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# CALDERDALE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

## We aim

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

## Our area

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

## We do this by

- Holding meetings, usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month (except December) in Halifax.
- Publishing *The Scrivener*, a quarterly journal, in paper form for full members and on our website for internet members. Contact the Scrivener Editor.
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## *Editorial*

### **North Bridge**

A while ago the Society was given a series of photographs of old Halifax, among which was one of North Bridge, from Haley Hill, dated "ante 1864". I remembered that our web site used to display, on its home page, another picture of North Bridge, and that the two were not the same. So I started to wonder ... I asked Peter **Lord** if he had a picture of the present bridge, and he sent me 10, and also a photo of a page from a book "Halifax" by John A **Hargreaves**.

Then I turned to Wikipedia.

It appears that the earliest record is of a wooden bridge over the River Hebble in 1277. A stone bridge, recorded in 1719, collapsed in 1770 during a "Beating the Bounds" ceremony. Matthew **Oates** of Northowram began work on a new bridge in 1772, using stone from quarries in Crib Lane. This six-arch bridge, 56 feet above the river, carrying the turnpike road, was opened in 1774. There was a toll-booth at the north end. Iron palisades were fitted after a Mr **Asquith** of Hipperholme was pushed from the bridge and killed by an unknown attacker in 1819. Part of this bridge collapsed because of flash flooding on 23 July 1855. It was demolished in 1870 to make way for the new bridge, in Victorian Gothic style, designed by John & James **Fraser** of Leeds. This was built 11 feet higher than its predecessor so that the Halifax and Ovenden Joint Railway could pass underneath the northern end. North Bridge Station was just east of the bridge. A drinking fountain, named for James **Oates** who worked on the bridge, is set into the south west turret of the bridge. The cost of the bridge was £21,000 or 17 shillings and six pence per square foot of roadway, claimed to be the cheapest bridge in England at the time. It was opened on 25 October 1871 amid scenes of confusion as local people, given a half-day holiday, swarmed over the bridge well in advance of the official opening by the mayor. Burdock Way, the modern flyover system, was opened in 1973 to take the A58 and A629 traffic over the River Hebble. North Bridge remains in use for local traffic.

The description of the 1871 bridge agrees with the photo of the modern bridge, though a plaque on the bridge states that it was reconstructed and reopened in 1990, and another plaque says it was given an award in 1991. I don't know what this "reconstruction" involved. The bridge of the post card would appear to be Matthew **Oates**'s bridge of 1774, though I can't make out a toll booth, iron palisades or partial collapse and I only see 4 arches.

If you know any interesting facts about bridges over the River Hebble, do let me know.

### **COVER PICTURE**

North Bridge, Halifax, as it was in the mid 1800s, and in 2020

## CHADWICK Collection at TODMORDEN LIBRARY

This is to let you know about a new collection of photos and documents we have at Todmorden Library, as the result of a donation. I've attached an introductory information sheet and also an image, to inspire you!

If you happen to be researching **Chadwicks, Ogdens** or **Warehams** in the Todmorden area, this may be particularly for you.

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## **Chadwick etc Family History Donation**

This family history donation was made to Calderdale Libraries in 2019 by a family friend of Violet **Chadwick**, a key subject in the photographs, who died in 1989. A library volunteer has worked on the material, imposing order, constructing family trees, grouping items logically and adding catalogue entries.

The collection, now housed at Todmorden Library, largely comprises photographs, along with some other family history documentation (birth, marriage & death certificates and more). The material concerns a few related families. The main families are the **Chadwicks**, **McCanns** and **Ogdens**, though there is some material relating to **Warehams** and **Inghams**.

The collection covers people born between 1845 and 1915.

The collection is housed in 5 boxes. The contents of boxes 1 and 2 are catalogued individually and address people who were local. The contents of boxes 3, 4 and 5 are not catalogued individually. The people included are within the family tree but not specifically local.

The letter that came with the donation included the following information. The **McCann** family and **Chadwick** families were connected with textiles. Peter **McCann** was a buyer (textile merchant) trading with China. He married Elizabeth **Chadwick** whose family were connected with the **Ogdens**.

One of the **Chadwicks** – Eli – who married Rosetta, was the father of Violet **Chadwick** who was born in 1905. Eli **Chadwick** had a wet fish business in Brook Street, Todmorden and at some time moved to Blackpool, first living in Albany road, then 105 Stoneyhill Avenue, Blackpool.

Violet **Chadwick** died 29/10/1989.

At Cross Stones Cemetery, Todmorden is the family tomb and monument of the **Chadwick/ McCann** families.

There was also a Private John **McCann**, son of the previously mentioned Peter and Elizabeth **McCann**, in the First World War. He was in the Lancashire Fusiliers 1/6 D Battalion 243133. He was killed at the Battle of Jutland August 1914.

**DON'T ASSUME ANYTHING**

**by  
Joan Coles**

**In loving memory of  
a dear wife and mother  
Beatrice,  
who died Dec.18th 1955, aged 68 years  
Also a dear husband and father  
George Haley,  
who died Feb. 23rd 1932, aged 51 years.  
Also Mollie, Len and Christine,  
grandchildren  
who died in infancy.  
Also Hilda, daughter of the above.  
Beloved wife of Harry Hartley  
and a dear mother and grandma  
who died Dec. 31st 1969, aged 58 years.**

One of the lessons you quickly learn when researching your family tree is not to assume anything.

I don't consider myself an expert although I do have a few years under my belt and have met many of the blind alleys and brick walls that most researchers meet along the way.

When I moved to Australia in 2009 I had to give up 'helping' at the Research Room in Brighthouse and I was sad to leave the many friends I had made within the Society. However, time and technology move on and when I got the chance to join Peter's transcribing team I was at last able to start giving something back again.

From transcribing school books and gravestones it all helps to build up knowledge which can be used in research. I will often have exchanges with Peter (time differences being the only obstacle) on the transcriptions to ensure information is correct to the best of our knowledge (and ability).

I was given the transcription above to index and having no information about the three grandchildren, other than what is recorded, I just had to investigate further. For the purpose of the indexing exer-

cise this wasn't necessary I just wanted to see if I could find out more.

