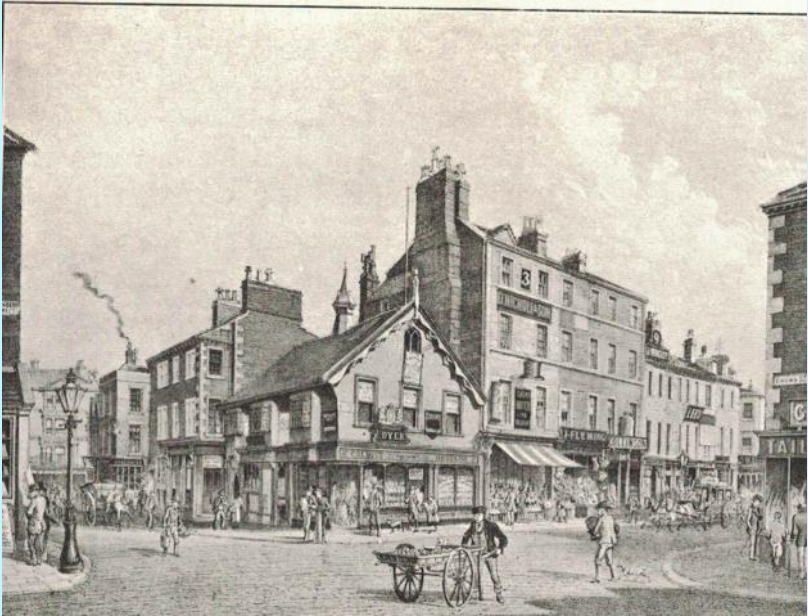


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Old Market & Corn Market

One of the Postcards of Old Halifax. Drawing by Joseph Rideal Smith

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Calderdale Family History Society was founded on the 7th March 1985.

We aim

- To encourage interest in, and assist with, research relevant to the study of family history in Halifax and the Calder valley.

Our area

- Covers the modern Calderdale Council established in 1975, which broadly covers the same area as the Ancient Parish of Halifax, with the addition to the west of the township of Todmorden and Walsden.

We do this by

- Holding meetings, usually on the 4th Thursday of each month (except December) in Halifax. (Currently, 2022, Hybrid meetings, in Halifax and by Zoom)
- Publishing *The Scrivener*, a quarterly journal, in paper form for full members and on our website for internet members. Contact the Scrivener Editor.
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Due to Coronavirus, Some Meetings, Events etc. now take
place virtually, or are hybrids
Please check with the organiser if you are unsure.

Editorial

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For any society to be successful it is dependent on volunteers, whether for the roles of officials and committee members or for the many tasks that go on behind the scenes. CFHS is fortunate in having volunteers but, like all groups, people retire, and new blood is always needed.

(CFHS Secretary's Report. page 16)

VOLUNTEERS, Please see pages 23 and 31, or look out for people waving banners!

NEW VOLUNTEERS

Cheers, cheers for the volunteers
Who keep our banner flying!
And three cheers more for the **NEW VOLUNTEERS**
Who stop our club from dying!
But we all grow older and cannot shoulder
These vital tasks for ever.
So if you've a bit of Yorkshire grit
Or maybe you're terribly clever;
If you've got plenty of time to spare, or a couple of hours a year,
If you've the skill these jobs to fill
We'd love you to VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers



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CFHS Talk ~ September 2023
The History of Calderdale Markets
by John Walker
Markets Manager for 42 years.

Hello everyone and thank you for asking me to come and speak to you today,

I'm a local lad, and feel very privileged to hold the job that I do today.

So firstly, What is a market? It is a franchise right of having a concourse of buyers and sellers to dispose of the commodities for which the franchise was given. Often simply referred to as 'A Concourse of Buyers and Sellers, one cannot exist without the other, and that is what a market is.

Market rights and privileges were really created by royal grant of charter, and Eiland market was granted a royal charter by King Edward 2nd on the 24th February 1317.

Later laws would have included the fairs and markets clauses act of 1847, the food and drugs act of 1955, and the food act of 1984. We run our Calderdale markets under that legislation.

There is no public right to hold a market or fair. The privilege comes from the crown and the extent of that privilege is contained within the grant to operate.

Markets began to grow. They were compelled to hold a Court of piepowder. This was a court held on the day of the market or fair and would be held in the Moot Hall under the jurisdiction of the Lord of the Manor or his Steward. All troubles and disputes arising out of the trading in the market or fair would be settled on the day of the transactions. His verdict was final and no one could refute it. So the owner of the market or fair was a lawmaker and a law administrator, and much of today's law arose from the operation of those early markets.

This brings me on to Calderdale markets. The oldest market in Calderdale is actually Halifax. There appear to be no records as to the date when a market in Halifax became. It's thought that a market came into being about the same time as the rise of the Parish church, which dates back to around the 12c.

During the 1400's there was dispute between the traders, and the wool merchants left, crossing over the road to what is now Woolshops, and that's why it's called Woolshops. At the latter stages of the 14c the rest of the traders dispersed away from the churchyards and they came up into the town. They traded around the Butter Cross, thought to have been at the crossing of Crown St, Princess St, Old Market and Corn Market. (Cover Picture)

The Lord of the Manor of Wakefield held the power to execute any felon for the theft of goods to the value of thirteen and a half shillings, which is usually the length of a piece of yarn. That was Halifax's speciality, they made piece of yarn of specific length. But if a felon was to be taken within the liberty of the precincts of the Forest of Hardwick, "either hand o' bend", which was caught with the stolen goods in his hand, or "a back o' bend" that is caught carrying stolen goods on his

back, or confessant, having confessed to the crime, they would be tried and after three market days they would lose their head.

Halifax at that time was leased by the Priory of Wakefield, and at the time of the Dissolution it was held by Robert Waterhouse. He was dispossessed of it by Henry 8th It then passed through various hands until in 1555 it went to John Waterhouse, who applied to the Crown for a charter to operate a market. He was opposed by the local population, and it was said that he couldn't have a market because there had been one here from time immemorial. Hence the reason why Halifax is the oldest market.

Some of you will know that Daniel Defoe attended Halifax, and gave us a very interesting account of the market in 1747. As he approached the town he was astounded by the way in which the houses were scattered over the countryside.

"What could the market be like that supplied these extensive yet thickly populated areas? All the merchandise brought from distant parts for the population so heavily engaged in the woollen industry that there were little time for growing of corn, or the rearing of sheep or cattle"

The consequences then are plain, he states.

"The corn comes in from Lincoln, and Nottinghamshire, and of course the East Riding. The black cattle from Lancashire, sheep and mutton from the adjacent counties and butter from the East and North Riding. Cheese out of Cheshire, and Warwickshire, and the markets in the months of September and October were prodigiously thronged, that being the time when the clothiers buy up as many of oxen as will serve their family for the whole year, which they used to drive home, kill and salt, smoke or hang to dry. This was therefore their common diet. This one trading and manufacturing part of the country, in a barren soil, gives and receives support for all the counties around it."

So again we were supporting not only ourselves, but also the surrounding towns.

Defoe also tells us that little time was given to anything in the town but weaving, but other contemporaneous records tell that agriculture was by no means neglected. His reference to the killing of cattle in autumn confirmed the general idea that some local workers have tried to disprove. Oliver Heywood half a century earlier refers to the wholesale slaughter of more than a hundred beasts in the streets.

A further idea of the importance of the market can be gleaned, as Bridget Brooke for forty years came from Gomersal to sell her bread. Defoe further concluded that

"There is nothing extraordinary in the town itself, but the multitude of people who resort to it on market day as well to sell their manufacture and buy their provisions is prodigious, and in this respect no place is equal to it in the North except Leeds and Wakefield."

Halifax was a very busy market town

By 1790 it was in much disarray, there was blood flowing into the waterways from the

multitude of cattle being slaughtered on the streets and stalls were popping up all over the place. So the market trustees were formed, they decided to seek an Act of Parliament, to build a new market place and slaughterhouse.

In 1790 a red brick building was built, about one third of the footprint of the borough market, and that was named the New Market and Slaughterhouse.

A legal statute was passed on 6th April 1810 to a joint stock company, capitalised at £3,000 divided into £50 shares, which funded the parliamentary application, that made a local Act of Parliament. The Act signed by George 3rd gave the rights to the inhabitants of Halifax to lawfully hold their own market. The first time a market in Halifax came into lawful existence. It gave the trustees the opportunity to create bye laws which would manage not only activity within the market place, but the streets surrounding the market place.

Passage though the streets was very inconvenient and dangerous by reason of number of stalls placed on footways. So the purchasing of the Act, gave a cleaner environment to operate the trade from, and it gave a stabilised area for the slaughtering of animals. And with the slaughtering of animals, we get two more street names, Cow Green and Bull Green! And if you look there's a pub at the bottom of Cow Green called Barum Top. The barum was basically a drainage system, which went across the town & along which the blood from the cattle flowed.

The New Market was intended to be part of a wider civic development, and dividends given to the share holders were limited to 10%. The surplus in excess of that was to be placed in a pot, with interest accumulated to build a new municipal building, now the Halifax Town Hall. Beyond that a public hospital and dispensary, which later became the Royal Halifax Infirmary.

The administration of the New Market was placed in the hands of five elected members. They were given powers to make bye laws, conduct administration regulating the activity, for cleansing, letting, opening times and rent days,

In 1823 a new market was well established, and in the process of moving away from all those open air stalls.

In 1847 the first Market Act was introduced to replace all the local rules occasioned by the 1810 act. By 1853 Development Acts were being released to local authorities, and the first thing Halifax corporation did was buy the markets from the trustees for the sum of £7,700. At this time the market was clear of all debt and was paying 8-10% interest to share holders. The £50 shares were now worth £100. The annual rent for a butchers shop was £10, for a fish shop £18 and for stalls the rent was 26s. The rent collector was paid £80 per year, and the clerk £60.

