



Calderdale FHS Newsletter

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Project update

The project to transcribe details of funerals conducted through Lawrence Undertakers of Halifax is progressing well.

The work has been split into 3 phases. The 1st phase has been completed and the records are now available on the Society Online Database and accessible for members via the Transcription Index on the Society website in the usual way. They cover burials between 1935 and 1964.

Phase 2 is still in the transcription/validation stage with phase 3 still to begin.

Because we are adding a large amount of data with information similar to that held on the database covering municipal cemeteries, we have changed the system slightly. All undertaker records are now held on the table entitled “Municipal Cemeteries/Undertakers” and the records for our other undertakers – B & L Undertakers and Greetland Undertakers - have been moved from the “Miscellaneous” table into the “Municipal Cemeteries/Undertakers” table. If you select a record from the Transcription Index the system will automatically take you to the correct table.

We are still looking at how we can start a separate project – for Workhouse – and a meeting has been arranged with West Yorkshire Archives in Wakefield early in February. We will be able to give you more information on this in the March Newsletter.

Rifleman Sykes Shaw—1894 to 1917—and family

The Society has been contacted by a firm of Halifax Solicitors who have found an envelope at the back of a safe containing First World War medals and death details for a 'Rifleman Sykes Shaw' of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. His service number is R-29480. He died on 11/7/1917. His parents were informed - they lived at 16 South View, Lane Head, Rastrick.

The solicitors would like to trace any living relatives to pass on the medals, photos etc.

We have 6 members who have registered Shaw as one of the names that they are researching in the Members Interests section, one of whom is interested in the Rastrick connection. She has been contacted separately.

Sykes Shaw has 2 entries on our database – one for a Halifax Courier notice about his death in 1917, and an MI from Rastrick Cemetery, showing details for both Sykes and his parents.

If any member has any information on this family, preferably recent, please contact Mr Geoffrey Nuttall at GN@wilkinsonwoodward.co.uk It would be really good if we could help in reuniting such precious mementos with the family.

Position of Chairman

Our chairman, Ian Knowles, has resigned his position as Chairman of our Society. The Committee thank Ian for his service whilst holding the post. As a result, your Committee held an Extraordinary Committee Meeting on Monday 29 January and elected a Vice-Chairman, John Barraclough, who will take the chair at all General and Committee meetings up to the AGM on 25 April 2024, at which time the membership will elect a new chairman.

All E-Mails sent to chairman@cfhsweb.com will be processed by our Systems Coordinator, Peter Lord, until the AGM.



Dates for the Diary

**Hybrid meeting—Thursday
22 February 2024 at 7.30 pm**

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

***'History of a West Riding Medieval Village' by
John Lyte (Live)***

As chairman of the Bristfield Family History Group, John's presentation covers the history of a local village from the ice age to the present day and speaks to the social changes that occurred, stemming from the poor housing conditions endured by villagers during the 17th and 18th centuries to the smart and expensive houses that ultimately replaced them.

Admission £1 (Members free)

Future CFHS meetings—2024

Thursday 28 March 2024—7.30 pm

***'Making the Most of a Will' by John Titterton
(Virtual)***

While researching which of two brothers was the father of his ancestor William Titterton, born around 1739, John learnt that wills can play an important part in finding the solution.

Contact us

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HBLHS Lecture cancellation

Hebden Bridge Local History Society have had to cancel some of their talks, as the building work is still not finished at Hebden Royd Church where these lectures were due to take place.

There are now new dates for these cancelled talks. Vaughan Leslie will be talking about the history of the Little Theatre on 10 April and Barbara Atack's talk about Jowett Cars will now take place on 24 April—both at 7.30 pm at Hebden Royd Church.

They are confident that February's lectures will go ahead as planned and will welcome back members and visitors on 14 February.

1931 Census of Canada

FamilySearch has announced the completion of the free, fully searchable index and images of the 1931 Census of Canada.

This significant achievement is a remarkable resource for genealogists, historians and anyone interested in uncovering their Canadian roots. Search the Census now at FamilySearch.org.

The digital images of the 1931 Census of Canada, the 7th census for Canada, were made available by Library and Archives Canada in June of last year.

Ancestry® and nonprofit FamilySearch then went to work extracting information written on each enumerated page to create a name-searchable index of over 10 million people waiting to be discovered from its 234,678 pages. [More information...](#)