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ILKLEY LOSES ONE OF ITS BEST SPRINGS AFTER REDEVELOPMENT

ILKLEY DRAPERY BUSINESS OWNER DIES

A well known figure in Ilkley for many years through her drapery business, Mrs. Phyllis Mary Greenwood, of Parish Ghyll Drive, died on Saturday at Ilkley Coronation Hospital.

Mrs. Greenwood was born and educated at Selby and started work in her father's drapery shop at the age of fourteen.

She married in 1926 and opened a drapery business with her husband in Newmarket Street, Skipton, and then in 1938 opened a similar shop in Church Street, Ilkley. In 1948 the business moved to its present premises on The Grove. On the death of her husband in 1955 Mrs. Greenwood disposed of the Skipton shop to concentrate on the Ilkley business with her daughter, Mrs. Joan Moody, and son-in-law Mr. Alfred Moody. She was still much involved with the business until ill health forced her to retire a year ago.

Mrs. Greenwood had a long association with the Skipton Permanent Orchestra, with which she played the violin, and was Treasurer for a number of years.

A funeral service at Ilkley Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon was followed by interment at Rylstone.

A spring which for hundreds of years supplied Ilkley with some of the purest drinking water has disappeared without trace.

It is believed the spring which supplied the Canker Well in The Grove was severed from the drinking fountain and "lost" during a redevelopment scheme in close by Parish Ghyll Road a few years ago.

A thorough investigation by Bradford Metropolitan Council has failed to locate the original source. The Council has now suggested that if water was still required to the well it could be replaced by a town's main supply.

"It would appear that the well was previously supplied by natural spring water and it can only be assumed that following property development and other building works at a higher ground level this supply has been inadvertently cut off or deviated to another source," says the Council.

Ilkley Parish Councillors dislike the idea of the well being supplied from the town's main supply and feel that if ever the spring is located it should be re-connected.

"We don't want water from the town's supply connected to the well," said Cr. Mrs. M. Renton who said if the matter had been looked into

when earlier complaints had been made, about four or five years ago, it might have been rectified at the time.

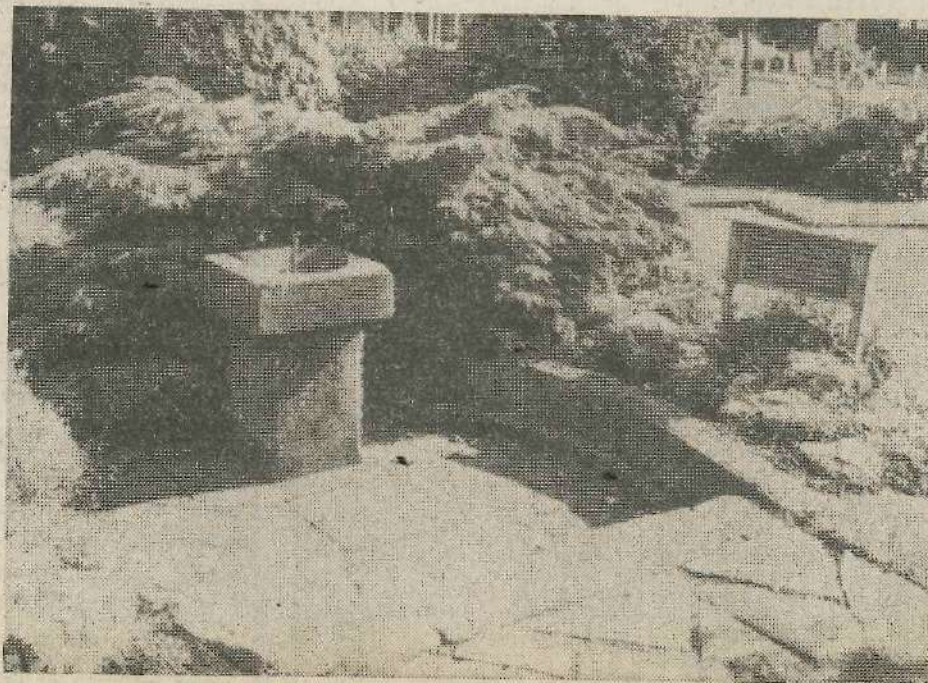
There is a reference to the history of the Canker Well in "Ilkley: Ancient and Modern" by Dr. R. Collyer and J. H. Turner. It states that in 1601 a Walter Pollard, of Otley, began an apprenticeship with Thomas Shawe, a blacksmith at Ilkley. Some years later Walter Pollard took possession of land in the Yewcroft area and east of the beck which flowed from Ilkley Moor. The account says "Walter Pollard did well in every way, got hold of the land between the churchyard and the river, and gave his name to the well called Canker Well when it gushed out from the scarp of the old Foss among the great plane trees." He died in 1674.

In 1923 the "Ilkley Gazette" recorded that works on improvements and relaying of

the grounds at the Canker Well had been carried out. The old iron fountain was replaced by a stone fountain with a surround of two steps and a pavement.

"It was necessary to trace the springs which supply the fountain. There are two of these, one under the house of Mr. L. H. Verity, Parish Ghyll Road, and the other underneath the footpath on the opposite side of the road. These are joined by piping in Parish Ghyll Road and brought underneath The Grove to the fountain", stated the "Gazette".

After the Canker Well had been re-opened the Council had the water analysed and this was found to be the purest possible water for drinking purposes and three times harder than any water in the district. It was even harder than the chalybeate spring at the top of Heber's Ghyll.



The Canker Well in The Grove.

SIGNS WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS

Ilkley signs bearing the town's coat of arms which stood at the approach roads to the town before Local Government Reorganisation and which have since been collecting dust in a storeroom may be resurrected.

Ilkley Parish Council which has been making enquiries about the old boundary signs, replaced in Bradford Metropolitan District Council signs in 1974, feels the reinstatement of such decorative signs would be advantageous now Ilkley was becoming known as a tourist centre.

Principal Engineer to Bradford Metropolitan Council, has located one complete and one incomplete sign in storage and has pointed out that one of the missing decorative coat of arms was now incorporated in the Twin Town sign situated in The Grove.

The cost of replacement and permission from West Yorkshire County Council for erection of the signs are matters which have yet to be discussed by Ilkley Parish Council.

Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill said the signs had been located at

Shipley and it was hoped they would be returned to Ilkley in time for Councillors to inspect at the October meeting of the Council on Monday.

Cr. Hill said the missing parts from one of the signs had been incorporated in a sign which had been erected on The Grove and it was hoped they could be returned to the original sign.

It was hoped that both boundary signs would be re-erected on the A65 trunk road at the entrances to the town in addition to those erected by Bradford Metropolitan Council.

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The Real Battle Has Yet To Begin

Sir, — The recent "Day of Action" showed beyond all doubt that the general public supported the Health Service Workers in their efforts for a fair deal. Yet still the Government remains obdurate claiming there is no money. Money was found for the Police and recently, the miners were offered 8.2 per cent, a figure which NHS staff have not been offered.

However, whatever happens in the present pay dispute the great fight is yet to come. The real battle will be to save the NHS. Plans are being drawn up to dismantle the health service as we know it and to develop a private health care system.

It will be a return to the "good old days" whereby the depth of your pocket rather than the degree of illness or infirmity will dictate your treatment. When your money runs out so will your care.

Who look after the aged, the terminally and mentally ill? Nobody because there's no money in it.

Those of us who work in the NHS care deeply about it. In order to maintain the quality of the service the Government must pay for that service. Their actions have shown that this Government cares little for the working people and even less for those not fortunate enough to be in work. The privatisation of health care will be a retrograde step and it will line the pockets of the rich whilst the poor will get minimum care only. The NHS must be saved.

B. WHEELER
Wharfedale Branch COHSE
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Burley.

EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS AT COLLEGE

"Tight Lines" an exhibition of drawings by Maurice Chamberlain went on display in the Ilkley College reception area yesterday (Thursday). The display continues to 25 October and can be seen between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The sequence of drawings were done over a span of six weeks and brings together two activities fishing and drawing. They are in the main studies of the various species of fish found in the locality, each drawing taking up a day or a day and a half to complete, although most of this time was taken up by studying the subject.

Although colour, texture and form were important considerations, it was line, and the idea of expressing movement through line that proved fascinating.

Maurice Chamberlain, who lives in Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, is a Doncaster man by birth and studied at Doncaster College of Art between 1949 and 1951. He won the Andrew Grant Scholarship and went to Edinburgh College of Art in 1951 and in 1955 gained a place at the Royal College of Art and graduated in 1958, Associate of the Royal College of Art.

The exhibition had been dedicated to the late Arthur Kitchen, of Ilkley, who revived the artist's interest in drawing.

Thanks For The Daffodils

Sir — May we thank the anonymous donor for the lovely daffodils which make our school look very nice every Spring. We look at them in science and they are a lovely yellow. We have planted them on the banks and around the cherry trees. They are a great interest to us and even the gardeners stop to look at them. We plant them so they grow in groups. Mrs. Jones picks them and puts them in the hall sometimes.

Children of Addingham
First School.

Wharfedale Speakers' Club

Self improvement is to the fore in autumn with Further Education courses on offer and Wharfedale Speakers Club has already started its route to the positive benefits of effective speaking.

Pat Harkin, who holds the cup for the most improved member, set the ball rolling with his talk "Don't confuse me with the facts". This clever title, a quotation from movie magnate Sam Goldwyn gave Pat the opportunity to weave historical details, with examples from Oliver Cromwell and Herodotus, on how the things we say can be misunderstood.

Chairman Alan Dorling introduced Yorkshire Development Officer Bill Mitchell, who spoke on the changing relationship between town dwellers and country folk with his title "Who shall decide?"

A visitor, school student David Turtle from Benton Park, followed up the farming theme with an unrehearsed talk on his favourite historical subject, the Agrarian Revolution.

John Marsden presented a thought-provoking session of impromptu speaking from members, and John Addy rounded off the night with his evaluation.

The aim of the Speakers Club all the time is to improve its standards said president John Speight. From the beginner to the accomplished all have new things to learn and everyone is welcome at the meetings. More details about the club may be obtained by telephoning Guiseley 74015. "Topics Galore" will be discussed at the next meeting, on October 6.

Evergreens Help Cancer Research

A successful evening was held at Christchurch, Ilkley, when the Evergreens presented a selection of their walks in a slide show.

A large audience showed their appreciation by helping to raise £100 for cancer research.

The Evergreens are hoping for an even larger attendance for their concert on 9 October, also in aid of cancer research.

CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN FOR ILKLEY

Now meetings of various organisations had restarted after the summer holidays Ilkley Parish Council is hoping that further contact can be made and ideas discussed for a clean up campaign of Ilkley.

Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs. D. C. Edmondson has reported to the Council that she had written letters to about twelve organisations of which six had so far replied. The Chamber of Trade said they were to discuss the matter and the Rotary Club, the Wharfedale Lions, the Round Table and sceptimists had all considered the suggestion said Mrs. Edmondson.

The Chamber of Trade congratulated the Council on its initiative and fully supported the project and said a number of traders were interested in sponsoring litter bins in the town.

Chairman to the Council, Cr. W. R. Hill said bigger waste bins were required in Brook Street and on the car park.

Mill Ghyll Shelter

Ilkley Parish Councillors and representatives of Ilkley Rotary Club may be meeting shortly to discuss the future of the shelter in Mill Ghyll.

Cr. Hill reported to the Council's General Purposes Committee that following an application from the Parish Council for a grant the County Council would require more information on the cost of refurbishment. He felt that until a decision had been reached about the future of the shelter no further action could be taken.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton thought the only possible solution to the problem of vandalism in Mill Ghyll was to re-erect the shelter somewhere else.

Cr. Hill said one suggested new site for the shelter was along The Grove outside the Convalescent Home.

ILKLEY ROUND TABLE PROVIDES NEW CARD TABLES FOR DALE COURT 1 Oct 82

Residents at Dale Court, Valley Drive, Ilkley, have received two new card tables and chairs from Ilkley and District Round Table, for use in their common room.

Ilkley Round Table Chairman, Mr. Colin Gore, made

the presentation to Mrs. Anne Dunkerley.

Mr. Gore reminded residents that Ilkley Round Table would be presenting their annual variety show at the Kings Hall next Thursday and Friday and he hoped many

from Dale Court would be attending.

The variety show has a star studded bill headed by ventriloquist and comedian Neville King, and will be compered by comedian Gerry Graham.

Members of Ilkley Round Table are pictured with residents of Dale Court using one of the new card tables. The Round Tablers are Mr. Georges Lepelly, Dr. Graham Rawling, Community Service Chairman, Mr. Colin Gore, Chairman, Mr. Bill Jeffrey, Mr. Clive Stainer and Mr. Roger Millen, Vice Chairman.



SUCCESSSES AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Examination results this year at Ilkley Grammar School have been outstandingly good. The pass rate at 'A' level was almost 80 per cent, which makes this one of the best sets of results ever achieved by pupils at the school. Altogether 113 candidates were entered at 'A' level, comprising 373 individual subject entries. Of these, a total of 295 realised

pass grades.

So far, 34 of last year's 'A' level candidates have obtained university places. A further 28 have places on other degree courses and 11 on Higher National Diploma courses. These figures are provisional and may yet increase.

The 'O' level results were by far the best the school has ever known. 1125 subject

entries were made, of which 933 realised grades A B or C, a rate of over 83 per cent. Almost a quarter of all subject entries were awarded a Grade A. C.S.E. results, too, were well up on previous years with almost 20 per cent of subject entries being assessed as Grade 1. Another pleasing feature of the C.S.E. results was the small number of lower grades.

College Rag Week raised £600 for Minibus Fund 1 Oct 82



An Ilkley College Rag Week collection raised £600 which has been handed over to Ilkley Good Neighbours Scheme for their Minibus Fund.

Earlier this year a new vehicle was bought to replace

the one which had been in service and available to voluntary organisations for the last five years.

Mr. G. R. Vere, Chairman of the Good Neighbours Scheme, received the cheque from Mr. John Gent of Ilkley

College, and thanked the organisation for this generous donation which would form the basis for a fund to make provision for the future.

Pictured as members of Ilkley Senior Citizens Club were about to be taken home from the Clarke-Foley Day

Centre at Ilkley are from left to right Mrs. Susan Gott, Minibus Co-ordinator, Miss Pat Carr, Mr. John Gent, Mr. Geoffrey Vere, Mr. B. Esplin minibus driver, and Miss Wendy Baker Minibus Treasurer.

COUNCILLOR HITS OUT AGAINST OUTBREAK OF PORNOGRAPHIC GRAFFITI

Objectionable and pornographic graffiti on the inside walls of the toilets on Ilkley's central car park has caused an Ilkley Parish Councillor to hit out against a further outbreak of vandalism in the town.

Councillor Kenneth G. Johnson had wanted to produce photographs at this month's meeting of the Parish Council on Monday night but the graffiti was so bad he had decided not to do so.

Now the Parish Council is to draw the attention of the Headmaster of Ilkley Grammar School to this recent outbreak following claims that children from that school could be responsible.

Cr. Johnson said both male and female toilets in the car park had been extensively sprayed with objectional and pornographic graffiti and he understood the toilets outside the town hall were abused in this way from time to time.

Most of this seemed to occur during the lunch period of the Grammar School, said Cr. Johnson. The school now had a policy of refusing shelter to all pupils during the lunch period unless they were having school meals. This meant that from 12.20 p.m. to 1.50 p.m. there could be nine hundred boys and girls out of school of which a large proportion went into the town centre for the one and a half hours, said Cr. Johnson. Some shops had already restricted the number of schoolchildren on their premises at any one time, he said.

"These children are presented with a considerable problem of where to go," said Cr. Johnson. The Council was already facing a problem with vandalism in Mill Ghyll and had yet to decide the future of the shelter there.

They were trying to solve

these problems so as to give Ilkley a better image, said Cr. Johnson, who thought they should bring pressure to bear on the Grammar School in an effort to solve this particular problem. He suggested they write to the Headmaster in the first instance pointing out that the problems would seem to have been countenanced by the industrial action at the Grammar School.

It was disgraceful that so many were turned away from the school said Cr. Peter Williams who thought they should write to the Headmaster as a matter of urgency and send a copy of the letter to the Chairman of the Governors.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton said this outbreak seemed to coincide with the start of the September term because only a month ago someone had commented to her on the remarkable high standard of the gents' toilet. They were extremely clean, well lighted and there was even hot water she had been told. She did not want to stir up a hornets nest at the Grammar School without cause and she asked whether Cr. Johnson could substantiate his claims.

Cr. Johnson said he had contemplated taking photographs but had finally decided against this because it was so shocking. He assured Cr. Mrs.

Renton that he could substantiate his claims and went on to say that the car park attendant had been told by a man that children were using sprays for graffiti on the walls of the toilet.

Chairman of the Council, Cr. W. R. Hill said this was a serious matter because it involved a school of which they had the highest regard.

Councillors and Ilkley Rotarians will be meeting later this month to discuss the future of the shelter at the top of Brook Street which was presented to the town twenty-six years ago and which in recent years had become a meeting place for young people.

Some Councillors believe that to remove the shelter would go a long way to getting rid of the vandalism in that area. They would prefer to see the site opened up with a clear view up Mill Ghyll and the shelter removed and resited elsewhere.

Cr. F. G. Lambert said on Monday night they should be thinking of other ways of trying to solve the problems instead of thinking about pulling down shelters and closing toilets.

Cr. Hill agreed, saying if they moved the shelter somewhere else then they would probably only be moving the problem from one place to another.

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR ILKLEY BANK MANAGER

Mr. Maxwell Heathcote (53), of Ilkley, has been appointed manager at Midland Bank's Horsforth Branch.



