



# Calderdale FHS Newsletter

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## **Last minute change of editorship !**

You will all be sorry to hear that our Newsletter Editor, Pam Newby, has had a nasty accident which has resulted in a stay in hospital with 2 broken ankles. As a result, the task has, somewhat unexpectedly, fallen to me to produce the September newsletter & possibly the October one as well. So I apologise if the results are not quite as professional as you are used to. It's a long time since I used MSPublisher !!!

So, Pam, we all wish you a speedy recovery & a release from what you yourself have described as “a bionic existence” ! In the meantime, I hope that potential contributors to the monthly newsletter will redouble your efforts to send contributions that you think other members will be interested in. Please continue to send them to [newsletter@cfhsweb.com](mailto:newsletter@cfhsweb.com)—our super-efficient technical computer partner has arranged for any such mail to be diverted away from Pam to allow her to concentrate on getting back to normal as quickly as possible.

**Peter Lord—(reluctant) temporary Newsletter Editor**

## **Project update—Exley Cemetery MIs**

We are now in the final throes of completing the work on the Monumental Inscriptions for Exley Cemetery, Elland.

These comprise over 2100 individual graves giving details of nearly 7000 individuals, so for members with ancestors in the Elland area, it will be well worth looking at them. They run from the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century right up to the present day.

We hope to have all the detail published on the Online Database by the early part of September, so this will provide an even wider range of options for you to look at, to be able to solve some of those intractable questions about your forebears.

We are now looking at what project we should be doing next, but our transcription team, who have completed this last project in little over 4 months, deserve a well-earned rest for a few weeks. Our thanks, as ever, go to them for all the work they have put into photographing, transcribing, validating & finalising everything that has been put to them.



## Exciting Activities in Calderdale this September

For those of you close to the Halifax area (& maybe those beyond) there are some interesting activities going on in Calderdale during September.

- Heritage Festival Events – run roughly from 7<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September. Details can be found by picking up a Heritage Festival newsletter (available in libraries, Discover Halifax Shop, Woolshops and lots of places around Calderdale or going to the link <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>)
- A guided tour of Central Library pointing out architectural features and the story of Square Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. Free but needs to be booked. Various times (see link below – scroll past the kids storytelling events to ‘Walking Tour – Halifax Central Library and Square Church’) <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calderdalelibraries>
- David Glover is doing a few talks and walks including one about Crossley Carpets/ Dean Clough on 11<sup>th</sup> September <https://www.visitcalderdale.com/event/david-glover-john-crossleys-sons-of-dean-clough/>
- For those of you interested in fashion, Bankfield have a History Wardrobe presentation titled Divine Deco; the art of dressmaking. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. £20 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/history-wardrobe-events-1278499>
- A heads up about the Streets in the Sky tours that always sell out quickly - Streets in the Sky Tours will be running 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September £5 – tickets go on sale on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Most tickets will only be available to buy from the Discover Halifax shop in the Woolshops, with only a few available to buy online from Visit Calderdale.

For other events, such as talks, workshops and paid for events have a look at Visit Calderdale <https://www.visitcalderdale.com/whats-on/category/culture-heritage>

## Dates for the Diary

**Hybrid meeting—Thursday 28 September 2023  
at 7.30 pm—Maurice Jagger Centre, Lister St.**

**Speaker—John Walker (Live Presentation)**

**The History of Calderdale’s Markets:  
the positive effect they have on our towns**

As Calderdale’s Markets Manager, John is uniquely well qualified to speak on the subject, ranging from early Royal Charters through Gibbet Law onto modern retailing and the impact markets have had on the shape of our towns.

### Contact us

If you have anything you would like to contribute to our next Newsletter, please contact Editor, [newsletter@cfhsweb.com](mailto:newsletter@cfhsweb.com) or Secretary [secretary@cfhsweb.com](mailto:secretary@cfhsweb.com).

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## Forthcoming CFHS meetings

**Hybrid Meeting—26 October 2023 at 7.30 pm**

**Speaker—Jackie Depelle (Virtual)**

**Family Houses & Local History - sources before 1837**

We generally consider the main research resource before 1837 to be parish registers. However, there are many other collections of material, held both locally and nationally, that may take us back towards 1538.

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.

Jackie had intended to speak to the Society in June but owing to ill health the talk had to be re-scheduled to later in the year.