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

We aim

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

Our area

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

We do this by

- Holding meetings, usually on the 4th Thursday of each month (except December) in Halifax.
- Publishing *The Scrivener*, a quarterly journal, in paper form for full members and on our website for internet members. Contact the Editor.
- Publishing a monthly Newsletter for members who have an email address, and a Facebook page. Contact the Assistant Webmaster.
- Hosting a website www.cfhsweb.com/web/, and a members' forum. Contact the Webmaster.
- Running a Research Room at Brighouse Library two half days a week for personal research. Contact the Research Room co-ordinator.
- Running projects to transcribe records relevant to members' research. Contact the Projects Co-ordinator.
- Publishing transcribed records. Contact the Publications Officer.
- Providing an enquiry and search service from our records in the Research Room. Contact the Enquiry service Co-ordinator.
- Maintaining a list of members' interests by surname and dates of interest, which are available to members on the website. Each quarter new additions are published in *The Scrivener*. Contact the Members' Interests Co-ordinator.
- Maintaining an index of "Strays" (Calderdale people who appear in records elsewhere). Contact the Strays Co-ordinator.

Membership

- Is open to all family historians who have an interest in the area. Contact the Membership Secretary.
- Annual subscriptions are £12.00 for UK individuals (£14.00 for family membership), £17/ £19 for Overseas
- Internet membership is £6.00/ £8.00 which only provides information such as the journal on the Internet, but not on paper.
- Subscriptions are due on the 1st of the month, on the anniversary of joining the Society (cheques made payable to CFHS.) and should be sent to the Treasurer.
- Overseas payments must be made in sterling, drawn on a bank with a branch in the UK, by Sterling Money Order.
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- Credit Card payments for subscriptions and purchases of our publications may be made over the Internet via Genfair (www.genfair.co.uk).

Contacting the Society

- All correspondence requiring a reply must be accompanied by a S.A.E. Contact the Secretary or appropriate officer.
- The names, addresses and email contacts of the Society's officers and co-ordinators appear inside the back cover of *The Scrivener* and on the Society's website.

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Please note that, due my other commitments, the copy date for the Summer issue is MAY 1st. Editor.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Under the terms and conditions of the General Data Protection Regulation (2018) when you join Calderdale Family History Society (CFHS) as a member, or renew your membership, you agree that your personal information will be stored in a retrieval system and saved as a hard copy. A subset of this information is also held, securely, on the CFHS website for the purposes of allowing member access to the Members Only section of the website. Names & E-Mail addresses only may be published in the Society Quarterly magazine, The Scrivener, for any member participating in the Members' Interests System.

If you decide not to renew your membership, or your membership of CFHS lapses, all your personal information will be deleted from all retrieval systems (electronic or paper hard copy) after up to 24 months of your membership expiring.

You may, at any time, withdraw your consent by contacting CFHS GDPR Controller by E-mailing systems@cfhsweb.com or in writing to the Society Secretary. This may exclude you from the ability to use some of the Society's facilities.

You may view the information that we hold by applying to the Membership Secretary - membsec@cfhsweb.com. You may also view the Society Data Protection Policy and the GDPR Compliance Document by applying to the Secretary - secretary@cfhsweb.com

Insurance Exclusions

The insurance which we hold for certain activities undertaken by members is limited to cover for members under 75 years of age. Consequently, any member over 75 who is concerned about taking part in specific Society activities should contact the Secretary for clarification.

Editorial

Enough of Data Protection Regulations! I am quite sure they will cause more hassle for us than for would be fraudsters, so back to what we are about: Family History!

How and why do we start researching our Family Trees?

I first came to it when my husband found a hitherto unknown cousin—or rather, she found him. She had been adopted at birth, and when her adoptive parents died, she set about finding her blood relations. She found my husband and his mother (her mother's sister), and through her, we got interested in the Family History.

I went along to the Family Record Centre to see what it was all about. I decided to see how far back I could trace my father's direct line, and NOTHING ELSE.

Back then, you went to the FRC in Islington, or you went to Kew, or to SOG and you sat in front of a film reader or a microfiche reader and pored over scratched or faded films. There was a room downstairs with a drinks machine, where you could eat your sandwiches. I met a nice lady who was doing a "One Name Study" of Evans's in a Welsh village. And I think I have problems when 10% of the occupants of my ancestors' village had the same name! Now (thanks to transcribers like us at CFHS) you can do it all on line.

Well, I found some interesting 4th cousins, and got back as far as my gggg grandfather, christened in 1758, before I came to the proverbial brick wall. It was fortunate that he survived well into his eighties and appeared in the 1841 census, living next door to his son, my ggg grandfather. But there was another child with the same name christened about the same time, and both fathers had the same name too. (Mothers' names were not considered worth recording!) So I have no way of determining which Benjamin Holroyd was my ggggg grandfather!

So that's where I am. What about you? I love hearing from you - articles, letters, ideas, poems, jokes.

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COVER PICTURE Otley School circa 1910

Second row up, 4th and 5th from left, my uncle Edward Gordon Churchman (1905-1923) and aunt Dorothy Alice Lapraik Churchman (1903-1986).
(See also an article in Scrivener, Spring 2015)

Glyn Sutcliffe

CFHS Talk ~ July 2017
JAMES HARGREAVES & THE TEXTILE REVOLUTION
by KATHY FISHWICK

At one time textile making was done in the home. As a domestic industry it was carried out within the extended community of the farmhouse, with buildings surrounding it. Sometimes there was a hall or centre for everyone, with many activities going on. For example, there would be baking and brewing and weaving. Everyone did everything together - all the processes. One person would be combing the wool, another carding it, another spinning and another weaving. But as years go on, the separate jobs become separate trades which people do full time, not just for the family as before, but as individual money-making trades and professions. These were skills in their own rights. Everything revolved around the spinning wheel, but first the wool had to be got ready. The new fleece was washed, cleaned and put through two wire cards to be flattened and smoothed into a long silky rolag, before spinning. The spinning wheel or great wheel, used in Yorkshire and Lancashire produced the long lengths of thread needed.

The Speaker was from a working museum in Lancashire, and this had its own working spinning wheel which had been made in Halifax by a former boss at the Piece Hall, whose family had been making spinning wheels for many years.

The method of spinning on this wheel is to flip the thread over the end of the spindle and as it turns and goes over the top, it twists and flips it into a thread. This is repeated while all the time, turning the wheel. This same process had been going on in cottages all over the country for hundreds of years. Small hand looms were used in these homes to then weave the thread. They work with the shuttle going across, through a gap in the downward warp threads. As the gap in the thread is changed, the weft thread goes back again and traps it, and so a piece of cloth is produced. The process went on in this manner up until the mid1700s - slow and steady. The farmland in East Lancashire and West Yorkshire is very poor and people found that they could sell their cloth, and make a better living that way, than by farming.

Eventually, a machine was invented which speeded up the weaving process, by incorporating a flying shuttle. A man from Bury called John Kay was said to have invented the shuttle, although many were using a similar device. Some were using springs and string, others a bent piece of wood, which acted as a spring to knock and

hammer the shuttle across. This made the action of the shuttle going across the threads, a lot quicker. Kay took out a patent on it, and then spent the rest of his life fighting lawsuits, against people who wouldn't pay him royalties to use a system, which they said, had been used by their families for years. Eventually he left the country, having fought lots of these lawsuits to hold his patent. He died in poverty in Paris.

The flying shuttle works by holding the pulley, which is tied to the shuttle at each end and instead of throwing it from hand to hand, the pulley is pulled and the spring hits it and flicks it back. This is twice as fast as throwing by hand and increased the number of pieces of cloth produced enormously. The speeded up weaving created the need for more and more thread to be spun. The poor spinners only doing a single thread just couldn't keep up with the demand.

