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We are always grateful for articles of family & local history for the Journal. Without them your Journal is not viable.

Please send to Betty Hardaker .

Front Cover :- Cowling Holy Trinity Church

## Programme of Meetings

### Burley in Wharfedale Meetings

Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Behind the Scenes working for the Who Do You Think You Are? television series	Gill Blanchard
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wills at Borthwick	Laura Yeoman
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Raspberry & Cream Cake in WW1	Kathryn Hughes
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Quiz	

### Keighley Meetings

Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	After You're Dead	Eric Jackson
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Black Sheep & Skeletons	Lynda Balmforth
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Blogging for Family Historians	Jane Roberts
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tracing a Criminal Ancestor	Kate Hurst

### Threshfield Meetings

Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grave Concerns	Steve Miller
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tracing Forward from the 1911 census	Jackie Depelle
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	In the Family Way	Jane Robinson

**These meetings will all be on Zoom!**

### Addingham Family History Day

Unfortunately, once again our Addingham Family History Day has had to be cancelled. We are hoping to be able to renew this day in 2022 when, hopefully, this dreadful virus will not be as virulent, and we will be able to all meet up again

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021

What a year this last one has been. With meetings cancelled from the middle of March, so no AGM last year due to lockdown for everyone and just when we were thinking we had turned a corner towards the end of the summer another lockdown was announced due to growing covid figures.

So we knew we had to make different plans if the Airedale and Wharfedale Family History Society was to continue and Zoom came to our rescue! Thanks to the efforts of our Webmaster, Mr Stephen Miller, our first virtual meeting was up and running for the November meetings and although some of us have had a lot to learn about this new technology our meetings have been very successful with about 40 people registering for each one. We now have members from the United States and Australia who are delighted to have the opportunity to join in and participate. We will continue to hold Zoom meetings for, at least, the rest of this year but this is constantly under discussion so do keep looking on our website for the latest information.

As you may have seen, our database is growing, sometimes daily, and special thanks must be extended to our committee members who have worked hard to transfer transcriptions from our publications etc. to our database. The war memorials, school logbooks and admissions register entries are a great addition to our database. Do keep checking on the website, we may have just added what you were looking for.

One casualty of the pandemic has been the cancellations of Family History Fairs. These have now changed to Zoom, and we have attended two so far this year. But we do miss the buzz of a real fair where we can chat to people when they pass and maybe even persuade them to join. But new members are always welcome, and we had some success at our first virtual fair in February. We will be there in June for The Family History Show Online, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June. A date for your diary.

So now I must thank the members of our committee for all their hard work. Stan for carrying on regardless with new additions to the database, Betty for her work putting together our journal, Susan, as well as being Hon Sec, books our speakers but has had the added complication of finding people happy to do a virtual meeting, not everyone's talks are suitable for Zoom. Susanne is our membership secretary with all the work that that entails. Cathy is our treasurer, thankfully we have quite a healthy balance sheet, and Julia who helps out wherever and whenever it is needed, especially with transcribing.

And last but by no means least, Steve. What would we do without him? Our webmaster has the patience of a saint when dealing with some of us for whom 'copy and paste' seems like a foreign language. Our website would not have the professional look we are proud of if it wasn't for him.

But my thanks go out to all our committee who continue to make our Society the success it is today.

## **Burley July Zoom Meeting.**

### **In the Name of Family History...**

#### **..Stories from Archives, Libraries, Museums and More.....**

#### **Virtual talk by Jackie Depelle. Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

We were the first to hear this new talk by Jackie and it did not disappoint! Prior to lockdown, Jackie could easily travel more than 12,000 miles a year but now down to about 1,000 as virtual meetings have taken over, but she has never been busier. Whilst preparing a Christmas quiz for 2020 she set a question with photos of different archive buildings.....where were they?

She realized that all these photos would make an excellent talk and we were treated to a whistle stop tour of the British Isles calling at Bradford's Costume Museum with a photo of a what would have been beautiful dress in its day, that

had been made with iron running through it which had rusted and fallen out leaving just the outline of the dress.