One of the first activities by that corporation was to look at how it could tackle both selling, and slaughtering of cattle. In 1858 a plot of land was purchased and the necessary accommodation provided in Lister Lane. This was a 2.500 sq yards open plot with open pens, refreshment rooms, and Irish cattle were largely sold here.

In 1868 the corporation also acquired the Piece Hall. After some discussion they resolved to convert it into a wholesale market, and that itself was also passed over to

the Halifax corporation markets department. In this form the Piece Hall reopened in 1871, and it continued in this way until around 1974.

Over the next ten years the covered cattle shed replaced the open air Shambles. Called the Feasting Shed originally, it was renamed the Lower Market in 1889 and remained in existence until 1968, when it was demolished to make way for what is now the Woolshops development.

In 1875 a report was done on public health in Halifax, which was very poor. There was a massive growing population, in a 40 year period between 1851 and 1891 the population of Halifax rose from 33,982 inhabitants to 82,812 inhabitants. A growing need therefore was for a larger, more central market area. The increase of it's inhabitants meant increased trading.

So the markets committee addressed the question of constructing a new market, which had been under consideration since the council was formed. Better accommodation was needed to reflect the increased trading, but the corporation refrained for some time because they did not want to undertake such a scheme involving such a large public expenditure, and several of them thought it would become a white elephant. However with the developing industries, extending town boundaries, coupled with the competitive attitudes of our neighbours, Huddersfield and Bradford in particular, planning for a new market got under way in 1880.

In 1884 property belonging to Mr Swindell was purchase by the corporation for £6,500-. The improvement committee decided to carry out a scheme of widening Southgate and Old Market, which had been under consideration for more that 30 years.

In 1887 the Vicar's rights, the Greyhound and the fire brigade station were purchased for £1,300-. Three years later the major land area belonging to the Peacock estate was bought for £13,215 On the 28th November the committee members visited Bradford and Huddersfield to inspect their retail markets, to find economic prospects of what a similar establishment could do to their borough. At a meeting of the markets and fairs committee on the 20 August 1890, it was decided that the markets between Southgate and Market Street should be reconstructed. The amendment that this should be deferred for two years was defeated by seven votes to two, and full scale planning went ahead. The council approved the motion on the 28th January 1891 and, at a meeting of the council and committee instructions and general conditions to architects, also a statement of estimated costs and income from the stalls were approved.

The conditions and the instructions were drawn up by the borough engineer, Mr E.S. Escott, whose name is still inscribed on the corner stone.

The buildings required to form the whole scheme were Arcade from Old Market to Russell Street, Arcade from Russell Street to general market. A general market including a fish market, and an inspector's office to be situated so he could view the Arcades and market. Shops to front Market Street, and Southgate on each side of the arcade. The arcade fronts to be 50 feet high and entrances not less than 20 feet wide and 15 feet high.

On the 4th of June the markets and fairs committee recommended, from ten sets of plans submitted, those sent under the Nom de Plume 'Old Lang Syne', by a company called Leeming and Leeming of 117 Victoria Street, Westminster, London.

Leeming and Leeming were actually John & Joseph Leeming, the sons of Alfred Leeming, born and bred in Halifax. One of their first works was the building of Heath Grammar School, they also built the Admiralty and War Office in London. The brothers had been articled to a local firm, but then in 1872, set themselves up in practise in Northgate before moving to London.

The Leeming and Leeming plan won first prize of £100 and the plans were given at an estimated cost of £34,098-5s-4d.

The second prize of £50 was awarded to C.F. Horsfall of Halifax, the firm to which, the Leeming brothers were originally articled. The Leeming's plan for building was on a site from Southgate to Market Street, which permitted 43 butchers shops, 20 small shops and 33 stalls. Perimeter masonry building designed as shops on Market street and Southgate with 21 flats on upper floors plus provision of a dwelling house for the market inspector over the South entrance.

C.F. Horsfall's design called "Revenue" followed closely the designs adopted by the winners, but they placed a central hall for the retail market with a balcony all the way round. It was ascended by staircases, and a large central dome supported on eight columns. In 1892 Leeming and Leeming included this feature into the building which you see today.

The finance for the scheme was to be borrowed, and money was approached from the local Government Board. On the 17th September 1891, J.T. Ireson an inspector of the Board, held an inquiry in Halifax, in reference to the council's application of £50,000, which he granted.

Tenders went out to build the work, and most of it was given to local firms.

We still to this day have elements of one of those contractors, Thomas Boocock. In one of the properties is the original taps, and original vanity sink that bear the name Boococks of Northgate.

The cost of the building the new market:-

Land	£44,106-
Construction of market	£44,045-
Construction of Arcade	£12,548-
Architects commission and furnishings	£4,329-
Alterations and additions during construction	£7,000-
Total	£112,028-
Local Government Board Loans	
17 September 1891	£50,000-
22 March 1895	£33,000-

The building was built in two different builds, and the construction of the Arcade included is the Russell Street Arcade, which is the far one going on to Old Market.

Finally the building opened! And on Saturday the 25th July 1896 the Duke and Duchess of York, later to become King George the 5th and Queen Mary, came to Halifax to open both the Royal Halifax Infirmary and the Borough Market.

Much of the borough market, is still in its original state. and I know this because I've sat in the building since 1981,

We are making some adaptations to the building now, and optimistically we will grow with more populace coming into the building, but when you look at the costs there, we got an entire building for £112,000, our £5 million isn't going very far.

Has anyone seen the war memorial?

This is one of the only markets in the country that holds it's own war memorial. It commemorates the fallen butchers of Halifax, many of which served their apprenticeships and traded within Halifax borough market. We've got to relocate that war memorial and put it in a more prominent location than on the outside wall of the ladies toilet. I don't see that as being the appropriate position to be honest.

We're about to reinstate the clock tower exactly as it was when King George opened the market. It will incorporate seating, and we're hoping to bring back it's original elegance, and make it a focal point for the whole building.

By the turn of the 1980's the operation of markets had changed. The Piece Hall open market was originated, and district markets of Todmorden, Elland, Sowerby Bridge and Hebden Bridge were introduced to the markets portfolio.

So, I've already alluded to the fact that Elland has a medieval royal charter dating back to 24th Feb 1317. It is significantly the smallest market of the portfolio, and is possibly Calderdale's oldest town. Whilst the market was created in 1317, so too was the town.

The market moved from one of it's early locations in what we now call Town Hall Square to Timber Street. It was a 60 stall permanent market, which in the early 1990's, we had to move back to Town Hall Square due to trade shifting further into town towards Southgate, where all the banks had congregated, so we followed the banks. We all know what happened with the banks in small towns. So again in 2019, shortly before the pandemic, we relocated Elland market back to Town Hall Square, because every single bank in the town had disappeared, and the only one left was the Post Office.

Whilst markets throughout the centuries have been affected by certain things, nothing affected them more than the Covid pandemic, because it imprisoned us all. Today's statistics say we are the biggest internet shoppers in the world, and 56 million of us do it. That's 80% of the current population.

So markets have to be a little bit different, we try build our markets around local produce and our local crafters. The market is going to be moved going back to Timber

Street for a period of 4 months and then there will be an investment scheme ongoing within the centre of Elland, which will create a permanent market place and a garden area. Hopefully come April we'll have all the traders still intact, and we'll be able to move back to the Square and celebrate the longevity of this market.

Todmorden Market

Consists of a market hall and an open market. In comparison to Elland Todmorden is not that old, originating in 1802, with a handful of stalls on The White Hart Fold. In 1848 it relocated to more or less it's existing site, and in 1879 it was accompanied by a new Market Hall, costing around £1,000-. That market hall is still standing, older than the Borough market, and coveted by the community of Todmorden.

It did originally have a cattle market on Thursday & Saturday, and 2 seasonal Pot Fairs. The Thursday market ceased to exist, and the Saturday market blended into a general market. We resurrected Thursday markets in the 1980's purely for the sale of second hand products, and that market is still thriving today. We refurbished Todmorden market in 2017, and it is occupied by around 30 local traders.

Hebden Bridge market

Originated around 1835, to sell cattle and pigs. We don't know quite how but sometime in the 1880's it ended up in the hands of a private entrepreneur. The situation resolved itself somehow back to Hebden Royd town council in the 1920's. We continue to run the market and it now operates in the centre of Hebden Bridge over a 4 day period, with 4 different themes, and we have a waiting list for almost every day.

Sowerby Bridge market.

It was the same entrepreneur that commenced Sowerby Bridge market in the early 1900's. This was then consolidated by the Sowerby Bridge Urban council in 1922. That stayed until 2007 when the council built a new purpose built market, probably the first solar powered market in the country. It no longer exists, because in October last year it was demolished to make way for High street improvements. There will be in it's place a town centre square constructed early next year, and we will be exploring how we can take markets back to that location

Brighouse market.

The latest one to be added to the portfolio. Brighouse market was held in private enterprise, until 2019, when the council took it back. In the 1990's it was refurbished, and I think that is the last time it had any repairs done. When we took it on there was an immense backlog of repairs.

Brighouse residents, will be pleased to know that we are about to build a brand new 3 million pound state of the art market there. It will go on the same site, which means that early next spring we'll have to pick up the traders in some form or another, put them on a temporary location, and hopefully have them back on site by 2025. We've been toiling, with this because when you look at those bye laws of our fore fathers, it says 'this market opens at 6:30 every morning and it closes at 10:30 at night. So we're going to try and resurrect some of that. We're not going to do it as early, but we're going to try and gloss over the twilight and daytime economies, and we're hoping that Brighouse will give us that footprint into that area, as will hopefully Sowerby Bridge.

We are quite blessed in the borough because we own 2 Victorian market halls, Todmorden and Halifax, one exceedingly important, because the borough market is a two star listed structure. It is noted in it's listing as a 'Market of significant architectural importance'.

We have the permanent covered markets at Brighouse and Todmorden, the de-mountable market places at Elland, Hebden Bridge and Sowerby Bridge, once work is completed.

