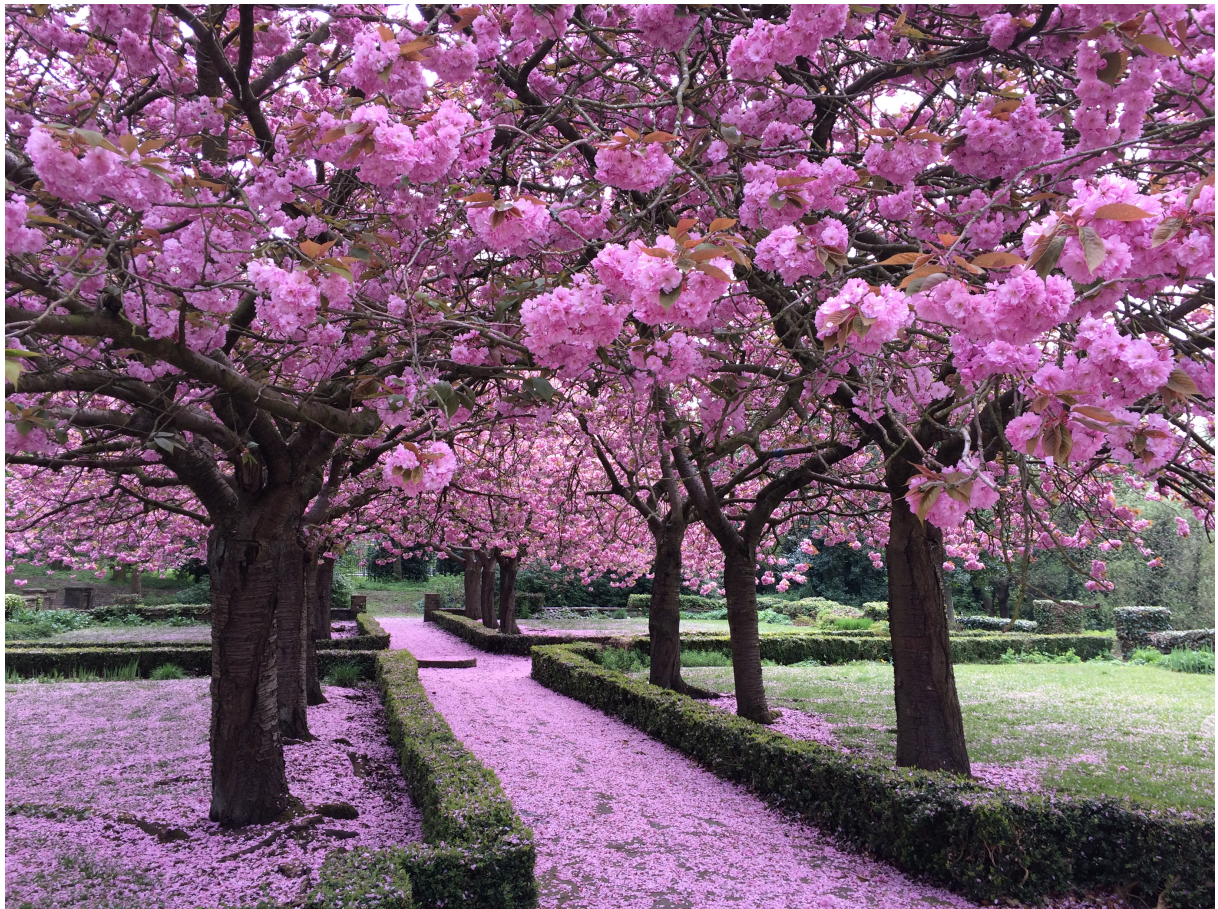


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The Editor writes

All the information to make the AGM run smoothly is in this edition and a great follow up article from last month. I do so enjoy hearing that Bod-Kin, zoom and the society in general have helped fill in the blanks for people . The deadline is Monday 3rd May 2022.

Bod-Kin Edition June 2022

Sue Steel

I know I have repeatedly asked for contributions to the special edition of the Bod-Kin magazine in June 2022 – sorry for nagging! At the last meeting we had about this, we wondered if it would be easier for everyone if we gave you some idea of the topics we were looking for.

What were you doing 40 years ago?

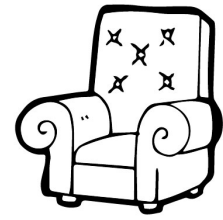
- Your personal memories of the early days of Family History research or the early days of Bradford FHS meetings.
- Have you any brick walls we can all help with?
- What break throughs in your research have you had following an article in the past Bod-Kin magazines, following one of our meetings or from our social media pages?

Send your contributions to the Bod-Kin editor or me (I do like a sneak preview). I suppose this also means I need to do the homework as well?? (4097)

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From T'Chairman
Sue Steel



So, what were your New Year's resolutions this year? I don't normally make them as I fail every time. It is apparently an ancient custom started by the Babylonians some 4,000 years ago. Although they celebrated in March at the time of planting crops, rather than January. Well, as I write this, I intend to do more Family and House History Research having lapsed a bit towards the end of 2021. Especially with the 1921 Census being available (all be it with a charge).

The 2022 programme has now started and can I ask that you continue to check whether a meeting has been altered in anyway due to changes to speakers or more likely changes to covid restrictions. The website is always up to date or you can contact me for details. I will point out again that the evening meeting in April is on the 4th week -25th April, since the previous week is Easter Monday. Also, the first meeting in June is on the 2nd week 9th June, since the previous week is a Bank Holiday.

Can I remind you also of the booking form for our 40th Anniversary Celebration Weekend. Details of the weekend programme and how to book are in a separate article. We are really looking forward to this and hopefully meeting many of you face to face. We want that weekend to be full of wonderful friendly experiences and packed with activities and talks. Numbers able to attend are limited to 100 so don't delay, book today! The documents are also available on our website under About Us from the main menu.

It is this time again when I ask members to consider joining the committee and help run the Society. We always need new faces, ideas and enthusiasm. It no longer matters whether you live in Bradford or not. Two of our current committee live 'down south'. We have a Zoom element for any committee meeting, so you can always attend that way. Our meetings tend to be every 2 months for around an hour. If anything large needs organising we simply set up a sub-committee of interested people to take whatever the topic is further. Please do think about this, since without a committee there will be no Society.

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.

The Priestleys of Cottingley Hall

Clive Harrison

It is a rare occasion when valuable archive material emerges into the public domain and this article has been produced as a result of a donation of a large box of archives received by Cottingley Village History Society from a descendant of Mrs Annie Ford Gillies Priestley, the wife of Charles Henry Priestley.



The family of Charles Henry Priestley and his wife Annie Ford Gillies came to live at Cottingley Hall in 1887 and remained there until 1911, although Charles Henry died in 1893.

This article does not give a full history of the various branches of the family but does give a flavour of the documents and articles contained in the box.