As trading went on at places like the Piece Hall here in Halifax even on Sundays, demand for the pieces of cloth was far exceeding the amount of thread being spun. By the 1750's, there was quite a bit of bother going on, thanks to Kay's flying shuttle. At the same time, mainly in Lancashire, calico cotton was also being printed. Cotton produced in India was being sneaked into the area through Manchester in the 1720's and 1730's and the lovely soft water coming off the Pennines was perfect for making dyes and colours. Robert Peel the elder, a calico printer from Whalley, went to live in Oswaldtwistle, because it was a bit closer to Manchester. He was importing calico from India along with others, and then printing it to sell for ladies dresses. He lived at a little house, known as Peelfold, which still exists today, a farmhouse construction in the middle of the countryside. In the 1750's, this is where the textile industry really started up, although later when the towns got bigger, it all moved there.

Robert Peel began printing his calico. He invented a design, which was a sprig of parsley, for which he became known as Parsley Peel. He repeated the design and cut it out of a block of wood. This was inked with dye and the cloth was rolled along the table, printing the little pattern from the wood as it went along. Then it was hung out to dry and the printed material was ready for use. The Government soon got involved and by putting a large tax on the imported cotton, greatly increased the cost, and lessened the profit margin.

The solution was to make the calico cotton here in England. There were a lot of people able to spin linen, and by this time raw cotton

was being imported via Liverpool and Manchester, so things were in place. Peel had gone to live in Oswaldtwistle, near the village of Stanhill, where James Hargreaves lived who was experimenting with a carding machine. Until now the raw cotton was straightened and got ready with hand cards. These were two wooden blocks with spikes, which were used to comb the raw wool after washing, to make it soft and fleecy. Hargreaves came up with a carding machine, with two drums which revolved against one another and smoothed out the raw fleece. He had a bit of success with it, but when Robert Peel went and asked him to try and invent a machine which would spin more than one thread at a time, he began working on that. With Peel financing him and having more time to work on it, that helped him do just that.

In the 1750's the Royal Society of Arts put out a competition for someone to invent a machine to spin more than one thread at a time and a prize would be given to anyone who could do it. So now there would be others like James Hargreaves, trying to do the same thing and win the prize. The small house at Stanhill where he lived had an outhouse, which he used as his workshop and where he set to work to create a machine, capable of spinning more than one thread at a time. The building in more recent times became Stanhill Post Office and has a plaque commemorating his achievement of inventing the Spinning Jenny. Not named after a daughter or relative in his family as far as is known, but possibly derived from the word engine, as in ginny or a spinning gin.

The original Spinning Jenny was invented with the wheel on the side and had eleven spindles (so would spin 11 threads at the same time). The machine didn't stand upright either. It works on exactly the same principal, flicking the thread off the top of the spindle and involves walking backwards and forwards to get it to pull and wind back on, as you would have done with a spinning wheel.

The story goes, that James Hargreaves was one of those who delivered the thread out to the local weavers, and they were telling him they wanted more and more thread. When he got home he tried to get his wife to work faster to produce more thread for them. The expression used locally was 'to be clemmed', or short of weft or thread. In the kerfuffle at home that followed, the spinning wheel got knocked over and he saw that it still worked while on its side. With that in mind, he tried setting up the machine with its wheel at an angle, instead of upright.

The original Spinning Jenny was displayed at Helmsshore Mill which was closed for about twelve months, but is possibly now open to the

public. Whoever was working the machine had quite a lot to do. They had to turn the wheel with one hand, push the bar with the other and use a foot on the drop bar, to get it to wind on. Quite a job to co-ordinate it's working.

Later on, the bigger machines were producing 32 threads and these were the ones, which were used for commercial purposes in the factories. At the time, people referred to it as 'the devil's work' sent over from Lancashire or Yorkshire, depending on which side of the Pennines you came from. Even though it produced much more thread, it wasn't the easiest machine to work on. The trouble was, that so many of the inventions worked for a while and then failed. Many weren't popular and nobody was ever awarded the Royal Society of Art's competition prize money. James Hargreaves wasn't given the credit he deserved. He ran into trouble with local people, who went into Peel's mill and smashed up the Spinning Jenny's there. The same thing happened later in the early 1800's at the time of the power loom riots, when the Luddites smashed machinery, which was taking their income from them. He went to live in Cromford in Derbyshire and worked with Richard Arkwright, who was also trying to invent a machine to spin cotton. The Jenny spun wool and was used right into the 1900s. One was used in the Yorkshire woollen industry in Doncaster up until 1916 and is now in Bankfield Museum in Halifax. The hand-driven Jenny's did have a long life once they were accepted, but it took some doing before this happened.

Now that enough thread was being produced, weaving carried on as a major industry, and everything changed, including lives and houses and places where people lived. In Stanhill stands a terraced row of houses, built around this time, which had originally been a large communal farmhouse with a hall. Gradually it was changed into individual houses, where people lived and worked on their own. The new road which went through Stanhill in the late 1700s, had housing specially built as house workshops. Interestingly, they were built with their backs to the road, so that anyone delivering the beams of thread could take them up the outside stairs and into the house. The house fronts overlooked the fields to the south. At Stanhill, Peel and Hargreaves and others were pioneering this multiple mass production work for the first time. Outside Haslingden is an old road, very neglected now, but used then to cross moorland from Blackburn to Burnley. It's now so overgrown you couldn't even find a path, but a furniture maker called Cotton lived up there and turned his hand to making the Spinning Jenny's. As people passed with carts and cloth he would sell them one to take

home or to their village. So whole new trades began to start up, and people would add another block to the end of their house, or a new storey to their farm, in order to have room to do some spinning or weaving as an extra income.

Cotton was beginning to get more and more popular because they now had the means of spinning and weaving it here in England. People preferred cotton to wool, as they could wash and dry cotton so much quicker than wool. Also it was a lot easier to keep clean. Around the late 1700's people were getting a lot more health conscious and so saw keeping things clean, as a means of staying free of disease. Clothes and household goods were being made from cotton, but the Spinning Jenny was still very difficult to work. The friendship between James Hargreaves and Richard Arkwright now brought results and a new, easier method was found. Instead of pushing and pulling and clipping off the end of the spindle, Arkwright devised a machine with different rollers that ran at varying speeds, which was faster and quicker. One can be seen at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry, where the roving (the raw cotton fibres) goes in at one end, the rollers turning at different speeds and turning out the spun yarn at the end. This was much easier to set up. Richard Arkwright who was a very canny operator, set it up in huge machines driven by water power, which became known as an Arkwright Water Frame.

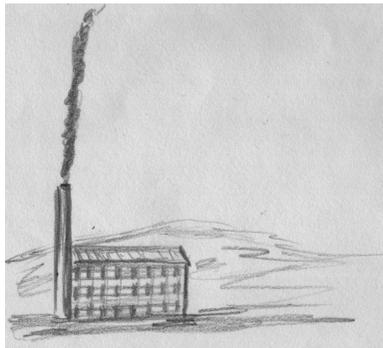
This was different from Hargreaves machine, although still driven by a hand wheel; it being an Arkwright Water Frame. There's a model of it, again in Helmschore Museum, which is only one of about four still in existence. So Arkwright patented it and set up mills all over the country. Not only that, he loaned money to others to set up mills as well, and buy his machinery. Then when they had made their money, they paid him back. A form of credit such as we use today, was begun by him operating it then.

The waterwheels provided a tremendous amount of power to drive the machinery. The small mills which started off originally, were located in the valleys and were driven by the water rushing down. A chimney was added later, to enable steam power to be used in summertime when the water ran dry. Water was cheaper so would be used when possible, but steam came to be used more and more in the late 1700s. Richard Arkwright built the first big mills and got people to leave their homes to go and work in the mills to spin. Weaving was still done individually in their homes. The houses which had been adapted over the years to include outside, open stairways and workshops, now altered again and became homes

once more. Weaving began to be done in the mills. The mill owners, needing people to work in the huge mills, began building rows of terraces to accommodate those moving to the area.

Still there was room for improvement. Yet another tinkerer, a joiner called Samuel Crompton from Bolton combined the Spinning Jenny and the water frame, which became known as a mule. Crompton's mule was better than each of them in many ways, as it could spin thick or thin threads, using short staple cotton or long staple wool. This was a brilliant machine which virtually took over. It moved about on rails and could be driven by water power or by steam power. The mule could be fixed to either. There's a simplified version at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry, but people adjusted and altered it to whatever they required and it was sent all over the world. Unfortunately Crompton didn't patent it. McConnell and Kennedy in Manchester produced their own version and built the huge mills at Ancoats around 1818, powering hundreds of mules by steam power. The National Trust demonstrate them at Style Mill in Cheshire, where we visited a few years back on our Family History annual day out, and we saw them in action then.

