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CONTROVERSIAL PLAN FOR NEW ILKLEY DEVELOPMENT IS APPROVED BUT FIGHT GOES ON

A controversial plan which could change the face of the South Hawksworth Street area of Ilkley was approved by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee on Wednesday, but the fight against it is continuing.

At the request of Ilkley Parish Councillors, Mrs. Barabra Cussons, who is a member of the Sub-Committee, the scheme for the replacement of the bus depot with a supermarket and shops was referred to the Council's Development Services for further consideration.

Sub-Committee members expressed reservations about the scheme, but it was claimed that the town "could grind to a halt", but they were told that no objections on traffic and highway grounds were expected from West Yorkshire County Council.

Cr. Mrs. Cussons, also a member of Bradford Metropolitan Council, was concerned there would be insufficient car parking spaces. "There was already a demand on them and it could be unfair on existing shops," she said.

An Asset

Cr. Derek Smith thought the scheme could be an asset to Ilkley but admitted he could not see how the traffic would "work properly".

Sub-Committee members had visited the site last week before deciding upon the plan, submitted by the West Yorkshire Road Car Company.

Council planners had indicated they thought the scheme was acceptable, but local organisations and residents objected because of potential traffic hazards and the danger of over-shopping the district.

A scheme for a Co-op store on part of the site had already been turned down, but with other developments taking place in other parts of the town centre, Ilkley Parish Council asked that a decision by Bradford Council on the latest scheme should be deferred to assess their impact.

They thought it would be wise to delay approval until the effect of the new Hillards supermarket in Springs Lane and the proposed Shop and

Store Development's Wharfedale Centre on the railway station site had been gauged. It thought a development of small shop units to link the Grove Promenade and Victorian Arcade would be more suitable, but felt nothing should be approved until the Wharfedale Centre had been completed.

Astonished

Ilkley Civic Society was also against the proposals, saying it was astonished the plans were being considered at all because it was an outline application and did not have full details.

This, it said, was in direct defiance of a recommendation to the District Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

The society was also concerned about the proposed massive increase in shopping area in central Ilkley, on top of that generated by the new Hillards store and the proposed Wharfedale Centre.

While the society was not opposed in principle to development of the site, it felt that the good start the Council had made in preparing a brief for the site should be carried through, and the "wise and sensible" recommendations the Council had accepted as policy be adhered to.

Cr. W. R. Hill, Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, told the 'Gazette' yesterday that he was concerned that "once again the strong and very well based views of Ilkley Parish Council and District Councillor Mrs. Cussons have not been fully taken into consideration."

Cr. Hill said that if the plan went ahead the development would create an over-shopped area and cause traffic chaos.

"There is still the opportunity for people to put forward their views, however," said Cr. Hill. "We would like to have the support of concerned local societies and individuals," he said.

Another Objector

Meanwhile, another local organisation gave its support to the fight against the plan this week—Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee.

It agreed at a meeting on Wednesday that it was against the plan because of the road traffic dangers it would create.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton told the meeting that it would bring the same traffic difficulties that the original Co-op plan would have created. "The entrance would be in Cunliffe Road, necessitating the one way system to be taken away," she said.

Concern was also expressed for the elderly people using the James Clarke and Sarah Foley Day Centre, in Cunliffe Road, who would have to negotiate a "very busy" road.

The bus company—who for some time had been considering closing the Ilkley bus depot if it would prove economically viable as a retail site — has operated at the depot since 1927.

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

28 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL JAN UNITS FOR 83 ILKLEY SITE APPROVED

A plan to convert lock-up garages in Deans Yard Leeds Road, Ilkley, to light industrial units has been approved by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

The owner of the garages, Mr. J. D. Longfellow, is to convert them into eight units for cottage industries in the hope they will attract unemployed skilled people wanting to start their own business.

To make the area more attractive it will be landscaped, with shrubs and trees.

Other local planning applications approved by the Planning Sub-Committee include:
33a, Brook Street, Ilkley—change of use from unfurnished flat to office.

Abbeydale, Grove Road, Ilkley—change of use from private residence to nursing home.

39, Grove Road, Ilkley—extension and double garage.
5, New Brook Street, Ilkley—machinery and tool store.
Stonecroft, Owlter Park Road, Ilkley—erection of one house or bungalow.
The Pines, Parish Ghyll

Drive, Ilkley—conversion of existing house into five flats and one maisonette.

9, Stubham Rise, Middleton, Ilkley—conversion of house into three flats.

35/37, The Grove, Ilkley—formation of pavement vehicular crossover to serve existing loading area.

Ilkley College, Wells Road, Ilkley—erection of storage hut.

Moor Cottage, Wells Road, Ilkley—demolition of existing porch and replacement with new.

Whitton Croft Road, Ilkley—residential development.

REFUSED

A planning application for a bungalow at Street House Farm, Silsden Road, Addingham, was turned down by the Planning Sub-Committee because it claimed the proposed access was inadequate.



Picture shows the West Yorkshire Road Car Company's bus garage in Cunliffe Road, Ilkley, which would be demolished to make way for a new shopping development.

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Disgust And Horror Over Shooting Of Geese

Sir,—It was with disgust and horror I learned of the shooting of a number of very graceful and beautiful black geese and two white ones by a cruel man, at Addingham, between the caravan site and the churchyard, on the river.

Whoever he is, I hope he gets paid out for this deed. How could he be so jealous of the pleasure these charming birds brought to people? I understand he left some with gun shot in them, to die in pain.

My husband and I would go three times a week, just to stand on the swing bridge, or under it, to feed these almost tame, once wild, birds. We walk four miles from Ilkley, through Nesfield, to Addingham.

Also, one of the farmers' wives fed these birds in the terrible winter of 1981-82 to keep them alive for the great joy they brought people, only for them to be killed on Sunday, 16 January, 1983.

As a member of the Wild Birds Society, I am going to write and see if something can be done to bring this case before them, and so stop him from destroying any more wildlife on the river.

His next target will be the little tame ducks, once wild, that half of Addingham go and feed.

How can we teach children kindness and not to be cruel, and to stop being vandals, when we have people like this so-called man? I would be most grateful if anyone will give me the name and address of this cruel man. Perhaps the nice spoken man I met while feeding the little ducks in Mill Lane and who told me of the sad loss of these geese will send it.

If I did not believe in God to pay back whoever shot the birds I would like to stand him up and fill him with gunshot and leave him to die.

I do hope all in Addingham who have interest in wildlife will help to stop this deed from ever happening again.

Mrs. G. H. SCHOFIELD
Earlswood,
33, Skipton Road,
Ilkley.

Addingham's Communal Spirit

Sir,—The communal spirit in Addingham which had been a model for others to try and emulate was not created by any creed or societies.

Up to the 1940's 70 per cent of the population earned their living in the village and so it was natural that the feeling of belonging through associations at work should radiate out in their social and sporting activities. There were the football and cricket clubs, the ladies hockey teams, the Memorial Close Bowling green and for three seasons a Rugby League Club.

We had a doctor, a chemist's shop, two gentlemen's hairdressers, two fish and chip shops and three retail shoe shops, plus three shoe repairers, grocers, tailors and drapers. All the necessities of life could be purchased in the village and so the community remained very closely knit.

The sporting organisations operated on a voluntary basis and there were always willing workers to see that they flourished. The closing of the textile mills both weaving and spinning was a disaster and that coupled with the direction of the village into Bradford Met, killed off its own identity.

The cricket and football clubs are the last remaining bastions of voluntary effort in this village and may they continue to create pleasure to the public they cater for.

If we could get rid of the derelict sites in the village which have been eyesores for the last 20 years it might be possible to rekindle the community spirit once more.

Sadly I fear the eyesores will remain as long as we are a part of Bradford Met, and have no identity of our own.

It would have been so different under the old Skipton Rural District Council.

FLETCHER WALL
Laurel Bank,
Addingham.

Concerned over proposed development

Sir,—On Wednesday the planning application for development of the Cunliffe Road - South Hawksworth Street was narrowly approved despite members reservations about possible traffic problems. Because of my concern at the impact on the town centre I moved the matter up to Development Services Committee.

Although many would agree that additional small food units would be welcome and helpful in the central area the thought of a food hall larger than the existing Hillards, bringing all the Railway Road problems into lower Cunliffe Road is a matter of great concern. Delivery and customer traffic will be adjacent for access and egress; it would seem inevitable that yet more street parking will be lost in the area. In addition parking for only 26 customers in a tight area will result in cars unable to enter, reversing into Cunliffe Road and ultimately, I believe, the domestic traffic will thus be forced up and on to The Grove.

The meeting is on Wednesday, 2 February and I would welcome any representations on this matter by Monday, 31 January.

B. J. CUSSONS
Bradford District
Councillor

Storm Caused Considerable Damage At Ilkley

100 Years Ago

A storm of considerable force, accompanied by sleet, snow and hail raged with fury for 24 hours causing considerable damage in and around Ilkley. The shelter on the north side of the platform at the railway station was blown away, telegraph wires were brought down, street lamps suffered damage, roofs and houses and chimney pots were demolished. A special meeting was called of property owners and ratepayers by the Ilkley Local Board to discuss the route to be taken by the proposed railway between Ilkley and Skipton. A resolution put forward by Mr. J. Gordon that the railway should go over Brook Street was greeted with cheers despite the fact that members of the Local Board had been under the impression that a lower route by the Wharfe had been favoured. Mr. Gaunt pleaded for the lower route to be used but the Brook Street plan was carried by a large show of hands accompanied by stamping and cheering.

75 Years Ago

The fire brigade dinner at the Crescent Hotel was marred by a false fire alarm call, which was a hoax. The Firemen arrived at the

Fire Station and harnessed the requisitioned horses all ready for use, only to discover they had been tricked. Despite the interruption they returned to the Crescent Hotel and the incident was soon forgotten in the delightful programme of songs provided for their entertainment and enjoyment. Captain Powell in his annual report said there had been only two fires in 1907 with damage by fire and water estimated at £255. There had been twelve practices at Ilkley and four at Addingham which had been fully attended, and this spoke well of the desire of the men to become fully efficient and well organised.

An Ilkley butcher was summoned at Otley Police Court for neglecting to support his wife of 18 years and their eight surviving children. In over three months he had paid nothing at all to his wife who was suffering from severe hardship. The complainant said they had had 13 children but only eight survived and that her husband used to pay the grocer's bill and occasionally the rent but had ceased to do so.

The defendant complained of his wife's habits and said she had left, taking all the furniture, apart from a dresser which was too large to move and that she had done no washing for him for three weeks. The Bench made an order for him to pay 7s. 6d. per week to his wife and gave her the custody of the children.

50 Years Ago

Winter's grip on Wharfedale meant a time of revelry for skating enthusiasts, with the most popular venues being Yeadon Dam, Ilkley Tarn, and Farnley and Denton Park Lakes. Ilkley Council staff daily swept and scraped the surface of the tarn to keep the ice in prime condition, and illumination was provided with both lamps and also coloured fairy lights which added to the gaiety. Hundreds of people as well as the skaters thronged the footpaths to watch the sport.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre in Ilkley started an interesting new venture with a series of lectures on subjects of mothercraft given by the Ilkley Health Visitor, Nurse Alice Broughton.

One of the most picturesque characters in the north of England John Ball, better known as Johnnie Baker, died in a Keighley hospital. He had lived for over 23 years in a one roomed stone house or shed on the Bingley edge of Bingley Moor, and with his long hair and wild beard he was known as the "Hermit of Ilkley Moor." Over the years he had come North from Tiverton in Somerset and worked as a gardener, a navvy, a ganger on the railway and had run a navvy's canteen in the Bingley district. For some years he lodged at "Dick Hudson's" where he fried hundreds of hams and thousands of eggs. At that time he was in great demand locally as a killer of pigs and a curer of hams. He was, as he still said in his native Somerset dialect, "as happy as a king" living in his little shed on the edge of the Moor.

25 Years Ago

Governors of Ilkley Secondary School were happy to hear of plans for new buildings on the Wheatley Lane site and were told that temporary accommodation of a satisfactory type would be made available at One Oak at the junction of Oakburn Road and Parish Ghyll Drive.

Guests at the Civic Ball held in the Kings Hall and Winter Gardens given by the Chairman of Ilkley Urban Council, Councillor Mrs. Hylda Hawkins included Sir Malcolm Stoddart Scott M.P. and Lady Stoddart Scott, County Alderman Mrs. Ryder Runtton and Mr. S. Ryder Runtton and County Alderman Col. N. Geldard and Mrs. Geldard Civic heads from other councils and president of all the leading organisations in the town.

The Ilkley Old Folks Club was described as being firmly established and "a focal point for the older people of Ilkley" by Mr. J. R. Broadley, Chairman of the executive committee at the annual meeting in the Town Hall. The club had been in existence for two years and membership had increased considerably and equipment had been acquired from the County authority. They had held bring and buy sales and parties as well as their usual meetings throughout the year.

FLOODS HIT ILKLEY AND ADDINGHAM

100 Years Ago

An incessant fall of rain, hail and snow, increased in volume and swelled the waters of the Wharfe and its tributaries to flood proportions. The water burst out over the valley causing great damage to property and to farmland. At Addingham both the Low Mill and the High Mill were water-logged, a large quantity of silk being spoiled and bales washed away. The gasworks which supplied the village were also damaged and the dwellings of workpeople near the river were all partly submerged, the inmates "being in great terror until they were rescued by horses and carts". At Ilkley the valley presented the appearance of a great lake and great damage was done to grass land and gardens. The Robinson family who lived in a lodge just over the Old Bridge had to be rescued when the waters were at their highest, with water about three feet inside their dwelling. The structure of the Old Bridge however was praised as it was able to withstand the great pressure of the water with little or no damage.

75 Years Ago

The fact that there had been more enquiries than ever before by people wishing to visit Ilkley proved that the Ilkley Advertising Board was "doing the town some good" according to Mr. D. McGuire, president of the Board. They had issued a large number of guide books and accommodation lists to leading banks and insurance companies in London, and posters had been exhibited by the principal railway companies.

Ilkley Free Library added a further 350 volumes to its shelves, making a total number of 800 books available. The new volumes included poetry, Carlyle's works, Fletcher's picturesque History of Yorkshire, a set of Lord Beaconsfield's works, two illustrated volumes of Shakespeare, the works of Robert Browning, Milton's works and many more.

50 Years Ago

The main topic of discussion at a meeting of Ilkley Urban District Council was the bad influenza epidemic. The closure of local schools had been suggested but as the epidemic was so infectious and not quite as vicious in character as some forms of influenza and the children would be exposed to the germs in shops, churches, cinemas and private homes, this was felt to be unnecessary.

To mark the coming of age of Mr. Marmaduke F. Wyvil, heir to the Denton Park Estate, a presentation was made by Mr. Amos Matterson of a black oak walking stick made from wood grown on the estate. A party was held at Leyburn Town Hall for over 200 guests.

Members of Addingham Conservative Club held a whist drive and dance in the Church School. Messrs. H. Hudson and C. Cockshott acted as stewards for the whist and Messrs. J. Petty and J. A. Holmes acted as M.C.'s for the dancing. The flu epidemic prevented many of the village people from attending this function.

25 Years Ago

The Rector of Addingham, the Rev. L. P. Clare was elected cricket captain of Addingham Cricket Club, with Mr. J. Featherstone as vice-captain. It was hoped that the teams would be able to improve their performance as they had had a disappointing year in 1957.

Increases in the rents of Council houses and flats and also in the contribution from the Housing Revenue account to the Housing Repairs Fund were approved by Ilkley Council. The repairs bill had been steadily rising and the contribution from each dwelling was to be raised by 2s per annum.

Elvis Presley starred at the Grove Cinema in "Love Me Tender" with Elizabeth Scott and Wendell Corey.

Following a week of ice and frost, the temperature rose to a point higher than was sometimes found in June and the highest maximum of the week was 52 degrees Fahrenheit.

HISTORY OF ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH UNFOLDED FROM 1066

The link between the Saxon Thane Gamel, the three Anglo-Saxon crosses and Ilkley Parish Church is unfolded in an article which appears in the Ilkley Gazette dated 30 September 1927. 4 Feb 83

Recently work by the Yorkshire Archaeological Unit under the supervision of Dr Margaret Faulkner to lay a base in the Tower of the Church to house the three Saxon crosses was completed.

Ilkley Parish Church along with the Museum is on the site of the Roman Fort of Ollicana which was associated with the occupation of the Romans in the town between A.D. 78 until their departure in A.D. 410.

During the excavations in the tower of the Parish Church a large stone tablet, and stone walling believed to be associated with the Roman occupation of the Fort of Ollicana were exposed. Also uncovered were three pits each two metres deep dating from the seventeenth century which were used for casting bells.

According to archaeological experts Ilkley Parish Church in those early days was only of a wooden structure.

The article depicts Ilkley Parish Church under the successive rule of the Saxon Thane, Gamel, followed by the long line of Norman Barons of the North, the Percies and then finally the Middletons.

The Norman Barons of the North took over when Gamel was finally crushed.

Ilkley was mentioned as being in William the Conqueror's "bad books" as a stronghold of the Saxons, which had given him far more trouble than other harmless little places and must be destroyed for that reason—root and branch. So in that bitter Winter of 1069-70 the order was given due to the stern stand Gamel and his men had in the Saxon rising, which brought on the devastation of Yorkshire, to waste the place utterly and William the Conqueror and his men made such a thorough job of it that after sixteen years not a man was to be found in the Manor of Ilkley.

Lords of the Manor

Ilkley Manor passed by the families of the De Kymes, Heslarton, Plessington and Meyngs to the Middletons. The De Kymes came into the presentation of the Church at Ilkley and they are mentioned in the Archbishop's registers which began in 1241.

From Domesday to 1241—a period of 150 years, the history of the church is blank but as it was a church in an area of wasted land there must have been little to record and few to record even that little.

There is a hint of a deed which conveys half a carucate of land in Asquith to the monks of Sallay which William de Percy founded in 1147. The deed bore no date but according to Dr Collyer appeared to be in the times of Appollitus and was witnessed by "R" priest of Yelleclay.

However, from the year 1241 there began a clear and continuous record of the story of Ilkley Parish Church.

First Rector

In this year Dominus Robert de Flexthorp, clerk, is instituted Rector of Ilkley, under the Patronage of Phil. d Kyme. Forty-five years later he is followed by Dom William Malherbe, Sub-Deacon; Dom William de Askeby, Deacon was instituted eight years later and served twelve years. He was followed in 1307 by Dom Robert de Cotynham, Acolyte (A lesser church officer), who held the position for seven years and he was followed in 1314 by Dom. William de Cotynham, Sir William de Kyme being the Patron. Another record of one more presentation by a de Kyme in 1322, but the records left out the name of the Rector and this name appears to have been lost.

Possibly the reason for this break may be accorded to the Black Death which came in 1348 when the strayed through the corn and there was nobody left to drive them. It is on record that the priests died at Addingham, Weston and Otley.

The last of the de Kymes was a woman who married into the Scottish house of Umfraville, Earls of Angus.

In 1258 William de Middleton founded the Chantry of St. Nicholas with Ilkley Parish Church. This became known as the Sedbergh School Trust at Ilkley After the dissolution of the Monasteries King Edward the Sixth granted to the Governors of the school of Sedbergh "all the whole late Chantry of St. Nicholas in Ilkley with all its rights in Backstone beck leas, Edes, Longlands le Cow Leage, le cow close Bowdyes Ragbe, Cow Close, Holme, Inghill, Close stones, Dyke close, and Else close, in the occupation of Richard Parysh, Richard Robinson, William Shutt, Thomas Swyer Francis Meryng and William Cowgill, and all other lands that had been given by the Middletons for perpetual prayers in the little Chapel in the south side of Ilkley Church.

It is on part of this land that Ilkley Town Hall and the Post Office now stand and the name Sedbergh is still preserved in Sedbergh Buildings.

It was in this chantry on the south side of the Church that

the effigy ascribed to Sir Adam de Middleton lay before the church was restored, and right up to that time the little font for holy water remained as the Reformation had left it.

After Bannockburn

There was a sequel to the disaster at Bannockburn in 1314.

