

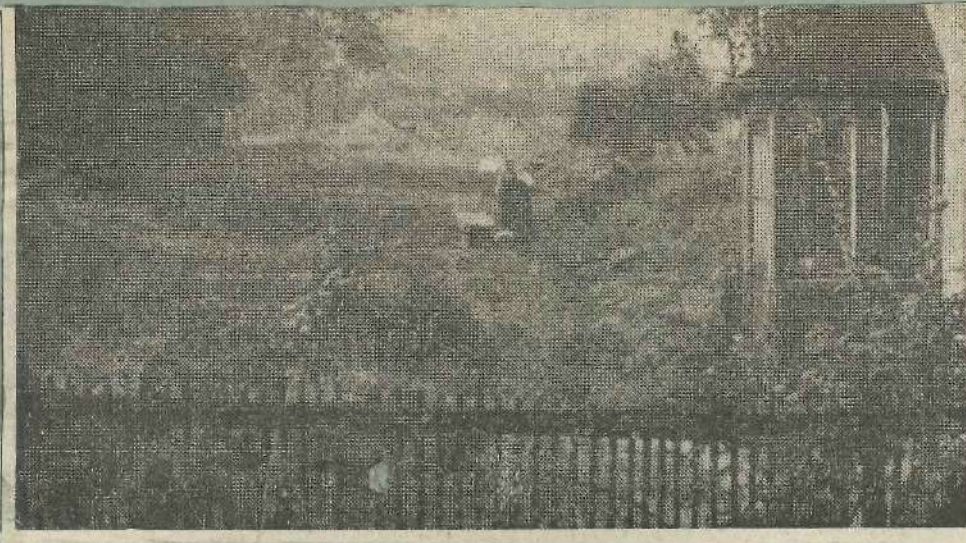
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GERMAN P.O.W.s HELP TO BUILD VALLEY DRIVE

Almost forty years ago Ilkley's biggest scheme for providing Council owned houses and flats was being developed in the Valley Drive area of the town.

To serve this estate a new road was built between Ben Rhydding and Ilkley providing Valley Drive, the middle road between Bolling Road and Leeds Road. In September 1945 the "Gazette" stated that this link would come one day had been clear for over twenty years but had taken longer than most people had

expected. There had been a footpath link for some time—a way used more or less unofficially by cyclists.

German prisoners of war were brought into Ilkley to help with the construction of the new road and a party of these are pictured (left) below working land near Riddings Farm and the Grange Estate. The picture on the right looking towards Ilkley shows Brook Cottage on the right which stood almost at the top of what is now Hampshire Close.



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ILKLEY SITES SOLD FOR DEVELOPMENT

Two major sites at Ilkley have been sold for building purposes.

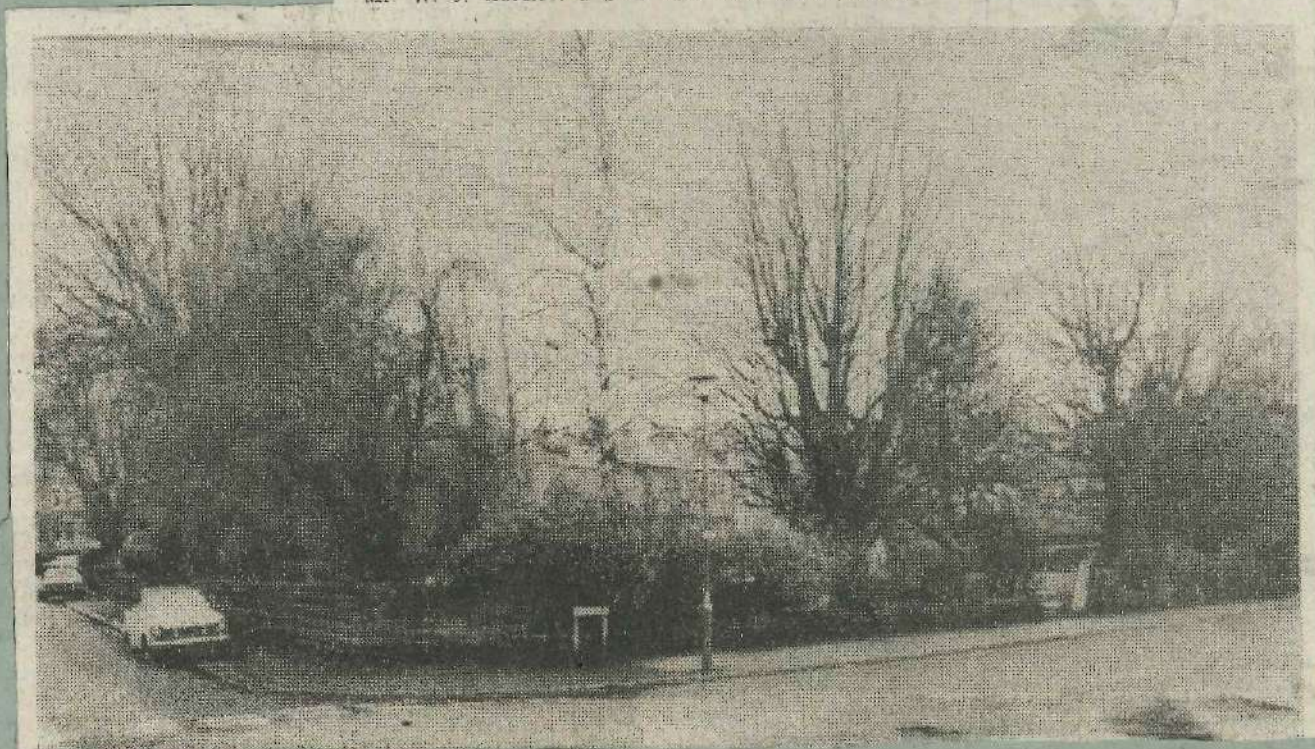
Dacre, Son and Hartley, acting on behalf of Landeen Homes Ltd., have sold the sites to Arncliffe Holdings PLC, of Leeds, for an undisclosed sum.

They were the successful tend for the site of the former Hampton House, at the corner of Grove Road and The Grove (pictured below), where there is planning permission for flats, and for further land at Stourton Road fronting the River Wharfe, which has planning permission for five bungalows. Mr W. J. Horsley, a part-

ner of Dacre, Son and Hartley, who handled the sale, said Arncliffe Holdings intended building retirement homes on the Hampton House site, which he said was ideal for the purpose being close to the town's shopping centre.

It will be Arncliffe Holdings' first development in Ilkley, although they have recently acquired another property for development at Skipton.

Dacre, Son and Hartley will be retained as selling agents for both developments.



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Ilkley Cricket Club Wound Up With Debts Of £10

100 Years Ago

At a special meeting of the Local Board the sanitary condition of the town and the question of the provision of a hospital were long and exhaustively discussed. The Medical Officer's recommendation to provide a Cottage Hospital was carefully considered, and they resolved that although they saw no immediate necessity for such a building the Medical Officer and the Sanitary Officer should look out for the most suitable building to recommend to the Board at once. This was followed by a committee being set up to find such premises and report back to the board.

Owing to lack of interest Ilkley Cricket Club reluctantly decided to wind up the affairs of the club. The club was in debt to the extent of £10 owing to poor response on the part of members of the committee, the main work having been carried out entirely by Messrs. Jas Critchley and A. Travers, the club treasurer and secretary. They had shouldered so much responsibility they refused to take office for another year, and no successors could be found. A sub committee was duly appointed to wind up the club and pay off the debts.

75 Years Ago

Young men of St. Margaret's church held their annual social in St. Margaret's Hall, with a large attendance of members and friends. Badminton, ping-pong, bagatelle and other games were enjoyed during the early part of the evening, and afterwards there was a programme of entertainment. Messrs. Harris, Atkinson, Danby and Neale were a capable quartette, folk songs were rendered by Mr. J. Hornby, and Messrs. Lee and Webb, and Miss Kathleen Whitaker played a pianoforte solo.

Police Constable Wickham was awarded the good conduct badge after bravely stopping a runaway horse along the Grove on December 29. The horse, which belonged to Mr. Musgrave, smashed the shafts of the vehicle to which it was attached by dashing into a tree near Cunniffe Road, set off on the north footpath towards Brook Street. A number of ladies and children narrowly missed being knocked down, and but for Constable Wickham's gallantry in

checking it, someone might have been seriously injured.

50 Years Ago

Discussion took place in January 1934 regarding the possibility of better organisation within the Ilkley Friendship Centre for the unemployed, and plans took shape to develop the occupational side of the work there.

The work of the boot repairing service and of the scheme of the Allotments sub-committee were praised. Seed and tools were to be provided for the allotment work at a cost of 10s. 6d., but for the unemployed this cost was to be halved.

Harry Sunderland, co-manager of the Australian "Kangaroo" Rugby League tourists, praised the warmth of the hospitality the team had received during their stays at Marlborough House, Ilkley. He said that the team members had had a wonderful time in England and especially in Ilkley, and said "the grand Ilkley folk had given them the glad hand of true friendship."

25 Years Ago

Wharfedale was in the grip of ice and snow in January 1959. There were keen night frosts and there was a full week of skating on the tarn. The crum wheel was frozen into an ice wheel, and despite gritting there had been a good number of minor accidents in Ilkley and district.

The future of the Royal Hotel in Wells Road was in question. The brewers did not rule out the possibility of it being sold as a going concern, and the hotel bars were still in operation although catering and residential services were suspended. The official comment was that "the hotel was undergoing re-organisation."

Members of Ilkley and District Motor Club had rough going over snow and ice at the club's New Year Motor Cycle trial, held in the Norwood area of Washburn valley. Snow drifts caused considerable trouble over the ten mile circuit and the clerk of the course Geoff Fletcher, had to be out and about by 8 a.m. to reverse stretches of the route. The winner was Army motor cycle instructor Arthur Lampkin, and second was Bill Wilkinson of Kettlewell, an Ilkley club member.

BRITISH RAIL HITS BACK AT PROPHETS OF DOOM AND GLOOM

British Rail's Yorkshire Division has hit back at those who have predicted major cuts in West Yorkshire Rail services.

"There will be no major loss of services in West Yorkshire resulting from the 1984 Timetable, indeed many of our passengers will have an improved service," said Divisional Passenger Marketing Officer John Ferro. "The prophets of doom and gloom have focussed attention on a few negative features of the timetable rather than acknowledge the many positive things which will improve our performance and help to reduce the burden of loss making services."

"Such people must realise we are running a business and can no longer afford to operate off-peak trains for the benefit of only a few people," he said.

"Here in West Yorkshire there is still an overpowering need for us to provide a more efficient, cost effective service in order to give better value for money to our customers, County Council and Taxpayer. To do this we must make better, more intensive use of our resources. The new timetable will enable us to do this whilst retaining the present network of services," he said.

Local services too will be largely unchanged, and several routes will benefit from the introduction of the new Class 141 railbuses.

British Rail "Must Come Clean"

Cnty. Cr. Wayne Jenkins, Chairman of the West Yorkshire Public Transport Committee said "it is essential that British Rail produce a detailed master plan for rail services in West Yorkshire rather than dismantling the system piece by piece."

"For the benefit of public transport in West Yorkshire

they should stop cutting the system piece by piece and reveal their complete plan. Only in this way will we know how much our local rail system will cost — and if it will remain as value for money," he said.

"British Rail takes a decision to satisfy the Westminster machine and the rest of the country suffers. More than ever before the railway system is being run more for the benefit of narrow financial criteria and less for the benefit of the passenger and the community."

But the tragedy is that both the present and the future rail system in West Yorkshire is being sabotaged by forces outside our control. It is both unnecessary and must stop," he said.

LOW MILL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TURNED DOWN

Plans for a major new development on the historic Low Mills site at Addingham were turned down by the county council's Development Control Sub Committee on Tuesday — but there was an indication that revised plans may be looked at more favourably.

The initial reaction of the planners was to turn down the scheme on Structure Plan grounds — because it was in the Green Belt — and because of doubt about the proposed access, but Cnty. Cr. John Wells of Addingham persuaded them to visit the site.

After seeing for themselves the Low Mill area, which Addingham Parish Council has wanted clearing up for some years, members agreed that it was historically worth preserving. The original Low

Mill was believed to be the first successful worsted spinning mill in the country.

It was felt that the proposed scale of development would not enhance the existing site, which was in a conservation area, but while recommending refusal, members commented that a scheme which more fundamentally related to the existing buildings might be looked at more favourably. The access should also be re-examined.

Cnty. Cr. Wells thought the decision was a step forward, because it looked at first as if the plans would be thrown out completely, and the parish council was anxious for some action to be taken. However, it now looked as if a revised scheme might get the go-ahead.

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STREET PARTIES TO CELEBRATE CORONATION



Among the many parties held locally to celebrate the Coronation in June, 1953, was this one for the children of Wellington Road, Ilkley.

one being held in the Primitive Methodist Church Hall, which stood on the site now occupied by a car park at the junction of Leeds Road and

loaned by Mr. Frank Bradbury, who lived in Wellington Road before moving to Dale Court.

Mrs. Emmott (nee Wright), Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Clarke, Miss Dobson, Mrs. Burnell, Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Shirley Watson

ILKLEY AREA COUNTS THE COST AS WINDS LEAVE TRAIL OF DAMAGE

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The Ilkley district is counting the cost of a trail of damage caused by gales with gusts up to Force 12, which have swept the country.

Insurance companies were inundated with claims this week as reports flooded in of damage to houses.

But it was not only private houses which suffered last Thursday night as winds touched the 50 knots mark for the first time in over a year.

A canopy at Bluebird Travel in Wells Road, Ilkley, was blown off, smashing the shop window in the process and lead was blown off the roof of Inanda, also in Wells Road.

The sides of a shed at the meteorological station in Little Lane were completely blown away, leaving just four corner posts supporting the roof.

Police received no fewer than seven reports of trees being blown down in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding on Friday morning and a car collided with a tree which was blocking Rombiadis Lane. The driver was uninjured.

Extensive damage was caused at Ilkley Grammar School, where all pupils were sent home on Monday afternoon to allow damage to be assessed.

Part of the roofing felt on the school library was ripped off by the gales last Thursday night and heavy duty corrugated sheeting was blown off sides of the sports hall.

Water began seeping through polystyrene tiles in the library roof on Friday, and stock had to be moved to dry areas.

"At the week-end the situation worsened considerably", said Headmaster Mr. P. N. Wood. "Water got from the library to the staff room, where the ceiling began to collapse."

All pupils, except Lower Sixth Form students, returned to school on Tuesday.

Mr Wood said it was impossible to estimate the cost of repairs.

Signs at the Little Chef restaurant on the A65 between Ilkley and Burley were blown down, and Ilkley Fire Brigade were called to a house in Wyvil Road to carry out salvage work on the roof, which was badly hit.

It was a busy time for Ilkley's firemen, a spokesman for whom said they had at least seven calls due to the weather.

"They began early Friday morning and were out until Sunday evening," he said.

The whole of Burley was cast into darkness shortly before 7.00 a.m. last Friday as the winds brought down overhead electricity lines.

Burley and an area stretching as far as Blubberhouses was affected.

Supplies to the village were restored within a few hours.

Ilkley barely had time to recover from the stormy gales before heavy snow arrived.

Conditions made driving hazardous over the week-end, but there were no reports of serious accidents.

About 3.5 cm of snow was recorded at Ilkley's meteorological station on Sunday, but that figure does not take into account drifting.

20 JAN 84 NEGOTIATING OVER PLAN FOR MORE SHOPS

The deferment of plans for a new shopping development in the centre of Ilkley has been welcomed by Ilkley Civic Society.

The plans have been deferred so further negotiations can take place between Bradford Metropolitan Council planners and the applicant.

The Civic Society has told the Council's Director of Development Services that "the site in Brook Street is important to the town both socially and visually, and considerate development of it could be of benefit to the community in both respects."

"A good design would also be to the credit of both the Local Authority and the developer, and would reassure Ilkley people that the Planning Authority is aware of local needs and sympathetic to them. The site presented all concerned with a considerable opportunity. It would be a crime to miss it," says the Society.

In an earlier letter about

the site the Civic Society suggested three criteria for its development.

The retention or equivalent replacement of the social facilities provided by the site.

The need to complement the recent development of Grove Promenade and other improvements by careful design of the car park frontage.

The need for a design appropriate to the Conservation Area.

Chairman of the Society, Mr. Graham H. May has stated Bradford that in view of the community based reasons for the deferment and in the light of the Authority's recent consultation document, 'Power to the People' what efforts were being made to include the local community in the negotiations?

20 JAN 84 COUNCIL'S CRACKDOWN ON CAR PARK CHEATS

A new crackdown on car park dodgers was started on Monday by Bradford Metropolitan Council, who will "fine" motorists who do not buy tickets at pay and display car parks £10.

The crackdown, which is designed to cut out car park cheating and raise money to help the rates, is made possible by a new off-street parking order made by the council.

The order covers all 64 car parks owned by the council, and means that any motorist not displaying a ticket in a pay and display car park will have a ticket fixed to his windscreen by an attendant, making a standard charge of £10. This charge, which has been increased from £4 to bring it into line with on-street parking offence fines, may be paid at the council's offices in Bradford.

As part of its "get tough"

policy, the council will take people who refuse to pay the £10 to court, where they will face even heavier fines.

A spokesman for the council said the central car park was the only one in Ilkley which would be affected, because it was the only one where a charge was made at the moment. The other car parks at Railway Road, Station Road and Wharfe View Road were now covered by the order, however, to regularise the situation as far as the law was concerned.

The fine had been raised to £10 to bring it into line with on-street parking offences, as well as to act as a deterrent to would-be dodgers. He pointed out that the increased fine would only affect those wishing to abuse the situation, and would not make much difference to the average motorist.

20 JAN 84 PLAN TO SELL COLLEGE PUT FORWARD

Spending cuts put forward by Bradford Metropolitan Council's officers propose the sale of Ilkley College and a number of other suggestions likely to prove unpopular.

The list of proposed cuts was drawn up in response to a directive from the Chief Executive, aimed at saving £14.5 million, and would involve between 200 and 300 teachers being made redundant.

Other cuts put forward include removing swimming from the school timetable, reducing clothing grants for poor children, closing old people's homes and children's homes, increasing various charges and collecting domestic rubbish only once a fortnight.

The list is to be discussed by councillors, but is seen only as a reminder that tough decisions must be made before the rates are fixed in February.

NEW ILKLEY PROBUS CLUB FOR WOMEN MEETS FOR THE FIRST TIME

The inaugural meeting of the Ilkley Probos Club for Ladies was held on Wednesday at Church House.

The new club has been founded by Ilkley Inner Wheel Club as part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations, and it is to be followed in

April by the main fund raising event of the year, which will be in aid of Ardenlea Nursing Home.

Wednesday's meeting was opened by Mrs. I. M. Kilburn, President of the Inner Wheel Club, who read the proposed constitution, which was

adopted unanimously.

After giving her good wishes for the future, Mrs. Kilburn presented "An Insight into Russia as I Saw It"—an informal talk on a tour last year when she accompanied her husband to the tenth Rheumatology Con-

gress. Mrs. Kilburn is pictured (second from left) with the new club's officers. They are, from left to right, Mrs. Cannell (secretary-registrar), Mrs. N. Crosby (Chairman) and Mrs. M. Vickers (treasurer).



EX-UNION LEADER IS NEW CHAIRMAN OF LITERATURE FESTIVAL

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The former Post Office Union leader, Mr. Tom Jackson, was elected to succeed Councillor Mrs. Molly Renton as Chairman of Ilkley Literature Festival at the annual general meeting on Wednesday.

Cr. Mrs. Renton's resignation, after twelve years at the helm, was received with considerable regret by those present, but she felt the time was right for a change.

Thanking her for many years service, the Festival's Director Mr. Michael Dawson said: "She attended the very first meeting to discuss the launching of a Festival devoted to literature in February, 1972. Her enthusiasm was apparent from the start, so she was a natural choice to head the new committee."

"Since then her commitment to the Festival's cause has been unwavering," he said. "All who have been connected with the Festival since have cause to be grateful to her for all the time and energy she has devoted in order to secure its success," he added.

As a token of appreciation, the Festival Council presented Mrs. Renton with a specially inscribed book, "Writers' Britain", by a former Festival contributor, Margaret Drabble.

New chairman Tom Jackson was widely respected as a union leader before his retirement to Ilkley three years ago to start a book dealing business with his wife, Kate.

Trading mainly through the post, they have quickly established a wide reputation in their chosen fields—children's books and those devoted to wine and food. He thinks his new responsibility on behalf of the Festival will be an extension of his interest in books and a fascinating challenge.

The meeting was told that despite all local authority restraints, Bradford Council had responded to the Festival's applications for grant aid by providing the full amount requested—a total of £8,000 towards the 1984 Festival. It had been found that the dates originally chosen for the week-long programme clashed with the DEC Election in mid-July, so the event had to be postponed until 19-22 September, but those present felt the delay might prove a blessing in disguise because it would give more time to mount a lively and impressive programme.

"I am anxious to get back to original intentions," said Mr. Dawson. "When it was started, the Festival was meant to throw the spotlight on writers, giving them a chance to talk about their work."

"Inevitably, there has been pressure in recent years to widen the scope to include music, drama and television, but this has not always drawn the expected crowds," he said.

"In September, I just want to assemble as many good poets, novelists, playwrights, biographers and critics as Ilkley has ever seen. I believe audiences will want to hear what they have to say," he concluded.

CHILDRENS' EDUCATION WOULD "SUFFER" IF HOSPITAL CLOSED

Many children would suffer educationally if the Wharfedale Children's Hospital at Menston closed, it was claimed this week.

In the first of a new fortnightly 'factsheet', the Wharfedale Action to Save the Children's Hospital group (WATCH) said they would suffer because there were no other paediatric facilities in the region with an on-site school, and only ward teaching for limited times was available in General Hospitals.

"The Wharfedale hospital provides the children with a full day's education by staff specially trained to assist children with learning difficulties brought about by serious medical handicaps," it said.

WATCH said that children, with for example several years of debilitating asthma or frequent epileptic attacks, received an education specially geared to individual learning needs, while at the same time having medical back-up on the same site monitoring and treating their condition.

"On achieving medical stabilisation, they can be discharged and attend a school where a similar appropriate programme would be provided," it said.

"If a return to their host authority necessitates long term or frequent admission to a paediatric ward in a general hospital, the children's education could be for as little as 1½ hours per day," it claims.

WATCH said it was one hundred per cent concerned for each child's welfare and would fight to show the value of the hospital.

"Each child at Wharfedale has parents who have a thousand reasons for being grateful to the hospital and its staff, and to a National Health Service which provides such a facility," it said. "WATCH will fight to ensure that the powers that be recognise the value of Wharfedale Children's Hospital, and use it to its full potential."

WATCH, which was formed to oppose Airedale Health Authority's plan to close the hospital, comprises doctors, nurses, councillors, school teachers, trade union officials, the Hospital's League of Friends, parents and Governors.

It is staging an open meeting at the hospital on Monday evening.

PARISH REVIEWS HAVE HAD LITTLE

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Small communities must be made aware of their rights

The Parish Reviews, which were intended to look at the existing pattern of Parish Councils—including the possibility of new parishes being formed in appropriate areas—have not had the impact that was expected of them.

This is the conclusion of the Yorkshire and Cleveland Local Councils' Association which represents Parish and Town Councils throughout North, South and West Yorkshire.

The secretary of the Association, Ian Strong, says the importance of Parish and Town Councils (collectively called Local Councils) cannot be over-emphasised. They represent small distinctive communities which are able to identify with local needs and circumstances. As much Local and National Government has become steadily more remote, the grass roots democracy of the Local Council is increasingly needed by the smaller community.