The Piece Hall here in Halifax, played a large part in all this, being the place they all came to buy and sell their cloth. The catchment area was huge, stretching over to Bolton and Blackburn and so when they all converged here, Halifax no doubt grew too.



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As you will know from the May Newsletter, new legislation has been enacted by the Government to strengthen the rules & regulations around personal data that is held by organisations. This came into force on May 25th 2018.

We can get one issue out of the way immediately. This does NOT apply to individual members of the public who hold personal information about others, so you do not need to concern yourselves about the Christmas Card list that you keep, or all the information about everyone you know in your diary & address book.

However, it DOES apply to any organisation, however small, which holds personal information about anyone at all. Consequently, our Society, CFHS, has to ensure that we comply with the GDPR in its every aspect.

This article is to explain :-

- What personal information we hold about you, as a member.
- How you give us permission to hold & use it.
- How we get it.
- How we hold it & what we use it for.
- How long we keep it.
- What happens to it once we stop holding it.
- How we protect your information from unauthorised access.
- What we are required to do in the event of any unauthorised access.
- How you can remind yourself of what we hold about you.
- How you can change or correct the information that we hold.
- How you can withdraw consent to us holding it
(& the implications of so doing).
- What public (or semi-public) statements we make about
GDPR & CFHS.

Critically, the regulations apply to data held BOTH electronically & on paper.

To be frank, this is not necessarily going to be a "fun" article, but it is important that you understand where the Society stands with regard to the law. For anyone who is particularly interested in GDPR as a general subject, all the detail (& there is plenty) can be accessed on the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) website at www.ico.org.uk If you feel that you do not wish to lose the will to live & trust us to have taken the necessary steps, then this article should tell you all you need to know.

Summary.

The GDPR is authorised by the Data Protection Bill 2017 which is currently passing through Parliament and which seeks to regulate the holding of personal information.

For us to offer you the best service we can, as a Society, we need to have certain personal information about you. However, the law requires us only to have information that is relevant & we are required to tell you how we use it.

It also requires us to have your consent to hold it, tell you how long we will hold it, how you can check what we have about you, how you can change it & how, if you wish, you can withdraw your consent to us holding it.

Finally, it requires us to hold the data securely & for us to advise you if any of your data is accessed or "stolen" by an unauthorised person, and what actions we need to take under those circumstances.

So, this is what we have put in place to ensure that we do all these things in an efficient & responsible manner.

What we hold about you, how you give us permission to hold it & how we get it.

All the information that we need, we ask you to provide on an Application Form for membership. Our documentation has been changed so that we make a clear statement about the rules surrounding GDPR as it relates to our Society for when someone either applies for membership of CFHS or renews their subscription. As a member you will be asked to sign to say that you agree with the terms laid out.. If you apply electronically, via Genfair, there is a similar arrangement.

Your signature is your permission to hold the data that you have provided.

Most of you will have provided us with your personal information when you joined, but we are required to get your positive consent as part of complying with the GDPR. We plan to do this by asking you to sign appropriately on your renewal form, next time you renew your subscription.

A further aspect is when you order an item of stock (say a CD) from us & enter some personal details on the order form (either on paper, or electronically, via Genfair). This information, as part of the order placed, is kept by the Publications Officer for as long as she feels she needs it, which is 3 months. For financial purposes, the Society Treasurer also keeps a copy of the order, which he deletes after 3 months.

We also hold a separate file for officers of other Societies with whom we exchange Journals. These are held on a secure MSExcel file & have :-

- Title, Initial & Surname
- Postal address
- E-Mail address

How we hold it & what we use it for.

The Membership Secretary gets all the Membership Applications & she does 2 things with them :-

- She enters the detail that you have given her on to an MSAccess Membership Database. The information that she enters is :-

- Title (Mr/Mrs etc)
- Surname
- Forename initial(s)
- Postal Address
- Telephone No
- E-Mail address

She also enters other information which we do not regard as personal, such as date of application, membership type etc. As part of this, she allocates a membership no. to you.

We need your **name & address details** to be able to contact you, principally to post out the Scrivener to those who receive it in paper format. For all members we need it also in case, for some reason, we are unable to reach you through your E-Mail account & need to inform you about important Society matters.

We need your **telephone no.** to be able to contact you urgently if there is an immediate need (eg a change in arrangements shortly before a function, like the annual dinner). You are at liberty to withhold your telephone no. if you wish to.

We need your **E-Mail address** to send you routine information, such as the monthly newsletter. This is the cheapest way to send you stuff & so keeps the Society costs down.

- If you have provided an E-Mail address, The Membership Secretary enters a sub-set of personal information on to a secure part of the Members' Only website. This allows you to use the many facilities provided by the Society which only members have access to. The information she enters is :

Title

Forename

Surname

E-Mail address

Membership No (to identify your record)

The system automatically generates a username for you & sends you an E-Mail with your username & a unique password. To allow any initial queries to be addressed, a copy of this E-Mail also goes to the Membership Secretary. Although she then has your password, you are advised to change that to something meaningful to yourself, so that you are then the only person who knows it.

We need your **Name & Membership No details** to identify who you are on the system & we need your **E-Mail address** to be able to send you your initial log-in details & then to be able to service any Transcription Index searches that you may request. We also need these to enable you to add & update your Members' Interests, should you wish to do so.

So, to summarise, we use the information for a number of reasons :-

- To communicate with you, either by post or by E-Mail. This allows us to send you the Quarterly Journal, or to advise you that it is available on the Members' Area of the website.
- To send you the monthly Newsletter.
- To advise you when your membership renewal is due.
- To follow up any aspects of your membership that either you or we need to do.

Other specific uses of your personal data are :

- Passing a file of your personal addresses to the printer to allow Scrivener distribution. This file is passworded and is deleted after use.
- If you use the Members Interests system on the Members' Area website, to provide your E-mail address to other members with an interest in a particular name.
- To publish your name & E-Mail address in the Scrivener associated with any new name you have entered on to the Members Interests system.

-Occasionally, other Society officers ask the Membership Secretary for some personal information - for instance to advise local members about the annual dinner details. This information is passed on a passworded file & that file is deleted as soon as it has no further use.

How long we keep it & what happens to it when we stop holding it ?

The GDPR stipulates that we should only keep personal data for as long as we have a legitimate need for it. Consequently, we have established a set of rules to cover this :-

- For members who do not renew their subscription, their entry on the Members' Area website is deleted after a 2nd reminder has not elicited a response from you.
- Once someone is no longer a member, the record on the MSAccess Members' Database remains there for up to 24 months after that member ceases to be current. This is in case that member changes their mind & reapplies. In that case the record can be reactivated. The 24 month rule is in place because we feel that it is unreasonable to load extra administration on to our Membership Secretary constantly to be checking deletion times. As a result, such deletions are done annually.
- At the same time as the Membership Secretary deletes the records from the MSAccess Members Database, she destroys any back-up paperwork associated with it.
- Any interim files, such as those referred to earlier, are deleted as soon as they cease to have any use.

How do we protect your data from unauthorised access & what action do we take if it is accessed in this way ?

The information is safeguarded as follows :-

- The MSAccess Members' Database is held by the Membership Secretary, encrypted, on her computer. The file is also passworded within that encrypted file. On a monthly basis, she passes an encrypted attachment of the file, by E-Mail, to both the Officer responsible for Computer Audit & also to the Systems Coordinator. The Systems Coordinator has the encryption key & password for the file, but the Computer Auditor does not. This is to provide both a secure back-up, but also a secondary method of access in the event of catastrophe.
- The Members' table on the Members' Area of the website is

only accessible by the Membership Secretary & the Systems Coordinator via secure log-ins. The file itself is secured by the necessary software employed by the website Service Provider. We have satisfied ourselves that this is adequate.