We also offer street markets selling things like local produce, or you'll have been possibly to the Halifax Continental market, Halifax Food and Drink festivals. We've introduced Makers markets, and of course we do festive markets, and we've worked to develop a whole raft of localised community based markets. I don't know if any of you have been to some of these, but the Brighouse 1940's is something to be witnessed! Likewise Ripponden's Christmas market.

We work with all sorts of organisations to spread the gospel of markets.



MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Surname	Location	County	Known	Known	Wanted	Wanted
			From	To	From	To
LOCKWOOD	HUDDERSFIELD		1750	1871	Start	Now
WALKER	HUDDERSFIELD		1728	Now	Start	Now
LOCKWOOD	HALIFAX		1871	Now	Start	Now
JOHNSON	HALIFAX		1871	Now	Start	Now

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AGM April 2024

CFHS Secretary's Report 2023-2024

Hello. I would like to present the Secretary's Report for the year 2023-2024.

MEMBERSHIP

Unlike many societies, this year has seen our membership grow. During the past 12 months there has been a 5% growth over the previous 12 months, the total membership now being 404.

The breakdown of membership is:

20% local (81), 65% Away (262), 15% Overseas (61)

Internet Family 18, UK Family 27,

Single Internet 182, Single Overseas 4, Single UK 173

50% of our membership is now internet membership which is financially beneficial as fewer copies of the Scrivener are produced.

PROJECTS

Shortly after last year's AGM (April 2023) work began on the Exley Cemetery MI's project and by September 2023 all sections had been completed and the transcriptions available via the Transcription Index, OLDB and FMP. From the latter we receive Pay per View fees (see Treasurer's Report).

We were fortunate to be handed the paper Lawrence Undertaker Records 1936-1987. These were scanned/photographed, transcribed in 3 phases and by February the 1st phase was available to members. All 3 phases have now been completed and available to members and the public through the OLDB and the Transcription Index.

We have unexpectedly received more records from Lawrence's which will double the number of records available. This part of the project will be begun once current projects are completed and all records will be available to the public via FMP when the project is finished.

The Society approached WYAS, regarding Calderdale Workhouse Records and relevant permissions granted. All photography of records held in Calderdale and Wakefield, has now been completed and transcription is underway. It is hoped the project will be completed by the Autumn.

The Transcription Team under the leadership of Peter Lord do a tremendous job and we are very grateful for their work. The Transcribers now number 37 and more are always welcome. It doesn't matter where you are based, Peter will sort things for you so please contact him to know more. Those involved met together virtually a few weeks ago and all agreed it proved very enjoyable and worthwhile. Local members who are involved in the initial collecting of material are also to be thanked.

A further project involving the transcription of 19thC Calderdale Wills held by the Borthwick is under consideration. Zoom meetings have been held but due to the constraints imposed by commercial links with the Borthwick, no further progress can be made at this point.

COMMUNICATION

Representatives were present at the Huddersfield FH Fair in October. This was considered worthwhile and an opportunity to promote the society locally, and our Facebook page is now active again, helping us reach out to the wider community.

99% of our members have email which makes society communication so much easier.

Quarterly editions of The Scrivener, the Monthly Newsletter with input from Officers and Members, and specific emails from Officers, all help to keep everyone informed about things genealogical.

Grateful thanks go to Frances Stubbs, who edits The Scrivener, the 6 'Talk Summarisers' for the Scrivener, Pam Newby, who edits the Newsletter and Susan Clarke, our 'Mail Chimp Whizz'. Your work is much appreciated.

Communication is a two-way thing, and your contributions are welcome and Frances, particularly, would like to hear from you.

MEETINGS

Over the 12-month period we have continued to enjoy and benefit from the hybrid meetings, experiencing a variety of interesting speakers, both local and away. A recording of the meeting is available virtually the following Wednesday morning.

Statistics show an average attendance of 50 at meetings over the past year, averaging 16 physical, remote 27 and repeat 8.

For local members there is the opportunity to meet socially, enjoying the accessible, comfortable and well-equipped premises here at the Maurice Jagger Centre. For those who are unable to experience this there is the opportunity to join the talks virtually, thanks to the excellent facilities provided by the centre.

Hybrid meetings have meant more members are able to participate but it has led to a decline in the numbers attending in person. Because of numbers attending, other social activities, visits, dinner etc, no longer take place for local members.

We also appreciate there is limited interaction for Zoom attendees.

Costs are incurred in the hiring of these super facilities, and we would be happy to receive any thoughts or comments you have on these matters, whether you are a local or an away member.

Thanks are due to John for arranging the speakers, always ensuring there is an interesting evening for members. and sorting out problems which sometimes arise at the last minute.

Thanks also to John and Peter for tackling the complex technicalities involved for all this to happen.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

For any society to be successful it is dependent on volunteers, whether for the roles of officials and committee members or for the many tasks that go on behind the scenes. CFHS is fortunate in having volunteers but, like all groups, people retire, and new blood is always needed.

During the year, due to resignations, the committee approved changes to the website (see Treasurer's Report) and John Barraclough accepted the role of Acting Chairman until this AGM.

Apart from the election of officers and committee, we are looking for a new webmaster and someone to work alongside Peter, our systems co-ordinator. I ask you to seriously consider whether you could help. Remember we need to plan for the future. More information will be found in The Scrivener. (Pages 23 and 31)

Volunteers need not be local members, as much of the work can be done remotely, and the bi-monthly committee meetings are generally virtual ones.

Finally, I, speaking personally and on behalf of the society, would like to thank the many others not already mentioned, who have given support and worked to ensure the successful running of our Society, whether in an official or unofficial capacity, and in so many other ways behind the scenes. It is much appreciated.

Thankyou.



Treasurer's report April 2024.

I was appointed to the role of treasurer at our last AGM, after answering the call sent out in 2022, by our former treasurer Peter, who many of you will still recognise as treasurer no.2 and the wearer of other hats.

I've been very grateful over the past year for his guidance, patience and good humour, without which I couldn't have begun to meet the spec. and it's fair to say that he didn't know what he was taking on with this apprentice!

Audited accounts 2023-2024.

A copy of our audited accounts is attached to this statement and we extend our thanks once again to our independent accountant, Mr. Chris Drake, for the generosity of his time, due diligence and his speed in the auditing of the society's accounts.

Actively participating in our society.

Further to Margaret's plea for volunteers. Whether you are a local or away member, there are opportunities to get involved in roles and activities that are essential for the society to function and prosper.

Whilst we are unable to reimburse members for their time, we have facility and funds to cover reasonable out of pocket expenses.

Christmas Dinner and Annual Trip .

Another year has passed, where there has been no appetite for an organised Christmas Dinner or interest in an Annual Trip. These self-funded items have been removed from coming year accounts.

Income

Membership income is only slightly down at £3501 from £3629.

No member has chosen to pay their subs by cash and the number of cheques received is reducing year on year. The majority of payments we now receive are made via Genfair or Faster Payment or standing order.

For yet another year, our membership subs are frozen, with our individual internet only option available at an affordable £6.00

Donations are appreciated, although we don't make specific appeals, we have seen a slight uptick in small donations within individual membership subs, and these can be accommodated by contacting myself or Chris, our membership secretary.

Changing our focus, methods of delivery and the impact upon asset holdings. "Ancestral files and CDs". As previously reported our product sales dwindled when we made our data freely accessible to members via our online database.

Together with the decision to close our Research room, we struggled for storage space and the committee made offers of our stock to members and local community groups.

This category is no longer listed in our accounts.

Society assets values, capital spend and cash reserves.

The valuation of society assets currently stands at £88.40 following the writing off/ writing down of surplus and ageing equipment and no capital spend, which has in turn contributed to growth seen in our cash reserves in past years.

We have, now, set aside a significant capital contingency from reserves, in case we need to update the ageing IT equipment that was repurposed after the closure of the Research room, to deliver hybrid meetings

Cash reserves have increased by over £500 and the Society is on a sound footing to meet anticipated liabilities in the coming year.

Publications income continues to reduce, down from £583 in 2023 to £376 and we expect this trend to continue.

Pay-per-view (ppv) revenue of £2097 was received from Findmypast, through our membership of Family History Federation. Our hardworking transcription team have added significant new records to our catalogue and this with memberships accounts for the majority of our income.

Expenditure

Website costs are by far the biggest expense in 2023-24 coming in at £2848 an increase of £1308 over the previous year.

In addition to annual rise in line with inflation, we made changes to website structure to store the widening scope of transcribed data and also underwent a server move in December 2023.

We are looking to further system changes to expand the archive offering, and calendarise and automate some mundane time consuming processes, that would otherwise fall upon a webmaster.

Quarterly Scrivener in paper form is still offered to members by post. This cost at £1591 is a rise of just £ 26.

Committee Room Hire. Bimonthly committee meetings were held via Zoom with no associated costs and there is no budget set for next year.

General meeting costs-Room hire and zoom subscription.

We hold in-person meetings each 4th Thursday of the month, for members, guests and public alike, at Maurice Jagger Centre (MJC), Lister Lane, Halifax.

MJC is a self-funding charity and a much used community hub. Our event details and CFHS website link can be found listed with the twenty other groups hosted by MJC at their website.

It is fully accessible with free adjacent parking and ideally located next to the bus station and within walking distance of Halifax train station.

Included within the competitive room hire, as their users, we benefit from: liability insurance; modern sound system; screen and WiFi connection to accommodate our speakers and deliver hybrid meetings.

There are excellent 5* kitchen facilities and tea/ coffee and biscuits are served by Eileen and myself from 7.15 pm.

Speakers' expenses are presently accounted for separately. Our publicity officer, John, runs a tight ship and has engaged excellent speakers within our budget.

Monthly meetings are an increasingly rare opportunity for members to become acquainted and socialise and your committee is keen to increase in-person attendance and welcome new local members.

Abolition of Charges. Going forward we have taken an opportunity to streamline accounting and with a small increase in our meeting costs, it has been agreed to scrap the visitor fee and will also offer a complimentary tea/ coffee and raffle entry (if desired)

Maureen Fitzgerald, Treasurer.

