



Adult Learning Within Reach

Member Lecture – 16 May 2024

Hebden Bridge: a virtual tour
Catherine Wilcock, WEA tutor

Questions answered post-lecture

Q1 Where does the name ‘Hebden’ come from and is it connected with ‘Hepton’ as in Heptonstall?

Hebden is a name (along with Hebdon and Hibdon) thought to be derived from one of several placenames in West Yorkshire, coming from the Old English ‘heope’ or ‘(rose) hip’, and ‘denu’ which meant valley, and hence ‘A valley where rose-hips grow’. It could also refer to brambles instead of wild roses.

Useful links and resources for further reading

[Hebden Bridge Local History Society](#)

[Visit Calderdale – Hebden Bridge & Heptonstall](#)

[Yorkshire.com – Visit Hebden Bridge](#)

Books

It Were No Laughing Matter: Calderdale Voices 1930-45 – Joan Thornton / Linda McGillivray (Yorkshire Art Circus, 1987)

A Century of Change: 100 Years of Hebden Bridge and District – Colin Spencer (Hebden Bridge Literary & Scientific Society, 1999)

Forthcoming WEA courses by Catherine Wilcock

[Textiles and fashion: Don’t throw it, darn it! \(Q00014299\)](#) – 19 June, 1 session (online)

[Cooking practical: Lunchtime leftovers \(Q00014439\)](#) – starting 9 July, 3 sessions (online)

Courses for carers

[Care 2: Visit Hebden Bridge and Hardcastle Craggs \(Q00015076\)](#) – 30 May, 1 session (online)

[Care 2: Make a ‘fiddle blanket’ \(Q00011050\)](#) – 10 July, 1 session (online)