- The subset of data used by Members' Interests on the Members' Area of the website is available to be viewed but not amended (apart from their own entries) by all participating members. The integrity of the information is maintained by the Service Provider's software.

- The Exchange Journal contact file is held on an MSExcel file, which is passworded. This is maintained by the Society Librarian, who, from time to time, passes the file to the Membership Secretary & Editor. They delete the file once it has been used.

Some of you will know that, on computers, even after data has been "deleted", it remains on the computer hard drive until it is overwritten by something else. We believe that the standard method of deletion satisfies the GDPR. However, we are currently investigating whether or not we should invest in "data cleaning" software which "overwrites" deleted data on the hard drive, thus rendering it inaccessible. All our officers have been instructed to empty their "Recycle Bin" as soon as they have deleted any files holding personal data. Records deleted from within MSAccess & MSExcel files do not go into the Recycle Bin.

In the unlikely event of an unauthorised person accessing your information on our systems, when we discover this, we will report it to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) within 72 hours of discovery. As well, we will contact you to advise you & to say what we are doing about it.

How can you remind yourself what we hold on you, change it, or withdraw your consent ?

At any time, you can make a data access request by contacting the Membership Secretary by E-mail at membsec@cfhswb.com or by post at her address as published in the back of the Scrivener. She will reply within 30 days with the information that we hold about you & refer you to the detail of our obligations under the GDPR.

If any of your information is incorrect, or has changed, you should inform the Membership Secretary who will make the necessary amendments to your record.

You may, at any time, withdraw your consent for us to hold your personal data. However, if you do, this will mean that we may be unable to provide you with many of the facilities that the Society offers. These include :-

- Receiving a copy of the Journal by post or in the Members' Area on our website.
- Ability to access all the other facilities offered via the Members' Area of the website.
- Receiving reminders & other information that are integral parts of being a Society member.

Of course, this does not mean that you cease to be a Society member, but, as I am sure you realise, without the information that we have detailed above we would not be able to contact you to provide the services that we offer.

If you require more detailed information about any aspect of GDPR & the way in which we hold & use your personal information, you should contact the Systems Coordinator at systems@cfhsweb.com. He holds the official post of Data Controller, for the purposes of the GDPR.

What Public Statements do we make about GDPR & the Society ?

The basic information that you need is available as follows :-

- On the membership Application & Renewal Form.
- In standard form, in the front of each issue of the Scrivener.

Full information about the GDPR & all its implications are given within a section of the Members' Area of the Society website. This includes :-

- CFHS -Data Security Policy
- CFHS-GDPR Compliance
- CFHS-GDPR Public Statements
- CFHS Personal Data Holdings

The Committee do not think that it is necessary or appropriate to make all this information available to non-members, hence its inclusion in the Members' Area.

If you have got this far - congratulations !! We hope that you will never have any need to raise issues about the data we hold, but, if you do, then we believe that what we have told you in this article may make it easier for you.

Peter Lord - CFHS Data Controller

Are We Stealing Our Ancestors' Data?

Their names are not so hard to find,
Their Birth Dates easy too.
The Census gives me their address,
And what it is they do.

If they had lots of money –
If they had a Bank Account,
I could easily defraud them
Of a very large amount.

I blithely publish everything,
The bad things and the good.
I don't have their permission;
I wonder if I should!

I know the date of their decease,
And what they left to who.
I've seen where they are buried
So I know they cannot sue!

I know when they were married
And when the children came,
Their Uncles' and their Aunties'
And their Mother's Maiden Name.

Jeannie Allergist



Margaret Walker

Margaret Walker has been actively involved in the society since its inception in 1987 when she was a Founder member. Shortly afterwards she became Secretary, a position she held until 2004.

Margaret also undertook the transcribing of our monthly meetings until mid-2013. She could be found each month in approx. the same position taking very thorough notes using her enviable shorthand skills. These notes were then used for regular Scrivener articles about our talks.

Margaret has also been our speaker secretary, a position she has now retired from, but not before completing the Syllabus for 2018/19.

We intend to have a presentation at the May monthly meeting in recognition of her service to the society.

We owe a big debt to Margaret and wish her all the very best for her 'retired' life.

Thank you Margaret

CFHS Talk ~ September 2017
Writers of the First War
by Isobel Stirk

Writers and poets, on the whole, are influenced by the time and place they find themselves in. Writers in the First World War are special because they were not writing from imagination they were passing on their experience- what it was actually like to witness and go through so many things that many may find indescribable.

June 1914 enjoyed good weather with Halifax people perhaps making their way to witness the sod cutting for a new chapel near West View Park. In the same June Edward Thomas was travelling on the Oxford to Worcester train when it made an unscheduled stop at the now defunct station of Adlestrop. Later he would remember this and write his poem *Adlestrop* which describes a peaceful England before August 1914 when the war changed everything.

The lecture described how some women perhaps had a glamorous image of war as Siegfried Sassoon's poem *The Glory of Women* accentuates. Vera Brittain- who became a VAD - VADs were part of the War Office's 'Scheme for the Organisation of Voluntary Aid' and staffed auxiliary hospitals and rest stations - lost her brother and fiancée in the war and soon realised that she had been deceived by propaganda. She later wrote of her experiences as a VAD – '*Testament of Youth*' which was published in 1933.

Sassoon, suffering from shell shock, was sent to Craiglockhart hospital in Edinburgh where he formed a friendship with Wilfred Owen. After Sassoon was put on permanent sick leave Owen, although he could have stayed on home duty indefinitely, returned to active service and wrote so many poems describing the daily horrors he faced including his famous *Dulce et decorum est* which was published posthumously in 1920. Owen was killed exactly one week before the signing of the Armistice.

Rudyard Kipling's son Jack, aged just eighteen, led his troops into action during the Battle of Loos and went missing. His body was never recovered but it has now been confirmed that he has a grave in the military cemetery near that battlefield. Kipling, devastated and feeling guilty for encouraging his son to obtain a commission, wrote the poem *Have you news of my son Jack*.

Virginia Woolf, in her novel *Mrs Dalloway*, described the callous attitude of some doctors towards those who were deemed to be

'shell shock sick' .However there were so many doctors and nurses, orderlies and stretcher bearers who worked tirelessly on the front lines and in casualty clearing stations and ambulance trains, all suffering themselves, doing what they deemed to be their duty.

Doctor John McCrae was a compassionate man and his poem, *In Flanders Field*, which describes the poppies gently blowing in the breeze amidst the carnage of war is perhaps one of the most quoted poems of that time.

Isaac Rosenberg's poem, written in 1916, *Break of Day in the Trenches*, has snatches of humour in it as Rosenberg describes a cosmopolitan rat who dodges between both sides.

In 'Poets' Corner' in Westminster Abbey there is a plaque, unveiled in 1985 by Ted Hughes commemorating sixteen First World War poets. Robert Graves, who suffered for the rest of his life from the effects of 'shell shock', was the only one of the poets mentioned who was still alive.

The lecture ended with words from Vera Brittain's *Testament of Youth* which describes how the horrors and sufferings in war are the same for friend and foe and that there are people who with love, bravery and compassion use their skills and training to save lives- friend and foe alike.

So, though much will be forgotten when the sound of War's alarms and the days of death and strife have passed away, I shall always see the vision of Love working amidst arms in the ward wherein the wounded prisoners lay.



AGM REPORTS APRIL 2018

Secretary's Annual Report 2017-2018

I would like to present the Secretary's Report for the past 12 months.

It has been a busy year with work being done to keep pace with our wishes for the society and to complete work needed for imposed changes.

Our membership, 398 in total, is marginally up from this time last year. This is very encouraging as many societies and groups are experiencing a drop in membership, a trend that seems to be reflected in all societies, not just family history based ones.

Membership is split very approximately as follows: 27% local, 61% away, 12% overseas.

93.7% have an e-mail address but currently only 32.4% have internet membership. As you will know from The Scrivener, this has implications for our income and expenditure. Although internet membership subscription costs less than the single membership, the society benefits more due to reduced printing and postage costs of The Scrivener. However your committee appreciates it is very much a personal preference whether the Scrivener is read on line or a paper copy is received, and will continue to accommodate both.