A mention next about Claremont in Leeds and Jackie showed us a picture of some manorial records which had been kept there. The ones from 1621 were in quite good condition but the ones from 1847 had perished and fallen apart! These and many more articles and relics had been dispersed as Claremont has now been turned into apartments.

The Borthwick institute at York are well known for being specialists of old wills and we were shown a lady's will from 1592 which as you can imagine was rather difficult to read. There was also a record of a clergyman who was defrocked for being 'gin sozzled' when conducting a marriage!

A visit to the Mansion House in York meant wearing a hard hat and here Jackie was shown how to take photos of objects in silver without a reflection. The Yorkshire Film Archives in York were remembered as being the coldest place! York Minster library has more than 90.000 items recorded, a special one being Catherine of Aragon's prayer book.

The names and places flew thick and fast... from Sutton Park near York where Gentleman Jack was filmed then a mention of Canterbury Cathedral Archives and the Institute of Heraldic Studies who do zoom tutorials. We moved on to the National Library of Scotland with their W.W.1 trench maps. Portsmouth and Gosport local studies libraries are excellent for naval records.

The National Archives at Kew, the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich and not forgetting the Houses of Parliament archives where the Protestation records are held, these are the closest record of a census from 1642.

We were next taken on a cruise around Britain visiting archives from Cornwall, Dublin, Glasgow and Edinburgh all with their unique collections.

So many places to list (and remember!) and each one accompanied by a photo, sometimes an aerial shot or an actual photo of the building or article in question.

From Somerleyton Hall in Suffolk, once the home of the Crossley family of Halifax (Crossley's Carpets) to the Mitchell Library in Glasgow and the M.& S. Company Archive in Leeds!

This was an excellent talk that was enjoyed by members from as far away as Rhode Island in New England and Houston, Texas!

## **Burley Zoom Meeting**

**Thursday June 3rd**

By Anna Watson

### **Wives and Widows Women did make wills**

Retired archivist Anna Watson presented her talk based on her long experience of probate records at Lancashire Archives. Her information is drawn from the Diocese of Chester from C17th to C19th. Whilst women made wills as early as C14th, historically, married women were only allowed to make a will if their husband gave permission.

Coverture is the condition of being a married woman. A feme covert (married woman) could not own property in her own name nor enter into a contract. A feme sole (unmarried/divorced woman) did have the right to own property and enter into contracts. Neither could a married woman be sued or sue. She was not permitted to obtain an education or keep any salary for herself without her husband's permission. Her legal status was on a par with minors, criminals and the insane. An important clause in any will is a declaration of sound mind.

In a study of the Archdeaconry of Richmond (which takes up roughly one half of the Diocese of Chester) only 7.5 % of wills were made by women. The majority (5274) are made by widows, followed by 1190 by spinsters. A spinster could be either an unmarried woman or a widow who remained unmarried.

It was not until the Married Women's Property Act of 1882 that married women were permitted to hold property in their own names. Some women entered into pre-marriage settlements whereby they might retain some power of ownership over their assets including the power to make bequests in a will.

Wills made by women can be most enlightening for the family historian with information regarding bequests to individuals and charitable donations, details of debtors to whom the women had loaned money and frequently their maiden names. Many women acted as witnesses to wills and some made Renunciations if they were unable to carry out their duties as Executors.

Anna rounded up her talk with the story of seamstress Sarah Hare who died in 1744 and included in her will her wish for a wax effigy to be made following her death, *'I desire to have my face and hands made in wax with a piece of crimson satin thrown like a garment in a picture hair upon my head and put in a case of Mahogany with a glass before and fix'd up so near the place were my corps lyes as it can be with my name and time of Death put upon the case in any manner most desirable'*. This can still be seen today in Holy Trinity Church, Stowe Bardolph.



Recommended reading: Women and Property in Early Modern England by Amy Louise Erickson

Susanne Young

**KEIGHLEY BRANCH  
Report of the June Zoom Meeting 2021**

**What Makes Yorkshire Great**

**Stuart Hartley**

Yorkshire the largest County in England also referred to as God's own Count.