Charles Henry Priestley is not as well known as his father, Briggs Priestley, or his brother, William Edwin Briggs Priestley, nevertheless he was a major player in industrial Bradford during the later decades of the nineteenth century.

Charles Henry Priestley was born in 1852, the son of Briggs Priestley and his wife, Grace (nee Crabtree).

Briggs Priestley was born in March 1831 at Thornton and was first employed by, then became a partner of, Craven and Harrop. In 1852 he married Grace Crabtree. He started his own business at Shearbridge in 1860 and after a short time took in his brother, Henry. Thus the firm B & H Priestley was born.



The firm expanded with additional premises at Beehive Mills, Thornton Road (1870), Albion Mills, Laisterdyke (1873), Dole Mills, Thornton (1878) and Springfield Mills, Idle providing the capacity to house 1,270 looms. When Henry left the partnership, Briggs was joined by his nephew, Thomas, and, when he left, the firm became Briggs Priestley & Sons when his sons Charles Henry and William Edwin Briggs joined the partnership.

The firm became Priestleys Limited in 1901 with the takeover of Rule,

Greenlees & McEwan bringing the manufacturing capacity to 1,400 looms.

Briggs was a member of Bradford Council for the Little Horton Ward from 1867 until 1880 and was elected Mayor of Bradford in 1877. One of the principal events of his time as Mayor of Bradford was his opening of Horton Park in 1878, on which occasion he was presented by Bradford Corporation with a commemorative “gold” key. *This “gold” key was among the items recently donated to Cottingley Village History Society.* It is thanks to the efforts of Briggs Priestley that Bradford has parks in so many areas today.

He became Liberal M.P. for Pudsey in 1885 in which capacity he served until the 1900 election. He was not a particularly vocal member of parliament and his only notable political contribution appears to have been his support for Home Rule and a tour of Ireland in 1887 addressing meetings asserting the support of a section of the British parliament.

He was a respected magistrate, on the council of Bradford Chamber of Commerce, a member of Bradford Infirmary Board, a director of Bradford District Bank and an Alderman.

A champion of education, prior to the Education Act of 1870, Briggs Priestley established and funded an Orphan School at New Leeds and provided a library of 1,400 books. This was the first Free Library in Bradford. A further two Orphan Schools were provided at Clayton Lane and Bolton Road. Briggs Priestley died in 1906.

Briggs Priestley had four sons, Charles Henry, William Edwin Briggs, Arthur (who also went into politics and became an M.P.) and James Herbert as well as two daughters, Sophia and Emily.

Charles Henry Priestley was born at Thornton in 1853 and on coming of age was taken in to the family firm of Briggs Priestley & Sons as a partner.

On 16th October 1878 Charles married Annie Ford Gillies at The Independent Chapel, Eccleshill and they subsequently had two sons, John Gillies and Arthur Geoffrey Briggs.



Previously the firm manufactured cotton goods, but between 1878 and 1880, at Charles’ encouragement, the firm began making woollen goods and it was at the instigation of Charles that mule-spinning machinery was introduced into Yorkshire. Recognising the development, and importance, of the USA market, in 1883 a selling agency was established in New York and Priestleys was responsible for introducing many fine ranges into USA.

When Briggs Priestley became MP for Pudsey in 1885 he took a back seat in the company and the management was left to his two sons, Charles and William.

Charles had been suffering from influenza and in 1893 went on a trip to Algeria to recuperate, taking with him a neighbour and fellow mill owner, Henry

Mason. It was while they were on that trip that on 19th February 1893 Charles died at the English Club, Mustapha Superieur, Algiers. They had been staying at the Hotel St. George in Mustapha Superieur. The death certificate issued by the British Consulate General does not state the cause of death, however a declaration included with the documents appears to state the cause as heart failure. Charles' body was returned to England, via Marseilles in a leaden shell enclosed in a massive oak coffin.

Charles was, as other members of the family, a staunch Liberal. He was also a governor of Salts School and a Major in the 2nd West Yorkshire Volunteer Artillery.

For the funeral on 7th March 1893, the Corps Orders stated that "The Corps will parade at the Midland Station, Bradford, at 1.15 p.m., and proceed by train at 1.25 p.m. to Saltaire Station, thence to Cottingley Hall, which will be left at 2.30 p.m. for Bingley Cemetery where the interment will take place."

Charles' widow, Annie Ford Gillies Priestley, continued to reside at Cottingley Hall until 1911 when she removed to Little Missenden Abbey in Buckinghamshire.

John Gillies Priestley was born on 10th December 1879, at Thorn Garth, Idle, the elder of Charles and Annie's two sons. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford where he read physiology and gained his MA. In the 1911 Census he stated his occupation to be a pathologist and he completed his medical qualification at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London.



It was at Oxford University that he met and worked with John Haldane. In 1905 they jointly published a paper "The Regulation of the Lung Ventilation" which, in effect, explained the real reason divers resurfacing suffered from "the bends".

On 15th December 1908, John married Elizabeth Stewart at Greyfriar's Church, Dumfries.

When the First World War broke out John received his commission as a Lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps and served with distinction in France and Belgium. He was twice mentioned in despatches and was awarded the Military Cross for his actions at Nouve Chapelle on 13th March 1915 "when he continued attending the wounded with great gallantry although himself badly wounded". He was later presented with his medal by King George V.

After the War he returned to Oxford University where he was appointed Reader in Clinical Physiology. It was there, in 1920, that he was awarded his Doctorate In Medicine.

John Gillies Priestley died on 9th February 1941 at the age of 61 years.

All the Priestley documents and photographs donated to Cottingley Village History Society will be on display at the AGM in March and at the Heritage Centre's open days from April onwards. For further details see history.cottingleyconnect.org.uk (4189)

1921 Census of England & Wales

Sue Steel

Following on from the excellent talk on 1st February by Myko Clelland from Find My Past, I thought I'd write down some tips and information for the 1921 Census that I picked up at the meeting.

The Census was postponed from 24th April until the 19th June. This means that it was the holiday season, so individuals may have been away at the coast or staying with relatives rather at home. So, widen your search if you can't find your ancestors.

There were 1.75 million more women than men reported on the census. Not surprising since this was only 3 years after the First World War. 35% more people were in hospital than from 1911 (Spanish Flu and the war influence?). There were not surprisingly also 730,000 more fatherless children than 1911. 13.7% of dwellings has 2 families and 6.1% of dwellings had 3 families – no houses for heroes as promised.

The census contained 34.8 million names and has 18 million digital images that were photographed, transcribed and indexed by hand. The transcriptions were done in pieces, so that no one person saw all of a page due to data protection rules. The pieces were then put together in 50 days from 21st October 2021 when Find My Past were allowed to do so. This has meant some transcription errors have occurred, but these are being corrected. If you find an error you can report it on the record or by emailing transcriptsupport@findmypast.com.

