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### **The Editor writes .....**

A great weekend was had by all who attended the anniversary. Enormous thanks go to the committee and others who made the whole event possible.

The March edition will have all the information for the AGM and the June edition is a sports themed one - did your ancestors play in one of the first cricket league's in the country here in Bradford, or are you a Rugby League descendant? Deadline is Monday 6th February please.

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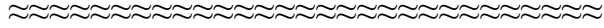
Over the weekend not only did we have excellent talks and workshops, but a fascinating walk around Bradford thankfully in the sun on Sunday morning. In the Aldersgate Sports Hall and meeting rooms we had maps, the church database, a library, displays of all kinds, books to buy and some to give away, as well as several information sheets. Everyone received a Goody Bag containing well goodies. Then we had food – lots and lots of food – I can guarantee no one went home hungry.

One of the most successful ideas (thank you Maureen Logan) that we had,



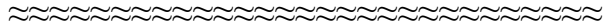
was to ask people to bring family trees we could pin up for all to see. You had a good dozen of these, two of which led to strangers seeing a connection and who could be seen thereafter in serious conversation and friendship.

The dinner was amazing and I have to apologise for the ‘top table’ being very loud when laughing. I had a really enjoyable evening and Lesley Ellis talk on ‘Back in Time for Tea’ was just the right thing to end a splendid day. We even had two gentlemen dressed in bow ties and dinner jackets – very posh. So, for our 50<sup>th</sup> .....



Onto a completely different topic - over the summer, the committee discussed the numbers of meeting attendees since the end of the Lockdowns. Zoom attendees averaged 22 but the numbers attending face to face meetings averaged 10, with the numbers going down to 5 during the summer. We also recognise that many people do not want to venture out into the centre of Bradford in the evening. Therefore, the committee decided to change things around in 2023. We do realise that this may mean some members cannot attend when they may wish to, but we cannot in reality have meetings at the Mechanics with so few attendees.

So, from January 2023 **all** evening meetings will be Zoom only. The morning meeting will be a mixture of Hybrid (Zoom and Face/Face) and just Face to Face. We have also decided to **not** have meetings during the summer months of July and August, either morning or evening. The new programme will obviously reflect this. Any comments will be appreciated and this arrangement will be reviewed for 2024 and changed if necessary. Nothing is ever set in concrete!



Please do get in touch by email, phone or letter if you have questions or need further information. I always love hearing from and talking to members whatever the reason. (4097)



**Relatively Speaking**  
**Ken Kenzie**

It was said that -

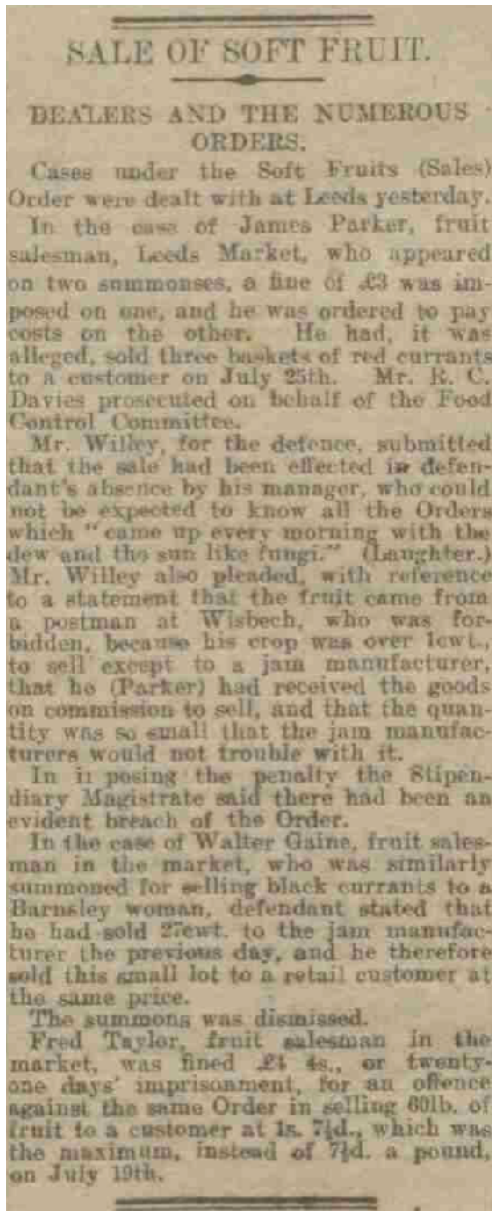


“Billy Mutton, named after his grandad William, had a sister called Miriam, whose friend Alice Sutton, had an older brother Charlie who was a mate of Nathan Lutton . The strange thing is that they were all ginger haired.”  
 Which ‘One-name’ society should they all join?  
 Clue – not Redhead, but - How useful to them or not - is the above?  
 The answer is to be found between the lines.

