



# Calderdale FHS Newsletter

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## **Lawrence Undertaker Project update**

This project is progressing well. The transcription team have nearly completed the 1<sup>st</sup> set of books provided by the Undertakers and are now in the process of validating them.

The next stage will be to transcribe another 2000 entries, followed by the final phase of a further 400+ which will take us up to the mid 1980s, although there are some gaps in the timeframe, which starts in 1935.

This project is uncovering some fascinating facts & already one transcriber has come across the funeral of one of their family !!

If you would like to help on this project, please contact Peter Lord at [projects@cfhsweb.com](mailto:projects@cfhsweb.com) and he will be happy to send you some records to transcribe, along with full instructions on how to do it.

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## **The Finest Hour Project**

The Finest Hour Project, is a nationwide digital history project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and run by the University of Oxford.

The aim is to digitally preserve the stories and physical heritage from the Second World War era which is kept by the UK public and store this in a free-to-use online archive for the use of future generations.

Over 70 Digital Collection Days (DCD) are being held throughout the country, when people are invited to bring along objects, photos, documents and other physical items from the Second World War era, as well as stories that connect them all, to be digitized and uploaded to our online archive.

### **Dates and venue**

**Monday 4 December 2023, 10.30 am— 6.00 pm at Halifax Central Library & Archives, Square Road, Halifax, HX1 1QG**

[More information on Their Finest Hour website.](#)

An interesting project, perhaps some of our members could contribute!



## Dates for the Diary

**Hybrid meeting—Thursday  
25 January 2024 at 7.30 pm**

**Maurice Jagger Centre, Lister Street, off  
Winding Road, Halifax**

### ***‘Round the Rookes’ by Mary Twentyman (Live)***

Rookes Hall, located in the Calderdale village of Norwood Green, is named after the family that lived there in the late 12th Century although the present house was built by John Whitley in 1638 and later restored in the 20c.

This provides the backdrop for local family historian Mary Twentyman’s presentation, which explores the rich heritage of the village and, in particular, the ups and downs of the occupants of the various properties in the “Rookes” area. You would never guess looking at some of the houses in this south eastern area of the village what surprises they hide about past occupants and the trades they followed.

**Admission £1 (Members free)**

## Library & local history events

***Right up Your Street—Saturday 2 December 2023,  
10.30 am—12.30 pm at Local Studies, Central Li-  
brary***

Workshop, which is an introduction to tracing your house history / the people who lived there using library resources (census, maps etc).

FREE but booking required as we expect to fill up quite quickly. [Click here to book](#)

## Heritage walks

Calderdale Heritage Walks have released their winter programme, which includes a few new walks.

Details on [Calderdale Heritage Walks website](#), or pick up a hard copy from your local library.

## Contact us

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## Online View—Extended death years

Thank you for continuing to support the Online View digital image service. All of your feedback so far on the service and products has been invaluable to us.

We are pleased to confirm that we are now able to extend the years for which death records will be available through the Online View service. From Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 9:00AM the following records will be available: :

- Historic birth records from 1837 up to 100 years ago
- Historic death records from 1837 to 1957

You will not notice any change to your access to the service and the fee of £2.50 per image remains the same, as per Private Beta.