Mr. Strong points out that a Local Council is a recognised local authority which is frequently seen to be the most cost-effective. Its members are elected in exactly

the same way as other local authorities but have the advantage of knowing the area more intimately. Also, and often not appreciated, the Local Council has a wide range of powers conferred by law which enable it to spend money from the rates in order to provide or administer local facilities.

District Councils are charged with the responsibility of reporting to the Boundary Commission on the parish pattern within their area. It was intended that the first reviews should have been completed by 1984, although it is now obvious that this may not happen in many cases.

According to the Association, the most important factor in the present Parish Reviews is that new Parishes may be formed where they did not exist before.

The Association, whilst aware of a number of communities which are working towards Parish Council status is concerned that there may be many more who are not aware of the implications and have probably not heard of either the Boundary Commission or its work on Parish Reviews.

In an article for 'Country Air', the quarterly magazine of the Yorkshire Rural Community Council, Ian Strong sets out some thoughts and guidelines for such communities.

"We must get this message to as many small communities as possible to ensure that they are aware of their rights and also the time constraints which are being imposed," said Mr. Strong. "Our information is that this may well be the only opportunity until far into the 1980's."

ACROSS THE YEARS 27 JAN 84

Improved Postal Service For Ilkley Area

100 Years Ago

An improved postal service was offered for Ilkley residents in 1884. A post bag was to be made up each evening at 8 p.m. for letters, delivery of which was guaranteed on the next morning in Lancashire, Cheshire, North Wales, Cumberland and Westmorland.

The Grammar School governors at their January meeting elected Mr. Geo. Brumfit to the position of clerk to the Governors, subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners.

The Rev. W. Danks, a former vicar designate at St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley from 1874, until his forced removal in 1879 was appointed to the living of St. Margaret's in 1884. His acceptance of the office was well received by the parishioners of the church.

Many building sites were offered for sale in Ilkley, plots owned by the Myddleton Estate, and in Queen's Drive, Skipton Road, Grove Road, Victoria Avenue, Bolton Bridge Road and the Cow Pastures. The price quoted for the plots in the Grove Road/Victoria Avenue area was 3s. 6d. per square yard, and a road cost of 2s. per lineal yard frontage was to be added. The Directors of the Heber's Ghyll Hydropathic Establishment Company offered to erect substantial villas for any purchaser on this site.

75 Years Ago

Members of Ilkley Fire Brigade held their annual dinner at the Wharcliffe Restaurant in January 1909, and Cr. and Mrs. Benson provided the company with "an excellent repast."

During the year, Captain Powell reported, they had attended fires in four dwelling houses, one storage warehouse and two hay stacks. The Brigade had held twelve practices which had been fully attended, and firemen had been on duty at the Town Hall on 43 occasions. The most serious fire had been at Wells House and they had been warmly praised for their efficiency in dealing with this by the Wells House Company.

Members of the Parish Church choir and bell ringers held their annual supper at the Royal Hotel, with the Rev. F. Sinker presiding. Two of the bell ringers present

were also members of the choir, and they were commended on their "double loyalty and service to the church." Mr. I. Hirst, organist, thanked the vicar for the warmth of his hospitality, and Mr. Walter Cook responded on behalf of the bellringers.

50 Years Ago

A children's party given by the Ilkley Rover Scouts in conjunction with Ilkley TOC H group was "a triumphant success" according to the Ilkley Gazette, January 1934. They met at the Grove Cinema where they were provided with picture house seats at special prices, and enjoyed a happy children's programme. A fine tea was provided in the Congregational Lecture Hall after which they had an hour or so of uproarious fun with singing games and laughter organised by Mr. C. G. Hodges. Before leaving for home each child received a toy or book and an orange and apple from beneath the giant illuminated Christmas Tree which dominated the happy scene.

A happy crowd of boys and young men were entertained by Mr. C. A. Crook and Mrs. Crook at a social evening in the Leeds Road Hall, Ilkley. They were members of the Leeds Road Boy's Club, the senior section of which had been carried on successfully for three years and the intermediate and junior sections had been formed in 1933.

25 Years Ago

Over 100 members of the Ilkley Old Folk's Club had taken advantage of a chiropody service which had been provided during the previous year said the club Treasurer, Mr. G. Vere at the club's annual meeting held in the Council Chamber.

Concern was expressed over the delay in the building of the new Secondary school in Valley Drive which might not be started before the end of the financial year March 31. There had been delay due to some controversy over the size of the kitchen which had to cater for 300 diners, and also they were waiting for satisfactory tenders for some parts of the new plans.

Children of Menston Primary School entertained the villagers with a concert and pantomime "Cinderella". Mr. R. Leigh, headmaster, intended this to entertain primarily the old people and raise funds for the Darby and Joan Club, but many fathers were

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ILKLEY ESCAPES SERIOUS INCIDENTS AS SNOW STRIKES WITH A VENGEANCE

The worst winter weather for two years struck Ilkley this week as it swept its way down from the north.

Despite the conditions, however, there were no reports of any serious damage or incidents locally.

Eight inches of snow fell at Ilkley on Monday as Scotland's blizzard conditions began to move south.

Local farmers, who often bear the brunt of the winter conditions, said they had not experienced any particular difficulties and one commented that they were now used to coping with the conditions.

"Snow brings its difficulties but nothing that can not be coped with," commented Mr. A. B. Gill, of Black Foss Farm, Langbar.

There were no reports of any loss of animals, but Nesfield farmer Mr. J. W. Tinkler said losses could not always be detected until the snow had melted.

Drivers Praised

The conditions created inevitable difficulties for motorists but the police said there were no reports of serious accidents. "Generally speaking, drivers reacted very favourably," said a police spokesman. "The road conditions were atrocious on Monday but people seemed to drive with common sense and patience," he added.

Conditions were particularly bad on many local minor roads, but police said most had remained passable.

A number of local shops and businesses closed early on Monday to allow staff to get home.

Woolworth's store in Brook Street closed at about 3.45 p.m. and staff at Peter Black's were also sent home early.

Badly Hit

Local bus services were badly hit, with some services

running up to two hours late, but few Ilkley services were cancelled.

Mr. Malcolm Dean, for the West Yorkshire bus company, said they operated all day Monday as near as possible to the normal timetable.

"We kept services going and the drivers and crews did extremely well to get everyone home," said Mr. Dean.

"There were a number of long delays but that was to be expected," he added.

Services were back to normal on Tuesday.

Rail services were also hit on Monday, with a number of delays, but a spokesman at Ilkley railway station said there was only one or two minor cancellations.

"The worst period was at dinner time on Monday when the snow was very heavy and it delayed quite a few trains,

but most ran right up until the last scheduled time," he said.

School Closed

Most local schools remained open as normal on Monday and Tuesday although some reported slightly lower attendances on Tuesday, but the Grammar School was badly affected.

Grammar School pupils were sent home at lunch-time on Monday because of difficulties getting around the school grounds and because of concern about bus services that afternoon.

The school remained closed on Tuesday while snow was cleared by plough from the grounds for it to re-open on Wednesday.

More Snowfalls

Another heavy snowfall yesterday (Thursday) forced the Grammar School to close all day again, and a local hotel was also affected.

The Cow and Calf Hotel, on the edge of Ilkley Moor, closed its public bars on Wednesday night and yesterday as the weather again deteriorated. A spokesman for the hotel said they would be closed indefinitely until the weather improved.

"We heard the forecast on Wednesday night and decided to close the public bar, just keeping the cocktail bar open," said a hotel spokesman.

"We will just take it day by day and hope things improve quickly," he added.



The sign summed it up as the Old Bridge Nursery at Ilkley was engulfed under a thick blanket of snow.

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Nicholas Ludlum and James Stirk, both of Ilkley, are pictured gingerly testing the ice at the Tarn on Ilkley Moor on Saturday, prior to the heavy snowfall the following day.

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The snow created many scenic views around Ilkley, including this one looking up Mill Ghyll.

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ILKLEY WINS FIGHT TO KEEP OPEN SPACE — FOR TIME BEING

Ilkley residents have won their fight for the time being to keep an open space in the town-centre for community use.

More than a thousand people signed a petition objecting to a proposal for development in Brook Street, Ilkley, which could have threatened an open space used by dance and music groups, street theatre and campaigners.

The space, a promenade with a grassed area, would have been considerably reduced if plans to put five shops there had gone ahead.

Bradford Council's Planning Sub-Committee visited the site earlier this week after deferring consideration of the scheme.

At Wednesday's meeting, members were told that a revised scheme would mean the square would stay, but it would not be as big as it was now.

Principal Planner Mr. John Steel said he thought it would be a useable space but

asked that the square should stay as it was, and other objectors had described it as a focal point of the community, playing an important part in the life of the town.

Cr. Mrs. Winifred Clavering said she did not think they should go against the wishes of the public.

Cr. Smith-Midgeley, chairman, said it was "a tatty corner" which needed improving, but the present scheme might be too big for the site.

Cr. Mrs. Barbara Cussons said there was a tremendous outcry about the proposed development. It was felt it would be "a stab in the back" if the open space was taken away.

The sub-committee voted by five votes to four to turn down the proposal but members agreed development on a smaller scale might be suitable. They agreed the de-



Picture shows the cast of Ilkley Players' current production, Arnold Ridley's "The Ghost Train," which runs at the Playhouse until 4 February.

Most of the cast are familiar faces on the Playhouse stage, except for Jane Lawrence, making her first appearance as Peggy, one of the newly weds marooned in an isolated railway station

one night in November 1925. Jane, a former pupil at Ilkley Grammar School, lives at Addingham and is studying drama at Harrogate College of Arts, hoping eventually to do a degree course in drama. She has been an active member of Addingham Dramatic Society.

"The Ghost Train," written in 1925 by Arnold Ridley (late of the "Dad's Army" tele-

things happening at the isolated station, giving plenty of scope to the backstage crew. In fact, "The Ghost Train" may have been appropriate to use as the play within a play in "Noises Off", as it is equally interesting to watch the activities backstage as well as onstage. It is a good mixture of thrills and laughs—ideal for

a winter evening's entertainment.

Pictured from left to right are. — Back row: Malcolm Redding, Jennie Aran, David Brigg, Mike Connell, Stan Hinchcliffe and Derrick Scampion. Second row: Doreen Beacham, Jane Lawrence and Ivy Oliver. Front row: Mike Denby and Garth Kellet.

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Schools Hit By Sickness And Stormy Weather

100 Years Ago

A marked decline in regular attendances at the Ilkley National Schools was attributed to a severe spell of stormy weather, and the prevalence of sickness amongst the children. To avoid further outbreaks of infection the Committee of Management resolved that "No child should be admitted to school from a family in which there had been infectious disease under seven weeks from the date of the outbreak."

For the convenience and information of visitors to Ilkley a tabulated analysis of the water at the White Wells Spring erected by Mr. E. W. Crawley was put up by the Ilkley Local Board. The script was by Mr. Geo. Clarkson and was said to "do him great credit".

The Eye and Ear Dispensary, Great George Street Leeds offered to fit artificial human eyes without pain for 20s. each. Eye preservers and spectacles were offered for 2/6 upwards to 21s.

75 Years Ago

A cold "snap" of almost Arctic severity was experienced in Wharfedale during the last week of January, 1909. There were 14 degrees of frost registered and skating was available on both the top Tarn and Craig Tarn. There was also skating on the small

pond over the new bridge for which there was a small charge. A large ice wheel formed at the Crum Wheel and the river was frozen over in many places. The Council provided a number of large fires at the Tarn, and in the evening lamps were lighted. Council employees attendant at the fires also swept the ice to keep it in good fettle for the skaters.

The season of "Balls" was in full swing. Amongst others The Ilkley Cycling Club, the Ben Rhydding Hockey Club and the Laundry held their annual dances. The programmes included.—The Lancers, Barn dances, Waltz Cotillon, Waltzes of all kinds and Quadrilles.

50 Years Ago

A proposal to amalgamate Ilkley, Burley and Otley councils with the major portion of the Wharfedale rural area—a special recommendation of the County Review Committee—was to be placed before the West Riding County Council in February 1934. The General Purposes Committee of the Ilkley Council decided to recommend to the full council that the scheme should be opposed. If the scheme went through the new area would have a population of 31,000 and an acreage of 49,073. Dr. Whitfield, Council Chairman, was asked to give his view and said "I don't like it, and we shall certainly object as far as we can. I don't favour being tacked on to Otley at all".

Mr. Fred Marshall, of Ilkley, President of the Ilkley Motor Club, was appointed President elect for 1935 at the Annual meeting of the Yorkshire Auto Cycle Union held at Harrogate.

25 Years Ago

The accident record for The Grove—Brook Street junction was so slight that County Cr. H. V. Haddrill held out little hope that the County Council would agree to revive the roundabout scheme suggested some years previously. The matter had arisen when the Standing Conference of Women's Organisations had asked for some sort of a safe crossing for children near the bottom of Parish Ghyll Road, and the County had been approached regarding safety in the town centre.

The official opening of Burley Lawn, the former mansion in Main Street, Burley, which had been converted to provide 23 bed sitting rooms and a caretaker's flat was carried out by the Chairman of Ilkley Council, Cr. L. J. Sarjeant. Two bed-roomed houses which harmonised with the existing surroundings had been erected in the grounds, and the site had been provided with a pedestrian way with suitable "street furniture". Mr. J. Bowes, Chairman of the Ilkley Housing Committee, commented that the development had enhanced the appearance of the village and provided an open space in the centre. Mr. Bowes said the work on the Lawn was the first conversion of its kind to be undertaken under the improvement grant scheme, and he appealed to the first tenants to be good friends and neighbours and to make the new venture a resounding success.

3 FEB 84 CONTROVERSY OVER PLAN FOR FLATS

An application for development at Hazel Hill, Easby Drive, Ilkley, has been surrounded in controversy.

It followed an original Bradford Council decision to grant outline planning permission for converting and extending a house into nine flats, but detailed proposals have been opposed by some members of the Planning Sub-Committee.

The sub-committee was told that there was no valid reason for refusing the scheme and to revoke the original consent could lead to a claim for compensation.

It was agreed to defer a decision for fresh negotiations with the developers to see if they would agree to have fewer flats on the site.

Cr. Mrs. Olive Messer said it should be made clear that the original outline planning approval was given without consideration by the sub-committee.

Cr. Mrs. Winifred Clavering said the proposed development would be detrimental to neighbouring residents. She was disappointed permission was given originally and thought a mistake might have been made.

Cr. Derek Smith also expressed concern and said the sub-committee appeared to be "stuck with a bad job." He thought it was bad development and if the sub-committee could start from scratch he would oppose it.

Cr. Smith Midgley, chairman, said they were stuck with something which was not satisfactory.

Cr. Danny Coughlin commented: "We are nailed to the mast."

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AT ILKLEY

BRADFORD PLANNER TELLS "LUCKY ILKLEY" IT HAS "GOT OFF LIGHTLY"

"The Wharfe Valley and Ilkley has got off lightly", a Bradford Planner told a meeting in the town this week.

"You are lucky to have not had a Local Plan", Group Planner Mr. D. F. McConnell said at the meeting organised by the Civic Society.

He outlined the aims of Local Plans and the framework for preparing them, and said Lower Airedale had been the first they had prepared after 1980, followed by plans for the major part of Bradford and then Upper Airedale.

He said the Wharfe Valley had not been given priority been concentrated upon.

"With a Local Plan not done for the Wharfe Valley emphases was placed on Upper Airedale," said Mr. McConnell. "Therefore, Ilkley has in a way been forgotten about to its advantage."

Many present felt, however, that Ilkley needed some kind of plan to control development in the town, and Mr. Gilbert Lister suggested it would be a good time to have a Town Plan.

"Everyone in Ilkley is interested and I think it would be a good idea to put it to the test," said Mr. Lister. "The Civic Society has been pressing for one for some time, and I think it would be reasonable to do something to test the statements made by the Society," he added.

Mr. McConnell was asked whether Ilkley would get a Local Plan, but he replied that it would be a long winded process and he was not sure if it was what Ilkley needed to tackle its problems.

Mr. McConnell said they had been set a task under the structure plan to review the boundary of the Green Belt.

"The County Council set a time limit on when they wanted to see the review completed," he said. "There were five districts involved and it could have been a long winded process. The County Council would have stepped in if it was not completed."

"We were anxious that Bradford Council reviewed the Green Belt for its own district. We wanted to keep County out of it," said Mr. McConnell.

"What we tried to do was look at the Green Belt for the whole of Bradford Metropolitan District at the same time and draw officers from different places to get a consensus of opinion," he said.

"We tried to visualise a line where the countryside ended and the town started. We looked for physical features such as trees which would give it some degree of

prominence," said Mr. McConnell.

"There were a lot of misunderstandings about this, particularly in Ilkley, because of our tactics and because of a natural reaction among the public to keep things as they were," he said.

Mr. McConnell said they needed land for between three and four thousand houses throughout the whole district. Asked how the Council arrived at the target, he said it was based upon population progressions and an estimation of whether movement in and out of the area was likely to continue.

Several people angrily complained at the amount of infilling taking place in Ilkley, and one woman strongly criticised the Marlborough Square development in Clifton Road which she said had far too many houses on it and not enough parking facilities.

"It is a monstrosity and should never have been allowed to take place," she said. "Infilling should be done with thought and consideration."

The comment was made that more than the agreed number of houses were often allowed to be built on a site without anything being done about it.

Mr. McConnell suggested that people were generally selfish and not particularly concerned about strategic concepts. "A lot of people are competing for a fixed amount of land and the planners are in the middle of it," he commented.

Mr. McConnell promised to relay the comments made at the meeting back to fellow planners at Bradford Council.

Ilkley hotel listed in new Michelin Guide

The Rombalds Hotel in Ilkley is listed for the first time in the latest Michelin Guide out this week. It is the first edition of the Guide to be published since the hotel opened just 18 months ago.

"We are absolutely delighted to have achieved this so soon after we opened," said Ian Guthrie, Proprietor. "We regard it as recognition for all our staff who have worked so hard to build the enviable reputation we now enjoy."

"Not that we shall be resting on our laurels," added Mr Guthrie. "We are always looking for ways to improve both service and standards".

The Rombalds is Ilkley's only Category 5 hotel and is well known locally for its Saturday evening Gourmet Dinners and the huge Edwardian Breakfasts served every Sunday between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Sir. — There has been comment recently on Area Management and I suspect that most people in Ilkley, Burley and Menston do not as yet have any conception of what the introduction of this will mean.

The basic concept is good. Bradford Metropolitan District Council has produced a carefully prepared booklet called "Power to the People" which acknowledges that Local Government has, since re-organisation in 1974, become remote and out of touch with local opinion. To remedy this it is proposed to set up Area Committees composed of Bradford District Councillors, who will have powers to exercise some of the functions now done in City Hall. They will also have a budget to enable them to do so. The Area Committees will meet in public and it seems that the public will be able to have their say. The Area Committee will have the power to co-opt members of other bodies to sit with them but only the District Councillors will be able to vote.

Now all that sounds fine, but our District Councillors are swamped with paperwork now. In the near future, unless Mrs. Thatcher goes back on her stated policy, they will have to take over the bulk of the work now done by the West Yorkshire County Councillors. What chance have they of really being able to exercise that power? I suggest they have none but do not worry, Big Brother has thought of that already. There will be a new all-powerful bureaucrat appointed called the Area Co-ordinator and he will be answerable to the Chief Executive in Bradford. It seems to me that it is he who will exercise that power which means that "Power to the People" should more correctly be called "A Bonanza for the Bureaucrat".

Now I may have this all wrong; it is only what I gather from the booklet which most of you will not have seen. There is also the point that the machinery is already in motion and that unless somebody stops it Area Management comes into force effectively this coming April. Perhaps it is time for the people to exercise their power and write to their District or Parish Councillor and ask for their views.

Is the above a fair summary, if not what is? Do not let it go by default. We were conned in 1974 and lost our independent Urban District Council. We are being conned now and this time we will lose the effective voice of the Parish Council (there is no place for them in all this and stifle the District Councillors with even more paperwork leaving the bureaucrat to inherit his Empire.

Copies of the booklet entitled "Power to the People" are available in Ilkley Library.

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ILKLEY CONDEMNS BRADFORD'S BARBARIC METHODS OF SLAUGHTERING ANIMALS

The barbaric and vicious methods of killing some animals in the slaughter houses of Bradford have been condemned by Ilkley Parish Council.

Following a series of protests over the ritual-slaughter of animals Bradford Council has agreed "that it is desirable in all the circumstances that a full debate on the subject should take place at the Council meeting on 28 February."

Supporting protest at Bradford Council's policy of serving ritually-slaughtered meat to 15,000 Muslim pupils in Bradford schools Cr. J. C. Fletcher at Monday's meeting of the Parish Council said these barbaric methods should not go unchallenged. He said there was nothing illegal about it but it was exceedingly inhuman that some animals were driven into the slaughter houses, trussed upside down and with their throats cut left to bleed to death. In this year of 1984 it was not a necessary and desirable method of providing meat, said Cr. Fletcher.

His proposal "that Bradford Council be strongly urged to insist on pre-stunning of all animals prior to killing in all city abattoirs in view of the unnecessary cruelty of following the practice of ritual slaughter" received the full backing of Parish Councillors. Cr. W. Hill said according to the Slaughter Houses Act of 1974 this method of slaughter

was technically permitted but the Act also stated there should not be unnecessary suffering. If a certain sect believed animals should be killed in that way then Councillors should think about the other children in those schools who were being served with that meat. Was it right that those other children should have that meat from animals which had been slaughtered in that inhuman way? he asked.

Another Councillor pointed out that it was a long established practice to kill animals in that way and she thought it would be difficult to do much about it. "I am not saying it is not cruel," she added. "Whilst we respect the views of the minority in our community we have also to think about the rights of the majority," said Cr. C. H. Scaife.

Cr. Peter Williams said they had in many ways considered the religions of the ethnic

groups and tried to co-operate where possible but there were certain groups in the world today who believed bodies should be burned in the open.

"This is not allowed in this country and I can't see why animals should be killed in this inhuman way," said Cr. Williams.

A spokesman for Bradford Council said this week "in consultation with the leaders of the Political Groups and the Chairman and Political Group spokesmen of the Development Services Committee, it had been agreed that it is desirable in all the circumstances that the full debate on ritual slaughter and halal meat should take place at the Council meeting on 28 February."

"All possible steps are being taken to publicise these new arrangements for the benefit of the various individuals, groups and organisations who are thought likely to want to be present for the debate," he said.

MAKE MORE COMMERCIAL USE OF ILKLEY MANOR HOUSE

Ilkley has asked Bradford Council to consider operating more commercially all their museums rather than single out the Manor House at Ilkley.

At Monday's meeting of the Parish Council, Cr W. R. Hill said he was delighted with Bradford Council's proposals to make savings but raised questions over their intentions to operate White Wells on Ilkley Moor and the Manor House more commercially and save £10,000.

"I would be more impressed if the Council had suggested operating more commercially other museums in the Bradford district rather than single out White Wells and the Manor House," said Cr. Hill.

"The Friends of the Manor House have submitted to the Council their suggestions on how the Manor House can be operated and I would support them. I would prefer to see the saving of £10,000 spread over all the museums within the Metropolitan District rather than one," said Cr. Hill.

Cr. J. M. Shelton said whilst he thought the museum part

of the Manor House was poor he appreciated there was a lot of interest in the district in the art section. There were many art exhibitions and many people visited them and he thought it was this side of the Manor House which should be developed.

Following a successful art exhibition in the Manor House last year Ilkley Grammar School had applied for one this year but their application had been turned down, said Cr. Hill. They had been refused on the grounds that other schools might wish to have exhibitions there. "This seems entirely wrong," said Cr. Hill. FRIENDS OF THE MANOR HOUSE say charges should be introduced at Bradford's art galleries and museums if that is the only way to save the Manor House and White Wells.

