

Headline History – Keighley Library Archives

Topics for teachers' research.



These information sheets highlight records that we hold within Keighley Local Studies Library for teachers to research themselves and select for copying for use within lessons or to be retrieved by library staff for school class visits. Please give sufficient notice before your visit as the library is booked regularly for events.

Resources

- Temperance Society archive collection
BK27 and early Keighley Visitor
temperance journals show the activities and influence of this national movement
- Problems of drink in the town:
Policeman "Pie" Leach's diary, the Keighley Coffee House Company (KYB)
- The "Rational Recreation" Movement versus corruption/ill health from industrial labour. Keighley Year Books list factory injuries, Board of Health and Medical reports, Patrick Brontë and Dr John Milligan lecture on public health.
- Creation of Keighley's first municipal parks and the kind of activities held in them. Early byelaws, photographs, band concerts, see also Homework topic file on leisure in 19thC Keighley.
- The history and creation of Keighley's first museum at Eastwood House, Victoria Park. The subsequent transfer of the collection to Cliffe Castle, donated by Sir Bracewell Smith, and the collection's development into the Cliffe Castle museum site of today.
Obituaries and information about Sir Henry Isaac Butterfield and Sir Bracewell Smith. Cliffe Castle archive collection (BK449, also plans), photos, news cuttings, histories, programmes, brochures, maps and plans of buildings and land.

Keighley: a sobering example of a national trend?

The Temperance Movement, Rational Recreation and the creation of Parks and Museums

Devonshire Park and Victoria Park with Eastwood House c1900

