

July 1985
(1885)

100 Years Ago

An accident occurred at Addingham when a wagon owned by a Mr. Green, of Silsden, was passing through the village laden with timber. On nearing the bridge leading to Cockshott's fold the fore-horse made a sudden deviation, this brought the waggon into collision with a shed belonging to Mr. Joseph Rose, greengrocer and contained a large quantity of crockery. The impact was so great that both shed and a number of iron railings were hurled into the beck and the driver had a narrow escape.

Mrs. Holliday respectfully announced to residents and visitors that the Grove Fancy Repository was "Now Open". They stocked ladies' and children's ready made under-clothing, a splendid stock of Ladies' tea gowns, dressing gowns and Morning robes, bonnets and hats in great variety and also gentlemen's hosiery.

- 1. Accident in Addingham with Mr. Green's timber wagon
- 2. Opening of new shop in Grove.

August 1985
(1910)

75 Years Ago

Clear skies and brilliant sunshine enable visitors to Ilkley to enjoy the amenities of the town to the full "rejoiced the hearts of the lodging house-keepers immensely." The splendid band of the Royal Marines gave concerts in the Town Hall, which were only moderately patronised despite the fine playing. An ice hockey match was staged at the Skating Rink between a local team and men of the West Riding Divisional Engineers were were camping at Ben Rhydding.

The Rev. F. Sinker, Vicar of Ilkley, was stunned and much bruised whilst on holiday in Filey with his family, when out riding he was thrown from his horse. The animal stumbled in passing over a level railway crossing, rain having caused the sleepers to become greasy. Mr. Sinker was pitched over the animal's head

and those in the vicinity feared that he would either have broken his neck or his back.

- 1. Bank Holiday
- 2. Accident to the Vicar of Ilkley.

July 1985
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75 Years Ago

The Right Rev. Wm. Boyd Carpenter, Lord Bishop of Ripon, crowned the efforts for the completion of St. John's Church, Ben Rhydding, by dedicating the extended portion of the nave, and also the tower and internal furnishings. New oak pews had been fitted, a gift of Mr. Bernard V. Tennant. The total cost of the church was said to have amounted to about £10,000.

Attractions for expected visitors to the town to enjoy were to include the Harrogate Municipal Orchestra, dramatic performances at the Town Hall, Mrs. Albert Chevalier at St. Margaret's Hall, a Charity Carnival and the Open Tennis Tournament. The Military Band were to give daily performances and there were excellent variety turns booked for the Skating Rink. The hydros and lodging houses expected to be busy over August Bank Holiday weekend and with fine weather the forthcoming week was hoped to prove profitable for tradespeople in the town.

- 1. Dedication of part of St. John's Ch. B.R.
- 2. Attraction in Ilkley for Bank Holiday

Aug. 9. 1985
(1885)

100 Years Ago

In response to a request from the Ilkley Local Board, the North Eastern Railway Company arranged a circular tour from Ilkley through Harrogate, Knarborough, Paley Bridge, Masham, Northallerton, Saltburn, Whitby, Scarborough, York, Harrogate and back to Ilkley. The fare was a moderate one, and opportunity was afforded for visitors to the town to see some of the most beautiful scenery in England.

A new book on the history of Ilkley "Ilkley Ancient and Modern" by Dr. Robert Collyer, of New York, and J. Horsfall Turner was advertised in the Ilkley Gazette priced 10s. 6d.

A distinguished party staying at the Duke of Devonshire's shooting lodge at Bolton Abbey included Lord Edward Cavendish, Lord Victor Cavendish, Hon. A. Lytton, Col. Ellis and Admiral Agerton. They found the birds to be plentiful on Bolton Abbey Moor and in good condition. Lord and Lady Spencer joined the party later in the week.

- 1. Round trip for Railway users
- 2. Ilkley A.M. Book
- 3. Shooting party at B.A.

