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# Hold-up in Ilkley

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## shops plan

The debate over the development of Ilkley town centre continued last week when plans to demolish the bus depot in South Hawksworth Street and replace it with a shopping area were deferred by Bradford Planning Sub-committee.

The plans were submitted by the West Yorkshire Road Car Company which has a bus depot there since 1927. The eastern section of the development site is owned by Bradford Metropolitan Council.

The plan includes a supermarket, 11 shops, a pedestrian mall, car parking for about 26 cars, and a service area. It was first revealed during a public inquiry into the controversial West Yorkshire Co-operative Society proposals for the area about 18 months ago. But this development would cover twice the amount of space that the failed Co-op plan would have covered.

During the inquiry Mr. B. M. K. Horner, director and general manager of the bus company, said they had been considering demolishing the depot and building a shopping centre for some time because increased traffic in the area had caused problems for the buses.

A decision was deferred because more information on parking space was needed. A planning brief for the site drawn up by Bradford Council in January said a further 98 parking spaces would be needed for the proposed amount of floor space.

Ilkley parish council-

lor Mollie Renton, who opposed the Co-op plan, commented: "It is the

same site and the same situation."

It seems likely that the Co-op has ditched its plans to develop the site. Its application was turned down after a public inquiry a year ago and they have not submitted any further plans.

Although Mr. George Money, West Yorkshire Co-op chief executive, had no comment to make, an official from Bradford Metropolitan Estates department commented that in view of the situation it seemed fair to say the Co-op "had pulled out".

### Tenders soon

Meanwhile as the Hillards development on the

former railway goods yard in Spring Lane goes ahead, the Woolworths and Shop Store Development Ltd. project for the Brook Street site next to the railway looks definite too.

The plan is for a new Woolworths store and 21 new shops. Mr. L. B. Tyldsley, managing director of Shop Store Developments, said that work on the project was going on in the background and that tenders would go out soon.

## Work Completed On Strengthening Bridge Foundations

Work has been completed on strengthening the foundations of columns on the suspension bridge over the River Wharfe in Denton Road, Ilkley.

The foundations had be-

come undermined by the passage of water over a number of years so West Yorkshire County Council's Structures Department decided to do something about it.

"We have concreted the foundations but to further protect them we have put in some rock fill to divert the water and prevent a recurrence of the problem," said a County Council spokesman.

"Eventually, the rocks will be filled in with gravel and other river deposits and hopefully it will form a solid base," he added.

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## Correspondence

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### Give Your Views On Ilkley Store Development Plan

Sir.—Cunliffe Road/South Hawksworth Street development—as indicated in your news item last week a planning application was submitted to Bradford Planning Sub-Committee on Wednesday, 24 November. This was an outline application, albeit with considerable details, for the large corner site stretching from the southern boundary of the West Yorks. Road Car Co. garage to the eastern boundary of Hawksworth House.

The plan submitted was for a food store, a non-food department, 11 other retail units with some customer and staff car parking but no other facilities.

Deferment of consideration of this item was achieved in order that concerned persons in Ilkley and district should have some opportunity of submitting their views on this application. It is probable that this item may come up for re-consideration on Wednesday, 15 December, at Bradford, and your elected representatives, the Parish and District Councillors, are anxious that all views are collected as quickly as possible.

In order to help people the plan will be made available in the Council Chamber from 6.30-7.25 p.m. on Monday, 6 December, immediately prior to Council meeting. However people who are able to do so, and who wish to study the plan in depth, are recommended to do so through the normal channels available at the Town Hall, Ilkley, during office hours. In order to ensure that all concerned are aware of your views it would be advisable to submit comments to the Chief Planning Officer, Jacob's Well, Bradford, and most helpful if copies could be sent to either Ilkley Parish Council or to myself.

BARBARA J. CUSSONS  
District Councillor  
11 Wheatley Avenue,  
Ben Rhydding.

### Denuded Of Town Centre Facilities

Sir.—The development of the new Hillards store at Ilkley has been well reported, and no doubt it will receive considerable support.

However, it appears that the new store will be very inconvenient for the bus shoppers from the Skipton Road and Addingham areas—and no doubt other areas as well.

The existing store is most convenient, and one would wish that it could continue as a food supermarket. My information is, however, that it is being offered for sale or lease with a "no food" clause.

At this point of time this might be over ruled, but once a business is sold on that basis, a restrictive covenant is difficult to remove.

It must be remembered that following the original development of Hillards in Ilkley one witnessed the demise of other food businesses—in particular the one now occupied by Vallances.

So, in a sense, the consumers are being denuded of facilities in Ilkley town centre which they have enjoyed for so long.

One cannot blame Hillards for endeavouring to maintain what they have developed, but I feel the community has the right to keep its town centre facilities if at all possible.

R. SUTCLIFFE  
8 Ilkley Road,  
Addingham.

### Ilkley Hostel Will Be Bad For Girls

Sir.—The three letters printed in last week's "Gazette" were perfect illustrations of my point about the need for us to have courage in speaking out on racial matters.

The first contained the smear "reminiscent of the National Front". Such smears are always a symptom of a poor case, but they are none the less offensive.

The second was less than honest. If married couples stay apart it is because they choose to, not because they are forced to by British legislation.

The third letter was worthy of Jim Hacker MP, who so often takes a high moral tone about other people's fears and problems—until he realises that it is his own interest that is under threat.

Because the decision had already been taken I saw no need in my last letter to repeat the case against siting the hostel in Richmond Place. In view of the tone of these letters I am obliged to point out that my main objection is because it will be bad for the girls.

In most cases the distance will be a major obstacle to reconciling them with their families. I cannot understand how anyone with an ounce of compassion would wish to put these unfortunate girls into a town where they will be so conspicuous.

COLIN CARPENTER  
9 Manley Grove,  
Ben Rhydding.

### Asian Girls Should Have Opportunity

Sir.—Once the Asian girls are settled in Ilkley they will prove whether their presence makes any difference to Ilkley. I think it far better that they should have an opportunity in Ilkley rather than be placed in a run-down inner city area, prey for many disturbing factors.

But I think some readers are too harsh with a few others who have openly voiced their apprehension, as they are entitled to do.

All the upheavals connected with our growing multi-racial society can upset some, and others are only too willing to condemn them. After all, it is an upsetting enough time for our own young people with their own very real problems unsettled.

They are often friendly, unbiased, willing to cooperate, but the competition for jobs and so on can remain as a worrying deterrent to full acceptance of other races in their midst.

I have often been to the Far East and found courtesy, friendliness and quietness in my contacts with the women, and feel that it will be likewise regarding the Ilkley Asian girls. I have no doubt that they will want to be smart, admired for themselves and helpful to both themselves and the community. They would not like pressure anyway, neither from those who are not too favourable nor from those who, well meaning, can overdo the welcome.

PHYLLIS CARROLL  
64 Moor Park Drive,  
Addingham.

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## ANGLERS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER RIVER DETERIORATION

Concern at the deterioration of many areas of the River Wharfe was expressed by members of Ilkley Angling Association at their annual meeting.

Spates during last winter had altered many of the previously good angling spots, and it was generally felt that the Ilkley Association should approach the riparian owners via the Western Division Consultative and ascertain the intentions of the Water Authority regarding drainage and various other works being carried out at the moment.

Welcoming about 60 members to the meeting, Mr Brian Featherstone said that from the reports he had received regarding trout fishing it would suggest that the past season had been the poorest for some years.

In addition to the alteration of the river banks owing to floods, in contrast there were long periods during the season when the level of the river was extremely low and Mr Featherstone wondered whether this could have been caused by abstraction from the upper reaches. He said it would suggest that the effect of the Grimwith Reservoir Scheme was being felt.

An amount of silt during periods of high water was being deposited on the Ilkley Angling Association's stretch of water to the detriment of plant and insect life, thus diminishing the supply of food available to the fish. Smaller fish were the result and one course of action the Club could take was a realistic re-stocking programme.

Mr Featherstone felt that the stock for 1982 should be increased by one hundred per cent. This was approved unanimously by the meeting, eleven inch fish at a cost of £1,000 to be introduced for 1983.

### Secretary

Mr J. A. Cockerill, the secretary, presenting a combined report, endorsed the previous comments made by Mr Featherstone and gave a brief account of the events during 1982. A total of £500 worth of eleven inch brown trout were placed in the River Wharfe during last season, comprising three consignments. These were placed in the members' length above the New Bridge, due to the low state of the river and the tendency for the fish to move downstream.

It was envisaged that the fish due to be introduced in 1983 would in any event be distributed over the whole length of the Angling Club's water.

A number of cases of illegal fishing had been reported by the watcher, Mr V Smith, but despite recourse to the

police no one had been prosecuted. Mr Cockerill appealed to members to do their own "policing".

There was a fall in membership last season, and the waiting list at the moment was eight seniors and twenty juniors.

### LAGOON

The Lagoon Committee reported an excellent season with catches of carp up to 8lbs., chub 3lbs., tench 2lbs. and an abundance of small fish. Despite treatment, weed growth—especially lilies—had reached epidemic proportions and action must be taken urgently.

Various improvements had been carried out to the area, including the car park, and at present the community services group was assisting by providing access for older, less agile members and hopefully more facilities for the disabled angler. Competitions during 1982 had had little support, but some consolation could be gained from the fact that Barnsley, who knocked out Ilkley in an earlier round, went on to win the "Captain Morgan" trophy.

Mr Cockerill thanked the President, Chairman, Treasurer, and committee for their help during the past year.

Mr N. C. Brown, treasurer, outlined the various aspects of interest and recommended that the proposed subscription increase by four per cent be accepted.

### Trophies

Mr Thompson, the President, presented the trophies won throughout the season.—Helliwell Trophy for the largest trout caught on the River Wharfe: (2lbs. 2oz.) Mr. R. Powell.

The Barker Cup (Annual Competition): Mr. M. Coleman.

The C. Smithson Rose Bowl (Junior Competition): N. Smith.

The Len Fish Trophy (Junior largest trout or grayling): B. R. Wild.

Further and Feather Trophy (Christmas Competition): Mr. G. Adams.

Adams Trophy (Junior aggregate Competition): A. R. Weir.

Mr Thompson thanked members for the confidence placed in him during his past 14 years of office and congratulated the new President, Mr. A. Chapman, and wished him every success in the future.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Mr. Thompson be elected a life member of the Association.

### Officers

Officers elected for 1983 were: President, Mr. A. Chapman; Chairman, Mr. C. S. Beavers; Vice-Chairman, Mr. B. Featherstone; Vice-Presidents, Mr. H. Gooch and Mr. G. Smithson; Secretary, Mr. J. A. Cockerill; Treasurer, Mr. N. C. Brown; Competition Secretary, Mr. S. E. Fairburne; Assistant Competition Secretary, Mr. J. Fawcett. Committee: Messrs. T. Emsley, J. Myers, J. J. Holden, K. Breahey, J. Fawcett, J. Eaton and M. Silverwood.

The meeting ended with a tea and pie supper followed by a film show.

## Skipton Rail Link Would Mar "Picturesque Countryside"

### 100 Years Ago

The proposed railway line from Ilkley to Skipton in 1882 was to alter the appearance of not only Ilkley but the route to Addingham too. It was deplored that it would mar the picturesque appearance of the countryside, which had no doubt influenced "so many of the monied classes in selecting Ilkley as their place of residence". It was hoped that the proposed line would be landscaped by a professional to bring the line as much as possible into harmony with its pleasant surroundings.

There was heavy snow during the first week of December making pedestrian traffic extremely difficult and few people ventured far from home unless their business was of an urgent nature. The drifts varied from two to four feet in depth. The storm was general and the tramcar services and telegraphic services throughout the country were

brought to a standstill. There were many shipping disasters reported together with accidents and deaths.

A shop in Wells Road, Ilkley, offered fifty Christmas and New Year cards for one shilling. The Ilkley Gazette reported that this was the bargain of the year as the cards were found to be works of art.

### 75 Years Ago

The "All Blacks" New Zealand's Rugby Union Football touring team enjoyed a new experience in the snow whilst staying in Ilkley in 1907. Some amused themselves by making a snowman in the Spa Grounds and others revelled in a grand snowball fight in the vicinity of Brook Street as they returned from their morning practice.

The death occurred at his home in Tivoli Place, Ilkley, of Thomas Robinson, of the firm of Robinson and Sons, invalid coach makers, and the son of the inventor of the famous invalid couch.

There was a good attendance at Otley market when butter was 2s. per roll of 24oz., eggs 5 for 1s., chickens from 2s. 3d. to 3s. each, ducklings 3s. each, pigeons 1s. 3d. per brace. Calved beasts made £16 to £19 and cows in calf from £16 to £22 10s. per head.

A motor car owned by Mr. Sidney Robertshaw and the wooden garage in which it was housed were destroyed by fire when the chauffeur attempting to repair the petrol tank fused an electric wire which set the petrol alight. Efforts to check the flames were futile and the Panhard car and the building were completely gutted.

### 50 Years Ago

There were "charming scenes" at St. Margaret's Hall when an audience was entertained by dancing alone for well over two hours. It was a ballet produced by Mrs. Ellum, of the Phoenix School of Dancing, and included a remarkable variety of solo items and combined scenes. It was given in aid of St. Margaret's Rover Scouts who were arranging a Christmas tree with gifts for the needy children of the town.

Taking part in the ballet were—B. Boyes, B. Ellum, M. Coldwell, Wendy Ellum, P. Copley, R. Thornber, M. Ellum, M. Sutcliffe and M. Hudson, A. Hargraves, M. Thornber, V. Lawrence, J. Fallen, K. Fearn, J. Ellum and P. Thackray. T. Fallen did a very clever skipping dance. Elsie Keighley and Betty Foulston danced the hornpipe, and there were solo dances by Peggy Thackray, Betty Boyes, and Dorothy Slater.

Members of Ilkley Urban Council launched an appeal to find casual work for the unemployed people of the town in the weeks before Christmas. Private householders were urged to find work clearing up out-houses, yards, repairing their homes or decorating even if only for one day in the two weeks leading up to Christmas. Workshops were to be set up where the unemployed could repair own boots and shoes, and Miss Hurford offered to put on an exhibition of dancing at the King's Hall to raise money for the unemployed fund and this had been readily accepted.

### 25 Years Ago

Part of the scheme for providing cattle grids, fencing and gates to prevent sheep straying from Ilkley Moor was being put into operation in 1957. Formal approval from the Minister of Agriculture had been received in respect of cattle grids, fencing and gates at Westwood Drive, Wells Road, Craiglands Road and Hangingstone Road at an estimated cost of £1,869.

Mrs. F. S. Hampshire, Chairman of the Ilkley County Secondary School, received the good news that the Minister of Education had agreed to accept the plans for a new secondary school in Ilkley to be included by the West Riding's Authorities in the 1958-59 plan. Ilkley Secondary school had achieved some excellent educational results with limited resources and with the inspiration of the fine new buildings she hoped the working at the school would go from strength to strength.

Members of the Addingham Old-Age Pensioners Association enjoyed their third annual Christmas party in the Low School, Addingham. Fifty teas were also sent out to members who were unable to attend. Mr. John Featherston, of Ilkley, was in charge of the entertainment the artists being—Mr. B. Linton, Mr. Featherston, Mr. J. Smith, and Miss B. Shuttleworth. Mr. C. Daniels, of Ilkley, gave a comedy sketch.

## Indoor Leisure Centre Would Be Better

### Planning Problem

Sir,—While the public must be grateful to Cr. Mrs. Cussons for drawing attention to the planning application for the Cunliffe Road/South Hawksworth Street development the public must also be deeply disturbed at the Planning Authority's attempt to ignore the spirit of the Conservation Area by not advertising the proposal in the Press, as required by law. If the explanation is that the present application is an "amendment" to a plan submitted before the CA was enlarged while this may not be a breach of planning protocol it is surely a breach of public good faith and for this reason further consideration of this proposal should be deferred to enable the public to give adequate consideration to this major project.

If, however, a decision must be given on 15 December, I hope the application will be rejected. While there are some merits in the proposals for the 11 small units in a covered arcade area the full potential of the site as a Department store is wasted. And while there is provision for a non-food retail unit in the main building it is too small and inconveniently accessible to be viable. A department store on the lines of Rackham's of Skipton is what I judge the Ilkley public would like to see. Another large food store is not wanted. We are well served by the many small food retailers in the town centre and these traders will suffer if a large food store, in addition to an enlarged Hillards, is allowed in the centre. If they approve this development the Council will, in my opinion, deservedly, be faced with claims for substantial rate reductions on the small food shops, if not a loss of rates on empty shops, as a direct result.

But the major objection, to my mind, remains the traffic problems inherent in servicing any large store on this site. It does not make sense in planning terms to remove the Bus Depot—an objective of the old Ilkley UDC and the Parish Council for many years—and replace the buses with heavy delivery vehicles, which will cause congestion in the Grove and Brook St. as well as Cunliffe Rd. (witness the large vehicle serving the Kitchen Shop in the Victorian Arcade). The site should either be cleared and used as additional parking (as originally proposed by the UDC and the PC) or should be developed as a public indoor leisure centre, with a variety of facilities for residents and visitors.

SIDNEY BECK

44, St. James Road, Ilkley.

Note.—At last Monday's meeting of Ilkley Parish Council it was stated that Bradford Metropolitan Council would be drawing up public notices in respect of the plan.—Editor.

Sir,—The welcome letter to you from Cr. Mrs. Cussons, and concerning the proposed development on a large town-centre site, highlights a problem facing people who are affected by planning applications. That problem is how to actually get to see the plans of an application. As was said in the letter, people could study applications and plans at Ilkley Town Hall during office hours. But people who are working during the day, in Leeds for example would find it impossible to get to the Town Hall during that time.

In the case of this large application, the plans are to be displayed prior to the Parish Council meeting on a Monday evening. The application has also been well publicised in detail in the Gazette. Moreover, in the case of an application affecting the town at large, we can clearly look to our Councillors to keep in touch with what happens to it right up to the Planning Committee meeting. Most planning applications, however, essentially affect only those living nearby. We cannot expect anybody but ourselves to look out for those. What we might expect, though, is to be given the best opportunity to do so.

Would it not be possible for copies of the outline applications and plans for proposed developments within Ilkley and district to be held in the Library, available to the public, for, say, three weeks before their consideration by Bradford Planning Committee? The Library's hours would enable anybody in the town to see the plans and applications outside weekday office hours, and also on Saturdays. It is unlikely that altogether they would take up much more space at any one time on the Information Section shelves than a couple of telephone directories. Is there some obstacle to this that prevents it being done?

EDWIN SCHIRN

18, Victoria Grove, Ilkley.

Note.—A spokesman for Bradford Metropolitan Council said this suggestion would not be possible from an administrative point of view. They only had one copy of the plans, and these were already kept at Ilkley Town Hall. He pointed out, however, that the Planning Officer at Ilkley Town Hall could be contacted by telephone if anyone had a problem about a particular planning application.—Editor.

### "Misguided" Cause

Sir,—Being an advocator of all forms of outdoor activity I can only applaud Mr. Denis Read's involvement in the first Ilkley fun run.

However, the cause for which this event was organised I find a little misguided—to raise funds to provide Christmas lights for the town centre. Surely our rates should cover this item. The rate for my shop, (Bomba Records)—which is not in the town centre—certainly would, it being £460 per annum.

By partaking in this event the ratepayers of Ilkley have now let Bradford Council off the hook for future years. We will have to find the necessary finance every year. If Ilkley had said "No, we will not raise the money" then, as a potential vote loser, Bradford Council would have had to provide them in subsequent years.

Mr. JOHN CONNOR  
One, Chantry Drive, Ilkley.

P.S.—Whatever happened to Ilkley Ratepayers Action Group?

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## A "DUNELAND TAPESTRY" FOR NATURALISTS

A large audience heard Mrs. F. C. Draper talk to the Wharfedale Naturalists' Society about "Duneland Tapestry".

Her talk was skilfully woven in words, and accompanied by colourful slides taken in the duneland areas on the west coast between Anglesey and Cumbria, and on the east from Norfolk to East Lothian. There were more than forty plants, some like sea holly, dune convolvulus and dune helleborine, peculiar to these parts, and many which had adapted.

Some dunelands were nature reserves and some were golf courses and so were not greatly disturbed by visitors, said Mrs. Draper. She showed slides of many beautiful butterflies which enjoyed the peaceful surroundings, and a large number of dragon flies were to be seen.

That rare creature the natterjack toad was there as well, along with three kinds of newt, common lizard and the much rarer sand lizard.

Very little escaped Mrs. Draper's expert eye, and she had pictures of unusual fungi, including dune stinkhorn and earth star.

It was a most colourful tapestry, and Mrs. J. E. Greenwood thanked Mrs. Draper on behalf of members.

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## CHORAL SOCIETY TO PERFORM THE MESSIAH

Many people consider that a "Good old-fashioned Christmas" begins with a performance of the Messiah. This year the Ilkley Choral Society, joined by the Otley Choral Society, will be singing this great work in Ilkley.

It is now their policy to sing it only on alternate years, interspersing it with a different piece of suitable Christmas music, last year Britten's "St. Nicolas".

The performance on 18 December will be given in St. Margaret's Church and conducted by Marcus Huxley. It will be accompanied by the St. Peter's chamber orchestra, and the splendid newly built organ.

The four notable soloists will include counter tenor Richard Hill and tenor Alan Duffield, who have both been heard to advantage on previous occasions, and soprano Elizabeth Hetherington, who made such a favourable impression when she sang in the Haydn Mass last season.

This Messiah promises to be a splendid prelude to the festive season.

## SEVENTY YEARS SINCE DEATH

10 Dec 82 OF DR. COLLYER

It is seventy years ago last week since the co-author of "Ikley Ancient and Modern" Dr. Robert Collyer died. He died at the Church of the Messiah New York, on 30 November 1912.

Five years earlier, in 1907, he had made his last visit to Ikley when he opened the public library. In 1892 he crossed the water from America to open the first Ikley Museum, which was on the premises of the Old Wesleyan Chapel at the corner of Bolton Bridge Road at the junction with Skipton Road.

At the age of 14 Dr. Collyer was apprenticed to Jackie Birch, whose smithy was where the Maypole Stores in Leeds Road, Ikley, were established for many years after the second world war.

Dr. Collyer served seven years apprenticeship with Mr. Birch, followed by five years as a journeyman. When Mr. Birch died Dr. Collyer took charge of the smithy but was not permitted to become owner as he had hoped—being regarded as too young by the Lord of the Manor, Mr. Middleton.