The Friends are campaigning against proposals to "mothball" the Manor House

art gallery and museum and to sell off the 18th century White Wells bathhouse on Ilkley Moor.

Other suggestions to save money include the postponement of all new projects for the coming year, shorter hours of openings for Bradford's art galleries and museums, minor economies throughout the service, and volunteer helpers.

Ideas for raising extra cash include promoting the tourist attractions of the Manor House and White Wells, moving the art galleries and museums out of Education Services, putting television fees when the Alhambra or Manor House are used for filming into the fund and letting off the premises for function.

Increased subscriptions to help the Manor House is also under consideration, say the Friends.

SNOW CLEARANCE PRAISED BUT . . .

Congratulations for carrying out a "marvellous" job of snow clearing in the Ilkley district were extended this week to the West Yorkshire County Council by Parish Councillors Peter Williams, of Menston.

He praised the operation but said the County Council should be thinking of acquiring more smaller vehicles to reach those cul-de-sacs and minor roads which had been left untouched because it was feared the bigger waggons would become stuck and not be able to turn round.

One of these roads was Brooklands Park at Menston where people could not get

out of their houses to reach the nearest cleared road, Cr. Williams told Parish Councillors at their meeting on Monday.

"We must have more smaller vehicles to clear these roads. We are going to have snow every year and it is about time something was done about obtaining more vehicles," he said.

Cr. J. M. Shelton said they

had done a good job despite difficulties in certain areas where they had not been able to get around because of parked cars.

Cr. Williams said drivers could not get into the car parks but had they been able to then the problems caused by parked cars would not have arisen.

CORRESPONDENCE 10 FEB 84

Area Management Should Be Given A Chance

Sir,—I find it most informative that your correspondent last week writing concerning the present Area Management proposals chose to remain anonymous. I thought it was only bureaucrats who were faceless! However he or she raises some issues which demand a response.

Area management initiatives have been kind in various parts of the country since about 1975, usually in an advisory capacity. Only one (Middlesbrough) has incorporated any delegation of executive responsibility. The present proposals should be viewed in this light. They represent a radical delegation of executive power from the centre to a number of areas, and as such should be welcomed by those in this locality who have long criticised the centralisation of power in Bradford.

Your correspondent's blanket of criticism of bureaucrats is interesting. No-one but the seriously uninformed would suggest that council officers represent an homogeneity of interest. The system we have at the moment comprises a single central hierarchy. Does this system have any benefit over an area system whereby the Area Co-ordinator is responsible to the Chief Executive? I would argue that at worst it would be no different from the present situation, and at best reform the whole mechanism of power in the administration.

We should not worry too much about losing the "effective" voice of the Parish Council. Your correspondent should remember that Parish Councils do not exist in all of the Metropolitan District and as such this represents a serious inequity. They are an anachronism in modern local government generally representing very specific sectional interests in the community rather than the community as a whole. They are to be allowed a voice (if not a vote) on Area Management Committees and they should be content with this having no more or less say than other interest groups.

With regard to the projected overload of work on District Councillors caused by the abolition of the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council, will this not be the case whether or not the area management is implemented? I suggest that if your correspondent is seriously worried on this count, he/she directs his/her energies to the campaign being mounted to protect the Metropolitan County Council and not argue spurious points about area management.

Of course the introduction of area management will involve a number of problems of greater or lesser importance. It would be remarkable if this were not the case. The principle (with all party support incidentally) would be welcomed and not treated as a pariah before it had been given a chance.

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Ilkley.

What Next?

Sir,—Recently the City of Bradford Metropolitan Council have spent £600,000 on buying a site behind the Alhambra Theatre in order to extend the stage. The amount contributed towards the building of a Photographic Museum in Bradford is unknown.

It is now becoming difficult for the Council to care for three of its most important historical sites—White Wells, The Manor House and the Roman Fort, all in Ilkley.

If the council sell off White Wells, turn the Manor House into offices and designate the Roman Fort as a building site; where is the profit going? Is it feasible that Ilkley should remain a satellite of the City of Bradford.

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Power To The People

Sir,—Power to the People is a typical piece of 1984 Newspeak which being interpreted means power to Big Brother, the Chief Executive of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

Power to the People means new officials—Area Co-ordinators. Officials not responsible to the people but responsible to Big Brother.

Power to the People means more cost not less. Cost is carefully omitted from the BMC Booklet.

Power to the People means a reduction in the influence of our elected Parish Council.

Power to the People is a "Con" just as the formation of the BMC and loss of our Urban District Council was a "Con"

Power to the People comes into effect in April unless it is stopped. Only the people can stop it.

Do not, as in 1974, let it happen by default. The Booklet can be obtained at the Library, question your Councillor about it.

Write to your District Councillor, to the Leader of B.M.C. at City Hall, Bradford, to your M.P.

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ILKLEY HAS MORE THAN ENOUGH SHOPS

Ilkley has more than enough shops already with some shopkeepers struggling to make a living and survive it was stated at the monthly meeting of Ilkley Parish Council on Monday night. 10 FEB 84

Cr. J. Ward said this was the message a lot of people were trying to get across and yet applications were still received to build more shops in the town. He was commenting on the recent application to build more shops in Brook Street on an open space used by dance and music groups, street theatre and campaigners. Bradford planners have decided that a revised scheme would mean the open space would stay but it would not be as big as it was now. Cr. Ward said they should ask the Civic Society to help in a bid to tidy up that open space. "Landscaping could enhance that corner of Ilkley and make it mor-

attractive which might put people off from wanting to develop it," said Cr. Ward.

Cr. Peter Williams said he would like to see a mural on the end wall and Cr. W. R. Hill said there was still visible on that end wall an attractive advertisement from Victorian days and if there was to be a mural it must be one fitting for the town of Ilkley.

HEALTH AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN DEFENDS CLOSURE PROPOSAL

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The chairman of Airedale Health Authority, Mr. J. S. Bell, this week defended proposals to close the Wharfedale Childrens' Hospital at Menston.

"We do not want to see hospitals close down but because of financial restraints we have to try to make the service as efficient and cost effective as possible," said Mr. Bell.

"The hospital has thirty-five children and other areas have said that, in the case of the Wharfedale Childrens' Hospital closing, they would be able to accommodate some of the children," said Mr. Bell.

"It has been claimed that most of the children need full time medical treatment, but most of them are up and running about every day, and go home at week-ends," he said.

The public consultation period is due to end on 23 March, but could be extended if necessary, and Mr. Bell stressed that the proposals were by no means certain to be put in to practice.

"The consultation paper is only what it says, 'for consultation', and is not by any means definite," he said. "All comments will be noted and

taken in to consideration before any decision is made," he added.

Mr. Bell said the general public's view of the Health Authority was often misconceived.

"Many people have the wrong impression," he said. "They think we make decisions without giving full consideration to matters and without considering other points of view, but it is not true," said Mr. Bell.

"We do not make any decisions lightly," he said. "Our management team reports fully and makes recommendations to us. The Authority is made up of very responsible and professional people who have been involved in the health service for many years," added Mr. Bell.

ACROSS THE YEARS 10 FEB 84 NEW WORKING MEN'S CLUB OPENS

100 Years Ago

The formal opening took place in Menston of a Working Men's Club which was started in a cottage through the efforts of the Vicar and other "worthy gentlemen." The members were already between 40 and 50 in number and they invited Mr. Wm. Fison, of Burley, to perform the opening ceremony. The club's objects were for the improvement of all, and by strict ruling it belonged to no sect or political party. Books, periodicals and newspapers were provided, and "rational recreation" such as chess and draughts. The weekly charge to members was to be only the price of a glass of beer, and the membership was said to be a far better bargain.

Members of the Ilkley (Olicana) Lodge of Freemasons assembled to install Bro. Joseph Pollard as their Worshipful Master. Bro. Lupton performed the ceremony in a "masterful manner, with great credit to himself and to the great satisfaction of the brethren present."

75 Years Ago

There was an interesting ceremony at Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital in February, 1909, when the two additional wings to extend the hospital were formally opened by Mr. J. Hasting Duncan, M.P. for Otley. Since the opening of the hospital in 1905 two hundred and sixty six cases had been treated, with one hundred and sixty three needing some kind of surgical operation. Soon the central accommodation was found to be inadequate, particularly in the case of the female beds and as at first was the intention an appeal for subscriptions was launched to provide two new wards in the wings, each having eight beds, one for men and one for women. There was also a mortuary and ample bathroom and lavatory accommodation, giving Ilkley a well equipped and modern institution, in many cases more up to date than larger hospitals.

A Ben Rhydding man was summoned for driving a car in excess of 20 m.p.h. on the

Great North Road. As he had been driving at 37 m.p.h., he was fined £5. He said he had been driving high powered cars for three years and had always tried to drive with care and consideration for other road users.

50 Years Ago

A warm, cordial welcome was given to the new Minister, Rev. Arthur Marshall at a meeting held at Leeds Road Methodist Church. Ministers from Ilkley and Otley joined with the congregation in the welcome. Mr. Marshall expressed his family's thanks for the way they had been received to Ilkley and regarded it as a typical example of Yorkshire hospitality.

25 Richmond Place was sold by auction for £430 by Mr. Douglas Hartley at the Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.

£28 was raised on behalf of the Ilkley Coronation Hospital by the special presentation of the film "The Blue Light" at the New Cinema before a large and fashionable audience.

Ben Rhydding Scout Troop held their annual party in the Wesleyan Schools, Ben Rhydding, with about eighty scouts, parents and friends attending. Many games and competitions were played and the evening concluded with a sketch "The Fat Woman" played by the following scouts—D. Reynolds, H. M. Dolby, M. Plummer, and G. Bell. Violin solos were played by A.S.M. J. Stubblings and a song by L. Dolby.

25 Years Ago

An effort to establish a principle that Ilkley's public halls should not be hired out to commercial enterprises in competition with local ratepayers was unsuccessful at the Ilkley Council meeting in February, 1959.

"Charging horses" on Ilkley Moor were forcing people off the paths according to Cr. W. Hill, Chairman of the Moors and Parks Committee, of Ilkley Urban District Council. He had received many complaints about the use of and damage to the footpaths by horses and that in the winter months they made the paths practically unfit for use. He appealed to the local riding schools and pony owners to ban the use of these paths to riders in the interest of public safety.

The Highways Department of Ilkley Council was praised for the efficient method of snow clearance and gritting. A complaint had been received that Wells Road was not gritted before 8 a.m. but at that time work was in force on the trunk road and main roads, but an assurance was given that Wells Road should be attended to as early in the morning as possible. The Surveyor reported that he was keeping up to date with the latest methods of snow clearance and that he would put these to use on behalf of Ilkley residents as soon as possible.

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SOCIETY OF FRIENDS FOR CORONATION HOSPITAL TO BE FORMED

Ilkley Rotary Club is behind a new initiative to set up a Society of Friends for the Coronation Hospital.

Members of all local service organisations and other interested parties are invited to attend a public meeting at the Clarke-Foley Day Centre, Ilkley, on 20 February, when it is hoped a steering committee will be elected.

The hospital matron, local doctors and the local Health Authority administration will explain how the society could specifically help the hospital.

The Rotary Club said the emphasis would be on forming a body of people which could spare a little time rather than organising money raising projects.

"When the casualty department of Ilkley's Coronation Hospital was under threat of closure last Autumn, there was a public outcry in the town and petitions were signed by many people, who also packed public meetings to hear and to talk about it further," said Rotary Club President Mr. Andrew Hartley.

"On earlier occasions when there has been the suggestion or even the merest hint of any kind of bureaucratic tinkering with the hospital, the reaction has always been the same," said Mr. Hartley. "The affection with which this little institution has always been held ever since it was opened at the turn of the century has always made it an integral part of the town," he said.

"The vast, hugely expensive, lavishly equipped Goshath over the other side of the hill at Eastburn could never serve the same kind of duty. The two hospitals have never really been in competition, their functions are entirely different," said Mr. Hartley.

"So it is a source of some concern that the Coronation Hospital does not have a Society of Friends to help it," he said. "The hospital had such a band of helpers for a time but lack of 'new blood' meant that it petered out some time ago. There are one or two little things which are still done - two valiant ladies run a pigeon post of library books for patients, girl guides and school children have from time to time been slightly involved and the Rotary Club has made a weekly visit to the wards," said Mr. Hartley.

"Now the Rotary Club is intending to try and set up the new Society of Friends," he said.

10 FEB 84 ILKLEY POET IN GUIDE BOOKS

The "Contemporary Authors and Poets" reference book publishers of New York have included Prof. Cyril Riley, of Skipton Road, Ilkley, in their international guide books for tourists and literary visitors.

Recent poetry by Prof. Riley has now been translated into five European languages, as well as into Chinese and Japanese, for publication. Included are two prize-winning poems - "Per Ardua Ad Astra", now being exhibited at the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon, through the auspices of Sir Douglas Bader, and "There Are Gods", published in "Poems of the Scottish Hills" by the Aberdeen University Press.

10 FEB 84 Postmaster Injured In Raid

An Ilkley sub-postmaster was hit over the head when three men made an unsuccessful attempt to raid his post office in Leeds Road, Ilkley, yesterday morning (Thursday).

Mr. Robert W. Ellwood (60), who lives in Skipton Road, was opening his post office at about 8.35 a.m. when he was approached by two men who asked him if they could buy a postal order. The two men entered the shop with him and while he was explaining that he could not serve them until nine o'clock he was hit over the head. An Alarm bell was sounded and the raiders fled empty handed, leaving Mr. Ellwood with blood streaming from his head. He chased after them and was lucky to take the number of the car in which they had driven away.

Mr. George Armitage, of Leamington Road, an assistant at the shop, arrived two minutes later to find the door wide open and blood on the floor, and Mr. Ellwood telephoning the Police for help. He said the raiders had not taken anything on a day when they had more cash than usual because it was "Pensions day."

A Police spokesman later said three men fled in a blue Ford Cortina which was later found abandoned at a lay-by in Denton Road, Ilkley.

He said one of the three went into the shop with what appeared to be a hand gun and demanded money. When the alarm went off he dashed off and the three drove away in a car.

The Police are appealing to anyone who may have seen the men or the car either at the post office or in Denton Road to come forward.

TELEVISION CREWS ON ILKLEY MOOR TO FILM

10 FEB 84

YOUNG CLIMBERS AND ORIENTEERS

Independent Television camera crews were on Ilkley Moor on Tuesday filming local schoolchildren rock climbing and orienteering.

The film is to feature in a forthcoming edition of the children's programme, "Free-time", which is screened at

4.50 p.m. on Fridays. Most of the children taking part were pupils at Ilkley Grammar School, with one from Addingham Middle.

Some pupils were filmed taking part in a orienteering training race on the moor

and demonstrating the skills and techniques learned for the sport, while others were filmed climbing on the Cow and Calf Rocks, as our picture shows.

Those taking part were D. Bates, Martin Smith, Lucy

Allen, Sharron Briggs and Lynsey Morris (all 14 years old); Susan Allen (16); Craig Stokes, Paul Driver, Martin Rae and Andrew Lambert (18), and eleven-year-old Nicky Smith, of Addingham Middle School.



10 FEB 84

Bishop Returns To Ilkley Day Centre On Its Third Anniversary

The Bishop of Leeds, the Rt. Rev. Gordon Wheeler, made a return visit to the James Clarke and Sarah Foley Day Centre at Ilkley on the third anniversary of the opening.

Management representatives, trustees and local councillors were among those also present.

The Rt. Rev. Wheeler who opened the centre, addressed the Leisure in Retirement group and remarked on the ever increasing list of activities taking place in the centre, emphasising the varied interest and benefits to be found.

After the address the Day Centre's Management Committee entertained the Bishop to a buffet lunch and showed him around the building. He

was particularly interested in a 9 feet by 5 feet tapestry being produced by one of the classes, depicting many scenes from the life of the Clarke family. It is expected to be completed by April next year.

Pictured during the Bishop's visit to the Day Centre are, from left to right: Back row—Mrs. H. Chapman (Management Secretary), Father C. Kestell-Cornish, Mrs. S. Aitchison, Mrs. B. Lister (Management Treasurer), Mrs. N. Hall (Manager), Miss M. Weatherall (Leisure in Retirement), Mr. C.

Dougherty (Leisure in Retirement), Mrs. F. Kendall (Leisure in Retirement), Father P. Roche (Trustee), Mr. J. Stevenson, Mrs. M. Asquith (Manager), Father John Berry, Father S. Walden (Manager).

Front row—Mrs. D. Copley (Manager), Mr. N. Tomblin (Trustee), Cr. Mrs. J. Lightband (Trustee), Mr. G. R. Vere (Management Chairman), the Rt. Rev. Gordon Wheeler, Cr. E. S. Gardner (Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council), Cr. W. Forrest and Mrs. J. Stevenson.



Concerned Over Area Management Plans

Sir,—As one of Ilkley's District Councillors I feel I must express my concern at the Area Management proposals. This hinges on Timing, Cost and Effectiveness.

Timing relates to the proposals for Metropolitan Counties. Contrary to previous writers I have no doubts that the Counties need drastically pruning. They do not do the job they were set up to do, they duplicate far too many of the District Council's functions and in many areas they necessitate costly 'consultation' between two sets of officers and councillors which is all bureaucratic nonsense. The current campaign to justify their existence would be laughable if we weren't paying for it. However, District Officers and members alike will have to adapt to some changed responsibilities and to introduce Area Management at this stage will cause chaos.

The Cost will be enormous. Only people who pay little or no rates would have us plunge into it for the sake of a change.

Effectiveness? I would support plans for more community involvement but I feel sure we could devise some way within the present framework without another reorganisation of 'Programme Areas' Committees, etc. I would ask long suffering readers to study carefully the following extract from Municipal Review, March 1984, in respect of the Borough of Stockport.

"In 1974, the new authority set up a decentralised system of administration Area committees operated in parallel with area offices under the direction of area co-ordinators. Community councils were established in each area and given a special status with rights of access to and dialogue with their local area committee."

At first it all went well. But the novelty seemed to wear thin. Some community councils became moribund; some became blatantly political and some simply disappeared. The area offices and area co-ordinators were eventually axed. "There is no way Area Management will fulfil people's expectations of it. Refinement of the present system could."

BARBARA J. CUSSONS
11 Wheatley Avenue,
Ben Rhydding.

"Our Role Is Vital"

Sir,—Unintentionally I am sure Mr. Lievesley is muddling the issue, which is how the elected representatives of the people of Ilkley can best serve the interests of the people they represent. In other words are those interests best served by Area Management as at present set out or not. We have no quarrel with the stated aims of Area Management nor are we opposed to change; in fact, we welcome it. Our opposition to Area Management stems from the fact that while "Power to the People" Bradford's own descriptive pamphlet states quite categorically that our role is "absolutely vital" it then fails to give us that role. All we ask is that the powers that be operate Area Management through the Parish Council or give us in some other way the "absolutely vital" role they concede we merit.

E. S. GARDNER
Chairman.

Town Hall,
Ilkley.

Future of Local

Government

Sir,—One of your correspondents suggests that the Parish Council is opposed to Area Management because it has no larger cause to fight for than its own self-preservation, and its parochialism. The Bradford Council booklet 'Power to the People' also tells us that none of the three major political parties is keen on parish councils. But if 'Power To The People' is to be believed, then localisation of decisions within a larger framework is the aim of the proposals for Area Management. That must mean that decisions are to be brought closer to the ordinary elector. Why claim to be doing this, and question the existence of the Parish Council in the same breath?

What is an area committee for the combined four wards of Ilkley, Rombolds, Bingley, and Bingley Rural, but a form of parish council? The big difference is that only the District Councillors will be directly elected to it. The others present will be nominated by sectional interests. They will not be elected by the electorate at large. And who decides which interests will be represented?

If Bradford Council seeks to make local government more responsive to the democratic process, then it should look again at a real role for parish councils. A district committee of elected District Councillors, working with an elected parish council for each ward, could give ordinary individual electors, as well as organisations, a chance of making the views of the people.

EDWIN SCHIRN
18 Victoria Grove,
Ilkley.

ELECTRICITY COMES TO ILKLEY

100 Years Ago

Ilkley residents held a special meeting to consider the advisability of lighting public buildings and private residences by electricity. Mr. Joseph Lund took the chair and Mr. James Fraser of the Leeds Electric Light Company explained the theory and practice of the lighting system and estimated the relative cost based on the current price of gas in Ilkley. The figures showed a saving of fifty per cent providing the water working the turbines was available in quantity and at a small cost. An interesting discussion resulted and it was agreed to test Harvy's Patent dynamo machine practically in Ilkley.

Following a successful winter course members of a night school run by Miss Tolson in the room over Mr. Benson's shop in Brook Street gave their customary breaking-up entertainment. There was a large attendance of scholars who enjoyed the programme of music and a short play entitled "Uncle Groups". The annual report stated that the school had been open 71 times and had forty scholars on the books. The classes were mainly for arithmetic, with spelling, geometry, recitation, and essay.

75 Years Ago

Ilkley Vocal Society commemorated the centenary of the birth of Mendelssohn with a performance of "Elijah" in the Town Hall. The band and chorus numbered about 150 performers conducted by their own conductor, Mr. A. T. Akeroyd. The voices were grouped to try to avoid the defective hearing deplored on the previous occasion, and the band was on a specially constructed platform over the orchestra pit, this bringing the voices to the front of the stage and the improvement in sound was very marked.

The Bishop of Richmond, Dr. Pulleine, visited Ilkley Parish Church to conduct the confirmation ceremony. He was attended by the Rev. F. Sinker (Vicar of Ilkley) as his chaplain. The church was decorated with white flowers and palms. There were 160 candidates from Ilkley Parish church and surrounding churches in Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, Burley, Denton, Menston and Silsden.

Butter sold for 1s. 9d. per 24oz. roll at Otley market, eggs 11 or 12 for 1s., old potatoes 6d. per stone and new potatoes 6d. per lb. There was a good demand for stock, newly calved beasts making up to £18 per head, and heifers sold at £11 to £14.

50 Years Ago

A decision was taken by a ballot of members of Ben Rhydding Sports Club to open the club on Sundays. There was a majority in favour of 76 votes. The president of the club, Mr. Henry Illingworth remarked that the extraordinary general meeting called had the largest attendance of any meeting held for several years.

Members of Addingham Male Voice Choir held a concert in the High Council School. Soloists were Mr. J. R. Dinsdale, Mr. J. W. Smith, Mr. W. Whitham and Mr. L. Clayton. Mr. J. S. Wilde was the conductor and Mr. Leslie Adams the accompanist.

"Danelea", Margerison Road, Ben Rhydding was sold by auction with brisk bidding to Mr. Henry Illingworth for £800.

Mr. T. B. Walker, an old boy of Ilkley Grammar School and a student at Bradford Art School, had a picture accepted for exhibition at the Cartwright Memorial Hall, Bradford's exhibition of British Painting and Sculpture.