The 1921 Census is free to search at the National Archives, Kew; National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth; and Manchester City Library. It includes England; Wales; Isle of Man; Channel Islands; Merchant Shipping in English and Welsh waters and ports; and military personnel posted at home and overseas. The Scottish 1921 Census is due to be released later in 2022 and will be available on Scotland's People website. No 1921 census was taken in Ireland due to War of Independence, but it was taken in 1926 in both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. These details will be released in January 2027.

When searching for the records you need to remember that the answers given are from the point of view of how our Ancestors viewed the world. For instance, Myko pointed out one family who stated their country of origin as Sicily when to the world at large they should have written Italy. I have come across a woman stating her marital status as 'married – living apart', presumably because they didn't have the means or the right reasons for a divorce. You may also find lots of remarks and suggestions written on the form by the head of household. This was a way ordinary people could have their say hoping that politicians and government read the results. Many of the remarks shown by Myko were not very complimentary - disagreeing with inclusion of divorce as a marital status; comments on housing and jobs; and including pets as members of the household.

The Government of the day were interested in peoples' employment, and so the name of employers and their address was requested. If someone was unemployed, details of their last employment were requested. To find out more of an employer you can look on the old maps (National Library of Scotland digital resources), newspapers (especially adverts) and on the National Archives catalogue.

I know a few people have not been able to find an address from the image. It is on the second page to the right of the image or if you open the filmstrip and then press extras it is on one of the options there. This is where you can find the source reference for the image as well.

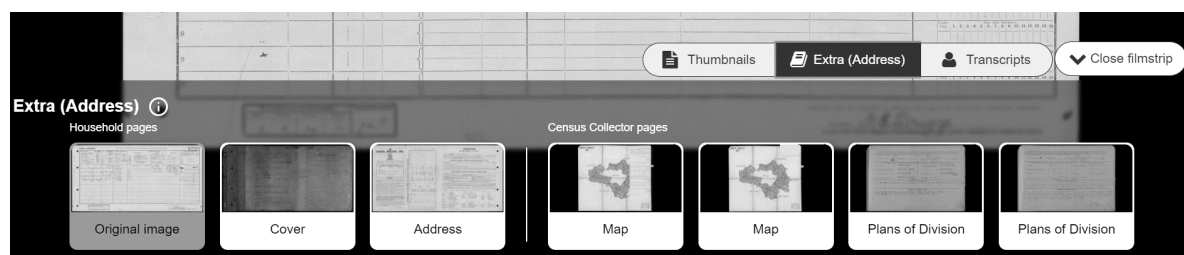


Image take from www.findmypast.co.uk

Although purchasing the transcription (£2.50) and image (£3.50) cost, it is free to search. Hovering over the transcription or image icons on the right-hand side of the list of search results shows the first names of the people in the household. Helping you to narrow down the possibilities. There is 10% reduction if you are a pro subscription owner.

Find My Past have added helps and tips on the website that are very useful - <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/blog/family-records/1921-census-tips>

Looking at the advanced search facility also lists at the bottom of the page useful links and resources, plus searching tips. So do look below the search boxes, of press the links at the top.

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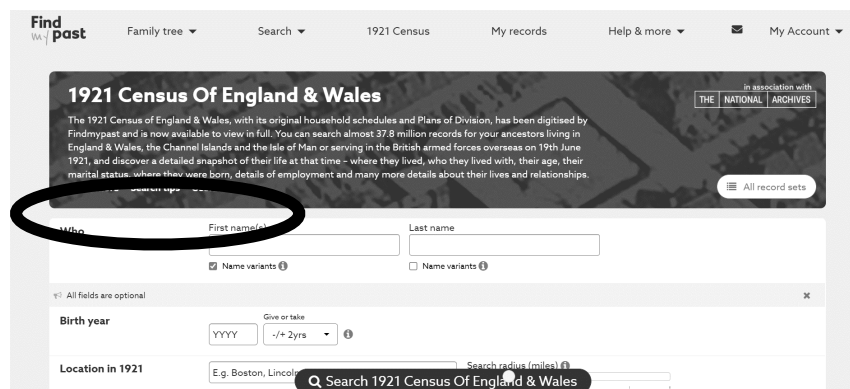


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The 1921 census records will be incorporated into a Find My Past membership in the future. But in the meantime, if you would like to get a

21% discount on a Pro Membership for 12 months you can use the discount code ROADSHOW. This should be valid until May but please do not pass on the details to non-members of the Society. (4097)

BRADFORD FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 19th April 2021
Via Zoom

The Chairman, Sue Steel, opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

1. Apologies

Diana Tottle, Keith Hainsworth
46 members attended.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 19th April 2019 were confirmed as a true record, proposed by Sally Tetlow, seconded by Anne Robinson, passed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Printed in Bod-Kin March 2021.

5. Secretary's Report

Printed in Bod-Kin March 2021.

6. Treasurer's Report

Printed in Bod-Kin March 2021. The accounts have been sent to the accountants and the layout has changed slightly from that printed in the Bod-Kin, but the figures remain the same. A proposal to accept the accounts was made by John Parker, seconded by Lorraine Birch and passed unanimously.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

Single nominations for the following Officers were received:

Chairman: Sue Steel

Treasurer: Gill Overend

Secretary: Bobbie Hipshon

A proposal to accept the nominations for officer posts was made by Lorraine Birch, seconded by Derek Dyson and passed unanimously.

There were nine nominations for the vacancies on the Committee.

The nominations were: Anne Attfield, Lorraine Birch, Bill Boldy, Andrea Brown, Derek Dyson, Maureen Logan, Shirley Sura, Sally Tetlow and Pat Whitford-Bartle.

A proposal to accept the nominations for committee posts was made by Sally Robinson, seconded by Carol Malekottodjary and passed unanimously.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

Chairman's Report 2021

Sue Steel

Once again Covid restrictions have dominated our lives, but in 2021 there was a little light at the end of the tunnel, since we finally managed to have a few face-to-face meetings including one in December with tea/coffee and mince pies, something unthinkable back in 2020. Our Zoom meetings continued successfully throughout the year and I want to reiterate that we will continue with these going forward. The Zoom meetings are one good thing coming out of the pandemic where non-local and overseas members can at last join our meetings. I would like to thank everyone who comes to our meetings whether via Zoom or in person. Without members our Society would be an empty shell.

Membership has remained stable this year with a few new Internet Members joining in the fun. I believe this is a result of our Zoom meetings and our presence on Facebook. The Facebook Group is very active with questions and answers being posted all the time. It is open to everyone (not just members) and has resulted in some people joining the Society simply to join in the meetings and receive our fantastic magazine.

Unfortunately, we have lost a few members over the year including our great friend Tony Naylor. It is extremely sad when any of our members pass away, but Tony will be missed by many of us especially when we start attending family history fairs face to face. York Fair was the one place he could be always guaranteed to attend.

