



Calderdale FHS Newsletter

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Project update

Work continues apace on the Workhouse project and all the necessary photography at the Archives has been completed.

The data is from 3 different workhouses in Calderdale :

- **Ovenden** – all the files there have been transcribed and virtually all validated. All that is left is for final checks to be made on these.
- **Todmorden** – there are 14 books of information from this workhouse – all except one have been sent out for transcription and around 50% of these have been validated. We hope to have all the transcriptions for here done by early May.
- **Halifax Gibbet St.** – we have yet to make a start on these, but will be doing so, we hope, by June. There are 14 books of varying length.

So, as you can see, there is plenty left for the team to do, but, once completed, it will add yet more valuable information to our Online Database for members to benefit from. As always, if you have some free time and would like to contribute to this project, then get in touch with Peter Lord, the Project Coordinator at projects@cfhsweb.com and he will be delighted to put you on the team.

New arrangements at the General Meetings

Your Committee have been discussing a number of changes for the monthly meetings which are held at the Maurice Jagger Centre in Halifax on the 4th Thursday evening of each month.

We want to make these meetings a more pleasurable experience for our members so we have decided to make a few changes :

- There will cease to be a charge for tea/coffee & biscuits, so all anyone need do is to go to the kitchen serving hatch before the meeting and request a drink.
- Every attendee will be given a raffle ticket, free of charge, so that everyone has an opportunity to benefit from their visit.
- Non-members will no longer be charged for entrance, so we hope members will feel free to bring their friends along. Of course, there will be ample opportunity for any visitor to become a member of the Society if they so wish !

We hope that these changes will benefit all those who attend our regular meetings and perhaps encourage other local members/non-members to join the meeting.

June Newsletter

Please note that due to holidays, your June newsletter may not be circulated until the 4th or 5th June.



Annual General Meeting—25 April 2024

As those of you who attended the AGM on April 25th will know, the election took place of the Society officers for the next 12 months. Those elected are :

- Chairman - Peter Lord
- Secretary - Margaret Smith
- Treasurer - Maureen Fitzgerald
- Membership Secretary - Chris Hiley
- Committee Members:
 - John Barraclough
 - Susan Clarke
 - Eileen Connolly
 - Clifford Drake
 - Ann Wilkinson
 - Stuart Wilkinson

These will all be names that you are familiar with because, sadly, no new members felt that they could stand for election. This is particularly unfortunate because all committees need an injection of fresh ideas to be able to operate effectively. Nevertheless, you can be assured that these experienced officers will do us proud, yet again.

To take some of the weight from the shoulders of those on the committee who are currently hard-pressed, the plan is to break down some of the responsibilities into discrete tasks which will be relatively straightforward and won't take up much time, month by month. These roles will be offered via our various methods of communication in the hope that some of the membership will step forward to take on such individual tasks. You will see more on this in the next month or so.

In the meantime, you can be assured that your Committee will continue their work to ensure that the Society continues to prosper.

Dates for the Diary

**Hybrid meeting—Thursday
23 May 2024 at 7.30 pm
(Repeat 29 May at 9.00 am)**

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

***'My American Cousins' by Stuart Wilkinson
(Live)***

Contact us

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