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COUNCIL WANTS TO SEE GREEN BELT PLAN BEFORE FINAL DECISION

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Ilkley Parish Council is asking Bradford Council to ensure it has the chance to see amended proposals for changes to the Green Belt in Wharfedale before the District Council makes any decision.

This was agreed at a meeting of the parish council on Monday, when comments on the proposed changes were put forward by Cr. K. G. Johnson, Chairman of the Planning Committee, and accepted by the council.

The council welcomed the inclusion of two areas to the west of Ilkley—the area of rising ground to the north of the river, including Owlter Park Road and Middleton Lodge, and the riverside area westwards from the Old Bridge.

However, they were opposed to the proposals for land south of Ben Rhydding Drive.

"There has been much pressure over the years for further development to be permitted in this area, and the designation of the land as Green Belt has been most helpful in preventing creeping development," said Cr. Johnson.

"There is much local opposition from residents on The Drive, and we support their objections and those from the Civic Society. Curly Hill could be the next objective for re-designation on this basis," he went on.

With regard to land between Couthances Way and the railway, here again councillors were not persuaded by the planners' reasons for reducing the status of this land, and supported comments of Ilkley Civic Society.

The council welcomed the inclusion of land to the west of Burley, but were opposed to the exclusion of land around Greenholme Mills.

"The Committee has noted the comments of Burley Community Council, and agrees that the open land in this

area is an important open space for the residents of Burley. The dual strengths of the old 1938 Order Line and Green Belt have preserved this pleasant oasis, and the potential by-pass will encourage in-fill development. We are opposed to such development," said Cr. Johnson.

There was much local opposition to the reduction of the Endor Crescent triangle at Burley from the Green Belt, he continued. "It would appear that the tidying-up of the map has raised fears in the minds of local residents, and as the land is not developable anyway, we suggest leaving it as formerly designated."

At Menston, both the Bingley Road and Derry Hill areas suffered difficult vehicular access via narrow roads, and once again there did not seem to be any very strong reason for reducing the area from Green Belt status.

Much local opposition was being voiced to any proposal to eliminate these areas from the map, and the committee felt it must support this opposition, said Cr. Johnson.

Cr. J. M. Shelton thought that someone, somewhere, was working to get more development into the Ilkley area, and Cr. W. R. Hill said there appeared to be no logic at all in the proposals to take land out of the Green Belt. He felt the council should strongly oppose any such moves.

Wheatley Schoolchildren Faced A Problem

100 Years Ago

The difficulties in school attendance for the children from Wheatley were discussed at a meeting of the School Board. There were 24 children from the village on the school register whose attendances were not always regular. The distance involved was often the problem, as the children had to stay at home during wet weather or else catch cold by arriving soaked. The question was whether or not there were sufficient numbers to provide schooling in the village for them, and the Board members seemed to have varied opinions on this matter.

Thomas Scott M.D., Medical Officer of Health reported that the general sanitary condition of the town was satisfactory and the township was entirely free from disease of a zymotic character. He reported ten births and six

deaths in the town during the previous month, the deaths including one visitor who arrived in a very delicate condition, one infant died at birth and a case of suicide.

75 Years Ago

The annual harvest tea and concert in connection with Ilkley Parish Church provided an excellent opportunity for church members to welcome their new vicar, the Rev. F. Sinker and also the Rev. W. E. Bradley, of Ben Rhydding. There were two sittings for the tea and for the concert the hall was well crowded.

Mr. S. B. Wheldon, people's warden, welcomed both Mr. Sinker and Mr. Bradley and felt sure all the parishioners of the respective churches would rally round them. His remarks of welcome were endorsed by the People's warden, Mr. W. Mitton.

To preserve the traditional folk songs and dances of "Merrie England," the Association for the Revival and Practice of Folk music arranged a programme entitled "An Evening in Merrie England" provided by girls, boys and younger children connected with the Esperance Clubs London. Their intention was to revive the songs associated with village, festivals and village life, and dances formerly danced on the village greens surrounded by quaint thatched cottages, on village feast days.

50 Years Ago

The good work of the British Legion, Ilkley Branch, in Brewery Road and the steady progress of the club was reported at their annual meeting. Lt. Col. Muller made a strong plea for members to loyally support the committee who had been elected by them. He said that rules were made for the better administration of the club and not to amuse committee members. Mr. J. W. Dixon was re-elected President, Lt. Col. J. Muller, Chairman; Mr. J. B. Boden, hon. treasurer; Mr. H. Roe, hon. secretary; and Mr. Wallace Hudson, hon. club secretary.

To mark her retirement from the position of Warden at the Leeds Road Mission Hall, Miss Ibberson, of Eaton Road, Ilkley, was presented with a cheque by the Rev. J. A. Figures, Pastor of the Congregational Church. Miss Ibberson had been in charge of the Mission Hall for 14 years and had previously been in charge of the Railway Mission at Keighley and Hellifield. During the evening refreshments were served and solos were rendered by Miss J. Witting.

25 Years Ago

A Sowerby Bridge man was committed for trial at Leeds Assizes, charged with attempting to murder his wife by pushing her into the Strid at Bolton Abbey. The accused man admitted pushing her deliberately but said he had not intended to harm her.

The woman was swept downstream for 50 to 100 yards and then managed to scramble out but there was no sign of her husband and no reply to her cries for help. The defendant had gone to a cottage to report her fall and had telephoned whilst on the verge of collapse. Quarter of an hour later his wife arrived at the cottage, exhausted, bleeding and without one of her shoes. An appeal to the magistrates in Skipton for bail was rejected.

Ben Rhydding Station Master for eight years, Mr. N. Darby, left to take up a new appointment at Leyburn Station, near Richmond. Mr. Darby had been responsible for the attractive flower beds outside the station in place of "rubbish dumps" when he arrived. He was proud of the gardening standards of the station, and had won many certificates in the railways garden competition. He was a chorister at Ben Rhydding Church and served in the

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JOINT FOUNDER OF ILKLEY SCHOOL DIES

Miss Barbara Thorpe, who with her sisters Dorothy and Joan helped to found Moorfield School at Ilkley has died at her home in Albany Walk, Ilkley.

She will be remembered by her many friends as the eldest of the Thorpe family who have lived at Ilkley all their lives.

The family joined St. Margaret's Church in the days when Father Carter was vicar, and through the incumbancy of five vicars covering over forty years, she was a faithful communicant, an active worker and a true Christian member of the extended family of St. Margaret's congregation.

Her grandfather was the Rev. Howard Kempson, a former vicar of the Parish Church.

Children Enjoy Behind The Scenes Look At Hillards

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Children from Ashlands First School at Ilkley have been given a behind the scenes look at Hillards' store in Springs Lane.

Accompanied by parents and staff, they toured the butcher and bakery departments and got a sound insight into the store's internal operations.

Visits were made on successive Mondays by seven

five year old bracket, who had been carefully watching the building of the new store.

They observed the building, making sketches and drawings, at various points of its construction, and after its opening were invited to look round by General Manager Mr. Peter Couzens.

Some of the children are pictured with parents and teachers during a visit on

"HANDS OFF OUR HERITAGE" SAYS COUNCILLOR, AS BRADFORD PLANS MORE CUTS

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As proposals are put forward which could lead to the loss of two of Ilkley's most historical buildings an Ilkley Parish Councillor has called on Bradford Metropolitan Council to keep their "hands off our heritage."

There has been growing opposition to the proposals since they were announced at the beginning of the week and Ilkley Parish Council which has been concerned over the possible closure of Ilkley College, is to meet next week over suggestions to "mothball" the Manor House and Sell off "White Wells" on Ilkley Moor.

The Metropolitan Council's Leisure Services Committee says big cuts are needed to meet financial targets. In the past the committee has rejected suggestions to introduce admission charges for art galleries and museums.

Committee member, Cr. Mrs. J. Lightband, of Ilkley, said "I am very much against closing the Manor House or any other museum.

"Once these buildings are closed you can never get them back. We lost Tong Hall in a similar way.

"This is only at the suggestion stage and we haven't seriously considered the possibility yet, but we hope there might be money available from other sources to help keep the Manor House open.

"There is no question of White Wells being demolished or going to rack and ruin," said Cr. Mrs. Lightband.

"It was bought and renovated by the late gallery owner, Mrs. Eric Busby who handed it over to the Corporation. The problem has always been its maintenance and we feel it is possible someone may take it over," she said.

Miss Helena Holt, of the

Friends of the Manor House, was shocked and horrified over the proposals.

"I don't think they can continue to sell Ilkley as a tourist attraction if you remove all the education facilities. The feeling of local people will be that Bradford is murdering Ilkley," she said.

"Clearly there will have to be cuts but I would have thought that public discussion to avoid these proposed amputations would have helped the situation.

At Monday's meeting of the Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill said already suggestions had been made about the possible closure of Ilkley College. Now Bradford was talking about "mothballing" the Manor House and selling off "White Wells." They should say to Bradford "hands off our heritage," said Cr. Hill.

Both the Manor House and White Wells had been presented to the town by two benefactors and consequently were held in trust. Those two buildings were not only gems for the people of Ilkley but to the many visitors to the town. The Manor House had now become the art centre for the district, he said.

The Parish Council agreed

that both suggestions should be referred to the Council's General Purpose Committee for further discussion.

At an emergency meeting of the Friends of the Manor House on Wednesday night the financial position of Arts and Museums within the Education Directorate of Bradford Council was discussed with representatives of five societies.

The people of Ilkley were reminded that general cuts had previously taken place throughout the service to spread the load in the past. Now the time had come when this was theoretically no longer possible, and so Ilkley's two museums might be modified or alternatively financed.

Many alternatives were discussed, and will be the basis for further discussion among interested parties. Ideas should be presented to Ward Councillors, but more particularly to Bradford Council.

"As White Wells could be sold off and the Manor House closed, the fate of these two buildings lies in the hands of the Leisure Services Committee," said a spokesman for the Friends of the Manor House.

MP'S WARNING OVER FUTURE OF ILKLEY RAIL SERVICE

BATTLE PLANS will soon be drawn up if there is a further threat to the existence of the rail services between Ilkley, Leeds and Bradford.

Closure of the line, which has just undergone a £250,000 improvement scheme at Ilkley, would create further chaos to an already overcrowded road system through Wharfedale.

Ilkley Parish Councillors had an opportunity of asking questions about the railway's future when Gary Waller, MP for Keighley, which now includes the Ilkley district, attended the Council's meeting on Monday night.

He said British Rail was always looking at ways of cutting costs to reduce deficits and whilst there had been much pruning on the branch line the service could be further reduced to a single track system between the cities.

This was becoming all the more possible because of the new type of signalling equipment now being used and there could be further reduction in costs once the ageing diesel multiple units were replaced by new stock.

He had one warning for local residents "if you don't use your railway then it is inevitable there will come a time when it is again threatened."

Councillors sought better connections between the

Ilkley services and those operating out of Leeds and there was some criticism of Ilkley trains leaving only minutes before the arrival of some London trains.

Gary Waller said the railway service to Ilkley was appreciated by a large number of people in the town. He went on to refer to a meeting with British Rail at which the service had been discussed.

"It is well known the service is subsidised and expensive from a ratepayers point of view," he said. If ranked with the other subsidised services in West Yorkshire the Ilkley branch had an above average subsidy.

When considering the number of users the Ilkley line is ranked nine out of the thirteen subsidised in West Yorkshire. One had to be over cautious when discussing figures because for example the track maintenance of the Airedale route was spread over a much larger area because the system continued westwards whereas on the Wharfedale line the entire costs were attributed to that line, said Gary Waller.

On costs the Ilkley Branch cost 19p per passenger mile compared with the average of 10p a mile in other parts of

West Yorkshire.

Cr. J. M. Shelton said the Ilkley line seemed to be highly placed and Gary Waller went on to say the railway cost £1,699,000 made up of 52 per cent spent on train services, 36 per cent on track and signalling, six per cent on terminal operations and six per cent others.

The revenue from the line amounted to £459,000, a total of 27.02 per cent of the expenditure. However, other things had to be taken into account such as Ilkley being a feeder service, said Gary Waller.

Cr. Peter Williams said if the lines were ever closed he feared for the existing road system which was already reduced to being "terribly slow" at peak times. "Let us not forget, it is not just the Ilkley, Leeds and Bradford areas which would be affected but the towns and villages between those places," said Cr. Williams.

Cr. J. L. Freeman said the "mind boggled" over 19p loss per passenger mile which represented a £1.2m loss. "It is like having a private railway for Ilkley," he said.

"As an individual and a taxpayer I will not support the railway if there is to be another fight for it," said Cr. Freeman.

"Our Town's Environment Treasures Will Suffer"

Sir, — Recent actions by Bradford Metropolitan District Council give me great concern.

I read that there is a suggestion from Bradford's Leisure Services Committee that the Ilkley Manor House be closed and the eighteenth century White Wells on Ilkley Moor be sold "to meet financial targets".

This comes only three days after the Bradford Management Committee approved the expenditure of the unparalleled sum of £7,500,000 to "face-lift" the Alhambra Theatre. Does the right hand not know what the left hand is doing?

Similarly there is a current investigation to consider the closure of Ilkley College, when only last week it was announced that dry rot was discovered in a building in Bradford, purchased to extend the Bradford College facilities, and £161,000 had to be "written off". Does Ilkley have to suffer because of this?

I now read of a planning application to build shops that will completely cover the grassed area between Brook Street and the Grove Promenade, and require the demolition of the attractive old building used as a health food shop (on land owned by Bradford Metropolitan District Council).

It is our money that will be spent on the Alhambra Theatre. It is our town's environment and treasures that will suffer.

These matters require proper public examination.

W. R. HILL
"Stubham Rise",
Myddleton,
Ilkley.

Under Threat

Sir,—Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, Chairman of Bradford Council's Leisure Services, has indicated that spending cuts are required. This could well mean that White Wells and the Manor House, both gifts to Ilkley, are under threat.

These are the only public indoor leisure educational and tourist amenities in Ilkley. Rather than closure their functions could well be expanded to general advantage. This is particularly true of the Manor House, built on the line of the western wall of the Roman fort, and now demonstrated by the current shedding of its remains and by the recent interest and concern shown for the adjacent site, Castle Hill.

Alternative financing of these institutions would appear to be an unsatisfactory approach to the problem of limited finance. Better use of resources within the Bradford Museum Service might be the answer.

Bigger and younger institutions within the Metropolitan area, and equally admirable, will eventually be at risk if the smaller members of the leisure family are allowed to die. Transfusion rather than amputation might be more helpful.

Ilkley residents and visitors should write to the Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, and to the Chairman of Leisure Services at Bradford, voicing their objections.

E. M. HOLT
25, Wells Road,
Ilkley.

Where Will The Axe

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Sir.—P. Wadsworth's letter (30 September) regarding the threat to the Coronation Hospital's casualty service makes an important point which needs to be answered.

How far do our local Conservative councillors support the Thatcher policies, by which the Government at Westminster can impose sweeping cuts on local spending without considering the individual needs of each locality?

If they are enthusiastic Thatcherites they will of course support all public spending cuts, and this would mean accepting harsh economies, no matter how badly they affected our local community.

It is the Government's policy, and not that of the Local Health Authority, which poses the threat to the Coronation Hospital casualty department. When we write to protest to the Local Health Authority, we should also write to the local M.P. Gary Waller, and Government ministers, to try to get that policy changed.

As things are we must realise that whether or not we save the casualty department, the Thatcher axe will fall again and ask ourselves where? On the rest of Coronation Hospital? On the Convalescent Home? On Ilkley's rail services? On Ilkley College? Shall we then see more protest campaigns led by Ilkley Parish Council? That would be their rightful role, but will they also carry protests to their logical conclusion and demand a change in their own party's economic strategy?

It is well known that there are critics of "Thatcher economics" within the Tory party. Please may we know where our local M.P. and our local Conservative councillors stand?

VELMA LISTER

21, Grove Road,
Ilkley.

"Missed The Whole Point"

Sir.—Mr. Wadsworth, who wrote last week on the Parish Council's policy on the closure of the Casualty Department at Ilkley Coronation Hospital, has missed the whole point.

This despite the airing it was given at the public meeting called by the Airedale Community Health Council, the flood of information put out by the GPs and nurses at the hospital, the conference called by Ilkley Parish Council and attended by some twenty local organisations, all of which were fully reported in your columns.

Mr. Wadsworth, there is no reduction in expenditure in the proposals put forward by the Airedale Health Authority. On the contrary, the overall cost to the NHS as a whole would be increased. This was shown by the figures produced by the GPs (who agreed to forgo their modest fee) and accepted by everybody in Ilkley who had taken the trouble to study them. That being so, the parish council had no difficulty in giving its support.

As regards the question of Thornton View, seeing how difficult it is to get across to some people the basic facts of something which is happening in their own backyard, I hope I will be forgiven if I decline to get involved in something which has nothing to do with Ilkley Parish Council.

E. S. GARDNER,
Chairman, Ilkley
Parish Council.

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Sir.—The proposed reductions to the Green Belt in the area around Wheatley Grange Farm would almost certainly mean further housing development on the land between the rear of the properties on Wheatley Lane and the farm. If this is allowed to happen the entrance to Ilkley from the Burley end will become just another town entrance with no particular attraction and certainly no redeeming features. The view up the valley to the Cow and Calf Rocks will be obscured and the natural aspect of the farmland around the farm will be devastated.

The boundaries to Ilkley should remain as they are at the moment, entering a town which has a particular character and where the boundary properties are in keeping with the expectations of the visitors to a town noted for its reputation as a nineteenth century spa.

Please help to fight these proposals and to keep the boundaries at this part of Ilkley intact.

ALLAN SMITH,
7 Wheatley Lane,
Ben Rhydding.

COLLEGE FUTURE UNCERTAIN

Reports of the uncertain future of Ilkley College has caused Ilkley Parish Council to seek a meeting with Bradford Metropolitan Council before any decision is taken.

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It is understandable that the Metropolitan Council is looking into all aspects of expenditure, but one hears with grave concern that part of the economics could be the closure of the College" said Cr. W. R. Hill at Monday's meeting of the Parish Council.

Whilst there is a sub-committee of Bradford councillors looking into the structure and relationship of the Ilkley College as part of the Bradford and Ilkley College it seems retrogressive that no Ilkley District Councillors are on that committee and that the views of the Parish Council have not been sought "Ilkley College has a dual

role — its national position for external students and its local responsibilities which are so numerous and important — to the local schools especially Ilkley Grammar School, for day and evening educational and recreational classes to many extra activities

Bradford Council must control its expenditure but this was a classical example of where economies, if necessary were best made, by reducing the activities at both centres Bradford and Ilkley, rather than the closure of one.

The District Council was wanting to expand conference facilities in the Ilkley

area and he felt, that, given a choice businessmen would rather attend a conference at Ilkley than in Bradford.

"It is vital that Ilkley College is preserved and I would urge this principle be established so that this council, with the local knowledge of its councillors, some of whom sit as Governors of local schools, can put constructive proposals to Bradford Council in the retention of Ilkley College," said Cr. Hill.

Cr. C. H. Scaife said the authority had to look at the falling rolls in education and take necessary action "If the college is to stay open then let us see that it is a viable proposition," he said

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CARRIAGE DRIVER INJURED

100 Years Ago

A carriage driver, Wm. Thorne, employed by Mr. T. Sargeant sustained serious head injuries whilst driving a wagonette to the Bolton Bridge Road Livery Stables. The horse took fright in Church Street and reared and bolted at a furious rate. The wheels of the wagonette hit the kerb at the corner of Bolton Bridge Road. The young driver was thrown out and was carried insensible to the stables. He was later driven back to his home in Burley by cab.

Ilkley Parish Church choir enjoyed a day's outing to Morecambe. They travelled to Skipton by wagonette, and then went on the remainder of the journey by train. They partook of an excellent dinner in the Winter Gardens.

The Grove Hydropathic Establishment was purchased by a group of Ilkley gentlemen who intended to decorate, re-furbish and put it in good management.

75 Years Ago

Looking out of the front room window of his home in Ash Grove, Mr. Wm. Lister, postman, was startled to see the curtains and blinds in the front room of a house opposite a mass of flames. Mr. Lister rushed out and finding the door locked he smashed the window to gain admittance, quickly extinguishing the blaze. The three occupants of the house were all children, the oldest about nine years of age, and it was thought they had played with matches and accidentally set the curtains alight. None of the children were burned but two caged canaries suffocated and Mr. Lister cut his hand and arm breaking the window.

An outcome of Indian Summer weather was the large increase in the population of insect life. The late sunshine gave birth to swarms of gnats and footballers and hockey players were persecuted by these small pests whilst trying to play their Saturday matches, and many spectators were driven away from the grounds.

Ilkley Urban District Council discussed speed regulations for motorcars and recommended that a speed limited of eight miles an hour should be imposed within a radius of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the bottom of Brook Street.

50 Years Ago

Boys at Ghyll Royd School were helping in the construction of their own open air swimming bath. The bath, to be situated on the rising ground behind the school was to measure 15ft. x 35ft. The excavation work was carried out by two unemployed miners and the boys assisted by wheeling away the clay and soil which was used to level the cricket pitch. The pool was to be fed by a stream from a spring to the north of the school and the estimated cost was £150.

Arrangements were being completed for the opening of a Friendship Club for the unemployed in Ilkley at Marshfield opposite the recreation ground in Leeds Road. The rooms were adapted as recreation rooms, workrooms and a soup kitchen, and it was hoped it would provide unemployed men with a centre for their activities. Provision was also made for the wives of the unemployed, with a special room for their use set aside in charge of a Ladies' Committee. The centre was to be opened by Mrs. Arthur J. Hill, of Denton Park.

A meeting held at the Crown Hotel, Addingham, convened by the National Farmers' Union allowed the suppliers of milk in the district to fix the price at 6d. per quart.

25 Years Ago

The hazards of straying sheep to motorists was discussed at the October 1958 meeting of Ilkley Road Safety Committee. There had been reports of sheep asleep on the road in Hangingstone Road one such causing an accident at 11.30 p.m. causing the death of the animal and extensive damage to the vehicle. Superintendent Green said that a grieved person could seek action against the farmer. The danger to motorcyclists was also stressed.

Many of the early days of October were far warmer than the summer months in 1958. Temperatures were as high as 63 degrees fahrenheit, with hours of sunshine and no rainfall. This followed a very wet summer, with very poor weather in June, July and August with cold and rain.

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BOLTON PRIORY CHURCH HAS 200,000 VISITORS

An estimated 200,000 people have visited Bolton Priory Church so far this year, creating a new record. Nearly 20,000 of them have been school-children from a wide area, visiting the Priory in organised groups. Tourists from North America, Australia, New Zealand and European countries, church organisations, choirs and women's groups have been among the crowds given conducted tours of the Priory by the corps of voluntary guides.

In appreciation of their services, the Priory Appeal Committee held a reception and supper presided over by Canon Maurice Slaughter, who, in thanking them for their enthusiastic support, said that the guides were an important element in the mission ministry of the Priory.

A special tribute was paid by Canon Slaughter and Mr. Leonard Gerner, Chairman of the Appeal Committee, to the "sterling work" of Major Denis W. Spooner during the five years he had been Secretary of the guides. It was due to an initiative of Canon Slaughter and Major Spooner that the corps of guides was first formed and gradually built up until it now numbers 30 members.

Mr. Gerner told the meeting that, directly or indirectly, the guides had been responsible for contributions from visitors this year amounting to £26,000 to the Bolton Priory Church Restoration Fund.

Major Spooner, who was presented with a gift of book tokens, thanked the Committee and all the guides for their support.

JUBILATION OVER COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR KEEPING OPEN ILKLEY MANOR HOUSE

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Fears for the safety of young children are being expressed in Addingham, where cats are "dropping like flies" of strychnine poisoning, according to Parish Council Clerk, Mrs. E. L. Best.

She knew of at least six cats which had died this week, and the cause of death had been confirmed as strychnine by a local vet.

Mrs. Best said the deaths seemed to be centred around the Green Lane and School Lane area of the village, but about two weeks ago there had been a number in the Victoria Terrace area off Main Street.

"If someone has put strychnine down people could walk through it and take it into their houses, where young children could get it onto their fingers," warned Mrs. Best.

Mrs. Best said she knew of one person who had lost three cats through strychnine poisoning, and the incident had been reported to the police.

A Skipton vet said the commonest type of strychnine was found in bait for catching moles, and the symptoms of the poisoning in animals such as cats were hyper-sensitivity and increased reaction to things like noise, movement and light.

The vet said that the poison could be dangerous to humans, but added that there was no cause for "panic."

Ilkley's Elizabethan Manor House and the famous White Wells on Ilkley Moors may not be closed down after all. After a storm of protest a Bradford Council sub-committee on Tuesday recommended that both centres should remain open.

There has been jubilant reaction to this recommendation which is still subject to the approval of the Education Services Committee and the full Council, which meets next month.