The Scots came over the border as they had never done since the time of the Romans. In 1316 the Scots burned Northallerton, Boroughbridge, Knaresborough and Skipton. They held Ripon to ransom. They wintered in Pannal and burned the place in the Spring. They came to Bolton in 1318 and burned some of the manors including one named Stead. They lifted cattle as they found it. The Stake Pass from the top of Kidstones over by Hawes was their cattle track. The 1319 record of Bolton Abbey is one line. "No account this year because of the Scots."

AT ILKLEY

At Ilkley cattle were carried off, houses wrecked and the living of the Church fell from £25 18s in 1290 to the equivalent of £17 6s 8d in 1318.

However, the most serious effect of the great Scottish raids on Ilkley Parish Church was to be seen in 1378 by which the rectorial profit were appropriated to the Prior and monastery at Hexham and a vicarage was ordained. The opening paragraph to the Document from the Archbishop of York read Alexander (Neville) by divine permission Archbishop of York to the Prior Monks of Hexham, greeting—Your petition lately presented to us said that the revenues of your Monastery was so much diminished that you could not well support yourselves.

The document referred to the desolation left by the Scots and went on— You can not bear these burdens unless you obtain more generous aid and have begged us to unite to your monastery the living of the Parish Church of Ilkley over which you have already obtained the right of patronage by the gift of the Lord Henry de Percy of Northumberland. We therefore are inclined to grant your application, and with consent of the Chapter, and by our authority, do incorporate the said Parish Church of Ilkley with all its fruits and revenues and give it to you and your monastery for ever. We grant you also permission to take possession of the said church with its rents and revenues on the resignation or death of the present rector, reserving from its income a proper allowance for maintaining a vicar in a manner suitable to his condition and hereby fix an annual pension of 20 shillings to be paid from the fruits of the said church, of which 13/4d must be paid to us and 6/8d to the Dean and Chapter, but should you ever lose the church you shall then be free from the payment of this pension. Given at our Manor of Cawood the 12th day of January year of our Lord's Incarnation, 1378.

Commented the Gazette of 1927 "In passing these documents make one think furiously of how short a period is a human 'for ever' even when uttered by an Archbishop and how free the Middle Ages were with other people's property.

"For 150 years up to the Reformation the Monks of Hexham held the living. They do not seem to have done a great deal in return for the rents and revenues."

During Elizabeth First reign around the year 1560 the Middletons were still the Lords of the Manor but during the reconstruction period they were involved in a costly law suit.

The Prior of Hexham who held Hollins Hall as well as the Church claimed the Lordship of the Manor William Middleton presented a petition to Queen Elizabeth and won his case. The manorial rights were passed over to the Ilkley Local Board in 1893.

Coincurrences

The Restoration of Ilkley Parish Church and the first service after its restoration took place in the summer of 1861—this being the same year the Ilkley Gazette was founded.

The Manor House which had been a gift of Mr Percy Dalton to Ilkley Council in 1956 was restored in 1961 while the Ilkley Gazette was celebrating its centenary year. It was through Mr. Dalton's gift and financial help from the Ministry of Works that the Manor House which had been in a delapidated state for many years was renovated and the surrounding area landscaped.

BELL CAST

In 1846 six bells replaced the three which had done duty in the Old Parish Church. The dates of the three bells were 1609 (James 1st and 6th of Scotland), 1636 (Charles 1st) and 1676 (Charles 2nd).

As previously stated earlier in the article the ancient Rectory was constituted a Vicarage in 1378.

First Vicarage

The first Vicarage was in the present Arcade in Church Street and was pulled down in 1894.

The Rev. George Fenton was the last Vicar of Ilkley to reside in the old Vicarage. He was appointed Vicar of Roston near Barnsley in 1838.

The Rev. Fenton was the founder of the Ilkley Bath Charity (near the Ilkley Convalescent Hospital on the Grove).

The Rev. John Snowden who succeeded the Rev. Fenton as Vicar of Ilkley declined to bring his young family to the old Vicarage and in 1847 the Vicarage in Wells Road was erected. Subsequent Vicarages were in Westville Avenue and the present Vicarage on Denton Road.

The Rev. Snowden, who was Vicar of Ilkley for 34 years died at the age of 72 in 1878 and in that year the old Vicarage in the Arcade was still standing.

The Rev. Snowden had been a widower for 24 years—his wife died in 1853—this being the same year as the brook from which Brook Street got its name was covered over.

Plaques commemorating the Memory of the Rev. Snowden and his wife are on display in Ilkley Parish Church.

C.B.G.

WHEATSHEAVES ON THE HOLMES



From time to time it is hoped to include in future editions of the "Gazette" a pictorial record of scenes in the Ilkley district where changes have taken place over the years.

These may vary from landscapes to street scenes or of some major events which to some readers may jog memories of happy times in the past or serve as a reminder of Ilkley in the past.

To start the series this picture of a field of wheat sheaves in the district comes from our file for the 1940's and reveals an almost forgotten way of harvesting. Since the mechanisation in farming and the combined harvester it is many years since wheat sheaves were stacked in this way. This scene is of particular interest in that it is of the West Holmes which now forms part of the riverside recreational facilities.

It was shortly after the Second World War that the West Holmes which lies between the Crum Wheel and Ilkley Rugby Club was put back into use for growing food.

The first crop to be grown there since the First World War between 1914-1918 was in 1946 when a fine crop of oats was expected to yield eight to ten tons. They were earmarked for feeding the horses owned by Ilkley Urban District Council.

EXHIBITION BOLSTERS REPUTATION OF ILKLEY ART CLUB

Ilkley Art Club's 74th annual exhibition — which runs at the Manor House until 6 March — underlines and bolsters the position of the club as one of the top art societies in West Yorkshire. 11. 2. 83

The liveliness of the club, which has a membership of over one hundred, is reflected in the wide range of styles and subjects of over ninety paintings on view.

Three club stalwarts — Bert Roberts, Eric Satchwell and Maurice Chamberlain — have produced some excellent work. Of particular note is Maurice Chamberlain's Conte pencil and ink drawing of San Lorenzo Maggiore, while his water-colour — S. Geremia Venice — has much architectural feel and contains all the feeling of a beautiful painting.

Eric Satchwell is at his best with "Wharfedale", a masterpiece of receding distance and controlled colour. His painting is neatly done with a straw-orange foreground, blue and green fields and receding blue hills and moorlands. Bert Roberts comes over strongly with his three "modern" woodcuts.

The first painting seen on entering the gallery is a large dramatic modern-effect portrait by Michael Dean. Partly abstract, it shows a brilliant

use of warm and cool colours.

There is a good pastel of Ilkley Moor by Barbara Davy and a water colour — "Shore Line Hebrides" — by Isobel Alexander. Rita Garside's oil painting of mimosa flowers has some of the feeling of a Van Gogh vase of flowers, and Jean Moore's silk screen prints have a good use of colour which gives the print much atmosphere.

Peter Fielding has improved particularly with his "Low Tide at Whitby", which comes over well even without the use of receding colours. A portrait in charcoal by Emma Mudd is effective and Helen Satchwell has produced a still life of Picasso expression.

An excellent work of art is Chamberlain's "Figure from the Battle of Anghairi". At first glance it looks like a tatty horse and man in wood and metal, but on further examination you realise that as a figure from a battle he projects the feeling of having been in every battle since the beginning of time.

L.S.

ILKLEY MAN TO TAKE UP NEW POST AS CURATOR

11 FEB 83

An Ilkley man is to take up the post of curator at the Yorkshire Museum in York.

Mr. Terence Suthers (38), of St. James Road, at present deputy director of the Area Museum Service for Yorkshire and Humberside, is expected to take-up his new position in April.

Mr. Suthers succeeds Mr. Michael Clegg, who left the museum last year and has become well known locally as a freelance naturalist and broadcaster.

Married with three children, Mr. Suthers has been responsible for helping to develop museums and art galleries throughout the region.

Based in Leeds at the moment, his special interests are archaeology and human history and he has also made a special study of mosaics in Sicily and North Africa.



Pictured (left to right) at the preview evening of Ilkley Art Club's exhibition are Mr. Eric Satchwell, with his painting of Wharfedale; Mr. Robert Hopper, the City Arts and Museum Officer; Mr. Howard Smith, the Arts and Museum

ACROSS THE YEARS 18 FEB 83

High Standard Of Health At Ilkley

100 Years Ago

A high standard of health was maintained in Ilkley during 1882-3 according to the Medical Officer of Health when he presented his annual report to members of the Local Board. 150 births, 27 marriages and 61 deaths were registered. He took an estimate of Ilkley's population to be 5,000 and these returns gave a birth rate of 30 per 1,000 and a death rate of 12.2. Some of the deaths could be accounted for amongst visitors to Ilkley as a Health Spa and already in a poor state of health. Infant mortality he attributed to premature birth and defective vitality, and deaths amongst adults were largely due to respiratory diseases and senile decay. There had been an epidemic of measles and another of diphtheria, also some whooping cough and scarlet fever. For the first time in ten years there had been no outbreak of typhoid fever.

On Friday 23 February the dam stakes across the Wharfe at Low Mill burst and the greater proportion was carried away. It had withstood the fury of a great flood and then had gone down with no exceptional strain upon it. Business at the mill would be interrupted and work people were to be put on short time, as half the power of the silk spinning mill owned by Messrs. C. S. Lister and Co. had been derived from water, the rest being supplemented by steam.

75 Years Ago

A novelty was to be introduced to Ilkley in the shape of motor cabs. One was taken to Ilkley from Leeds to test and with six occupants the cab was driven up some of the steepest hills and streets in the district, and the passengers had proved to be highly delighted with their ride and the "manner in which the motor car acted." It was feared that the cabbies with their horse drawn

shays would soon be put out of business. The cabs were expected to start running in Ilkley at Easter.

There were 150 applicants for the job of caretaker at the new Town Hall buildings. The job involved varied duties including the care of the electric lighting, the heating apparatus as well as the cleaning of the premises. It was hoped that the position would be given to a local man and not a stranger to the town.

Two Ilkley schoolboys aged 8 and 9 were charged at the Otley Police Court with stealing newspapers from Ilkley station. The boys parents were bound over on their behalf and the two mischievous lads were cautioned to be of better behaviour.

50 Years Ago

A welcome improvement in finances was reported at the annual meeting of the Ilkley Coronation Hospital, but it was emphasised there should be no slackening of efforts to raise money as a result. Since the hospital opened 28 years earlier 6,034 cases had been treated. The average contribution mal per day by each patient was 3s. 1d. and the average cost per day of keeping the patient in the hospital was 9s. 8d.

An attractive display by the 5th Ilkley Brownies, Rangers and Girl Guides was given at the Methodist Assembly Hall, Wells Road, the full company opening the evening with "The Song of the Girl Guides." The Brownies sang little songs, the guides appeared in a selection of folk dances and the Rangers gave a display of signalling. The Misses K. Moorhouse, L. Pool and R. Salmon gave a one act play and a solo was sung by Guide Dorothy Gale. The evening closed with "Taps" the vesper close of a Guide Gathering.

25 Years Ago

The last week in February was the scene of the worst blizzards experienced in Wharfedale since 1947. The snow fell continuously from Monday morning to Tuesday morning, and fell so hard that cars' windscreen wipers were unable to cope at all. Strong following winds carried the lying snow into deep drifts particularly along Carter's Lane and Hardings Lane at Middleton and Moor Lane at Menston and Burley. Snow ploughs got as far as Langbar but failed to clear the road to Beamsley and beyond and farmers had to cross fields with their tractors to get milk supplies to the roads.

The weather gave fifteen boys from Ilkley Grammar School an extra day of holiday when they were snowbound in the Hag Dyke Hostel on Great Whernside. The boys stranded were—David Priestman, Richard Wright, Alistair Livingstone, Peter Lund, Andrew Walbank, Roger Sheridan, Christopher Freer, Tony Beatham, John Robinson, George Grey, Tony Salisbury, H. Williams, M. Smith, Martin Gott and David Harrison. They had tried to sleep the night of the blizzard wearing all their clothes and extra sweaters but it proved too cold and they spent the night singing and playing cards. The snow fell through the roof and the wind was howling they told the Ilkley Gazette.

PARKING CHARGE PLAN MEETS OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION

County promised 'a rough ride' if they insist

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There was overwhelming opposition to the proposed introduction of on-street parking charges when the matter was raised at a full meeting of Leeds City Council last week.

A resolution directed against the County Council scheme to make motorists buy 10p tickets for two hours' kerbside parking was put forward by Coun. Dr Graham Kirkland, of Otley, one of the towns in this area earmarked for the scheme.

Coun. Kirkland said the only people in West Yorkshire who want parking charges are the County Labour Group.

"But the Liberal and Conservative groups on the County and every group in every district of West Yorkshire, and also 99.9 per cent of the population oppose parking charges, so how can the County Labour group be so arrogant as to ignore such a strong body of opinion?" he asked.

"Whilst the parking cards might be more sensible than parking meters, it is quite wrong to introduce them over the whole County regardless of local conditions.

"In my own Ward of Otley, there is a one hour limit with no return within one hour. According to the County Committee papers, the parking card would give a two hour limit which would slow down turnover of parking spaces, thus thwarting one of the stated aims of their introduction," he said. "Motorists would go elsewhere where parking is free and the two things together would be the final nail in the coffin for many small shops already faced with exorbitant rent and rates."

"My view is that the County Labour Group will be obstinate. By introducing the scheme, and knowingly lying in the face of the combined opinion, not only of Liberal and Conservative groups in the five districts but their own Labour colleagues as well, they will lose face if they back down and, therefore, it is up to each Community to object in its own way."

Coun. Kirkland continued: "In Otley we will fight the proposals all the way. We will point out that the Town Plan specifies free parking, that the Department of Transport is responsible for the trunk road, that the Market Place is the joint responsibility of the County and ourselves, that severe problems will be caused in streets immediately adjacent to the proposed charging zone and that we have yet to find anyone who is willing to handle the cards. "I attended a meeting of Otley Chamber of Trade and they were unanimous in their opposition to the proposals. In other words, the shopkeepers would be asked to admin-

ister their own poison. Distributing the cards could only harm their businesses. In Otley we would make the administrative problems so great that any sensible County would quietly drop the proposals."

He added that many of these objections apply equally in areas like Morley and Pudsey and even within the City of Leeds, and unless these preliminary proposals are stopped, they will be affected.

The motion was seconded by Coun. Mrs. Hilda Morgan, also of Otley, and there were supporting speeches from both the Labour and Conservative benches.

In summing up, Coun. Kirkland thanked his Council colleagues for their unanimous support and said he hoped that vigorous objections would continue to be made both privately and publicly, especially to the Traffic Regulation Orders and all Councils should be willing to take the matter to public inquiries if necessary so that the County Council should know that they would have a very rough ride indeed if they wished to go ahead.

When the vote was taken every councillor in the chamber voted in favour.

Councillor Kirkland commented after the meeting that in 16 years as a councillor, he had never known such vigorous and unanimous support for a resolution which he had put forward.

TOP YORKSHIRE EXHIBITION 11.2.83 OPENS AT ILKLEY

The fifth Yorkshire Artists Exhibition, which is now recognised as the largest and most important art event to be staged in Yorkshire, opens at Ilkley on Sunday.

Over one thousand paintings will be on show at the Kings Hall and Winter Gardens during the four-day exhibition, including work by about 300 different artists.

The importance of the exhibition, which attracts both amateur and professional artists, is reflected in the number which takes part and the continued participation of Yorkshire's leading and best selling artists as well as others from around Great Britain.

One of those will be John Blockley, from Gloucestershire, who is acclaimed one of the country's leading watercolour and pastel artists. He has written many books on the subject and is on the Selection Committee of the Royal Society of Painters in Watercolours.

Another national artist whose work will be on show is Jon Peaty, a brilliant oil painter who has lived at Malton since 1973.

The exhibition will be officially opened when the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, unveils a portrait of herself painted by the shows organiser, Ilkley artist Leslie Simpson.

CONTROVERSIAL CAR PARKING

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CARD PROPOSALS GO

BEFORE AREA SUB-COMMITTEE

Proposals which could lead to the introduction of 10p parking cards for the centre of Ilkley were put before the West Yorkshire County Council's Bradford Sub Committee yesterday (Thursday).

If the scheme eventually goes ahead the parking cards will be introduced first in Huddersfield and Wetherby, where they can be enforced by existing traffic wardens, and then Ilkley, Otley, Wakefield, Dewsbury and Brighouse.

In his report on the scheme, the county council's Executive Director of Traffic and Transportation, Mr. Geoffrey Hunter, described Ilkley as a compact, mainly residential area, whose former role as a spa town had established it as a centre for visitors. There were high standards of amenity and a high level of car ownership, with little industry in the area and consequently not much local employment.

At present there were over 350 on-street parking spaces within the town centre, together with nearly 260 off-street spaces within easy walking distance, the report went on.

Boundary

The zone boundary produced for discussion was around the main shopping and business area of the town, enclosing the area bounded by Castle Road, New Brook Street, Brook Street, Railway Road, then over the railway to include the bottom of Cowpasture Road. The boundary then followed Chantry Drive, along Albany Walk to Parish Ghyll Road, down Bolton Bridge Road, back along Skipton Road and then down Bridge Lane to Castle Road. The Executive Director said two off-street car parks owned by the District Council were within the zone and were not subject to parking charges or control orders.

"On-street parking within the town centre is unrestricted, with no time limit operating, but it is recommended a two hour parking module should be adopted, which was originally proposed but subsequently abandoned when objections to the Ilkley Town Centre Traffic Management Scheme were considered," said the Executive Director's report.

Exemption

"The need for exemption permits for residents within and outside the zone boundary will need to be investigated, particularly in the Alexandra Road Lister Street and Trafalgar Road-Nile Road residential areas, and further waiting restrictions will be required within the zone boundary on lengths of road not already covered by restrictions."

If the new proposals do come into force at Ilkley drivers will have to buy calendar-like cards from retailers, and then punch the date and time when they park in the town centre. Each card will cost 10p and will be valid for a certain length of time, which will vary from area to area.

Already there has been growing criticism of plans to introduce the scheme, which is based on one in use in Cork, Ireland.

City Cr. H. V. Haddrill of Ilkley said he thought it was a "diabolical liberty and that the Socialists who controlled the county council had got it in for places like Ilkley. He said he would fight it "tooth and nail".

The executive Director of Traffic and Transportation, however, thought other authorities would follow the county council's lead and adopt the scheme, which would improve traffic flow in city and town centres.

It would increase turnover in parking spaces to aid both shoppers and traders, as well as stopping congestion, he said.

"Disaster"

Bradford District Council leader Cr. Tom Hall described the proposal as "economic disaster" which would discourage people from parking and shopping at a time when shops and businesses were struggling to stay afloat.

Cr. W. R. Hill, Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, hoped no such scheme would be implemented without consultation and agreement from the parish council and district councillors. He pointed out that vast changes in parking patterns in Ilkley could be expected once the new Hillards supermarket was opened in Springs Lane, and felt no changes in parking regulations should be considered until then.

Mr. Vincent Dobson, President of Ilkley Chamber of Trade and Commerce, was disappointed that the county council was considering such a scheme. If it 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, he said.

Details of the proposals are being sent out to each Ilkley Parish Councillor. At Monday's meeting of the Council, the Chairman Cr. W. R. Hill said the proposals were of great concern to Ilkley and the Council had already objected briefly.

In answer to Cr. Peter Williams of a likely date when the proposals might be applied at Ilkley Cr. Hill said no date had been given but "I have a shrewd feeling they will do it fairly quickly."

TENANTS OF COUNCIL HOUSES AND FLATS FACE RENT RISES

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Tenants of Council houses and flats in the Ilkley district are amongst the 38,000 in the Bradford Metropolitan area who face a five per cent increase in rent. That will be 65p a week more for the average tenant.

Bradford Council Housing Services Committee recommended the increase on Tuesday after a stormy 6½ hour meeting to discuss budget proposals for the financial year beginning in April.