He joined the bank in 1944 at Hunslet Road, Leeds, and served at several Leeds branches before gaining his first appointment as accountant at Heeley Branch, Sheffield. He later held a similar post at Stamford and in 1967 became manager at Woodseats, Sheffield.

Subsequent managerial appointments have included positions at Market Street, Bradford, and at City Branch, Leeds.

Educated at Roundhay School, Mr. Heathcote is Hon. Treasurer of Ilkley Constitutional Club and enjoys golf and bridge.

He and his wife, Andrea, have two sons and a daughter.

COUNCIL TRIBUTE TO FORMER POLICE HEAD

A tribute to a former head of the Otley Police Division, Mr. Harold Green, who died at his home Rose Cottage Farm, Askwith, in August was paid by Ilkley Parish Council on Monday night.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton said she had known him only as a Councillor with the former Ilkley Urban District Council and went on to say there were only a few of them left now who knew those happy days of which he had been a part.

"I remember him from my early days as a councillor—kind, helpful, with that peculiar Yorkshire sense of humour," she said.

"He didn't mess about, he called a spade a spade, and if you didn't like it you could lump it. He had a wealth of local knowledge, of the law, of local byelaws, of road safety and of people and how they ticked. With it all he was a modest man. I saw him two or three weeks before he died and he was just the same—a little more worn and weary but still keeping his chin up. All his adult life he served the community in one sphere or another and I believe that is how he would like to be remembered, a kind and caring man—a good 'copper,'" said Cr. Mrs. Renton.

Mr. Green was for eleven years head of Otley Police Division until he retired from the West Riding force with the rank of Superintendent in 1965.

CUT THESE MASSIVE RATE INCREASES — COUNCIL

Extreme disappointment over the prospect of the ever increasing rate burden is to be expressed to Bradford Metropolitan Council by Ilkley Parish Council.

At the Parish Council's monthly meeting on Monday night Cr. C. H. Scaife said Bradford Council should put out to private contract such services as refuse disposal, street cleansing, maintenance of lighting and any other jobs it could in an effort to reduce the rate burden.

"Let us ask the people of Ilkley not just to think about this but to write to Bradford Council this weekend because next week the bureaucrats and politicians will be debating the rate expenditure for the forthcoming year," said Cr. Scaife.

"A few letters from rate-

payers who don't want to see massive rate increases might have some influence," he said.

The Parish Council decided to invite Mr. G. Hodges, Treasurer to the Metropolitan Council to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

Chairman to the Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill said they were looking for a cut of £5m in the rate expenditure for the forthcoming year but so far he had not seen any mention of reducing Council staff and did not feel cuts would be made as had been suggested. He suggested that the Clerk to the Parish Council make a record each month of the number of staff employed by Bradford Council.

"We want drastic changes to cut expenditure," said Cr. Scaife who wondered if there

would be much value in inviting Mr. Hodges to their meeting because he would only be able to tell the Council how the money was to be spent. "We want to know how the expenditure is going to be reduced," he said.

Several Councillors thought questions on the rates should be addressed to the leaders of the political parties who should be invited to a meeting of the Parish Council before Christmas.

"We should remind them that the Government is expecting wage increases of around not more than three or five per cent whilst rate increases continue to double, treble and quadruple," said Cr. J. L. Freeman.

"Nobody in the world today is putting things up except Local Government," said Cr. Freeman.

PLEA FOR NO MORE INDUSTRY IN ASHLANDS ROAD

Ilkley Parish Council agreed on Monday night to press Bradford Metropolitan Council to stop the development of a large area of land in Ashlands Road, Ilkley, which has been divided by high walls into small fields.

The party then went on to discuss the possibility of a bus stop at the junction of Ashlands Road and the main road. Cr. Scaife said he would write to Bradford Council to express his views on the matter.

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they were talking about on the Ashlands site. "There are plenty of other houses in the area," he said. Cr. Scaife said he would write to Bradford Council to express his views on the matter.

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Addingham By-Pass

"Jam Tomorrow"

Sir, — The account in the issue of the Gazette for 24 September of the situation with regard to the Addingham by-pass is encouraging and the Chairman and members of the Parish Council deserve our thanks for the way in which they are continuing to press for it. But even if it were decided tomorrow to go ahead with it we may well have to wait years for it to be completed.

In the meantime Addingham and its people will continue to suffer the gross discomfort, the pollution and the serious hazards which result from the driving habits of transient motorists and drivers of heavy goods vehicles. The purpose of my writing is to stress the need for the authorities concerned to devise and implement a coherent policy aimed at alleviating, during this interim period, the effects of too much traffic going far too fast.

The volume and weight of traffic is likely to increase during this time so the main hope of improvement lies in persuading drivers to be more considerate. But hitherto the authorities seem on balance to have done more to add to the difficulties rather than to solve them. Drivers are positively encouraged to approach Addingham at high speeds. From Ilkley the immediate approach is along a three-lane "speedway" and drivers are in no mood to slow down as they reach the village. From the Skipton direction drivers are equally conditioned to speed into Addingham Main Street, having, in large part, used the fast Skipton by-pass, the fast road over the moor and the fast long hill down into the village. The only significant restrictive signs are "SLOW" markings on the road surface and the conventional "30" signs at the roadside; similarly on the no less fast road down into the village from Silsden. As far as can be seen, in the last two years the authorities have done two things to try to improve the situation; they have put a Pelican crossing in Main Street which is very helpful, and the "30" sign on the Ilkley side of the village has been moved to a more appropriate position which appears to have been virtually useless as a means of improving Addingham's traffic problem. Like the rest, this sign is usually ignored.

What, then, should a coherent interim policy involve? I suggest the following. First, the authorities should recognise and accept that exceptional measures are called for. Second, appropriate mandatory signs, designed so as to have real effect, should be erected with the aim of slowing down the traffic. Third, more resources should be made available to monitor and control traffic behaviour.

To take these suggestions in turn; first, the main exceptional measure should be to reduce the speed limit in Addingham to 25 m.p.h. Second, road signs and markings should include large notices prominently displayed at the entrances to the village, to read something like "POLICE NOTICE, NARROW WINDING VILLAGE STREET, GO SLOW FOR ONE MILE". Third, more mobile police patrols should be deployed to observe and be observed and to check offending drivers.

The cost of such exceptional measures would be an infinitesimal fraction of the capital outlay that has been saved by postponing the building of the Addingham by-pass.

May I therefore appeal to our elected representatives on the Parish, Bradford and West Yorkshire councils to formulate a coherent policy of traffic control for the period between now and the completion of a by-pass, and actively to seek the support and co-operation of the Department of the Environment and of the West Yorkshire Police authority in order to implement the policy.

The by-pass is of course essential to the well-being of the village, but it is "jam tomorrow". Addingham and its people deserve some "jam to-day".

CEDRIC HALL
6, Sycamore Drive,
Addingham.

WHARFE VALLEY TIMES 7/10/82

Council spending

Duties such as street cleaning, refuse collection, and street light maintenance should, where possible be given to private contractors, agreed Ilkley Parish Council, on Monday.

And they are to ask Bradford Metropolitan Council to do this within the next financial year.

Mrs. D. Edmondson, Ilkley Parish Council Clerk, is also checking the number of people employed by Bradford Council each month as part of the Parish Council's drive to reduce council spending.

Chairman, Coun. W. R. Hill, recently spoke to members of Bradford City Council about the concern of Ilkley people over high council spending, and high rates in the area.

Ilkley Parish Council feel spending could be cut by reducing the number of people employed by the council.

Jerry Hodges, Bradford City Council Treasurer, is to be in-

vited to next month's meeting to answer questions on spending and explain rates.

Coun. C. H. Scaife was not too pleased with the idea of the visit: "Mr. Hodges will only explain how they are going to spend the money. It is political. We must have substantial cuts," he declared.

"When will they give private enterprise a chance as others have done?" Coun. Scaife asked.

Coun. Mrs. M. Renton also asked if the leader of Bradford City Council could make his annual visit before Christmas, rather than in Spring, so parish councillors could quiz him about council spending before it happened — not in Spring when it was too late.

Thumbs up on Church dig

WHARFE VALLEY TIMES

7 Oct 82

EXCAVATION work is to be carried out in Ilkley's historic Anglo-Saxon Parish Church.

The go-ahead for the work, in the church tower, was given by West Yorkshire County Council's Recreation and Arts Committee on Monday.

The DoE has approved plans for the transfer to elsewhere within the church of three Anglo-Saxon crosses in the tower. Funds are being raised to carry out the work, including

£7,000 approved by the Committee.

Wooden floor of the tower would be unable to support the weight of the crosses and it will be necessary to remove the floor and earth beneath to allow construction of piers to carry the crosses.

The ancient church was built within the area of the Roman Fort and served the Otley estate of the Archbishop of York. Removal of the earth has to be done as an archaeological excavation to obtain the maximum amount of information about the history of the church.

It is thought that the majority of finds will be coffin fittings and skeletons, which will be re-buried. Excavation costs should, therefore, be low.

Bradford Council will be approached to provide skips for earth removal and other costs, such as travel and volunteers, should not be more than £500 and will be met from existing County Council budgets.

The Recreation and Arts Committee approval that the excavations should be carried out by the County Archaeology Unit and volunteers.

Valuable Building Plots Up For Sale

100 Years Ago

Further portions of the Middleton Estate consisting of valuable building plots in the choicest parts of Ilkley were offered for sale at the Middleton Hotel in 1882. For the accommodation of intending purchasers a spacious marquee was erected and there was a fair attendance, though not so large as might have been expected, considering the position and value of the property on offer. For plots of land having frontages to Stubham Terrace and Castle Road not a single bid was received but the next lot secured considerable competition. This consisted of 1,780 yards of land known as "Paradise" having a commanding position near the Ilkley Bridge. Bids started at 1s. 6d. per yard and finally it was knocked down to Mr. Oswald Lister at 3s. per yard.

A valuable plot of land in the centre of Ilkley abutting upon Hawskworth Street, East Hawskworth Street, Dobson Street and North Street amounting to 5,685 square yards was withdrawn at 6s. 9d. per yard. Other plots of building land with frontages to Bolling Road were offered but only two were sold. Seven plots of building land fronting the Otley and Skipton turnpike road were also withdrawn when bidding did not reach more than 1s. per yard.

75 Years Ago

A meeting of the Ilkley Carnival Committee in 1907 presented a balance sheet which showed the receipts to have amounted to £142 and the expenditure to £92 leaving a balance in hand of £50. It was decided to hand over forty two guineas to the Ilkley Coronation Hospital.

The Rev. Dr. Collyer, met by Councillors and officials of Ilkley Council at the entrance of the Ilkley Library, opened the new building as a Free Library in October, 1907. The erection of municipal buildings in Ilkley was a matter that first exercised the minds of the District Councillors many years ago for it was as far back as 1885 that land for such buildings in Station Road was acquired. The site on which the library and the rest of the public buildings stand was formerly occupied by Sedbergh House and grounds, but after the death of Mr. E. H. Wade, the property was sold to Mr. J. T. Jackson. Later Mr. Jackson disposed of 4,180 yards to the District Council for £6,270 and after a portion had been utilised to effect a necessary street improvement the remainder was allowed to stand idle. It was in 1904 that it was thought that the land should be put to some profitable use and a scheme which eventually resulted in the erection of the building was formed. A gift of £3,000 from Mr. Carnegie covered the cost of the erection of the library but a loan of £1,300 had to be

obtained to defray the cost of the furnishing. The Library and the rest of the buildings when opened were lighted throughout by electricity, the engine and some of the plant having been presented to the Council by Mr. J. T. Jackson.

50 Years Ago

Application was to be made to the Minister of Health by Ilkley Council in October, 1932 for a loan of £6,000 for the proposed sewage improvement to be carried out in connection with the Middleton Sewage Scheme. It would abolish the then evil smelling arrangement near the bottom of Carter's Lane, and the sewage carried over the river by a bridge near the cemetery would be treated in the works on the south side of the river. Dr. Whitfield said that when the members considered taking over Middleton there had been a good deal of controversy about the sanitary arrangements there. They had found that the sewer on the way from the Old Bridge to the pumping station near the Crum Wheel had eight different gradients varying from 1 in 170 to 1 in 350. By means of a pumping station the sewage was lifted into a field near Carter's Lane, but rats had burrowed into the filter beds so that crude sewage escaped into the river.

Ilkley Council gave its support to the formation of a local branch of the Electrical Association for Women. A recommendation from the Waterworks and Fire Brigade Committee suggested that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimates for the erection of six firemen's dwellings on land belonging to the Council in Little Lane was disapproved by the General Purposes Committee.

25 Years Ago

It was intimated at the October meeting of Ilkley Council in 1957 that the Clerk was to institute proceedings in connection with the alleged dangerous condition of the remaining portion of Ben Rhydding Hydro.

Chairman of the then recently formed Ilkley Council of Churches, the Rev. T. M. Morrow announced at their first public meeting in the Lecture Hall that the Council was now an official member of the British Council of Churches.

At Addingham Mrs. K. Jones finished her duties as the village's sub-post mistress. The position was taken over by Mr. J. F. C. Parker, from Appleton, near Roebuck, York.

An application by the Daily Mirror to present a bonfire and firework display on Ilkley Moor on 5 November, 1957, was approved by Ilkley Council.

Estimates ranging from £5,000 to £10,000 for making up the Ilkley portion of the moor road to Keighley were mentioned at the October meeting of Ilkley Council in connection with a suggestion from Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade that serious consideration should be given to the making up of the Council's portion.

The Chairman to Ilkley Council in 1957, Mrs. Hylda Hawkins, glided up to the King's Hall, Ilkley, to perform the opening ceremony of the 5th Ilkley Trades Fair, in a chauffeur driven modern Rolls Royce. In contrast her retinue, three couples in period costume and members of Ilkley Players, chugged up behind in a replica of the first charabanc (1908).

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT PARISH CHURCH

Ilkley Parish Church was attractively decorated in praise and thanksgiving for harvest on Sunday, with an abundance of colourful flowers and produce.

Pupils of All Saints First School had already brought their gifts and during Morning Prayer other children in the congregation presented theirs. The Girl Guides and Brownies attended the service.

Elizabeth Lewis and Paul Budd read the lessons from the New Testament, both relevant to harvest. The Vicar, the Rev. R. Cleland, spoke of the vital importance of water in its many uses and showed that the plight of people in countries without a pure water supply must be understood. He said also, "Have we found the living water and how can we share it with others?" There were ways of doing, giving and praying to help people.

Mr. Cleland continued the theme of sharing and giving in the evening and referred to Old Testament times and the practice of bringing the first fruits for the service of God. A sense of gratitude led to a strong sense of need to share with others; a gift was not a relief from further obligation, but a proper acceptance of it.

The harvest anthems sung by the choir were Barnby's "O Lord how manifold are thy works" and "O sing to the Lord" by Harris. This Sunday was the last at which Mr. Nigel Duce would be serving as organist and the Vicar expressed the thanks of the Parish to him for all his work and constant service over the past ten years.

Tower Appeal

It was appropriate that at harvest time an appeal should be launched for the necessary repairs to the church tower. At the morning service the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. Budd, spoke to the congregation, saying that part of their thanksgiving was for the building for worship passed on to the present generation in such good condition. People today must do the same by maintaining the building for the future. A letter from the Vicar about the appeal was being distributed in the Parish and Mr. Budd would be pleased to accept donations.

The harvest produce was sold on Monday by the Ilkley Council of Churches, the proceeds being for Christian Aid. In the evening the harvest supper took place in Church House.

THANKSGIVING AT ADDINGHAM

Harvest thanksgiving services at Addingham Methodist Church were led by the Rev. Rex Owen, the newly appointed minister residing in Addingham.

At the morning service the Sunday School children took part, and a ladies choir contributed a musical item, the organist being Mr. D. Rogerson.

The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and harvest produce, some of which was later distributed in the village.

On Monday evening the remaining produce was auctioned by Mr. J. Sidler, and the evening ended with a faith supper. Proceeds from the sale were donated to Christian Aid.

Graffiti—pupils blamed

Public toilets in Ilkley Town Hall and the town centre car park are covered with pornographic graffiti, and local parish councillors have blamed in on Ilkley Grammar School pupils.

Coun. K. G. Johnson said at Monday's parish council meeting that the problem had been pointed out to him, and that it seemed to occur in the Grammar School's lunchtime.

"The school now has a policy of refusing shelter to all those who do not have lunch there", explained Coun. Johnson, "and 900 pupils are out for over one-and-a-half hours.

"There is already a problem with the shelter at the bottom of Mill Ghyll now they are going into the toilets. Pressure should be put on the schools to do something", Coun. Johnson continued.

It was suggested that the council should write to the headmaster of the school.

Disgusting

"It is disgusting", said Coun P. A. Williams. "A copy of the letters

should go to the chairman of the governors too.

"Is there any hard and fast proof?" asked Coun. Mrs. M. Renton. "Does this coincide with the beginning of term? It is remarkable to me — a month ago someone commented on the high standards of the men's toilets. We do not want to stir up a hornet's nest if it is not true.

"I did think of taking photographs, but I did not do it because it may

have upset some people's sensitive nature", said Coun. Johnson. He added that his daughter left the school a year ago and confirmed the report.

Coun. J. Shelton agreed with Coun. Johnson and explained that a man told him that he had seen children spraying graffiti on the toilets, but was not able to do anything immediately because there were so many of them.

"This is a very serious matter because of the school's high reputation", said Coun. W. R. Hill.