Many Inventors and Philanthropists have originated in Yorkshire no body is perfect but if you are from Yorkshire, you are pretty close! The fantastic scenery was highlighted at its best when the Tour de France became the Tour de Yorkshire some years ago.

Entries in the Chelsea Flower show in 2018 & 2019 won Gold.

William Murdoch Morrison began trading in Bradford Market in 1899. His first store was opened in Bradford in 1920. Ken Morrison took over in 1956.

Tom Kilburn devised the stored computer memory Larry Hurst from Dewsbury worked with Tom. Percy

Shaw famous for inventing the Cats Eyes after unable to find his way home in the dark from the pub. The first ones were laid from his home in Halifax to the pub a distance of 8miles.

Sir George Caley born in Scarborough 1773 he wanted to know how things worked based everything on scientific data. He invented the first aircraft flight in 1804, 50years before the Wright brothers. Also, the vertical take-off plane was invented in Yorkshire.

John Stringfellow was responsible for the powered flight in 1847 with a 10 foot wingspan by a steam engine.

In 1911 the Mercury Mono Plane was made in Leeds one survives today.

John Harrison was born in Foulby, Nostell Priory famous for Horology. Any Only Fools and Horses fans will remember the Harrison watch Del Boy took to auction which sold for £6million and made him the millionaire he had wanted to be!!! Harrison also established longitudinal at sea.

James Henry Atkinson an iron monger from Leeds patented the “Little Nipper” better known as the mouse trap in 1899 which had 5 moving parts!!

Joseph Priestley Theologian discovered Oxygen.

John Smeaton 1724 – 1792 born in Leeds a civil engineer designed the Edison Lighthouse in 1806 situated at Flamborough Head.

The Mr Men Books written by Charles Roger Hargreaves 1935 – 1988. He was born in Cleckheaton.

Sir Titus Salt born in Morley 1803 – 1876 built his Mill at the side of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal the largest Mill in Europe at the time. He built Saltaire village for his workers consisting of a Church (where he is buried) school and hospital. It has World Heritage Status. He used Alpaca wool, he was Knighted and was also Mayor of Bradford and he gave his fortune away.

David Brown – born Huddersfield famous for his tractors. After WW2 he bought Astin Martin and Lagonda for £8000 and continued to produce Astin Martin cars.

Blackpool Rock - the first lettered rock was made in Dewsbury.

Illuminations - Heckmondwike was the first town to display gas fired lights converted to electric in 1905

Last but not least Yorkshire Pudding first made in 1737 famous now all over the world. First recorded in the a book called The Whole Duty of a Woman and was listed as a “dripping pudding” the dripping coming from the spit roasted meat.....delicious!! Some people cannot make Yorkshire Puddings I am very glad to say I am NOT one of them!!!

*Susan Daynes*

## **The Sunday School at St Oswald's Church Guiseley.**

My mother was born in Guiseley and as a child she attended St Oswald's Church Sunday School. She often told me stories about her life in Guiseley and she enjoyed her experience at Sunday School as a pupil and eventually as a teacher.

The Church had box pews with initials on the wooden doors indicating the user. One particular pew door always made the children giggle as the initials on there were WC.

The children took one penny to for the Church collection. On the way there they passed a newsagent shop where sweets were on sale. Mum told me they would go into the shop to buy "half a pennyworth of spice", leaving the half penny change for the collection. The leaders of the Church tried hard to get the shop closed on Sundays because of this. Thankfully for the children, they did not succeed!

Sunday School prizes were presented for good attendance and also for Catechism. I have listed mum's prizes below.

- Miriam's Ambition. Guiseley Church Catechism div.
- June the Girl Guide. Sunday School 1929-1930.
- The Youngest Girl in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School 1933.
- Bidy's Secret. Guiseley Church Catechism div.
- Guide to Common Prayer. Confirmation 18<sup>th</sup> March 1934.

As a child I read these story books and enjoyed them. The Church made a good choice of reading matter for the children.

