall, opens in Spinningfields

28/02/2008

Manchester Civil Justice Centre is a governmental building in Manchester, England. Completed in 2007, it houses Manchester's county court and the Manchester District Registry of the High Court, the city's family proceedings court, the district probate registry, and the regional and area offices of the Court Service. e Civil Justice Centre was the first major court complex built in Britain since George Edmund Street's Royal Courts of Justice in London completed in 1882. Its distinctive architecture has been nicknamed the "filing cabinet" because of its cantilever floors at the end of the building. The design takes inspiration from Expressionist architecture, as well as the artistic Futurist movement of the 1920s which promotes dynamic lines and a sense of fluid movement.

February 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27 Week 2.1 (A)	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Week 2.2 (B)	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Week 2.3 (A)	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Week 2.4 (B)	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Week 2.5 (A)	25	26	27	28	29	1

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Medical and surgical degrees were now allowed to be awarded for the first time

20/03/1883

A faculty of medicine opened in 1873 (at Owens College), and medical degrees were awarded by the Victoria University from 1883. The school was made co-educational in 1899 after a long and contentious debate about whether women could be members of the College at all.

March 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
24 Week 2.5 (A)	25	26	27	28	29	1
2 Week 2.6 (B)	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Week 2.7 (A)	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Week 2.8 (B)	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Week 2.9 (A)	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Easter Vacation..	31	1 Easter Vacation..	2	3	4	5

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John Hay Beith is born

17/04/1876

Major General John Hay Beith, CBE (17 April 1876 – 22 September 1952), was a British schoolmaster and soldier, but he is best remembered as a novelist, playwright, essayist and historian who wrote under the pen name Ian Hay.

After reading Classics at Cambridge University, Beith became a schoolmaster. In 1907 his novel, Pip, was published; its success and that of several more novels enabled him to give up teaching in 1912 to be a full-time writer. During the First World War, Beith served as an officer in the army in France. His good-humoured account of army life, The First Hundred Thousand, published in 1915, was a best-seller. On the strength of this, he was sent to work in the information section of the British War Mission in Washington, D.C.

April 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
30 ..Easter Vacation..	31	1 ..Easter Vacation..	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Easter
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 ..Easter Vacation, Orthodox Easter
20 Week 2.10 (B)	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Week 2.11 (A)	28	29	30	1 Labour day	2	3

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The first cotton mill in Manchester to be directly powered by a steam engine

01/05/1790

Piccadilly Mill in Auburn Street is in operation; owned by Peter Drinkwater, it is the first cotton mill in Manchester to be directly powered by a steam engine. An attempt to introduce power weaving at a Knott Mill factory is resisted by the workers.

May 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27 Week 2.11 (A)	28	29	30	1 Labour day	2	3
4 Week 2.12 (B)	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Summer Exams..	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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The first Theatre Royal opens in Spring Gardens

05/06/1775

Manchester appears to have two previous Theatre Royals before the current building was constructed in 1845. The first opened in Spring Gardens on 5 June 1775 and operated on that site until the expiration of the proprietors' lease in 1807.

June 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1 ..Summer Exams..	2	3 ..Summer Exams	4 Summer Vacation Begins	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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Former student of Manchester Municipal College of Technology, Arthur Whitten Brown makes the first nonstop transatlantic flight

17/07/1919

Brown began his career in engineering before the outbreak of World War I and undertook an apprenticeship with British Westinghouse in Manchester. In 1914, he enlisted in the ranks of the University and Public Schools Brigade (UPS) for which he had to take out British citizenship. The ranks of the UPS were full of potential officers and Brown was one of those who sought a commission to become a Second Lieutenant in the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion of the Manchester Regiment. After service in France, Brown was seconded to 2 Squadron Royal Flying Corps as an observer.

July 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Summer Graduation..	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 ..Summer Graduation	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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British Airtours Flight 28M, a Boeing 737 bound for Corfu catches fire

22/08/1985

Catches fire on the runway at Manchester International Airport due to technical failure, 55 were killed. The aircraft, a Boeing 737–236 registered G-BGJL, previously named "Goldfinch", but at the time of the accident named "River Orrin", was flown by British Airtours, a wholly owned subsidiary of British Airways. It had 131 passengers and six crew on the manifest. During the takeoff roll a loud thump was heard and takeoff aborted. An engine failure had generated a fire and the captain ordered evacuation. There were 82 survivors; most of the deaths were due to smoke inhalation

August 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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The third Theatre Royal opens

29/09/1845

Knowles found a new site for his theatre on Peter Street. He demolished the Wellington Inn and Brogden's Horse Bazaar. Knowles employed Francis Chester and John Gould Irwin as the architects for his new theatre. In preparation for the building of the new Theatre Royal, Knowles and Chester went to London and visited most of the metropolitan theatres, noting their areas, internal forms, acoustic capabilities, etc. With a cost of £23,000, the new Theatre Royal opened to an audience of 2,500.Precautionary measures against fire were taken by placing a tank on the roof capable of holding 20,000 gallons of water, which was connected by pipes to the stage and the green room. Its programme that night included Weber's Oberon overture, Douglas Jerrold's "Time works wonders" and an elaborate ballet spectacle "The Court Ball in 1740". Knowles's schedule of productions was intensive – in one season there were 157 performances at which two and

September 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Semester One begins	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Week 1.1 (A)	29	30	1	2	3	4

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The Lowry art gallery and theatre complex opens in Salford Quays

12/10/2000

The Lowry is a theatre and gallery complex at Salford Quays, Salford, Greater Manchester, England. It is named after the early 20th-century painter L. S. Lowry, known for his paintings of industrial scenes in North West England. The complex was officially opened on 12 October 2000 by Queen Elizabeth II.

October 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
28 Week 1.1 (A)	29	30	1	2	3	4
5 Week 1.2 (B)	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Week 1.3 (A)	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Week 1.4 (B)	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Week 1.5 (A)	27	28	29	30	31	1

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The Printworks leisure and entertainment complex opens in Withy Grove

09/11/2000

The Printworks is an urban entertainment venue offering a cinema, clubs and eateries, located on the corner of Withy Grove and Corporation Street in Manchester city centre, England.

November 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
26 Week 1.5 (A)	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Reading Week	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Week 1.7 (B)	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Week 1.8 (A)	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Week 1.9 (B)	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Week 1.10 (A)	1	2	3	4	5	6

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The Rochdale Canal opens from Dale Street throughout, the first to cross the Pennines

21/12/1804

The Rochdale Canal is a navigable broad canal in Northern England, between Manchester and Sowerby Bridge, part of the connected system of the canals of Great Britain. Its name refers to the town of Rochdale, in Greater Manchester, through which it passes.

December 2020

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
30 Week 1.10 (A)	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Week 1.11 (B)	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Week 1.12 (A)	15	16	17	18 Christmas Break	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 New year's	2	3

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