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S REPLY TO ALLEGATIONS OVER GRAFFITI IN ILKLEY

Headmaster of Ilkley Grammar School, Mr. P. N. Wood and the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. D. B. Marshall have made the following joint statement over claims made at last week's meeting of Ilkley Parish Council that children from the school could be responsible for graffiti sprayed on the inside walls on the toilets on the town's central car park.—

"We were concerned to read, in last week's Gazette of the recent meeting of Ilkley Parish Council, of the objectionable graffiti which have appeared on the walls of the toilets at the car park in the centre of town. Of greater concern, however, is the fact that a number of assumptions have been made about pupils of Ilkley Grammar School, and furthermore that the policy of the school in relation to pupils at lunchtime has been totally mis-represented. We must make clear the following:

(1) There appears from the report to be no direct evidence to link pupils of the school with the graffiti. It is quite possible in a town in which there are many visitors, that people other than school pupils are responsible or that toilets are being abused out of school hours. Naturally, if it can be made clear that identified school pupils are responsible, then they will be dealt with by the school and the police.

(2) It is quite ludicrous to suggest that there could be nine hundred boys and girls out of school . . . for one and a half hours at lunchtime. This is a school of 1070 pupils. Approximately 300 have a school meal each day. Virtually all members of the sixth form of almost 300 remain in school at lunchtime. At least 200 main school pupils attend the social centre at lunchtime under staff supervision. In addition, staff supervise games practices and a range of other lunchtime activities. They do extra work with pupils and are on duty around

the building, all on a voluntary basis. Many children remain on school premises choosing not to go indoors and many more go home for dinner, returning directly to school. Some pupils do go into the town; the figure of 900 is a staggering exaggeration.

(3) It is not the policy of this school to turn children away at lunchtime; the above facilities are available every day. When the weather is bad, additional rooms are set aside for lunchtime use. No pupil is prevented from remaining indoors.

(4) Reference was made at the meeting to the withdrawal by teachers last year from voluntary activities at lunchtime. This was part of a national dispute affecting other schools locally as well as ourselves. It lasted for approximately two weeks and has absolutely no connection with the matter discussed by the Parish Council.

(5) We and the staff of Ilkley Grammar School deplore the fact that the school should be so readily linked with the abuse of property, especially since there is so little vandalism in the school. Moreover, this is a school which values highly the links which have been established in a variety of ways with the community; it is also a well-ordered and caring school.

"At a time when the school has just announced the best set of examination results ever achieved by its pupils, a generalised slur of this kind is deeply resented. It is surprising and disappointing to find that a member of the Council who was until recently a school governor should be so ready to blame the school without first checking the accuracy of his facts. Vandalism is a community problem, not just in Ilkley but elsewhere, and the seeking out of convenient scapegoats will do nothing to alleviate it."

ROW OVER PROPOSED HOSTEL AT ILKLEY FOR ASIAN GIRLS TAKES ANOTHER TURN

ILKLEY TALKING NEWSPAPER WAS SUBJECT OF TALK

Miss Hughes was the speaker at a meeting of Ben Rhydding Methodist Church Mid Week Group. She told how fifteen months ago the International Committee of the Soroptimists formulated the idea of a Talking Newspaper for the Blind in Ilkley and District.

Research was carried out to ascertain the need for a talking newspaper, and visits to Skipton and Keighley were made to see how their schemes were run.

Miss Hughes said there were 37 registered blind people between Menston and Addingham.

A team of five dedicated people met each Friday evening to read selected items from five local newspapers and two periodicals. These were recorded onto a master tape and then put through a cassette copier which duplicated two tapes in four minutes. The tapes were delivered on Saturday mornings.

About three weeks ago twelve hand-picked people received their first tape and were asked to give their opinions—was it too loud, muffled or too fast. Miss Hughes explained that each member of the team was learning how to use the recording machine.

The equipment used was expensive, and money-raising would continue indefinitely.

Miss Hughes ended by playing extracts of the tapes recorded the previous week, and proceeds of a produce stall were given as a donation to the talking newspaper.

The group was wished every success with its new venture, and the meeting closed with refreshments.

FORMER ILKLEY MAN DIES

A former Ilkley man who spent all his working life at Coopers Antiques of Ilkley, Mr. Hugh John Anthony Oldcorn, of Eastburn, has died aged 68.

Mr. Oldcorn was educated at Ilkley Church of England School and went to Coopers as an apprentice, returning there after war service and remaining there until his retirement.

He was called up in 1940 and served in the 14th Royal Artillery with General Wingate's Chindits and the Gurkhas in Burma, and the Middle East. Mr. Oldcorn was awarded the Burma Star and other commendations.

He lived in Ilkley and Addingham before the war, later moving to Eastburn. He leaves a widow and a son.

The controversy caused by proposals to open a hostel for Asian girls in Ilkley took another turn at Monday's meeting of the Social Services Committee of Bradford Metropolitan Council.

At the end of a lengthy debate on the issue the ruling Conservative group voted with Labour members against a resolution which suggested looking in the private sector for alternative accommodation for the hostel.

Earlier, however, Conservative members had expressed doubts about the suitability of Ilkley as a site for the hostel and they favoured looking for alternatives.

Labour members, who had claimed that Ilkley was an ideal site, were clearly surprised at the turn of events, but the chairman, Cr. Eric Pickles, explained afterwards that they had voted with Labour to prevent them moving the debate up to the full meeting of the Council for further discussion.

Nothing Decided

"I took legal advice on this and the effect of the vote is that nothing has been decided, therefore there is nothing to take up to Council," he said. "Because no decision has been made we can start again and

The aim of the scheme is to provide facilities for young Asian women to overcome any difficulties they may have with their families or community. It is not planned that the hostel should be a refuge. The main aim will be to reconcile differences.

Cr. Pickles said the Council were taking a tremendous risk in undertaking the project, but it was widely felt that there was a need for a hostel.

Grave Misgiving

Although the site in Richmond Place was the best that the local authority had to offer he had grave misgivings about it because it was a long way from the main centres of the Asian community. He had taken advice from officers and members of the Bradford Com-



Picture shows the house in Richmond Place.

search for suitable accommodation. Procedural wrangles got us into this mess and procedure has now got us out."

The issue will be discussed again at a meeting of the Fieldwork Sub-Committee in three weeks time and Cr. Pickles hoped alternative sites would be available.

"However, if the majority are in favour of the Ilkley site, then I will abide by that decision and the project will go ahead there", he said.

The project has been dogged by controversy since it was first suggested in June. When the site in Richmond Place, Ilkley, was put forward, angry residents signed a petition condemning the scheme, but they came up against an

community Relations Council who said it would be better to look elsewhere.

Cr. Graham Seager, another Conservative, said the site in Ilkley had received some unfortunate publicity. It could be that it would prove unsuitable because of the extreme hostility that it had generated. It was clear that the hostility would not abate.

However, Cr. Granville Goodyear, Labour, said the project was an experiment and nobody could forecast what would happen. He claimed that the site in Ilkley was ideal because it was close to the bus and railway stations, it was close to the police station should trouble arise and it was capable of being made secure.

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Council Had Doubts About Fire Brigade's Efficiency

100 Years Ago

The Local Board played a hoax on Ilkley's local firemen by sounding the Parish Church bells to portend a conflagration. There was considerable speculation amongst townspeople as to the extent of the fire, and Messrs. Tom Robinson and F. Hudson answered the fire call and struggled up Brook Street with the reel cart to the far end of The Grove where to their chagrin they found no fire at all. They discovered that the Local Board members doubting the efficiency of the fire fighters had ordered a false alarm to test them. Members of the crowd assembled vented their wrath by abusing the firemen undeservably.

Ilkley Temperance Society started its winter campaign with a meeting addressed by Mrs. Lucas, sister to the Hon. John Bright M.P., who happened to be staying in Ilkley. Mrs. Lucas expressed the hope that her remarks would induce some people to sign the pledge. She abhorred the number of "grocer's licences" held throughout the country, as these encouraged women to drink and they had become known as "ladies' Public Houses" and women leaving them were often very intoxicated. A lady had been followed, she entered five of these establishments and was given a biscuit and a glass of wine at each. She put the biscuits in her reticule and drank the wine returning home to her children drunk. Mrs. Lucas quoted this example as a stern warning to others.

75 Years Ago

Commuters by train from Ilkley were pleased to hear that old fashioned foot warmers previously used in railway compartments and found to be extremely unsatisfactory were to be replaced by steam heated compartments on all the trains running to and from Ilkley during the winter months of 1907.

A Guild of Help had been formed in Ilkley, and the committee, which had been appointed to formulate the scheme, had completed their work and had published the aims and objects of the group. These were to unite all charitably disposed inhabitants irrespective of political or religious opinion, to provide funds for all in need of help, and to bring about lasting improvement in the condition of each case. The area was divided into three administrative districts, with Mrs. Steinhil, Mr. C. J. Muff and Mr. J. Berry, Mr. F. F. Steinhil was elected president.

The modern comedy "Charley's Aunt" was produced at St. Margaret's Hall by W. Payne Seddon and Geo Robertson's company. The seats were priced from 1/- to 3/-.

50 Years Ago

A rest room for the use of the unemployed was officially opened by Mr. Fred Sugden in 1932. The room was provided by the Trustees of the Ilkley Wells Road Methodist Church, and was to be a meeting place, a reading room

and a place where applications for jobs could be written. It was pointed out that the number of unemployed people in Addingham and Ilkley had doubled over the previous few weeks from 130 to 260. The unemployed people were to be allowed to smoke in the premises but there was a strict rule to be adhered to against card games and gambling in the Church's schoolrooms.

"Health Week" was being celebrated in Ilkley, and particular emphasis was given to the lessons given to the pupils in the local schools where they were taught the need for fresh air, cleanliness, good food, regular exercise, and sound sleep. Miss Broughton, the Health Visitor and Dr. H. T. Bates, the Medical Officer of Health were co-operating in these talks with the teachers at the schools.

Jack Buchanan had the starring role at the New Cinema in "Goodnight Vienna", a role he was to become famous for throughout his life. It was described in the Ilkley Gazette as a "first rate British picture and the very stuff to drive dull care away."

25 Years Ago

The Governing Board of Ilkley Grammar School at their October meeting in 1957 deplored the acoustics in the new library, the cause of which was thought to be lack of floor covering. It was decided that expert opinion should be sought before suitable floor covering was included in their budget.

A decided decrease in attendance at the Ilkley Trades Fair was blamed on a severe epidemic of influenza. The average attendances were 3,000 down on the previous year. Competition winners were Mrs. M. Robinson, Miss Pat Jayes, Lee Bruce, Ada Birkett, Mr. T. R. Clayton and Miss Yvonne Watkinson.

The Engineer and Surveyor to Skipton Rural Council was asked by the Assistant County Surveyor to submit a scheme for extending the estate road at the School Lane housing site, Addingham, to link up with the main road via the Green. This followed correspondence with the Assistant County Surveyor concerning a possibility of an alteration in the siting of the proposed by-pass road at Addingham and its effect on the Bolton Road housing site.

RESIDENTS READY TO DEFEND ILKLEY AGAINST CRITICISM

Residents were prepared to do battle to defend Ilkley when they attended a lecture entitled "A Mean Little Town" by Mr. Stephen Kerry, Assistant Keeper of Archaeology for Bradford Metropolitan Council and resident Keeper of Archaeology at the Manor House, Ilkley.

As the title suggested Mr. Kerry who came to Ilkley five years ago was to bear Ilkley apart residents were prepared to defend the town but this was not to be so.

Mr. Kerry's talk was supported by many slides, most of which had not been seen before and were the result of much delving in attics and other odd corners untouched for many years in the archives of Ilkley Library.

These were backed up by slides taken by Mr. Kerry himself and one showed the brook which ran down the centre of Brook Street taken during the excavation last year. This showed in an artistic manner the darkness and the brickwork of the hidden culvert and the brightness of modern day Ilkley.

In Doomsday Book

Mr. Kerry started his talk by the reference to Ilkley in the Doomsday Book and said that by 1086 Ilkley was still a small village with twenty-five named couples. Little survived of the early Ilkley, said Mr. Kerry. The church established before the Conquest had a thirteenth century door, the Manor House had medieval origins, the Pinfold near Ilkley Playhouse had medieval foundations and the Grammar School in Skipton Road was erected in 1637.

Other seventeenth century buildings could be found in Church Street and the present Old Bridge built in 1673 replaced an earlier one slightly downstream.

All the fuss that the title of the talk caused was from a letter written in about 1709 by a Doctor Richardson, of Burley, who said "Ilkley now is very mean, and it is equally dirty and insignificant." Similarly a visitor in 1819 commented that "it is much to be regretted, however, that the conveniences are not greater . . . one or two more lodging houses on a more extensive scale would be a material improvement."

Mr. Kerry explained how much Ilkley had improved and beautified over the years. He discussed the Saxon Crosses, the ancient parish and the difficulties of reaching Ilkley before the advent of the railway. The Roman altar, the original one to Verbeia, the nymph of the Wharfe, was still in existence and there were summer camps attached to the Roman Fort at Olicana (Ilkley) at Castleberg, Counterhill and Woofa Bank.

Many Changes

By the seventeenth century the importance of Ilkley had steadily increased and there were many changes. By 1822 Ilkley had a population of 495 with two inn keepers, two grocers, one carrier, two butchers, a joiner and a miller. By 1871 the population had risen to 2,511 with thirteen inn keepers, four drapers, four butchers, four confectioners, two hairdressers, six joiners, three photographers and so on. The rise of the Spas brought a new townscape to Ilkley and some of these Victorian shop fronts bearing the names of Barkers in Leeds Road, Woods in Church Street, Thwaites in Brook Street and others on the Grove can still be seen today. Notable were The Grove Bookshop, Scotts the chemists in Brook Street and two shops where Studio 68 is sited.

The development of Ilkley from being a mean little town was fired by its development as a spa town. Some of the larger buildings erected then were the Ben Rhydding Hydro (1843) since demolished; Wells House (1856) and Craiglands Hotel (1861).

Ilkley then changed from a mean little town to the top "heather spa" but ironically the residents became nostalgic for the good old days when Ilkley was a thatched village of picturesque charm. In the end they turned on-progress and decided that progress had gone too far and in the late 1890's a conservation movement was started, when the Ilkley Museum was founded.

COUNCIL ASKED TO CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO HELP THE UNEMPLOYED

A PUBLIC MEETING is to be held next month to discuss and create a Forum to help the unemployed in the Ilkley District. Local Councillors and youth workers hope community organisations and individuals within the community will attend and lend their support.

Suggestions have been made to set the Centre since its formation and thought a Forum, constituted at a public meeting, would go a long way towards achieving the aims they had first envisaged.

Referring to the decision to call an open meeting Mrs. Smith said the meeting would obviously be open to anyone as an individual and invitations would be extended to organisations, including, Trades Council, Chamber of Trade, major employers, Social Services, youth and community service, careers service, local council representatives, unemployment groups and the Hollygarth Social Club.

"I certainly feel such a Forum is necessary and hope that community organisations and individuals within the community will give it their support," said Mrs. Smith.

The Council's general Purposes Committee agreed to recommend the Council at its November meeting to call a public meeting for setting up a Forum to help the unemployed in the Ilkley district.

More Funds

Youth Worker, Mrs. V. Smith told Ilkley Parish Councillors on Monday that following a decision by Bradford Council to allocate funds for a range of activities in the Ilkley district as part of an initiative on unemployment the idea of a Forum had been put forward.

The Hawksworth House Centre for the unemployed at Ilkley had now been in existence for a year and it was felt, said Mrs. Smith, that they should try to get together those concerned with unemployment. She thought the new Forum should be a self contained body and operative in this part of Wharfedale.

Chairman of the Council's General Purposes Committee, Cr. F. G. Lambert, said the Hawksworth House Centre idea had originated in the first place from the Council which had been successful in securing the premises. He feared that since its foundation Hawksworth House was becoming known as a social centre rather than a centre for finding jobs. The proposals before them now were what the Council had hoped for a year ago, he said.

Mrs. Smith said the whole project had moved slowly but they had managed to do some of the things envisaged by the Council. They had talked about interviews and had made real efforts to find jobs and had kept close liaison with Career Officers, and this had just begun to make some impression, she said.

Problems

Councillors went on to argue over the problems which had

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COLLEGE MERGER MEANS FEWER TEACHING POSTS

Almost 60 teaching posts could go over the next three years following the merger of Bradford and Ilkley Colleges.

The new Bradford and Ilkley Community College with 1750 students was set up to safeguard further and higher education in the district following Government cuts.

A report to Bradford Council's Personnel Sub-committee said talks had taken place with officials of the lecturers' organisation, the National Association for Teachers in Further and Higher Education about staffing figures and the need to reduce spending, particularly in the higher education sector. Good progress was made and it looked as if agreement would be reached for a phased reduction of about 57 teaching posts over the next three years.

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Electric Street Lighting Under Consideration

100 Years Ago

A special meeting of Ilkley Local Board was held "to take into consideration an application to the Board of Trade for a license to use electric light for lighting all streets and roads, public and private buildings or for other purposes in the community." After some debate as to whether electric light was sufficiently advanced at that time to be adopted, and a desire to see the machinery perfected it was agreed to apply to the Board of Trade. A committee was formed to collect information regarding the new venture and report back to the Board.

Mr. F. W. Fison (President) gave the opening address at the first meeting of the winter session of the Ilkley Scientific Club and he took for his subject the archaeology of Ilkley, from the days of Olicana as a Roman Fort, and paying particular mention to the Cup and Ring markings to be found on rocks on the hillside. He also mentioned the quaint Doubler Stones with their cups "like gigantic toadstools".