The rent rise was bitterly opposed by Labour members and Cr. Tim Mahon described it as "totally unnecessary". He claimed that Council tenants were being unfairly treated by not being allowed to benefit from falling interest rates while owner-occupiers with mortgages were receiving benefit.

Members were told that it was expected there would be a surplus of £1.6 million in the housing revenue account in the current year. It would not be necessary for a contribution of £1.84 million to be made from the general rate fund to balance the account.

The Chairman, Cr. Ken Hirst said it was estimated that the rent increase would produce about £1.3 million in a year and it was proposed to spend an extra £1.175 million on development and repairs. Some of that money would be spent on replacing under-floor heating, repairs and the re-purchase of houses at Bierley, structural work at Newby Square and on asbestos removal.

He said it was also proposed to re-imburse the general rate fund by £800,000 because the Conservative Group considered that rate fund contributions should be used solely to balance the account, but not a penny of tenants' money was going to the rate fund. It was only money which had come from the rate fund.

Cr. Hirst believed a five per cent increase was well within the means of tenants. About 62 per cent of it would be met by Government finance in some form and tenants generally would have to pay only 38 per cent of it.

He was supported by the Liberal spokesman, Cr. Fred Atkinson, who said that using this year's surplus to avoid a rent increase would have effect for only one year. Next year the increase would have to be astronomical.

"We are determined that the money will go back to the tenants in the form of planned maintenance and improvements to Council houses", he said. "A rent increase equal to the inflation level of five per cent can only in the long run help to improve conditions for tenants."

Cr. Mohammed Ajeeb contended there was no justification for tenants having to pay for the mistakes of previous councils at Bierley and Newby Square. Cr. Hirst retorted that if it was being suggested that the cost should be borne by the general rate fund then the proceeds from the sale of Council houses should go to the general rate fund.

Cr. Frank Bastow said he was "appalled" by the recommended increase and Cr. Mahon alleged that it was based on figures which were no more than "guesstimates". He said the officers had over-budgeted on the capital programme which was more than the Council could spend.

ACROSS THE YEARS 11 FEB 83
**COTTAGE TO LET AT
 4s. 6d. PER WEEK**

100 Years Ago

Ikley Brewery Company had a good cottage to let at 4s. 6d. per week, and a seven roomed house in Ikley with bay window, venetian blinds and a garden was obtainable at an annual rent of £18 from Ingham, Estate Agents.

Mr. Jas. Broughton conducted the Ikley Vocal Society's second concert of the season, where there was "a full and fashionable attendance." The vocalists including the choir numbered fifty voices, the soloists being Miss Brear, Mr. Barker, Mr. Mammatt, Mr. Peake, Mr. Press, Mr. Watson, Miss Gatecliffe, Mr. Alfred Broughton and Miss C. Potter.

Thousands of beautiful Valentines were advertised by J. Wilde's Fine Art Depot, Wells Road, Ikley—a choice selection of "sweet, comic, children's, old people's and those suitable for babies" were on view for the public to make their purchases.

75 Years Ago

The annual dinner of the Ikley Angling Club was held at the Middleton Hotel where a splendid repast was served by Mr. C. Dilly. The chairman was Mr. Marmaduke Middleton who claimed there was more sport in catching small fish in the waters of the Wharfe than fishing for large fish in Canada. The membership of the club was limited to 35 and for the two vacancies they had received 14 applications. It was decided to limit the fishing in the club's waters below the stepping stones to fly fishing all the year round. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Walter Curtis, S. Garratt and Harry Craven and recitations were given by Mr. J. W. Parratt.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton, the writer, a man of "striking personality and a big man in more ways than one" was staying in Ikley and was frequently spotted in all sorts of places particularly his favourite Mill Ghyll with his pockets stuffed with papers and either absorbed in a book or busy making notes for future use. He made rapid sketches of his surroundings whilst seated in his "sylvan retreat" in solitude.

50 Years Ago

The audience of the Ikley Amateur Operatic Society's production of "Desert Song" witnessed an extra "turn" when Mr. Harold Cockroft who played the part of Benjamin Kidd lost his

balance and fell over the footlights and into the orchestra. Women screamed and the audience rose to its feet in alarm, but a moment later Mr. Cockroft reappeared amongst the orchestra and amidst rousing cheers he made his way back on to the stage.

Practical suggestions to help the unemployed persons in the area were discussed at the February meeting of Ikley Urban District Council. It was felt the unemployed could be usefully occupied in beautifying the town if some sort of scheme for voluntary contributions of money could be organised. The Parochial Church Council had a scheme going for parishioners to make a weekly contribution to pay two unemployed men to do extra work in the churchyard. It was felt, however, that although a praiseworthy idea, the organisation of a similar scheme on a grander scale by the Council would be too difficult to put in hand and that everything feasible was already being done to help.

Members of the women's meeting of the Ikley Baptist Church were busy preparing "A Pageant of Noble Womanhood".

Forty two characters were to be presented and Mesdames Hatfield, H. J. Williamson, Wilson and Thistlethwaite were to sing during the evening together with Miss Garner and Miss Wright.

25 Years Ago

Following the gift of the Manor House to Ikley Urban District Council by Mr. Percy Dalton, he generously offered the loan of £2,500 interest free for three years towards the cost of its conversion for use as a museum.

The decision to close the Nursery School on Castle Road, Ikley marked the end of a project which began as a war-time measure to accommodate children up to five years of age to enable their mothers to take part in the war effort by going out to work. Parents had hoped that it would be continued as there were 40 children on the register and 49 more on the waiting list but the Minister of Education did not favour nursery education and despite the wishes of the parents and the County Council the school was doomed to closure.

The King's Hall was filled to capacity for a Concert Club Recital by the Spanish cellist Cassado. In the pieces for piano and cello Cassado was partnered by the Ikley pianist Jeremy Gott.

**ILKLEY HOTEL
 GOES INTO
 LIQUIDATION**

One of Ikley's top hotels, the Troutbeck, in Crossbeck Road, is going into liquidation.

A creditors meeting on Thursday will decide who to appoint as liquidator and it will then go in to his hands.

A spokesman for the firm of chartered accountants advising the creditors—Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company—said the intention would be for someone to take over the hotel as a going concern.

The ballroom of the 15-bedroom hotel was severely damaged by fire last August and it was closed for some time, but the owners—Mrs. Elizabeth James and her brother, Mr. Chris Watson—refused to say whether that had anything to do with their decision.

"I do not want to comment now on the reasons," said Mrs. James. "I would rather wait and speak after the meeting."

"Obviously at this stage I do not wish to comment, but hopefully it will be business as usual," she said.

At the time of the fire Mrs. James said they had been open 18 months and business was going well.

Police said the fire was started deliberately but was as yet undetected.

Dacre, Son and Hartley, Estate Agents, The Grove, Ikley, have this week been instructed to put the building up for sale by auction on 30 March. 11 FEB 83

**BROOK STREET SHELTER
 TO BE DEMOLISHED**

The shelter at the top of Brook Street, Ikley, presented to the town almost twenty seven years ago by Ikley Rotary Club to mark the Golden Jubilee anniversary of Rotary is to be demolished.

Councillors and Rotarians have decided the shelter must go following continuous outbreaks of vandalism in the area around the building and the bottom of Mill Ghyll. It is believed that it is because the shelter is there and providing a meeting place for young people that vandalism is occurring.

As long ago as July last year Councillors were expressing a preference to open up the site to give a clear view of Mill Ghyll and have the shelter removed to another site.

At this month's meeting of the Parish Council on Monday night the Chairman, Cr. W. R. Hill said the shelter would be

removed within the next few weeks and the stone from the building stored. This would be used for the improvement of some site in Ikley in the future, he said.



The shelter at the top of Brook Street,

COUNCIL HOLDS EMERGENCY MEETING OVER CAR PARKING CARD PROPOSALS

An EMERGENCY MEETING of Ilkley Parish Council was called on Monday night to discuss controversial proposals by the West Yorkshire County Council to introduce 10p car parking charges for the centre of Ilkley.

The Parish Council which is to take every step possible to oppose the proposals decided to contact towns under similar threat of unreasonable restrictions. Councillors hope to display the County's plans in one or two empty shop windows and is asking anyone concerned over the proposals to write to the Parish Council.

Without any prior attempt at negotiations or discussion the County Council was proposing to impose unilaterally strict no-street parking charges and restrictions throughout the centre of Ilkley and in many surrounding streets. In addition several streets off Leeds Road, Railway Road and Skipton Road will be closed excepting access. Motor cycles will not be allowed to park in charged areas but only in specially identified places.

Penalty Charges

Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill told the "Gazette" this week "all the controls will be strictly enforced with excess charges as well as penalty charges, recoverable by court action. The Chief Constable, local police and additional traffic wardens will be required to enforce the on-street controls.

"The County Council is fully aware of local views expressed in detailed parking reports submitted by Ilkley Parish Council. These clearly identified that only minor parking charges were required. These recommendations have been completely disregarded and the new scheme proposed is so unrealistic and so far removed from the needs that it can only have been produced without proper investigation or local knowledge" said Cr. Hill.

"The report contains only feeble justifications for the controls, comparing the parking needs of Ilkley (described as a town of 10,000 inhabitants and little industry) with that of Cork (described as an industrial seaport of 160,000 inhabitants and Tel Aviv, population of 500,000)

"Disastrous"

"The restrictions are so widespread throughout the town that the effect on shops will be disastrous, particularly in the Leeds Road area where all parking spaces will disappear. Motorists will move into surrounding residential streets or simply, will not come to Ilkley but will shop elsewhere," said Cr. Hill.

"When Hillards move to their new Supermarket in Springs Lane much of the aggravation caused by cars for people living in the nearby streets will be removed. There is a scheme at no cost where residents have private parking spaces outside their homes.

"The charges for parking in the streets outside the Library, Post Office, Town Hall Kings Hall and the Winter Gardens will seriously interfere with the social side of the town. Indeed, based on the figures given in the County Council report motor-

num for this privilege and most of this will come from the pockets of Ilkley residents.

"Ilkley Parish Council regards the proposed scheme as completely unacceptable and will be strenuously opposing it. To assist them they ask individuals and bodies who support these views to write immediately to Ilkley Parish Council at the Town Hall, Ilkley" said Cr. Hill.

Minor Changes

Ilkley Parish Council has been negotiating for minor changes in on-street parking restrictions with the County Council and these had been accepted in principle.

The new proposals are in direct contradiction to these on-going negotiations.

"It is only a few weeks ago that the County Council had no objections to the additional traffic hazards that would be caused by the building of a supermarket in South Hawksworth Street. Now they suddenly find that there are traffic problems throughout Ilkley," said Cr. Hill.

18 FEB 83 SHEEP GRAZING ON MOOR MAY BE REDUCED

A Burley farmer who at present grazes 700 sheep on Ilkley Moor may have to cut those numbers to conserve the heather, a London High Court judge has ruled.

A common Commissioners' decision that the moor could support the sheep—owned by Mr. George Greaves, of Craig Top Farm, Burley—was overturned by Mr. Justice Nourse, who ordered the commissioners to re-hear the dispute.

The decision followed an appeal by Bradford Metropolitan Council, which claimed that the heather and bilberries favoured by the sheep were being reduced by bracken and crowberries.

AMUSEMENT ARCADE FOR ILKLEY GETS GO-AHEAD

A controversial plan to change the use of a retail shop in Ilkley to an amusement arcade has been approved by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

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A spokesman for Bradford Council's planning department said yesterday (Thursday) that the plan — to change the use of the "Sportsman" in the Victorian Arcade, South Hawksworth Street—would probably have certain conditions attached.

Cr. W. R. Hill, chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, said the decision was "an insult to the parish council" and showed how out of touch Bradford Council was with some of its outer areas.

"Ilkley Parish Council was united in the strongest opposition to the idea of an amusement arcade in an area

which is completely opposite to that type of development," he said.

"I am astonished that the Planning Sub-Committee is so dogmatic in its ideas that they did not even bother to make a site visit," he added.

The application was jointly submitted by Mr. Kevin Raper who has the shop, the "Sportsman", on tenancy, and Mr. John Collins.

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

18 FEB 83 PART OF OLD ILKLEY MAY SOON BE BACK

An old marble horse trough which once stood near the top of Brook Street, in Ilkley, could soon be back in use.

The trough, which stood where the traffic island is now sited, was used regularly as a refreshment point for horses during the days of the horse and cab.

It has laid neglected in Bradford Metropolitan Council's Golden Butts Road depot for many years but now Ilkley Parish Councillors are looking at the possibility of putting it back in to use, possibly to display flowers in an Ilkley public garden.

Chairman to the parish Council Cr. W. R. Hill said they were investigating the

history of the trough and were hoping to restore it to use.

A part of Ilkley's more recent past could also soon find itself back in use again soon — an old boundary sign. The sign bearing the Coat of Arms of Ilkley's twin town countances — was removed on local government reorganisation about ten years ago but now the parish council is considering siting it in one of Ilkley's public gardens along with the trough.

NEW FLATS FOR ILKLEY



The new flats are to be built on the site of the old Ilkley development to commence in the Spring. Recently approved by Bradford Planners, the scheme will provide for two blocks of 3-storey flats, each self-contained with 2 bedrooms. Construction will be of coursed stone-work and the design is in a Victorian style to complement the surrounding residential development. The site is at present used by Vincent Dobson, Ltd. as a builders offices, workshop and store yard. The design project for the new flats is by Martin Joyce Associates of Bradford. Prices for the flats will be from approximately £32,500. The selling agents are Messrs. Dacre, Son & Hartley of The Grove, Ilkley.

TRANSPORT SECRETARY TO SEE ADDINGHAM'S NEED FOR BY-PASS

Transport Secretary Mrs. Lynda Chalker is to visit Addingham on Thursday afternoon to see for herself the village's need for a by-pass.

Cr. Alan Jerome, Chairman of Addingham Parish Councillors on Wednesday that he had just been officially informed of the visit.

He said Mrs. Chalker would walk along Main Street with himself, Mrs. E. L. Best, Clerk to the Council, and Cr. John Wells. They would be able to show her why the parish council has been pressing for a by-pass for over thirty years.

After walking Main Street they would return to the Memorial Hall, which had been booked by the Department of Transport, and a parish council meeting would be held to which members of the public would be invited.

Cr. Jerome said Mrs. Chalker's visit to the village was only intended to take one hour, but if there was time it was possible he would be able to ask members of the public to put their views at the meeting.

The parish council asked Mrs. Chalker to see the traffic problems for herself when she was due to open the new Skipton By-Pass last year but she was unable to visit the area because she was needed in Parliament. Lord Bellwin, Transport Spokesman to the House of Lords, performed the opening ceremony on her behalf and met councillors and other local representatives on his way through Addingham. He promised to pass on the local views on his return to London.

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CROWDS FLOCKED TO OPENING OF ART EXHIBITION AT ILKLEY

Crowds flocked to the Kings Hall and Winter Gardens, Ilkley, on Sunday for the opening of the fifth Yorkshire Artists Exhibition.

The organiser, Ilkley artist Mr. Leslie Simpson estimated that 16,000 people had been through the exhibition by the end of the day.

People began to arrive as early as 8.30 a.m. from when traffic problems arose. Cars blocked the railway station forecourt preventing buses from being able to enter or leave the bus station. The problem was not resolved until Mr. Simpson had made several pleas over the speaker system. One car had its window broken so that it could be driven away.

The two halls and the upper balcony of the Winter Gardens were packed throughout the day, from opening time until it closed. The doors could not be closed until an hour after the official closing time because of the sheer mass of people.

Sales on the opening day were outstanding. There were more sales on Sunday - a record 150 - than during the whole four days of last September's exhibition.

The Lord Mayor of Bradford Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband was at the opening to unveil a portrait of herself by Mr. Simpson, and her and the Lady Mayoress Mrs. Joan Beavers, received posies from two six year old pupils of Addingham First School - Kathryn Dibb of Main Street, Addingham and Sally Dawson of Bolton Road, Addingham.

Pride of place at the exhibition was taken by Rawdon born artist J. Barrie Haste, recognised as the county's finest pure watercolourist, alongside the works of John Blockley, the London artist who is President of the Pastel Society of Great Britain and on the selection committee of the Royal Institute of Water Colour Artists.

Barrington Bramley showed two of his major works and on the selection committee Otley artist Nancy Dyson as one of the most promising painters to be seen for a long time.



Pictured presenting posies to Bradford Lord Mayor Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband and Lady Mayoress Mrs. Joan Beavers at the opening of the Yorkshire Artists Exhibition are Sally Dawson (left) and Kathryn Dibb, both six.

TRADERS SUPPORT FIGHT

Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade has added its support to Ilkley Parish Council's fight against the proposed car parking card scheme for the town.

Traders met on Wednesday to discuss the proposed scheme which would involve the use of cards for parking in a large area of the town.

They agreed to support the Parish Council and distribute leaflets outlining the opposition to the scheme. These are to be printed by the parish council.

Traders also agreed that they should support Wetherby Chamber of Trade who are

fighting against the same scheme being introduced in their town.

Those at the meeting were encouraged to write to various interested persons—such as the Executive Director of Transportation and Traffic, Mr. G. S. R. Hunter, who was at the meeting—expressing the reasons for their opposition to the scheme.

Ilkley trader Mr. P. R. Bourgeois said that if reasoned arguments and properly expressed views were put forward he felt the proposals could be drastically changed or may even be completely abandoned.

Cr. W. R. Hill, Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, said that as many people as possible should know their objections.

As well as the distribution of leaflets, maps showing what the proposed scheme would entail and how it would affect Ilkley's parking areas are to be displayed and it was agreed that some form of advertisement should be placed.

During the meeting Mr. Hunter, who two days previously had visited Ilkley Parish Council to discuss it,

outlined the implications of the scheme and the reasons behind it.

Some traders claimed that their future would be in great jeopardy if the proposed scheme were introduced. It was claimed that if people had to pay to park outside a shop trade would be seriously affected and their livelihood threatened.

Mr. Hunter said that all rational and justifiable objections would be given due consideration and plans would be changed if they felt it was necessary.

He said residents who lived in a 'card parking' zone would get a special permit allowing them to park outside their home without fear of prosecution.

The Chamber of Trades' views are to be put to a special meeting of Ilkley Parish Council tomorrow (Saturday).

Concern over concerts at the Tarn

100 Years Ago

75 Years Ago

Despite the popularity of the open air concerts at Ilkley Tarn, there was some talk of discontinuing them owing to a fall off in subscriptions and donations. Residents were asked to give their support to the Tarn Band Fund. Ilkley was said to be meagrely supplied with secular entertainments of a free and popular character, and could not offer the amusements that other health resorts of its size had for visitors.

The Ilkley Library Company continued to make headway and the management were compelled again to increase their subscriptions to Mudie. Subscribers of one guinea per annum to the library were entitled to take out at one time a complete set from the shelves and a magazine. It was to meet this demand that the Library Company had increased its own subscription to Mudie.

The Rev. Dr. Muntz (Vicar of Ilkley) was presented with a purse containing £200 at a farewell tea and concert prior to his taking up his new appointment as Vicar of St. John's, Upper Holloway, London.

The tea was provided by members of Ilkley Parish Church, and 170 parishioners and friends sat down to enjoy the repast. Mr. W. Mitton (vicar's warden) occupied the chair and praised the work that Dr. and Mrs. Muntz had done for the townspeople of Ilkley and presented him with the purse and a book containing the names of over 250 subscribers.

A wind and rain storm "of great violence" swept down the Wharfe Valley uprooting and felling trees in all parts of the district. A fine Lombardy Poplar near the pillar box at the bottom of Parish Ghyll Road fell across another tree opposite, two trees were blown down near the cricket field and others behind the Town Hall buildings, up The Grove and on the moorside shared a similar fate. A wooden workshop at Ben Rhydding suffered badly, chimney pots blew down in all directions and gable ends suffered damage. Wooden structures and hoardings were damaged and several residences had windows broken and many public lamps were smashed.

