

OAKWOOD CLOCK

Walk around the clock

This walk is an introduction to the history and geography of Oakwood and can be completed in about an hour.



1 TRAMS

In 1889 the tram track from Sheepscar to Oakwood was opened. Trams continued to run until 1958.

2 OAKWOOD CLOCK

Find out all about the clock on the nearby interpretation panel.



3 STONE SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES

Built in the late 1800s, the basement of one was used as a doctors surgery.



4 PAROCHIAL HALL

Built in 1927, the Hall was used during the war as a club for the Home Guard.

5 OAKWOOD SURGERY

6 QUARRY

At the back of the car park is an outcrop of rocks which bear evidence to past quarrying.

7 1960s SHOPPING PARADE



8 QUARRYMEN'S COTTAGES

This row of cottages was built about 1840.



9 ROUNDHAY PUBLIC HOUSE

There has been a public house here since about 1840.



10 OLYMPIA SKATING RINK AND WORKS

From 1914 Robert Blackburn used the redundant roller skating rink, where Tesco now stands, to assemble pioneering WW1 aircraft.

12 SITE OF THE ASTORIA BALLROOM

If you look down Roundhay Road you will see the site of the Astoria Ballroom.



13 GIPTON WOOD

This wood was gifted to the people of Leeds in 1923. Find out more by visiting the Gipton Wood webpage.

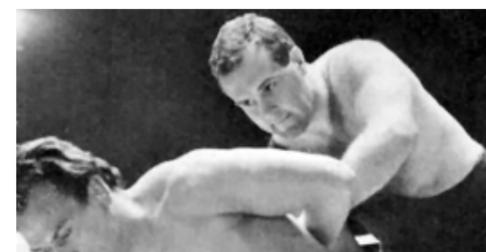
14 OAKWOOD BOUNDARY ROAD

This road follows the boundary of the Norman hunting park from which we get the name Roundhay.



15 OAKWOOD DRIVE & MOUNT

An area of large terraced and detached houses built on the former grounds of Oakwood House.



17 6 OAKWOOD LANE

Former home of the wrestling dynasty the de Relwyskows.



18 TUDOR LODGE - TOWERHURST

The gateposts of this lodge marked the entrance to Towerhurst, the home of a former mayor of Leeds.



19 OAKWOOD HOUSE NOW SABOURN COURT

Originally built around 1830 by a Leeds woollen merchant, Abraham Rhodes, this imposing country house is now a nursing home.

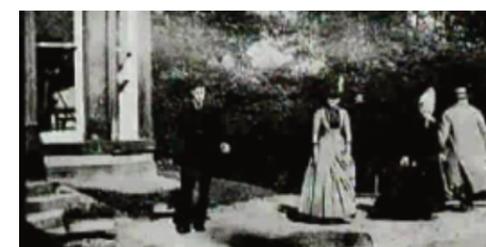
20 AIR TRAINING CORPS

208 (North Leeds) Squadron Air Training Corps was established in 1941 to prepare young men for the Royal Air Force.



21 SPRINGWOOD

Notice the distinctive 'Harehills tooling' on the stone walls here.



22 OAKWOOD GRANGE

It was here in 1888 that Louis Le Prince made the world's first moving pictures.



23 WILLIAM ROWLAND DING

In May 1917 daring pilot Ding crashed to his death while test flying an aircraft near here.



24 OAKWOOD CHURCH

This modern church was erected in 1986 adjacent to the site of the 1874 Ladywood building.



25 NOVELLO HOUSE

This substantial villa was run as a theatrical boarding house.

26 LIBRARY

Once a private home with stables this grand house is now Oakwood Library.

27 FORMER POST OFFICE

Originally a pair of semi-detached houses, this building later became the Post Office.



28 FISH BAR

This Grade II Listed art deco building has been serving fish and chips since 1934.



29 SHOPS

Oakwood Parade has period features including a tiled entrance and carved inscriptions.

You can download a copy of the Heritage Trail guide which accompanies this walk at www.oakwoodchurch.info/walkaroundtheclock Printed copies are also available, please ask at the local shops.