The Rev. A. P. Hawes was offered the living of Bolton Abbey in the living of the Duke of Devonshire. He had been curate of All Saint's, York Road, Keighley.

75 Years Ago

The Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer, having visited Ilkley to perform the opening ceremony at the Free Library, returned to New York on the "Lusitania" which made a record run. At the age of 84 he attempted to compare the comfort of his passage with his first trip to America when he emigrated in 1852 on an old packet ship called the "Roscius" which also made a record passage of 30 days from Liverpool to New York when the passengers avenged their discomfort by nick-naming the vessel the "Atrocious".

There was a well attended meeting of Ben Rhydding Methodists to consider the erection of a new church. For many years this had been contemplated on land with frontages on to Wheatley Lane and Ben Rhydding Drive. Much discussion arose to the proposed size of a new chapel, whilst it was not considered wise to build one

too large it was deemed advisable to build a chapel with seating capacity of 300 and one that could be easily enlarged in future years. The cost was estimated at about £2,500 or £3,000, and at the end of the meeting with promises from local gentlemen, funds in hand already stood at £620. Ben Rhydding Methodists had been meeting for 20 years in an old wooden and iron building and the hamlet had grown much since then.

50 Years Ago

The resignation to take effect in April 1933 of Mr. N. L. Frazer, as headmaster of Ilkley Grammar School was announced. He had been at Ilkley for 16 years, following a brilliant scholastic career. He took an active interest in the life of the town as well as the school and had been Chairman of the Ilkley Public Library Book Club Committee and of the University Extension Lectures and was a leading member of the League of Nations local branch. He instituted a troop of Boy Scouts at the school and had proved a popular headmaster.

Much thought and discussion was provoked in Ilkley by the plight of the town's unemployed during the forthcoming winter months. The recently enlarged Council of Social Welfare were prompt in the relief of any urgent cases of distress, and representatives from the churches were appointed to raise money where needed. Twenty people who were out of work were offered free allotments and the seed was to be provided.

25 Years Ago

An underwater island stretching ten feet across and sloping to a depth of between 15 and 20 feet was the main discovery of two Bradford underwater divers who explored the whirlpool known as the Crum Wheel in the River Wharfe at Ilkley. The island was formed of sand and rocks and was found to be only about three feet from the surface at its highest point and had been made by the strong currents which swept the water around in a circle. There was little vegetation but a large variety of fish in the vicinity.

Parents and friends showed great interest in an exhibition designed to celebrate the 350th anniversary of Ilkley Grammar School. It included many ancient and enlightening documents, architects plans and designs, Governing Board's minute book, correspondence and dozens of photographs illustrating the growth of the school since its earliest days going back before the school in Skipton Road, to a photostat of the agreements by the villagers of Ilkley in 1635 that the school should be built. There was a small exhibition of school caps—the earliest being all green, one in navy and red piping up to the uniform of 1957.

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CIVIC SERVICE FOR UNITED NATIONS DAY

A flag day held on Saturday raised £150 for UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. Following this the Wharfedale Branch of the United Nations Association has arranged a Civic Service on Sunday—United Nations Day.

The service will be held at Ilkley Parish Church by invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. Richard Cleland, and will be attended by the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, of Ilkley, together with the Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill, with members of the Council. The address will be given by the Rev. John Dale, minister of Christchurch Methodist and United Reformed Church.

Representatives of organisations and interested individuals are also invited to attend.



Picture shows work being carried out on the new boardwalk at Dick Hudson's track on top of Ilkley Moor this week.

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**EXTENSION
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 DALES WAY**

Liberal moves to extend the Dales Way to Leeds via Otley and to Bradford were given a boost at the last meeting of the West Yorkshire County Council.

In response to a question from Cr. John Wells (Lib, Keighley No. 3), the Chairman of the County's Recreation and Arts Committee, Cr. John Sully, agreed that the Dales Way was one of the most attractive and important long distance footpaths passing through West Yorkshire. He agreed in principle that this proposal should be considered as a possible link between the Leeds Country Way and other recreational routes in West Yorkshire.

Cnty Cr. Barry Peters (Lib, Otley) has been pressing this issue for over a year as he believes a Dales Way extension could provide extra tourism in Otley. Cnty. Cr. Wells supports this view. He also feels there would be the added advantage of providing a full week's walk of some 90 miles length passing from the industrial heartlands of West Yorkshire via the scenic Wharfe Valley over the stark Pennines to the beauty of the Lake District at Windermere.

"Cr. Barry Peters and I believe this extended Dales Way has the potential to become a long distance route of international significance," said John Wells.

The Dales Way at present covers seventy three miles between Ilkley and Bowness.

**ADDINGHAM'S DAY
 OF ACTION
 OVER BY-PASS**

Addingham By-Pass campaigners are expected to make their presence felt next Tuesday at the official opening of the new Skipton By-Pass.

Representatives of many local organisations will be at the opening, hoping to draw more attention to their village's desperate need and make people aware of what is going on.

A source in the village said Addingham Main Street would be "plastered with signs saying 'By-Pass Addingham Now'" and people would be parading with banners. It was also possible that the pelican crossing might be used as a legal way of slowing down traffic through the village.

Addingham Parish Council had led a move to have Mrs. Linda Chalker, Under Secretary for Transport, stop in the village on her way to open the Skipton By-Pass and see the problems for herself.

However, at the council's meeting on Wednesday night it was announced that she was no longer expected to open the new road because there was a new transport bill going through Parliament next week.

Cr. Alan Jerome, Chairman, said they seemed to be stalled at every opportunity in their campaign for a by-pass.

Wharfe Valley Times
**Course for
 the Jobless**

Following closely on the heels of their recent course in Self-Presentation for the Unemployed at Ilkley, Bradford and Ilkley Community College is repeating the course at the Bradford site on November 1, 2, and 3 from 9.15 to 5.00 p.m. each day. There is no fee.

The three-day course will take place at the Westbrook building in Great Horton Road, but to book one of the 15 places an applicant should write to the Adult Education Department, Bradford and Ilkley Community College, Ilkley Campus, Wells Road, Ilkley LS29 5RD, or phone Rod Storey at Leeds 676936.

Fighting Cubs In The Hope Of Retaining Services

Sir,—I was appalled to read John Wells' letter last week. Once upon a time I had some respect for the Liberal party, but their record on the Council so far has not shown them to be alternatives to either of the main political parties.

By now the cuts package will have gone through Council with Liberal support. It represents cuts made at a time when services have never been needed more—and, moreover, is a cuts package which hits those most in need. I would accept that some of the more "illiberal" proposals have been squashed. These proposals included the cut on school capitation—a proposal handled with the sensitivity of a charging rhino; the reduction on maintenance and insurance of phonic ears—an almost obscene proposal; and the cutting out of the fees' subsidy to unemployed wanting part-time courses—a proposal which could only have been implemented after the students had enrolled!

These issues have not been raised by the Liberal but by the Labour group. The Liberals, as befits the junior members of a coalition, have simply voted along with the Tories on every issue. They have not come with any alternative proposals of their own at all. In fact, anyone who voted Liberal in the belief that they would obtain radical, caring councillors, whose actions would be tempered with a realistic view of finance, is sadly disillusioned. What they have got is in fact Tories under another name—but at least Tory councillors can take part in their own group meetings.

The record of the Labour group in power is one of an attempt this year to put back some of the services cut over the last few years. Even this two per cent growth would not have put back a quarter of what has been lost. The fact is that you have lost services, had your rates increased at an alarming rate. Why? Because the government most Ilkley citizens voted in has progressively reduced its share of the Local Authority spending. This is what has affected services of all kinds. Ilkley people fought the closure of the Convalescent Hospital—Bradford Area Health Authority is now proposing to close four hospitals. Where is the Liberal alternative to that? Will Ilkley people be as concerned with the possibility of the closure of Shipley Hospital as they were with that of the Convalescent?

I am proud to be a member of a group which has fought cuts in the hope of retaining services. Bradford in economic terms is a disaster—unemployment at horrendous levels. We are one of the lowest spenders in the country (i.e. on a whole range of things e.g. one of the lowest spenders on library books... ever wondered why we have so few new books in the town library?—and yet we face some of the worst problems of deprivation. Many Ilkley people work and made their living out of Bradford... but do they really care about the city and its problems? I guess I now know where the Liberals stand... I always did know where the Tories stood.

As for the 44 per cent rate increase scare—this assumes that interest rates will not come down, that inflation stays up and that the government rates support grant goes down another 3 per cent! It is, of course, the job of the Finance Department of the Met. to be "pessimistic", but I would hope that Councillors and others ask questions before they rush into print.

P.S. The S.D.P. have tended to abstain on most issues so far... what price the

"Fed-Up Ratepayer"

Sir,—I feel I must reply to Cnty. Cr. John Wells' letter—last week's Gazette.

As a director of a retail company with branches throughout England and Wales, I am only too well aware of the effect of high rates, and not only in the city centres. It has now got to the stage where in many instances rates are a greater burden than rents and have been the reason why many companies have pulled out of premises they have occupied for many years. Only recently a well known store announced it would be closing down in Sheffield, the main reason being they could no longer afford to pay the exorbitant rates. In this one instance many jobs will be lost, thus adding to the overall unemployment level.

I was not speaking politically when I made my statement regarding rates, simply as a "fed-up" ratepayer. I understood that councillors at district and county level were caretakers elected to take care of the public purse, not to dip into it indiscriminately and when it is empty simply demand more from the ratepayers.

I also appreciate the fact that the rate support grant has been reduced but nevertheless "the cloth should be cut according to the means"; if the money isn't there it is irresponsible to carry on regardless and keep spending and then expect the ratepayers to make up the difference.

Cr. J. L. FREEMAN
Ilkley.

COUNCIL SUPPORTS PLEA FOR BETTER YOUTH FACILITIES

A petition calling for better facilities for the young people of Addingham has received the unanimous support of the village's parish council.

It is being passed to the Bradford Youth and Community Officer with the expectation that he will come up with some proper and sensible proposals to help the youth of Addingham. Help was also being sought from the Leader of Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Addingham Parish Council Chairman, Cr. Alan Jerome, urged councillors to resolve unanimously the council's concern about the lack of facilities for the young people of the village.

"There are lots of organisations and funds for the elderly but very little for the young," said Cr. Jerome. "There is no coffee shop and no cinema nearer than Skipton or Keighley, and the eight to sixteen year olds have nowhere to go."

He felt it was a problem in every community, but the parish council should pinpoint it as a problem in Addingham.

Cr. John Wells thought Cr. Jerome was absolutely right, and this was something the parish councillors should have brought up themselves. He suggested they seek some action through Bradford Council or local voluntary organisations, who might help with staff for a coffee shop or similar venture.

The parish council could show their support by making the village amenity pavilion available as a meeting place perhaps supervised by members of the football or netball clubs, he said.

Cr. Jerome admired those who had organised the petition which had prompted the parish council to discuss this fundamental problem, a problem which would get worse as time went on.

The youth of the village had to be admired for finding their own entertainment and occupation without resorting to vandalism, and they deserved every support the parish council could give, he went on.

Ilkley flats plan sparks protest

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Ilkley residents fear a further loss of privacy and sunlight if planning permission is given to build an extra storey and roof on Leconfield House, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley.

The flats were built two years ago and caused a loss of at least two hours' sunlight to nearby houses. There has also been a loss of privacy as the flats look over many houses.

"Eight windows look directly into our house and garden", said Mrs. Evelyn Russell, of Cowpasture Road, who has just organised a petition.

"We grown our own fruit and vegetables and since the flats were built we have not had the produce we used to have, there has been such a loss of light".

Mrs. Russell read about the planning application in a local newspaper and immediately organised a petition and went around local houses collecting signatures.

The petition puts forward their strongest possible objections and points to a number of complaints. The flats, they say, are completely out of keeping with the surrounding property and the extra floor and roof will make things worse.

The extra height will cause a further loss of light to houses east of Springs Terrace and the north side of Cowpasture Road, and will cause a further loss of privacy.

When the flats were built two years ago Mrs. Russell organised a petition, but after she sent it off to the planning committee she did not hear a thing. This time she has sent the petition off by registered post and hopes to enlist the help of local councillors.

Mr. P. J. Brady, of Cowpasture Road, said: "At the moment they are overlooking my house and they look right down into my front room and bedroom. They have done a lot around here without consulting us".

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**PLAN FOR FLATS
 TURNED DOWN**

Bradford Council Planning Sub-Committee rejected on Wednesday an application for planning permission to build 34 flats in two blocks on the site of the former Stoney Lea Hotel in Cowpasture Road, Ilkley.

Cr. Mrs. Barbara Cussons said there had been a lot of objections from people in Ilkley and Cr. Derek Smith said it was the wrong site for that type of building.

29 Oct 82
**FUTURE OF BROOK
 STREET SHELTER
 UNDER DISCUSSION**

The shelter at the top of Brook Street, Ilkley, may be demolished because it has become a centre for rowdy youths with the result that the surrounding area has become permanently disfigured with refuse, graffiti and unpleasant noise.

It was just over twenty six years ago that the shelter was presented to the town by Ilkley Rotary Club. Last Saturday Ilkley Parish Councillors and members of Ilkley Rotary Club met at the shelter to discuss its future.

After the meeting the Chairman for the Community Services of Ilkley Rotary Club, Mr. Andrew Hartley said "over twenty years ago the club erected and presented to the community, the stone built shelter at the bottom of Mill Ghyll. We are now as aware as the rest of the town how this shelter has become the focal point of a somewhat rowdy element of the population with the result that the surrounding area has become permanently disfigured with refuse, graffiti, and unpleasant noise. In addition there are certain inherent problems in its design and situation. It faces North and is, therefore, always sunless and cold, and it completely masks the entrance from the top of Brook Street to Mill Ghyll.

"Whilst we handed over all responsibility to the local council at the time the shelter was built, we still feel it is

incumbent on us to make certain proposals in the hope that Bradford Metropolitan Council will see fit to implement them.

"We would, however, wish to have as many constructive views of residents and visitors before we take the matter further," said Mr. Hartley.

"Basically, we propose suggesting to the Council that the shelter be demolished and the large specimen tree adjoining be vigorously pruned so that light and air be allowed into the "monkey rack" area. We would then like to see this properly landscaped and planted out on the same lines as the refuge at the top of Brook Street, and further seats provided round the South side of the fountain area.

"It may be possible to use the stone and other materials from the shelter for some other community project, and once again, suggestions would naturally be of interest. We would be grateful to hear of the general reaction to these proposals before arranging a meeting with Bradford representatives in order to take the matter further," said Mr. Hartley.

29 Oct 82
**MP COMMENTS ON
 LOCAL RATE
 SUPPORT GRANT**

Commenting on a letter on the rate support grant by the Liberal Parliamentary candidate for Keighley, Ripon MP, Dr. Keith Hampson said it was a silly charge that central government was "subsidising its coffers at the expense of the ratepayers."

"For the country as a whole the Government contribution to local authorities in the last financial year was 59.1 per cent, which returns the position to that before the days of the last high spending Labour government," said Dr. Hampson.

"As soon as Labour came in in 1974, the rate support grant moved to 66 per cent. Traditionally, however the rate support grant has been less than 60 per cent and the reason has been that that is the only way of forcing councils to be accountable to their ratepayers. If we believe in local democracy, less not more money should come from central government," said Dr. Hampson.

"A high government grant has never meant low rate increases, it simply encourages local authorities to spend more. In my view there is not a single council that could not make savings on their operation, but where is the incentive to do so if central government steadily pours in more and more money. It has only been the sanction of the local ballot box that has forced councils to think twice before replacing lost grant with higher rates and required them instead to start economising," said Dr. Hampson.

**ILKLEY MAN
 GAINS
 PROMOTION**

29 Oct 82
 An Ilkley resident for twenty years, Mr. John Lloyd (55) of Curly Hill, has been appointed Assistant Director, Supplies and Transport, at the British Gas Corporation's headquarters in London.



Mr. Lloyd, who has been with North Eastern Gas since 1962, will have special responsibility for setting up supply bases at Heysham and Yarmouth for the offshore gas fields.

During his twenty years at Ilkley Mr. Lloyd has been Chairman of the Civic Society, the town's Clean-Up Campaign and of the Olicana Museum and Historical Society. For several years he was a Churchwarden at Ilkley Parish Church.

His other interests have included dinghy sailing at Leeds Sailing Club on Thruscross Reservoir, and playing bridge at the Olicana Bridge Club, of which he was one of the earliest members.

Mr. Lloyd's wife, Muriel, is also well known in the town. She was a teacher at All Saints School and Ilkley Middle School before becoming Headmistress of Hawksworth C. of E. School.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd are planning to make their home at Harpenden, just north of St. Albans in Hertfordshire.



LORD AVON CALLS 29 Oct 82
AT ADDINGHAM

PLACARD-WAVING PROTESTERS DRAW ATTENTION TO ADDINGHAM'S BY-PASS NEED

Placard-waving adults and children were out in force on Tuesday morning as campaigners for an Addingham By-Pass put their views to Lord Avon - passing through the village on his way to open the new Skipton By-Pass.

Lord Avon, the Transport spokesman in the House of Lords, stopped briefly to sympathise with the protesters and assure them he would pass on their views to the Ministry.

Addingham Main Street was full of posters urging the Government to "By-Pass Addingham Now", and placard-waving adults and children were joined by pram-pushing mothers as the pelican crossing was brought into continuous use to delay traffic through the village.

Relays of pedestrians crossed and re-crossed Main Street via the pelican crossing under the watchful eyes of local Police representatives and the television cameras.