50 Years Ago

A blizzard, said to be the worst of the 20th century, raged in Wharfedale for almost three days. It was hard dry fine snow driven by a high wind and it drifted quickly. Within a few hours there were drifts of six or eight inches in depth. For almost three days the snow fell incessantly and there were drifts on the country roads up to ten feet in depth. Ilkley council workmen, supplemented by unemployed persons, were engaged in snow clearance and each snowplough was pulled by three horses but still had difficulty in winning through some of the more deeply covered portions of the road. Many doctors had to abandon their cars and visit their patients on foot and a very few buses or trains managed to get through from Leeds and Bradford. One bus took over an hour to climb up Hollings Hill amidst cheers from people clearing their own garden paths. Hangingstone Road was impassable and telephone wires in all parts of the town were wrecked. The weight of sliding snow brought down guttering and caused much damage to porches and verandas, and many of the shops along The Grove suffered in this way. As fast as the workmen were able to clear the town, more snow fell. It was noted that the snowfall in Ilkley was twice as heavy as that in Otley.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Chamber of Trade intended to investigate the possibility of changing Ilkley's half day closing from Wednesday to Thursday in order to attract city visitors. Mr. F. W. P. Tattersall, an Ilkley chemist, said that Wednesday was not a good day to close as it was the day of half closing in Leeds and Bradford, and in the summer a large number of city visitors came to Ilkley on their half day closing. The president, Mr. A. D. Thorp suggested that members should treat this suggestion as a matter of importance, as at that time only a quarter of Ilkley's shops were open on a Wednesday afternoon. Mr. A. G. Hardingham pointed out that as Ilkley was registered as a health resort traders could, if they wished, remain open for six full days per week.

The first meeting of the Ilkley Home Safety Committee was held with Road Safety Committee Chairman, J. H. Cole in the chair. Cr. Eric Wolfe was elected to chair the Committee in the future and Mr. C. A. Reeve agreed to act as a temporary Hon. Secretary over the initial period of the formation of the committee with a view to another appointment being made at a future date. The aims of the Committee was to investigate causes and remedies of accidents at home and to carry on a propaganda campaign with the

EIGHTH AND NINTH CENTURY SAXON CROSES MOVED

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Ilkley's three Anglo-Saxon crosses have been removed from the churchyard at the Parish Church in readiness for their re-erection under the bell-tower.



The crosses will be cleaned and conserved before being placed inside the church together with two Roman altars and a Roman inscription. It is expected that the work will be completed by the end of April. Picture shows the largest of the crosses, weighing 1½ tons, being lifted from the site in the churchyard where it had stood since about 1870.

The project is being undertaken by West Yorkshire

County Council and Bradford District Council. Total cost of the scheme is about £15,000 to which the two councils, the Department of the Environment and the Olicana Museum and Historical Society are contributing.

According to archaeological experts who gave addresses in connection with the three crosses they were dated 800 A.D., 870 A.D. and 750 A.D.

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New card parking scheme

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Sir.—On Monday evening, Mr. G. Hunter, Executive Director of Traffic and Transportation, County Hall, Wakefield, gave a presentation to Ilkley Parish Council on the workings of the proposed Card Parking scheme and of the arguments for and against such a scheme.

It was soon apparent that there were only two reasons why the scheme is to be thrust upon the public. One is that there are problems in the cities and that this is the cheapest method of controlling the circulation of car parking spaces. All towns must therefore suffer equally or shoppers' traffic might move to the 'free' zones. The second is that the motorist should pay to be supervised. The argument that it would save traffic wardens' time was soon shown to be a hollow one.

If anything highlights the stupidity of larger authorities having control over small towns, this scheme does. Some people chose to live nearer the cities—they have access to theatres, cinemas, swimming pools, skating rinks, cheap transport to and from work, larger libraries, museums and a host of other facilities. However, some people prefer the pace in dormitory or suburban towns. Why should the latter have to suffer the frustrations of city requirements when they do not share the benefits?

As far as financing traffic control by car owners and sharing car parking spaces these two problems could be overcome, if a majority felt it was necessary, by selling parking discs on an annual basis. How much simpler though is Harrogate's scheme with free discs and a thriving successful town of varied and competitive businesses.

Thus, to "achieve parity across the County" Ilkley, and other small town residents, are to have inflicted upon them a scheme which will totally change their daily life. For many of your favourite shops this will be the last straw—the Traffic Director admitted that the result would tend to change people's habits in favour of the supermarkets. Every single time you go into Ilkley you will have to sit in your car solemnly punching a little card with an ignition key four times—for the month, day, hour and minute of your arrival. Then you stretch across the car, wind the window down, hang it over the window and wind up. All this pre-supposes that you will have had the foresight to subsidise the County by buying a stock of parking cards and having them in the car, or the inconvenience will be dreadful.

Your Parish Councillors are giving up even more of their personal time to fight this imposition. But the opportunity is slipping by. Please write now to Mr. Hunter (sending a copy to the Clerk to Ilkley Parish Council as letters can get lost in the administration of large authorities). Think now how this will affect you—don't leave it to others.

BARBARA J. CUSSONS
District Councillor
11 Wheatley Avenue.

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EARLY HISTORY OF HORSE TROUGH TRACED

The early history of the marble horse trough which Ilkley parish councillors are hoping to restore to display flowers in the town has been traced this week.

The trough, which has been stored for about the past thirty years at the Council's Golden Butts Road depot, caused some concern when it was first sited near the top of Brook Street in 1908.

A report in the "Gazette" of 7 March, 1908, stated: "The good impression of Brook Street is to be spoiled by the placing of a horse trough near the lamp at the top of the street, which is likely to be even more of a nuisance than the ountain that some complain of. Letters condemning the proposal have reached us."

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CRACKS ON THE GROVE

The West Yorkshire County Council is investigating an incident in which the newly resurfaced pavement of The Grove, Ilkley, was damaged.

It is understood a lorry drove onto the pavement only days after the work was done, cracking nearly twenty of the new flagstones.

A county council spokesman said presumably the damaged flags would be replaced, but in the meantime an investigation was being carried out.

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SERVICE MARKS COMPLETION OF CROSS PROJECT

A service of thanksgiving is to be held at Ilkley Parish Church on 12 May to celebrate the completion of work on transferring the Ilkley Anglo-Saxon crosses inside the church.

It is expected that all work on cleaning and conservation of the crosses and their re-erection inside the church, together with the two Roman altars and the Roman inscription, will be completed by the end of April.

The sermon at the service of thanksgiving will be preached by County Councillor J. Sully. Afterwards a reception will be provided by Bradford Metropolitan Council at the adjacent Manor House Museum, to be attended by the Lord Mayor of Bradford and the Chairman of the County Council.

BROOK STREET SHELTER

25 FEB 83 DEMOLISHED

The shelter at the top of Brook Street, Ilkley, which was presented to the town almost twenty seven years ago by Ilkley Rotary Club to mark the Golden Jubilee anniversary of Rotary, was demolished this week.

Work began on removing the shelter on Monday, and the stone from the building is to be stored and used for the improvement of some site in Ilkley in the future.

Councillors and Rotarians decided the shelter should be removed following continuous outbreaks of vandalism in the area around the building and the bottom of Mill Ghyll. It was believed that vandalism occurred because the shelter provided a meeting place for young people.

As long ago as July last year councillors were expressing a preference to open up

the site to give a clear view of Mill Ghyll and have the shelter removed to another site.

Cr. W. E. Hill, the chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, said this week that it was hoped to tidy up the area and have the water fountain restored. "We are hoping that Bradford Council's parks department will have an "Operation Eyesore" clean up in the Ghyll," he said.

Picture shows workmen removing the roof of the shelter on Monday morning as the first stage of the demolition.



ACROSS THE YEARS 4 MAR 83

Ilkley waggoner run over by own vehicle

100 Years Ago

A waggoner, Wm. Runigall, employed by Mr. Horsman an Ilkley nurseryman, met with a serious accident in the vicinity of Sunset View after returning from Bradford. He got down in front of the waggon intending to walk some distance but as he was cold and numb he could not walk as quickly as necessary and he was caught by the wheel of the waggon which struck his heel and then ran over him, breaking his leg in two places. Help was available in a few moments and he was taken by cab to his lodgings in Yew Croft, and from there removed to the Infirmary at Leeds.

A well attended meeting was held in St. Margaret's Parish Room with the object of forming a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. The Rev. S. C. Lowry was in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. C. Pollock, Dr. Johnstone, Mr. Buck and Mr. C. Atkinson. The Chairman explained that their society would consist not only of total abstainers but of moderate drinkers too. The intention was to hold monthly meetings for adults and fortnightly meetings for the children. The majority of those present immediately joined the new branch.

75 Years Ago

Mr. W. Tasker was elected president of the Ilkley Tradespeople's Association at the annual meeting at the Regent Cafe. Membership stood at 53 and the association was flourishing. Members considered that the recent introduction of weekly half-day closing in the town had been a great boon to both shopkeepers and their assistants.

The Rev. Francis Sinker, vicar of St. Paul's, Southport, was offered the living of Ilkley through the preference of the Rev. Dr. Muntz. Mr Sinker was a member of a clerical family as his father and four brothers were all members of the clergy.

The annual billiard handicap at the Ilkley Constitutional Club was played between E. Thwaites and T. Learoyd, and was won by Mr. Thwaites by a narrow margin of 6 points.

The Bridge Pavilion, Ilkley offered a "capital array of talent ranging from The Two Sports (very entertaining artistes), Dolly Boston (vocalist), Sam Frisco (Comedian), Mabel Manley (Song and Dance artiste) to J. H. Crew retained from the

previous week with his lively song and patter. A Limerick competition with a silver watch as the prize was won by Miss P. Whitehead, of Church Street.

50 Years Ago

The need for a Girls' Club in Ilkley to meet the needs of working girls living in the town in private homes engaged for domestic work was stressed fifty years ago. In 1933 there were many hundreds of girls employed as maids in the Ilkley district and the were "independent, loyal, but away from home friendships and environment", mostly from Durham, Northumberland and South Yorkshire.

The funeral took place at Nelson of Mr. J. W. Walker, Editor of the Ilkley Gazette from 1886 until 1920. As well as journalism, Mr. Walker was interested in verse and his poems had appeared in "Yorkshire Poets, Past and Present" and "Yorkshire Sonneteers", and had been made a life member of the Yorkshire Literary Society. He was also fascinated by shorthand and became a registered teacher of the Pitman system in West Riding County Council Technical and evening school. He left a widow and three sons.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Conservative Association discarded Cr. Eric Wolfe as candidate for the North Ward in the forthcoming Ilkley Council elections in May 1958. He had represented the ward since 1946, and intended to stand for the election as an Independent Candidate. Cr. Wolfe intended to move house outside the district but as he paid rates in respect of his office property in the centre of Ilkley, he would still be eligible. He had been dismayed to learn of the Conservative's decision to adopt Mr. Wm. Shackleton as their candidate. Mr. Wolfe tendered his formal resignation as a member of the Conservative party.

Plans were in hand to trigger off "ERNIE" the robot Premium Bond Winner selector by remote control from the foot of the Cow and Calf Rocks on April 1. Lord Mayors from neighbouring cities, councillors from nearby towns and famous sporting personalities had accepted invitations to be present. A special breakfast was to be made available at the Cow and Calf Hotel, and souvenir programmes were to be printed to be given to all present.

ANXIOUS OVER LACK OF CROSSINGS

Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee has expressed anxiety over a lack of places for pedestrians to cross the proposed Burley by-pass.

Chairman Cr. P. A. Williams said he had been told by a Department of Transport representative at the recent exhibition that no pedestrian crossings would be provided.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton said the committee should point out to the Department the number of people who would need to cross the by-pass and express the concern of the committee.

It was pointed out that people would need to cross to reach the river and they would want some type of crossing, possibly a footbridge or form of subway.

The committee's views are to be forwarded to the Department of Transport.

BOILING OVER

Local consumers advised to take precautionary measures with their drinking water during the recent strike need no longer boil their water.

Yorkshire Water Authority announced on Monday that the boiling advice for South and West Yorkshire areas was no longer necessary, although some consumers who were previously relying on standpipes have been advised to boil their water until the Y.W.A. can disinfect the mains serving their homes.

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LOCAL M.P. OPPOSES COUNTY COUNCIL'S CAR PARKING PLANS

"It is beyond belief" said Ripon MP Dr. Keith Hampson, "that the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council, which is leading the campaign to stop the government abolishing Metropolitan Counties, should be so crassly insensitive to the wishes of towns like Ilkley, Wetherby and Otley".

They do not deserve to exist if they are going to be so divorced from local opinion. Town centre parking should surely be above all a local matter. It is absurd for the County Council to impose a standardised solution to all the various communities throughout the County regardless of their own particular needs, he said.

"I have no doubt that the prosperity of Ilkley will suffer if there is a major disincentive imposed on families coming into the town. Harrogate found that banning main street parking was damaging to trade. People simply went somewhere else.

"For a County Council that has under Labour control been so spend thrift of rate-payers' money, it is outrageous for them to insist on this tidy bureaucratic proposal. Yet again, they merely demonstrate they have no understanding of either human nature or the needs of business. It is time they were sent packing.

"Every effort must be made, even at this late hour, to make the County see sense. The proposal has not yet been endorsed by the Policy Committee of the County Council. There is still time therefore to stop it," said Dr. Hampson.

Ilkley Parish Council's newly appointed sub-committee which met on Saturday to discuss the County Council's proposal for Ilkley is suggesting amongst other things that the area between Railway Road and Leeds Road should not be sealed off to "residents parking only" but should still remain open to the general traffic.

The County Council's proposals would seal off that area completely. It would be a no access area and would only be accessible to people living in that area or to people visiting them.

The County Council has already accepted there would be problems if that area became a no access area. Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill told the 'Gazette' this week.

The Council will take further action at its meeting on Monday when recommendations will be put forward.

PROPOSALS FOR NEW COUNTY OF CRAVEN

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Proposals which would put Ilkley, Addingham, Burley, Menston and Otley in a new County of Craven have been put forward by Mr. David Pedley, of Cowling near Skipton.

Mr. Pedley, who has been involved in various ecological activities throughout the area feels that the present North Yorkshire is too large and that people would like a more personal identity in local affairs.

His proposed County of Craven would consist of six districts, including Ilkley and Otley, and would stretch from Sedburgh to Huby.

Mr. Pedley said the present Boundary Commission proposals were for Ilkley to go into the Keighley parliamentary constituency, with which it had little in common except its inclusion in West Yorkshire. If they were in different counties this merger could not go ahead.

He said Otley was now in the Leeds District, in which it did not fit very happily, and that Ilkley and Otley together could make up a reasonably sized new parliamentary constituency.

COMMITTEE GIVES VIEWS ON PARKING PLAN

A sub-committee has been formed by the Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee to report its views on the car parking card proposals to West Yorkshire County Council.

The sub-committee will prepare a report for presentation to the full committee later this month, and if approved it will be sent to the County Council.

Several members of the committee said they felt the proposed scheme would create more road safety problems than existed at present.

Mr. B. R. Wilkinson said: "Many of the cars parked in the Town Hall and Wells Road area of Ilkley, for example, are connected with commerce—such as banks and estate agents—and are parked all day. I think road safety is better now than it would be if there was limited two-hour parking, when people would be moving about much of the time."

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A WALK THROUGH ADDINGHAM CONVINCES TRANSPORT SECRETARY OF BY-PASS NEED

A walk along the length of Addingham Main Street last Thursday afternoon was enough to convince Transport Secretary Lynda Chalker of the village's need for a by-pass.

"I know now why you wanted me to come and see for myself," she told parish councillors and residents after her walk.

She said the case for a by-pass had been well put, and she hoped the Department of Transport would be able to respond. However, she could make no promises because she did not control the budget.

Mrs. Chalker stressed that before a by-pass could be provided it had to meet certain criteria in terms of traffic volume and economic justification. The most recent traffic count by the DoT had been taken in 1977, but they were no going to obtain the present figures, she added.

The village had been united in wanting a by-pass based on

the suggested purple route, which was unfortunately the most expensive of the alternatives put forward for public consultation, she said. It might be better to go for a cheaper one which could get the go-ahead sooner.

Fighting

Mrs. Chalker said Skipton MP John Watson had been fighting for a by-pass for Addingham at every opportunity, and having seen the village for herself she would now try to push the scheme "further up the ladder".

She gave an assurance that just because the Addingham By-Pass scheme was not included in this year's programme—and the relevant data could not be obtained quickly enough for it to be included—did not mean that there was no chance of it going ahead in the fairly near future.

Cr. Alan Jerome, Chairman of Addingham Parish Council, reminded Mrs. Chalker that there was an agreed by-pass route for Otley, the one at Burley was the subject of public consultation at the moment and there was a new by-pass at Skipton. Addingham was now sandwiched in the middle, and when the other by-passes were completed there would be even more heavy traffic using Main Street.

Cty. Cr. John Wells, a member of the parish council, said the county council had been carrying out traffic counts in the village, and the latest showed a substantial increase in traffic since the opening of the Skipton by-pass.

Cr. Jerome also pointed out that when the village had been consulted about the route in the past about 95 per cent had been in favour of a by-pass based on the purple route.

Encouraging

He said later it was very encouraging that Mrs. Chalker had taken the trouble to visit Addingham, but he was not unduly optimistic.

It was now vital that the village unite behind the parish council to press for a by-pass based on the purple route, which was the only true by-pass put forward, he went on.

He felt the parish council had a large part to play in the next stage of the campaign. They must spearhead the views of the village so that they get a proper by-pass and not just a road which took traffic away from one part of Addingham and brought it back somewhere else.

Cr. Fearnley Woodward said Mrs. Chalker appeared to be a

very positive person, and he believed she was in full sympathy with the environmental need for a by-pass.

"She was impressed with the obvious unity of the village," said Cr. Woodward. "It would be helpful if it stayed that way, with non-elected societies recognising that the parish council is a democratically elected body which is well able to present the case on behalf of the village."

Cty. Cr. Wells was disappointed that the by-pass was not to be included in this year's programme, as he felt the traffic surveys carried out by the county council proved the increasing need.

"The case has already been made and it is now up to the Government to release the resources," he said. He felt now was an ideal time to carry out projects like this whilst there were large numbers of unemployed people who could be used.

Loss Of Trade

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Sir.—West Yorkshire Council (Labour controlled) have now published sweeping proposals to limit parking on the full length of most of the residential side streets around the central Ilkley area, despite the fact that it appears the Parish Council and Bradford Met. are opposed to these proposals.

The nett effect of these further parking restrictions will be a loss of trade to the Ilkley shops, which will effectively reduce their rateable value and put a further load on the residential ratepayer. For example, imagine how difficult it is going to be to trade in the old Hillards supermarket, when all the surrounding streets have prohibited parking. Harrogate will get even more benefit.

These parking restrictions have arisen largely because of the parking charges in the central car park. These parking charges are an indefensible levy on Ilkley ratepayers, and more particularly on Ilkley motorists who already heavily subsidise the rest of the public services, through excessive road fund and petrol taxes.

If anyone feels strongly about these new restrictions they should write to Mr. Brooke, the Chief Executive, West Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Wakefield, or to the elected Leader of the Council (Lab) Mr. Gunnell, at the same address.

KEEPING WATCH

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Objecting To Car Parking Plan

Sir.—Cr. Mrs. Cussons last week in her letter to the Gazette asked that individuals write to Mr. Hunter at County Hall Wakefield about the proposed on street car parking cards.

Mrs. Cusson's appeal to do something and not leave it to others is absolutely right. But for the efforts of a small few, Mrs. Lightband being one of the leaders, we would have had no Parish Council.

We now have a Parish Council which is trying hard to foster the interests of Ilkley ratepayers. Our Councillors need our support so please follow Mrs. Cussons' advice write to City Hall Wakefield. Also write to the Gazette. Our Councillors, Parish, Bradford, and West Yorkshire do read it, as do the officers in City and County Hall, and they are influenced by the views expressed in letters.

W. D. FISHER
26 Moorfield Road
Ben Rhydding.



Transport Secretary Mrs. Lynda Chalker walks along Addingham Main Street to see for herself why the village has been campaigning for a by-pass for many years. She was accompanied by Parish Council Chairman Cr. Alan Jerome and other members of the Parish Council.