25 Years Ago

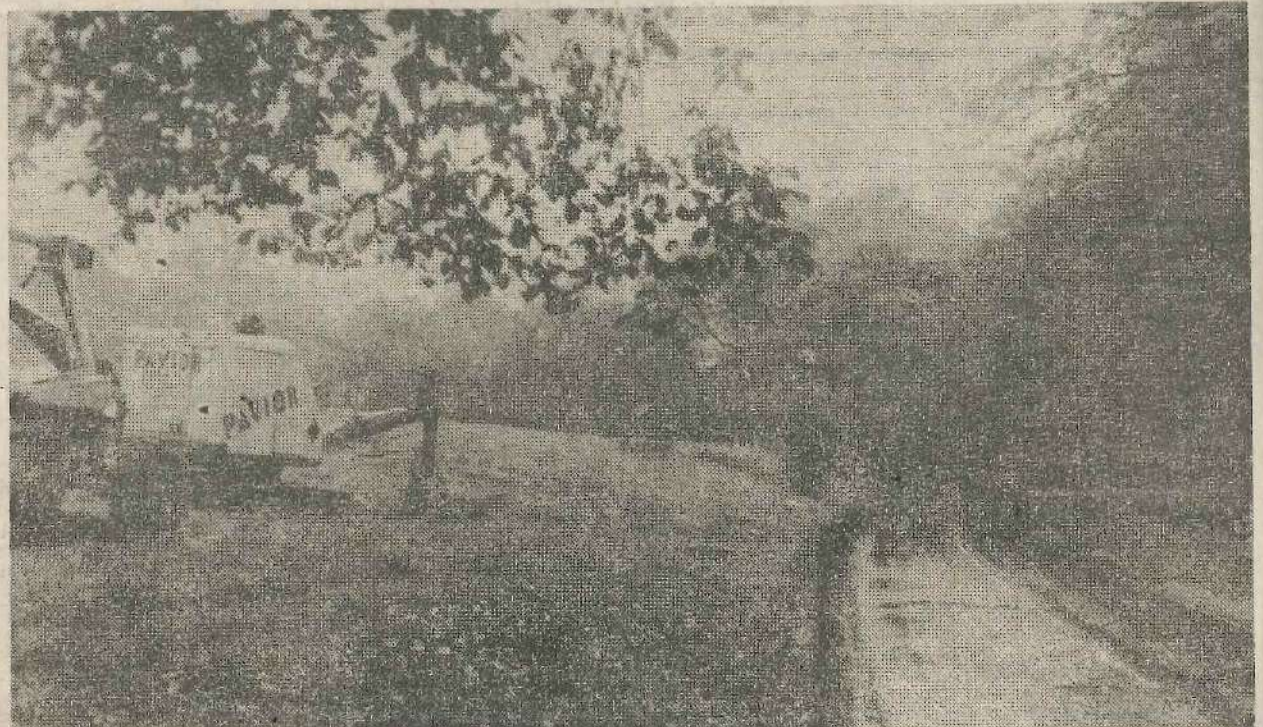
The number of road accidents in the Ilkley District had increased by 18 per cent to 243 in 1958. A happy feature was, however, that there had been no fatalities, and the number of casualties only showed a three per cent rise. Police Inspector Eric Cartwright told members of Ilkley Road Safety Committee that many of the accidents reported had been minor bumps.

Fifty pupils of Ilkley Grammar School accompanied by three members of the staff left Ilkley for a nine day holiday on the Continent. The party was led by Mr. A. S. Nutter, Mr. W. H. Stafford, and Miss M. Hyndman, and included visits to the famous grottoes at Han-Sur-Lesse in the Belgian Ardenne.

Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club 1st team beat Keighley at Keighley by 11 points to nil. Outstanding features were the forward play of M. Brook, a wonderful try from M. Watson, and good tackling from M. Clapham.

R. A. Wright won the senior event in Ilkley Grammar School's cross country races and the junior event was a triumph for a first year boy, G. Wood.

THE FORMER ROAD TO ADDINGHAM



This picture of the main road from Ilkley to Addingham illustrated over twenty years ago the need for improvements to cope with increasing traffic and larger

work began on the new trunk road at the Western end (pictured here) and less than two years later there was a fast three-lane road in use between the town and

fatalities and over the years controversy has raged as to the safety of a three-lane carriageway. It was only towards the end of last year there was a change of policy

Through this part of the old road was to disappear under the new scheme the footpath and wall on the right still remain today and the bottom part of Cocking End

16 MAR 84
COUNCIL "NO" TO
SALE OF
COLLEGE LAND

Ilkley College Governors have been refused permission to sell land in their bid to meet tight budget demands.

Members of Bradford Council's further education sub-committee visited the land, adjacent to the Hillside annexe, before deciding whether the college's cost-cutting package should be given the go-ahead.

Sub-committee chairman Arnold Lightowler said they had decided the land should not be given up.

The college also wants to sell Rombalds House, the students' hall of residence, which has been empty for several months, but the committee decided to wait for a more detailed report from governors before allowing the sale to go-ahead.

LEADER'S VISIT 16 MAR 84

REASSURANCE GIVEN OVER BACKING FOR ILKLEY RAIL SERVICES

RAIL LINKS between Ilkley, Leeds and Bradford are not under threat. Reassurances that the service's will continue once the County Council is abolished have been given by Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Ilkley Councillors began to fear for the services when it was announced that the County Council, which at present subsidises the line, would be axed over the next two years.

This caused questions to be raised when the leader of Bradford Metropolitan Council, Cr Tom Hall made his annual visit to Ilkley.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton hoped Bradford would continue to retain the rail links, continue to subsidise cheap mid-day fares and encourage more use of the railway if Ilkley lost its rail links she feared shops and hotels would suffer and tourism within the district would be adversely affected. During heavy snow in winter people would not be able to get to work without a rail service, she said.

Once the rail service had gone there would be an increase in road accidents but she believed Bradford Council would retain the service to the community.

Cr Tom Hall replying said when Bradford Council first pledged there would be money to retain the railway link he

had been one of the three who had masterminded the plan in Bradford. He could see no reason at all why there should be a change of attitude and thought the railway would be retained.

Chief Executive Officer to Bradford Metropolitan Council, Mr Gordon Moore could not envisage Bradford doing any other than supporting the rail link which they had done consistently since 1974.

Cr Peter Williams received an assurance that if and when British Rail discussed the future of the Ilkley services (Ilkley Parish Council) would be informed immediately so it could prepare a case to defend the line.

Within the last few weeks Ilkley Parish Council has appointed a sub-committee to investigate ways of promoting the better use of the Ilkley rail services.

JOINT BOARDS COULD BE A "CURSE"

The West Yorkshire County Council, destined to be abolished over the next two years, should have been slimmed down and left with three or possibly four responsibilities, says Bradford Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Gordon Moore was speaking to members of Ilkley Parish Council during his annual visit with the Council's Leader Cr Tom Hall, after being asked whether he thought the Government had made the right decision.

He thought the Government was right to tackle the problem but thought there was a role or co-existence between the County and District Councils. Bradford's relationship with the County was better than any of the other three districts. He thought what was proposed in the Government White Paper would be worse than what they had "I can't see that what is proposed will

be any better," said Mr. Moore.

He thought it would have been far better to have slimmed down the County Council from say 88 members to 18 to 24 with three functions and no more. These would have been for the Police, Fire and Passenger Transport and it could be argued waste disposal as well.

Of the future he was worried about the County's successors—the Joint Boards which would have no accountability at all. "I think they will be an absolute curse on us with power to spend and no accountability," said Mr Moore.

16 MAR 84

"BRADFORD IN FIGURES" WILL BE A USEFUL REFERENCE WORK

The most comprehensive statistical booklet ever produced about the Bradford District has been published by Bradford Metropolitan Council.

The booklet, "Bradford in Figures" gives more than 8,000 pieces of information ranging from the population of the Metropolitan District (467,500), to the number of households without a bath in the village of Eldwick (3).

The 200 page booklet looks at a wide range of issues, including population, jobs, housing, children and transport. It brings together information from the 1981 census, the Department of Employment, the Manpower Services Commission and the Bradford District Health Authority.

Among the figures highlighted in the booklet are:

- A projected increase of 11,000 in the population over the next 10 years.
- The 27,000 people who live in overcrowded accommodation and the 7,000 people who lack or share basic amenities.
- The 1,400 children in single parent families and the 1,500 children who are in care.
- The 26,000 people who are over 75.
- The 61,000 families who have to rely on public transport.
- The derelict land in the district which could provide space for 8,000 houses.

Terry Davies of the Council's Policy Unit, who chaired the

team which wrote the booklet, said, "Bradford in Figures will provide an invaluable reference work or all sorts of people. A business wanting to know about the make-up of Bradford, market research organisations, pressure groups, students, in short anyone who needs good, basic information about the Metropolitan District will find it very useful."

The booklet is on sale in libraries and at the Information Office in City Hall, price £2.50.

16 MAR 84

THIRTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PUPILS ON FRENCH TRIP

A party of thirty 6th and 7th form pupils from Ilkley Grammar School have just returned from a half-term trip to Paris, organised by the school's French department.

There was some anxiety before the trip as French lorry drivers brought chaos to roads, but the strike ended the day before the party was due to leave and everything was quickly back to normal.

While in Paris the children visited the Eiffel Tower, Louvre, Centre Pompidou and on the return journey walked through an unmanned Customs hall, the officials being on strike in support of GCHQ workers.

The school is planning a second trip to France, this time to Boulogne, in June, when 80 third year pupils and staff will be going.

16 MAR 84 ILKLEY AND ADDINGHAM IN GUIDE

Ilkley, Addingham and Wharfedale feature prominently in Bradford Metropolitan Council's Yorkshire District Guide with Accommodation Guide which costs 10p.

To coincide with the start of the tourist season Bradford Council has produced 25,000 copies of this new full-colour guide. This handy pocket size guide describes over thirty places to go and things to do in the district ranging from the well known such as Haworth and Shipley Glen to fairly well kept secrets including Wyke, Moravian Village and the fascinating city centre colour museum.

The guide is now on sale at tourist information offices including the one at Ilkley.

Of Ilkley the guide says "Victorian spa town beside the River Wharfe. An elegant place of tree lined streets and flower-hung arcades. At the foot of Ilkley Moor with the high fells of Wharfedale sweeping north, Ilkley takes a life at a leisurely pace. Antiques, bookshops and gentle cream teas. Stylish wine bars and an Egon Ronay favourite, The Box Tree Cottage Restaurant. For a summer evening stroll, the "Heather Spa Trail" and at All Saints Church some rare Saxon Crosses. Summer literature Festival every other year looming on the skyline, Ilkley Moor 'Balt' 'At' world's best known moor. Hide and seek on Cow and Calf Rocks, tough hikes and easy rambles a windswept haven for walkers and climbers."

Addingham is described as a sleepy grey stone village and a site of Saxon township. "Hard to imagine now but 150 years ago, scene of Luddite mill riots. Good country pubs and minutes away, the massive Wharfedale fells reach Dales National Park. Two miles north, the medie-

16 MAR 84
MG CAR RALLY
FOR ILKLEY

Wharfedale MG enthusiasts at their meeting at the Fleece Inn at Addingham on Monday set up an organising committee to plan a rally at Ilkley later this year for MG car owners and clubs.

For their monthly meeting in April members will visit the workshops of MG car restorer David Orme at Oxenhope, near Keighley, and newly appointed events organiser, Mr Tim Twigger, of Ilkley, will be planning club visits to major car events during the year.

The club which was formed in December after an overwhelming attendance at its first meeting saw even more members joining this week. They came from the Bradford and Keighley areas besides the immediate vicinity.

NEW POSTMASTER TAKES OVER AT ILKLEY

Mr. Gerry Sweeney has taken over as Head Postmaster at Ilkley.

He has succeeded Mr. Edward Swann, who retired after five years at the post office in Chantry Drive, Ilkley.

Mr. Sweeney formerly worked in the operations section of the GPO in Bradford, but began his career on a round in the city.

Married with two sons, Mr. Sweeney will continue to live at his present home in Wibsey Bradford.

He was a regular soldier serving in India, Malaya, Japan and Korea before joining the postal service in 1953.

GREEN LIGHT FOR BLACK AND WHITE HATS

The 51-annual Black and White Hats cricket match between Ilkley's traders and professional fraternities will be held again at East Holmes Field on May Day.

The match will be preceded by a parade through Ilkley and there will be a Victorian supper in the evening.

The organisers, Ilkley's Chamber of Trade, said they were looking forward to the support of all the town's traders in promoting the event.

Another important date in the Chamber's calendar is a little sooner—next Saturday.

It is holding its annual dinner and dance at the Craighlands Hotel, Ilkley, which is the Chamber's big social event of the year.

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Ilkley Inner Wheel Club Celebrates Charter Day



Wheel Clubs joined the Ilkley group on Tuesday when it celebrated its 37th Charter Day at St. John's Church Hall Ben Rhydding.

Among the guests welcomed by President Mrs. P. Kilburn were Mrs. J. Clarke, Inner Wheel District Chairman; Mr Andrew Hartley, Ilkley Rotary President; Mrs. G. Vallender, President of Ilkley Soroptimists; guest speaker Mr. Dick Rushton, and Mrs. Rushton, Mr. P. Kilburn, Miss J. Kilburn, Miss C. Kilburn and Mrs. S. Price.

Mrs. Kilburn gave a special welcome to two members of the Ilkley club - Mrs. D. Dixon, the founder President and Mrs. D. Brabban, former District Chairman and International District Chairman.

She thanked members of the Seaburn Club for attending and for giving the Ilkley club the idea of forming a Probus Club for women in the town. The Seaburn club had been the first in the country and now had a long waiting list.

Mrs. Clarke gave greetings from the district and spoke about her association with the Ilkley club, and Rotarian Mr Hartley thanked Inner Wheel for its support at Rotary events.

Dr. Rushton, an Otley G.P. then spoke about some of the humorous experiences in his life as a medical student ship's doctor, army doctor and a G.P. He finished on a serious note, hoping that modern drugs and quick cures would not bring to an end

some visiting and the "bedside manner".

Tea and birthday cake was served, and pictured cutting the cake are District Chairman Mrs. Clarke (left) and Mrs. Kilburn. Also pictured (left to right) are Mrs. A. Crook (Ilkley Inner Wheel Vice-President), Mr. Andrew Hartley, Mrs. G. Vallender, Dr Rushton, Mrs. Rushton, Mr. Kilburn, Mrs. A. Lancaster (secretary of Ilkley Inner Wheel) and Mrs. G. Newton (treasurer of Ilkley Inner Wheel).

GRAMMAR SCHOOL PUPILS OUT IN FORCE TO CLEAN-UP MAJOR ILKLEY "EYESORE"

A group of pupils from Ilkley Grammar School have been out in force to clean-up one of the town's "eyesores".

The fourth year children, with teacher Simon Tipping, spent last Friday afternoon tidying the coal drops in Railway Road, and will

be returning next week to complete the job.

The area has aroused much criticism in the past for its untidy appearance, which prompted Mr. Tipping to write to British Rail, whose land it is, to ask if they could do anything about it.

"They said they would be delighted to let us tidy it. The children are doing conservation work at school and were looking for an area at Ilkley which needed some work done to make it look more respectable," said Mr. Tipping.

Pictured hard at work on Friday are, from left to right, Mr. Tipping, Mark Bell, Martin Mogridge, Richard Cowburn, Dean Marsh, Simon Ruffle-Ward, Karl Cherrington, Michael Flesher, Shaun Cook, Darren Bates, Richard Gibbons and Nigel Akid.



ACROSS THE YEARS 30 MAR 84

Considerable Excitement Over Local Elections

100 Years Ago

The counting of votes for the Local Board election took place in the Board Room, Brook Street, Ilkley under the presidency of the Returning Officer, Mr. John Gaunt, who was assisted by Messrs. Thos. Horsman and H. Morton. The proceedings started at nine o'clock and from that time until the declaration of the poll the Board room was the scene of considerable excitement. The figures were put up outside from time to time and were avidly read by passers by. J. F. Little, W. Barker, J. Wilde, M. Hainsworth, J. S. Tolson and J. Dobson all received more than five hundred votes. Eighteen voting papers were disallowed because of unpaid rates, 23 were spoiled, and 97 were returned blank.

The Spa Hydropathic Establishment advertised their completely re-furnished central premises, conducted on strictly temperance principles, and offering every kind of hydropathic bath at 35/- per week. The Marlborough House Hydro, "papered and painted with the newest designs" offered billiards, bowls, and other amusements at inclusive weekly terms of 26/6 per week.

75 Years Ago

An attendance of seven hundred men was present at the monthly men's service at Ilkley Parish Church to hear the Curate in charge of St. John's Church, Ben Rhydding, speak on the words "keep thyself pure". He told the congregation that immorality was a canker that was spreading throughout the land and it was the duty of all to resist temptation and to see that no one was led astray through their actions. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Sinker.

Considerable local interest was caused by the wedding of Mr. Wm. Beveridge, chemist, Church Street, Ilkley, to Miss Margaret Hensley, of Tivoli Place, Ilkley. The bride wore a cream silk gown embroidered with chiffon and silver and a picture hat trimmed with ostrich feathers. The marriage ceremony took place at St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley.

Member of Ilkley Parish Church Choir gave an excellent rendering of Beethoven's Cantata "The Mount of Olives" before a large congregation. Solos were sung by Miss Ethel Mortimer, Mr. W. G. Bennett and Mr. H. S. Thirkell. Mr. Isaac Hirst presided at the organ and conducted the choir.

50 Years Ago

Members of Ilkley Council replied at some length to criticisms which had been made concerning the sale of plots of land for building purposes in Lionel Crescent which formed part of

the fringe of Middleton Woods. The council originally offered five plots for sale at £150 per plot and three plots had already been sold with consent of the Ministry of Health and they had received offers for the other two plots.

In reply Dr. J. B. Whitfield, Chairman of the Council, said there were already 87 acres of woodland in addition to the playing fields and when all plots of land were sold they would receive £750. In addition the Council was to be saved £850 in the cost of making up the road and there would still be 82 acres left. The woods and the playing fields had been purchased originally for £11,000.

Easter weather did not tempt people to "idle out of doors" when a cool east wind kept everyone briskly on the move. Traffic showed a remarkable increase in the number of cyclists but most of these were warmly clad. Easter walkers were clad not in shorts but in plus fours, or flannels, with the girls in sensible skirts—the few bare knees were said to be "blue".

25 Years Ago

There was little sunshine to cheer the holidaymakers over the Easter holidays, and there were fewer people than usual visiting Ilkley over the holiday weekend. Monday was the best day and the riverside boating stretch was well patronised.

Ilkley Players Easter Week production was "Lace on Her Petticoat" in which Carol Wood and Marjorie Willerton made their first appearances on stage with the society. Leading parts were taken by Marion Ince, Chas. Womersley, Nancy Lund and Herbert Oldham. The play was produced by Herbert Oldham.

The proposed new reservoir at Thruscross in the Washburn Valley which was to submerge the deserted village of West End and was to involve the removal and the rebuilding of the little village church there was estimated to cost over £11 millions.

Ilkley British Legion Football team were ill fated cup competitors and lost their second cup final of the season against Otley A.F.C. by five goals to one. Ilkley did, however, have a header by Milner kicked off the line by J. W. Danskin.

Correspondence

Radical Action Sought Over The Grove

Sir,—Last week's letter from G. Caton re-opens the subject of the condition of The Grove, which now calls for urgent consideration and radical action.

The pavements were carefully, and no doubt expensively, repaved last year, and already dozens of the paving stones on the south side have been quite ruined through the parking of heavy vehicles making deliveries to the shops across the road (a process which is itself both dangerous and time wasting).

I suggest that all these problems could be simply solved by:

- banning all parking on the south side with a double yellow line.
- keeping the north (shopping) side clear with a single yellow line throughout, thus permitting short term stops for unloading.
- the shopkeepers encouraging their suppliers to use the back road for deliveries.
- planting trees close to the corners on the south side as a final deterrent to "heavy parking".

Other benefits which would follow these changes would be visual—as a look at The Grove any Sunday morning before the cars begin to arrive will confirm—and in road safety, parked vehicles being a notorious hazard. No great hardship would be caused by the loss of parking space, as there is free parking usually available only a few hundred yards from the shopping centre. A pedestrian crossing at the west end of The Grove would be an added amenity.

TGM COLLINS
14 St. James Road,
Ilkley. 30 MAR 84

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VACANCY ON ADDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The news that Miss Hilda Holmes was resigning from Addingham Parish Council was announced with regret by the Chairman, Cr. Alan Jerome at the council's March meeting.



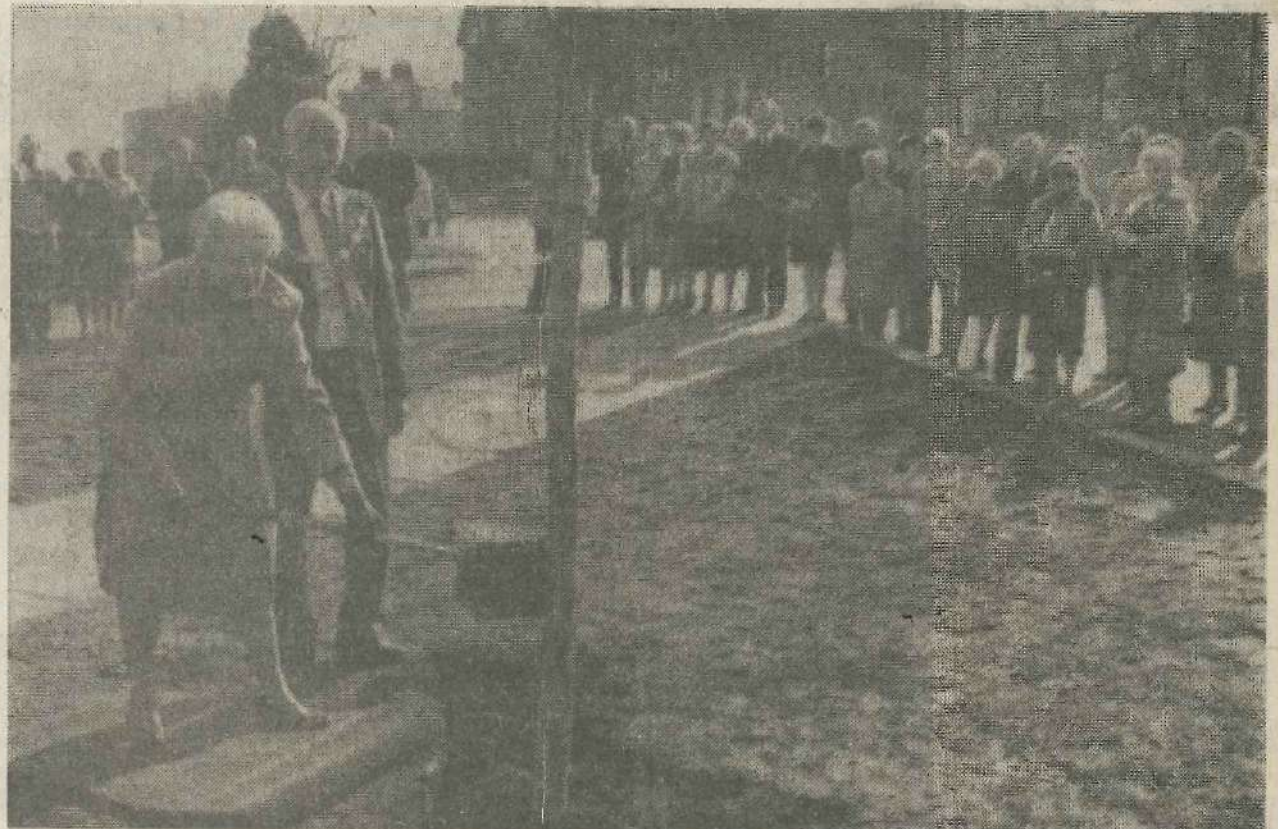
He said he was sorry Miss Holmes had not joined the parish council many years ago, because her vast knowledge and experience of the village had been of great value in the two years she had been a member.

The vacancy arose too late for a by-election to be held on the same day as the District Council elections in May, but the parish council now aims to hold it on the same day as the European Parliament elections on 14 June.

The by-election will only become necessary if two or more candidates come forward within the time limit from the date of the vacancy's advertisement. If not, the parish council has the power to co-opt anyone it deems suitable.

30 MAR 84

Trees Planted In Memory Of County Councillor



Five trees have been planted at Ilkley in memory of the late County Councillor Harry V. Haddrill, who died last September.

Appropriately, the planting ceremony in Castle Road was carried out by his widow, Kath-

leen Haddrill, of Grange Estate, Ben Rhydding.