Lord Avon, who had been called in to open the Skipton By-Pass as a late replacement for Transport Under Secre-

ment have been particularly serious. The Western By-Pass will take most of this traffic out of Skipton," he went on.

"The quality of life for people living in Skipton will be greatly improved. Visitors will now be able to appreciate the many attractions the town has to offer without being disturbed by heavy traffic.

The two and a half mile Western By-Pass has taken three and a half years to build, running from the A629 at Snaygill, across the River Aire flood plain to a roundabout junction with the A65 and the Northern By-Pass near Aireville Grange. The construction work was carried out by Dowsett Engineering Construction Ltd.

Unacceptable

He pointed out there were proposals to allow even heavier lorries on the roads, and that these would be totally unacceptable through the village.

Addingham Parish Council, which has been pressing for a by-pass of the village for many years and has vowed never to give up the fight, had asked Lynda Chalker to stop in the village to see conditions for herself when she was to open the Skipton By-Pass. She was unable to do this because she was needed in Parliament for a

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MEETING SOUGHT OVER ADDINGHAM BUS CONTROVERSY

Addingham Parish Council is seeking a meeting with all interested parties to discuss the controversial re-routing of buses on the road between Addingham and Ilkley.

Cr. John Wells told the October meeting that the county council's Public Transport Committee had now agreed to the Keighley buses using the old road and Skipton buses using the new road.

All buses used the old road until this was temporarily closed for repairs, and apparently the bus company's management re-timed services while the new road was being used. This led to a dispute with the unions, but eventually a temporary compromise was reached.

The Transport and General Workers Union suggested a site meeting with the parish council, which was welcomed by Chairman Cr. Alan Jerome.

The parish council is concerned at road safety hazards, particularly for the elderly, if they have to cross the busy A65.

Concern was also expressed about dangers which could arise from buses stopping on the new road, where there were no bus pull-offs in which to park.



Addingham By-Pass campaigners put their views to Lord Avon, Transport spokesman in the House of Lords, at Addingham on Tuesday. From left to right are John Watson MP, Lord Avon, County Councillor John Wells of Addingham and Mr. Fred Platt of Addingham Civic Society.

tary Lynda Chalker, stopped to talk to the protesters. Addingham's environmental and safety problems were outlined for him by County Councillor John Wells, who is also a member of the parish council, and Mr. Fred Platt, of Addingham Civic Society.

debate on the Transport Bill, but she sent a letter to Cr. Wells expressing her regret and saying that she would do her utmost to visit the area at the soonest possible opportunity.

After Lord Avon had met with the protesters at Addingham on Tuesday he went on to Skipton, where he officially opened the new Western By-Pass. Addingham by-pass campaigners had planned to continue their protest at the site of the opening, but were prevented from taking their cars on the new road and were therefore faced with a three-quarters of a mile walk in appalling conditions.

As a result most of them failed to arrive in time for the opening ceremony.

Priority

Opening the Western By-Pass, which completes a £17 million plan for relieving Skipton of much of its through traffic, Lord Avon said one of the aims of the Government

More Urgent

He was told that the need for a by-pass had become even more urgent due to a 43 per cent increase in heavy traffic through the village since the opening of the Skipton Northern By-Pass last year.

Cr. Wells said Lord Avon seemed sympathetic, and he hoped he would pay due regard to the conditions he had seen for himself at Addingham. He was still hopeful that the protest to Lord Avon, together with a video film of traffic at Addingham prepared by Mr. Platt, would have some effect.

"There is no other place in Yorkshire more deserving of a

WHARFE VALLEY TIMES

Lord speaks to villagers

Addingham villagers protesting at the need for a bypass in Addingham were not allowed to see the opening of the Skipton bypass on Tuesday, where they hoped to demonstrate their views.

Lord Avon, Lords spokesman on transport, stopped in Addingham on his way to open the new bypass. He spoke to villagers at the Memo-

rial Hall car park and said that he would take their views to Lynda Chalker, Transport Under-Secretary. He added that he could see

for himself the problems they faced. Spokesman for the protesters, Mr. Fred Platt, said that he was pleased Lord Avon had spoken to them, though the main village protest was at the pelican crossing.

He said that villagers were pleased that local MP John Watson appeared to be taking up their case. Mr. Watson was presented with a video of traffic problems in Addingham, especially lorries trying to pass each other and mounting pavents. He will pass this on to Lynda Chalker.



The Addingham protest at Skipton on Tuesday

NEWS FROM ADDINGHAM

Change in bus route?

Addingham Parish Council hopes to have talks with Police and the Transport and General Workers Union over the local bus service to Ilkley. The council is fighting to have the old route which went via Sandbeds reinstated. They do not want villagers to be dropped off on the busy three-lane main road. But the latest move which has been

approved by West Yorkshire's Public Transport Committee is for the Keighley-Ilkley service to use Sandbeds and the Skipton-Ilkley bus stop on the main road.

The council hopes to persuade the union and the police to see their point of view and support the campaign.

Help for the youth

Young people in Addingham have appealed to the parish council to help them find somewhere to go in the

evenings.

Fed-up with being told to clear off when they met in the village the youngsters organised a petition and presented it to the council.

The chairman, Coun. Alan Jerome, said he was very concerned for the youth in the village and the lack of facilities for them.

The council had helped other local groups but had done very little for the 8 to 16s. "Where can they go? What can they do?" he asked.

County Coun. John Wells said it was hoped to arrange weekly events for young people at the sports pavilion.

The council agreed to raise the problem with Bradford Council's youth and community officer.

Trap works

Police radar traps in Addingham have caught a large number of speeding motorists.

County Coun. John Wells told the parish council that it was a good example of the police working to help the local community.

The chairman, Coun. Alan Jerome, appealed to drivers to respect the speed limits through the village and drive safely.

CIVIC SERVICE AT ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH

29 Oct 82

MARKED UNITED NATIONS SUNDAY

To mark United Nations Sunday the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Joan Beevers, the Chairman of the Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. Rowland Hill, and other civic dignitaries and representatives, including Chief Inspector Copland of Keighley Police, attended Morning Service at Ilkley Parish Church.

The Mayoral party was welcomed by the Vicar and Churchwardens, who escorted them to their seats, and the service was conducted by the

Vicar, the Rev. Richard Cleland.

The tone of the Morning Prayer was set by the reading of the preamble to the United Nation's Charter by Cr. Mrs. M. Renton from the chancel step.

The first lesson, from the twelfth chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, verses one to ten, entitled "Life in God's Service," was read by the Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. Rowland Hill. The second lesson, from the tenth chapter of St. Mark's Gospel, verses seven-

teen to thirty-one, the story of the rich man, "The call and challenge of Christian discipleship," was read by the Lord Mayor, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband.

The Lord Mayor's Chaplain, the Rev. Geoffrey Buckley, led the intercessions and the preacher was the Chairman of the Ilkley Branch of the United Nations Association, the Rev. John Dale, Minister of Christchurch, Ilkley.

In his sermon the Rev. John Dale exhorted the congregation not to be con-

formed to this world but to be transformed to Christ's Kingdom, saying that all should be converted from personal sin, from social sin and from political sin to become true Christians, using Biblical stories to illustrate this theme.

Pictured outside the church are Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband (left) and Mrs. Joan Beevers with the civic party. On the left is the Lord Mayor's Chaplain, the Rev. Geoffrey Buckley, and on the right Cr. W. R. Hill, Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council.



New Parish Room For St. Margaret's Church

100 Years Ago

The building so long known as "the Old Wesleyan Chapel" was formally opened as St. Margaret's Church Parish room after a long wait. The Wesleyans used the premises for worship until 1870 when their new church in Wells Road was completed. Then it was taken over by the Primitive Methodists who used it until 1878 when their chapel was erected in Leeds Road. It was put up for sale but had become derelict and had been vandalised. The congregation of St. Margaret's Church saw potential in it for their parochial works and accordingly it was repaired and re-decorated.

The Annual visit of H.M. Inspector, Mr. Legard, to the Ilkley Catholic school resulted in a report. He said staff changes had made progress difficult but children tested in elementary subjects had passed with satisfactory standards, and that on the whole reading was good. He applauded the standard of needlework and of spoken grammar, but commented that although the infants had been given a new classroom their standard of work was deplorable, and the tiny children were described as "very backward in their work".

75 Years Ago

The establishment of a Work-people's Hospital Fund in Ilkley with the object of securing support and maintaining the Coronation Hospital was viewed with anything but favour by many of the workers. The idea was that if 1d. or 1d. per week was deducted from their wages the money would help to maintain the hospital, but many workers were of the opinion that this should automatically entitle them and their families free of charge to any benefits the hospital could offer.

The very pick of animated pictures in existence were shown at the Pavilion by Mr. C. Boulton with excellent incidental music played on the piano by Mr. J. W. Carleton. One of the most beautiful effects was the picture of the Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River, and another showed the drilling of orphanage boys. Work was in progress to instal electric light in the Pavilion and when this was completed the pictures would be reflected by means of its more effulgent rays.

Large gangs of men were excavating the town's thoroughfares and exciting great curiosity amongst the residents. The work was said by the "Ilkley Gazette" to be the laying of underground telephone wires to substitute overhead expensive lines which were easily damaged by storm. The work was being carried out by the National Telephone Company.

50 Years Ago

The River Wharfe rose rapidly over a few hours from a small placidly flowing stream on the Friday night changing to a rapidly flowing raging torrent on Saturday morning. A strong westerly wind and heavy rain swelled the volume of water until the river overflowed its banks.

Lt. Col. J. H. Muller, of Middleton, was appointed District Commissioner to the Wharfedale Scout Association to succeed Mr. Gordon M. May. Col. Muller gained the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross for his brilliant career during the 1914-18 war, and was well known to Ilkley people as the organiser of the Armistice parades in the town.

Following the opening of the rest room on the Ilkley Methodist Church premises for the use of unemployed persons, good use had been made of the facilities. A sub-committee had been formed to organise physical instruction and indoor games such as draughts and dominoes were enjoyed. Arrangements were in hand to invite speakers to give short talks on non-political subjects.

Ilkley residents were pleased that local comedian, Mr. Albert Modley was to broadcast over the radio from the Argyll Theatre at Birkenhead, following a season with the Arcadians Concert Party at Blackpool, and was to appear in pantomime at Leeds. Mr. Modley was formerly a porter at Ilkley station.

25 Years Ago

A talk by Dr. Martin Niemöller a former German U-Boat commander who became a priest and was imprisoned by Hitler for denouncing the Nazi regime, was the highlight of a House Party held over a weekend at Craighall Hotel, organised by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Boy Scout Group attached to St. Margaret's Church was being revived. A Cub pack under the leadership of Mrs. G. C. Barlow (Cub Mistress) had been running for some months and it was intended to re-start a Scout Troop with the Rev. A. B. Robinson, the assistant priest, as Scoutmaster.

Four cars all driven by Ilkley men and travelling in the same direction were concerned in a collision on the Burley-Menston trunk road. The first three drivers were unhurt but the driver of the fourth car received slight lacerations to the forehead and his car was badly damaged.

Bernard Braden together with his wife Barbara Kelly, famous stars of T.V. and radio delighted a large audience in the King's Hall, Ilkley, at a two and a half hour show. They were warmly received by a large audience. The Bradens said they wanted to prove to the public that they were not really the size of a T.V. screen.

GUY FAWKES DAY CELEBRATIONS

100 Years Ago

Guy Fawkes Day was celebrated in style in Ilkley in 1882 and as the day fell on a Sunday some bonfires were held on the Saturday whilst the majority were on Monday. The National school boys carried round the orthodox Guy, and in the evening collected round a huge bonfire adjoining the school. Mr. Gaunt and other friends had supplied a good number of fireworks and both the youngsters and the "oldsters" had a high time of it. Mr. T. Sargeant carried all the wood from Denton for the fire free of cost and also donated a quantity of coal. The children had been round singing their traditional rhymes "A stick and a stake for King George's sake, please will you give us summat for t' fireworks" and "pray dame a coil."

The first annual festival of the Ilkley branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was held in the National Schools. Tea was followed by an entertainment with solos by Rev. H. B. Ottley, and many songs and choruses from the young ladies. A special service was held at the close of the evening at St. Margaret's Church where special prayers were said for the society.

The Ilkley Library had gained from the splendid efforts of the Ilkley Library Co. Ltd., and was described as one of the most attractive places in the village. Many new volumes had been added and important additions had been made to the newspaper and periodical department and a regular system of exchange with Mudie's London Library had been established for the benefit of the villagers.

75 Years Ago

Bonfire night, said by some to be a dying institution, was celebrated in Ilkley in 1907 with plenty of bonfires and squibs, fire crackers and "all else in the nature of fireworks", the local children thoroughly enjoying themselves with no serious accidents reported.

Ilkley Local Board put forward a scheme for the improvement of Brook Street, saying there were at the time twelve retail establishments in the street. Until the road was tarmacaded and the dust and unsanitary conditions improved the area was quite unsuitable for trading. A 6d rate, however, was necessary to enable the improvements to be done and many Board members felt the townspeople would not stand for this following so quickly upon the scheme for the New Town Hall and Public Buildings. Mr. Mott, however, speaking on behalf of the

traders said they greatly favoured the improvement scheme.

50 Years Ago

Ilkley Council discussed in full the legality of carrying out private works by the Highways department, and the question was raised as to whether the sale of small quantities of road making material and hiring out the footpath roller was legal. Dr. Whitfield said that where the necessity arose, particularly on footpaths, which were in the interests of public health and safety, the law should not be read too closely. The Clerk, however, pointed out that equipment must not be hired out for private use, and that there were many small contractors in the town who were being done out of business. If a householder wanted his path making up he should go to the local contractors in the usual way and not expect to get cut-price treatment from the Highways department. The Clerk ruled positively that there was no possible legal way of the Council doing private work "on account", but that the sale of small quantities of road making materials and hire of plant on a small scale could continue.

Electricity charges were reduced for the Ilkley area and owing to the increased efficiency of the Electricity Department since Mr. Greenhalgh had taken over at Ilkley as Engineer it was agreed that his salary should be raised by £50 per annum for the following three years.

25 Years Ago

Speaking at a meeting of the Ilkley Chamber of Trade, Mr. G. Dean stressed the need for exhibitors at the Ilkley Trades Fair to show the public something new instead of transferring their shop windows to the Kings Hall. In this way support for the Trades Fair could be assured. There had been a net loss of £5 in 1957 as against a profit of almost £200 in the previous year.

The entry of 110 new pupils at the beginning of the autumn term to Ilkley Secondary School meant that morning assembly had to be divided into separate sections for juniors and seniors. This represented one of the first of the more serious effects that the post war "bulge" — which had reached the secondary school stage — had on the district and numbers were likely to go on increasing until 1961. The headmaster, Mr. H. C. Brabban said it was the highest entry ever recorded, and he urged the building of the proposed Secondary School with all possible speed.

REDUCTION IN CAR PARK CHARGES AT ILKLEY WELCOMED BY COUNCIL

MORE SUPPORT PETITIONERS OVER FLATS PLAN

A further 176 people in the Ilkley district have signed a petition against planning permission for an additional storey and roof on Leconfield House in Cowpasture Road, Ilkley.

The owners of the block of flats want to add an extra storey, plus roof, on an already tall building, say petitioners who think this would be completely out of keeping with the surrounding property.

One of the petitioners, Mrs. E. Russell, told the "Gazette" this week that the 176 people who had signed the petition lived all over Ilkley, from the top of The Grove and its side roads to Ben Rhydding, Middleton, Langbar and Leconfield House itself. These together with the twenty-five signatures from residents in the immediate neighbourhood of Leconfield House, now total 201, said Mrs. Russell.

If planning permission was given, said Mrs. Russell, it would make Leconfield House the tallest building in the neighbourhood and would cause a further loss of daylight and sunlight.

A reduction in car parking charges on Ilkley's central car park has been welcomed by Parish Councillors who have made further suggestions for improvements to car parking restrictions in the town.

Restrictions at the entrance to Grove Road, along Cowpasture Road and outside Ilkley Coronation Hospital have all been reviewed and recommendations made to the County Council.

Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill said this week he was delighted that Bradford Metropolitan Council had accepted, rather belatedly, the points made before car parking charges were first introduced.

"I understand more people are using the car park since the changes were altered about ten days ago, with the result that there are longer stays which will be of benefit to shoppers and business people," said Cr. Hill.

"Ilkley Parish Council will continue to monitor in detail the use of the car park," said Cr. Hill.

The amended charges now means that a motorist can park all day for 30p instead of having to pay £1.20 at the rate of 10p an hour between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. of further benefit to Ilkley is a reduction in the hours when charges are made. Charges on the car park will now end at 6 p.m. instead of the old time of 8 p.m.

Cr. Hill understood from the car park attendant that many people had already appreciated the new charges which fell into line with other parts of the Metropolitan District.

At the Parish Council's monthly meeting on Monday night Cr. Peter Williams hoped the Metropolitan Council and Ilkley Parish Council would be looking at other open spaces for car parking in Ilkley.

"We have got to look forward because the existing car parks will in time reach saturation point," said Cr. Williams. The free car park opposite Ilkley Town Hall was being used by more and more motorists and he thought that in another two years time more land would be required for car parking.

It might be said that a new Hillards store would bring extra car parking facilities but Cr. Williams thought they should not depend on private stores for additional car parking.

Chairman of the Council's General Purposes Committee, Cr. F. G. Lambert said the Committee would be discussing in detail the need for a Town Centre Plan and no doubt car and coach parking facilities would be considered.

PARKING IN THE GROVE

Suggestions for future car parking in The Grove and in Brook Street have been made by Ilkley Parish Councillors.

