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Proposed Dressing Room For River Bathers

100 Years Ago

Ilkley Local Board discussed a proposed scheme to provide a dressing room for bathers on the banks of the river Wharfe and the provision for new seats nearby. The building was to consist of three compartments, one for men and two for youths. It was proposed to charge for the use of the building 2d. for men and 1d. for youths. The whole cost was to be £30 and it was thought that the scheme would pay for itself within six or seven years. It was agreed to carry out the plan at a cost of not more than £30.

The Medical Officer of Health, Thomas Scott M.D., reported a very satisfactory month to the Local Board in 1883, with only two deaths of "females in advanced life" one aged 67, who died from pneumonia, and one 77 who suffered from "softening of the brain". There were twelve births reported, ten males and two females, and no infant mortality and no deaths from infectious diseases. Dr. Scott said that Ilkley was in a very satisfactory condition from a sanitary point of view.

75 Years Ago

Senior members of St. Margaret's Church Choir took advantage of modern steam and electricity to visit Douglas on the Isle of Man for their annual day's outing. Heysham was reached by 10 a.m., where they boarded the steamer which landed them in Douglas Bay by 1.30 p.m. The party broke up, some visiting Groulle Glen by electric train, some enjoying the mixed bathing at Jack Creek, and some watching the children at play on the beach from deck chairs. The steamer returned, leaving Douglas at 4.10 p.m., the party having partaken of both breakfast and dinner on board. Fortunately the sea was calm and the choristers enjoyed excellent salmon, lamb, roast beef, and duckling followed by excellent sweets and served with wine and coffee. Cigars were enjoyed on the saloon deck and the party arrived back in Ilkley by rail at 9.28 p.m., an hour earlier than expected.

A party of about twenty boys went down to a spot on the river known as Brown's Holme, midway between Burley and Ben Rhydding for a swim. They had not been long in the water when a youth named Samuel Knowles, of North View, was seen to be in difficulties. A companion, J. W. Preston, went to his assistance and clutched by Knowles made a very gallant attempt to bring him to the shore. Preston was hauled out of the water exhausted by his efforts, but Knowles sank before further help was forthcoming.

50 Years Ago

Mr. W. B. Hillis, headmaster of Ilkley Grammar School, made his first annual report to Governors, pupils and parents at the annual speech day of the school, held in the Kings Hall, Ilkley. He reported considerable success in both School Certificate and Matriculation examinations, 18 passes in School Certificate, with eight of these passing at Matriculation level. J. O. Reed, J. W. Beatham and V. Myers passed their Higher Certificate examinations.

The successes of the school cricket team, said Mr. Hillis, were almost entirely due to the individual efforts of the Captain, J. Brumfitt. The football team captained by J. O. Reed were "decidedly young and light," but had improved enormously as the season went on. In the field of music the school had sent an orchestra to the Wharfedale Music Festival which gained top marks in its class, and also many school instrumentalists and vocalists won distinctions. His Honour Judge Woodcock K.C. presented the prizes, and wished Mr. Hillis godspeed in his work at the school.

Almost every week accidents occurred in the narrow Main Street at Addingham and the

Ilkley Gazette Editorial deplored two further casualties, a boy named Appleyard was run into by a tandem and had a leg broken, and a motor van and small car collided in the centre of the village.

25 Years Ago

Children of the Ilkley County Infants School held their annual fancy dress parade and sports day at the school. The fancy dress competition was judged by Cr. F. Atkinson, chairman of Ilkley Education Committee. The winners were Freda Horsman (Crinoline Lady), Janet Francis (Elizabethan Page), Charles Hill (Mountaineer), Rhona Burton (No More Strikes) and Stephen Glover (decorated vehicle sailor in boat).

There were more straying sheep in Ilkley's streets and gardens twenty five years ago than in previous years. Prized growth in flower and vegetable gardens, produced after a trying year, had been disappearing in one good gulp. There had been complaints received from as far afield as Middleton, Grove Road and Leeds Road, as well as roads nearer to the moors.

OLD COMRADES SEEKING WARTIME C.O.

Old comrades of a former Bomb Disposal Section in the Royal Engineers are trying to trace a wartime commanding officer to invite him to a re-union.

Last year the 105 Bomb Disposal Section got together for the first time since the end of the war and next year are hoping to meet again, along with other sections of No. 8 Bomb Disposal Company. Among these are 80 Section, whose commander when it was formed in Co. Durham in 1940 was Lieut. Harold Firth.

Former members are now trying to contact Mr. Firth, who they believe came from Ilkley and had a construction firm there.

Mr. Firth dealt with bombs in North and South Wales, and in the Manchester Blitz in 1940/41, before eventually being seconded to the Ministry of Supply.

He is now being sought by his old comrades, one of whom, Mr. E. D. Rylance, of 59, St. James Road, Prescott, Merseyside, said he was a good officer, well liked and respected by those who served under him.

Railway Closure Would Be A "Tragedy" For Ilkley

Sir, The suggestion that the railway lines between Ilkley and Leeds and Bradford should be axed is too appalling to contemplate and would be a tragedy not only for Ilkley but for all in the valley who depend on public transport.

These lines are absolutely essential to the life of Ilkley and the towns in the Wharfe Valley. Ilkley is a dormitory for those who work in Leeds and Bradford, and the railway is the only alternative to the car to get people to and from work. This is born out by the fact that the services especially the one to Leeds are the busiest commuter services in the Metropolitan County.

If the lines were closed commuters would be forced on to the roads which would be overcrowded at rush hours causing chaos. The buses can not be considered a reasonable alternative owing to the length of journey. There is no way they can be speeded up in rush hours other than by creating many more "bus only lanes" which of course would inconvenience other traffic and result in a demand for more expensive roads and cost in the long run far more money than would be saved by closing the railway.

I myself took part in a two week survey prior to the last "inquiry and only a very small number of people indicated that they would travel by bus if the train services were withdrawn.

The majority saying they would be either forced to use private car or leave the district.

Over the years two Transport Users Consultative Committee inquiries have emphasised this fact, and both came to the conclusion "that severe hardship would result if the services were withdrawn." Another point is "that in the West Yorkshire structure plan it is stated that the Wharfe Valley and Aire Valley rail services are complimentary and that one relies on the other." This must surely mean that if the Ilkley services were withdrawn, then the line from Leeds to Skipton and Bradford to Keighley would be under grave threat and that Forster Square station would surely go. I can not believe that the cash limits the Government have put on Metro spending were intended to destroy essential services. I believe they were really intended to discourage the heavily subsidised cheap fares policy as pursued by South Yorkshire Metropolitan Council. If limits are to be imposed on Transport spending surely the first to go should be the "Off Peak Cheap Fares" it would be most unfair if Ilkley Burley and Menston were to lose their rail services in order to maintain cheap off peak fares for other parts of the County. The most important function of transport surely should be to get people to and from work, and as I have pointed out the Ilkley commuter services morning and evening are the busiest in the County. In this respect there is no other part of the County which would suffer as much as Ilkley and the Wharfe Valley by the withdrawal of rail services.

Economies have been made on the Ilkley service, and only last February "single line working" was introduced between Shipley and Guiseley and Apperley Bridge Junction and Guiseley. This surely must have resulted in considerable savings, and of course more savings could be achieved by singling the line all the way to Ilkley. I am not aware of similar economies elsewhere on the West Yorks network.

Mr. Cresswell writing in the Gazette 1.7.83 raises the question of a Railbus scheme. As a matter of fact from September lightweight rail buses are being introduced into the County. These are economical to run and apparently offer opportunities of even faster journeys. The Ilkley lines would be ideal for the introduction of these vehicles but instead they are initially to be run on the very lightly used Leeds-Castleford-Knottingley service which seems a pity, for this line carries only a fraction of the peak time traffic experienced on the Ilkley lines.

The previous attacks on our services during the "Beeching era" were well and truly repulsed. Since then the value of these services and the number of people using them have greatly increased, and I have no doubt that the people of this valley will again demonstrate by letters to MP's and the County Council and every other method of protest available that they intend to retain this vital lifeline.

EDMUND KELLY
The Glen, Burley Woodhead.

PUBLIC MEETING CALLED OVER PROPOSALS TO CLOSE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT

15 JUL 83

A PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENING to discuss the proposed closure of Ilkley Coronation Hospital's casualty department is to be held later this month.

Airedale Community Health Council's decision to call the meeting follows mounting opposition in the Ilkley District to the proposal by the Health Authority.

Ilkley's seven doctors appealed for public support to oppose the Health Authority's proposal claiming the closure of the casualty service would cause "unnecessary hardship" and that the Health Centre could not provide a reasonable substitute service.

Since then Ilkley Liberal Association has lent its weight to the doctors' call for support distributing leaflets to every household and planning petitions in the town.

The leaflets - paid for by the Liberals - ask for people's opinions on the closure which the Airedale Health Authority claims would save £16,000 a year - a figure disputed by the Ilkley doctors and Parish Councillors.

Excellent Response

Chairman to the Ilkley Liberal Association, Mr. Bob Batty, told the "Gazette" this week that "so far we have received an excellent response to our leaflet."

"We are now contacting, by post, most local and voluntary and political organisations informing them of our campaign and our intentions to organise petitions across Ilkley and surrounding areas as well as contacting all the members of the Area Health Authority to put our case."

"The main feelings that people are expressing to us are that the loss of the facilities will mean that the elderly, the handicapped and the injured will not be able to get the same kind of service or indeed a service at all if they only have the Airedale Hospital," said Mr. Batty.

Airedale Community Health Council at present has no policy regarding this matter and say that before a policy can be formulated it was essential that the public had opportunities to make their views known to the member of the Community Health Council.

A spokesman for the Council said "the difficulty with formal public meetings was that whereas it provided an opportunity for the public to state any views they had, often sectional interests were voiced, and though these were important, such a format deterred other people from making their views known should these be contrary to ones already expressed during the meetings. The Management Committee believed it should make a deliberate attempt to overcome this."

Questions

"Added to this difficulty was the fact that members felt that the public might very well come with questions about the proposals, but the Council members would be unable to answer the questions because:

- (a), the proposals were not those of the Council, and,
- (b), members of the Council were not professionally qualified to answer.

"It was felt that answers to questions raised were the responsibility of the District Management team and the Airedale Health Authority," he said.

When the Health Authority announced its proposals they said medical staffing was provided by General Practitioners, and the adjacent Health Centre already had a treatment room which could be used by the G.P.'s to treat the type of minor injuries now dealt with at the Coronation Hospital.

"In the light of the small use being made of the service provided by the casualty department at Ilkley, and the availability of an alternative service, we felt staff resources and funding would be more appropriately used to improve the level of services in the remainder of the hospital," they said.

No Redundancies

They stressed there was no intention of closing the operating theatre or other facilities and said no staff would become redundant or required to change their place of work.

The proposals are to be discussed by various interested bodies, who will then have to give their views to the Airedale Health Authority by 23 September.

The public consultation evening to be held at Ilkley in the James Clarke and Sarah Foley Day Centre between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Tuesday 26 July. The first half of the meeting will be formal with the public stating their views. The second part at 8 p.m. will be informal with members of the Health Council talking informally with members of the public. This will give individuals the opportunity to approach any Council member and give their views on a one to one basis and any questions raised would be forwarded to the District Management team for answer.

22 JUL 83 Friends Raise £204

A successful and enjoyable coffee morning held on Saturday by the Friends of Ilkley Manor House raised £204.

The committee thank all members and friends for their hard work and unstinting support. Mr. Benson, Victoria Close, Ilkley, won the "Guess the Weight of the Cake Competition" with a guess of 2lbs. 9oz, which was nearest the actual weight of 2lb. 9.4oz. In addition to the morning being a happy social occasion members enjoyed meeting supporters from other districts and regions.

23 JUL 83 Baroness Elected President

Baroness Lockwood, of Pudsey, who now resides at Addingham has been elected President of Birkbeck College London University, in succession to Lord Denning.

Baroness Lockwood who takes up the appointment at the beginning of October has lived in Sycamore Drive, Addingham, for almost three years and was first Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission.

She will continue to take an active part in the House of Lords proceedings.

SPECIAL POLICE ATTENTION TO BE GIVEN TO "DANGER" JUNCTION AT ILKLEY

15 JUL 83

Special police attention is to be given to the junction of Chantry Drive with Station Road, Ilkley, following a complaint to Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee.

It was claimed at a meet-

ing of the committee that cars, often parked on yellow lines in Station Road near the junction, were causing a hazard to motorists wishing to turn right out of Chantry Drive.

"You have to be very care-

ful when coming out into Station Road near the library because of cars parked on the corner," said committee member Mr. B. R. Wilkinson.

"It makes it very difficult when you are turning right, for you have to move out

into the road to see cars coming from the left," he added.

F.C. Dickinson - Accident Prevention Officer - said he had noted the complaint and it would be looked at by the police and traffic warden.



A Local Hospital Is There When You Need It

Sir, — A casualty, an unexpected happening, a bad fall, a severe burn or scalding, a deep cut are all very unnerving experiences for the very young and the old especially.

The knowledge that there is somewhere nearby, in your own town where you can go and get help is a great comfort. Injuries can be properly and quickly treated, often saving much pain and future complications. How easy is it to get an ambulance? Is not the cost of providing ambulances to Airedale hospital likely to exceed the suggested savings if Ilkley casualty department is to be closed? How are the people in Ilkley who have no car at their disposal going to make the further journeys to Airedale? How can anyone cost the extra pain and anxiety which many casualties may suffer?

The great contribution of a local hospital is that it is there when you need it, gives help quickly and probably saves many people much longer periods of hospitalisation. If this cut is made it will fall, like most public expenditure cuts made by the present government, on those least able to look after themselves. At a recent meeting of members of the Ilkley Labour Party, it was resolved to join all those who are protesting at the proposed closure of the Ilkley casualty department and to demand that this and other proposed closures of health and hospital services in the region be reversed.

KATHLEEN EDWARDS
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Ilkley.

Proportional Representation

Sir, — Contrary to Mr. D. H. R. Price's opinion, the real point of my previous letter was to find out whether or not those who preach about the advantages of proportional representation know exactly what they mean by this term and the example given in my second letter indicated what would have been the result if the true form had been operated for the last election. My opinion is that (a) there might be some advantage in adapting it on a localised scale but certainly not on a national one and (b) from the response to my earlier letters, very few people know what they are talking about on this subject but are simply trying to find a way to increase the number of Liberal/SDP members in the House of Commons. I am equally convinced that they would not be at all interested in proportional representation if they held the Conservatives' majority.

With regard to the comment about elected representatives responding to the wishes of the electorate, that is one of the most humorous comments that I have read since I joined the over three million club. How many voters support the M.P.'s claim for a 31 per cent increase in salary (plus expenses)? How many M.P.'s asked for the views of their constituents on the matter of capital punishment for murderers? for nationalisation? for decimisation? for withdrawal from the E.E.C? for reform of Trade Union law? and many other important matters too numerous to mention.

Face the facts, D. H. R. Price, once an M.P. has been elected, no matter from what walk of life he came, he considers that he knows what is best for the community at large and will pursue his own course governed only by his Party Whips.

However, none of this solves the problem that I first raised—what do the supporters of proportional representation mean exactly by that term? Will someone give the answer instead of misinterpreting my intention or, alternatively, producing red herrings.

22 JUL 83

BEST SELLING ARTISTS IN YORKSHIRE

"Best Selling Artists in Yorkshire" is the title of the exhibition which introduces the opening of the new room at Leslie Simpson's Castle Gallery.

The exhibition on view until 19 August, should prove entertaining, with paintings on view by some of Yorkshire's most popular painters. They include J. Barrie Haste, one of the finest pure water colourists in the country, E. Charles Simpson with an unparalleled reputation for his open air paintings of the Yorkshire Dales, and Ilkley's own Jack Prior with his atmospheric and colourful views of his own particular spots in the Dales and Lakes. There are also pictures by Barrington Bramley who is best known for his work on the Old Masters which are now on show at the Salisbury Festival and two up and coming artists who have made their names in the past two years, Sally Sterne and Brian Irving. Terry Logan has work on view. He recently opened his own gallery in Gargrave. There is also work by international artist Joe Scarborough and Tony Brummel-Smith who has recently made a name for himself in the South of England.

The upstairs gallery is still open with some delightful paintings by Yorkshire artists which compliment the work in the lower gallery. **

22 JUL 83

CALLING MEETING OVER PROPOSED HOSPITAL CUTS

A public consultation evening to discuss the proposed closure of Ilkley Coronation Hospital's casualty department is to take place on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the James Clarke Sarah Foley Day Centre at Ilkley.

The meeting has been called by the Airedale Community Health Council after the Airedale District Health Authority's had made proposals to close the department at Ilkley and the casualty department at Skipton General Hospital and the change of use of beds at both these hospitals and at Airedale General Hospital.

A spokesman for the Health Council told the "Gazette" this week that the

purpose of the meeting is to listen to what the public has to say, and then the Council can raise any questions with the District Health Authority.

"It is essential for all those wishing to attend to realise that the Health Council members and officers can not answer questions in relation to the proposals. They are not the Council's proposals.

"When we have listened to the public we shall discuss the proposals in all our Special Interest Groups. These Groups will make recommendations to the full Council which will have a special meeting to consider the issues in September," he said.

Candlelighters' Garden Party Raised £1,200



Well over £1,200 was raised by the Ilkley Candlelighters, the organisation which raises money for Leukaemia Research, at a garden party held at Ben Rhydding Sports Club on Tuesday.

Some 600 parents and children enjoyed cream teas and were able to buy attrac-

tive items from a number of handicraft, produce and toy stalls.

The organisers were delighted that both the Glamorous Granny of Great Britain 1983, Wendy Peters, and international and Leeds United footballer Peter Barnes were able to attend and judge the beautiful baby competition

and children's races.

The ever-popular Uncle Dennis, children's entertainer, brought his Punch and Judy show and captivated his young audience, and from Fagley in Bradford the Children's Fairjettes put on their superb majorettes display.

The organisers thanked local traders for their continued generosity, and the others who gave donations.

Picture shows Oliver Renton, of Burley, winner of the Beautiful Baby competition six months to twelve months, with his mother and Wendy Peters, the Glamorous Granny of 1983.

Drunken Wagonette Drivers Race To Bolton Abbey

100 Years Ago

The behaviour of "Sunday Roysters" who took their pleasures in the country on Sundays were severely criticised in 1883. The road between Bradford, Ilkley and Bolton Abbey was frequently being used as a race track by drunken wagonette drivers, and they were occupied by still more noisy inebriates. Fighting often took place whilst stopping at Ilkley and local police were experiencing great difficulty in keeping the peace. Their conduct seemed to hasten the advent of the Sunday Closing Act more than the words of lecturers on temperance.

The servants of Mr. H. Cooke, of Summerfield, were taken to Ripon and Studley Royal for a summer treat and spent a most enjoyable day.

The Ilkley Supply Stores, Leeds Road offered choice Indian teas at 2s. per lb., prime mild cured bacon 6d. per lb., and the very best boiled sweets at 1½d. for 4oz. including the very famous Bottomley's mint rock, described as the "greatest enemy to bronchitis."

75 Years Ago

A wet Sunday afternoon heralded the first Military Band performance in the new Town Hall. The sound of the instruments was found to be much finer than the usual concerts given in the open air. A good audience attended the concert and showed their appreciation of the change.

Scholars from Ilkley Parish Church Sunday School were taken to Morecambe for their annual treat in July 1908. The children from the Congregational School were less fortunate and were taken to a field in Lanbar, and children from St. Margaret's went to Bolton Abbey where they had sports in the fields by the river.

There was entertainment in the town to please the visitors, Mr. Ed. Compton and full London Company were to give a season of plays at the Town Hall, there were daily picture shows at the Bridge Pavilion, a concert part at Cosy Corner, an Ilkley Carnival, Sunday Services at the Tarn in addition to the usual band performances and Grand Motor Tours to Harewood, Skipton Castle and Harrogate.

50 Years Ago

To raise funds for the furnishing of the pavilion of the Denton Sports Club a most enjoyable garden fete was held in the grounds of Denton Hall by permission of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hill. The grounds were filled with varied games and stalls, and after tea there was a concert in the garages, where a stage had been erected.

A scheme for the provision of a bathing pool in Ilkley to cost £5,000 was approved by Ilkley Urban District Council. The pool was to be on land already owned by the council and was to be excavated to its full size for it would be difficult to extend at a later date. The buildings, however, were to be of a more temporary nature. It would be essentially a bathing pool and not a swimming bath, and two thirds of the area was to be available for people who could not swim, and even tiny children would be able to use it. There were to be sun-bathing areas provided for the public, and it was hoped to provide the pool at no extra cost to the ratepayers. In the summer of 1933 there had been hundreds of people bathing in the river, and there had been several narrow escapes from drowning which emphasised the urgent need for a pool for the town.

25 Years Ago

A loan of £3,250 was approved by the Ministry of Works towards the general cost of repairs to the Ilkley Manor House in Castle Hill which Mr. Percy Dalton offered to present to the Urban District Council together with an interest free loan of £2,500 to convert the building into a museum and art gallery.