Dr. Collyer was married to Harriett Watson, a straw bonnet maker, from Bingley, in 1847 and the couple went to live in a stone cottage to the north of Church Street. However, in February 1849 Collyer's first wife died and their baby daughter died three days later. Both were buried in Ikley churchyard.

The double tragedy of losing his wife and daughter was a very deep and personal loss to Collyer which he regarded as very private, and throughout the rest of his life he never touched upon the matter again.

On 9 April 1850, at the age of 26 Dr. Collyer was re-married when his bride was Ann Longbottom a domestic servant of North Parade, Bradford.

During his time at Ikley Dr. Collyer had served as a class leader and lay preacher for the Wesleyans at both Ikley and Addingham but the whole course of his life was changed when he emigrated to America a short time later in 1850.

He spent eight more years at the anvil in Philadelphia. However, he severed his connections with the Methodists and became under the influence of the Unitarian doctrine. This led to him taking charge of the Unitarian Mission in Chicago and afterwards he became Minister of that Church in the City. In 1879 he left Chicago to take charge of the Church of the Messiah in New York where he remained until his death.

## IMPORTANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES MADE AT ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH 10 Dec 82

Several important archaeological discoveries have been made during excavations within the tower of Ikley Parish Church.

One of the most interesting finds was an irregular shaped piece of stone, possibly from a large tombstone or from an inscription built into a building, which bears two Latin inscriptions. The inscriptions are quite worn because it is believed the stone had been lying in the vicinity and had been worn by people walking over it. The inscriptions still

have to be deciphered.

Another major discovery was that of two pits in which bells for the church were cast in the seventeenth century, possibly between 1600 and 1630, together with the furnace in which the metal for the bells was prepared. Casts have been taken of the interior of one of the bell-casting pits to enable its later reconstruction.

At the east end of the tower at a depth of about 80 cm is a line of massive

stones, which could have been the footings for an original west wall of the church or additional strengthening for the tower arch. The stones appear to be re-used material from the Roman fort; two have deep linear grooves in them and a third is a gutter block from

a Roman road.

The excavation work, which began about four weeks ago, is being carried out prior to preparing a base to support the ninth century Anglo-

Saxon crosses at present in the churchyard.

The crosses, which have gradually been worn, are to be moved inside the church to save them from further weathering and it is hoped to have them inside the church by early next year.

The hole made during excavations will be filled with chippings and flagged over the top.

• Picture shows excavation work in progress inside the church.



# RESIDENTS FIGHT PLAN FOR ILKLEY HOME FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Bradford Council Planning Committee members are to visit a house in Ilkley on Monday before reaching a decision over a controversial planning application for its conversion to a residential home for mentally handicapped adults.

Plans for the change of use of 6, Victoria Avenue have raised a storm of protest from local residents, many of whom have lodged their objections with Bradford Council, and the application has been recommended for refusal by Ilkley Parish Council's Plans Committee.

The application, by Mrs. C. Carter and Mr. B. Slater, whose agents are Dacre, Son and Hartley, Ilkley, is for change of use from house to residential home for a maximum of eight mentally handicapped adults.

Bradford Council's decision to defer the application until after a site visit has surprised one local resident, who expected it to be rejected out of hand.

## Totally Unsited

He said the house was a five bedroomed terrace house with only small gardens, and he thought it was totally unsited to the proposed change of use.

"Taking into account the minimum of accommodation required by the staff of the proposed residential home, the space which could be allowed for use by the mentally handicapped falls very far short of the minimum recommended levels laid down in various national guidelines," he said.

"It would be an inadequate accommodation, with severely limited facilities for recreational purposes, and this would result in the overall standards of welfare falling well below and acceptable level," he added.

Immediately opposite the house is an area of land designated as an informal

play area for children, and residents feel the limited recreational facilities at 6, Victoria Avenue, would mean mentally handicapped adults would tend to use this land themselves, and unescorted.

This would mean they would encounter young children, who might be disturbed, and there was always the possibility there could be tragic consequences.

The other main dangers if the proposal went ahead were pointed out as road safety and fire.

One resident said mentally handicapped adults tended to have the mental age of children and did not understand the hazards of traffic or fire.

The house was only fifteen yards away from a very dangerous junction with the busy A65 trunk road, which could lead to the mentally handicapped walking about on their own injuring themselves or other people by causing accidents.

## Risk Of Fire

Having eight mentally handicapped people in a terrace house must also greatly increase the risk of fire which could affect adjoining properties, he went on.

Residents also feared the effect such a home would have on property values in the area. One resident said that, according to impartial professional advice he had received, the market price of his house could be reduced by fifteen to twenty per cent. The chances of selling his house would also be reduced.

In addition, on-street parking in Victoria Avenue was already at saturation level, which would leave no space left for visitors to the proposed home.

One of the other main objections was the fact that the proposal would be a purely commercial venture for the financial gain of the applicants.

"This will not be a home run by volunteers, but will be for financial reward," said a resident. "It is not acceptable in a residential area, such as this, and I am sure that if I applied for planning permission to turn my house into a shop or office it would be refused." 10 Dec 82

Across The Years 10 Dec 82

## Police Turned A Blind Eye To Children's Pleasures

### 100 Years Ago

There was keen frost in Ilkley, with twenty degrees of frost registered, together with additional light falls of snow. Local children had turned the pathways into slides, and the Ilkley Gazette deplored the danger to the older residents of the town. The local police were treating the matter leniently and turning a blind eye to the children's pleasures at the cost of many minor and some more serious accidents to pedestrians.

St. Margaret's Church was thronged with an audience assembled to witness the "Messiah" sung by a choir of 142 voices. The band was led by Mr. Acomb of Leeds and Mr. W. Dean, organist at St. Margaret's, presided at the organ. Mr. E. W. Crawley was the conductor and had organised the event.

### 75 Years Ago

To benefit the Ilkley and Wharfedale Orphanage a hockey match between the Ben Rhydding Hockey Club and the New Zealand All Blacks touring rugby team was held on the Ilkley Cricket ground. Despite a rather foggy and unpleasant afternoon it was well supported by spectators. Despite valiant efforts by the touring team the game resulted in a 2-0 win for Ben Rhydding.

The advertisement columns showed the quantity of Christmas goods available in the town. There were special lines in toy books including rag books at 6d. and 1s.; board books from 3d.; Post card albums 6d.; port, sherry and claret were 1s., 1s. 6d., and 2s. per bottle; mince-meat 6d. per jar; 18ct. gold pocket watches at £10 or in silver £4 4s.; diamond engagement rings from £1 to £100.

The town hall clock was illuminated for the first time during the first week in December, but the electric light proved too bright for the figures to be seen except at close quarters.

Mr. William Graham, former assistant at the Gateshead Free Library, entered duties as Librarian at Ilkley. His first duty was to compile a suggested list of books for the stocking of the library, as there were only 300 volumes in hand, given by Dr. Collyer, Cr. H. Mott, Mr. J. Waugh and the Swedenborg Society.

### 50 Years Ago

Described as "very impressive in its simplicity" was the Toc H. ceremonial of the bestowal of "rushlight" on the Ilkley Group of Toc H., and the initiation ceremony which followed in the club rooms in Church Street. Mr. C. G. Hodges led some rousing community singing using a wooden mallet as a baton. The light was taken to the Ilkley group by Rev. A. St. G.

Coulthurst of Leeds, and was placed on a stand to illuminate a picture of Christ. Mr. W. Walker, secretary of the Ilkley group, presented the Padre with a picture of a lamp which the Padre hung in memory of elder brethren.

A railway ganger from Railway Terrace, Ilkley, was tragically killed outside Ilkley station whilst fitting cotter pins on the down track. The sound of a goods train prevented his hearing the sound of a passenger train and he was struck by the engine full on the head and body and was dragged for some distance, being dead when assistance reached him.

Greta Garbo starred with Ramon Novarro at the Grove Picture House in "Mata Hari", the story of the life and intrigues of the famous woman spy. The supporting cast was headed by Lionel Barrymore.

### 25 Years Ago

An audience of 300, many of them children, attended a concert and quiz at the King's Hall, Ilkley, organised by the Ilkley Road Safety Committee.

Nicholas Mason played a pianoforte solo, David Gayle interpreted "The Stick Dance", Sonia Milne recited "Polly's Sunday Hat", David Parker played the euphonium, Neil Lancaster played the piano, Anne and Susan Martin danced, Howard Bancroft played the cornet, and Eric Milne recited the "Battle of Hastings". In the quiz Ilkley were beaten by Wetherby by 62 points to 47.

Elderly residents of Burley Hall were to receive the gift of a television set to mark the first anniversary of the home's opening. The money to purchase the set had been raised by subscription and gifts from interested people.

Within a week of being fixed new lavatory seats in the Ladies' conveniences in Leeds Road were removed, and rolls of toilet paper were taken as fast as they were put there. The locks had been tampered with and the "penny containers" emptied, the walls within a week were covered with "poetry" scribbled at random. Council officials were at a loss to know how to upkeep these places properly.

# COUNCILLORS FEAR ILKLEY MAY BECOME "OVER-SHOPPED" WITH A THIRD DEVELOPMENT

A plan to demolish the bus depot in South Hawksworth Street, Ilkley, for a new development which could include a cinema has not been favoured by Parish Councillors.

The Council at its monthly meeting on Monday night accepted a recommendation of its Plans Committee to ask Bradford Metropolitan Council to turn down the application. Councillors fear it will create further traffic problems and might over-shop Ilkley.

At the moment Bradford Metropolitan Council has deferred the plan 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 has been submitted by the 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. At the inquiry it was stated that the bus company had been considering closing the Ilkley bus depot if it would prove economically viable as a retail site. The plan embraced a council owned building covering about 11,000 square feet as well as the bus depot which covers about 14,000 square feet.

## Other Developments

Parish Councillors feel it would be wise to delay approval of the application until the effect of the new Hillard's Supermarket and the Shop and Stores Development on the railway station site had been assessed.

At the Parish Council's meeting on Monday night Cr. Mrs. M. Renton said that whilst the plan looked very desirable they were faced with the same problems they faced two years ago when an application for a food store on the adjoining site was submitted.

Food stores engendered daily deliveries by vehicles which would have to approach the site from the trunk road via Church Street or Brook Street and West Parade. Access to the site was shown on the plan as higher up Cunliffe Road which would have to allow two-way traffic again. The problems relating to the plan were similar to those of a plan which was the subject of a planning appeal last year and which was not approved, said Cr. Mrs. M. Renton.

A start on another new development known as the Wharfedale Centre to occupy part of the railway site and to front on to Brook Street was due to start next year. This new Centre would provide about twenty shops and a new Woolworths store and consequently would increase the number of shops in the town considerably.

By-passes for Addingham and Bury were among the "gaping gaps" in the Yorkshire and Humbershire network described by Mr. Kenneth Cannell, Director of the British Road Federation.

URGES ACTION  
OVER BY-PASSES

Cr. Mrs. L. Carney, of Menston, thought the site could be better utilised as a sports complex for the town instead of just another shopping development.

Cr. Shelton did not think it was in order that a sub-committee should put forward views to another Council without first of all receiving the approval of that Council it was acting for. "I will support the recommendation of the Plans Committee and I think that should be sufficient at this stage. After all we do have the right to write as individuals. I can not support the suggestion for another sub-committee," said Cr. Shelton.

Cr. Mrs. Cussons said a "refusal" for the application had been refused out of hand by Bradford. She thought if nothing more was done by the Parish Council then the application would go through at Bradford.

"If this Parish Council wants to absolve itself of its duties to this town then all very well but I will do my best for the town as a District Councillor. I had hoped they would have welcomed this suggestion," said Cr. Mrs. Cussons.

"I think she has misunderstood what has been said," said Cr. Shelton.

The proposal that a small sub-committee be formed to put the Council's views to Bradford received no support with ten Councillors voting against it.

The Chairman, Cr. Hill said it now meant that it would be left to individual Councillors to make their own comments to Bradford in time for the meeting on 23 December.

## Defer It

Cr. J. M. Shelton said when the Council opposed the application for a food store by the Co-operative Society it stated it would not object to small units there. However, they must make sure the units at the new Wharfedale Centre were used first as he would not like to see empty shops around the town. The application should be deferred and only looked at again after the completion of the Wharfedale Centre.

Chairman of the Parish Council's Plans Committee, Cr. C. D. Poole said at the Committee's last meeting most of those points had been raised and discussed and were framed within the Committee's recommendation which had been accepted that evening by the Council.

"We as a Parish Council have done all we can regarding this particular application and Bradford Metropolitan Council had deferred making a decision on it to give the general public time to make any observations on it.

"The matter is now out of our hands and it is now up to the general public to respond to Bradford's request for comments and only if there is plenty of strong comments will they change that deferment to opposition and throw it out," said Cr. Poole.

Bradford District Councillor and Parish Councillor, Mrs. B. J. Cussons thought the Parish Council should assemble its own views to place before Bradford and the Chairman to the Council. Cr. W. R. Hill pointed out the Council had already written to the Department of Transport drawing attention to the Council's particular concern over traffic problems which would be created if the new development was permitted.

## Fed Up

Suggestions that the Council should form a special sub-committee to prepare the Council's case for opposing the plans were attacked by Cr. Poole who said he was fed up to the back teeth with small sub-committees and went



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## SURVEY REVEALS THAT ILKLEY TRADERS WOULD NOT CHANGE THEIR OPENING TIMES

Following criticism over the variable opening times of shops in Ilkley, the Chamber of Trade has carried out a survey which reveals that, in general, traders feel standard opening times would be advantageous.

However, although 55 said standard hours would be an advantage while only 37 said they would not, many said they would not consider changing their hours.

Questionnaires were sent to traders in Ilkley mainly to ascertain what present opening times were and whether shops would consider changing them to bring them in to line with others.

Ninety-four questionnaires were answered and the majority said they would not consider changing their opening times. One trader commented: "There are very few things the local businessmen can decide for themselves, but opening times is one of them." Sixty-two traders said they would not change their hours, while 28 said they would consider it and four said they didn't know.

### On Wednesday

The survey showed that Wednesday was the day when most shops closed, either for the whole day or just half. Thirty traders offered a full six day service and nine opened on Sundays as well.

It was revealed that Ilkley's standard opening time is 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and the majority of traders closed on all bank holidays.

The questionnaire also asked whether traders thought Ilkley's shopping centre needed to be promoted and the majority did. Sixty-nine said "yes" while only 22 said they didn't think it needed promoting. Forty-two traders said they would consider supporting the promotion of Ilkley through the local press, television and special events.

Many traders supported the idea of staging a promotional event next year, on the lines of "a shopping fortnight" or a shoppers fair in the Kings Hall. A shopping fortnight, where a minimum cost would be borne by retailers, appeared to be the most popular suggestion. Twenty-five said they would be willing to assist in organising such an event.

### Very few

Mr. Clive Stainer, who analysed the completed questionnaire, said "in general, whereas it is considered to be advantageous to

### New sewer underneath Railway

Work is now in progress on the provision of a sewerage system for the new Hillards development in Springs Lane, Ilkley.

One way traffic is in operation at the junction of Golden Butts Road with Railway Road to allow a trench to be dug underneath the railway to connect up with the development.

have standard hours, very few are prepared to alter their opening times. In fact, certain shops that would consider altering their opening hours are already operating a full six day service and perhaps these might be considering closing for half or a whole day a week.

"I feel the largest area where we might be able to increase the service to the general public is during the Bank Holiday periods and this would only be implemented if Ilkley could promote its appeal as a tourist attraction."

### Property damaged by winds

Gale force winds which swept Wharfedale on Wednesday caused damage to property in the Ilkley district. Garages, fences, gates and roofs all suffered and part of the footpath along The Grove outside Studio 68 was taped off when slates from roof tops were blown off and crashed to the ground.

Another casualty was one of Ilkley's Christmas trees in Brook Street which toppled over when the wind snapped the tree at its trunk. There was no flooding as the River Wharfe kept within its banks despite the strong winds which usually contributes to the river overflowing its banks.

### YOUNG DOG STILL SEEKING SOMEONE TO CARE FOR HIM

The young dog taken in by Ilkley vet's Braithwaite and Harrison after an accident in the Wyvil Crescent area of Ilkley is still without a home.

After an appeal for the original owner or a new owner to come forward was published in last week's "Gazette", the future looked bright for the black cross bred when a man visited the vet's and agreed to take the dog home.

However, the dog was back at Braithwaite and Harrison's on Monday morning after the new owner decided he could not keep it.

There was also an enquiry from someone who thought it belonged to them but this was not so.

The dog was to be put down as it was not claimed, but Mrs. Braithwaite agreed that she had grown quite attached to it.

"We are very reluctant to put him down because he is such a beautiful and friendly dog. We are going to hold on to him as long as possible and just hope someone will come forward soon," she said.

### 17 Dec 82 EXPLORATION OF UPPER WHARFEDALE

A colourful exploration of Upper Wharfedale was presented by Mr. Jack Hepworth, of Addingham, to a Public Meeting arranged by Ilkley Civic Society at Church House, Ilkley, by means of slides and a Yorkshire commentary on tape, by Mrs. Doreen Beacham.

The slides, expertly taken to demonstrate the contrasting shapes and shades of this lovely dale, with its limestone ribs and outcrops catching every gleam of light, were a joy to the eye. From Outer-shaw Moss to Grassington the audience was led through valleys, villages and woods—the camera sought out bridges and buildings—the commentator filled in with details of history and architecture. The Pied Piper of musical accompaniment charmed them along the Dale, starting with the River Moldau music at the head of the dale, Hansel and Gretel through Littondale ending with March of Spring, by the Yorkshire composer, Delius, as they wandered round Grassington's winding streets, secretive rights-of-way, enjoyed close-ups of its craftsmen—built houses, and some colourful gardens. The strains of "the oak and the ash, and the bonny rowan tree" filtered through to remind them of the beauties of the "north country".

Enjoying a cup of tea afterwards, many of the people at the meeting asked questions of Mr. Hepworth and said how much they had enjoyed being taken on this Dale's journey.

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## MORE DEVELOPMENT IS NEEDED, SAYS CIVIC SOCIETY'S CHAIRMAN

The chairman of Ilkley Civic Society has said that more new development is needed in Ilkley to create jobs.

Mr. Graham May told an employment forum at the Winter Gardens, Ilkley "I want to employ more people in Ilkley we are going to have to have buildings in which to employ them."

"I am speaking personally and not for the Civic Society. One of the things the society does is to oppose new development in Ilkley but these two things do not fit together."

"If we want more jobs in Ilkley we will have to have more development," he said. Mr. Michael Ware, an Ilkley representative for NUPE, complained that although job creation schemes were being run by Bradford Council there were no Ilkley youths on them.

"To do work on Ilkley Moor they are employing youngsters from Bradford and Keighley. There is to be some landscaping in Ilkley and that will also be carried out by outside people," he said.

"Ilkley Parish Council should put pressure on Bradford Council to make sure these positions are given to the young people of Ilkley," he said.

Mr. Ware accused Bradford Council of trying to reduce staff at Ilkley in "vicious" ways. "They undermine the work done here by opening big factories in Bradford," he said. "For example, a cook and chill scheme has been opened in Bradford but for this they are shutting three school meal kitchens in the Ilkley area. The Grammar School kitchen has already closed and they are to close Bolling Road, Ben Rhydding, and Aireville Terrace, Burley."

"They are taking jobs away from this area," he said.

Mr. Edmund Butler, a member of Executives in Action (EXACT), said there was

'deplorable prejudice' against the unemployed.

He said some members of EXACT had applied for jobs but when it had been discovered they were unemployed they had been rejected straight away.

It was decided a steering sub-committee, comprising representatives of local groups and organisations and the unemployed, should be set up to discuss ways of tackling unemployment.

It will include representatives of Ilkley Parish Council, Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade, Ilkley College, Ilkley Grammar School, a small local employer and a trade union and three unemployed people.

## Ilkley Schoolgirl Writes Carol

An eight year old girl, a pupil at All Saints' First School, Ilkley, has written her own Christmas carol.

Elizabeth Senior called her carol "I Like Christmas Time" and the four-verse song is to the tune of "White Shepherds Watched".

## Christmas waste disposal times

The household waste site in Golden Butts Road, Ilkley will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25 and 26 December) and will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on 27 and 28 December.

It will be closed on New Year's Day and will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on 2 and 3 January.

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## PLANS FOR HOME FOR HANDICAPPED TURNED DOWN

A proposal to convert a house at Ilkley into a home for eight mentally handicapped people was unanimously refused planning permission by Bradford Council's Planning Sub-Committee on Wednesday.

Members had earlier visited the house in Victoria Avenue after a storm of protest from local residents. They were so united in opposition to the plan that there was no further discussion at the meeting.

The reasons agreed for the refusal were that the property was unsuitable for the proposed use because it lacked sufficient private amenity space for car parking off the highway. It was considered that the proposed use would cause undesirable street parking to the detriment of pedestrian and vehicular safety and the residential amenities at neighbouring houses.

The building is a five bed-roomed terrace house with a small garden.

## ILKLEY RESIDENT AND MAGISTRATE DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Ruth Beck, who died suddenly at her home in St. James Road, Ilkley, was born at York in 1914 the youngest of four children of Francis and Mary Pollard and granddaughter of Dr. Robert Spence Watson, of Gateshead—John Morley's political agent and for some years President of the National Liberal Federation.

On her father's appointment as full-time paid secretary of the National Peace Council in 1920 the family moved to Reading, where she attended the Abbey School, and later the Mount School, York.

In 1929 her love of swimming earned her the Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society. She graduated in French at Reading University.

She was a birthright member of the Society of Friends and when she married at the Quaker Meeting House in Reading in June 1941, her husband, then a non-combatant in the RAPC, obtained permission to be married in civilian clothes. Together they established a branch of Federal Union in Reading, which she continued to organise when her husband was later commissioned in the R.A. (Field).

She registered as a C.O. and used her secretarial skills learned at the Triangle Secretarial College in London to assist the British Federation of University Women when they were evacuated from London to Reading.

In March, 1945, she established a home in Muswell Hill, London, where her husband joined her on his demobilisation in 1946 and where the two youngest of her four children were born. The family moved to St. Albans in 1951, where she was actively involved from the start in the local Liberal Association, contesting (unsuccessfully) a County Council seat, and becoming President of the local association. Her special interest in Education brought her membership of the Liberal Party Education Committee in London. Another of her concerns led her to serve for some years on the executive

committee of the Pedestrians Association for Road Safety, as well as the local Road Safety Committee.