At a meeting with County Council officers and County Councillor H. V. Haddrill, of Ilkley, Parish Councillors discussed in detail parking along two of the town's principal shopping streets. They thought restrictions should be imposed and that a two hours limit would create a quick turn around of cars without charges being made. Members also thought these conditions should apply in Station Road opposite Ilkley Town Hall.

During their meeting with the County Council on parking restrictions in the town centre Parish Councillors sought improvements to certain areas and asked for reductions in restrictions particularly at the entrance to Grove Road and along Cowpasture Road.

The Parish Council also made suggestions about car parking restrictions outside Ilkley Coronation Hospital and the County Council wish to hear further whether the Parish Council would prefer the restrictions to remain on the south side of the road or be moved to the north side. The Parish Council has agreed to make a survey and obtain the views of the residents living in the vicinity.

Attention was also drawn to the fact that thick yellow lines had been put down instead of thin ones and that there would be an on going monitoring of the traffic flows surrounding the site for the new Hillards supermarket and the existing site in Railway Road.

5 Nov 82 DANCING AIDS FUND FOR SAXON CROSSES

The fund to save the Ilkley Crosses which was opened by the Olicana Museum and Historical Society at the Skipton Building Society, Ilkley, a few weeks ago, has benefitted by a contribution raised in a most delightful way; an evening of Scottish Dancing.

Pauline Barnes and Ron Dawson, both committee members of the Society, gathered their friends from cities and hamlets, villages and towns as far apart as Leeds, Harrogate and Skipton to meet at Askwith Village Hall.

Little warming up was needed and soon the kilts were swirling and sixteen pairs of feet lightly picking out the steps. Those who felt their nimble days were over could be seen wiggling their toes and tapping their feet and indeed they had not long to wait before they found themselves swept up to join the fun; and fun they had as experts partnered the apprehensive or nervous.

To ensure that absolutely no one should be left out, the music then proclaimed the old familiar "slow - slow - quick - quick - slow" and suddenly the floor was transformed yet again by sheer elegance.

The supper served merited at least four stars and was all most generously contributed by friends.

Then came the highlight of the evening; a dance choreographed by Miss Barnes entitled "The Ilkley Crosses". It was performed by three couples and depicted the carving of the Stones and the interleaving designs, the weathering, inspection, meetings and fund raising, and finally their joyful rescue and safe housing.

N.B.

By-pass for Addingham 'a must' — M.P.

Mr. John Watson, Conservative Member of Parliament for Skipton, has handed to a minister a video tape showing the heavy traffic in the village of Addingham.

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The tape had been produced by Addingham Civic Society as part of its campaign to get a by-pass for the village.

Mr. Watson handed it to Mrs. Lynda Chalker, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, who has responsibility for all by-pass work.

The recent opening of the Skipton Southern by-pass was marked by a demonstration of concern from Addingham residents.

Commenting upon their campaign Mr. Watson said: "There is absolutely no doubt that Addingham needs a by-pass. Unofficial figures indicate that the traffic flow has increased by 40 per cent. since the northern Skipton by-pass was opened. We are not yet certain about the effects on Addingham of the southern Skipton by-pass, but it is unlikely to improve the position very much.

"It was disappointing, but not unexpected, that Addingham was not included in the by-passes announced last week. I believe it would be unforgivable if Addingham were omitted again from the White Paper which is anticipated next spring.

"The video tape prepared by the Civic Society has been very skilfully

produced and I have no doubt that Lynda Chalker will be impressed by it. Hopefully her decision can be favourably influenced accordingly."

5 NOV 82 HIGH COURT APPEAL LOOMS OVER MOORLAND GRAZING

A House of Commons decision on the number of sheep allowed to graze on council owned moors at Ilkley and Burley may lead to an appeal to the High Court in London by Bradford Metropolitan Council.

This follows a hearing in Bradford last year by a Commons Commissioner which resulted four months ago in a ruling that the number of sheep grazing on Burley and Ilkley moors should be cut from 2,490 to 1,320.

Nine people had grazing rights on the moors and in six cases fewer sheep were allowed on the moors. One Ilkley man, however, was allowed the same number by the Commissioner — 100.

Mr. Alan Sykes, the council's city solicitor, has asked the Leisure Services Sub-committee to back an appeal to the High Court as he believes a wrong decision in law was made in this particular case.

Various farmers with land adjoining the moors claimed the right to graze sheep after the Ilkley and Burley Moors were registered as Common Land in 1965.

The sub-committee is to receive a report which states "The law on this matter is rather complicated but the general principle is that a

farmer is not entitled to graze on the common land any greater number of animals than his own farm can support.

"There has been concern over the years at the gradual depletion of the heather and grass on the moor and their general replacement by bracken and crowberry. This is caused by excessive grazing".

A High Court Appeal is likely to prove costly but Mr. Sykes believes it is important to proceed for two reasons.

Firstly, it is in the interests of the council as a landowner that people without official grazing rights should not be able to have free grazing for animals.

Secondly, restricting the numbers of sheep munching the grass and heather would give the heather a chance to revive and the moors would become a better investment from the agricultural point of view in the future.

At a meeting of Bradford Council on Tuesday it was decided to take legal action to protect the moors.

At a meeting of the Leisure Services Sub-Committee, Mr. Tony Kilner, a Council solicitor, said he considered the legal costs, likely to total several hundred pounds, would be well justified.

ILKLEY HOTEL OFFERS UNIQUE FACILITIES FOR BUSINESS PEOPLE

5 Nov 82

An Ilkley hotel offering unique facilities for business people was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Bradford District, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, of Ilkley.

Cr. Mrs. Lightband and her Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Joan Beevers of Menston, were driven up to the Rombalds Hotel at West View, in a horse drawn landau, where they were met by the hotel's owners, Ian and Jill Guthrie.

Other guests at the opening included Ripon MP Dr. Keith Hampson and prominent businessmen from Leeds and Bradford.

As well as the normal colour television, radio, and telephone, the Rombalds Hotel offers a unique business service comprising the latest Prestel facilities, a 24 hour Telex service, full time photocopying and a secretarial service available at any hour.

The services have been designed by Ian Guthrie, based on twenty years experience in senior management in the engineering industry. In addition a tasteful refurbishment programme, assisted by a development grant from the English Tourist Board, has enabled the Rombalds Hotel, formerly the Crescent House Hotel, to provide a standard of accommodation and facilities equal to

the most demanding needs of the modern traveller.

There are 22 rooms, all with bathroom en-suite, including four luxury three-room suites.

Picture shows the Lord Mayor, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, and Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Joan Beevers, arriving outside the Rombalds Hotel, being met by Mr. Ian Guthrie and Mrs. Jill Guthrie.



5 Nov 82 Air Of Frivolity At Ilkley's Victorian Arcade



The recently refurbished Victorian Arcade attracted principals of the Bradford Catholic Players musical comedy production of "No No Nanette", to be presented at the Bradford Alhambra later this month, to Ilkley, on Saturday.

With its tasteful setting of palm plants, fountain, balustraded staircase and period style shops, the arcade provided just the right atmos-

phere and background for the players.

Members of the public were somewhat surprised to find fashionable Twenties "Flappers", complete with cloche hats, swinging beads and fox furs, complimented by their male companions resplendent in striped blazers, straw boaters and flannels, taking tea in the Palm Court surroundings.

An air of light frivolity

permeated the arcade, causing certain amusement and indeed admiration from at least one lady who said, "how nice to see those girls so properly dressed, complete with matching gloves and shoes—and wearing hats."

The successful photographic session would not have been possible without the full co-operation and goodwill of all the arcade tenants concerned who entered into the

spirit of the occasion by loaning properties from tea services to feather dusters.

The Bradford Catholic Players enjoyed themselves, and showed that on occasions like this Ilkley can certainly show Bradford.

The Players hope to be able to show Ilkley patrons more of the Twenties scene if they visit the Alhambra Theatre to see this sparkling show between 22 and 27 November.

Property In The "Best" Part Of Ilkley Goes On Sale

100 Years Ago

Offered for sale at the Middleton Hotel in 1882 by Décre and Son was some valuable residential property situated in the "best part of Ilkley and commanding extensive views of the scenery from which the District was noted". There were a lot of people at the sale but the business conducted was limited. The first lot was on Ben Rhydding Road and known as "The Wharfedale School" which at the time was occupied by the Rev. T. Granger-Hutt. After several attempts to get a good bid, this and the other lot, a large family residence in the occupation of Mr. F. W. Fison and known as Eastmoor, were put together and put up as one lot. For this £5,000 was the only bid, and the lot was withdrawn at that sum, no other offer being received.

Mr. W. H. Conyers presided at an entertainment given by the Ilkley Temperance Society in the Assembly Rooms at which an address was given by Mr. Latchmore of Leeds. Vocal and instrumental music was contributed by Miss Gatecliff, Miss C. Potter and Mr. C. H. Watson. Recitations and readings were given by Mr. W. Mitton, Mr. White and Mr. C. H. Watson.

75 Years Ago

Efforts were being made in 1907 with the assistance of advertising to form an Amateur Dramatic Society in Ilkley. A Gazette stated that "such an organisation had an existence among us, and in the Assembly Rooms, and in the Victoria Hall over the Swimming Baths in Leeds Road, numbers of excellent and successful performances were frequently given. Removals from the district and marriages of some of those most interested, in time had led to the organisation being defunct, but with the increased population and the greatly improved facilities for such performances as the new Town Hall will provide, a society of this nature now-a-days should do well".

Two cyclists were passing silvered farthings amongst Yorkshire shopkeepers instead of sixpences. When they visited Ilkley, an alert from the Ilkley tradesman to the police resulted in them being caught committing a similar offence in Guiseley on the same day with some of the silvered money in their possession. The coins had been filed down and were easily accepted when silvered as sixpence pieces.

A member of the New Zealand All Blacks Rugby team who had made Craighlands Hydro their headquarters gave a demonstration of his skills at sheep dressing. The process was far quicker than anything practised at Ilkley and was similar to skinning a rabbit. He demonstrated at Ilkley slaughterhouse before local butchers.

50 Years Ago

Ilkley's solemn observance of Armistice Sunday showed no lack of public interest 14 years after the end of the Great War. It was marked by special services in Ilkley and the surrounding area and the churches were crowded by young and old alike. Two hundred ex-servicemen accompanied by members of the 278th Howitzer Battery and Ilkley Urban District Council marched to St. Mar-

garet's Church led by the Arthur Newsome Ltd. Public Works Band from Burley. Seats had been reserved in the church for the relatives of the fallen. A special youth service was held at the Parish Church for the Scouts and Guides and the children from all the Sunday Schools in the town.

"Poppy Day" broke the records with a total collection in the Ilkley District of £270. The organisation of the collection was in the hands of Miss Jessie Johnson supported by a large band of collectors.

The annual Armistice dance and whist drive in the Winter Gardens proved to be a successful function with over 450 people present. Music was provided for dancing by the New Imperial Orchestra and Mr. H. Rós acted as M.C. The stewards for the whist drive were - Messrs. W. Brown, A. Clarkson, G. Cunliff, E. Clark, J. Tomlinson, L. Powell, A. J. Robinson and A. Royal. Prizes were presented by Mrs. H. Muller wife of the chairman of the British Legion, Lt. Col. J. H. Muller.

25 Years Ago

All ten members of Ilkley Fire Service were called away at the start of the Armistice Parade in 1957 to attend a fire at Clevedon House School. The fire engines dashed up Brook Street passing the parade as it made its way down the road. By the time the fire had been dealt with the service at the Church was almost over, but the firemen joined the end of the parade. A service at the cenotaph was conducted by the Vicar of Ilkley, the Rev. E. C. Cook.

The "Poppy day appeal" was organised by Mrs. G. Maufe, and 184 trays were prepared to be sold in the Ilkley district. A Garden of Remembrance was laid out on the traffic island at the top of Brook Street where poppies and miniature crosses were placed.

The re-formation of the Ilkley Youth Club with the Drill Hall, Leeds Road as their new venue had been successful in bringing the young people together, and there was adequate room for varied indoor games, and dancing as well as many outdoor sports and hikes being organised. It was observed though that amongst the members girls were in the minority, and the leaders hoped that more would become members in the following months.

Mr. Walter Flesher, of Burley, was the speaker at the meeting of the Wharfedale Naturalists. His talk was entitled "What is a Naturalist?"

Residents Oppose

Taller Flats

Sir, - I am writing as one of the many residents at Leconfield House who are opposed to the suggestion that an additional storey should be added to this building.

We have always been aware that originally the building was considered unsuitable by Ilkley residents. A high building was not in keeping with the town, apart from the fact that it would take light from the surrounding property.

We are all agreed that expert opinion is needed about the roof. For quite six years now many of us have suffered damp and inconvenience.

We appreciate that flat roofs are a problem, but none of the efforts to cure our leakages have been successful. We view the coming winter with apprehension.

We are strongly in favour of major works on the roof but against the addition of another storey.

A LECONFIELD RESIDENT
Name and Address
Supplied.

Flats Block Out Light

Sir, I am writing in support of Mrs. Russell's appeal against the proposal to increase the height of the Leconfield House Flats.

When my original property was demolished my rooms became light and sunny. When the flats were built they became dark and cold. The increase in height will deprive many people of sun and light causing deterioration in health, and added expense for artificial light and warmth. I trust such inconsiderate behaviour will not be allowed.

H. SMITH

Belle Vue,
Ilkley.

BRADFORD COUNCIL DECIDES TO SET UP ILKLEY HOSTEL FOR ASIAN WOMEN

A hostel for young Asian women is to be set up in Richmond Place, Ilkley, despite the opposition of neighbours, who had submitted a sixty-one name petition to Bradford Metropolitan Council.

The hostel was given the final go-ahead at a meeting of the Council's Fieldwork Sub-Committee when Liberal and Labour members united to defeat a proposal from the Conservative chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillor Graham Seagar, that premises in Chapel Lane, Allerton, Bradford, were more suitable.

Both Cr. Seagar and the Sub-Committee's deputy chairman, Cr. Kenneth Emsley, said after the vote they felt the wrong decision had been taken, but they promised their full support in making the hostel a success. Cr. Seagar said "I realise it is a unique scheme and in no way do I wish to see it stifled."

He agreed with Cr. Granville Goodyear, who had pressed the plan to set up the hostel in Ilkley that what was now necessary was a comprehensive public relations exercise to allay the apprehensions of residents. He said

community will have even stronger views about than people living nearby," he said.

"I have asked that staff who will be concerned with running the hostel should visit neighbours and other interested people as soon as possible.

"Whilst there as has been a lot of controversy about this decision, I also know that a lot of people in Ilkley have expressed support to young women in a difficult position and I am sure this will help to make the hostel successful," said Cr. Pickles.



The house in Richmond Place.

they must also involve the Asian community in ensuring the project's success.

Cr. Goodyear said the Ilkley site was "a perfectly good one". It was within the authority's resources and had support services available in the town. There was the possibility of employment for the girls, the possibility of involvement with Ilkley College and it was near road and rail links.

To opt for any alternative site would take the entire project back to stage one.

Cr. Laurie Coughlin said the decision to establish a hostel was taken in July 1981 and it should now go ahead with all speed.

Cr. Eric Pickles, Chairman of Social Services Committee, told the "Gazette" he was pleased that they were now in a position to go ahead with the Hostel.

"There have been genuine differences of view about this project and its proper

SERVICES FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Civic dignitaries and representatives of local organisations will meet at the cenotaph in Ilkley's memorial gardens at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday for a short Remembrance Day Service.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. Roy Fife, of St. Margaret's Church, accompanied by other members of the local clergy, and music will be provided by Keighley Brass Band.

Among the civic dignitaries will be Bradford District Lord Mayor Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, of Ilkley, and Lady Mayoress Mrs. Joan Beavers, of Menston, with other local councillors. Ilkley Parish Council will be represented by its Chairman, Cr. Rowland Hill, with Mrs. Hill and other councillors, and Ilkley's County Councillor Harry Had-drill will also be present.

There will be contingents from the Scouts, Girl Guides, Sea Scouts, Boys' Brigade, Fire Service and Police.

ADDINGHAM

At Addingham there will be a service at St. Peter's Church at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday, followed by a wreath laying service at the memorial at 13 noon.

Both services will be conducted by the Addingham Branch Chaplain, the Rev. D. A. A. Shaw.

ILKLEY HOTEL RE-OPENS

Ilkley's Troutbeck Hotel re-opens tomorrow (Saturday) three months after being extensively damaged by a fire which started in a ground floor store room.

The main damage was in the ballroom, and repairs to the ground floor have cost in the region of \$60,000. Although the work had taken longer than expected everyone had been patient, and there were already many bookings for Christmas. Mrs. Elizabeth James, manageress and part owner, said this week.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL "THREE CHOIRS" FESTIVAL EVENSONG

The now well-established annual "get-together" of the three Anglican Ilkley church choirs - All Saints, St. Margaret's and St. John's, Ben Rhydding - took place at St. Margaret's Church on Sunday evening.

It is always a joyful as well as musical gathering when the singers meet to sing music of superlative quality and spiritual insight that has graced the Church of England for hundreds of years.

The joint choirs, some 60 in number, used the music book issued for the York Diocesan Music Festival, another annual event, in 1979, when the Minster was filled with choristers, a quite moving experience for those present.

Starting with the hymn "Hail thee, Festival Day" sung to the plainsong "Salve Festa Dies", the Preces and Responses were by Richard Ayleward (1626-1669) who, starting as a chorister at Winchester Cathedral, later became organist at Norwich Cathedral. Psalm 30 was taken to a chant by G. S. Talbot.