A house in St. James Road, Ilkley was sold by auction for £1,000 by Dacre Son and Hartley.

British Railways offered trips to the seaside, including a day in Blackpool 10/6, Morecambe 8/6, Redcar 10/6, Bridlington 10/6 and Saltburn 10/6. For those who wished to stay nearer home there was an excursion to York for 5/6, Bolton Abbey 1/5, Grassington 4/6 or a trip to Ripon Races 5/6.

August Bank Holiday dancing was advertised to take place at the Ilkley Moor Hotel, the Listers Arms Hotel, the Kings Hall and Annexe and the New Cinema ballroom. The gala dinner dance at the Ilkley Moor Hotel was 10/6 per head.

OVER 400 STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN BALLET SEMINARS

The 1983 Yorkshire Ballet Seminars, marking the tenth anniversary, start on Sunday and continues to 27 August at the Ilkley campus of the Bradford and Ilkley Community College.

Distinguished teachers will include Dame Alicia Markova, making her ninth visit, Sir Anton Dolin, Beryl Grey, Christopher Gable, former dancer with the Royal Ballet. Christopher Gable has appeared in films such as "Women in Love" and "The Boyfriend", and he played the part of Eric Fenby in the Ken Russell film on BBC television about Delius. Mr. Fenby will be appearing in Ilkley giving a talk about the life of Delius during the seminars.

Demonstration

A demonstration of Irish dancing will be given by the Kinsella Irish Dancers who recently appeared on the Val Doonican Show.



SIR ANTON DOLIN

The teacher, Madame Alexandra Danilova will be flying from New York specially for the seminars. It will be her third visit.

There will also be an exhibition "Designs and Drawings for the Theatre", arranged by Peter Farmer, the distinguished theatre designer.

The seminar will run for five weeks for the first time this year.

The seminars founded by Ilkley born David Gayle who now lives in St. Helen's Way, continues to attract hundreds of young students eager for tuition from ballet's top names. This year more than 400 girl students and 21 boy students will take advantage of the seminars, some of them coming from as far away as America, Arabia, Greece, Switzerland, Italy, France and Germany.

David Gayle, himself a former dancer of the Royal Ballet Company, has over the years received increasing sponsorship for the seminars and this year they include the Directorate of Education Services, Bradford, the Bradford Economic Development Unit, Yorkshire Arts and Yorkshire Television.

Notabilities

Among the notabilities who will this year be helping for the first time are Beryl Grey, Madame Alexandra Danilova, Anette Page, former ballerina of the Royal Ballet; Christopher Gable, artistic director of the Central School of Ballet, London; Dr. Eric Fenby, the great Delius expert; Anthony Twiner, conductor of the Royal Ballet; designer Peter Farmer and ballet critic Edward Thorpe.



BERYL GREY

Among the famous experts who will return this year are Sir Anton Dolin, Pamela May, Margaret Barbieri, Marlon Tate, David Ashmole and Carol Myers.

The seminars, which will be complimented by many evening talks, demonstrations and recitals (all open to the public) will have a particularly unusual attraction this year. It will be a contribution by the gifted Kinsella School of Irish Dancing.

1930's Dance Raised Over £2,000 For NSPCC 22 JUL 83



A 1930's supper dance at the home of Captain and Mrs. E. Turner in The Drive, Ben Rhyding, raised £2,262 for the N.S.P.C.C.

A further £440 was raised by appeal letters.

Over 200 guests, dressed in the

supper of fresh salmon and delicious selection of sweets, and danced to Geoff Menzer and his band. An interesting addition to the evening was provided by astrologer and clairvoyant Alan Ridd.

The President and committee expressed thanks to all who

people and organisations who donated items, including Almonds Anne's of Ilkley, Burrells, Dobson and Robinson, The Grove Wine Shop, Hillards, Ilkley Players, Jacarander, Cafe Konditorei, Myers Fruit Stores, Ramus Sea Foods, Morten's, St. John's Pathfinder Group, and Seniors

Pictured (left to right) at the event are Mrs. Elizabeth Frost, Mr. Peter Haigh, Mrs. Nancy Haigh, Mrs. Joan Green, Mrs. Jean Schofield, Mr. Gordon Black, Mrs. Louise Black, Mr. Tony Flather, Mrs. Jean Donnan, Mr. Jack Hardy, Mrs. D. Turner and

EXHIBITION WITH A NOSTALGIC GLIMPSE INTO ILKLEY'S PAST

22 JUL 83



Early visitors to the exhibition "The Heather Spa" at the Ilkley Manor House, Mrs. Peake with her sons Jonathan and Simon, of Denton Road, Ilkley, discuss some of the displays with the Curator, Mr. S. Curry.

An exhibition entitled "The Heather Spa" concerning Ilkley's heyday as a Spa resort opened at the Manor House Museum, Ilkley, last Friday and continues to the middle of September.

There are maps, costumes, ephemera and photographs on display and are divided into three main sections, the first dealing with the changing shape of the town; the second with the main hydro-pathic establishments and the third with the townscape as seen through historic photographs.

The exhibition is augmented by cased exhibits of the Harrison collection of local tourist china (Goss); ephemera; and finally a case concerned with John Shuttleworth.

The exhibition attempts to give a nostalgic glimpse into Ilkley's past and to establish John Shuttleworth, founder of the Ilkley Gazette, amongst the notables of Ilkley.

Most of the small photographs in the exhibition have been copied from the Shuttleworth collection of Ilkley library. It is through these that we are given 'rosy tinted' views of The Grove as a 'graceful promenade', local carnivals, galas, fetes and celebrations of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. There are scenes of a pleasant afternoon by the river, a walk in Hebers Ghyll and even a group of photographs depicting that regular visitor to Ilkley in the 1880's and '90's— Lord John Sanger's Circus! These and many more photographs give an insight into the happier side of Ilkley's past. The camera focusses only slightly on the seamier side of local life. We catch sight of Castle Yard, or 'The Castle' as it was once known — an area of delapidation. We see no suggestion of the open sewers or anything like the disastrous flood of 1900.

The exhibition is not a comprehensive look at the past, but then, in this context, it is not meant to be — nostalgia never is!

After viewing the photographs one naturally develops a curiosity about the man behind the camera — John Shuttleworth (if indeed he really did take the originals). But, unfortunately, there is very little biographical detail about the man. References are made to him, in the cata-

logue, almost in passing, as a promoter of Ilkley as a resort; how he ran news-agents and bookshops, founded the Ilkley Gazette and how he produced numerous items which helped him to capitalise on the tourist trade. These are sketchy details which leave the viewer's curiosity unsatisfied.

The display of maps showing the changing shape of the town is interesting in its own right. One feels, however, the casual observer might have benefited further had some complimentary views been added to illustrate these changes.

It was a pleasure to discover the attractive Harrison collection of Ilkley tourist china (Goss). It is doubtful whether many people are aware of its existence.

The exhibition is further enhanced by the presence of the Victorian costumes which provide a tangible link with what can be seen in many of the photographs.

The exhibition is easy to view although it is necessary to possess a catalogue to appreciate the exhibits more fully.

The exhibition is enjoyable and Steve Curry and the other organisers need to be congratulated for their efforts. Undoubtedly they were hindered by financial constraints. It is hoped that the powers that be recognise this and will be prepared to support this kind of venture on a more regular basis in the future. The idea may be extended to include more original material — one wonders how many more 'Harrison collections' there are waiting to be discovered in attics and old chests.

K.D.

New President For Ilkley Rotary Club

29 JUL 83



New President of Ilkley Rotary Club, Mr. Andrew Hartley (pictured left), at 38 is the second youngest President the club has had in its 46 years life. He is also the first second generation President as his father, Mr. Douglas Hartley, a founding member of the club was President in 1948. Mr. Andrew Hartley is pictured receiving his chain of office from the outgoing President, Mr. Brian Ludlam.

Senior Vice-President is Mr. Brian Jackson, and the

Junior Vice-President is the Rev. Donald Aldred. Other officers are Michael Braithwaite, secretary, Mr. George Newton, treasurer, Mr. Bob Elwood, Chairman of Community Service; Mr. Peter Kilburn, Chairman of International Service, Mr. David Hall, Rotaract Officer, Dr. John Neasham, Chairman of the New Rotassist Charity Appeal, Mr. Ron Harris, Chairman of Vocational Service, Mr. Maurice Dakin and Mr. Alan Barnes were elected to the Council.

NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR FORMER ILKLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Plans to refurbish the 114 year old Ilkley United Reformed Church on The Grove - a listed building which has stood empty for the last three years - have been announced this week.

When work is completed the church will re-open as the home of Christchurch Ilkley, formed by the amalgamation of Ilkley United Reformed Church and Ilkley Methodist Church.

The church, which started life as Ilkley Congregational Church in 1869, closed three years ago when dry rot was found in the roof. Its congregation moved in with the Methodists at Wells Road Church, and on Advent Sunday 1981 the two joined together to become Christchurch.

The constitution which was adopted and signed that day charged the Church Council with the responsibility of examining in detail the possibility of using the Grove premises. A Development Committee was appointed, chaired by the Superintendent Minister of the Ilkley Methodist Circuit and the Minister of Christchurch, the Rev. John Dale. Other members are Jack Butterworth, Edwin Dennis, Ian Fordyce, Wesley Hydes, John Lund, Peter Roberts, Colin Shepherd, James Sutherland and Andrew Walbank.

Structural surveys and a feasibility study, which involved stripping the plaster from the interior of the building, were carried out by the Ilkley architects Dodd Frankland Partnership, and these proved that the foundations and structure were sound, and that the building was suitable for refurbishment.

When the results of the inspections were presented to the Church Council it was approved by an overwhelming majority, without dissent, that the development of the Grove church should proceed and that the Development Committee carry out the appropriate negotiations and put the work in hand as finance was identified.

No decisions have yet been taken about the future use of the Wells Road property, and a detailed examination of all the factors involved is being carried out by the Development Committee, advised by Mawson and Walton, Chartered Surveyors, of Leeds.

There are many legal, financial and constitutional matters to be resolved but in the meantime work has started on repairing the roof at the Grove church. In addition the organ has been removed and the pipes stored at the Wells Road property against possible future use.

The Grove church was listed in 1976 as a class two building of historical and architectural interest, and as such the external features will be retained in the refurbishment. Plans for the interior are being drawn up in conjunction with Bradford Metro-

politan Council, with whom several discussions have already taken place. Part of the plan envisages the use of the Grove schoolroom as a community centre.

"Instead of allowing this well known local church and spire to deteriorate, Christchurch is, in restoring the building, providing a lively and creative meeting place in the heart of the town," said a spokesman.

A completion date of November 1985 is scheduled.

Before their joining in 1981, the United Reformed Church and Methodist Church in Ilkley had a history of sharing. The Methodists joined with the congregation at the Grove church from January 1974 until June 1975 while their own church in Wells Road was being re-built.

The Grove church was opened for its first service on 16 June 1869, having been built at a total cost of £6,119 7s.

It had a capacity of 644. A new pulpit and organ were added in 1873, and renovations were carried out in 1881, including the introduction of better gas lights and ventilation. A church clock was presented by Mr. T. P. Muff in 1881, and a new organ was installed in 1910-11, when extensive alterations and renovations were carried out.

Further repairs were needed in 1944 when extensive dry rot was found in the roof, and the church was closed for almost a year. Repairs cost about £700. When it was re-opened at Easter 1945 a stained glass window at the west end of the building was dedicated. In 1948 the church adopted its own Covenant, and during the

autumn the congregation gave general approval to a scheme for a national union with the English Presbyterians.

The church was again closed for repairs for three months in 1955.

Seven stained glass windows and a large stone baptismal font were saved from the Vine Memorial Church at Ilford, Essex, which was being demolished in 1959, and were installed in the Grove church. Other structural work was completed, including work on the spire, but an appeal to the people of Ilkley for the Spire Fund met a disappointing response. At that time the church was costing around £2,000 a year to run, and the membership was about 130.

In October 1974 the United Reformed Church was formed by the union of the Congregational Church and the Presbyterian Church in England.

Three years ago the church's lecture hall in Riddings Road, which was no longer felt to be viable, was leased out as an auction gallery.

When the church closed in 1980 there was talk that it might be demolished and the site re-developed. As a nineteenth century building designed for life at that time, when Ilkley was a growth town with wealthy wool merchants from Leeds and Bradford living there, it was felt it was now too big and expensive to maintain.

GAINS HONOURS DEGREE

Heather Nerissa Rocklin, of Tamarisk, Hardings Lane, Ilkley, has been successful in gaining a B. A. (Hons) degree in English and American Literature at the University of Kent at Canterbury.

ILKLEY CAR PARK CLOSING FOR REPAIRS

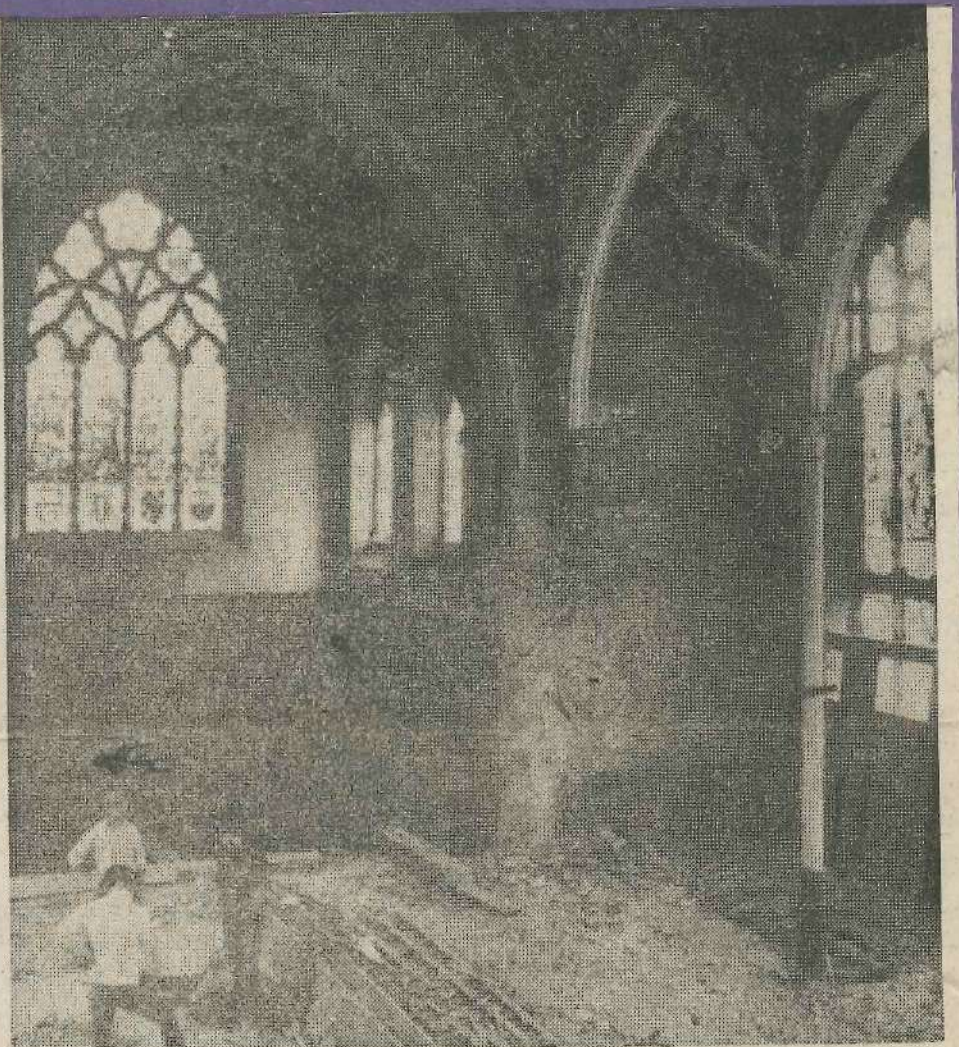
The old part of Ilkley's central car park will be closed for the day on Wednesday while it is surface-dressed to make good potholes and other defects. The surface will then be sprayed with tarmac and chipped to bind it together, a spokesman for Bradford Metropolitan Council said.

The new part of the car park, off Cudliffe Road, will remain open while the work is being done.

The old part of the car park will be closed for the day again the following Wednesday for re-finishing, after the surface has had the chance to settle.

The work is dependant upon the weather, however, and it will not be possible to do it as planned if there is rain.

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HANDS OFF OUR HOSPITAL SAY PROTESTERS AT CONSULTATION EVENING

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Fears that the proposed closure of the casualty department at Ilkley Coronation Hospital would be the "thin edge of the wedge" and would lead to further cuts were expressed at a public consultation evening at Ilkley on Tuesday.

Since the Airedale District Health Authority announced its proposals there has been mounting opposition and at Tuesday night's meeting there was angry reaction to the Authority's plans.

Over one hundred people attended the meeting in the James Clarke and Sarah Foley Day Centre where the Health Authority's plans to close the casualty department and change the present use of beds were outlined by the Health Council's Vice-Chairman Mrs. Isobel Scarborough. She said the Council had not yet formulated any policy and had called the public consultation evening to obtain public reaction. She stressed the plans were those of the Health Authority and not those of the Health Council.

In No Doubt

Members of the Community Health Council were left in no doubt about Ilkley's opposition to the plan after listening for almost an hour to views put forward by those at the meeting.

The slogan "Hands Off Our Hospital" stamped in large black letters across the white "T Shirt" of one woman attending the meeting was indicative of the mood of the meeting.

Ilkley Liberal Association which was instrumental in organising a petition and distributing leaflets to every house in the district reported that over 300 returns opposing the plans had been received and Ilkley Parish Council was called upon to lead the campaign to retain the threatened services at Ilkley's Coronation Hospital.

Chairman to the Community Health Council Mr. G. R. Vere, of Ilkley, said after the meeting that he "was extremely grateful to all those who made statements which brought out many important issues. A transcript is being prepared and will be studied together with information collected during the informal part of the evening so this can be used for the Council's deliberations."

Chairman of Ilkley Liberal Association, Mr. Bob Batty was the first to defend Ilkley's case saying "these proposals will be disastrous to Ilkley as this hospital is held very dearly in the hearts of Ilkley people. He said the Health Authority's projected savings of £16,400 a year at Ilkley should be looked at carefully. He thought it could be as little as £2,000. He also claims the capacity figures for beds were almost misleading and inaccurate and needed looking at in great detail.

"The whole of Ilkley is in favour of Coronation Hospital and we shall continue with our petition until 23 September by which date all interested bodies will have to give their views to the Health Authority," he said.

Doctors' Appeal

Ilkley's seven doctors were quick to appeal for public support to oppose the proposals, claiming the closure of the casualty service would cause "unnecessary hardship" and that the Health Centre could not provide a reasonable substitute service.

Mr. Maurice Hampshire said the hospital had been founded by local subscription and he wished people would not interfere with it. If money was needed it would be found. It always had been said Mr. Hampshire.

Vice-Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. Peter Williams asked for a meeting to be called at which the Director of the Health Authority should be asked to answer questions raised by the public.

County Cr. H. V. Haddrill, of Ilkley, said Ilkley Parish Council should be asked to lead the campaign to retain the casualty department. If there ever was a case for a Parish Council to step in this was the one said County Cr. Haddrill. The Parish Council had already got on with the job and had produced a report which had been referred to by Cr. Mrs. Renton, he said.

Parish Councillor W. R. Hill said Ilkley was growing in population. There were more elderly people and more tourists wanting better services. "We don't want one taken away" he said.

Mrs. Miller of the Craven District Disabled Association said the Health Authority had no compassion for the public who were the sufferers.

A former member of the Hospital's Management Committee Mr. R. Wade said the proposals if carried out could discourage people suffering from minor injuries from seeking medical attention which in the end would not be to their benefit.

Nurses' Views

Two Coronation Hospital nurses said it was not possible under the proposals to take another seven long stay patients at the hospital and that according to "bush telegraph" any member of staff leaving would not be replaced.

Parish Cr. and Bradford Metropolitan Cr. Mrs. E. J. Cussons said the concern of most people was that these cuts might be the first of many.

Mr. Batty said it had been stated there was no intention to close the hospital's operating theatre at the present time. His fears that the proposed closure of the casualty department would mean the "thin edge of the wedge" with a continuing erosion of the services were shared by many. "We intend to fight the proposals to the bitter end and we will win" said Mr. Batty.

Being Robbed

Speaking for Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. Mrs. Molly Renton said "it seems clear that we in Ilkley are being robbed of a very fine service operated at a very small cost for an alleged saving that does not really stand up to even a cursory examination."

"For nearly eighty years local people have gone to the Coronation Hospital at any hour knowing that they would receive expert help. At present help is near at hand and in a matter of half an hour these people can receive treatment and re-assurance and be back in their own homes with the minimum of shock and worry. A journey by ambulance of public transport to a large hospital some distance away exacerbates the injury and delays recovery from shock and pain," she said.

"We have here in Ilkley an ideal working system for our people suffering minor injuries. Why should it be changed? It is valued by all the doctors and nurses and the general public. We must not lose it" said Cr. Mrs. Renton.