.....



## In Trouble John Parker



Let me introduce you to some of my ancestors, James Parker , my great grandfather, James junior, my grand uncle, and Fred Parker, my grandfather, trading as fruit and potato merchants in Leeds in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

James junior was employed as a salesman until he was experienced to take over the running when father James retired to live in Harrogate. Fred came to Bradford and traded in the wholesale market here, later opening as a retailer in 1907 in the original Rawson Market.

James Parker was in trouble in Leeds for selling three baskets of red currants which contravened some obscure regulation that it was part of a consignment that should have gone to a jam manufacturer. But the part that James's sold was too small to be of interest to a jam manufacturer.



James didn't seem to do too badly after all. Here is a photo sent to my aunt of his daughter in law, Clara nee Smith, at the wheel of one of the first ten cars to be registered in Leeds, a Peugeot in 1905.

# A Family Affair

Liz Wright

Britain is a nation of shopkeepers, (at least that is what Napoleon is reputed to have said, although it's doubtful he did) and when I discovered that the theme of the next Bod-kin was to be shops, I thought I could contribute something since I know from childhood memories that there are shopkeepers in my family. However, I discovered, thanks to my research and that of my sister-in-law, that in fact I come from a family of shopkeepers on all sides of my tree – the Crabtrees, the Coldrons, the Turners and the Hodgsons.

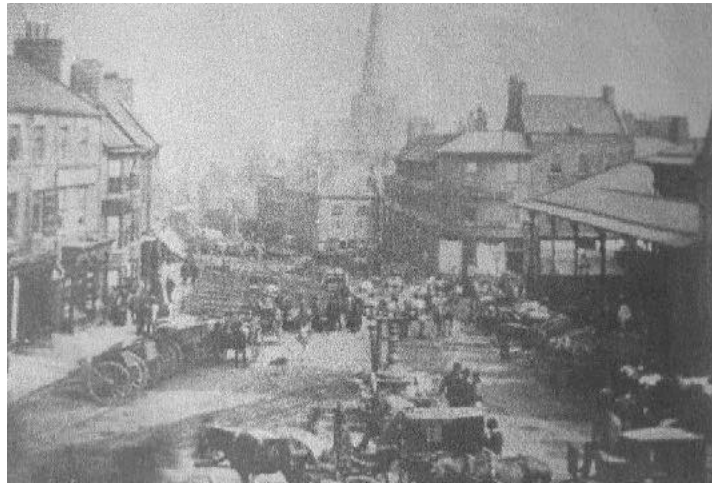
I first came across John Coldron, my paternal great grandfather, in the 1881 census where his employment was that of provision dealer. Ten years previously he had been a domestic gardener, so he perhaps felt that it was better to sell than grow the produce. He was living at 731 Bolton Road with his wife, Caroline (also listed as a provision dealer) and his five children – Harry, Mary, Sarah, George, and Percy. I'm not sure where he was selling his provisions, possibly the shop was at 731 but as the building no longer exists, it is difficult to tell.

Ten years later he was still on Bolton Road, but this time at number 843, still listed as a provision dealer, although his wife was not and there had been an addition to the family, my grandmother Rose. 1901 saw him at 86 Horton Grange Road and he had retired at the ripe old age of 54 – provision dealing was obviously quite lucrative. His sons Harry (32) and George (20) had taken over the business, which had become more specific in that they were in the fish and fruit trade. This went on to include game and more members of the family became dealers in fish, fruit and game. In 1911 Percy had taken over the business on Horton Grange Road and John was now working for him. Retirement was perhaps more boring than he had thought it would be, or he was finding it difficult to make ends meet. Both Harry and George continued to be fish, fruit and game dealers but they had moved from the family shop to premises of their own. Harry was working from a shop at his home at 206 Keighley Road, Frizinghall, but I cannot find out where George was working, he was living at 112 Arncliffe Terrace, but not dealing from there.

The family continued to be fish, fruit and game dealers and this is where some childhood memories come in. My grandmother lived at 60 Horton Grange Road and when we visited, I can remember going down to the shop and seeing all the game hung up outside – rabbits, hares and pheasants. The shop is still there but is now a hair stylist.

The Crabtrees too were shopkeepers, making the move from wool combing to shopkeeping, which seems a bit of a leap and not in Bradford either. My great, great, great grandfather, Joseph Crabtree, was a wool comber living in Shipley, but left sometime between 1806 and 1811 for Darlington. In spite of extensive research, my sister-in-law has been unable to find out why or exactly when. But he surfaced in Darlington, marrying Margaret French in November

1811. Numerous children, some of whom survived, followed the marriage and if not wool combing, how did Joseph support this growing family? In the Trade Directory of 1827, he is listed under Shopkeepers and Flour Dealers with his trading address given as 19 Tubwell Row.