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS AT FAREWELL

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PARTY FOR VICAR OF ILKLEY

Parishioners and friends met at the Winter Gardens, Ilkley, for a farewell party for the Rev. Richard Cleland, who had been Vicar of Ilkley since 1967, and his wife.

Many people had taken part in the organisation of the event, which was compered by Mr. R. F. Watson.

To open the proceedings Guides and Brownies sang a selection of camp fire songs with actions and Mrs. J. Duncan read and presented an illuminated farewell she had written in verse.

Vicar's Warden Mr. M. Lewis presented a cheque and a Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament to Mr. Cleland, who was leaving to take up a new post in Leicester. Mr. Lewis expressed the gratitude of the parish for Mr. Cleland's ministry and said that although it was a sad occasion there would be many happy memories.

A letter from Constance shared the feelings of regret that Mr. Cleland was leaving.

said Mr. Lewis, and they felt his presence at the Cathedral during his visit had been a symbol of ecumenical activity.

Mr. Cleland thanked everyone for their support and friendship and for the bible. He explained that he had often gained understanding of the bible through Greek.

Mrs. Lewis made a presentation to Mrs. June Cleland and Mr. J. H. Bowes presented a gift to their daughter, Miss Ruth Cleland, who was also at the event.

After supper the programme continued with a reading and a quartet from the Pathfinders, handbell tunes from the Bellingers and singing by the choir, including a farewell hymn.

After a pause for prayer, taken by Lay Reader Mr. P. Stewart, the evening closed with the hymn "All people that on Earth do Dwell".

Pictured (left to right) at the party are Miss Ruth Cleland, Mr. Cleland, Mrs. June Cleland and Mr. M. Lewis.



SCENES FROM THE 4 MAR 83 PAST (2)

WELFARE CENTRE IN MIDDLE OF CAR PARK



Despite fierce opposition from all the areas involved, controversial plans to introduce charges for on-street parking, in West Yorkshire have been approved by the county council.

An amendment calling for the plans to be reconsidered, put forward by the Conservatives and Liberals, was defeated by 48 votes to 19 by the Labour controlled council.

Plans for the pre-paid card system have now gone out for consultation, and a final decision on how the scheme will be implemented has not yet been taken, but it is understood the charges will be introduced in Huddersfield

and Wetherby by summer. Ilkley and Old will be among a number of other areas where the charges will be introduced later.

Opposition to the scheme has been particularly fierce at Ilkley, with the parish council giving the county council's Executive Director of Transportation and Traffic a tough time at a meeting last week.

The Executive Director, Mr. G. S. R. Hunter, claimed the proposals to park councilors and then in the week visited a special meeting of the town's warders, who claimed their future would be in jeopardy if the charges were introduced.

Before Ilkley's central car park reached its present size parts of it were occupied by other facilities and services important to Ilkley.

One of these was the child welfare centre which took the form of a large wooden building sited on what would now be the middle of the car park. The building was demolished in 1969 after

the erection of a new Health Centre in Springs Lane.

The demolition of a row of houses and The Grove Cinema

and the removal of the embankment which carried the railway from Ilkley to Skipton provided more car-parking space in the centre of the town.

Retiring after twenty years with Ilkley
4 MAR 83 Road Safety Committee



Two Ilkley men who have each attended Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee meetings for about twenty years have announced their resignations.

Mr. C. E. L. Ford, of Dale View, has not been a member since 1974 but he has attended meetings as County Road Safety Officer for Bradford, a position he is giving up at the end of this month, and before that was committee secretary for 11 years.

Mr. F. B. Thorpe, of Princess Road, who has lived in Ilkley all his life, had been a member of the committee since 1963.

After attending Ilkley

Grammar School he began a career in the worsted cloth manufacturing industry, in which he was to remain until his retirement, apart from a six year spell in the R.A.F. during the war.

Mr. Thorpe's grandfather, Mr. Howard Kempson, was once Vicar of Ilkley.

Mr. Ford began his local government service in 1936 as a pupil to the Clerk and Accountant of the Maltby U.D.C., and three years later was appointed assistant to the A.R.P. Organiser of the Rother Valley Joint A.R.P. Committee.

After the war he was appointed Accountancy Assis-

tant with Spalding U.D.C., from where he moved to Ilkley in 1949.

His wife, a Justice of the Peace, was a former District Commissioner of the Guide Association. They have two daughters, the elder of whom holds a teaching appointment in Bradford and the younger is a social worker in Sheffield.

They are moving to Devon on his retirement.

Picture shows Mr. Thorpe (seated) receiving a certificate to mark his retirement from the chairman of Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee, Cr. P. A. Williams. Also in the picture is Mr. Ford and Mrs. Thora Thorpe.

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Enough Is Enough

Sir,—I was delighted to read in the Gazette this week-end, how our Parish Council is opposed to the new car parking proposals by the West Yorkshire County Council. The time has now arrived for all Ilkley residents to become united in their opposition to the imposition of the will of Authorities such as the West Yorkshire County Council. We are the most highly rated area in the County and have the lowest rate of expenditure by that Authority. If we were to look at our position from a business point of view, the WYCC look upon us as the most profitable section of their business; so they say let us take even more profit.

It is now high time that we in Ilkley said enough is enough. Let us unite and be totally resolute in our opposition to this latest form of taxation. While it is not in our constitution to hold a referendum on such issues, let us prepare a petition which will show the authorities just how the residents of Ilkley feel about this latest imposition.

I would be pleased to hear from any Ilkley resident who would be prepared to help in obtaining signatures on a petition.

A. P. COULTER

5 High Wood
Ben Rhydding
Ilkley.

"To Wreck Is No Remedy"

Sir,—Was the Brook Street shelter really pulled down to solve the graffiti problem? If so, the remedy is worse than the disease. Does this offensive wrecking tactic represent council policy? Surely not, or the bus shelter opposite the library, an inferior shack by any standards and much worse abused by the felt-tip merchants should have gone first. No, we must consider this some misguided revenge on the young people, erstwhile users of the Brook Street shelter, who in large measure used it properly. How disgraceful!

But if it were council policy to wreck graffiti-ravaged objects, a mischievous thought comes to mind. Citizens, we could "write off" by "writing on" all parking meters and other offensive weapons. "Pen today, gone tomorrow" so as to speak.

Seriously though, graffiti is usually unpleasant, of course — occasionally witty, frequently vulgar, too often offensively lavatorial. But to wreck is no remedy.

IAN D. WILSON

Rycroft House,
Ben Rhydding.

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New scheme for Ilkley Grammar School

100 Years Ago

According to the draft of the new scheme for Ilkley Grammar School approved by the Charity Commissioners and submitted to the Board of Education, the governing body was to consist of ten governors, four representatives and six co-opted, the representative governors to be appointed by the School Board. The school was to take both day boys and boarders, with accommodation for 100 scholars. The tuition fees were to be not less than £5 per annum and not in excess of £12, and the governors were to be empowered to award scholarships to one in every ten boys to exempt them from the payment of fees.

Ilkley Conservative Club held its first annual meeting in the reading room of the club. Mr. John Gaunt was in the chair. Mr. W. Fison was re-elected president, Mr. H. Morfon as hon. treasurer and Mr. George Brumfit as hon. secretary. The officers expressed the view that the club had had a highly successful first year.

At an annual rental of £36 a house was available in Cunliffe Road. It had two kitchens, large dining, drawing and breakfast rooms, six good bedrooms, bath, lavatories, W.C.'s, hot and cold water throughout with excellent drainage and ventilation.

75 Years Ago

Despite the erection and furnishing of the new public buildings and the extensive Brook Street improvement scheme, there was to be a reduction rather than an increase in the rates for the forthcoming year to be levied by the Urban District Council. After a bad year for trade and visitors to the town an increase would have meant hardship for shop-keepers and lodging house-keepers in particular.

The Ilkley and District Ladies' Choir, an organisation founded by Mr. W. H. Tobberson gave an excellent concert in the Lecture Hall. Soloists included Miss Cissie Bradbury (Soprano), Ben Rhydding, Miss Helen Butterfield (violin), Burley and Mr. Tobberson (piano). Mr. Tobberson was the conductor and Miss Ida Bellerby the accompanist. The choir numbered 20 voices and "sang with plenty of spirit and good appreciation of the sentiments the composers sought to express."

Shuttleworths offered spring seasonal games for sale at their fancy stores.—wood and

iron hoops, whip tops, peg tops, skipping ropes, shuttlecocks, marbles etc., all the traditional toys which heralded the lighter evenings.

50 Years Ago

Exhibition cricket matches by visiting teams connected with the Yorkshire Women's Crickets Federation to be followed up by a match between a visiting team and a team from Ilkley were to be played in Ilkley and Addingham in order to develop a local interest in ladies' cricket. This was decided at a special meeting convened by Ilkley Cricket Club at the request of the Yorkshire Women's Cricket Federation but only two women attended and these were from Addingham. A decision was taken to go ahead with the matches in the hope of arousing more interest.

At a sale by auction at the Royal White Horse Hotel, Otley the Langbar and Middleton Moors were purchased by Mr. Herbert Green of Riverdale, Ilkley. This included a gamekeeper's cottage, farms and fishing rights at March Ghyll Reservoir. These moors were reputed as being some of the best moors for grouse shooting in the country. The total area of 1,838 acres was sold for a mere £8,000 far less than the owner Col. Dawson had originally paid for the property.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Lawn Tennis Club announced at its annual general meeting it was debt free and could start a new season in the position of not owing anything to anyone. Mr. D. A. Lightband was elected president to take over from Mr. W. L. Prestwich. Mr. D. S. Heaton became Hon. Sec. and W. C. Tuke Hon. Treasurer. Special praise was given to Mr. Glyn Williams, the club's groundsman for the way in which he "worked so loyally for the club."

Addingham was described as one of the most badly served villages in the country for bus shelters by Mrs. J. Lumley at the monthly meeting of Addingham Parish Council. The children waiting for transport to take them to school frequently got wet clothes. Parish Council Chairman, Mr. James Hadley agreed that the provision of suitable bus shelters in the village should be urged.

Ian Carmichael and Terry Thomas starred in a new Boultong Brothers' Comedy "Lucky Jim" at the Essoldo Cinema.

World Authority On Prehistoric Art Visits Ilkley Moor

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Professor Emmanuel Anati, a world authority on prehistoric art, broke his journey back to Italy from a conference on British prehistoric rock carving at Glasgow University to visit one of the most important cup-and-ring rock sites in Britain, on Monday.

This surprise visit to Ilkley Moor, which Professor Anati went out of his way to make, was a direct result of the interest he had shown at the conference of the work of the Ilkley Archaeology Group in surveying the rock art of this region. Direct parallels in the design of rocks on Ilkley Moor with his own sites in Lombardy in northern Italy and with sites in Scandinavia create a new dimension in the cultural relationships between many prehistoric societies in northern Europe.

This relationship was also highlighted by the visit, last week, to the same site on Ilkley Moor by Mr. Peter Fowler, the Secretary of the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments, and Dr. Andrew Fleming, of Sheffield University, who were convinced of the evidence of the very typical second millennium BC landscape of cairns, enclosures and cupmarked rocks in the area. The national and international recognition of the value to archaeology of these sites confirms the years of work put in by the Ilkley Archaeology Group in surveying and mapping the area in detail.

Pictured from left to right are Professor Anati, Bill Godfrey of Ilkley Archaeology Group, Stephen Kerry, Assistant Keeper of Archaeology, Bradford Metropolitan Council, and Anne Haigh of Ilkley Archaeology Group.

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Dr. Hampson loses

Ripon nomination

but is trying

for local seat

Despite his failure to secure the nomination as prospective Conservative candidate for the newly-formed Skipton and Ripon Constituency, Dr. Keith Hampson M.P. for Ripon for the past nine years, is continuing his fight for a seat in Parliament and because of the recent boundary changes, could possibly continue to represent the Otley and Wharfedale areas.

At a specially convened meeting at Harrogate on Saturday, the present M.P. for Skipton, Mr. John Watson, was preferred as prospective candidate for Skipton-Ripon in a three-cornered contest with Dr. Hampson and Mr. Andrew Hunter, who fought Southampton Hitchen in 1979.

Dr. Hampson has subsequently taken the option of putting his name forward as prospective candidate for either the Keighley Constituency or the new North-west Leeds Constituency, the latter covering Otley Wharfedale, Bramhope, Pool, Arthington and a small portion of Aireborough in the vicinity of Yeadon Airport.

The new Skipton-Ripon Division includes the Craven District Council area, Harrogate, Ripon, Malton and Richmond.

Ilkley and Addingham are in the new Keighley Constituency, but the villages of Burley and Menston go in to Shipley.

The Conservative candidate selection meeting for Leeds North-west takes place on March 21, and that for Keighley on March 27.

LEADER CONSIDERS LEGAL ACTION IN COUNTY COUNCIL CAR PARKING ROW

ACTION GROUP TO DISCUSS FLATS PLAN

Residents of the South Parade area of Ilkley will be meeting tonight (Friday) in a last attempt to stop planning permission being granted for a controversial new development.

The South Parade Neighbourhood Action Group was formed to fight the proposals for the provision of eighteen flats, three maisonettes, one house and the conversion of two existing houses into flats.

These would be built in the grounds of Chillswood and Grove Mount, in South Parade and the objectors feel this could be a test case which might lead to a precedent being set for other large Victorian and Edwardian houses with large grounds.

The original application was turned down by Bradford Metropolitan Council on the grounds of over intensive development, and then it was discovered there was a restrictive covenant on part of the site, which confined the proposed development to a smaller area. Later the council reconsidered the matter and decided that if the development was in stone it could go ahead.

The council's Planning Sub-Committee approved the application at the end of last month, but the Action Group, who had been concerned at the speed with which things were moving, gained some respite when it was agreed the matter should be referred to the Development Services Sub-Committee before setting the final go-ahead.

The final decision is expected to be taken on 23 March, but in the meantime the Action Group has engaged a qualified architect, who will be reporting to them tonight when they consider the viability of the proposals in a meeting at Westville House School.

Objections to the proposed development, which would consist of two five storey blocks of flats, have come from Ilkley Parish Council, Ilkley Ilkley Civic Society and the Victorian Society, as well as residents.

The main objections were loss of trees, overloading of services, loss of environmental beauty and the creation of a precedent.

Many of the local residents recognise the need for building more homes, but they are concerned about the height and density of the proposed development, which has been submitted by Sir Richard Denby and Mr. M. P. S. Sharpe, of South Parade.

They would be happier with a lower development, more in keeping with the setting.

An appeal for all objectors to unite to defeat the County Council's plan to make motorists pay to park on the streets of West Yorkshire including Ilkley was made this week by the Leader of Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Councillor Tom Hall speaking to Ilkley Parish Council on Monday night said they must stand together and went on to reveal that solicitors had been consulted to see if any injunction could be taken out to stop the County Council.

Initially it did not seem possible to take out an injunction, said Cr. Hall, as it was something which would not be overlooked.

"An injunction is on the cards if we can find the right reason to take that course," he said.

Meanwhile he called for all objectors to unite and warned that if they did not it would be the thin edge of the wedge.

"Someone has to take hold of the County Council and give them a shaking," he said.

He told Councillors on his annual visit to Ilkley that what happened in Ilkley tomorrow would be a prelude of what would happen in Burley, Shipley and Bradford.

"As sure as night follows day the County intends to bring about the scheme," said Cr. Hall. "And sure as night follows day the five authorities within the County are objecting," he said.

Puzzled

Cr. Hall was puzzled that since it had become known that Bradford was objecting there had been no feedback from individuals or shopkeepers.

"It makes me wonder who is right," said Cr. Hall. "We must fight together. If we don't we will be knocked down one by one. If they get their way with only one part of the metropolitan area we shall be in deep trouble," warned Cr. Hall.

"I am not happy that motorists have to pay to park their cars when I believe that in the Bradford Metropolitan district we have a proper balance of pay car parks and non pay car parks," said Cr. Hall.

"I am not happy either to think that a motorist who wants to buy a loaf of bread is going to have to pay another 10p to do so," he said.

Cr. Hall appealed for people to write with their objections so he had concrete evidence of the opposition to the plan.

"The County is not going to have its own way if we organise things properly," said Cr. Hall.

Earlier that evening Cr. Hall learned of Ilkley's mounting campaign against the County Council plan. A Council sub-committee together with members of Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade had already organised a petition and posters.

Special Meeting

The Council has agreed to all a special meeting later this month to put forward official objections to the County Council.

The petition claims there would be a serious affect on business and a loss of street

The Council claims their car parking plan, as agreed with County Council officials in October, was the future blueprint for Ilkley and is considering whether to call a public meeting so individuals might have the opportunity of putting forward their views.

Fighting Fund

Local traders have received posters opposing the scheme for display on their premises, petitions for customers to sign and have been asked to support a 'fighting fund'.

The action has been taken on the recommendation of a special meeting of 60 traders at the Wheatley Hotel, Ben Rhydding, two weeks ago.

The Chamber of Trade said this week "many still do not realise the serious consequences of the parking proposals. Virtually no parking will be permitted roughly within the area bounded by Castle Road, Middleton Road, Yew Bank Terrace, Albany Walk, Chantry Drive, Nelson Road to All Saints School, unless paid for and even then the available spaces will be drastically reduced.

"The scheme is totally inappropriate to our town and the phased implementation of it to West Yorkshire can only be reversed by persuasion, massive public outcry and reasoned argument."

Guild Objects

Ilkley and District Evening Townswomen's Guild has voiced its opposition to the proposed scheme.

In a letter to West Yorkshire County Council, copies of which have also been sent to Ilkley Parish Council, Dr. Keith Hampson M.P. and Cty. Cr. H. V. Haddrill, it said it was "very concerned" about the proposals.

"The recent introduction of charging for car parking in the town's central car park has met with considerable resistance perhaps resulting in the on-street town centre parking now under discussion," it said. "We consider that no argument can be put forward for lack of car parking space as justification for further introduction of payment for on-street parking.

"If the reason was perhaps egalitarian then surely the disc system could be utilised as in other small towns. We can only assume, therefore, that your intention is yet another fund raising exercise at the expense of Ilkley residents and we strongly object to and oppose these proposals," it concluded.

RIPON MP SEEKS NEW SEAT AT KEIGHLEY

Ripon Conservative M.P. Dr. Keith Hampson is one of 100 contenders for selection as prospective Tory M.P. for Keighley.

Dr. Hampson lost his fight to hold on to Ripon at a special meeting of the new Skipton and Ripon constituency when he was beaten by Skipton's sitting M.P. Mr. John Watson.

A spokesman for Keighley Conservative Association confirmed that Dr. Hampson was "very likely" to be considered for the seat Under Tory Party rules he had a right to be considered for the position because Ilkley, part of his old constituency, was now included in the new Keighley Parliamentary constituency.

Dr. Hampson's main competition will come from Mr. John Dawson and the final choice will be made at the annual meeting of Keighley Conservative Association later this month.

LONG ESTABLISHED MOTOR BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS FOR FIRST TIME

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One of Ilkley's longest established motor businesses has changed hands after being in the same family for almost sixty years. The full shareholding of Ross Bros. of Ben Rhydding incorporated in 1925, has now been acquired by Mr. S. J. Berry, of Hipperholme. Former managing director of Appleyards of Leeds, he has now become Chairman and joint managing director of Ross Bros. The other joint managing director is Mr. Douglas Dixon, who has been with the firm since 1945, and the remaining director and Company Secretary is Mr. Berry's wife. Mr. Berry, who is 38, has been in the motor trade most of his working life and feels

it has been through a traumatic period.

"I honestly believe that the people who will succeed in the trade in the next five or ten years are the smaller garages who are capable of giving personal and friendly service he said. "During the early 1970's big was beautiful, but now small is beautiful," he went on.

Ross Bros. itself would continue basically unchanged because it was a very attractive site with plenty of character. There would be certain internal modifications to make it more efficient, but the personal

friendly service aspect was the main thing.

Mr. Berry stressed the importance of the personal approach, and felt people should be able to walk into the garage and talk to the mechanic working on their car rather than just being numbers in a large company. The same applied to self-service petrol sales - people would prefer not to have to serve themselves if they could have a cheerful service at competitive prices.

