

West Yorkshire Archive Service Enewsletter

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West Yorkshire Joint Services

Welcome to the first enewsletter from WYAS. This newsletter will keep you updated about what we are up to across the service, including updates from all parts of the service, from our searchrooms to collections work, to outreach and projects.

May is Local History month and this year our focus is on diaries. Come along to our searchrooms to see an exhibiton on our related collection or visit the Anne Lister exhibition and much more.

If Walls could Talk

Do you want to know more about the history of your house?

Do you want to know more about the people who lived there?

Was your house once a shop, a business or part of a much larger house?

Who built it and when?

If you are keen to find out the answers to these questions then we can help. Our soon to be launched House History guide explores the unique archives through which you can discover more about the building that surrounds you everyday and its former occupants. These archives, all held at our offices, include house deeds, lists of people eligible to vote in elections, wills, valuation books and maps.

Why not come along to one of our offices and start delving into your own house history? Unable to visit us or do your own research? Then our Research Service can help out by searching the vast range of archives we hold on your behalf for just £24 per hour. We also offer the option to give a house history as a present via our gift voucher scheme.

Whats on

Sporting Heroes Exhibition

4th April to 4th July

Leeds Museum

Diaries Exhibition

All WYAS Offices

On throughout May

Sporting Heroes Activity Day

14th -15th May

Leeds Museum

Get Online with Your Ancestors

16th May, 11:00-12:30, 14:00-15:30

Ackworth (am) & South Elmsall (pm) Libraries

[Contact](#) the relevant library to book

To find out more about WYAS Research Service or view User Guide 10 - House History visit our web site www.archives.wyjs.org.uk

To order Research Service time or gift vouchers visit our eshop <https://eshop.wyjs.org.uk>

Tetley's Brewery & other collections

The Carlsberg Brewery in Leeds (formerly Tetley's founded 1822 by Joshua Tetley) is to close shortly and WYAS staff visited the Brewery to survey the records still on site and bring selected items into the service to join other documents previously accessioned. The records include those of smaller related breweries, including the Leeds and Wakefield Breweries Limited.

Other newly received records include Gomersal Moravian Church records 1774-1791 (WYAS, Bradford WYB373), Honley Civic Society records 1925-2010 (WYAS, Kirkstall WYK1586, Aberford Rate Books 1851-1890s (WYAS, Leeds WYL2333) and Maria Fearnside's Trust 1920-1968 (WYAS, Wakefield WYW1736).

The records of two local authorities have recently been catalogued. Some 1500 files generated by the Clerk, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector of Hebden Royd Urban District Council (incorporating Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd Urban District Councils) have now been fully listed and are available to search online and view at WYAS, Calderdale (CMT8/9- 15). The cataloguing of the Morley Borough records is also now finished with over 6000 entries in total, about half of which are Clerk's files. All the records are now structured and available to search online - <http://catalogue.wyjs.org.uk> - as well as there being a comprehensive administrative history available. Other collections catalogued recently include the records of the North of England Athletics Association [WYK1345].

Conserving the Dead

The Wakefield office of the West Yorkshire Archive Service holds a set of notebooks written by Thomas Taylor, a County Coroner, which date from 1852-1905. Thomas Taylor was the coroner for the Honour of Pontefract from 1852-1900, deputy county coroner 1855, 1861-1864, and county coroner 1864-1900.

Conservation work has recently been carried out on

Caring For Your Photographs Talk

18th May, 12:30-13:15

WYAS Wakefield

25th May, 14:00-14:45

WYAS Bradford

£2.50 pay at the door
contact us to book a place

Legislation training

18th May, 10:00-12:30

Media Museum, Bradford

call to book 0113 289 8223

Silver Surfer Event

20th May

Huddersfield Library

Booking essential. Call 01484 221965

What are Quarter Session Records?

15th June, 14:00-14:45

WYAS Wakefield

£2.50 pay at the door
contact us to book a place

Researching your family history

17th June, 12:30-13:15

WYAS Bradford

£2.50 pay at the door
contact us to book a place

Quick Update

Sporting Event

Come along and try your hand at sporting activities, view archival documents and listen to the stories. Come along and join us on the 14th -15th May at Leeds Museum. You can also view the fantastic exhibitions we have on in the Leeds Gallery showcasing our Sporting Heroes project.

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http://twitter.com/wr_arch

70 years ago bombs were falling on the West Riding! We are tweeting the events of 1941 as they happened using the log books of the

one of the volumes from the collection. The volume dating from 1859-60 was prioritised for conservation work as a result of a survey of collections carried out by the conservation team.

The volume was badly damaged with only one of its boards remaining, the covering material was severely damaged and no spine remained. The sewing was taken out of the volume and the pages underwent a full wet treatment. The treatment included washing in a bath of water, a calcium

phytate treatment; a

treatment used to prevent degradation of the iron gall inks used, and a de-acidification using calcium bicarbonate; in order to prevent any damage caused by the acidity of the paper. The pages were then re-



sewn on a linen tape, as was the original binding, and the text block was re-bound in a case binding, to replicate the style of binding previously used.

The leather from the front board of the original binding was recovered and was adhered to the front of the new binding. This binding was made sympathetically to the original style of the binding and to the collection on a whole, the volume is now available for use without it sustaining any further damage.

Community Archives

The West Yorkshire: Our Stories project is now up-and-running with its accreditation scheme, aimed at community groups with interest in archives or local heritage. The scheme has been set up to provide a benchmark of best practise in subject areas such as public service, caring for collections, legislation, members and volunteers, audience engagement, and memory collection. It is free-of-charge for groups to sign up to and achieving accreditation does not only mean that you are awarded a logo to use on publicity material, but may well go towards discounts on training provided by the service, one-to-one support, regular briefing notes about important and relevant topics, and a chance to network with other groups in the region.

Each group can work through the scheme in their own time, achieving accreditation with support from the

West Riding Air Raid Precautions Service. Follow us on twitter for all the excitement!

<http://wyascatablogue.wordpress.com>

Find out more about the service and what we are up to on our [blog](#).

Talks in the Archives

A series of talks are taking place at WYAS Wakefield and WYAS Bradford, see above for dates and times. They are a great opportunity to find out more about the service and what we do.

More details available at www.archives.wyjs.org.uk

Diaries

May is Local History Month and to celebrate this national opportunity to promote Archives, West Yorkshire Archive Service is using both social media and a display in all five offices and at Balne Lane Library, Wakefield, to focus on the many, varied and fascinating diaries the Service holds.

Collections Week Closures

We will be closed for the week of 23rd May for collections week. Our staff will be working hard on all aspects of collections work from listing to conservation to cataloguing to access. We will include the highlights of this work in the next enews.

West Yorkshire Archive Service and mentor groups who have already completed the scheme.

For more information and to sign up to the accreditation scheme, please e-mail educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk or ring (0113) 2898 223.

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