The awarding of prizes for Catechism I found rather puzzling so I asked the Reader at the Church I attend. He was most helpful and explained how the

system would have worked in the 1930s. Catechism awards would have been made for learning by heart the Catechism prior to confirmation. Anybody wishing to be confirmed had to learn the basic articles of the Christian faith (the Catechism) by heart and also, they had to be able to answer questions, put to them by the priest. This suggests that the children at St Oswald's Sunday School worked hard and were well taught giving them access to confirmation.

My mum's involvement at the Church continued as she became a Sunday School teacher, remaining in this role until her marriage at St Oswald's, followed by a move to live in Nottingham.

Sadly, mum passed away in in 1988. Her ashes were interred in the garden of rest at St Oswald's and her married name, Clarice Newton, is in the Book of Remembrance on the page for 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Shirley Beaumont. Member 1091.

## **The Dalesman**

18<sup>th</sup> May 1837

Died on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst at Pudsey aged 34 years, Jonathan Senior. The deceased had been married four times and was father to 20 children of whom he buried 16. A short time since he was summoned before the magistrates for non-payment of church rates and pleaded as an exemption the great support he had before rendered to the church having paid fees for 4 weddings, 20 christenings and burial dues for 16 children and 3 wives and had never received any parochial relief.

The magistrates excused him!

## **FRAGMENTARY CLUES**

*Notes From An Exile* by Rod Moulding

While I had often hoped to find some clues to my 18th century Moulding forebears, I had not expected that they would turn up as a jigsaw puzzle – and an incomplete one at that. Let me explain!

Earlier this year I was contacted by a second cousin who said that she had found some intriguing scraps of paper among her late father's papers which she was in the process of "weeding out", and sent me photos of the pieces. One of them was headed "Genealogy [sic] of the Family of John & Alice Moulding" – which obviously caught her and my attention. The eleven other pieces or fragments (which include two with writing on both sides) do not fit together in any obvious way, either from their shapes or from the writing on them. They look as though they could have been pages from a child's exercise book; the writing is clear and in a simple 19th century style (often called "copperplate") but changes somewhat from piece to piece.

The wording on each piece matches the heading, and lists various Mouldings, but without much detail on dates, birthplaces and so on. As the *de facto* Moulding family historian I was able to check and confirm many of the names, which range from about 1765 through to at least 1877, and contain a few surprises. A Henry Moulding who married Sarah Sugden at Bingley All Saints' in 1803 had not previously been identified as a relation; another Henry Moulding was noted as having changed his name to Moulden, thus destroying my own theory of how the two variants arose (I thought it was because of differences in pronunciation between Bingley and Bradford); there were other puzzling omissions and additions.

But the interesting "fragment" was right at the top of the pile; the writing on this piece matches and joins up with the title "Genealogy" piece. "In the Year of our Lord 1749 (?1740) during the Scottish [sic] Rebellion there came to this country a person of the name of John Moulding having been discovered aid[ing] the rebels he was obliged to fl[ee] his native Scotland and came[?] ...". It's certainly tempting to assume a Romantic Bonnie-Prince-Charlie family origin, but I do wonder whether this is a convenient 19th century fiction designed to obscure the (provable) fact that John Moulding married Ann Hird in Keighley on 3 May 1719, and was obliged to leave the parish just four years later; I'll write about this when the facts are

clearer. Not only does this tale seem improbable, there are no Mouldings in Scotland and weren't any in 1740 (or 1749) either. Other fragments record John's eventual lease on land at Marley, near Bingley, after a sojourn as an ostler at the Pack Horse Inn, Bradford.

Who wrote these fragments? It might have been my second cousin's grandfather, who was the youngest sibling of six, and was still alive to hear his grandmother, Alice Moulding née Moulding who did not die until 1893.

## Letters

Dear Stanley & AWFHS,

I certainly hope I can join the AGM ZOOM meeting but in the event I'm unable I'd like to share some thoughts as a new and long-distance member.

When I joined the Keighley & District Family History Society in 2015 I was looking to connect with my English heritage and maybe fill in some branches on my family tree. A few short years later I was apprehensive when it was announced that they would be merging with another group. Turns out I needn't have been concerned. I believe the result is a great combination of knowledge, talents, interests, and personalities.