When invited, unexpectedly, to become a Magistrate, she realised it was the work she most wanted to do, like her father before in Reading. She was one of the first women on the St. Albans Bench not to wear a hat and the local press featured this when she moved to Ilkley "bah't at" in 1976, following her husband's retirement from the Ombudsman's Office in 1975. Her transfer to the Keighley Bench was effected in 1977 and her last Courts were at Keighley, the Domestic Court and as Chairman of No. 1 Court in November.

She was a member of the Civic Society, Olicana Society Wharfedale Naturalists, the Liberal Party Association, the United Nations Association and Ilkley Peace Action Group.

## ILKLEY RESIDENT FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE

Mr. James Clifford Morton, who recently died at the age of 72 after a long illness, was an Ilkley resident for most of his life.

He will be remembered by old residents of Ilkley as the Manager of W. H. Hampshire of Brook Street, High Class greengrocers in the pre and post war years, and also a Liberal member of Ilkley Urban District Council in the early 1960's.

He served in the Royal Signals during the war years, and was also a member of the Ilkley Bowling Club, the Liberal Club, the Royal British Legion and in his youth a keen member of Ilkley Cricket Club.

He leaves a widow and a son.

## Traditional Start To Festivities At Ilkley School



Pictured are infants from All Saints' First School, Ilkley, who took part in two services which traditionally start Christmas festivities at the school.

The main part of the services comprised a play. It started with a lady inviting some carol singers into her home to tell them the story of the first Christmas, and then after the story of the Nativity

presented gifts to the Christ child. The hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was sung and prayers were said.

Junior pupils went to All Saints' Church, Ilkley, for their Christmas Service. They narrated and acted the Christmas story and hymns and carols were sung. Pieces by a violin duet and recorder groups provided a

Collections taken at all three services raised £91 towards the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Several of the children who took part in a sunflower sponsorship scheme for the Church of England Children's Society in the summer attended a Christingle Service at St. John's Church, Ben Rhydding and this week—the

The School Association of parents and staff has produced a school Christmas card for the third consecutive year. It depicts Joseph leading Mary on a donkey to Bethlehem.

An end of term assembly today (Friday) brought the school's Christmas activities to a close, with all pupils meeting to sing by

## Here We Go Again!

Sir.—Regarding proposed conversion of house for use as residential home for eight mentally handicapped adults.

Here we go again! The same old "reasons" are trotted out every time Bradford Council tries to help a very small proportion of the underprivileged by bringing them to Ilkley. This time, however, an Ilkley resident wants us on the one hand to believe that he/she is concerned at the smallness of the house and lack of recreational facilities inside, whilst on the other hand suggesting that it might be a terrible thing if the mentally handicapped were to share a conveniently placed recreational ground across the street with children! In my experience, young children and the handicapped get on well with each other because both groups accept each other as they are, and this is a fine example which the rest of us would be wise to try and emulate.

I'm sorry, but I doubt if there could ever be a "perfect" site for these people, and certainly never will be in the eyes of the objectors. Objections can always be made by those who simply do not wish their less fortunate brethren to live near to them, or to be allowed to share in a limited way just one or two of the freedoms which the rest of us are privileged to enjoy all the time.

It is proposed to convert the house so that it will be fit for this use. There will be staff there. So, if it is decided that this particular house is suitable, then all that can be done for all concerned will be done. If, however, the Council decides it is not suitable, then another site will have to be found, and as long as it is in a residential area, not less than a mile away from other people, then we will once again be assailed with these same old objections, plus a few more if anyone is inventive enough to think of some!

Surely it is better to do as Phyllis Carroll said about the Asian girls and let us just see what happens if these people do come. My guess is that 95 per cent of the objections will be proved groundless and the other 5 per cent will be adequately dealt with.

Some of these handicapped people have spent their whole lives locked away from the rest of society and yet they have done nothing wrong. Why should they continue to be so condemned? How would any of us like to be so deprived for almost a lifetime? How many of us actually know what it is like never to see a child or a dog or a shop?

We all belong to the same human race. So, all I am saying is: For Goodness' sake, give them a chance!

THAT OTHER RESIDENT

## Home for handicapped

Sir.—Reading the article in the Gazette last week concerning the opposition to the setting up of a home for the mentally handicapped in Victoria Avenue, I was struck by the similarity of some of the arguments against the venture to those against the setting up of a home for immigrant girls in Richmond Place. While I have every sympathy with some of the fears of the local residents for the welfare and safety of the proposed inhabitants of the building, I deplore the lack of willingness to share some of the amenities and beauties and advantages of Ilkley with less fortunate people.

After the year of the disabled, the Warnock report, and the 1981 Education Act, all of which are aimed at integrating the handicapped as far as possible into normal society, it seems that we should take every opportunity

Understandable  
But Negative

Sir.—Chamber of Trade Fun Run—The opinion expressed by John Connors last week is understandable, but negative when examined.

Before the Chamber of Trade took responsibility for the Christmas Lights three years ago, we obviously debated the same viewpoint, but concluded that Bradford could not afford to provide Christmas lights, and would be wrong to give this priority when more necessary services for the old and needy had been cut.

As traders in a "Nation of Shopkeepers" we recognised that some imagination and a bit of old fashioned "get up and go" was called for. It is not our way to sit back and wait for something to happen—such complacency reaps its own rewards—so we acted.

Our initiative encouraged the council to loan us the lights each year (other districts are not so favoured) and to erect two illuminated Christmas trees to enhance our lighting. Should Council thinking change on the policy of Christmas lights in Bradford District we will be first in the queue to get our "rates" worth.

Whilst disagreeing with John on the former, we do share his concern about value given for rates paid, but investigation into this would open up a complete new can of worms.

When the traders of the town first decided to finance the lights, as a "thank you" to the public for their custom, the bill was £1,500. Last year the cost came to £2,200, and was financed by business contributions of £1,600, proceeds from the Chamber of Trade Black and White Hats Cricket Match and Trades Fair, and supplemented by £100, donations from service clubs and the public.

This year the cost could be £2,400. Approximately £300 will come from the 400 people who took part in last week's Chamber of Trade Fun Run—a wonderful afternoon of sport organised by Dennis Read. Requests to contribute have been made by Ilkley residents' so collecting boxes have been left on certain shop counters and cheques can be left at the Yorkshire Bank or with any committee members. Hopefully service clubs can help again, but the majority will come from contributions from Ilkley businesses.

VINCENT L. DOBSON  
President Ilkley and  
District Chamber of Trade  
and Commerce

## "We ran the race"

Sir.—Ilkley fun run was a community occasion, enjoyed by runners and spectators alike. How fine that the many youngsters and a few old codgers could say, "We did it, we ran the race, we helped bring the happiness of the Christmas lights."

How sad the attitude of those like John Connor ("Ilkley Gazette" 10 Dec.) who think that everything should be provided by "them".

I am sure that all runners, knowing that events like this do not just happen, thank Denis Read and his team for their efforts and look forward to next time.

Who knows, 1,000 runners, more exciting lights? Enterprise brings its rewards.

PAUL C. WHITE

Moorlands,  
Maxwell Road,  
Ben Rhydding.

Footnote: The writer has taken part in many events, including 17 full marathons, since he started running three years ago at the age of 57. In this time he has raised

## ACROSS THE YEARS 17 Dec 82

"Marvellous" Food Stocks  
For Christmas 1882

## 100 Years Ago

For Christmas 1882 Ilkley's shops were full of a "super abundance of eatables" with most of the meat and poultry being locally reared and fed. Mr. Keighley had a fine display of game and poultry and Mr. Beaulands and Mr. Walmsley's, grocers shops, had marvellous stocks of cheeses, dried fruits and tinned meats of every description. There were Chinese lanterns to decorate Christmas trees and amusing toys and books to be bought. The selection of Christmas and New Year cards was described as being "truly magnificent."

Large number of parents and friends were present for the distribution of prizes to pupils for regular attendance at the Ilkley National Schools. The infants greeted the visitors with a spirited musical salute "The Railway Train is Starting Now". Mr. Gaunt presented the prizes, the best of which went to Charlotte Titterton who had only missed once and to Charles Chippendale who had missed twice.

In the evening prizes were distributed to the older children by Rev. A. C. Downer, Vicar of Ilkley, who admonished the children to be honest, industrious, truthful and loyal to their teachers.

## 75 Years Ago

A "large and fashionable audience" attended the first annual concert associated with Ilkley Grammar School. The 60 voice choir had been trained by Mr. Isaac Hirst, the singing master, and they contributed two and three-part songs. Miss Muriel Crawshaw sang three charming solos, and the violin solos were played by Miss Robinson, a local player. Mr. Hirst and Mr. W. J. C. Wood (a master at the school) played pianoforte duets and two other masters Mr. A. B. Downing and Mr. R. S. Greaves rendered amusing solos. The accompanists were Mr. Wood and Miss Crawshaw.

Mr. L. M. Wilkinson trained and conducted the ninety voice choir who sang Messiah at St. John's Church, Ben Rhydding. There was a large congregation and the singing was described as being both "powerful and effective."

Dinsdale and Co., The Grove Ilkley, offered whisky for Christmas from 2s. 6d. per bottle, Old Cognac Brandy at 3/- to 4/6; Choice old Claret from 1/- to 2/- and finest London Gin at 2/2 and 2/6 a bottle. Shuttleworth had boxed Christmas cards at 6d., 1s., 1s. 6d. per box and new Christmas post cards at 1d. each. Wilkinson's of Brook Street, had English turkeys from 10d. to 1s. 2nd per lb. and fine geese from 8d. to 10d. per lb. Xmas trees were on sale from 6d. each.

## 50 Years Ago

Ilkley Grammar School's Christmas concert was open to members of the public for the first time in 1932. They were welcomed by Mr. R. W. Evans in the absence

through illness of the headmaster, Mr. Frazer. The sixth form gave another concert which was only shown to the staff and boys and which took the form of a "Music Hall" and aimed to show the rest of the school that their sixth formers were not just the scholastic autocrats they appeared to be.

It was announced that due to the retirement through ill health of Mr. N. L. Frazer, Mr. W. B. Hillis, Senior Classical Master at Leeds Grammar School had been appointed as headmaster of Ilkley Grammar School. His appointment would start on 29 April, 1933. Mrs. Hillis, a Graduate of Medicine, held an appointment with the West Riding County Council as Medical Inspector of school-children.

Carol singers were busy around the town. Favourite carols amongst the children were "Good King Wenceslas" and "Noel", and clear favourites with the adult voices were "Christians Awake", "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "While Shepherds Watched" and "O, Come All Ye Faithful."

The outlook for Christmas 1932 was pretty bleak owing to the vast numbers of unemployed persons. It compared the bad times to the "hungry nineties" which was a time when there was much suffering, but the small unemployment benefit in 1932 meant that there was no actual starvation as in the "bad old days".

## 25 Years Ago

A record membership of 379 was reported at the annual meeting of Ilkley Golf Club, in 1957. Mr. T. L. Davidson was elected president.

There were happy Christmas parties at all the schools during the weeks leading up to Christmas 1957. There were also nativity plays, tableaux, dances and carol services. Children at the County Infants School gave a particularly successful nativity play with every child in the school taking part. Leading parts were taken by Cion Stewart Anthony Ingie, Janet Knight, Michael Anderson, Helen Cartwright, Diann Popplewell, Anne Wright, Steven Glover, Stephen Dring, David Miller, Timothy Barker, Jimmy Green, and Pamela Connelly.

The College of Housecraft (now Ilkley College) loaned their main hall to pupils of the Ilkley Secondary School for their pre-Christmas concert. The most ambitious item was a selection from Handel's Messiah with three soloists.—Pamela Sarsby, Penelope Heap and Roy Dodsworth singing most movingly.

Market prices for turkeys were 6s. 6d. per lb., chickens 5s. per lb., 3s. 3d. for boiling fowls. Tangerines were 3d each, dates 1/10 per box, chestnuts 1/6 per lb., sprouts 1/- per lb. and tomatoes 1/9 per lb. Holly was for sale at 1/3 per quarter lb., and misceltoe at 6d. per quarter.

WELL STOCKED SHOPS  
ATTRACT VISITORS

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## ILKLEY LIVES UP TO ITS REPUTATION AS A CHRISTMAS BOOM TOWN

Despite the recession, Ilkley has again lived up to its reputation of being a Christmas boom town.

Shopkeepers attributed this to shoppers coming in from out of town to take advantage of the well stocked shops, which could offer good individual service and reasonable facilities for car parking.

The heavy snows of 1981 had a somewhat adverse effect on luxury shopping in the pre-Christmas period, but this year weather conditions have been better.

An attractive addition to Ilkley's shops has been the new arcade development in Church Street, and the Christmas decorations inside the arcade have been particularly attractive. The provision of Santa Claus and the carol singers dressed in Victorian dress have added to the atmosphere. On the Saturdays before Christmas the Arcade gift shops have been crammed with shoppers, taking advantage of the unusual goods on offer.

The greengrocer has had a good display of Christmas fruits and nuts and Christmas trees, and has had to make up orders for Christmas to avoid the rush.

### Attractive Displays

Shops in the leading thoroughfares have had attractive window displays and it has been a pleasure for Christmas present shoppers to walk around the town. There is little need to go out of Ilkley this year, as goods of every imaginable kind are available. The gift shops have most attractive ideas for presents and the service given to shoppers is as excellent as ever.

Traders commented that people have spent money freely but have become discerning in their choice of gift. Now prices are high, quality and usefulness play a big part in the choice.

A spokesman for a leading hardware shop said that trade had been excellent. Practical gifts offered value for money and there had been a good sale for D.I.Y. tools—a boom in the tool department.

The food stores in the town have plenty of high quality luxury items as well as necessities. There must be very little that can not be purchased in Ilkley town centre, from a huge selection of cheeses and game to fine wines, exotic fruits and a wide variety of health foods.

There has been some difficulty in obtaining specific electrical goods, where stocks of smaller items have proved to be inadequate, and for these it has been necessary to shop out of town.

### Cutting Down

The wine and spirit merchants seem to be finding that customers are either cutting down on their drink bills, or they are going out of town to the larger supermarkets to buy cut price bottles, as the weather this year has not hindered transport. They report takings down on the

snowy 1982 season. There is a feeling too that the growing home brewing of wines and beer is having an adverse effect on their trade.

The ladies clothing trade has been rather slow in the town, shoppers tending to wait for the sales to purchase larger items, or perhaps to see if they have money to spare for a new outfit at the last moment. The sale, however, of new accessories to up-date last year's party clothes has been very good, and hats have come into their own again with the younger women as well as the old. Customers have even in the more exclusive stores been trying to "bargain" for the goods on sale.

Mr. Vincent Dobson, President of Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade, said that in general business had been good.

### No Complaints

He said that trading in fruit, food and cakes and confectionery had been good. "Fruit traders have had no complaints, with sales better than expected, and the food trade has been better than at the same time last year," said Mr. Dobson.

However, the stationery and toys trade had been disappointing. "It has not been as busy as usual amongst this section of traders, and they put this down mainly to the fact that people are being attracted by the lower prices of discount centres," he said.

### Carol Successes For Local Man

Simon Reynolds, of St. Paul's Rise, Addingham—a sixth form pupil at St. Mary's Catholic School, Menston—was runner-up in the Bach Choir Carol competition with his own composition.

The competition was judged by Sir David Wilcox, Director of the Royal College of Music.

Simon, who is organist and choir master at Burley Parish Church, was also overall winner in the Bradford Cathedral Carol Competition open to the Bradford Diocese and will be presented with his award by Mr. Brandon Jackson.

Susan Farrer, Joan Mawson, Judith Fairbank and Kirstie Mowat.

There was an attendance of 124 for the Christmas party of Menston Darby and Joan Club. Mrs. Sharpe was hostess and carols were sung throughout the afternoon, with Mrs. Lightowler at the piano. Prizewinners were Mr. J. Clayton, Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Dobson, Mr. Oxberry, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Beaumont, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lovemore, Mrs. Craven and Mrs. Andrews. Entertainment was provided by Mr. Geoffrey Knowles (accordion and xylophone) and Miss Jessie Rhodes (piano).

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## HAPPY ENDING FOR HOMELESS YOUNG DOG

The story of the homeless young dog which faced an uncertain future if an owner was not found has ended happily.

The black cross bred was taken in by Ilkley vet's Braithwaite and Harrison after an accident in the Wyvil Crescent area of Ilkley, and an appeal for the original owner or a new owner to come forward was made in the "Gazette".

Until this week a few enquiries had been made but a home for it had still not been found, but then Mrs. Braithwaite received a telephone call.

"It was from a client," said Mrs. Braithwaite. "She said she had seen a story in the 'Gazette' about the dog and was interested in offering a home. She took it home with her and is delighted with it," said Mrs. Braithwaite.

"Thanks to the 'Gazette' the dog's future is now secure" she added.

## 24 DEC 82 WIDE RANGE OF COURSES ON OFFER

Seven thousand copies of a course information booklet are going out to school fifth years, with many more going to college students, unemployed young people and those on Youth Opportunity Programme Schemes. The "After 16" booklet sets out the choice of courses available in September 1983, and has been produced by Bradford Councils 16-19 Education Unit.

Schools, Colleges and the Youth and Community Service have joined together to put on an increasingly wide range of courses. They hope that teenagers will realise that there is more on offer now than just traditional 'O' and 'A' levels.

For example, there are City and Guilds, Business Education Council, and Technician Education Council courses, plus more informal offerings including leisure activities and residential courses. The main message is that the booklet has been produced to show young people that there is a wide range of options available to them. Indeed, in the last two years, an extra 600 young people have chosen to start a new programme of Education Studies, and it is anticipated that there will be further increase next September.

Further details of courses may be obtained from local schools, the College or the Careers Service.

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**WAITING LIST FOR NEW TALKING NEWSPAPER**

A waiting list has been opened for Ilkley's Talking Newspaper for the blind and partially blind following its successful launch this year.

The Newspaper's Committee has with regret had to refuse application and had opened a waiting list.

This is dominated by two factors. There is now no shortage of volunteers to keep the scheme going but there is a shortage of money. The existing equipment is able to make only two copies at a time so before the list of "customers" can be extended, a second copier is essential. This alone needs £1400. Then even when that is achieved and a boudle quantity of tapes can be made, service will still be limited to those visually or otherwise handicapped persons who already own a cassette player. So more money is required to buy a further supply of recorders to lend out where needed. It is sad to have to say "No. Please wait".

What can the seeing public do to help? "Plenty" says a committee member.

1. Donations can be contributed to the cost of the second copier or can be used to buy yet another cassette player.

Donations can be sent to the Hon. Treasurer: David Waddingham, 9 Olicana Park.

2. The gift of a cassette player can be suitably inscribed in the name of the donor. These can be acquired for about £17

3. As families purchase more sophisticated equipment for use in the home, it is likely that some people have small cassette players no longer in use. The committee would be delighted to accept these for use by blind people.

4. Two major fund raising events are planned for May and July. The fund-raising Committee is already instituting a sponsorship and covenanting scheme. This latter, once the extra equipment is in operation, will ensure a steady maintenance income.

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**CONCERNED OVER DANGER ROAD BETWEEN ILKLEY AND ADDINGHAM**

Concern over the notorious stretch of three-lane road between Ilkley and Addingham was expressed when Chief Superintendent Bernard Burke of Keighley Police Division met Addingham Parish Councillors at their December meeting.

The Chairman, Cr. Alan Jerome, said they had discussed the problem of this "race track" last month, and within a matter of days there had been another fatal accident.

The parish council had continually asked for the road to be made into two lanes, and had made the point that something would only be done if they continued to have bad accidents there.

Cr. F. E. Woodward said the design of the road was manifestly at fault. The Ministry of Transport should admit they had made a mistake and rectify it.

It had been suggested that the white lines should be altered to allow alternate overtaking by traffic travelling in different directions, but he felt this was only a not very satisfactory halfmeasure. It would be better to press clearly for a proper solution such as a solid white line down the middle of the carriageway, he added.

Cr. Jerome said the speed of traffic was a factor in some accidents, but in places it was possible to have cars overtaking in the central lane from opposite directions.

Chief Superintendent Burke promised to press for something to be done about the road. He felt it would help if the speed limit was reduced to 40mph to bring it more into line with Addingham and Ilkley at either end of this

stretch.

He pointed out that there was no lighting on the three lane stretch, whereas there was street lighting through both Addingham and Ilkley, which made the problem worse at night.

Cr. Jerome felt it would help if only the areas around the road junctions were lighted.

Cr. John Wells said it would be a tragedy if they had to wait for more fatal accidents before some improvement was made. He was particularly concerned about the road safety aspects of re-routing Skipton buses along the three-lane new road following the temporary closure of the old road. He felt the police should give their views on this to the relevant authority.

Cr. Jerome agreed that the whole council unanimously believed there should be no bus stops allowed on that road, even if bus lay-bys were created. The parish council had been fighting this re-routing, but he believed they would have a stronger case if the Police supported them on a road safety point of view.

He also felt that an "Accident Black Spot" sign on the three lane road might encourage drivers to take more care.

Chief Superintendent Burke said the Police were consulted about road safety, and promised to seek expert advice on how the road could be made safer.

## Advice For The Middle Aged At Christmas

### 100 Years Ago

Ilkley Free Press recording the Christmas festivities of 1882 stated "few people of middle age view with equanimity the festivities the present season brings with it.

"This often makes them unjust to those who at the extremes of life are able to enjoy the good things if only indulged with moderation. Middle aged prejudice is usually severe against plum pudding, yet this article is a highly efficient food yielding a force equivalent to 250 foot tons."

It was also described as a good source of fat and so should be preferable to the so called more "wholesome cakes". The reason for the middle aged views was given that man in the prime of life was a martyr to dyspepsia by reason of sensitivity of his gastric nerves, then in later life when "the nerves are blunted he should be able to partake of food and drink with the courage and success of a boy."

### 75 Years Ago

The question of sewerage disposal for the residents of Middleton came before the Wharfedale Rural Council when it was agreed that land should be purchased from the Wharfedale Estate Company at a price of 2s. per square yard for the erection of a pumping station. The site was to be selected by Mr. Johnson, the Council's Engineer, and it was to be in the vicinity of the Crum Wheel. An application was to be made to the Local Government Board to borrow £2,500 to carry out the work.