In 2021, the committee concentrated on what we would do for the 40th Anniversary on the Society this year. After a lively discussion the decision was made to go all out and organise a full weekend of activities. I have had enormous fun and some challenges helping to decide what to do and when. My thanks go to the small sub-committee for making the suggestions and helping to start the organising process – Lorraine Birch, Bill Boldy, Maureen Logan, Shirley Sura and Mary Twentymen with help from Gill Overend (so we don't overspend). The work continues...

The Society is a member of the Yorkshire Group of Family History Societies and as such we have met three times during the year as normal. But in between the meetings as Deputy Chairman, I am constantly in contact with the other officers from Calderdale and Huddersfield. Our involvement in the group continues to be a great asset, as we have had conversations surround Zoom meetings (and how to do them); Family History Federation and on-line Family History Fairs to name a few topics. I know of very few other 'businesses' which are so genuinely happy to exchange ideas and help each other.

As ever I would like to thank all the committee members for their continued hard work, commitment and support, especially Andrea Brown and Gill Overend for their hard work with membership renewals and accounts submission. A special thank you also goes to Sally Robinson for the excellent Bod-Kin magazine that members continue to look forward to receiving each quarter.

Finally, I wish everyone a good and better 2022.

BRADFORD FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at the Mechanics Institute, Kirkgate, Bradford and via Zoom
MONDAY 25th April 2020
at 7.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM held on 19th April 2021.
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Election of Officers and Committee
8. Any other relevant business



To be followed by a talk on
3 Ancestors – Asylum, Divorce and Emigration
by Sue Steel

Treasurer's Report on 2021 Accounts for AGM

Gill Overend

I am pleased to announce an excess of income over expenditure of £1,748, compared with £256 in 2020 and a loss of £4,977 in 2019. The greatest change was in the income from meetings due to the increased access and popularity because of Zoom. The income balanced the costs of speaker fees, room hire and Zoom fees. Membership fees were increased by £2 in 2021, with the added option of internet membership. Membership income increased by £657, approximately 12%. Membership numbers continue to hold up well, and we welcomed new members throughout the year. Bod-Kin costs fell by £290, or 9%, because we are not sending copies to internet only members, but we have been warned about future increases in printing and postage costs.

Publication sales increased by approximately 17% compared to 2020, mainly pdf downloads. We still have a considerable stock of CD-ROMs which are not really selling. They have all been reduced to half price on our GenFair stall but with only a limited response. The publication expenses/purchases are our postal costs which are recovered in the price to the GenFair customer. CD-ROMs are becoming old-fashioned and out-dated. Many new computers and, of course, tablets cannot access them. It seems likely that at some future date the remaining stock will become obsolete and need to be written off.

We continue with regular payments for the website, the Sage software, some security software, and bank charges, including some handling fees for cheques. There was no extra development cost on the website in 2021. Computer expenses rose by 20% because of increased software prices and purchase of some consumables. Cost of Federation membership and the insurances they arrange fell by 9.5%.

Our listed fixed assets, the projector and speaker's headset for meetings, have now depreciated down to zero. In 2019 we made a prepayment of £115 for the next York Family History Show, which has been moved forward to 2022. In 2021 we paid a deposit of £380 to the venue for the Anniversary Weekend in 2022. We have already started to receive booking payments. Not all the honoraria for 2020 were claimed in 2021 but I have continued to list a liability of £600 for 2021 payable in 2022. The audit fee for the 2021 accounts, payable in 2022, is expected to be similar to previous years, £480.

I need to thank Sue and Bobbie for their continued support and all they do for the society. Special thanks also to Andrea, membership secretary, and Sally, publications officer, with whom I work most closely. I am grateful to all our members who contribute in many different ways. While Zoom is not the same interaction as being face-to-face in a room there has been more nationwide and international involvement in meetings.

The accounts have not yet been audited by our accountant at the time of writing, but I submit them for acceptance by the AGM.

Bradford Family History Society Ltd Accounts 2021

<u>Profit and Loss</u>				
	<u>Change in 2021</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
Sales				
Subs - this year	6251.29		6251.29	
Sales - Publications Resaleables	845.33		845.33	
Sales - Meetings	1010.16		1010.16	
Misc. Receipts	92.92		92.92	
		8199.70		8199.70
Purchases				
Publications Resaleables	49.28		49.28	
Bodkin	2880.50		2880.50	
Meetings	1000.78		1000.78	
		3930.56		3930.56
Gross Profit/(Loss):		4269.14		4269.14
Overheads				
Printing & Stationery	72.26		72.26	
FFHS	562.69		562.69	
Computer expenses	474.98		474.98	
Website Expenses	504.00		504.00	
Honoraria - re current year	200.00		200.00	
Audit Fee	480.00		480.00	
Sundry General Expenses	120.78		120.78	
Depreciation	106.23		106.23	
		2520.94		2520.94
Net Profit/(Loss):		1748.20		1748.20

<u>Balance Sheet</u>				
	<u>Change in 2021</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
Fixed Assets				
Computer Equipment Depreciation	-73.74		0	
Other Assets Depreciation	-32.49		0	
		-106.23		0
Current Assets				
Stocks	-35.65		908.35	
Debtors & Prepayments	380		495	
Bank Current a/cs	-268.94		612.32	
Bank Deposit a/cs	1220.92		15002.74	
		1296.33		17018.41
Current Liabilities				
Honoraria - re this year, payable next	0		600	
Audit Fee accrual B- re this year, payable next	0		480	
Subs - in advance	-758.1		637.41	
Anniversary Payment in advance	200		200	
		-558.1		1917.41
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:		1854.43		15101
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:		1748.2		15101
Capital & Reserves				
Accumulated Fund	0		13352.8	
P & L Account	1748.2		1748.2	
		1748.2		15101
These accounts have not yet been audited Gill Overend January 2022				

Secretary's Report 2022

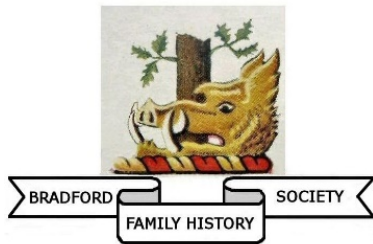
Bobbie Hipshon

Little did I know, when I wrote my report in 2020, and we were looking forward to the first wave of Covid vaccination that, in 2022, we would just be emerging from the virus with some semblance of normality finally on the horizon.

Our little society has morphed into an entity which now encompasses active members from all around the globe, and who can join us in meetings (albeit virtual ones) and speak face to face. Although we have all missed face to face meetings we have managed a couple which have combined the two and these, hopefully, should become more frequent over the next 12 months as we 'learn to live' with Covid. Of course, as many of our members who prefer to attend face to face meetings are quite elderly, we are aware of the necessity to continue to be careful.