"I have studied the proposals in some detail, visited the Coronation Hospital and the Health Centre and I can not accept that the Airedale Health Authority has made out a realistic case," she said.

Cr. Mrs. Renton also claimed the Health Authority's figures were misleading and said if one put the two proposals together it seemed that some patients, in Airedale who were now being treated at Steeton would in future be treated at Ilkley, and some Wharfedale patients who were now treated at Ilkley would be treated at Steeton in the future. "How Gilbert and Sullivan would have loved that," said Cr. Mrs. Renton.

When the Airedale District Health Authority announced its proposals earlier this summer they said the medical staffing was provided by General Practitioners and the adjacent Health Centre already had a treatment room which could be used by the G.P.s to treat the type of minor injuries now dealt with at the Coronation Hospital.

"In the light of the small use being made of the service provided by the casualty department at Ilkley and the availability of an alternative service we felt staff resources and funding would be more appropriately used to improve the level of service in the remainder of the hospital," they said.

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Salvation Army Routes German Band

100 Years Ago

A detachment of the Salvation Army from Keighley "invaded Ilkley" and utterly routed a German band playing in the town. The Ilkley Gazette reported that the foreigners fled when confronted with tambourines and concertinas. The Salvation Army held a "grand review" at the top of Brook Street and "jovial and stirring melodies were sung with great gusto". "The umbrella led warriors departed at six o'clock for their head-quarters on the other side of Rombalds Moor.

An eight year old boy was saved from death by drowning by William Dyson, 65 Ash Grove, Ilkley, who saw the boy over balance whilst getting sticks from the river which was swollen in floor. Mr. Dyson ran at once to the spot, plunged into the high waters and rescued the little boy.

A game of cricket between Ilkley and Burley played on the Ilkley ground caused wild excitement amongst players and spectators and resulted in a tie. The appeals of the Burley bowlers were so frequent as to cause hoots of derisive laughter, and when the last man was run out the majority of by-standers claimed that the wicket keeper never handled the ball and knocked the balls off with some portion of his clothing. The Ilkley Gazette correspondent claimed that the umpire provided by the Burley team saved them from defeat.

75 Years Ago

The proudest day in the history of Ilkley Grammar School was speech day, July 1908 when Mr. B. M. Hood, Chairman of the Board of Governors, announced the finest examination report the school had ever achieved. Mr. Hood said that the whole district was starting to recognise what a splendid institution Ilkley Grammar School was. The number of boys was increasing, and there was a prospect if this continued of extensions having to be undertaken eventually.

Canon Irton Smith, former vicar of St. Margaret's Church presented prizes and was heartily cheered by the boys. The Governors' Leaving Scholarship was awarded to E. F. Wilkinson, the Swann Medal for highest marks was received by F. G. Pearce, and the Old Boys' Prize for general intelligence, moral conduct, sports prowess and popularity was presented to T. A. Holroyd.

The boys from Headingley Orphanage spent a month in summer residence in Ilkley, and occupied Carr Croft, Parish Ghyll Road.

Without mention of the winner the Ilkley Gazette announced that the second prize in a "Fat Baby Show" was awarded to Thomas Henry Robinson, aged 5 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson of Ilkley. The Fat Baby Show was held in the Lecture Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

50 Years Ago

Despite the slow recovery of the nation's finances, the outlook for Ilkley's August Bank Holiday bookings was good in 1933. The hydro and hotel bookings were

well up to the previous year's standards and there was a good programme of entertainment arranged both in the hydros and in the town. Ben Rhydding Golf Hotel offered rounds of golf, tennis and squash with dancing and music in the evenings. Craighlands were to offer cricket, tennis and other outdoor attractions as well as indoor events, and Wells House had enough events organised to ensure visitors a happy weekend.

In the town there was the Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament, cricket matches and special dance and cinema programmes.

The 5th Ilkley (Grammar School) Scouts held a whist drive and dance at the school with music for dancing provided by Wilf Williamson and his Lombardy Players and Mr. J. Thomas acted as M.C. Mr. E. Hague acted as M.C. for the whist drive, the scoutmaster Mr. H. G. Crawshaw acted as general M.C.

25 Years Ago

Members of the Olicana Museum Society visited the Church of St. Oswald at Guiseley and the adjoining rectory hall and were told by the Rector, the Rev. J. Wrangham Hardy (formerly of Addingham) that he believed that the rectory had a ghost. He believed it to be the spirit of a Royalist spy at the time of the Battle of Marston Moor who had been shot whilst spying at the rectory and his body was thrown over the banisters. The Rector said that he had heard the heavy thud of the fallen body himself on different occasions but the ghost was never seen.

Rain spoiled the August Bank holiday period for most people as the total for the holiday weekend was well over an inch, and the total sun for the entire four days was under four hours.

The depressing weather gave grave doubts as to the outcome of the 1958 tennis tournament, and at times it was feared that it might have to be abandoned. There was never a day when rain did not interfere with the play and hard courts had to be used to help with progress. The organisers spent much of their time peering up at the sky to judge when the rain might stop and how soon play was likely to stop or start again.

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COUNCIL APPROVES PLAN FOR HOLIDAY AND CARAVAN SITE

A controversial proposal to develop a holiday and caravan site on the Dalesway was given planning permission by Bradford Council Planning sub-committee on Wednesday.

The intention is to have 10 chalets and space for 30 touring caravans on the site at Hollin Hall Farm in Old Road, Ilkley.

Cr. Alan Rye unsuccessfully urged councillors to have further discussions with the applicant on the site before a decision was made. He said he suspected that the proposed development would be controversial because he was not sure that

people in Ilkley and Addingham realised its scale.

Cr. Rye said the site was near a beautiful stretch of the river. There would be people who would be very distressed by the scale of the development, but it had to go somewhere.

Cr. Mrs. Barbara Cussons said the development would conflict with the interests of anglers and people who used the Dalesway. She said that

many people who would be likely to object would be those who lived further afield and would not know anything about it until the next time they walked on the Dalesway.

Cr. Derek Smith said the application was one of the best they had had for such development. He said he did not consider it would mean the countryside would be littered with caravans. It would enable more people to enjoy the countryside.

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ILKLEY OLD SOLDIER CELEBRATES HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

An old soldier who was given up for dead at the end of the First World War has celebrated his ninetieth birthday at Ilkley.

Mr. Oliver Allanson, of Belmont Road, Ben Rhyding, weighed only four and a half stones when he was released after nine months in a German prisoner of war camp at the end of the war.

His family was notified that there was no chance of him surviving, but after a long spell in hospital he recovered and is still going strong.

Mr. Allanson was born at Pateley Bridge and moved to Ilkley in 1911 as a farm man at High Denton. A farm worker all his life, he ran his own farm at Hill Top, Middleton, for about ten

years and later worked as a cow man for the farm's owners, Middleton Sanatorium. He retired from there in 1956 and moved to Belmont Road.

During the First World War Mr. Allanson was a Lewis gunner with the 5th Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He saw action at Ostend, where he was one of only 26 of his company of 132 to survive, and was in the trenches at Ypres for nine months. During his three and a half years in France, which included the battle at Passchendael, he was never actually wounded and had numerous narrow escapes while his comrades fell around him. He still has a German bullet which cut

through his shoulder strap and lodged itself in his knapsack.

When the Germans broke through on the Ypres front on 21 March 1918, Mr. Allanson's Lewis gun team had to cover the withdrawal of British artillery, and it was on 28 March that he was taken prisoner.

He spent the next nine months in a prison camp with no food and only coffee made from hawthorn berries to drink. The prisoners had to scrape around for food, and Mr. Allanson lived on a diet of grass, dandelions and potato peelings.

Many of the prisoners died, and his weight went down from about ten stones to four and a half. When he

was released he was a stretcher case, and the matron at his hospital in Rouen informed his family he was not expected to survive. Nevertheless, after several months in hospitals he did recover and went back to work.

• Picture shows Mr. Allanson welcoming civic visitors on his birthday. From left to right are Cr. E. S. Gardner, Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council; Cr. Mrs. Barbara Cussons, Ilkley representative on Bradford Metropolitan Council; Mrs. Florence Saville, Deputy Lady Mayor of Bradford District; Cr. Ernest Saville, Deputy Lord Mayor; Mr. Oliver Allanson, and his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Booth, of Ilkley.



CONTROVERSIAL PLAN FOR CASTLE HILL DEVELOPMENT REFUSED

Controversial plans to build a sheltered housing development at Castle Hill, Ilkley, were turned down by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee on Wednesday.

The outline planning application, submitted by Raven Development Co., of Ilkley, was for 20 single-bedroom flats on a site at present occupied by lock-up garages.

The flats were to have been of stone to match the surrounding buildings, and include accommodation for a warden, a residents' lounge, guest rooms and other communal facilities.

There are 22 garages on the site, most of them unused.

The plans caused a storm of protest from local residents and historians because of the site's close proximity to Ilkley's ancient Manor House and because it was on part of the Roman fort of Olicana.

Planners at Bradford had previously deferred a decision until they could visit the site themselves, which they did on Monday afternoon.

When members of the Planning Sub-Committee, including Chairman Cr. Smith Midgeley, and Planning officers, arrived at Castle Hill they were met by a deputation of conservationists, archaeologists and residents. They included representatives of the Friends of Ilkley Manor House, the Olicana Museum and Historical Society, the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and Ilkley Civic Society, who gave their views to the planners.

Mrs. May Pickles, a Council member of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society, said they objected to the proposed development because it would be unsuitable as a modern building in the core of Roman and medieval Ilkley, which included the ancient church and Manor House.

More importantly, however, the building would be over the western defences of the Roman fort, which had already been partly excavated but which still needed a great deal of work. They would prefer any more excavation to be deferred until techniques had become more advanced, and would like to see the area landscaped and preserved to show off the medieval and Roman core of the town to the best effect, she said.

Mrs. Pickles added that if building was allowed the Roman walls would be destroyed by the foundations, and the whole site would be sterilised virtually for ever.

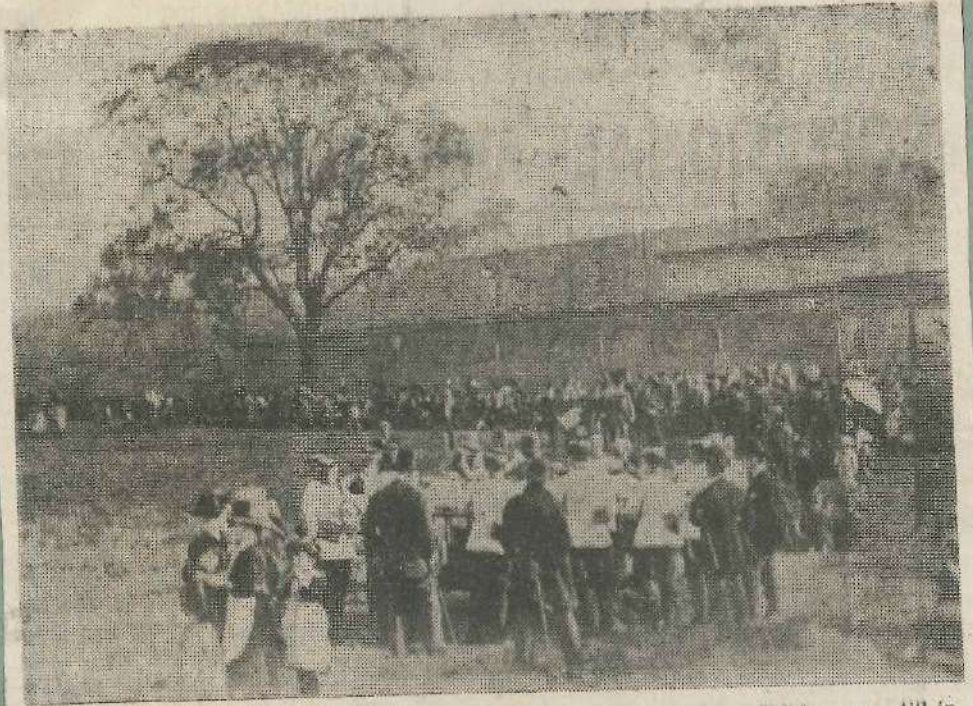
Mrs. Kate Mason of the Olicana Museum and Historical Society pointed out that the eastern ramparts of the fort had already been destroyed during the development of Ilkley, and the proposed development would destroy the only part which remained.

Miss Eleanor Holt said the Friends of Ilkley Manor House would like to see the whole area become an amenity area for visitors to this historic part of Ilkley.

A letter from the Department of the Environment indicated to the objectors that an investigation into the scheduling of the remains of the Roman fort was about to begin.

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SITE OF ILKLEY'S OLD CRICKET FIELD



Work on the railway wall on the up platform for trains from Skipton was still in progress when this picture was taken towards the end of the last century from the old cricket field on which Trafalgar Road, Victory Road and Nile Road were built.

SCENES FROM THE
PAST (8)

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OLD BROOK STREET PROPERTY MADE WAY FOR SUPERMARKET



Old property in Brook Street, Ilkley, which for years had provided two shops were demolished twenty years ago to make way for a new Supermarket. At the time this picture was taken the shop on the left was occupied by a retailer of home decorating supplies and on the right of the cleared site Dickinson's newsagent and tobacconist was a well known Ilkley firm as was Tipping and Lee, estate agents, and Bealand's grocers who occupied the rest of the block.

ILKLEY READY FOR SHOWDOWN OVER NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Ilkley is ready for a showdown over a recommendation about nuclear disarmament to be put before Bradford Metropolitan Council at its meeting in September.

The recommendation by Bradford Councillors Clarke and Thorne asks that "this Council accepts that pressure on politicians to eliminate nuclear weapons whether by multilateral or unilateral disarmament, should be maintained and to that end believes that the voting public should be reminded of the horrifying consequences of nuclear war."

They ask the Council to publish a booklet, to be made available for sale explaining the likely effects of a nuclear attack in the Bradford Metropolitan District and to display posters at all Council offices, premises, colleges and schools, excluding First and Middle Schools, advertising the availability of the booklet.

The recommendation has angered Parish Councillors so much that they are to complain to the Minister of Education besides Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Ilkley Parish Councillor C. H. Scaife thought it would have to be the duty of Bradford Council to put forward the other side against nuclear disarmament.

"Here we have Bradford Councillors putting forward a document on nuclear disarmament without presenting the other side," said Cr. Scaife.

"I am against this move because the majority of this country is not in favour of nuclear disarmament and I would like this Council to inform Bradford that we are not in favour of this booklet being put into schools" said Cr. Scaife.

"It is also another unnecessary expense which will have to be met by the ratepayers," he said.

Vice-Chairman to the Council, Cr. Peter Williams said one could not stop such items going into schools. It was part of the education system but what could be done was to ask for the other side of the story to be included in the booklet.

"We should be asking Bradford to give the other side of the story so there would be a balance outlook on this issue," said Cr. Williams.

RAIL THREAT CLOSURE AUG 83 DELEGATION

A delegation to meet local MPs to discuss the renewed threat of closure of the railway services in Wharfedale is being formed by Ilkley Parish Council.

It is also hoped to invite to the meeting Mr. Hedley Wright and Mr. Richard A. Crowther who played a prominent part as officials of the Ilkley Railway Supporters Association to save the railway when threatened in the 1960s under the Beeching Plan.

Earlier this summer the leader of West Yorkshire County Council stated that rail closures would be inevitable if the Government's target spending of £9m of public subsidy was to be realised and that the Leeds and Bradford to Ilkley services - as one of the major loss makers - would be at great risk.

The delegation will be hoping to meet Keighley MP, Mr. Garry Weller and Shipley MP, Mr. Marcus Fox.

ACROSS THE YEARS SAUG 83

ILKLEY WAS DULL, COMPLAINED VISITOR

100 Years Ago

A visitor to Ilkley writing a letter to the Editor deplored the lack of intellectual amusements in the town and said although Ilkley was a beautiful town it was exceedingly dull, and he also complained that the Local Board were slow in developing the general amenities of the town including proposals for ornamental gardens with a fountain along The Grove. He hoped for more entertainment to be available on future visits.

The grouse shooting season opened in the Ilkley District under unfavourable conditions, with a downpour of heavy rain. Middleton Moor, property of the Lord of the Manor, Mr. Wm. Middleton was shot over by a party of nine guns on the first day, and the birds were scarce with only about fifty brace being bagged. Rombalds Moor, shot

over by a party of six guns led by Major Shepherd, provided large quantities of birds strong on the wing and 85 brace were bagged during the day.

The Grove Hydropathic Establishment and Heath Royd were put up for sale by auction at the Middleton Hotel and were withdrawn without a sale. There was a large gathering of capitalists and speculators but the bid for the Hydro only reached £2,500 and the lot was withdrawn. The auctioneer led off with £1,250 for Heath Royd but there were no bids at all for this property and this was also withdrawn.

75 Years Ago

The Ilkley Gazette published a paragraph entitled "Ilkley's Greatest Asset" by Stylus Scrivener which extolled the beauty of the moorland. He likened the "moor to Ilkley" to the "sea to Scarborough." The quarrying on the moors was a matter of debate. Some councillors wished the moor to cease being defiled whilst others saw the proposal to close the quarries as ruination to the town. Many felt that without the quarries Ilkley would not prosper although Harrogate had outstripped Ilkley as a spa town in every way without quarries.

The sawmill and tramway had been removed and this improved the appearance of the slope of the moor, but the writer said that thousands and thousands of people who visited the area of the Cow and Calf rocks were not likely to have their impression of the delights of Ilkley improved by the sight of the adjacent quarries.

A pedlar was charged at Otley Police court with being drunk and disorderly at Ilkley and with assaulting a Police Constable. The prisoner was fined a total of 32s. 6d., or a month in jail, being found guilty on both counts.

50 Years Ago

August Bank Holiday weekend, 1933, proved to be one of the most wonderful holiday weekends in "living memory". Brilliant sunshine, blue skies and no threat of rain attracted people to venture far and wide and holiday crowds thronged the moors and the riverside at Ilkley. Bathing went on in the River Wharfe from early morning to late at night the most popular stretch being on the lovely bend above the Old Bridge.

There were picnic parties everywhere with visitors lazing amongst the scented bracken. Sun temperatures on Friday and Saturday went up to 128 degrees fahrenheit, with only a few degrees below over the rest of the holiday.

Ilkley Cricket Club beat Addingham by four wickets in their "annual derby" at Addingham. The top scorer for Addingham was E. Holmes with 57 runs but five members of the team were out for a duck. D. Crawshaw scored 22 not out for Ilkley, with W. S. Baldwin not out at 21. V. Crowther bowled exceptionally well for Ilkley taking four wickets for 25 runs in 16 overs, seven of which were maidens.

25 Years Ago

After 30 years continuous service the diesel engines at the Burley-Menston Sewage Disposal Works were replaced by electric motors. This was one of the first stages of a scheme for the modernisation of the sewage disposal system throughout the Ilkley Urban District. Other plans included the end to the lagoons at the Ben Rhydding works at Escroft and the modernisation of the Ilkley Sewage Disposal works.

Ilkley Grammar School pupils who took their General Certificate of Education Examinations at 'A' Level and gained successes were - David Anderson, Anthony F. Beatham, Stephen F. Best, Derek Dalton, Robert A. Dibb, Michael J. Hey, Howard Mann, Arthur Meachin, Patricia Barrett, Valerie Beacham, Catherine Beezer, Anne Culpin, Rosemary Dewhurst, Alexandra Green, Barbara Hassall, Anne E. Horne, Stephanie J. Renton, Joan D. Robertson, Kathleen M. Smith, Barbara Williams.

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LOCAL YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME TAKES OFF

At a recent meeting of the Steering Committee of the Wharfe Valley Employment Forum, members heard there had been a generous response by employers to provide work experience in Wharfedale.

Meetings had been held in both April and July between employers, Bradford and Ilkley Community College and the local authority who are acting as the managing agent for private employers.

Plans have now been put before the Manpower Services Committee for schemes relating to most of the work experience placements local employers offered. These included work in shops, offices, hospitals/homes, garages and plumbers, to name but a few. The various placements have been grouped under occupational names such as retailing which may lead to a Business Education Council General Certificate, clerical, engineering etc., to enable the trainees who will fill these vacancies to become students on a part-time course at a local college.

The Ilkley campus for example will be offering training for those in the retailing and clerical groups. Unemployed 16 year-olds should visit the careers office at Ilkley Town Hall on Tuesday (10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 - 4.0 p.m.) for details. The variety of placements which have been offered will enable the trainees to "taste" the occupation of their choice in more than one location and thus gain a greater understanding of the work. Those responsible the local authority and College are grateful to the employers for their interest and will contact any employer whose offer has not so far been able to be taken up. Enquiries relating to private firms in the Bradford area should be made to Paula Grizzard, Bradford 725732; those from other districts should contact their local Manpower Services Commission Office whose number is in the local directories.

Joint Futures - Part 1

Joint Futures - Part 1 is not the name of a new T.V. soap opera but of a course for young school leavers, held recently and run jointly by Ilkley Grammar School and the Bradford and Ilkley Community College.