A large crowd gathered to watch the proceedings, including Ilkley parish councillors and their Chairman, Cty. Cr. Ernest Gardner, who is pictured with Mrs. Haddrill. Also present were the

Chairman of West Yorkshire County Council, William Sykes, and the Rev. Peter Marshall, who gave a short prayer.

Mr. Haddrill was the longest serving Conservative West Yorkshire councillor, having joined the West Riding County Council in

1956 as Conservative member for Ilkley. He was made Alderman in 1968.

During his 27 years on the County Council he served on the Fire, Planning and Transportation Committees.

ADDINGHAM BY-PASS "WOULD CARVE OUT A GREAT CHUNK OF FARMING LAND"

DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MILL SITE

A plan for a residential development in Addingham's Conservation Area has been received for consideration by Bradford Council.

The development, comprising five cottages and garages, would be on the site of the Saw Mills, in the village's Main Street, owned by W. Brear and Sons.

A spokesman for the agents'—Dacre, Son & Hartley—said it would be an extension to an existing barn attached to Highfield House, on the Saw Mills site.

"It would be a continuation of the existing buildings," said the spokesman. "We are proposing some cottage development in keeping with the barns and adjacent buildings, with some court yard area," he said.

Because the site is in the Conservation Area the plan has been advertised, and any written representations should be made to the Planning Office at City Hall, Bradford, by 20 April.

The plans can be seen at City Hall or at Keighley Town Hall.

A number of Addingham farmers have gone against strong local feeling in revealing that they feel the need for a by-pass of the village no longer exists - despite years of intense pressure which has resulted in preparation work being started.

They say other road improvements have relieved the necessity, and are concerned that a by-pass along the route being pressed for would "carve out a great chunk of valuable agricultural land to the south of the village."

Mr. Michael Rhodes, Wharfedale Group Secretary of the National Farmers Union, said it was unanimously agreed at a well supported meeting of farmers that the by-pass was no longer necessary, since the opening of the Skipton By-pass and improvements to the A59 had diverted a great deal of heavy traffic.

He said considerable concern was expressed at the meeting that the updated Purple Route to the south of Addingham, which was now being looked at by the Department of Transport, would seriously disrupt farming operations. All present at the meeting would favour the Yellow Route if the by-pass had to be. This would be less expensive, shorter, less disruptive and would accommodate traffic en route to the Dales.

Mr. Rhodes has sent the views of the meeting to the Department of Transport and to local MP Gary Weller.

Resentment

Mr. Rhodes said there seemed to be some degree of resentment among the farmers concerned that they had not really been consulted to any great extent about the possible routes for a by-pass.

The recently updated Purple Route, which the rest of the village had sought would sweep wide around the village, taking up a great deal of vital agricultural land, and the farmers were not very happy about this.

He said the farmers felt recent improvements like the Skipton By-Pass had taken away much heavy traffic, and that the village was now relatively accident-free—unlike the fast stretch of road between Addingham and Ilkley. The proposed Aire Valley Road would probably also help, when it was built.

The farmers would prefer the Yellow Route to be used if a by-pass was to be built—despite the disadvantages of not taking Keighley traffic and involving a diversion of the river.

A by-pass along the originally proposed Purple Route would take away about thirty acres of valuable agricultural land, while the newer altered route based on the Purple could involve between 30 and 50 acres.

About seven or eight local farms would be affected by a by-pass to the south of the village.

Addingham Parish Council's Chairman, Cr. Alan Jerome, while respecting the right of the farming community to put forward its views, did not feel they were the unanimous views of all the farmers because not all had been to the meeting.

He had since spoken to farmers who did not believe that a by-pass was no longer needed, and that the Yellow Route was the right route. The statement made by the farmers did not represent the views of the village, or of all

Sacrifice

Cr. Jerome said he was well aware that one section of the community who would have to sacrifice anything for the benefit of the rest was the farmers, and he had made this clear at meetings in the village. He had said at a meeting arranged by the Civic Society that anything which could be done to help the farmers would be done.

Cr. Jerome stressed that a parish meeting held in 1979 had unanimously been in favour of a by-pass along a modified Purple Route, and this had been re-affirmed at the Civic Society's meeting when only one person had even suggested the Yellow Route. He had no reason to believe that these village opinions had changed in any way, but had already promised that another parish meeting would be called before any decision was reached on a route for the by-pass.

He again promised to make sure that any sacrifices the farmers would have to make for the benefit of the rest of the village would be taken fully into account by the Department of Transport before any decisions were made.

Consultant

The Department had already promised the parish council that one of their agricultural consultants would meet with the farmers to discuss all the implications before any final decision was made.

Other farmers around Addingham who did not attend the meeting are not in agreement with their colleagues' decision about the need for a by-pass or its route.

One farmer was definitely not in favour of the Yellow Route being used, and was worried that "rocking the boat" now might result in losing the by-pass altogether.

Another, with land on the Yellow Route, was definitely against that route being used, and was certain that the overwhelming village opinion still favoured a by-pass on a modified Purple Route.

30 MAR 84 VILLAGE PLAN "MORE AND MORE VITAL"

A Village Plan to protect the rural aspect of Addingham should be produced by Bradford Council as a matter of urgency, it was agreed at Addingham Parish Council's March meeting.

Councillors felt it was becoming more and more vital that such a plan was drawn up, to prevent further growth of what was essentially a rural community.

The village's Civic Society is already pressing for a Development Plan, but Parish Chairman Cr. Alan Jerome felt they should be asking for a "Non-Development Plan" because no-one wanted to see more development.

Cr. John Wells was sure a Village Plan would be of great benefit, because looking at development over the last 20 years it was apparent there had been no planning policy.

The village had no protection at the moment, apart from Green Belt and Special Landscape Value status, while Bradford Council was preparing plans for other places which already had old Town Plans.

He pointed out that Addingham was now classed as an urban village in the Britain in Bloom competition, and Cr. Jerome added that no-one wanted to see Addingham grow—they wanted to see it remain a small village.

30 MAR 84 BROOK STREET PLAN APPROVED BY BRADFORD COUNCIL

Bradford Council Planning Sub-Committee agreed on Wednesday to proposals for a new development in Brook Street, Ilkley, after members had been told it would help to regard the public square.

There was strong opposition to original plans to encroach on the square as it was claimed it was a focal point for the community.

Money raising events, Morris dancing and other functions were held on the square, it was stated.

The sub-committee had turned down a scheme for new shops and offices in January because of the local concern.

On Wednesday the sub-committee agreed to a revised scheme which, it was stated, would largely retain the land and its walkway.

Mr. John Steele, the principal planner, said Ilkley Parish Council were opposed

to the adjusted scheme and felt the public space should be kept as it was until a suitable alternative was available.

Mr. Steele said there was a fundamental conflict about the space.

Cr. Mrs. Barbara Cussons said there were fears that once development took place it could be followed by more and there would be no control over the land. It was felt there could be further adjustments to the scheme.

Mr. Steele assured her the council would keep control over the land. He felt most of what local residents wanted had been achieved.

PARISH COUNCIL BACKS ADDINGHAM FIRM'S

30 MAR 84

CASE FOR BETTER ACCESS

An Addingham firm which needs to improve access to its premises so that larger vehicles can be used is to receive the support of the village's parish council.

Councillors agreed to write to the County Council supporting Manor Barn Pine's application to brick over Back Beck and widen the bridge to enable larger lorries to use the firm's premises at Burnside Mill, in Main Street.

Cr. John Wells, a member of both county and parish

councils, said at the moment much of the loading and unloading was done with lorries parked in Main Street, which was a road safety hazard. The firm had tidied up the mill area considerably and created jobs in the village, and deserved the council's backing.

Cr. Alan Jerome, Chairman, agreed and it was decided to give the parish council's support, pointing out the advantages to the county council and also ask-

ing them to make sure that if the improvements were carried out all existing rights of access over the bridge were preserved.

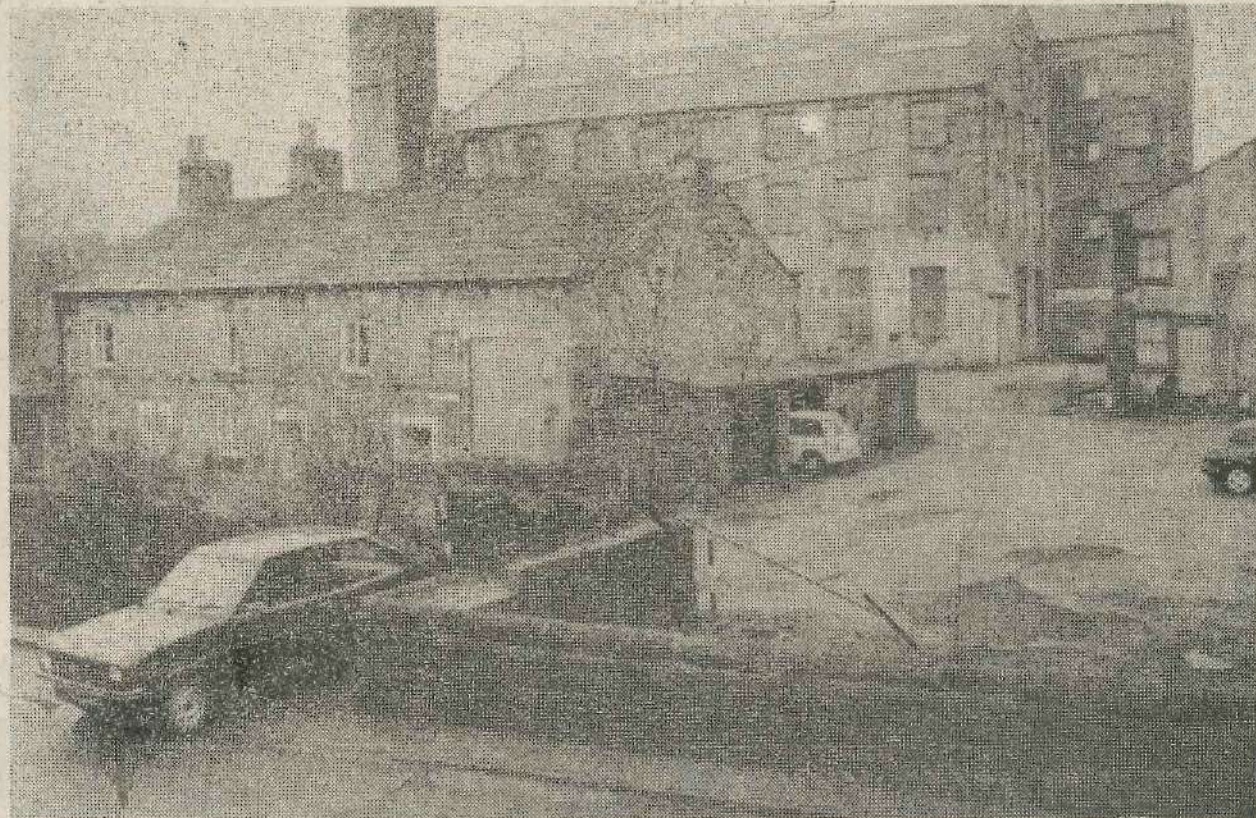
Manor Barn Pine's managing director, Mr. Brian Whiteley, has warned that only small vehicles can gain access to his antique wood renovating business at the moment, and this is restricting the firm's business capacity.

Unless the entrance can be widened so that much larger lorries can use it, there are

fears that the firm could have to move elsewhere or reduce its workforce from 16 to about three or four.

The County Council's Employment Sub-Committee has deferred making a decision on the application for the improvements — which would cost £10,000, of which Manor Barn Pine would pay half.

Picture shows the entrance to Burnside Mill, off Main Street, with Manor Barn Pine's premises in the background.



6 APR 84 Fares bonus for rail travellers

April will see the introduction of three cheap fares schemes for many rail travellers. From April 2 passengers on the Leeds-Horsforth and Bradford/Leeds-Ilkley lines among others will benefit from the extension of SaverStrip tickets to their rail routes. In a first phase of the scheme, SaverStrip was introduced on other lines on January 3.

The tickets, which give 12 rides for the price of 10, are available on both bus and rail and special machines to cancel the tickets will be located in a convenient place at each of the MetroTrain Stations in West Yorkshire. SaverStrip, which is available from Post Offices, many Newsagents and bus and rail travel centres, has proved immensely popular with the travelling public and since it was introduced in July last year more than 1,500,000 tickets have been sold.

Commented a PTE spokesman: "The ticket is simple to use and avoids the trouble of cash transactions. With well over 1,500 sales outlets in West Yorkshire, there should be no problem in obtaining the tickets."

"As well as the obvious benefits of cheaper fares with SaverStrip, people undertaking a journey involving transfer of trains within the County will be able to obtain a SaverStrip ticket to a through-fare value which will lead to considerable savings in both peak and off-peak hours. Leaflets explaining full details of the scheme and limitations on use are available from British Rail Stations and Metro-National bus stations."

At the same time, maximum off-peak rail travel will be cheaper for those travelling less than eight miles. The maximum off-peak fare will be reduced from 60p to 30p for adults and from 30p to 15p for elderly and disabled Metro Permit holders and children.

Journeys of more than eight miles will continue at 60p adults, 30p for elderly and disabled Metro Permit holders and children in off-peak hours.

MP'S REPLY TO FARMERS 6 APR 84 WHO OPPOSE ADDINGHAM BY-PASS

Local MP Gary Waller has replied to Addingham farmers who said last week they believed there was no longer a need for an Addingham By-Pass.

In a letter to Mr. J. M. Rhodes, Wharfedale Group Secretary of the NFU, Mr. Waller said, — "While I can understand your concern about this matter, I am sure that your members in the area would not disagree with the contention that the overwhelming view of residents of the village, as demonstrated, for example, at the recent public meeting organised by the Civic Society, is very strongly in favour of a by-pass, believing that it is necessary to relieve the village of heavy traffic, and taking account of the fact that the winding course of the main road through the village is at odds with the interests of safety and the general environment of people living in the immediate vicinity."

"Shortly after the meeting, I did inform the Minister of the views expressed at it, pointing out that the consensus was very clearly in favour of a modified purple route. I do not believe that anyone would disagree that this was the case. However, I did also take pains to argue that due regard should be paid to the views of local farmers, who certainly have the same right as everybody else to have their views heard," he went on.

"My concern all along has been to ensure that there should be no delay in bringing forward proposals, so that they could be properly considered, and so that early decisions could eventually be

stress that although the Minister has said in a recent answer to a Parliamentary Question from myself that she expects to announce a "Preferred Route" during the summer, there will be an adequate opportunity for all the pros and cons of each proposal to be considered fully when the inevitable public inquiry take place.

"It would certainly be very wrong if anybody's views, including those of the farmers, were given inadequate attention. At the same time, I am left in little doubt that there is very substantial support indeed for the building of a by-pass around Addingham.

"I would be happy to take up the suggestion of a meeting, but I would suggest that such a meeting could be most constructive if it follows the publication of draft proposals by the Department," Mr. Walker concluded.

A group of Addingham farmers who met to discuss the by-pass proposals agreed that there was no longer a need for one, following the opening of the Skipton By-Pass and other road improvements on the A59, which had resulted in much less heavy traffic passing through the village.

They wrote to the Minister of Transport and Mr. Waller, giving their views, and saying that if a by-pass had to be built they would prefer it along the yellow route because the modified purple route would take too much

6 APR 84 FARES BONUS FOR LOCAL RAIL TRAVELLERS

Travellers on the Ilkley - Leeds - Bradford railway services can now take advantage of the SaverStrip which gives twelve rides for the price of ten

The tickets are available on both bus and rail and special machines to cancel the tickets have been installed at a convenient place at each of the MetroTrain stations in West Yorkshire.

SaverStrip, which is available from Post Offices, many newsagents and bus and rail travel centres, has proved immensely popular with travellers since it was introduced in certain areas last July. It is simple to use and avoids the trouble of cash transactions.

A West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive said, "As well as the obvious benefits of cheaper fares with SaverStrip, people undertaking a journey involving transfer of trains within the county will

be able to obtain a SaverStrip ticket to a through-fare value, which will lead to considerable savings in both peak and off-peak hours. Leaflets explaining full details of the scheme and limitations on use are available from British Rail stations and Metro-National bus stations."

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Roman Coins Taken

Eight Roman coins worth about £300, were stolen from the Ilkley Manor House museum in Church Street some time on Monday.

Taken were seven bronze and one silver, featuring various emperors.

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NEW ORPHANAGE ESTABLISHED

100 Years Ago

An "interesting meeting" was held at 10 Richmond Place, Ilkley, for the purpose of inaugurating the establishment of the Ilkley and Wharfedale Orphanage. W. H. Conyers presided and all the local churches were represented, together with other "friends, ladies and gentlemen, all of them interested in the work."

Mr. Conyers had been utilising the farm at Wharfedale Grange to house needy children, helped by his own family and a resident matron for about three years but as he was giving up the farm the time had come to move the institution to Ilkley and the scheme to be put on a public basis. He had accordingly transferred the resident children to a new home capable of taking fifteen inmates. The children were then introduced to the meeting and, under the leadership of Miss M. Tarbolton, they sang two charming songs, which "interested the company greatly" and produced a letter of thanks from the children for their new home. It was reckoned that the annual expenditure of keeping 15 children would amount to £230 per annum and a subscription account was opened to receive donations. They expressed great satisfaction with the appearance of the children and the way the matron kept the home, the aim being to train the children for domestic service later in life.

75 Years Ago

The Easter weekend started with the most summer like weather, the sun shining brilliantly on Good Friday with the ladies of the town "on parade" in their light coloured summer costumes and sunshades. The weather continued beautiful throughout Saturday, but started to turn colder and cloudier with showers on Sunday and Monday. The trains brought into Ilkley far more than the average number of trippers, and a constant stream of people walked over the moor from Bradford and from Keighley. The chief attractions were the Brass Band contest in the Bridge Pleasure grounds and a football match between Ilkley and Broughton Park was attended by thousands of people.

The hydro had been booked up for some time before Easter and there was a full programme of entertainment provided for the guests in the shape of concerts, dances, whist drives and theatrical performances. At Ben Rhydding Hydro there was golf, tennis rackets and other outdoor amusements and a gorse fire adjoining the hydro grounds provided additional excitement.

50 Years Ago

The Chairman of the Children's Holiday Home at Ilkley presented a happy report at the annual meeting of subscribers.

The home had been open since 1885 and throughout the summer was used by parties of children from Leeds and Bradford. In

the previous twelve months ninety five children from Leeds had gained a total of 222lbs in weight during their three week stay and 88 children from Bradford had gained 202lbs. There had never been more treats for them. They had had invitations to tea, or tea given for them at the home, sketching classes and parties and entertainments. They had had two cinema visits provided by Mr. Dakin and Dr. Johnstone, and the Misses Sutcliffe gave their annual picnic and drive to Bolton Abbey in beautiful weather. The children had been given fine clothes and had written letters of thanks covered with smudgy kisses to the staff of the home after their stay.

It was decided that the Friendship Centre for the Unemployed should be kept open throughout the summer months as a certain number of men had been unemployed for a long time and used the centre on a regular basis.

25 Years Ago

The tenth anniversary of Ilkley Choral Society was marked with a final concert of the 1958-9 season with a fine performance of Haydn's "Creation". The conductor was Mr. Chas. Bainbridge who had conducted the society solely for ten years and as he brought the choir to the end of yet another successful season he must have felt true pride in his achievement.

A bomb found on Ilkley moor was carried to Ilkley Police Station in a bag slung over the shoulder of the moor ranger. The bomb, which was found in a pool of water close to Cowper's Cross was carried by his ten year old nephew some distance across the moor to the moor ranger who thought it was a harmless mortar bomb and took it down to Ilkley Police station. When the police sent for a bomb expert he was horrified and the live bomb had to be detonated on the spot. Local residents were evacuated from rooms facing the Police Station. The bomb was let off behind a sand bag screen with a loud explosion and the officer in charge of the unit said that the angels must have been on the side of the moor ranger and his young nephew.

THREE-CORNERED CONTEST IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

The three major political parties had all put forward candidates for the local wards in Bradford Metropolitan Council's elections on 3rd May when nominations closed on Monday.

In the Ilkley Ward Cr. Jack Spencer (Cons) is stepping down after a number of years because he is leaving the area. The new Conservative candidate is Mr. Alan Blann, a 33 year old local businessman.

Contesting the seat with him are Mr. Steve Tatham the Labour candidate, who is a shop steward at A.E. Turbines in Yeadon, and Mrs. Shelagh Moorhouse (Lib Alliance), the wife of local GP Dr. David Moorhouse.

Seeking re-election in the Rombalds Ward is Mrs. Winifred Clavering, who has lived in Menston for over thirty years and was elected to Ilkley Urban District Council in 1971. The Labour candidate is Mr. John Gorgan, who was the first Labour President of Oxford University Student Union and who at 23 is by far the youngest candidate for the ward. The Liberal Alliance candidate is agricultural experimental officer Mr. Carsten Svensgaard, of Menston, a well known local election campaigner in recent years.

The Craven Ward, which includes Addingham, is being contested by the sitting councillor, Mr. Ernest F. Hoare (Cons), who faces a challenge from Mr. S. G. Best (Labour) and Steeton Parish Councillor Geoffrey Funnell (Lib Alliance).

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE FOR ILKLEY



Speculation has been mounting as to the identity of the Conservative candidate for Ilkley Ward in the Bradford Metropolitan Council elections on 3 May. This seat has been filled for many years by Cr. Jack Spencer, who is now leaving the area.

Intending to carry on where Cr. Spencer leaves off is Mr. Alan Blann, a 33 year old married man with two sons.

Born in Sussex, Mr. Blann was brought up in a council house, educated at a grammar school and then entered the Civil Service, where he gained promotion to executive officer.

Moving to Ilkley on the birth of their first son, Mr. Blann and his wife, Marilyn, bought a house and are now happily settled in Ilkley. As a local businessman, Mr. Blann says he knows only too well the impact of high rates on Ilkley people, and if elected has promised to do all in his power to ensure that improved council efficiency will lead to better services at less expense.

Having two sons of his own, he appreciates the value of education, and was greatly concerned by the removal of a replacement Ilkley First School from next year's building programme. If elected he will be fighting to reverse this decision.

Although recognising that Ilkley is part of Bradford, he feels that Ilkley is rather remote when decisions are made in Bradford, and tends to be overlooked.

"I intend to make sure that Ilkley is placed firmly on the Bradford map, and remind those who need to be reminded that the income generated in Ilkley, particularly from tourism, contributes to the benefit of Bradford as a whole, and that this benefit must be a two-way affair," he said.

He believes that finance could be more equitably distributed, rather than totally committed to a specific purpose such as the Alhambra Theatre.

Being actively engaged in the local community—he is President of Ilkley Junior Chamber this year—Mr. Blann says he is conscious of the needs of Ilkley people and will do his utmost to look after Ilkley's interest if elected to the District Council.

"I wish to see Ilkley's unique character and quality of life maintained, and only altered where Ilkley people want it altered—not by decree from Bradford," he continued.

ILKLEY WARD LABOUR CANDIDATE

The Labour candidate for Ilkley Ward is Mr. Steve Tatham, an engineering worker, of Bolling Road, Ben Rhydding.

Mr. Tatham, who is married, has lived in the Ilkley area for most of his life. He has several interests outside politics, the main one being sport.

ROMBALDS ALLIANCE CANDIDATE



Mr. Carsten Svensgaard, of Cleasby Road, Menston, is the Liberal Alliance candidate for Rombalds Ward.

An experimental officer in agricultural science at Leeds University, he has served on the committee of Menston Community Association and takes a wide interest in local affairs.

A well known local election campaigner, he has stood unsuccessfully in a number of county council and district council elections over the last few years.

CRAVEN WARD ALLIANCE CANDIDATE



Mr. Geoffrey C. Funnell (36) of Elm View, Steeton, the Liberal Alliance candidate for Craven Ward, is the youngest member of Steeton with Eastburn Parish Council but has the longest record of service.