*Tubwell Row, Darlington*

Initially a tenant, Joseph bought the property, which consisted of a front dwelling and tenanted buildings to the rear, in 1839 for £520. The yard in which these buildings were situated became known as Crabtree Yard. After the death of his wife Margaret, his daughter Ann moved in to help him run the shop and after his death in 1860, she and her husband, John Armstrong, a grocer, continued to run it until John's death in 1866. The Darlington adventure ended with Ann's death in 1899. But was that the end of the Crabtrees as shopkeepers? In effect it was and it wasn't. Some links with retail were maintained since my grandfather Frank Armstrong Crabtree was working in a jewellers in 1901 and as a retail hosier's manager in 1911, but in 1921 he was in the same business as his in-laws, but not working for them. He was a fish and game dealers' assistant working for Padget and Norfolk, Fish and Game Dealers at 206 Keighley Road in Bradford. Interestingly, that is the address where Harry Coldron lived and worked in 1911. Had he sold out to Padget and Norfolk? Probably, because in the 1921 census he was living in the Isle of Man, working as a self-employed gardener, following in his father's footsteps.

Let's now look at the maternal side of my tree, at the Turners and Hodgsons. Both sides were pawnbrokers\* and again I have some childhood memories. My great grandfather, John Lobley Turner, was a pawnbroker's assistant, living at 7 Southend Street in Bradford in 1881.

\*Find my Past offers this definition from the Ministry of Labour's 1921 dictionary:

Pawnbroker; Is licensed under pawnbrokers act, 1872, to lend money, ten pounds or less, at a rate of interest fixed by the act on security of goods pledged

to him; himself disposes of pledges of ten shillings value or less upon lapse of period prescribed in act, usually by direct sale; sends other pledges to qualified auctioneer, with option of buying-in; often also conducts retail shop, close to a shopkeeper, retail (770), handling furniture, clothing, jewellery, etc., according to locality.

Why he became a pawnbroker is a mystery, since his father, Jonathan, was a woollen weaver and quite often at that time sons followed their fathers into the same trade, but he was a pawnbroker all his life and made a very nice living out of it, moving rapidly from being an assistant to an employer. The main shop seems to have been at 30 Sticker Lane in Bradford, although it has since disappeared. Why I say that he made a nice living out of it, is that in 1902, whilst still living on Sticker Lane, he bought Smalewell Hall in Pudsey for £675 (plus several other houses on Smalewell Road) and it was from there that my grandmother Phoebe, married my grandfather Joseph Hodgson, a pawnbroker's assistant, presumably assistant to John Lobley; it seems to be a clear case of marrying the boss's daughter.



The account of the wedding in the Pawnbroker Gazette and Trade Circular shows it to have been a very lavish affair, with very generous gifts such as a dining room suite and rosewood piano. Joseph and Phoebe lived in Rock House on Smalewell Road, one of John Lobley's properties. They were still there in 1911 before moving to 540 Manchester Road, where Joseph set up home and shop as a pawnbroker. The shop is still there but is now offering holistic therapies. And this is where memories can let you down. We visited the shop when I was a little girl, but

*Smalewell Hall, Pudsey*

in my memory, it was at the bottom of Manchester Road, but 540 is much nearer the top. I have no recollection of the shop itself but remember the living accommodation as very gloomy, or so it seemed to a small child.

So, in a region where one can reasonably expect quite a few of one's ancestors to be textile workers, I find that I am descended from a tribe of 19<sup>th</sup> century shopkeepers on all sides of the family.

## **Bradford Flower Fund Homes**

**John Parker**

My father Herbert Parker was very friendly with Ernest Marriott, founder of the Bradford Flower Fund Homes. Ernest rose from a humble beginning to become the chairman of Brown Muff and Co. Ltd., the leading department store in Bradford, described by some as the Harrods of the north. Ernest's son Geoffrey and wife Helen were killed in a car accident returning from their honeymoon, and the number of floral tributes at the funeral reminded him of a scheme he had seen in Sweden to provide a more lasting tribute to everybody's family members.



He started the BFFH charity in 1957 so mourners could make a donation instead of flowers. It soon became very popular and funeral notices still frequently say 'family flowers only' with many charities inviting donations according to the choice of the family. In just over three years enough donations had been received to enable the first site to be developed on King's Road, Flower Bank. The BFFH has

eight sites of bungalows for the elderly around Bradford and I was invited on to the committee many years ago and attended regularly until recently. The bungalows and flats are all designed to be easy to maintain as no warden or care service is provided. There are many imitators who have started similar schemes in different locations. Keighley Flower Fund recently donated their properties to the BFFH bringing the total number of estates to ten, with 161 dwellings.