Calderdale FHS - Audited Accounts - 2023/2024

Income	2023-24	2022-23
Membership [^]	£3,501.77	£3,629.03
Publications [^]	£376.16	£582.97
Annual Trip	£0.00	£0.00
Christmas Dinner	£0.00	£0.00
Raffles [^]	£71.50	£60.00
Donations [^]	£42.00	£25.22
Bank Interest	£109.96	£17.07
FH Books Carriage [^]	£3.74	£7.14
Misc Income [^]	£10.00	£7.00
PPV Fees [^]	£2,097.05	£1,753.16
Search Fees [^]	£4.49	£0.00
GM Coffee Income [^]	£47.00	£41.50
TOTAL	£6,263.67	£6,123.09

Cash Summary		
Balance Brought Fwd	£10,171.26	£8,583.30
Cash at Bank - Current ^x	£279.52	£98.31
Cash at Bank - Deposit ^x	£10,377.36	£10,017.40
Amounts not yet presented	£0.00	£0.00
Cash in Hand [^]	£39.31	£35.55
Officers' Floats [^]	£20.00	£20.00
Balance Carried Fwd	£10,716.19	£10,171.26

Expenditure	2023-24	2022-23
Scrivener Production [^]	£1,093.00	£1,066.50
Scriv Postage [^]	£488.38	£498.65
Chairman	£0.00	£0.00
Secretary	£0.00	£0.00
Treasurer	£0.00	£0.00
Research Aids	£0.00	£0.00
General Meeting Costs [^]	£577.38	£797.38
Committee Room Hire	£0.00	£0.00
Speaker's Exps. [^]	£321.00	£249.45
Annual Trip	£0.00	£0.00
Christmas Dinner	£0.00	£0.00
Publication Purchase	£0.00	£0.00
Other Publ. Costs	£0.00	£6.80
Printing/Copying [^]	£18.00	£69.60
Monumental Inscrpts.	£0.00	£0.00
FFHS Insurance	£0.00	£0.00
FFHS Membership [^]	£151.24	£147.82
Members Interests	£0.00	£0.00
Other Postage	£0.00	£16.55
Fairs Exps. [^]	£30.00	£30.00
Other Exps. [^]	£50.00	£0.00
Raffle Expenses [^]	£34.99	£20.09
Stationery Prov.	£0.00	£2.29
Website Expenses [^]	£2,848.00	£1,540.00
Project Costs [^]	£15.00	£0.00
Search Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
GM Coffee Expenses [^]	£1.75	£0.00
Gift Vouchers [^]	£90.00	£90.00
Other Capital	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£5,718.74	£4,535.13

Society Assets Valuation

Initial Purchase Cost	£2,137.89	£2,283.09
Current Asset Value	£88.40	£211.09

Audited

G. Drake F.C.A

Date

10/4/24

Officers and Committee Members Elected to serve 2024-2025.

Chair: Peter Lord
Secretary: Margaret Smith
Treasurer: Maureen Fitzgerald
Membership Secretary: Chris Hiley
Committee Members:
John Barraclough
Susan Clarke
Eileen Connolly
Clifford Drake
Ann Wilkinson
Stuart Wilkinson

Auditor: Mr Chris Drake

CFHS Awards April 2024

Sutcliffe Away Members' Award: David Allen

"David joined the Society as a new member in 2022 & subsequently joined the Project Transcription team. From starting as a relative newcomer to our computer systems, David has become one of our most diligent & prolific transcribers & validators, raising valid queries whenever the need presented itself. We look forward to his continued contributions to our future projects."

Sutcliffe Members' Award: Maureen Fitzgerald:

"Maureen took over as Society Treasurer at the end of the 2022/23 financial year & has been doing the job, very successfully, for a full year, culminating in the production of the 2023/4 accounts. In addition to this, she has been a consistent volunteer on "Tea Duty" at the monthly meetings & has also made valuable contributions to many discussions in committee, where she is an active member."

Dear All,

I was taken back, but very pleased to learn on the evening of our AGM that I was the recipient of the Sutcliffe Members' Award, for my efforts in the kitchen at our monthly meetings and duties this past year as treasurer. No pressure, but I will now have to measure up to the fulsome praise from our new chairman, Peter, and sharpen up my barista skills and bean counting! Thanks to everyone for my gift card that will most likely be spent on improving my strained eyes, with an illuminated magnifying glass and stamp tweezers!

Maureen Fitzgerald

Margaret Walker Award: Robert Wade

The Margaret Walker Award, this year, for the best contribution from members to the Scrivener is to Robert Wade, who, in the Spring issue, described two, and even three, churches in one churchyard! We encourage all our members to send in anecdotes, interesting notes from their research, through to full-blown articles on matters of interest. Without these, the issues of The Scrivener would be that much poorer.

CFHS – Annual Computer Audit - April 2024

The Calderdale Family History Society is dependent on the use of computers in maintaining nearly all areas of its operation which includes keeping financial accounts; maintaining the membership database; the production of the *Scrivener*; and management of its website etc. This audit has been undertaken to assess whether these areas of operation overseen by Officers of the Society are adequately supported in their use of computer hardware and software. The audit has indicated that:

Officers are using their own personal computer systems for Society work. The majority of Officers are using computer hardware which has been purchased within the last seven years; their software tends to be up to date or still practicable for purpose and have anti-virus software protection in place on their computers.

The procedure set up to safeguard personal and sensitive data held on Society databases is working well, and relevant databases and documentation held on Officers' personal computer systems is regularly backed up.

Copyright – how does our Society handle it ?

Your Committee has been considering whether or not we handle the matter of Copyright in the correct manner. As a result, they have agreed a Society Policy, which will shortly appear in the Members' Area of the website. The full text of this is given on the next page.

If you have any comments or queries about this, please contact the Systems Coordinator at systems@cfhsweb.com

CFHS Copyright Policy.

Introduction.

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that we adhere as strictly as possible to Copyright in our dealings with data derived from sources outside the Society & also in relation to any permissions sought from outside bodies for the use & dissemination of data held by the Society.

Copyright law is complex & not to be entered into by the faint-hearted. Consequently, as amateurs, we aim to set out a policy on this as simply as possible & face any challenges to it if they occur, which is unlikely. Our aim is to try to deal fairly with the use of all information, given the Society's aim to see such data distributed as widely as possible, whilst at the same time preserving our financial integrity.

Copyright Issues arising on data CFHS wish to transcribe & disseminate.

Whenever the Society wishes to transcribe & disseminate data the following steps are taken :-

Permission is sought from the owner of the document from which the data is to be transcribed. We will make every effort to ascertain the copyright owner where it is not immediately known.

Agreement is requested from the owner to allow the Society to :-

Add the data transcribed to our Society databases.

Make the full data available to members only via our On-line database & via individual requests to our Search facilities.

Make an index entry for each item of data available to the public via the Transcription Index (or equivalent) on the Society website.

Compile the data into downloadable form to be sold as a discrete product to the public.

Make the data available to FindMyPast so that it can be posted on to their website, which will earn the Society royalties.

Where any of these requests is refused by the owner, the Society committee will decide, on recommendations from the Project Coordinator, whether to proceed with the project under modified & agreed arrangements, or to abandon the project.

All documentation & product made available to the public directly from the Society will carry the message "Copyright Calderdale FHS – YYYY" where YYYY is the year of initial publication. Any data passed to FindMyPast will be covered by their own Copyright.

Copyright Issues arising from requests to use data from our Society for other purposes.

There are occasions when the Society receives requests from either organisations & individuals to use, for their own purposes, either (or both) data from our collection or, directly, our published product.

Each case will be referred to the Systems Coordinator, or, in his absence, the Chairman. On receipt, that person will judge where the request stands on a scale from being an outright exploitation of the data for the requestor's own gain, through to a useful, further, dissemination of data for the benefit of genealogists. If the request concerns a small amount of data, then the Systems Coordinator/Chairman may make a decision on this directly. Otherwise, the matter will be referred to the next Society Committee meeting for a decision to be taken.

Instances where Society Copyright appears to have been contravened.

Any such instances should be referred to the Systems Coordinator, or, in his absence, the Chairman. If it is a matter of small concern, then, if appropriate, the Systems Coordinator/Chairman will contact the perpetrator & ask them to desist. If it is a matter of larger concern, then the matter will be referred to the Committee for a decision on any action to be taken.

Challenges to Society Copyright Policy.

Where there is a challenge to the Society's actions as the result of this policy, this will be referred to the Committee via the Systems Coordinator or, in his absence, the Chairman, along with a recommendation for action. Any action necessary will then be determined by the Committee.

Conclusion.

We reserve the right to alter or amend the policy to reflect relevant legislative changes.

April 2024

Appeal for Webmaster.

Following this year's AGM, as you may know there have been a few changes of responsibility with the result that we need a new Webmaster for the Society.

Currently, this job is being covered by Peter Lord, but he is unable to continue to do this in the medium to long-term for a number of reasons :-

- He has a number of other roles in the Society which take his time & wouldn't be able to devote the necessary time to the Webmaster role.
- He does not have the necessary skills sufficiently developed to be able to do the job as well as is needed.
- He is not getting any younger & it is always as well to have at least 2 people to be able to fulfil a role in case of short-term emergencies.

Consequently, we are appealing for a volunteer to take on the position of Webmaster within the Society.

Why do we need a webmaster when we have a commercial partner who can do anything that we want on the society website ? The answer to this is pretty simple – we rely on him to make all major changes to both the website & the Online Database, so that the level of expertise of our volunteers does not have to be at a professional level. However, not surprisingly, his charges are not cheap, even though he does give excellent value for money. This has the consequence that, were we to use his skills exclusively, we would soon run out of money !

We have developed the website so that many of the day-to-day updates can be done by other officers. However, we need someone to take overall responsibility for ensuring that the website continues to serve its purpose for the Society & to make any changes that are beyond the scope of the other officers but sufficiently straightforward so that they don't require time from our commercial partner.