As usual, my report focuses on the work of others in the society who put in so much work behind the scenes and are completely responsible for the smooth running entity which you see as a finished product. Sue, our Chair, has been the lynchpin over the past year (as usual) and I have to give a particular mention to Shirley Sura, a new committee member who does not live in the local area and, despite battling Covid herself, has stepped up to become our speaker finder and has done a sterling job of setting up speakers for the next 12 months. We now have two, very useful, committee members who live quite far away and we would love to welcome more, so please don't be put off by distance – most of our committee meetings are either hybrid or purely by zoom and can be tailored to encompass time differences if needed. Of course our treasurer Gill, Member Secretary, Andrea and Bod-Kin editor Sally continue to put in huge amounts of work every month making sure all runs smoothly, but all the committee does their part however much time they feel they can contribute ... you can put in as much or as little as you like. So put in a nomination if you can.

This year is a very exciting one, being a big anniversary year for Bradford Family History Society. Thanks go to the sub-committee which has been set up by Sue and who is doing a fine job of organising the week-end in October at which we hope that local members will be meeting lots of members and their families who would not usually be able to attend meetings because of distance. It will be an event at which you can connect with your Bradford roots and meet extended family, as well as making new friends. Get your bookings in early! In conclusion, I would just like to give my usual thanks to the members near and far, who, without exception, make BFHS such a friendly family.



Bradford Family History Society
Focusing On Bradford
40th Anniversary Weekend Celebrations
1st / 2nd October 2022
Great Victoria Hotel, Bradford

Programme

The weekend will be at the Great Victoria Hotel, Bridge Street, Bradford, BD1 1JX (Tel: 01274 728706) which is opposite the Crown Courts and the Interchange Railway station. Parking is free on site for all day delegates and residents, just ask at reception for a token to exit. The hotel is in a central position and details can be found on their website - <https://www.victoriabradford.co.uk/>

Session 1: Saturday 1st October 2022 – Day Delegate – Cost £30 per person

The day's activities will take place in the Corniche Suite, along the corridor from reception. With some workshops being held in the smaller Lanchester Suite on the same corridor but near the bar area. Refreshments and buffet lunch will be served in the Corniche Suite. The buffet will consist of a selection of sandwiches and wraps (including vegetarian); chips and a selection of cakes.

Approx. Time	Activity
9.30-10.30	Registration & coffee/tea
10:30-10:35	Welcome
10:35-11.30	Orientation Throughout Bradford – Mary Twentyman & Sue Steel
11:30-12:00	Tea Break
12:00-13:00	House and Home in Victorian Bradford - an Improving Scene? – George Sheeran
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Workshops
15:00-15:30	Tea Break
15:30-16:30	Bradford Workhouses and Children's Homes – Peter Higginbotham
16:30	Closing Remarks

See below for other activities available throughout the day.

The rooms we will use during the day are on the ground floor and there is a ramp entrance to reception. Facilities and the bar are also on the ground floor. The room used for the dinner is on the lower ground floor accessible via stairs from inside the hotel, or via the street entrance which is on the same level as the room. Once inside, again facilities and the bar are on the same level.

Please book by using the form in the centre of the magazine or from our website under 'About us'.

Session 2: Saturday 1st October 2022 – Evening Formal Dinner – Cost £25 per person

The formal evening Dinner will start at 7pm for 7:30pm. See the booking form for menu details.

It will take place in the Velasco Suite, downstairs from reception. There is level access from the pavement outside. Please do let us know if you prefer this. All facilities will be on the same floor once you enter the suite.

The menu choices you made on booking will be printed on a name card which you can pick up on entering the dining area.

There will be a full bar available – all drinks are payable on the evening by yourselves. However, water will be available on each table. The bar will close at 12:30am.

Dress code for the evening will be smart casual, but feel free to 'dress up'.

Lesley Ellis has kindly agreed to be our after-dinner speaker. She took part in the BBC production 'Back In Time For Tea' (2018) when her family from Bradford travelled back in time to discover how changing food in the North of England reveals what life had been like for working class families over the past 100 years.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09rdv80>

Lesley will be speaking from around 9pm for approximately 30 minutes.

Session 3: Sunday 2nd October 2022 – Day Delegate – Cost either £30 or £35 (with trip) per person

The day's activities will take place in the Corniche Suite, along the corridor from reception. With some workshops being held in the smaller Lanchester Suite on the same corridor but near the bar area. Refreshments and buffet lunch will be served in the Corniche Suite. The buffet will consist of soup, a selection of sandwiches and wraps (including vegetarian); chips and a selection of cakes.

Approx. Time	Activity
9.30-10.30	Registration & coffee/tea
10:30-10:35	Welcome
10:35-13:00	Choice of Trips & Activities at the Hotel
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	The Early Years of the Bradford School Board – Janet Senior
15:00-15:30	Tea Break
15:30-16:30	Pulling it all Together – Basics And Beyond - Jackie Depelle
16:30	Closing Remarks

See below for other activities available throughout the day.

Saturday / Sunday Workshops:

These will be smaller groups where various topics can be discussed and experiences / knowledge interchanged. Details of topics will be given on the day but are likely to include Writing Up Family History; Use of Ancestry; Bradford Churches. If you have any particular topic you would like discussed please let us know.

Saturday / Sunday Other Activities:

- Throughout each day there will be stands in both suites for you to browse, such as West Yorkshire Archives, Bradford Local Studies Library, Low Moor Local History Group.
- We are hoping to have a computer containing the Cemetery Database from Bradford Local Studies Library available for searches (please note that you will need to know the date of death as the records are not indexed).
- Friends of Undercliffe Cemetery have agreed to look up burials on their databases for you as long as you send these in before hand as it takes time to carry out searches. The results will be available during the weekend.
- There will be a laptop containing all the copies of the Bod-Kin magazine for you to examine. We have digitized all copies and these are searchable.
- Family History trees (sent in by attendees) will be available to examine – maybe you can find a long, lost cousin. Charts will be sent out to all delegates for completion before the weekend.
- On Sunday only, we will have various of maps of Bradford and surrounding area for you to look at.
- On Sunday only, we will also have a couple of experts who will help with any questions about your particular family history.

Sunday Trips:

In the morning there will be three available trips for you to choose one. There is an extra cost of £5 for the Undercliffe Cemetery and Saltaire trips to help pay for the coach.

1. A visit and guided walk in Undercliffe Cemetery – a coach will take you to the cemetery and return you in time for lunch – led by Friends of Undercliffe Cemetery. The gatehouse will be open and serve tea/coffee and has access to toilet facilities.
2. A visit and guided walk in Saltaire village – a coach will take you to Saltaire and return you in time for lunch – led by Maureen Logan. There are many cafes in the area and toilet facilities in Saltaire Mill.
3. A guided walk around the centre of Bradford highlighting the old buildings of the Cathedral, Wool Exchange, City Hall, St George's Hall and Little Germany to name a few – led by Geoff Twentyman.

There will be activities at the hotel if you do not wish to go on a trip.