It was announced last week that suggestion had been made that the Manor House should be "moth-balled" and White Wells sold off. Since then petitions have been drawn up and there has been mounting opposition from many local organisations in support of the Friends of the Manor House, Ilkley Civic Society, and Ilkley Parish Council which had been fighting such drastic cuts to what had been called "Ilkley's heritage".

Tourist Attraction

At Tuesday's meeting of Bradford Council's Leisure Services Sub-committee it was agreed to retain them after the Chairman, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband, of Ilkley, said the closure of the Manor House was a retrograde step. She said the Manor House was a big tourist attraction while White Wells was of historical interest and its cost to the authority was small and in the region of £1,000 per year.

Cr. Steven Swallow said the cost of running the Manor House was about £17,000 per year. He thought ways could be found of making savings elsewhere.

Cr. Allan Rye said Ilkley Parish Council could help by levying a parish rate.

Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. E. S. Gardner, was delighted with the news that Bradford was no longer pursuing the suggestion. "I am very pleased, and glad that local opinion has been taken into account and the work of the various bodies appreciated," he said.

Cr. W. R. Hill said "I am absolutely gratified that the response from so many people - from the Friends of the Manor House, the Civic Society and members of the Parish Council - has been so quickly acknowledged by the Sub-Committee."

"I hope it now opens new ground for closer co-operation between Ilkley and the people who make the decisions, so that there will be more involvement before recommendations are made," he said. "The people of Ilkley would then feel they were informed and could help constructively."

"I will be continuing to work behind the scenes to make sure the sub-committee's decisions are approved by the Education Services Committee and the full council," he added.

Mrs. E. Greenwood, chairman of Friends of the Manor House, said they were pleased with the decision.

"Naturally the Friends of the Manor House are pleased that the Leisure Services Sub-Committee has taken this stand, and we just hope that something will come from it," she said.

"It is a step forward but I do not think it is the end of the battle, it is really just the beginning," she added. "However, we are of course pleased with the sub-committee's decision," she said.

"Blasphemous"

At Monday's meeting of Ilkley Parish Council's General Purposes Committee the proposals were described as "blasphemous" and "idiotic." Local councillors were so angry over the suggestions that they agreed to ask for a meeting with top officials.

Parish Councillor Howard Scaife said "it appears Ilkley has a prime role to play in Bradford as a source of revenue and yet as the years go by we get less and less whilst rates continue to increase."

Cr. Scaife said Bradford Council was making cuts to keep within budget targets and yet were to spend £7m on the Alhambra in the city centre and the presentation of the Council's Financial Review and Accounts for 1982-83 must have cost £5,000 to £10,000 above normal because of the quality of printing. "This document has been printed to a high quality and has a front page in colour," said Cr. Scaife.

He thought Bradford had not the best interests of Ilkley at heart and thought Bradford should give the Parish Council the job of running the Manor House and White Wells.

Cr. Mrs. I. Carney asked why charges were not made at museums to help off-set operating costs and replying Cr. Hill said it might appear to be stupid but if charges were made the revenue would not go to the department.

Bradford had been promoting Ilkley as a tourist area and had recently stated that tourism had brought £2m into the Bradford district, said Cr. Peter Williams. "I think it is absolutely ridiculous that the closing down of the facilities at Ilkley should have been considered," he said.

Parish Rate Question

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton said Ilkley had made the fatal mistake of not levying a Parish rate. "If we had levied a one penny rate we could have taken over both White Wells and the Manor House," she said. "It is absolutely blasphemy to even think about closing these two places," said Cr. Mrs. Renton.

At the beginning of the debate Cr. W. R. Hill reported to the Council on an emergency meeting of the Friends of the Manor House which he had attended and which had also been attended by a Museums Officer of Bradford Council. It had been pointed out that Bradford Council had to make cuts to meet budget targets and in the case of the Art Galleries and Museums this amounted to eight and a half per cent. What was difficult to understand, said Cr. Hill, was that whilst that particular department had to make reductions by eight and a half per cent they wanted to close down by 100 per cent the facilities at Ilkley.

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OH LISTEN TO THE BAND



Fashions of the 1920s provided one of the highlights of this scene from the past as residents and visitors listened to Ilkley's band on a fine Sunday on the edge of Ilkley Moors.

The Municipal Orchestra as it was known played twice daily, morning and evening,

at the band enclosure, in West View Park under the conductor of a talented musician.

By 1914 West View Park had become the general rendezvous of the visitors who derived great pleasure from the music provided for them at the band enclosure, in West View Park under the conductor of a talented musician.

coloured fairly lamps.

Band performances continued at West View into the thirties and for several years after the Second World War the bandstand served as a reminder of those Sunday evenings when one could say "oh, listen to the band."

Roof Of Ilkley Church To Be Removed In Next Stage Of Refurbishment

Work on refurbishing the United Reformed Church in The Grove, Ilkley is on schedule and should be completed by the original target date of Advent Sunday, 1985.

The roof will be removed within the next two weeks and the timbers examined by the local building contractors, L. Clayton. These will be repaired and renewed if necessary and the roof replaced.

That should be completed by the end of this year, by which time the building will be ready to hand over to Christchurch on a "sharing agreement" which has now been prepared and is ready to sign. Any work undertaken in the future would then be by and for Christchurch as opposed to the

United Reformed Church. The building has been cleaned and pointed and a silicone covering is being painted on to keep the stone water-tight until oxidation has taken place again. The clock is being overhauled and repaired but will not be lighted up for another year or so when mains supplies will be re-connected.

The Christchurch Minister, the Rev. John Dale, said they wanted to make the building an asset to the whole community. "It will be a community centre and a centre of the community for everyone, Christian and non-Christian," said Mr. Dale.

"We are seeking to make the town centre live again, because we believe the church

should be right at the centre caring and serving and Christchurch does not want to be anywhere else," he said.

The Christchurch Development Committee, under the direction of Christchurch church, is to apply to Bradford Council for the change of use of the Cottage - the house attached to the church - and will spend several thousand pounds converting it into a Christian Education Centre for use by Christchurch youngsters and visiting groups of students. Providing the conversion is approved, it should be in full use by May next year.

Permission has been granted for the property in Wells Road to be put on the market for sale, and it should be dealt with within the next few months.

Parking card possibility not yet over

The controversial West Yorkshire parking card scheme has still not been abandoned, reports County Coun. Barry Peters (Otley and Wharfedale).

"At last week's County Traffic and Highways Committee there was a proposal for motorists to use the parking cards at a central Leeds car park site," says County Coun. Peters. "These cards were to be green, instead of the blue cards proposed for street parking earlier this year."

"At the meeting I asked the chairman whether the blue cards for street parking had now been abandoned, and he replied that they certainly had not. I then asked whether the green cards were a trial run before the blue cards came in with a vengeance, but I could not get the Chairman to commit himself," he said.

County Coun. Peters said he was keeping a close watch on developments. "Otley and Ilkley are not yet guaranteed safe from the parking cards," he said.

Local councillors predict bleak future for buses and trains

Local bus and rail services face a bleak future if the County Council is abolished, claim County Councillors Barry Peters (Otley) and John Wells (Addingham).

"Official figures show that the bus services in Wharfedale need a £4 million annual subsidy, and the Ilkley railway line needs £14 million yearly," said Coun. Peters. "This money comes out of the County Council's £44 million annual support for bus and rail services."

"This £44 million figure has been agreed by the Ministry of Transport, but is 29 per cent more than the Environment Minister believes should be spent. Our problem now is that if the County Council is abolished, the proposed public transport quango will be limited to the Environment Minister's figure. This means a 23 per cent cut in support for public transport."

If this happens, the Ilkley railway line is doomed, say Couns. Peters and Wells. "We think it would mean severe cuts in bus services affecting every part of Wharfedale."

Coun. Wells explained that a similar situation applied to Police expenditure. "The County spends at the Home Office approved level, but this is 11 per cent more than the Environment Minister wants. The proposed quango for Police will be forced to make cuts in the police force, unless the Minister transfers cash from another service," he said.

A NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR DERELICT FORMER MILL COTTAGES AT ADDINGHAM

After a long history of delays and widespread concern, the fate of derelict former mill cottages at Addingham may soon be known, following the sale of the property to an Ilkley development firm.

Now plans to redevelop the site by the River Wharfe and restore the derelict cottages have been submitted to Bradford Metropolitan Council by District Developments of Riddings Road, Ilkley.

The imaginative scheme drawn up by Skipton architects Wales, Wales and Rawson, shows a design to repair the derelict cottages and buildings to the north of the site, with new dwellings to be built in the vacant area between them and the existing warehouses to the south.

The character of the new dwellings, which would total seventeen, would be in keeping with the old "Low Mill Village", explained a spokesman for the architects.

"Houses will be grouped around small courts to form an attractive focal point at the end of the existing street," he said.

The new development would provide houses which would be easy to run for first time buyers, young and old alike, with a range of different sized dwellings to give as varied a selection as possible to the new community, he went on.

"Each new house will enjoy a garden and garage, with parking space for visitors' cars, new trees will be planted and all the existing ones will be retained.

"The existing street will be repaired with new paving and other materials in keeping with the style of the area, which was declared a Conservation Area within the last few years, and this

theme will be continued into the new courts," the spokesman added.

If planning permission is obtained, work on the new development is expected to be carried out over the next two to three years. The architects and developers see it as an important step in the reclamation of an area which has been on the decline since the original historic velvet mill ceased production in the early 1970s.

District Developments, who have just bought the site from Lister and Co. of Bradford, chose Wales, Wales and Rawson as architects for the scheme because they have many years of experience in this type of work and have received a number of Civic Trust and Government awards for housing and restoration.

Access to the new development will be via the existing roads at both ends of the site.

"There has been a lot of concern in the past at the deterioration of this area, but it is in new hands now and I think people will welcome its restoration to good order," said Architect Mr. James Wales.

"It has a controversial background, but we are hoping that people will now support the new owners and give them some encouragement," he added.

The future of the site, and especially the derelict cottages, has been a source of concern for local residents

and the village's parish council in recent years.

The parish council has constantly tried to have some action taken in the last two years to prevent the state of the cottages becoming worse, in the hope that they might eventually be restored to habitable condition. Bradford Metropolitan Council has been pressed repeatedly to make the owners either sell or refurbish the cottages.

Cllr Alan Jerome, Parish Council Chairman, said any proposals for the area would have to be very carefully considered. It was essential that any development was carried out in a sympathetic manner and that the interests of the people already living in the habitable cottages were looked after.

The questions of density of the proposed development and access to it would also need very careful consideration, he felt.

Thought to be the oldest spinning mill and second oldest worsted mill in England, the original four-storey Low Mill was built in 1788 for John Cockshott and John Cunliffe, and featured a strong dam across the River Wharfe to provide the power needed. In 1790 a large field was bought from Mr. Smith, the Lord of the manor.

The Cockshott - Cunliffe partnership dissolved in 1794, with Thomas Gill of Burley joining John Cunliffe. At different times the mill produced worsted, cotton and silk goods according to fashion, and by 1883 was

occupied by S. C. Lister and Co., silk spinners and manufacturers.

Low Mill produced the first mill-spun worsted ever seen in the district at Bradford Piece Hall.

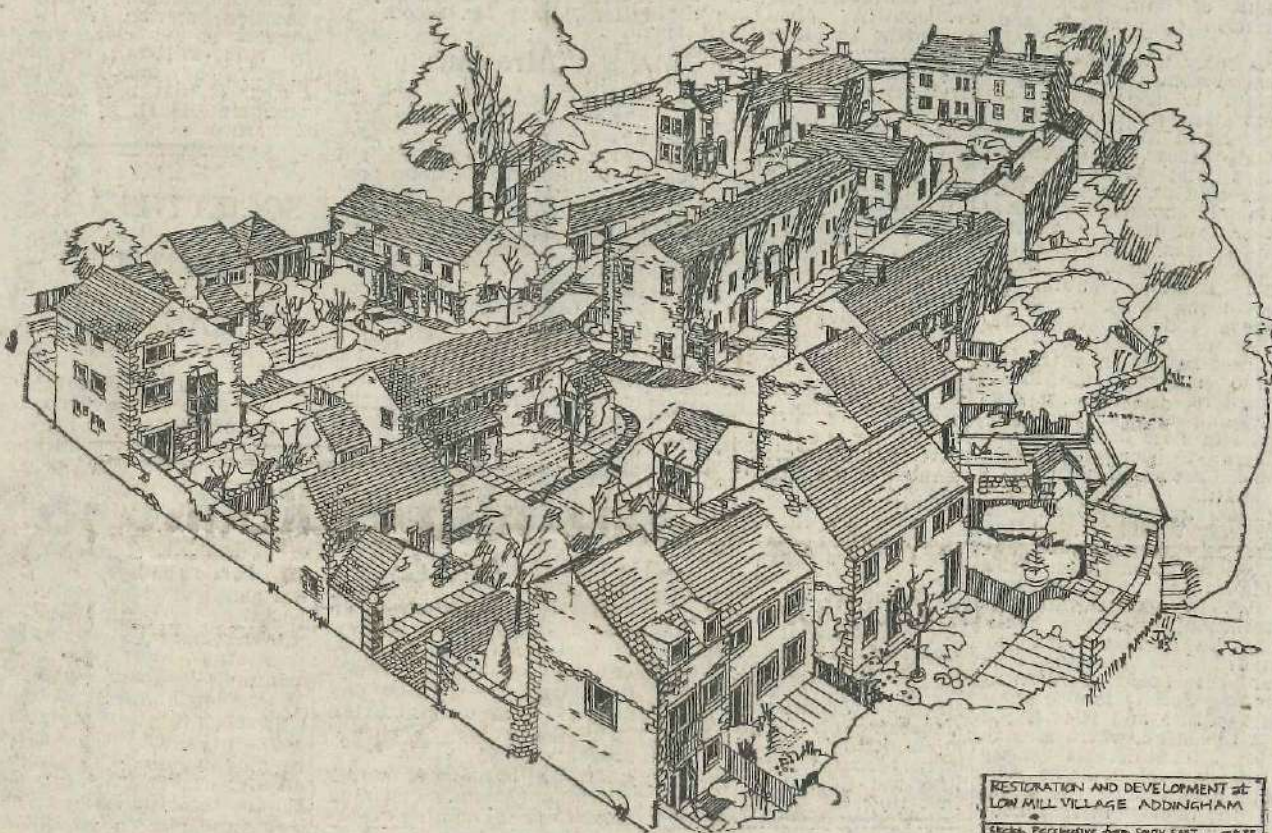
In May 1826 it found its place in history when it was attacked by a mob of 600 Luddites intent on smashing the power looms which they feared would take away their livelihood.

The mob had arrived via Skipton, but found Addingham ready for them. The women had chalked "This house to let" on most of their homes and the mob passed through, believing the village to be deserted. They arrived at Low Mills to find the menfolk waiting, armed with guns and large stones which they had carried to the higher stories ready to throw down.

One of the attackers was wounded by gunshot, and another lost his life when he fell into an open tank from the privies and was smothered. The mob was successfully beaten off and went on its way to Bradford.

Production at the mill continued until the age of the buildings and machinery forced the closure of the spinning department, which had provided continuous local employment for nearly 180 years in September 1967.

The rest of the mill became the sixth Addingham mill to close down in 30 years when production ceased at the end of 1971, and demolition started early in 1972.



RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
LOW MILL VILLAGE ADDINGHAM
Sketch, Perspective from SOUTH EAST. Oct 83

An artist's impression shows what the Low Mills area of Addingham may look like if the proposed new development goes ahead.

SPRING TARGET FOR COMPLETION OF WORK ON CASTLE ROAD AREA OF ILKLEY 21 OCT 83

The transformation of the Castle Road area of Ilkley from a rubble strewn eyesore to a green open space should be complete by next Spring, Bradford Council said this week.

The scheme, which came as a result of a combined effort by the War Memorial Trust Committee of Ilkley, Bradford Council and Ilkley Parish Council, was to form a link between the riverside memorial gardens and Ilkley Parish Church.

"Work on the site has progressed well and, providing the weather remains in our favour it should be complete by next Spring," said a spokesman for the Council's Recreation Department.

"The old excavations have been levelled out and a new wall built to back a seating area fronted by shrubs," he said. "Access has been provided by steps constructed with Yorkstone flags. The remainder of the site will be grassed with shrub beds bordering Castle Road."

The work has been carried out as part of the commu-

unity programme. "Operation Eyesore", launched in February to transform derelict sites into landscaped areas of grass and trees.

The £533,000 programme was sponsored by the Council's Recreation Division and funded by the Council and Manpower Services Commission.

The council spokesman said a maintenance agreement would be negotiated so that the Castle Road site and other "Operation Eyesore" sites would not be allowed to degenerate into their former appearance.

"The council has already agreed to maintain its own post-eyesore sites and it is hoped council and private landowners can fulfil promises to enable the worthwhile projects to continue for further years, providing more

mer council up at Countances Way, adjacent to the River Wharfe, which it is hoped will become a multi-purpose recreational resource.

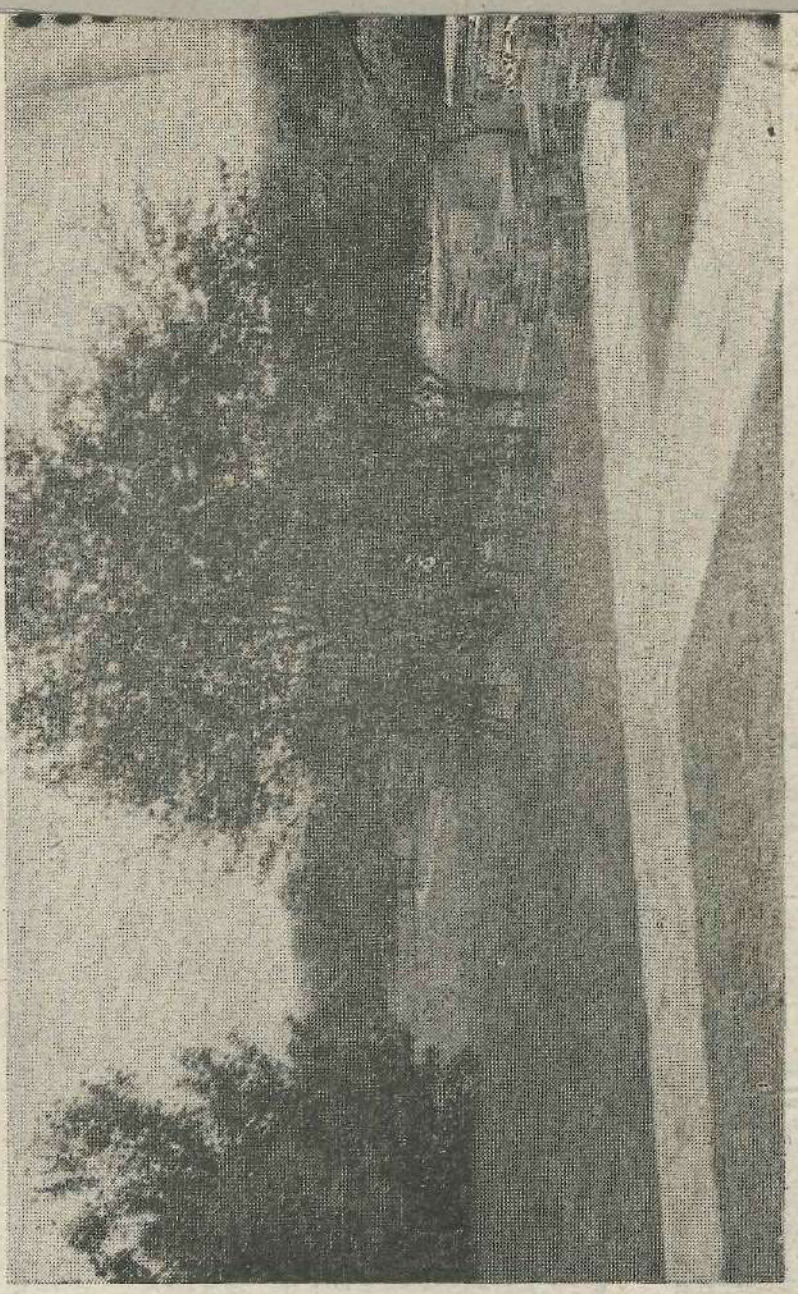
Planning permission is at present being sought, and if approved the remaining gravel pit will be improved as a lagoon for fishing and areas not colonized by vegetation will be grassed, and mounds, picnic tables and footpaths provided as necessary.

A small sunken car park would allow access, particularly for disabled fishermen while a screen of trees would be planted to reduce road traffic noise.

If the scheme is approved work is expected to start once the Castle Road development has been completed.



Picture shows the condition of Castle Road before clean-up work began.



The view in Castle Road today shows the complete transformation of the site and the improvements made since the operation began.

SCOUTING IN ILKLEY OVER THIRTY YEARS AGO



This picture of the 3rd Ilkley Scout Group, which met in Leeds Road, was taken over thirty years ago.

Those pictured, from left to right, are: Back row — Jim Smith, T. Gregg, Brian Chapman, Eric Anderson, Mick Woodrup, Raymond Francis and Kenneth Barnes. Second row — John Heaton, John Oglesby, Norman Tunnicliffe, Stanley Ackroyd, Philip Conyers and John Breat. Front row kneeling — Bennison, P. Wild and B. Ratcliffe. Standing — Chris Barber and Walter Forrest.

It is believed the photograph was taken in the late 1940's before the group left for a Jamboree overseas.

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Raising Funds For Sunday School Harmonium

100 Years Ago

A grand concert was held in the Assembly room to raise funds for a harmonium for the Parish Church Sunday School. The instrument was already installed and made its debut on this occasion. There was a varied programme of musical items, including numerous songs, classical pieces and popular songs of the time "Fairly Caught", "The Tar's Song," and "Trust Her Not".

"A pleasant surprise" was experienced by fifty inmates of Ilkley Hospital who were invited to the home of Rev. H. B. Ottley to view the curiosities he had brought from the Holy Land.

The handsome villa residence of Mr. G. Martin, known as "Cruxton" was offered for sale at a low up set price of £2,000 but was withdrawn when no offers were received. However, the appointments of the house including some pictures and bronzes were sold with great ease.

Dr. Thomas James Call died at the age of 50 at his home in Parish Ghyll Road. He had been medical officer for Ilkley Hospital and Semon Convalescent's Home and had an extensive private practice in Ilkley and Addingham. He had been closely associated with the growth of Ilkley into a health resort.

75 Years Ago

A suggestion in a daily newspaper that a capital course for aerial flights would be from Ilkley Moor to Beamsley Beacon prompted Ilkley Council to invite the Yorkshire Aera Club to make Ilkley Moor their practice ground for aviation purposes. However, the club ridiculed the idea pointing out the dangers of flying out over the craggy land and the town centre.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton was sighted by the residents of an Ilkley villa sitting on the low wall surrounding their house and scribbling for "dear life in a capacious note-book". His figure which was described as "Abnormally massive" was likened to an elephant. Mr. Chesterton was a regular visitor to Ilkley.

Menston Amateur Dramatic Society gave a fine production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience" in Ilkley Town Hall. The opera was produced by Mr. Shelford Walsh. There was a chorus of about forty Dragoon Guards and Rapturous Maidens who insured that the singing went throughout with a "grand swing". Miss Cissie Bradbury took the part of Patience and other leading roles were played by Sydney Carter, Arthur Voight, J. P. Craven, Miss Sallie Myers Mrs.

50 Years Ago

The grandson of Mr. McEwart Gladstone made his debut as a public speaker at Addingham. He attended a Liberal meeting in the Wesleyan Schoolroom and spoke for 50 minutes betraying a slight nervousness in his demeanour but he spoke fluently and "marshalled his facts in logical sequence". His father who died in 1891 had represented Whitby for 12 years in the House of Commons.

Mr. Thomas G. Emmott, proprietor of the Stoney Lea Hydro died in his 79th year. He was a native of Ilkley and was born in a thatched cottage in Brook Street. During the greater part of his youth he lived in Castle Yard and attended the Old Grammar School. He became a woolcomber in local industry, and later became a bathman at Ben Rhydding Hydro. In 1883 Mr. Emmott erected Stoney Lea, which prospered and was later extended. He was a founder member of the Ilkley Constitutional Club and a sidesman at the Parish Church.

The Rev. H. J. Glennie was inducted as Vicar of St. Margaret's Church. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Richmond who pronounced a benediction with a hand on the head of Mr. Glennie and the Rev. A. H. E. Lee who was entering upon new duties as curate at St. Margaret's Church.

25 Years Ago

A scheme for the extension and improvement of Ilkley Grammar School at a cost of approximately £60,000 was considered at a meeting between Governors of the School and officials of the County Authority.

Designed to meet problems of accommodation and organisation

the scheme provided for extra classrooms, a new two-storey teaching wing, a new gymnasium block with changing rooms, showers and toilets which would also serve the existing swimming bath. Also there was provision for a new boiler room and fuel store, a new playcourt and a new play area. At the same time the Governors were considering a scheme for the lay-out of a portion of the Wheatley Holmes field at Ben Rhydding for use by the Grammar School.