Children of the Ilkley and Wharfedale Orphanage and Children's Home had a very

pleasant Christmas treat with a fine substantial tea and presents from a large Christmas tree. They had a lantern show by Mr. Akers, with Miss Gladys Knight telling the stories. Money for the treat was donated by many of the local townspeople as well as gifts and clothing for the use of the children.

### 50 Years Ago

Ilkley Gliding Club held its first annual dinner at the Lister's Arms Hotel with Mr. W. E. Dinsdale presiding. Mr. Dinsdale outlined the progress made by the club and said that some of the home-trained pilots could fly from Beamsley Beacon and land in Ilkley. Three members had gained their "C" certificates the highest qualification in gliding. They were Mr. Bernard Hartley, Mr. J. K. Watson and Mr. S. M. Thompson.

School was a happy place in the week leading up to Christmas Eve with parties, Christmas trees, visits from Santa Claus, and concerts given to the parents.

Despite the times of unemployment and recession Ilkley hotels had record bookings for the Christmas period. The Royal Hotel had been fully booked since October, and they offered a dinner dance to non-residents at 5/6 per head. Wells House, Craiglands Hydro, The Troutbeck Hotel and the Middleton Hotel were also fully booked and had a full programme planned including children's parties, dinner dances, cabaret and masked balls.

### 25 Years Ago

Despite a continued lack of support for their efforts Ilkley Choral Society presented their annual performance of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio". The performance which was conducted by Mr. C. Bainbridge was of a high standard with Mr. R. Tong playing the organ accompaniment.

Several hundred patients were expected to attend the Patients' Christmas Party at Menston Hospital, and for the Christmas dinner over 700 Christmas puddings were to be served together with 120 turkeys and 2 cwt. of mincemeat had been purchased to make the mince pies.

Market price for turkeys was 6s. 6d. per lb.; for geese and ducks 5s. per lb., mixed nuts 2/6 per lb., tangerines 3d each and holly was selling at 1/3 per lb.

## CONSIDERING NEXT MOVE OVER HOME FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

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Two people whose plans to convert an Ilkley terrace house into a home for up to eight mentally handicapped adults were turned down by Bradford Metropolitan Council are now considering their next move.

Mr. Brian Slater and Mrs. Chris Carter, who sold their house and half their possessions to finance their venture, are now living in a rented cottage in Nesfield.

Their plans to convert number 6 Victoria Avenue into a home created a storm of protest among local residents, many of whom wrote to the planning authority. The application was turned down after planners visited the site and decided it was unsuitable because of lack of private parking amenities and because it would have a detrimental effect on road safety and residential amenities.

"There are thousands of mentally handicapped people classed as patients in understaffed hospitals who are there simply because there is nowhere else to go. To them, and to others in local authority homes, a single or twin-bedded room, furnished with washbasin and central heating coupled with a homely and uninstitutional atmosphere, would be the ultimate luxury.

### No Incursion

"With a maximum of eight and an average of five, it would hardly have been an incursion on the locality.

"As for the lack of recreational space—our aim is to get people into the community, not as some people would prefer behind high garden walls and locked doors. We were also prepared to be very selective in our choice of resident.

"As for the accusation that 'financial gain' was the motive, it seems to be a commonly held view that those who perform a social service should work for nothing," said Mr. Slater and Mrs. Carter. "But 'job satisfaction' never did pay the bills.

"Without financial gain how would we live? Rather than making a killing, it would have been touch and go as to whether we would make enough to cover the loans and expenses.

"People always say 'what a wonderful job you do', but when the chips are down nobody wants a group of mentally handicapped near them.

"How long will it be before it is realised that mentally handicapped people are not raving psychopaths, but simply people who need help with everyday tasks and who have not acquired the skills to enable them to live independently?" concluded Mr. Slater and Mrs. Carter.

### On The Streets

However, this week Mr. Slater and Mrs. Carter assured the residents of Ilkley that if and when a suitable property was found, their "extended family" would be seen in the parks, on the streets, in the shops, in the cafes and in the pubs. "One or two may even take a walk up Victoria Avenue," they said.

Mr. Slater and Mrs. Carter thanked those who had supported their plans, and said that if others had taken the trouble to go into details they would have found that the home was to be run by someone who actually helped manage a local authority one and someone at present running a day centre.

"We have been in this work for years and do not need telling about guidelines." this continued.

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# Submarine Crew Members Visit Ilkley



Four crew members of Ilkley's adopted submarine — "Osiris" travelled to Ilkley at the weekend.

During their two-day stay they visited Menston Children's Home, where they enjoyed Christmas dinner with the children and presented them with a portable televi-

sion set. They also visited Ilkley Town Hall where they were greeted by some Ilkley Parish Councillors and shown the "Osiris" plaque found before leaving.

The crew members — Lt. B Mackay, Sub. Lt. B. H. White, Ordinary Seaman R. Whit-

worth and Able Seaman J. Robb — were accommodated at Lloyds Bank, who was connected with the Osiris during the war; Cr. W. Forrest; Cr. Mrs. B. J. Cussons; Cr. W. R. Hill, Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council; Cr. P. A. Williams; Lt. B. Mackay, Able Seaman J. Robb; Sub Lt. B. E. White and Ordinary Seaman R. Whitworth.

Pictured with the plaque at Ilkley Town Hall are, from left to right Cr. Mrs. P. Glover; Mr. Ted Briggs of

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## CAMDEN'S LOST

### STONE MAY

#### HAVE BEEN FOUND

The attention of both the West Yorkshire Archaeological Society and the Vicar of Ilkley, the Rev. Richard Cleland has been drawn to an item entitled "Inscriptions and Antiques in relation to Ilkley Parish Church" which was among the personal possessions of the late Mr. Ronald Green, the former Editor of the Ilkley Gazette.

It tells of the learned Camden paying one of his topographical visits to Ilkley in 1582 he made mention of an engraved stone which at one time was in the wall of the Church but it had been lost. According to Camden this was one of the earliest inscribed stones. The inscription read RVM CAES. AVG. ANTONINI ET VERI IOVI DELECTI CAECILLIVS PREF. COH. Transcribed this reads "TO THE EMPERORS CAESAR AUGUSTUS ANTONINUS AND VERUS BELOVED OF JUPITOR CAECILIUS PREFECT OF COHORT."

Two weeks ago while work men along with Dr. Margaret Faulk of the West Yorkshire Archaeology Unit, were engaged in work in relation to laying a base in the tower of the Church to house the three Saxon crosses a stone slab carrying a mystery latin inscription was unearthed while excavations were taking place.

Also discovered during the month long excavations was a wall comprising stones reused from the Roman fort two bearing grooves could mark the counter where Roman Soldiers were paid. Also discovered were two pits each two metres deep where three bells were cast for the Church in the seventeenth century. Bells were often cast on the premises in medieval times but this was the first bell casting pit found in West Yorkshire and one of the finest examples in the country.

Also unearthed in the late Mr. Ronald Green's archives at his home in Wharfedale View Road was a cutting from the Gazette of 30 September 1927 which gives a record of Ilkley Parish Church since Domesday.

This will appear in a later issue of The Gazette.

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## CRS. SEEK A BETTER DEAL FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

"Operation -Eyesore" launched by Bradford Metropolitan Council to create 100 jobs for the unemployed in the Metropolitan District has come under attack by Ilkley Parish Councillors.

They want the unemployed in the Ilkley district to be better informed of the jobs being offered by Bradford. So far, it is claimed, the jobs have had very little publicity.

Cr. W. R. Hill, Chairman of the Parish Council told a meeting of the Council's General Purposes Committee that he had found it incomprehensible to learn that a team of fifteen recruited from the Keighley area was to carry out improvement work in the ghyll near Yew Bank Terrace and Skipton Road, Ilkley. None had been recruited from the Ilkley area, he said.

The jobs were advertised in the Otley Job Centre and Cr. Hill said he had been surprised to learn that when he visited the Centre just before Christmas it was in fact on the last day for applications from anyone in the Ilkley area. Cr. Hill said the only way the unemployed would know about the jobs was when they received a letter from the Centre. Those not on the Centre's register would not know, he said.

Cr. Hill thought it was appalling that these jobs were not better advertised and would have thought that advertisements would have been placed in the town's local paper, the "Ilkley Gazette".

Cr. Hill thought enquiries should be made about the opening of a Job Centre at Ilkley but the Chairman of the Committee, Cr. F. G. Lambert pointed out the Government was closing down such Centres.

They should advertise

these jobs in the local paper," said Cr. Hill.

In answer to further questions about pay and the team from Keighley working in Ilkley Cr. Hill said there were basic rules about pay but he thought the minimum would be £60 a week and that the work on the ghyll near Skipton Road would be carried out by the team from Keighley. He understood that if ten people from Ilkley area applied quickly to the Otley Job Centre they could be considered for work in the Ilkley area.

The disadvantage of anyone in the Ilkley area joining the Keighley team was that they would have to report at Keighley first before joining the team and would then have to go with that team wherever it was sent, said Cr. Hill. Such a team should be based in Ilkley, he went on.

There would appear to be a lack of co-ordination and co-operation all round, commented Cr. C. D. Poole.

Cr. C. H. Scaife said they should write to Bradford and the Central Government saying that the best way of solving the unemployment problem was to reduce the cost of business by reducing the employment tax and corporation tax. "We can only compete as a nation if the costs are kept to a minimum", said Cr. Scaife.

Chairman of the Committee, Cr. F. G. Lambert said he would visit the Otley Job Centre and seek a better deal for the unemployed in the Ilkley district.

# BENEFITS OF HARD WORK BY PARISH COUNCIL WILL SHOW IN 1983, SAYS CHAIRMAN

## HOOIGANS CAUSE DAMAGE

Residents in the Leicester Crescent, Wharfe View Road—Castle Road area of Ilkley were on Monday evening the target of what was believed to be drunken hooligans from licensed premises in the vicinity.

They left a trail of wanton vandalism and damage in their wake. Two householders had their gates removed from the back of their premises in Leicester Crescent and four more residents in Wharfe View Road—Castle Road also found their gates had been removed.

Some of the gates were either found lying in the gardens of homes in Wharfe View Road, down Leeds Road, or strewn across Castle Road—one of these—a small ornamental iron gate was traced to a puddle at the end of Castle Road at the junction with Leeds Road.

At least four tenants of the Castle Road allotments were the victims of even more serious damage.

One allotment holder found the sliding door of his alloy greenhouse lying at the bottom of the adjoining allotment. All the glass was lying in a pile of splinters by the side of the framework of the door which through being torn away from the greenhouse was warped and bent.

Large footprints were in evidence across three of the allotments in a diagonal direction, towards Riverdale View.

## Kicked In

Another allotment holder on Tuesday morning was engaged in replacing the door of his small wooden hut—the door had been torn from its hinges. Wooden surrounds on some of the allotments had been kicked in and a 5ft sapling had been snapped in two.

Other allotment holders had had their brussel sprout plants snapped in two and swedes had been pulled out from another allotment. Further over towards Rivadale View around half-a-dozen small glass frames which had been placed on top of one another to the side of the allotment had been stamped on and at least the top frame had had its glass smashed.

The matter has been reported to Ilkley police who were called out by one of the residents who had discovered his gate had been removed at around 11.20 on Monday night.

It is believed the vandalism was caused between 8 p.m. and 11.15 on Monday night.

In his New Year's message to residents of Ilkley, Burley and Menston, the Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Councillor W. R. Hill says the benefits of hard work by the parish council during the last few years will be seen in 1983.

He was joined by his wife, Ruth, in wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 1983, and then turned to one of the prominent features of the past year - Britain's battle in the South Atlantic.

He said the beginning of his term of office had been overshadowed by the Falklands crisis, in which several local people had been involved and at least one local man injured. The inhabitants of the district responded later in the year most generously to a flag day organised by Ilkley Parish Council for the Falklands appeal fund, he said.

The first significant local event of the year was the election of district councillors Mrs. Joan Lightband as Lord Mayor of Bradford and Mrs. Joan Beevers as Lady Mayor, the first time the positions had gone to Ilkley residents, both of whom had served on the old Ilkley Urban District Council.

Cr. Hill expressed appreciation for the considerable interest they had shown in Ilkley affairs, having attended a civic service at St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley, and by holding their civic ball at the Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley.

## Coutances Visit

"Following a now well established pattern a civic visit was made to our twin town of Coutances, one of many exchanges which took place during the year when long standing friendship between the two towns was re-newed and new links established," said Cr. Hill.

He said that during the year a plaque described as being presented to Ilkley Urban District Council by the crew of H.M.S. "Osiris" was found and re-presented to the Council, and was shown to the crew of the "Osiris" when they visited Ilkley in December.

Cr. Hill said 1982 had been a year when planning decisions dominated. "In May, Hillards won its planning appeal and received permission to build a supermarket on the derelict land owned by British Rail to the north of Springs Lane," said Cr. Hill. "Work soon started and the store is expected to be opened in March, 1983. Not only will the store create jobs but it will bring relief to the people who live in the streets near to the existing Hillards store where street parking by shoppers had created a serious burden."

"During the year Ilkley Parish Council opposed several major planning applications which they considered to be over-development, including flats in South Parade, on the Stoney Lea Hotel site and at Leconfield House, and with full support from Bradford Council, these were refused," said Cr. Hill. "The extension of the Conservation Area had assisted in achieving a higher standard of development in that area."

"A further application for re-development of the bus depot on the Cunliffe Road site adjacent to the central car park had been made," he said. "This was opposed by Ilkley Parish Council as premature and over-development. Perhaps the owners of the sites could pick up the idea of the National Gallery in London where, on a sensitive site, a competition was held to find the most appropriate design for the

## Tourist Centre

Cr. Hill said the importance of Ilkley as a tourist centre was growing. "One feature is the very high standard of parks and gardens, for which tribute must be paid to the local parks department," he said. "A clean-up campaign, initiated by the parish council, had ensured that no buildings had been defaced and the campaign will continue into the New Year."

He said some success had been achieved in trying to improve relations with Bradford Metropolitan Council, one example of which was the attempt to persuade the council to reduce parking fees in the central car park. Detailed suggestions by the parish council regarding further changes in parking restrictions, both on and off streets, were still under discussion.

Cr. Hill said the most pleasant part of his term of office had been to experience the hospitality of the many local organisations which, he said, demonstrated the strong and constructive community spirit which existed in Menston, Burley and Ilkley.

Looking to the year ahead, Cr. Hill said an employment forum had resulted in the seeds being sown for the formation of a steering committee to look at ways of easing the problems of unemployment in the area, and he said the complete involvement of everyone who could help was required.

"There are many Government schemes available to assist in job creation and these must be used to their fullest extent," said Cr. Hill. "Of immediate concern is Bradford Council's 'Operation Eyesore', which should provide several local jobs as well as tidy up such areas as the Ghyll off Back Bolton Bridge Road, Castle Road, the pinfold near Ilkley Playhouse and other similar places in the district."

"Preliminary investigations showed that Ilkley unemployed were severely handicapped by the fact there is not a job centre in Ilkley and pressure must be exerted to have one opened," said Cr. Hill.

He said the national theme for 1983 was "Beautiful Britain", under the patronage of the Queen Mother, and he hoped it would be adopted by local bodies, shops and individuals.

"For the people of Burley the building of a by-pass becomes more pressing as time passes by and all must unite to ensure this is built as soon as possible," said Cr. Hill.

He concluded: "Looking ahead, 1983 is not going to be an easy year for many, but I hope that Ilkley Parish Councillors, especially as there will be a full election in May, will be able to play an important part in solving some of the problems."

## COLLEGE OFFERS NEW COURSES

The New Year is the traditional time to invite changes in life style but as never before this new year 1983, looms with the threat of change being thrust upon us. So for those who seek change as a challenge or those who fear it as a threat, Bradford and Ilkley Community College is holding an information day at Burley Grange on Friday, 7 January in conjunction with the Open University and the Educational Advice Service for Adults. Between the hours of 10.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 7 - 8 p.m. they invite anyone with an interest in a new hobby or skill, or a career which needs new qualifications to meet them. There will be displays of craft work to look at, refreshments and information on courses at all levels. Details of local classes and those in other parts of Bradford will all be available. Available too will be information on Open University courses which are on offer at all levels for people with and without qualifications who can manage home study.

For too long the month of September has been regarded as the month to begin new study courses; as far as B.I.C.C. is concerned any month is the right one.

## Charity Shop Opening At Ilkley

The Sue Ryder Foundation is opening a charity shop in Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, next week.

Money raised in the shop, which is opening on Thursday, will be used by the Foundation to help support its many homes in this country and abroad.

Clothing, books, bric-a-brac and a range of new gifts will be on sale.



## CHRISTMAS IN ILKLEY 100 YEARS AGO

### 100 Years Ago

The advent of Christmas Eve was said to have been accompanied by "just the right sort of weather" but there was fog on Christmas Day which "wrapped the world in a cloak of vapour". On Christmas Eve a peal was rung on the bells of the Parish Church, and Christmas Day was ushered in in the same way.

Special services were held at the Parish Church and St Margaret's which were described as "chaste and effective and quite in harmony with the sacred traditions of the time". Williams and Co., Tailors of Briggate Leeds, court, naval and military tailors advertised specialities of suits for 50s. and trousers at 13s. per pair. Taylor and Co. chemists advertised at reduced prices, patent medicines, invalids and childrens foods, chest and lung protectors and respirators.

### 75 Years Ago

The Spa offered an enjoyable programme for Christmas Eve. On Christmas day a variety of amusing competitions were entered into with "zest and ability" and on Boxing Day a Masquerade Fancy Dress Carnival took place. The Master of Ceremonies was Mr. T.H.B. Tate and the competitors entered the recreation room as a kaleidoscope of colourful characters ranging from the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe with her children to a Bedouin Sheik and Britannia. Dancing was interspersed with songs and recitations in character, followed by a unique tableaux and a waxworks exhibition and a remarkable acrobatic performance by Jenny Jones. Alarm was raised when the waxworks began to melt away and the gala was brought to a close with the singing of Old Lang Syne.

The Christmas weather was dense fog, and the rail traffic was subjected to long delays for those wishing to visit Leeds and Bradford. Ilkley Brass Band played in the streets on Christmas Eve and the Virgin Chimes on the Parish Church bells ushered in Christmas Day.

### 50 Years Ago

Working sheepdogs gave an exhibition on the Holmes fields, which lent an added interest to the annual Christmas holidays. Mr. Walter At-

kinson, of Ilkley, was the judge and Mr. W. Adams of Addingham, was the time keeper.

The public of Ilkley and the tradespeople provided Christmas parcels for the less fortunate, and through their kindness the unemployed and their families all received some "mark of Christmas tide". Special treats were provided for these unfortunates and their families in the rest rooms in Wells Road. A party was held for the children and 130 youngsters and 20 parents were given an excellent tea with competitions, entertainment and a visit from Father Christmas with a sackful of toys and sweets.

At local cinemas the choice for the New Year was either James Cagney and Jean Harlow in "Enemies of the Public" or Ralph Lynn and Tom Walls in "Thark".

### 25 Years Ago

It was a mild green Christmas in 1957, with a sharp frost and biting wind for a short period on Christmas Day. Special services were held at all the local churches and the Ilkley Congregational Church held its 60th annual Toy service following which 542 toys and 475 items of childrens clothing awaited despatch to various childrens homes throughout the country.

There was the busiest Christmas Mail on record delivered from Ilkley Post Office, and the postmaster said this was due to more and more children posting their cards and presents. Young students had been acting as temporary postmen to assist, and they had done a conscientious job to ensure that there were no delays with the Christmas mail.

## A Selection Of Pictures

From 1982

Photographs By Philip  
Bambridge, Addingham

### Ancient Spring Disappears



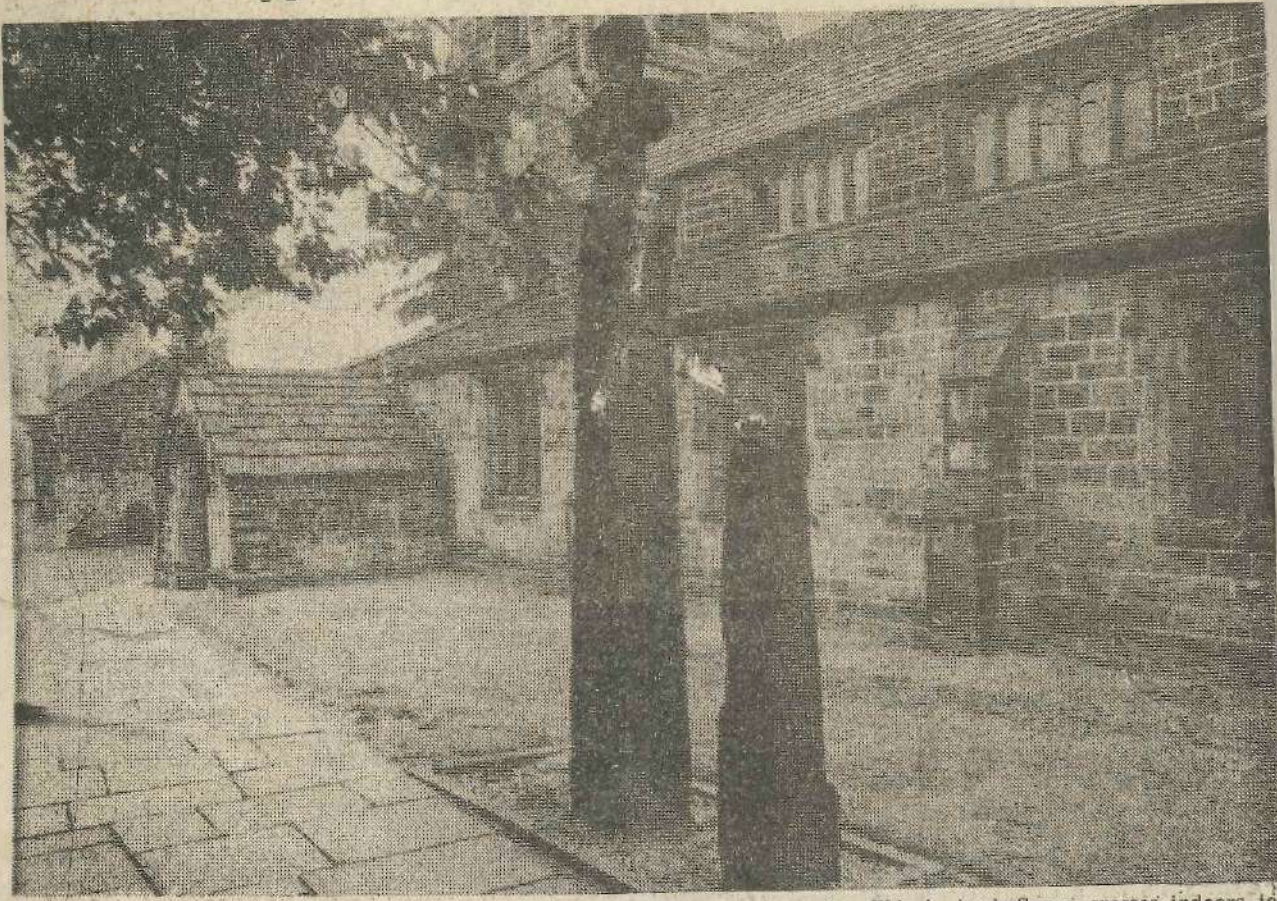
A spring which for hundreds of years supplied Ilkley with some of its purest water disappeared without trace after a nearby redevelopment scheme. An investigation by Bradford Council failed to trace the source of the supply to the 'Canker Well' on The Grove.