He has been a parish councillor for 14 years, since being elected while still a student, and since then has been an ardent campaigner for road safety, the Aire Valley Trunk Road and local youth facilities.

NO NEED FOR
MORE SHOPS

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ILKLEY CONTINUES FIGHT TO PROTECT OPEN SPACE IN BROOK STREET

NEW MEMBER FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs. Judith Duckworth (27) of Iron Row, Burley, has been co-opted on to Ilkley Parish Council. She will serve as a Holme Ward Councillor and fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Cr. J. P. McGhee, of Menston, who has moved to another part of the country.



Mrs. Duckworth, who has lived at Burley eighteen months, is an active and committed member of the Burley Conservatives and is an assistant buyer for Empire Stores, the mail order firm in Bradford.

Interested in walking, aircraft, politics and commerce, Mrs. Duckworth felt that Britain had the chance of a bright future with the Conservatives and that they must all, especially young people, work to such a goal.

Ilkley is to continue its fight to safeguard the public square in Brook Street for which planning approval of a new development is being sought.

Parish Councillors at their meeting on Monday said Ilkley did not need any more shops and wanted the square left as a grassed open space.

Last week Bradford Council Planning Sub-Committee agreed to proposals for a new development after members had been told it would largely safeguard the square. The Sub-Committee had earlier turned down a scheme for new shops and offices because of local concern but last week agreed to a revised scheme which, it was stated, would largely retain the land and its walkway.

Since the square was established with the removal of the abutment to the bridge which carried the railway over Brook Street it has proved popular for money raising events, Morris dancing and other functions.

At last week's Planning Committee Mr. John Steele, the principal planner said

Ilkley Parish Council was opposed to the adjusted scheme and felt the public space should be kept as it was until a suitable alternative was available.

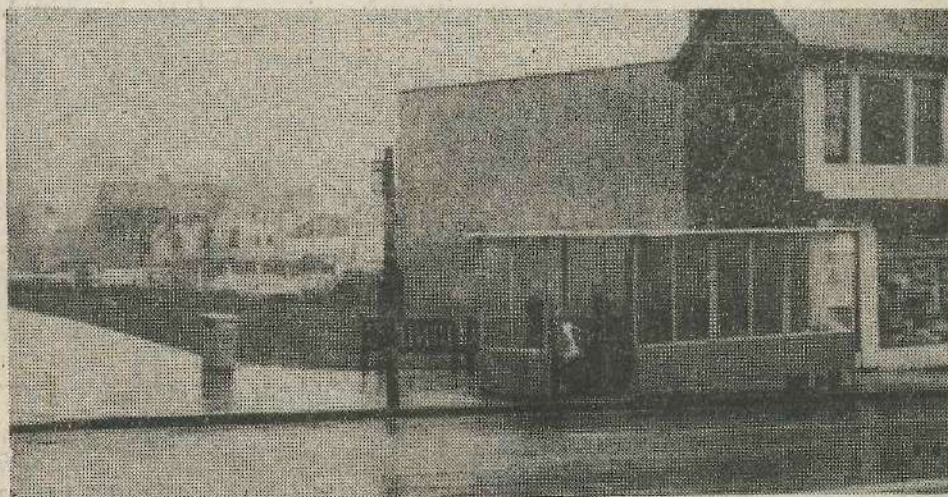
There was a fundamental conflict about the space, said Mr. Steele who assured councillors that the Council would keep control over the land. He felt most of what local residents wanted had been achieved.

At Monday's meeting of the Parish Council, Cr. J. Ward said many people thought the site had been saved. It had not, and he thought the only way to bring about more pressure was for people to write to Bradford Council saying they did not want the development. "The recent petition

signed by many people to safeguard the square had not cut any ice in any of the Council departments," said Cr. Ward.

A proposal by Cr. Peter Williams that Bradford Council should be asked to replace the square, if planning permission was given for more shops, by providing an area from the adjacent car park was approved by the Parish Council.

"If Bradford Council agreed on the development then we should expect Bradford to replace the square," said Cr. Williams. He did not think Bradford could argue that parking places would be lost because more parking would be created by the development of the western edge of the car park.



The public square in Brook Street.

ILKLEY TO DISCUSS ADOPTING A VILLAGE IN THE THIRD WORLD

Ilkley Parish Council on Monday agreed to call a public meeting to discuss a suggestion that the town should adopt a village somewhere in the Third World.

The suggestion, made by Dr. David Moorhouse, an Ilkley GP, in a recent edition of the "Gazette" was praised by Councillors who thought Ilkley with its tremendous high standards, when compared with the Third World, could do something to help.

Dr. Moorhouse in a letter to the "Gazette" in March said "it would be a project in which we could all share, churches, schools organisations and individuals. With adequate feedback both communities could have much to gain," he said.

Cr. J. Fletcher proposed the move and Cr. Howard Scaife said he too had seen the letter in the "Gazette" and had taken his copy with him on a business trip to Sierra Leone and had shown it to a prominent businessman.

This businessman did a lot

of charity work in that area and had offered to take Cr. Scaife to two or three villages many miles from normal habitation and several hours drive by Land Rover but he had to decline the offer. Cr. Scaife said there was a great shortage of medical facilities and much could be done to improve agriculture. "Encouraging the people with self help would be a great advantage," said Cr. Scaife.

"This businessman did say he would be more than willing to assist in linking Ilkley with a small village and would make sure anything done by the people of Ilkley would be received by the intended recipients," he said.

Cr. Scaife said he had discussed this matter with his firm who would be prepared to meet freight charges for any-

thing Ilkley would like to send. He himself would be making another trip to Sierra Leone in about three weeks.

The Parish Council's Clerk, Mrs. D. C. Edmondson, said at least thirty parish Councils in this country were twinned with towns in the Third World.

Cr. J. M. Shelton said the project was commendable but he did not think it was for the Parish Council alone but was a matter for the whole town to consider and participate. "Firstly we as a Parish Council have no money anyway and there will have to be a lot of fund raising," he said.

It was agreed that the Council's Chairman should call a public meeting and it was hoped that Dr. Moorhouse would be a willing helper and that an invitation should be extended to the Council of Churches.

MORE SUPPORT AS APPEAL TO HELP HANDICAPPED TODDLER GAINS MOMENTUM

ILKLEY WARD LABOUR CANDIDATE



Ilkley Labour Party's candidate for the Bradford Metropolitan Council election on 3 May is 29 year old Steve Tatham, who lives in Ben Rhydding with his wife and two daughters.

He works in the engineering industry and is a sports enthusiast who follows Bradford City FC.

Mr. Tatham believes that the Labour Party must win the Bradford Metropolitan Council elections with a majority large enough to enable it to combat Tory Government public spending cuts, which continue to threaten local health services, education, industry and council housing schemes.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE FOR CRAVEN



Seeking re-election as Conservative councillor for the Craven Ward in May's Bradford Metropolitan Council election is Cr. Ernest Hoare, of Banklands, Silsden.

The 70 year old retired china shop owner has been a member of Silsden Parish Council for nine years, including a year as Chairman, and is on the committee of Silsden Civic Society. He was founder-chairman of Silsden Camera Club.

Cr. Hoare is not in favour of Bradford's proposed area management policy and proposals for community-orientated services. But if it does go ahead he feels parish councillors must have some say in area committee decisions.

He feels it is vital to end the "hung council" situation at Bradford so that a Conservative controlled Council can slow down rate increases.

The parents of a mentally handicapped Ilkley toddler have been pleasantly surprised by the public's response to their appeal for help in raising money for expensive medical treatment.

Gordon and Jean Staniforth, of Thwaites Avenue, have already had numerous promises of support towards the £4,000 to £5,000 needed for just one year's treatment for their two and a half year old daughter, Lisa — and the Ilkley Good Neighbours Scheme has taken over the running of the Appeal.

Mr. Staniforth said Lisa had been accepted by the White Horse public house at Burley, who were to arrange a charity cricket match in August, and the Star Inn at Ilkley were to raise money for her treatment over Easter.

In addition there had been offers of help from staff at Hillards supermarket in the form of a sponsored walk, and a lady was to hold a boot sale in Hillards car park.

The Good Neighbours Scheme has arranged a coffee morning on Lisa's behalf in the Clarke-Foley Centre on 26 May, and on the same day two local CB radio enthusiasts have agreed to hold a 24 hour sponsored CB "modulation".

Mr. Staniforth said there had been a surprising response from the general public in donating cash, and the Good Neighbours Scheme had opened an account at the Ilkley branch of Barclays Bank ("Ilkley Good Neighbours Scheme for Lisa Staniforth Appeal" A/C 21245082).

The two local CB radio enthusiasts who have pledged their support are "Pink Panther" Keith Asquith, of Valley Drive, Ilkley, and "Rock Hopper" Stuart Douthwaite, of Valley Road.

Mr. Asquith, a lecturer at Bradford and Ilkley Community College, said their sponsored 24 hour "modulation" on 26 May would take place under the auspices of the Ilkley Good Neighbours Scheme, from a caravan based at Ilkley.

They were hoping to make plenty of money for the appeal by talking from 12 noon on the Saturday until the same time the following day.

He explained that his CB "handle" of "Pink Panther" came about because he drives around in a pink Jaguar, while Mr. Douthwaite, a driver handyman with Bradford Council, became known as "Rock Hopper" because he is a keen rock climber.

Brain Damage

Lisa has suffered from brain damage since she contracted meningitis, and her parents are hoping to be able to send her to a British Institute for Brain Injured Children home in Somerset—the only one of its kind in the country.

If she is able to go—at a cost of £4,000 to £5,000 for the first year's treatment—it would initially be for one week, when she would learn to do exercises and follow various courses of treatment. She would then return every three months.

Lisa's illness at first baffled the specialists. "She seems to have it in spasms," said her father "One minute she can be all right, and the next she is not".

However, she is now under a specialist at St. James' Hospital, where they are more familiar with this type of illness.

Her mother explained that Lisa could stand for a few seconds, but would then lose her balance. "All her limbs can work normally, but it is a matter of stimulating the parts of the brain to get them to work," she said.

Encouraging

Since Lisa's plight was made public there has been an encouraging response, with offers of help by way of sponsored swims, a sponsored swim, a sponsored "non-smoke" and other similar ventures.

HELPING THE HANDICAPPED

The Insight Group of visually handicapped people from Ilkley and surrounding places, at their April meeting thanked the singers, "The Two Davids", who had generously given £50 from funds collected at their concerts at the Fleece Inn, Addingham. Marjorie Hickson opened a packed meeting with the news that Insight had also received a "starter" contribution from Bradford Metropolitan Council. A small working party was formed to help with the administration of the growing group.

Alternative identifying badges to be worn by the visually handicapped provided by the Royal National Institute for the Blind and the partially sighted society were discussed. The badge suggested by the latter society was generally preferred, and it was decided to write to the Society supporting their campaign for an international recognised badge and sign.

Joan Halfpenny, from Bradford Social Services explained the benefits for those registered blind or partially sighted, as far as tax concessions and other practical aids were concerned. She explained that no-one was compelled to be registered, but if an Ophthalmic consultant judged a person eligible many benefits could accrue from registration.

A local Police officer will talk to the May meeting on safety in the home and out of doors.

Ilkley Burglary

A home computer and a video recorder were stolen in a burglary at a house in Wheatley Grove, Ilkley, between 8.30 a.m. and 4.25 p.m. last Friday. Entry was gained by forcing a dining room window.

Addingham Mill Sold For £91,500

The historical building known as High Mill besides the River Wharfe at Addingham was sold by auction by Dacre Son and Hartley, estate agents, of Ilkley, on Wednesday for £91,500 to Quarmby Construction, of Langbar.

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The present building dates from the eighteenth century but stands on the site of an earlier manorial water-powered corn mill. Water power was used in the present mill which was in turn, a corn mill, worsted mill and later silk until the 1950's. At that time the property was purchased by the present vendors, Olsone

ering works and water power was, for a while, used for generating electricity but the wheel was removed about twenty years ago, although the mill race and housing still remain.

The property reflects the more domestic scale of industrial buildings prevalent at the time and now stand

horse road and ford over the River Wharfe. The mill has planning permission for conversion into six houses and two flats. Future purchasers will have the benefit of the fishing rights in the river. The location is particularly scenic and the picture below indicates the proposed conversion for which planning approval has been obtained.

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In Safe Storage

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent of last week's issue, thank you for the interest shown in the Harrison organ, formerly at the Grove United Reformed Church, Ilkley, and for your observations on its history and value. When restoration work was started on The Grove buildings, the organ was professionally dismantled and put into safe storage for future use.

JEAN SUTHERLAND
(formerly of Ilkley U.R.C.)
Christchurch,
Ilkley

M.P.'s question in the House 13 APR 84

A question about the future of the arts was asked by Dr. Keith Hampson M.P. during a debate in the House of Commons about the proposed abolition of the Metropolitan Counties.

Dr. Hampson said Members would greatly appreciate knowing what sort of arrangements will be made for certain services in areas such as Leeds when the abolition of the County takes place. "Some of us in Leeds are concerned about the future provision for the theatres," he said. "Can we have a statement about the new arrangement for the arts?"

Dr. Hampson was told that he might find it useful to take part in the Second Reading debate.

Late Easter Favoured By Glorious Weather

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Hopes for a sunny Easter weekend next week bring back memories of outstanding weather enjoyed during Easter in late April twenty two years ago. There was glorious spring weather on Easter Monday and Tuesday and observers claimed that they had never seen so much continuous traffic through the town.

The scene on the riverside and moors was similar to that of a high summer weekend, and below the New Bridge (pictured here) holiday-makers basked in the sunshine whilst others paddled in the river. Hundreds of people were content to stay near the river whilst thousands of people poured up on to the moors.

13 APR 84 Recognition For Ilkley Couple's Long Service



The Baroness Lockwood, who recently became President of the Yorkshire Region Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, was at the annual coffee morning held at the Clarke-Foley Centre in Ilkley on Saturday to present long service badges to an Ilkley couple.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wallis, of Sefton Drive, Ilkley, received the awards in recognition of their long and hard working association with the Council over the last fourteen years in Bradford and Ilkley.

Mr. Clive Dougherty, chairman of the Ilkley Branch

presented Baroness Lockwood with a cheque for £150, the proceeds of sales of a book of poetry by Mrs. Ethel Lamerton, entitled "Evergreens Spacious Moments."

A total of £253 was raised during the coffee morning, and the committee expressed thanks to all who helped and supported the event.

Pictured from left to right are Baroness Lockwood's husband, Col. Cedric Hall, Baroness Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wallis, Mrs. Pam Twiss (Ilkley Branch Secretary), and Mr. Clive Dougherty, (Ilkley Branch Chairman).

NEW ADMINISTRATOR 13 APR 84 FOR ILKLEY LITERATURE FESTIVAL

The seventh Ilkley Literature Festival will be taking place during the week of 15 — 22 September and its organisation will be assisted by the arrival of a new face to Ilkley.

Liza Stevens, a twenty-four year old graduate of Edinburgh University, was recently appointed as the Administrator - Publicity Officer for the 1984 Festival. This is a one-year appointment which is being funded by the Manpower Services Commission under Bradford Metropolitan District Council's Community Programme.

Miss Stevens arrived in Ilkley from Edinburgh where, in July 1983, she had graduated from the university with a MA (Honours) degree in English Literature and Language after a four-year period of study. She spent the months following her graduation doing voluntary work for the Theatre Workshop (a community arts resources centre and theatre in Edinburgh), but this is her first full-time professional job and she fully realises what a valuable experience it will prove to be when seeking further advancement in her chosen career of Arts Administration.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for me—administering and publicising the Festival poses a tremendous challenge and it suits my own interest in the Arts perfectly," she says.

"It is not often that you are given the chance to meet so many great writers! But I also see it as an event in which the whole community should feel able to involve themselves—this is something that I feel very enthusiastic about and part of my job is to co-ordinate that involvement. Perhaps I could just mention that if any one would like to be involved in the running of the Festival they should feel free to contact me at the office (Tel. 601210)," she said.

ONE OF THE BEST

The programme for this year has not been finalised yet but the 1984 Festival promises to be one of the best so far and Ilkley can expect to welcome writers like D. M. Thomas (author of the best-selling *White Hotel*), Fay Weldon, Christopher Fry and, hopefully, Salman Rushdie. An interesting trio of Glaswegian writers have been successfully

invited to participate—the novelist, short-story writer and artist Alisdair Gray (who received great acclaim for his first published novel *Lanark*), and the poets Liz Lochhead (who has appeared in a past Festival) and Tom Leonard. Miss Stevens feels particularly enthusiastic about their contribution:

"These writers are very well known in Scotland—I have seen them many times myself while living in Edinburgh and I know they have a great deal to offer the Festival this year," she said.



Accepting the post of Administrator - Publicity Officer involved a long-distance move from the capital city of Scotland to the rather more rural environment of Ilkley, but Miss Stevens' background demonstrates that she is adaptable to great change in her surroundings. Born in the tropical West Indies to an American mother and Scottish father, her family decided to move to England when Miss Stevens was eleven years old. A period of five years in London preceded a move to the countryside of Worcestershire where her parents continue to live.

She has no idea where her path will lead after the one-year appointment with the Festival comes to an end but she has not counted out the possibility that Yorkshire might, after all, prove to be her home.

PARISH CHURCH A.G.M.

MEMBERS ASKED TO 13 APR 84 RE-REGISTER ON ELECTORAL ROLL

People who habitually worship at Ilkley Parish Church are being asked to add their names on the Electoral Roll which this year is under revision.

At the annual Parochial Meeting Miss K. D. Coffey said the number of people on roll numbered 214. Every six years the Roll was revised and 1984 was the year when everyone must re-register. Several families had left the district and the figure was low compared with last year, but indicated that a good start had been made.

For those who re-registered it meant that they would be entitled to vote at the annual Parochial Meeting, and become fully involved in the work of the church, said Miss Coffey.

Year Of Change

The secretary's report presented by Dr. R. W. Elliott showed the past year had been full of activity and change. During the nine months when the Church was without a Vicar, the Rev. J. J. Clack gave unstinted support and everyone worked to keep things going. Dr. Elliott offered a warm welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Peter Marshall.

The Treasurer, Mr. G. Budd, presented the accounts which were satisfactory. He said they were not typical owing to large items of expenditure on re-lighting and exterior painting of the church. There had been a modest increase in direct giving and Mr. Budd stressed the importance of increasing this still more so that the work of the church could move forward with confidence.

A satisfactory report was given on the fabric of the church by the Vicar's Warden, Mr. M. J. Lewis. He paid tribute to those who had given the building a deep clean ready for the dedication of the Saxon Crosses after their installation in the Tower. He thanked the Verger whose constant guidance was invaluable.

Reports from organisations were given as follows: Mothers' Union (Mrs. S. Atkins); Church Fellowship (Mrs. M. Eames); Hospital Working Party (Mrs. S. Mason); Bible Study Group (Miss C. M. Harding); Pause for Prayer (Mrs. B. Brown); Brownies (Mrs. D. Tinkler); Pathfinders (Mr. J. Tinkler); Choir (Mr. K. Newell); Deanery and Diocesan Synods, Christian Aid and Ilkley Council of Churches (Mrs. J. Steca); Talents (Mr. and Mrs. R. Beaver); the House Group (Miss A. Bird); Bell-ringers (Mr. N. Waddington); Christian Outreach (Mrs. J. E. Duncan), and Discoverers, Pathfinders and the Sunday Night Group (Mrs. C. Stewart). The Vicar, on behalf of Mrs. Marshall, said that the Creche for babies during Morning Prayer had made a good start. He said that all the reports were a fascinating indication of the breadth of God's work in the Parish for which thanks to God were given.

Officials

Officials elected were: Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Mr. J. Finney and Mrs. J. Steca.

Parochial Church Council members: Miss C. M. Harding, Mrs. C. Lewis and Mrs. D. Ward.

In addition to these five and the four Wardens, with the Vicar as Chairman, the following continue as members of the Council: Messrs. R. Beaver, G. Budd, L. Cordingley, P. Stewart, J. Tinkler, Dr. R. W. Elliott, Mrs. S. Bush, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. C. Lewis and Miss J. Sorrell.

Sidesmen elected were: Mrs. L. Beaver, Mrs. J. Kingsman, Mrs. C. Lewis and Mrs. B. Newell; Messrs. R. Beaver, C. Button, C. Cook, L. Cordingley, J. Chambers, J. Finney, J. Finney Jr., P. Goldring, J. Kennedy, C. Kingsman, D. Nelson, C. Steele, R. Wood and Dr. B. Woodman.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. F. O. Till who was resigning. In his work as sidesman he had always given a warm welcome to people going to church.

At the annual meeting of parishioners the four churchwardens were re-elected as follows: Vicar's Warden: Mr. M. J. Lewis; People's Warden: Mr. T. P. Bush; Warden for Middleton: Mr. J. H. Wright; Warden for Nesfield: Mr. L. Saxton.

19 APR 84 MARCHING TO SAVE HOSPITAL

A successful protest march against proposals to close the Wharfedale Children's Hospital at Menston was organised last Saturday by "Watch" the Wharfedale Action Group to save the hospital.

In addition to hospital and teaching staff, there were parents, doctors and former patients among the one hundred and fifty people on the march to the Buttercross Stall in the centre of Otley. The procession included four dogs and a bicycle.

The campaigners were overwhelmed by the local response and they hope it will be a move in the right direction towards helping them in their campaign to save the hospital. The local community health council share the misgivings with "Watch" campaign for the future care of the region's poorly children.

Thanks are expressed from the "watch" campaign to all the people who joined in the march.

COUNCIL ASKS FOR PART OF CASTLE ROAD TO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

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Efforts to make this part of Castle Road, between New Brook Street and Bridge Lane, into an even more delightful area are being made by Ilkley Parish Council.

Since the completion of schemes to landscape rough ground and create a park in Castle Road to link up with the Riverside Gardens, Councillors have been looking at the possibility of linking the new area with the land adjoining the Manor House and the Parish Church.

Now the County Council

was no longer interested in retaining Castle Road as a through road the Parish Council has asked Bradford Metropolitan Council if steps could be taken to make a section of the road prohibited to traffic.

Councillors feel that the area could be even more delightful by the prohibition of parking and driving on the part which divides the gardens from the grassed mound. Parish Councillors have asked to meet one or two

Bradford Councillors on the site to discuss their ideas.

Plans to transform the derelict land in Castle Road began a year ago. The scheme came about as the result of a combined effort by the War Memorial Trust, Committee of Ilkley, Bradford Metropolitan Council, and Ilkley Parish Council.

The work was carried out as part of the community programme "Operation Eye-sore" and was sponsored by the Council's Recreation

Division and funded by the Council and the Manpower Services Commission.

Mer, with Heather and flowering shrubs being planted as well as some stone walling being carried out. The stone used was from the demolished shelter which stood at the top Brook Street. Access was provided by steps constructed with Yorkstone flags. The remainder of the site was left grassed with shrub beds bordering Castle Road.



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Annual meeting of

Yorkshire

Countrywomen

The first annual meeting of the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association was held in the Theatre Royal, York.

The chair was taken by Mrs Audrey Totty, of Hawksworth founder of the Association, who reported on its continuing success. Membership has grown from the original twenty who first met in January of last year, to around 4,000 to date. New Branches were being formed regularly and the 100th was to be opened last week. Every branch was represented at the meeting.

A new central committee was elected (last year the committee was invited) and Mrs Totty paid tribute to the retiring members, all of whom had given their services unstintingly and without claiming any expenses. The new committee comprises twelve members — four from each of the three Ridings, of Yorkshire. The Constitution, copies of which had been circulated in advance, was unanimously approved.

Reports of the many and varied activities of the three Ridings' committees were given by their respective chairmen. These had resulted in highly successful money-raising events, which had helped to put the Association on a sound financial footing.