We have a full, up-to-date, Job Description, which is available to anyone interested in the role, but a summary of what is involved is given below.

The role of a volunteer Webmaster within the Society is as follows ;-

- To make regular checks that the website is fully up-to-date and that all out-of-date material is removed.
- To update and amend any part of the website that is beyond the scope of the other volunteers.
- To liaise with our commercial partner on any major changes required and to report to the committee on these.
- To moderate the Society Forum.
- To provide advice to any officer on their particular involvement in website maintenance.
- To update the Transcription Index & Online Database with data provided by the Project Coordinator.
- To recommend to the Committee any major changes that are thought to be necessary.

The skills required are an interest in this type of work along with a working knowledge of Wordpress, the software now in general use for website design. Typically, it would suit a volunteer who has recently retired from (or is still working in) computer software and/or has experience in website design. Failing this, the necessary skill needed to acquire a working knowledge of Wordpress is not all that difficult for a willing volunteer. The amount of time involved in fulfilling this role is unlikely to exceed 2 or 3 hours a week.

If you are interested in filling this position, please contact our Chairman at chairman@cfhsweb.com. He can also provide you with a copy of the Job Description if you would like to see it before making up your mind.



My Ancestors came from Shelf... by Ben Stables

I have been researching the history of Shelf between Halifax and Bradford for over ten years and have published two books on the history of the village: 'History of St. Michael's Church' (2015) and 'The Early History of Shelf' (2018). A third, about Pepper Hill Unitarian Chapel, is a work in progress. Although many genealogical records are available online, records are not all available in the same places, and it may be worthwhile to share the following information on local records which are available.

Parish Records

Shelf was part of the Parish of Halifax and its subsidiary Chapelry of Coley, although sometimes Shelf people crop up in the Bradford Parish Registers. These records are now all available at Ancestry.com

St. Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Opened in 1850.

Baptisms. Up to 1905 are on Ancestry.com. I have transcripts up to 1969.

Marriages. Up to 1935 are on Ancestry.com. I have transcripts up to 1942.

Burials. Up to 1978 are on Ancestry.com. I have transcripts up to 2020.

Monument Inscriptions. Most of the old part of the yard was cleared in 1986.

Transcripts of the lost and surviving stones and a graveyard plan are available at sblha.com

Witchfield Wesleyan Methodist Chapel

Opened in 1785, re-built in 1887, closed in 1981.

Baptisms start in 1807 and are split between a few registers. 1838-1844 are to be found in a Cleckheaton Circuit register. Records up to 1907 are on Ancestry.com. Gordon Berry produced an index of the full register up to 1979

which is available at local libraries. I also have a fuller transcript taken from microfilm copies.

Marriages began in 1896 and records up to 1935 are on Ancestry.com. I have transcripts up to 1950.

Early burials do not seem to have been recorded and the register starts in 1837. The full burial register is available at Ancestry.com. Burials, grave book and monument inscriptions have been transcribed and are available [from the Calderdale Family History Society](#) and also on the Bradford Family History Society CD 'Great Horton Methodist Circuit.' The Columbarium for ashes was transferred to Bethel Chapel where it remains and further interments have been made since Witchfield closed – see findagrave.com. All other monuments are lost.

Wade House Primitive Methodist Chapel

Opened in 1821, closed 1973.

Baptisms start in 1824. Records up to 1905 are on Ancestry.com. Transcripts up to 1930 are on sblha.com. I have my own transcripts up to 1971.

Marriages. There was no marriage license or register.

Burials began in 1823. The full burial register is available at Ancestry.com. Burials, grave books and monument inscriptions have been transcribed and are available from the Calderdale Family History Society and also on the Bradford Family History Society CD 'Great Horton Methodist Circuit.' Only a handful of monuments remain.

Bethel Independent Methodist Chapel

Opened in 1853. The Tabernacle on Cock Hill Lane was affiliated with Bethel and opened in 1878, closed in 1966.

Baptisms start in 1852, and I have my own transcript up to 1994.

Marriages start in 1923, and I have my own transcript up to 1951.

Burials start in 1852. A transcript of the burial register is available from the Chapel for a fee. Microfilm of the baptisms, marriages and burials is available at Halifax/Bradford Local Studies.

Monument Inscriptions. Arthur Blackburn's transcript of the yard is at sblha.com. Most of the surviving monuments have been photographed and are on findagrave.com.

Pepper Hill Unitarian Chapel

Opened in 1861.

Baptisms began in 1861.

Marriages began in 1905. The baptism and marriage registers are still with the Chapel trustees – I have my own transcripts. The Queensbury History Society have also transcribed the registers and their transcript is available at local libraries.

There is no burial ground but there are some plaques inside the Chapel. Transcripts at sblha.com.

Buttershaw Congregational Chapel

Opened in 1870 but grew out of an older congregation in Shelf, re-built in the 1980's and is now known as Rock Church Bradford.

Sadly all the records are understood to be lost with the exception of a Communion Register which is deposited with Bradford Archives.

Municipal Cemetery

There is no municipal cemetery in Shelf but Queensbury and North Bierley Municipal Cemeteries are nearby. Records for both are available at Bradford Local Studies. Transcripts of Queensbury are available from the Bradford Family History Society. Transcripts of North Bierley (not complete) are available at sblha.com. I have photographed many graves in both cemeteries and these are on Find a Grave.

Census

In addition to the commonly available Census records some Subsidy Rolls (1604), Polls (1807, 1832, 1835, 1837, 1841, 1848, 1859), and Highways Composition Books (1781, 1788) which gives lists of people are available at sblha.com.

Land Records

Transcript of the Shelf Valuation 1817 is available at sblha.com. Later Valuation documents are with West Yorkshire Archive Service. Land Tax records available at Ancestry.com. Registry of Deeds records are held at Wakefield.

Township Records

Some Township Records are available at Ancestry.com but the vast majority are not online and only at West Yorkshire Archives. I have indexed many of the records and this index is available at shelfhalifax.wordpress.com.

Manorial Records

Most of the land in Shelf was part of the Manor of Shelf whose archives are now at Kirklees Archives and Nottinghamshire Archives. I have transcribed the Court Rolls and related documents from 1667-1787 and my transcript is available at shelfhalifax.wordpress.com. It may be worth keeping in mind that some land in Shelf was part of the Manor of Batley and that the larger Manor of Wakefield retained some authority.

Probate Records

Most Shelf wills were proved by the Church Courts in York. Pre-1688 indexes were printed by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and are available online. Index for 1688 to 1858 is at Find My Past. Most wills can be viewed via the Family Search system at LDS FamilySearch Centres. Otherwise they can be seen at the Borthwick Institute in York or ordered from them for a fee.

A handful of Shelf wills were proved by the national Canterbury Church Courts – these are available via Ancestry or the National Archives website. A handful were proved by the Manor of Batley and some transcripts are held at Bradford Archives under the reference HOR/E. The originals are held at the Borthwick.

Ben Stables
shelfhalifax.wordpress.com

CFHS Talk ~ May 2023
Jack Banks - Bandsman
by Catherine Lee (CFHS member)

Catherine has been researching her family, and their stories, for many years and shared that of her Grandad Jack Banks – Bandsman.

Jack, born in 1913, was thought to be the youngest of seven siblings. Catherine showed his pedigree chart and the story she'd written so far. However, further research has revealed two siblings who had died as infants. His eldest sister, Lily, was almost 20 years old when he was born. Records show him living at only two Elland addresses throughout his life: South Lane and New Street (no longer there) – his Mother's and his Mother-in-Law's.

In 1941, Jack was described as a Dye House Labourer. He married Clara Chadwick on the 11th August by special licence as he had enlisted and had to leave three days later.

Catherine studied her photos of Jack more closely and, after enlarging one, saw him in his trench coat and pulling a cart that appeared to be carrying a set of drums. More research needed – what did he do in the war? She outlined the process for obtaining his service record:

www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records

As Catherine was applying for a deceased person's records, she printed out the forms for her Mum and Auntie to sign as next of kin. 11 pages were received after three months, including a guide to the abbreviations used, also available via the web-site:

<https://www.researchingww2.co.uk/ww2-abbreviations-acronyms/> (lengthy alphabetical list)

<https://www.greatwarforum.org/topic/201639-list-of-army-forms/>

Jack signed up with the Reconnaissance Corps: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reconnaissance_Corps and enlisted at Halleaths, near Lockerbie in Scotland: <https://canmore.org.uk/site/132666/cultybraggan-training-camp> Jack would have started his army career in one of those huts in 1941.

Page 3 of Jack's records gave a Notification of Impending Release giving him an exemplary report: "served with the Regimental Band ... extremely hard worker, conscientious and trustworthy ... expert handyman and a most honest and reliable worker." Catherine confirmed that these qualities have been passed down through the generations.

Catherine then started making a timeline of Jack's activities. On 22nd December 1944 he embarked for NWE (Northern Europe: Holland and France). As featured in the 1977 film "A Bridge Too Far", Operation Market Garden took place in the September before Jack went out in December:

<https://warfarehistorynetwork.com/article/the-bridges-at-nijmegen/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Market_Garden
https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/timeline/index_nonflash.shtml

Whilst researching, Catherine found a small diary among Jack's things covering this time. Jack played many concerts, tea dances, the Polar Bear Club in Nijmegen and became good friends with the families he was billeted with in Druten. Catherine produced a map showing Jack's tour of Europe 1944/5 from Catterick across to Holland and then back through northern France in March – over a 3-month period.

Catherine had stored Jack's wooden case in the attic. Many items were found inside – cap badges, dog tags, a sweetheart brooch and his medals: the France and Germany Star, the War Medal and the Defence Medal.