The eight-week part-time course ended with a week-end away at Airton at the end of July. Up to twenty young people took part in a variety of different activities and excursions: sailing, skating, skiing, tennis, weightlifting, video work, computing and

communications work, and the all-important job search. Higher education students from the College, the Careers tutor from the Grammar School, and students from the College, the Careers tutor from the Grammar School, and all the workers from the Hawksworth House project were involved in the course and are now assessing the young people's responses to the different activities in preparation for Joint Futures Part II which will start in late September.

This is likely to include similar activities and help with the job-search and also some work experience and numeracy. The course is hoped will cater for any young person who is not eligible for the government's Youth Training Scheme and who is unemployed.

TOP WILDLIFE ARTIST TO HEAD IMPRESSIVE EXHIBITION LINE-UP

International artist David Shepherd, well known for his wildlife paintings, will head a star studded galaxy of leading British artists at the sixth Yorkshire Artists Exhibition at the Winter Gardens and Kings Hall, Ilkley from 24 to 27 September.

The exhibition has been Yorkshire's biggest art event since its conception and it has become so vast during the last three years that it is now the biggest event of its kind in Britain. Last year an estimated 32,000 visitors at the start of the four day event brought traffic to a standstill in the centre of Ilkley, on what would have normally been a quiet Sunday.

Artists from every major town and city in Yorkshire as well as from outside the county boundary will be attracted to the event, including entries from expatriot Yorkshiremen in France, Germany, New Zealand, Australia and the Orkney Isles.

The show is unique in that it offers complete freedom to the rawest artist, newcomer or beginner to set up his work alongside and on equal terms with some of the all time greats of the international art scene, such as David Shepherd, David Hockney and John Blackley.

"The public response to this exhibition is unbeliev-

able," said organiser Mr. Leslie Simpson, an Ilkley artist. "They arrive in droves and just love it, which is demonstrated by the packed attendances and high sales of more than a third of the 1,300 paintings on show by more than 300 artists."

"Gone are the dull surroundings of a municipal like art gallery and in its place is the lively world of freshly painted, vibrant self selected work," he said.

Some spaces in the exhibition are still available and anyone interested in entering should send a self addressed envelope for an entry form to Leslie Simpson, 41 Lister Street, Ilkley.

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NEW HOSPITAL THREAT AS FIGHT GOES ON AGAINST CASUALTY CLOSURE PLAN

As the fight goes on to save Ilkley Coronation Hospital's casualty facilities, the future of another local hospital is in jeopardy.

A discussion document published by Leeds Western Health Authority includes a proposal that Middleton Hospital will probably not be needed in the long term.

In the report, which has been circulated for public comment until 31 October, the health authority states that in the short to medium term, the hospital would have to continue to provide geriatric beds and perhaps act as an interim decanting-support unit for High Royds at Menston.

The report adds, however, that "as a fairly remote unit lying outside the District boundary, the hospital will probably not be required in the longer term and the pace of change will be determined by the provision of facilities at other units within the District."

The health authority has issued the document to collate views and suggestions on its proposals aimed at revamping health services in the area. These views will then assist the authority next year when it — along with all other health authorities — is required to publish longer-term Strategic Plans in some detail through the National Health Service planning system.

Too Many Beds?

It says in the report that closure of Middleton Hospital must be considered because there are too many geriatric beds in the north of the health authority's area.

"In overall terms, the District has sufficient geriatric beds to meet the needs of the resident population," says the authority. "It is, however deficient in day hospital places and only ten per cent of the beds are on a general hospital site with full access to investigational and other services."

"There is a disproportionate number of beds in the north of the District, many of them at Middleton Hospital which lies outside the District boundary" it says.

A spokesman for Leeds Western Health Authority told the 'Gazette':

"The discussion paper is out for consideration until the end of October. Action on any possible closure would not take effect for some time after that because we have to consider all the comments and suggestions."

He said the document had been circulated to staff organisations, the community health council and hospitals.

Mr. M. H. Tomkins, administrator at Wharfedale General Hospital and under whom Middleton Hospital also falls, said the document was "nothing to get alarmed about".

"It is simply a document asking for our opinions on different matters concerning the future of local health service, and Middleton Hospital happens to be included" he said.

"It is a straight forward discussion document and nothing to get alarmed about" he added.

Coronation Hospital

Meanwhile, the fight to save the Coronation Hospital's casualty facilities, is continuing.

Ilkley Liberal Association, which delivered about 5,000 leaflets to Ilkley homes, has so far received nearly 400 replies, and they are now doing a breakdown of the opinions.

"Many elderly people have told us that they use the service a lot and find it very good," said Ilkley Liberals' chairman Mr. Bob Battey.

"Some people have told us they even retired to Ilkley with the prospect of the Coronation Hospital being there in mind," he said.

"However, it is not only elderly people who would miss the service. We have had replies from quite a cross-section, including adults with children who would be concerned if the service were to be scrapped," said Mr. Battey.

Ilkley Parish Council has called a special meeting at the Council Chamber on 25 August, to which over twenty local organisations are being invited, in the hope that they can form a campaigning body dedicated to saving the threatened facilities at the hospital.

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CHALYBEATE SPRING DISCOVERED

100 Years Ago

Following the discovery of the Chalybeate spring at the top of Heber's Ghyll, large crowds of visitors availed themselves of the spring water. A special path was in the process of construction to make the spring more easily accessible and Black Beck was to be spanned by a rustic bridge.

A sad accident occurred near the Strid in Bolton Woods when a visitor from Leeds lost his life. George Benton, of Holbeck, on an excursion from the Yorkshire Foundry attempted to jump across the river at a point just below the Strid, not at the point usually attempted. He succeeded in reaching the opposite side but fell back into the water and after a brief struggle was carried off down stream and was never seen to rise again. The body was recovered the following day about 100 yards down from where he fell into the water.

Wm. Brumfit's cricket XI played Myddleton United at Myddleton and were soundly defeated. Wm. Brumfit and his entire team made a total of three runs to the amusement of spectators. They blamed their poor showing on the "bumpy" ground and said that whereas one ball went over the batsman's head, the next would work into the wicket between his toes. Myddleton United managed to make 31 runs.

75 Years Ago

The interior of the reading room was embellished by the introduction of a series of reproductions of prints of Old Ilkley, a gift from the Rev. Canon Smith, photographed from the originals by Mr. Jesse Bontoft. In the Reference Room a plaster bust of John Bright was presented by Miss Lund of Suncroft.

Seventeen tons of hay were lost when fire broke out in two stacks owned by Mr. Richard Illingworth Binns, Mayfield Farm, Ilkley. The damage, covered by insurance, was estimated to amount to £70.

"A Message from Mars", a play famous in all the best theatres in the Kingdom visited Ilkley Town Hall, with George Robertson's London Company. The play had run for 1000 nights at the Avenue Theatre, London, and the company arrived in Ilkley complete with "wonderful electrical illusions and effects invented by Maskelyn and Cook". Seat prices ranged from private boxes at a guinea for seven seats to 1s. in the back stalls.

A street collection taken in Ilkley on 1 August known as "Waif Saturday", raised £22 for Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

50 Years Ago

There was a special reception for the Australian Rugby League Touring Team on their arrival in Ilkley. This took place in the Winter Gardens where they were met by Dr. J. B. Whitfield, Chairman of the Ilkley Urban District Council, together with other council members. They were to make the Marlborough House Hotel their headquarters for the tour.

There was a fine show of birds at the opening of the grouse shooting season on the moors in the Wharfedale district. The birds were strong and healthy and the bags were heavier than they had been for years.

Lady Hartington and her daughters, Lady Elizabeth and Lady Anne, attended the annual garden fete at Bolton Abbey in aid of the funds of the priory church. The event was held in the ground of the rectory, home of the Rev. C. F. Tomlinson and Mrs. Tomlinson and they were helped by church members and the choir boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Barnes, of Ash Grove, Ilkley celebrated their Golden Wedding. Mr. Barnes who still worked at Ilkley Gas Works told the Gazette that there had been more fun for lads in his young days. There were so many open fields and woods and he used to go nutting in August in Parish Ghyll.

25 Years Ago

The Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, arrived at Bolton Abbey for the start of a four day grouse-shooting holiday as a guest of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, to shoot over Barden Moors.

Bathing pool takings were well down for the year despite an increase in the admission fee. There had been few really hot days in 1958 and accordingly few weekends for the Bathing Pool to "Hit the Jackpot". The highest maximum temperature for the year was 75 degrees, and this was attained on only two occasions. Since the start of May there had only been eleven days without rain.

The first tenants of 48 council flats in Langford Road, Burley were expected to move in during September, 1958. There were eight blocks of two bedroomed flats and four blocks of one bedroomed flats which had been commissioned at a cost of approximately £72,000. Rents of the two bedroom flats were set at 22s. per week plus 6s. 7d. rates and 18s. per week for the one bedroom flats plus 4s. rates.

Judges Visit Ilkley In Final Stages Of "Britain In Bloom" Competition

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ILKLEY, top town in the regional section of the Britain in Bloom competition, will know by the end of the month whether it has won the national contest.

Judges in the final stages of the competition spent some three hours touring Ilkley's streets and public gardens on Monday.

Mr. Neil Philpotts, a horticulturalist with Greater London Council, and Mrs. May Woolley from Newcastle-

upon-Tyne, walked around a large area of the town centre and inspected some private as well as public gardens.

Their tour of the town, which gained top marks in the spring judging, also encompassed the swimming pool and some council housing estates.

Although the judges would not comment on their findings, local councillor Walter Forrest, who accompanied them, said the standard was

quite good and he had been particularly delighted with the Church Street area of the town.

The result is expected to be known within about three weeks.

Ilkley parish councillor Walter Forrest (left) and chairman to the council, E. S. Gardner (centre), are pictured with judges inspecting flower beds in The Grove.

12 AUG 83 ILKLEY'S BID FOR CLEANER STREETS

Ilkley is suffering so much from litter that Bradford Metropolitan Council has agreed to provide a lengthman in the central areas in the near future and to replace some of the existing small litter bins with larger ones.

The bins are to be replaced near premises where excess litter arises along Brook Street and The Grove.

Ilkley Parish Council, concerned about the town's litter problem, told Bradford Council that now tourism was at its peak the weekend litter started on Friday evening when the bins in central Ilkley were overflowing, and as a result, throughout the weekend litter was thrown around the bins.

Councillors have received complaints about the disgraceful state of Brook Street particularly where the rubbish from fish and chip papers in cream containers and general litter blew about throughout Sunday.

As there was no clearance over the crucial days of Saturday and Sunday the Coun-

cil felt the public could not be blamed and urgently appealed to Bradford Council for sweepers-cleaning personnel to be on duty those days as well as on normal duty days.

The Parish Council stressed that as Bradford Council had been promoting tourism in Ilkley their request would seem to be quite reasonable.

Vice-Chairman to the Council Cr. Peter Williams said the Council had been trying to obtain bigger litter bins for the past two years.

Cr. Mrs. J. G. Harwood said by Friday evening the state of Brook Street was disgusting with litter ankle deep. Surely the town was entitled to bigger bins. They paid high rates in Ilkley, said Cr. Mrs. Harwood.

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Ilkley Art Club Displays Its Work In Open Air Show



Fine weather attracted a large crowd in The Grove on Saturday to Ilkley Art Club's third open air exhibition of the season.

About 60 paintings by club members were on display and they included a large number of landscapes.

The Art Club is now hoping for another sunny and warm day on 3 September when they plan to stage their next open air show.

Pictured are some of the many passers-by who stopped to admire the paintings on Saturday.

CREW MEMBERS FROM ILKLEY'S ADOPTED SUBMARINE VISIT THE TOWN

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Eight crew members from H.M.S. Osiris—Ilkley's adopted submarine—visited the town this week.

Most of the visitors—with the exception of one man from Keighley—were staying in Ilkley for the first time, although some members of the submarine's 70-strong crew have visited the area before.

The party arrived in Ilkley at about 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, after an eight hour journey from Portsmouth, and were welcomed at the Town Hall by several parish councillors, including chairman Cr. E. S. Gardner and vice-chairman Cr. Peter A. Williams.

In the evening they visited the T.S. Marne sea cadet

unit at Keighley—their adopted cadet unit—where they spoke with the youngsters, and on Wednesday they visited Menston Children's Home after lunch at the Wharfe Cottage in Ilkley.

On Wednesday evening they were wined and dined by parish councillors, who acted as hosts during their stay, before leaving for

Portsmouth on Thursday morning.

Cr. Gardner is pictured welcoming the crew members to Ilkley and receiving a framed picture of H.M.S. Osiris. In the centre is Cr. Peter Williams and on the far left are Cr. Mrs. Barbara Cussons, Cr. Mrs. P. Glover and Parish Clerk Mrs. D. Edmondson.



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AN ADDINGHAM CELEBRATION OF 1902



It has been suggested that this picture is one of the welcome to Boer War campaigners returning to Addingham in 1902, but it is more probable that it is concerned with the Coronation celebrations of that year.

Schoolchildren Give Concert At Hospital

100 Years Ago

Pupils of the National School visited Ikley Hospital to give a concert to the patients, with their headmaster Mr. Brydon. Mrs. Brydon was the accompanist for the evening. The programme consisted of glees, choir numbers, duets, recitations and readings all of which were greatly enjoyed by the patients. The warmest reception was given to Miss and Master Wildsmith, who although only seven and eight years of age rendered a duet from "Il Trovatore" in a "highly creditable manner".

The Parish Church choir won a cricket match against the Ikley Congregational Church Choir by 44 runs to 38. At a mid-week match Ikley residents played the visitors, the residents winning by 144 runs to the visitors 78.

There was a good attendance at a public auction sale at the Crescent Hotel. A house and shop situated in Church Street and Bridge Lane was sold for £685 after some brisk bidding.

Dr. Robert Collyer, on a visit to his old home town, delivered a lecture to a densely packed audience in the Assembly Room, Ikley. His subject was "A grand old American Methodist". He made a touching reference to his early life in Ikley and the pleasure it always gave him to revisit it. Dr. Collyer also occupied the chair at a meeting of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and delivered a stirring address on the importance of preserving ancient records and other antiquities in Yorkshire.

75 Years Ago

Ikley Urban District Council provided litter baskets in Brook Street for the first time to try to keep Ikley's town centre free from litter on the sidewalks and streets.

Although a resolution had been passed by the Ikley District Council to continue work in the quarries on the moors, signatures were being obtained on a petition in the town to get the quarries closed or at least to bring influence to bear on the councillors.

The Committee of the Coronation Cottage Hospital issued a circular to the effect that the time had come when the building had to be enlarged and improved, as the accommodation had at times proved quite inadequate for local needs. The proposal was to turn the two small existing wards into places for special purposes and to build a new ward with toilets and bathroom at each end of the building for men and women. In addition steam heating was to be installed and a small mortuary built away from the main building. In order to carry out the scheme nearly £1,000 was required. The Hospital had proved itself to be a great boon to the sick and poor of the Ikley and District and had done invaluable work in treating 225 "in-cases", 87 of whom were too poor to pay any part of the cost, 27 others having paid 5s. per week or less, and 12 more between 5s. and 10s. per week. The Committee said the hospital had undoubtedly been the means of saving lives in many cases of accident or emergency, and they appealed to the public of Ikley to help them to raise the necessary funds to complete the scheme.

50 Years Ago

1933 was an abnormal summer for lack of rain, and it was said that the bogs on Ikley Moor and Denton Moor had never been so dry since 1877. Ramblers were enjoying parts of the moorland which would usually have been barred by bogs and farmers were weeping anxiously out for rain.

Ikley Grammar School students who passed the July Higher School Certificate Examination were—G. Firth, J. W. Harper, G. H. Oddy, J. O. Reed and H. Riding. S. E. Cruise was awarded a West Riding County Major Scholarship, and lived at Ikley but attended Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley. A scheme was proposed to provide Ikley with an indoor market

in the Church Street Arcade. It was proposed that the shop fronts in the arcade be removed to provide accommodation for a series of stalls, and the upper floor would provide store room for stall holders. A firm of shopfitters had been approached to prepare a scheme for dealing with the whole of the internal arrangements.

About 40 scholars from St. Margaret's Sunday School were taken to Morecambe for their annual outing. Fine weather enabled them to have a full day taking advantage of almost everything the popular resort had to offer.

Wharfedale gave Queen Mary a great welcome when she passed through the valley on her way to Skipton and Clitheroe. The Queen stayed with her daughter, the Princess Royal, at Harewood House and motored through Otley, Burley, Ikley and Addingham to lunch as a guest of Brig. Gen. Roger S. Tempest at Broughton Hall. All along the main road the route was lined with hundreds of spectators, the biggest crowd being at the bottom of Brook Street. Many children waved flags, which the Queen, who was dressed in a rose beige coat with matching toque, acknowledged by waving her left hand. The Queen was accompanied by Lord Harewood and the Chief Constable of the West Riding, Col. Frank Brook.

25 Years Ago

The 1st Ben Rhydding Scout Group described a visit to Holland by 24 senior scouts as the most successful camp in the history of the group. They were welcomed by their "brother" 33rd Group (The Mohicans) from the Hague and they all camped together at Epe in Gelderland. As a result of the visit the link between the two groups became closer than ever and another joint camp was planned to take place in England in 1960.

Miss Janet Parker of Golf Hotel Farm, Ben Rhydding, a former pupil of Ikley Grammar School passed the registration Examination of the Library Association to become a qualified librarian.

Chapel House Farm, Langbar, was sold at auction at the Crescent Hotel for £1,170 with vacant possession. The smallholding extended to 11½ acres, all grassland within a ring fence. The out-buildings were a barn, and a large timber store shed.

A Yorkshire Electricity Board advertisement for electric immersion water heaters claimed that they could provide six gallons of hot water for a lid. The total cost of installing a new heater was £12 2s. 6d., including heater, lagging and wiring.

LOCAL PEOPLE URGED TO TAKE MORE INTEREST IN CENTRE

The Nell Bank Centre at Ikley offers more scope for use by local groups than is generally realised, it has been claimed.

The warden at the youth training centre, Mr. Steve Bennett, and the chairman of Ikley Parish Council, Cr. E. S. Gardner, got together to discuss ways of involving more local people after a visit to the centre — off Denton Road — by a party of parish councillors.

They have revealed their observations and suggestions to the 'Gazette' in the hope that more people will take an interest in activities at the centre — which was built some three years ago as Bradford's Silver Jubilee project.

Mr. Bennett regretted the comparative lack of contact with Ikley itself and felt there was more scope for use by local groups. At one time he dreamed of the eleven acres incorporating a small farm with involvement from local people but it never came to fruition.

They thought there was scope for closer liaison with Ikley Grammar School. Those pupils with no talent or interest in traditional sports could probably become involved at the centre as an alternative. It could also be used for events such as barbecues, fetes and bonfire parties.

"There is ample space for such things as five-a-side football competitions, and Mr. Bennett would be very willing to work with local organisations on any projects," said Cr. Gardner.

The centre provides indoor accommodation for 32, not taking into account the space available for camping, and as many as 250 people have passed through the centre in one week.

Mr. Bennett has made attempts to involve local groups, but he badly needs voluntary help, to work round the centre as groups or individuals, not to work with the visiting children.

He wondered if there were still some lingering doubts in Ikley about the exact nature of the centre. He stressed it was not a borstal or a refuge for delinquents but a training centre, and as such more likely to attract the socially responsible part of the younger generation.

Groups which used the centre included scouts and brownies, and parties from junior and middle schools. The mentally and physically handicapped provided another source of visitors, and although the centre wanted to encourage more of the handicapped to use it, more

pathways were required. They said it was essential the disabled were able to propel themselves rather than have to rely on other people.

It is basically a training centre but since it has to pay its way, accommodation has been provided for other groups such as British orienteering teams and sports clubs with fixtures locally, and it was the venue for the Northern Chess Finals of the National Association of Boys Clubs.

There are plans to add two classrooms to the facilities at the centre. At present used as married quarters at the Army Apprentices School in Harrogate, they will be dismantled under a Manpower Services Commission scheme and moved to Nell Bank towards the end of the year.

The new classrooms should be erected by next Spring and then the long process of equipping and bringing them into commission will begin.

Ikley people could get involved in the project, and anyone interested should contact Mr. Bennett (Tel. 602032).

GIANT NEW DALES RESERVOIR NEARS COMPLETION

Engineers anticipate beginning to fill the giant new Grimwith Reservoir in the Yorkshire Dales later this month.

Contractors are now putting the finishing touches to the new, 45-metre high earth dam which will increase the storage capacity of the old reservoir by seven times.

Work first started on the £24-million project in 1976, and the new reservoir, when operational, will be used to provide much-needed supplies

for the Bradford area of Yorkshire Water's Western Division, which includes Kirkstall and Calderdale.

Grimwith water will be used to support abstractions from the River Wharfe during dry weather, licensed up to 100,000 cubic metres a day for water supply purposes.

The water will be abstracted near Addingham at the Lobwood Intake, and then pumped to Bradford for treatment at the recently extended Chellow Heights Treatment Works.