Milk flowed along The Grove and down Brook Street when two 42 gallon milk churns fell from a lorry, which was in collision with another lorry which had pulled partially off The Grove to allow him to pass.

Rainfall in October 1958 was heavy but there had been a considerable number of sunshine

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"SELL OFF PARTS OF ILKLEY MOOR" SAYS Cr.

A top Bradford councillor has suggested that parts of Ilkley Moor could be sold by hard-up Bradford Council to combat cutting services and staff.

Labour leader Philip Beeley said the Council, faced with mounting multi-million pound spending cuts, could sell parts of the famous moor with planning permission to private developers to raise cash and avoid slashing services and sacking staff.

He said it would be one alternative to closing children's homes and sacking hundreds of teachers. "Old people fear they will be chucked out of their homes. Children and students do not know if there will be anyone to teach them or even if they will have the books they need," he said.

"There are alternative ways of finding the reductions we must make to keep rates down without the indiscriminate butchery of services and jobs," added Cr. Beeley.

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ILKLEY CELEBRATES AS HOSPITAL'S CASUALTY DEPARTMENT IS SAVED

The news that Ilkley had won its battle to save the Coronation Hospital's casualty department met with delight this week from the many local organisations and individuals who opposed the plan to scrap it.

After the Airedale Health Authority's decision last week to spare the casualty service from the axe, the chairman of Ilkley Liberal Association, Mr. Bob Battey, said he was very pleased with the outcome.

The Liberals received over 400 returns from a "Focus" leaflet distributed to Ilkley households, which highlighted the plans to close the casualty department.

Mr. Battey, speaking to members of the Liberal and S.D.P. Parties at an adoption meeting as the Liberal Alliance candidate for the County Council by-election on 17 November, said he was pleased a Liberal initiative had brought such a result.

Successful

"It is most gratifying to hear that the lead the Liberal Association took to preserve the casualty service at the Coronation Hospital has been so successful," said Mr. Battey. "The fact that we produced a newsletter, which was distributed over most of Ilkley and much of Addingham highlighting the problem, led to the joining together of 23 local bodies, including the parish council, to fight the issue."

"I am sure that because we corresponded to every member of the Health Authority and sent all the "Focus" newsletter returns to the District Administrator, this was a significant factor in saving the essential service," he said.

"This combined effort was an excellent example of local democracy in action and all those people and different bodies who returned the "Focus" newsletter, with their opinions, must in turn be thanked for their most successful efforts," he added.

Strong opposition to the proposals had also come from Ilkley's doctors, and Dr. D. J. Moorhouse told the "Gazette" this week: "My colleagues and I rejoice that the Airedale Health Authority have withdrawn their proposals to close the casualty department and we thank the literally thousands of people who supported the retention of an obviously much appreciated service."

"We won because the Authority originally made a gross mistake in costing the service and were then made to acknowledge their error by the persistent pressure from the community," he said.

"However, my eyes have been opened to the wiles of N.H.S. politics," he added. "I have come to realise that the lay members of the Community Health Council and the Health Authority, however well meaning and dedicated, are completely manipulated by the professional N.H.S.

administrators. In theory the system seems fine but in practice it is a complete farce. It must be scrapped or rebuilt," he said.

"We cannot afford to become complacent. If the Government persists in squeezing the Health Service then not only the Coronation but also the town's other two hospitals will soon all be fighting for survival," said Dr. Moorhouse.

Warning

Mr. Brian Wheeler, the Branch Secretary of COHSE, said he was pleased the Health Authority had agreed to continue with the present casualty service at the Coronation Hospital, but issued a warning.

"At the same meeting the Authority stated that about 28 staff would be lost through the manpower cuts imposed by central government. This is bitterly condemned and the district will see a contraction of health services rather than an extension and improvement in health care," he said.

The chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. Ernest S. Gardner, said he was delighted with the decision to keep the casualty service.

"I am pleased that the pressure from the parish council, the unions, doctors and various organisations was successful and that the Authority eventually saw sense," he said.

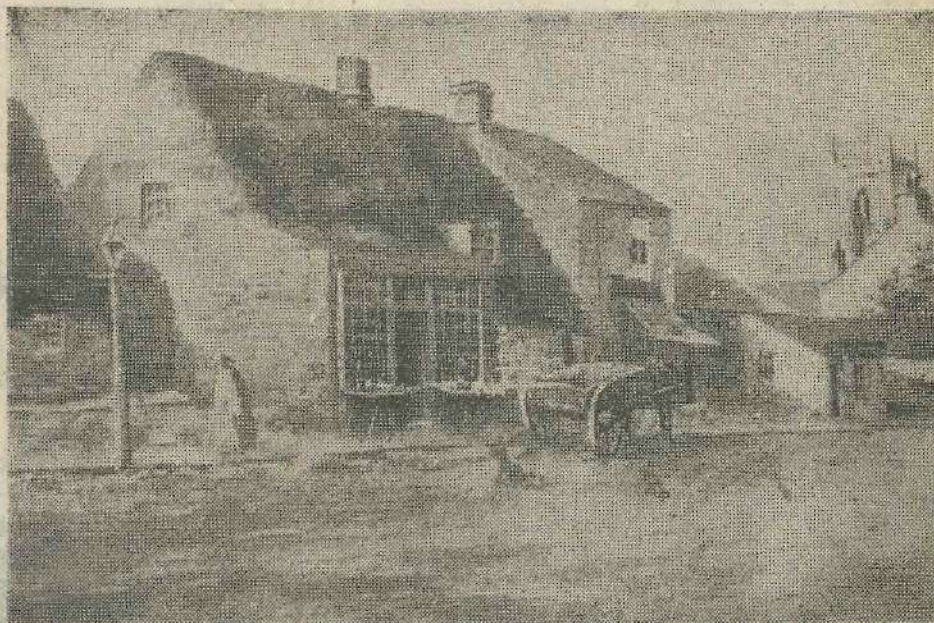
Local MP Gary Waller told the "Gazette" he was pleased with the decision to retain the casualty department which seemed to be very much a victory for common sense.

The decision to increase the bed occupancy at the Coronation Hospital was "very much one he welcomed because he thought it would guarantee the future of the hospital."

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BROOK STREET 130 YEARS AGO



The current series of "Scenes from the Past" this week takes a look at Brook Street, Ilkley. This picture taken over 130 years ago shows buildings on the site now occupied by Messrs. Almonds, greengrocers and frozen foods. The tower of Ilkley Parish Church can be seen to the right of picture.

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CIVIC SOCIETY OUTLINES OBJECTIONS TO BROOK STREET PLAN

Ilkley Civic Society has this week outlined its objections to a plan for a new shopping development in Brook Street.

It said it would have no objection to the demolition of premises at 17, Brook Street, but opposed plans to build shops, shop storage and/or offices on the site.

"These plans would involve building not only on the site of number 17 but also on the adjacent grassed area and on half of the paved area connecting Brook Street with Grove Promenade," it said.

"The grassed area and the paved walk have become the 'village green' of Ilkley, a meeting place for residents and visitors, a rendezvous for young people—who have too few places to meet—and the setting for Morris dancers and Street Theatre. It also provides an excellent location for local societies and charities to contact the public."

"A small paved area fronting Brook Street holds three seats much used by residents and visitors, particularly at times when buses are due. The open space also provides a not unpleasant space linking Brook Street to Grove Promenade," it said.

"The proposed development would entail the loss of all these features without significant benefit to the community. The Society is therefore opposed to the proposal as submitted."

The Civic Society has said it is not opposed to the principle of development on the site, provided certain conditions were met, and indeed feels that development of the site could offer considerable benefits.

It says that any development should meet the following criteria.—1. "The social facilities provided by the site must either be retained or replaced with equivalent facilities nearby. As landowner, the Authority has a duty to the public it serves to ensure that this is accomplished. Good design, undertaken with the involvement of local people could produce an area of which all concerned could be proud."

2. "The opportunity given by the site's proximity to Grove Promenade for the further improvement of the car park frontage should be grasped. The car park is probably the most significant, but least pleasant, open space in Ilkley Town Centre. With careful consideration it could become a visual asset, more akin to a Town Square than just a car park. Already some shops have improved their car park frontages, Grove Promenade has been renovated, the Arcade improved and several ideas put forward for the bus station and adjacent land. The opportunity provided by the development of the current site to further this improvement and thereby encourage others to follow should not be missed."

3. "The design of any building should be sympathetic to the Conservation Area."

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TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING REVIEW

Minor alterations to on-street car parking in the centre of Ilkley were discussed yesterday (Thursday) by a West Yorkshire County Council Transport sub-committee when it was expected proposals put forward by Ilkley Parish Council would be accepted.

Parish Councillor W. R. Hill who has taken an active part in the formulation of the Parish Council's suggestions said the biggest changes would be in Brook Street, along The Grove and in Cunliffe Road where a time limit on parking had been proposed. It would cover the whole length of each of these roads, he said.

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Rescue Operation Appreciation

Sir,—The Friends of the Manor House thank the Chairman, Mrs. J. Lightband and the Leisure Services Committee and the Chairman and the Educational Services Committee Bradford Metropolitan District Council for their decisions to retain the White Wells and Manor House Museums, Ilkley. It is hoped that their future security will now be safeguarded.

The Friends of the Manor House are most grateful to all those members, well wishers, and supporters and to Ilkley Parish Council for their hard work in the rescue operation and expressions of gratitude are extended for the demonstrable indication of support for the retention of White Wells and of the Manor House Museum and Art Gallery.

E. M. HOLT
Publicity Officer,
Friends of the Manor House
25 Wells Road,
Ilkley.

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Ilkley "Had A Good Time Of It" On Plot Night

100 Years Ago

The Ilkley juveniles "had a good time of it" on November 5, when they celebrated plot night in the usual manner. The largest bonfire was in Nelson Road, and was still burning the following day. Fireworks of every kind were let off from dusk until nearly midnight but stringent police regulations kept the main streets of the town quiet.

In accordance with new regulations of the Education Code, Ilkley Catholic School was given an annual inspection and report. The Inspector was particularly pleased with the Infant's department and said "the Infants are taught in a pleasant manner, in a beautiful well lighted and well furnished room". The Inspector reported that the tone and discipline of the entire school was excellent.

Members of Ilkley Local Board agreed that in view of the large area to be looked after by the police and the amount of money subscribed by the township to the Otley district, Ilkley should have another policeman. The Chairman thought three policemen were not sufficient for a town the size of Ilkley, but Mr. Beanlands thought three was ample as they often did not have one half day's work to do in a week. However, it was finally agreed that the Board should apply to the proper authorities for an extra policeman.

75 Years Ago

A concert of Old English folk music, songs and dances, was given by the Esperance Working Girls' Club in the Town Hall.

The songs were in the most part collected by Mr. Cecil Sharp from peasants in Somerset and most of the dances were taught to the girls by two brick-layers from Oxfordshire who had these steps handed down their family through five generations.

The whole programme given on a stage surrounded with woodland scenery gave Ilkley residents a glimpse into the life of old rural England reminiscent of the time when village life centred upon the village green for its life and gaiety.

Gunpowder Plot night fizzled out like a damp squib in Ilkley in 1908, and although there were plenty of fires in the town and fireworks lit up the sky the festival was thought to be on the decline.

A four day Old English Autumn Fair was held in the Wesleyan Assembly Hall, Wells Road, Ilkley, with the object of raising money for a new Wesleyan Church in Ben Rhydding. The centre piece of the hall was a May Pole garlanded with flowers and ribbons, which formed a canopy over the whole area.

The fair was opened by Mrs. S. P. Myers, and the first day's takings were £167. Entertainment consisted of recitals by Miss Elsie Fleming, electionist; tableaux vivants, music and games by members of the Children's Guild

of Play under the direction of Miss Hoskins; vocal and instrumental concerts; nail driving competitions for the ladies and hat trimming for the gentlemen. Tea and supper was provided and there was a smoking room set aside.

50 Years Ago

A road widening scheme at the top of Mill Ghyll which would involve the removal of the "island" through which ran a portion of the Mill Ghyll stream led to a good deal of discussion at the November meeting of Ilkley Urban District Council in 1933 and eventually it was decided to instruct the Surveyor to prepare a plan to be submitted at a later meeting.

The total number of unemployed in Ilkley and Addingham reached 248. This included a number of skilled workmen—painters, plumbers, masons engineers, joiners, brick-layers, drivers and textile workers as well as over 60 general labourers.

Two Burley workmen at Greenholme Mills were rescued from a gas-filled sump after they had collapsed in a nine foot hole from carbon monoxide poisoning. They were lying unconscious when they were bravely rescued by two fellow workmen whose only guard against the fumes were rolled up handkerchiefs. The rescuers were John Barker, of Fenton Street, Burley, who was the superintendent of Burley Ambulance Brigade and Ben Bradley, of Greenholme. It was two hours before with the aid of constant artificial respiration Dan Heap and Wm. Smith were eventually brought back to consciousness.

25 Years Ago

The mystery concerning the ownership of the village green at Addingham was solved at the November meeting of Addingham Parish Council. The full details were given by Miss M. Lister, of The Grove, Ilkley, whose grandfather Mr. J. H. Lister had once owned the land. The Parish Council had taken over the Green in 1894 after a court case had been lost by her Uncle and Aunt. Some years previously a law was made that entitled the public to claim any spare land providing they fenced it in and Mr. Lister took the land over but failed to erect a fence. Villagers started to use the land as a dumping ground and caused a nuisance.

In 1894 the Lord of the Manor, Mr. Smith, objected to Mr. Lister taking the land over without the requisite fencing and the matter was taken to Court. The case lasted nine days and the Lister family lost the rights as Mr. Lister had failed to erect the necessary fence. After winning the case the Lord of the Manor left the land open to the public again and shortly afterwards the Parish Council took it over.

Apparently in 1958 the Green was an eyesore and some members of the Parish Council wished it to be mown regularly.

NEW SHOPPING DEVELOPMENT TO BE BUILT ON CONTROVERSIAL

A new shopping development is to be built on the controversial South Hawksworth Street car park site at Ilkley.

The two-storey development comprising four shops with either offices or storage above, has been designed to form a link between the Grove Promenade shops and the Victorian Arcade.

The plan — which was approved by Bradford Council earlier this year — is for the site of the former Lawsons

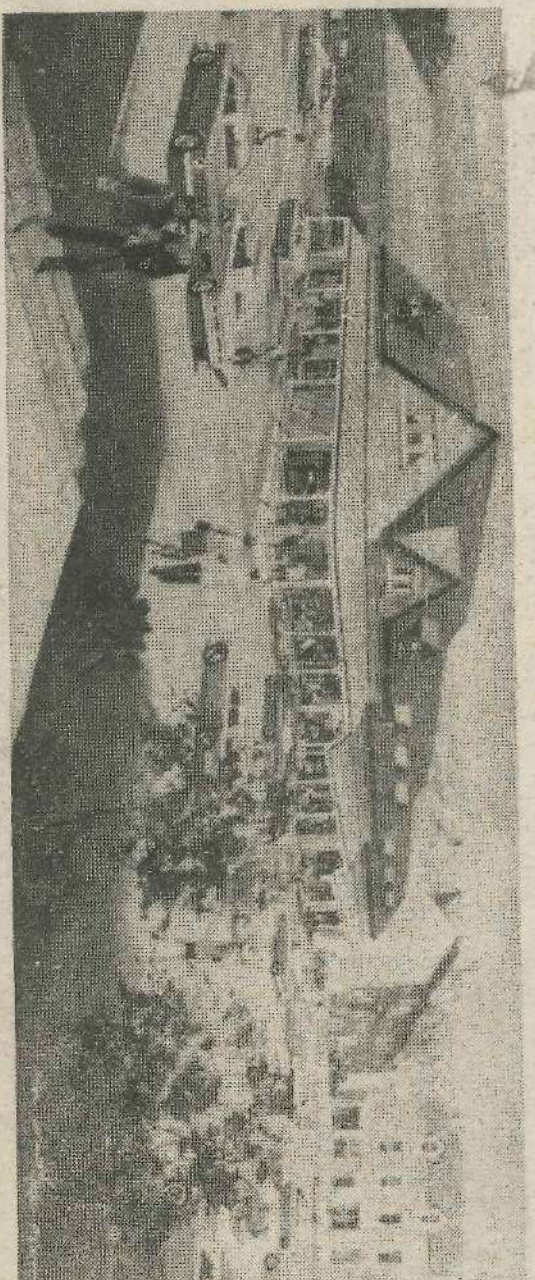
plumbers premises and Hawksworth House.

The site was owned by Bradford Council, which decided to sell the land for redevelopment to the highest bidder.

Several tenders were submitted and the Council's Management Special Sub-Committee has decided to sell the land for an undisclosed sum to North Yorkshire Securities Ltd., a family trust based at Leeds.

The land will remain in possession of the Council until May next year after which work will begin on the new development.

The shops will be built in



This artist's impression shows what the new development will look like when it is complete.

CAR PARK SITE

keeping with Victorian atmosphere. They will be in stone with stone slate roofs and glass canopies at the front.

The agents for North Yorkshire Securities are Simon Houston and Partners, of Leeds. A spokesman said this week that it was an attractive scheme. It is similar to one put forward by Rayon Developments in the past, which was approved but did not go ahead because they were unable to negotiate a case from Bradford Council.

Several different plans for developing the site have been drawn up in the past year, and no fewer than three were approved by Bradford Council. The most recent—submitted by Jack Lunn and Co. Ltd., of Bradford Road, Pudsey—was for seven shop units with flats at first floor level.

Others included a controversial scheme to build a supermarket, eleven shops, a pedestrian mall, service access and car parking facilities. The plan—submitted by West Yorkshire Road Car Company—was approved by the Council despite much local opposition.

Other plans approved included one for the demolition of the existing building and the erection of seven retail units.

DANGEROUS WHIRLPOOL BEING FILLED IN BY SUCCESSIVE FLOODS

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The whirlpool, known as the Crum Wheel in the River Wharfe at Ilkley and always regarded in the past as a place of danger, is slowly being filled in by the river itself.

The past forty years have seen the size of this area of water, between Ilkley Cemetery and Middleton Woods near the suspension bridge, reduced by half after successive winter floods have

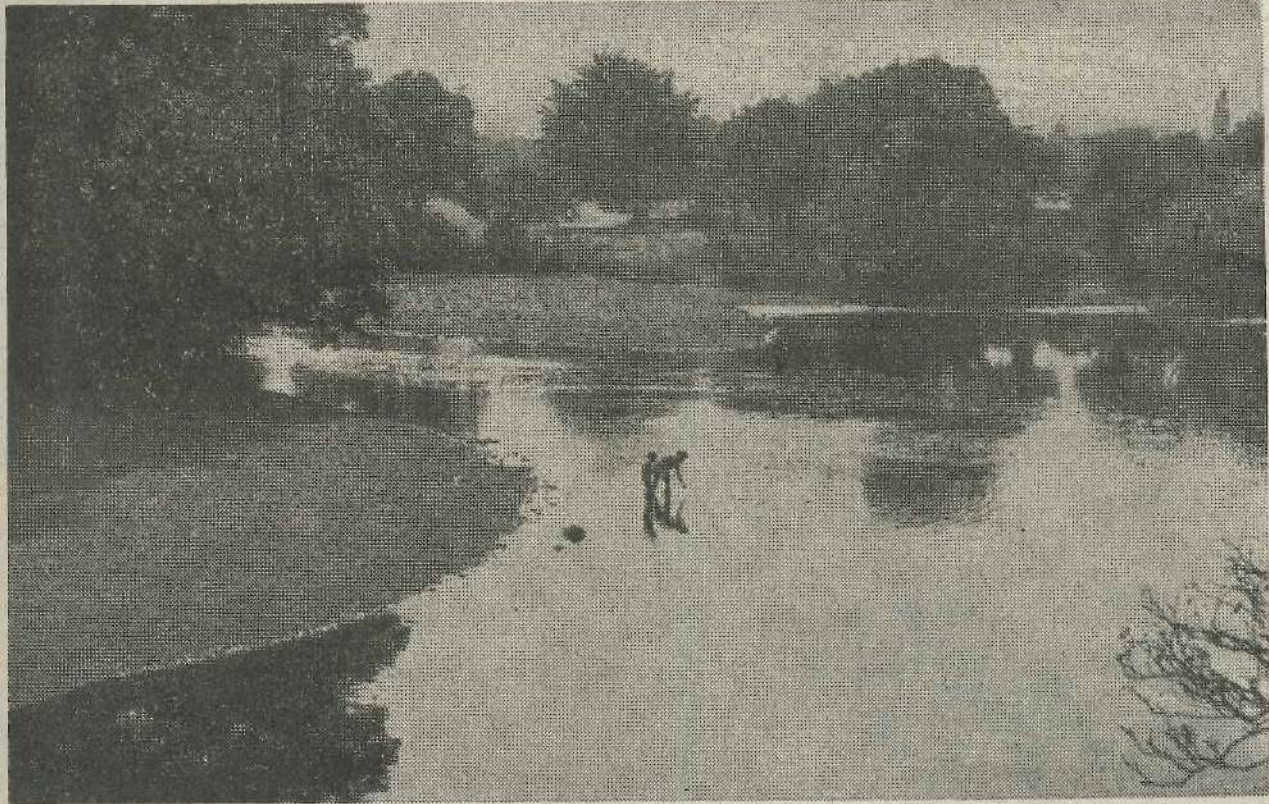
washed downstream large deposits of sand and gravel. These deposits are filling in that corner of the river (pictured here) where it is believed quarrying was in progress during the last century.

In 1957 an underwater exploration of the whirlpool was undertaken by two Bradford divers who found an underwater island stretching ten feet across and sloping to

a depth of something between 15 and 20 feet. The island formed of sand and rocks was only about three feet below the surface at its highest point and had been made by strong currents which swept the water round in a circle. There was very little vegetation and the divers described the whirlpool as a "very dangerous" place. They advised people not to swim there because of

the strong currents. Of all the rivers they had explored over a wide area the Crum Wheel was one of the worst stretches they had ever encountered.

The low level of the river during the summer, when this picture was taken, revealed to what extent the whirlpool (seen on the right of picture) was beginning to disappear.



SCENES FROM THE 11 Nov 83 PAST (17)

Ilkley British Legion's First Committee

Ilkley Royal British Legion was formed over fifty years ago and before moving to premises in Wells Road, at Annandale the Branch and Club occupied Mornington House in Mornington Road.

From those early days in the 1920s the club and branch have prospered through the years. This picture is believed to be of the first committee appointed to serve the Ilkley British

Legion and was taken outside Mornington Road.

Pictured Back Row (left to right) are.—Messrs. J. Fisher, R. Clarkson, J. Attwood, A. Watts, L. Cavill, W. Brown, Archie Robinson, G. Elliott, A. Royal, R. Hartley.

Front Row (left to right).—Messrs. J. McLellan, W. Chambers, Jack Boden, Capt. L. J. Sarjeant, Albert Robinson, E. Chambers, J. Oldfield and Stanley Hawkins.



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**REACTION TO
 GREEN BELT
 PROPOSALS**

Of a total of 364 adverse comments received on proposed changes to the Green Belt in Wharfedale, some 283 concerned the planned removal of Ben Rhydding Drive and Coutances Way, it was revealed in a report prepared by Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Bradford's Planning Sub-Committee accepted the report, as well as further details which were still coming in. They also agreed to meet with representatives of the county council to discuss the county's response.

Although a deadline had been set for comments on the proposals to be received, this was not seen as a rigid deadline and comments were still coming in, it was reported. In the meantime all comments were being analysed.

The progress report presented to the Planning Sub-Committee provided a statistical breakdown of comments on the proposed changes affecting Ilkley, Addingham, Burley and Menston.

The two most contentious proposals were for the deletion from the Green Belt of Ben Rhydding Drive, which attracted 188 adverse comments and ten favourable comments, and the deletion of Coutances Way, with 96 adverse comments and ten favourable ones.

At Menston there were 56 comments from people against the proposed deletion of Bradford Road, Derry Hill and Hawksworth Drive, with only one in favour, while Burley produced 16 adverse comments, eight of them against the deletion of Endor Crescent.

At the time the report was prepared there had only been six comments against the proposed changes at Addingham, all against the proposed eastern deletion, with four each in favour of the additions to the north and south.

For the whole of Wharfedale there were 364 adverse comments and just 69 favourable comments.

**COMPLAINTS RESULT IN
 CHANGES TO ILKLEY
 PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

11 Nov 83

Parking restrictions introduced in the centre of Ilkley nearly three years ago by the county council are now to be amended after a review, taking into account complaints from local residents and discussions with Ilkley Parish Council.

The county council's Bradford Area Sub-Committee has agreed that the amendments, costing £2,400, should be included in the 1984-85 budget if money is available.

The modifications are:-

A reduction of 30 metres in the length of waiting restrictions (no waiting 8.00a.m. to 6.00p.m. Mon. to Sat. on the north-east side of Cowpasture Road, as the present length is considered excessive and unnecessary.

Transfer of waiting restrictions (no waiting at any time) from the west to the east side of Trafalgar Road to overcome complaints concerning the parking of vehicles on the east side.