The financial report was presented by Mrs. Hanson, of Arthington, and showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. The affiliation fee for 1984/85 would remain at £1.

The Doris Gilliam Cup was presented to Melbourne branch for their winning entry in the craft competition of a 'Wall hanging for a child's room'.

The guest speaker during the afternoon session was Mrs Gwyn Findlay, a barrister, who amused and entertained her audience with her 'Brief Encounters' — incidents and happenings to do with her work.

'Half an Hour with Ivor Novello' and the Y.C.A. Singers' accompanied by Mrs. Kath Hardy of Eldwick, completed the programme for the afternoon.

19 APR 84 CELEBRATING 70th BIRTHDAY OF BROWNIE GUIDES

Celebrations for the 70th birthday of the Brownie Guide takes place throughout the country this year. It was in 1914 that Brownies (or Rosebuds as they were called) started after a request from younger sisters of the Girl Guides. The name later changed to Brownies and nowadays there are Brownies in countries all over the world.

The 4th Menston Brownies recently appealed to anyone who was born in 1914 and lived in the Menston area, to contact the pack and join in the celebrations.

As part of the 70th birthday celebrations, the Tea Council has sponsored a Tea-Making Fortnight which is open to Brownies throughout the country and started last Saturday and runs until 23 April. The aim of the tea-making activities, is to teach Brownie Guides how to make tea properly use household equipment safely and responsibly. It will teach them to help others and aid them towards their Hostess and Interest badges.

Each Brownie Guide will have a target of making at least thirty cups of tea for parents, friends and neighbours, who will assess the tea on the Brownie Guide Passport. Girls reaching their target will receive a Brownie Guide Tea Maker Certificate, and the one who makes the most cups of tea will become National Tea Making Hostess and be awarded a special medal and prize.

In addition, the whole pack is challenged to hold an unusual 70th Anniversary Celebration Tea Party, to which they can invite a special person or group of people. The national winners receive their own U.K. Air plane for a day trip to Paris. Regional winners will receive £150 donations towards a Brownie Guide venture.

The 4th Brownie Guides are holding an unusual celebration Tea Party at the end of April and the guests are anyone born in the village in 1914.

Anyone who would like to help the Brownies in their celebrations, should contact the 4th Menston Brownie Guide, Parkfield, Menston (Tel Mrs J E. Kitching at Menston 72343).

CASTLE GALLERY'S FIRST OPEN EXHIBITION

The first ever open exhibition at the Castle Gallery, Ilkley, starts tomorrow (Saturday) with a Yorkshire water colour exhibition led by J. Barrie Haste, who is reputed to be Yorkshire's best water colour artist.

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Alongside him will be former milkman, Brian Irving, who has risen to fame with his portraits of sheep, shepherds, cows and other typical features of the Dales farmyard. Tony Brummell-Smith, the York artist is exhibiting breathtaking veins of Yorkshire which are very distinctive and very much his own style. Another stalwart is Jack Prior, whose estuaries and evening sunsets are very evocative.

Stanley Trainor, is another watercolourist, who has produced some fine watercolour paintings, particularly at his successful one-man show at the Castle Gallery two years ago. Geoff Cooper, the Huddersfield artist, with a distinctive water colour style of his own, is very prominent in this show. Neil Westwood and Mike Hatfield are two artists who have a real future in the water colour field. Mike Hatfield, from Selby, uses soft delicate colours which make

Yorkshire scene. Stephen Abbey, the Bradford artist, is extremely popular with his humorous water colour sketches of housewives confronting shop-keepers and other typical everyday situations.

Other water colourists making up this show are Alan Thorpe from Otley, Norman Carter, Richard Britton, Felicity Harrison, Marjorie S. Darfield, Mary Heycock, W. H. Naylor, Patricia Thompson, from Goole, and Rex Swallow, the artist who follows the racing scene showing jockeys and horses. He now lives in Ross-on-Wye, to be near the hunt and racing area. Anita Hall and Patricia Moss are two ladies who never fail to produce some excellent work. Pat (Tish), who works exclusively with tissue paper produces some of the most delicate water colour landscapes.

This first show should be a delight and it will continue daily until the first week in

MANOR HOUSE FRIENDS ENJOY AN ACTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR

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An active and successful year has been reported by the Friends of the Manor House.

Secretary, Mrs. Palmer, told members at their annual meeting the threat of the housing development at Castle Hill had been deferred and the suggested closure proposals of White Wells and the Manor House had been withdrawn.

There had been seven committee meetings, a full and successful lecture and preview—exhibition programme, interspersed with a concert, a coffee morning and a Christmas party organised by the Committee, she said. Mrs. Fletcher was thanked for the beautiful Christmas decorations.

New Programme

The new programme, said Mrs. Palmer, would include another concert, the twenty first birthday party and a money raising effort.

Treasurer, Mrs. Stillitoe reported on the year's financial position which was reasonable but not keeping up with inflation. Cr. J. C. Fletcher was thanked for auditing the financial statement and members agreed that the subscription should be raised for the coming year.

The programme secretary, Mrs. Atherton described the forthcoming programme which was full of interest and variety.

Publicity Officer, Mrs. E. Holt, on behalf of the Friends, thanked Cr. Mrs. J. Lightband and Bradford Council for their promise to keep both White Wells and the Manor House open. Cr. W. Hill and Ilkley Parish Council and all friends and supporters were thanked for their efforts to retain the Manor House and for expanding and publicising its work. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Stachwell for the new notice board and events cards; Mrs. Atherton for the excellent lecture programme, Mr. Smith for the varied and absorbing exhibition programme, the expanding panel of talented reviewers and reporters and not least the "Ilkley Gazette" for its wide coverage of the Friends events. Thanks were extended to the officers, Mr. Kerry and Mr. Smith, and staff of the Manor House for their unflinching kindness and continued support throughout the year. In addition to these committee members, Mrs. King, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Suthers and Mr. J. Smith were all re-elected to serve for the coming year. Mr. Lambert would join the committee.

The Chairman, Mrs. Greenwood, expressed gratitude and thanks to a hard working committee, to the local authority, to the officers and staff of the Manor House and to all members.

19 APR 84 Life In An Eighteenth Century Dairy Farm

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Manor House was followed by a talk on "Life In An Eighteenth Century Dairy Farm" by Mrs. Kate Mason.

Dairy farming, as known today, was dependent on advanced technology, bulk sales, refrigeration, processing plants and storage depots, said Mrs. Mason.

This was unknown until well into the twentieth century. In the eighteenth century relatively primitive methods of production prevailed and a mixed farming peasant agriculture was often typical locally, the staple grain crop being oats rather than wheat, though bread-ovens occurred, and at Langbar the root crop, potato, was being introduced. Stock included pigs, cattle, sheep and horses, although the cattle would be shorthorns, brown and white rather than black and white.

Farm inventories, kept at York were available for Addingham, Beamsley and Silsden but not Ilkley. Farfield House, Addingham, was a very large house with innumerable rooms or chambers upstairs and parlours downstairs, a hall, a dining room and various closets. There were a number of animals, fourteen oxen, two cows and two calves, twelve young beasts riding and carting horses, twenty six lambs and sheep and two swine, said Mrs. Mason.

John Turner, of Addingham, a linen weaver, lived more simply and might have typified locally an aspect of the domestic system or economy peasant farming combined with craft industry for the market. His house had a housebody, a parlour, the east parlour was devoted to weaving with loom and wheel, and a milk house. There was a sparsely furnished chamber upstairs. He owned three cows, nine sheep and a pony and cart with panniers to take the cloth to market.

A house at Langbar concentrated on sheep farming, with grazing on the moor, but the wool yield was relatively low. Here there was a bakerstone or oatcakes and an oatmeal ark.

On Display

Aspects of dairy farming of the period were illustrated by examples of dairying by-gones or furniture and by slides and a small case of further examples of by-gones was now on display at the Manor House.

A village would be self sufficient in dairy products and surplus milk would be made into butter or cheese, butter usually in the winter and cheese in the summer, the latter being a co-operative village activity, said Mrs. Mason.

After milking, often twice a day, the milk would stand or strain in settling dishes, large wide wooden bowls. After twenty-four hours a cream skinner would be used to remove the cream to a storage vessel until there was sufficient to be churned into butter. "Scotch Hands" small ridged wooden spades, were used after churning to beat out the last drops of buttermilk and butter pats were later decorated with embossed patterns from wooden moulds, she said.

Cheese was made by putting milk into a tank and warming it to a certain temperature. Rennet was then added to turn the milk sour and curds would form. The whey was drained off and later fed to the pigs. The curds were then worked to an even consistency and then pressed into a mould for several days to remove any traces of whey.

Dairying by-gones included iron and wooden milking pails, milk cans, wooden settling bowls, butter churns, metal cream skimmers, "Scotch Hands", curd cutters, cheese tanks, cheese presses, wooden butter curlers and stamps, and iron and wooden holed cheese moulds. Eighteenth and nineteenth century dairy farming involved a number of craft processes of some complexity, cleanliness where possible and continued hard work as Mrs. Mason so ably demonstrated.

After questions thanks were expressed to Mrs. Mason by Mrs. Greenwood.

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ACTION GROUP PROTEST OVER ANOTHER "SMOKING EVENING" AT ILKLEY HOTEL

Yorkshire Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) who drew up plans to picket a "smoking evening" at the Troutbeck Hotel, Ilkley last night (Wednesday) were "fighting a losing battle" said Otley tobacconist James Barber.

Secretary of the Yorkshire Action Group, Mrs. Catherine Woodhouse, of Ilkley, had described the event as nothing more than "legal drug pushing."

This was the second "smoking evening" at the refurbished hotel to come under attack by the same group within six months. Mrs. Woodhouse who lives at Hollin Corner, Parish Ghyll Lane, planned to organise pickets outside the hotel in Crossbeck Road as she did during a similar event last October.

Although only three protesters turned up in October, Mrs. Woodhouse said it had been worthwhile. They handed out anti-smoking leaflets and car stickers to many visitors.

Organiser of the event, and the one last night, James Barber described the Group's action in October as "quite ridiculous" and said this week that the Group was "fighting a losing battle."

Exotic Tobacco

Mr. Barber said his evening had been aimed at cigarette smokers who wanted to try a pipe. Exotic tobaccos were on trial free including black cherry, coffee and chocolate flavours, supplied by London based firm Forrestal, who were also promoting the newly imported American tobaccos.

"It was really designed to promote pipe smoking, particularly with the budget not affecting the duty on pipe tobacco," he said.

His tobacconist shop had been established one hundred and fifty years ago and he thought the protests could not stop such a long established business from making more success.

Protester, Mrs. Woodhouse, whose placard bore the words "Pipes Pollute, Puff in Private Please," commented this week that in October Mr. Barber had said pipe smoking was a dying art because so few young people were taking it up.

After that first smoking evening Mrs. Woodhouse, who had talked to some of the young people who had been there, said they had not seen or tasted anything to change their minds about not smoking and that they had not liked the atmosphere caused by the smoke.

New Target

This time, claimed Mrs. Woodhouse, Mr. Barber had had a new target—cigarette smokers. She thought he might well have had more success with these people and if he did Mrs. Woodhouse conceded it was in the right direction and possibly a step towards being able to stop smoking. If they could resist inhaling, and some were not aware they were, it would be less hazardous, she said.

"For the sake of everyone we hope pipe smokers will be concentrating on smoking only in private and not in the company of the willing or forbearing. I hope non pipe smokers will not be tempted by such evenings," said Mrs. Woodhouse.

Rather than being "looked upon as a "picket" Mrs. Woodhouse preferred to be regarded, by her actions, as a health warning because some people seemed to think pipe smoking was safe.

Owner of the hotel, Mr. E. Lumbley said "we have to be unbiased." It was an event which was organised very professionally. He said ASH would be welcome to visit the Troutbeck Hotel just as much as anyone else.

CHILDREN VISIT CENTRE

A party of youngsters between 11 and 13 years of age from Wibsey Middle School, Bradford, have visited the Nell Bank Centre at Ilkley.

Twenty four of them, accompanied by three teachers, arrived after having inspected Bingley Five Rise Locks and after having lunched at the Cow and Calf Rocks on the way. The next day they visited Middleton where the various groups collected specimens for a presentation and competition. Their stay at the Centre included a visit into Ilkley orienteering on Ilkley Moor a study of the River Wharfe where they found some crayfish amongst other items of interest and the traditional last night bonfire party. Each evening was spent round the fire in the main hut where they entertained themselves with songs and stories.

Their teachers said they were pleased with the visit, their second, which apart from being enjoyable had enabled some of the children to see for the first time something of the world outside Bradford and to see in the woods, the rivers and on the moors things which they had only seen in books.

ACROSS THE YEARS 19 APR 84

ILKLEY BESIEGED FOR ACCOMMODATION

100 Years Ago

Fine weather for a considerable spell preceded the Easter Holiday, and the weather had been so good since Christmas 1883 that the flowers were out, and the trees were green and fresh. The Ilkley Gazette reported that the "numerous public establishments and hotels were literally being besieged for accommodation over the Easter period."

A tea and entertainment in the Congregational Lecture Hall, in connection with the Sunday School raised money for a piano for the school and welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Chas J. Muff on their return from their honeymoon. The tea was provided by ladies of the church.—Mrs. Clarkson, Miss Clay, Miss Conyers, Miss Flora Dale, Miss Illingworth, Miss Hillman, Mrs. Speight, Miss Tarbolton, Miss Whitaker, and Mrs. Wood. An entertainment followed by the choir and soloists, and there was a sketch, recitations and readings. Mr. Muff was presented with a handsome album containing the portraits of members of his Sunday School class by Mr. John Proctor, and also an illuminated address commending Mr Muff upon his work for the church and Sunday School.

75 Years Ago

"A large and fashionable audience" attended a performance of "The Duchess' Collection", a musical comedy by Mrs. Bryde, of Knareborough, which was produced by her own company Mr F. Bontoft worked the limelight, and Mr A. T. Akeroyd conducted the Wharfedale Orchestral Society in selections as well as playing the incidental music for the show.

An eleven year old boy from North Parade, Ilkley, died from lockjaw at Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital following a fall when playing "horses" with two friends on the moor. He fell on a stone which grazed his right hip, and although his mother had bathed and tended the wound, he was soon seriously ill. Dr. Milnes diagnosed lockjaw and admitted him to hospital where he died a few days later.

A 40 year old Burley woman was killed by a train from Ilkley on a level crossing to the West of Burley. The driver of the train blew his whistle when he noticed her but she did not move out of the way. At the inquest Dr. Hebblethwaite, of Burley, gave a verdict of "Accidental Death".

50 Years Ago

Ilkley Congregational Lecture Hall was the venue for a crowded and excited meeting to protest against the Council's much criticised action in selling for building purposes plots of land on the fringe of Middleton Woods. The meeting not only carried with great enthusiasm the resolution of protest but also formed itself into an organisation to be known as the Ilkley Preservation League with Mr. George Fletcher as president.

There was a large crowd at Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club's ground to watch their novel way of winding up the season with three hours of non-stop football. The opening match was between Ilkley's 'A' and 'B' teams, which because the 'A' team were not at full strength was won by the 'B' team. This was followed by the first team playing the Old Crocks, with the club's team winning although the "Old Crocks" put up a good show. The programme finished with a series of inter-club seven-a-side matches, which was also won by the Club's first team. Tries for the first team were scored by Papworth, Best and Crawshaw Fletcher for the 'A' team, Bigland and Veale for the "Old Crocks".

25 Years Ago

The chairman of Addingham Parish Council, Mrs E. Lumley, at the annual ratepayers meeting said Parish Councillors had received some severe criticism from residents mostly on matters over which they had no jurisdiction.

An Ilkley telephonist, Miss Elizabeth Felgate, won the first of four rounds in a telephone Personality Girl Competition, in which the three finalists were to be given two week's holiday in the U.S.A. The first round of the competition was a speech test. They were then to be tested on personality, speech, appearance and their knowledge of telephone and telegram services.

The Addingham and Ilkley Branch of the National Farmers' Union commented on the slow progress of the Ilkley Moor cattle grid and fencing scheme and hoped the work would be completed before summer.

"Mission Ilkley Touched Hundreds Of People" 19 APR 84



Two hundred people enjoyed an intimate interview with gospel singer Adrian Snell in the Winter Gardens on Friday, when he enthralled his audience with his straight forward Christian confession, laced with humour, and with the songs which he had taken all over Europe and America.

Saturday breakfast saw Captain Philip Johanson, leader of the Church Army Mission team, in action addressing thirty five men from the All Saints congregation.

On Saturday afternoon, 85 excited children took part in making model aeroplanes, painting, drawing and modelling, with Christian teaching by Church Army Sister Christine, in Christchurch premises.

Saturday evening saw over 150 people in the Kings Hall celebrating the Christian story in song and drama. Harry Gooch, of Ben Rhydding, and Lars Denmark of the Mission ship "Doulos" were interviewed about their

Christian commitment, and Carole Stewart led the group of singers. Dramatic action was supplied by Ben Rhydding Methodists, Christchurch and All Saints players.

The official Mission organisation has now ended. The Church Army team has dispersed and the "Doulos" group have returned to their ship in Hull. "The Mission has touched hundreds of people in Ilkley—for many of them the real mission has just begun," said Mr. Derek

Hagsnaw, Chairman of Ilkley Council of Churches.

Picture shows some of the people who took part in Mission House Meetings in conjunction with Mission Ilkley, held with the aim of people coming together to learn something of the basics of the Christian faith.

From left to right are Mrs. M. Kish, Mr. B. Stewart, Mrs. M. Thomas (Hospitality Secretary), Mrs. Carole Stewart (Leader of the group), Mrs. M. Cowans, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. M. Cowans and Mr. D. Bagshaw.

POLICE INVESTIGATE "MEAT MEANS MURDER" GRAFFITI AT ABATTOIR 19 APR 84

Police investigations are being made after graffiti appeared on the outside walls of Ilkley Abattoir in Golden Bricks Road. The words "Meat Means Murder" had been painted on the stone wall in large white letters.

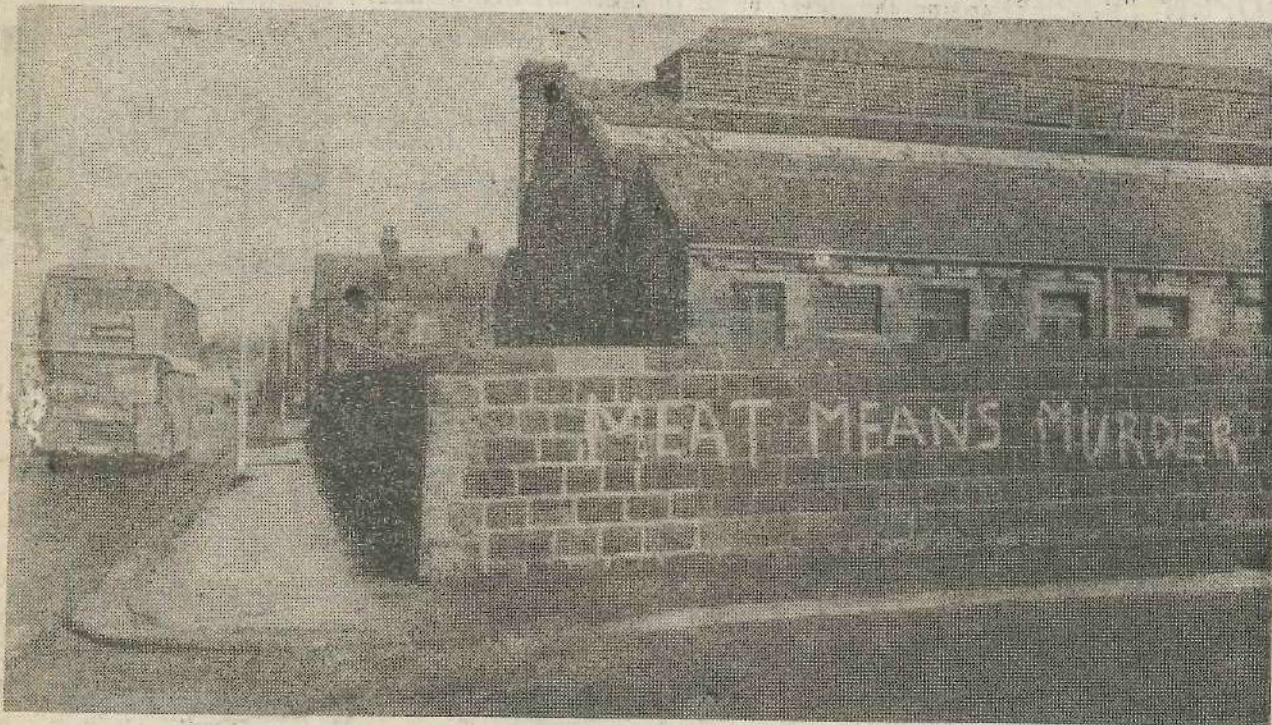
Tenant of the Bradford Metropolitan Council owned

abattoir, Mr. Rowland Agar, said this week that everyone was entitled to their own opinions but it did not give them the right to scrawl messages anywhere. This is the latest incident at the abattoir and follows several where stones have been thrown at windows late at

night. There have been other incidents when cattle have been let out of pens to roam the streets. "I have been called out at two o'clock in a morning to find cattle roaming about the streets," said Mr. Agar. Stronger security measures have now been taken to counter this,

he said.

A spokesman for Bradford Metropolitan Council said the Council would be taking what action was necessary and hoped the graffiti would be removed as soon as possible once the Police had completed their investigations.



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Down On The Farm



Thirty-one schoolchildren from Burley Woodhead First School, visited a farm for the day for their school trip out in the country. The pupils, all aged five years, visited Forsit Farm, the home of a pupil in the class. They looked around the farm, at the various animals and the surrounding buildings and went for a walk and a picnic. An egg rolling competition took place.

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RETIRED ILKLEY TRADER DIES

Retired Ilkley trader, Mr. John Moore, of Brookside, Eaton Road, Ilkley died in hospital last Friday after a short illness aged 81.

For many years Mr. Moore ran the Linen Shop on The Grove and before that was in business in Wells Road after moving to the town from Leeds.

Mr. Moore was educated at Giggleswick School and came to Ilkley in 1935. Five years later he opened the shop in The Grove. During the Second World War he served with the Armed Forces in England and on the Continent. He was a member of the Ilkley Chamber of Trade and was an exhibitor at many of the earlier trades Fair.

In his younger days Mr. Moore was actively involved with the Boys' Brigade in Leeds. He became a founder member of Ilkley Rotary Club in 1937 and served as its President in 1940-41. In forty seven years service to Ilkley Rotary Club he held various offices, the last being over twenty years as Attendance Officer. He was held in high esteem by all members of the Club and was an active and conscientious member, always willing to share with members his experience and knowledge of Rotary.

He was a member of Ilkley Constitutional Club for forty years and was an active worker for the club's interests. He served the committee for many years, several in the capacity as chairman and played a part in the Club's more recent centenary celebrations. The rare honour of life membership was conferred upon him and reflected the appreciation of his industry.

A service at Ilkley All Saints Parish Church on Monday will precede private cremation at Rawdon.

He leaves a widow.

CHRISTIANS FROM COUTANCES VISIT ILKLEY

Thirty Christians from Ilkley's twin town of Coutances arrive tomorrow (Saturday) to spend a long week-end as guests of the Ilkley Council of Churches.

Families, couples and individuals from Coutances will be living with Ilkley families of all denominations, and a busy programme of activities has been arranged. A safari-style Surprise Supper will be held in the homes of Ilkley Christians, and a trip to York with an official greeting from the clergy of York Minster, and a bi-lingual dialogue on the theme "Living in Unity, 1984" will punctuate a week-end of shared family life.