### The Four Gateways To Olicana



Plaques marking the four gateways to the ancient Roman fort of Olicana were provided by the Friends of Ilkley Manor House. They were designed by Ilkley sculptor Mr. Bert Roberts.

## Appeal To Save Anglo-Saxon Crosses



An appeal was launched to raise £1,000 towards the £15,000 cost of moving Ilkley's Anglo-Saxon crosses indoors to prevent them being further damaged by the elements. The crosses are to move into the parish church, outside which they have stood for many years, and will be restored.

## Addingham By-Pass Campaign



Addingham By-Pass campaigners put their views to Lord Avon, Transport spokesman in the House of Lords, when he passed through the village on his way to open the new Skipton By-Pass.

## Celebrating Falklands Victory



The Craven Heifer at Addingham was one of a number of local premises decked out with Union Jacks and bunting to mark victory in the Falklands campaign. Public houses and organisations in the area raised thousands of pounds in aid of the South Atlantic Fund.

## Victim Of March Gales At Ilkley



A large sycamore tree believed to be about a hundred years old was torn from its roots near Ilkley Old Bridge, a victim of gales early in the year.

## Major Superstore Development



Another major development was the start of work on a new Hillards superstore on the old railway goods yard at Springs Lane, following the company's successful appeal against refusal of planning permission.

## Changing Face Of Ilkley



The face of Ilkley changed again when a £20,000 scheme for sixteen new flats began on a site at the junction of Little Lane and Nelson Road. The old garage once used by the blue Samuel Ledgard buses was demolished to make parking spaces.

# 7 THREE WELL KNOWN JAN BUSINESSMEN DIE 83 OVER CHRISTMAS

Three well known local businessmen, two of which had retired, have died. They are Mr. Eric Busby, a former Director of Busby's Departmental Stores, Bradford, who preserved at his own expense White Wells on Ilkley Moor, Mr. Henry Pearson who last month transferred his light engineering firm to Ilkley and Mr. Arthur Bell who for many years was a joiner in the town.

Mr. Busby who was born in 1899 and who was the last of the founder directors of the store in Manningham Lane which was taken over by Debenhams died in Wharfedale General Hospital on Sunday. Mr. Busby who lived in Ilkley, broke his hip in a fall just before Christmas.

He was a younger son of the store's founder, Mr. Ernest Busby, who started business as a draper in Kirkgate, Bradford, in 1908. In 1930 the shop was expanded to become a department store offering a wide range of services in Manningham Lane, Bradford.

The business continued to grow rapidly, and branches were later opened in Harrogate and Ilkley. The company was taken over by Debenhams Ltd. in 1958 when the business employed 1,200 people, and it took the parent company's name in 1973.

During the First World War Mr. Busby served as a Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve with the 10th Cruiser Squadron and defensively armed merchant ships. In the Second World War Mr. Busby served with 397 Battery R.A. Anti Aircraft on the East Coast defences and later with the 1st Regiment Maritime R.A. followed by service in India and Assam with the 14th Indian Division. He became Officer Commanding River Steamers on the Bramaputra, then requisitioned for communications and transport of troops in the final drive of the Burma Campaign.

After leaving his family business at the age of 60, Mr. Busby looked round for some helpful activity to occupy his time. He founded the Lane Gallery in Bradford with the aim of providing opportunities for professional artists and craftworkers to show their work. He organised exhibitions and conducted the enterprise with conspicuous success as a non-profit making venture, independent of state and municipal support.

In this time he gave help to a large number of artists, some of whom have since established national and international reputation. David Hockney, Norman Adams, Austin Wright, the sculptor, and Theo Moorman, the weaver, are among these.

Later in 1967 he continued the work at the Goosewell Gallery, Menston underneath his home, maintaining a notable series of exhibitions. Here again he gave encouragement to dozens of artists, and spread the appreciation of art to a wide circle of people.

In addition he restored at his own expense White Wells on Ilkley Moor rescuing it from decay and establishing it as a centre for tourists and naturalists. In recognition of his public services he was made M.B.E. in 1978.

He was a founder member of the Menston Branch of the Royal British Legion, served as a member of the Management Committee for Highroyds Hospital for five years and was a church warden for sixteen years at Menston Parish Church and Lay Reader for work at Highroyds Hospital.

Mr. Busby founded the Menston Good Neighbours Service in 1970 and in 1978 moved to Ilkley where he became actively associated with the Parish Church.

He leaves a son Mr. John Busby, a member of the Royal Scottish Academy, and a daughter, Mrs. Pat Laycock.

## Tribute

The following tribute has been received from Ilkley artist Leslie Simpson.—

I would like to pay tribute and respects to the memory of Mr. Eric Busby MBE. Much of his work of helping art and artists in Yorkshire is well known through his work at the Lane Gallery, Bradford, and Goosewell Gallery, at Menston, as well as the restoration of White Wells.

Due to his natural reticence and humility, he did much more for art in Yorkshire than shows above the surface. All of us have benefited in one form or another, either directly or indirectly, from his help and his influence.

Never was he happier than when he was helping to promote some unknown or neglected artist to further their career or place their works before the interested eye of the Yorkshire people—without looking for any financial reward for himself.

His last opportunity to do this was when in 1982 he handled the woodcuts and watercolours of John F. Greenwood (1885-1954) to a successful conclusion in two separate exhibitions on behalf of John Greenwood's daughter, Mrs. Bee Robertson.

He will be remembered with respect and affection as a gentleman and a true Christian by his many friends.

## DIRECTOR OF LOCAL FIRM

Managing Director of an expanding light engineering firm which only last month moved to bigger premises in Ashlands Road, Ilkley, Mr. Henry Pearson has died aged 43.

After serving an apprenticeship with a Brighouse firm and later becoming general manager of Aireworth Engineering in Otley, Mr. Pearson in 1966 took over Olicana Products in Addingham, then a manufacturer of motorcycle windscreens. The firm expanded into a wide range of engineering work and last month the firm's new premises at Ilkley were opened by the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, of Ilkley.

Mr. Pearson leaves a widow, Catherine, and two children.

## MASTER JOINER

Mr. Arthur Bell, of Skipton Road, Ilkley, who was a master joiner in the town for many years has died aged 73. He worked in premises in Bridge Lane at the junction with Castle Road before moving to premises at the top of Wharfe View Road some years later.

He leaves a widow and

# REVIEW OF THE YEAR

## OBITUARIES

### January

A partner of a former Ilkley firm of home furnishers and funeral directors, Mr. Ronald Hartley, of Leconfield House, Cowpasture Road, aged 88.

Mr. Douglas Thomson (84), a retired engine fitter, of Curly Hill, Ilkley, died in hospital after a fall at his home.

Mrs. J. C. Williamson (93), of Chantry Close, Ilkley, who at one time ran the cafe near the upper tarn on Ilkley Moor Local farmer Mr. Stanley Redshaw, of West Berwick Farm, Draughton, aged 56.

An Ilkley man well known to many residents for his involvement in local activities and commerce since his move to Ilkley in 1917, Mr. Thomas Markwell Wardell, aged 79.

### February

Mr. James Spooner (78), of Backstone Way, Ilkley, twice station-master at Ilkley Railway Station in the 1950's and 60's died as he was about to leave for a holiday in Spain.

One of Ilkley's well known characters, Mr. "Jackie" Illingworth Binns, who was born at Rhyddings Farm, off Grange Close, and lived there all his life. He was 73.

An Addingham builder who never lived more than 150 yards from his place of birth, Mr. Harry Ridley, aged 64.

A native of Addingham, Mr. James L. Adams (57), who was well known in the village, particularly as owner of a sweet and general gift shop for 27 years.

Mr. Job Brear, who worked at his family's sawmill at Addingham for over 70 years until he was well into his nineties, died at Ilkley's Coronation Hospital just two weeks before his 101st birthday.

### March

Mr. Brian Thorne, of Cheltenham Avenue, Ben Rhydding who lived locally all his life, aged 55.

An Ilkley resident for over fifty years who devoted most of her life to voluntary welfare work, Mrs. Lucy E. Jefferson, of Skipton Road, in her 99th year.

Mr. Walter (Jack) Cockerham, a resident of Belmont Road, Ben Rhydding, for over forty years. He was 89.

### April

A train driver at Ilkley for many years, Mr. Henry Banks of Yew Bank Terrace Ilkley, aged 61.

Former Head Teacher of Ashlands First School, Ilkley, Miss Margaret D. Short, died in hospital.

### May

Ilkley Golf Club lost a faithful and valued member with the death of Miss Kathleen Waterhouse, who had been associated with the club for 49 years.

Mr. Stephen M. Richmond (44), of Heath Park, Ilkley, who was struck by lightning when he was a spectator at the annual Ilkley Moor Fell Races.

Mr. Louis S. Moss, a well known personality in the Ilkley district for many years Miss Alice Mary Proud (85), of Panorama Drive, Ilkley, who had been actively involved with St. Margaret's Church for many years.

A former Ilkley resident, Mr. Kurt Netti, died at Hove, near Brighton, in his late 80's.

### June

Ilkley-born Mr. Bill Sallitt (76), who for several years lived in part of Ilkley Hall, the offices used by Spooners.

Manager of the Kiosk Cafe later Betty's, on The Grove, Ilkley, for many years, Mr. Reginald Grainger (76), of Aynholme Drive, Addingham.

A former landscape gardener who worked at Ilkley Gas Works for over 20 years before his retirement, Mr. Joseph Spence, of Mayfield Avenue Ilkley, aged 81.

Gears, Bradford, for seventeen years, Mr. Ronald Ratcliffe, of Valley Drive, Ilkley, died aged 59.

### July

A life-long member of the Methodist Church and a former nurse at Middletoft Sanatorium, Miss Edith Mary Milnes died in Caterham.

An Ilkley resident since 1966, Miss Mary Tate, of South Haworth, Street was a highly esteemed member of Ilkley Baptist Church.

Mr. Frank Gott, of Wharfe View Road, had spent most of his life in the grocery trade, moving to Ilkley in 1947. He was an accomplished church organist and gifted tenor.

Mr. Harold Green, of Rose Cottage Farm, Askwith, who died aged 77, was head of Otley Police Division until his retirement.

### September

Mr. John Michael Brook, who had been associated with Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club since his schooldays and who captained the first team during its remarkably successful 1951-52 season, died at his home in Gargrave aged 54.

North East Regional Manager of the W. H. Smith Wholesale Group, Mr. Ivan Dring (56) of Undercliffe Rise, Ben Rhydding, died suddenly while taking part in a newspaper trade golf tournament in Leeds.

Col. G. M. R. (Joe) Pearson of Main Street, Menston, who was well known in Bradford Business circles and who won the Croix de Guerre during the war, died suddenly on holiday in Edinburgh.

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

### October

A travel agent in Ilkley for the last twenty years, who spent much of his life fighting "faceless bureaucracy" Mr. Arthur Robinson-Barnett, of Wells Road, died aged 69.

A former Ilkley man who spent all his working life at Coopers Antiques of Ilkley, Mr. Hugh John Anthony Oldcorn, of Eastburn, died aged 63.

A man who closed down his chain of sweet and tobacco shops and went into the caravan business at the age of 60, Mr. Clifford Harlow Boardman, of Belmont Road, Ben Rhydding aged 83.

### November

Chairman of Burley Branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section, Mr. Edna Ridley of Wrexham Road, Burley, died aged 67.

### December

A former engineering draughtsman who retired at 75 and then spent five years lecturing at Salford University, Mr. Osbert H. Nichols, of Leconfield House, Ilkley, died aged 93.

A former Guide leader and faithful member of St. Margaret's Church Ilkley, Mrs. Gladys Baker.

Mrs. Ruth Beck, an Ilkley resident and magistrate, died suddenly, at her home in St. James Road.

Mr. James Clifford Morton, who died at the age of 72 after a long illness, had been an Ilkley resident for most of his life.

Mr. Ted Crosby, of Curley Hill, Ilkley, an active member of several local clubs, died aged 77.

A porter at Middleton Hospital since 1973, Mr. Francis A. Elder (53) of Wellington Road, Ilkley, died in Airedale General Hospital eight months after the death of his wife, Pauline.

Mrs. M. M. Sbdon—window of the late J. F. Ebdon, who was French master at Ilkley

## "Dole" Money Distributed To Widows And The Poor

### 100 Years Ago

The annual distribution of "dole" money took place at St. Mary's Church, Burley, on New Year's Day, 1883, when the Rev. C. I. Black, Vicar and Mr. James Whitehead, guardian, issued 5s. each to thirty nine widows. Thirty three aged and poor people were also assisted by means of the offertories for the poor.

Ilkley High School for young gentlemen advertised "efficient teachers in the proportion of one to ten boys, large airy rooms thoroughly heated with hot water, diet unlimited and unexceptionable, backward or delicate boys who need special care may have more than ordinary attention". In a postscript to the advertisement, the headmaster, the Rev. W. Mercer, said they had had no cases of scarlet fever in five years and that the drains had been reconstructed to the most modern and approved plans.

### 75 Years Ago

Ilkley Urban District Council was said to have established many records in their time, but they managed one more when they transacted all their business within twenty minutes. In this time the minutes were read of the previous meeting, also their correspondence and the minutes of seven committees with no comment being passed in reference to anything on the agenda other than Mr. Dean enquiring as to the cost of the new Town Hall stage fittings.

The High School for Girls, Ilkley, (head mistress Miss Richards) announced that owing to increased numbers the school had been removed to Annandale, Wells Road, Ilkley. They offered preparation for all examinations as well as coaching in hockey, cricket and tennis. Mr. Woodridge Godby, headmaster of Ghyll Royd, offered to "receive a limited number of gentlemen's sons as day boys or boarders to prepare for the public schools, navy, army etc. He offered tuition in singing and piano, art, manual training, drill, cricket, football and golf".

### 50 Years Ago

As a result of a Government economy plan, Ilkley's proposed swimming pool plans were once again postponed indefinitely.

A sub-committee headed by Mr. A. Skinner, the surveyor, had been working on the plans for six months, but when officials interviewed officials of the Ministry of Health to ascertain the prospects of a loan there was a definite refusal and the deputation was informed that no scheme of this kind involving a charge upon the rates would be sanctioned at that time.

St. Margaret's Church choirboys raised ten guineas for the unemployed by their carol singing at Christmas.

The centre for the unemployed in Wells Road opened following the New Year and offered classes in physical culture, and a football club. There were also proposals for ambulance classes and craft work.

The inmates of the workhouse at New Hall, Otley, celebrated the New Year with a special dinner of rabbit pies and plum pudding. The pies were given by the committee, several of whom were present including Mrs. Foster, of Ilkley, and Mrs. Foulds, Burley. In the evening there was a concert.

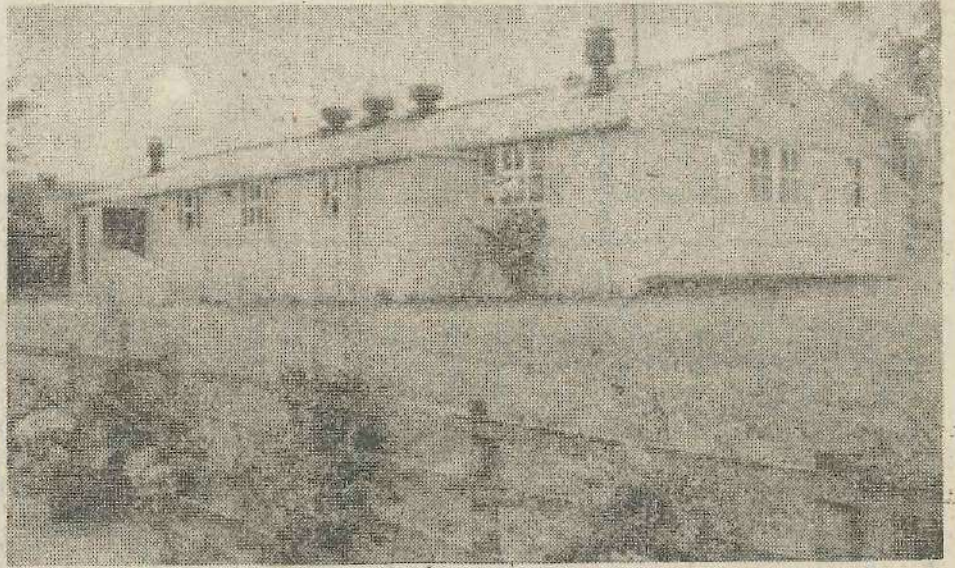
### 25 Years Ago

The old year departed with steady rain during the day and into late evening followed by snow which lay to a depth of four to five inches to greet people on the morning of New Year's Day. This single fall of snow created havoc in the Ilkley District as telephone communications were interfered with and over 600 subscribers in Ilkley and Addingham were cut off when their telephone wires sagged and snapped under the heavy weight of snow. Ilkley council sanded nearly 50 miles of roads under their control and were hard at work clearing the pavements in the town.

Some 170 old folk sat down to tea in the Winter Gardens at their annual Christmas Party. They were given a concert by the Optimist Concert Party and tricks conjured by Mr. George Henry. Mrs. H. Hawkins, Chairman of the Ilkley Urban District Council, was present together with Mrs. F. S. Hampshire, Chairman of the Ilkley Old Folk's Committee. Mr. Horsman was responsible for the floral table decorations, Mrs. M. Plummer was in charge of transport, Mrs. E. Appleton gave cigarettes and tobacco, and the event was organised by the secretary, Mr. E. Hinchcliffe.

## CANTEEN BUILDING AT LOCAL SCHOOL FACES DEMOLITION

Plans to replace the canteen and kitchen at Bolling Road First School, Ben Rhydding, with a modern "cook and chill" unit have been received for consideration by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Division.



The plans are approved the canteen building, which was opened in 1948, will be demolished and replaced by a more modern building.

Similar plans have been submitted for Burley C. of E. First School and a spokesman for Bradford Council's planning department said this week that they could be considered at Wednesday's meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee.

Doubts about the future of the Bolling Road canteen were first expressed in August, when it was revealed that members of the council's education department were to meet school staff to discuss the possible closure of the building.

Mr. Derek Halliday, Bradford Council's acting Principal Catering Officer, told the "Gazette" this week that the canteen and kitchen would be replaced by a more modern and traditional building.

He said meals would no longer be prepared on site but would be provided from a "cook and chill" unit at Bradford. The unit cooks the food conventionally but then it is chilled very rapidly. It can then be kept for up to five days. At present the unit produces about 4,000 meals a day but it is to be increased to 8,000 meals a day.

"This move is part of a general improvement of services in the Bradford area", said Mr. Halliday. "Over 20 schools in the district have now changed over to this system and have found it very successful."

Staff at the canteen would be re-employed at another canteen in the area or would be offered voluntary redundancy.

The canteen once provided meals for all Ilkley schools. For some years a building in Wharfe View Road had been used as a Communal Feeding Centre but in November, 1948, it was closed down when the new kitchen at Bolling Road school was opened.

● Picture shows the canteen and kitchen building at Bolling Road First School, which is facing possible demolition.

# REVIEW OF ILKLEY DISTRICT FOR 1982

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## GENERAL NEWS

### January

Ilkley Parish Council lent its weight to a call for improved VHF radio reception in Ilkley with a letter to Ripon M.P. Dr. Keith Hampson and to the Home Office.

Concern about tree planting and the erection of fencing on Ilkley Moor was expressed by the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

A two-day public inquiry took place at Ilkley Town Hall into the refusal of planning permission for a new Hillards supermarket on the former railway goods yard at Ilkley. The appeal was supported by Ilkley Parish Council and by thousands of residents, who signed a petition at the company's Railway Road store.

Bradford Metropolitan Council's plan for extending the Conservation Area in Ilkley was put on display at a special exhibition at the Kings Hall.

The Ilkley Old Road between Ilkley and Addingham had to be closed due to subsidence. A large crack had appeared in the road after the base of a retaining wall had been washed away by the swollen River Wharfe.

A new extension to the 1st Burley Scout and Guide Group's headquarters in Peel Place, Burley, was officially opened by Mr. Bert Essex, supervisor of the Manpower Services team which carried out the work.

### February

Angry Ilkley residents called for the building up and strengthening of the banks of the River Wharfe between New Brook Street Bridge and the Old Bridge after the ground floors of their homes were extensively flooded.

About 92 works were on show at Ilkley Art Club's annual exhibition at the Manor House.

Nurses from Scalebor Park Hospital at Burley were out collecting signatures in the streets of Ilkley in support of a petition calling for better pay for nurses.

An investigation by the Local Ombudsman cleared the county council of causing injustice by not giving evidence at a public inquiry into controversial plans for a new Co-Operative store at Ilkley.

An Addingham farm was badly hit by an outbreak of swine vesicular disease, with 1,244 pigs having to be destroyed by the Ministry of Agriculture.

A suggestion that the fountain and basin at the top of Brook Street, Ilkley, should be replaced by a bed of flowers was thrown out by Ilkley Parish Councillors.

The first ever pancake races to take place in Addingham were held at the Memorial Hall car park.

### March

An abrupt turnaround by Bradford Metropolitan Council's controlling Labour Group over the proposed merger of Ilkley and Bradford Colleges sparked off a new controversy. The Group's decision not to go ahead with the merger upset unions at Ilkley College and raised fears for the college's future.