As has been notified in the Scrivener, due to the introduction in May 2018 of changes to the GDPR, Membership Information and the Constitution must be amended. Thank you to Peter Lord for the work he has put in to ensure this is done correctly.

During the past 12 months work has continued on the School Logs, the first phase (East and South Halifax) being finished in January. The second phase is underway but progress has been slower than hoped due to the prolonged closure of the local archives. It is anticipated this phase will be finished by mid 2018. As each Log Book is completed, the data is made available on the computers in the Research Room and information added to the Transcription Index on our web-site. This makes it immediately available to members. The first CD was released in October and currently 30 out of the 47 log books for the second CD are complete.

The data from the Northowram Heywood Chapel Registers, along with that of Stoney Royd Burials has been sent to Find My Past for inclusion in their records. As a society we receive revenue dependent on searches made on the site. (Annual accounts for details).

The next project to be worked on is Rastrick MIs. We welcome any member who is interested in helping.

Overall sales of CDs and downloads have continued to drop but there has been another large increase in the number of enquiries / search requests. This service has grown each year since its introduction 3 years ago and our thanks go to Susan Lord, our Search Co-ordinator, for fielding this increased work.

Our web-site is playing a larger role and exchange journals can now be enjoyed there by all members. I would encourage you to revisit the Transcription Index as new materials is added as projects are completed. Members' Interests are also available. Your committee has decided to move the running of the web-site onto a commercial basis and more information will be given in the Treasurer's report.

The Research Room continues to open 2 sessions a week, averaging 2.62 visitors per session, which is marginally up on last year. We would like to see these facilities used more, by both members and non-members.

However, fortunately, income is up, partly due to sales of Ancestral Files and new members' fees.

Opportunities taken this year to promote the society included a presence at the opening of the new library in Halifax, where members of the public were able to look at materials, ask questions etc. We also worked with the Halifax Great War Society at a WW1 Day held at Bankfield Museum, sharing materials and helping members of the public research specific people. A presentation was also made at a local primary school to further interest in young people.

If anyone knows of a group who would welcome a speaker, please let us know and an appropriate presentation could be done.

Leaflets have been produced and distributed through libraries, other organisations etc and more use is being made of the local press.

We now have a presence on Social Media too, thanks to Pam, an away member, who does this for us.

Thanks to the members who regularly undertake this for us, we were represented at York and Huddersfield Fairs, the York one being particularly well attended and worthwhile.

Locally, members have enjoyed our monthly talks, an average of 32 attending. A team of volunteers ensures all members can have access via the Scrivener and a new sound system was purchased to facilitate this.

The Annual Dinner in March was, once again, enjoyed at Halifax Bradley Hall Golf Club, with an entertaining talk on Yorkshire Humour.

Unfortunately, the Annual Trip was cancelled, due to lack of support. Perhaps we need to rethink this, a local evening visit might be more popular. As mentioned, the new Halifax Library finally opened in September and we look forward to later this year when the full Archive department will be open for all to visit and use.

The success of our society is dependent on its members and we have many volunteers in roles both 'visible' and 'invisible'. Currently we have 43 members involved in 36 roles, with 14 members having more than 1 role, so you can see more would be welcome and those figures give us all food for thought.

An appeal was made recently for an auditor, and as yet no-one has come forward. You do not need to be an accountant and full guidance will be given so please consider it,

Many of the roles in the society can be done remotely, by anyone, anywhere, and I encourage you to get involved – the more the merrier and let us share the tasks. I think those already involved will agree we are a friendly, welcoming group.

To help ensure the continued success of the society your thoughts and needs are important to us. To this end, later in the year, we will be circulating a short questionnaire to all members. Please spare a few minutes to respond to it.

Now a big thank you to all our volunteers, whatever their role, and, personally I would like to thank the committee for their continued support.

Finally a very special thank you must go to Margaret Walker who is retiring. Margaret was a founder member, secretary for many years, and speaker finder 'for ever' and we send her our best wishes for the future.

Treasurer Report for 2017-2018

Firstly I would like to express thanks to Neil Atkinson & Harvey Eglen for the work that they have done over the last few years, because, as you may know, they are both stepping down now that they have completed the 2017-18 audit.

As you have heard, despite asking for volunteers, we have not had anyone come forward to offer their services as Society Auditor. Our Constitution requires at least 1 non-Committee member to look at the accounts annually to assure the membership that the Society has been properly run financially over the previous 12 months. It is not an arduous task, but we really need someone to volunteer to do the task in April 2019, at the end of the next financial year. So, if you think that you can spare a few hours next Spring & you know how to operate a calculator, please have a word with either me, Margaret, our Secretary, or Clifford, our Chairman, before you go home tonight.

I don't intend to go through every item of these accounts - I just want to highlight any areas worthy of comment. On all these, I will be comparing this year's figures with those of 2016-17. So let's start with the Income.

Income.

1. **Membership.** This is slightly down on last year's figures, but this can be accounted for by the speed (or lack of it !!) that subs. came in over the period late March to early April this year. In fact the difference is almost all entirely due to the fact that they came in rather more slowly at the end of the last financial year than normal. This shortfall has been more than made up in the early part of this month. As you have heard from our Secretary, membership totals are almost exactly the same as this time last year which, again, is good news. So our

membership is holding up very well.

2. **Publications.** As expected, this is lower than last year & we expect it to reduce further over time. The reasons for this are 2-fold :-
 - We have only published 1 new publication over the last year, which was the first School Log CD, for which sales have been disappointing.
 - Our free search service has continued to thrive, with increased requests over last year, thereby providing a different source of information for our members.
3. **Annual Trip.** There was no income (or expenditure) for this, because, as you have heard, it was cancelled due to lack of support.
4. **PPV Fees.** These are significantly up on last year, due to a restructuring of the royalties payments system which was negotiated on our behalf by FFHS in 2016. As you have heard, we have just put 2 more sets of data on to the FMP database so we hope that our income from that source will continue to increase.
5. **Research Room Income.** Both Entrance Fees & Other Income continue to be disappointing, but income has increased slightly & visitor numbers have picked up over recent months. This may be due to the increased level of promotion that we have undertaken over the last 12 months.

Expenditure.

1. **Scrivener Costs** These continue to reduce, thanks to the stewardship of our Membership Secretary, Susan Clarke & our Editor, Frances Stubbs. We hope that other efficiencies, which hopefully will not be apparent to the membership in terms of Scrivener quality, will continue to keep, or even reduce further, this significant cost.
2. **Annual Dinner.** These payments cover 2 dinners, 2017 & 2018, due to the 2017 dinner being right at the end of the 2016-17 financial year. We will be ensuring that, in future, payment for the annual dinner will always appear in the same year as its corresponding income item.
3. **Printing/Copying.** These costs were much reduced from the previous year, due to us having sufficient stock of our promotional material.

4. **Project Costs.** These are significantly higher than the previous year because we had a further Transcribers' Get-together to discuss the vastly different project approach that we needed for the School Logs project. This will not be repeated in the coming year.
5. **Research Room Rent.** This year's figures are for 4 quarters' payments, whereas the 2015-16 covered 5 quarterly payments.
6. **Capital Expenditure.** This was for the purchase of a more modern, replacement, speaker system for the monthly meetings.
7. **Website Expenses.** I have deliberately left this item until last. Although there was little change in the costs for this year, your Committee has agreed that we need to provide more cover for the website maintenance, to take some of the pressure off our volunteer webmaster, Keith Pitchforth. Consequently, we have just transferred the site to another provider & allocated the routine maintenance, & some of the development, to a local commercial organisation, Traknet.

We therefore expect a significant rise in costs, certainly for the coming year, most of which is likely to be early in the financial year, due to one-off transfer costs. We will be keeping a very close eye on how this goes, so that the costs do not run away with themselves.

Overall Position.

The overall financial position of the society is stable, in that the overall cash holdings are only slightly down on this time last year (just over £1,300). This is 35% less than the projected shortfall in the budget prepared at the start of the year (£2,000)

In view of this & because of the likely increased expenditure on the website maintenance, your Committee reluctantly agreed to increase the subscriptions from April 1st 2018, as you will all know.