Friday 30th September / Monday 3rd October (Members Only)

- We are hoping that Bradford Local Studies Library and West Yorkshire Archives (Bradford) will be open on Friday 30th September and Monday 3rd October 2022 if you are visiting for longer than the weekend. You will need to book a place if you would like to visit. Please contact the library and archives direct.
<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries/find-your-local-library/local-studies-library/>
<https://www.wyjs.org.uk/archive-service/contact-us-and-opening-times/bradford-archive-service-opening-times-and-information/>
- If you would like one of our members on either Friday 30th September or Monday 3rd October to help in your research, please contact Chairman@Bradfordfhs.org.uk once you have booked and we can arrange a 1:1 session at no charge.

Accommodation

In order to keep prices down, we have taken the decision not to include accommodation in the price. **It is therefore attendees' responsibility to book their own accommodation if required.**

The Great Victoria Hotel has reduced the cost of rooms (double or twin) for us at £65 per night including breakfast. Please let the hotel know you will be attending the event and **use code BFHS** when booking. There is a limited number of rooms so book early - <https://www.victoriabradford.co.uk/>

Other hotels in the area are:

- Bankfield Hotel - <https://www.mercurebradford.co.uk/>
- Cedar Court Hotel – Mayo Avenue, Rooley Lane, Bradford, BD5 8HW
- Holiday Inn Express – Vicar Lane Leisure Centre, Bradford, BD1 5LD
- Jurys Inn – 2 Thornton Road, Bradford, BD1 2DH
- Midland Hotel - <https://www.peelhotels.co.uk/midland-hotel/>
- Premier Inn – Vicar Lane, Bradford
- Travel Lodge Central - <https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/545/Bradford-Central-hotel>

Other things to see and do in the area:

If you are planning stay in Bradford for a few more days or your partner is accompanying you there are lots to see and do in the area including:

- Alhambra Theatre, Bradford - <https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/venues/the-alhambra-theatre>
- Bradford Industrial Museum, Bradford - <https://www.bradfordmuseums.org/>
- Bolling Hall Museum, Bradford - <https://www.bradfordmuseums.org/>
- Bolton Abbey, Wharfedale - <https://boltonabbey.com/>
- Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley - <https://www.bradfordmuseums.org/>
- Haworth and the Bronte Parsonage - <https://www.bronte.org.uk/>
- Kirkstall Abbey, Kirkstall, Leeds - <https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/kirkstall-abbey/>
- National Science & Media Museum, Bradford - <https://www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk/>
- St George's Hall, Bradford - <https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/venues/st-georges-hall>
- Worth Valley Railway, Keighley - <https://kwvr.co.uk/>
- South Square Thornton - <https://southsquarecentre.co.uk/>
- Salts Mill and Saltaire <http://www.saltsmill.org.uk>
- Cycling and walking routes can be tailored for you

And, of course, there is always shopping:

- Broadway Shopping Centre, Bradford - <https://broadwaybradford.com/>
- Trinity Shopping Centre, Leeds - <https://trinityleeds.com/>
- White Rose Shopping Centre, Leeds - <https://white-rose.co.uk/>

More Amblers

Philip Jones

In the last Bod-Kin, Iain Stirling wrote about his ancestors who founded and ran Jeremiah Ambler & Sons, worsted manufacturers and owners of the massive Midland Mills complex on Canal Road. In it, he posed some questions and invited further information.

This follow-up article extends the genealogy and describes the roots of the company in a farmhouse at the end of the eighteenth century. I hope it will be interesting and useful to members who ever have to grapple with branches of the family tree of Bradford Amblers.

My own interest in them came about through researches into house history. I live at Woodlands House in Baildon, a property built in 1899 for George Ambler (1843-1905). George was a quiet, self-effacing man, a golfer and church-goer, and company accountant in the family firm. He was a younger brother of Iain Stirling's great-grandfather, John Ambler of Heaton Mount. John was the Chairman, and vastly rich, but George was also immensely wealthy. He left almost a quarter of a million pounds, making him the equivalent of a multi-millionaire today.

George constructed his imposing Jacobean-style residence on land adjacent to the then-new railway line, between Baildon railway bridge and Silson Lane. The land he used was purchased from the heirs of another Ambler, daughters of John Ambler of Baildon (1824-1880).

I suspected for a long time that there was probably some connection between what I began to call the Manningham Amblers and the Baildon Amblers, but tying them together proved difficult. There were simply too many Johns and Jeremiahs who kept popping up. Even worse, I began to realise that any connection between the branches pre-dated census records, which always makes research trickier.

It was at this point that fate stepped in. I was spending a pleasant morning in the Local Studies Library at Margaret McMillan Tower, idly going through the Minute Books of the Civic Players from the late 1930s - don't ask - when I became aware of a low conversation at the Enquiries Desk. I don't normally earwig, but the room had been silent for so long that it was pleasant to hear a hum of voices. I couldn't make out the whole conversation, but I did distinguish the words "Heaton Mount". Interest piqued, I decided to confess to



eavesdropping and sauntered across. There stood a tall man, of the sort P. G. Wodehouse might describe as a 'distinguished-looking cove'. "I couldn't help overhearing that you were asking about Heaton Mount," I said. "Are you by any chance looking into the Ambler family?"

The man drew himself up to full height and announced "I am John Ambler." I could hardly have been more surprised if he'd claimed to be the Duke of Wellington.

Fortunately, this wasn't the unquiet ghost of the John Ambler who had died 140 years ago, but a direct descendant, a man whom I now know to be the second cousin of Iain Stirling. Normally resident abroad, this Ambler just happened to be making a very rare visit to Bradford and came into the library precisely when I happened to be there (and I've only been twice).

He turned out to be friendly and helpful, well-travelled and an accomplished artist. He also had information which provided me with an instant breakthrough in relation to my knotty Ambler problem.

There was, it transpired, a history of the family which had been assembled and published privately in the early 1920s. The man responsible was another distant relative, Louis Ambler, who had, in his own words, trawled through "incomplete and imperfect" Parish Registers, including many pages which even more than a century ago were "damaged by damp and difficult to decipher". He also had the inestimable advantage of access to a great family Bible (with lists of births inscribed into it), and contacts with Amblers around the globe.

"It was a good investment"

There's far too much detail to include here, but in short, the West Riding Amblers were distributed across the Bradford/Halifax area, especially at Northowram, Shibden, Ovenden and Hipperholme. Ambler Thorn, as the name suggests, was another family hotspot. One Ambler, a Richard, moved from Clayton to Baildon around 1616, settling first at Brackenhall Farm on Shipley Glen as a tenant of the Baildons. This shifted the family's centre of gravity more towards Otley, the village's market town. Baildon was famously known as "the last village in Wharfedale", which although geographically inaccurate was culturally and administratively true.