Aug. 1985
(1885)

100 Years Ago

Visitors to the town in wagonettes on Sundays had been mocking and mimicking the respectable parishioners as they left the services at Ilkley Parish Church, and it was hoped that the police would be more vigilant against this "ruffianism" and pick the miscreants up for "street brawling" which was punishable by law. It enforced the need for the closure of public houses on the Sabbath as advocated by many Ilkley townspeople.

Members of Addingham Cricket Club, returning from playing a cricket match at Steeton were run into by a large wagonette from Keighley, the driver of which was said to be drunk. Their trap which was standing at the side of the road suffered from broken springs and the side rail being blown off, and all the players were thrown out by the force of the concussion. Happily nothing of a more serious nature resulted.

- 1. Rowdies in wagonettes!
- 2. Accident to Addingham Cricket Club.

Aug 9. 1985
(1910)

75 Years Ago

Ilkley was at the height of the holiday season, with the emphasis being placed on entertainments to please the numerous visitors. Each week a complete and comprehensive list of visitors to the town were listed in the "Ilkley Gazette", under the heading of the hydro, hotel boarding house, or lodging house in which they were staying.

Holiday weather was reported in the "Ilkley Gazette" as being "not so good as might have been".

In addition to the military band season, at the West View bandstand and the Town Hall, visiting London companies provided first rate performances of plays such as "Charley's Aunt" and "The School for Scandal". The Montague Vagabonds offered a "Follies" type entertainment at the Town Hall, with the male members of the cast clad in medieval jester costumes. Their programme offered patter, burlesque, impersonations and musical numbers. The Skating Rink's varied programme included an acrobatic cycling eccentric, who performed feats on a bicycle to entertain the spectators.

Ilkley Bank Holiday enter-tainments.

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Aug. 9th 1985
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25 Years Ago

The mysterious deaths of two shoals of Grayling totalling nearly 70 found in a back stream of the River Wharfe at Bealands Island was being investigated by officers of the Yorkshire Ouse River Board and everything seemed to point to the fish being poisoned, confined to the backwater and confined to the backwater and apparently did not affect the whole river.

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a number of fish in
River.*

*Aug. 16. 1985
1960.*

25 Years Ago

An oak board bearing the arms of Bolton Priory, the names of priors and ministers in the period following the dissolution of the Priory and the Rectors since 1864 was dedicated by the Rector, Canon Hugh Hunter who had been compiling the records for a considerable time. Mr. W. Lemmon, of Addingham, had afforded him much help, as well as Cr. J. S. Purvis and Dr. Arthur Raistrick, of Grassington.

*Rectors board at
B.A. dedicated*

100 years ago

*Aug. 23. 1985
1885*

The annual full dress ball in connection with the Ben Rhydding Hydropathic Establishment was held for visitors and invited guests. The drawing room had been converted into a ballroom for the occasion, and a sumptuous supper was laid out in the dining room. Sets of dances continued until one o'clock in the morning, music supplied by Mr. Labross's band of five instrumentalists. The dancers were described as a "large and fashionable assembly".

*Annual full dress
Ball at B. R. Hydro*

Aug 16th 1985
(1885)

100 Years Ago

Ikley Local Board at their August meeting decided upon the purchase of two horses, with harnesses and a cart as there was need of them for use in the town. Mr. Hainsworth and Mr. Horsman were appointed to make the purchase at a cost of around £30 per horse.

Mr. Pate was appointed to the post of Hackney Carriage Inspector until March, 1886, at a salary of £10 for his services. The amount was not to be a precedent for the salary upon the expiration of that term as the work would be heavier during the first six months.

Almost one hundred patients from Ikley Hospital were conveyed in wagonettes to Bolton Bridge and there "regaled with a substantial tea" through the generosity of Miss Estridge of Riddings Road.

- 1. 2 horses to be bought
by Council*
- 2. Mr. Pate appointed
Hack: Car: Inspector*
- 3. Ikley Hosp. patients
outing*

1910.

