



Calderdale FHS Newsletter

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Project update

The Transcription Team have now got to the stage of having transcribed all the first set of books and nearly all of those have now been validated for Lawrence Undertakers. The 2nd set of information, which comprises data from a series of “slips”, is now underway with 12 of 36 sets already sent out.

The pace of the project has, understandably, slowed over the last couple of weeks, thanks to the seasonal celebrations, but the team will be hard at work again once we get into 2024.

Thanks is owed to the entire team for all their efforts during 2023. In that time they have completed the mammoth task of School Admissions for Calderdale, done a complete project to publish the Monumental Inscriptions for Exley Municipal Cemetery and make substantial inroads into the Undertaker Project.

What will 2024 bring us? We hope to complete the Lawrence Undertaker Project by the spring and then embark on an ambitious transcription process for Workhouses in Calderdale that have not been covered by other organisations. In this way we will continue to add to our vast storage of information available to researchers in the Calderdale area.

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)

Future CFHS meetings—2024

Thursday 22 February 2024—7.30 pm

***‘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 & 18th centuries to the smart and expensive houses that ultimately replaced them.

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.



Other events

‘Woolshops: the story’

20 January 2024, 2 pm, Square Chapel Arts Centre, Halifax

At 2pm on Saturday 20th January, Halifax Civic Trust will screen the first public showing of their new film “Woolshops: the story” in The Copper Auditorium at Square Chapel Arts Centre.

It tells the story of Woolshops from its mediaeval beginnings to the row in the 1970s , when it was at risk of destruction.

Halifax Civic Trust opposed the scheme and challenged the Council in January 1979. The film includes two people who were involved in the case— a Planning Officer, and the Honorary Secretary of the Halifax Civic Trust.

Reserve your place now by visiting <https://squarechapel.co.uk/shows/woolshops-the-story-presented-by-halifax-civic-trust/>

Admission is free.

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