Feeling welcome in a new group draws people in. Feeling like an integral part keeps them there. I give you high marks for creating an atmosphere where participants are comfortable. At last year's Christmas Quiz via ZOOM I couldn't keep up with questions on local history and culture, but I had a lot of laughs.

This group is great for keeping up with what many people are looking for when researching genealogy. I tend to lag behind when it comes to technology and social media, but I actually joined Facebook and attended my first online meeting to expand my AWFHS experience and connect with others on the same quest. The website is top-notch with new information and features added regularly. Its up-to-date announcements, photos, unique

local records, and ever-growing database make it well worth visiting regularly.

AWFHS rose to the challenge when COVID restrictions prevented in-person meetings. You adapted and began hosting ZOOM meetings featuring time to chat followed by amazing guest speakers delivering helpful and interesting talks.

The journal is another great way to stay connected, learn and hopefully share something with others. So much work goes into each one resulting in a wide variety of informative, intriguing and sometimes humorous entries.

Honestly, I'm not sure what I would change - maybe more online quizzes or chats with BYOB (bring your own bottle) – ha ha!

There are too many to thank individually but I have a genuine appreciation for each of you volunteering whether up-front or behind the scenes. When the time comes to return to regular in-person meetings I won't be there, but my heart will. (Now where do I find that smile emoji?)

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Buffi

From Mike Burrows: member number 3669

Thanks to your site I have "finished" the research that I was doing on the Maudes in Otley, as far as I need to at the moment.

Would anyone be interested in the results?

Also, I have significantly failed to find any useful information on a Richard Fox (1731-1784) Wine Merchant in Otley, apart from his Gravestone. He is not a member of the Maude family but is closely linked. Any suggestions as to where I could go to get more information.

Can I just add that you provide an amazing resource for "distant" researchers, Thank you.

Mike. Email:- [mikeburrows@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeburrows@yahoo.com)

From Sue Mann

Dear Liz Penny,

As librarian with HAGSOC in Canberra, Australia, I have just received the latest issue of Airedale & Wharfedale's journal.

Thank you so much for the article on Mark Nutter. His sister Beatrice Woodhead nee Nutter (1879-1955) was my grandmother. And my grandfather James Woodhead (1878-1944) may have been at some time a manager at Mark Nutter Limited although I know he was longer at John Dewhurst and Sons. As my parents and most of the generation died before our move to Australia and my concentration on family history, I'd be delighted to know if you came across any further information about the family than was included in your article.

Again my thanks for filling in some detail about my Nutter family,

Kind regards, Susan Mann

Hi Sue

What a lovely coincidence that your ancestor was Mark Nutter especially as you live so far away from Yorkshire! I don't have much information but do have a few photos of the family if you would like me to send them. I live in Baildon not far from Skipton and keep meaning to find Embsay Kirk which sounds interesting. I know whereabouts the house is as I know Embsay well. My Grandfather lived there.

Best Wishes Liz Penny

### **A HOUSE THROUGH TIME**

A few weeks ago, the society was contacted by a researcher from the BBC. They were looking towards their next programme in this series which follows a certain

house from when it was built, the people who lived there and all the general comings and goings of the house through time up until the present day. Of course, there has to be a certain amount of research done to make the programme as interesting as possible and if strange things have happened there, so much the better!

I have followed this programme since the first series set in Falkener St. in the Canning area of Liverpool.

The second series looked at a house in Ravensworth Terrace in the Summerhill area of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The third series, screened last year, found us in Guinea St. in Bristol.

So this fourth series, due to be screened in the autumn, was destined to be set in Leeds and the researcher was looking for 'any information' about a reservoir in our area and wondered if we knew anything about it. Old maps of the area just referred to reservoirs as reservoirs with no extra name to prove it was the one they were specifically looking for. But the researcher later contacted me to say that they had had some information from another source which confirmed their findings but thanked me for my time. He explained about what their research entailed and how long it took to get all the information sorted into a format for the programme which was very interesting.

So, don't forget to watch out for the programme, A House Through Time, on the BBC, hopefully in the autumn..... and for reservoirs!!