Also stored was a newspaper article, unfortunately undated. Catherine assumes it was possibly around demobilisation time in thanksgiving week October 1945 – the "Reconnaissance Corps' Versatile Band" would be playing and Jack had been given an excellent review of his xylophone duet and mention of his comedic Yorkshire Stories. It also mentioned that the band had played on the BBC Music While You Work programme but Catherine had no luck finding that after much searching. She also found two books helpful in filling in some of the background to Jack's war:

The British Reconnaissance Corps in World War II by Richard Doherty
Entertaining the Troops 1939-1945 by Kiri Bloom Walden

Jack worked in Elland, at Milton Smith Butcher, then Cassons Woollen Mill, Savile Road and at the Finishing Company, close to his home in South Lane.

Catherine showed photos of Jack playing the drums, accordion, piano, xylophone and the banjo. She had also found him billed on programmes as a comedian, "The Irrepressible Chappie" and that he "Will Entertain", not just as a musician.

Many band photographs were also in Jack's case, not just of The Dance Orchestra of the Reconnaissance Corps but also the Scots Greys Band that he transferred into on his return from Holland, and many more after the war:

The New Grafton Dance Band	Tunnies Accordion Band	Revels Band
Embassy Band	Celebrity Band	
Elland Silver Band	Crossley's	
Slaithwaite Band	New Mayfair Band (created by Jack)	

Jack also played at Peasholm Park, Scarborough with the dance band. Bands played on a platform out in the centre of the lake.

As mentioned in Jack's service record, he was an "expert handyman", and had a lot of interests. In his little bedroom he had a Scalextric set and a train set that he'd merged together. He also made miniature wooden items – a wishing well, a lighthouse and a gramophone; a miniature set of drums had disappeared over the years. He celebrated his 60th birthday on 26th August 1963 with a family party.

Catherine showed photos of 22 New Street, where Jack's Mother-in-Law lived, and 20 South Lane, where he lived for most of his life, and then a very special photo taken on the 11th August 1966 for Jack and Clara's Silver Wedding Anniversary. Catherine and her siblings spent many happy holidays with their grandparents in their caravan based, firstly, at Barkisland, then Skipsea, then Flamborough.

Jack died suddenly on the 5th May 1975, his obituary including most of the details already mentioned above about his life. He was also associated with the former St Paul's and Temperance Street Methodist Churches.

Catherine produced a lovely 4-generation descendant chart for Jack, with a photograph of him playing the drums in his Tunnies Band uniform as a backdrop.

What's Next to Research and Write Up?

- Jack's Great Grandma, Mary Elstub, had connections to the Brontë family;
- Jack's Grandad, Samuel, died in the workhouse; he never met his youngest daughter, and he was imprisoned for assault, debt and being a rogue/vagabond;
- Jack's Father, John William, was involved in the Honley gas explosion on Tuesday July 4th 1899 and Catherine has several newspaper articles about this already, and
- Jack's Uncle was a Chelsea Pensioner, Sargent Archer Banks, who served in both wars.

Plenty there for Catherine to get her teeth into!



The last of the Cotton Industry Jobs

(Many of these jobs were also done in the Woolen Industry, and probably in other textile industries too.)

Name of Job	Where Carried Out	Description
Weaver	Weaving Shed	Runs one or more looms to weave cloth. The more looms, the more money. Weaving is a very noisy operation, leaving many weavers deaf. Whether deaf or not, most weavers will have learned to lip-read since this is the only way to hold a conversation in the weaving shed. Making the lip movements without bothering to produce sound is known as "Mee-mawing".
Weft carrier	Weaving Shed	Another name for Bobbin carrier.
Winder	Winding Room	Either a Beamer, or someone who winds thread onto the spindles used in shuttles.

Volunteers Required.



One of the things that most voluntary organisations have difficulty with is finding volunteers to carry out tasks that are essential in making sure that matters run smoothly, for the benefit of the membership.

Our Society is no different, although we are very fortunate in being able to retain a committee, made up of volunteers, that is hard-working, experienced &, generally speaking, has the time to do what is needed.

However, none of the team are getting any younger & we have seen in at least 2 other Yorkshire FH Societies over recent years them having to close due to their officers becoming too old to continue & not being able to replace them. This problem can be reduced if we can involve more volunteers in the day-to-day running of the Society &, the more we have, the less each person has to do individually. It also means that we are likely to have more than one person capable of doing any job, thereby providing resilience in cover for those tasks.

Consequently, we have identified 3 roles within the Society that we would like to offer to volunteers. Each one does not require a huge time commitment & the operation of each is fairly straightforward. Only one task requires the volunteer to be resident in West Yorkshire, that of preparing Standard Folders for external events, & all work involved can be done from home. Full training will be available on a one-to-one basis with on-going liaison & support in your roles.

This article describes each role, together with an assessment of the time commitment that is likely.

Genfair monitoring. The Society trades with Genfair who channel the sale of downloads & membership applications via their platform through to our Society. All orders through Genfair come to the relevant volunteer who lists them, clears receipt through Genfair & checks the cash totals at the end of each month. This is necessary because :-

It is possible for orders to be missed, not cleared through Genfair & subsequently there is a mis-balance & we don't get paid.

All memberships received via Genfair need to go to the Membership Secretary, so this role forwards them. We used to have them sent directly from Genfair, but then the Membership Secretary got stuff that he didn't want/need (eg downloads) so we thought it best to funnel everything through one person.

The Treasurer needs a summary of what Genfair are going to pay us each month, broken down into various categories. This is a by-product of the recording system, so is easily done, but still needs doing.

Overall, it is only a few minutes each day &, apart from April (the start of the financial year) not even every day, plus (say) 15 minutes at the end of the month – unless there is a mis-balance when, obviously, it take a bit more time to sort out.

Clearing Spam from E-mail accounts. For various technical reasons, E-Mails to CFHS E-Mail accounts that are picked up as Spam are not shown to the account holder. This means that, over time, contents of the Spam folder can build up. A “clearance” job is needed on a regular basis (typically every week) which involves :-

Logging into the accounts using a simple piece of software

Ensuring that there are no bona-fide E-Mails in the Spam folder by mistake.

If so, they should be transferred into the appropriate In Box.

Deleting all E-Mails from each account’s Spam folder.

This takes less than 10 minutes each Friday &, in truth, doesn’t need doing every week, although it is preferable to do it weekly. We would rely on the volunteer doing this task having integrity as they can then access all E-mail folders on volunteer’s E-Mail accounts (ie all CFHS Accounts – not personal ones).

Preparing the “Standard Folder” for external events. On the occasions that we go to external events, typically fairs, we take with us standard documents which, historically, are held in a standard “folder”. So, before any event, the following has to be prepared :-

Decide what we need to have available for that event, in terms of paperwork to hand out, generally in conjunction with the volunteer organising CFHS’s presence, the Society Publication Officer.

Check that all leaflets etc. are up-to-date &, if not, liaise with the Systems Coordinator (holder of the master copies) to update them & produce new copies.

Produce & compile sufficient quantities of hand-outs, sometimes contained within a folder & ensure that they go to the Society volunteer organising CFHS’s presence.

This is only an occasional job as the Society, currently, only attends one external fair each year – in October. Expenses will be available to pay for any materials used – typically paper.

All these tasks can be carried out with basic IT equipment – ie a lap-top/tablet, with Microsoft Office software, E-mail ability & internet access. You will be given a CFHS E-Mail address so that there will be no need to use your own personal address.

If you feel that you could fulfil any of these roles, please contact our Chairman, Peter Lord, at chairman@cfhsweb.com Full Job Descriptions will be available for you to look at before making a final decision.

WHY ON EARTH DID MY PARENTS CALL ME THAT??

Duncan Mitchell

Back in 2019, I started a project which involved finding what businesses were around in Halifax town centre 100 years before, i.e. 1919, and who were the people who worked in them. One of the more interesting names I came across was the manager of the Victoria Temperance Hotel in Horton Street, one Mazzini Eccles. I was intrigued, to say the least, by the apparent blend of Italy and Northern England. But, when the project was scuppered by covid, I thought no more about it - until, that is, I started researching my wife's tree and found, to my delight, that he was related to her. And if you ever feel that your parents burdened you with a strange name, then read on and thank your lucky stars.

So, the architect of this compendium of strange names was David Eccles. He was the third son of Isaac Eccles, and was born in Brook Grains, Barkisland. Thanks to his family attending a baptist chapel (Roadside Chapel in Rishworth), we have a birth date; 20 June 1824, rather than a baptism. Like many other local people in the first half of the 19th century, he and his family migrated from a rural area to an industrial one; in David's case this was Sowerby Bridge, where he worked as a woollen piece maker. He was there in 1848, when he married Priscilla (think that's strange? You ain't seen nothing yet) Whiteley in Halifax on New Years Day. David and Priscilla settled at Woodbine Cottage, Washer Lane Bottom in Skircoat. They went on to have six children, all baptised at Sowerby Bridge Christ Church. In age order, these are:-

Joseph Eccles, born 07 April 1848. So far, so normal. He married a shoemaker's daughter, Mary Jane Crawshaw in 1870, and, apart from a brief sojourn in Butterworth, Lancashire 1878-1882, they spent their lives in Sowerby Bridge and had eight children. These included Amy Emily, my wife's great grandmother, in 1890, and (here we go) Roderick Charles Mazzini Eccles in 1872. Now, at some point after 1848, David and Priscilla clearly got fed up of boring names. So, in 1853, along came:-