Nevertheless, the budgets, agreed by your committee for 2018-19, estimate a shortfall of just over £4,000. This is sustainable in the short term, it being 15% of our total cash holdings, and we estimate that these website costs will be greater this year than in subsequent years, due to the changeover costs.

Your Committee will continue to monitor the financial position closely, and will take any action necessary to ensure continued financial stability of the Society.

Peter Lord - Treasurer.

Accounts 2017 - 2018

Income	2017-18	2016-17
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Membership	£3,137.11	£3,382.22
Publications	£956.18	£1,209.74
Annual Trip	£0.00	£0.00
Annual Dinner	£828.00	£880.00
Raffles	£133.00	£123.50
Donations	£15.00	£8.00
Bank Interest	£12.35	£12.34
FH Books Carriage	£22.16	£49.11
Misc Income	£6.50	£2.50
PPV Fees	£1,918.02	£1,399.11
Search Fees	£0.00	£0.00
RR Entrance Fees	£142.00	£128.20
Other RR Income	£11.00	£23.05
GM Coffee Income	£90.00	£75.50
TOTAL	£7,271.32	£7,293.27

Cash Summary

Balance Brought Fwd	£26,996.76	£27,152.25
Cash at Bank - Current	£875.09	£2,150.98
Cash at Bank - Deposit	£24,685.01	£24,672.66
Amounts not yet presented	£0.00	£0.00
Cash in Hand	£2.14	£63.12
Officers' Floats	£110.00	£110.00
Balance Carried Fwd	£25,672.24	£26,996.76

Stock at year-end

Ancestral Files	£64.80	£75.60
CDs	£175.25	£180.00

Society Assets Valuation

Initial Purchase Cost	£7335.63	£7,061.92
Current Asset Value	£460.50	£688.40

Expenditure	2017-18	2016-17
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Scrivener Production	£1,363.00	£1,421.00
Scriv Postage	£750.19	£835.83
Chairman	£0.00	£0.00
Secretary	£0.00	£0.00
Treasurer	£0.00	£0.00
Research Aids	£0.00	£0.00
General Meeting Costs	£1,141.97	£797.25
Committee Room Hire	£95.00	£95.00
Speaker's Exps.	£400.00	£365.00
Annual Trip	£0.00	£0.00
Annual Dinner	£1,744.15	£1,000.00
Publication Purchase	£102.55	£124.95
Other Publ. Costs	£78.21	£102.51
Printing/Copying	£45.60	£368.40
Monumental Inscrpts.	£0.00	£0.00
FFHS Insurance	£0.00	£0.00
FFHS Membership	£150.10	£136.80
Members Interests	£0.00	£0.00
Other Postage	£22.14	£30.65
Fairs Exps.	£105.00	£125.00
Other Exps.	£114.00	£107.75
Library Exps.	£0.00	£0.00
Library Purchases	£0.00	£0.00
Raffle Expenses	£36.98	£36.71
Stationery Prov.	£92.58	£0.00
Website Expenses	£211.37	£167.28
Project Costs	£253.00	£132.40
RR Rent	£1,368.00	£1,368.00
RR Expenses	£4.00	£0.00
RR Capital	£0.00	£0.00
Search Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
GM Coffee Expenses	£129.00	£113.25
Gift Vouchers	£90.00	£90.00
Other Capital	£299.00	£30.98
TOTAL	£8,595.84	£7,448.76

April 2018

Awards for 2018

Sutcliffe Away Member's Award – Mark Harrey

Mark has made a major contribution to the project work that we have done over the last 12 months, particularly on the School Logs project. He has also contributed a number of articles on the subject to the Scrivener.

Sutcliffe Home Award - Ann Wilkinson.

Ann has been a member of the Committee for a number of years, maintains the Society Asset Register, carries out the annual Computer Audit & is a summariser for the monthly talks. Until recently, she was also a member of the Transcription Team.

Margaret Walker Award - Margaret Williams

For her two articles in the Spring 2017 issue, "Come to the Cookhouse Door" and "What's for Tea, Mum?", giving an unusual and interesting (if not very appetising!) insight into life in WWI.

Elected Committee for 2018 - 2019

Chairman - Clifford Drake

Secretary - Margaret Smith

Treasurer - Peter Lord

Committee members - John Barraclough, Eileen Connolly, Susan Clarke,
Ann Wilkinson, Stuart Wilkinson,
Frances Stubbs (Away member)

There is 1 vacancy for another committee member.

Auditor - Vacancy

2018 Constitution Changes.

At the 2018 AGM in April the following changes to the Society Constitution were agreed.

(Under 4 Membership)

4.7. The minimum age at which Members shall be eligible for Membership or Associate Membership shall be 18 (eighteen) years.

(Under 10 Financial, Computer Systems, Data & Record Security)

10.3. The Society will have a Data Controller, appointed by the Committee, to ensure that all aspects of Data, as described within the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), are handled & controlled in a secure manner. This will include the maintenance of a Document Retention Register listing documents relevant to the Society, and the length of time that they are to be retained.

(Under 11 Insurance & Public Liability)

11.2. The Officers and Members of the Committee shall each be indemnified by the Society against any liability claim or demand arising from any action taken or omission in good faith by them on behalf of the Society or its Members in the administration of the Society. This includes, but is not exclusive to, liabilities incurred through protection of data as described within the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The full rationale for these changes can be found in an article on the matter published in the December 2017 *Scrivener*.

The revised Constitution is available in full on the Members' Area of the Society website www.cfhsweb.com, once you have logged in with your Username & password.

CFHS – Annual Computer Audit - April 2018

The Calderdale Family History Society is increasingly dependent on the use of computers in nearly all its areas of operation including keeping its financial accounts; in maintaining and the safekeeping of its membership database; the production of the *Scrivener*; website maintenance and the running of the Research Room database and access systems. This is the fourth year that such a review has been carried out to assess whether these areas of operation overseen by individual Officers are adequately supported in their use of computer hardware and software.

The audit has indicated that Officers are using their own personal computer systems for Society work. The majority are using hardware purchased within the past five years; software tends to be up to date or is still practicable and with one exception, Society Officers have anti-virus protection in place on their personal computers. It is recommended that the one exception would benefit from advice on the use of appropriate anti-virus software.

The Research Room databases and access systems which are directly under Society control *continue* to be supported by items of computer hardware purchased by the Society over ten years ago. It is recommended that replacement hardware be considered. The search is still ongoing for a suitable replacement for software which has been withdrawn but is used in the running of the Research Room databases. Research Room computers do not necessarily require anti-virus protection as there is no connection to outside networks and no one other than a Society Officer can use removable hardware. Last year, the Society introduced a policy and set in place a procedure to safeguard personal and sensitive data held on Society databases which will be monitored on an ongoing basis. This will be supported by the appointment of a Data Controller Officer who will be responsible for the integrity of personal data under the General Data Protection Regulation which comes into force on 25th May 2018.

Oh the problems of finance & the law !!

As you all know, we have, reluctantly, had to put up the membership rates from April 2018, after holding them at the same rate for a number of years.

As treasurer, I have to hold my hands up & admit that we should have advised you of the new rates earlier than we did (March Scrivener) & I apologise for this. The consequence of this was that a number of members paid us at the old rate, rather than the newly advised one.

Because we realised that this was the result of our tardiness in advising the membership, we have accepted the situation & have not gone back to members for the extra £2 (or 50p for Internet members).. We are grateful to be able to say that many of you realised what had happened & generously sent us the difference.

What this made us do was to look at the way in which we administer our subscription system. As you know, we encourage members to set up a Standing Order for the annual payment of the subs., so that they don't have to remember when to pay. Alternatively, we suggest that, for ease, you make your payments direct into our bank account, which many of you do. So, if you have not already done so, please amend your Standing Order instruction to show the new amount.

Our Membership Secretary does a great job in working with me to ensure that we record these payments properly & don't pester you with unnecessary paperwork. Ideally, we would like to be able to identify Standing Orders as opposed to Single direct payments, but it seems that, although we

are well into the 21st century, the Banking Industry in the UK is unable to categorise payment types in a consistent manner. It appears that, regardless of whether you pay by Standing Order, Internet Banking (Faster Payments FPI taking a couple of hours) or a Standard Transfer (TFR taking 2 days), each bank has its own way of classifying the transaction.