75 Years Ago

The weather during the last week of August, 1910 was reported as being very bad indeed. Rain had fallen in torrents, and there had been very little sun, shine. The effect on visitors and holidaymakers was said to be abysmal, and many were seen heading early for home.

At the Crescent Hotel, Mr. J. W. Dacre offered for sale the valuable freehold property known as Bridge House, Ikley, with the pleasure grounds, pavilion and other buildings. The property covered an acre and 25 perches of land, and there was an extensive frontage to Bridge Lane on the south of 250ft. and a river frontage of 345ft. to the north. The property was suitable for indoor catering on an extensive scale and would accommodate 1,000 people. The pavilion was 60ft. x 30ft. with stage and dressing rooms, and there was an aviary and monkey-house adjoining 60ft. x 30ft. The sale was well attended but the highest bid reached was £900 and the property was withdrawn.

*August 1885
Bridge House up for
SALE.*

Aug. 16th 1985
1935

50 Years Ago

Two Ikley men visiting Abersoch, North Wales were instrumental in rescuing an Abersoch doctor and his cousin who were thrown into the water when their sailing dinghy capsized in Abersoch Bay. They were Mr. H. Stansfield Haigh, of Queen's Drive, Ikley, and Mr. R. E. Leach, Fellstowe, Clifton Road, Ikley, who were sailing a yacht and went to their assistance. They picked up the two Welshmen and towed their dinghy to safety despite a difficult sea running at the time.

The Queen, who was staying with her daughter the Princess Royal at Harewood House, motored through Wharfedale on her way to stay with the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Bolton Abbey. All along the route she was given a rousing reception, with flags flying and people cheering. A large crowd waited at Ikley and nearly every child waved a miniature Union Jack. Queen Mary acknowledged the cheering crowd with a gracious wave of her hand.

- 1. Rescue in Wales by
Ernie Leach & S. Haigh*
- 3 Queen Mary in
York.*

50 Years Ago

A pedlar, well known in the Wharfedale district, would long remember the Queen's visit to Yorkshire. He was trudging along the road near Addingham when a luxurious car pulled up and a cultured voice asked the nature of his wares. He showed them a display of pins, bootlaces, cotton, shaving soap and stockings. The dignified lady in blue enquired the price of lisle stockings, was told 1s. 6d., borrowed half a crown from her companion and told him to "keep the change". On reaching Addingham he discovered his customer's identity to be Queen Mary herself.

A visitor to Ikley enquired her way to the Zoo. On being told there was no Zoo in the town, she replied "Oh, Yes, there must be. I have heard all about the Monkey Rack."

*Queen Mary & the Pedlar
The Monkey Rack!!?*

Aug. 30th 1985

Grand Bazaar at
St. Margaret's

**100 Years Ago
1885**

A grand fancy bazaar to defray the debt on St. Margaret's Church building fund was opened before a large and fashionable audience by the Marquis of Hartington, who was staying with the shooting party at Bolton Abbey. Many people visited the fair specially to catch a glimpse of this famous statesman in the beautifully decorated hall of Ilkley College. Takings for the first day amounted to over £683.

West View House at an auction sale at the Crescent Hotel, was purchased by Mr. Wm. Hirst, of Parish Ghyll Road. At the same sale the large property known as St. John, Ilkley, was withdrawn at £3,000 after the auctioneer had asked for a starting price of £10,000.

The opening of the partridge season on 1 September was very favourable for sport in contrast to the grouse season starting on 12 August. Sportsmen were out early and the fine birds fetched 4s. 6d. per brace on Leeds market.

**75 Years Ago
1910**

During August 1910 bookings at Ilkley Railway Station were a record. Although these were not to Ilkley but from Ilkley, most must have been of visitors returning home after a few hours' visit or a longer stay, so that the indication was that Ilkley had had a record August for visitors despite the unfortunate weather.