Later this month it is planned to start partial impounding of Grimwith. Filling the new reservoir will be carried out in stages so that the structural behaviour of the embankment can be closely monitored.

If all goes well, it is hoped the reservoir will be available to support abstraction at Lobwood by the spring of next year and, depending on rainfall, fill up by the end of 1984. Grimwith will then become the largest area of reservoir water in Yorkshire.

HELP ON THE WAY FROM EMPLOYMENT FORUM

Help is on the way for those in the Ikley district who have queries about benefits. Elaine Gort, Manager of the Bradford Benefits Scheme, met members of the Wharfe Valley Employment Forum Steering Committee to discuss the difficulties that people in the district had when it came to seeking advice.

It may soon be possible to get this advice in Ikley without having to travel to Keighley or Bradford. Elaine hopes to be able to provide a service half a day per week, perhaps in the Town Hall, by relocating a worker from Keighley.

The Community Programme Scheme due for submission in September, which the Employment Forum is now working on, will include part-time Advice and Benefit workers who will develop this service and provide help

and advice more regularly, and even at home for those who are not able to travel through illness or disability.

As soon as the arrangements have been formalised an announcement will appear in this paper.

JOB VACANCIES

A selection of vacancies from the Otley Job Centre continue to be displayed in various local windows.

Burley Grange, the former Council Offices, has a list of new vacancies each Wednesday morning and a similar list is also available at Hawksworth House in Ikley.

The Britannia Building Society, Brook Street, Ikley, also displays cards from Otley. Enquirers should note the job Reference Number before phoning the Otley Job Centre (Otley 462702) for more information.

NEW PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CONTROVERSIAL ILKLEY SITE BEFORE COUNCIL

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A new plan for developing the site of the bus depot and adjacent buildings in South Haworth Street, Ilkley, is to be considered by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

No fewer than three different schemes for the controversial site have already been approved by the Council, while several have been turned down.

The council has set a 31 August deadline for plans for the area, which includes buildings owned by them, after which they will put their land up for sale by tender.

The latest plan—submitted by Jack Lunn and Co. Ltd., of Bradford Road, Pudsey — is for seven shop units with flats at first floor level.

Mr. Brian Battersby, of Donaldsons chartered surveyors and estate agents in Leeds, said he had spoken with council planning officers about the latest plan and said they had seemed "very keen".

"I think what they were particularly impressed with about the proposed scheme was what it would be like from a personal point of view," he said. "We would build large windows into the flats to give beautiful views of the moors, and I think they liked that idea."

Mr. Battersby said that if the plan was approved and the tender was successful, the shops would be occupied by local traders and small businesses as opposed to large national chains.

Among the other plans already approved by the council for the site is a controversial scheme to build a supermarket, eleven shops, a pedestrian mall, service access and car parking facilities.

The plan — submitted by the West Yorkshire Road Car Company — met with local opposition, largely because of the traffic problems it could create.

Ilkley Parish Council, Ilkley Civic Society and the Road Safety Committee all voiced arguments against the plan, but it could go ahead if the

bus company's tender is accepted.

The scheme was approved by the council's Planning Sub-Committee in January, but at the request of Ilkley parish councillor Mrs. Barbara Cussons was referred to Development Services for further consideration.

They, however, supported the planners' recommendations and gave the plan the go-ahead.

Other plans approved include one for the demolition of the existing buildings and the erection of seven retail units, and a scheme for a new shopping development.

The shopping development would comprise four shops with either offices or storage above, in a two-story design to form a link between the Grove Promenade shops and the Victorian Arcade.

NEW GALLERY OPENING AT ILKLEY

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The Haworth Gallery, which opens at Ilkley next Saturday, will feature the evocative paintings of Bruce Black and fine etchings of Simon Bull in its first exhibition.

The gallery, in Haworth Street, is in the two ground floor rooms of a converted terrace house, and the owners — Mike and Mary Sara, of Kildwick — are letting the rooms above as offices and studios.

In the rear gallery there will be a rich selection of original paintings, drawings and prints in a wide range of media and styles by different artists. The themes and subjects will be varied.

Mary Sara, who has completed a B.A. degree in Visual Arts at Ilkley College, says the gallery is "starting as it means to go on", providing the public with an opportunity to view and buy work of a consistently high standard by artists working in this region. The main exhibition planned for October will feature drawings.

She is looking forward to making a wide variety of high quality work accessible at reasonable prices to a discerning buying public, and hopes people will regularly browse through the gallery, because she promises a frequently changing stock of pictures.

The gallery will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Tuesdays to Saturdays, and will be open Sunday and Monday of the Bank Holiday week-end.

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RAIN BRINGS DRY SPELL TO AN END BUT HOSE PIPE BAN FOR ILKLEY GOES AHEAD

The driest start to August since the heatwave of 1976 finally came to an end this week.

The rain came with a vengeance on Tuesday to coincide with the announcement of a hose-pipe ban by the Yorkshire Water Authority, to take effect from 6.00 p.m. today (Friday).

As our picture of the River

Wharfe at Ilkley shows, the authority's concern about the low water levels was justified, and most areas in Bradford Metropolitan District — including Ilkley — have been instructed not to use hose-pipes until the water supply is back at normal levels.

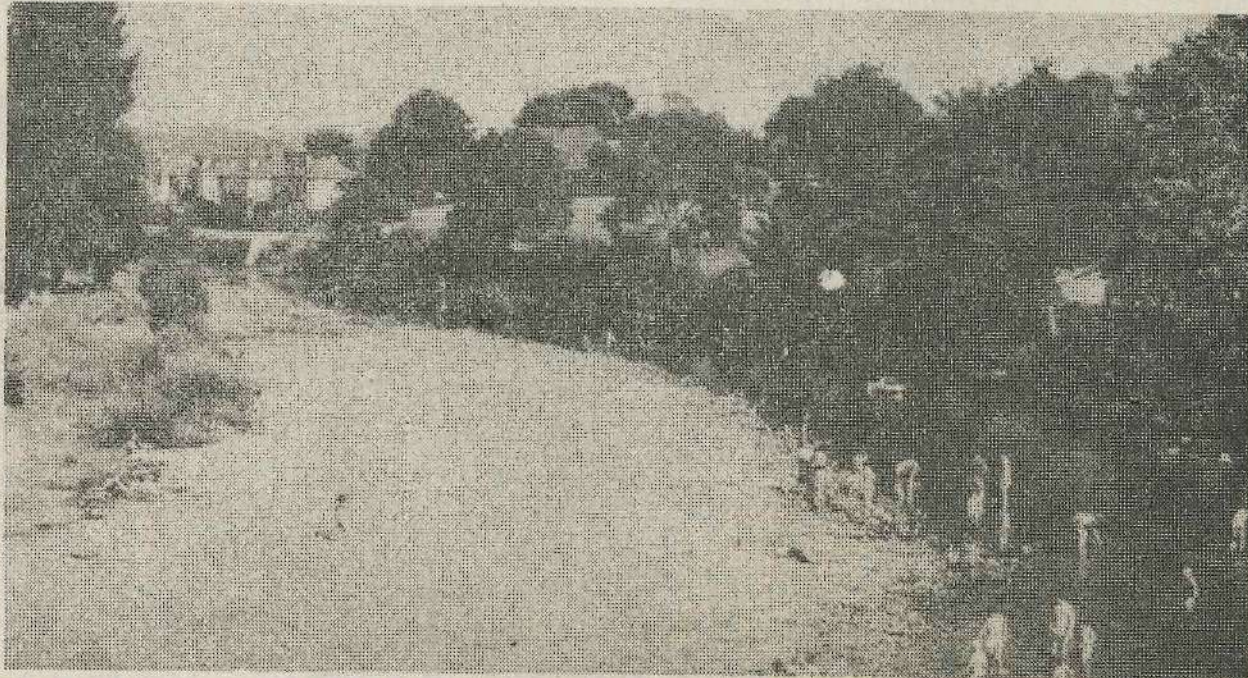
As in August 1976, there was just 0.7mm of rain in the first 14 days of this month.

Only 5.3mm of rain fell throughout the whole of August seven years ago, with 28 dry days. Ilkley was heading for a similar record this month — with twelve of the first 14 days rainless — until the heavens opened again on Tuesday, and 14.5mm of rain fell.

The rain was welcomed not only by the water authority

and local gardeners, but by firemen who spent much of the week-end dousing down a gorse and heather fire on Ilkley Moor.

Because of the shortage of water in the dry weather firemen had to take it from a nearby stream, but the rain helped to douse the burning peat.





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MAROONED MOTORISTS RESCUED BY PUNTING VOLUNTEERS

Marooned motorists and bus passengers pictured being rescued by punting volunteers at Escroft between Ilkley and Burley, when in February 1935, Wharfedale was swept by the biggest flood for fifty years.

Until in later years this stretch of the A65 near Manor Park was notorious for flooding when the River Wharfe burst its banks and flooded nearby fields.

Within eight hours on a Saturday in February the "winding silver Wharfe" had been transformed into a long series of turbulent lakes through which a boiling brown torrent raged and roads carrying all before it.

Traffic along the valley was brought to a standstill. At Escroft, the water between four and five feet deep on the roadway. At Otley it was over six feet deep. For pedestrians the north side of the valley was cut off from the south side for several hours. The torrent carried away the suspension bridge which crossed the Wharfe between Addingham and Nesfield.

The floods swept around the north side of the Old Bridge, down Denton Road and across the bottom of New Brook Street so that for a time taxis did good business in conveying passengers across the floods. The roadway across Ben Rhydding bridge was under a foot of water. Flood water entered several low lying houses at Addingham, Ilkley and Otley.

Yet the whole flood, from its rising to its falling, occupied less than 24 hours. At daybreak on Saturday the river was running bank high; at day break Sunday it was again well within its banks and there was only the water-logged fields and gardens and trails of wreckage scattered all along its course to tell of the havoc which had been wrought. In the 24 hours enormous damage had been caused to stock, land and property but fortunately there was no loss of human life.

The river rose exactly ten feet above normal level.

CORRESPONDENCE

"Amazed" At Commotion Aroused By Letter

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Sir, I was rather amazed at the commotion aroused by my letter of 12 August, especially when it stems from a strong traditionally Conservative area.

May I point out that over the last four years, 150 hospitals were closed and possibly quite a few were loved and appreciated by the residents around the areas in which they were situated.

The savings made have been used to up-date existing hospitals with the modern equipment so vitally required to combat diseases like cancer, heart failure and tumours of the brain.

This will eliminate the need to fly to America or Sweden in search of a miracle.

The government, democratically elected for a second term, are dedicated to creating a soundly based market economy as the Japanese have so successfully done, which means that until we have reached this ideal state economies will still have to be made.

Once this has been achieved the rewards could be sensational. The efficiency created would make us one of the paramount trading nations in the West, and we could then begin to see unemployment come down with the realistic creation of real jobs. From this solid base will flow benefits for every person in the country.

The latest Mori Poll shows that 44 per cent of the voters are prepared to wait for that happy day and have not lost faith in Mrs. Thatcher and her government.

FLETCHER WALL
Laurel Bank,
Addingham.

Casualty Department Should Be Retained

Sir,—We wish to express the great concern we feel about the planned closure of the casualty and emergency department at the Coronation Hospital, in Ilkley.

In the past, at some time or other, our small children have needed immediate emergency attention, which they received at the Coronation. What the numerous families with children would do under similar circumstances without that service, when time is of the essence, and distances would have to be travelled for treatment, gives rise to serious concern.

Furthermore, how convenient will it be for follow-up treatment at a place away from Ilkley, when private transport is not available and a demand on ambulance service cannot be made?

As a tourist centre Ilkley attracts large numbers of visitors, and they too, would expect reasonable casualty attention when needed.

Without doubt, streamlining and elimination of waste in government departments is a welcome priority. But that administration could not claim to "have got it right", which sees progress in depriving a central point like Ilkley from a casualty service. Where else in Western Society, will an emergency patient be asked to leave a town with a population of tens of thousands (and growing), because of its lack of facilities, and to seek treatment at a next town, like Otley, or over the hills to Airedale Hospital? and all this, in an attempt to save a relatively small sum of money, and about which the practitioners running the Casualty Department have publicly given good reason, why the expected reduction in expenditure is unlikely to be made by its closure. No. It is essential and for the amount of rates and taxes paid only reasonable, that the services of a casualty department should be retained in Ilkley.

It should also be noted that sound arguments do not seem to sway the Health Department, but they are likely to react to the degree of disquiet expressed by the community. Hopefully, there will be sufficient general concern now, before this issue becomes a matter of individual frustration and distress.

The chances of having a casualty department for this town in the future, may well depend on how many people could be bothered to send a letter, protesting about the proposed closure, to the Area Health Administrator at Airedale General Hospital, Steeton.

R. A. & M. VOSS
24, Crossbeck Road,
Ilkley.

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Residents to be
consulted over
Green Belt

People living in Wharfedale are being given the chance to help to decide the future of their countryside.

"Changes to the Green Belt in Wharfedale" is the title of a series of exhibitions to be displayed at four venues in the area. They have been produced by Bradford Council's planners who hope people will visit their local exhibition and send in their comments. Amendments may then be made before the new boundaries are formally adopted by the Council.

The exhibitions can be seen at Addingham Memorial Hall and at the Ilkley, Burley and Menston libraries from August 31 for two weeks.

"In the past the Green Belt has been successful in protecting the countryside from urban sprawl, and it has deservedly won the public's respect," said Coun. Smith Midgeley, chairman of Bradford's Planning Sub-Committee. "People have come to expect that Green Belt land will stay open in the long term."

"But the existing boundaries in Wharfedale were drawn up 20 years ago and need to be reviewed with at least the next ten years in mind. We are suggesting adding some areas to the Green Belt and taking others away but in total we want to add more than we lose. Obviously we need to get the boundaries right and any suggestions will be very welcome."

Closing date for people wanting to air their views on the proposed changes is October 12. They should write to the Principal Planner, Directorate of Development Services, Jacobs Well, Bradford BD1 5HW.

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A CHANCE TO AIR VIEWS ON
CHANGES TO GREEN BELT

Local residents now have the chance to help decide the future of their countryside, with the aid of a series of exhibitions in the area for the next two weeks.

"Changes to the Green Belt in Wharfedale" is the title of the exhibitions, which opened at Addingham Memorial Hall and Ilkley, Burley and Menston public libraries on Wednesday.

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has deservedly won the public's respect. People have come to expect that Green Belt land will stay open in the long term.

"But the existing boundaries in Wharfedale were drawn up twenty years ago, and need to be reviewed with at least the next ten years in mind," he went on.

"We are suggesting adding some areas to the Green Belt and taking others away, but in total we want to add more than we lose. Obviously, we need to get the boundaries right, and any suggestions will be welcomed," added Cr. Midgeley.

Closing date for people wanting to air their views on the proposed changes is 12 October, and they should write to the Principal Planner, Directorate of Development Services, Jacobs Well, Bradford, BD1 5HW.

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Lord Of The Manor And His
"High Handed Manner"

100 Years Ago

Ilkley Local Board discussed the recent discovery of the Chalybeate Spring in Hebers Ghyll Wood. Dr. Little told members of the Board that it was important that the public should understand that the water should be drunk at its source. One of the most eminent physicians in the South of France said it contained more carbonic acid than any other spring of its kind in England and therefore it was highly necessary that it should be drunk on the spot.

The Local Board proposed to appoint a sub-committee to consider the best means of protecting the rights of the public on Ilkley Moor. The moor had been open and unrestricted from time immemorial, but the rights of the public were gradually being restricted and people had been stopped from the innocent pursuit of "health and recreation". People had been stopped by the keeper between the Cairn and Keighley Gate, and it was time the public were protected from the high handed manner of the lord of the manor and his subordinate before matters worsened.

75 Years Ago

A party of French firemen on a visit to England were to be welcomed to Ilkley by the Chairman and members of the Council, together with the Fire Brigade under Supt. Middlebrook and Capt Powell who were to form a Guard of Honour. The Military Band had been practising the playing of the "Marsielaise" in their honour. The visitors were to be taken to the Middleton Hotel for tea, and on a tour of the town centre.

The Reference Department was opened at the Free

Library with a collection of about 500 volumes some of them very rare and valuable works. There were encyclopedias, dictionaries, and directories, together with several good books on Yorkshire Topography.

Mr. P. Moisley presented Ilkley Museum with Charles I silver shilling coined in the Mint of the Tower of London about 1636. The coin was found on the Middleton Estate.

50 Years Ago

In a match at Ilkley Cricket Club, billed as "Ilkley v Australia", the Australian Rugby League tourists beat the Ilkley team by two wickets. The match gave Ilkley people a chance to get to know the visitors, and the touring team made friends of everyone present.

At the close of the summer holiday season 1933 there were 203 unemployed persons in Ilkley and Addingham. The hotels and catering establishments were soon to reduce their seasonal staff which would mean more unemployed in the district. There was some domestic work available for women and girls, who were expected to give excellent references regarding character and health. There were openings for cooks, general assistants and kitchen maids, and the wages varied from 12s. 6d. per week to 22s. 6d with board and lodging and uniforms.

Wharfedale was feeling the effects of a long dry summer. The fields had become so parched that no amount of rain could enable them to fully recover before the winter, and cattle had been plagued by flies.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Urban District Council launched "Operation Stray Sheep", the biggest offensive ever carried out against the wandering animals which had done hundreds of pounds worth of damage to local gardens during the Summer months. By 10 a.m. on the first day 115 sheep and lambs had been gathered in from the streets and were impounded in the Wheatley Holmes, where they were grazing contentedly. Workmen from various departments had been sent to search all the streets for stray sheep and unpond them.

Before the official business of Ilkley Council, Council chairman Cr. L. J. Sargeant presented, for the use of the vice-chairman of the Council a badge containing the coat of arms suspended from a blue ribbon. He invested the vice-chairman, Cr. Mrs. Joan Ellicott, with the badge, and Mrs. Ellicott said she was pleased and proud to be the first to wear it.

19 AUG 83 Stepping Stones Replaced In £2,000 Project



The stepping stones across the River Wharfe at Ben Rhydding are in use again after a £2,000 project to replace about five damaged stones.

The last few winters had taken their toll on the stones, causing them to crack and break up, making the river impossible to cross at that point.

West Yorkshire County

Council decided to make use of the recent dry weather when the river was low to replace the damaged stones, and the Area Engineers at Keighley spent about three weeks putting the new concrete blocks into place.

The bright new stones are now solidly in place and, as our picture shows, the stepping stones are being well used once again.

ILKLEY PREPARERS FIGHT TO SAVE HOSPITAL'S CASUALTY DEPARTMENT

28 Sep 83

A concentrated protest against the proposed closure of the Coronation Hospital's casualty department should be made by the Ilkley public, it was unanimously stressed at a meeting in the town.

"We can only give the roar, the people of Ilkley must give the muscle," the chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, E. S. Gardner, told a well attended meeting of councillors and representatives of local organisations.

It was stressed that the Ilkley public should show their strength of feelings by writing individually to the Airedale Health Authority to oppose the planned changes at the hospital.

"To stir the public we must appeal to their feelings and encourage them to write individual letters of protest to the Health Authority," said the parish council's vice-chairman, Cr. Peter A. Williams.

"These need not be lengthy nor is it essential that they go into facts and figures," he said. "What is needed is a genuine expression of the concern felt by the ordinary people of Ilkley at the proposed down-grading of their hospital."

"If they could quote specific instances of the service given by the casualty department that would help," he added.

Efficient Services

He was supported by Mr. R. Battey, chairman of Ilkley Liberal Association, who said it was important that letters of protest were sent by organisations represented at the meeting as well as individuals.

"If we are to get the argument across to members of the Health Authority, we have to show that this service as it stands now is an efficient service which is wanted by the people and is cost economic," he said.

Mr S. Beck, representing Ilkley Civic Society, said: "We fully support the general line that people have been taking to make it known to the Health Authority that the whole public is behind the parish council in keeping the Coronation Hospital."

"We must put forward ideas for improving the hospital and show how we appreciate the work, and we could suggest ways to make the hospital more effective."

Cr. Williams said that factual arguments with the Health Authority must be used to show its case was misconceived, and it was agreed that more facts and figures were needed before the parish council submitted a report to the Authority.

He suggested that since the 'saving' had been largely exposed they should anticipate a shift in ground by the Health Authority to rationalisation.

"It seems the Authority may not yet have got the message that big is not necessarily beautiful," he said. "It would be useful to have such figures based on the cost per day, per patient, or however it could be best broken down for both Airedale and Coronation hospitals. For this we must look to our G.P.'s and respective trade unions," he said.

Doctor Moorhouse, of Coronation Hospital's House Committee, said he was beginning to wonder if the recent meeting at the Clarke-Foley Day Centre had been a waste of time, and suggested they should write to the Airedale Community Health Council to ask if it was "on their side".

Another Meeting

The Community Health Council is holding an extraordinary meeting at Keighley Town Hall on Wednesday evening, at which it will receive recommendations from its special interest groups concerning several proposals, including the closure of the Coronation Hospital's casualty department.