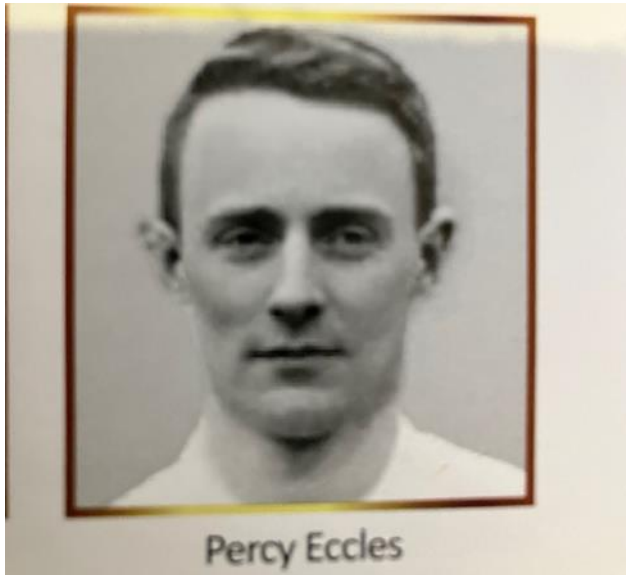
Roderick Eccles (1853-1909). Now you might think that Roderick isn't so strange a name, but in 19th century Halifax it was as rare as hen's teeth – I've not seen the name outside the Eccles family. I suspect Roderic (the spelling he favoured in adulthood) may have been named after Sir Roderick Impey Murchison, a prominent geologist and director general of the British Geological Survey in the 1850s. Our Roderic had a fairly interesting life, to say the least. He started life as an engine fitter, and on 08 August 1874 married Emily Stansfield at Halifax St John. Sadly, Emily died less than 18 months later, after which Roderic seems to have led a nomadic existence. In 1881 he is described as a lodger at the L&Y (?Lancashire & Yorkshire) Hotel, Butterworth, Lancashire, the same town that brother Joseph lived for a short time in the 1870/80s. Fascinatingly, Roderic's occupation is given as a musician. Perhaps he made his living entertaining the hotel's guests. In 1891 he was a boarder at the Man & Scythe Inn in Bolton, where once again he is described as a musician. At some point between 1891 and 1901 he married a lady called Sadia, but I haven't found a record. In the late 1890s he spent some time in the USA, returning from New York in February 1899, and it may be that he met and married Sadia there. By 1901, he had settled down with his wife at Lodge View, Bolton, and was a professor of music, no less, working from home. Possibly he gained his qualification, if genuine, during his time in America. He was still in Bolton when he died in 1909, but interestingly was buried back in Halifax at King Cross St Pauls.

David and Priscilla's next child was our old friend Mazzini Isaac Eccles (1855-1929). We can be fairly confident that he was named after Giuseppe Mazzini, a 19th century revolutionary from Genoa whose aim was a united Italy, and whose actions must have gained the admiration of the Eccles clan. Mazzini started his working life as a grocery assistant, but as noted previously, he rose to become manager of the Victoria Temperance Hotel, 31 Horton Street, Halifax, where he is recorded in the 1910s and 1920s. It may be relevant that he was a freemason at the de Warren Lodge, Blackwall, Halifax, which may have helped his career.



Victoria Hotel, pictured in 1931 after Halifax RLFC's cup win.
Photo courtesy of Andrew Hardcastle

In 1876 he married Mary Ann Hamer at King Cross St Pauls, and they had six children, though two died young. Of the children that survived to adulthood, two in particular are worth a note. Firstly, Arthur Percy Eccles (1883-1955), who went by his middle name, was a winger with Halifax Rugby League club during the first decade of the 20th century, a very successful period for the club. He went on to make 145 appearances, scoring 91 tries, a prodigious total in an era when tries were thin on the ground, and one which still puts him in the club's all time top 20 try scorers. In addition, he gained international honours against New Zealand in 1907. In 1909 he married Louie Eccles, his first cousin, and later served his country in the first world war.



The other of Mazzini's children worth noting is his youngest son, James Leslie Mazzini Eccles (clearly the name stuck!), born 1893. Like older brother Percy, James played rugby for Halifax, though only in the reserve team, and later fought in the war. Tragically, he died in Belgium on 12 July 1917; a memoriam for him appeared in the Halifax Evening Courier later that month.



Halifax Evening Courier
Memoriam for James

In 1858 David and Priscilla had another son, who they blessed with the name Major Wallis Eccles. Just to be clear, Major was his first name, not a military rank awarded to an infant prodigy. He was almost certainly named after Major James Wallis, a famous British Army officer who died in the same year, 1858. Compared to some of his siblings, Major seems to have had a more low key life. He was a woollen piece maker by the time he reached his teens, and went on to become a brass finisher. In 1881 he married Clara Amelia Pickles (see below!) at Halifax St Johns, and they had four children before Clara died in 1898. Major then married Eliza Jane Haste later that year. Major's eldest child was daughter Louie, who went on to marry her cousin Percy – see above. Major named his youngest son Roderic, just to continue the family tradition. Major moved to Thornton, Bradford, where he was in 1891, and then West Bowling, Bradford (1901) before his death in 1907.

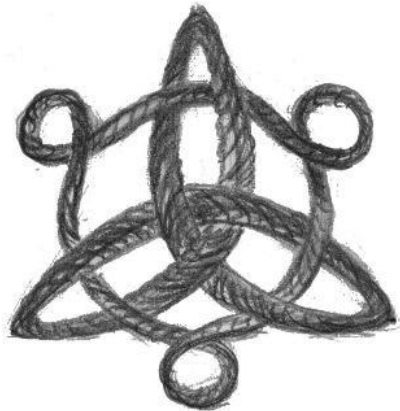
David's only daughter was born in 1861, but only lived until just before her first birthday. She was given the name Mineretta. Unfortunately, neither Dr Google or I have been able to come up with the inspiration for her name, so if anyone reading this can help, I'd be delighted. As you might expect, her name was spelt many different ways in official records; I've used the version which comes up on google. Mineretta was buried back in the old family stumping ground at Roadside Baptist Chapel, Rishworth.

Last, but certainly not least, was Arthur Willie Veritas Eccles (1862-1944). Veritas was the old Roman virtue of truthfulness, to which all Romans were meant to aspire. As will be seen, Arthur himself didn't always manage it. He started life as a woollen spinner, and in 1880 he married Emma Musgrave. The marriage has all the hallmarks of a shotgun wedding. Emma was heavily pregnant (the resultant daughter, born three months later, was called Mineretta – old habits died hard in the Eccles family). They were married in Rochdale, where neither family had any known connections; he was 17, and she was 18. Witnesses were Emma's father Atack Musgrave (with or without shotgun) and soon to be sister in law Clara Amelia Pickles. Even more intriguingly, in the 1881 census, months after his wedding, Arthur is living with his parents at Woodbine Cottage and is recorded as unmarried; at the same time his wife Emma and daughter Mineretta were living with Atack Musgrave in Gomersal! By 1891 Arthur, Emma and their children were living as a family, though Arthur added two years to his age for the census, and also did so in 1901 and 1911. In 1891 he had a grocery store at 32 Stainland Road, West Vale, Halifax. In 1898 he appears at the same address and business in Kelly's West Riding Directory, but by 1901 he was the owner of a steam laundry business in Portland Street, Elland. This was to remain his occupation until at least 1939, when he was recorded as a company director there. Youngest daughter Lottie Ellen was a clerk at the laundry in 1901 and later became manageress. Like his brother Mazzini, Arthur was a mason at the de Warren lodge in Blackwall, and lived for many years at Milton Street, Halifax. He also had a surprise for us in 1934. Wife Emma died in June of that year, and Arthur had remarried within three months, to a Rosina May Grocott.



Portland Street, Elland in the 1950s. Photo courtesy Malcolm Bull/Calderdale Companion

All in all, a very interesting family, with names to match. Think twice about your children's names!



Summer Hybrid Meetings

The Maurice Jagger Centre
Lister Street
Winding Road
Halifax
HX1 1UZ

Admission: Free

For more information, visit <http://www.cfhsweb.com>
(Calderdale Family History Society)

25th July @ 7.30pm (repeat 31st July @ 9.00am)
Heroes & Ghosts
Michael Hallett (Virtual Presentation)

Heroes & Ghosts is the story of Michael's grandfather, Wing Commander Harold Blackburn MC AFC, a pioneer aviator before World War I and war hero. After the war, scandal struck the family and plunged it into shame for three generations. Along the way, his story was lost, his memorabilia buried for decades.

Michael's presentation brings the story of his amazing career to life through the recognition of unconscious shame affecting multiple generations. Shame affects the way memories are carried in a family, both in terms of what is remembered - *or allowed to be remembered* - and in terms of what mementos survive.

Researching such events requires a softer approach than conventional, data-driven genealogy. While telling this story Michael shares tips and techniques that are useful for all genealogists and family historians.

22nd Aug @ 7.30pm (repeat 28th Aug @ 9.00am)
Hartshead, its peoples & environs
Margot Atherton – CFHS Member (Live Presentation)

The Yorkshire village of Hartshead has pre-Norman origins and is derived from the Viking name Herteshvet or Hill of Heart. For more than 900 years village life has centred on the church of St. Peter's and it's the history of the church and the many links it has with her ancestors that Margot will initially explore.

Margot will then move on to discuss the church's association with the Brontë family, which will be followed by the historical importance of the Anglo-Saxon Walton Cross and Sepulchre quaker burial ground, both of which are located nearby.

In conclusion, Margot will present a historical overview of the village and, in particular, the history surrounding Roe Head and Kirklees Hall, which of course is the final resting place of a famous folk hero!

**26th Sep @ 7.30pm (repeat 2nd Oct @ 9.00am)
DNA Q&A - I know who I am, thanks to DNA
Graham Farmer – H&DFHS Member (Live Presentation)**

The presentation and discussion will share information in simple and understandable terms on the use of DNA in family history research. DNA analysis is not a magic bullet, but it can break down walls when combined with traditional research methods.

Graham uses examples from his own research, combining the common autosomal Ancestry DNA and more specific y-DNA testing to identify his paternal Great-Great-Grandfather, which led him to some very interesting geographical surprises!

Questions in advance from members would be welcome, although it may not be possible to go into great detail on specific individuals – the questions will, however, be used as a guide to further discussion. (Questions? email: publicity@cfhsweb.com)

In common with many CFHS members, Graham is not a biologist or DNA specialist but an active family history researcher ideally qualified to introduce the huge potential offered by DNA analysis.

