

## West Yorkshire Archive Service Issue 4 January 2012



Welcome to the enewsletter from WYAS keeping you updated about what we are up to across the service.

Happy New Year to all! here's to a exciting 2012 and all it will bring. We are continuing to work on our Treasures campaign, look out for our Luddite celebrations, work to celebrate the 2012 Olympics and much more.

Our next issue will be out in March.

### Have you always thought archives were old, dusty and of little interest to you? It's time to think again!

Our staff from the five offices of the West Yorkshire Archive Service based at Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield have put forward the top five treasures within their collections, and now it is up to you for the final vote.

These treasures have been chosen because they display the broad range of rich history rooted in West Yorkshire, from the textile industry to social welfare, prominent citizens to long standing societies, and some others are just great to look at!

### We are holding a Treasures of the Archives voting day in your district!

We are holding a voting day in each of the five districts.

Staff will be on hand to show examples of items from the nominated collections and tell you a little bit more about why these incredible collections are indeed our treasures.




Why not come along and find out more!

Ground Floor, Halifax Central Library on Monday 23rd January, 9.30 – 3.00pm.

Bradford Central Library on Tuesday 24th January, 9.30 – 3.00pm.

Lending Library of Huddersfield Central Library on Wednesday 25th January, 9.30 – 3.00pm.

Leeds Central Library - Ground floor entrance - on Thursday 26th January, 9.30 – 3.00pm.

Upper Mall of the Ridings Shopping Centre, Wakefield on Friday 27th January, 8.30am – 5.30pm.   

### WYAS Bradford Opening Hours and Visitor Services

WYAS Bradford searchroom is now located in the Learning Zone on the first floor of Bradford Central Library where we have space for six users of original documents. the new opening hours are:

Tuesday 9.30 - 5.00  
Thursday 9.30 - 5.00  
Friday 9.30 - 5.00

Microfiche Parish Register collections are currently not available at Bradford Local Studies Library. But remember they are available at WYAS Calderdale, Leeds and Wakefield offices and at Kirklees Local Studies Library. Many of the Parish Registers are also indexed and fully searchable on ancestry.co.uk including Marriages 1754 to 1935, Baptisms 1815 to 1910 and Burials 1815 to 1985.

Customers cannot currently access any floor above floor one which means that public lifts and public toilets are not available.

We would like to reassure the public that the safety and security of the Bradford

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### Wednesday 22nd February

Network Group Meeting  
contact [rtapp@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:rtapp@wyjs.org.uk) for more details

### 29th February - 1pm-3:30pm

Accreditation Scheme Workshop  
contact [rtapp@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:rtapp@wyjs.org.uk) for more details

## Quick Update

### Do you have a Black Sheep in the family?

Have you found a family member in a prison or an institution in the census? Would you like to find out more about who they were and why they were there?

Our records could reveal a wealth of information that you will not find anywhere else. This can include a physical description of your ancestors, the reasons why they were in prison, witness statements from the trial, previous convictions or charges, the names of their next of kin and sometimes even photographs.

To order Research Service visit the eshop <https://eshop.wyjs.org.uk> or download an application form

Contact details: West Yorkshire Archive Service: Wakefield, Registry of Deeds, Newstead Road, Wakefield, WF1 2DF. Telephone 01924 305980 or email the Research Service on email [research@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:research@wyjs.org.uk). For general enquiries email [wakefield@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:wakefield@wyjs.org.uk)

### West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield

Many thanks to all those who have given us their views about our proposals for a new building for

## The West Yorkshire Archive Service have some exciting new volunteering opportunities within their Education and Outreach team

If you are interested in community heritage, community archives, education, or heritage outreach work then we have some opportunities which might interest you. Our volunteer positions are all part time and involve various levels of commitment. They are open to anyone who meets the basic criteria set out in the person specification and would particularly suit students at any level in helping to develop relevant and useful skills for a career in the sector. The following positions are available;

**Oral History volunteer** – to assist with the collection and care of oral history interviews. This is an opportunity to be involved in all aspects of oral history collecting for both specific projects and community collections. Full training will be provided.

**Events Assistant volunteer** – to assist the education and outreach team with the numerous events they hold throughout the year. This is an opportunity to get a taste of public facing and outreach work and gain skills in events organisation and facilitation. Full support will be provided by the team.

**Nowthen.org web volunteer** – to assist with the running of the Archive Service community archive website nowthen.org. This is a unique opportunity to be involved with a very unique resource. We need someone with some previous knowledge of web technologies but full training will be provided by the service and opportunities to develop independent projects may be available.

If you are interested in applying for any of the roles advertised above please visit [www.wyjs.org.uk/archives-volunteers.asp](http://www.wyjs.org.uk/archives-volunteers.asp) to download volunteer role description and specifications and to apply online.

For more information email [sshooter@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:sshooter@wyjs.org.uk)

the Wakefield service point. We received over 340 responses and the results of the analysis can be found [here](#). We will now analyse the results further so that we can incorporate them into the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. This bid is likely to be submitted early in 2012.

### Methley Community Archive receives accreditation from WYAS

The West Yorkshire Archive Service (WYAS) launched their community archive Accreditation Scheme in February 2010 as part of the Heritage Lottery Funded Project 'West Yorkshire: Our Stories'. The scheme is a component of wider provision and outreach to community archive groups in the region which hopes to raise standards and recognise the hard work going on in local communities. After their involvement in the Accreditation Champions scheme on 28th November the Methley Community Archive were the third group to become a West Yorkshire Archive Service Accredited group.

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