Mollie, Len and Christine can safely be assumed to be grandchildren of Beatrice and George **Haley** but are any, or all of them, also children of Hilda who is Beatrice and George's daughter?

### **How did I find the answers?**

First of all I traced the marriage of Hilda **Haley** and Harry **Hartley**, which took place in Halifax Registration District in 1931. I then turned to the 1939 Registry and found Hilda and Harry with a son Eric. By using the FindMyPast indexes, which give: surname and mother's maiden name, a check of Eric's birth confirmed he was a **Hartley/Haley**. I then found the birth and death of Mollie (1932 - 1933) however there was no Len or Christine with the **Hartley/Haley** combination.

My next step was to find Beatrice on the 1939 Registry, as she didn't die until 1955. There was one possible Beatrice in the Brighthouse area and she had the correct birth year according to the transcription. The Registry showed her living with three others (probably three children) - Kathleen and Barbara **Haley** and another (the name was blacked out on the image so I didn't know their name). The entry also showed the **Haley** name struck through on the names I could see, and new surnames given: Beatrice to **Hooper**, Kathleen to **Smith** and Barbara to **Crossley**.

I confirmed the remarriage of Beatrice in 1944 to Joseph **Hooper**, the marriage of Kathleen in late 1939 to Leonard **Smith** and finally Barbara's marriage in 1947 to Albert **Crossley**. As a double check I also found Beatrice had given birth to two sons in the time span between Kathleen and Barbara so the blacked out name would probably be one of the two.

My final step was to check for children of the marriages of Kathleen and Barbara. I did think the **Smith/Haley** search may be problematic (being **Smith**) however, as Kathleen's husband was Leonard perhaps, just perhaps Len was their son? There was only one **Smith/Haley** birth in Halifax and it was Len in 1941. A check of deaths shows he died the following year.

That left Christine who was not a **Hartley/Haley** or a **Smith/Haley**. A further search for **Crossley/Haley** found the birth of a Christine **Crossley** in 'Calder' in 1949. There is also a death in Calder for Christine **Crossley** the same year.

I now know who the parents of the three grandchildren are. The 1939 Registry was the key to finding the answers.

I hope that anyone who has any of the people mentioned above in their family tree enjoys seeing their names mentioned and perhaps you can let me know if I have got it right?

I am really enjoying helping with the transcribing. It never gets boring. I can thoroughly recommend it to anyone. You can give as little or as much time to it as you want - it is addictive - just like the family history hobby itself. If I can help from the other side of the world, I am sure you can!

### **What is the 1939 Registry and how can it help you**

The Registry isn't a census in the real sense although much of the information recorded in it is the same so it is often referred to as 'the 1939 census'

As the 1931 census records were destroyed in WW2 and the 1941 census was never taken, because of WW2, it is the only record bridging 1921 - 1951.

As war loomed in the late 1930s the British Government recognised the need to know the identities of civilians in the country. Its purpose was multifold but included the issue of Identity Cards, organisation of rationing etc. 29th September 1939 was declared National Registration Day and 41 million people were issued with forms. Enumerators set forth to visit every civilian household to ensure accurate information on the occupants was collected. As one of the main aims of the Register, at that time, was the issuing of Identity Cards the Enumerators issued them at the same time as they collected the forms.

It was a legal requirement for Identity Cards to be carried from this point onwards and this requirement continued until 1952. House

moves, marriage and the birth of children required the issue of a new Identity Card.

Only information of the civilian population was collected. This means that any member of the armed forces will not feature. I do not know if they were added as and when they became a civilian.

As the register was such a comprehensive record it was used at the time of the founding of the National Health Service in 1947. To keep NHS records up to date amendments continued to be made to the Register until 1991, possibly right up until the records themselves were computerised.

To conform with privacy laws the record of people less than 100 years old and not known to have died are blacked out. This can be frustrating if it appears that the relative you are looking for could be that blacked out line! Since the records were made public some blacked out lines have become available to view and I guess eventually they all will be

One thing to be careful with when searching the Register is the 'address' for instance Rastrick and Brighouse are lumped together as Brighouse. I understand this is because the addresses were based on Borough/District and not Postal Address.

There is much information you can gather from the Registry if you understand the codes and references. If you want more, there is plenty of information out there to explain the finer points.

As with the census records don't give up if you fail to find the record you want straight away.

**Joan Coles**

I'm not sure if this is true, or just a myth, but I heard that, at the 1<sup>st</sup> pass of the 1939 "census", a number of people avoided it, as they didn't want it to be used to call them up for active service. However, once they discovered that it was being used to issue ration books & they weren't getting theirs, they had second thoughts !!!

**Peter Lord**

A name on a gravestone does not necessarily mean that that person is buried under it. Nor does it mean that that person is a relation. Sometimes faithful servants' names were included.

Editor



**CFHS Talk ~ October 2019**  
**MRS HARRY HUMPHRIES – THE LADY GLOBETROTTER**  
**by MR ROB HAMILTON**

I read an article about this lady, in a Courier from 1914 and was intrigued. I got some information from newspapers on the American Library of Congress site and the censuses but mainly from all the information her family has shared with me.

Mrs Harry **Humphries** was born Elizabeth Ann **Yates**, in 1883, on Queens Road, Halifax. She is referred to as Lizzie, hereafter. Her mother's maiden name was **Kelsey**, and interestingly, a street near Queens Road is called Kelsey Street. The **Kelseys** were an important family in the area and lived at Vesps Farm on Pellon Lane, which no longer exists .

Lizzie's family had moved by 1891 to Luddenden, where her dad set up an engineering business in the old corn mill. The family were very active in the local Methodist Church there. Lizzie had three younger brothers, called Frederick Kelsey (this was his middle name), Alfred Theodore, known as Theo and Oswald. In 1904 her mother died of cancer. As was the social custom of the time, she would have been very much involved in bringing up her brothers. Their memories of her are not detailed.

