

Fact Sheet Number 10.

The Running Man

The following information should start you on your journey into the past

The Running Man Public House in Pellon Lane was built in 1971 and was named after a criminal called John Lacey who in 1617 escaped execution. The Law said that if a person due to be executed on the Gibbet was able to withdraw his head as the blade fell and escape across Hebble Brook at Clark Bridge he could be freed.

John returned to Halifax seven years later thinking that he was free and that everybody had forgotten about him.

Unfortunately, they hadn't. He was captured and executed on the 29th January 1623.

Imagine that you are reporting on the execution when suddenly John Lacey escapes.

You can follow him by horse on his route as he reaches the border and interview him after he is out of danger

or you can interview him 7 years later when he comes back to Halifax.

What do you think is going through his head before he loses it?

Use Adobe Audition to create the atmosphere of the execution using sound effects and a commentary.

Refer to worksheets on using Zoom Recorder / Adobe Audition / studio equipment