The Briery, a secluded house at the junction of Grove Road and Victoria Avenue was the scene of a daring jewel robbery, estimated to be valued at well over £1,000 the property of Mrs. Guy Senior and Mrs. Frank Senior. The family left for a motor run to Barnsley leaving two maid servants and a gardener on the premises who saw nothing suspicious, but the bedrooms had been entered and all the jewellery had been taken. It was the first robbery for some time in the town, and had taken place in full daylight.

Women suffragettes held an open air meeting at the West

View Park bandstand which was well attended and was addressed by Miss Mary Phillips of Ilkley, organiser for the Bradford District.

**50 Years Ago
1935**

September, 1935 was blessed with really lovely weather, the early morning mists disappearing quickly up the hillsides and giving way to bright warm sunshine. The skies were described as "dazzling Italian blue." There were however, severe water restrictions and consumers were warned that they must continue for some time as the reservoir levels were very low.

The Rev. W. Mulholland concluded his 21 years as Vicar of Ben Rhydding by preaching a sermon on "Growing in Grace". He was to take up duties at White Ladies where he was exchanging duties with the Rev. A. P. Turnbull who was to be inducted into the living of Ben Rhydding.

Ilkley was to have its usual illuminations in streets and gardens during the last two weeks of September. Special displays had been provided for Mill Ghyll, the War Memorial and Spence's Gardens.

**25 Years Ago
1960**

About 70 Guides from Menston, Burley and Otley at a party at Robin Hole, Burley Woodhead welcomed back their one time County Commissioner Miss Shepherd, one of the founders of the Burley Company after the First World War. Miss Shepherd judged the entries for an international log book competition and presented the prize to the winning Poppy Patrol from Otley. The party finished with a camp fire in true Guide tradition.

The Jubilee Year Veteran's re-union trial of the Ilkley and District Motor Club in their Jubilee Year was won by Geoff Milnes, of Ilkley, on the oldest machine in the trial—a 48-year-old Scott. The oldest competitor was 83-year-old Mr. J. Stuart White, of Halton, and Mr. Wm. Bradley riding his 1926 year old Bradley special had his grand-daughter as his side-car passenger.

West View House
Sold.

Opening of
Partridge Shooting
Season

Record Bookings
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Railway

Robbery at the
Briery

Suffragettes in
Ilkley.

Lovely September

Retirement of the
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July 30th 1985

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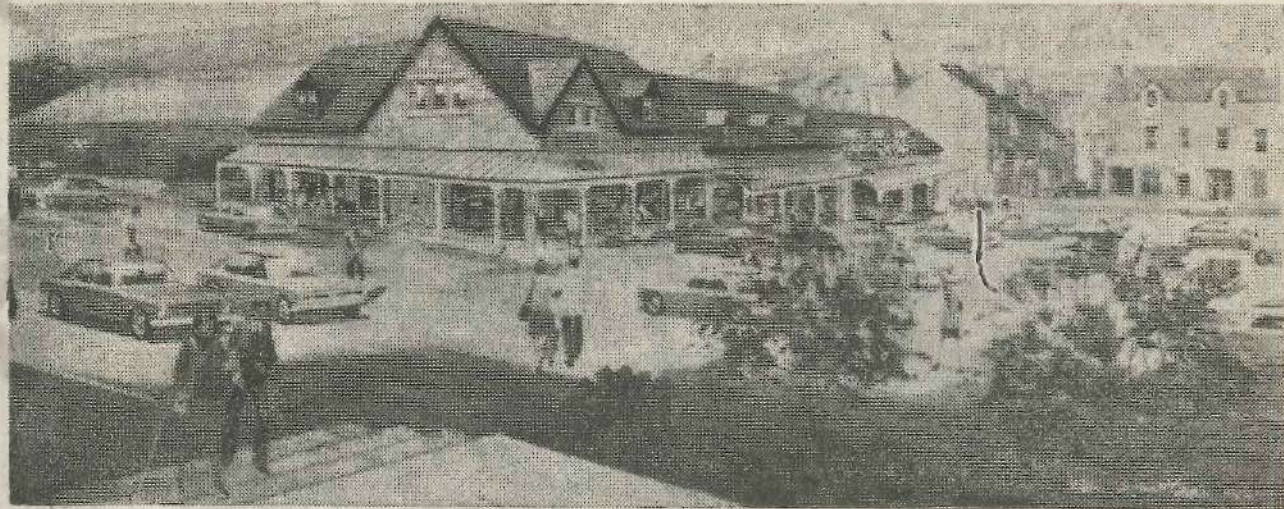
One of the biggest town centre re-development schemes in Ilkley this century is now well under way, with the start of work on the Dalesway House shopping scheme in the central car park on Wednesday.

