

People Oakwood

1000BC – 400AD		Late Bronze Age or Romano-British agricultural enclosure and field system in Gipton Wood
1068		Leeds and surrounding areas described as 'Agricultural'
1086		Leeds population (excludes Roundhay) is around 200
1300		Leeds Population 1000
1379		Leeds population not exceeding 300 persons
1512		Henry VIII granted Roundhay Park to Thomas, Lord Darcy, of Temple Newsam
1645		Black Death killed 1,300 people in Leeds. Cabins for infected were built on Quarry Hill
1676		Sir John Saville became owner of Roundhay Park
1742	26 th May	Methodism took root in Leeds John Wesley preached at noon on Birstall Hill to several hundred people
1745	5 th November	John Wesley visited Leeds
1746	22 nd February	John Wesley preached at 5.00pm in Leeds and was attacked on way to lodgings
1748		500+ Methodists recorded at Leeds

- 1750 Wesleyan Methodists obtained a lease of land and house for 99 years to build first Chapel at Leeds
- 1750-1 First Methodist Conference was held at Old Boggard House in Leeds
- 1764 Thomas Nicholson was born at Chapel Allerton.
(He built the Mansion in Roundhay Park)

- 1770 19th April John Wesley preached at the new Chapel in Woodhouse Street Leeds
- 1776 Leeds population 17,117
- 1779 Stephen Nicholson born (Half brother to Thomas Nicholson) Stephen later inherited from Thomas
- 1789 26th August John Burton born
 27th September John Burton Baptised at Bramley Chapel

 John was later part owner with brother Joshua of the land on which the first Roundhay Methodist Chapel was built in Chapel Lane (now North Lane)
- 1791 25th November Joshua Burton was Baptised at Bramley Chapel
- 1794 1000+ Methodists recorded at Leeds
- 1798 A large number of Methodist ministers were named in 'The Leeds Directory'
- 1801 Roundhay population 84
- 1803 Thomas Nicholson and Samuel Elam purchased Roundhay Park

 William Nicholson Nicholson was born to Stephen Nicholson's married sister Mary Philips. (William later changed his surname and inherited his uncle Stephen's estate)
- 1810 Samuel Elam died
- 1811 Roundhay population 130

 At the auction of Samuel Elam's land Roundhay Park and Manor were united in the hands of Thomas Nicholson

- By 1815 The 1st Methodist Chapel had been built on land in Chapel Lane acquired by brothers Joshua and John Burton at the 1811 auction of Samuel Elam's land
- 1821 14th January Thomas Nicholson died leaving his estate to his half brother Stephen Nicholson
- Roundhay population 186
- 1822 Roundhay Hall (now the Spire hospital) built on North Lane for William Smith a strong Methodist
- 1824 12th April King George IV signed the Act of parliament allowing the building of Roundhay, St. John Church on Wetherby Road, Roundhay. Permission was given to build a vicarage
- 22nd September First stone for Roundhay St John Church was laid by William Hiley Bathurst, rector of Barwick in Elmet. Roundhay St John's was endowed by Stephen Nicholson

- 1851 Leeds population 101,000
- 1857 1st December Elizabeth wife of John Burton of Roundhay Grove died and was interred Roundhay St. John's Church
- 1858 Stephen Nicholson died without issue and was interred at Roundhay St. John. His estate was left to his sister Mary Phillips' son William Nicholson Nicholson (b. Phillips)
- 1860-1 James Kitson b. 1807 became Mayor of Leeds
- 1865 Elmete Hall built (later occupied by James Kitson)
- 1867 31st January Joshua Burton died and was interred at Roundhay St. John
- 1868 19th November William Nicholson Nicholson (b. Phillips) died. He and Martha had at least thirteen children
- 1869 23rd August Elizabeth wife of Joshua Burton died aged 69 and was interred at Roundhay St. John
- 1871 Following disputes between Martha wife of William Nicholson Nicholson and some of William's heirs and executors, Roundhay Park put up for sale
- 26th August Martha Nicholson died and was interred at Roundhay St. John
- 1872 Roundhay Park in the prosperous township of Roundhay was finally purchased by neighbouring Leeds thanks to Liberal MP John Barran's risky and controversial initiative, an Act of Parliament and people power

19th September

1872 - 1874

Lady Wood Road and Springwood Road were built

(In his prizewinning 1873 plan to develop £36,000 of recreational amenities for Roundhay Park, architect George Corson proposed that Ladywood and Springwood should be among the first parcels of land to be sold off and developed to fund these developments.)