My parents Herbert and Mabel and my aunt Maude all made donations in their wills to the BFFH, and on a bungalow at Flower Hill in Heaton a plaque can be seen remembering the donation.



## **West Yorkshire Archive Service**

### **Sue Steel**

Can you help West Yorkshire Archives Services by sponsoring a box of the John Goodchild Collection? The collection is being held at the History Centre, Wakefield, WF1 1JG.

John Goodchild was a local historian and antiquarian who collected books, leaflets, photos etc. on Yorkshire from the 12<sup>th</sup> century to around 2017. In the collection there is (just to name a few examples):

- Poor Law Material
- Mining information on colliery life (diaries, photos, wage books)
- Textiles – employee information, sales information, bankruptcy and riot information
- Family and Estate Papers – Charles Waterton and Walton Hall; Newland and Bunny family; Heath Hall; Pilkington and Gaskell families
- Local Businesses – E P Shaw soda manufacturer; various grocers and publicans
- School and church records – deeds, photos

There are 3,200 boxes of information to examine, care for and catalogue. Although the West Yorkshire Archives do have an archivist to do this for a year, they need further help (it will take longer). Sponsorship costs from £10 to £20 per box for one year.

For further details please email [Archives@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:Archives@wyjs.org.uk) or phone 0113 5350142.  
<https://www.wyjs.org.uk/archive-service/our-collections/the-john-goodchild-collection/>

## Victorian Christmas Shopping

Ken Kenzie

We are able to gain a little insight into what was offer in Eccleshill, Bradford, from the 1893 November “Idle, Eccleshill and District Advertiser”, some 3.500 were freely distributed each month throughout the district. No hefty tome though – just a 20 inch by 14 inch folded sheet of newsprint published by Clegg & Co, Highfield Road, Idle. Clegg’s used half the back page to inform its readers that they were quite prepared to artistically execute the printing of one’s Ball Programmes, Menus, Wedding Stationery, and Mill and Office Stationery.

A “Feast of Fun” was promised at The Assembly Rooms on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> including tea at 4.30 with Artistes, ventriloquial sketches, Music and Mimicry Entertainment at 7.30 for 1/- (children under 12yrs. 6d). [November 11<sup>th</sup> was just another day in 1893.]

Among the locally available Boots, Hats, Flannelette Nighties, Baking essentials, Wines and Spirits, and usual Christmas goodies on offer in the adverts is a reminder that one could “Ask anywhere for GRANGE’S XXX MINT ROCK – it being the best made. A fact proved by its enormous and ever increasing popularity.” A reader may have wondered – if that was in fact the case – why advertise it so forcefully?

R.T. RANGE & SONS Manufacturing Confectioners of Eccleshill could also supply extra special Lime Fruit Tablets to any shop so desirous. Also on the front page an advert offering “A fine selection of Xmas presents” including all the latest novelties on sale at JAMES HUTTON, FANCY BAZAAR, Eccleshill. If taken seriously, the accompanying remark ‘See our stock, before purchasing elsewhere’ is hardly a sure-fire way of making a sale! Mr. HOLMES, Dental Surgeon of Idle guarantees a set of well-fitting dentures at prices ranging from half-a-crown (money) to half-a-guinea per tooth. Having one’s gnashers in fine fettle would set one up to take advantage of W. OLDFIELD. Butcher of Idle, who “Begs to thank his numerous Customers and Puclic generally for their patronage in the past and to inform them that he has now added Beef and Mutton to his business, and hopes by strict attention to merit, a share of your patronage.” A reader might wonder if his customers were dwindling because he hadn’t previously sold beef and mutton or were just bored of pork.

To counter the results of over excessive food intake GREENWOODS Chemists advertise Stomach Mixture in bottles at 1/- and 2/6d. ...Maybe that half-a-crown spent on a new tooth should have been saved for a large bottle from Greenwoods, Or even for the PURE DRUGS which could be had from them at store prices...

## Undercliffe Cemetery

Friends of Undercliffe Cemetery (namely Andrea and Steve Lightfoot) held a stand and display for us over the weekend which some members found really useful.

Speaking after we wondered if anyone had ancestors buried in the cemetery and if they had researched their lives further. If so, would you be willing to share this information with Friends of Undercliffe. They are building a database of stories of people (famous and not so famous) buried in the cemetery that they can share with researchers and visitors.

If you would like to share your stories, please let me know – [chairman@bradfordfhs.org.uk](mailto:chairman@bradfordfhs.org.uk)

Their website for more information is - <https://www.undercliffecemetery.co.uk/>







Photo of BFHS in 2019 taken by Sue Steel

## **Zoom Meetings**

Please can I remind everyone that the zoom link is sent out manually a couple of days before the meeting, plus the evening before (for morning meetings) or the afternoon before (evening meetings) each time. The link is sent from [chairman@bradfordfhs.org.uk](mailto:chairman@bradfordfhs.org.uk).