If you are not already registered for virtual meetings, you need to install Zoom on to your computer, I-Pad or other device. This can easily be downloaded from <https://zoom.us/download> – hopefully anyone who needs help with this has a relative (usually a grandchild !!) who can do the business. If all else fails, get in touch with us at

systems@cfhsweb.com <<mailto:systems@cfhsweb.com>>

Once installed, just E-Mail our Membership Secretary at membsec@cfhsweb.com <<mailto:membsec@cfhsweb.com>> & ask to be registered for the on-line meeting. Once this has been done, you will be sent details (known as “Participants’ Protocol”) to help you get the best from every meeting.

USEFUL CONTACTS AND SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING WEST YORKSHIRE ANCESTORS

West Yorkshire Archive Service ~ www.archives.wyjs.org.uk (*This can be a good place to start to access the West Yorkshire Archive Catalogue*)

Calderdale District Archives, (Registers, BTs, Census, etc. etc.)

Calderdale Central Library, Square Road, Halifax HX1 1QG

Tel: +44 (0) 1135 350 151 e-mail calderdale@wyjs.org.uk

Calderdale Central Reference Library (address as above) Tel: +44 (0) 1422 392 630
e-mail reference.library@calderdale.gov.uk (*local studies collection, newspapers, maps, trade directories, IGI, GRO indexes, census and parish register fiche, on-line Familysearch and Ancestry; research service offered*).

WYAS Wakefield Office, WY History Centre, 127 Kirkgate, Wakefield, WF1 1JG

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Tel. 0113 535 0142. email : wakefield@wyjs.org.uk

Details of where to find us and our opening times are available on our website:

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The Borthwick Institute ~ www.york.ac.uk/inst/bihrl/ (*Peculiar + PCY wills, BT's etc.*)

University of York, Heslington, YORK YO10 5DD

Tel: +44 (0) 1904 321 166 email ~ link on website

Weaver to Web ~ www.calderdale.gov.uk/wtw/ The council maintains a website with a miscellany of information from the archives (*a wide range of photos, maps, census returns, parish registers, poll books, wills, etc., have been digitised to view online*).

Malcolm Bull's Calderdale Companion ~ <http://www.calderdalecompanion.co.uk>

(*Large collection of trivia, miscellaneous facts of people and places and other bits of local history about Halifax and Calderdale*).

All the Parish records transcribed by the Society are available to search (for a fee) on **FindMyPast.co.uk** (*In addition there are many other records available to search*)

West Yorkshire Parish Registers have been put online (for a fee) by the West Yorkshire Archives Service which can be accessed on **Ancestry.co.uk**. (*Again, many other useful records, for a fee*)

www.familysearch.org

(*Thousands of records for free including the IGI and some census data*). LDS Family History Centres are invaluable for 'distance research'. Check local telephone directories.

The National Archives ~ www.nationalarchives.gov.uk (*a wealth of data arising from public records, including BMD's, census and much much more*).

Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU Tel: +44 (0) 208 876

www.direct.gov.uk/gro is the website of the general register office for everything concerning civil registration and to order certificates.

Consider subscribing to a periodical such as Family Tree Magazine or BBC's Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine. Online sites such as **GenesReunited** and **LostCousins** may help you find relatives researching the same family.

LOCAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIRS etc Forthcoming Events of Interest

The London Group of Yorkshire Family History Societies

Our forthcoming meetings:

At the moment, all meetings held by Zoom, starting at 10.30, with the room open from 10. In addition, there are also free monthly social meetings.

Our Website

The blog is at <http://yorkslondongroup.tumblr.com/>. Contributions always welcome!

Contact Ian at lgyfhs@virginmedia.com for more information.

Family History Federation

(was Federation of Family History Societies)

<https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>

This site has a wealth of links to events & information of interest to family historians.

Oxfordshire FHS Family History Fair

Saturday 26th October 10am – 4pm

Free entry, free parking

Refreshments available (until 3.15 pm)

Cherwell School (North), Marston Ferry Road, Oxford, OX2 7EE

Wheelchair and child friendly

For more information including advice on how to get to the fair visit:

www.ofhs.uk/fair2024

email: fair@ofhs.uk

Tel: OFHS Helpline: 01865 358151

Huddersfield & District Family History Society

If you have ancestors in the Kirklees area, which covers the towns of Huddersfield, Dewsbury, Batley, Holmfirth and surrounding villages, then why not contact our Society for help and advice.

We have a research room at **the Root Cellar, 33A Greens End Road, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5NW** and we are open at the following times on these days:

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm
Tuesday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm
Wednesday:	10 am to 12.30 pm	2 pm to 4.30 pm
Thursday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm
Friday:	10.30 am to 1.00 pm	
Saturday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm

Our telephone number is 01484 859229 and details of all our activities and how to join can be found at www.hdfhs.org.uk. You can also find us on Twitter and Facebook by searching for 'Huddersfield Family History Society'.

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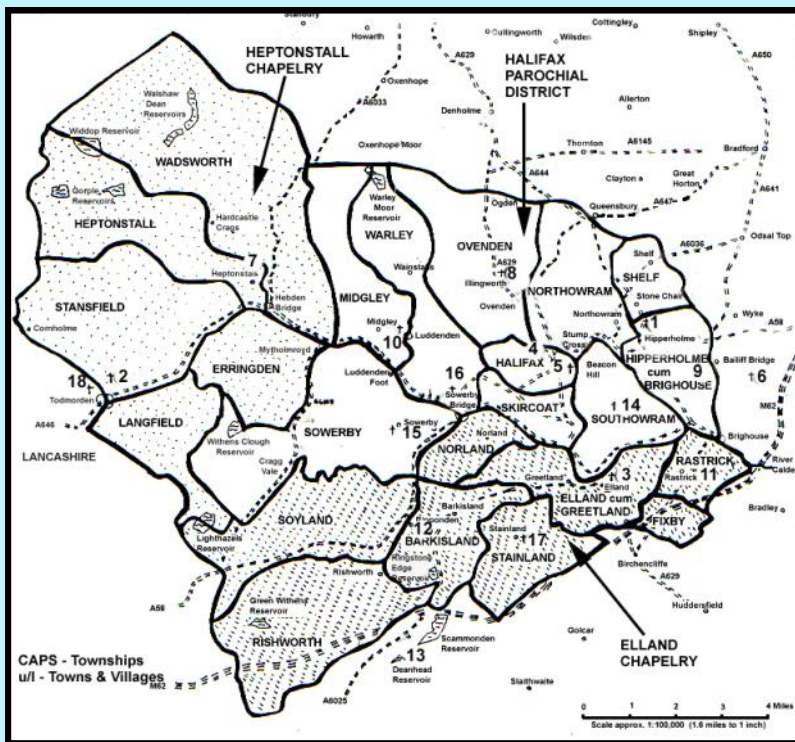
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CHURCH/CHAPEL	Registers begin	BAP. MAR.**	BUR.
1. COLEY	St. John	1735 1745	1734
2. CROSS STONE	St. Paul	1678 1837	1678
3. ELLAND	St. Mary**	1559 1559	1559
4. HALIFAX	St. James (inc St Mary Rhodes St 1953)	1832 1837	nk
5. HALIFAX	St. John**	1538 1538	1538
6. HARTSHEAD	St. Peter	1612 1612	1612
7. HEPTONSTALL	St. Thomas**	1599 1593	1599
8. ILLINGWORTH	St. Mary	1695 1697	1695
9. LIGHTCLIFFE	St. Matthew	1703 1704	1704
10. LUDDENDEN	St. Mary	1653 1661	1653
11. RASTRICK	St. Matthew	1719 1839	1798
12. RIPPENDEN	St. Bartholomew	1684 1686	1684
13. SCAMMONDEN WITH MILLHEAD	St. Bartholomew	1746 1886	1746
14. SOUTHOWRAM	St. Anne	1813 1838	1818
15. SOWERBY	St. Peter	1668 1711	1643
16. SOWERBY BRIDGE	Christ Church	1709 1730	1821
17. STAINLAND	St. Andrew	1782 1844	1783
18. TODMORDEN	St. Mary/Christ Church	1678 1669	1666

**Following Hardwicke's Marriages Act of 1754, Banns and Marriages will only be found in the registers of these churches. After 1837 they lost their monopoly of marriages.

CALDERDALE FHS

Publications & Services

Current at June 2024

Note that CFHS members can now access much of our data on-line through the Members' Area on the Society website

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**Prices quoted are for standard purchase—they may vary under certain conditions.
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PARISH REGISTERS.

All products for the Main Calderdale Churches contain Baptisms, Marriages & Burials & are indexed & searchable. Other church products may not contain all types.

Main Calderdale Churches—Downloadable Files

St. John's, Halifax BMDs Pre 1812	1754-1812 (Mar), 1767-1812 (Bap/Burs)	£8.50
St. John's, Halifax BMDs Post 1812	1813-1837 (Mar) to 1861 (Bur)-1838 (Bap)	£8.50
St. Mary's, Elland BMDs	1558-1838 (Marrs) to 1843 (Burs) to 1850 (Bap)	Price £10.50
St. Thomas, Heptonstall BMDs Pre 1812	1594-1812 Baps, Marrs & Burs	£13.00
St. Thomas, Heptonstall BMDs Post 1812	To 1850 (Baps/Burs), to 1837 (Mars)	£7.00

Other Calderdale Churches—Downloadable Files

Coley St. John	1734-1902 (Bap), 1749-1753 (Mar) & 1734 -1902 (Bur)	£5.00
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Other Calderdale Parishes (1)	includes the following churches	£5.00
	- Cragg Vale St John Bapts 1813 to 1912 Burs 1815 to 1867	
	- Halifax Holy Trinity Bapts 1832 to 1894 Burs 1798 to 1857	
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	- Stainland St Andrew Bapts 1782 to 1840 Burs 1785 to 1840	
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Stainland, Providence Chapel	1	Stainland Wesleyan	4
Todmorden, Christ Church	2	Todmorden, Cross Stones St Pauls	2
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