The Office Hymn "Before the ending of the day" preceded the Canticles (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis) to the setting by Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856) organist of Trinity College, Cambridge. This setting in D major is not so well known as his setting in D minor, perhaps because of its length and inherent complexities in places.

The anthem was "Save us, O Lord" by Sir Edward Bainton, sometime organist of York Minster, the words taken from the Antiphon in the Office of Compline. This is a most beautiful piece of writing, and was, at this Evensong, beautifully sung.

Two hymns were included, "Songs of praise the angels sang" and "Ye servants of God" to the fine tune "Paderborn" (1765).

The choirs were under the direction of the organist of St. Margaret's, Peter Jamieson, the organ accompaniments

being shared by the recently appointed organist at All Saints, Mr. K. Newall, and Mr. Brown of St. John's.

The service had a distinct Missionary "flavour", a most striking sermon being preached by the Rev. Gary Beswick, the Secretary of the South American Missionary Society. The officiating clergy were the Rev. S. A. File of St. Margaret's, Rev. R. Cleland of All Saints, and Rev. M. Savage of St. John's, Ben Rhydding.

An excellent running buffet was provided in the Church Hall between the afternoon rehearsal and the service which added not a little to this now almost traditional event, which started when all three choirs became members of the Royal School of Church Music. All Saints being one of the first to join this now world-wide organisation formed when Sir Sydney Nicholson resigned from Westminster Abbey to found it.

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A.E.P.

Justified Protest Ignored

Sir, I was sorry to hear that the Labour and Liberal majority on Bradford Council has decided to position the Asian Hostel in Richmond Place.

They thus ignored a dignified and well justified protest from the people most affected. The very sound points put forward by the petitioners have not been met. I write mainly to assure these residents that the overwhelming majority of us would have reacted in the same way under the same threat had we the courage.

Had enough of us had this kind of courage I believe that the country's racial problems would now not be nearly as severe. Certainly the Government would not be preparing to go back on its election pledges in making possible the immigration of a further flood of husbands.

9 Manley Grove, 19 Nov 82
Ben Rhydding.
COLIN CARPENTER.

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NEW RULES FOR ILKLEY FIRE BRIGADE

100 Years Ago

50 Years Ago

New rules for Ilkley's Fire Brigade were adopted by the Ilkley Local Board in 1882. It had been decided to abolish the office of Sergeant and retain a Captain and eight ordinary firemen. The Captain's salary was increased from £2 2s. per annum to £3 and the firemen were to get 2s. 6d., instead of 2s. per drill for each man. The remuneration whilst at a fire was to remain at 5s. for the first hour for the Captain, 3s. for his second hour and 1s. 6d. for any other time. The men were to receive 2s. 6d. for the first hour, 1s. 6d. for the second hour and 1s. for any further time.

A new memorial window at St. Margaret's Church, presented by the family of the late Mr. Todd was admired by members of the parish. The subject was the parable of the Good Samaritan, and the general effect was said to be subdued yet rich.

It was hoped that other donors might follow the example of Mr. Todd's family and thus enrich the appearance of the church.

Mr. Roland Lewis who for six years had been the licensee, at the Lister's Arms Hotel, Ilkley died at the age of 32. He was well known in the district for being keenly interested in sport. He played rugby, cricket and showed a keen interest in bowls.

A furnishing firm offered linoleum for sale in the Ilkley Gazette at 2/9 per square yard, and the same firm made a special offer for a full sized Axminster carpet for £6 6s.

The first whist drive and dance of the season of the 3rd Ilkley St. Margaret's Church Scout Group was held at St. Margaret's Hall. Miss Barron was presented with a bronze model of a cub in recognition of her services to the movement. Music for dancing was provided by the Lombardy Players Dance Orchestra under Mr. B. Hustwick. Mr. F. Hardaker was the M.C. for whist and the prizes were presented by Mrs. J. Muller to—Ladies: 1, Miss F. Lambert; 2, Mrs. Hodgson. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. F. Hudson; 2, Mr. Gale.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Council approved an application from Mr. A. Weatherill, East Moor House Farms, Middleton, to sell pony rides on Ilkley moor for 6d. a ride. This was subject to the maximum number of ponies being restricted to four.

Ilkley Company of the Girls Life Brigade gave a demonstration of "A Thing Most Wonderful" to the residents of Glen Rosa. A large cross was built in sections and when completed it bore the words "Come to Jesus". Each letter was the initial of an appropriate word such as "Joy", "Service" and "Understanding" and solos, choruses and recitations to illustrate the words were rendered by the girl members.

A pianoforte recital was given in the main hall at Ilkley Grammar School by Jeremy Gott of Ilkley. The large audience showed unstinted appreciation of Mr. Gott's accomplishment and accorded him their best wishes for his future career.

Audrey Hepburn and Mel Ferrer starred with Henry Fonda in Leo Tolstoy's "War and Peace" at the Grove Cinema.

75 Years Ago

Spring came to Ilkley in November in 1907 with a performance of "A Masque of May Morning" given by pupils of Miss Thompson in St. Margaret's Hall. The event drew a large audience and the children's efforts were rewarded with enthusiastic applause. Mr. A. T. Akeroyd, of Ilkley, conducted the music, which was composed by him, Miss Black was the accompanist and Miss King acted as Stage Manager. Children taking part were—Aileen Warren, Marion Grieg, Irene Crabbe, Winifred Thompson, Marcia Mowat, Marjorie Prince, Doris Carter, Joyce Simpson, Madge Hopkinson, Charlotte Skirrow, Margaret Akeroyd and Dorothy Eddison.

Friends and supporters of Ilkley Cricket Club, determined the club should not suffer through lack of funds decided to hold a series of whist drives throughout the winter. The club had a deficit of £22 and the whist drives were to be the means of clearing the debt before the next season.

OPPOSITION GROWS TO ILKLEY FLATS PLAN AS 300 SIGN PETITION

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A petition containing over 300 signatures of people opposed to the plan for an additional storey and roof on Leconfield House, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, has been sent to Bradford Metropolitan Council.

One of the petitioners, Mrs. P. E. Russell, told the "Gazette": "A large percentage of the residents of Leconfield House itself are against a further storey plus pitched roof in principal apart from all the upset and noise that would result."

"It would probably mean that some of the existing tenants would have to be temporarily re-housed, because of all the work involved. Elderly people do not like such upsets," she said.

Mrs. Russell summarised the points they were opposed to as—

1. Leconfield House would be the tallest building in the neighbourhood.
2. It would be out of keeping with surrounding property.
3. It would be so incongruous it would be more of an eyesore than at present.
4. It would cause further loss of sunlight and daylight to houses in Cowpasture Road and Springs Lane.
5. Further loss of privacy for houses and gardens.
6. Doubtful if foundations would hold extra weight.
7. Would mean probable temporary re-housing for some of the tenants.
8. Water leaks could be cured by remedial work.
9. Large percentage of existing tenants do not want another storey.

Ilkley Civic Society has also carefully considered the plan to increase the height of Leconfield House and are against it.

Planners To Visit Leconfield House

Members of Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee will visit Leconfield House, in Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, on Monday, before deciding upon a plan for 12 dwellings and a new roof, in respect of which a petition and individual objections had been received.

They will also visit the grounds of Hazethill, Easby Drive, Ilkley, where it is planned to build a detached house.

Meeting To Help Unemployed

A public meeting to discuss and create a Forum to help the unemployed in the Ilkley district is to be held on Thursday 9 December. It is hoped the meeting will be attended by representatives of local organisations, individuals and employers.

Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill said this week that the Parish Council would be inviting those groups interested and involved in the problems of youth employment to the open meeting. "We are trying to find employment for young people and others that have been made redundant," said Cr. Hill.

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WELL ATTENDED SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT ILKLEY'S WAR MEMORIAL 19 Nov 80

A Remembrance Day service at Ilkley was well attended despite appalling weather earlier in the day.

There was a good turn-out at Ilkley war memorial for the short wreath-laying ceremony, attended by civic dignitaries and representatives of local organisations.

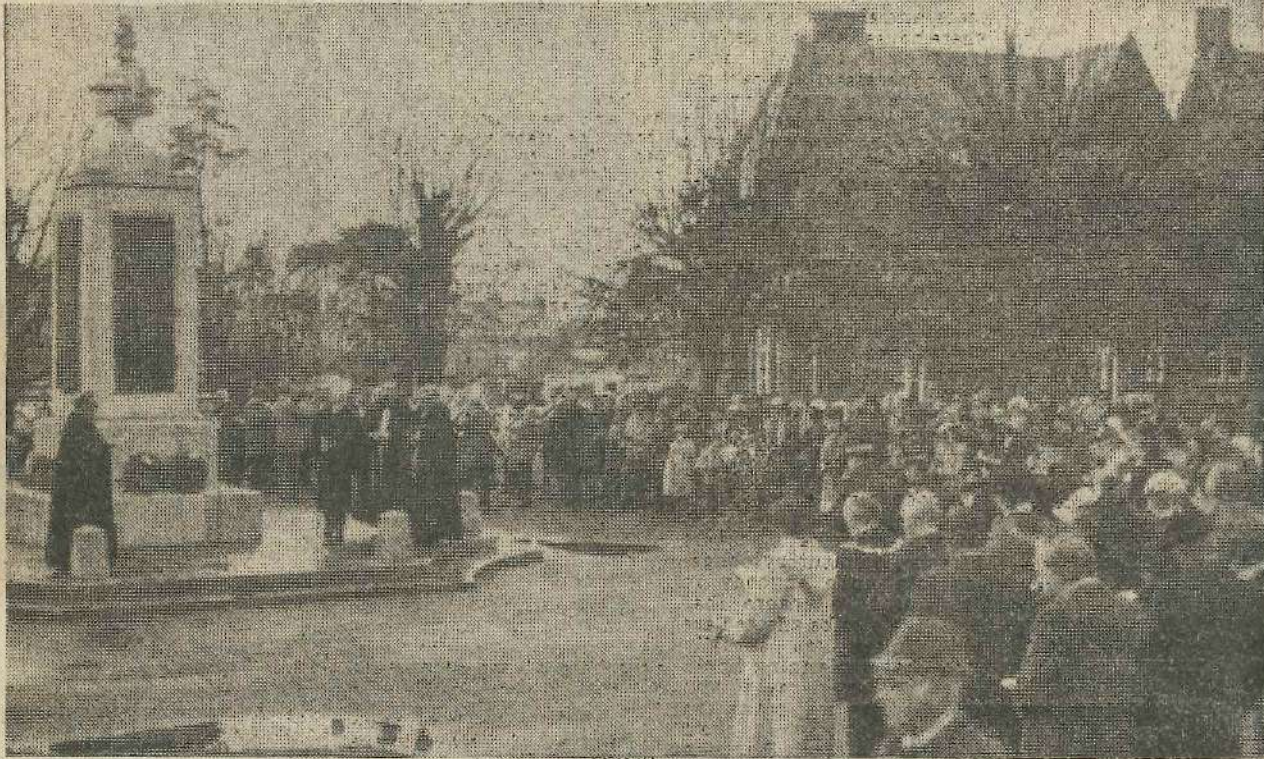
The service was conducted by the Rev. Roy S. Pile of St. Margaret's Church, who was accompanied by other members of the local clergy, and music was provided by Keighley Brass Band.

Among the civic dignitaries were Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, of Ilkley, Lord

Mayor of Bradford, with Lady Mayoress Mrs. Joan Beever, of Menston, other local councillors, the Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill and other parish councillors, as well as County Councillor Harry Haddrill, of Ilkley. The service was attended

by contingents from the Scouts, Girl Guides, Sea Scouts, Boys Brigade, Fire Service and Police.

Picture shows the gathering at Ilkley's war memorial on Sunday afternoon.



"TREMENDOUS TURN-OUT" AT ADDINGHAM

The Remembrance Day service at St. Peter's Church, Addingham, was also well attended.

Addingham Branch Chaplain Rev. D. A. A. Shaw, who conducted the service,

said "it was a tremendous turn-out and the church was packed."

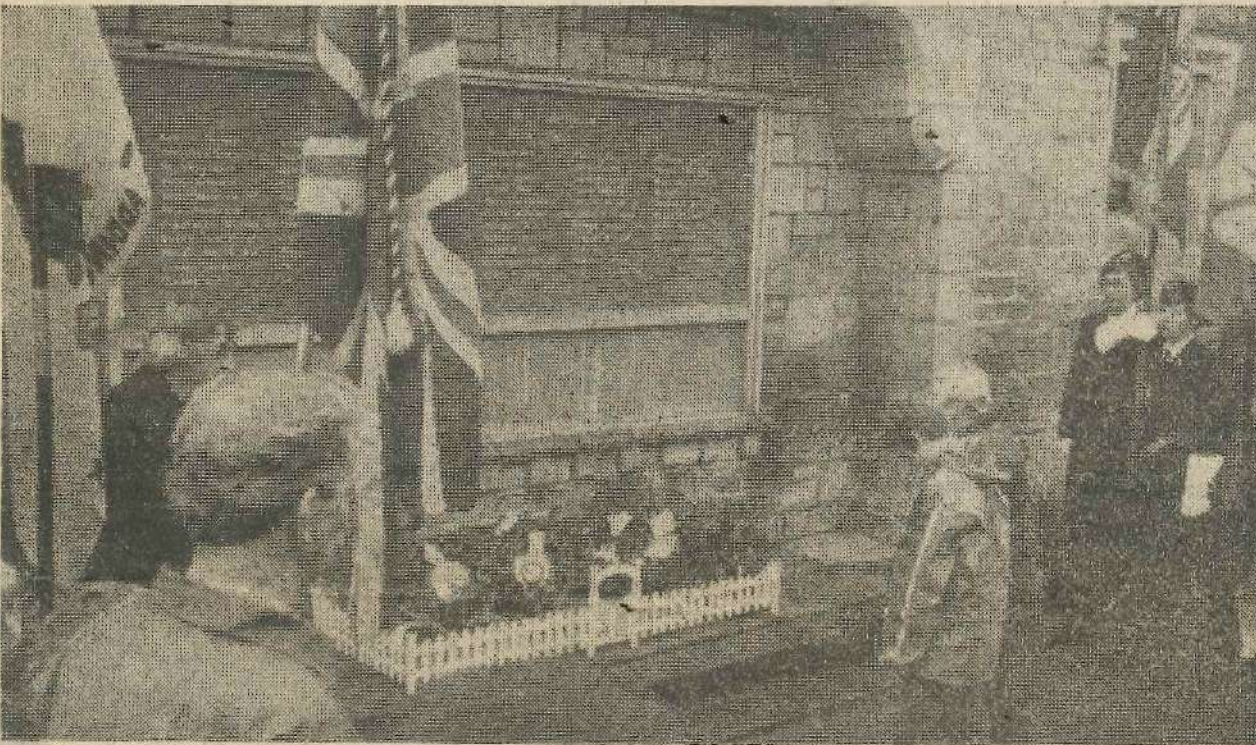
Representatives of all the village organisations were present, including members of Addingham Parish Council

and Addingham Royal British Legion, along with Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides, Brownies and members of the Girls Brigade.

The lesson was read by Mrs. Olive Heselton.

After the service at St. Peter's the congregation paraded to the village's war memorial, where a wreath laying service was conducted by the Rev. Shaw.

Picture shows the service at the war memorial.



NEW HILLARDS SUPERSTORE AT ILKLEY ON SCHEDULE FOR OPENING NEXT SUMMER

19 Nov 82

Work on the new Hillards superstore at Ilkley is progressing as planned and the Cleckheaton-based company hope it will be ready for opening early next summer.

Just over two months after work began on clearing the site - off Springs Lane - the steel framework for the offices and warehouse has already been constructed.

A spokesman for the contractors, Bovis Construction Ltd., said the building of the store was running to schedule and should be completed by March next year.

Mr. Keith Youngman, who is liaising between Hillards and the contractors, told the "Gazette" this week that he was very pleased with the progress being made.

"Everything is progressing on target at the moment," he said. "The stage has now been reached whereby ground work, drainage and concreting is being carried out. After that, the external brickwork will start to go up and then the roof."

Parking Space

Parking spaces for about 150 cars will be provided at the railway station end of the site, together with facilities for servicing.

The store will have a gross floor area of 30,000 square feet of which 17,000 square feet will be sales space - about two and a half times the size of the sales area of the company's existing store in Railway Road.

The new store will provide a total of 150 jobs, an increase of 64 over the present number at Hillards Ilkley store, with staff from the existing store moving to the new one.

It will provide a much wider range of goods than has been offered at the Railway Road site. There will be a provisions and dairy section and an on-site bakery, in addition to the usual range of goods.

The plan for the superstore was originally turned down by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Department in March last year because, it claimed, "it represented a substantial addition to the shopping floor space in Ilkley on a site clearly separated from the existing shopping centre."

Successful Appeal

Bradford Council's decision met with anger from many Ilkley residents and the Parish Council, which welcomed the proposals as something for the benefit and service of the town, and Hillards decided to appeal.

As a result, a public inquiry was held at Ilkley in January before an Inspector of the Department of the Environment and it was announced in May that the Government had given Hillards permission to build the new store on the former goods yard.

The Inspector reported: "There can be no doubt that the proposed development would be much welcomed by the public for a variety of reasons, not least of which is the unsatisfactory location of Hillards' existing superstore, which lacks suitable parking and servicing facilities and thus causes traffic problems in the town which are also disturbing many residents."

He added: "My views in this respect gain support from the fact that Ilkley Parish Council, which might rightly be thought of as being closely in touch with local feeling and with the needs of the town, are fully in favour of the proposed development."

In his conditions of approval the Secretary of State included that the superstore should not operate on

Sundays and that the existing footbridge over the railway between Springs Lane and Railway Road should remain available to the public.