- 1874 The 3rd Roundhay Methodist Church building opened on Ladywood Road. It was affectionately known as 'Ladywood', cost £3756.3s.2d and could seat 350 people
- 1878 Edwin Airey (later Sir Edwin Airey) born
- 1880-1 Roman lamp found in Roundhay Gorge
Roman Altar found in the field fronting Elmete Hall
- 1884 1st July Foundation stone for a Sunday School was laid at Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood' and the school was opened in December at a cost of £726
- 1885 Robert Blackburn (founder of Blackburn Aircraft and Motor Company) was born in Kirkstall, Leeds
- 1887 Revd Thomas Davis died at The Friends Retreat, Heslington, York
- 1888 14th October At Oakwood Grange House (now demolished) Louis Aimé Augustin Le Prince made the world's first ever motion picture using (paper) film. It was called 'Roundhay Garden Scene'
- 1890 16th September Louis Le Prince vanished in France having boarded the train at Dijon for Paris
- 1896-7 James Kitson b. 1836 became Lord Mayor of Leeds
- 1901 Leeds population 178,000
- 1912 Roundhay Township became incorporated within the City of Leeds

1914 6th January Richard Noel Middleton and Olive Christina Lupton ancestors of Kate Middleton marry at Mill Hill Chapel, Park Row, Leeds

28th July World War I started

31st October Robert Blackburn marries Tyrphena Jessica Thompson. During the reception he received a telegraphed order from Winston Churchill to build war planes

1915-16 Sir Charles Lupton (Great, Great, Grand Uncle of Kate Middleton) became Lord Mayor of Leeds

1917 12th May Debonair but experienced test pilot Rowland Ding was killed in a crash at Oakwood during a demonstration flight

1918 11th November World War I Armistice

1923-24 Sir Edwin Airey became Lord Mayor of Leeds

- 1926 William Herbert Scott wrote a booklet
'Centenary of St. John's Church 1826-1926'
- 1936 Robert and Jessica Blackburn's marriage was dissolved
- 1939 1st September World War II started
- 1939 -1945 Bombings killed 77 people in Leeds
- 1945 Sir Edwin and Lady Airey they gave two stained glass windows in memory of their daughter Mrs Dawson to Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood'
- Two other stained glass windows were given in the memory of Frederick Cowling by his family
- 2nd September World War II ended
- 1948 5th July National Health Service founded
- 1950 Mrs Penrose May (daughter of William Penrose Green) donated 2,200sq yards of land adjacent to Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood' to build a hut for youth work. This is the site on which the 4th Roundhay Methodist Church was later built.
- 1952 4th September Oakwood tram crash, 15 people injured
- 1953 The 'Coronation Room' was built above the Sunday School Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood' thanks to the generosity of Sir Edwin Airey
- 1955 Hammond Organ donated from Oakwood Grange to Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood'
- 10th September Robert Blackburn died at Bowcliffe Hall, Boston Spa

1959 7th November A large hall (82ft x 28ft) for youth work was opened having been built for £3,180 on the land donated by Mrs Penrose May. (This was developed to form the present Oakwood Church Hall)

1965 Gordon Cooper Wood became Vicar of Roundhay St. John

- 2006 The congregation of Roundhay St. John to share the Roundhay Methodist Church building on Springwood Road. [The last service was held at Roundhay St. John in November.](#)
- 8th September Robbie Williams concert in Roundhay Park
- 2011 29th April Prince William and Kate Middleton marry
- 2013 22nd July Prince George Alexander Louis born (son of William and Kate. Third in line of succession to the throne)
- 14th November Roundhay Methodist Church and Roundhay St. John signed a Covenant joining the two churches in an Ecumenical Partnership
- www.oakwoodchurch.info the website for Oakwood Church was launched
- 1st December Roundhay Methodist was renamed at a 10.15 am Celebration Service marking the beginning of Oakwood Church
- 5th December Nelson Mandela died and was later buried at Qunu, Eastern Cape, South Africa