Lynda Balmforth

### **WHERE HAS THE BUZZ GONE???**

Yes, I am bereft! Where has the buzz disappeared to? What buzz, I hear you asking? The buzz that was always there from the minute you walked into a family

history fair. The buzz of meeting up with friends running other stalls who you may only see once or twice a year, the buzz of attracting people to our stall and the delight on their faces when you could help with a particular problem....but if you couldn't, directing them to someone who could! And asking, (when they have stopped to look at our map) 'Did your ancestors live in our area?' I can never forget the lovely lady who was so pleased we were there..... from Yorkshire, unloaded sheafs of notes (we all have them!) and was certain we covered her area only to be disappointed when she needed help with an ancestor from HULL! Just out of our area I told her! But East Yorkshire had a stall and I directed her there so she gathered up her belongings and trotted off after a nice chat!

We have attended many family history fairs as representatives of our group, from London to Birmingham, from Doncaster to Harrogate, not forgetting York, of course. The covid pandemic has meant many changes in order to stay safe but now we have the fairs on line and it can never feel the same. Oh, it's great that so many people can attend from across the world and there are many different groups attending that could not have even dreamt of being there before, but there is nothing to beat face-to-face contact with members, many who have attended more fairs than myself or new members signing up for the very first time.

Although York has always been a favourite of mine, I will never forget the first time I walked into the Who Do You Think You Are? Fair at Olympia in London in 2013. The noise..the atmosphere, I didn't know where to start! Although Stanley had attended in 2012, he decided it was too much for one person so my husband and I (sounds posh!) said we were happy to join him and 2013 and 2014 saw us flying the flag for the group. Stan and I seemed to work well together and had 2 very successful shows but then it was announced that the next venue for 2015 would be the N.E.C. at Birmingham. How well would this work for us? We need not have worried as, I think, 2015 was our most successful fair with 25 new members signing up and this continued through 2016 and 2017. But that saw the end of WDYTYA family history shows, not profitable said the organisers but we still had

the local venues to attend. But then in 2020, covid came along and changed our lives for ever. Virtual meetings were on their way!

We have 'attended' three fairs so far this year ..... and although we do try our best to be enthusiastic as we wait for people who want to 'chat' it's not easy. I miss so much about the fairs past, I even miss the half eaten sandwich and the coffee that has gone cold because we have been busy, the standing at the front of the stall most of the day because you never sell anything sat at the back of the stall.....especially with arms folded! I even miss the packing up, making sure we have a good parking spot for loading up, saying goodbye to old friends and the new ones we have made.

Relaxing on the way home after a successful fair always felt good. But now we wait to see what the future will bring.

Lynda Balmforth

## **Yorkshire Group Meeting**

At the Group meeting on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> we were given two addresses for items of interest. Hidden Branch is for people born between 1995 and 2010 interested in family history. They appear to be bringing many younger people into the arena. I know that schools have been taking an interest and asked students to do a small tree consisting of their grandparents. It is a start I suppose.

The other one is family-history tv. This is a programme that gives talks on-line and charges £2.99 per talk. They have many different topics and some very good speakers.

These may be well worth trying out. They seem to be easy to use.

## A Poem

The following poem was written by Ellen Cowking, the wife of William Cowking, a sheep farmer. They lived at the beginning of the 20C at Lamb Hill Farm, high up on the Bowland hills, along the road from Slaidburn to Bentham.

She was my husband's great aunt and it is said that she would go up onto the moor behind the house with her note book and write. We have 47 of her poems. They are all about everyday rural life in that area at that time. (The spelling is as it was written) Julia Wood

### ***Deliver Us From Evil by Ellen Cowking***

*The first month of the year 1904*

*Two undesirables came to our door.*

*They asked had we any umbrellas to repair,*

*And one of the vagrants at me did awfully stare.*

*I answered we had nothing wanted doing here today*

*But still his evil eye cast at me a horrid ray.*

*"Bigum, the woman's frightened" to his mate he then did say,*

*For the other undesirable was a yard or two away.*

*His eye was like a demon, my mind was filled with fear,*

*For I was quite uncertain if anyone was near.*

*I then grew really frightened, my strength too did give way,*

*"Run and see to the children", to Alice I did say.*

*I slammed the door in terror, the bolt was bad to draw,*

*And I felt so very feeble, could scarce have moved a straw.  
Brave Alice showed her courage, came at once to my relief,  
And we somehow got it bolted, as you would against a thief.*