It was because of this that he planned to extend opening hours on the forecourt, hopefully opening from 7.00 a.m. until 11.00 p.m. on seven days a week, selling petrol at a reasonable price.

The only other major change he expected was to introduce improved facilities for used car sales, specialising in used Rolls Royce, Jaguar and Leyland.

Picture shows Mr. Berry with staff at Ross Bros. this week.

From left to right they are - Mr. P. Battinson, Mr. M. Wild, Mr. A. Webster, Mr. S. J. Berry, Mr. C. Brear, Mr. D. I. Dixon, Mr. J. Mounsey, Mr. J. Pawson, Mrs. P. Clarke, Mr. D. Modley, Mrs. D. Smith, Mr. K. Postlethwaite, Mr. C. Hindle, Mrs. E. Rogers, Mr. I. Cheeseman, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. P. Norris, Mr. J. Fitzgerald, Mr. M. Laycock and Mr. M. Spencer.



11 MAR 83 Scouts' weekend at Hag Dyke Hostel

Last weekend 26 Scouts from various troops in Wharfedale spent a busy weekend at the Hag Dyke Scout hostel situated half way up Great Whenside, near Kettlewell. The Scouts were attending a course of training for the new Chief Scouts challenge badge which commences in May. The Scouts came from Pool, Otley Parish Church, Otley Methodist, 2nd Otley, 1st Burley, 1st Ben Rhydding and 1st Ilkley Scout Troops. The weekend course was organised by the Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts, Richard Good. The Scouts started the weekend by carrying their rucksacks to Hag Dyke. The course leaders had spent most of Friday afternoon carrying the food and equipment up to the hostel because the Land Rover track was blocked by snow.

Saturday's activities included skiing led by Andrew Walbank and Denis Bainbridge. Snow hole building was demonstrated by Bill Midgley, an orienteering course was designed by Rob Pawson and Bruce Brown, and a demonstration of light weight tents and expedition stoves was arranged by Geoff Lomas and Richard Good. Other instructions were given in first aid, route planning, writing an expedition log, and personal clothing and equipment.

On Saturday evening the Scouts and leaders sat down to a splendid dinner consisting of roast turkey, sprouts, carrots, potatoes, followed by fresh fruit salad.

After dinner John Morgan gave a talk and demonstration of expedition food.

A busy day was concluded by camp fire singing led by Richard Smith and Frank Spieght of the County Scout Training Team.

On Sunday morning the Scouts attended a Scouts' Own service held in the Chapel at Hag Dyke. This Chapel is believed to be the highest place of worship in England.

The Scouts then set off on an expedition covering a distance of about six miles. Each team did their own route finding and navigation, but were accompanied by an instructor for safety. During the exercise the Scouts cooked a dehydrated meal on light weight stoves. This was made more difficult by poor weather.

The Scouts left the hostel on Sunday afternoon to be collected by their parents from Kettlewell. All agreed that it had been a very enjoyable weekend.

Correspondence 11 MAR 83 Moor "Neglected By Council"

Sir, I read a report in your paper (February 11) stating that Bradford Metropolitan Council was contesting grazing rights on Ilkley Moor won by a local farmer. The council claimed that heather on the moor is being destroyed by over-grazing by sheep. A farmer myself, I have walked the moor for over 40 years and remember when there were many more sheep on it when it was one of the best grouse moors in Yorkshire. There was far more heather.

Nowadays, a walk westward from the path to Dick Hudson's (above the old shooting lodge site) to the Keighley Gate road is a walk through sodden boggy ground. Not one beck is open. This was once nice heather. Now it is too wet for sheep or grouse. Over the whole moor there are acres of similar conditions. That is why the sheep are killing the heather on drier ground. The real cause of the trouble has been negligence by Ilkley Council. All the swampy areas need "gripping" at regular intervals and the bracken lower down needed constant checking. Over-grazing would have been avoided.

Finally it is a problem which does not concern only farmers and sheep. Everyone who lives here enjoys the heather in summer. I hope the Bradford Metropolitan Council will set to work to preserve it.
J. G. BROWN
Hill Top Farm Middleton.

Who Needs Homes?

Page nine of the 25 February edition of the Gazette refers to the controversial application for flats in South Parade, Ilkley. The various proposals for development have been reported in the Gazette since May of last year. Broadly, the latest application seeks to convert two rather fine Victorian family houses into 18 flats and 3 maisonettes. I must declare my interest as being the owner-occupier of a house adjacent to the proposed development but wish to draw attention to certain aspects of it and invite comment from readers.

When the latest proposal was considered by Bradford Met's Planning Sub-Committee, it was pointed out that the individual flats would provide minimal and rather cramped accommodation. One of the councillors is on record as saying "This is what is needed". He went on to say that this type of dwelling unit is becoming popular in Ilkley. I therefore ask needed by whom and popular with whom? I submit that Sir Richard Denby and Mr. Michael Sharpe who are fronting the application do not need such dwelling units. (Dwelling units? Whatever happened to homes?). The architect, Roger Marshall, certainly does not need them. Perhaps only the developers, Walter G. Birch of Harrogate, need them. Other residents of the area do not need and do not want such unsympathetic building and there has been no clamour from non-Ilkley residents seeking to descend on this particular part of our town. Perhaps anybody who does need them can write to you or the Council or myself and say so.
M. J. SANDERS
Nant Cottage,
South Parade, Ilkley, 11 MAR 83

Outrageous Scheme

Sir, - It is the outrageous parking scheme, propounded by an assinine majority of County Councillors who, clearly, have no understanding whatsoever of the character of a place such as Ilkley, is foisted upon us. I hope that every single shop in the town will refuse to distribute the books of parking tickets.

Could not the Chamber of Trade produce and supply to all shops a neat window sticker which states simply "Parking tickets are NOT available here"?

Obviously, Ilkley people would give maximum support, through making all possible purchases from the shops when displayed this notice.

Presumably as, almost incredibly, even the Bradford Metropolitan Council is opposed to the scheme, we should rely on the tickets not being available at the Town Hall or the Library?

BERNARD J. AUSTIN
Carr Croft,
Ilkley, 11 MAR 83

"Thank You" To Guiders

Sir, - As a parent of a Guide who took part in the Thinking Day activities, it was a pleasure to attend and see all the girls so obviously enjoying themselves, and also recognise the hard work and efficient organisation which must have gone into providing such a successful afternoon.

I would like to say thank you to all the guiders and leaders who give so freely of their time and effort, not only at special events but throughout the year. In a world where the young are increasingly accused of violence and vandalism, the Guiding movement gives girls an opportunity to express themselves in a peaceful and constructive way.
EILEEN BARRACLOUGH
105, Skipton Road,
Ilkley.

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LETTERS AND PETITIONS ADD TO FIGHT AGAINST "PAY AND PARK" SCHEME

Ilkley Parish Council has received a flood of letters from people objecting to the proposed pay-parking scheme for the centre of Ilkley and a petition organised with the Chamber of Trade has been well supported.

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The most effective way to fight the scheme was to write to the Council, its chairman, Mr. R. Hill, said this week. He said that the letters would then be sent to West Yorkshire Council.

Mr. Hill outlined what the effects of the new scheme would be.

Available space for on-street parking would be greatly reduced and in remaining spaces it would be necessary to exhibit pre-paid tickets on the window of the car.

There would be no free parking at the central post office and at a very limited number of spaces near the office it would be necessary to pay, even for a short time.

The principle would apply to stopping at any one or a few minutes would be exhibiting a pay card in the car window," he said.

Mr. Hill said that additional wardens would be employed to enforce the regulations. There would be penalties for over-staying and fines payable through the meter for both non-payment and parking charges and penalties.

West Yorkshire County Council was told that local shopkeepers would sell books of ten tickets for 100p," said Cr. Hill.

Each car would allow a car to be parked for up to two hours. If a car was wished to park for about five minutes the charge would be ten pence.

For parking the car it would be necessary to know the date and the exact time," said Cr. Hill, "because you have to punch holes in the card indicating the year

month, day of the month, hours and minutes. The card would then have to be put inside the near-side driver's window so that, as the instructions phrase it, 'the traffic warden can peer at it,' he said.

"Visitors to Ilkley would have to stop at a shop to buy a book of tickets before they could park anywhere on the streets and local residents would have to expend money in pre-paying for tickets," said Cr. Hill.

"West Yorkshire County Council states that all this would make town centre 'more attractive to motorists for brief visits', but Ilkley Parish Council, Bradford Metropolitan Council and Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade are all totally opposed to the scheme," he concluded.

Tomorrow (Saturday) there is to be a mass collection of signatories based at a caravan in Brook Street, Ilkley.

CORRESPONDENCE 18 MAR 83

Car Park Pay Scheme Adds Insult To Injury

Sir,—With regard to this ridiculous idea of the W.R.C.C. concerning parking, it should be opposed vigorously by all local residents.

There is a simple solution:-

1. Every Ilkley ratepayer should be given a parking disc which entitles him or her to park free of charge on to the main car park and in the streets where no yellow lines exist one car per ratepayer to be allowed and if necessary the car number can be inserted on the disc.

For people coming into Ilkley (not ratepayers) they would have no free disc and pay a reasonable charge.

2. Examine thoroughly the yellow lines. Quite a lot of them could be done away or shortened (but not all). I have many times walked across the central car park at different times of the day and there has been ample room for more cars to be parked there and so draw them away from street parking—but people will not pay the charge.

What has been mentioned to me by several people is that there are three banks in Brook Street and as often as not it is only a matter of a very few minutes to conduct their bank business and they return to their cars on the car park and drive away. Why pay for perhaps ten minutes business? No wonder the side streets are full of cars! I might add personally that customers' calls on shops in Brook Street could be isolated calls and very short.

I have not mentioned the new Hillards car park which is sure to have a beneficial effect, but I do stress vehemently that we ratepayers are paying through the nose already and this W.R.C.C. scheme is just adding insult to injury.

RATEPAYER

"The Woods Should Be Cherished Not Abused"

Sir,—Last year a new Ilkley Conservation Area was designated which excluded threatened areas such as West Ilkley and Middleton. These were not under threat or so we were told.

Middleton Woods, a site of scientific interest, was protected as an ancient bluebell wood. The Natural History Report of 1975 stated that these woods were venerable. In 1983 this small area of less than ten acres is even more at risk. Its boundaries are threatened externally by the encroachment of housing development and internally the woods themselves are subjected seasonally to a variety of depredations, whole young trees for the bonfire in November, if torn off branches are too small, free Christmas trees in December, not to mention the equally seasonal holly and mistletoe. The woods are also encroached upon officially by such admirable institutions as Nell Bank.

The important scientific and naturalists aspect of this woodland requires its continued protection. Its importance historically is less emphasised. It was also an area of tree farming or management as described in Oliver Rackham's Trees and Woodland in the British Landscape, certainly in recent times, as the name Coppy Wood denotes, and the neglected coppice wood still show. How old the woods are is not yet defined but this could well be investigated more thoroughly. Both charcoal burning and iron working according to reliable hearsay may have taken place in the woods in fairly recent times.

It is against this background that one reads with astonishment and horror of the joyful, happy, nay virtuous educational and recreational exercise of 500 young people, no less, orienteering in Middleton Woods. These woods should be cherished not abused. In the interests of conservation and protection of the rural environment it is suggested that a much larger and less vulnerable area be used as a future venue for woodland orienteering.

E. M. HOLT

25 Wells Road,
Ilkley.

LAST DITCH STAND TO STOP AMUSEMENT ARCADE

A last ditch stand to stop the establishment of an amusement arcade in Ilkley's recently restored Victorian Arcade is being looked at.

After planners had found no way of stopping the plan Parish Councillors now feel the only hope was that the owner of the property would be in a position to step in and stop his tenant converting a sports shop into an amusement arcade.

"We very strongly recommended refusal of the proposal because it is not only out of keeping with the arcade but with the whole of Ilkley," said Ilkley Parish Councillor C. D. Poole. "Unfortunately our views had been overridden and we now faced the prospect

of an amusement arcade in an attractive part of Ilkley," said Cr. Poole.

Bradford Metropolitan District Councillor and Ilkley Parish Councillor Mrs. B. J. Cussons said she had been assured by the Planning Officer they could find no planning reasons to turn down the application.

Cr. J. M. Shelton said their last hope was that the owner, Mr. V. Dobson would be in a position to step in and stop one of his tenants converting his premises to an amusement arcade.

Cr. Poole said Leeds Council had found adequate justification to turn down a similar application for an amusement arcade in Otley.

ACTION GROUP'S CONCERN OVER SOUTH PARADE FLATS PLAN

Opponents of controversial plans for new flats at South Parade, Ilkley, are prepared to take matters to the highest level, including any necessary appeals.

Residents of the area met with an architect engaged by the South Parade Neighbourhood Action Group (SNAG) to discuss possible alternatives to the proposed eighteen flats, three maisonettes and a house together with the conversion of two existing houses to flats.

These alternatives, along with comments on other aspects of the case, will be sent to Bradford Metropolitan Council, who are expected to reach a decision on 23 March.

The meeting heard that a number of local architects had been approached by the action group, but were unable to assist because they were reluctant to criticise openly the

original presentation of the plans. Other local developers had expressed interest in the site and had tentative plans for a more fitting development.

The plan being opposed involves building in a space between Chillswood and Grove Mount, two large detached houses, and the opponents feel it should not be allowed because of a loss of trees, overloading of services, loss of environmental beauty and because it would create a precedent.

The residents agreed that plans for a lower density and a more sympathetic development would not be unreasonably opposed.

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ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PUPILS HELP PLANT

18-3-83 MORE YOUNG TREES ON ILKLEY MOOR

Pupils from Ilkley Grammar School have been helping Bradford Council plant young Scots Pine on Ilkley Moor this week.

The planting is a continuation of work done on the moor for the past few years, during which damaged trees have been felled and replaced with young ones.

About seven temporary enclosures have been set-up in the existing plantations, and Countryside Officer Mr. Les Morgan this week defended their decision to erect the fencing, which has brought complaints from local people in the past.

"We have put up a series of small temporary enclo-

tures to ensure the young trees survive," he said. "We do not like putting up fencing but it has to be done for the future of the trees."

Ilkley Grammar School pupils have helped plant the young trees in the past, and Mr. Morgan said he was very grateful for their help.

"The school asked if they

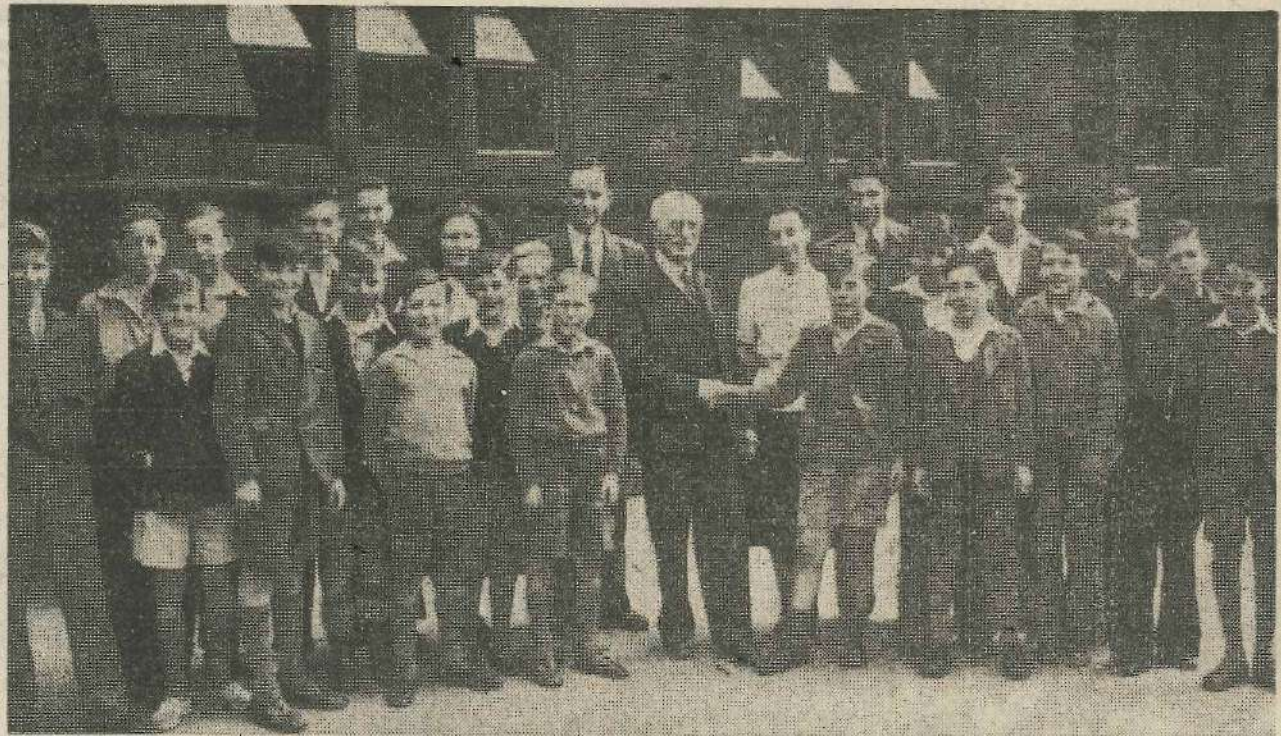
could help with the planting and obviously we welcomed it", he said. "We are very grateful for the help they have given us and we hope the association with the school continues."

• Picture shows pupils, armed with spades, on their way to the plantations, with countryside wardens from Bradford Council



SCENES FROM THE 18 MAR 83 PAST (4)

Schoolboys Of 1949 Say Farewell To Headmaster



Schoolboys of Ilkley Church of England School said farewell in July, 1949, to their Headmaster, Mr. C. G. Hodges, who retired after many years service at Ilkley. Pictured back row (left to

right) are -- William Hardcastle, — Clough, Peter Frankland, David Smales, Miss M. Weatherall, Mr. R. W. Parker, Miss M. Illingworth, — Bennett, — Webster.

Front row.—Michael Clapham, John Town, — Webster, — Benson, Colin Wilde, Jack Taylor, Geoffrey Milnes, Mr. C. G. Hodges, Michael Tiley, George Hobson, Brian Senior, Robin Gardisty, Brian Sher-

win. — Dunbar. Mr. Hodges was Headmaster at the School for 27 years whilst the headmistress of the girls' school was Miss E. Dickinson.

NEW SPORTS COUNCIL SET TO IMPROVE ILKLEY DISTRICT'S FACILITIES

Attempts to revive a local sports council culminated this week with the inauguration of the new Ilkley and District Sports Council and the formation of a steering group to put initial ideas into action.

Members of local clubs and organisations represented at a special meeting at Ilkley College on Monday agreed to form the steering group, which will be chaired by Mr. G. Culverwell, of Ilkley Tennis Club.

They will meet in three weeks to implement suggestions made at the meeting — that local clubs should be sent a questionnaire about their specific needs and be invited to an annual meeting, at which an executive committee would be elected.

The former Sports Council was formed in 1967 but was disbanded about eight years ago due to a lack of interest, but optimism was expressed on Monday that a new sports council would create more local interest in sport and would involve a wider range of sports.

A slide show depicting the national strategy for sports development during this decade — published last year as "Sport in the Community: the next ten years" — was presented by the Sports Council for Yorkshire and Humberside.

The main aims outlined by the slides and commentary were to encourage more people to participate in sport, to increase facilities and upgrade existing facilities.

Sports Hall?

Representatives of clubs and organisations at the meeting felt that one of the main local aims should be to provide a sports hall.

Mr. P. G. Richardson, of Ben Rhydding Hockey Club, said: "I think the area is lacking indoor facilities and the problem is money, but improvement should be the aim."

Mr. Gilbert Lister, one of the original initiators of the new sports council, said an indoor sports hall would attract people from other areas as well as Ilkley, and asked about the possibility of improving existing sports grounds.