Most of the Amblers were farmers who kept sheep and diversified into textile production. Over time, Amblers acquired various landholdings. In Baildon this included properties on Northgate; on Westgate (where they built a mill and house, currently a bar and grill; on West Lane, where even as late as 1905 they owned at least a dozen houses; at Ladderbanks; and at Low Baildon from Brook Hill to Langley Lane, where Ingfield later became a family home. John Ambler (1757-1830) owned a number of fields in Low Baildon, including the Far Clifles, Hobbut (Hop Butt) Fields, Plantation, Coultas Ing, and Duken Riddens. The last-named, which is also referred to as Diccon Ridding, was the land inherited by his great-grand-daughters and sold by them to George Ambler for his new house - Woodlands.

By this time, however, a century had passed since John Ambler had taken over the land in Low Baildon and branches of the family had separated. His younger brother Jeremiah (1771-1851) had made a major move back across the River Aire to farm in the rural tranquility of Whetley Hill. It was this Jeremiah who - together with his son, also Jeremiah (1801-1896) - established and started to develop what became the world-beating firm of 'Jeremiah Ambler & Sons, Limited'. These were the 'Manningham Amblers'. Meanwhile, back in Baildon, John Ambler's son also tasted success, albeit on a more local scale. It was said he became the wealthiest man in Baildon; local lore said he was so blessed that a gold sovereign dropped on Northgate would roll downhill, then turn up Westgate to Ambler's Mill. Confusingly, this mill-owner was also named Jeremiah Ambler (1789-1867). I did say how hard it is to keep track of all these Amblers. Don't say you weren't warned.

"Young Jeremiah,...

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So, when George Ambler of the Manningham branch purchased his fields from the Baildon Amblers, he was indeed, as I'd suspected, dealing with relatives. They shared a common ancestor in his great grandfather - their great-great-grandfather - who was yet another Jeremiah Ambler, this one baptised in Baildon in 1733, and buried in Baildon Churchyard in June 1818. George, who'd already moved to Kirklands, also bought a lot more land, including Hoyle and Round Wood. In fact, by 1889 he had snapped up large swathes of land all around the railway line. It was a good investment. There were plenty of prosperous Bradford merchants and manufacturers keen to build villas and mansions in Baildon, taking advantage of the station which enabled them to commute into Bradford. Several members of his family - Manningham Amblers - were among those to make the move. Two of George's sisters, Harriet and Sarah, resided with him at Woodlands. On the other side of the railway bridge, Roundwood Grange was built for his nephew John Ambler (1868-1933). Across the road another nephew, Sam Ambler (1871-1949) built Hoyle Court, now a wedding venue.

At first sight, the puzzling thing about this story is how the younger son who had to leave Baildon and set himself up as a small-scale farmer managed to found a business which became a major global textile company. As so often, it was a matter of being in the right place at the right time; of being astute enough to spot opportunities; and having luck.

The 1771 iteration of Jeremiah moved from Baildon to Manningham in his late teens. Around 1800, Bradford was beginning its ascent to economic power and young local entrepreneurs had chances to ride the wave. Jeremiah Ambler farmed at Upper Globe, storing the fleeces clipped from his Dales sheep until he was ready to take them into town to sell. On one such trip, apparently while enjoying a pint at an inn, he happened to hear a traveller lamenting a dearth of bagging material for the burgeoning linseed trade. Sensing a business

opportunity, he hoarded his next crop of fleeces and set up his barn with rudimentary equipment to spin it into yarn. In addition to bagging, oil-seed crushing required rough ‘mats’ of woven fabric as part of the pressing process. The long, coarse hairs of the hardy ‘crag’ sheep were ideal for this purpose. The expertise the Amblers developed in working with long fibres proved essential when later they moved into worsteds and mohair.

At first, however, the operation was distinctly small-scale. It really was ‘Jeremiah Ambler & Sons’ - even up to 1820, Jeremiah Ambler had only three looms. One was his own, and the other two were worked by his sons, Jeremiah and William (1804-1847). Later, it would be Jeremiah who focused on the spinning business while William concentrated on farming and inn-keeping at Lower Globe. Having said that, the Lower Globe still had its own spinning shed adjoining the inn. Their early equipment was basic and still manually-operated. The shuttle would be ‘thrown’ by one hand, and caught with the other. By 1820, the business had coasted along for over twenty years and was beginning to be left behind. In the tough economic climate of the years following the Napoleonic Wars, the older Jeremiah fell into debt, and that would have been an end to it had not the creditors sensed unfulfilled potential. Young Jeremiah, though barely nineteen years old, impressed them with his drive, and he was allowed to continue, now in charge of the firm. He cleared the debts and the operation slowly but steadily began to grow beyond its domestic roots. By this time the family base was Skinner Lane, where they lived in several properties, the last of which became the site for St. Catherine’s Home for Incurables, an early cancer hospice on the corner of St. Mary’s Road facing the Bradford Children’s Hospital (now the Anjuman e Haideria mosque).

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For those with the capital and acumen to exploit it, mechanisation and powered looms would transform the business of textile production. This new technology first appeared in Bradford in the late 1820s and spread over the following twenty years. In the case of Jeremiah Ambler jr, things really took off in the 1850s, when, assisted by the next generation of Ambler sons, the company expanded into Hollings Mill on Silsbridge Road - the premises vacated by Titus Salt when he opened his new works at Saltaire in 1853. A handful of employees became dozens; a decade later, the first parts of the Midland Mills complex were constructed and suddenly they had an operation involving many hundreds of hands. Soon its workforce would approach 2,000.

Considerable profit was generated for many members of the extended Ambler family. John Ambler of Roundwood Grange (1868-1933) was one of the nephews of John Ambler of Heaton Mount who took over running the company after his death.¹ This John, however, largely withdrew after the Great War, moved from Baildon and devoted himself to the life of a country gentleman at Thorpe Underwood Hall, a fifteenth-century grange of Fountains Abbey which boasted 237 acres of “unexcelled” hunting and shooting. Another nephew, Sam Ambler (1871-1949) of Hoyle Court, became the principal manager of the firm.

Amblers continued to control its affairs until the entire share capital was sold to the Ocean Trust Company Ltd under Edward Beddington Behrens in 1944. At that point, Sam resigned from the Board, along with Charles Ambler. John Sharp Ambler (1905-1974), Sam's son, was the only member of the family to continue as a Director.

² Iain Stirling wondered why none of the children from Heaton Mount pursued the family business. I think the explanation lies in the fact that John Ambler's first marriage was childless. By the time he remarried, he was already into his sixties. His six children were born within the next seven years, and, possibly worn out, John's young second wife died soon afterwards. By the time the children were approaching adulthood, control of the firm had already passed to their cousins - who were old enough to be their fathers. Their spur of the family had effectively skipped a generation, and there was no parent left to promote their interests in the firm. In any case, having grown up with no mother and an ailing, elderly father, and having been sent away to boarding schools, one wonders how much commitment they felt to the family company.