This results in there being no standard method of identification on our bank records of what type it is - so a Standing Order can be marked SO, FPI or TFR depending on which bank initiates it.

Why am I telling you all this ? Because we would like to be able to identify payments that are truly Standing Orders, to avoid sending you advanced notification or reminders at the time of your payment.. and to be able to give you advanced notice of changes in rates, so that you can amend your Standing Order in good time But there seems no easy way to do this, so I'm afraid that, for the moment, those of you who pay by Standing Order will still receive advanced warning that your subs are due.

We are truly sorry about this, as we want your membership of the Society to be as hassle-free as possible. We are currently exploring a possible solution to this, independent of the banks.

The introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation on May 25th 2018 has also thrown up another issue concerning those of you paying your subs. directly to our bank account. We are required, by law, to obtain positive consent from every member to hold your personal data on our records. A full description of the whys & wherefores can be found elsewhere in this issue.

We are doing this by asking you to do it in 1 of 3 ways :-

- If paying by cash or cheque, to sign your renewal form at the time you renew your subscription. The Renewal form has been changed to show what you are signing for.
- If paying via Genfair, there is now a box to tick to give your consent. The payment will not go through until this box is ticked.
- This leaves the 3rd method - for those of you who pay directly via your bank. Because there is no paperwork involved, those of you who already do so will have received an E-mail from our Membership Secretary asking for your consent. If you have not already done so, please return this to her as indicated on the E-Mail.

Any new member who chooses to pay directly into the bank from now on will be sent an E-Mail asking for consent, if they have not already signed on their Application Form.

So now you know ! Whilst none of this is a big deal, we thought that you might like to hear why we do things the way we do, some of which seems to be a bit heavy-handed.

If you have any queries about any of this, please feel free to contact me & I will try to answer them.

Peter Lord - Treasurer - treasurer@cfhsweb.com

School Logs Project - Update

Your monthly Newsletter updates you on how we are progressing on the project to transcribe names & details for the Calderdale School Logs up to 1918.

As you know, we have already published a CD to cover the schools in East & South Calderdale & we are well on the way to completing a much larger set of Log Books for Central & North Calderdale.

By the time you receive this issue of the Scrivener, we should have completed all the work that we have to hand towards this 2nd CD. However, the move for West Yorkshire Archives, the holders of the Log Books that we are using, into their new premises is taking much longer than anticipated. At the time of writing, they have a tentative moving date of the end of June.

Unfortunately, they are now in a position where, because of the move preparation, they are unwilling to release the remaining Log Books that we need to complete the data for the 2nd CD. This is very disappointing, not just for our Transcription Team, who have been swelled by a further 6 volunteers, thanks to our appeal for more help in the March Scrivener, but for you, the members, who will have to wait a bit longer to see the results of the team's endeavours.

To remind you, the Schools that have been completed, for CD2, up to the end of April are :-

Akroyd Place
Halifax-Battinson Rd School
Halifax British School
Halifax Cross Hills
Halifax-Holy Trinity
Halifax Parish Church School
Halifax-Parkinson Lane
Halifax-Pellon Lane Board
Halifax-Portland Road Board
Halifax Pupil Teachers
Halifax-Queens Road Board
Halifax-St Augustine, Queens Rd
Halifax-Victoria St Board
Halifax-Warley Road
Halifax-Warley St John
King Cross, St Pauls
Northowram Board, Sunnyside
Northowram, Boothtown Board
Skircoat-Bermerside

All the records for these schools are on our database in the Research Room & you can also get full details on anyone in those schools through the Transcription Index on our website, which is free of charge to all Society members.

I hope that you will find someone of interest to you from these extra records, which now total over 72,000.

Peter Lord - Project Coordinator

WEST YORKSHIRE HISTORY CENTRE

by Margaret E. Williams



‘Preserve the past, serve the present, protect the future.’

I began researching my family tree in January 2015, my family roots are firmly in Calderdale, or the old West Riding, - (even though I live in Barnsley now) - so it was with interest I watched the new West Yorkshire History Centre building – WYHC - take shape at the bottom of Kirkgate in Wakefield.

This may seem a little random but, as I was growing up, I regularly walked past the old Ramsden’s Brewery at the top of Horton Street. I hated some of the aromas that came when they were brewing but I was very sad when the old building was demolished. Having been a member of the Halifax Building Society since birth, I watched the new giant cheese wedge building, that was to be the new Halifax Headquarters, take shape on the Ramsden’s site. I think a similar architect was involved as the new WHTC building is also a giant cheese wedge, complete with small pores in the metal cladding!

For those of us in CFHS, some of our family records will still be held in the WHTC archives although West Yorkshire now holds many of the old West Riding records locally in Archive Services offices in Calderdale (Halifax) although Calderdale is in the process of being reinstated in the new library in the town centre as you may know, Bradford, Kirklees (Huddersfield), Leeds (Morley) and Wakefield. These five offices offer a wealth of local information and resources. Many of

you use the Calderdale Archives and CFHS has its own publications, CD's and maps that you can tap into. The fact that Halifax was in the old West Riding of Yorkshire means we have access to additional resources in the new Wakefield centre.

The WHTC building, opened in early 2017, it is at the bottom of Kirkgate, only 300m from Kirkgate Station where you can park for free. (There is limited disabled parking on the WYHC site.) There is also parking in the New Brunswick Street council car park just behind the Centre for which a fee is payable although it's not that easy at present negotiating the left turn in the roadworks!

In my role, as General Secretary of Barnsley Family History Society, I arranged a visit and an appointment with David Morris, the Archivist, so on Friday October 27th, off I went.

The first problem was getting into the building! Wakefield Council has major road 'improvements' directly outside with a newly laid pavement having been dug up! The roadworks will continue until Summer 2018. I felt that I needed a hard hat and high vis. jacket just to approach the site! If you come from Halifax, and are using public transport, get the train to Kirkgate Station as it's only a short and easy 300m flat walk to the Centre or catch a bus to Wakefield Bus Station. The Centre is also on the route of the Wakefield Free Bus which goes from the Bus Station frequently and stops outside the Centre.

The WYHC is, obviously, state of the art, it houses the West Yorkshire Archive Service plus local Wakefield resources and data. The WYHC collects and preserves millions of records of all kinds dating from the 12th century to the present day – over 800 years of history. There is an exhibition of local interest as you enter, currently, it's on the mining industry and the impact mining had culturally, socially, emotionally and physically. The subject of the exhibition changes regularly.

I met David, who was so patient and helpful, in the Search room which fronts on to Kirkgate, there is free open walk-in access for simple, non-bookable, research using computers and microfiche as well as records on rolling storage of Deeds from 1704-1970.

There are areas within the main, security-restricted Search Room such as large tables, lots of computers, which can be accessed free of charge, although to use these you need a CARN - County Archive Research Network – card or bring personal ID with name, address and signature which will mean you are issued with a CARN card on the day. The Centre offers free access to the Ancestry website which includes Church of England and Non-Conformist registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, electoral registers, parish registers and probate

records as well as Census records. All the resources you could want!

The ethos of the Centre is free and easy. I was impressed by the staff who were unfailingly pleasant and helpful, always ready to help. They made me feel welcome and valued. The staff are always ready to assist and all areas are invigilated.

For more detailed, personalised, research David suggested that booking is essential so staff can have the documents you need for your research ready and are able to offer advice and encouragement. There are over 40 miles worth of records stored on the 2 floors above so records cannot be retrieved on demand!

Bring some paper, your pencils, you can leave food, drink, coats and bags in the corridor lockers provided, then you should be good to go!

Archive surgeries are offered to anyone whose research may have hit a brick wall. Is there anyone whose research hasn't suffered that fate? These are 45 minute slots available with a dedicated member of the Archive team using the WYHC extensive collections. There is to be a fee for this 1 – 1 service of £15-00 from January 1st 2018.

