

Timeline 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
1150-2		Monks began to build Kirkstall Abbey
1153		First record of Roundhay or (Le) Rund(e)heai in a document confirming a grant (of those lands next to Roundhay) to the monks of Kirkstall Abbey
1295-6		Iron smelting furnace recorded at Roundhay
1300		Leeds Population 1000
1379		Leeds population not exceeding 300 persons
1399		Timber from the Roundhay Hunting Park was used to repair Leeds Dam- River Aire
1491	28 th June	Henry VIII born
1500-1520		Temple Newsam house built (remodelled in 1622)
1507		Wood faggots from Roundhay helped heat the common oven in Leeds
1509		Henry VIII proclaimed King
1512		Henry VIII granted Roundhay Park to Thomas, Lord Darcy, of Temple Newsam
1531	11 th February	Henry VIII recognised as head of the Church of England
1547		Henry VIII died
1552		Leeds Grammar School founded
1606		Australia discovered by Dutch explorers

- 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
- 1718 First Leeds newspaper published
- 1742 26th May Methodism took root in Leeds
- John Wesley preached at noon on Birstall Hill to several hundred people
- 1745 5th November John Wesley visited Leeds
- 1746 22nd 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
- 1756 A public brew house was built at Meadow Lane Leeds. It brewed 50 quarts of malt weekly
- 1760 23rd March Foundation stone of Harewood House
- 1764 Thomas Nicholson was born at Chapel Allerton. (He built the Mansion in Roundhay Park)
- 1768 First stone laid for Leeds General Infirmary. It had 143 beds and served 2,000 in-patients and 3,000 out-patients yearly
- 1769 First purpose built Methodist Chapel in Leeds opened on Woodhouse Street
- Two stage-coaches would transport passengers from Leeds to London. Two and a half days of outside travel cost £1.11s

- 1770 19th April Captain Cook started to chart Eastern Australia
- John Wesley preached at the new Chapel in Woodhouse Street Leeds
- 1770-1816 Construction of Leeds and Liverpool canal
- 1776 Leeds population 17,117
- 1777 Earthquake felt at Leeds
- 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'
- 1800 Quarrymen's cottages were built at Ravenscar Avenue to serve the quarries around Oakwood
- 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)
- 1807 An Act for the abolition of the slave trade in the United Kingdom was passed. Did not apply to the British Empire until 1833

1810		Samuel Elam died
		New turnpike road built from Roundhay to Wetherby. Previously the road to Wetherby went via Dib Lane, Asket hill and Elmete Lane
1811		Roundhay population 130
		At the auction of Samuel Elam's land Roundhay Park and Manor were united in the hands of Thomas Nicholson
Before 1815		Methodist meetings were held upstairs in Chapel Cottage on Chapel Lane (now known as North Lane) in Roundhay
By 1815		The 1 st 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
By 1816		The Mansion in Roundhay Park built
1818-1822		Enquiry into plans to build Roundhay, St. John Church
1820		The Grove built on North Lane
1821	14 th 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	12 th 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
	22 nd 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

- 1826 16th January Roundhay St John was consecrated by the Archbishop of York
- 12th March First regular services
- 1827 1st March Joshua Burton married Elizabeth Underwood at Leeds Parish Church
- 2nd October William Nicholson Nicholson married Martha Rhodes at Roundhay St. John
- 1830's Roundhay St. John Vicarage built on Wetherby Road
- 1831 Roundhay population 314.
- Life expectancy in Leeds: Gentry 44, Tradesmen 27, Workmen 19
- Grove House built on North Lane
- Gipton Lodge built
- 1832 Cholera kills 700 in Leeds
- 1833 20th October Stephen Nicholson received £100 from prominent local Methodists Francis Marris (1/3) and John and Joshua Burton (2/3) for shares in a small burial vault under Roundhay St John
- 1834 The 2nd Methodist Chapel was built on land just off Chapel Lane (now North Lane) where Mayo House later stood and where Mayo Close now stands
- 1837 Roundhay St John School opened on Wetherby Road and the adjacent Alms houses were completed
- 1838 15th May Francis Marris, who lived at North Hill on North Lane, died. During his life and in his will he gave large donations to Methodism
- 22nd December Joshua Burton and his family donated 200 guineas at the Wesleyan Centenary meeting in Brunswick Chapel, Leeds

1839		Rev Thomas Davis, ancestor of Katherine Middleton (Duchess of Cambridge) became the first resident Vicar of Roundhay St John
1840's		Gipton Wood Inn on Roundhay Road recorded
1843		Horse drawn Omnibus operating from Black Bull Inn at Leeds to Roundhay toll bar
1845 – 1865 approx		Reverend James Armitage Rhodes occupies Wood End, now Sabourn Court off Oakwood Lane
1849	5 th June	Elizabeth daughter of John Burton died aged 21 and was interred at Roundhay St. John
		Cholera kills 1,674 people in Leeds
1851		Leeds population 101,000
1857	1 st 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	31 st January	Joshua Burton died and was interred at Roundhay St. John
1868	19 th November	William Nicholson Nicholson (b. Phillips) died. He and Martha had at least thirteen children
		First Post Office in Oakwood opened near the junction of Oakwood Lane and Roundhay Road
1869	23 rd August	Elizabeth wife of Joshua Burton died aged 69 and was interred at Roundhay St. John
1870's		An elevated railway to Roundhay was proposed never developed

- 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
- 4th October At an Auction at the great Northern Station Hotel John Barran purchased Lots 19 and 20 for £139,000 and immediately offered them to Leeds City Council at cost plus interest. They agreed to accept his offer if an Act of Parliament could be obtained empowering them to do so
- 1872
- 7th June 50,000 people walked from Leeds to Roundhay Park to demonstrate their support for the proposal to purchase recreational land outside of Leeds at a proposed cost of £150,000
- 8th June 100,000 people walked to Roundhay Park to demonstrate their support for the scheme
- 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 Horse-drawn trams were used to transport residents of Leeds to Roundhay Park for the grand opening by Prince Arthur
- 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.)