In 1908, Lizzie emigrated to Canada, on her own. That was a brave thing, for anyone, especially a young woman, to do, at the time. She does not say why she emigrated, but the family owns a photo, taken at Wisley House Luddenden, of Lizzie with a young man, who is mentioned as her fiancé, in a note on the back of the photo. The man's name is not known. In Canada, she had several jobs, amongst them as an actor, with the stage name: Elsie **Kelsey**.

By 1910, she was living in New York, and she had married an Englishman, Mr Harry **Humphries**, in September 1910. For their honeymoon, they walked from New York to Florida and back. There are not many records of Harry, but the marriage certificate states he was born in 1881, in London. Having investigated the records here, it is probable he was born in Middlesex, as Arthur **Humphries** and most likely, changed his name, for the stage. Harry and Lizzie appear in several newspapers of this time, and through these newspapers we learn Harry served in the British Army during the Boxer Rebellion in China, in 1900, and during the Boer War, in South Africa. He also claimed to be an engineer in South Africa, a photographer and to speak seven languages, which is questionable. He also

liked to mention he was a famous long distance runner.

Harry and Lizzie entered a wager with the New York monthly "Polo" magazine, if Lizzie was able to walk around the world in four years, they would receive \$100,000. It seems Lizzie had desires to prove she could do this, after having been scorned at the editor's office.

In July 1911 the couple set off. They could not take any transport except to cross water and could not take large sums of money with them, earning their keep instead, by giving speeches about their trip and selling postcards or sheet music. Starting in New York, they were to travel to Canada, across the Atlantic to England, Scandinavia , Russia , Southern Europe , down one side of Africa , up the other side of Africa to India, into Asia and then Japan, to Australasia, across the Pacific to South America and back to New York. There is a photo of them as they are about to start this journey.

In Vancouver Museum they exhibit the holster of the gun Lizzie carried with her on her travels and one of her blouses. It appears the couple also carried the American flag with them, perhaps in the fear the British flag would not be popular throughout the Empire.

When they reached Halifax, Nova Scotia, Lizzie sent a number of letters to her father and family in the UK. These letters are still in possession of the family. She describes the places she has visited in Canada. The couple appear in many newspaper articles and Lizzie kept a scrapbook of them, which is very useful. They show the couple met quite a few dignitaries. One ship owner in the town paid for first class passages for them across the Atlantic. Lizzie and Harry disembarked in London and met Oscar **Hammerstein**, the theatre impresario. After London they went to a few other places in the UK, including Halifax, where Lizzie made a note to say they had had a lovely reception on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1911. She mentions December 28<sup>th</sup> as when they took leave again.

Shortly after they were in Manchester, or rather Lizzie is, by herself and where the newspapers print interviews with Lizzie in which she states her husband, Harry has had to give up the walk , due to "nervous prostration" . Her father visited her and forbade her to continue the walk, but she decided to continue and a Professor **Mutley** of Barnsley is mentioned in the papers as going before her as her "advanced agent ", a figure that can be described as a cross between a personal trainer and an agent.

By January 1912, she is in Wales. And in the first of many similar

letters, writes to her dad asking for money. We later learn in an interview a Finnish newspaper did with Lizzie, that Harry, her husband, had not had a nervous breakdown but had in fact, taken all the money they had together and run off back to New York. So Lizzie is dependent on her dad for financial help. It seems she gave her speeches or lectures to earn money, as she continued her travels up to Scotland and then to Scandinavia. And whilst she was in Scandinavia, a San Francisco newspaper published an article, where a Mrs May **Humphries** alleged her husband had deserted her (this is not Lizzie), taking \$700 of community property and money and accused him of failing to provide for their minor child, Arthur **Humphries**. A Judge and the police issue a warrant for Harry's arrest within Los Angeles, where his wife, May, believed he was living.

In June, Lizzie writes to thank her dad for money sent and asks him for more. And at this time, another newspaper article, in America, claims Oscar **Hammerstein** has "wagered \$10,00 with Mr and Mrs Harry Humphries on a 5000 mile motorcycle tour around the world". The photo is of Harry but the woman is not Lizzie. In a later article, the woman is named as Anna **Fleming**, who eloped with Harry and claims they did not get far with their motorcycle adventure due to a mechanical problem. Harry has disappeared again and is still being searched for, by the police.

By June 1913, Lizzie has been to Russia, where she suffered the extreme cold weather and the general discontent in the country, at the time. She arrived in Poland and from that time is a Courier article, reporting of the death of her brother Oswald, in a motorcycle accident, in Halifax. Lizzie writes home to her dad and brother Kelsey to mourn the death. She understandably was not able to attend the funeral, as transport was limited then. Oswald is buried at Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge, in the **Kelsey** family grave.

By July 1913, she is in East Germany and writes to thank her dad for money sent to her. In another letter she mentions Percy, who must be her fiancé from Luddenden. She remains in Germany another month and again mentions Percy in a letter to her dad, saying he has been to visit her and that he has plans to marry her.

By December, she is in Sweden, writing to her dad again, but in this letter she claims Percy has proven not be a friend and disappointed her. In January 1914, she is in Brussels and writes again to her dad, begging him for money in quite desperate tones. Shortly after, another letter thanks him for the money and mentions her agent Mr

**Pearson** as having returned, after he had gone to speak to Percy, or rather confront Percy, on some matter. From this letter we learn Percy's surname was **Crossley**.

By June 1914 she is in Paris and sends more letters to her dad claiming that Mr **Pearson** is making some arrangement with the "Polo" magazine she had her wager with and telling her dad she will not need more money from him. Lizzie had to flee Paris shortly after this letter, as war was declared between Germany and France at the end of July. She got to Antwerp and had to leave behind her luggage and her beloved dog Vixie, who she had picked up on her travels. She arrived safely back in England, but by December 1914, she was in America again, with Mr **Humphries**. It is doubtful this is Harry, but the true identity of this gentleman is unknown.

In September 1919, an article in an Arizona newspaper, mentions Harry has been arrested for fraud in shops and it states he was married to a lady called Hattie **Kidd**. There is a record of their marriage in Chicago, in 1917. On the 1920 census it indicates Harry was still in prison .