Even up to the Second World War, and despite a catastrophic fire in 1936, over 1,100 men and women still worked on the Canal Road site. Ultimately, one of the key factors which undermined the viability of Amblers in Bradford was a shortage of labour. Demand for the product remained high, unlike the situation in regard to other parts of the textile industry such as Lancashire cottons, but despite increasingly desperate recruitment campaigns, a lack of workers compelled management to scale back production in the city and open premises elsewhere, such as in Ulster and the 'New Town' of Peterlee. The arrival of a desperately-needed workforce from the Indian sub-continent arguably came too late to save firms such as Jeremiah Ambler & Sons, which by then had lost much of its identity and been hollowed out. Established family businesses struggled in a new world of mergers, take-overs, and wheeling and dealing on the stock market.

All this just scratches the surface of the Amblers. There are branches throughout the region, as well as Ambler families in Shropshire and Lincolnshire, London, Leeds and Virginia, USA. Among other big names in textiles are those in the immediate family of James Ambler (1782-1859), who went into partnership with the Cunliffe Listers and founded Manningham Mills. It's after him that Ambler Street in Manningham is named. There were also Ambler-owned mills on Thornton Road; in Halifax, at Illingworth, Luddenden and Holmfield; East Ardsley; Windhill, Wilsden, Shipley Fields and Frizinghall; in Baildon, of course; and there were smaller mills in Burley, Eldwick and East Morton.

It was Louis Ambler (1862-1946) who achieved the almost-impossible feat of putting together a history, *The Ambler Family* (Percy Lund, Humphries, 1924). As well as being a fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, Louis was an architect who had trained under the celebrated Lockwood and Mawson. His father, John Ambler (1831-1889), lived on North Park Road in 1881, just a few

doors along from the John Ambler (1828-1910) who would later move to Heaton Mount. (The birthdate of 1825 given in Bod-Kin Vol. 14 No. 4, p14, is incorrect). Louis' father was another master worsted spinner, but from the branch which had come to Manningham via Burley Woodhead; Louis was in fact the great-grandson of the above-mentioned James who had been Lister's partner. After that arrangement ended in 1858, this branch established Atlas Mills.

The Amblers, as was typical, married into other textile dynasties: Tankards, Hills, and Whiteheads were among the spouses. As time went by, they moved into the landed classes, with expensive ancient halls and extensive game-parks to maintain. They also married into Irish gentry, and even the Swedish royal family.

Copies of the Ambler book are hard to track down. Several institutional libraries in the United States have it, as apparently do the university libraries in York and Leeds. Fortunately, there's a scan available in the familysearch.org digital library, although it lacks the enormously helpful fold-out family tree which covers the Bradford branch. My own book tracing the history of Woodlands House and its inhabitants - from Ambler, through Tordoff to Suddards - focuses on the period during the 1930s/40s when it was owned by Basil Hughes (war-hero and pioneering doctor) and his celebrity wife, Norah Blaney (musician, entertainer, actress and lesbian icon). My book, which is called *The Surgeon and the Star*, currently languishes in manuscript form, but I'm happy to share information.

One thing is certain. I wouldn't have been able to fit together much of my material if it hadn't been for my chance encounter in the Local Studies Library.

So, if you want one take-away lesson from this piece, it's this: don't become so absorbed in your own research that you forget to earwig. Although it's an extremely informal, haphazard research method that relies entirely on serendipity, eavesdropping can be a useful tool for the genealogist! However, if that approach seems too haphazard, the Bradford Family History Society also serves a similar purpose in making links which can trigger breakthroughs in research. As well as helping to connect me with Iain, and Iain to John, member Antony Baxter (3440) also kindly made contact through the Society and proved another mine of very useful information. It appears that his great-great-grandfather's daughter, Martha Holt, was the aunt by marriage of those Baildon Amblers who sold land back to the Manningham ones. It's a small world.

From Iain Stirling:

Following my recent article which appeared on the last edition of Bod-Kin, I would to express my thanks to all those members of The Society who replied to my request for further information regarding this company.

There was a great response and as a result, I have been able to complete my Family History.

I hope everyone enjoys Philip Jones' follow-up, who is one of those who assisted me so much.

Meeting Programme 2022

Due to the Covid-19 Situation please check the website in case meetings have been cancelled or changed.

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

The venue is 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
Mar	3	AM	The Life of Laura Annie Willson, MBE. Suffragette, Housebuilder and Engineer	Anne Kirker	Face to Face and Zoom
Mar	21	PM	Tracing Your House History	Gill Blanchard	Zoom
Apr	7	AM	The Annuals in the Attic - a box of books from the 1940s and 1950s - Nostalgia, social history and historical background on some of the authors and contributors	Geoff Twentyman	Face to Face and Zoom
Apr	25	PM	AGM - More Ancestors in my Family Trees – The asylum; divorce and emigration	Sue Steel	Face to Face and Zoom
May	5	AM	Early Printing - The History of W.N. Sharpes with original material	Graham Hall	Face to Face only
May	16	PM	Researching Divorce Records, where you can find them, and what they can tell you.	Claire Moores	Zoom
Jun	9	AM	Yorkshire's Watermen - examining the Canal Boat Registers to see what extra insight they offer the family historian, illustrated with real examples from watermen families across the county.	David Scrimgeour	Face to Face and Zoom
Jun	20	PM	The Gwen Glass Diaries - 1930s Bradford Through the Eyes of a German House guest.	Carol Sherrard	Face to Face and Zoom
Jul	7	AM	You Always Remember Your Co-op number - The amazing rise of the people's own shops	Stephen Counce	Face to Face and Zoom

Month	Date	Time	Description	Speaker	Type of Meeting
Jul	18	PM	Open Zoom Meeting	Zoom	
Aug	4	AM	An Apothecary's Apprentice	Astrid Hansen	Face to Face and Zoom
Aug	15	PM	Business Records - Brackendale Mill and the Raistrick Family	Sue Steel	Face to Face and Zoom
Sep	1	AM	Caught in Chancery - this is the tale of an 18th century dales girl, whose life could have been lived in total obscurity had it not been for a court case	Marion Moverley	Face to Face and Zoom
Sep	19	PM	British Widows of the First World War	Andrea Hetherington	Zoom
Oct	1-2		40th Anniversary Weekend		
Oct	6	AM	No Meeting		
Oct	17	PM	The Absolute Pitts - philandering husbands, abandoned wives and children, emigration and good fortune.	Sylvia Valentine	Zoom
Nov	3	AM	Other Folks Rubbish	Chris Helme	Face to Face and Zoom
Nov	21	PM	Ancestral Tourism - Trips Finding Ancestors	Maureen Logan	Zoom
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		

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

N.B. The Society holds liability, but not personal accident insurance. Members are therefore responsible for their own personal accident cover, and attend meetings and are involved in Society activities at their own risk.

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Its not all industrial in Bradford



Exploring Ilkley Moor

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