Be aware that the link may end up in your junk/spam mail instead of your inbox.

If anyone is having trouble attending a Zoom meeting and would like a 1:1 practise session, please do let me know. It is easy to set up and usually takes 10 minutes.

## **Christ Church Bradford** **John Parker**



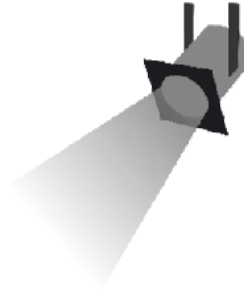
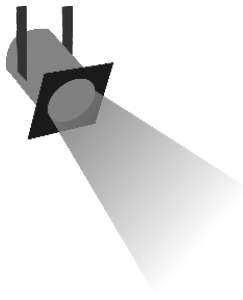
*Christ Church*

Christ Church was at the top of Darley Street, built 1815, and demolished in 1879 to make way for Upper Piccadilly to join Rawson Square and Manor Row.

Bradford's Medieval Fair ground (by Royal Charter 1292) remained in the church grounds until Christ Church was removed and Rawson Place took its place between 1876-88. Access was either from Duke St or Darley St. The medieval Fair ground was replaced with warehouses. Bradford Corporation paid £10k for the site.

A replacement church was built in Eldon Pace off Manningham Lane, where my grandparents Fred Parker and Sarah Sunderland were married in January 1883. This was demolished about 1940.





## SPOTLIGHT ON.....CEMETERIES

**Sue Steel**

There were many suggestions from members who attended the 40<sup>th</sup> weekend celebrations about articles for the Bod-Kin. These included general information on Bradford and the surrounding area such as where were the churches, cemeteries, boundaries, registration districts, poor law unions, details of the various areas of Bradford and more.

So, here is what I hope will be the first of a series of articles looking at these and maybe other subjects. If you have any suggestions or requests, please let me know – [chairman@bradfordfhs.org.uk](mailto:chairman@bradfordfhs.org.uk).



Although we didn't actually touch on this at the weekend, I do often get questions about municipal cemeteries in the Bradford area and where the records are held. Please note that Bradford Council is responsible for other cemeteries not mentioned here, namely in the Ilkley and Keighley areas, which are covered by Airedale & Wharfedale Family History Society. A full list is available on the Bradford Council website - <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/deaths/burials-and-cemeteries/>

So, in the area covered by Bradford FHS and in the main managed by Bradford Council there are:

<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>
Bowling	Rooley Lane, Bradford, BD5 8LD	1889

Clayton	Middle Lane, Clayton, Bradford, BD14 6DS	1928
Nab Wood	Bingley Road, Shipley, BD18 4BG	1895
North Bierley	Cemetery Road, Buttershaw, Bradford, BD6 2NG	1933
Pudsey**	Cemetery Road, Pudsey, LS28 7LX	1875
Queensbury	West End, Queensbury, Bradford, BD13 2AH	1905
Scholemoor	Necropolis Road, Bradford, BD7 2PS	1860
Thornton	Thornton Road, Bradford, BD13 3QB	1907
Tong	Tong Street, Bradford, BD4 6NB	1860
Undercliffe***	Undercliffe Lane, Bradford, BD3 0QD	1854
Wilsden	Shay Lane, Wilsden, BD15 0DJ	1922
Windhill	Owlet Road, Windhill, Shipley, BD18 2RJ	1835

\*\* Pudsey Cemetery is managed by Leeds Council and there is a Friends of Pudsey Cemetery - <http://www.pudseycenotaph.co.uk/friends-of-pudsey-cemetery--chapel.html> Details of burials maybe found at Leeds Local Studies Library, please contact them for details [localandfamilyhistory@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:localandfamilyhistory@leeds.gov.uk) or 0113 378 6982.

\*\*\* Undercliffe Cemetery land is owned by Bradford Council but the Cemetery is managed by the Friends of Undercliffe charitable Trust. Details of the burials can be found by contacting Friends of Undercliffe - <https://www.undercliffecemetery.co.uk/>

Quite a few really and of course the records and details can be found in a variety of places.