Extension of waiting restrictions (no waiting 8.00a.m. to 6.00p.m. Mon. to Sat. southwards for twelve metres on both sides of Wells Promenade, to enable pedestrians to cross the road in safety.

Reduction of 20 metres of waiting restrictions (no waiting at any time) on the south-east side of Grove Road, as the present length is considered excessive and unnecessary.

Extension of waiting restrictions (no waiting at any time) to 12 metres northwards on the east side of Bolton Bridge Road, to improve visibility for vehicles emerging from Regent Road.

Introduction of restrictions (no waiting 8.00a.m. to 6.00p.m. Mon. to Sat.) on the north side of Regent Road for 50 metres in a westerly direction from the junction of Cunliffe Road, to overcome access and servicing difficulties.

Introduction of waiting restrictions (no waiting at any time) on the east side of Westville Road for 50 metres from the junction with Skipton Road, following a complaint about parking on Westville Road. It was felt the narrow road was unsuitable for park-

ing on both sides, and congestion was caused due to the popularity of a local public house.

Provision of a "Disabled Only" parking space outside Ilkley Library in Station Road, to enable disabled people to take advantage of the special wheelchair lift.

Transfer of waiting restrictions (no waiting at any time) from the south side to the north side of Springs Lane, to overcome the problem of visitors to the Coronation Hospital parking on the north side of Springs Lane outside residential properties.

Extension of restrictions (no waiting 8.00a.m. to 6.00p.m. Mon. to Sat. southwards for 15 metres on both sides of Wells Walk, to overcome complaints about the difficulties of access from the link road between Riddings Road and Wells Walk into and out of Wells Walk.

A request had been received from Ilkley Parish Council to introduce limited waiting in the town for the benefit of the shopping public and other business visits. An on-street car parking duration survey had been carried out, and it was felt that limited waiting (two hours in four Mon. to Sat. 8.00p.m. to 6.00p.m.) should be introduced on Brook Street the north side of The Grove, and the west side of Cunliffe Road.

ACROSS THE YEARS 11 Nov 83
**Parish Church Rescued
 From Semi-ruin**

100 Years Ago

The annual harvest tea and entertainment of Ilkley Parish Church was held in the National Schoolroom. The attendance was so good that a second sitting was provided to accommodate all present at the "bountiful tea". The Vicar presided at the entertainment and took the opportunity to comment on the well being of the church, the school and the vicarage and indeed the whole parish. He said the church had been rescued from a condition of semi-ruin and it was now clean and sweet and the congregation were able to sit in comfort. He thanked the Parish for the work on the parsonage which had been in an unsanitary condition with neglected drains. He commented that he could not have afforded the expense of the remedial work on his small salary and heartily thanked his parishioners for their timely assistance.

The four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther was commemorated at Ilkley with a juvenile magic lantern show by the Rev. D. Wheeler to illustrate Luther's life; sermons at the various Protestant places of worship and a public lecture on the reformer's life and work by Rev. S. G. Potter.

Miss Maggie Brown cut the first sod to start the new extensions to the Listers' Arms Hotel, watched by about fifty spectators.

75 Years Ago

Miss S. Salt, of Denton Hall, presided at the annual meeting in 1908 of the Ilkley and Wharfedale Orphanage and Children's Home. Prior to the meeting all present handed in 11lb or more of provisions, fruit and other goods the result being the contribution of a large quantity of groceries, fruit, biscuits, sweets, jam etc.

Dr. Richardson reported that the 15 girls residing at the home had been exceedingly healthy throughout the year, and they were well fed, well clothed and had a healthy environment.

A concert was held to assist the funds of the Ilkley Hospital and Convalescent Home in the dining hall of the Hospital. There was a large and very fashionable audience. The programme was varied and "popular" in character with pianoforte solos by Miss A. Warren and Miss Vera Dawson, violin solos by Miss Wilde, recitations by Miss V. Denison, songs from Mrs. Robertshaw and Mr. Craven and songs by pupils of Miss Rickard's school.

50 Years Ago

Both St. Margaret's Church and Ilkley Parish Church were crowded to their utmost capacity for special Armistice Sunday Services. There was an impressive scene at the War Memorial when the procession from St. Margaret's Church marched with wreaths of remembrance and placed them on the Memorial. The Australian Rugby League Tourists who were staying in the

town attended the service and placed a wreath at the foot of the War Memorial.

On the Saturday Poppy sellers were on duty from 7 a.m. at Ilkley railway station. In relays they kept the work up throughout the town during the entire day. A wreath to represent the public of Ilkley was on display on The Grove, near the shop of Mr. P. Dalton, and at this stall poppies could be purchased for one shilling and these were placed in a huge tribute which was in turn placed at the foot of the War Memorial. The lady organisers of the poppy appeal were Miss D. G. Sutcliffe, Mrs. J. Knox, Miss Hester Garnett and Mrs. Fred Wilson.

To help Ilkley's unemployed there was an appeal in the Ilkley Gazette for children's boots and shoes, and also for a bicycle to enable a man to apply for work some miles away when he could not afford the bus fare.

25 Years Ago

Addingham British Legion branch President, Mr. C. Wall, made a plea for more members in the village. He said only half the ex-servicemen in the village, approximately 200, were members of the British Legion.

Ilkley Youth Club was still without premises in November 1958 and enlisted the help of their M.P., Col. Malcolm Stoddart Scott to seek permission to use the army hut on Skipton Road. Extensive enquiries had been made into the possibility of using the Assembly Rooms and One Oak amongst other places but they were all found to be unsuitable for the Youth Club's purposes.

Ilkley Moor Hotel advertised dancing every Saturday night with dinner from 10/6, and the Troutbeck Hotel offered a buffet dance each Wednesday at 5/-. In addition there was the Wharfedale Battery Gunner's Club Dance each Wednesday in the Drill Hall, Leeds Road, priced 1s. and the 50/50 Dance Club in the King's Hall and Winter Gardens, and an Old Time Dance at the Ilkley Moor Hotel. The two big films on offer were "The Vikings" with Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis and "A Cry from the Streets" which starred Max Bygraves and Barbara Murray.

SCENES FROM THE 25 Nov 83
PAST (18)

Where Ilkley Town Hall Now Stands



This rare picture of Ilkley in the last century shows the garden of Sedbergh House where the Town Hall now stands.

CIVIC SOCIETY LOOKS AT PLANNING FOR ILKLEY'S FUTURE

Ilkley Civic Society has held the first of three meetings on the theme of "planning for Ilkley's Future" when the visiting speaker was Mr. Keith Walker, Assistant Planning Officer of the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council.

There were two main themes:
1. the effects of the Government's recent proposals to abolish the Metropolitan Councils and,
2. the proposed alterations to the Green Belt in Wharfedale.

Mr. Walker commented on the Government's proposals and explained the County Council's concern. It was felt that the proposals would reduce accountability as had already happened in the case of the Water Boards, The Police, the Fire Service and Public Transport would be run by joint Boards consisting of nominees of Central Government and representatives of the Metropolitan Districts. None of the Board members would be directly elected.

The result was seen to be a possible massive extension of the powers of Central Government. Some services, e.g. waste disposal and strategic planning and highway matters, would devolve to the districts, but, in all three examples the decentralisation would be inappropriate. In the case of waste disposal, it was much more effective on a County-wide basis—it was difficult to find suitable sites within each and every district for all the waste from that district. It was even becoming a region matter, with investigation being carried out into transporting West Yorkshire's waste (which includes colliery spoils) for dumping near the Humber estuary, said Mr. Walker.

Judge And Jury

In the case of strategic planning, each District would in future under these proposals be judge and jury in its own case. Much development land was owned by the Districts and this could be built on in order to raise revenue, whatever the destructive effects on the environment. Each district could pursue its own interests, irrespective of the effects on other Districts in the County. At present the County pursued an overall approach to strategic planning—this would no longer be possible, said Mr. Walker.

More specifically the mid-Wharfedale area could be adversely affected by the transfer of total control over planning to the Districts. West Yorkshire County Council did not share the enthusiasm of Bradford District for the removal from the Green Belt of two large areas on Ilkley's eastern fringe, together with similar proposals in Addingham and Menston. West Yorkshire was in fact totally opposed to the area South of Countances Way being removed from the Green Belt and has made an objection to the proposal. It also had reservations regarding land near Ben Rhydding Drive. West Yorkshire had requested a meeting with Bradford to discuss these proposals. However, West Yorkshire did support the proposed Green Belt extensions on the West side of Ilkley.

Mr. Walker drew attention to the newly published first alteration to the West Yorkshire County Structure Plan. This document, published last month, stated that the Ilkley By-Pass had been finally abandoned, and the Leeds-Bradford-Ilkley railway line was to be supported and maintained.

Gardeners' Association Present Pictures To Broadcaster

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There was a capacity audience at Church House for the November meeting of the Ilkley Gardeners' Association to hear an amusing and instructive talk by Mr. Alan Titchmarsh.

Mr. Titchmarsh, an Ilkley man, has deservedly found fame in the gardening world through his broadcasts on radio and television, and his contributions in national magazines and newspapers on matters of horticulture.

Much interest was shown in some delightful colour slides of some of the great

and famous gardens in which Mr. Titchmarsh had worked on gardening programmes.

These included gardens as far apart as the Queen Mother's Castle of Mey in Inverness, Powis Castle in Wales and the magic world of Kew with its infinite variety of rare and precious plants.

Among the most breathtaking slides were pictures of alpine slopes, the steep scree covered with plants and flowers, with the blue gentian shown to perfection in its natural habitat, clinging to a

crevice on a sheer rock face.

Many questions were asked, and Mr. Titchmarsh's easy and relaxed style of imparting information sped the evening along all too quickly.

In thanking Mr. Titchmarsh for a splendid evening, the Chairman, Mr. Jack Hird, presented him with two framed photographs of Old Ilkley.

Mr. Titchmarsh replying said he had enjoyed his brief visit to his home town, and promised to return at some future date to talk again to his fellow gardeners of Ilkley.

COLLEGE REPRIEVED AS COUNCIL DEBATE SPENDING CUTS

Any proposals to discuss the closure of Ilkley College were thrown out at a special meeting in Bradford on Monday when the Metropolitan Council agreed on spending cuts totalling £4.2 during the rest of this year.

The future of Ilkley College was included in a list of proposals by the Tories only and were for cuts during 1984-85 which members had already agreed not to debate.

A spokesman at Ilkley College told the "Gazette" this week that so far the College had been saved but not doubt the future of the college would be discussed again during the next financial year.

The spending cuts were agreed at a meeting on Monday which was lobbied by protesting trade unionists, students and staff—some from Ilkley College—but there was a warning that the cuts might

not be sufficient to prevent a soaring rate rise.

The Conservative group which is the largest single party on the hung Council was outvoted by Labour and Liberal members when the Tories tried to get through proposals for more cuts next year.

These included controversial plans for early retirement, reduced overtime, shorter working week for less pay, a three months freeze on any pay rise, and the sale of the Council's markets and abattoir.

These are likely to be brought back for discussion

in the next month or two but Labour and Liberal spokesmen made it clear they would discuss cuts only at the budget debate in March when more information would be available about financial support being given by the Government.

Cr. Ron Farley, chairman of the Management Committee, said the full Conservative group package would mean a rate rise of five per cent. Cuts agreed so far, if carried through into next year could mean rate rises of up to 65 per cent. That was not acceptable and further action would have to be considered.



Students from the Ilkley campus of Bradford and Ilkley Community College took to the streets on Saturday, to bring to the attention of local people the threat to the future of the Ilkley site.

Public Analyst Checks Water Supply

100 Years Ago

The Public Analyst for the Borough of Bradford was called upon to report upon water supplied from the Silver Well water supply to the villas called Stourton Gardens and the Middleton Hotel as there had been rumours and allegations rife in the town that this water was contaminated and polluted by sewers. Two samples of tap water were obtained, one from the hotel, the other from the home of Joseph Smith, and the resulting analysis proved conclusively that the water was completely pure. The pond and the water course were also examined thoroughly and it was found that pollution by sewage would have been impossible.

The juvenile branch of the Band of Hope, was provided with a tea in the National School-rooms and between seventy and eighty children sat down to a "beautiful repast". Miss Lambert addressed them strongly regarding temperance as a way of life, the Vicar read from Alice in Wonderland, and the Misses Scheslinger sang a duet. In all a very pleasant evening was experienced by courtesy of Miss Tolson who provided the refreshments.

75 Years Ago

A 26 year old Ilkley man was accidentally shot at Forest Moor Farm in Nidderdale. He was found by Miss Langstreth the housekeeper and his brother Hugh with his gun beneath him and part of his head blown off. The inquest was held in the farmhouse and a verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

The Ilkley Orpheus Glee Union gave one of their popular concerts in the Town Hall, Ilkley. The artistes were the Craven Prize Quartette Party, with Tom Spink (humorist), Master Edgar Earnshaw (solo pianist) and the Glee Union. The conductor was Mr. J. A. Earnshaw and Mr. Percy Bradley, the accompanist.

At the second special monthly service for men, inaugurated by Rev. F. Sinker, Vicar of Ilkley, 500 men heard the vicar's strong condemnation of gambling. Mr. Sinker expressed his pleasure at seeing such a magnificent congregation which followed his personal visits the previous night visiting the local public houses and inviting the public to attend.

The first motor cab to ply for hire in Leeds was during November 1908 and was run by the Leeds and Ilkley Motor-Cab Company.

50 Years Ago

Lord Baden Powell, Chief Scout, who had been visiting Leeds and Bradford in November, 1933 braved unpleasant weather conditions to motor to Ilkley in order to visit an old friend, Mr. Frank Whiteley. It was a meeting of two veterans of the siege of Mafeking during the Boer War as Lord Baden Powell was the heroic defender of the township and Mr. Frank Whiteley was the Mayor who so gallantly organised the civilian side of that historic siege. Mr. Whiteley made his home in Ilkley in 1903 and had not been well for two years.

Mrs. Whiteley told the Ilkley Gazette that Mr. Whiteley had deeply appreciated the visit and Lord Baden Powell had invited him to his home in Bentley to mark the anniversary of the relief of Mafeking on 17 May 1934 and said he would have a special room made up for him downstairs if necessary.

An appeal was made for children's shoes and boots by the Friendship Centre for the Unemployed. Apparently a number of children had been absent from school because they had no shoes fit to wear, or they had outgrown their only pair. The Centre offered firewood for sale at 1s. per bag for chips or logs or 25s. per load delivered free.

25 Years Ago

There was lengthy discussion at the November meeting of Ilkley Road Safety Committee in 1958 regarding the suggestion that volunteer instructors should be enlisted for training and testing child cyclists. However it was decided that the existing scheme run by P.C. Long who had charge of teaching road safety to children in the area was already doing an excellent job, and all possible was already being done in the Ilkley area.

The adverse effect of the weather on casual catering was mentioned by Mr. E. Lodge, secretary of the Yorkshire Dales Tourist Association at the annual general meeting. In many localities trade had been exceedingly

low, particularly in the remoter parts. There had not been a single weekend throughout the entire summer which could be regarded as "reliable" from the point of view of weather and wet ones were far more frequent than anything. Party catering had been adversely affected not only by the weather but by the slight recession in the local textile trade. Alarm was expressed by members at the number of permanently sited caravans in various parts of the Dales. These were a definite threat to beauty spots in the area. This referred to odd caravans position in corners of fields.

25 NOV 83 Advent Procession At St. Margaret's

Tomorrow night (Saturday) St. Margaret's Parish Church, Ilkley, will again be marking the approach of Christmas with its annual Advent Procession.

This most popular of the church's special festive services has gained an enthusiastic following from the people of Ilkley due to its impressive use of drama, movement, light and music. In recent years, the imagery of Advent, the arrival of the Light of the World, has been found in the candle-lit procession moving, in darkness, from west to east. The black of the church is turned gradually to light as the Advent story is related.

Readings from scripture are interspersed with carols from the church choir (composers ranging from Palestrina to Herbert Howells) and Advent hymns for the congregation. The procession reaches the high altar, the church is flooded with light and that most noble hymn of preparation, Sleepers Wake, is sung by the whole assembly.

For those who would like again to share in this moving event, or for those who would like an alternative to a Christmas Carol service, the Advent Procession will begin at 6.30 p.m.

POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF WHARFEDALE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Decline in use over

18 Nov 83 recent years

There is a strong possibility that the Wharfedale Children's Hospital at Menston, which has served this district for a long number of years, may be closed down towards the end of 1984.

The Airedale Health Authority was told at its meeting yesterday (Thursday) that the use of the hospital, which has an annual running cost of £272,751 a year, has been steadily declining and that although there are 65 beds available the average occupancy is down to 23.8.

A table of statistics shown to the meeting revealed that in addition to young patients from this area, the hospital had accommodated children from as far away as Cumbria and Lincolnshire.

The number of patients in residence at weekends in the whole of 1982 reached double figures on only five occasions. There was no-one in residence over the Christmas weekend. There were two weekends in which there were only three children at the hospital, and one weekend in which there were only two there.

The report presented to the Authority was in the form of a consultative document which invited comments to be addressed to the District Administrator, Airedale General Hospital, Steton, by March 23.

The Wharfedale Children's Hospital, stated the report, is seven miles from Ilkley and three from Otley. The majority of the buildings date from the early part of this century, but the buildings in which the school is housed are of more modern construction.

The school provides education facilities for children who are in-patients, and is financed and staffed by Bradford City Council.

The hospital is built in some 24 acres of ground, and which ten acres comprise the buildings and adjacent grounds, the remaining 14 acres being let as agricultural tenancies. There are no day, out-patient or casualty services at the hospital.

There is a staff of 21 nurses and 12 domestic and catering staff.

The prime reason for the decline in use of the hospital is the changes in the treatment of children that have taken place over the years and which now emphasise the care of children in the community rather than in long-stay hospitals.

In addition to the general decline in the use being made of the hospital, the reasons for the admission of children have also changed. The purpose of a hospital is the treatment of physical or mental illness and there is evidence that the majority of the children now in the hospital attend for educational and social reasons rather than for medical reasons. That the reasons for admission are not purely medical is borne out by the fact that, in the opinion of the Consultant Paediatrician in Administrative Charge of the Hospital only five of the patients attend for purely medical reasons.

A further point which indicates that the Hospital is now being used for children admitted primarily for educational or social reasons is that many of the children return to their homes each weekend and do not attend the hospital during the school holiday periods. For example, in August 1983, of the 33 patients then registered at the Hospital 22 were on leave.

Twenty-three children in the Hospital at the end of June 1983, came from seven health districts. It is felt that, bearing in mind that a minority of the children are at Wharfedale for purely medical reasons, that it will be possible to medically care for the children within the area in which they live.

Buildings and Land

Should it be decided, following the consultation period, that the hospital should close it would be the intention that the buildings and land would be declared surplus to the requirements of the Health Authority and the Regional Health Authority would be asked to dispose of them.

Alternative arrangements will be made for the accommodation of the 13 staff from Scalebor Park Hospital who currently occupy single residential accommodation at Wharfedale Children's Hospital.

Staffing Implications

There are a total of 33 full-time equivalent staff employed at the Hospital. The Health Authority is fully aware of the impact on staff of the closure of the hospital and will make every effort to assist staff in finding alternative employment. Detailed personnel policies will be prepared which will cover such matters as the prior consideration of staff at Wharfedale Children's Hospital for vacancies which arise elsewhere within the Health District and arrangements for early retirement where appropriate.

Full consultation on personnel matters will take place with the staff themselves and with the relevant Trade Unions and staff organisations during the course of the consultation period, and afterwards, should it be decided that the hospital will close.

Although every possible effort will be made to ensure the continued employment of all staff elsewhere within the District, it is not possible to guarantee that no staff will become redundant.

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CRS. VISIT ILKLEY YOUTH CENTRE

Cty. Cr. E. S. Gardner, chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, and Cr. Mrs. Jean Harwood visited Ilkley Youth Centre in Regent Road at the invitation of the junior club leader, Mr. Rowan Bulmer.

They were shown around the building and told of the range of activities available for the youngsters, including snooker, badminton, table tennis and gym.

One room was set aside for a disco, which always proved popular, and there was a coffee bar and video room.

The centre sometimes had to cope with as many as 200 youngsters and the task of dealing with that number fell largely on a small but devoted team of helpers.

There was scope for more adult help, said Mr. Bulmer, and so far there had not been as much parental involvement as he would have liked. He said he hoped to remedy that, however, and stressed that the building could be hired for parties. He said parents could help in other ways—gifts of furniture, particularly easy chairs, were welcome.

The building has a varied history, originally being St. Margaret's Church Hall and after the war being used for the manufacture of blazer badges before a spell as a furniture warehouse.

Any adult wishing to know more about the junior club should contact Mr. Bulmer at the Youth Centre on Friday evenings.

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FLATS ON STONEY LEA SITE

Bradford Council Planning Sub-Committee granted planning permission on Wednesday for the erection of 33 flats and a restaurant with garages on the site of the former Stoney Lea Hotel in Cowpasture Road, Ilkley. Most of the development will be in natural stone with a sloping roof.

Members were told there was no objection from either the Parish Council or the County Council. The Sub-Committee made only one change to the plans submitted, accepting a suggestion from Cr. Mrs. Barbara Cussons that the roof should have blue-grey tiles instead of rosemary tiles.

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ILKLEY EXHIBITION ATTRACTS TOP YORKSHIRE ARTISTS

A unique collection of some of Yorkshire art's best known names can be found at an exciting exhibition at the Castle Gallery, Ilkley, which runs from Tuesday until Christmas.

It shows with great clarity the varying styles and techniques used by the individual artists which took them to the top of the art scene in Yorkshire and in some cases to the top of the national and international art scene.

One of the first to make the breakthrough more than 20 years ago, when artistic talent was much thinner on the ground, was Angus Rands. When he came to prominence he did so with his fine water-colours but he has since progressed to oils and pastels, which offered a new challenge.

Ashley Jackson is probably the best known of Yorkshire artists, with his television appearances and his book—'My Brush with Fame'—and is known for his dramatic rainswept moorland landscapes in which he produces magical effects.

J. Barrie Haste, reputed to be the finest pure water-colourist in Yorkshire, will be contributing oils and water-colours in his classic style.

Jack Rigg, whose work as Yorkshire's most prominent painter in oils of the trawlers of the east coast and Thames barges, will have to watch out for Don Micklethwaite, a Scarborough artist who has submitted some visually exciting views of the boating scene.

Prolific Ilkley artist Jack Prior will be well represented with four of his finest works, and Sheffield artist Joe Scarborough will be represented with a set of four boxing paintings called 'Kelsey v. O'Mara'. Joe Scarborough has at least two exhibitions a year abroad and so spends little time in native Sheffield, and he is best known on the west coast of America where he has staged numerous one-man shows.

Gargrave professional Terry Logan puts much dramatic effect into his work to give it a majesty of its own, and E. Charles Simpson, who like friend Angus Rands is an open air painter, has some beautiful views of the countryside.

Neil Simone, who can command high prices for his work, produces scenes which show much imagination and originality in keeping with his uncanny style, and Sam Chadwick, who is still painting strongly although well into

his eighties, shows the Dales in his own inimitable style. He produces a nostalgic effect using misty colours and all his original work is bought as quickly as he can produce it.

David Denison, who is rated highly internationally in the Surrealist world, has a definite following and his works in the exhibition confirm his place as a master of his field.

The balanced show will provide something for everyone and is sure to illustrate what brilliant work can be produced by the top Yorkshire artists, who have to earn a living solely by the works they produce on canvas and paper.

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RARE DISTINCTION FOR ILKLEY

Ilkley as a town has the rare distinction of having two wine shops to make the top two hundred wine merchants in the British Isles as listed in the newly published Which? Wine Guide.

Ilkley Wine Cellars run by Terry and Mary Allen in The Grove, Ilkley, have been given a complimentary entry in the 1984 Which? Wine Guide. A visit to this friendly cellar shop, situated below the antique shop adjacent to the Canker Well Garden at the west end of The Grove, will reveal a wide selection of wines from all over the world. Sifted out for mention in the guide is the extensive range of Loire wines, with superb burgundies from Tolle-Baut and Etienne Sauzet receiving special

praise as do the value for money range of Cuvee la Maison house wines and the Alsace wines from Kuntz-Bas. Added attractions of the shop are the selection of real ales and traditional ciders as well as evening and Sunday opening. Tastings are a regular function and one is always made to feel welcome in the informal atmosphere. This enterprising young company also gives an excellent sale or return service for any type of function delivering and serving when required wines and ales for parties with a free glass loan service.

The other Ilkley wine shop to be mentioned in the Guide was Martin and Co. Ltd., of The Grove, as reported in last week's Gazette.

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Memorial Plaque Returned To St. Mary's School



At a special Remembrance Day assembly at St. Mary's R.C. Primary School, Ilkley, a Memorial Plaque was returned to the school by Rev. Fr. P. V. Roche, who conducted the service.