Lizzie eventually settled in Florida, in America. She returned to Europe in between on trips and in 1959 she applied for American citizenship. On the application, it says she married Harry **Humphries** and a man called Harry **Norman**, in 1919, in Galveston. There are no records of him, or the marriage. Lizzie died in 1960 aged 77 and is buried near Miami, in Florida.

All Lizzie's family live in the UK. There are no known relatives in the USA.



### **Lies - All Lies!**

We had a big family spat  
Which Aunt Alice kept under her hat.  
Aunt Jane spun a story  
Which wasn't too gory -  
So you must be contented with that!

**Jeannie Allergist**



**CFHS Talk ~ November 2019**  
**DAVID SMITH: A DYER FROM SIDDAL**  
**by STUART WILKINSON**

David **Smith** was born 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1819 to John and Barbra **Smith**. John was a “poor weaver” and they lived in poverty at Skircoat Green.

David learnt to read and write at the Sunday School he attended, but things could not have been easy as these were turbulent times; he was born in the year of the Peterloo massacre and then lived in the hotbed of radicalism that was Skircoat Green.

How much he was involved in the Chartist efforts we will never know but he was certainly very interested in the rights of ordinary folk.

After his Father died, he was living with his mother at Southowram and was employed as a dyehouse labourer.

In 1841 he married Harriot and they had six children. Harriet died in 1867.

David then married Susanna who died in 1881 and she was succeeded by Martha.

At the birth of David's first child he thought he had better improve his circumstances so trained as a dyer. He was very successful at dyeing and soon went abroad to receive prizes for his work. He published several books on dying which are still held in high regard.

Once his sons came of age, he started a wool combing business which was to grow in size with warehouses in Halifax and Bradford. He had a big building exercise and had many building Applications. He also had several patents for textile machinery.

Once his wool combing business was established, he was elected as a councillor, a post he held for several years and was later made an Alderman.

At the same time as his Council work he was a preacher at the Strict Baptist Church he built, and went all over the country preaching.

He caught a chill on one of his preaching tours and was eventually

brought back home to die.

He wrote a few books on his religious beliefs which are very interesting and give a picture of the time.

His funeral was held at The Baptist Chapel in Siddal and interment was at Lister Lane Cemetery in Halifax. The funeral was a very plain affair but was attended by many preachers and the whole council.



#### MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Surname	Location	County	Known	Known	Wanted	Wanted
			from	to	from	to
HAWORTH	SOYLAND/RISHWORTH	YKS	1732	1745	1745	1850
SUTCLIFFE	HALIFAX/	WRY			Start	1860
HOWARTH	SOYLAND/RISHWORTH	YKS	1752	1814	1814	1850
MIDGLEY	HALIFAX	WRY	1800	1850	1851	2000
HAWORTH	TODMORDEN	YKS			1700	1800
NORTH	HALIFAX, SOWERBY BRIDGE	WRY				
NORTH	HORBURY	WRY				
COPLEY	HALIFAX, WAKEFIELD	WRY				
WHITEHOUSE	WARLEY	WRY				
HORTON	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	STS				

You can find out which member is interested in these names, and how to contact them, by going to the Members' Area on the CFHS web site.

<http://www.cfhsweb.com>

## POST BAG

Hello,

Thought this information from the Dec. FFHS newsletter might be of interest and worth a note in the next Scrivener or Newsletter. I found the Australian site TROVE very useful, and importantly free, whereas Ancestry requires an upgraded membership for international searches. I looked up more about the descendants of Robert and Susan **Ashworth** of Hudson Mill who emigrated to Kelso Australia in 1842. I found newspaper articles, an obituary and notices.

Kind regards,

Ann Bennett

### Using Photographs

There are now many new websites that provide old photographs of the areas perhaps where your ancestors lived. <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/photos/englands-places/>

Your local Register Office, Heritage Centre or Family History Society are other great resource for photographs. For example, Norfolk Heritage Centre have digitised a large number of the photographs they hold and these appear on Picture Norfolk <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/photo-collections/picture-norfolk> - an amazing resource if you have ancestors from this county.

The National Library of Scotland hold a large library of images since 1840 in their collection. <https://www.nls.uk/collections/photographs>

Photographs of Wales can be viewed at <https://www.library.wales/collections/learn-more/introduction2/>

and of Ireland at <https://www.ria.ie/library/catalogues/special-collections/photographs>

If your ancestors emigrated to, or lived in, Australia there is also a large database where you can access that fabulous resource via TROVE <https://trove.nla.gov.au>

Local Newspapers are another great resource; use them to check if they contain photographs of the places your ancestors lived; they may even have a picture of your relative.

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>

## HOWARTH and the Quaker Church

I am a returning member having found something new in my research, I started researching my **HOWARTH** family line in 1997, I became a member of Cfhs for ten years, and by 2007 I had traced my family back to JOHN **HOWARTH** born 1735, I had found his marriage in 1757, he was living in SOYLAND I then found all of his children, and his death was in 1815 aged 80, hence his birth was in 1735, I had never been able to find his birth/baptism anywhere. So from 2007 my research dropped off, fast forward to 2019 and I read that "findmypast" had the 1939 register, this was at the outbreak of WW2 when a census was taken of 46,000,000 people in the UK to know who was living in this country and help with food rationing, I got a 3 month subscription and found all my family that was living at that time, after that I still had time on my subscription and decided to do a general search, JOHN **HOWARTH** BORN 1732-1738, in the results the closest was a JOHN **HAWORTH** BORN 1735 BRIGHOUSE, I was not too hopeful, the spelling was **H-A-W-O-R-T-H** and in all my research we had always been spelt **H-O-W-A-R-T-H** and I had never found anyone in a Brighthouse church, I clicked on the result and found it was in the QUAKER church at Brighthouse and his family lived in SOYLAND, what a result. This opened up my family going back from here, the Quaker church kept very good records and I soon went back 3 generations to Todmorden and Rossendale, Lancashire, I have now got back as far as GEORGE **HAWORTH** who died in Lancaster prison in 1691, a prisoner for his testimony against tythes, this happened to hundreds in the Quaker church at this time. My question now is having found my JOHN **HOWARTH** and all his brothers and sister in the Quaker births between 1733 and 1744, all spelt **HAWORTH**, from 1752 all had left the Quaker church and were married at Elland or Halifax in the parish church, and the name was always spelt **H-O-W-A-R-T-H**, from this time on, most were buried at Ripponden church. So what happened between the Quaker church and the **Haworth** family for them to leave the church? Why would the whole family in Soyland leave the Quaker church, when just over 50 years earlier their grandfather had died for his beliefs? If anyone can help with any Quaker history for this era please get in touch, or any **Haworth/Howarth** information in the Soyland/Rishworth area.