Bradford Family History Society has produced CDs / Downloads for Nab Wood, Nab Wood, Queensbury, Scholemoor and Undercliffe Cemeteries. These are available from links on our website and GenFair - [https://genfair.co.uk/search/?s\\_id=12&pc\\_id=&county=&is\\_download=&q=&sort=](https://genfair.co.uk/search/?s_id=12&pc_id=&county=&is_download=&q=&sort=)

Bradford Local Studies Library holds a Cemetery Database and from this you can see the cemetery plans and burial registers of the following cemeteries:

Cemetery	Dates Covered From	Dates Covered To
<b>Scholemoor Area</b>		
Bowling	June 1889	April 1997

Clayton	March 1928	January 1997
North Bierley	January 1903	April 1997
Queensbury	November 1905	April 1997
Scholemoor	June 1860	April 1997
Thornton	May 1907	April 1997
Tong Consecrated	May 1860	February 1997
Tong Unconsecrated	May 1862	August 1995
<b>Nab Wood Area</b>		
Bingley Public	August 1870	December 1980
Bingley Unconsecrated	July 1914	October 1960
Charlestown	September 1863	August 2002
Clayton	March 1928	January 1997
Goods Acre (Burley)	January 1873	May 2002
Menston	October 1927	September 2002
Nabwood	December 1894	July 1929
Wilsden	September 1922	September 2002
Windhill	November 1835	January 2002

I have included all the cemeteries in the database for completion. Be aware that some dates will be missed especially towards the end of date range. You need to know the date of death and ideally which cemetery in order to find the records for your ancestors. The database contains photos of the burial registers and they are not indexed or searchable.

Of course, you can also contain Bradford Council's Bereavement Services but searches will cost £12 per person - <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/deaths/family-history-searches/>

Other websites include:

The South Bradford Local History Alliance (SBLHA) website covers some of North Bierley Cemetery - [www.sblha.com](http://www.sblha.com)

Their sister website Calverley Info covers Pudsey Cemetery and Windhill - [www.calverley.info](http://www.calverley.info)

A volunteer led website Billiongraves.com contains many photos of headstones in various cemeteries. You need to register (free) and the search for your names. If the photo is not there you can request a photo and fingers crossed, a volunteer will take a photo for you. Our cemeteries are currently

covered apart from Clayton, Queensbury and Windhill. The website also covers churchyards and most of the UK.

www.findagrave.com can be useful as well and includes memorials from all the cemeteries in our area and many of the churchyards. This website covers the UK and many other countries including USA and Australia.

There are other websites that may be of use (if not know, in the future) – www.deceasedonline.com which is a subscription site and www.gravestonephotos.com.

Finally, as a member you are automatically a member of our Link Scheme. So, if you cannot get to Bradford, cannot find your ancestors headstone and would like a photo, you can ask us to try for you. We do need the exact place and cemetery of the grave, plus don't forget many graves do not have headstones or they can be very overgrown.

Each of the cemeteries is unique in its own right. Undercliffe and Scholemoor are both vast Victorian cemeteries and well worth a visit and a walk around. Friends of Undercliffe Cemetery hold regular walks throughout the year (payable). Nab Wood and Scholemoor are working crematoriums and so maybe busy at any time of year.

I know Nab Wood and Windhill cemeteries personally (many family members and ancestors are buried there). Windhill was once a Wesleyan Methodist Burial Ground which allowed the local Anglican church (Christchurch, Windhill) to use the ground for their burial area. In 1963 it became a municipal burial ground for the area under Shipley Urban District Council. Unfortunately, many of the headstones were vandalised several times in the past, leaving just a grassed area. This is where my paternal grandfather, Jack Raistrick, was buried in a corner plot but with a small wooden cross that was never replaced.

A photograph of a handwritten cemetery record card. The card is divided into columns for name, location, and dates. The entry for Jack Raistrick is as follows:

3629	JJ	225	Wm. Raistrick	Windhill	80	25-1-55	26-1-55
			Jack Raistrick	Windhill	48	10-2-55	14-2-55
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Windhill Cemetery Record

Finally, remember these are burials. Details of cremations are only available through Bradford Bereavement Services or in local newspapers (as of course are burials). (4097)

## **Confectioner's Shop in Thornton – what did it sell?**

**Brenda Staines**

This is a story about my great-great grandfather, a Thornton man, Nathan Driver born 1839, but probably more about his second wife Mary who, I think, was the confectioner.

He was the son of Samuel Driver, and came from a family of a worsted weavers. The family had strong links to Kipping Chapel, and Denholme Wesleyan Methodist Chapel.

Nathan's father and family members were worsted weavers from Denholme, and later moved to School Green. Nathan married twice; he had a marriage in 1865 to his first wife, Sarah Hainsworth, with just one son. Sarah died and was buried in 1867 at Kipping Cemetery.

Nathan then joined New Road Congregational Chapel in Thornton, where he became an active member of the chapel from 1869.

Nathan remarried at Bradford Parish Church, in 1873 to Mary Smith, a neighbour in Industry Street in Thornton. (My 2 x great grandmother – from whom my grandmother, and I are both named). Nathan and Mary were both able to write their names in parish register. Nathan and Mary lived in Industry Street until 1873 when they had moved to Fountain Street, with the son from Nathan's first marriage and their own two children. A slow, hardworking climb from poor circumstances.