The Centre has its own Conservation team who undertake preservation work and treatments on a wide range of archive documents. They operate in a huge room with many windows so people outside can watch the work in progress at any time – it's good to be nosy! It was fascinating watching one operative removing grime from a very delicate parchment, I could have watched for ages. Conservationists also run courses on various techniques such as marbling, caring for photographs etc.

There is a 6 monthly rolling programme of events, courses run from January to June and July to December each year, many courses are free, just drop in, although booking is required for others, usually the courses with a fee. For instance, Palaeography was a 2 hour bookable course at £12 per adult. No, I couldn't pronounce it and had no clue what it was either! Apparently, it's for beginners – that's me – looking at quirks of 17th and 18th century handwriting to enable you to read and transcribe documents from that time. I hope it runs again as I'd love to have a go at that as it also offered hands on practice opportunities.

You can call in for an Events brochure or look on the website, the programme is published 6 monthly..

I know that several CFHS members transcribe material for the Society and for Calderdale Archives, as well. WYHC runs a similar volunteer system of transcription, once you are accredited, work ranges from individual

documents to parish registers. Volunteers come and go as they wish, there are set days, with lots of variety on offer so if you find you would rather watch paint dry than work on certain documents then you can change to another type and style. Volunteers are welcomed with open arms. Perhaps, when I've done the Palaeography course, I may be of some use...

David took me on a guided tour of the building with the main work and research being done on the ground floor with floors 1 and 2 dedicated to storage which was simply mind-boggling. Every storage box has a barcode which identifies its contents and there are boxes of every shape and size imaginable as well as many scrolls, the longest of which is 16 feet by 15 feet in old money, it's the boundary plan for the Halifax Borough!

You may be interested to know that the largest document in the whole WYHC stored collection is an application for a licence at a Barnsley theatre, containing over 11,000 signatures.

It is only when you speak to the people who work at WYHC you realise how much has been done, how much still needs to be done and the diversity of documents on offer, it is staggering.

It was a real privilege to meet David and some of the staff, they are true ambassadors for an excellent addition to West Yorkshire's heritage. I loved spending time at WYHC, it is my intention to continue to visit.

Why don't you go and see for yourself?

The Centre is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9-30am to 5-00pm and the 2nd Saturday in each month 9-30am to 5-00pm. It is closed Wednesdays, Sundays and Bank holidays.

The website - wakefield@wyjs.org.uk - is very informative and easy to navigate.

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CALDERDALE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

**2018 SUMMER MEETINGS ~ Thursdays 7:30pm.
At The Shibden Room, North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax.**

June 28th

David Glover ~ Stories of the Waterhouse Family

From the man who recalled the building of our Parish Church Tower in the 15th Century, to the family owning Well Head Mansion a century ago - a parade of interesting characters. Along the way, you will hear about owners of Shibden Hall, Nathaniel "the Great Benefactor" of Halifax; John, a noted 19th Century scientist and inventor; and Catharine, the very last of the line, who mysteriously separated from her husband, but endowed several local churches.

July 26th

John Spencer ~ Following the Drum

August 23rd

Mrs. M Usher ~ The Hazards of Rail Travel

Having spent much of her business career traveling by train, not only in the UK but throughout Europe and, perhaps most interestingly, behind the iron curtain, Margaret paints a very humorous picture of the many misfortunes encountered along the way.

27th September

Eric Scaife ~ Tyke Talk



OBITUARY

Mavis North

Mavis North a loyal supporter of the society has recently passed away. For many years Mavis was the fairs co-ordinator and her assistance in the Research room was greatly appreciated. We extend our condolences to Mavis's family.

View our website at www.cfhsweb.com

and visit

Calderdale Family History Society's

RESEARCH ROOM

Brighthouse Library

Rydings Park, Halifax Rd., Brighthouse, 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:

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

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

USEFUL CONTACTS AND SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING WEST YORKSHIRE ANCESTORS

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

Calderdale District Archives, (Registers, BTs, Census, etc. etc.)
Calderdale Central Library, Northgate House, Northgate, Halifax HX1 1UN
Tel: +44 (0) 1422 392636 e-mail calderdale@wyjs.org.uk

WYAS Headquarters, Newstead Road, Wakefield WF1 2DE (*Registers, WRiding Registry of Deeds, Manorial Records etc.*)
Tel: +44 (0) 1924 305980 email : wakefield@wyjs.org.uk

The Borthwick Institute ~ www.york.ac.uk/inst/bihrl/ (*Peculiar + PCY wills, BT's etc.*)
University of York, Heslington, YORK YO10 5DD
Tel: +44 (0) 1904 321166 email ~ link on website

Calderdale Central Reference Library (address as above) Tel: +44 (0) 1422 392631 e-mail reference.library@calderdale.gov.uk (*local studies collection, newspapers, maps, trade directories, IGI, GRO indexes, census and parish register fiche, on-line Familysearch and Ancestry; research service offered*).

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

Malcolm Bull's Calderdale Companion ~ <http://www.calderdalecompanion.co.uk>
(*Large collection of trivia, miscellaneous facts of people and places and other bits of local history about Halifax and Calderdale*).

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

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

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

The National Archives ~ www.nationalarchives.gov.uk (*a wealth of data arising from public records, including BMD's, census and much much more*).
Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU Tel: +44 (0) 20 8876

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. Programme of events - 2018

16 June 2018	Else Churchill	English Church Courts
22 September 2018	Alec Tritton	Our Non-conformist Ancestors
17 November 2018	John Hanson	One Name One Place

Meetings held at the Society of Genealogists, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA.

Starting at 10.30am All welcome.

The Federation of Family History Societies

Federation of Family History Societies' web site
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.

Buckinghamshire Family History Society Open Day

Saturday 28th July 2018, 10am to 4pm
The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH.

Research facilities including our names database (over five million entries), Parish Register, People, and Places libraries. Parish Register transcripts and other research aids will be on sale. Expert advice; guest societies from around the country; local history and heritage groups; suppliers of data CDs, maps, software, archival materials and much more.

Admission is free, with free parking at the venue. Refreshments area for teas, coffees and snacks, also mobile catering offering burgers hot dogs etc.

Further information, including a full list of organisations attending, can be found at www.bucksfhs.org.uk

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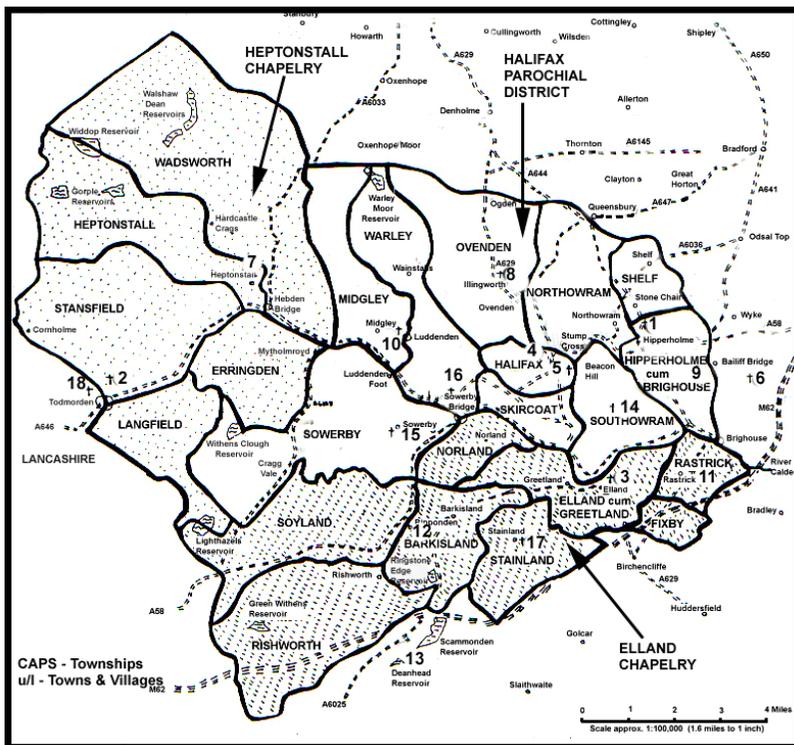
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CHAPELRIES AND TOWNSHIPS OF THE ANCIENT PARISH OF HALIFAX



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

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