*Both of us were frightened, our hearts did faster beat,  
And Alice said my face it grew as white as any sheet.  
It was with thankful hearts, we beheld them shog away,  
And we thanked our great deliverer, for his aid to us that day.  
Lo, what is weak woman, on the lonely hillside drear,  
As I write these lines, my mind seems filled with fear.  
I never felt so thankful as I did upon that day,  
For the policeman, our brave policeman along the King's highway.  
Our army and our navy on lands on ocean wide,  
And all of these are needed for this lawless wicked tribe.  
If all were law abiding, honest and just,  
The King could walk in freedom and all his subjects trust.*

*Behold how he is guarded each time a throng to pass,  
And be ready, ever ready for the serpents in the grass.  
Deliver us from evil, each and all, yea, every day,  
From the pests and undesirables along the King's highway.*

## NEW MEMBERS SEP 2021

3694	Andrea Sutcliff	3695	Bruce Beanlands
3696	David Town	3697	Gary Wimbles
3698	Matthew Nicholl	3699	Janice Wood
3700	Jayne McCarter	3701	Richard Brumfitt
3702	Alison Smith	3703	Paul Towers
3704	Michael Brown	3705	Carolyn Greenwood
3706	Linda Corry		

## NEW MEMBERS INTERESTS

3695: Beanland/e/s/es, Beaneland/e/s/es, Ben(e)land/e/s/es

3693: Tomlinson, Davey, Kinder, Cork(e)

3697: Wimple/s, Whimbles

3699: Houghton, Winn, Chester, Cowperthwaite, Garnett, Hey/s, Varley, Woolley

3701: Brumfitt, Whittaker

3703: Towers, Darnbrook, Darnbrough, Harrison, Whitaker, Newsome, Robinson, Newby

We wish our new members good luck with their research and hope that we can be of help to them.

## **Website Update**

By Stanley Merridew

We have been busy! Here is a list of files added to the member's database since the last journal:

Baildon Wesleyan Chapel MIs  
Beamsley Methodist Mis  
Bentham Parochial School 1901-1920  
Bingley All Saints Burials 1687-1722  
Bingley All Saints Burials 1813-1929  
Coniston Cold School 1866-1920  
Conistone St Mary Mis  
Embsay Infant School Admission Register 1907-1913  
Fewston Meagill Lane Mis  
Haworth St Michael & All Angels MIs  
Hebden St Peter MIs  
Ilkley All Saints Baptisms 1597-1812  
Ilkley Cemetery Mis  
Keighley Methodist Circuit Membership Roll 1777  
Keighley St Anne's School Admission Register  
Linton in Craven St Michael & All Angels Mis  
Menston High Royds MIS  
Oxenhope Cemetery MIs  
Oxenhope Infant School Admission Register 1881-1896  
Skipton Christchurch MIs  
Skipton Holy Trinity Mis  
Skipton St Stephen's MIs

South Craven Baptist Mis

Stainburn St Mary Mis

Steeton Infant School Admission Register 1917-1920

Steeton Mixed Board School

Steeton Provident Infants School admission register 1871-1907

Utleigh Cemetery MIS sections H, K, T, U

Worth Village School Admission Register 1907-1920

We are making good progress; our only limit is hands to the pump. If you would like to be involved, please contact either myself or Steve Miller, website manager.

### **Keighley Methodist Circuit Membership Roll 1777**

This is an unusual source I came across at Keighley Local Studies Library. At this date the circuit covered a huge area including many places south of Keighley and further north as far as Nidderdale and Wharfedale. There are also annual additions up to 1781. At this early time many villages and hamlets were a good distance from the parish church and the Methodists exploited this by holding meetings in houses and barns. So, if you think your lot were all C of E, you may get a surprise. Thanks to our volunteers for helping with this excellent early source.

