

LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY

Leeds Central Library,
Calverley Street, Leeds, LS1 3AB

CURRENTLY CLOSED

OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Tuesday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Wednesday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Thursday, 9.00am – 6.00pm
Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday, 10.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday, 11.00am – 3.00pm

RESEARCH & ADVICE

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Regular talks and events
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COLLECTIONS

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Photos (www.leodis.net)
Leeds and Yorkshire books

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Events Programme

Sept - Dec 2020



Online Talks

THE SILENT TRAVELLER IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES

Friday 4 September, 1-2pm, Online

Chiang Yee came to England in 1933.

Whilst living in the UK, he roamed across much of the country and documented his times with writings and paintings done in a distinctly Chinese style. His book *The Silent Traveller in the Yorkshire Dales*, is one of a series he wrote whilst living in England in the 1930s and 1940s.

Join Librarian Will Poulter for this illustrated talk, exploring Chiang Yee's writings and paintings, and the crossover of Chinese art and the Yorkshire countryside.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or 0113 378 6982 (please leave a voicemail)

'THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PUBLIC GARDENS IN ENGLAND'

Friday 18 September, 1-2pm, Online

Many people will know the old Bear Pit in Cardigan Road, an evocative relic of the former Zoological and Botanical Gardens, later known as the Royal Gardens. This illustrated talk explores the changing fortunes of this ambitious project and its later offshoot, the Royal Park next to Woodhouse Moor. Join Eveleigh Bradford for this online talk as part of Heritage Open Days 2020.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CEMETERIES IN LEEDS: 1755 - 1842

Friday 9 October, 1-2pm, Online

Join librarian Antony Ramm for a brief look at the development of cemeteries in Leeds – from their origins in 18th-century Improvement Acts, to the opening of the Beckett Street cemetery in 1845. This talk will last around half an hour and is based on stock in the Central Library collections.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CEMETERIES IN LEEDS: 1847 - 1984

Friday 23 October, 1-2pm, Online

Join librarian Antony Ramm for a short historical overview of Leeds cemeteries in the latter 19th-century and into the 20th – from salacious disputes between Burial Boards and Vicars, to the emergence of cemeteries as sites for community memory. This talk will last around half an hour and is based on stock in the Central Library collections.

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DANGEROUS BEAUTY AND WELLBEING IN THE CENTRAL LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Friday 30 October, 1-2pm, Online

Join Sally Hughes as she explores health, wellbeing, beauty and vanity in Leeds Libraries collections, dating back to the 1600s.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or **0113 378 6982** (please leave a voicemail)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: WOMEN IN THE CENTRAL LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Friday 6 November, 1-2pm, Online

Join our team of Librarians for a series of 5-minute lightning talks exploring their favourite books and other items of stock exploring the lives of women in the Central Library collections.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or **0113 378 6982** (please leave a voicemail)

FROM THE MILL TO MONTE CARLO

Friday 13 November, 1-2pm, Online

Join us for our online lunchtime talk: **My ancestor Joseph Hobson Jagger – the true story of Bradford's 'Man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo.'** Anne Fletcher, his great-great-great niece will talk about her search for her ancestor's story and her biography of him, *From the Mill to Monte Carlo*.

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LEEDS CENTRAL LIBRARY TREASURES: A HISTORY OF ARMLEY

Friday 4 December, 1-2pm, Online

Are you an Armley history enthusiast? Then join Josh Flint as he explores Armley's rich history in the Central Library's collections. Looking at historical photographs, magazines, diaries and much more - this talk is a must for anyone with an Armley connection.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

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BRAMHOPE TUNNEL: CONQUERING THE RIDGE

Friday 18 December, 1-2pm, Online

The aim: to build a train line connecting Leeds to Thirsk. The dilemma: how to conquer the insurmountable Airedale and Wharfedale ridge. The solution: a tunnel under the village of Bramhope. Join Librarian Louise Birch to hear the creation of the tunnel and the stories of the 24 men who died during its construction.

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Family History

Thinking about tracing your family tree but aren't sure how to start? Book onto one of our free beginner's workshops for advice. Then, once you're underway, use our telephone consultation sessions for assistance with those trickier questions!

FAMILY HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

An introduction to key concepts and resources for complete beginners. Please note this is a one off session, repeated monthly.

All sessions take place online.

Please leave an email address when booking and login details will be emailed to you before the session.

FREE but booking is essential:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or **0113 378 6982** (please leave a voicemail)

Wednesday 2 Sept., 2-3.30pm

Wednesday 30 Sept., 2-3.30pm

Wednesday 28 Oct., 2-3.30pm

Wednesday 25 Nov., 2-3.30pm

Wednesday 16 Dec., 2-3.30pm

FAMILY HISTORY TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Book a free telephone consultation with one of our family history librarians for an informal advice session. From first steps with

Ancestry.co.uk to more involved enquiries, we're on hand to help.

All sessions take place via telephone. Please leave a telephone number when booking and a librarian will phone you at the allocated time.

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Wednesday 16 Sept., 10-12noon

Wednesday 14 Oct., 10-12noon

Wednesday 11 Nov., 10-12noon

Wednesday 9 Dec., 10-12noon

Online Resources

Free access to **Ancestry.com** for library members ends from September. Ancestry.com is now only available by visiting one of our [open Library sites](#) or via a personal subscription.

You can still read hints and tips for family-tree research on our Secret Library blog: secretlibraryleeds.net/family-history