John **Howarth** mem 3990



## **Wonderful Websites with Jackie Depelle Chairman, Yorkshire Group of Family History Societies**

Thank you for asking me to share some websites for the Scrivener. It is difficult to keep up to date with Family History online so for this piece I thought to mention newsletters which are easy to digest and quick to delete! Whose do you get? Why not try these:

The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies – use it for an excellent list of new material on main stream sites right at the end:

<http://www.ihgs.ac.uk/newslist>

Society of Genealogists – use it for updates and highlights, competitions and details of forthcoming family history events:

<http://www.sog.org.uk/about/newsletter/>

Federation of Family History Societies – very often topic specific giving many ideas for research:

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

The National Archives – use it for new digitisation projects, featured records from Government organisations, research guides, podcasts, events at Kew, book offers etc.

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/contact-us/email-updates/>

LostCousins – website designed to connect cousins, enter your family as found in the census. 2 or 3 informative newsletters a month:

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

Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter – use for daily international updates, often include IT hints and tips:

<https://blog.eogn.com/> Free edition <https://app.feedblitz.com/f/?Sub=948986>

There are of course newsletters from all of the commercial companies Ancestry, Find-MyPast (particularly useful Friday updates), The British Newspaper Archive, etc., plus the dedicated magazines and many more. And ... if you haven't been getting any of these hope you have picked up that digital copies of Modern Wills ie from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1858 are now just £1.50:

<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/news/government-cuts-probate-record-cost-next-12-months>

If you're not sure about which website for probate records read Paul Blake's guide:

<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/news/where-are-wills-kept>

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## **The Society approach to Projects.**

As most of you know, we have a dedicated team of volunteers within the Society who work on the various projects that we run. The 2 current ones are School Admissions & Monumental (MI) Indexing.

We thought that you might be interested in the approach that your Committee take on these, the reasons for the decisions on which ones to do & how the team go about their work.

As each project nears its end, the Committee consider what would be best, in terms of useful information for members & non-members alike, for us to work on. There are a number of considerations that we take into account :-

- What types of information are there available that we could work on ?
- How likely is it that the Commercials will do what we are considering – they can do things faster than we can (although not necessarily as accurately) ?
- Where we can get our base information from ? This is usually the West Yorkshire Archives – and they are sometimes reluctant to give us permission for some types of data, as they always hope to be able to sell it to the Commercials.
- For any project under consideration, how long will it be before we can publish anything ? It is probably better to do 2 or 3 smaller projects over a year rather than 1 large one which may take a year or more.
- Can we publish information as we go along ? Even with a large project which might take a year or more, we can often publish the results in sections, and, even within those sections, “drip-feed” data to our members, even if we can’t make it available to the general public. School Logs & School Admissions are examples of this. Both projects have been split into 3 geographical sections of Calderdale, resulting in 3 CDs being published as we completed each stage. With School Admissions, we have even been able to make data available as it has been completed, so that members have the opportunity to get at the new data, even before it has been published.
- How likely is it that we will get a good financial return from the work we do ? There is a little more on this at the end of this article.
- Finally, and probably most importantly, will our Transcription Team enjoy doing the work on it ? It is no good our setting up projects that no-one wants to work on – that is the best way to lose our volunteers. We have to say that our team members, to-date, have been remarkably tolerant & have taken on everything that we have thrown at them with enthusiasm !

There are a number of steps that we go through for most projects. Once we have decided on what we are going to transcribe, we have to get permission from the owner of the documents concerned to work on them. This is most usually the West Yorkshire Archives. Since the advent of the dreaded GDPR in May 2018, we are prohibited from accessing data that contains information on people who were born less than 100 years ago, unless they can be shown to be dead. For instance, Monumental Inscriptions are OK, because, by definition, the people concerned are no longer alive. However, baptisms, marriages & things like school records may well hold quite personal information about people who are still alive.

When we have the necessary permission, the next step is to photograph the source documents. Depending on the ease or otherwise of getting it, depends on how much we do before starting on the transcribing. Generally, photographing tries to keep one step ahead of the transcribers.

Nearly all transcription is done into MSExcel spreadsheets, so one or more templates are prepared, to give the correct column headings for the data to be transcribed.

At the same time, we canvass our team members to ensure that they are happy to work on the proposed project (they nearly always are – they are gluttons for punishment !!). So once we have sufficient material for them to work on, we send out a template & a set of pages of photographs of the documents to be transcribed. We try to keep the size of each piece of work such that it is not too overfacing for the transcriber.

The team then beaver away over a hot computer & return the completed MSExcel spreadsheets as they finish them. They take a variety of times to do each piece of work depending on what other things in life they have on at the time. We all realise that CFHS stuff is fairly low down the ladder of life, so we are always grateful for the time that our transcribers can give us. It never ceases to amaze over how much time they are all prepared to commit to the projects.

As the transcription comes to an end, we send out the transcribed files to different members of the team to validate what has been keyed. This is something that we are keen on because, although it lengthens the project time, it guarantees a more accurate set of information at the end - something that the Commercials do not always recognise.

So a cycle of validation then takes place until all the work has been checked. What then happens is that, at the centre, all the individual files are merged & a further set of validations take place. This can be done in bulk, so does not always take too long, but it is surprising what even the validators have missed. A favourite is for a year to have been keyed as the present rather than the historical – so 1/5/1883 may have been keyed as 1/5/2020. What we find is that there are favourite blind-spots with

validators – they are very good at checking the day & month, but not so good at checking the year – probably because, often, it is the same year for dozens of entries in a row.