The Health Council says "members of the community with an interest in health matters" are invited to attend the meeting, after which recommendations will be made to Airedale Health Authority.

Mr G. Robinson, the Regional Organiser for COHSE told the Ilkley meeting that he agreed with the remarks made by the representatives there and said there would be a deterioration in the service, which Ilkley could not do without.

"As regards cost, the transfer of patients will exceed in cost the savings which will be made in the initial closure of the casualty department," he said.

Doctor Neasham, of the Rotary Club, said all the people who entered the hospital with injuries which needed an x-ray were dealt with at the Coronation Hospital.

He said nurses at the hospital had been sent to Airedale for training in plaster technique and were expert, but

community nurses had no such training, which would mean all fractures would have to be sent to Airedale Hospital & there would be no facilities in the treatment room. He added that many of the elderly and children would have to continue to attend the fracture clinic at Airedale for the follow-up, which he said would put a strain on the ambulance service at £2.00 a mile.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton said the hospital should be up-graded and used more by local specialists and surgeons, who should see that beds were filled by people living in the area.

Elderly People

Cr. Mrs. Renton, a member of the Good Neighbours committee, said: "We have in Ilkley a lot of elderly people, many living alone and depending on this committee, neighbours and friends, to be their link with the outside world."

"It is this group of people which suffer accidents very often," she said. "It may be scalds, severe cuts, simple fractures or even mild concussion. It is comparatively simple to obtain a lift to our local hospital for speedy treatment in a small and friendly place, but not so simple if the journey has to be made to Airedale."

"Think of the benefits of our small hospital, which was built, remember, by public subscription from the people of Ilkley," she added.

The difficulties in getting to Airedale which many people would experience were stressed by Cr. Mrs. P. Glover. She said those people would include mothers with young children, schoolchildren who would not have time to go to Airedale or Otley, older students missing vital lessons before exams and adults taking time off work.

District Councillor Mrs. B. Cussons said the real need in the area was for elderly patients and figures showed there was going to be a high rise in the needs of elderly people. She said Ilkley had the second highest elderly population in the Bradford district, and it was feared that such things as out-patients, radiotherapy and blood testing would disappear from the Ilkley hospital.

Future of Surgery

Dr. Neasham said that surgery would also suffer. "The consultative document said that no change at the moment was contemplated to surgery but the cases we are taking now would be reduced and the next stage would probably be that the surgeons would not find it worthwhile to come," he said. "Hernias or varicose veins could be on the waiting list a long time at Airedale or Otley whereas now the waiting list at the Coronation was not so long because the serious cases were not done there, and the less serious cases got a fair crack of the whip," he added.

Meanwhile, local M.P. Mr. Gary Waller has angered Ilkley Liberals by stating

that the Health Centre could act as a casualty department.

Liberal chairman Mr. Battey said this week that a member of the local Liberal Association had written to Mr. Waller for his views on the subject, and had been told that, in his opinion, the Health Centre would suffice as a casualty unit.

Mr. Battey said there were three reasons why the centre would not suffice.

"Firstly, there would be a lack of privacy for patients", he said. "Secondly, the present casualty service is provided by nurses who are already on duty 24 hours a day and so it would mean extra staff, and thirdly there would be the matter of cost."

Anyone wishing to write to the Health Authority should address their mail to Mr. Bishop of Airedale General Hospital, or deliver it to the Parish Clerk at Ilkley Town Hall, who will forward it.

LOCAL REACTION TO HEALTH COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO CLOSURE

Local reaction to the Community Health Council's decision on Wednesday to oppose the proposed closure of the Coronation Hospital's casualty department has come from—

Chairman's Tribute

The Chairman of Airedale Community Health Council, Mr. G. R. Vere, paid tribute to local doctors, the parish council and all who had made comments in letters and at public meetings.

"Their determination not to let the Coronation Hospital casualty department close has played a large part in the deliberations of the Community Health Council" he said.

He said he was pleased that their recommendations to Airedale Health Authority would now have the opportunity of enabling the department to remain open so as to provide the high level of service the public of Ilkley had been used to over many years.

He criticised the public relations of the Health Authority for their lack of consultation with all those concerned in the proposed changes. "There would have been a much better understanding of the issues involved if this had taken place," said Mr. Vere.

Uphill Struggle

The chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. E. S. Gardner, said:

"Firstly, I think a vote of thanks is due to our GP's who did a lot of work behind the scenes to produce the ammunition which our MP, Gary Waller, very ably fired. The result was not as good as it might be, since while the allocation of the beds has been clarified so that our GP's have felt able to withdraw their objections, I am not so happy with the outcome as regards the Casualty Dept."

The original motion put to the Council accepted the closure, but this was amended and the amendment was due I am sure, to the pressure brought to bear by all those who have joined in the struggle. The effect of the amended resolution is that a Casualty service will only be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Obviously, this leaves a great deal to be desired, and we must continue to fight to retain the present service. The decision rests with the Airedale Health Authority, and it must be admitted that it is an uphill struggle without the support of the Community Health Council.

Lastly, thanks are due to these councillors, nurses, doctors, union officials and ordinary members of the public who made the journey to Keighley."

GP's Withdrew Opposition

Dr. D. J. Moorhouse, of Ilkley Health Centre said: "On Monday night the Ilkley doctors conferred with members of the Airedale Health Authority, when their case was made clear to us."

"On Tuesday we informed the Community Health Council that we were withdrawing our opposition to the Authority's proposals on the change of use of beds at the Coronation Hospital, as we felt that these proposals might reduce the danger of the whole hospital being closed in the future," he said. "We also informed the C.H.C. of our offer to give up our salary if the casualty department was left in its present form."

"For some reason, on Wednesday, the Community Health Council, which had already decided to support the closure of casualty, changed its mind and agreed to

"This was decided by the relevant A. and E. committee before the public meeting opened — though we are grateful for our M.P.'s support, his speech was made after this decision but before its endorsement by the whole council," he said.

"There are other points resulting from Wednesday night's meeting but these will have to wait," said Dr. Moorhouse.

Fight Goes On

Mr. R. Battey, the chairman of Ilkley Liberal Association, said they were pleased to have the added support of the local M.P., Gary Waller, but felt the fight was far from over.

"The public should bear in mind that the Area Health Authority is not duty bound to stand by the present proposals," he said. "We should now be asking ourselves about the implications of offering a restricted casualty service, and that this would not meet the needs of people who have accidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Ilkley Liberals are now to summarise comments on the 450 Focus leaflets returned from Ilkley people and send the summary to all members and the senior officers of the Area Health Authority, and present the focus leaflets to the District Administrator.

"We are concerned that the last minute change of mind by the Community Health Council seems to indicate that it was not swayed by community feeling and interests but by some last minute discussions behind closed doors," said Mr. Baty.

"We stand by a 24 hour, seven day a week casualty service at the Coronation Hospital," he added. "The fight goes on."

FUTURE OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA "SAVED" LAST YEAR COMES UNDER THREAT AGAIN

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Only a year after residents successfully fought a plan to save a field from industrial development in Ashlands Road, Ilkley the open space used as a play area by children could again be under threat.

A plan to extend part of the existing development in Ashlands Road, which would involve moving the boundary to accommodate it has an-

gered local residents, who claim it would be "the thin end of the wedge" and the start of "a creeping cancer of piecemeal industrial development" on the field. Twelve months ago Ilkley parish councillors, the Civic Society and local youth groups supported opposition to a Bradford Council plan to develop the land, and a meeting was held in the town

individual letters of objection to Bradford Planners. If it is given the go-ahead it will provide a single-storey extension to form office accommodation at the rear of Units two and three, in Ashlands Park, Ashlands Road, and would add 29 square metres to the existing floor space of 325 square metres. The roof would be felt and the walls rendered to match existing blockwork.

SCENES FROM THE 9 SEP 83

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OPERATIC SOCIETY OF 1965 REHEARSE FOR "BLESS THIS BRIDE"



Members of the Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society at one of their first rehearsals for the production of the light opera "Bless the Bride" which they presented in March, 1965.

Although without the obvious box office appeal the Amateur's choice delighted audiences. A musical show in two acts leading roles were played by Mildred Smith, Michael Widdop, Marjorie Gammon, Harold Pickering, Roger Davy, Peter Miller, Sue Ramsden, Albert Hancock, Inex Frodsham and Kathleen Finder.

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WHITE WELLS FOUNTAIN HANDLED OVER

100 Years Ago

The Old White Wells Fountain, erected by the "liberality" of Mr. E. W. Crawley, was officially handed over to the local authority in an interesting ceremony on the slope of the hill underneath the Old White Wells.

Members of the Local Board were in attendance, together with the Chairman, Mr. J. S. Tolson. The fountain was neatly erected in cast iron by Messrs. Macfarlane of Glasgow, on a stone pedestal, the work of Mr. Wm. Dean. The water was obtained in its pure state by inserting an earthen pipe into the old well and running the tin-lined lead pipe into this to prevent a mixture of water from other springs. As its course was up-hill to the mound of trees the syphon principle was resorted to.

Mr. Crawley, handing over the fountain to the Local Board, said that the properties of the water had been known to their forefathers for 300 years, but for the previous seven, owing to the waterworks scheme, the stream had not been drunk in its purity. He hoped many would use the fount and not damage it.

Mr. Tolson expressed great pleasure in accepting the handsome gift, the desire of the giver being that the infirm should not have to climb so high to drink the waters. The water was then turned on by Master Edward Harold Crawley and the water discharged, as clear as crystal and refreshingly cool. Mr. Crawley thereupon opened a case of champagne for all present to toast the event.

Preparations were in hand for the annual Ilkley Feast, for cricket matches including the Tradesmen's match, dancing, stalls in the streets and hobby horses, and a shooting gallery.

A "Floral Fancy Fair" in the Congregational Lecture Hall, which lasted from Tuesday to Friday evening, involved a great deal of preparation by hard workers of the congregation, led by the lady secretaries, Miss Barker of Scatcliffe and Miss Dale of Claremont. The hall had been decorated by Messrs. Christopher Pratt and Sons of Bradford, and Mr. T. Horsman of Ilkley, who filled the hall with trees, plants and flowers of infinite variety.

Amusements at the fair in addition to a huge variety of stalls included Punch and Judy, Clarence's Living Marionettes, Romber's Toy Symphony performed by the organist and members of the church, readings and dialogues, and the children sang and performed nursery rhymes. The fair made a profit of £1,130 towards defraying the debt on the Lecture Hall Building.

The Misses and Masters Press gave an hour's readings and songs at the Ilkley Hospital for the entertainment of patients.

75 Years Ago

Mr. Bransby Williams, well-known impersonator of Dickens' characters, appeared at Ilkley Town Hall, assisted by Miss Hannah Wood (vocalist), Miss Marie Peacock (violinist) and Mr. W. Ball (pianist). Mr. Williams imitated a number of well-known actors very cleverly, as well as reciting poems and stories and rendering his famous character sketches of Macawber, Uriah Heap, and Daniel Peggotty from David Copperfield.

Three thousand excursionists from Newcastle and district invaded Ilkley in four well-laden special trains. Unfortunately they had a cold, cloudy day, but many spent the day rambling on the moors and gathered bunches of heather to take back with them. Other went onto Bolton Abbey, either by train or wagonette. Some attended the afternoon band performance in the Town Hall, all had a pleasant day and Ilkley traders and caterers and licensed victuallers all benefited greatly from the excursion.

Journalists from the Leeds district also visited Ilkley for a day, and were met by two Ilkley newsmen, Mr. J. W. Walker and Mr. Harry Hanson. Mr. Walker acted as guide and took the party through Hebers Ghyll and across the moor to Keighley Gate. Most members of the party drank from the Chalybeate spring and then met the moor ranger at Silverwell Cottage, by arrangement, where Mr. Gill, the ranger, showed them his fine collection of flints and fossils and took them to examine the nearby cup and ring

They made their way back into Ilkley by White Wells and Mill Ghyll, and had dinner at the Rose and Crown Hotel. Mr. Sidney Kellett showed them all there was to see at Middleton Lodge and vicinity, and then the journalists had an excellent tea at the Crescent Hotel.

A deputation of forty principal residents of Ilkley attended a District Council meeting called specially to consider the matter of quarrying on the moor for the purpose of presenting a petition and protesting against the continuance of the working. The building and allied trades were also represented by a deputation to plead for the industrial interests of the community. The council merely listened to both points of view and agreed to settle the matter at the end of September 1908. It seemed pretty certain that Hangingstones quarry would be closed, and the only closures in doubt were those on less exposed parts of the moor.

A sale of Myddleton estate land was held at the Middleton Hotel. The lot comprised 144 acres of arable and pasture land and farm buildings, together with twenty building plots comprising part of the township of Myddleton-on-Wharfe owned by the Wharfedale (Ilkley) Estate Co. There was a good attendance but no competition. There was no offer for the 144 acres as an entire lot, and then when split into four lots there was an offer of £25 an acre, but at £45 an acre it was withdrawn. Offers of 6d., 10d., and 1s. per yard were made for the building lots, but these too had to be withdrawn.

50 Years Ago

Ilkley Urban District Council announced that the last installment on an original loan of £56,066 for the purchase of Ilkley Gas Works in 1893 had been paid, and that during the 40 years £36,000 had been paid from the Gas Undertaking to the relief of the rates.

Mr. W. Dobson, Chairman of the Waterworks Committee, also said that the water supply in Ilkley was still in a sound position despite a prolonged drought which had set up a very serious state of affairs in many parts of the country. He warmly congratulated Mr. A. Skinner, the Engineer, and his staff for their efforts in this respect.

The water situation at Askwith, however, was far more serious and villages were having to draw water for domestic use and farm stock from the two becks which ran at each end of the village.

Alfred Rust, St. Margaret's Terrace, Ilkley, who had for two years been the attendant at the Ben Rhydding Toll Bridge, was knocked down by a car near the bridge and received such severe head injuries that he later died in Coronation Hospital.

Messrs. Baldwin and Oakley advertised houses for sale on the Boiling Road Estate, Ilkley, from £650 to £1,100—all architect designed and of attractive appearance, with lovely views on all sides.

An interesting suggestion that Ilkley Feast Wednesday should be observed a general half-holiday, and that all shops should be closed on that day at 12 noon, was put forward at a meeting of Ilkley Chamber of Trade by Mr. E. I. Clarkson. He advocated that the town should have a wider spirit of Carnival on the day of the Black Hats and White Hats Cricket Match. He told his fellow members that "Ilkley wants livening up and glossing up a bit. It is dead enough now, and anything to encourage people to come here would be worthwhile." He expressed the hope that it might develop into proper carnival week with a Carnival Queen and procession as in so many other towns.

In the interest of brightening up the town, Mr. Clarkson asked shopkeepers to put a few little coloured lights in their windows to support the Council's illuminations.

A persistent rumour in the town that bathers in the river had been affected by diseases caused by stagnant water was denied by Dr. H. T. Bates, Medical Officer of Health, who said he himself had bathed in the river every day since May, and the water was unpolluted spring water. There had been an outbreak of summer enteritis, but the majority of the sufferers had not been bathing in the river.

25 Years Ago

There was a record entry of about 230 for the various gymkhana events and equitation classes at the eighth annual open Ilkley Gymkhana, held in the Wheatley Holmes, Ben Rhydding. Mrs. W. D. Green, president of the Ilkley branch of the British Horse Society Pony Club, presented the prizes to the winners, and Mrs. D. W. Lightband, District Commissioner of Ilkley Pony Club, thanked the chief steward, Mr. J. Mitchell of Weston Grange, and his helpers, for making the day a success.

The thirteenth season of the Concert Club recitals opened brilliantly before a capacity audience in the King's Hall with a pianoforte solo recital given by Miss Gina Bachauer, an exponent of the "grand style".

The dance season started in Ilkley with a Round Table Dance in the King's Hall and Annexe, with non-stop dancing to two bands—one catering for Old Tyme and Modern Sequence and the other Modern Dancing, tickets 3/6d. in aid of local charities. The Ilkley Old Time Dance Club opened their 13th season in the Lecture Hall, Ilkley, tickets 2/6d. and the 50/50 dance club for members offered old time and modern dancing on Saturdays in the Kings Hall and Annexe. Askwith Young Farmers had a Grand Dance to the Westonsaires Band at the Askwith Social Hall, tickets 2/6d. Dorothy Braybrooke's School of Dancing had classes from babies to senior ballet in the Assembly Hall, Wells Road, 10 lessons costing £1 15s.

B.B.C. television made a feature out of the straying sheep from Ilkley Moor in their programme "Tonight". Miss Polly Elwes interviewed residents and farmers, and introduced the viewers to Ilkley, describing the town as rather a "posh place". Amongst others she spoke to Mrs. Wallbank, wife of the Grammar School headmaster, Mr. C. Oliver, Springs Road Nursery Gardens, Cr. John Hardy, and Mrs. M. Hall, Burley Woodhead, Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen Highfield Farm, Ben Rhydding and Mr. Leslie Middlemass, Chairman of the local branch of the N.F.U., who thought the farmers had a very good case.

A large audience of members and friends attended the opening meeting of the Wharfedale Naturalists' winter session—a talk entitled "Wildlife in colour," by Mr. K. Scott Kilner of Wakefield.

Retiring after 48 years as a railway employee, Mr. Arthur Harland, who started work in Armley signal box, worked as a guard and porter from Ben Rhydding, and for 16 years had been Ilkley railway station's foreman. He remembered the days when Ilkley people were able to travel to Scotland and London without changing trains in the summer months.

UNEXPLODED BOMB FOUND ON DENTON MOOR

A person who found an unexploded mortar bomb on Denton Moor, above Ilkley, loaded it into his car boot and drove down to the town's Police Station with it. An Army Bomb Disposal Squad which arrived to investigate decided the bomb was in too dangerous a condition to move and exploded it behind the Police Station on Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Bomb Disposal team, from 11 Ordnance Battalion at Catterick, said the two inch mortar bomb packed with high explosive, was already rusted and the fuse was crushed and badly corroded. It was a relic from the second world war and could have been highly dangerous.

They surrounded it with about 40 sandbags and exploded it safely.

The spokesman warned that anyone finding anything suspicious should leave it where it was, mark the position and inform the Police immediately.

"This person was at great risk when he moved it in the boot of his car and the Police were at great personal risk when he handed it over to the counter," he said.

The Bomb Disposal Squad was available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "We would rather be called out to what turns out to be a false alarm than to a hole in the ground," he added.

Lord Mayor visits Red Cross Group at Ilkley Centre

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The Lord Mayor of Bradford Cr. Norman Free, and the Lady Mayoress visited the Nell Bank Centre at Ilkley on Sunday to meet members of Shipley Red Cross Youth Group, and hand-

staying there. The party of twenty-nine, which included several adult visitors to Nell Bank, and during their stay several team helpers were using the centre to give the fit youngsters the chance for practical training in helping the less fortunate and there was a "face

pervised by nurses. It was the group's third visit to Nell Bank, and during their stay several team helpers were using the centre to give the fit youngsters the chance for practical training in helping the less fortunate and there was a "face

a treasure hunt and a camp-fire. Members of the group are pictured with the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and some of the handicapped youngsters.

ILKLEY PETITIONERS WIN FIRST ROUND IN FIGHT TO SAVE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT

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Ilkley petitioners have won the first round in the fight to save the Casualty Department of Ilkley Coronation Hospital. At the last moment they won the support of the Airedale Community Health Council, which has agreed to oppose the Airedale Health Authority's proposals to axe the services at Ilkley.

Whilst so far winning the fight to save the Casualty Department, Ilkley has not won the support of the Community Council to oppose the change of use of beds at the Coronation Hospital.

The Community Health Council at a meeting at Keighley on Wednesday night changed its recommendation from "reluctantly agreeing" with the proposals to one of opposition after amendments were put forward.

The next move comes on 20 October, when the Airedale Health Authority meets to decide on the proposals which have stirred opposition in the district since they were announced in June.

Mounting Opposition

Since the proposals were first announced there has been mounting opposition with Ilkley and Addingham Liberals joining the fight and with over twenty local organisations adding their weight behind Ilkley Parish Council's campaign.

General Practitioners at Ilkley, Addingham and Bury, on the staff of Ilkley Coronation Hospital, stated earlier this week that they realised the only possible logical financial reason for closing the hospital's Casualty Department was to save the cost of their services, some £2,730 per year.

In a signed statement the doctors declared "we therefore offer to continue to run this service without payment as was done for the first thirty years of the National Health Service.

The Community Health Council agreed with the proposals for the change of use of beds at the Coronation Hospital and at Raikwood Hospital and Skipton General Hospital.

At Wednesday's meeting local MP Mr. Garry Waller said the way in which this consultation exercise had been conducted so far had not necessarily appeared to be the most appropriate way of minimising confusion and of maximising the clarity of the facts. The Community Health Council should ideally be a means of bringing together all those who are concerned, whether they be providers or users of the services. It was not the fault of the Community Health Council that this ideal had not been wholly achieved. People had rightly said that no-one was available who could answer their questions.