He said it had been suggested that more use could be made of the Ilkley Grammar School grounds, and Mr. Les Haywood, the Principal Lecturer in Leisure and Recreation Studies at Ilkley College, said an approach should be made to the relevant organisation and then to the district sports council.

It was agreed that more use could be made of existing facilities, and it was pointed out that Ilkley Rugby Club had some land which could be used for other sports.

Bring Clubs Together

Mr. S. Town, from Bradford Metropolitan Council's Community Recreation division, said they would need to capture the interest of sports clubs not represented at the meeting, and suggested an event on the lines of television's "Superstars" competition to bring different clubs together.

Mr. J. N. Wright, of Ilkley Badminton Club, said they should meet members of other clubs themselves and talk to them about the sports council, and it was suggested that they could hold their meetings at different club venues.

The idea of forming a new local Sports Council had first been discussed at an open meeting last November, when a working committee was appointed. It met the following month to draft the constitution.

Under the new constitution, the aims of the local Sports Council are to encourage wider participation in sport and physical recreation and to raise standards of performance, and all sporting and physical recreation organisations actively operating in the Ilkley, Addingham, Burley and Menston areas may apply for affiliation.

The constitution was adopted at a meeting in January but it was decided to postpone the inauguration because of a low attendance.

Three different grades of affiliation fee were suggested at the January meeting — £3.00 for clubs, £1.50 for clubs with membership under 16 years of age and £5.00 for Associations covering more than one club.

OBITUARIES 25 MAR 83 BRITISH LEGION STALWART DIES SUDDENLY

A stalwart member of several Ilkley organisations, Mr. George Cunliffe has died suddenly, aged 82.

Mr. Cunliffe, of Wheatley Lane, Ben Rhydding, faithfully supported the Royal British Legion, the Ilkley Constitutional Club and Ben Rhydding Men's Club for many years.

Born in Broughton, near Salford in Lancashire, he was the eldest of three brothers orphaned at a young age.

He joined the Army under age to serve in the First World War and reached the rank of Corporal.

In 1919 he left the Army to begin a career as a chauffeur/mechanic. He moved to Ilkley in 1927 as chauffeur to the Waring family, of Hebers Mount, for whom he served many years.

During the Second World War Mr. Cunliffe was assistant foreman for A.C. Wickman Machine Tool Specialists before serving two years with the Auxiliary Fire Service and a further two years with the Home Guard as Corporal.

He was made a life member of the Royal British Legion in 1961, having been chairman, secretary and a committee member. He often acted as MC for Legion whist drives and dances, played snooker and football, and rarely missed an Armistice Day parade.

A keen snooker player, Mr. Cunliffe had been a member of the Ilkley Constitutional Club for 10 years and had played a game there only days before he died.

In the 1930s Mr. Cunliffe formed the Hebers Mount XI cricket team, which included many Ilkley chauffeurs and played in a local league.

Through his work he attended many Rolls Royce chauffeur/mechanic courses and was the proud owner of the coveted Rolls Royce badge.

Until his retirement at the age of 65, Mr. Cunliffe was service manager of White Cross Motors of Guiseley.

DEATH OF ILKLEY SCULPTOR AND FORMER LECTURER

Sculptor Mr. Charles T'Anson, of Parish Ghyll Lane, Ilkley, died in hospital on Sunday, aged 58.

Formerly a lecturer in art and design at Trinity and All Saints' Colleges, Horsforth, Mr. T'Anson was a Fellow of the Royal Society of British Sculptors and had executed a number of important commissions in Wales and Scotland as well as in Leeds.

His Leeds commissions included a Crucifixion for Trinity All Saints' Colleges and a sculpture at St. Michael's College commemorating the founding of the college by the Jesuits' Society.

Mr. T'Anson leaves a wife, one son, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Service and cremation took place at Skipton today (Friday).

ILKLEY RESIDENT FOR 60 YEARS

An Ilkley resident for over sixty years, Mrs. Elizabeth Silverwood, of Backstone Way, has died in hospital aged 96.

Mrs. Silverwood was still active in her nineties, reading the daily newspapers and watching television, and attributed her longevity to the fact that she never smoked or drank alcohol.

She leaves a son and a daughter.

A funeral service will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Ilkley, on Monday, followed by cremation at Rawdon.

FANCY DRESS BALL AT
CRAIGLANDS HOTEL

100 Years Ago

Craiglands Hydropathic establishment was converted into a place of "singular brilliancy" on the occasion of the fourth annual fancy dress ball given by the proprietors Messrs. Dobson Bros. "The whole of the space in the area of the hall was occupied all night by a gay throng of ladies and gentlemen attired in dress of brilliant and quaint variety embracing nearly all professions and all nationalities." "To the strains of music rendered by Dean's string band the company began early to chase the glowing hours with flying feet."

There were six deaths and fifteen births recorded in the township of Ilkley during March 1883. The deaths were three males and three females, the three males being over 60 years of age, but two females died under 12 years of age from inflammation of the lungs and one aged 48 years from anaemia and debility. There was no infant mortality recorded and no deaths from infectious disease.

Ilkley Hospital gave a satisfactory report on the previous year. It had been open from March until November and a total of 730 patients were admitted, the largest number in one season since its opening. The cost per patient was calculated at £1 8s. 2½d. against £1 9s. 6½d. in the previous year. The medical officer reported that only three patients had died, five left worse, 64 were unrelieved and 617 were discharged visibly improved. 617 people gained an average of 6½lbs. during their stay, lost 2.23 lbs. and 36 neither lost or gained weight. Most of the patients who had deteriorated were in advance stages of consumption.

75 Years Ago

Thanks were extended to friends of the Ilkley and Wharfedale Orphanage and Children's Home by the matron for gifts received during the month. They included dripping, bread, firewood, wool for stocking, newspapers, oranges, clothing, magazines, tea, cakes, pastry, and plants for the garden.

Ilkley Urban District Council's retiring chairman, Mr. J. C. Barker commented that his period of office had been a happy one. Personally, he said, he would not

like the Council Chamber to become in any way the "bear garden" that it once was. He said he felt strongly on this point and hoped they had done with that sort of thing. He expressed the wish that any new members whoever they might be would know how to behave themselves.

Ilkley Hospital reported a favourable year with 892 admissions. Dr. T. Browne Hearder, Medical Officer reported a 96 per cent cure or improvement rate. This result considering a season of inclement weather was highly satisfactory.

Ilkley Choral Society aimed high in giving a performance of Coleridge Taylor's "Hiawatha" at their second concert of the season in the Assembly Hall, Wells Road. Mr. T. Akeroyd was the conductor and Miss Muriel Crawshaw undertook the soprano solos.

50 Years Ago

There were still many schemes to try to help the unemployed in the district. Sub-Committees of the Council of Social Welfare had carried out an allotment scheme, a boot repairing scheme and a series of ambulance classes, and a quantity of used clothing had been supplied. Thanks were extended to the Manager of Wells House Hydro who had allowed the unemployed to collect wood branches etc., from the hotel grounds free.

Ghyll Royd School who presented "Dotheboys Hall" and "Alice in Wonderland" made special collections for the unemployed of the town at their afternoon and evening performances. An appeal was made to local football and sports clubs to donate old boots, clothes and sports gear. The Ilkley Gazette urged the need for a soup kitchen to provide soup and free meals for the men and their families.

L.N.E.R. offered Easter holiday rail return tickets on sale at a special rate of 1d. per mile between any two stations and return tickets to London at 33/6.

25 Years Ago

Some 200 people saw Mr. Clifford Harrison, of Keighley, Yorkshire's member of the National Savings Committee, press the button which triggered off by remote control in Lytham St. Anne's "Ernie" the robot Premium Bond winner selector from the foot of the Cow and Calf rocks. Mr. Edward Smith, a well-known Yorkshire baritone sang a parody on Ilkley Moor Baht "At which made special reference to ERNIE as follows.— "Wheer ar ta bahn on April first? Ah'm bahn to start ah ERNIE off. That lad 'd better frame 'issen. Then I for sewer might win a prize. Then me and Mary Jane will wed. So 'T'wurrms will starve cos we shall live. Thee two can win a thousand pounds. And all the time your brass is safe. Buy Premium Bonds and thwart them wurrms.

Ilkley Choral Society's ninth season ended with an enjoyable concert which attracted only a modest audience. Mr. Charles Bainbridge conducted and had "trained a very clever choral society under his precise baton."

Ben Rhydding Sports Club with its "prosperous and vigorous sections" had one of the best years ever said the Secretary Mr. R. C. Crabtree at their annual general meeting. There had been a new west end added to the clubhouse and it had been generally improved. The club had made a profit of £35 on the year according to Mr. John Bradley (Hon. Treasurer). Gratitude was expressed to the groundsmen Mr. Dennis Holmes for the fine upkeep of the playing fields and courts.

SNAG Thanks
Supporters

Sir, May I, on behalf of the South Parade Neighbourhood Action Group (SNAG) thank everyone who campaigned on our behalf.

In particular we would like to thank Cr. Mrs. Barbara Cussons for acting as our go-between—a highly dangerous position, but one she managed with great skill.

Also, Ilkley Parish Council and Ilkley Civic Society, who no doubt have earned themselves a black mark.

We were grateful for the support of Dr. Keith Hampson, Conservative MP for Ripon, and Mr. Bob Cryer, Labour MP for Keighley.

Last, but by no means least we must thank the forty members of the electorate who, living close to South Parade, opposed strongly the monolithic development now approved by the Bradford Planning Authority.

It is strange that this weight of opinion against the proposed development should have had no effect on the members of Bradford Council's Development Services Committee. Unbending in their attitudes they are indeed men of steel.

We would like to think that even at this stage the applicants might consider our alternative scheme which is not without merit.

Esme Greenwood
7 Westville Road,
Ilkley 31 MAR 83

NEARLY 1,000 APPLICANTS FOR
JOBS AT NEW HILLARDS STORE

Nearly 1,000 people have applied for jobs at the new Hillards superstore which is due to open at Ilkley in June.

The Cleckheaton based company will be holding interviews at Otley Job Centre between 28 March and 8 April to get through all the applicants.

A spokesman for the Job Centre said: "There are basically vacancies in every department of the store. The majority of the management positions are already taken, as I understand it, and generally speaking there will be vacancies for jobs such as check out, in-store assistants, warehouse staff and in the canteen and bakery."

Hillards Public Relations Officer, Mr. Bill Billett, said he was not surprised at the response.

"It is not abnormal for us to get as many applicants as this when we open a new

store, but it is a sad reflection of the times" said Mr. Billett. "We are just glad that we are helping to ease the unemployment situation a little when we open new stores."

The staff of the existing store in Railway Road will be retained, said Mr. Billett, but he did not know how many jobs would be created.

He said some management positions could be filled by people from other stores, but there would be vacancies for general store workers.

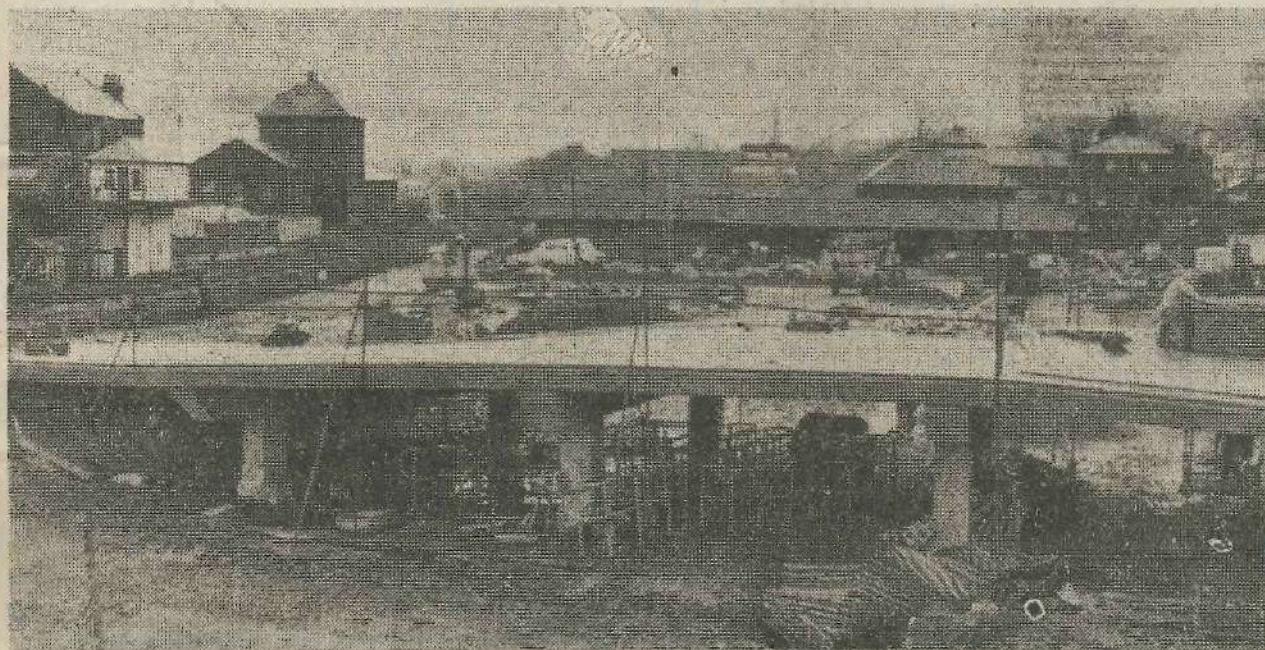
The target set for the opening of the new store — early this summer — still stands, said Mr. Billett. "We do not have an exact date for opening but it will be as early as possible," he said.

Mr. Keith Youngman, who

is acting as liaison officer between Hillards and the contractors, Bovis Construction Ltd., said "The new store will be handed over to Hillards by the contractors in May and will be opening sometime in June, although no firm date has yet been decided upon."

Actual construction work has now been completed and all that remains is for the interior to be fitted out and for the car park — which will provide 150 spaces — to be completed.

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



Picture shows how work has progressed on the new Hillards superstore at Springs Lane, Ilkley.

25 MAR 83

CONTROVERSIAL NEW FLATS AT ILKLEY GET GO-AHEAD DESPITE STRONG OPPOSITION

A last desperate attempt this week to persuade Bradford Metropolitan Council to turn down controversial plans for a new flats development at South Parade, Ilkley, has proved unsuccessful.

Bradford Councils Development Services Committee decided on Wednesday to give final approval to the plans, which had already been passed by the Planning Sub-Committee.

A report, presented to members of the Development Services Committee, recommended the proposal be approved and said the development was considered to be compatible with the aim of conserving the character of the area.

Members of the South Parade Neighbourhood Action Group (SNAG) wrote to Bradford's planners this week with a petition expressing concern about the form of presentation and consequently the validity of the application. They demanded that the application be declared invalid and that planning permission be refused.

Opponents of the scheme for eighteen flats, three maisonettes and one house, including the conversion of two existing houses into flats said they were not against the development in principle but objected to the scale and density of the proposals.

SNAG had engaged an architectural consultant and submitted a possible alternative plan, drawn up by him to the council.

The consultant Mr Norman Fellows, of Skipton Road, Ilkley was originally disturbed at the way the plans were presented. He felt the drawings were arranged in such a way that one level of accommodation was concealed. There were in fact five storeys, and the effect was misleading in respect of both existing houses, Grove Mount and Cillswood.

The model submitted hid rather than exposed the true heights and extent of the additional blocks, and the misleading theme was continued in other drawings and sketches which showed land sloping the wrong way and windowed at wrong levels he continued.

SNAG's last attempt at persuading Bradford Council stressed that the proposals were inappropriate, contrary to the concept of "good neighbourliness" and technically invalid because the planning application was misleading.

They wished to establish a constructive working relationship with the developers and their architects, with a view to obtaining a development they felt to be more suited to the site.

The proposals suggested by Mr Fellows were for a more intensive use of the existing houses at Cillswood and Grove Mount, together with a new single-storey accommodation for active elderly people, particularly single women, to form a community with security and companionship.

His idea was to provide nine self contained flats in the two existing houses. The schedule of accommodation he envisaged would be eight self contained flats, three

one-person houses, five one-person or two-person houses, one nurse's flat and sickbay garage for four cars, car port for three cars, garden store and office, and a community room including kitchen and coffee room, in the existing barn.

On the one hand the community could have a collective life focused on the old barn, and on the other hand most of the single people in the group would be self-reliant and could continue to lead private and independent lives in their own flats or houses and gardens.

The distinct spaces of the site, the lawns should be respected and preserved and all mature trees should be retained, he stressed.

25 MAR 83 RIPON MP FINDS A NEW SEAT

Ripon MP Dr. Keith Hampson has been selected to contest the Leeds North West seat as Conservative candidate at the next General Election.

Dr. Hampson (39), whose Ripon seat disappears in the boundary changes, beat former Keighley MP Joan Hall and Pudsey councillor Andrew Carter on the short-list for the candidacy.

The present Conservative MP for Leeds North West, which will include Otley, is Sir Donald Kaberry. He will retire at the end of the present Parliament.

Dr. Hampson, former personal assistant to Edward Heath in 1966 has been Ripon MP since 1974, after failing to win the seat at a by-election in 1973.

KEIGHLEY TORIES TO CHOOSE CANDIDATE

Keighley Conservatives will tomorrow (Saturday) interview six candidates to choose three for presentation to a general meeting of members of the new Constituency Association.

The final selection of a Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the new constituency, which includes Ilkley, will be made by secret ballot at a private meeting of party members at Keighley on Sunday.

The six under consideration are Cr. Andrew Carter, of Pudsey, Mr. Bryan Cassidy of Woodbridge Surrey, Mr. Derek Howe, Political Secretary to the Prime Minister, Mr. Andrew Hunter, a master at Harrow School, Mrs. Christine Richard, a Senior Lecturer at Stevenson College Edinburgh, and Mr. Gary Waller, MP for Brighouse and Spenborough whose constituency disappears under the boundary changes.

Mr. John Dawson of Keighley, who was to have been considered, asked to be withdrawn for personal reasons.

25 MAR 83 See Houses On The Wharfe

Ilkley Parking Is A Laughing Stock

Sir, I wish to add my weight in opposition to the card parking scheme which has been mooted for Ilkley.

As you are aware, we already have been forced to accept a pay park for cars in the centre of Ilkley. This was thrust upon us with no choice as to conditions, apart from pay up or keep off, and in my opinion, together with some ill-sited yellow lines, has been responsible for many cars being parked in positions where they were not previously left. The parking system in Ilkley was, in the opinion of many, quite adequate until outside interference caused it to become a laughing stock among residents. Are we now to be faced with more outside interference?

Having taken part in a demonstration with the type of card which the wretched motorist is supposed to punch with of all things, his ignition key, I became aware that I was surrounded by people rendered speechless through sheer disbelief, or like myself, through laughter at the gross stupidity of the whole concept and the thinking behind it.

In spite of what the so called authorities have said against the clock system for parking, as used by Harrogate and other enlightened areas, this could be used to good effect in Ilkley and would only require the services of one Traffic Warden, were he to be used in a system of random checking. Perhaps it would not bring in revenue but, who are these people to foist their ideas on others, without fair debate? Why are they so mad with power and so intent on making others comply with their ideas, ideas which will not affect them as individuals? Have they really stopped to think and are they really concerned with the future of Ilkley?

What will happen to Ilkley when no more blood can be wrung from her? Perhaps I can answer that last question. Forlorn residents will be seen parading through the once enjoyable streets of our lovely town, looking into shops now deserted by the many hundreds of outside visitors from places like Leeds and Bradford, good people who have so far supported Ilkley and who have enabled the more thrifty of our shop-keepers to meet the bills for their ever spiralling rates and other charges.

Look out Ilkley out petitions will be torn up once again, do you remember the last time? We all thought it couldn't happen here, it did — and we all blamed the other fellow. It could happen again Rate payers of Ilkley, let your voices be heard, yes, on both sides, democracy is still with us, or is it?

J. G. COOPER

63 Kings Road,
Ilkley.

25 MAR 83

This affects you and your Town

The W.Y.M.C.C. Card Parking Plan

If you work, shop or visit the Ilkley area, please read this as your way of life and possibly your job is at risk. W.Y.M.C.C. are proposing to reduce drastically "ON STREET" parking in Ilkley and to charge for parking in all of the town centre streets.