Once all the final checks have been done, we prepare the end results as follows :-

- All the data is added to either an existing database or a new database is created for it. For the technically minded, this is usually an MSAccess database. This is then the master base of data from which everything else flows.
- 2 sub-sets of data are then extracted, to serve as indexes – one for the Index in the Research Room & the other is passed to our Web Administrator, who uploads it on to the Transcription Index on our website.
- Copies of both the database & the index are also given to the West Yorkshire Archives, who have a computer on loan from our Society to use for researchers in there, and to our Search Coordinator, who needs them to satisfy members' requests for detailed information.
- Where we have an agreement with FindMyPast to publish our data, we send them a data set, formatted in the way they want it, and in due course (generally 4-6 weeks) it is published on their site. Every hit on the data from then on earns our Society a little bit of commission which mounts up to a healthy monthly income.
- Finally, we prepare a CD which holds the data in an easily accessible form. This is produced by our Publications Officer & is then available for sale. The Web Administrator adds the details to our Publication pages on our website & the necessary information is also passed to Genfair to allow them to make sales on our behalf. Genfair also get a digitised copy of the CD which can then be downloaded directly by customers from the Genfair site.

The Search Coordinator is one of the more important people in the system, because every time you find someone of interest on the Transcription Index on our website & you request a free copy of the detail for that entry, she receives an E-mail from the system with your E-mail address & the request details. She then uses her copy of the relevant database to find the detail you want, "prints" it to a PDF file & sends it off to you as an E-Mail attachment.

The financial aspect of all this is quite important to us. As we are sure you realise, the Society has many calls on its finances to run as efficiently as we do. The only main sources of income are membership subscriptions & the sale of "product", so the results of project work are crucial to our survival. We have to be aware of how people's views change & their appetite for data in a certain way (for instance, many lap-tops no longer have CD drives, so sales are increasingly switching away from CDs to-

ward downloads).

This is why we are increasingly moving towards partnerships with Genfair & FindMyPast, so that we can make information available to people in the way that they want it. We also want to give our members an extra “boost” by making such information free to them through our Transcription Index on the Society website.

We hope that you have found this article interesting so that you have a little better idea of how it all hangs together. The real “lynch-pins” of the whole operation are the members of the Transcription Team, who are essential to the whole operation. We can never have enough of them, so if you have a computer & a few hours per month to spare, we would be delighted to add you to our team of volunteers. Just drop us an E-mail to [projects@cfhsweb.com](mailto:projects@cfhsweb.com) & we can set you on your way.

**Peter Lord – Project Coordinator.**

### **Live locally & think that you can help us ? EVENTS SECRETARY needed**

As you all know, the officers of the Society all work hard to keep going the various aspects of CFHS, but there sometimes comes a time when one of us wants to lighten the load a little.

This is the case with our Secretary, Margaret Smith, who wants to spend a little more time with her other pursuits. Consequently, your Committee have agreed to split her role, so that she can continue most of the valuable work that she already does for us, but pass over parts of her job to someone else. As a result, we have created a new post of Event Secretary. This involves doing the background preparation for a set number of “events” that occur during the year. There are, basically, 3 sets of tasks to be covered :-

- Organising the venue for any annual “dinner” – this year, a lunch combined with the AGM.
- Booking the rooms, generally once a year, for the 2 regular meetings – the monthly General Meeting & the bi-monthly Committee Meetings.
- Organising any annual trip that the Committee think the membership would benefit from.
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There is no need for the Event Secretary to attend Committee Meetings, so most of the tasks can be done from home. Probably the only reasons for any actual visits would be to check out venues that we haven’t used before.

Please consider if you can help by taking up this post – the tasks involved may seem mundane, but they are an important part of a functioning Society. If you would like to be considered, please contact me, Clifford Drake, either by E-Mail at [chairman@cfhsweb.com](mailto:chairman@cfhsweb.com) or on the ‘phone on 10484-714311.

**Clifford Drake - Chairman**

## ORAL HISTORY

### Qu. 'Where did you meet Grandad, Grandma?'

The importance of recording oral memories from people is vital, this was brought into sharp relief for me when I went to the National Mining Museum in 2015 and heard the recorded voices of miners and mining officials telling of their work and experiences. This is a wonderful archive which could have been lost without active intervention. My family background is in textile production and farming so I was fascinated to find out about the lives of people who worked in the mining industry which had been quite alien to me before I came to live in Barnsley.

Many museums are now actively promoting an increasingly varied oral archive as its importance and value is becoming acknowledged as vital to who we are as a society. A visit to the Museum of Welsh Life in Cardiff demonstrated this admirable initiative to me as the reconstructed past dwellings and life styles are complemented by recordings of spoken memories, this offers a whole different dimension to the visitor experience. (Even though I cannot speak Welsh, I could feel and understand the passion of the speakers!)

Oral history was the initial method of transmission of memories for hundreds of years, the use of oral memory was the primary source material for understanding the past for centuries. According to the \*Oral History Society, Bede, who wrote the 'History of the English Church and People in 731 AD noted his thanks to "countless faithful witnesses who either know or remember the facts".

The advent of the printing presses by Gutenberg and Caxton gave rise to many memories being subsequently recorded in the printed word, the distribution of oral memories lessened drastically, oral memory was undervalued and became almost negated. The domestic and working lives of the vast majority of the population were left unrecorded. Everyone forgets events as time goes by, indeed, two people with a common memory may remember it differently so if we do not record people's life thoughts then they are lost forever when they die.

This decline continued until the middle of the twentieth century when the realisation began to grow throughout the world that there are a whole host of memories that could be recorded for posterity after so much has been lost.

It was in the late 1960s that the interest in developing the UK oral history began to gather momentum as people from diverse communities, organisations, workplaces, museums and universities became increasingly involved in collecting the memories of people from all walks of life, experiences and beliefs. In the UK, The Oral History Society, founded in 1973, acts as a fulcrum for this vast project. This society has grown and expanded as the oral history collection project has developed. The society is dedicated to the collection and preservation of oral history, and to making this accessible to everyone.