The service started at 11 a.m., and the traditional silence was observed, followed by prayers and hymns.

The plaque had been presented to the school in 1947 to commemorate the deaths of two former pupils of the school, Douglas Swann and Thomas Wilkinson, during the Second World War.

It was housed in the old school on Stockeld Road, and on moving to the new school in Valley Drive the plaque

came into the possession of the Wilkinson family. After a recent bereavement in that family the plaque was returned to Fr. Roche, who in turn passed it on to the school.

The ceramic plaque was designed and made by Mrs. Mary Holden, who along with her family were the special

guests at the Service. It is to be mounted and placed in a position of honour in the entrance of the school.

Seen holding the memorial plaque are Mrs. Mary Holden, the former pupil of St. Mary's who designed and made it, and Tony Cheeseman, a great nephew of Thomas Wilkinson, with pupils at the school.

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County Council Turns Down Footpath Lighting Request



An Ilkley Parish Council request for street lighting on Denton Road from Middleton Avenue to the swimming pool has been turned down by the County Council.

The County Council, says it route from Denton Road would be too expensive and right up to the entrance to claims an existing lighted the pool, said the Executive route for pedestrians via Director of Traffic and Transport, Mr. G.S.R. Hunter

would be extremely high due to the absence of suitable electricity supplies. Additionally lighting from the road to the entrance to the pool would be a matter for the

Pupils Benefit From The Best Teaching Talent

100 Years Ago

The annual report of the Committee of Management of the National Schools was encouraging. They said that they had seen a marked improvement in the school since securing the best teaching talent. In the H.M. Inspector of Schools' examinations out of 234 presented, 221 passed in reading, 202 in writing, and 217 in arithmetic, an average of 91.3 per cent for 1883 against 88 per cent in the previous year. The average attendance for the year showed a large increase of 58.

Liberals as well as Conservatives attended a meeting held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Addingham, by the Conservatives with Mr. E. C. Lister-Kaye in the chair. The principal speaker was Mr. W. H. Fisher, a young member of the Constitutional Union in London. Mr. W. F. Fison congratulated the Addingham Conservatives on the success of their meeting, as the result was a demonstration in favour of the Tories.

The Middleton estate office published the following notice: "Anyone found cutting holly or damaging any trees, the property of William Middleton Esq., will be prosecuted as the law directs".

75 Years Ago

A newly formed association for the preservation and collection of folk songs, singing games and country dances held a meeting at the Spa Hydro with the Rev. H. J. Glennie in the chair. The Society aimed not only to collect folk songs from ale houses, villages and farming communities but it was proposed to present their findings for public enjoyment and were to start teaching morris dancing to a class of pupils.

The first annual meeting of Ilkley Book Club formed in connection with Ilkley Public Library was held at the Town Hall. The membership of the club was 71 and already they had many more names handed in to join. This would mean subscriptions of over £30 per annum according to Cr. Dixon and this would be a great help to the library as the books purchased would, at the end of a year, be transferred to the library shelves. In 1908 there was only a penny rate levied for the library which produced £220 per annum and which had to cover management as well as purchase of books.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer celebrated his 85th birthday by a dinner at the Unitarian Club in New York. There were 200 people present including clergymen of all denominations. Dr. Collyer told his friends "I am now living by the day and week. I am happy, I live in the sunshine and will go on doing all I can for the Church." He was reported as looking just as hale and hearty as he had 20 years earlier when he was one of the most vigorous and eloquent preachers in America.

50 Years Ago

The Children's League of Pity, the junior section of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, held a bring and buy sale and entertainment in the Lecture Hall, Riddings Road. Miss Greenwood, of Rose-Garth, was hon-secretary, and the stall holders were Mrs. Wickstead, Mrs. Peltzer, Mrs. Edgar Behrens and Mrs. Petrie.

The children gave a little play entitled "Elves and the Shoemaker" with Miss Dawson at the piano. The cast was—Betty Foulston, Ruth Watson, Yvonne Foulston, Patrick Furnival, Elizabeth Halford, Christa Petyer, Alyson Burke, and Rosemary Watson. A party of young dancers trained by Mrs. Ellum gave a display.

The Council and members of the clerk and local organisations put forward an appeal for odd jobs to help the unemployed before Christmas. A similar appeal in 1932 had been successful in Ilkley and had met with generous response. The appeal hoped that the same spirit of good will would still remain in 1933.

25 Years Ago

Plans and details of proposed amendments to the trunk road scheme on the Middleton side of the river were discussed at a meeting of Ilkley Council when it was agreed that the proposals should be opposed and that if necessary a town's meeting should be called. The Surveyor was asked to consider all alternatives and report back to the Committees.

The Chairman of the Moors and Parks Committee, Cr. W. Hill, was concerned about shooting taking place in Middleton Woods. This was serious and dangerous for passers by in the woods and Cr. Hill hoped the public would co-operate to stop this serious offence. It was often a popular playing place for local children, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with Police on the matter.

A Saturday lunch time check revealed that Ilkley's main car park was almost full with 70 cars and there were 276 vehicles parked in the main shopping area. The check had been made by Mr. J. S. Porritt. The Chamber of trade secretary, Mr. N. Tomblin said that parking spaces were becoming scarce and that a meeting was to be held with members of various Council Committees to see in which way matters could be helped.

The Ilkley Moor Hotel offered an eight course Christmas dinner complete with orchestra and entertainers at 30/- per head.

THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL AT BEN RHYDDING

The annual Choral Evensong by the three Anglican Ilkley church choirs, All Saints, St. Margaret's and St. John's, Ben Rhydding, was, this year, sung at St. John's, Ben Rhydding.

This yearly "get-together" is always a memorable event, fortifying in a local way, the vast and great tradition of music sung daily in over forty Cathedrals and Collegiate Chapels in this country as well as many parts of the world, and which the BBC broadcasts twice each week throughout the year. The Royal School of Church Music, founded by Sir Sydney Nicholson, who resigned from his post as organist at Westminster Abbey for its foundation, has now spread the world over with the aim of setting a high standard of service music in Parish Churches, and to which organisation the three choirs belong.

The music for this Evensong was taken from the York Minster Diocesan Festival Book for 1981, together with four hymns suitable for the Advent season sung by all present. The Versicles and Responses were sung to T. Ward and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis to Sir William H. Harris's setting in A minor. Sir William was for many years in charge of the music at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. The anthem was the Russian tune and hymn "Praise the God in the Highest" to a setting by Sydney S. Campbell (who was an adjudicator at the Wharfedale Music Festival many years ago) with a descant by Martin Shaw. The choirs produced some memorable climaxes, and a remarkable sense of cohesion.

The principal items were conducted by Peter Jamieson (St. Margaret's) with the organ accompaniments shared between Mr. K. Newell (All Saints) and Mr. J. Brown (St. John's). The Evensong was conducted by the Vicar of St. John's (Rev. M.A. Savage) who also preached on the subject

of "Praise" the lessons being read by the Rev. Peter Marshall (All Saints) and prayers by the Rev. R. S. File (St. Margaret's). There was a large congregation who joined heartily in the hymns.

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VIOLENT GALE DAMAGES ILKLEY PROPERTY

100 Years Ago

A violent gale caused damage to property in Ilkley in December, 1833. Villas in Easby Drive suffered severely, glass houses in Mr. Horsman's nursery were blown down and in almost every street the same tale was told. Slaters were blown off, copings displaced, chimney pots hurled from their moorings, and many trees were felled in all parts of the town.

Mr. W. H. Fletcher's "Emporium" bristled with "toothsome and inviting articles" for Christmas trade "all got up in the most inviting manner". Goods included desert fruits, crystallised fruits, dried fruits, figs, ginger in jars and chocolate.

The stock of Christmas and New Year cards on view at Mr. J. Wilde's, Wells Road, was said to "baffle description". Amongst the large selection were hand-painted floral designs on ivory, photographs of local views, decorations in natural ferns and mosses and frosted winter scenes.

75 Years Ago

An ancient horseshoe was excavated in 1908 whilst additions were in the course of erection to the Co-operative Stores in Leeds Road. It was thought to be from Roman times, the holes being counter sunk for nail heads, and there was no clip at the front. It was found firmly embedded in clay which had prevented corrosion, and had been passed on to Mr. James Rayner who owned a smithy behind the Co-operative Stores.

An enjoyable dinner was held by members of the Ilkley Cycling Club at the Wharfedale Cafe. Miss Maltas provided a meal that was "fit to set before the king" with oxtail soup, cod and cockle sauce, roast beef and mutton, roast turkey and sausages, potatoes, cabbages and cauliflower, plum pudding, mince pies, cheese and celery.

Mrs. Wilkinson presented medals in connection with the road race from Ilkley to Acomb and back—gold to J. Ellwood and silver to C. Hatch and H. E. Wade. Entertainment was pro-

vided by a quartet consisting of Messrs. L. Powell, J. Gray, H. S. Thirkell and W. Garside. "Little Miss Amy Wade sang 'Bunny' very prettily and gave an encore song 'Night Time' with no little charm of manner, voice and gesture".

50 Years Ago

The first birthday of the Ilkley branch of Toc H. at the Bluebird Cafe took the form of a special guest night, and in addition to representatives from surrounding districts there were a large number of local worthies. Mr. C. G. Hodges was the song-master leading the singing in a most enthusiastic manner. Mr. K. Preston (Keighley) took the Ceremony of Light which he preceded with a short explanation of the work of Toc H.

Ben Rhydding Social Guild Players aspired to great heights and produced an original pantomime. Its title was "The Magic Spring" and the book was by Mr. Arthur Bartle, a master at Ilkley Grammar School and a resident of Ben Rhydding. The entertaining story was based entirely on local incidents, depicting a Stone Age Council meeting amongst other things. The music was written by Mr. John Thornton, of The Summerhouse, Ben Rhydding, and additional lyrics were introduced by Mr. G. Davy and Mr. Noel Wood. Miss Mona Moisiey was the principal girl and Miss Florrie James the principal boy, Mr. David Hobbs was cast as the Baron and the part of the Dame was played by Miss Gertie Rhodes.

25 Years Ago

Approval to the lay-out of that portion of Wheatley Holmes which was to be used as playing fields for Ilkley Grammar School and three quarters of an acre of land for a hockey pitch for Ben Rhydding Sports Club was given by Ilkley Council.

The specification prepared for the Ilkley Manor House conversion by the architect retained by Ilkley Council showed that the work of restoration and conversion of the house in Castle Yard would involve in its greater part the services of craftsmen. Mr. D. J. D. Woodhall advised that tenders should be invited for the work instead of it being carried out by direct labour under his supervision.

Stationmaster at Ilkley for six years, Mr. James Spooner of Yew Bank Terrace, Ilkley was appointed stationmaster of St. Albans. Mr. J. Carling, of Liver-sedge was appointed to succeed him at Ilkley Railway Station.

The Bradford postmaster asked customers to ensure that Christmas cards were correctly stamped with 2d. stamps with not more than five words written as greeting. There was a Christmas day delivery in the morning.

"MARVELLOUS" RESPONSE FROM PUBLIC BRINGS CONFIDENT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS MESSAGE

"Ilkley will have its Christmas Lights" was the confident message this week as a fund initiated by an Ilkley shopkeeper reached the £800 mark.

House to house collections have been held throughout Ilkley and Ben Rhydding this week and they will continue next week in an effort to reach the £2,000-plus target.

Brook Street trader Mrs. Sylvia Hopwood, who launched the campaign after a letter to the 'Gazette' from her son expressing regret at the loss of the traditional lights, said the response from the public had been 'marvellous'.

"We did not begin our house to house collections until Tuesday, but that night we managed to raise about £160," said Mrs. Hopwood. "It was very heartening particularly when you consider that we only covered about one eighth of the town that evening."

Collections will continue next week but Mrs. Hopwood said more help was needed.

"We have been working with about ten collectors but we really need more help," she said. "If we are to cover the whole of the area as many people as possible are needed to help out. Each collector carries a card which proves they have my authorisation, which helps them and the public against any bogus collectors," said Mrs. Hopwood.

The response to the appeal from traders as well as the general public had also been very good, she said.

She went around about a quarter of the town's traders on Tuesday collecting for the appeal and raised about £250.

"Most traders want to see the lights again and have given generously," Mrs. Hopwood commented.

Big Saving

They are hoping to be able to erect the lights themselves, which would mean quite a big saving on the original target of £2,500, but Mrs. Hopwood warned people not to become complacent.

"It is not official yet but we are hoping to put up the lights ourselves, which would save a large bill," said Mrs. Hopwood. "My husband has got some people together who would be willing to help erect the lights if we get permission to do so."

"But we are still aiming high and must not get complacent," she warned.

If there is any surplus money they hope to buy a decoration similar to a peacock which used to be erected on The Grove.

Late Opening

Lights or no lights this Christmas, there will definitely be a late night opening at Ilkley.

For the first time in the town shops, ranging from the small independent retailers to the big multiples, will open their doors late on the same evening.

About sixty businesses will be open until about 9.00 p.m. on Friday, 16 December, in an effort to provide an extra service to customers at the busy time of year.

If the experiment—organised by the Chamber of Trade—is successful and the public finds it a convenient time to do some of their Christmas shopping, it hopes to extend the service to more evenings in future years.

Shops may close at their normal times to enable staff to have a meal before reopening at about 6.30 p.m. The names of participating shops will appear in local advertising and on posters in the shops, and the Chamber points out that parking will be free in the town centre.

NEW TELEPHONES FOR THE DEAF

A local register of profoundly deaf people is being compiled to determine who will be eligible for new visual telephones.

A fund has been set up to raise money for the telephones and a coffee morning at Addingham Memorial Hall raised over £165. Boxes for donations will be placed in some local shops.

If you are deaf or know of a deaf person who may benefit from the new telephones you should contact Kath Hardcastle, of Hothfield Street, Silsden (Telephone 54954).

HIGHER CHARGES

An increase in burial and cremation charges is proposed for Bradford Metropolitan district.

The annual review of charges which proposes increases of between 0½ per cent to 6 per cent to keep up with inflation is being opposed by Labour councillors.

The extra income is in the region of £21,000 in a full year but the Development Services Committee decided the proposal should be referred to the full council for discussion and decision.

CHORAL SOCIETY RETURNS WITH CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Ilkley Choral Society will be returning to the Kings Hall with their conductor Marcus Huxley next Saturday to perform a programme of Christmas music.

They will be joined by the Harrogate Pro Musica and the splendid Baritone Stephen Parham-Connolly, for Gerald Finzi's "In Terra Pax". The orchestra will follow with Vaughan Williams' "Dives and Lazarus", but the main work will be Bach's "Christmas Oratorio".

The music, at times joyous and exciting and at other times gentle and poignant, is an ideal beginning for the

PLANS TO CUT SHEEP DANGER ON MOOR ROAD

Improvements are in the pipeline to help prevent accidents involving sheep on Moor Road between Ilkley and Burley.

Bradford County Road Safety Officer Mr. B. Martindale told members of Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee it was likely that a cattle grid would be provided at the Burley end of Moor Road within the next two years, and that consideration was being given to fencing common land.

The action follows a complaint to the committee from a local farmer with grazing rights on the moor. He claimed that although the sheep were taken higher on the moor to graze, they often wandered down the road and were involved in accidents with cars.

He had asked for improved fencing and a cattle grid, and the application was supported by the police and the local branch of the R.S.P.C.A.

LARGE GATHERING AT PREVIEW OF FAMOUS ARTISTS EXHIBITION

An appreciative gathering completely filled the Castle Gallery at Ilkley for the preview of the "Famous Yorkshire Artists" exhibition, which began on Tuesday and runs until Christmas Eve.

Paintings by some of Yorkshire's most sought after artists are on display.

Angus Rands delighted the gathering with one of his six paintings—"Winter on Blubberhouses"—brilliantly portraying a snow scene and showing the artist at his best.

Not to be outdone Sam Chadwick, who has difficulty in keeping his paintings for more than a day after completion, saw his two paintings for the exhibition taken before they were dry. A determined caller insisted on purchasing them on the spot, so he painted two more specially for the exhibition.

Magically as ever Ashley Jackson's two atmospheric views caught the attention and attracted much interest, several people commenting that they were among his finest works.

Jack Prior's four paintings again showed a great talent which raises him well above the general rut of watercolourists, while J. Barrie Haste's coastal scene has all the expression needed although not a sentimentalised view. It does, however, hold much nostalgia for anyone who has spent much of their childhood holidays on the east coast of Yorkshire—smooth grey, brown and yellow sands stretching for miles, low cliffs and grey-green seas.

Terry Logan, with a slight change of style, has a large painting of Malham Cove and an equally attractive "Ullswater", while Jack Rigg's painting of a Cornish harbour was much admired throughout the preview. It showed two trawlers high and dry at low tide, with the town hazily shown in the background.

Scarborough's Don Micklethwaite, also a marine artist, was best represented by his smallest works, including a view of Whitby harbour looking from further up the Eske

works on show, the most prominent of which was "Facial Memories", a portrait which was quickly sold. The Dales artist's watercolour technique is superb, as is his use of natural colour.

Joe Scarborough, who mainly works in pure oil colours, has a distinctive style which is immediately recognisable, with his set of four "Kelsey v. O'Mara" boxing scenes.

Neil Simone commands the highest prices in the show with some pictures priced at well over £900.

"Scene from Within" is particularly intriguing. It shows a window frame—arched—which looks real enough but is actually painted on to board, while through it can be seen a landscape with a dry stone wall, a Dales barn and a winter tree.

The same effect can be seen with "Enigma Variation", which at first looks like a painting broken up with a jigsaw effect, but on closer examination the landscape can be seen to be opening out on to the frame, which was also painted.

NEW DENTAL SURGERY GETS BRADFORD COUNCIL'S APPROVAL

Bradford Council has given the go-ahead to a new dental surgery at Ilkley. 2 DEC 83

It has approved a plan to change the use of the ground floor of 8, Hawksworth Street, to a surgery and waiting room with a flat above.

The applicants were Mr. A. Wilkinson and Mr. M. S. Holroyd, and Mr. Wilkinson said this week that they hoped to open the new surgery in January.

Public Rights Of Way

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Sir,—I never seem to be impressed by the exploits of the "Ilkley Evergreens" as reported regularly in your columns. However, I was concerned to read in the report in the issue of 2 December, the perpetuation of the mistaken belief that the afforestation on Rivoek Edge obliterated public rights of way. The report of the Evergreen's walk refers to following a diversion way marked with blue marker posts. Ever since this area of Rombalds Moor was planted with conifers, there have been rumours and allegations that the rights of way have been planted over and generally obliterated.

The Definitive Map records two public rights of way crossing the plantation. These routes have been checked with the utmost care and the rights of way have in fact been left unplanted. The so called diversion referred to in the report on the Evergreens walk is precisely on the line of the right of way as recorded on the 6in. Ordnance Survey Map of 1851 and all subsequent maps. The blue marker posts were erected on the bridleway between Rivoek Edge and Black Pots by my Footpath Officer and the Council's Countryside Wardens approximately two months ago in an effort to keep the public on the line of the right of way.

The problem appears to arise because people attempt to follow the forestry roads within the plantation. The public right of way deviates from the forestry road one field before it enters the plantation and from that point there are no public rights of way over the forestry road.

I am particularly concerned over the misapprehension as there have been a number of occasions when there have been threats to take action by pulling down fences, etc. The right of way is not obstructed through the plantation and, therefore, pulling down fences in the wrong place would have amounted to criminal damage.

D. WILSON

For Principal Engineer

Bradford Metropolitan Council, Jacobs Well, Bradford.

Traders Congratulated

Sir,—I am sure a lot of people would wish to join me in congratulating Ilkley traders, particularly those in Leeds Road, who have spent time and money to help brighten up our Christmas shopping.

Let us hope The Grove and Brook Street will follow suit. The initiative set by Leeds Road shops has already crept round the corner to one dazzling display near the traffic lights, so we can be optimistic.

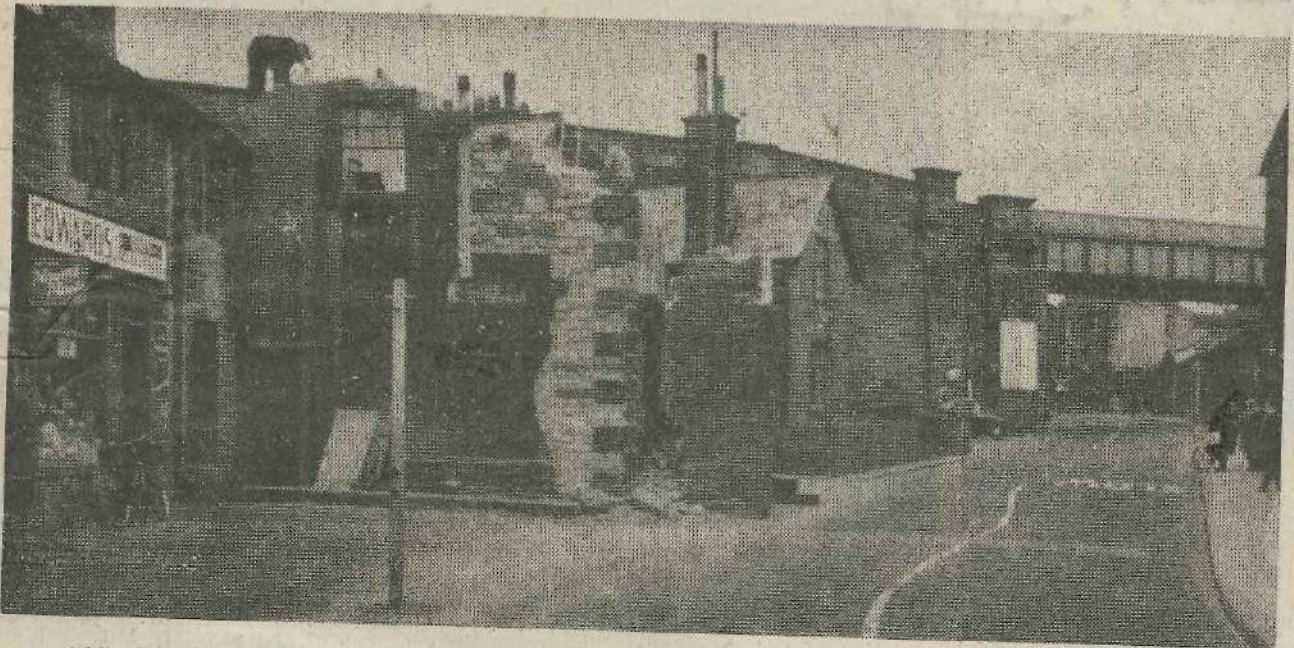
I am sure the authorities will be quick to see the advantage; the least they could do then is to maintain a Christmas tree or two—then we will all be happy.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Name & Address Supplied. 9 DEC 83

SCENES FROM THE PAST (19)

ADDINGHAM MAIN STREET IN THE 1950's



Addingham Main Street saw some drastic changes once the decision was given in the 1960's to close the railway which had served the village and beyond since the nineteenth century. Looking from Ilkley towards the notorious Post Office corner this picture taken in May, 1957, shows how the centre of the village was to change. The bridge carrying the railway across the road and the domineering stone walls required to support a railway have long since disappeared. Old property, however, continues to survive and fronts on to Main Street though the volume of traffic has greatly increased since this picture was taken.

URGING RETURN TO NUCLEAR FREE STATUS

Bradford Peace Action Group—representing 18 peace and church groups in the Bradford District—is urging Labour and Liberal councillors to support a resolution to re-introduce Bradford as a Nuclear Free Zone.

The resolution will come before the full Bradford Metropolitan Council on Tuesday.

The Peace Action Group's Chairman Mr. Colin Hunter, of Rose Bank, Burley, said that after the deployment of Cruise missiles it was even more important to challenge the Government's nuclear weapons policy, and to maintain opposition to the Nuclear Civil Defence requirements enforced on local authorities recently by the Home Office.

In a letter to Labour and Liberal councillors, Mr. Hunter cited evidence of tremendous public support for Bradford as a Nuclear Free Zone, with people queuing to sign a petition in Bradford on Saturday mornings. Over 5,000 of these were handed in to the Lord Mayor on Monday.

"In re-introducing the Council Peace Action Group and the NFZ status, the councillors would be directly in line with their national Party policies; and Bradford would once again be at the forefront of the 155 other NFZ Authorities in the country," said Mr. Hunter.

He recognised the difficulty they were facing against the unified organisation of the Conservative opposition, but he asked for a similar discipline and conviction from them all for a more positive cause.

"This is a critical debate at the council. Labour councillors have remained consistent on this issue. Some Liberal Councillors have been a great disappointment on occasions on this subject. The good faith and reliability of all of them will be under intense public scrutiny. We offer them our wholehearted support for their principled stand for the re-introduction of Bradford as a Nuclear Free Zone." Mr. Hunter con-

ILKLEY TO PRESS FOR A "DOGGY LOO"

AFTER MORE COMPLAINTS

9 DEC 83

Ilkley is to press for an area of the town to be set aside as a dogs lavatory and is to ask for consultations with the Cleansing and Environmental Health Department of Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton at this month's meeting of the Parish Council on Monday night drew the Council's attention to a letter the Chairman had received from a Leeds visitor who said she would not be returning to Ilkley because of the menace created by dogs.