Father Pierre Tournier, representing the clergy of Coutances Cathedral, will celebrate Mass with Father Roche at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Saturday evening, while on Sunday morning the visitors will join their host families in worship with the various congregations in the town.

The link goes back ten years to 1974, the seven hundredth anniversary of the building of Coutances Cathedral, when Ilkley was invited to include a churches representative in its civic delegation.

Since then several groups have exchanged and, in their gatherings, have found a unity and common joy as members of the one Body of Christ, cutting across barriers of language, denomination and culture. 27 APR 84

NEW BOOK ON THE DALES

"The Yorkshire Dales", by Peter Gunn, is a new publication by Century Publishing Company which aims to give visitors and residents a historic and practical guide to the area.

The book, however, does tend to be more historic than a practical guide for sightseers, and would therefore probably appeal to those who are familiar with the area. Mr. Gunn traces the Dales from their birth in the Carboniferous era through the Celtic, Roman, Saxon, Danish and Norman periods to the modern foundation of the Yorkshire Dales National Park in 1954.

"The Yorkshire Dales" has a few black and white photographs but no colour prints, and is a book to be read and absorbed; not to be merely glanced through with a view to somewhere picturesque to visit.

The book is on sale at local booksellers, published by Century price £9.95. 27 APR 84

THE LONG CRAWL BACK FROM THE EASTER HOLIDAY

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Summer weather with temperatures rising to the sixties graced the Easter holiday and attracted thousands of visitors to the coast, the Dales and the moorlands. It was the hottest Easter for thirty five years and the driest for ten years.

The warm temperatures had a sudden effect on the countryside

where hedges and trees came to life and added a new dimension to the holiday scene which on occasions in the past has been known for its cold, wet and even snowy conditions.

From Good Friday to Tuesday motorists were out in their thousands and, as in many parts

of the country, Ilkley had its share of traffic congestion in the morning as motorists headed for the west coast and in the evening as they returned. This picture shows the build-up of traffic on the new road from Addingham on Monday evening where there was a three miles tailback of vehicles from Ilkley to the village.

At Ilkley the hottest day was on Monday when the temperature reached 20 centigrade (68F) with nearly ten hours of sunshine. Tuesday and Wednesday saw early mist give way to blue skies with the temperatures hovering in the mid-sixties.



CANDIDATES PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK'S ELECTION

With all three major parties being represented locally, there are nine candidates contesting the three local wards at next Thursday's Bradford Metropolitan District Council elections.

There is sure to be a new face in at least one of the three, with long serving councillor Jack Spencer not standing for re-election because he has now moved out of the area.

This year an additional polling station will be in use at Ilkley—the Regent Road Youth Centre.

This is aimed at relieving congestion at the Winter Gardens, and should provide a more convenient polling place for electors from Ilkley's West Ward (Polling District 13A). Car parking should also be better at the Regent Road Youth Centre.

Polling stations in the Ilkley area will be:—

Ilkley Ward: Regent Road Youth Centre (District 13A); All Saints First School, Leeds Road (District 13B); Ilkley Middle School, Valley Drive (District 13C); Winter Gardens, Station Road (District 13D).

Rombalds Ward: Burley CE First School, Aireville Terrace, Burley (Districts 20C and 20D); Eric le Fevre Memorial Hall, Bradford Road, Burley (District 20E); Kirklands Community Centre, Main Street, Menston (District 20F); Burley Woodhead Centre, Burley Woodhead (District 20G).

Craven Ward: Addingham Memorial Hall (District 8A).

Candidates in the three local wards are:—

ILKLEY WARD

Alan Blann

Mr. Alan Blann, a 33 year old married man with two sons, is the Conservative candidate for Ilkley Ward, hoping to follow on from Cr. Jack Spencer.

Born in Sussex, he was brought up in a council house, educated at a grammar school and then entered the Civil Service, where he gained promotion to executive officer.

Now in business in Ilkley, where he and his wife moved on the birth of their first son, Mr. Blann is active in the community and is this year President of Ilkley Junior Chamber.

Steve Tatham

Ilkley Labour Party's candidate is 29 year old Mr. Steve Tatham, who lives in Ben Rhydding with his wife and two daughters.

He works in the engineering industry, and is a sports enthusiast who follows Bradford City FC.

Shelagh Moorhouse

Mrs. Shelagh Moorhouse is the Liberal Alliance candidate for Ilkley Ward.

Born in Rochdale, she worked for several years in the radio therapy department at Christie Hospital, Manchester. She moved to Ilkley in 1978 and is the wife of local GP Dr. David Moorhouse. They have three daughters.

Mrs. Moorhouse's special interest is animal welfare, and in 1976 she became Chairman of a national animal charity. She has contributed articles to many papers and magazines on the subject.

ROMBALDS WARD

Winifred Clavering

Mrs. Winifred J. Clavering, of Farnley Road, Menston, is seeking re-election as Conservative Councillor for Rombalds Ward.

Mrs. Clavering, who has lived in Menston for over 30 years, was elected to the old Ilkley Urban District Council in 1971 and has been a parish councillor since 1974. She was elected to Bradford District Council in 1979.

She served as Secretary of Menston Conservatives for nine years, and as a Foundation Governor of Otley Grammar

Infants and Junior Schools, and as a member of the Gas Consumer Council.

John Grogan

The first Labour President of Oxford University Students Union, Mr. John Grogan, is the Labour Party's candidate.

At 23 years old, he is by far the youngest of the candidates but already has considerable political experience. In 1982-83 he was full-time representative of 12,000 students, and was responsible for several schemes designed to increase the proportion of students at the university from comprehensive schools.

Mr. Grogan now lives at Burley, where his family has lived for 20 years, and will soon start training as a teacher.

Carsten Svensgaard

Mr. Carsten Svensgaard, of Cleasby Road, Menston, is the Liberal Alliance candidate for Rombalds Ward.

An experimental officer in agricultural science at Leeds University, he has served on the committee of Menston Community Association and takes a wide interest in local affairs.

A well known local election campaigner, Mr. Svensgaard has stood unsuccessfully in a number of county council and district council elections over the last few years.

CRAVEN WARD

Ernest Hoare

Seeking re-election as Conservative Councillor for the Craven Ward on Thursday is Mr. Ernest Hoare, of Banklands, Silsden.

The 70 year old china shop owner has been a member of Silsden Parish Council for nine years, including a year as Chairman, and is on the committee of Silsden Civic Society. He was a founder member of Silsden Camera Club.

Stan Best

The Labour candidate is Mr. Stan Best, of Thornhill Road, Steeton.

Mr. Best is 41 and a stoker at Airedale General Hospital. He and his family have lived at Steeton for seven years.

As an experienced official of the Confederation of Health Service Employees, he has plenty of knowledge of the ways of politics and committees.

Geoffrey Funnell

Mr. Geoffrey C. Funnell (36) of Elm View, Steeton, the Liberal Alliance candidate, is the youngest member of Steeton with Eastburn Parish Council, but has the longest record of service.

He has been on the council for 14 years, since being elected while still a student, and since then has been an ardent campaigner for road safety, the Aire Valley Trunk Road and local youth facilities.

27 APR 84 RELATIONSHIP WITH DISTRICT COUNCIL PRAISED

Bradford District Council came in for praise at Addingham's annual parish meeting, when Bradford's relationship with the village was discussed by parish councillors and residents.

Cr. Alan Jerome, Chairman, said Addingham had been served considerably better by the district council since 1974 than it had ever been served by the old Skipton Rural Council.

He assured villagers that the parish council got a much better response now, and he was sure this had come about not only because of a very active parish council, but also because Bradford Council responded more positively than the old rural council ever had.

Addingham resident Mr. Fletcher Wall did not agree, however. He felt Addingham had been a far better place before 1974. Everything had been kept tidy in those days, especially the lanes, he said.

Cr. Jerome was sure the village had received a much poorer and slower response under Skipton Council. He reminded residents that the financial situation in local government was much worse now, which was why the roads were perhaps worse. He was not saying that the village was now a better place, but the parish council was better able to perform its functions.

Cr. Frank Wynn agreed that they did seem to get on better with Bradford than they had done with Skipton, and things seemed to get done quicker.

Cr. Stanley Flesher expressed his concern about the coming demise of the county council. The country lanes had never been better looked after, particularly in winter, he said.

Cr. Jerome said they had to live in the present and not keep looking to the past. The county council was going to go, and they now had to make sure that if Bradford became the highway authority they would continue to give a service as good as the county council had done.

"The parish council has always accepted the responsibility of making sure the village gets the best possible service," said Cr. Jerome. "We will do our best to make sure the service does not diminish."

Cr. Leslie Adams was also sure the village got a much better service under Bradford, especially with regard to planning applications. "We now always get to see what is going on in the village, even if Bradford do not always take any notice of our comments," he added.

Cr. Fearnley Woodward said Skipton had always greeted Addingham as a piece of suburbia, and had allowed a number of developments which had scarred the village, which Bradford would not have allowed.

27 APR 84 AREA MANAGEMENT "NOT NECESSARY" IN CRAVEN WARD

The view that Bradford's proposal for the introduction of Area Management was not necessary in the Craven Ward because of the existence of parish councils was reached by a joint meeting of representatives of Addingham, Silsden and Steeton with Eastburn Parish Councils.

Cr. Alan Jerome, Chairman, told the April meeting of Addingham Parish Council that representatives had agreed that if area management did come about they would want the Craven Ward to be linked with another ward of similar political views rather than one with opposite views.

They would also want the constitution of the area management committee to include one representative of each of the parish councils, with voting rights if possible. They would not accept area management if it meant any increase in cost to ratepayers, and they would also want to ensure the continuance of parish councils, he said.

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DAZZLING ARRAY OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR ILKLEY FOLK DAY

Ilkley Folk Day, favoured with brilliant sunshine on Saturday was matched by a dazzling array of colourful street entertainment from Morris dancers, mummers and theatre to the Salami Brothers and the newly formed Ilkley Community Arts Group, the Rombalds Circus.

Performers were everywhere. Folk musicians, jingling morris dancers, tumblers, jugglers and giants ruled.

The continuous performances in Brook Street, the Rose and Crown yard, Hillards and the Fleece Inn at Addingham encompassed Cotswold, North West and Yorkshire traditions of Morris and Sword dancing, a mummer's play from Bellerby depicting a symbolic beheading with the sword lock, and another involving St. George and the famous Rumbold's Mummers fire breathing, eye flashing dragon. This time there were the towering figures of Giant and Mrs. Rumbold with their attendant flock of sheep and shepherdesses from Ilkley Moor and their arch enemy Giant Almscliff with his pack of wolves. The dramatic presentation from Rumbold's Circus was based on local legend. The story of the giants was retold at the evening ceillidh by members of the group assisted by the Salami Brothers, with shadow puppets.

During the early part of the afternoon Ilkley was treated to a spectacle of unparalleled magnificence. A prodigious parade of all those who had taken part in the outdoor events, morris dancers, jugglers, sheep and wolves, mummery, musicians and the Salami Brothers were led by the Giants of Ilkley Moor. Morris Dancers and Mummers from Oakworth, Harrogate, Burnsall and Ilkley gave colour to a sunny Bank Holiday Saturday. Overshadowing all were Giant Rumbold and his wife and the wicked Giant Almscliff.

The music for the evening ceillidh in Addingham Memorial Hall was provided by the Ilkley based ceillidh band Witches Bane led by Geoff Bowen on fiddle and Liz Bowen calling. The ceillidh included traditional country dances from Wharfedale and the West Yorkshire Pennines and gave an opportunity for many who had enjoyed the day as spectators to participate in lively folk dancing to the compelling music of fiddle, flute, whistle, keyboards, electric fretless bass and drums.

The booking of the Circus of Poets from Rotherham for the late night concert added variety to the day. Tony Wilson, who compered the concert, Phil Speight and Jamie

O'Dwyer, Gordon Tyrrell and Geoff Bowen, who contributed songs and tune sets, presented a wealth of material with sensitive musicianship and humour.

The day's events were organised by the Jack-O-Lantern Folk Club which is already planning next year's Folk Day, which as usual will be held on the nearest Saturday to St George's Day.

EXCITING PLANS FOR ILKLEY FESTIVAL

Exciting plans for the 1984 Ilkley Literature Festival, scheduled for 15 to 22 September, are beginning to take shape.

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This year's festival will be the seventh and Michael Dawson, the Director, is aiming to include a greater proportion of literary events than ever before. "The whole idea of the festival in the first place was to celebrate books and their authors" he explains, "so I'm determined to include on the programme as many lively and controversial writers as can be crowded into the week, so as to cater for the tastes of all readers.

Already the line-up includes Christopher Fry, the distinguished playwright, and prize-winning novelist Fay Weldon, D. M. Thomas, and Alisdair Gray. The week will culminate in a performance by the well-known humourist, television script-writer and dramatist Alan Bennett who, though born in Leeds, rarely makes a public appearance in his home-country.

Invitations have gone out to a score of other equally celebrated figures in the literary world who will be asked to participate in readings of their work, discussions, seminars and late-night entertainments. As in previous years there will be lunch-time poetry readings, films and children's events to enliven the proceedings. A major exhibition devoted to Children's Illustrated Books of the Victorian era will be held at the Manor House Museum.

But not all of the Festival's energies are being concentrated on plans for the September jam-
-pée. Newly-appointed full-time Administrator Liza Stevens is in the process of sending letters to

all arts-promoting societies and organisations in the Ilkley district asking them to consider proposals for a new co-ordinating body which would represent arts interests in the area in much the same way as the local sports council does for sports. The scheme, which is outlined in a five-page discussion document, has been put forward by the festival for detailed consideration by the committees of arts groups during the Spring and early Summer—if it elicits a positive response from a sufficient number of organisations, the idea is to hold a delegates' meeting in October to thrash out the details and decide whether or not to proceed.

Commenting on this ambitious initiative, a festival spokesman says "Undoubtedly, the next few years are going to be very difficult for everyone involved in promoting the arts. Whenever we open a newspaper we read of cuts in arts funding, rationalisation of resources and retrenchment. It seems to us that those best able to weather the storm will be those groups who co-operate on a self-help basis. By pooling our resources, many positive developments will be possible which, in time, will benefit all who enjoy the arts in the Wharfedale area".

Copies of the discussion paper are being sent to all identified arts-promoting organisations in Ilkley, Addingham, Menston and Burley but further copies are available to any other interested individuals or organisations on application to the Festival Office, Crescent Hotel Courtyard, Brook Street, Ilkley.



Ilkley Folk Day's parade pictured in The Groves.

Muffled Peal In Memory Of The Bishop Of Ripon

100 Years Ago

Ilkley Parish Church bell ringers rang a muffled peal in memory of the Bishop of Ripon who had died. The appeal consisted of 1260 changes of Bob Triples, the peal being composed by H. Hubbard and conducted by Mr. Joe Beanlands. The team consisted of Jas Wood (Treble), Fred Pell (treble), Ed. Snowdon, John Wood, J. Kendall, A. Critchley, Joe Beanlands (tenor) and W. Beanlands. The weight of the tenor was 18 cwt., and the peal lasted 52 minutes.

The fifth annual fancy dress ball was given at Craighlands with 100 characters being represented and dancing to Mr. W. Dean's quadrille band. The balcony was well filled with spectators who had all paid a small sum for the privilege. A splendid supper was served in the interval and the proceeds which amounted to about £7 were to be handed over to the Ilkley Hospital.

The eye and ear dispensary Great, George Street, Leeds, offered to fit artificial human eye, without pain at 20s. each and spectacles and eye preservers from 2s. 6d., to 21s. They also offered a new system for the treatment of diseases of the eye and ear without operation so that "The Blind see! The Deaf Hear! without personal interview, remedies being sent out by post to any part with full directions".

75 Years Ago

A membership of 185 was reported at the annual meeting of Ilkley Lawn Tennis club held at the Spa Hydro with Mr. W. B. Muff presiding. Mr. C. W. Atkinson (hon. sec.) reported a highly successful season in 1908. There had been an increase in membership of 20 and the pavilion had been enlarged and renovated during the summer at a cost of £120. The annual tournament had gone well, and on Bank Holiday Monday no less than 182 matches had been played.

St. Margaret's Church Ladies' Working party held a sale of work to assist the funds of the West Riding Charitable Society in St. Margaret's Hall. The hall was pleasantly decorated with a display of banners and flags as well as flowers and foliage. The sale was opened by Miss Gordon, daughter of the new church warden. Afternoon tea was provided and in the evening there was a cafe chantant. Miss Dawson provided pianoforte solos. Miss Denison recited and Mr. Telford Steinhal sang. Miss Dorothy Johnson and Mr. Telford Steinhal gave an entertaining duologue entitled "Only Amateurs".

Walmesley's, Leeds Road Ilkley, offered home made jam and marmalade at per lb; 51d for 2lbs 8d for Danish butter was 1/1 per lb, "reliable flour, 1/9 per stone, and fresh large eggs 14 for 1/-.

50 Years Ago

Dr. M. R. Dobson was a popular choice as chairman of Ilkley Council in 1934. He was elected at a critical time for local government and his fellow councillors expressed great satisfaction in having Dr. Dobson "at the helm" at a crucial time. The county council had put forward plans to amalgamate Ilkley and Otley and it was thought that as Otley was an old industrial town, and Ilkley differed so much in character as a fairly new inland spa and residential district amalgamation would produce nothing less than disaster and chaos.

The annual egg collection for West Riding Voluntary Hospitals was held in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding. The Ilkley collection amounted to 3,250 eggs and the Ben Rhydding collection was 3,480 including over 1,000 from Mr Ernest Waddilove of Wharfedale Lodge, Ilkley. These eggs were distributed to Ilkley Coronation Hospital

Home, Ilkley Hospital and Convalescent Home and Leeds General Infirmary.

Ilkley cricket club looked forward to the new season with a new captain, J. Denby who replaced H.W.S. Baldwin who had moved from the Ilkley district. They had promising new young players in J. Knight, V. Crowther and J. Brumfit. J. Brumfit was described as one of the most promising batsmen Ilkley had had for a long time.

25 Years Ago

Hundreds of boy Scouts and cub took part in the annual Wharfedale St. George's Day service at the Grove Congregational Church. The service was preceded by a parade which formed in the Brook Street car park led by the A.T.C. and R.A.F. Band from Yeadon. After the service Miss W. Barron performed her last duty as Assistant Commissioner for Cubs, prior to retirement by inspecting the cubs together with Col. F.W.B. Maufe.

Such was the demand for inoculations against poliomyelitis at the Ilkley Clinic that a reserve doctor had to be called in to deal with over 400 people who attended a Wednesday evening session.

Plans for the redevelopment of Wheatley Holmes in Leeds road for playing fields for pupils of Ilkley Grammar School at a cost of £7,305 were approved at the quarterly meeting of the school governing body. The plans included a pavilion on the site to be made partly of stone and a score box to be included in the roof area as well as a tea room large enough to accommodate 60 people.

Man In Court For Removing Moorland Herbage

100 Years Ago

An Ilkley man appeared before the magistrates at Otley police court charged with wilful damage to "certain real property situated at Ilkley, the property of Wm. Middleton Esq., and others by removing and carrying away herbage, soil and sod thereof". There was much discussion as to freeholders with rights on the moor and as the defendant proved that he had property purchased from the Sedberg School trustees the cast was finally dismissed.

The Congregational Sunday School Band of Hope held its annual flower and song festival in the Lecture Hall, Riddings Road before a large audience. The hall was filled with flowers many of the arrangements being described as "superb". The children sang spring songs and glees, interspersed with suitable dialogue.

Addingham cricket team was all out for 19 in a match against Keighley Albion who made a score of 124. Six Addingham players scored a single run each, two were out for ducks and the top scorer was W. Philip who scored 8 not out.

A small personal advertisement appealed to some kind soul to undertake to wash the choir surplices for St. Margaret's Church, quite a task before the days of electric washing machines, and drip dry cotton!

75 Years Ago

A tablet was unveiled in the vestibule of the public offices commemorating the opening of the Town Hall buildings by Mr. J. T. Jackson at the conclusion of the May council meeting. The tablet was in brass, enclosed in an oak frame with a glass face.

The children's Guild of Play for children from the age of three held their spring festival in the Wesleyan Assembly Hall. The programme consisted of action songs, singing games, and Morris dancing and other new items. Miss Hoskins who ran the guild was responsible for training the children and Mrs. Steinhal presided over the entertainment. Miss Margarita Webster sang solos, and Eva Wright and Stanley Larder recited. The accompanist was Miss Esme Mott.

Ilkley Rifle Club in Easyby Drive had a successful few opening weeks, with the range being used by club members, territorials, Baden Powell Scouts and Ilkley Grammar School boys.

50 Years Ago

Tenders were accepted by Ilkley Urban District Council for work on the proposed open air swimming baths. The project was expected to cost £5,535. It was hoped to start as soon as possible as there was a great demand for the bath amongst the residents of

Ilkley. Ilkley Urban District Council welcomed news of reductions in the charges for both gas and electricity.

Once more the sale of land in Middleton Woods was the reason for discussion by Ilkley Councillors. The sale of three plots of land in Lionel Crescent had aroused so much opposition that the Ilkley Preservation League had been formed and now the problem arose as to the sale of the two remaining plots. After a prolonged argument the proposal to go ahead and sell the land was carried. It was thought by some that if the two remaining plots were not sold they could easily be used as dumps or rubbish tips.

25 Years Ago

An increase in membership of 112 over the previous twelve months was reported at the annual meeting of the Wharfedale Local Association of Boy Scouts. The total membership was 654 and during the year 2,755 badges had been awarded.

Work was to start on a chapel of Rest at the Ilkley Coronation Hospital on a building previously used as a mortuary. Post mortem examinations were no longer held there and it was decided that the building should be changed into a place relatives could visit. There were two altar tables together with brasses and suitable drapings, and the Ladies Committee intended to hold a bring and buy sale to provide the furnishings.

The record for sunshine hours during April was the lowest for many years, being only 124 for the whole month, the rainfall, however, was the heaviest for nine years with 3.5 inches.

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ILKLEY SEEKS LINK WITH THIRD WORLD COMMUNITY

A meeting of local organisations at Ilkley on Monday night ended with the formation of a steering committee to investigate the possibility of Ilkley forming a twinning link with a similar sized community in the Third World.

Ilkley Parish Council Chairman Cr. Ernest Gardner said the original idea had been put forward by Ilkley GP Dr. David Moorhouse, and followed up by Cr. James Fletcher.

It was felt the parish council had the ability to encourage and support an initiative which might otherwise lapse, and Cr. Gardner said every organisation in Ilkley would be encouraged to make a contribution, so that the whole town was involved.

Cr. Fletcher had researched the matter, and spoke about an organisation called OWL (One World Link) which aimed to promote justice between the two separate worlds of the North and the South.

He pointed out that the average household and restaurant in Ilkley probably threw away more food than many families in other parts of the world had to live on, such was the difference between North and South.

Cr. Fletcher said OWL had a number of criteria for a link with the Third World. The community selected should ideally be of a similar size, speak the English language to some extent, have a low gross domestic product per head and preferably already have

some link—through businessmen or schools or organisations—with the community in England.

It was felt that Ilkley must have contact in various ways with many suitable communities in the Third World, and the steering committee was asked to carry out an investigation over the summer.

The general feeling was that any form of aid provided by Ilkley to a Third World community should be of the "seed money" kind—allowing that community to become more self-sufficient—rather than just a "charity hand-out".

It was also felt that any link must be a two-way affair—with the Third World community responding to Ilkley—more on the lines of a town twinning or partnership than as an "adoption" by Ilkley.

The committee elected to further investigate the possibilities consisted of Cr. James Fletcher (Chairman), Dr. David Moorhouse, Elizabeth Hughes (Soroptimist International), Joy Frazer (Business and Professional Women) and Joan Knott (Ilkley Good Neighbours Scheme). They will be seeking to co-opt others, such as representatives of Oxfam, Christian Aid and the church.