Two silver trophies which had rested in the vaults of a bank for more than sixty years while efforts were made to trace their ownership were reclaimed by Ilkley Rifle and Pistol Club.

A party was held in the Winter Gardens Ilkley to celebrate the 21st birthday of Ilkley Flower Club.

The Yorkshire Artists Exhibition, described as the "biggest art event to hit Yorkshire", exceeded all expectations when it opened at Ilkley, with over 30,000 people attending the first day.

About 35 people attended a public meeting at the Troutbeck Hotel, Ilkley, to put forward their views on the rates and suggest alternatives. The guest speaker was Ripon M.P. Dr. Keith Hampson.

Workmen from the River Board at York began operations on removing a 100 years old sycamore tree which had been blown down in the River Wharfe near the Old Bridge by strong winds.

The first ever booklet on walks in the Ilkley district went on sale at shops in the area. The publication—"Evergreen Walks From Ilkley"—was based on walks around the district which had become popular with the well known group of Ilkley walkers, the "Evergreens."

### April

The new Ilkley Tourist Information Centre, adjoining the library, was officially opened by actor, comedian and script writer Charlie Drake. Also present were members of Bradford Council's architects department, the local tourist board, librarians and the then chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. Mrs. M. Renton.

Although 700 standard first five months of pay car charge notices for parking offences were issued in the parking at Ilkley no prosecutions had yet taken place. The Leader of Bradford Council told Ilkley Parish Councillors.

Details of a £60,000 scheme to extend St. John's Church, at Ben Rhydding, were announced by the Vicar, The Rev. Michael Savage.

Although cool north westerly winds kept temperatures down at Ilkley over the Easter holiday period the town still attracted many visitors.

Host over the Easter Weekend to the musicians of Coutances, Ilkley's twin town in France.

Further modifications to the Ilkley traffic management scheme were suggested following an investigation of parking restrictions in the town by a sub-committee of Ilkley Parish Council.

A Log Book recording the operational activities of a Halifax bomber during the Second World War was discovered in Ilkley Town Hall during a Spring clean. The book was presented to the town in 1943 as a tribute to the success achieved by the Ilkley Savings Committee in the national "Wings for Victory" campaign.

An Ilkley mother of three children—Mrs. Jennifer Gaunt (36), of Valley Drive—was found stabbed to death at her home after her former husband walked into Bradford Police Headquarters and confessed to her killing.

Local artist Joy Godfrey produced a new sweater design with a special appeal for Ilkley people, the town's coat of arms.

### May

Cold and blustery conditions failed to dampen the spirits of competitors and spectators alike at the Ilkley traders biennial "Black Hats v White Hats" comedy cricket match. The final result was a win for the "Black Hats" by two runs.

Ilkley turned its clocks back to Victorian times for the official opening of the newly revitalised Arcade in South Hawskorth Street. It was opened by the then Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Danny Coughlin.

An Ilkley College initiative to develop three centres for the young unemployed and a fourth for older unemployed in the Ilkley area was given the go-ahead by Bradford Council.

The 76th Wharfedale Music Festival which was held at Ilkley over seven days, attracted over 3,000 individual competitors.

Police issued a "Be Careful" warning to members of the public following the discovery of an unexploded bomb on Ilkley Moor.

It was announced that the Department of the Environment had given Hillards the go-ahead to build a store on the former goods yard at Ilkley, four months after their planning appeal had been heard.

Heatwave conditions gave Ilkley one of its busiest bank holidays for some time, with temperatures in the twenties Centigrade (over 70 Fahrenheit).

### June

The fifth Ilkley Moor Fell Races were marred by the death of Ilkley man Mr. Stephen M. Richmond, of Heath Park, who was struck by lightning while spectating at the event.

A plan to cut costs by £54,000 per annum on the Ilkley to Bradford and Leeds rail services was approved.

Most services at Middleton Hospital came to a standstill for a day as members of health unions NUPE and COHSE came out on strike in support of the national pay claim.

Victory in the Falkland Islands by British Forces was marked in Ilkley district with the raising of the Union Jack from public and private buildings and the organisation of a charity show. Ilkley Parish Councillors, with helpers, held a flag day on the streets of Ilkley to raise money towards the South Atlantic Fund.

The first "Church's Sunday" was celebrated in Ilkley with a procession from the central car park and a prayerful picnic on West Holmes field.

Hillards staged an exhibition at the Winter Gardens, Ilkley, to display their plans for a new superstore at Ilkley and get the opinions and suggestions of the public.

### July

Judges in the Britain in Bloom contest visited Ilkley to assess the town's floral display in the summer section of the contest. Ilkley had been placed sixth in the Spring judging.

Middleton Hospital Social Club's garden party raised over £2,000 towards amenities for patients.

First Ilkley cub scouts helped to clean-up the beck at Mill Ghyll as part of a scheme to improve the fountain area and stream at the top of rock Street, Ilkley.

The fourth annual Ilkley Book Fair at the Winter Gardens was the largest ever, with 55 booksellers from all over Britain bringing about 40,000 books to sell.

The sun shone for Addingham's annual Gala, described by many visitors as the "best for many years".

An exhibition of woodcuts and wood engravings was held at Ilkley Manor House as part of the programme of the Ilkley Literature Festival.

Plans to convert a large terrace house at Ilkley into a hostel for Asian girls met strong opposition from local residents, who felt that a hostel of any kind would affect the values of their homes.

Controversial plans for the erection of seven dwellings at Castle Road, Ilkley, were turned down by Bradford Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

Although the attendance was down on the previous year, Ilkley's fifth model railway and craft show was a great success, with a variety of displays to interest everyone.

### August

Work began on a £12,000 project to restore the structure of Ilkley Parish Church.

The four-week Yorkshire Ballet Seminars, organised by Mr. David Gayle, were held at Ilkley College.

Plaques were erected to mark the four ancient gateways to the Roman fort of Olicana. They were designed by the well known Ilkley sculptor, Mr. Bert Roberts.

Ilkley had no immediate intentions of preparing a Town Centre Plan for Ilkley was criticised by Ripon M.P. Dr. Keith Hampson.

Members of Ilkley Constitutional Club celebrated their Centenary with a Grand 100th Birthday Party at the club rooms in South Hawskorth Street, Ilkley.

The first new industrial estate to be built at Ilkley for over twelve years was officially opened in Ashlands Road by the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Mrs. J. Lightband, of Ilkley.

An appeal was launched to raise £1,000 towards the cost of restoring and re-siting three Anglo-Saxon crosses which stood in the grounds of Ilkley Parish Church.

A last minute rush of entries for Ilkley's annual Flower Show took the total to more than 600—almost 200 more than the previous record.

Hillards cleared the last hurdle in their plans for a new supermarket at Ilkley when Bradford Council's Planning Sub-Committee gave its approval.

Thirteen guests at the Troutbeck Hotel, Ilkley, were evacuated safely when fire broke out in the early hours of the morning.

### September

Angry residents from the Ashlands Road area of Ilkley met to discuss ways of opposing a plan for an industrial development on a field in Ashlands Road used as a play area by local children.

Work began on clearing the site of the former railway goods yard off Springs Lane, Ilkley, in preparation for the building of the new Hillards supermarket.

Addingham senior citizens each received a £5 gift from the Clarke-Foley Addingham Trust Fund to help them with their household bills.

The first edition of Ilkley's Talking Newspaper for the blind was launched.

One of Britain's unique events—the Yorkshire Artists Exhibition—which brings together artists of all standards, took place at the Kings Hall and Winter Gardens, Ilkley.

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

### October

Over sixty people attended a meeting at Burley to discuss the need for more facilities for young people in the village—with the result that an appeal for £1,000 a year to expand activities was launched.

An appeal was launched by Ilkley Parish Church to raise about £15,000 for the expense of repairs to the tower.

Muscle power took over from mechanical horsepower as the second part of a management scheme for Ilkley Moor's footpaths took shape. Vehicles were banned in an attempt to minimise damage which meant all equipment had to be hauled manually over a mile.

Between 3,500 and 4,000 people braved poor weather to make the bonfire and fireworks spectacular at Ilkley organised by Wharfedale Lions Club, a success.

A "best ever" year for external examination results at Ilkley Grammar School was reported by Headmaster Mr. P. N. Wood at a meeting of the school's Governors.

Placard-waving adults and children were out in force as campaigners for an Addingham By-Pass put their views to House of Lords Transport spokesman, Lord Avon, who was passing through the cillage on his way to open the new Skipton By-Pass.

A petition against a planning application for an additional storey and roof on Leconfield House Ilkley, received mounting support.

### November

The Rombalds Hotel, in West View Ilkley, was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Mrs. J. Lightband of Ilkley.

A merit award won by Ilkley in the Britain in Bloom small towns competition was received on behalf of the town by Mr. Harry Bell, of Menston, an ex-Ilkley Councillor and a Britain in Bloom judge.

The hostel for Asian women, to be set up in Richmond Place, Ilkley, despite the opposition of neighbours, was given the final go-ahead at a meeting of Bradford Council's Fieldwork Sub-Committee.

Ilkley's Box Tree Restaurant was awarded the AA's highest accolade for food—three rosettes—for the twelfth successive year.

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

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

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

### December

Seven hundred people crowded into the Winter Gardens, Ilkley, for an Autumn Fair which raised £1,100 towards the St. John's Church Building Fund.

Ilkley Evening Townswomen's Guild celebrated its 80th birthday with a party at the James Clarke and Sarah Foley Day Centre, Ilkley.

Several important archaeological discoveries were made during excavations within the tower of Ilkley Parish Church.

Balloons to match each day the Ilkley nightspot, Madames, had been operating were released as part of the club's first birthday celebrations.

Following criticism over the variable opening times of shops in Ilkley, the Chamber of Trade carried out a survey which revealed that, in general, traders felt standard opening times would be advantageous. However, many said they would not consider changing their hours.

Nearly six hundred Addingham pensioners were given a £5 Christmas present from the Clarke-Foley Addingham Trust in the biggest single pay-out the trust had made so far.

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A proposal to convert a house at Ikley into a home for eight mentally handicapped people was unanimously refused planning permission by Bradford Councils Planning Sub-Committee.

Despite the recession Yorkshire based Olicana Products Ltd. celebrated in style when the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Mrs. J. Lightband, officially opened its new premises in East Parade, Ikley.

Despite the recession, Ikley again lived up to its reputation of being a Christmas boom town. Shopkeepers attributed this to shoppers coming in from out of town to take advantage of the well stocked shops.

A waiting list was opened for Ikley's Talking Newspaper for the blind and partially blind following its successful launch earlier in the year.

Four crew members of "Osiris" — Ikley's adopted submarine—made a two day visit to the area.

A record number of people took part in Nesfield and Langbar's annual carol service in front of the Manor House at Nesfield.

## PERSONAL

### January

Ikley Councillor Mrs Joan Lightband, of Kings Road, was chosen to be the next Lord Mayor of Bradford District, with former Ikley Parish Councillor Mrs Joan Beevers, of Menston, as her Lady Mayoress.

PC Robert Edward Copeland (51) of Green Lane, Addingham, retired from the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police after 25 years service, many of them at Bolton Abbey and Ikley.

Ikley Policeman William G. Pitt (43) received a long service and good conduct medal after 24 years with the force.

Local prizewinners in a sponsored sunflower growing contest in aid of the Church of England Children's Society were Naomi Craig, of Westville House School, who raised £105.92; Richard Nixon of All Saints School, who raised £50; Sara Bellwood who grew the tallest sunflower, and Rachael Harrison who grew the second tallest.

Sixteen year old Alison Eastwood, of Slaters Lane, Middleton, passed Grade Seven of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music in pianoforte with distinction.

Two employees of Hillards Ikley store received awards at the company's training centre. Eighteen year old Miss Helen Rigby, of Holme Grove Burley, received the First Year Advanced Distribution Certificate and Mark Hudson also 18, of Kings Road, Ikley, received a certificate in the St. John Ambulance First Aid Course for Industry.

### February

Mr. A. P. Coulter, of High Wood, Ben Rhydding became Chairman of Ikley Ratepayers Action Group.

To coincide with the opening of a new scout hut extension at Burley, the Medal of Merit for outstanding contributions to Scouting was presented to Group Scout Leader Bob Wilson.

Mr. Frank Pegg (63), of Woodlands Rise, retired after 43 years as owner of Rosenthal's butchers shop in Church Street, Ikley.

Cr. Peter A. Williams, of Menston, was appointed Ikley Parish Council's representative on the Western Area Consumer Committee of the North Eastern Gas Consumers Council.

Ikley poet Dr. Cyril Riley of Skipton Road, was awarded a diploma of honour by the C.S.S.I. Accademia Leonardo da Vinci in Rome in recognition of his cultural activity.

A former pupil of Ikley Grammar School, Martin Venning, of Denton Road, Ben

Rhydding, a part-time broadcaster, received the ICI Constantine Prize at Teeside Polytechnic for the second year running.

Mr. Bryan Kitching was elected new President of Ikley and District Motor Club

A member of the Board of Governors of Ikley Grammar School for the last twelve years, Mr. Michael Glover, of St. James Road, Ikley, was succeeded as Chairman by Dr. B. Marshall, of Otley Road Burley.

A tradition stretching back to the last century came to an end with the retirement from Addingham Parish Council of Mr. William Brear. Ever since his grandfather was a founder member, a member of the well known Addingham family had served on the council. Mr. Brear himself had been on the council since 1956.

Miss Valerie Hetherington, of Manley Road, Ben Rhydding, gained a B.Ed. degree with first class honours from Leeds Polytechnic.

Sixteen year old Louise Olby, of Beaconstones Langbar, was chosen to take part in the British Schools Exploring Society's fiftieth anniversary expedition to Eastern Greenland.

Mrs. J. Rowe took over as head of Burley Middle School in succession to Mr. Les Hall.

Mr. William Hindley, of Skipton Road, Ikley, Manager of the Trustee Savings Bank at Ikley for the last sixteen years, moved to a similar position at Bingley.

Mr. David Woodhall whose parents live in Parish Ghyll Drive, Ikley, was appointed Chief Executive to the Commission for New Towns based in London.

Poet and writer Mrs Anne Hawkins, of Sedbergh Park, Ikley was awarded a diploma of honour from the Accademia Leonardo da Vinci for her literary work.

### March

WPC Elizabeth Bywater, who was born and educated at Ikley returned to the town to take up full time duty after four years at Keighley.

Mr. Peter Marshall, of Netherwood House, Ikley, retired as Chairman of the Bolton Abbey Priory Church Restoration Appeal after two years. He was succeeded by Mr. Leonard W. Gerner of Queens Drive, Ikley.

Mr. Ian M. Briggs of Manor Park Burley, was appointed House Sales Manager of Hepper Watson's Ikley office.

A former pupil of Ikley Grammar School, Mrs P. A. Linnegan (nee Greenwood) who now lives and works in Zambia, passed her final examinations to become a chartered accountant.

Ten year service awards were presented to Ikley Amateur Operatic Society members Mrs. Wendy Elliott, Mrs. Jennifer Terry, Mr. Brian Warburton and Mr. Frank Wilkinson.

NEGAS service fitter Mr. Tony Workman, of Ash Grove Ikley, jointly won the top award in the City and Guilds examination for service fitters.

A table arrangement by Mrs. C. Crook, of Goodwood, Ikley, was one of six chosen for display in a Townswomen's Guilds competition at the Daily Mail Ideal Homes Exhibition at Earls Court.

Fifteen year old Paul Barker, of Springfield Manse, Addingham, a member of 1st Addingham Scout Troup, gained the Chief Scout's Award — the highest available to scouts.

Mrs. Frances Wilkinson, of Brooklands Lane, Menston, became a Governor of Burley and Woodhead First School, and Mrs. Janet Squire, of West View Avenue, Burley became a Governor of Burley First School.

Simon T. Smith (17), of Manley Road, Ben Rhydding, attended a seminar at the House of Commons as a prize in a schools essay competition

### April

A former pupil of Ikley Grammar School, Police Constable David Newton took up duties as village constable at Menston.

Gold Arrows — the highest badges attainable by cub scouts — were presented to Mark Gibbons, Paul Atkinson and Neil Newman, members of 1st Burley Foster Cub Pack.

Twelve year old Annette Shepherd of School Lane, Addingham, was chosen as the 1982 Addingham Gala Queen. Her attendants were Sadie Milburn (6), of Burns Hill

Geddes, of Low Mill Lane was chosen as the page.

A night sister at Ikley's Coronation Hospital for the last 20 years, Mrs. Sheila Elvidge, of Trafalgar Road, Ikley, retired.

A well known chorister and an Ikley resident for sixty years, Mr. Sydney Clarke, of Glen Rosa Methodist Home for the Aged celebrated his ninetieth birthday.

Mr. Richard Mashiter (39), manager of Barclays Bank in Brook Street, Ikley, for the last four years, took up a new appointment as manager of the bank's main Leeds branches.

Thirty-five year old Mr. Graham Cockell set out on a voyage of a lifetime when he left Dover on a Trans World Expedition lasting two years.

### May

Joanne Haig of the 1st Menston Pack was crowned Menston Brownies May Queen.

Mr. John Taylor, of Shannon Close, Ikley, was elected Chairman of Burley and District Round Table.

Nine year old Caroline Yvonne Lee, a pupil at Addingham Middle School, was chosen as one of six finalists from Bradford District to represent the area in the West Yorkshire Cyclist of the Year contest finals.

PC Malcolm Lang retired from the Police force after 28 years service, the last sixteen spent at Burley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Holden, of Valley Drive, Ikley, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Queens Scout Awards were presented to five members of Menston Ravens, Colin Chadwick, Paul Cree, Richard Simpson, John Illingworth and Nicholas Clarkson.

Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, of Ikley, was installed as Bradford Metropolitan District's new Lord Mayor, with Mrs. Joan Beevers of Menston as her Lady Mayoress.

Ikley Sea Scout Nigel Peel received a "Golden Shoe" award after raising £22 by cleaning shoes during Scout Job Week.

Martin Roberts, younger son of Mr. C. M. D. Roberts, the Restoration Appeal Director for Bolton Abbey Priory Church, was offered an eighteen day art exhibition at London's Cale Art Gallery.

Mr. William Pickles, of Skipton Road, Ikley, was appointed Chief Accountant of Yorkshire Bank Ltd.

Mr. Ken Wilson, of Cemetery Road, Ikley, retired as District Parks Superintendent a job which involved organising the provision of Council floral displays in the Ikley area for many years.

Mrs. Margaret Elsworth of Farnley Road, Menston, received the Scout Association Thanks Badge for her distinguished service as a lay helper of Scouting for over twenty years.

### June

Eighteen year old Timothy Rankin, of Park Road, Menston, travelled to Buckingham Palace to receive a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award from Prince Philip.

Mr. Roy Baguley, of Manor Park, Burley, and Mrs. June Elizabeth Shelton, of Moor Lane, Burley were appointed magistrates.

The Rev. John Dale, minister of Christchurch, Ikley, and his family, went to Denver, Colorado, on a pastoral exchange.

Seventeen year old Sean McCarney, of Leeds Road, Ikley, received a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award at Buckingham Palace.

Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband broke 135 years of civic tradition when she became the first Lord Mayor of Bradford to attend a Muslim wedding.

Mr. Dennis Raymond Matternson, son of Mrs. Nora Matternson of Wyvil Crescent Ben Rhydding, gained a B.A. degree in Art and Design from Bradford College of Art.

Nine year-old Emma Beckwith of Cringles Lane, Silsden Moor was chosen as Addingham Junior Youth Club Queen. Runner up was Nicola Hamer (10) and third was Andrea Brady (12) of Green Lane, Addingham.

### July

A former Ikley man, Lt. Col. W. M. Crawshaw of the

Mr. Adrian Hickson (23) of Denton Road, Ikley, gained an honours degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Loughborough University.

Twenty-two year old Linda Susan Clapham, of Alexandra Crescent Ikley, gained B.A. honours degree in Modern Languages at the University of Salford.

Seventeen year old Andrew Alan Swanston of Rive View, Ben Rhydding won junior skiing cross country event for the forces Germany. He is a member of the 2nd Battalion Royal Green Jackets.

Mr. Gordon Rowling, of Croft Close, Menston, was installed as President of the Rotary Club of Leeds, the oldest and largest Rotary Club in Yorkshire.

Fourteen year old Nigel Simpson of Ikley, believed to be the youngest professional artist in Britain, made a major debut in London.

The Rev. Irwin Wilso, Vicar of Thornton, Bradford was to be the new Vicar of Menston it was announced.

Mr. Alfred Readshaw, Green Lane, Addingham, retired after 34 years as gardener and a porter at Ikley hospital.

Robert Lightband, younger son of Bradford Lord Mayor Mrs Joan Lightband, Ikley, gave an organ recital at St. Margaret's Church.

Capt. David Rundle (4) of North Street, Addingham, told of how an Argentine bomb bounced off the deck of his oil tanker "British West" without exploding, while the ship was serving in the South Atlantic.

Janet M. Dibb (22) of Alville Terrace, Burley, gained a B.Ed second class honours degree at Sunderland Polytechnic.

Three members of the staff at Menston Infants School retired. They were head teacher Miss J. Tomlinson, teacher Mrs. Marion McDonald and dinner lady Mrs. Potts.

Christine Thurlby (22) of Norwood Avenue, Burley, was awarded an honours degree in Education at the College of Higher Education.

Miss Annie Hopkins, patient at Middleton Hospital, celebrated her 100th birthday.

Beverley Sian Price, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Ivor Price of Christopher's Drive Addingham, was a Centenary Graduate of the University of Dundee with a B.Sc honours degree in Biochemistry.

Mr. Michael Coles, formerly of Addingham, gained a B.Ed honours degree in History and Physics at the Midlands College of Higher Education.

Miss Julia C. Smith (22) of Parklands, Ben Rhydding, gained a B.A. upper second class honours degree in Modern Languages at the London Polytechnic.

Mr. Lionel Road, of the weekly top prize in Radio Leeds competition.

Former linguist Mrs. V. C. Woods, of Scalebor Park Hospital, Burley, celebrated her 100th birthday.

Top television cameraman Mostafa Hammur, of Ikley, had an exhibition of his work at the Castle Gallery Ikley.

Ashley S. Riddell (22) of Curly Hill, Ikley, was awarded a B.A. honours degree in Business Studies at Sheffield Polytechnic.