Mrs. F. Newton, of Silk Mill Gardens, Tinshill, had brought her grand-daughter to Ilkley during November for a day out and was amazed at the amount of dogs brought in by their owners to use the children's play area by the River Wharfe as a "doggy loo!"

"Apart from the danger of dogs running loose where young children are, and this was a definite danger, I have first hand knowledge of what they leave behind. My grand-daughter unfortunately trod in some of the filthy stuff and I had to try and clean her up in the toilets, which I can assure you was far from pleasant," said Mrs. Newton in her letter.

"May I appeal to you to make it an offence for dogs to be taken into that area without being on a lead and a special area made for dogs to 'perform' This was my first and last visit to Ilkley."

"I may add that I am not a dog hater in any way, but in no way do I agree to them running loose where there are children particularly," stated Mrs. Newton.

Cr. Mrs. Renton said a second dogs loo had been provided in the Leeds district and

she failed to understand why Bradford could not provide one at Ilkley.

"I want to pursue the whole matter of dogs in this town and I think the letter from Mrs. Newton should be brought to the notice of Bradford Council," said Cr. Mrs. Renton.

"Where do you put one?" asked Cr. J. M. Shelton "Are we going to do a survey to see where there are most dogs?" asked Cr. Shelton He thought it might be a waste of money by not solving the problem. He thought the dogs that might be causing the problem were the ones out on their own anyway.

LIGHTS WILL GO-AHEAD BUT SEASONAL CHEER IS CUT SHORT FOR SOME TRADERS

Ilkley's Christmas Lights will be switched on next week, but as the town celebrated a successful campaign some Ilkley traders were sickened this week after their efforts to add seasonal cheer met with an un festive reaction.

As the Lights fund reached £1,200, ensuring that they could go ahead traders on the Grove Promenade were counting the cost of their Christmas efforts.

Within two days of coloured lights being erected at three shops on the Promenade, almost half of them had been stolen.

Over seventy bulbs were erected at Powell's, Zipper's and Brian Longbottom's last Friday morning, and by Sunday morning 31 had disappeared.

The angry traders were left wondering this week whether it was all worth it.

"What encouragement do we get? Ilkley was to have no lights this year so every shopkeeper was asked to decorate their shop and brighten up the town," said Liz Powell. "And what happens? We erect our own lights at our expense only to find that, after being up only two days, 31 bulbs are stolen. It really does make one wonder whether it is really worth it," she said.

Sickening

The thieves had climbed on window ledges to reach the lights, and the window of Zipper's was badly scratched. "It is impossible to get the scratch out and it would cost £300 to replace the whole window," said a spokesman for the shop. "It is very sickening."

"Obviously someone knows who did it and if the lights could be returned it would be something," he added.

Mr. Longbottom, the butcher, supported the other traders' views.

"It was sickening but when it is done it is done, and if it happens again I will simply not bother putting them back up," he said.

"It is a shame that whoever did it had nothing better to do. The problem is that since they demolished the shelter at the top of Brook Street all the young have started congregating at the end of the Grove Promenade, which just causes trouble for us," he added.

The lights were re-erected but there were fears that they could be stolen again.

"We could take the lights down each night but that would just be defeating the object," said Liz Powell. "There is nothing we can do."

Good News

Meanwhile, the good news this week was that Ilkley's traditional Christmas Lights could go ahead.

An outstanding response from the public and traders took the fund, launched by Brook Street trader Mrs. Sylvia Hopwood, past the £1,000 mark.

She said her husband and a team of helpers hoped to erect lights on trees in The Grove and Brook Street this week-end, and she said they would be switched on on Wednesday.

Praise

Mrs. Hopwood thanked everyone who had supported

the fund but stressed that the money raising would continue.

"I want to thank every person who has helped in any way, either through donations or physical help, particularly the young people who have given us a lot of help," said Mrs. Hopwood.

"But we still need to raise money, and any extra will give us a start towards next year's lights," she added.

Next year's lights were also in the minds of Ilkley parish councillors at their monthly meeting on Monday, when they praised the efforts of Mrs. Hopwood to bring decorative street lighting to Ilkley this Christmas.

Plans to organise a combined effort in the town for next Christmas and to organise a street collection on a date provisionally set for 27 October are to be discussed at the Council's next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

Earlier in the evening Councillors had been told that Bradford Metropolitan Council had supplied a suitable Christmas tree for all town centres within the Metropolitan District and this had been the only expense budgeted for.

The Council spokesman could not see the Council approving a request for £2,000 for decorative street lighting at Ilkley.

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TRADERS PREPARE FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

100 Years Ago

Ilkley's tradesmen were reported as making every effort to keep up with the demands of the festive season. Mr. Hawsworth, the butcher displayed an ox bred and fed by the Duke of Sutherland, a fallow deer from the park of Lord Harris, and calves, pigs and half bred wethers from his own farm. Miss Brown, in addition to grocery, home made cakes and sweets etc., had embarked upon a new venture and offered toys and cards, and had grown an "enticing Christmas tree." Mr. Johnson, baker, Church Street had Christmas cake on sale weighing from one pound to twenty pounds made from the purest butter and choicest fruits, as well as pork pies in all sizes and creed wheat wheat for 'frumety'.

Mr. W. E. Wall, landlord of the Rose and Crown Hotel was making important alterations to his old hostelry including a new bar and although the decorations were unfinished he intended to open the week before Christmas. Readers were assured that the style of architecture was well in keeping with other portions of the building.

Singer sewing machines as recommended to the girls of a London Board school by the Princess of Wales were offered as special Christmas gifts price £1 12s. 6d., complete with walnut carrying case.

75 Years Ago

A report in the Ilkley Gazette in December 1908 feared that Christmas for many would be anything but a joyous occasion owing to the distress in the country through unemployment. Happily in the Ilkley district things were much as usual.

Ilkley's traders were well stocked with cakes, puddings and ingredients for "spice cakes" and Christmas puddings. The new firm of Edward Ellis Beanlands took temporary premises in Brook Street and were busily booking large orders for everything in the grocery and provision line. There was a time when roast beef held pre-eminent position on the Christmas dinner table but in 1908 tastes had changed and Messrs. Hampshire and Keighley Bros had a large number of geese, turkeys, hares and game. Mr. George Fox had made special purchases of prize-fed pigs and had polony, pies and sausages on offer for which he was well noted. Messrs. Dinsdale had the largest stock of ales, wines and spirits in the town at "prices to suit all pockets".

Ilkley Vocal Society presented Elgar's cantata "Black Knight" in the new Town Hall, and it was the first occasion upon which the hall had been tested out for choral singing. The result was by no means satisfactory, with the sound being lost on the enclosed

stage, in the "wings" and "flies" instead of filling the hall. It was felt that the band who occupied the front of the stage should have been placed below and the singers brought to the front to avoid the "mumbling" vocalisation, and it was hoped that matters would be rectified in the future.

50 Years Ago

The Ilkley Gazette in 1933 devoted much space to a visit to Otley by Edward, Prince of Wales, to open the new Welfare Centre for the unemployed. He arrived half an hour early, and looked remarkably cheerful, whistling softly to himself as he passed from room to room.

The death occurred in Roundhay of Mrs. Mensforth who was the first woman member of Ilkley Council. She had taken a great interest in maternity welfare, ambulance work, old age pensions and many other departments of public service. She was associated with the Girl Guide Movement in Ilkley and had been a member of staff of Ilkley public Library.

St. Helen's School, Ben Rhyding, held a Christmas concert before a "large and fashionable audience" of parents and friends. Solos in a series of folk songs were sung by Mary Walker, Janet Findlay, Ruth Hamlyn and Joan Wooler. Part in Aesop's Fables were taken by Alison Leach, Dinah Pollitt, Jean Leach, Mary Bottomley, Mabs Melvin and Valerie Wood. The most ambitious portion of the programme were scenes from "Pyramus and Thisbe" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Outstanding amongst the young actors were Peggy Priestman as Puck and Janet Findlay as Bottom.

25 Years Ago

No delays in the Christmas mail were anticipated in Ilkley as the Post Office was running a "round the clock" sorting service. Two extra vehicles had been hired for the delivery of parcels and an extra 70 people were hired as casual postmen.

Choristers from Ilkley Secondary School presented a delightful concert to residents of "Glen Rosa" with Miss Shirley Wise who trained them as accompanist.

Ilkley hotels offered programmes of dinner-dances and buffet dances for the Christmas season ranging from 5/- for a buffet dance at the Troutbeck Hotel, dinner dance at the Ilkley Moor priced 15/6 to a New Year's Eve dinner, buffet and dance with champagne included at 42/-.

Suggestions in the advertisement columns for suitable Christmas gifts ranged from handkerchiefs at 1/- each, men's suspenders 3/11, Van Heusen shirts 45/- to radiograms from 42 gns., and 17in. T.V. sets at 63 gns.



Mrs. Sylvia Hopwood is pictured with her husband Peter sorting out the lights after they arrived on Tuesday. Helping them, from left to right, are Simon Eglen, Stuart Rhind and their son, Antony, whose letter to the "Gazette" prompted the Lights appeal.

9 DEC 83

OPPONENTS TO GREEN BELT ALTERATIONS GAIN MAJOR VICTORY

Opponents to Green Belt proposals at Ilkley, Burley, Menston and Addingham have won a major victory.

They have persuaded Bradford Metropolitan Council to change proposals affecting large areas of the Green Belt and on Monday significantly changed recommendations were presented by Council officers to a planning sub-committee.

They said that Ben Rhyding Drive should not now be deleted from the Green Belt because of public opposition and a compromise has been reached over a proposal to slice nearly nine hectares from the Green Belt at Coutances Way, Ilkley. They now say the boundary should be drawn along the back of houses in Wheatley Lane.

Objectors to the council's original proposals totalled 276 with only ten people in favour.

At Burley a plan to slice nine hectares from the northern side of the village has been dropped, even though the West Yorkshire County Council supported the idea.

Ilkley Parish Council, Burley Community Council and six other people opposed the plan because they were concerned that loss of green belt status would result in the overdevelopment of the land.

Bradford Council has also dropped another proposal to cut just over one hectare from Burley on the eastern side of the A65 Bradford Road. The County Council had said the adjustment was unnecessary.

At Menston twelve people objected to a plan to take out a small piece of green belt on the north-eastern side of the village. The recommendation now is to retain the land in the green belt.

Opposition to a proposal to take out green belt land at Derry Hill on the south-western side of Menston has so far failed. The recommendation to take it out still stands.

At Addingham hundreds of acres may be added to the

green belt to the north of the village which would extend it to the North Yorkshire boundary.

West Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire County Council both opposed the plan. Bradford Council said the alternative would be to create green belt on the south of the village which would not provide adequate protection.

A proposal to cut 19 hectares from the green belt to the east of Addingham has been altered. It is now recommended that the boundary should run along Church Street including the church in the green belt.

On the southern side of the village another 34 hectares should be added to the green belt, the Council says.

Additions to the green belt to the north of Ilkley and the area westwards from the Old Bridge are also recommended.

Once approved all these amendments will be passed to West Yorkshire County Council for inclusion in its county-wide Green Belt Subject Plan.

16 DEC 83

CHC WORKING GROUP TO STUDY PROPOSED HOSPITAL CLOSURE

The Management Committee of Airedale Community Council has set up a Special Working Group to formulate its policy about the proposed closure of Wharfedale Children's Hospital, put forward by Airedale Health Authority.

The Group will comprise of the five-member Child Health Special Interest Group, plus the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the full Council, and one other member.

The Working Group will study all the evidence submitted to it by the Airedale Health Authority and any other group that wishes to put forward suggestions.

Mr. John D. Godward, Secretary of Airedale Community Health Council, said, "It is essential that the Council keeps an open mind on

the closure proposals until all the evidence has been carefully examined by members. I do not envisage the Council finally making up its mind before early March 1984".

The Council would welcome any evidence either in support of the proposal to close the Hospital, or in support of retaining it.

The Community Health Council is the only body which has the right to take the issue to the Secretary of State if it disagrees with the District Health Authority's proposal, but in so doing it must put forward a constructive counter proposal. Mr. Godward added, "It is only right that we should take a long time for proper consideration of the matter before deciding whether to exercise that power or not".

CONCERN OVER ROAD SAFETY AT SCHOOL IF CAR PARK IS DEVELOPED

9 DEC 83

Teachers, parents and friends of Ilkley All Saints School are up in arms over Bradford Metropolitan Council's proposal to sell off a nearby car park for residential development.

The 'Gazette' revealed two weeks ago that Bradford planners were to consider an application for development on the council owned site, at the junction of Leeds Road and Wharfe View Road. Acting headmaster at All Saints, Mr. A. Klepper, in a letter to Principal Planning Officer Mr J. Steel says the news had caused considerable concern to residents and other interested persons in the area.

He said council claims that the car park was not well used were not true and that it was essential for the well being of the school and local residents.

"The car park is heavily used at the beginning and end of the school day by

parents, bringing and collecting children to and from school," said Mr. Klepper.

"The school has for many years actively encouraged parents to use the car park in the interests of road safety, so as to reduce as far as possible the risks to children in the vicinity of the school, and to eliminate the nuisance to residents and passing traffic caused by a large number of cars being parked along Wharfe View Road, Leeds Road and Castle Road," he said.

The school is on two sites in Leeds Road and Mr. Klepper said a development would mean they would lose a 'safety path' constructed specifically for the children to walk between the two

sites.

"Movement of children from one part of the school to another takes place several times a day and the prospect of children, in numbers of up to sixty at a time, having to use the very narrow public footpath does not bear contemplation," said Mr. Klepper.

He said that to build on the car park would "destroy the coherence of the school," which he said existed despite the split nature of the site.

Mr. Klepper said his points were not intended to be obstructive but were to make a positive contribution to any discussion of the proposals.

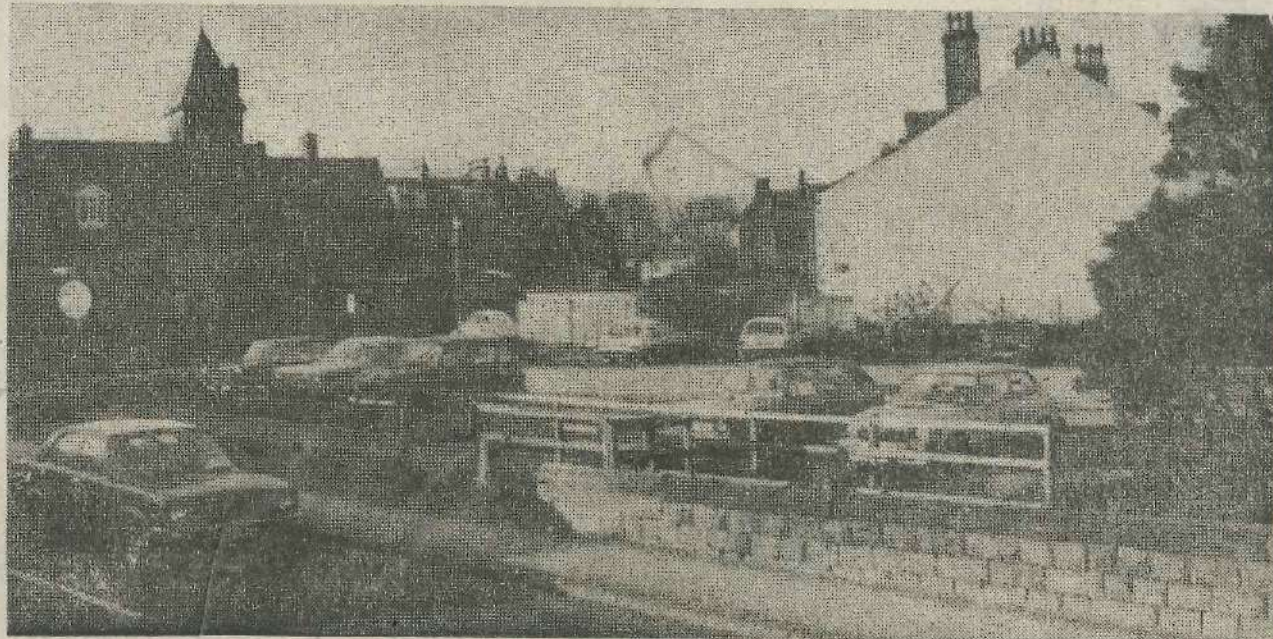
The matter was raised at Monday's meeting of the Parish Council when

Ward asked that the Council oppose most strongly the proposal put forward by Bradford.

Cr. W. R. Hill's suggestion that Bradford Council should be asked to defer its proposal until after All Saints School, now at the top of the priority list, was replaced, was accepted.

Cr. J. M. Shelton said Bradford Council was trying to sell off land but they were not cutting costs in the right places. "Trying to sell land to keep the rates down is wrong," said Cr. Shelton.

Bradford Council had said the site was "surplus to requirements" and was hoping to get planning permission for a development so it could be sold with permission attached.



PLAN BEFORE 16 Dec 83
COUNCIL

YEARS OF WAITING FOR NEW ILKLEY SCHOOL MAY SOON BE OVER

After years of waiting, Ilkley All Saints' School could soon be moving out of its outdated premises in Leeds Road and into a new £856,000 building in Skipton Road.

Efforts going back as far as the mid-1960's to find new accommodation for the children look set to be rewarded.

Bradford Council's Planning Sub-Committee is to consider a plan for a new school building in Skipton Road on council owned land between Westville Road and Easby Drive.

The new building, on which work would probably start next year if it is approved, would have eight classrooms and a nursery for 20 children. The cost would be part of the council's proposed capital programme.

If it goes ahead the old building in Leeds Road, which dates from 1872, will be closed.

Inadequate

As far back as 1965 the old Ilkley Urban Council was helping Parents Associations to obtain information about the priority rating of the replacement of the school. That year parents and the Friends of the School compiled a report comparing the provisions available at All Saints with those prescribed by the Ministry of Science and Education.

The report concluded that junior school provisions in Ilkley were grossly inadequate and that All Saints' was among the most deficient schools in the county. It added that a start should already have been made on the provision of alternative accommodation for the children.

Despite the report the situation remained unchanged and it came to a head again in 1971, when the school was told it had still not been included in the county programme. A meeting of Middle and Primary School Governors heard that despite a three page report filed with the disadvantages the school

lacked, it had still been ignored.

Support

In 1978 Ilkley Parish Council stepped in to support a request that the school be included in the next building programme, after complaints from the Friends of All Saints about inadequate buildings, a divided site, traffic hazards, outside toilets and lack of educational facilities.

The site in Skipton Road was purchased by the council some years ago with an assurance that it would be retained for the new school.

"The land was bought by the council in pre-1974 days for the purpose of providing the new school," said a spokesman for Bradford's Education Department. "Obviously the other school needs to be replaced because of its age and lack of facilities."

The acting headmaster of All Saints, Mr. A. Klepper, said this week that the school catered for 219 pupils, and it would rise to 240 in January.

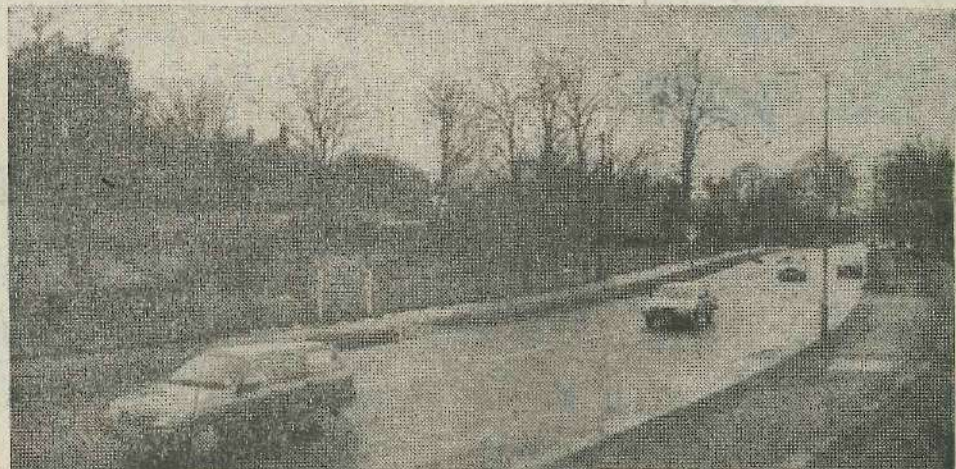
Car Park

The news of the replacement plan comes as the school is fighting a plan to sell off a nearby car park for residential development.

Mr Klepper had written to the Principal Planning Officer Mr. J Steel, saying that the plan to sell the car park at the junction of Leeds Road and Wharfe View Road had caused considerable concern to residents and other interested persons in the area.

The matter was raised at a meeting of Ilkley Parish Council, when a suggestion

was accepted that Bradford Council should be asked to defer the car park proposal until after All Saints School was replaced.



The site of the new school looking from Skipton Road towards Ilkley Moors.

Efforts Are Rewarded As Christmas Lights Are Switched On

16 DEC 83



An Ilkley trader's efforts to save the town's traditional Christmas Lights saw their final reward this week when the lights were switched on. Just weeks ago the Chamber of Trade revealed that the chance of having lights was dim because of a lack of money, but Brook Street

grocer Mrs. Sylvia Hopwood would not accept that. Prompted by a letter to the 'Gazette' from her 17 year old son Antony, who expressed disappointment at the prospect of no lights, she went into action and launched a fund which last week reached the £1,200 mark.

Mrs. Hopwood's husband, Peter, and a band of helpers began erecting the lights in Brook Street and The Grove on Saturday, and by Wednesday they were ready for switching on. Mr. Hopwood is pictured with a helper beginning the task of erecting the lights in Brook Street.

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"A LINK WITH SCOTLAND" AT MANOR HOUSE

"A Link With Scotland" is the title of the art exhibition currently running at the Manor House, Castle Yard, Ilkley, until 22 January, 1984. The exhibition is being held in memory of the late Eric Busby, MBE, who died earlier this year. Mr. Busby will be remembered for his enterprise in establishing an independent art gallery in Bradford—The Lane Gallery—after his retirement in 1961. At the time this was the only private art gallery in the West Riding. After its closure in 1967, the ground floor of his home in Menston was converted to become The Goosewell Gallery, which continued to hold regular exhibitions until Mr. Busby finally 'retired' at the age of 77.

Mr. Busby was also responsible for the saving of White Wells on Ilkley Moor, and its donation to its current owners, Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Mr. Busby had strong ties with Scotland and the current exhibition represents the recent work of many of the Scottish artists who showed at his galleries in the sixties and seventies.

It is to be expected in a mixed show of this sort that the works display a wide range of styles and techniques. Robert Callender's "Black Pool Rick" is probably the most successful painting, while, of the water-colours, Derek Clarke's "Rocks at Elterwater" repays close attention. Vincent Butler's bronze sculptures show a good command of the medium.

For those whose visual perception is enhanced by knowing something of the artist, there are short biographical notes adjacent to the works. The catalogue has been prefaced by Eric's son John who has also written a brief account of his father's ventures into gallery ownership.

SCENES FROM THE 16 DEC 83 PAST (20)

BROOK STREET IN 1961



Scenes from the past takes a look this week at Brook Street in 1961 when car parking was beginning to cause some concern. Complaints were then being made to Ilkley Road Safety Committee

of the way motorists obstructed the passage of pedestrians by parking near the barrier on the west side of Brook Street in the days before car parking restrictions and even before a zebra

crossing in Brook Street. For the motor enthusiast the three parked cars are (left to right) an Austin Westminster, a Standard Ensign and a Humber.

Busbys, an Ilkley ladies fashion shop, served the town for many years from this central site with Eoots, the chemists, and the Yorkshire Bank as neighbours.

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No Excuse For Desecrating Ilkley's History

Sir, — Interpretation of power to the People may be difficult at first but experiment and understanding should lead to more practical policies and more harmonious relations. Consensus is better than conflict! "Roman remains become hockey pitches" at Dodderhill, Drottwich, could well be a case in point, where a scheduled, listed three acre Roman Fort has recently been bulldozed, without prior consultation. The fate of the virgin western ditch of Ilkley's Roman Fort springs to mind, also on private land.

After the public discord emanating from a recent planning application it is hoped that harmonious consultation might be considered before new proposals are submitted. All agree that the present garages are an eyesore and their demise would be welcomed. However, the ditch itself is now an ideal development site even for a single dwelling, related to the "church museum" complex. Multiple development, which planners might bless, could well be sited less disastrously at the eastern end of Castle Road, Leeds Road, in the foreseeable future. Early and recent precedents in Ilkley and elsewhere are no excuse for desecrating Ilkley's history. This letter expresses individual doubts and queries only. Its aim is harmony.

E. M. HOLT

25 Wells Road,
Ilkley.

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THREAT TO PARISH COUNCILS

If Bradford Metropolitan Council is forced to carry out a Government review Parish Councils will be scrapped.