"One does, however, appreciate the difficulty in which the Authority has been placed, bearing in mind that it is the Community Health Council which has the statutory responsibility for representing the public interest to the Authority," said Mr. Waller.

Fears Allayed

People feared, for entirely natural reasons, that the plans represented the thin end of the wedge, and that the ultimate intention of the Authority was to close the hospital altogether. This was the first issue he raised when he met the chairman and officers recently, when he also toured the hospital, and he was able to pass on to those who had raised this point the fact that he believed this was in no way the intention of the Authority, which was indeed anxious to safeguard the future of the Coronation Hospital as far as possible.

"I am glad it is now accepted that the most recent proposals which the Authority has put forward to increase the occupancy of beds will make the hospital more useful than ever, and will enhance its future viability, bearing in mind that, as a small hospital, it is under-

which can threaten it most", said Mr. Waller.

"Had this been established earlier, it would have enabled us to concentrate entirely on the matter of the proposed closure of the casualty unit, which, to judge by my post-bag, is the main anxiety expressed by Ilkley residents."

Mr. Waller went on to raise the following questions concerning the casualty department.

1. Is it not clear that the saving which would in practice be made is in fact considerably smaller than claimed, and that many costs would simply be transferred, with no saving to the taxpayer, or improvement in service?

2. Is it not accepted that the present arrangements work well, and that relatively major casualties are very satisfactorily and efficiently dealt with at the hospital, only a proportion of which would be handled by the Health Centre? If this is indeed the case, then a significant number of injuries would have to be transferred to Airedale, involving inconvenience and possibly risk to patients, and nullifying some of the claimed savings. People left in doubt would, in any event, seek help, probably by ambulance, from Airedale, which is several miles away, and their sense of security would be far less than at present.

Not Clear

3. Is it not regrettable that the Consultation Document fails to make it clear that the casualty department is a seven days a week, 24 hour a day service, whereas the proposed alternative would be limited to 53 hours per week? Accidents can happen at any time, including weekends.

4. Are the facilities at the Health Centre not quite inappropriate at present for the purpose to which it is proposed they be put, bearing in mind the relative lack of privacy and the fact that they are used at present by other sectors of the service, such as family planning? At the least, would not a considerable sum of money have to be devoted to conversion?

The Authority states that the aim of these proposals is not to reduce overall expenditure, but to ensure the best possible value for money. I accept fully that they have been put forward with good intent by people who are genuinely concerned about the welfare of patients and of the public, and who also have a responsibility to achieve good use of the public's money.

"When the Airedale District Health Authority again considers its approach in the light of the representations of those who come in closest contact with the patients, as well as the views of the general public, who may in the past have welcomed the timely help of the dedicated staff, or may one day do so, I hope it will decide not only that the bed occupancy can be improved by a sensitive and co-operative approach by all those involved, but also by all those involved, but also that the closure of the casualty department would result in a service which would be neither more cost-effective nor better able to meet people's needs, but would do damage which would be out of all proportion to an possible, and very limited savings, in an increasing, and increasingly elderly, population. If that does happen, then this exercise will have been worthwhile, in that it will have made people think about the value they

place, or should place, in a facility of this kind, a value which can not be measured in pounds and pence alone," said Mr. Waller.

Reasons For Closure

The Authority, in giving its reasons for the proposals, said the casualty department at Ilkley was used by an average of only twelve patients a day, it treated only very minor injuries and cost £16,400 in 1981.

Medical staffing was provided by General Practitioners, and the adjacent Health Centre already had a treatment room which could be used by the G.P.s to treat the type of minor injuries now dealt with at the Coronation Hospital.

Patients suffering from injuries or conditions of a kind a GP would not feel it appropriate to treat already had to be referred to the Accident and Emergency Department at Airedale General Hospital, Steeton, about nine miles away.

In the light of the small use being made of the service provided by the casualty department of an alternative service, the Authority felt staff resources and funding would be more appropriately used to improve the level of services in the remainder of the hospital.

The Authority also proposes making greater use of the beds at the hospital by making seven available for pre-convalescent patients and patients awaiting places in residential homes. This would also relieve pressure on orthopaedic beds at Airedale Hospital by enabling patients not needing such specialist facilities to be transferred to Ilkley.

There are 28 beds at the Coronation Hospital, with an average of seven a day used by Consultant Surgeons and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeons. For each of the last five years the average occupancy has not exceeded 18 beds, and as no significant changes are envisaged the Authority feels seven could be released for the new use without detracting from the rest of the service.

The authority stresses that there is no intention of closing the operating theatre or other facilities, and that no staff would become redundant or required to change their place of work if the changes go ahead.

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ILKLEY FEAST WEEK

100 Years Ago

A large number of people travelled by train to spend the Sunday of Feast week in Ilkley. On Monday an excursion train ran to Scarborough there was a cricket match at home between Ilkley and Beeston Manor, dancing in the Assembly Rooms in the evening, and all the fun of the fair behind the Wheat-sheaf Hotel. On Wednesday the annual Sheep Fair was held behind the Station Hotel and good business was transacted. At the same time horse races took place in the town, with local residents riding their own "chargers".

Thursday was the day of the tradesmen's cricket match, with two teams playing with 26 players on each side. Wearing red and white rosettes they revived the War of the Roses, which finished amicably enough with a dinner at the Crescent Hotel. The victors were the White Rose of York team, finishing the match with lanterns and naphtha lamps with both teams peering anxiously around for the ball! "This match brought the feast to its conclusion and Ilkley resumed its normal sober attitude."

J. L. Walker, tinner and furnishing ironmonger, Church Street, Ilkley advertised "Bath lent out on hire."

75 Years Ago

Ilkley's Feast Wednesday saw the 27th annual tradesman's cricket match between the Black Hats and White Hats teams.

There was very little serious cricket, and the old custom of "tomfoolery and frivolity" was the theme for the afternoon's entertainment. The Ilkley Brass Band played throughout the proceedings, and a photograph of the two teams was taken during the interval. The prizes did not tempt many to adopt fancy dress or comic costume. Mr. G. H. Hampshire presided over the dinner which followed at the Listers Arms Hotel, and 80 tradesmen enjoyed an "excellent repast" provided by Mrs. Brumfitt.

Behind the Wheat-sheaf Hotel during feast week, there was a collection of roundabouts, shows and swings. There was a mild sensation when a lion attacked his negro tamer, making a dash at him and injuring his hand. The injury needed surgical treatment. There was a dance at the Wharnciff Restaurant on the Saturday evening, and the Ilkley Brass Band gave a concert at the Band Kiosk in West View Park. There were two excursions from the town on Monday to Scarborough and on Wednesday to Black-

50 Years Ago

When he first worked in Ilkley he had been employed by Mr. Ramsden at the Midland Hotel who had a large fleet of cabs and wagonettes and then went on to Wells House Stables before starting on his own in 1905. Mr. Garnett told the "Gazette" that he had enjoyed each day of every year he had spent in the town, Ilkley having proved to be an ideal town in which to settle, and a "nature lover's paradise". Forty years earlier there had been at least forty cabs in Ilkley in addition to wagonettes and charabancs.

Hundreds of people lined the streets of Ilkley to see the procession move down to the cricket ground for the revival of the Black Hats versus the White Hats cricket match. Entries for the fancy dress parade were numerous and they all merited the most careful attention of Messrs. W. Hudson and A. H. Agar, the two judges. The two cricket teams were captained by Mr. A. Hodgson and Miss Margaret Moisiey. The cup which was presented by Mr. E. Waddlove was won by the ladies who scored 99 runs against 70. The match was followed in the evening by a carnival ball and whist drive in the Winter Gardens.

25 Years Ago

In a drive to clean and tidy up Addingham, several members of the Parish Council met at the Memorial Hall Park to consider what could be done to make the park pleasant again.

Councillors suggested that trees in the village be cut back, new litter bins provided, paths repaired and application be made to the Yorkshire Playing Fields Association for a grant for equipment for the children's play area.

Nearly 100 people attended a recital of records from the newly formed Record Library presented by the Ilkley Gramophone Society in the Public Library. The recital was arranged to inaugurate the new Record Library and was officially opened by Mrs. J. L. Ellicott, Vice-Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Library and Museums Committee, who spoke of the great value of such a fine collection in the district.

Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club opened the season with a glut of points, 63 against R.A.F. Dishforth, 6 points. Ian Till and Watson each scored three tries, and Clapham and Butlin two each. Eight tries were converted by P. Atkinson and one by Gaunt.

Ilkley's last "Cabby" retired in 1933, when Mr. William Garnett, of Nelson Road,

FAMILY FIRM PROVIDES EXTRA DIMENSION TO SHOPPING

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Tomorrow (Saturday) will see the realisation of a family firm's latest stage of development, when - with the help of the Dulux dog - a new extension will be opened at the Ilkley premises of W. B. Dale and Sons.

NEW LIBRARY OPENS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN AT ILKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL 16 SEP 83

A new library for the younger children at St. Mary's R.C. Primary School, in Valley Drive, Ilkley, has been opened by Schools Librarian Mr. John Ling.

The library - the result of work by parents and staff at the school - along with Mr.

Ling and the Schools Library Service - is housed in the school's 'quiet area'.

All the books, stored in specially built hand-made pine units provided by the Friends of St. Mary's School Association, have been coded to enable even the youngest

children to select books of an appropriate nature.

It is the third new library in three years to be provided for the school by the Friends Association, and during the opening last Friday many parents visited it and viewed the facilities for themselves.

Pictured (left to right) in the new library are: Seated - Samantha Harding, Emma Reilly, Joseph McTigue and Louise Bateson. Standing - Peter Falloon, Jonathon Henry, Stephen Hall and Fiona Little, one of the school librarians.



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ANGRY RESIDENTS PREPARE TO FIGHT GREEN BELT PROPOSAL AS NEW PLANS GO ON DISPLAY

Bradford Council's proposed changes to the Green Belt area went on display this week, and created immediate opposition.

One of the proposals — to remove the Ben Rhydding Drive area from Ilkley's Green Belt — has angered a local group of residents, who plan to canvass support for their objections.

In the exhibition, at Ilkley Library, the council stated that the Green Belt had already been breached along Ben Rhydding Drive, so the area should be removed from the Belt. "The open land between Ben Rhydding Drive and Wheatley Grove does not perform a Green Belt function and should therefore also be taken out," it added.

The Ben Rhydding Drive Frontages' Association, which was formed several years ago to maintain that area, thinks differently.

Open Character

The chairman, Mr. Martin Smith, said: "The Association has made tenacious efforts over recent years to preserve the open character of Ben Rhydding Drive, both for the residents and the many people in Ben Rhydding who appreciate this natural, open aspect.

"The prospect of around 150 houses crammed into the area is appalling," he said. "The Association has already placed a holding objection and asked Bradford Council to provide further information with respect to access, housing density and ancillary services.

"The Association fear is that the amendments to the Green Belt policy will be forced through by the 'back door' rather than following the statutory right to public inquiry," he added.

"It is our intention to actively canvass support and to provide the strongest objections to the proposed changes," Mr. Smith concluded.

Other Proposals

The council's other proposed alterations to the boundary are concentrated on the Coppy Wood, Owlter Park and Countances Way areas, and open land by the riverside.

"Recent house building near Coppy Wood has extended the built-up area up the hillside and we think it has now reached the limit," said the council. "We also feel the steep slopes near the monastery should be protected, and we have included the Owlter Park area as Green Belt to prevent the westward spread of development, reinforcing the Green Belt between Ilkley and Addingham.

"The open land along the river banks is part of the character of Ilkley and adding this area to the Green Belt would help to preserve that character," they said.

About the eastern area of the town, the council said: "The built-up area has already extended eastwards above the railway. We propose to continue the boundary down the slope to Countances Way. The proposed boundary identifies a change in the physical form of the land."

A detailed map outlining the proposals was on display

at the library, and leaflets on which the public could add their comments and suggestions were available.

The deadline for comments is 12 October, and they should be sent to the Directorate of Development Services, Principal Planner, Jacobs Well, Bradford.

"In putting forward our detailed proposals we tried to achieve consistency throughout Wharfedale and with the rest of the Bradford district," the council said this week. "But there are no hard and fast rules for drawing a boundary 'on the ground'."

"We had regard to the character of each settlement and its setting and tried to assess the 'true countryside' as opposed to open land within or on the fringes of settlements. We also tried where possible to draw the boundary along a physical feature so that it could be easily recognised.

Comments Wanted

"We think our ideas are about right, but there may be more than one way of doing this—which is why we want the public's comments," said the council.

"We will look at any alternatives and be guided by any strong public feelings which emerge, but it must be recognised that there may be conflicting interests which the council will have to balance one against another. Only then will a new Green Belt boundary become council policy," they said.

"We are preparing a number of plans, known as 'Local Plans,' to guide development and change over the next five to ten years," a council spokesman said. "The plans do not cover all of Bradford District because we are concentrating on those areas where change is most likely. Wharfedale will, and should, remain largely unchanged and therefore no local plan is at present being prepared," he said.

"The Green Belt is being revised as part of each local plan. In Wharfedale, this exercise will form part of a Green Belt Subject Plan, eventually to be taken over by the County Council," he added.

FRIENDS OF
MANOR HOUSE

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Full house for lecture on "Old Ilkley"

The friends of the Manor House of Ilkley opened their winter programme with an exhilarating lecture on "Old Ilkley" by Dr. Mike Dixon to a full house.

The piecemeal disappearance of the rustic, muddy, insignificant village of Ilkley which survived up to the beginning of the nineteenth century, and its gradual transformation into an elegant Victorian town was ably and entertainingly demonstrated from a fascinating selection of slides. Water and its qualities, real or illusory, played a significant part in the metamorphosis.

First came nostalgic views of the picturesque eighteenth century village of Ilkley in its Wharfedale setting with its thatched cottages at the top of what is now Brook Street and along Skipton Road and Green Lane, The Grove. The stream which powered the corn mills in Mill Ghyll, also served as an insanitary open sewer, which presented a health hazard as it flowed into the River Wharfe. Later the brook was culverted, the footbridge and clapper-type bridge disappeared, Victorian shops were built on either side and Brook Street was born. As elsewhere sanitation played its part in Ilkley's transformation.

On a different plane water was to play an even more significant role. The therapeutic qualities of Ilkley's waters for internal and external healing, were to be advertised and sold on the grand scale. The foundation for this development already existed in Ilkley's pure springs and wells, some of which were mineral bearing such as the iron-giving Hebers Ghyll and Canker Well. However, the real inspiration for the later expansion of hydro-therapy in Ilkley may have come from White Wells on Ilkley Moor with its pure, cold sparkling water or Spaw Well.

The first bath-house dated from about 1700 and was developed by Squire Middleton in the mid-eighteenth century. Regular pilgrimages to the cold plunges continued throughout the nineteenth century when visitors were frequently transported uphill by donkey.

The great boom in the development of hydro-therapeutic establishments and their growing popularity followed the opening of the Ben Rhydding (formerly Wheatley) Hydro in 1844, the largest hydro-therapeutic hotel in Europe. There Hamer Stans-

field offered a wide range of cold water cures based on the German Priessnitz system as practised in Grazenberg. Dr. McCloud, the physician, prescribed douches, cold baths (later Turkish baths) Sitz baths, cold compresses and air baths combined with regular exercise and a supposedly sensible diet, to patients according to diagnostic need. These "Kill or cure" systems were popularised at the growing number of hydro-therapeutic establishments which mushroomed in Ilkley particularly after the opening of the railway in 1865. These included Wells House, Craiglands, the Troutbeck, Stoney Lea and the Spa Buildings to mention but a few.

By the end of the nineteenth century Ilkley had become a residential retreat, a popular tourist resort and a famous "Spa" town much of which success had been achieved by the assiduous and continued promotion of water.

Mrs. Palmer, the hon. secretary, introduced and thanked Dr. Dixon for an enthralling evening.

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YORKSLIDE

ARTISTS AT ILKLEY

One of Britain's most popular artists, David Shepherd will be exhibiting three of his paintings in this year's Yorkshire Artists' Exhibition which opens in the Winter Gardens at Ilkley tomorrow (Saturday).

There will be over two hundred artists showing about 1,300 paintings including many by the top names in Yorkshire art. Paramount amongst these will be Yorkshire's most famous artist and television personality Ashley Jackson. There will also be work on show by J. Barrie Haste — Yorkshire's finest pure water colour artist — Jack Rigg Yorkshire's marine artist — David Denison from Burley who is said to be recognised as the second in the world to Salvador Dali in surrealism. There will be exhibits from Barry Charles whose watercolours adorn The Yorkshire Life and Joe Scarborough whose work fetches astronomical prices on the West Coast of America.

Other top Yorkshire artists exhibiting in the four day event will include Diane Rosemary Lodge, Barrington Bramley, Terry Logan, Marcia Tyler and Jack Prior. There is so much interest in this show that it looks like breaking all records even though 32,000 people attended last year's exhibition.

ILKLEY COLLEGE

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83 IN DOUBT

Ilkley College could face closure and sale as Bradford Metropolitan Council prepares to cut its education budget by up to £13 million next year.

A working party is being set up to study the future of the Ilkley Campus which is part of the recently merged Bradford and Ilkley Community College, and it is understood its closure is one of the possibilities being considered.

If the Ilkley Campus did close it could save about £500,000, but there would then be fears for the jobs of 160 staff and the problem of re-location of the 500 students who use the campus.

Bradford education officials have admitted the possibility of closing the college at Ilkley is being investigated, but have stressed that any redundancies necessary could be done by voluntary early retirement, natural wastage and redeployment.

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ARCHITECTURE OF ADDINGHAM SHOWN ON SLIDES

Mr. Malcolm Birdsall, of Addingham, gave an illustrated talk to members of the village's Civic Society about architectural details in the village from the 17th to 19th centuries.

Using slides, Mr. Birdsall featured windows, doorways, fireplaces and staircases, which were of great local interest.

Noteable windows included those at St. Peter's Church, the 17th century Fir Cottage in Church Street, Reynard's Ing, Lumb Ghyll House, High House and at some houses in Main Street.

He said doorways of interest could be found at the Old School, Fir Cottage, the Manor House, the Rectory barn, Farfield House and Addingham Moorside farms.

Slides were shown of various fireplaces and roof tresses, and some miscellaneous slides ended a talk which was much appreciated by members.

During a business meeting, a photographic competition, proposed changes to the Green Belt boundaries and a beck clean-up were discussed.

MAJOR ALTERATIONS

AT ILKLEY

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NEW RAIL SCHEME SET TO COME INTO OPERATION AS IMPROVEMENTS ARE COMPLETED

Work on a project to improve train services at Ilkley and at the same time reduce costs is being completed and the new scheme comes into operation on Monday.

The British Rail programme involved a reduction in the number of platforms at Ilkley Station, the introduction of colour light signals and alterations to the track layout and equipment.

By replacing the old semaphore signals with a modern colour light system and altering the track on the approaches to the station, British Rail says it will be able to run the trains more efficiently and reliably.

Platforms 3 and 4 were taken out of use on Sunday, and British Rail says this will mean a reduction in maintenance costs at Ilkley.

Opened In 1888

The platform opened to passenger traffic on 16 May 1888, with trains running as far as Bolton Abbey until Monday, 1 October of the same year, when the line was opened to Skipton

Platform 4 ceased to be used by passengers from 22 March 1965, on the closure of the Skipton line, but continued to be used as a siding.

Planning permission has already been secured for a car park on the site of the two platforms, which will form part of the proposed Shop and Store development at the top of Brook Street.

Detailed plans for the car park are yet to be drawn up. Platform 2, which had been used for departures only, since layout alterations in 1888, is now taking arrivals, and the first train to arrive at the platform was on Monday.

"The Ilkley project is a classic example of investment on a relatively minor scale producing benefits for both customer and operator alike," said a spokesman for British Rail.

The old points have been removed and new ones fitted signals and three subsidiary

and new types of clamp lock more efficient than the last, are being installed.

The new light signals will come into operation on Monday to replace the old semaphore system.

A 44-lever frame in Ilkley signal box is to be dispensed with on Sunday and a modern signalling panel installed.

Thirty-six of the levers were working before the closure of the engine shed in 1959, and nineteen were working up to the end of last week. Only three were left in operation this week all trains had to be hand signalled.

With the new system, nine switches will work four points, five colour-light main

signals, and telephones to the signal box will be provided at all main signals. Tracks will indicate the position of all trains in the station area.

The only semaphore signals remaining on the Ilkley line will be those worked from Burley station signal box and Apperley Junction.

Several changes to passenger train times on the Ilkley line will come into effect from 3 October.

Alternative

The 1820 and 1950 trains from Bradford to Ilkley and the 1900 from Ilkley to Bradford (Forster Square) will be discontinued, because of the low use of the services, say British Rail.

An additional train, to fill what B.R. says is a gap in the time-table will be the 1927 train from Leeds to Ilkley, arriving at 1955.

