



Calderdale FHS Newsletter

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Project update—the latest position

As you will have read in the latest copy of *The Scrivener*—published only last week—the Exley MIs project is now complete and the results published.

We are now preparing to start a new project which may be one of two – or maybe both in parallel! We are about to have a meeting with the West Yorkshire Archive Service about Poor Law, workhouses and Bastardy records, but, in the meantime, we have unexpectedly been given records from a local firm of undertakers which cover periods from 1936 to 1987. We are currently considering the options and will discuss this at our next Committee meeting on 10 October.

We would be happy to hear from any member on the preferences that they have on these two options which may well influence the final decision. We know that we have an established team of transcribers who are ready to start, but we would welcome newcomers to the team to allow us to progress matters even more effectively than usual. So, if you are interested, please contact Peter Lord at projects@cfhsweb.com

Appeal for Talk Summarisers

Some of the main features of the articles in the *Scrivener* are the summaries of the talks given to the Society at our monthly meetings.

As you can imagine, these summaries are not somehow magically produced as a by-product of the talk – someone has the job of watching and listening to a recording of the talk and producing a summary of no more than 3000 words – that sounds a lot, but in fact is no more than 2 or 3 pages.

We currently have 2 volunteers plus the *Scrivener* Editor herself, but we could do with a couple more to take some of the weight from their shoulders – particularly if, for some reason, they are not available to do a particular summary.

We have a maximum of 10 talks per year, most of which require a summary, so the more volunteers we have the fewer per year each team member has to do. The way that it is done is that we send the summariser a recording of the talk, along with any supporting documents (like Powerpoint slides if not on the recording) and the volunteer writes a summary of the talk before sending it to the *Scrivener* editor for publication.

If you feel that you could help in this way, please contact Peter Lord at systems@cfhsweb.com

If we could add a couple more volunteers to the team, then each person would have a maximum of 3 talks per year to summarise – probably fewer.



Dates for the Diary

Hybrid meeting—Thursday
26 October 2023 at 7.30 pm

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

‘Family Houses and Local History—sources before 1837’, A talk by Jackie Depelle (Virtual)

We generally consider the main research resource before 1837 to be parish registers, certainly they are a keystone to going back in time. However, there are many other collections of material, held both locally and nationally, that may take us back towards 1538 – perhaps even beyond?

For Jackie it all began with a family house, researching its occupants, an interest in local history and joining a Family History Society. Now with more than 20 years of experience as a professional Family History Tutor, Jackie is ideally well qualified to assist those of us who have struggled to delve more deeply into our family history.

Admission £1 (Members free)

Forthcoming CFHS meetings

23 November 2023 at 7.30 pm

‘Tellin’ t’ Tale’, A talk by Rod Dimpleby

As Chairman of the Yorkshire Dialect Society Council, Rod Dimpleby is more than well qualified to offer a broad and often fascinating insight into the Yorkshire dialect and its evolution over many centuries in “God’s Own Country”.

Contact us

If you have anything you would like to contribute to our next Newsletter, please contact Editor, newsletter@cfhsweb.com or Secretary secretary@cfhsweb.com.

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Register of Deeds

We have recently been alerted to another useful source of information that is available to researchers – [The Register of Deeds](#).

We intend to do some more research into what this site can offer and publish a fuller report on it in the December Scrivener. However, if members want to dive straight in, you may find this resource useful.

Our thanks to member and local FH expert Jackie Depelle for this information

Calderdale Industrial Museum

Our next two talks revert to the usual format of doors opening at 7pm, and £4 for non members on the door. Tea or coffee will be available for a donation.

On 18th October David Glover will talk about some forgotten, or almost unknown Calderdale Scientists, Engineers, and Inventors, many of whom deserve to be much better known.

Our third talk will be Through the Eye of the Shuttle by Keith Ramsden on 29th November. Keith usually demonstrates the Holdsworth Moquette loom on the first floor, and will explain the processes leading to the production of Moquette; and include anecdotes relating to his working life at John Holdsworth & Company at Shaw Lodge Mills.

Guild of One Name Studies

As mentioned at the Yorkshire Group Meeting the Guild of One Name Studies is coming to Yorkshire in October with their Apprenticeship, Guilds and Friendly Societies Seminar.

Booking has just opened for the event in Wakefield with a good line-up of speakers with Yorkshire Connections [Seminar events \(one-name.org\)](http://www.seminar-events.org).