Mrs. Carol Shaw of Rive View, Ikley, was the champion for the second year in Jimmy Tarbuck's television "Winner Takes All" contest.

Mr. Herbert Pearson and his wife, Kathleen, of Fieldway, Ben Rhydding, took the bold step of emigrating to Australia.

Twenty-five year old Andrew Riley of Ikley came a partner in the II practice of Simon Thorpe, chartered surveyor and estate agent.

Kumer Hemant Mardia of Rombalds Lane Ikley gained a B.Sc. honours degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the University. Martin McLellan, of Moor Park Drive, Addingham, gained a honours degree in Agricultural Science and Animal Science, and Philip D. Cawood, of Leeds Road, Ikley, a B.Sc honours degree in Mathematics.



## COUNCIL WANTS MORE INDUSTRY IN AREA

In a bid to attract more industry to Ilkley, Parish Councillors hope to call a public meeting in March for people interested in starting a small business.

At their monthly meeting on Monday members approved a recommendation of the Council's General Purposes Committee which called for such a meeting. The Committee's Chairman, Cr. F. G. Lambert said one thing obviously vital to Ilkley was new industry which they would welcome with open arms.

Cr. C. H. Scaife said the Council should create an atmosphere for new businesses. There had been much talk recently about the unemployed in the short term but he thought it was now more constructive to try to encourage new business. In recent weeks the Government had taken two major steps to help people start their own business and were offering a £40 a week subsidy for a year for anyone starting, said Cr. Scaife.

"At this public meeting we should have speakers from Bradford Chamber of Commerce, from banks and small local businesses who would also be able to answer questions. Perhaps people who have been considering starting a business might find themselves able to start."

said Cr. Scaife.

Cr. J. Shelton asked for clarification of what was meant by small businesses because the Council had decided that at the moment it would not like to see any more shops in the town.

As a believer in free enterprise Cr. Scaife said they should be interested in anyone wanting to start a business. To start making limitations was going back to the "good old days", said Cr. Scaife.

"If it creates jobs then it did not matter where the business was be it Addingham, Burley, Ilkley or Menston as long as it was local," said Cr. Scaife.

Cr. J. P. McGee thought not only unemployed people might be interested in setting up a business but also those at present working with organisations who would prefer to work for themselves.

Cr. W. Forrest said for some years he had been asking that small industrial units, about the size of a double garage, be erected for young people wanting to start their own business.

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## 14 JAN 83 CONCERN OVER PLAN TO TURN ILKLEY SHOP INTO AMUSEMENT ARCADE

Concern has been expressed this week over a plan to turn an Ilkley sports shop into an amusement arcade which has been received for consideration by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Department.

The plan—for the change of use of the "Sportsman", in the Victorian Arcade—has been jointly submitted by Mr. Kevin Raper, who has the shop on a tenancy from Mr. Vincent Dobson, and Mr. John Collins.

All the shops in the Arcade are on a tenancy from Mr. Dobson, the President of Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade, who has united with the tenants in opposition to the plan.

Mr. Dobson told the Gazette this week: "As a person with a vested interest in the Victorian Arcade and not on behalf of the Chamber of Trade, I can say I am against it, as are all the tenants, and we hope the application will be dropped."

### Not In Keeping

"I do not think an amusement arcade would be in keeping with a Victorian Arcade."

"The tenants and myself have met and we were in agreement that the application should be dropped. We suggested this to the applicants but they did not reply," he said.

Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill, thought the character of the Victorian Arcade, which was

opened last May would be completely altered if an amusement arcade were introduced.

"I am most concerned that there should be a proposal to use part of an attractive and progressive arcade for amusements of this kind," said Cr. Hill.

"Whilst one does not know fully what the proposers intend we should be concerned that anything of this nature should be brought into Ilkley, especially in this type of arcade," said Cr. Hill.

### Not Scrapping Plan

Mr. Raper, who also owns a jeweller's shop in Bradford, said this week that he was not prepared to comment upon the plan at this stage, but he did confirm that he had informed Mr. Dobson of it and that the plan would not be scrapped.

A spokesman for the planning office at Ilkley Town Hall said there was not a detailed plan of the proposed amusement arcade at present, but if it involved altering the existing shop front detailed plans would need to be submitted.

He said the outline plan could be considered at the next meeting of Bradford Council's Planning Sub-Committee on 26 January.

At the monthly meeting of Ilkley Parish Council, on Monday Cr. O. D. Poole asked members of the Council's Plans Committee to consider the application, when it came before them, very deeply.

"I understand the idea is to fill the shop with slot machines," said Cr. Poole.

## MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF MR. ERIC BUSBY

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More than four hundred friends from business, the art world and the Church attended the funeral service at Ilkley Parish Church on Monday for Mr. Eric Busby, of Grove Road, Ilkley.

Mr. Busby, 83, was former director of Busby's store, founder of the Lane Gallery, Bradford and Goosewell Gallery, Menston, and was the man who at his own expense preserved White Wells on Ilkley Moor and donated it to Bradford Council.

"Men of his calibre are few and far between," said the Vicar of Ilkley, the Rev.

Richard Cleland. Also taking part in the service were Canon John Clayton and Canon Maurice Slaughter. Also present were the Archdeacons of Bradford and Craven, the Ven. Frank Sargeant and the Ven. David Rodgers, and the Rev. Michael Heckinbottom, former Vicar of Menston and now at Bishop Monkton. Cremation was at Nab Wood.

Mr. Busby leaves a son, John Busby, a well-known Scottish artist, a daughter, Mrs. Pat Laycock, of Nesfield, and six grandchildren.

## New Wooden Seats Placed By The River 14 JAN 83



Three wooden seats have been placed in position alongside the River Wharfe at Ilkley.

The new seats have been placed at the foot of the grass embankment on the south side of the river

between the New Bridge and Rivadale View, and each has a stone wall surround.

Nuts and bolts ensure that the seats are firmly secured

in their concrete bases.

A local resident is pictured trying out one of the seats while exercising her dogs.

## NEW YEAR BRINGS GOOD NEWS FOR ADDINGHAM AND BURLEY BY-PASS CAMPAIGNERS

The New Year has brought encouraging news about the future of much needed by-pass schemes for both Addingham and Burley.

The Addingham By-Pass scheme could be given the go-ahead within the next three months, the villages parish council have been told, and the public is soon to be consulted about possible routes for a Burley By-Pass.

Skipton MP John Watson had encouraging news for Addingham Parish Council, who have been forcefully campaigning for a by-pass for many years, when he attended their January meeting.

"There will be a list of by-pass schemes for approval in either March or April, and we must hope to get Addingham included among them," he said.

"There was a slightly less than sporting chance it would be approved last Autumn, but it did not come off," Mr. Watson went on. "The route is virtually approved and it is just a matter of waiting for the cash."

The Addingham By-Pass scheme had already reached an advanced stage of preparation when it was shelved some time ago. A public consultation exercise had taken place and the village had stated categorically that only one of the several routes suggested was acceptable. This was the purple route, which was felt to be the only one which offered a true by-pass.

The parish council therefore decided to press for a by-pass based on the purple route, with some alterations. The purple route, the most expensive of the five alternatives put forward in 1978, would take the by-pass around the south side of the village.

It would leave the A65 Ilkley Road east of the Church Street junction, skirting the boundary of the St. Paul's residential area and on to Silsden Road, continuing round the Moor Lane and Moor Park residential area to rejoin the A65 north of Highfield House.

Since the scheme was shelved as part of Government out-backs, the parish council has continued pressing for its reinstatement into the road programme.

Mr. Watson told the parish council that an official check on the traffic flow through the village was to be carried out, but he stressed that even if the figures were high there was no absolute guarantee the by-pass scheme would be approved this time.

"The intensity of feeling in the village is higher than in many other places, however, and I think that will be as big a factor as the traffic figures," said Mr. Watson.

Details of the routes will be given in an explanatory document which will be available free of charge at Burley's public library in Grange Road or the Post Office in Station Road from 23 January. Copies will also be delivered to households in the vicinity of the routes.

A public exhibition showing plans of the possible routes will be held in the Queens Hall at Burley on 10, 11 and 12 February, full details of which will be included in the explanatory document.

Also included will be a pre-paid questionnaire to enable people to make their views known.

Completed questionnaires and any other comments on the proposals should be sent to the Director (Transport), Yorkshire and Humber Region, 9th Floor, City House, Leeds LS1 4JD by 11 March.

The Burley By-Pass is shown in the White Paper "Policy for Roads: England 1981" in the main programme for 1986 onwards.

Ripon MP Dr. Keith Hampson has wholeheartedly welcomed the Government's announcement of the public consultation.

"It is staggering how long these things drift on, there is virtual unanimity about the by-pass and I have repeatedly urged the Department of Transport to quicken up the process," he commented.

"I have written to the Minister to ask why she has not yet been able to announce the date of the public inquiry. It is time we got a move on," said Dr. Hampson.

### Council offers help for new business ventures

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The New Year could promise a bright future for unemployed people in the Bradford Metropolitan area, which includes Burley, Mens-ton and Ilkley. They are being offered the chance to start their own business with cash aid from Bradford Council.

The new Bradford Enterprise Allowance Scheme launched this week by the Council and the Chamber of Commerce can give unemployed people £40 a week for up to a year to help them start their own business.

To qualify for an enterprise allowance certain conditions have to be met: They must be receiving unemployment benefit or supplementary benefit when they apply; they must be over 18 and under 60 for women, under 65 for men, must have been out of work for at least 13 weeks, must live and intend to set up your new business in the Bradford district; must have at least £1,000 which they intend to invest in their business over the first 12 months; must have no other job while getting an enterprise allowance; and must intend to work full-time in the business.

Coun. Don Pollard, chairman of the Council's Unemployment Sub-Committee which is running the scheme said: "The enterprise allowance scheme is already being run by the Manpower Services Commission elsewhere but we believe we are the only Council to operate the project. The results show it gives businesses a better chance of success in the difficult first 12 months all new ventures face.

"Besides providing a regular income until a new business gets going it also compensates for the loss of unemployment or supplementary benefit, as usually happens. Once people have contacted us they'll get more detailed information and advice from business experts about the scheme so they get a proper picture of what it's all about."

A panel of businessmen from the Bradford Chamber of Commerce will advise people on the best way to run their business, once they have joined the scheme. "It's important to stress though that there's only enough money at the moment for 100 enterprise allowances, each one worth £40 a week. So it's vital unemployed people get in touch with us quickly or they might miss out," said Coun. Pollard.

Anyone wishing to know about Bradford's Enterprise Allowance Scheme should call for a leaflet at the Council's Unemployment Unit, 2nd Floor, Provincial House, (opposite City Hall).

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### YORKSHIRE ARTISTS EXHIBITION

It was a delight and a great pleasure to see the top artists back in Ilkley again this year for the Famous Yorkshire Artists Exhibition at the Castle Gallery—particularly as they have all had an extremely successful and eventful year.

Ilkley art lovers are lucky to have Ashley Jackson showing his work again, albeit at much higher prices. He is a very busy man, with his own television show, his autobiography just published and an extremely successful London one-man show, as well as taking the top award at the Royal Institute of Painters in Water-colours annual exhibition.

I am delighted to see that since the start of this show William Selby has been made a full member of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters.

Jack Rigg, the excellent Marine artist, is in better form than ever. This man keeps on improving, and it is heartening to see that four of his paintings have sold.

The man who steals the show for me, however, is J. Barrie Haste. While I was there Jack Rigg was full of admiration, and confided that in his opinion Barrie Haste was the finest water-colourist in Britain. Certainly his Beach Scene, so simply executed, is pure perfection. His North North Yorkshire Landscape is a very large, ambitious piece of work that can not be faulted. This man's work will be recognised by future generations as the work of a true master.

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### Consulation At Burley

Meanwhile, the Department of Transport has this week announced that the public will shortly be consulted on possible routes for the A65 Burley By-Pass.

# WORK IN PROGRESS ON ENTRY TO SITE OF NEW HILLARDS SUPERSTORE

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A road which will give access to the car park at the new Hillards superstore at Ilkley is now under construction.

The road, which will take the form of a ramp, will be the only access point for cars. The present access point, at the Station Road end of the site, will be fenced off once work is completed.

The ramp which will stand six metres from the ground

at its highest point, has been concreted and kerb stones are now being laid.

The area at present being landscaped will provide parking for about 150 cars and facilities for servicing.

Meanwhile, work on the store itself is progressing as scheduled. Brickwork for the main walls is starting to go up and work is being carried out on the construction of

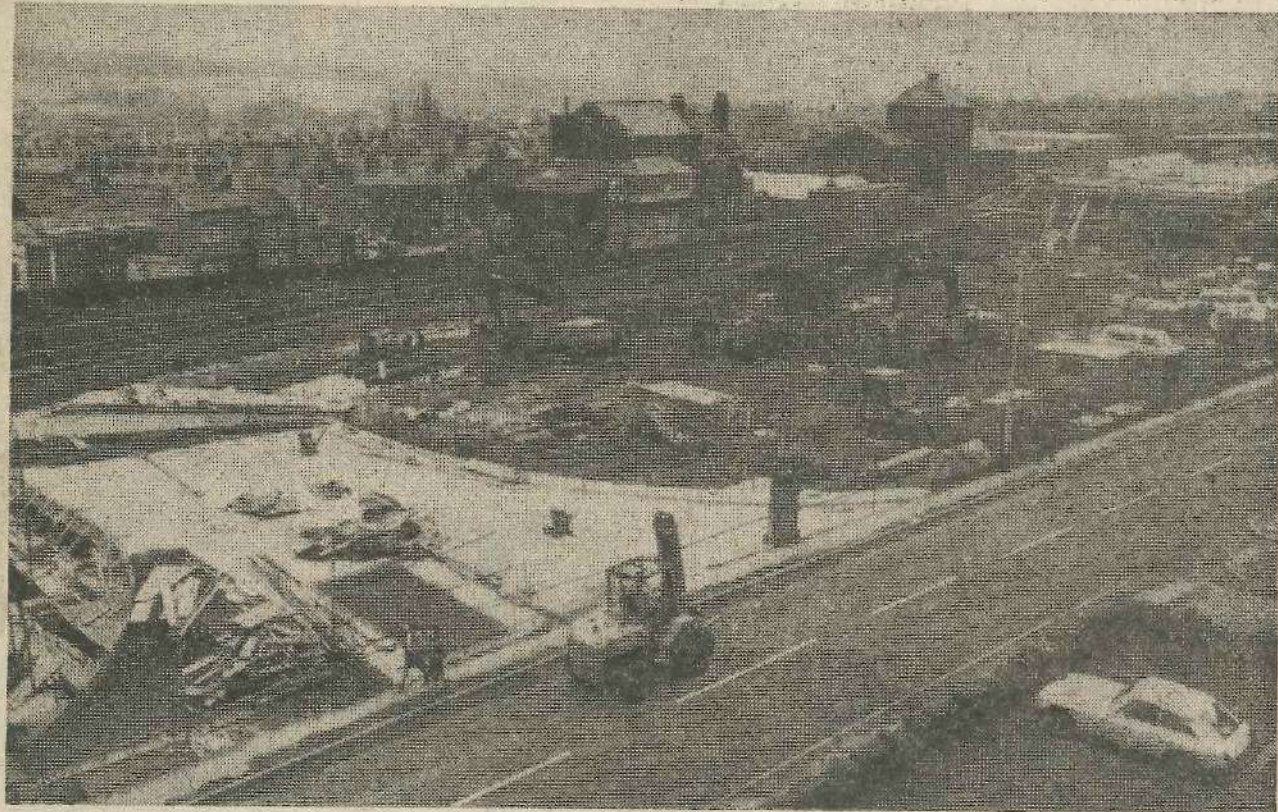
the roof. The main beams have been put in place and cross-pieces are now being attached.

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.

Mr. Keith Youngman, who is liaising between Hillards

and the contractors, Bovis Construction Ltd., told the "Gazette" this week that he was very pleased with the progress being made.

"Everything is right on target and we hope to open early this summer," said Mr. Youngman. "The weather has been favourable so far and we just hope it stays that way," he said.



## HIGH COURT APPEAL OVER MOOR GRAZING

A High Court appeal over the apportionment of grazing rights on Ilkley and Burley Moors will be heard in the Royal Courts of Justice in London on 8 February.

The appeal is by Bradford Metropolitan District Council, over the Commons Commissioner's decision on apportionment of the grazing rights.

The council questions whether the Commissioner was right in simply accepting a claim in respect of Highfield Farm, Moor Top, Ilkley, without hearing evidence in support of it.

It also questions whether the Commissioner was right in disregarding the evidence of the Council's expert witness and allowing the registration of grazing rights in respect of Hag Farm and Cragg Top Farm, Burley Woodhead, at 350 sheep each. The Council considers that this number of sheep is still far too great, bearing in mind what the vegetation of the moor can support.

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## CRS. DISCUSS NEW RATE INCREASES

Councillors at Bradford have started to consider the budget estimates for the next financial year after a warning that their present policy could lead to a rate rise of about 31 per cent.

Spokesmen for the major political groups have expressed their determination to strive for a much lower figure.

The budget process will be more complicated in Bradford this year because of the hung council with Labour and Tory having the same number of seats and Liberals and SDP members holding the balance of power.

In a report to the Management Committee, the Director of Finance, Mr. Gerald Hodges gave details of Bradford's financial position.

He said that a stand-still budget with no growth or reduction proposals would cost about £183m in the next financial year which was almost 10 per cent above Government spending targets.

That meant that the council faced Government penalties of £14m. Even after using balances of £62m, the likely rate rise was 31.6 per cent for householders and 27.4 per cent for industry.

This was assuming that pay awards were limited to 5 per cent, price rises to 6 per cent and there were no changes in interest rates.

By the same formula, cuts of £6m would be needed to limit a rate rise of 10 per cent. Mr. Hodges estimated the council balances at the end of March would be £10m.

The Council will fix the new rate on March 1.

• This week West Yorkshire County Council announced a proposed county rate rise of just 1.2p in the pound.

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## Ilkley Vicar Leaving To Take Up New Position

The Vicar of Ilkley, the Rev. Richard Cleland, is leaving in early March to take up a new post in Leicester.



Mr. Cleland and his wife, June, are pictured at the vicarage in Denton Road, Ilkley.

Mr. Cleland, who has been vicar of Ilkley since 1967, has been appointed Master of Wyggeston's Hospital.

A farmer's son, Mr. Cleland was brought up in the countryside near Ballynahinch, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, and has spent much of his early life in the province.

Formerly a pharmacist, Mr. Cleland prepared for ordination at St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, and it was while there that he met his future wife, June, who was working as an assistant burser at Liverpool's University.

They were married at her father's church in Toxteth in 1960, and it was in that year that Mr. Cleland was ordained to the curacy of Lisburn, later moving to St. Jude's, Belfast.

For a year before moving to Ilkley Mr. Cleland was with Bishop Goodwin Hudson at St. Paul's, in Portman Square, London.

He succeeded the Rev. E. C. Cook as Vicar of Ilkley on All Saints Day in 1967. Mr. Cook, who had been at Ilkley for 26 years, retired due to ill health.

Although looking forward to his new post, Mr. Cleland said he would be disappointed to leave Ilkley.

"They have been good years at Ilkley and I will take away very happy memories," he said this week. "One or two things stand out in my mind. One was the opening of Church House in the early 1970's and another was when we celebrated the 1,350th anniversary of the church in 1977.

"A personal highlight for myself and my wife was when the churches of Ilkley visited Coutances in 1978," said Mr. Cleland. "It was then I made history as the first Church of

England priest to preach in the Catholic church in Coutances."

Mrs. Cleland was born in the Congo, her parents being CMS missionaries in the Sudan. She came over to England at an early age and stayed with her grandparents in Northamptonshire.

She and her brother both attended boarding school and among the adventures they enjoyed together as children was one to the Sudan to see their parents. "We travelled over there completely on our own," said Mrs. Cleland. "We went down the Nile through Egypt and were eventually picked up by a Government official, who reunited us with our parents."

Mr. and Mrs. Cleland have a daughter, Ruth, aged 21, who works in Rutland.

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## DATE ARRANGED FOR ILKLEY VISIT BY COUTANCES DELEGATION

The Civic Delegation from Coutances is to be invited to stay at Ilkley over the Bank Holiday week-end in May, it was decided at a meeting of the Ilkley-Coutances Town Twinning Committee.

A problem had arisen concerning the date of the visit because the French holiday at Pentecost did not coincide with the British Bank Holiday, and the chairman elect to Ilkley Parish Council—Cr. E. S. Gardner—said he would not be at Ilkley over the Pentecost week-end.

Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband told the meeting: "I think it is time to tell the Coutances delegation when they ought to come because before they have always decided upon a date which suited them."

Mr. G. Henshall, of Ilkley Grammar School, said the exchanges with pupils from Coutances would have a slightly different format this year. The French party would be over here from 25 March to 8 April, and the Ilkley party would be going over to Coutances on 1 August and returning on 16 August.

Mr. Henshall said the number of pupils wishing to take part in the exchanges seemed to be declining, with a figure of only 17 at the Grammar School. He said the Head of Languages at St. Mary's School at Menston, Mr. Roger Green, had suggested a joint visit, because his school wanted to twin with the Catholic schools in Coutances.

The coffee morning to be held at the Winter Gardens, Ilkley, was discussed, and it was announced that the swimming club was to hold a cake stall and a game for children. Ilkley Parish Council was doing a bric-a-brac stall, Ilkley Civic Society and the United Nations were to do a book stall, a home produce stall was being manned by the Standing Conference and the Business and Professional Women's Club and Ilkley Rangers were doing a clothing stall.

Mrs. J. Lynch, of Ilkley College, had said she would like a stall to explain it was not as hard as it may seem to learn French, and someone from Bradford College had asked secretary Mrs. E. M. Ingle if the art students could do some work on the Ilkley-Coutances twinning theme. Mrs. Ingle said what they would like was two shields made on hardboard to display at coffee mornings and other events held by the Twinning Committee. She agreed to follow up the matter.

## Site Of Old Bandstand May Become Coach Park

This area of land at the top of Wells Road, Ilkley, which was once the site of Ilkley's bandstand may become a coach park for not more than six vehicles.