Many family historians belong to family history societies. How many of them are aware of the Oral History Society? I certainly was not. It is with this in mind that Bradford FHS invited Sue Button and Caroline Senior to their February AGM to talk about their involvement in the project. The collection of people's memories is enormously complex in the preparation of the interviews, the questions they should like answers to, designing prompts and triggers for the recording session as well as the large degree of sensitivity that is needed. The attention to detail is second to none. The recording equipment that is used can vary enormously in sophistication and complexity. The oral history project has to be very flexible in its approach and use of technology, as many people, especially the older generation, are uncertain around 'modern technology'.

The oral history collection has developed across the world, it has quickly become universal, although the approach has diversified according to location. In Western Europe and North America the focus tends to be on identity and cultural differences whereas in Latin America and Eastern Europe, there is more of an overt political dimension for projects.

The best way to begin to understand oral history is to go to the website for the Oral History Society where there are many diverse documents you can choose from.

To join the society, it costs £32-00 per year through [www.webscribe.co.uk](http://www.webscribe.co.uk), membership is per year from January 1st and includes two magazines per annum. For those of you who wish to contact them by mail, the address is:

Oral History,  
Unit 4, College Rd Business Park, College Road North,  
Aston Clinton, HP22 5EZ

Telephone: 01422 820585

This is just an introductory article, some of the information may be new to you. I shall write a further review for the next magazine with more detail about how the collection of oral memories are obtained.

**Margaret E. Williams**

\* The Oral History Society - Early History

**Ans: I remember going on the bus every Saturday when we went dancing at “The Cuban” in Barnsley where I met Arthur...**



## Extra information about the 2020 AGM.

The Society's AGM takes place, as usual, in place of the monthly April meeting. However, this year your Committee has decided to try something new & combine it with the annual "dinner". Your March Newsletter has already given you brief details on this, but we thought that members would like to hear a little more background to the decision.

We are aware that some of our more senior members find attending the usual annual dinner a bit of a trial, given that they have to drive to & from the venue, usually out of town, and at night. In addition, we quite often struggle to find a worthwhile "activity" to have after the AGM to make members feel that it is worthwhile coming to – we acknowledge that AGMs are not everyone's cup of tea.

So, this year, we are combining the AGM & the annual "dinner" at lunchtime on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The event will take place at Grand Salon, Alibi, Somerset House 10 Rawson St, Halifax, rather than at our usual venue The Maurice Jagger Centre. The AGM will start at 11:30am & will be followed by a buffet lunch at 12:30.

The cost for the lunch will be just £16 per head, but will exclude drinks, which we feel members would prefer to choose on their own – be it tea, coffee or something alcoholic. Of course, it is not mandatory to have the lunch – all members will be welcome to the AGM whether or not they choose to come to the lunch afterwards.

The reasoning behind this move to a different format is :-

- We want to make the AGM a more social occasion, rather than a dry, formalised annual meeting.
- We believe that many members would be more comfortable having the annual meal during the day, rather than in the evening.
- Having a venue in the centre of Halifax makes it more accessible to those who do not always have their own transport. Most bus timetables provide excellent service to & from town from most areas of Calderdale.
- Lunches are traditionally less expensive than evening dinners.

Our Secretary needs to have a rough idea of numbers to tell the caterers, so please signify your intentions to her as soon as you can – certainly by early April. She would also appreciate payment before the event, so it would be helpful for you to pay for the lunch at the same time. Payment can be made either by cheque or direct to the Society bank – Calderdale FHS – Sort Code 30-93-76 – Account No. 01670491

We hope that as many local members as possible will try out these new arrangements – we are sure that it will make an enjoyable change from previous years. Contact details for the Secretary are in the back of this journal – her E-mail address is

[secretary@cfhsweb.com](mailto:secretary@cfhsweb.com)

## CALDERDALE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

**2020 SUMMER MEETINGS ~ Thursdays 7:30pm.**

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Annual General Meeting**

**28th May**

**Sue McGeever ~ Hats & Huts: Ladies of the YMCA.**

This is the extraordinary story of the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary who, as YMCA civilian volunteers, travelled to the Western Front during the Great War to run the canteens and recreation huts used by the "Tommies" when away from the front line.

In difficult and unimaginable times, many had presided over the drawing rooms of society but when war came they left the comfort of their homes and travelled to the Front.

Using information taken from primary sources, such as letters, journals and contemporary documents, Sue illustrates the little known work undertaken by the YMCA during the Great War.

**25<sup>th</sup> June**

**David Cawthra ~ The Cawthra One Name Study.**

David Cawthra, a native of Halifax and away-member of Calderdale FHS, has been researching the Cawthra families of Yorkshire for the past 15 years. He is a member of the Guild of One Name Studies and will initially explain its benefits for non-members.

David will go on to set out how he approached the study, which has engaged the interest of Cawthras throughout the world and also outline the vital role DNA played in the investigation.

He will conclude by recounting some of the interesting and often fascinating stories he unearthed along the journey.

**23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Chris Helme ~ All in a Days Work:**

**Reminiscences from 30 years in the Police Service.**

Based on 30 years as a local bobby in and around his hometown of Brighouse, Chris Helm tells of his 1950s childhood ambition to become a policeman coming to fruition many years later.

Chris relates the ups and downs of every day policing working amongst people he had grown up with in Brighouse and charts the humour, melancholy and some of the unbelievable situations he often found himself in. This is a fascinating and amusing story told by what some would describe as an "old-school" policeman.

View our website at [www.cfhsweb.com](http://www.cfhsweb.com)

and visit

Calderdale Family History Society's

**RESEARCH ROOM**

Brighouse Library  
Rydings Park, Halifax Rd., Brighouse, HD6 2AF

**Tuesdays 1:30pm to 4:30pm & Thursdays 10:00am to 1:00pm**

**Open to both Members & Non-Members**

**Facilities include :-**

- **Searchable information on 4 computers.**
- **Fiches for all Calderdale C of E churches.**
- **6 Internet terminals, with access to Ancestry.com**  
(~~Note~~—now increased from original 4 terminals)
- **Wide range of books, journals, cuttings, etc.**

**For more information and bookings ring 07952-211986 during the hours given above.**

## **Huddersfield & District Family History Society**

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

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

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

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

## USEFUL CONTACTS AND SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING WEST YORKSHIRE ANCESTORS

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

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

Calderdale Central Library, Square Road, Halifax HX1 1QG

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

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

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

(*Registers, WRiding Registry of Deeds, Manorial Records etc.*)

Tel. 0113 535 0142. email : [wakefield@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:wakefield@wyjs.org.uk)

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

<https://www.wyjs.org.uk/archive-service/contact-us-and-opening-times/west-yorkshire-history-centre-wakefield-archive-service-opening-times-and-information/>

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

University of York, Heslington, YORK YO10 5DD

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

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

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

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

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

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

**[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)**

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

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

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

**[www.direct.gov.uk/gro](http://www.direct.gov.uk/gro)** is the website of the general register office for everything concerning civil registration and to order certificates.