THIS IS HOW

MOTORISTS: You will have to pay to park outside the Post Office, Town Hall, Library and the Roads in the rest of the Central Area.

At least 250 Car Parking Spaces will be lost. Where will you park your car ?

You will need to buy a stock of Parking Cards, punch each card four times, hang it on the nearside window every time you want to park.

You will be fined for not displaying a card. Extra Wardens will be employed to enforce this.

RESIDENTS: In most affected streets any visitors you have will have to pay to park when they visit you.

SHOPPERS: If this proposal goes ahead, many motorists may decide not to park and shop in Ilkley. If this happens, shops may close due to loss of business. This will reduce your choice and may have to travel out of town to shop.

MOTOR CYCLISTS: You will be banned from parking in most streets.

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THE AFFECTED AREA:

Virtually NO on-street parking will be permitted within the area bounded by Castle Road, Kings Road, Wells Court Flats, Cowpasture Road and Nelson Road, unless paid for. Even then the available spaces will be drastically reduced.

THIS IS YOUR TOWN

This scheme was devised for cities not towns. Small shops will suffer without their mid-week bread and butter trade. Nowhere else in Britain is using this scheme and if the County Council get away with it in Ilkley, Otley, Wetherby, etc. then they will force the system on every town and village in West Yorkshire.

Ilkley Parish Council, Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Bradford Metropolitan District Council all oppose the card parking scheme. To put a stop to it we need your help.

DO SOMETHING!

Write to Mr. R. Brooke, Chief Executive W.Y.M.C.C. c/o the Parish Clerk, Ilkley Parish Council, Town Hall, Ilkley, objecting to the proposals, giving your reasons this weekend. All letters will be delivered on 30th March to County Hall Wakefield, at 2.30 p.m. The public are invited to attend.

EVERY LETTER COUNTS!

It will be too late to protest once the scheme has been implemented.

Spend 5 minutes TODAY to save your town.

This Notice has been paid for by voluntary contributions from traders and townspeople. If you would like to help our Fighting Fund, please send your contribution to: the Clerk to the Ilkley Parish Council, Town Hall, Ilkley, made payable to "Card Parking Fighting Fund".

25 MAR 83

FIGHT AGAINST NEW PAY-CARD PARKING PLANS CONTINUES WITH MASS SIGNATURE COLLECTION

The fight against the proposed pay-card parking scheme for the centre of Ilkley gained momentum this week with a mass collection of signatures of those opposed to the scheme.

Based at a specially erected caravan in Brook Street Ilkley Parish Councillors launched the signature-collection on Saturday and it has continued all week.

Cr. W. R. Hill, Chairman of the parish council, said the response had been "terrific".

"No one has had a good word for the proposed scheme" said Cr Hill. "Everyone we have spoken to has been totally against it and, given the alternative, would much rather have the disc parking scheme in the town. "What has been particu-

larly pleasing is the number of visitors to the town who have said they were perturbed by the proposals," said Cr. Hill. "Many said they would be most concerned if the scheme was implemented because they enjoyed visiting Ilkley, and the pay-card scheme and the system of buying and punching the cards would deter them from coming", he added.

Meanwhile, petitions in local shops have also been well supported and some are ready to send to Mr. K. J. Patterson, the Chairman of the Traffic and Highways Committee of West Yorkshire County Council.

Picture shows Cr. Hill (centre) explaining the implications of the proposed scheme to several signatories



LETTERS AND PETITIONS SENT TO COUNTY COUNCIL AS FIGHT AGAINST PAY-PARKING GOES ON

31 MAR 83
DISCUSSING
SITE FOR
YOUTH HUT

If a new youth hut is provided at Addingham it should preferably be near to the new Middle School so that outdoor facilities at the school could be used.

This was the view expressed by Addingham Parish Council when the Rev. Rex Owen, Chairman of the Youth Club Management Committee, attended the March meeting.

Mr. Owen said a number of possible sites had been looked at for a replacement for the village's derelict existing youth hut, and he felt it might be most logical to position it near the existing amenities at the Memorial Close, or as an extension of the amenity pavilion.

In the meantime he had asked a Bradford Planning Officer to look at the possible sites and give help and advice on what type of building might be allowed.

Councillors felt it might be possible to build a new youth hut in the grounds of the middle school or at nearby Sugar Hill, so that facilities could be shared.

The Chairman, Cr. Alan Jerome, thought land at Sugar Hill, already owned by Bradford Council, would be ideal. He was not in favour of any more building in the Memorial Close area.

Cr. F. E. Woodward said the idea of building an extension onto the amenity pavilion would be ruled out because the pavilion was owned by the village, so there would be problems of ownership and administration. The Sugar Hill site had a lot going for it, and it was near the middle school facilities, he said.

Ilkley Parish Council has sent a detailed letter to West Yorkshire County Council outlining its objections to the proposed pay-card parking scheme for the town.

This has been supported by letters and petitions containing thousands of signatures, and a delegation from the parish council and a Chamber of Trade representative personally delivered some to County Hall, Wakefield, yesterday (Wednesday).

Cr. W. R. Hill chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, said this week that the responses to the petitions had been overwhelming, with at least 6,000 signatures already received.

Letters of objection from Ilkley residents had also been flooding in, said Cr. Hill, and on Monday alone 100 letters were received by Ilkley Parish Council.

No Solution

He said the main point made by the parish council in its letter to the County Council was that they did not consider the draft proposal to form a realistic basis for a solution to any parking problems that existed in Ilkley. "We stressed that we rejected it completely and suggested that the County Council should continue discussions on what has already been discussed in the past," said Cr. Hill.

"There has been considerable support for a parking disc scheme and we have received a letter from the Chief Executive of Harrogate Council which said disc parking had been introduced to Harrogate in October, 1967, since when it had received nothing but praise from shopkeepers, private car owners, the police, the Chamber of Trade and pedestrians," Cr. Hill continued. "This is in direct contradiction to what Mr. Hunter from the County Council had told us when he visited us" he said.

"The message from Ilkley residents, visitors, shopkeepers and business persons could not be clearer — they do not want the proposals for which they find no logical base or need, but in particular they resent the bureaucratic interference in the daily life of Ilkley," said Cr. Hill.

Watchdogs

"Ilkley Parish Council will fight alongside other threatened towns to ensure the schemes are dropped," he said. "We will continue to monitor traffic requirements and will be watching changes which occur when Hillards move to the new site in Springs Lane so that action to introduce, for example, a pelican crossing, can be taken," he added.

Cr. Hill said he was grateful to all shopkeepers who had displayed posters opposing the scheme and who had collected signatures. "The Chamber of Trade has been working very closely with the parish council and we are very appreciative of the efforts of all traders," he said.

"I would like to thank all who have responded to the petition and to councillors and others who have helped and especially the Chamber of Trade," he added.

Committee Says No

Meanwhile, an Ilkley District Road Safety Sub-Committee has claimed that the scheme would generate more traffic movement and would "lead to greater chances of conflict between vehicles and pedestrians."

In its report to the full committee, it said there was no traffic problem in Ilkley at present except outside Hillards existing store in Railway Road, which would be eliminated when the new Springs Lane store opened this summer.

It said an access road from Leeds Road to Railway Road would have to be provided to allow circulation of local traffic and to remove conflict with through traffic on the A65 trunk road. It claims this would also relieve congestion in Brook Street where a large percentage of traffic sought access to the central car park.

The sub-committee's observations were accepted by the full committee and are to be forwarded to the County Council.

25 MAR 83

TRADERS UNITE TO OPPOSE PARKING PLAN

The West Yorkshire District Executive of the National Chamber of Trade has unanimously agreed to oppose the county council's controversial car parking card scheme, which may soon be implemented in Ilkley.

Ilkley Chamber of Trade President Mr. Vincent Dobson has undertaken the task of co-ordinating all chambers of trade and other bodies objecting to the plans. He is organising a presentation of objections at County Hall, Wakefield, on Wednesday, when permission will be sought for a delegation to address the county council's meeting on 14 April.

Mr. Dobson said it was difficult to assess what response there would be, although the subject was arousing much discussion, but he was hoping there would be widespread support.

PLAN FOR NEW ILKLEY SCOUT HEADQUARTERS APPROVED BY COUNCIL

A plan to build a new scout group headquarters in Beanlands Parade, Ilkley, has been given the go-ahead by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

Work on the new £5,000 headquarters, which will be carried out by the Manpower Services Commission, should begin in May or June and could be completed within three months.

The new headquarters will be used by 1st Ilkley Sea Scouts, who up to now have used the building at the Wharfedale District camp site in Curly Hill, Ilkley.

TROUTBECK SOLD

The Troutbeck Hotel at Ilkley, which was to have been offered for sale by public auction by Dacre, Son and Hartley's Ilkley office on Wednesday was sold by private treaty prior to the auction. The hotel was sold complete with fixtures, furnishings and fittings at an undisclosed figure.

A price approaching £200,000 had been anticipated at the auction.

The purchasers are an hotel company which will retain the building as an hotel. 31 MAR 83

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FARMER AT ADDINGHAM

Farmer Mr Thomas Adam Mason (81) who was born at Reynard Ing, Addingham Moorside, and lived there all his life, has died.

He was a member of the National Farmers Union, British Agricultural Historical Society and the Yorkshire Agricultural Society.

He was interested in farming history. He collected old farming implements for museums and once played a part of a farmer in a television film - "How We Lived" - which looked at farming in the past.

Mr. Mason leaves a widow and three daughters. Cremation took place at Skipton on Tuesday.

ILKLEY ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP "DIGS" BRONZE AGE SITE

A dig on a Bronze Age site at Burley Woodhead by Ilkley Archaeology Group has so far proved unsuccessful.

The group excavated a fifteen foot square around a small cairn at Woofa Bank in the hope of finding some item which would provide a firm date, but all they found was peat and sandy soil.

They are now hoping that analysis of the peat at Leeds University could lead to a dating from traces of ancient pollen.

The archaeology group, which was helped by the West Yorkshire Archaeological Club and Bradford Metro-

politan District Museums, has spent eight years digging the prehistoric cairns, cup and ring stones and enclosures on the moor.

The Woofa Bank dig is the first one to be carried out on the moor by the Ilkley Archaeology Group, and it was done at this time of year so as not to interfere with the grouse breeding season.

The excavation site will be re-seeded with heather.

The group plans further excavations on the moor once the maximum amount of information has been obtained from the present dig. 31 MAR 83

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HOARDINGS IN SPRINGS LANE



These premises, once known as the outbuildings of Tower Buildings in Springs Lane, and Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, were demolished in 1967 to make way

for Leconfield House. This view taken in Springs Lane shows one side of the building being used as hoardings. It is interesting to note that part of

the end of the wall of the building now forms part of the present boundary wall which runs between Springs Lane and Cowpasture Road. Tower Buildings

themselves which fronted on to Cowpasture Road provided several shops with living accommodation above.

Deficiency due to overpaid organ blower

100 Years Ago

A deficiency of £46 18s. was reported at the vestry meeting of Ilkley Parish Church one hundred years ago. Part of this was due to overpaying the organ blower who received 6d. per hour. The amount owing on the organ fund was £100 and the suggested purchase of a blowing apparatus would be around £40 or £50.

Mr. Wm. Mitton was appointed Vicar's Warden, Mr. Wm. Tunstall, People's Warden; Mr. E. Moore, Warden for Middleton; and Mr. John Green, Warden for Nesfield. Sidesman appointed were Messrs. D. Stansfield, R. Armitage, E. Snowden, W. Ward, W. Harper, J. E. Campbell, J. S. Tolson, J. Kendall, E. Bagley, W. R. Blackburn, J. Fawcett, T. Woodhead, W. Vickers, Humphries, J. Hinchcliffe and M. Kendall.

At St. Margaret's Church vestry meeting the vicar, the Rev. H. Bickersteth Otley was absent on a world tour but by post he had intimated that he wished Mr. W. Buck to act as his warden and Mr. Armistead as People's warden.

75 Years Ago

The newly formed Ilkley Dramatic Society were busy rehearsing their first production, a three act play of a humorous character entitled "Facing the Music," the profits of which were to go to the Coronation Cottage Hospital.

The annual soiree of the Ilkley University Extension Society took place in the Lecture Hall. Mr. J. Holborn gave a lecture "Art and Common Sense in Dress" illustrated by a fine series of tableaux depicting the dress of different periods of history. Ices and refreshments were served in the interval and the beauty of the tableaux was enhanced by special lighting effects in limelight by Mr. and Mrs. F. Bontoft.

Plans were in hand for the opening ceremony of the new Town Hall buildings to take place on 27 April. Mr. J. T. Jackson was to open the buildings and was to entertain 90 of his guests to a banquet afterwards at the Middleton Hotel, followed by a performance in the new hall of "The Earl and the Girl" by a London Company specially engaged by Mr. Jackson.

50 Years Ago

The Ilkley unemployed organised a whist drive and dance to swell their funds and this was a most successful event. Unemployed men canvassed the town and had sold a great number of tickets, with 350 people attending the function. There was dancing to the music of Mr. H. Roe's New

Plaza Dance Band with Mr. Roe himself acting as M.C. for the dancing. Mr. W. Brown and Mr. A. Clarkson were in charge of the whist drive.

There was a great deal of sunshine in March 1933 and only 2½ inches of rain. There were only five or six days on which the sun failed to shine and on some of the sunny days the temperature had risen to over 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Farmers took advantage of the good weather and many of them had finished their Spring seed sowing.

At Otley market eggs retailed at 1s per dozen and duck eggs retailed at 1s. 1d., Butter was 1s. 3d. Meat prices were 8d. to 1s. 3d. per lb for beef, Pork 10d to 1s. 2d., mutton 6d. to 1s. 4d., and Spring lamb 1s. 8d. to 2s. per lb.

25 Years Ago

Mr. Frank Dixon Marshall of Briery Wood, Ilkley, was appointed High Sheriff of Yorkshire and was to be sworn in during April 1958. He was a past president of Ilkley Rugby Club and a staff officer in the A.T.C. He had been awarded the M.B.E. in 1949.

Ilkley Bowling Club announced a 5s. increase in their yearly subscriptions as they had had a deficiency on the previous year of £26. Mr. N. Hatton suggested that members who actually played bowls should pay more but this was dismissed on the grounds that others took advantage of the club's facilities for snooker and dominoes. Mr. T. Wilkinson was elected secretary to take over from Mr. H. S. Readshaw who was retiring due to ill health. Mr. C. Rosenthal was elected president of the club.

Miss Phyllis Oakley, Sedburgh Park, Ilkley, was appointed as head of Luddenden Controlled Junior Mixed School near Halifax. She had been on the staff of a primary school at Hebden Bridge. She was to take up her duties after the Easter Holidays.

2 APR 83 ILKLEY VENUE FOR TEACHERS CONFERENCE

Ilkley College was this week the venue for a three day annual national conference of the Society of Commercial Teachers Ltd., some of whose members came from all parts of Britain and abroad.

The conference, hosted by the Yorkshire District, was aimed at improving many aspects of Commercial Studies teaching by means of discussion, lectures and activity learning. Speakers from education, Her Majesty's Inspectorate and industry and commerce were involved.

On Wednesday evening members were entertained at City Hall by the Lord Mayor of Bradford District, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband of Ilkley, and a conference dinner was held at Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley.

CAR PARKING PAY CARD SCHEME WOULD BE A DISASTER FOR ILKLEY

The decision to introduce a county-wide car parking card system may or may not be justified but its application to Ilkley indicates a complete lack of understanding of, and sympathy, with, the town, says Ilkley Civic Society.

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The Society's Chairman, Mr. Graham May says "the principal benefits claimed for the scheme are mostly inoperative in Ilkley. With a central car park, of some 230 spaces, adjacent to most central area uses, the need for greater turnover of on-street parking spaces is reduced. Charging for parking at a rate of 10p per hour on the central car park has ensured that these spaces are not occupied by long-stay parkers. Removing the currently free on-street spaces will make the town centre less, not more, attractive as all brief visits will incur cost and, therefore, be discouraged.

Leeds Road area. Complete removal of all nearby parking facilities and the imposition of charges on those nearest to the shops which rely on short stay parking will probably destroy this part of the town. It cannot be justified," says Mr. May.

"The lack of understanding of Ilkley is also apparent in the drawing of the parking zone boundary on Springs Lane. The new Hillards store is immediately outside the zone. No thought has apparently been given to the possibility of overflow parking for Hillards, made more likely by the absence of free parking in the town centre. Should Hillards car park fill up, parking will occur in Springs Lane, particularly narrow at this point, and in Tivoli Place and Richmond Place, both conveniently located for pedestrian access by ramp and steps to the new store.

More Expensive

"Use of the central car park will not increase unless current charges are reduced. It will still be more expensive than on-street parking. The benefits to trade are therefore illusory. The only free parking will be provided to the east of the existing shopping area, 148 spaces attached to the new Hillards store, about 100 on land between the station and the new Hillards and some 30 off Railway Road. Two results may be anticipated from this. Firstly, shoppers will tend to use the Hillards car park and shop in the new store. The drift of trade away from the town centre, to be expected when the new store opens, will be exacerbated by the parking charges. The commercial viability of the existing centre, and of particular shops within it, will be weakened, with a potential loss of an attractive environment and rate income. Secondly, long-stay parkers will tend to use what then become the nearest free parking spaces to the town centre, namely those between the station and the new Hillards and those in Railway Road. These will then not be available to shoppers. The proposed redevelopment of the Brook Street-Railway Road frontage, with a further 100 or so, probably free, spaces will only accentuate the shift of the town centre to the east. No awareness of any of these developments is apparent," says Mr. May.

"The overall effect of the proposals on the town has not been considered. A scheme of this nature can be justified unless it is undertaken in close co-ordination with the planning of the town centre as a whole. This has obviously not been done. It is the duty of the Council and District Council to work together in the interests of the citizens and in the benefit of the town and not use the excuse of divided responsibilities to delay Ilkley. This parking plan is insensitive, ill-conceived and poorly executed. It will be a disaster for the town and its application will confirm the remoteness of Metropolitan Councils as remote, unsympathetic and undemocratic institutions," says Mr. May.

Not A Problem

"Congestion in Ilkley is not a problem. In fact, the proposals will most likely cause problems rather than solve them.

"Speeds on The Grove and other streets are reduced to a safer level by the presence of other traffic. Take that restraint away and speeds will increase.

"The proposals for 'Prohibition of Driving' Orders to the north and south of Leeds Road are from the residents perspective an advantage. Roads adjacent to Leeds Road are in the main used by customers using the Leeds Road shops which will be adversely affected as there will be no parking facilities nearby. Closures may be expected, with a consequent loss to the town of specialist

2 APR 83 AMUSEMENT ARCADE PLAN MAKES "A MOCKERY" OF TOWN PLANNING POLICIES

The approval by Bradford Metropolitan Council of a planning application for the change of use of a retail shop into an amusement arcade in Ilkley's Victorian Arcade in South Hawksworth Street makes "a complete mockery of all planning policy for the town" says Ilkley Civic Society.

"It is difficult if not impossible, to believe that the Society's views could have been taken into consideration prior to the decision being made. In particular it is difficult to place any faith in the Conservation Area policy or in the Council's intention to uphold it," says Ilkley Civic Society's Chairman, Mr. Graham May.

"Was the considerable effort expended on the extension of the Conservation Area by the Council and many others only a short while ago, worthwhile? It is difficult to believe so," he said.

"If it is possible to adopt such a cavalier attitude to a policy as clearly stated as the Conservation Area, what hope is there where no such clarity exists? The Society, the Parish Council, and others have long requested the council to prepare a Local Plan for Ilkley. No convincing case has ever been expressed for not doing so. With the approval of this application it is hard not to conclude that the reason a Local Plan has not been prepared is to allow the Council to avoid the moral constraint such a Plan would impose.

"In the absence of a coherent expression of planning policy for the town individual proposals for development can, and apparently are, considered without reference to their overall impact. In a sensitive area, subject to considerable development pressure this is inadequate" said Mr. May.