Mr. Youngman stressed this week that those conditions would be met and that the railings on Springs Lane, bordering on to the site, would not be removed but just re-painted.

Talking WHARFE VALLEY about the TIMES Jobless 35 NOV 82

Ilkley Parish Council is inviting local organisations and individuals involved and interested in the problems of unemployment to join a forum on December 9 in the council chamber.

The aims will be to provide a meeting place for those concerned with the problems, to promote greater understanding of unemployment and to find ways of setting up work schemes.

The council set the ball rolling a month ago when they invited Mrs. Valerie Smith, a worker at Hawksworth House, to talk.

Hawksworth House is a project to help the young unemployed and was opened after a group of parish councillors campaigned. Now the workers there and the council want to promote greater awareness of the problems caused by unemployment.

Coun. Rowland Hill, chairman of Ilkley Parish Council asks: "It is our town - our own people of all ages are affected by unemployment - and all those invited have in their different ways something to offer. Please give generously, not of your money, but of your time and effort".

19 Nov 82 ILKLEY MAN IS NEW DEPUTY LIEUTENANT

Sir Richard Denby, of South Parade, Ilkley, is one of eight newly appointed Deputy Lieutenants for West Yorkshire.

Sir Richard (67), a widower with one son and two daughters, is a senior partner with A. V. Hammond and Company, the Bradford solicitors.



He is President of the Bradford and Bingley Building Society and former President of the Law Society and Bradford Law Society.

He is chairman of a number of groups, including Parkland Textile (Holdings) P.L.C., Pennine Radio, the Solicitors European Group and the Mental Health Review Tribunal for the Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, and is a director of Opera North.

Sir Richard was the coroner for Bradford between 1972 and 1974, has been a governor of Harrogate College for a number of years and is a member of the Court of the University of Bradford.

He was in the Green Howards Regiment during the last war and served for a time in North Africa on General Eisenhower's staff in Algiers, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He was knighted in 1978.



Picture shows work progressing on the office and warehouse block on the site of Hillards' new superstore at Springs Lane, Ilkley.

Bypass would solve traffic problems, police tell council

WEST Yorkshire Police have added their voice to the Addingham bypass call.

Supt. Roy Cartwright told the parish council: "If there's any place that cries out for a bypass it's Addingham. We are all for it."

"If you get a bypass the traffic problems would be resolved. There is not a simple answer. You have got to keep lobbying away until someone notices", he said.

The chairman, Coun. Alan Jerome, praised the villagers who turned out in force to protest to Lord Avon when he stopped in the village on his way to open Skipton's new Western bypass.

County Coun. John Wells said Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Government

Transport spokesman, intended to visit the village and see for herself at the earliest opportunity.

Coun. F. Woodward raised the problem of cars speeding on Bolton Road, which was used by children and elderly people. The road was very narrow and traffic used it as a route to Bolton Abbey.

Supt. Cartwright agreed to look into the matter, possibly using radar, which has caught

many drivers speeding on the main road through Addingham.

He said the police were trying to improve their relations with local communities and get to know more people.

"It is no good for people just to see a car flashing past. We are trying to promote a personal touch rather than being aloof somewhere at Keighley", he said.

The police constable at Addingham would only be moved elsewhere in emergencies.

"You are not going to be left out on a limb. I am sure that before your next council meeting you will see more of him."

Coun. Wells welcomed the move towards community policing and was pleased the police were committed to it.

Coun. Jerome raised the controversial problem of proposals for buses to stop on the busy main Ilkley Road rather than go via Sandbeds.

"Buses stopping on a three-lane race track, and that's the only way to describe it, are going to encourage accidents", he said.

The council was told that the bus driver's union was prepared to stop at Sandbeds on the old Ilkley Road if the timetable was altered, but the bus company claimed it would increase costs.

Coun. Jerome said the old service should be reinstated and they should not put up with second best any longer.

The council agreed to protest to West Yorkshire's Passenger Transport Committee.

Ilkley industry plan welcomed

A planning application has been put forward to build six light industrial units on East Parade, Ilkley.

The applicant, Mr. V. Dobson, plans to use two of the units for his own business.

"We want premises for ourselves", he said, "but we were aware that there is a severe shortage of small units of this type in the area."

If the application is passed it may offer a glimmer of hope for the residents of Ashlands Road, Ilkley who have been fighting proposals

to use a nearby playing field for industrial use.

The land is owned by Bradford Metropolitan Council which has applied for planning permission to change its use to industrial. The matter is still pending.

Mr. David Hanson, one of those fighting the Ashlands Road plan, said: "It would seem we may have a better chance now if this (East Parade) is passed."

Ilkley parish councillors have said the Ashlands Road field should not be used for industrial units and the East

Parade site was suggested.

The planning application was discussed at a private meeting of the Ilkley Parish Council planning committee on Monday.

On Tuesday Coun. Rowland Hill, chairman of the council, said: "The plan fits in very nicely with the remainder of industrial property in the area. It is a step in the right direction of concentrating all the industrial property in one area and will assist in providing more employment for Ilkley people."

ILKLEY MAN WAS A MEMBER OF SEVERAL CHOIRS

Mr. Bernard Joseph Lupton, who had lived in Ilkley since childhood, died this week aged 83.

Mr. Lupton, of Wyvil Crescent, was a keen singer and a member of several choirs. He was a member of the choir of the Church of the Sacred Heart for over sixty years and also sang with Ben Rhydding Operatic Choir and the Leisure in Retirement Choir. He sang solo in St. Anne's Cathedral at Leeds as a young man and was a frequent guest at Wells Road Methodist Club, Ilkley.

He was an active member of several local clubs, including Ilkley Amateurs, the Royal British Legion and the Over-60's.

Mr. Lupton was also a keen gardener, and used to have a large allotment near the river.

He leaves a widow.

PLAN FOR MORE SHOPS AND

CINEMA AT ILKLEY 26 Nov 87

DEFERRED BY COUNCIL

A plan to demolish the bus depot in South Hawksworth Street Ilkley, and replace it with a new development which could include a cinema was deferred by Bradford Council's Planning Sub-Committee on Wednesday to give Ilkley people the chance to express their views about it.

The planning application - for new retail outlets, service access, car parking and a possible cinema - had been submitted by West Yorkshire Road Car Company.

The plan was first revealed at the public inquiry into the controversial Co-Operative Society proposals at Ilkley in May last year.

Mr. B. M. K. Horner, director and general manager of the West Yorkshire Road Car Company, said at the public inquiry that during the last ten years the area, in South Hawksworth Street, had become the heart of an

active retail area and the manoeuvrability of their vehicles had been affected by the increased traffic intensity.

Difficulties

This, he said, had led to increased delays, difficulties and increased costs, and it was felt that the opening of a new retail store next to the bus depot could only have an adverse effect on their ability to operate efficiently.

For some time the bus company had been considering closing the Ilkley bus depot if it would prove economically viable as a retail site.

The plan embraces a council owned building covering about 11,000 square feet as well as the bus depot, which covers about 14,000 sq. ft.

In a planning brief for the South Hawksworth Street area of Ilkley which was drawn up by Bradford Metropolitan Council in January they said about the plan: "The floor space proposed would require a further 98 car parking spaces to be provided within the site; the limited service access and echelon parking arrangements would require fundamental changes and the design would be acceptable in terms of massing and materials, but would require amendment in terms of roof-scape, fenestration details and shop frontages."

The council also stressed in the brief that any development in that area should introduce an "acceptable street frontage to the western end of South Hawksworth Street and all frontages should be of a varied and interesting design." It also stated that detailed roof treatment would be required to provide a visual focus for pedestrians viewing the development from a distance.

No Sketches

Although no sketches of the proposed development were available this week, an idea of what the development would look like can be gauged from the brief.

"An external appearance of a natural blue or grey slate for the roof with walls constructed of gritstone, regularly coursed with traditional elevational treatments, such as corbels, would be required.

"External treatments, landscaping, the construction of a direct pedestrian route north-south across the car park in front of the east and south elevations would help to integrate new development into its setting. Prospective developers would therefore be encouraged to complement the scheme, possibly outside the site boundary, with a high quality floorscape such as pavements, flagging and hard landscape detailing, pedestrian ramps and steps, lighting and seating as part of the final design."

The bus company has operated at the depot in Ilkley since 1927.

Previously, the building was used as a roller skating rink, at a time when the roller skating craze was sweeping the country. A report in a "Gazette" of the early 1920's described the building as "wooden and very roomy, laid with a special floor and with a stand for an orchestra, and here night by night crowds assembled to swing round and round the floor".



EXHIBITION OF WORKS BY A DISTINGUISHED LOCAL ARTIST

26 Nov 83

A rare opportunity of viewing and buying some of the works of John F. Greenwood, a well known Ilkley artist who died in 1954, is provided at an exhibition of his water colours and drawings at Ilkley's Castle Gallery from 26 November to 19 December.

"The Dales are Mine" was the title of a book written and illustrated by John Frederick Greenwood in 1952, after he gave up the chance of a good career in London to settle in Ilkley and concentrate on his love for the Dales.

Recently, his daughter, Mrs. Bee Robertson, was clearing out her attic when she came across a collection of her father's water colours and drawings, many of them the originals for his woodcuts which illustrated "The Dales are Mine".

She contacted Mr. Eric Busby, of Ilkley, and asked him to handle the works as she wanted them to find good homes at not too high a price, so that they would be available to anyone who appreciated works of art. She wanted people of the area in which

they were painted to be able to buy them for their own homes, rather than having them snapped up by dealers and collectors at much higher prices.

It is usual for such a collection of water colour field studies and drawings from thirty or forty years ago by such a distinguished artist with local connections to come on the market at such low prices. Mr. Busby and the Castle Gallery should be congratulated on pulling off such a coup.

LECONFIELD HOUSE PLAN TURNED DOWN

26 Nov 83

The plan for an additional storey and roof on Leconfield House, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, was turned down by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee on Wednesday.

The plan, which would

have created 13 new dwellings, had been opposed by Ilkley Civic Society and many local residents.

A petition containing the signatures of over 300 people opposed to it had been sent to Bradford Council.

First Signs Of Approaching Christmas

26 NOV 83



The first signs that Christmas is approaching have been appearing in Ilkley town centre, with the provision of Christmas trees at the top of Brook Street, on land between Brook Street and the central car park, and next to the Parish Church.

The Christmas trees and other trees in Brook Street and along The Grove have been decorated with the traditional coloured lights, which this year have again

been organised by Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

The lights, which will be switched on from 6 December, are provided free by Bradford Metropolitan Council, but the Chamber pays for erection and dismantling, as well as power. This year the cost is expected to be over £2,000, of which the Chamber has so far raised about £1,500.

They are hoping to make

up the total with donations from businesses and the public, and from the proceeds of a "Family Fun Run" being

held at Ilkley next Saturday. Mr. Michael Brown of Ilkley Chamber of Trade said anyone who wished to make a donation to the Christmas lights fund could do so at the Yorkshire Bank, or at one of the collection boxes in various shops in the town.

Picture shows the Christmas tree at the top of Brook Street this week.

Correspondence

26 Nov 82

"Is Racial Hysteria Taking Hold?"

Sir,—Is racial hysteria taking hold? Anyone would think that Bradford Metropolitan Council proposed establishing a hostel for green, bug-eyed monsters from outer space, instead of for unhappy girls who need urgent help they can not get from their families. I can not believe that their presence will make such a difference to neighbouring house valuations.

Referring to recent letters—Colin Carpenter does not speak for "the overwhelming majority"—a phrase reminiscent of the National Front's appropriation of "speaking for the silent majority". Also, the emotive use of phrases like "a flood of husbands" does not fit with statistical fact.

Andy Phillips should read the extensive and authoritative published matter available on the problems of unhappy youngsters of all races in this country.

We must, all of us, face up to the fact that we live in a multi-cultural society. Mr. File's experiences in South Africa vividly illustrate what could happen here eventually if we do not.

ELIZABETH
A. C. SINGLETON
21 Eaton Road,
Ilkley.

Hostel For Girls

Sir,—There are two distinct, though related arguments in Mr. Carpenter's letter of 19 November. In connection with his comment on the siting of a hostel for girls in Ilkley: We have a rich heritage in this town, amply demonstrated not only in this serene valley with its woods and hills but also in the lively cultural life our town enjoys. To share this pleasant, privileged existence with young people in temporary difficulties can hardly hurt us and will surely help them.

If community means anything, it means getting on with one's neighbour and sometimes taking deliberate positive steps to help those in need. Most of Mr. Carpenter's 'overwhelming majority' would also subscribe to this principle—and I hope Mr. Carpenter will count himself among them.

His second reference is to the revision of immigration policy allowing husbands and fiancés to join their British wives and fiancées. Your correspondent can have had little experience of separation himself to object to its ending for some of his fellow citizens. Such a regulation was certainly not in the British tradition of justice and compassion not even, incidentally, in accord with the European Convention on Human Rights.

DEREK R. BAGSHAW
43 Manley Road,
Ben Rhydding.

"Racial Problems"

Sir—the 'racial problems' commented on by Mr. Carpenter in last week's Ilkley Gazette are caused by those like himself who regard a hostel for Asian Girls as a 'threat' and who regard it as right that men in Britain should be able to have their wives and fiancées join them, but would not give the same right to women.

Owen and Pam Wells
30 St. James Road,
Ilkley.

Across The Years 26 Nov 82

Defaulting Ratepayers Summoned

100 Years Ago

Clerk to Ilkley Local Board, Mr. Jonathan Hainsworth applied for 164 summonses to be taken out against defaulting ratepayers in December, 1882. It was reported that each householder was eyeing his neighbour with askance and wondering whether or not he might be on the "Black list".

A fashionable crowd attended a concert at the Lecture Hall given by the Ilkley Vocal Society. The front of the orchestra blazed with colour from geraniums, azaleas and other plants which brightened the appearance of the hall. Mr. Jas. Broughton conducted and Mr. Alfred Broughton presided at the piano. The chorus numbered 29 female and 17 male voices. Miss Gatecliffe was said to possess a "remarkably clear silvery voice of great sweetness" and she was the soloist in "Heaven and Earth". Poor Miss Robinson and Miss A. Tattersall were not so lucky in their selection of "The Son of God goes out to War" but it was said they gave as good a rendering as was perhaps possible. Miss J. Brear was praised for her clear tones and Miss Percival was accorded great praise. Mr. T. H. Scott was said to have been in excellent voice but Mr. Peake despite a great start to his solo, towards the end his voice slightly failed but his part was described as "arduous".

75 Years Ago

Owing to a dispute amongst workmen it was feared that the opening of the completed Town Hall buildings early in 1908 might be delayed. Mr. Oswald Lister the plastering contractor had withdrawn all his men from work and this part of the building had reached a standstill. The large hall had proceeded satisfactorily and the floor had been laid. Fire appliances had been fixed and were standing at the ready in case of any emergency.

Great excitement and interest was roused by a Rugby Union Football match between Ilkley and Otley, known locally as the local "Derby" played on the Ilkley ground. Despite all the support and some brilliant

manoeuvres by the Ilkley forwards Otley won by 6 points to 3.

Pre-Christmas advertisements included "The craze of Paris"—Diablo (The Devil on Two Sticks) priced at 6d, 1/- or upwards at Shuttleworths, of Gothic House, who also advertised their Christmas illustrated papers—Pears Annual 6d; Cassells Magazine, The Quiver, The Sphere, Ladies Pictorial, Dramatic News, Graphic, Illustrated London News, The Tatler, The Gentlewoman, Hearth and Home, Sketch, Bystander and Pictorial Comedy all at 1/- each.

50 Years Ago

Plans were well advanced for the Ilkley Old Folks Party to take place in the New Year. Mr. J. Barnes, the hon. Secretary told those who attended the annual meeting that the last party had been an outstanding success, and that through the kindness of Mr. O. Wood 254 bags of coal were sent out to those who had been invited to attend.

Local children were grieved to learn of the death of "Rags" a nine-year-old Aire-dale terrier which toured the schools with Mr. H. Rose collecting money for poppy day with collecting boxes fitted pannier-wise on his back. He had done this for eight years for the British Legion and had also collected money in the same fashion for the Coronation Hospital, the Lifeboat Institute and other charitable efforts.

The Ilkley Unemployed formed an Association Football Club to be known as The Ilkley Football Club. Members of the team for their opening match were—E. Pratt, H. Hargraves and N. Lord (Captain), W. Douthwaite, H. Aswell, L. Robinson, J. Haywood, W. Barker, L. Brookes, S. Howdle and H. Graves. They were to play against the Ilkley Recreation team.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Grammar School declined to accept any more temporary West Riding classrooms and they had their request for building improvements "of a more lasting form and worthy of the traditions of the school" recognised by the West Riding, reported John Hardy, Chairman of the Board of Governors at the annual Speech Day.

Plans were being prepared for the extension plans which he hoped would soon bear fruition. Mr. Hardy also pointed out the improvements which had been made with regard to playing field accommodation on the land near the main road at Ben Rhydding, where it was hoped to centralise the games and eventually provide a pavilion.

The second visit to Ilkley of the "Intimate Opera Company" was greeted by a capacity audience in the Kings Hall. The musical director of the company was Mr. Anthony Hopkins who treated the Ilkley audience to a varied programme including some of the music from Purcell's Don Quixote and "Jaques and Jaqueline" by Offenbach.

The upkeep of Addingham Churchyard was under discussion at the Parochial Church Council meeting in St. Peter's Church vestry. The Rev. L. P. Clare appealed to anyone who had relatives in the churchyard to keep the graves tidy and remove dead flowers and leaves.