Mr. Gordon Moore, Chief Executive has told Parish Councillors that despite a Government Act the Council would not carry out a review unless it was forced to.

"If we are forced to then we will recommend that all five go out of existence", he said.

Parish Councillors have been pressing for a review for several years but Mr. Moore warned against it.

"Bradford Metropolitan Council will not carry out a review unless the Government sends in a Commissioner—and parish Councillors should rest in their beds more comfortably as a result."

Despite repeated assurances from the Council, Parish Councillors are convinced that proposals to introduce area management committees are the first step in getting rid of Parish Councils.

And Mr. Moore admitted at a meeting with parish councillors, held in Keighley: "It is not a plot of ours to get rid of parish councils, but it is possible that it could happen."

"If area management committees work so well it could be that parish councils say 'there is no need for us anymore'."

"I cannot see that the committee will be any worse than what you already think of 'Big Brother Bradford'."

Ilkley Parish councillors are keen to have a review carried out by the Boundary Commission as they feel it could lead to new councils being set up.

The Yorkshire and Cleveland Local Councils Association have already written to the Boundary Commission to protest.

More protests are to follow from the National Association of Local Councils and Ilkley Parish Council.

Parish Councillors plead to have more of a voice on the area committee were also dismissed.

Conservative leader Coun. Tom Hall stressed that all voting would be done by elected district councillors, but anyone would be eligible to voice their opinion.

23 DEC 83

DEVELOPMENT SCHEME DEFERRED FOR VISIT BY PLANNERS

A controversial plan to demolish a health food shop in Brook Street, Ilkley, and build a new shopping development on the site has been deferred for a visit by Bradford planners.

The plan has aroused strong opposition from local organisations and individuals mainly because it would also involve building on a grassed area adjacent to the health

shop at 17, Brook Street.

It will now be considered by Bradford Council's Planning Sub-Committee on January 9th, two days after members have visited the site.

Ilkley Parish Council and the Civic Society were among those organisations to express opposition to the plan.

Both said it would mean the loss of open space used as a 'village green', which provided a setting for Morris dancers and Street Theatre.

In recommending it be refused, the Parish Council said the plan would create 'over-shopping' in the area, with two large developments in the pipeline and would create a dark and windy alley

Civic Society Views

The Civic Society said it would have no objection to the demolition of the shop but opposed plans to build shops, shop storage and/or offices on the site.

It said it had no objection to the principle of development on the site, provided it met various conditions, and indeed felt that development of the site could offer considerable benefits.

It says that any development should meet the following criteria—1. The social facilities provided by the site must either be retained or replaced with equivalent facilities nearby. As landowner, the Authority has a duty to the public to serve to ensure that this is accomplished. Good design, undertaken with the involvement of local people could produce an area of which all concerned could be proud.

2. "The opportunity given by the site's proximity to Grove Promenade for the further improvement of the car park frontage should be grasped. The car park is probably the most significant but least pleasant open space in Ilkley Town Centre. With

careful considerations it could become a visual asset, more akin to a Town Square than just a car park. Already some shops have improved their car park frontages. Grove Promenade has been renovated, the Arcade improved and several ideas put forward for the bus station and adjacent land. The opportunity provided by the development of the current site to further this improvement and thereby encourage others to follow should not be missed.

3. "The design of any building should be sympathetic to the Conservation Area."

NO "POOP SCOOPS" FOR ILKLEY BUT TOWN IS SET FOR DOG CLEAN-UP

Efforts to bring "Poop Scoops" to Ilkley's dog owners have drawn a blank.

Despite a letter to the American Embassy in London Parish Clerk Mrs. D. C. Edmondson has been unable to find a British distributor for the plastic shovels.

Several American companies make similar products, but the British have yet to catch on with the idea.

Lakeland Plastics, of Windermere, were approached about the possibility of marketing the product, but said it was not in their line.

Despite the lack of success with 'scoops' efforts are to be made to clean up the streets and parts of Ilkley.

Bradford Council has given an assurance that signs would be displayed in the town centre warning people of local by-laws in relation to fouling

of footpaths by dogs, and Ilkley Parish Council is pursuing the suggestion of 'dog loos'.

The action follows numerous complaints, one of the most recent of which was from a Leeds woman visiting Ilkley for the day.

"I brought my granddaughter over for a day out and was amazed at the amount of dogs brought in to the riverside children's play area by their owners to use it as a 'doggy loo,'" Mrs. F. Newton, of Silk Mill Gardens, Tinsill, said in a letter to the parish council.

"May I appeal to you to make it an offence for dogs to be taken into that area without being on a lead and a special area made for dogs to 'perform'," she added.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

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OBITUARIES

January

Mr. Eric Busby (83), of Grove Road, Ilkley a former director of Busby's Departmental Stores, Bradford, who preserved at his own expense White Wells on Ilkley Moor.

Mr. Gordon Lyon (59), of Grange Avenue, Ben Rhydding, worked with the Automobile Association for many years.

A former Matron of Scaleshor Park Hospital, Burley, Miss Nellie Hogg, (73), of Margerison Road, Ben Rhydding, spent all his working life with Lloyds Bank including a ten year spell as manager of the Ilkley branch.

A managing director of the former W. M. Rennie and Co. Ltd., worsted spinners, of Stanningley—Ilkley man Mr. Douglas Reenie (76).

Burley butcher Mr. Ronnie Thackeray, (51), who died suddenly had worked on his premises in the village main street for more than 30 years.

Mr. Len Tucker, (72) of Valley Drive, Ilkley, who was a plumber in the town for a number of years.

Mr. Ted Ellis (89) of Hall Croft, Skipton Road, Ilkley, a farmer in the town all his life.

February

Miss Dorothy Anne Pullan, (89) who practised as a physiotherapist at Ilkley for 50 years, died at the Red Gables old people's home, Ilkley.

Mr. John Blackburn (85), of Valley Drive, Ilkley a motor mechanic all his working life who lived in Ilkley nearly 50 years.

Mr. Philip (Harry) Duffy (86) who had lived at Mount Pleasant, Addingham for four years and had worked locally for about 40 years.

Mr. J. R. (Jack) Black (82), of Beanlands Parade, Ilkley worked for Arthur Green timber merchants for many years.

A long serving organist and choirmaster at Burley Methodist Church, Miss Annie Summersgill, died in a Southport nursing home. She was organist and choir-mistress for over 40 years.

March

A stalwart member of several Ilkley organisations, Mr. George Cunliffe (82), Mr. Cunliffe, of Wheatley Lane, Ben Rhydding, supported the Royal British Legion, Ilkley Constitutional Club and Ben Rhydding Men's Club for many years.

Sculptor Mr. Charles T'Anson (58), of Parish Ghyll Lane, Ilkley, aged 58.

An Ilkley resident for over 60 years, Mrs. Elizabeth Silverwood (96) of Backstone Way.

Farmer Mr. Thomas Adam Mason (81), who lived at Reynard Inz, Addingham Moorside, all his life.

April

Mr. Frederick Basil Thorpe, of Princess Road, Ilkley, who had just retired from Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee after 20 years service.

Mr. John Hardwick, of Menston, was associated with Yorkshire hockey for many years and formed Rawdon Hockey Club in 1933.

May

Mr. Noel Grimshaw Bailey (83) of The Lodge, Denton Hall, Ilkley, founded the Ilkley-based firm of electrical and instrumentation engineers—N G Bailey.

Mrs. Marjorie Dawson, of Wheatley Avenue, Ben Rhydding, wife of Mr. P. Dawson former sub-postmaster of Ben Rhydding.

June

A well known local man, noted in his younger days for the success of his numerous inventions and his motor cycling prowess, Mr. William Bradley (98) He was a resident at Haversham Court, Ilkley.

Two Ilkley Rotarians died during the same week—Mr. William George McLaughlin (55), of Silsden who had been a member eight years, and Mr. John Alfred Cross-

field (63) of Moor Park Drive, Addingham, a member since 1970.

Mr. Harry Whitehead (72), of The Crescent, Ben Rhydding—the first man to return to Ilkley from the Burma campaign.

July

Mr. Norman Salmon (78), a former Head of History and Senior Master at Ilkley Grammar School.

A former police inspector at Ilkley during the early 1950's—Mr. Arthur Mothersdale (74), of Richmond Place Ilkley.

Dr. Henrietta Frost (90), of Frost (90), of Gyll Court, Wells Road, Ilkley.

Mr. Stanley Ryder Tunton—a former company director—was a well known councillor for many years—died aged 82 after a short illness.

An Ilkley man well respected for his work for the local community over many years, Mr. John Anthony Cheesbrough (65) of Mayfield Road.

September

The Rev. Andrew Thornton, Superintendent Minister of the Ilkley Methodist Circuit from 1961 to 1968, just nine days after his 80th birthday.

Miss Mary Robinson, of Bridge Lane, Ilkley, who was a well known and respected figure in the town, died in hospital.

County Councillor Harry V. Hadrill, of Grange Estate, Ben Rhydding, the longest serving Conservative West Yorkshire Councillor who joined West Riding County Council in 1956.

October

Mr. Cecil Leonard Nicholson (88), of Wheatley Road, Ilkley, who worked as a manufacturers' agent in the engineering trade for nearly sixty years.

Former County Councillor Herbert Illingworth, of Kings Road Ilkley. He was a former Vice-Chairman of the old Ilkley Urban District Council, which he joined in 1953.

Mr. Glyn Baverstock (22), of Rupert Road, Ilkley, son of the former director of programmes at Yorkshire Television, Mr. Donald Baverstock and Mrs. Baverstock.

November

A former member of the old Ilkley Urban District Council and Ilkley Parish Council, Mr. Joseph A. Holden (79), of Grange Avenue, Ben Rhydding.

A well known local farmer, Mr. Tom Emmott (82) of Stockinger Lane, Addingham.

Local tailor Mr. Stan Erockes, of Southfield Road, Addingham, after being involved in a car accident at Leeds. He was 59.

Mr. Walter Williams, of South Parade, Ilkley, a Liberal all his life and a former President of the Ilkley Association, aged 72.

Former Ilkley police sergeant Leslie C. Milburn (55), of Skipton Road Ilkley, Mr. Gerry Nolan, of Valley Drive, Ben Rhydding, a hard working member of Ilkley Rugby Club, aged 52.

December

Mrs. Marjorie Green (74), of Wharfe View Road, Ilkley, the widow of a former...

ACROSS THE YEARS 30 Dec 83

St. Margaret's Church looks for New Vicar

100 Years Ago

A petition was circulating in the town asking that the vacated living of St. Margaret's Church be offered to the Rev. Wm. Danks, former incumbent-designate of the church. Parishioners of the church regretted greatly the removal of Rev. H. B. Otley and were determined in their efforts to try to ensure that Mr. Danks whose name was inseparable with the early history of the church could continue the work.

At Burley, churches held festivals over the Christmas period. The Congregational Church had two sittings at their public tea, which was followed by a fine Christmas entertainment of carols, recitations, comic songs and the doxology. A public tea in the Primitive Methodist chapel, however, was poorly attended, followed by a public meeting with carols, anthems and prayers. The event was presided over by Rev. W. Thoseby from Otley. The Wesleyan Chapel held their annual Sunday school festival on the afternoon of Christmas Day with a good tea provided and the evening's entertainment was by Rev. H. N. Milnes, Messrs. S. Milnes, C. E. Wilcox and Swindells.

75 Years Ago

Children attending the Ilkley National schools were provided with a Christmas tree from which each child in attendance or absent from sickness or any other cause was given a present. The happy idea was conceived by the headmistress Miss Wilson and a number of friends contributed the gifts. Parents were allowed to view the tree on the previous evening and at the same time were able to talk to their children's teachers.

When the children were present the tree was stripped of toys, books games and other things and the presents were handed to the children by Mrs. Sinker. The children sang a Christmas carol and danced Sir Roger de Coverley and gave a recitation entitled "Santa Claus" whilst the youngest mites of three and four sang "Merry Christmas." Mrs. Sinker was presented with a spray of flowers and afterwards children who had received trumpets and tambourines formed a band headed by Mr. Sinker blowing a trumpet and marched around the room. The noise apparently had to be heard to be believed.

50 Years Ago

There were festive scenes at the hotels and hydros in 1933 over the Christmas period, and at many private parties in homes throughout the town. Christmas day was Monday so there was a long weekend enabling people to travel further afield to visit relatives and friends at a distance.

The staff and committee of the Coronation Hospital went to a great deal of effort to make a happy Christmas for the patients and the decorations were most effective. The women's ward had silhouettes of witches, black cats and owls adorning the walls, and an illuminated cauldron on a centre table. There were 16 for dinner and Mr. T. H. Firth, chairman of the hospital committee carved the giant turkey. Choir boys from the Parish church rendered carols and a gathering of about 40 or 50 ex-patients were entertained for tea.

The Ilkley centre for the Unemployed were able to distribute Christmas puddings to all, and gifts were included in the parcels. About 120 families were entitled to receive this help. A cold turkey was given by Commander Crosse for the "most distressful family in the town."

25 Years Ago

One hundred and forty two elderly people sat down to tea in the Winter Gardens together with Capt. L. J. Sargeant, Chairman of Ilkley Council, who was welcomed by Mr. E. G. Hinchcliffe, secretary of the Ilkley Old Folks Christmas Party Committee. The meal consisted of ham, tongue, tomatoes and salads, trifles, cakes and scones and catering was provided by the Bluebird Cafe. Christmas carols were played during the meal by Mr. James Elder. The over 85's were represented by Mr. F. Burgess (89), Mr. H. Furness (87), Mr. Wm. Wright (87), Mrs. Grange (86) and Mr. J. Scott (85).

Michael Walker, Wheatley Avenue, Ben Rhydding was awarded the top prize of £20 by the board of management of the Near Eastern Archaeological prizes at Oxford for an essay entitled "The Hittite Empire". Michael was a student at Bradford Grammar School and hoped to study medicine. He regarded archaeology as a hobby only.

ILKLEY CAN NOT AFFORD TO REST ON ITS LAURELS DURING 1984, SAYS CHAIRMAN

In his New Year's Message to residents of the Ilkley District, Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Ernest S. Gardner warns that Ilkley can not afford to rest on its laurels during 1984.

"Our needs and wishes do not always get the consideration in Bradford that we would like. There have been times when we had to fight to make our voice heard and it is all too likely that similar situations will arise in the coming year," said Councillor Gardner.

He appealed to residents to support the Council, as in the past, and hoped that councillors, as elected representatives, could count on their support in the future.

"On behalf of myself, my wife and the Parish Council I wish all the people of Ilkley and district a Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year.

Looking back over the past year Cr. Gardner says a number of things stand out. In April we had the threat of a complicated parking scheme, an unnecessary one at that, being foisted upon us by the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council. This aroused as much feeling as almost anything since I first came on to the Parish Council in 1979.

"Our view of the scheme was shared by almost every local authority throughout West Yorkshire and together with other local bodies, not least the Chamber of Trade, we were able to do our bit in persuading the County to scrap the scheme, hopefully permanently.

Castle Road Land

"At about the same time we were given the good news that, thanks to some sterling work behind the scenes by my colleague, Molly Renton, the land in Castle Road was to be developed as a green open space.

"My first real public engagement as Chairman was to receive the civic delegation from Coutances and this I am pleased to say went with a real swing. Our guests who seemed to be particularly friendly settled quickly and happily into their 'holiday homes'. The weather did little to encourage our picnic at Kirkstall but with that one exception all the events went well. I think a special tribute is due to M. Leclerc who, though not an English speaker, paid us the compliment of rehearsing at some length his speech so that he could address us in English. Thanks are also due to Stephen Renton who had the dual role of translating M. Leclerc's speech into English and a large part of mine into French.

"In June we were able to report that Ilkley had been successful in the Spring judging of the Britain in Bloom competition. Less happily during the month we had the news of the plans to restrict the usage of the Coronation Hospital. This was another issue that united Ilkley. The Parish Council was able to give a lead and take up the gauntlet and together with other organisations representing every sphere of activity, especially the doctors and staff at the hospital and the Health Centre was able to achieve the greater part of our objective in that the use of the Casualty Department was saved," said Cr. Gardner.

Railway Link

"One local issue that reared its head at various times through the year was the question of our rail link with Leeds and Bradford. On this issue we brought both our local MPs in to that and both assured us of their support in preserving this link. Unless we make more use of it, however, there will always be a risk of closure but this is a matter on which we are keeping a close watch.

"In June, again, we had the opening of the new Hillards store which not only gave a tremendous addition to our shopping facilities but also gave us 150 car parking spaces.

"July saw the re-opening of the Troutbeck Hotel under new ownership and after all its trials and tribulations it is to be hoped that the enterprise and faith shown by the new owners will be rewarded.

"In August we had the news that we had again achieved first place in the summer judging of the Britain in Bloom competition. In the same month members of the Parish Council paid a long overdue visit to the Nell Bank Silver Jubilee Centre. They were impressed with the hard work being done there and shared the regret of the resident warden, Mr. Stephen Bennett, that more use was not made of it by local organisations.

"Another hardy perennial on the agenda at various times throughout the year was the question of fouling by dogs of some parts of the town. We have hopes of a 'doggy loo' but nothing we have yet found can solve the problem that we are not dealing so much with recalcitrant dogs as with thoughtless owners.

Submariners' Visit

"In August we had a visit from the crew of our adopted submarine, HMS Osiris. We were able to entertain them with the help of the Sea Cadets at Keighley and the children's hospital at Menston," he said.

Cr. Gardner who was in Portsmouth later in the year visited the submarine and joined with the Captain in presenting a plaque to the Royal Navy Submarine Museum. This was the plaque which was presented to Ilkley in 1942 by the Admiralty, was never received and finally surfaced last year. Since it was too large to grace the walls of the Council Chamber the museum seems to provide a happy answer.

"Although not a Parish matter I can not allow the year to pass without a tribute to Harry Haddrill who died in September. A long standing and hard working councillor he will be missed and as his successor nobody knows this better than me," said Cr. Gardner.

Manor House Threat

"At this time we again had to rally public support when there was a threat from Bradford to close the Manor House Museum and White Wells. Fortunately common sense prevailed but it should not be forgotten that this was due mainly to the outcry from Ilkley. One can never be sure that had we kept quiet would there have been the same happy outcome?

"In the course of the year there were a number of planning matters which gave cause for concern, principally the threat of an amusement arcade, the developments at South Parade, the Stoney Lea site and Castle Hill, the Asian girls hostel and the threat to the Green Belt. On all these matters the Parish Council was able to make a useful contribution and here I must pay tribute to the work of Cr. Barbara Cussons. The sale of the Bradford owned site at South Hawksworth Street was finally concluded and the outcome was a great deal better than at one time seemed likely. One of the issues to arise early in the year was the route of the Burley by-pass. In view of the concern expressed by the Parish Council and residents of the effect on the local industry this was referred back for a solution of this aspect of the problem," said Cr. Gardner.

"On the social side I have enjoyed the hospitality of many local bodies since becoming Chairman in May and time and again was struck by the amount of work put into so many spheres of activity by our townsfolk, much of which the rest of us take for granted, if we even know of it. If I mention only a few it is those few I happened to come across personally. Ilkley Swimming Club is perhaps a prime example of a small band of helpers who give encouragement to a large number of youngsters. The same, I am sure is true of all our clubs in the town who provide sports facilities and help the young.

High Standard

"On the musical side, I was struck by the high standard that is achieved. Again I can only speak from personal experience and two items stand out in my mind; the performance by the junior section of the Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society of 'The

was an 'Old Woman', I went prepared to be tolerant of an 'amateurish' performance and remained to witness a polished show that only came about by dint of a lot of hard work behind the scenes by members of the society which was matched by the talent and hard work of the youngsters. My only disappointment was the small audience the night I went. The same comment applies to the Competition for Northern Musicians. The standard was high even to my unmusical ear and merited greater support from music lovers of the town. It must have been a disappointment for the organising body, the Wharfedale Music Festival. Ilkley Flower show was another event that gave pleasure. I had expected a high standard from the winners but the standards achieved by the unsuccessful was a revelation. It seemed a pity they could not all get a prize," said Cr. Gardner.

"In a different sphere I hasten to pay tribute to the many people who work so hard for those less fortunate than the rest of us. Round Table, Rotary, Lions and Soroptimists and none more so perhaps than the helpers at the Clarke-Foley Centre. The pleasure given at the Christmas Carol Concert was only one example of the sterling use of the centre throughout the year. Other examples that come to mind are the Ilkley Old Folks Summers Days Outing and the various parties given at this time of the year, in particular, such as the Old Peoples party given recently by the Burley Women's Institute added musically and competently by the staff and pupils of Burley Middle School. Again at the Clarke-Foley Centre, the Old Tyme Music Hall was a superb evening's entertainment and this was well supported. I think a special word of thanks for all his work for the community in so many spheres is due to Geoffrey Vere," said Cr. Gardner.

New Vicar

"On the clerical side we have had the pleasure of welcoming our new Vicar, the Rev. Peter Marshall and it is to be hoped that his ministry will be as long as the Rev. Richard Cleland's. Although it belongs to next year it is also appropriate to say farewell to the Rev. Donald Aldred. I am sure we all wish him well in his new Parish and say a sincere thank you for all his work for Burley.

"Perhaps it is appropriate to end this summary of the year with a reference to the Christmas lights. There was a time when it seemed there would not be any but thanks largely to the efforts of the Hopwood family, of Burrells of Brook Street, and the individual efforts of many of our local shopkeepers it is my belief that this year the display has been better than ever," said Cr. Gardner.

REVIEW OF EVENTS WHICH MADE NEWS IN 1983

January

The Friends of Ilkley Music Centre were hosts to their Honorary President — international clarinetist — Alan Hacker — when he held a master class for seven groups of players.

April

Work began on transforming a rough track which used to form the approach road from Bridge Lane Ilkley, to the Manor House Museum into a properly made road. The finals of a disco dancing competition at Madames, the Ilkley nightspot, were a high standard from all entries and good support from the public. An investigation was called for to determine what effect the proposed "Blue Route" for a Burley By-Pass would have on Garnett's paper mill at Otley and other mills further down the River Wharfe.

It was announced that derelict land in Castle Road, Ilkley, was to be developed as a "green and open space" providing a link with the riverside memorial gardens and Ilkley Parish Church. The Crumwheel Bridge, the gas works, the Wharfe and Hawksworth all featured as subjects in an exhibition at the Manor House, Ilkley, held on an 80th birthday tribute to Royal Academician Richard Burich.

Spring judging in the "Britain in Bloom" competition took place at Ilkley. The Congregation of the Passion celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of its presence in Ilkley when the Right Rev. William Gordon Wheeler presided over a Mass of Thanksgiving.

First Ilkley Sea Scouts and Sea Cubs took another step towards their goal of a new headquarters in Beaulands Parade, Ilkley, when they received a cheque for £400 from Ilkley Round Table.

May

A capacity congregation assembled at St. John's Church, Ben Rhydding, to celebrate the opening of a new £60,000 hall. A service of thanksgiving took place at Ilkley Parish Church to mark the re-erection of three Anglo-Saxon crosses. The crosses were cleaned and placed inside the church under the bell-tower. Initial work began on landscaping the derelict site on Castle Road on the West of New Brook Street, Ilkley.

The fifth Yorkshire Artists Exhibition, recognised as the largest and most important art event to be held in Yorkshire, was held at Ilkley, its Ilkley Art Club opened its 74th annual exhibition. A cheque for £500, the proceeds of a number of events

July

Over one hundred people attended an open day given by Addingham School of Dance Pre-School Ballet Class at the village's Methodist Church Hall. The Troutbeck Hotel at Ilkley re-opened after an extensive facelift. There was a distinctly oriental flavour to Ilkley when a party of eighteen Japanese girls visited the town, staying five nights with families from Ben Rhydding Methodist Church and Christchurch.

Forty-two Senior Citizens from Ilkley's twin town of Coultance enjoyed a five day stay in the town. Mr. Garry Waller M.P. was guest of honour at one of the best ever Addingham Galas held in glorious sunshine. Plans were announced to refurbish the 144 year old Ilkley United Reformed Church in The Grove—a listed building which had stood empty for three years.

An exhibition entitled "The Heather Spa" concerning Ilkley's heyday as a Spa resort opened at the Manor House Museum in Ilkley. Controversial plans to build sheltered housing at Castle Hill, Ilkley, were turned down.

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.

August

As the fight continued to save Ilkley Coronation Hospital's casualty department, another local hospital came under threat. A discussion document published by Leeds Western Health Authority included a proposal that Middleton Hospital may not be needed in the long term.

Judges in the final stages of the "Britain in Bloom" competition spent some three hours touring Ilkley's streets and public gardens. Eight crew members from H.M.S. Osiris—Ilkley's adopted submarine—visited the town. The stepping stones across the River Wharfe at Ben Rhydding came into use again after a £2,000 project to replace about five damaged stones. Firemen spent a week-end dousing down a large area of Ilkley Moor after fire broke out.

a pipe tobacco promotion was being held. Three people were slightly injured when a bus was in collision with a lorry in Bradford Road, Burley. The annual Civic Service of the Wharfedale United Nations Association was held at Ben Rhydding Methodist Church.