From Bradford Post Office Directory, Nathan was listed as a Confectioner from 1879 – 1887 in Thornton. The 1881 census shows him as "Curator/caretaker. Both Nathan who died in January 1897, and his wife Mary later in the year, lived there until their deaths, and were buried at Kipping Chapel.

Nathan was obviously not a baker (of bread), and I do think that the 'confectionary' was baked sweet goods produced by Mary? From my knowledge of the baking produced by Yorkshire women, (even down to post WW2 days. I should think that scones, currant and mint pasty, sponge parkin, oatmeal flapjacks were on sale – anything sweet and tasty, and a treat.

These are just a few of the recipes from the good old Bero cookbook – my Grandma, Nathan and Mary's granddaughter, only used this, and I still have a copy. Perhaps you do too?

Editors Note: My Mum is still using her Bero book, and I'm still eating the results!

## Bradford 2025

Looking forward as well as back.

Bradford has been named as UK City of Culture 2025. Bradford district's year of culture is set to deliver more than 1,000 new performances and events including 365 artist commissions, a series of major arts festivals and major national and international collaborations.

As the UK's youngest city (29% of our population are under 20 and nearly a quarter under 16), our young people will help deliver a year of culture that is both recognisably Bradford and

Bradford's history of fierce independence and of progressive social reform and its spectacular cultural heritage offer a powerful launchpad for a UK City of Culture celebration in 2025 that could only happen in Bradford.



Photo courtesy of Tim Green



# Bradford Through the Lens

Mary Twentyman



Mary Twentyman talking at the 40th anniversary weekend

Last year Geoff and I were approached by Riaz and Imtiaz to talk to them about the Low Moor Explosion for their youtube channel. I don't know quite what we expected but we were very impressed with the finished video which they did with calm expertise and no messing about.





Since then we've collaborated with them on finding various graveyards all over the district. They can't understand how British people can let our ancestors graveyards get into such a mess and are committed to making their plight known by filming them.



I recommend that you have a look at the Bradford Through the Lens youtube channel and see what they mean. Some of the graveyards Bradford Family History Society has tackled in the past have featured such as Hirst Woods, As well as finding graveyards in need of some TLC they have tracked down some remains of Kirkgate Market, a bomber which crashed at Idle, and details of the Newlands chimney fall. Do go and explore their videos.

## Finding Billy

Sally Robinson

As I was in Swansea recently, I thought I would take the opportunity to do some Welsh family history.

My DNA report says I am a Northerner through and through, but my other half, he has foreign Welsh blood in him - or has he?

Bill, known as 'Young Billy' to his family is from Rossendale. So are all his Belcher family. Except ... his father, Billy, who was born in Bridgend, near Cardiff. His older and younger siblings all hail from Rossendale, so what happened?

Grandad, Thomas Abram Belcher, was born in Abingdon, Berkshire along with several brothers who were all miners. They upped sticks and moved to Wales to mine at Tondu (near Cardiff). Three brothers lived together with two wives and various offspring until Grandad married Mary Hartley from Rossendale in 1919. They had Stella in Rossendale in 1920 but by 1921 had moved back to Bridgend where on the census he was a miner at Baldwins Colliery (out of work). Billy Sr was born in the September. The rest of the children were born in Rossendale.

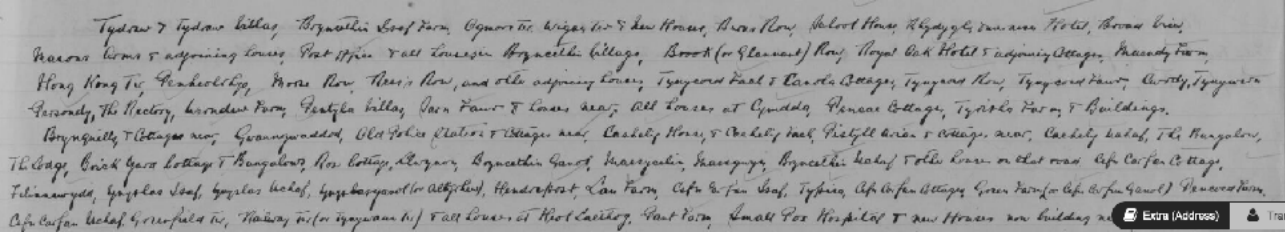
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New Jane Homer	Aberkenfig	St Bride's Minor	Bridgend
New Sarm Houses	Aberkenfig	St Bride's Minor	Bridgend
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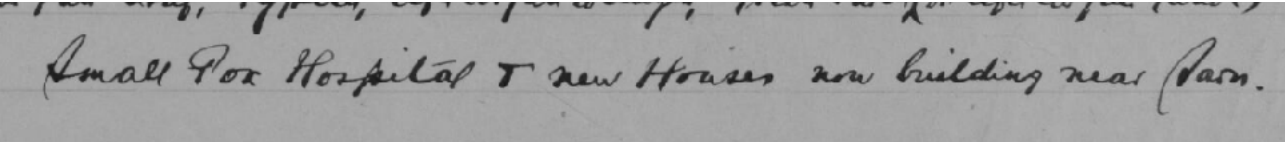
The transcriber has the address in the census as New Srah Hoiuse Aberkenfig. That's not on any map. A bit more digging got me to New Sarn Houses, Aberkenfig, Sarn. Let's see where they are while we are in Wales? Maybe not. So I went to the excellent 'find an address' search on Find My Past for Aberkenfig. All these are variations on New Sarn Houses