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

**LOCAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIRS etc**  
**Forthcoming Events of Interest :-**

**The London Group of Yorkshire FHS.**

21 March 2020	John Hanson	Websites for Yorkshire Research
20 June 2020	Simon Fowler	Publicans and Brewers
19 September 2020	Else Churchill	Early Poor Law
21 November 2020	Peter Christian	The Future of Genealogy on the Internet

All meetings are held at the **Society of Genealogists**, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA, starting at 10.30 a.m. (Doors open at 10.00 a.m.). Coffee and tea are provided before the meeting. The SoG is 5 minutes' walk away from Barbican Underground station. Everyone with an interest in Yorkshire family history is very welcome.

**You do not have to be a member of the SoG.**

**The Federation of Family History Societies**

Federation of Family History Societies' web site  
[www.ffhs.org.uk](http://www.ffhs.org.uk)

This site has a wealth of links to events & information of interest to family historians. Find the EVENTS tab for a list of forthcoming events.

**Devon FHS** is hosting a [Mayflower International Genealogical Conference](#) in Plymouth on 29th August 2020.

Are you descended from one of the Mayflower passengers' families left behind in 17th century England? I hope that some family history society members are interested in contributing to the project:

*"The families they left behind"*

Contact Maureen Selley, Secretary of Devon FHS:  
[secretary@devonfhs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@devonfhs.org.uk)

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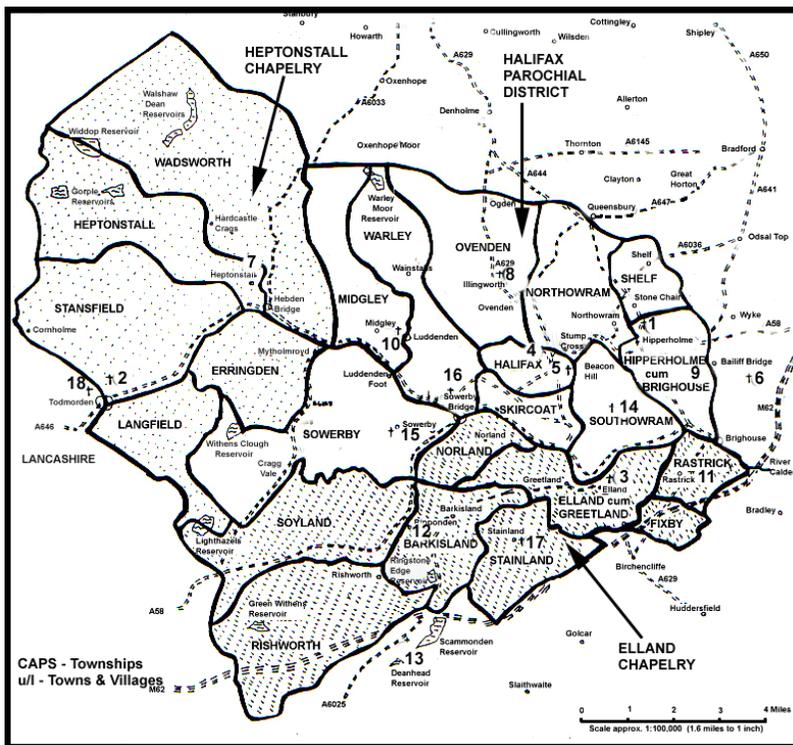
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CHURCH/CHAPEL	Registers begin	BAP.	MAR.**	BUR.
1. COLEY	St. John	1735	1745	1734
2. CROSS STONE	St. Paul	1678	1837	1678
3. ELLAND	St. Mary**	1559	1559	1559
4. HALIFAX	St. James (inc St Mary Rhodes St 1953)	1832	1837	nk
5. HALIFAX	St. John**	1538	1538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

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**Calderdale FHS Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 23rd. April 2020  
11.30am**

**Grand Salon, Alibi, Somerset House, 10 Rawson St, Halifax HX1 1NH**

**Agenda & Notes**

Announcement of Nominations and Citations & distribution of voting papers for the Members' Sutcliffe Award

1. Chairman's Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Computer Security Report
5. Collection of voting papers for the Members' Sutcliffe Award
6. Election of Officers & Committee
7. Election of Auditors
8. Presentation of the Sutcliffe Awards.
9. Presentation / Announcement of Margaret Walker Award.
10. Any Other Business.

**Please bring this Agenda to the AGM**

**Please note change of time and venue**

**Nomination Paper for the Members' Sutcliffe Award 2020**

Every year, the Society makes a presentation of 2 annual awards to Members who have made an outstanding contribution to the Society over the previous 12 months. These are entitled **The Sutcliffe Awards**, in recognition of the work carried out by John & Joyce Sutcliffe over many years.

**The Committee Sutcliffe Award** is awarded by the Committee to the Away Member who they feel has made such a contribution during the year.

**The Members' Sutcliffe Award** is awarded to any Society Member, nominated by any other member, and voted on at the AGM by all members present.

This nomination paper may be completed, signed by the submitting member & returned to The Secretary by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 . Please note that only one nomination may be made by any one member.

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**I nominate ..... to be considered for the award of the 2020 Members' Sutcliffe Award, for the following reasons:**

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**Signed:** ..... **Date :** .....

**(Please print your name here)**.....

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I nominate ..... for election to the CFHS Committee for the year 2020/2021.

Signed .....

Member's Name .....

Date .....

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