

## **BY RIVERS, THROUGH VALLEYS & DALES... LANCASHIRE & YORKSHIRE**

**NEW BOOK OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS BY EDWARDIAN PHOTOGRAPHERS  
JOHN WILLIAM & ALFRED SHAW**

**BY ALAN DUCKWORTH & JIM HALSALL**

A small portion of the photographic output of two Blackburn photographers has been published in book form a century after they captured moments in time in the townships of Lancashire and Yorkshire.

Father and son John William and Alfred Shaw travelled the country taking photos which they turned into picture postcards. When they died, their stock was given to Blackburn library and later brought to the notice of amateur historian/photographer Jim Halsall. Realising their importance, he liaised with librarian Alan Duckworth and this book is a result of their work. Jim 'zoomed in' on the photographs to look more closely at what was going on in the streets of the Yorkshire dales, beside the Ribble and some other North Lancashire rivers whilst Alan wrote informative captions to accompany the photographs – over a hundred of them.

The photographs cover the two decades before the Great War, so there are very few motor cars on the streets of Ingleton, Settle, Clitheroe, Whalley and the villages thereabouts. The Shaws captured the building of Clitheroe library, 'Yorkshire Stingo' beer being delivered in Skipton under a bobby's watchful eye, sheep progressing through Whalley and farmers jauntily stepping down Gisburn's main street. Children are seen at play in Slaidburn and Downham, goods are being hawked on carts in Chatburn. Men are at work in Padiham and Mitton. Other villages on either side of the Pennines are caught devoid of traffic of any sort. The high quality 72-page paperback captures an era long gone but fondly remembered. Jim gives illustrated talks about the photographs.

'By Rivers, through valley and dales', its shortened title, sells at £8 from shops in its catchment area or is available from Landy Publishing free of postage charges if a cheque accompanies the order. (Landy Publishing 3 Staining Rise, Staining, Blackpool FY3 0BU Tel/Fax 01253 895678 : [landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk).)