A question on the Aberkenfig Facebook page didn't get me any further. The locals said - if I found out where it was, let them know. Another suggested the route the Enumerator took might help.

So perhaps I can see from the route. I didn't realise I could see this when I bought the image on the census but it is quite useful to find a location. Or it would be if I had the slightest idea of any welsh linguistics. To find it, go to the original transcript, then, at the bottom right is says extra (address). Clicking on that brings up the cover, two maps, the address and a plan of the division. Its the plan that gave me the nearby addresses.



I finally found the part I wanted. Next to the small pox hospital and new houses now building near Sarn. How am I supposed to find that, its as clear as mud? Clearly the locals can't either!



Having been frustrated at every turn, we decided to call as Sarn is around 100m from the M4. Sadly, we were thwarted again by 20 mph wind, rain and fog. Dedicated genealogist I may be, but I have my limits. Finding Billy will wait

## Meeting Programme 2022/2023

**Please check the website in case meetings have been cancelled or changed.**

Meetings will be held via Zoom and/or at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mechanics Institute, 76 Kirkgate, Bradford, BD1 1SZ

The venue is small wheelchair accessible and there will be a PA system.  
Zoom Meetings may be charged at £2 and all face-face meetings at £1.50 per member.

**Morning** meetings open at 10:00 am with the formal meeting from 10.30 am.

**Evening** meetings open at 7:00 pm with the formal meeting from 7.30 pm.

Month	Date	Time	Description	Speaker	Type of Meeting
Dec	1	AM	A light hearted look at Advertising in the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's – Part 2	Bill Boldy	Face to Face Only
Dec	19	PM	No Meeting		
Jan 2023	5	AM	After Your Dead – A light hearted look at the history of dissection and grave robbing	Eric Jackson	Hybrid
Jan	16	PM	An Introduction to Irish Family History Research	Natalie Bodle	Zoom
Feb	2	AM	British Widows of the First World War - The experiences of war widows and their battle for state support	Andrea Hetherington	Hybrid
Feb	20	PM	How to Research Family History	Jackie Depelle	Zoom
Mar	2	AM	The Newlands Mill Disaster, Bradford 1882	Bill Boldy	Hybrid
Mar	20	PM	Crime on Record - Were your ancestors' the victims or perpetrators of crime?	Gill Blanchard	Zoom
Apr	6	AM	Almshouses – focusing on Bradford	Janet Senior	Hybrid
Apr	17	PM	AGM – Spotlight On ... TBC	Sue Steel & Others	Zoom
May	4	AM	Poverty in 19th Century England	Stephen Caunce	Hybrid

Month	Date	Time	Description	Speaker	Type of Meeting
May	15	PM	"We Don't Want Any...Master's not in" What really happened on Census night?	Claire Moores	Zoom
June	1	AM	Visit to Bradford Local Studies – Drop In Session	Committee	Hybrid
June	19	PM	Family Photos Past, Present & Future	Stephen Gill	Zoom
July			No Meetings		
Aug			No Meetings		
Sept	7	AM	John Wood, a worsted spinner and Bradford's Father of Factory Reform (1791-1871)	Astrid Hansen	Hybrid
Sept	18	PM	House and Home in Victorian Bradford: An Improving Picture	George Sheeran	Zoom
Oct	5	AM	Bradford Great War Roll of Honour – 36,600 names of citizens who served in the First World War from Bradford district	R a y Greenhough	Hybrid
Oct	16	PM	The Mourning Broach – What comes next – continuation of the story of Dianne's Ancestors and her amazing novels	Jean Renwick	Zoom
Nov	2	AM	Tips for Researching Your Great War Ancestors	Jane Roberts	Hybrid
Nov	20	PM	The first Railway Workers c1825-c1870 - the lives of early railway workers	David Turner	Zoom
Dec	7	AM	History of Entertainment in Bradford and the surrounding area	Tish Lawson	Hybrid
Dec	18	PM	No Meeting		

Details of Meetings were correct at the time of writing, but things do change. Please check the website for any alterations.

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