## School Admission Register Progress

School Admission Registers usually show date of admission & date of re-admission, name of pupil, date of birth, name of parent, home address, date of leaving plus reason and last school attended. "Previous School" & "Reason for leaving" often shows where the family were moving from and to. This can be very helpful between census years. All of which can add to our knowledge of our ancestors. It is a great shame so many appear to have been lost or are perhaps in private hands.

As is shown, we have made considerable progress, but it will take some time to complete. Keep checking updates displayed on our Facebook page and the website.

Place	Available	State
Addingham Nat.	1887-1910	Bradford Archives – to film
Bashall Eaves	1867-1884	On database
Bentham Par. Mixed	1901-1920	On database
Bingley Gram.	1873-1920	Bradford Archives – to film
Bingley Nat.	1877-1920	Bradford Archives – to film
Chapel le Dale	1892-1919	On database
Clapham Newby	1889-1920	On database
Coniston Cold	1866-1920	On database
East Keswick C of E	1888-1920	Leeds Archives – to film
Eccup Nat.	1892-1920	Leeds Archives – to film
Embsay	1907-1913	On database
Halton Gill C of E	1887-1919	On database
Hebden C of E	1874-1920	On database
Horsforth St Margts	1890-1900	On database
Horton in Ribb. Selside	1899-1919	On database
Ingleton Nat. Mixed	1913-1920	On database
Keighley St Annes RC	1910-1920	On database
Litton Council	1913-1919	On database
Low Bentham Council	1909-1918	On database
Oxenhope Infants	1881-1896	On database

Rawdon W/house Gro.	1831-1853	Bradford Archives – to film
Rylstone	1872-1920	On database
Silsden Bolton Rd	1911-1920	To transcribe
Silsden Hothfield St.	1914-1920	To transcribe
Skipton British	1866-1878	Skipton Mus. – to film
Skipton British Infant	1881-1909	Skipton Mus. – to film
Skipton Brougham St	1909-1920	Skipton Mus. – to film
Skipton Sackville St	1907-1909	Skipton Mus. – to film
Slaidburn Grammar	1864-1878	On database
Steeton Provident Infs	1871-1907	On database
Steeton Infants	1917-1920	On database
Steeton Mixed	1898-1919	On database
Sutton in Craven Nat.	1902-1920	On database
Worth Village Infants	1907-1920	On database

## Free Family History Sites

### FreeBMD

Started in 1998 with aim of providing free access to births, marriage and deaths records for England and Wales. The initial aim was to index all from 1st July 1937 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1949. Later extended to 1992. To date virtually complete to 1984.

### FreeCensus

There are also a few sites, such as the above, offering free census searches.

### Family Search

Run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons). The church has for decades filmed and indexed parish registers and many other genealogical records across the world. The coverage varies by county as particularly in the early years some diocese would not allow them to film. It

is an invaluable free source as an alternative to the subscription-based sources.

## UKBMD

The site provides 2770 links to websites that offer on-line transcriptions of UK births, marriages, deaths and censuses. A wide range of other indexes and transcriptions are also available for most counties, these may include parish records, wills, monumental inscriptions etc.

## Genuki

This site is best described as an on-line reference library of genealogical information for the UK and Ireland. It gives access to a large collection of information. Divided, by county, then by individual parish it gives a superb overview of the genealogical sources available and where to find them. By viewing the parish county maps one can ascertain the adjacent parishes. Very handy for when your ancestors hopped across the parish boundary to find a mate!

Many sites now offer free searches. However, beware, often this is only for a limited period or limited access and sometimes they ask for a credit card, hoping you will forget to cancel at the end of the trial period.

**To view the database: On the website click on “Members area” at the top, then bring your cursor down to “online database” and click. Enter membership number if requested.**

## Young Yeadon Cricketeers



Yeadon East View Utd 1908/09

A team of young cricketers who were:

Back Row Left to Right: Hanley, C Marshall, S Walker, S Drake, R A Hudson,

Seated Row Left to Right: F Braithwaite, A Shackleton, H Mercer, Only 2 names given for the 3 boys in front: F Lupton, and W Luty.

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The National Archives website [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

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