It is one of two sites Ilkley Parish Council is suggesting

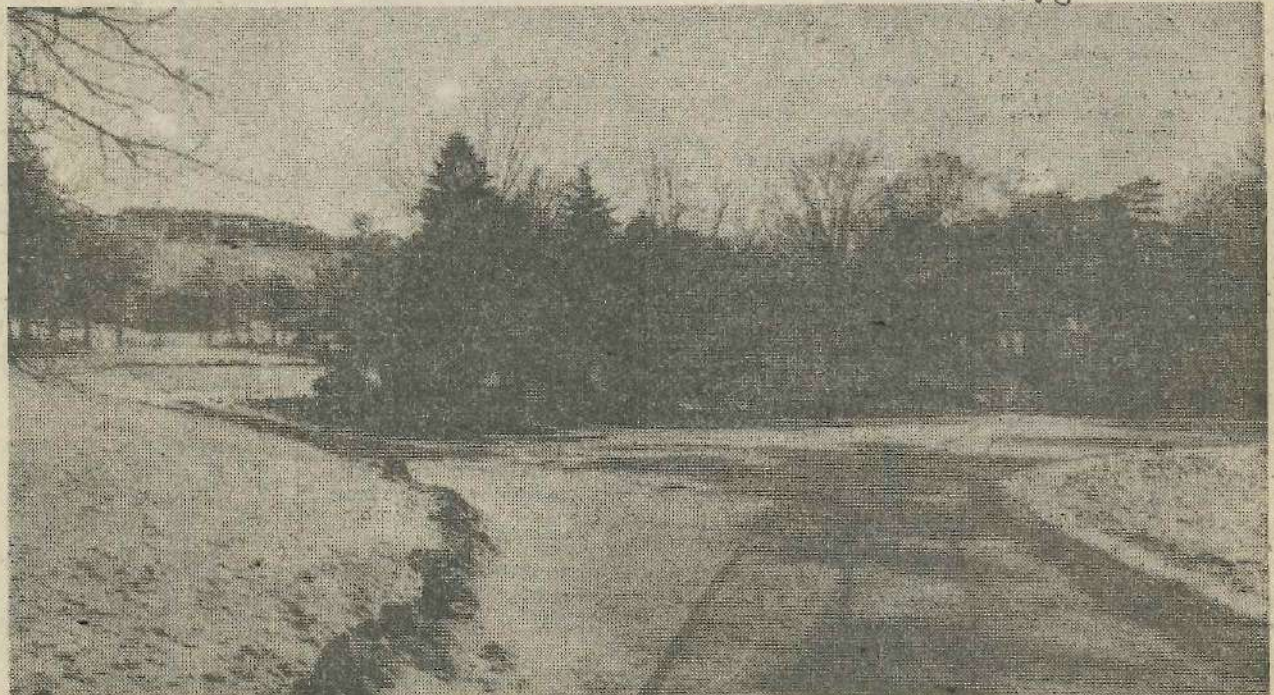
might serve as parking spaces for coaches. For some time members of the Council have been concerned over the shortage of space for coaches parking in the town. Another site suggested was that in Leeds Road at the junction with Wharfe View

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton thought the site at the top of Wells Road might be too far from the centre of the town particularly for the elderly visitors, but another Council member pointed out the idea was

for the coaches to park on the site after the passengers had been put off in the town centre.

The Parish Council is asking that Bradford Metropolitan Council make further investigations.

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## GROWING OPPOSITION TO THREAT OF FURTHER CAR PARKING CHARGES

There has been growing opposition and angry reaction this week to a proposal to introduce further car parking charges to small West Yorkshire towns including Ilkley.

The County would be the first in the country to introduce such a scheme based on one run in Cork, Ireland, which means motorists parking in the main shopping streets of a town will have to pay.

The controversial plan went to the County's Traffic and Highways Committee yesterday (Thursday) for approval.

Motorists will be able to get calendar like parking cards from hundreds of outlets which will be punched with the date and time when the car is parked.

Huddersfield and Wetherby are likely to be tried in a pilot scheme. The scheme is then expected to spread to most of the major towns in West Yorkshire including Ilkley, Otley, Dewsbury and Brighouse.

At Ilkley the scheme could include all the major shopping streets bounded by Station Road, Leeds Road and Bolton Bridge Road.

Motorists will buy 10p worth of parking which could mean eight hours in one part of the County and 15 minutes in another. If the full value of the pre-paid ticket is not used drivers will be able to park in another area on the same day to use up the ticket.

### "Diabolical Liberty"

Cnty Cr. H. V. Haddrill, of Ilkley, told the "Gazette" he thought the plan was a "diabolical liberty" and thought the Socialist party, which controlled the County Council, had got it in for places like Ilkley.

"They will be using the excuse that they are responsible for the free movement of traffic; that they had to maintain reasonable access and that shopkeepers would benefit," said Cnty Cr. Haddrill.

One of the drawbacks to such a scheme in Ilkley would be that central car park, where there was a charge of 30p would soon be filled.

County Coun. Haddrill said he was dead against the plan and would fight it 'tooth and nail', but the council was made up of 64 Socialists, 14 Conservatives and 11 Liberals.

Executive Director of traffic and transportation, Mr. Geoffrey Hunter, expected other Councils to follow West Yorkshire's lead. The scheme would benefit West Yorkshire and improve traffic flows in town and city centres, he said.

It would increase turnover to aid shoppers and traders and stop congestion. Many drivers would move to the several free off street car parks near town centres to clear roads. The scheme would probably make money and would certainly break even.

Mr. Hunter said it would cut out vandalism and maintenance costs of parking meters. It could mean more traffic wardens were employed, but it would cut out time wasted by double checking cars in restricted parking zones.

Cnty Cr. Ken Patterson, Chairman of the Traffic and Highways Committee, said the scheme had been welcomed by Cork Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber recommended it to other authorities, saying it was simple, flexible, easy to

### "Economic Disaster"

Bradford Council leader, Cr. Tom Hall has described the proposal as "economic disaster".

Cr. Hall said "all over the Bradford district there are shops and businesses struggling to win customers and stay afloat. Bradford is working hard to attract new industry, shops and tourists and ease of parking is one of the things we can offer them."

Cr. W. R. Hill Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, said the parish council was confident that before the county council made any changes they would have the necessary discussions with the local people involved, and that no change

would be made without the complete agreement of the parish council and district councillors.

He fully expected the county council only to implement changes after full discussion and agreement.

Cr. Hill felt there would be a vast change in parking patterns in Ilkley once the new Hillards supermarket was opened, therefore no change should be considered until after this. A review of the parking situation in the town should then be carried out, involving the parish council, Chamber of Trade and other interested local people.

He felt the move should be towards more and more freedom of parking, with less restrictions and more onus on the individual.

### Traders Views

Mr. Vincent Dobson, President of Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce, was surprised and disappointed to learn of the new proposals.

He said that after the recent parking restrictions were implemented in Ilkley the volume of criticism had resulted in a promise for a review after a period. If the new proposal went ahead it did not look as if this review would be carried out.

"Ilkley Parish Council prepared an excellent document outlining parking problems in Ilkley, and the Chamber of Trade commented on this," said Mr. Dobson. "We understood this would be put forward for discussion and that there would be a meeting between the parish, district and county councils."

If the county council's new proposal went ahead it would be another case of people far removed from the town taking action without first consulting the local people who knew more about local problems.

"It will be very disappointing if they ignore all the work that has been done locally with regard to parking in Ilkley," Mr. Dobson added.

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**GEESE SHOT ON RIVER  
 AT ADDINGHAM**

An incident in which seven Canadian geese were shot dead at Addingham on Sunday evening has been described as "a massacre of wildlife" by a local resident.

Mrs. Adrienne Richardson of Bark Lane, Addingham, said her reaction and that of others had been one of "sickening disgust".

"Who, we ask, could take pleasure in the death of beautiful birds?" she said. "They have enhanced the beauty of our countryside and harmed no one."

Mrs. Richardson said she heard several shots as dusk was approaching on Sunday and said her fears had been confirmed the following morning when she found seven of the birds had been shot. Only two remained and they were sheltering, shocked and confused," she said.

The birds had been frequenting the river at Addingham for about three years, said Mrs. Richardson.

"Over the past two to three years walkers passing along the river paths at Addingham have taken great pleasure in the small but gradually increasing community of Canada Geese which can be seen on the river between October and March," she said.

"The geese survived the rigours of last winter and their arrival in the autumn

was awaited with anticipation. To the delight of all, their numbers had increased to nine," said Mrs. Richardson.

"What a wonderful sight it was in the early morning to see them flying low over the river."

"Maybe some 'Gazette' readers could enlighten me as to how pleasure could be derived from taking a gun and depriving the world of beautiful and innocent wildlife," she added.

Mr. J. Obank, also of Bark Lane, Addingham, was near the river when the shots were fired.

"I was walking my dog near the river when I heard quite a number of shots which seemed to come from just below the vicarage," said Mr. Obank.

"The next moment a man, who was very well dressed, came running up to me and asked if I had heard shots. I told him I had and pointed out the direction from where they came, and he went running off towards the river," he said.

Mr. Obank, who regularly feeds the geese, said he had been shocked by the incident.

**ILKLEY "TIME CAPSULE" SAFELY  
 ENTOMBED AT PARISH CHURCH**

Along with another fairly well known location in Yorkshire, Ilkley can now boast its own "time capsule", safely entombed in the hole at the base of the tower of Ilkley Parish Church.

For many weeks now the diggers and delvers have been closely watched by anyone who was interested in the project of preparing a site for the Saxon Crosses. Now it is all over and the heating engineers, plumbers, builders and masons are, in the best British tradition, going to do their bit to fill the hole in again: but not before members of the Olicana Museum and Historical Society have safely deposited a time capsule.

No two people could possibly select the same items, bearing in mind that the object of the exercise was to present future generations 100, 1,000 or even 2,000 years hence some indication of how we lived. So it was not without a certain amount of hilarity that the items were finally chosen.

Inevitably the choices were arbitrary and subjective, and could in no way reflect our whole culture. They were further limited by the necessity to consider their keeping properties. This led to nylon and plastic, those twin banes

and joys of our lives, emerging as front runners.

Tights headed the list, followed by a plastic purse with a zip containing one each of the coins of the realm, as coins are such a god-send to archaeologists when trying to date a "find". Next in order of importance was a Royal Worcester thimble commemorating the birth of Prince William. It was a pretty little thing, bearing a once and only date for the benefit of future diggers.

In no particular order the following were included: knife, fork and spoon in plastic as well as in stainless steel, a cigarette lighter, coffee, tea, sugar and sweetex, aspirins; a leather purse and leather hair fastener; an enamel brooch, a safety pin, screws, nails and a nut and bolt; a paper clip, a Yale key, a paper pattern and a doll, three Matchbox toys (man on a motor bike, aeroplane and car), a plastic boat and tipper lorry, a biro and pencil with pencil sharpener; a dice, an electric light bulb and three-pin plug; a cassette

with a popular song sung by a girl, a plastic cotton reel, a steel comb, soap, tooth-brush and tooth paste; seeds of poppy, wallflower, carrot, lettuce and tomato, scissors, and finally an aluminium plate inscribed by Mr. Kenneth Greenwood. This recorded the reason for the burial of the capsule with date and would obviate any fear that future generation might harbour a suspicion that someone had suddenly decided to dig a hole and bury his treasure.

The strong plastic box was double-wrapped in aluminium foil, treble-wrapped in strong plastic and securely tied with nylon twine.

A second package similarly wrapped was assembled by the vicar, the Rev. Richard Cleland. It contained a history of the church, the current Parish Magazine, prayer books and other relevant information.

Now it is all over, gone, buried, for who knows how long, perhaps for ever—what would you have buried?

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Picture shows Mrs. E. Greenwood (right), President of the Olicana Museum and Historical Society, placing the time capsule in the base of the tower of Ilkley Parish Church; watched by Mrs. N. Blake, Publicity Secretary of the Society.

## Lord Mayor And Lady Mayoress Visit Ilkley Town Hall



The Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, of Ilkley, and Lady Mayoress Mrs. Joan Beevers, of Menston, visited Ilkley Town Hall to meet the staff and learn more about the work

they do.

They spent over an hour chatting to the staff and seeing round the building.

Pictured (left to right) during the visit are Town Hall staff Miss

L. Thackray (Clerk) and Mrs. Margaret Sugden (Administrator), Lord Mayor Cr. Mrs. Lightband and Lady Mayoress Mrs. Beevers, and staff Mrs. D. Jacques (Clerk), Mrs. E. Voss (Housing Manage-

ment Assistant), Mr. F. McLoughlin (Senior Assistant Revenues), Mrs. E. Ibbotson (Senior Clerk) and Mr. J. Shepherd (District Surveyor).

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### MP ASKS ABOUT FUTURE OF ILKLEY'S RAIL LINKS

Questions about the future of Ilkley's railway links with Leeds and Bradford have been raised in the House of Commons by Dr. Keith Hampson, MP for Ripon.

He has asked the Secretary of State for Transport, Mr. David Howell to bear in mind when considering the options in the Serpell Report that there were many branch lines which though uneconomic, were vital to the economy of communities such as Ilkley. The Ilkley - Leeds - Bradford line currently carried almost

900,000 people a year.

Dr. Hampson said "the extreme options of the Serpell Report are an anathema and I wanted to issue a warning to the Secretary of State many on his own side of the House will oppose any proposals which indiscriminately axe branch lines. The Ilkley line is particularly costly to maintain but the numbers using it have steadily increased and it would be crazy to impose such an extra burden on the inadequate roads serving Leeds and Bradford."

### ILKLEY CIVIC SOCIETY OPPOSES PLAN FOR AMUSEMENT ARCADE

Ilkley Civic Society has expressed its opposition to the controversial plan for an amusement arcade in the town.

The society's Chairman, Mr. Graham May, said they were totally opposed to the proposal to change the use of the "Sportsman", in the Victorian Arcade, to an amusement arcade.

Mr. May said if planning permission was given it would make a "complete mockery" of all planning policy for the town.

"The site is in the Conservation Area and at no stretch of the imagination could an amusement arcade be considered consistent with such status," said Mr. May. "Approval would completely undermine the credibility of the Conservation Area and indicate that there was no intention to uphold the policy."

Mr. May said the proposal would negate recent efforts to refurbish the area concerned. "The Arcade, as an enclosed space, is very vulnerable to damage and not suitable for the density of use that may be generated," he said. "Wear and tear on the fabric would soon lead to a marked deterioration in the quality of the Arcade and its surroundings and the decline could easily spread to neighbouring properties," he added.

"It may be argued that the proposal was fulfilling a demand for this type of development and was a logical consequence of the Council's policy of tourist development in Ilkley," Mr. May continued. "On the contrary, the attraction of Ilkley to tourists lies in the setting in the Wharfe valley and in the

fact that it had not been overtaken by commercial razamataz," he said.

"Tourists are not an undifferentiated mass. Some enjoy one environment while others favour completely different surroundings," said Mr. May.

He concluded: "The society viewed this application as a test case. Failure to refuse it outright will totally undermine the credibility of the Council's planning policy for the town. The society is, however, confident the Council is aware of the importance of the issue and will refuse the application."

The planning application was jointly submitted by Mr. Kevin Raper and Mr. John Collins, of the "Sportsman," who have the shop on a tenancy from Mr. Vincent Dobson.

Mr. Dobson, the President of Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade, has expressed his opposition to the plan, as have Ilkley parish councillors.

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**Remember to  
Belt Up on  
January 31**

From the end of this month, unless covered by one of the exemption clauses, most drivers and front seat passengers must wear an approved type safety belt.

As a constant reminder of the new law, which comes into effect on Monday, January 31, 'Remember Seat Belts' stickers have been issued to police officers in West Yorkshire for distribution among motorists. Supported by helpful words of advice, the stickers are intended to be placed on the fascia or front door windows.

"While it is apparent that more drivers are now using their safety belts in anticipation of the new law coming into effect, many are not," said Superintendent Ken Horner of West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police Community Affairs Department.

"I am concerned that despite all the publicity surrounding the new law, many drivers may have missed the fact that from Monday, January 31, it will be an offence not to wear a seat belt."

There has been some speculation that the police may caution offenders rather than prosecute them for a short period following the introduction of the new law. "This is a dangerous assumption in more ways than one," said Superintendent Horner.

"Not only will failure to wear a seat belt increase a person's chances of injury in the event of an accident, but it may also lead to a prosecution for failing to wear one."

More than 30,000 drivers and front seat passengers are killed or seriously injured in accidents nationally every year. In West Yorkshire in 1981 there were 3,837 car drivers and front seat passengers killed or injured in road accidents. Tests have found that the impact of a crash at 30 m.p.h. can be the same as hitting the ground after falling from a third floor window.

Under the new law any driver or front seat passenger aged 14 years or more, who is not yet officially exempted, who fails to wear a seat belt may be fined up to £50.

It will not be up to the driver to make sure a front seat passenger wears a seat belt, unless that person is under 14 years of age.

Exemptions under the new law include drivers carrying out a manoeuvre which involves reversing; someone having a valid medical exemption certificate, or where a seat belt has become defective on a journey, or previously and arrangements are in hand to have it repaired or replaced.

A summary of the full range of exemptions which may apply is included in an explanatory leaflet available at town halls, public libraries etc., or direct from the Department of Transport, Room C16/12, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

## GROWING OPPOSITION TO STREET PARKING CHARGES

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**Claim that County proposal would  
be disastrous for small towns**

There are signs of growing local opposition to the County Council scheme from introducing on-street car parking charges, with Otley and Ilkley nominated as two of the towns in which the scheme will be initially introduced.

The County proposal, which has already been approved by the Traffic and Highways Committee and now awaits the confirmation of the full Council, will necessitate drivers having to purchase 10p parking cards from town centre shops and display them in their windscreens.

When the proposal was presented in detail to last week's meeting of the Traffic and Highways Committee, members were told that Otley is a market town of 15,000 population situated approximately 10 miles north-west of Leeds. It is a busy shopping centre, with a market held on Fridays and Saturdays, in addition to a cattle market on Mondays. Limited waiting and unrestricted parking currently co-exist within the proposed zone. A total of 250 on-street spaces will be available together with 430 off-street spaces.

A maximum waiting period of two hours with return prohibited within one hour is proposed for all spaces within the zone.

Market stalls are placed on Kirkgate on Fridays, consequently it will be necessary to prohibit waiting at such times.

Market Street and the market place are set paved and contiguous. An environmental enhancement scheme is currently under consideration and it is suggested that parking proposals for the area be implemented after the joint Leeds City/West Yorkshire environmental proposals.

Additional restrictions are proposed on Bridge Street and Claggate to discourage indiscriminate parking on this major route into Otley. The A.660 (Kirkgate, Bondgate, Gay Lane) is a Trunk Road and approval to the proposals will be necessary from the Department of Transport.

Residents exemptions are proposed on Charles Street and Walkergate.

### 'Disastrous'

The meeting was told by Otley's representative at Wakefield, County Coun. Barry Peters, that parking card charges would be disastrous for small towns.

He said that as an alternative to parking meters the parking card scheme has much to recommend it. In the right location it will be cheaper, more effective and more flexible than meter parking. But to implement the parking card system throughout West Yorkshire—in city centres, town roads and village streets regardless of local circumstances and needs is totally ridiculous.

"Having found a useful idea the Socialists wish to impose it on all areas of the county, whether it is appropriate or not," he said. "The

best solution for one area might be totally inappropriate for another—charging for parking might be reasonable for city centres but will be disastrous for rural or small town shopping centres. Introducing these street parking charges in isolation without an overall parking strategy for the towns concerned is sheer folly."

He continued: "Let us consider Otley, which I represent. Charging for on-street parking could be the final nail in the coffin of small shops and businesses struggling for survival."

"Otley is a local shopping centre, a place where the community shops, where residents do major shopping but also call frequently into the town centre for odd items. The free parking policy of the old Otley UDC, endorsed by Leeds Council in the Town Plan, has helped to keep a thriving town centre—despite the threat from building societies—and Leeds and Otley Councils have jointly been putting money into improving off-street car parks to attract more shoppers and tourists."

"The effect of charging for parking would be to fill off-street parks with all day parkers, to make life in town centre streets hell for residents living there, to severely effect tourism prospects, and to force shoppers to park on street or go elsewhere."

"What I fear will happen is that motorists will not park in Otley Town Centre; they will go off to supermarkets with free car parks. There will be no more people using the bus nor will the motorists be clobbered as often seems to be the Labour Group's intention. The effect of the proposal will be to kill the community shops, and to line the pockets of the supermarket owners."

"If the recommendations are approved I will fight the introduction of charging for parking in Otley all the way and I know I will have the support of residents and traders. I will urge that if you insist on going ahead then for each town you should set up a working party to include local councillors and Chamber of Trade representatives to see if an overall agreed parking strategy can be worked out for that area."

### Formal motion

Since the committee meeting a formal motion has been tabled by Coun. Graham

Kirkland to be presented to the Leeds City Council meeting on February 2. Coun. Kirkland's motion calls on Leeds City Council to oppose the introduction by West Yorkshire County Council of on-street parking charges in all areas of the metropolitan district outside the city centre parking meter zone.

Coun. Kirkland said he has high hopes that his motion will get carried. "I would expect opposition to the County's scheme from representatives for areas such as Morley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Horsforth, Wetherby, and if Leeds agrees to oppose these on-street parking charges it will make it very difficult for the County to proceed," he said.

Coun. Kirkland said he understood that it was intended to introduce the Wetherby and Huddersfield schemes by late summer, with the next phase including Otley, Ilkley, Dewsbury, and Wakefield probably taking until the end of the year.

"But introducing the scheme will require Traffic Regulation Orders and Parking Orders, all of which involve public consultation and consideration of objections," he said. "Opposition by District Councils, local councillors, traders, and residents could extend this period considerably, and I hope, could lead to the scheme's abandonment. One obvious way the scheme could be blocked is if all traders in Otley and the other areas concerned refuse to sell the parking cards."

"Charging for parking on Otley streets is against the Otley Town Plan, and is a crazy idea before the effect of the new by-pass on the town centre has been established," said Coun. Kirkland. "The proposals should not proceed without a detailed look at their implications for the future of the town's shopping centre."

County Coun. Peters said he proposed to reconvene the joint Town Council and Chamber of Trade car parking Working Party to investigate the scheme and produce a suitable strategy. "I have formally written to the chairman of the County's Traffic and Highways Committee asking if he will authorise a County traffic expert to attend Working Party meetings to receive and comment on the local views," he said.