The first sod was cut to denote the beginning of building operations to cover the swimming pool at Clevedon House Licensed Victuallers School, Ben Rhydding. Plans were revealed for a new two-storey development on the controversial South Hawksworth Street car park site at Ilkley.

News that Ilkley had won its battle to save the Coronation Hospital's casualty department met with delight from the many local organisations and individuals who opposed the plan to scrap it.

November

Work started on new headquarters for the 1st Ilkley Sea Scout Group in Beaulands Parade, Ilkley. A public forum "Campaign Against Reductions in Education" was held at Ilkley College.

Ilkley's Castle Gallery was packed to capacity for the preview of "Small Paintings and Miniatures", and more than 37 paintings were bought in the first hour. Members of Addingham Civic Society and other village organisations continued the tradition of planting bulbs in Addingham, taking the total planted in the three years since the scheme was initiated to between twelve and fifteen thousand.

The sixth competition for Northern Musicians (formerly Yorkshire Music Students competition) was held at the Kings Hall, Ilkley. There were large attendances at the Remembrance Day services in both Ilkley and Addingham. Temperatures plummeted below freezing as Ilkley was hit by some of the coldest November weather for four years. Addingham pensioners got an early Christmas present when they received their £7 gifts from the Clarke-Foley Trust.

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Mr. Terence Suthers (38), of St. James Road, Ilkley, was named as the new curator at the Yorkshire Museum York.

Mr. Michael Dawson (51), of West View, Ilkley, announced his resignation as Director of the Yorkshire Arts Association, a post he had held since 1971. Civic visitors and a pipar in full regalia visited Lizzie West, at Heather Court, Monstun, on her 104th birthday.

Fourteen-year-old Catherine Halliday, of St. John's Park, Monstun was presented with the Queen's Guide Award. Ilkley greenkeeper Brian Sherwin became the first man to win the silver salver of the inaugural Telegraph and Argus-Dunlop European golf holiday tournament in Spain. Mrs. Helen Bushell of Curly Hill, Ilkley, received a long service badge and certificate for about 15 years service with the Ilkley branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

Mr. Brian Turner (44), of High Wheatley, Ben Rhydding, was appointed Managing Director of H. and K. Bradley (Trailer Equipment) Ltd., Britain's leading manufacturer of over-run braked trailer equipment. Mrs. Jean Ellis, a former student at Ilkley College, was awarded the Bronze Medal - first prize for the City and Guilds Foundation Course in Community Care - after obtaining the highest mark in the international examination. An Ilkley man who had been attending meetings of the Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee for about twenty years announced his retirement. Mr. C. E. L. Ford, of Dale View, although not a member since 1974, had attended meetings as County Road Safety Officer for Bradford and was secretary of the committee for 11 years prior to that.

John and Lillian Cunningham, of Backstone Way, Ilkley, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. Ilkley Middle School enjoyed a double success in Bradford College's Wood St. action.

Five 1st Ilkley cub scouts—Ian Gardiner, Stephen Davies, Stephen Sanders, Spencer Edlin and Stephen France—were presented with Gold Arrows.

Station Hotel landlord Mr. Ted Carroll, who during recent years had made a name for himself as an actor, retired. Mr. Leonard Perkin, of Hall Rise, Burley, Deputy County Analyst for West Yorkshire since 1974, was appointed County Analyst.

June

Eighteen year old Ilkley girl Julia Davies, who had been with London's Metropolitan Police Cadets since April the previous year, gained a silver medal after completing the Ten Tors Expedition on Dartmoor. Four Ilkley firemen were among 140 fire service personnel from all over Britain who took part in the annual Race Service Five Mile Road Race at Bradford.

Eight year old Karen Czajkowski was chosen as Addingham Youth Club's new Queen. Wing Commander Robert E. Holliday, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Holliday, of Grange Estate, Ben Rhydding, received the O.B.E. Mrs. Esie Drake, a resident at The Lawn, Burley, for the past two years, was Miss Lucie Hickson (22) of Denton Road, Ilkley—a former pupil of Ilkley Grammar School—gained an Upper Second Honours Degree in Management and Administrative Sciences at the University of Aston. Mr. William Henry Bowdler and wife Mabel, of High Mill Lane, Addingham, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Two Ilkley children—Barth Davy, of Parklands, and Russell Miller, of Queens Drive—won bicycles in a Junior Art Competition organised by Glovers Garages Ltd. Mr. Bernard W. Heap, of Sefton Drive, Ilkley, reached the final of a Yorkshire Area flat green bowling championship.

Degrees were gained by Dr. John Richard Walker, of North Parade, Ilkley, Guy and Janet Lawson, of St. Paul's Grove, Ilkley, Sarah L. Melville, of Dale View Ilkley, and Mr. Anthony Busfield, of Ilkley.

July

Mr. J. David Jowett, an 18-year-old employee at R. W. Morten in Churcliffe, Bradford, was awarded the Queen's Award for Industry.

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Ikley girl Suzanne Walker (21), of Sunset Drive, finished in the top ten of the "Miss Yorkshire Television" competition. Miss Tracy Anne Gibbons, of Wharfe View Road, Ilkley, and Miss Catherine Lester, of Town Head Farm, Addingham, both passed the City and Guilds in hairdressing. An Addingham couple who became well known locally after running a Ben Rhydding newsagent's shop for about twelve years—Mr. Jack Hudson and wife Betty—celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. R. Katolife, of Cock Shott Place, Addingham, retired after 32 years as a joiner at Middleton Hospital. Mr. Edgar Fox of Wells Walk, Ilkley, retired after over forty years working on the railways.

Ten year old Alexis Dunn, Ben Rhydding, won a Sciaetric Rovers, of Ben Rhydding, local Austin-Rover dealers. Twelve year old Maria Blyth, of Westville Road, Ilkley, won first prize in a "Shaders and Toners Shine Girl" competition while on holiday at Ladbroke's Wallis Holiday Village, Cayton Bay, North Yorkshire. Mrs. Patsy Whittington, of St. Paul's Rise, Addingham, won £50 worth of prizes as runner-up in the finals of a beauty contest. Miss Jane Shaw, of The Drive, Ben Rhydding, graduated from the London School of Aromatherapy. Ilkley man G. Penwar-

Close, Ilkley, was chosen to take part in the "Nutoracker" at the Royal Festival Hall at Christmas. Ilkley District Nurse for the past 16 years, Sister Peggy McNaney, of Vasily Drive, Ben Rhydding, retired.

December

Twenty-year-old Jill Chaurbers, of Bolling Road, Ilkley, was presented with the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award certificate at St. James Palace. 1st Ben Rhydding Eagle was presented with the Gold Arrow by Group Leader Jonathan Wright. Miss K. Cockcroft, a resident at Heather Court, Monstun, celebrated her 95th birthday.

"UNFAIR TO LOCAL TRADERS"

Concern about Addingham Memorial Hall being used for Christmas tree sales which were "creaming off the profits from village traders", has been expressed by Cr. John Wells.

He told members of the parish council that two tree sales had been held at the Memorial Hall, and this was unfair competition against the local shops, who had high overheads to pay and who served the community for the whole of the year.

Cr. Wells did not think this was the sort of use intended by the people who had provided the Memorial Hall, and he felt they should tell the hall's Management Committee of their concern.

Cr. Alan Jerome said he was in an embarrassing position because he was Chairman of the Management Committee as well as Chairman of the parish council.

He said the Committee had already discussed this as a result of two complaints, and explained that the only income for the Memorial Hall was from lettings and work by the Social Committee. The two Sunday sales in question had contributed £50, and were held by people who used the hall on two or three other occasions during the year. They could lose up to £100 a year if these people were prevented from coming.

He had sympathy with the local traders, but they had to finance the Memorial Hall, which would have to close if they stopped taking commercial lettings. He pointed out that the Committee was careful in its lettings.

Cr. David Pratt said that as a shopkeeper who paid high rates he was totally against the type of sale on Sunday. He did not feel the Memorial Hall had been intended for use as a market stall.

Local board threatened over state of road

100 Years Ago

The disgraceful state of Ben Rhydding Road which was quite impassable was discussed at the January meeting of Ilkley Local Board at some length, and a letter from Mr. Frederick W. Fison threatening to summon the Local Board surveyor was read to members of the Board. Members were unimpressed by the threat and finally agreed to give notice to the property owners in question abutting on to the stretch of road to put the said road in repair immediately.

Captain Dawson and the Weston fire brigade paid a visit to Ilkley to show their new manual engine at work. Steam was got up on the road and the trial was made at the bottom of Brook Street with water being run from the mains into a tank and then the fire engine forced the water high above the Crescent Hotel. The Ilkley Fire Brigade tried to do the same and managed to reach the same height, but this could not be done at many parts of the town because of lack of water pressure, and conceded Weston had the superior equipment.

75 Years Ago

A grand fancy dress ball was held in Ilkley Town Hall with 300 people attending mostly in costume. The ball was described as the "best ever" in Ilkley and was held to assist the funds of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Refreshments were served on the stage where a pretty woodland scene had been set with plants and flowers.

Dancing started with the children at 6 p.m. and continued through until midnight. The stewards for the evening were Messrs. J. Bampton, H. Fell, Thos. Greenwood, Statham Muff, Victor Rabagliati and Cecil Walker. The secretarial work in connection with the ball was undertaken by Mrs. H. Greenwood.

Another brilliant function was held in the Winter Gardens of Wells House Hydro on New Year's Day. It was the annual ball in aid of the Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital, and there was a "brilliant assembly present." The decorations of the room were done by Miss Mallinson who represented a view she had seen from a Sicilian holiday, with Mount Etna boldly in the background. Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Rabagliati received all the guests and most of the town's leading families were represented.

50 Years Ago

Ilkley Council decided to carry out a road improvement scheme at the top of Mill Ghyll. The principal point of contention concerned the triangular plot of ground a little above Mill Ghyll through which ran the stream itself about 14 feet below the surrounding roadway. It was agreed that the stream should be culverted, the depression filled in and a small triangular island built with a pavement and a dwarf wall surrounding the grass.

Children in Ilkley went round "mumming" and offering to sweep the Old Year out and the New Year in on New Year's Eve chanting "Old Year out, New Year in, Please will you let the dickie birds in."

Ilkley Old Folk had a happy party in the Winter Gardens. 300 invitations being sent out to all people over 70 years of age. The tables were gaily decorated and the menu included chicken and ham, salads, trifles, jellies and cakes and each person received a cracker and a paper hat. Dr. Thomas Johnstone, former

Medical Officer of Health gave reminiscences of old Ilkley, he had himself owned the last thatched house in Ilkley. He exhorted the people of the town to stop grumbling and allow progress. People had said that the covering of the brook in Brook Street would spoil Ilkley, and the planting of trees would spoil the moors but time had proved them wrong. He asked those present not to object to buses going up The Grove but instead to urge development of the bus services. He said that Harrogate had got the waters but lacked the air of Ilkley.

25 Years Ago

A new dance floor, the provision of a permanent bar, the modernisation of the kitchen facilities and the conversion of solid fuel heating to oil heating were the features of a £5,000 scheme for the Ilkley Winter Garden which Ilkley Urban Council agreed should be forwarded to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for loan sanction.

1st Ben Rhydding Senior Scout Troop held its annual party at their hostel, Hag Dyke, Kettlewell. Senior guides and Rangers from 2nd Ilkley and 1st Ben Rhydding Companies were invited to join the Senior Scouts at their dinner together with guide Captain Mrs. Jones and her husband. Waiters for the evening were David Priestman, Andrew Welbank, Godfrey Idle, Andrew Brennen and Frank Wood. The cooks were Richard Wright, Richard Hobbs, and Michael Fawcett.

A week later than the first introduction of diesel trains on the Ilkley-Leeds, and Ilkley-Bradford lines there had been an increase of passengers of about 60 per cent, and this increase was expected to continue for some time. The introduction of the diesel service meant the complete abolishment of all the steam locomotives kept at Ilkley.

ILKLEY ESTATE AGENT LEADS COMPUTER FIELD

Anticipating various competitor's announcements about "revolutions" in office technology, Simon Thornton, the Wharfedale estate agent, has revealed that his agency has been making full use of sophisticated computer technology for the past three years.

After being in business for only two years, Simon Thornton, who founded his agency in Ilkley five years ago, took the brave step of investing in word processing and computing equipment, and is now reaping the dividends.

The time-consuming and laborious estate agent's office activities such as recording valuation comparisons, filing, referencing and accurately noting requirements, can now be carried out quickly and efficiently, and the operation of an effective mailing list is no longer a chore.

Simon Thornton said results spoke for themselves—the main growth of the practice had been during the last three years over a period of severe property recession, during which buyers had regularly commended the practice on its attention to special requirements, he said.

He was aware that the market place was rapidly changing, and the larger financial institutions and other organisations would create new competition in estate agency, but thought there would always be a place for the small professional agency which was

Power To The People

Sir,—An initial individual reaction to Area Management, the pamphlet power to the people, in my letter in the Gazette, 23 December, 1983, may have given rise to misunderstanding. The proposed future approach to local government was interpreted as one of harmony, whereby consultation, discussion and consensus would replace secret decision, controversy and conflict. There could be no more admirable goal.

Specific reference was made to a recent planning application at Castle Hill, which gave rise to discord, agitation and evident disharmony. It was suggested that future proposals for the site might be subject to consultation between all interested parties before, not after, applications were submitted, in order to achieve consensus and harmony.

In the context of my original letter, which supported the case for non-development, a possible misprint altered the meaning of one sentence. This should have read "However, the ditch itself is NOT (printed NOW) an ideal site for a single dwelling related to the 'Church-museum' complex".

The main theme of the letter was, however, an individual interpretation of Power to the People and a personal reaction to Area Management. Will it be an improvement? Perhaps, if the aim is harmony.

E. M. HOLT

25 Wells Road, Ilkley.

"Has It Changed For You?"

"When the trains stopped thundering across the iron bridge above Brook Street (because they had removed it) and just before they began to build houses along the old railway route to Skipton it was still possible by risking a fatal fall to scramble up a bank to the end railway arch and walk along the train tracks.

Like all children it was the risk involved that would egg us on and there was a good view from the top only you had to keep your head down to avoid being seen by people in the nearby houses.

Underneath the arches of the railway were all kinds of strange and dubious looking businesses and they all seemed to have Alsatian dogs that barked at the slightest noise. But all this did not matter, like all the best childhood places it was somewhere no adult would go, and this, coupled with the risk, gave you the adrenalin only children can understand.

In later months we watched the arches being pulled down, bit by bit, small bricks and large lumps until when they had carted the mess away it was difficult to remember there had been anything there at all. But then they knocked down the wooden cafe near White Wells, the Methodist church where flats are now, the two cinemas and things seem to have been rearranged, shops have changed and I have forgotten what was where.

They now park all along the road where we used to play football and the tall grass I used to play in along with my parents allotment are both now flats. I do not really bemoan this change, this progress, perhaps it is necessary. Only my childhood is now the bricks and dirt of the earth and the pressure to develop Ilkley further in the future may indeed result in its charm and beauty being remembered — by photographs. Has it changed for you?"

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Vicar's Farewell

Sir—I would greatly value space in your correspondence columns this week to be able to say to your wide readership what a joy it has been to have lived and worked in this area for the past 14 years.

I count myself extremely fortunate to have had the privilege of being Vicar of Burley since 1969, and before leaving next week I should like to express my very real gratitude to local residents for all the warmth of friendship and cooperation they have increasingly showered upon myself and family. It has all been greatly appreciated and we shall never forget our Wharfedale years.

As it is not possible for me to call and thank people personally for so much love and goodness, I'm pleased to know that Burley's Churchwardens have arranged a farewell gathering in the Queen's Hall next Sunday (January 8th) from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. for this purpose.

Rev. Donald Aldred (Vicar of Burley)

PLANS TO SCRAP HOSPITAL TO BE SCRUTINISED

Ilkley Parish Council has formed a sub-committee to examine the proposals for the closure of Wharfedale Children's Hospital at Menston.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton proposed the sub-committee should be formed to look at all aspects of the planned closure and its effects, and she was supported by Cr. Peter Williams, who said the hospital looked after a lot of children from as far away as Hull.

"I think everyone should take an interest in the matter," said Cr. Williams. "I hope the hospital will be visited by all members of the sub-committee so they can see first hand what goes on there," he added.

6 JAN 84 New Year's Eve storm damage

Strong winds which blew out the old year on New Year's Eve caused a certain amount of damage around the region. Slaters were blown off people's roofs and branches littered the roads.

At Pool-in-Wbartedale a branch went straight through the roof of a corporation garage in Church Close. Fortunately the garage was empty at the time as the tenant's son had taken the car out for the evening. If he had not taken the car, Mr. Richmond, the tenant, said it would have been wrecked.

6 JAN 84 ROTARY CLUB RAISED £619

Street collections by Ilkley Rotary Club on the two Saturdays before Christmas raised a total of £619—considerably better than in any previous year—said Rotary Club President Mr. Andrew Hartley.

The proceeds will go to the various charities supported by the club, particularly the current Totassist Appeal, which is a fund being set up to help disadvantaged young people who are trying to make a career for themselves.

Mr. Hartley paid tribute to the generosity of Ilkley residents and visitors during the collections.

6 JAN 84 "SAVE THIS OPEN PLACE" APPEAL FROM ILKLEY Crs.

Ilkley Parish Councillors will be out in force in Brook Street tomorrow (Saturday) appealing to the public to "Save This Open Place".

The 'open place' in question, between Barclays Bank and the Pepper Mill health shop, would disappear if a plan for the demolition of the health shop and the re-development of that area was approved, says the parish council.

They are calling on the public to help fight the loss of the open space, which they say has proved valuable in providing a central site for many voluntary activities and light entertainments.

walkway between Brook Street and the Grove Promenade would disappear if the plan were approved, councillors plan to rope off the area which would be affected by the proposed shopping development. They will be in the area between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon, and urge the public to sign a petition which will be available between those times.

The development would also entail the moving of the telephone boxes further away from the bus shelter.

Bradford planners are to visit the site on Monday before deciding upon the

GHOSTLY HAPPENINGS AT HANGINGSTONE ROCKS

The ghost of a man believed to have been killed in an accident a hundred years ago seems to have reappeared on Ilkley Moor.

On Christmas Eve for the last two years, an Ilkley resident who lives on the edge of the moord in Hangingstone Road has experienced unnatural happenings while walking his dog.

Mr. Keith Hartley is appealing to older residents of the town to help throw light on a "strange phenomenon" which has occurred on the same day in successive years.

"I take my dog out regularly for its evening walk along a route which invariably takes me up to Hangingstone Rocks, overlooking Ilkley about two hundred yards from the Cow and Calf Rocks on Ilkley Moor," says Mr. Hartley.

"The walk is exceptionally pleasant and bracing in the summer months, but on a cold, bitter winter's evening a spirit of adventure is called for. Normally in the winter months I meet very few walkers at that time and most of those are accompanied by their dogs. Naturally we dog owners halt for a while for a chat. When my dog suddenly pricked up its ears on Christmas Eve of 1982, after following our usual route to the base of the Rocks, I sensed that another person was nearby," he went on.

Distressed

"I looked up and saw a figure on the rock, clearly outlined against the night sky. I walked up to the summit to have my usual chat, but found nobody there and my dog had vanished too. I spent some time calling him, and returned home to find my dog had arrived back in a distressed condition and was cowering in a corner of the kitchen. He recovered quickly in my presence, and I thought nothing more of the matter," he said.

"This Christmas Eve, following the route I had regularly taken throughout 1983 to Hangingstone Rocks, I walked to the summit with my dog. I halted to take in the fresh air, when my dog bristled and stared behind me in the direction of the old quarry. I looked in the same direction and discerned a figure making its way to where I was standing at the summit. I must confess that a feeling of unease crept over me, but I waited for a few minutes for the person to join me. No one appeared and I beat a hasty retreat to find my dog at home in a quivering unsettled state," he said.

Mr. Hartley is still puzzled by his experiences and asks why has his dog behaved in such a peculiar way on only two occasions in its life? And why had he (Mr. Hartley) felt convinced he had seen a figure, yet was unable to be sure whether it was male or female? Why had the event occurred only on Christmas Eve? asked Mr. Hartley.

Fatal Accident

In a hasty research since Christmas Eve, Mr. Hartley has learned there was a fatal accident in Hangingstone Quarry in 1882, when a quarryman died only a few yards from where Mr. Hartley had seen the figure.

The 'Gazette' file of that revealed that an 18 year old Ilkley stone mason died after an accident in the quarry on 10 February.

He was Richard Skillington, who had just begun work-

They were working together in the quarry that afternoon, carrying out blasting operations. A fuse was lit twice but failed to go off and, against the advice of his father, Richard advanced towards it. His father followed him, and as they approached the fuse, it ignited.

The force of the blast threw Richard into the air and knocked his father to the ground. Mr. Skillington Senior escaped injury, but his son was seriously hurt and knocked unconscious. Some men working nearby helped carry Richard to his cabin on the moor and a doctor was called. They carried him to his home in Ash Grove, where he died that night without ever regaining consciousness.

An inquest returned a verdict that Mr. Skillington had met with his death through his own wilful neglect, and that no blame could be attached to anyone else.

Now Mr. Hartley asks "does the Hangingstone Rock really have a ghost?" but he was certain about one thing - he would be thinking twice before taking his dog in the vicinity of Hangingstone Rock on Christmas Eve next year.

EX-GAMEKEEPER WAS RESPECTED THROUGHOUT AREA

Former gamekeeper Mr. George Harrison, of Ash Grove, Ilkley, who was much respected by fellow gamekeepers and farmers throughout the Dales, has died aged 81.

Mr. Harrison was born at Castle Howard and spent his youth on farms in that area, developing an early interest in wildlife.

He joined the estate of Lord Downe, who was reknowned as one of the best game shots in the country at that time, at Wycombe as a trainee gamekeeper, before moving on to work for Colonel Thompson near Wetherby.

In 1929 he became gamekeeper on Burley and Hawksworth Moors, where record bags of grouse were shot in the 1930's while he was keeper.

He was called into the fire service in the second world war, towards the end of which he became pest officer for this area. His extensive knowledge of foxes and their habits proved invaluable in the job.

It was in the 1930's that Mr. Harrison helped found the Washburn Valley Fox Shoot, when gamekeepers from Washburn and Wharfedale got together with the old Askwith Gun Club. Over the years they accounted for many hundreds of foxes which were preying on the land.

He was gamekeeper on Ilkley Moor for a while before his wife's ill health forced him to change occupation, and he then joined the local Water Board with which he stayed until he retired.

Mr. Harrison, who leaves two daughters and a son, was a member of Wharfedale Naturalists Society.

13 JAN 84 THE COST OF COUNTING SHEEP AT ILKLEY

Bradford Councillors have been told the cost of counting sheep.

The council went to court to fix the number of sheep which could graze on its nationally known Ilkley Moor, and can now expect a bill for £3,000 for the legal proceedings.

A report which went before the council's Leisure Services sub-committee on Tuesday said that originally the total number of sheep which could graze on Ilkley and Burley Moors was 2,490. This was later reduced to 1,326 but the council felt it was too many for the good of the moors and took action in the High Court which ordered a Commons Commissioner to review the position. He decided to cut the figure by 120 to 1,206.

The sub-committee was told by Mr. Tony Kilner, a Council Solicitor that the cost to

the council was actually £1,600.

The rest of the cost included £300 from the trustees of Burley Moor and about £1,000 which covered the cost of the work of his legal department.

He said the action to reduce the number of sheep was necessary because they had been damaging the moors including heather and other crops.

The city's Recreation Officer, Mr. Howell Williams said that he would make arrangements with the farmers for the future management of the moors. Random counts could be carried out to check the number of sheep.

The sub-committee accepted the Commons Commissioner's decision.

6 JAN 84 GOOD RESPONSE TO LOCAL FOSTER SCHEME

The response to a short term elderly fostering scheme from potential carers and elderly guests in the Ilkley area has been "very good", it was reported this week.

"It has been very encouraging and the most active local carer has already accommodated several elderly guests, a number of whom are anxiously awaiting a return visit," said Mr. Richard Kennedy, one of the Special Caseworkers for the scheme. "I am particularly appreciative of the help given by the 'Ilkley Gazette' in bringing the innovative service to the attention of readers."

The Elderly Placement Scheme, which offers short term family care for elderly people, has now completed its first year of operation and over the Christmas period catered for its 100th guest.

The scheme, known as "Give Gran a Break", was set up by Bradford Council's Social Services Department to enhance the quality of life for local elderly people in need by enabling them to maintain a full and independent lifestyle within the community. It offers not only relief for caring relatives but also a break for the lonely or housebound elderly.

The scheme now has 27 participating families who welcome a visit from potential guests prior to arranging their stay.

Further information about the scheme is available from Richard Kennedy of Syd Yeland at City Hall, Bradford.