- 1873 Gledhow School (now Stepping Stones Nursery) was opened in Gledhow Lane
- Some local street names were changed e.g. from Chapel Lane to North Lane; and from Horse Shoe Lane to Oakwood Lane
- 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 Princess Avenue was opened from Oakwood to Canal Gardens
- Edwin Airey (later Sir Edwin Airey) born
- 1880-1 Roman lamp found in Roundhay Gorge
- Roman Altar found in the field fronting Elmete Hall
- 1882 Barran's Fountain in Roundhay Park opened
- 1883 Parc Mont (used in 1940 by the Ministry of pensions) built on Park Avenue, Roundhay
- 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
- 1886 A new organ which cost £401 was installed at Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood'
- 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

- 1891 Horse drawn trams were replaced by electrically powered trams from Sheepscar, Leeds to Roundhay Park
- Gipton Pit railway opened
- 1896-7 James Kitson b. 1836 became Lord Mayor of Leeds
- 1897 Electric Tram service extended to Canal Gardens
- 1898 South side of Oakwood shopping parade built
- 1901 22nd January Queen Victoria died at Osborne House
- The names 'Ladywood Road' and 'Springwood Road' first appeared on the (1901) Census
- Leeds population 178,000
- 1903 A private electricity company was set up in Roundhay by local home owners. Their generating station on Wetherby Road is now a private house
- 1904 Leeds University founded
- Leeds Kirkgate Market built. [Oakwood Clock](#) was commissioned for and erected at its centre
- 1907 The Roundhay Park Lido (open-air swimming pool) opened on Wetherby Road
- 1909 Old Age Pension introduced
- William Penrose Green, Lawn mower maker and owner of 'Towerhurst' opposite The 3rd Roundhay Methodist Church, became Mayor of Leeds
- 1911 The 'Coronation House' (now part of Tropical World) was built. It was altered in 1939
- 1912 Roundhay Township became incorporated within the City of Leeds
- [Oakwood Clock](#) was moved from inside Leeds City Market to its present situation

- 1914 6th January Richard Noel Middleton and Olive Christina Lupton ancestors of Kate Middleton marry at Mill Hill Chapel, Park Row, Leeds
- The [Olympia Works](#), a factory owned by Robert Blackburn was opened on Roundhay Road (where Tesco now stands) to build aeroplanes
- 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 Talbot Road School opened
- Electric lights costing £94 were installed at Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood'
- 18th July Nelson Rolihahla Mandela was born in Mvezo in Transkei. He was one of thirteen children
- 11th November World War I ended
- 1920's First Council house in Leeds built
- 1923-24 Sir Edwin Airey became Lord Mayor of Leeds
- 1925-6 Oakwood Shopping Parade built on north side of Roundhay Road, Oakwood
- Roundhay School was built on Gledhow Hill. The site had been purchased in 1921 by the Leeds Education Department

- 1926 Women's meetings founded at Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood'
- Easterly Road built
- William Herbert Scott wrote a booklet 'Centenary of St. John's Church 1826-1926'
- 1927 18th August Roundhay Parochial Hall Foundation stone laid
- 1929 2nd Roundhay Guide Company was formed at Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood'
- 1930's People could obtain free treatment at two Leeds hospitals, St. James and Leeds General Infirmary
- 1932 Scout Troop formed at Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood'
- 1933 Brownie Pack started Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood'
- 1936 Robert and Jessica Blackburn's marriage was dissolved
- 1937 New Entrance Lodge built after 1850 to mark the entrance to Roundhay Park was demolished. It was positioned at the Oakwood end of Princes Avenue
- 1938 Clock Cinema opened at the junction of Roundhay Road and Easterly Road
- 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
- Oakwood Library opens
- 1955 Hammond Organ donated from Oakwood Grange to Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood'
- 10th September Robert Blackburn died at Bowcliffe Hall, Boston Spa
- 1958 Queen Elizabeth visits Montague Burton's factory, where he employed 7000 people
- 1959 Keep Fit group started at Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood'
- Trams closed in favour of buses
- 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
- 1970 Leeds Playhouse first opened at the University

By 1974		At Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood' there were six House Groups, Men's Fellowship, Mothers and Toddlers, plus many more groups
		The boundaries of Leeds were extended to include 10 other boroughs
1976-78		Quarry Hill flats demolished
		Mayo Close houses built
1982	9 th January	Kate Middleton was born
	21 st June	Prince William born (son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana 2 nd in line to the throne)
1983	9 th May	Planning Permission was granted to demolish the 3 rd Roundhay Methodist Church 'Ladywood' and this was completed by Christmas 1985
1985		Bruce Springsteen concert in Roundhay Park
1986	25 th October	The newly built 4 th Roundhay Methodist Church on Springwood Road was dedicated
1990's		Waterloo Lake in Roundhay Park was drained, the dam was strengthened and new overflow system built
1992		St John's school on Wetherby Road closed and reopened in new premises on North Lane
		Kerr Mackie Primary School opened on Gledhow Lane
2001		Nelson Mandela visits Leeds and local area
		Oakwood and District Historical Society published its first booklet 'Oak Leaves - Part One'.
2002	30 th March	Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother died aged 101

- 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