The 0828 train from Ilkley to Bradford will be re-timed to depart at 0820 arriving at Bradford at 0853.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF DEDICATED COUNCILLOR

Leaders of the County Council, City and Town councils on Friday afternoon attended the funeral service of County Councillor Harry V. Haddrill, who collapsed and died in Wakefield. 23 SEP 83

City Councillor Harry V. Haddrill, 68, of Grange Avenue, Ben Rhydding collapsed at County Hall the previous Sunday after returning from the Chairman's Civic Service. He was rushed to Pinderfields Hospital but was found to be dead on arrival.

On Friday civic dignitaries, former Council leaders and past and present council officials joined relatives and friends for the service in St John's Church, Ben Rhydding. They included the Chairman of the County Council, Cr William Sykes, the Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayoress of Bradford, Cr and Mrs Ernest Saville and the Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr E. S. Gardner.

Before a full church the Rev Michael Savage said Cr Haddrill had been held in high esteem and affection by so many. He had won the hearts of so many many of whom present that day represented the many interests and activities with which Cr Haddrill had been associated

besides his service to the community Cr. Haddrill had been involved with the world of scouting.

In the political world he had worked for many years on the old West Riding County Council and had become an Alderman. He continued his work as a member of the West Yorkshire County Council with the special distinction of being chairman during the Queen's Jubilee Year.

City Cr. Haddrill had increased his activity since his retirement. This was all the more remarkable because he was not a native of these parts but was loved, accepted and welcomed and rose to high office on the County Council, said the Rev Savage.

DECISION AWAITED ON HOSPITAL PLAN AS DEADLINE IS REACHED

The consultation period during which the public could state their views on the Airedale Health Authority's proposed closure of Ilkley Coronation Hospital's casualty department ended today (Friday).

The Health Authority will now consider the many views and suggestions received before making a decision, possibly at its next meeting on 20 October.

The fight against the threatened closure has continued right to the deadline, with Ilkley Liberals sending letters to each member of the Health Authority outlining the results of its 'Focus' newsletter, distributed to most homes in Ilkley.

The 'Focus' returns, which have been sent to District Administrator Mr. Bishop, represented 422 Ilkley residents.

Of those, 165 gave general or composite reasons supporting the 'Focus', and 96 said they had personal experience of the casualty service.

Too Difficult

Eighty residents thought that access to Airedale Hospital was too difficult, many of them senior citizens with no car or readily available transport.

Fifty-three said they had personal experience of the general hospital service, as opposed to casualty, and 28 had no special comment supporting the 'Focus' case.

Ilkley Liberals' analysis of the 'Focus' suggested there was strong support for retention of the casualty service, and quoted several comments received.

The Deputy Head of Ilkley Grammar School had said pupils were sent to the hospital once or twice a week for minor injuries when the nature of the injury was not clear and more than simple first aid was required, and the matron of Glen Rosa home for the aged said they needed the facility and the help the hospital had always given.

A local farmer had commented that they had used the casualty department for minor injuries and found it invaluable to have such facilities locally.

Strong Opposition

There has been strong opposition to the proposals from doctors and nurses, Ilkley Parish Council and members of the public since they were announced in June, and the Airedale Community Health Council — in a last minute change of mind — agreed to add their support to the fight.

Over twenty local organisations also added their weight to the campaign.

Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. E. S. Gardner presenting the Council's case to the Health Authority pointed out that Ilkley at the last census had 2,333 people over the age of 65 and it was those people who were most at risk, who were most in need of the present service and who all too frequently required transport

to the hospital. If they had to go to Airedale the increased demands on the ambulance service would make nonsense of the insignificant saving achieved by closing the casualty department.

It had been implied that only cuts and bruises were treated at the casualty department. This was not so, stated, Cr Gardner. Five hundred fractures were dealt with representing nearly all fractures in the area in addition to burns, sprains, etc. Less than two per cent were referred elsewhere.

Summing up Cr Gardner said no evidence had been produced to prove that there was any economy achieved by those proposals. On the contrary, all the evidence was that the most efficient use of the available resources, from the point of view of the NHS as a whole, was to leave well alone and leave the casualty department as it was.

The Authority in giving its reasons for the proposals, said the casualty department was used by an average of only twelve patients a day, treated only very minor injuries and cost £16,400 in 1981.

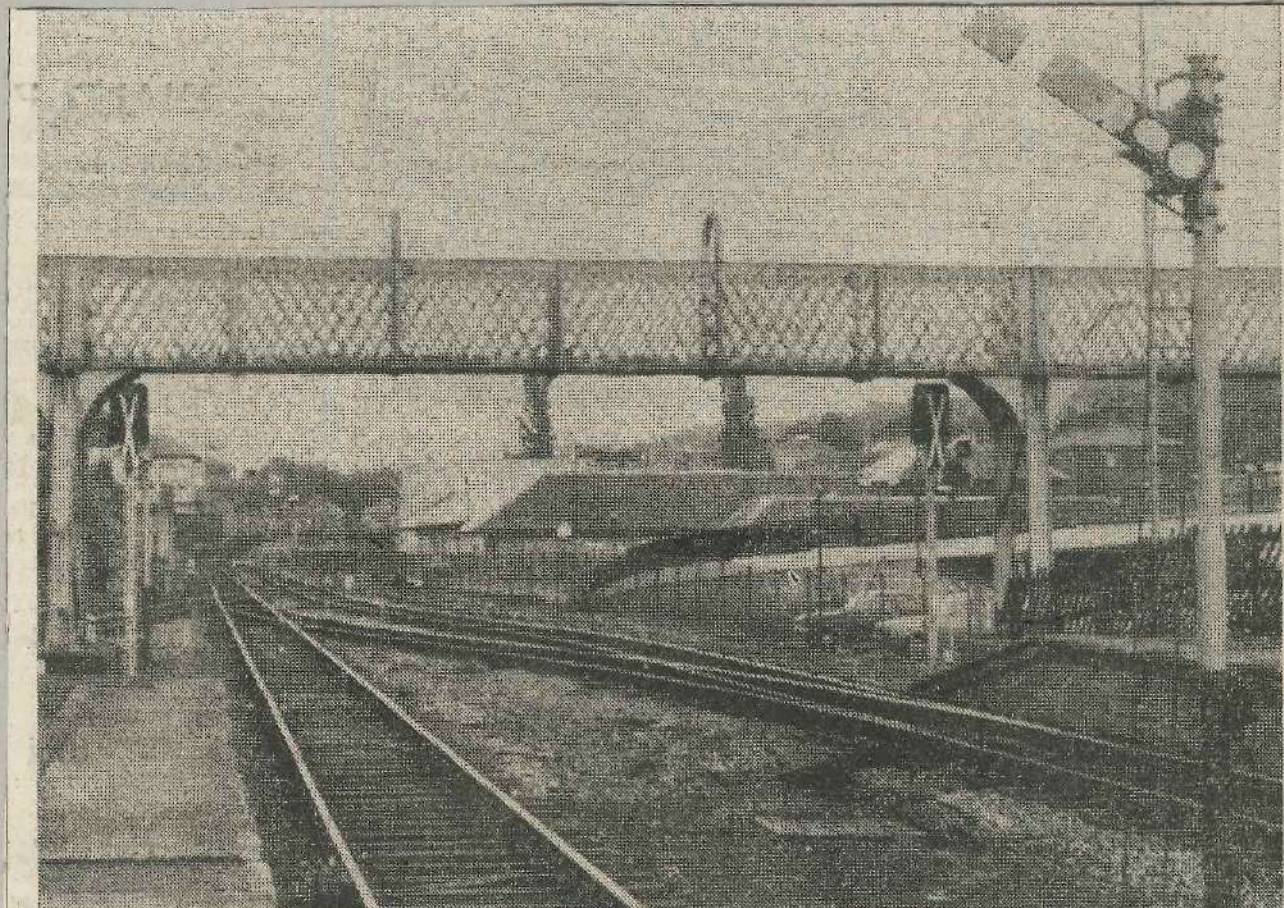
It said a treatment room in the adjacent Health Centre could be used by the GP's to treat the type of minor injuries dealt with at the Coronation Hospital, and added that patients suffering from injuries or conditions of a type a GP would not feel it appropriate to treat already had to be referred to the Accident and Emergency Department at Airedale General Hospital about nine miles away.

In the light of the small use being made of the service provided by the casualty department, the Authority felt staff resources and funding would be more appropriately used to improve the level of services in the remainder of the hospital.



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One of the last trains to leave platform 3 at Ilkley before its closure is pictured about to set off on Saturday.



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The new colour light signals, marked with an X to indicate they are not yet in use, at Ilkley railway station are pictured in the background, replacing the old semaphore signal, one of which can be seen on the right.

Ilkley Threatened With The Urban Sprawl Of Cities

Sir,—Ilkley residents might care to ponder whether they would like their town to become merely the terminus of a vast, continuous urban sprawl from Leeds and Bradford, marked off from its neighbours only by a road sign and an arbitrary line on a map. That is what is likely to happen if Bradford Council's proposal to remove green belt protection from the land around Wheatley Grange farm goes through. The land involved is best viewed from near the bus stop at Ben Rhydding Toll Bridge, or from the entrance to Ben Rhydding Sports Club. There are clear views across fields to the moor and Cow and Calf rocks. If this land were to be released for development, the best quality open space between Ilkley and Burley would be lost for ever. Further along, the valley bottom narrows, and the road is flanked by a garage and caravan show-ground on one side, and a sewage farm on the other, which would, ironically, still be afforded green belt protection. Immediately beyond that is the "Little Chef" and the houses of Manor Park, Burley. The shape of things to come can be clearly seen in the housing developments which recently destroyed the remaining open space between Burley and Menston. Does Ilkley really want to go the same way?

There is little time to act. Comments on the proposals have to be made by 12 October. Bradford Council is paying only lip service to the idea of public consultation. They have not even bothered to provide an adequate supply of leaflets to the library, and the information they do provide is long on vacuous generalities and short on specific arguments. Although it is stated that the removal of green belt protection does not necessarily imply that land will be developed for building, there are clear indications that this what is already planned. One of Ilkley's elected representatives on Bradford Council was heard to say, months before the green belt proposals were made public, that the land was to be developed for housing. Doubtless some of those concerned have made up their minds already, without bothering to listen to what the public might have to say.

Even so, it is not too late to persuade Bradford's planners and politicians to change their minds. Some of us have a direct interest in stopping this proposal as it will ruin the environment around our own homes, but I believe that many people in Ilkley less directly affected would be against the removal of this land from green belt if they were made aware of precisely what was involved. The danger is that those who might otherwise object will be too involved with other vital battles, such as Coronation Hospital, to spare the energy to fight an apparently less immediate threat, or that they will see the sacrifice of this open space as the unfortunate price that has to be paid for proposed extensions of the green belt to the west. This particular proposal should be looked at on its merits. I would suggest that the land concerned does perform a valuable green belt function, and indeed that the green belt boundary should be extended to cover all the farmland up to Wheatley Lane. I believe this is what most people in Ilkley would prefer. I beg them to write and say so before it is too late.

BOB LEACH

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Ilkley.

Offering Casualty Cover Without Payment

Sir,—May I reply, on behalf of the doctors, to the correspondent from Alexandra Place and explain to him or her that until 1979 the GP's of Ilkley, Burley and more recently Addingham had provided medical cover for the Coronation Hospital Casualty Department for many years for no financial recompense. In 1979 the then Airedale District Health Authority approached us and offered something in the order of £2,000 divided between the ten doctors concerned. It was seen as payment for treating patients who were not registered in the town, namely employees and tourists, and in recognition of the fact that the doctors did carry out procedures in the department not usually provided by most GP's in other areas unless they had a General Practitioner Hospital with similar facilities.

When Airedale Health Authority recently produced its Consultative Document it was realised that most of the running expenses quoted by them were non-savable recurring expenses and that the only real saving would be in the doctors' remuneration. Therefore the General Practitioners unanimously agreed to forgo payment and offer to return to the pre-1979 situation of providing casualty cover without payment.

The only other comment I would like to make concerns your correspondent's concluding paragraph about democracy. The National Health Service can be called many things but democratic it is not. Members of the Authority are nominees of Central Government. Members of Community Health Councils are nominees of local organisations. None of them are elected by the ordinary people your correspondent talks about, neither are they answerable to them.

Perhaps that is one of the problems.

Dr. JOHN NEASHAM
Health Centre,
Springs Lane,
Ilkley.

MANY ATTEND YORKSHIRE ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Attendances on the first two days of the Yorkshire Artists Exhibition at Ilkley were high but more evenly spread with the opening on Saturday instead of Sunday.

Everyone was delighted with the paintings of the guest artist, David Shepherd. Chosen from his private collection the paintings included "Somewhere in England, Winter, '43" and "Grandpa's Workshop" which was the real knock-out of the show. It was a portrait painting of an old railway enthusiast tinkering with and making a scale model engine, with his grandson. It was voted the best painting in the exhibition by the public with no other painting coming anywhere near it.

Joe Scarborough gave a painting demonstration on the Saturday and kept a constant crowd enthralled by his wonderful and distinct technique. Top pure watercolourist J. Barrie Haste was in attendance and was delighted when two of his highly priced paintings quickly sold. His large water colour view of Bolton Abbey is a fine view of the classical style of his work which is greatly admired.

Ashley Jackson, Yorkshire's best known artist and television personality was well represented with a snow scene of the moors above Holmfirth entitled "Winter Solitude."

Will Rhodes, an Ilkley pensioner, scored an immediate success and sold all his works.

Wendy Zollinger, of Holmfirth, who paints miniatures exhibited fifty examples and sold every one.

Barry Charles the Yorkshire Life artist showed a selection of his watercolours painted for the magazine.

Gerry Wade, the previous prizewinner, was in good form with a beautiful butterfly on a gate post in extremely fine detail.

Jack Rigg's marine paintings were as evocative as ever.

Rosemary Lodge from Burnsall had tremendous appeal with her gypsy caravans in oils.

David Dennison displayed his surrealist paintings jointly with those by the late Arthur Kitching, the executor of Ilkley's Manor House.

Terry Logan, one of the finest Dales painters showed some excellent work, well exemplified by his Gargrave Bridge where he recently opened a studio.

Jack Prior, Ilkley's grand old man of art, produced a fine selection of his "Ebenezers."

ILKLEY SEES MANY CHANGES IN FIFTY YEARS

Recollections of fifty years as a resident of Ilkley were recalled by Mr. N. Tomblin when he spoke to members of the Ilkley Afternoon Townswomen's Guild at their September meeting.

Mr. Tomblin reminded members of the woolmen of the 1920's and the hotels and spas. He brought to mind the private traders of the time; Mr. Dalton, the butcher, frequently seen standing at his shop door; Mr. Hampshire, greengrocer, whose bowler hat never left his head, together with their delivery vans which would carry even individual items to customers' homes. The cinema opened, complete with cafe, organ and orchestra, while between Ilkley and Ben Rhydding there were green fields.

The 1930's brought the first of the multiples—Woolworth's signalling the beginning of the end of old-style shopping—and, also, the bathing pool which temporarily brought people from the Moor towards the river area for their leisure.

The war brought the Wool Control, which occupied Wells House and Ben Rhydding Hydro, and the Officer Cadet training unit brought many young men to the town, while Dalton's obtained a licence to pack cornflakes.

After the war hotels had a short period of upsurge and then began to decline. Wells House became the Domestic Science College and many multiple shops arrived. The two cinemas disappeared, the Wool Secretariat was built and the Spooner Industry was set up. Gaps in the town were filled with new housing and some of the larger houses had new homes erected in their gardens.

Modern Ilkley was no longer a town for retired people. It was a younger town with a younger populace, yet it still managed to keep its own flavour and personality, said Mr. Tomblin.

After answering questions, Mr. Tomblin was thanked for his most enjoyable talk by Mrs. M. Brooke.

During the business part of the meeting notices were given out concerning Autumn activities, among which were to be Social Studies meetings, a Discussion or Playreading Group, Yoga and Theatre outings. 30 SEP 83

ILKLEY TRADERS SEEK NEW PARKING SCHEME AFTER ABANDONMENT OF "CARD" PLAN

Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade is seeking the resurrection of a local parking scheme for the town following the abandonment of the proposed card parking system.

The decision to press for the scheme was made at the annual general meeting, when it was also revealed that Ilkley's traditional Christmas Lights faced the axe.

A local trader criticised the parking situation in Ilkley, particularly in The Grove—where he has a business—and in Brook Street.

"There are so many people taking advantage of the fact that there is no restriction there," he said. "People working in that area park their cars there all day. It would help if we could get restrictions there for a start," he added.

"I even had somebody park outside my shop all day on a Saturday advertising a sale at his garage," he said.

Mr. Vincent Dobson—retiring President of the Chamber of Trade—said the fact that members of staff parking on the main street areas was "ridiculous", and it had been mentioned several times in Chamber of Trade newsletters.

He said West Yorkshire County Council had given them a draft copy of a document it had sent to Bradford Council about parking, favouring a disc parking system which would overcome the problems mentioned.

Mr. Dobson said the document had been pushed aside by the card parking scheme, but added that they should now approach Bradford Council again about the document's proposals.

Christmas Lights

Members were told that this year's Christmas Lights were expected to cost £2,500 and that there was little money available for them.

"The kitty for the lights is empty and the recommendation of the executive committee was that we should abandon the lights for this coming year," said Mr. Dobson.

Mr. Michael Brown, of Michael's bakers, said it had been suggested they could harness Youth Opportunities labour to put up and dismantle the lights, which he said accounted for much of the cost.

Mr. Dobson said the Chamber was represented on the Wharfe Valley Youth Unemployment Forum, which was anxious for youth programmes and community projects, and that they would probably be the best people to approach.

Several members felt it would be a shame if the Christmas Lights did not go ahead, but Mr. Richard Beckwith stressed that many traders from the areas which benefited most from the lights—notably The Grove and Brook Street—were absent from the meeting.

Cricket Match

The bi-annual Black Hats and White Hats cricket match due to be staged again next year, got a thumbs-up from members, but the idea of a trades fair at Ilkley met with a less favourable response.

Mr. Clive Stainer said the cricket match promoted business and would be a "great loss" if it did not go ahead, but the trades fair idea got little support.

Mr. Dobson said it involved a lot of work and results were difficult to gauge, and several members said they were opposed to the idea.

It was agreed that a Black Hats and White Hats sub-committee should be formed, and that a questionnaire concerning the trades fair would be sent out sometime next year.

Surplus

The general account for the financial year ended 31 March, 1983, showed a surplus of £319.65, in contrast to a deficit of £122 the previous year.

Total expenditure, also taking into account depreciation of equipment, amounted to £1,296.96. The National Chamber subscription of £675 was by far the largest part of that expenditure.

The total income was £1,616.61 with the subscriptions of £1,561.70 amounting for most of it.

The balance of £564.64 from the Black Hats and White Hats account was transferred into the Christmas Lights account, which had a balance in hand of £2,103.35 on 31 March. The Accumulated Fund however showed a deficit of 88 pence after costs from the Y.E.B. and repairs amounting to £2,438.23 had been subtracted from the previous total of £2,437.35.

MOON ROCK ON SHOW FOR WHARFEDALE NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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Pieces of moon rock, on loan from N.A.S.A., were on view this week for members of the Wharfedale Naturalists Society.

President Mr. David Leather introduced the precious specimens with the help of space music and a set of colour slides of the Apollo moon missions.

Models of the lunar module and Appollo Saturn rocket were also on view, with some mineral and rock specimens and maps of the moon.

The moon rocks were in the form of thin sections—slices of rock suitable for viewing using a micro-projector with polarised light. There was six small lumps of rock and lunar soil embedded in a clear plastic disc for normal viewing.

Mr. Leather reminded members that the first men on the moon went with Apollo 11 and landed on 20 July 1969. After that there were another five Apollo lunar missions, the last being Apollo 17 in December, 1972. Altogether, 845 pounds

of rock had been collected and returned to earth, which were now catalogued into 35,600 pieces of moon.

He said that study of the moon rock had shown the moon to be the same age as the earth, with no life or water on it.

The moon rock was shown to be like basalt lava and gabro which is found on earth.

The lavas come from the dark flat areas, or maria, and the coarser igneous rock from the lighter rugged highlands.

The most surprising aspect of the moon rock was its very fresh appearance, considering its age of 3,000 to 4,000 million years. As one member commented, it was difficult to believe that the rock could be so old and yet look new. The moon dust or orange lunar soil was also quite striking.

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COUNCIL CONCERNED FOR FUTURE OF MILL COTTAGES

Fears for the future of derelict former mill cottages at Low Hill, Addingham, were expressed at a meeting of the village's parish council.

It was agreed that Bradford District Council be again asked to press for quick action to be taken before the properties reached

a terminal condition.

It was reported that protracted negotiations for the sale of the site did not appear to have been concluded yet, and no planning application for re-development had been submitted.

Cr. Alan Jerome, Chair-

man, said Bradford Council must not be allowed to avoid their responsibilities to part of the heritage of Addingham, and must do something before the cottages fell down. It was absurd to keep being "fobbed off" by the owners.

The suggestion was made that the potential developers

might be waiting for the cottages to fall down so that they could then have a free hand with the whole site, rather than having to incorporate refurbishment of the existing properties into any scheme.