The new development is on the site formerly occupied by Lawsons Plumber's premises, Roy Cunliffe's motor cycle garage and by Hawksworth House.

It will consist of four shops with either offices or storage above, and has been designed as a two-storey link between the existing shops on Grove Promenade and the recently renovated Victorian Arcade at South Hawksworth Street.

The scheme was designed by Martin Joyce and Associates, of Shipley, on behalf of North Yorkshire Securities, a family trust based at Leeds, and will improve what for some time has been one of the more unprepossessing areas in the centre of the town.

Because the new development was to take place within the Ilkley Conservation Area, Bradford Metropolitan Council invited comments from interested parties before giving planning approval in June.



Work on the site of the Dalesway development got under way on Wednesday.

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A spokesman for Dacre, Son and Hartley, of Ilkley, acting as agents, said the shops were available for any retail use, and applications for them were being considered.

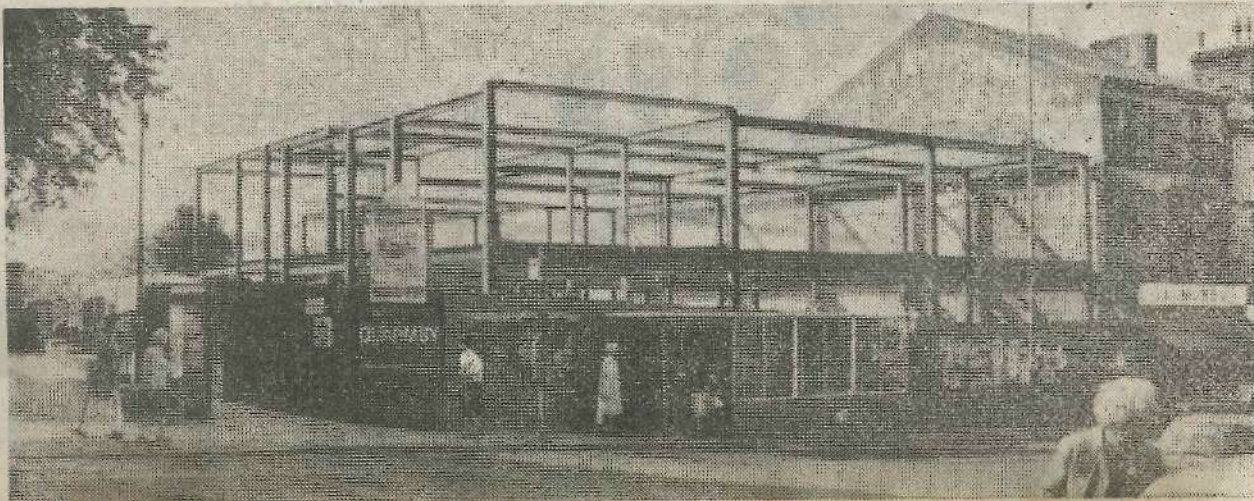
The adjacent site of the former West Yorkshire bus garage in Cunliffe Road is also earmarked for development, having closed as a bus garage last year.

Meanwhile, work is progressing on a development of four shops with offices above in Brook Street, a project which is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The scheme, by local developers Quarmby Construction Company Ltd., of Langbar, took some time to get off the ground with extensive survey work and trial drillings being necessary on the site which used to support one end of the railway bridge across Brook Street.

Now, however, the foundations have been constructed and the steel framework is taking shape.

The completed development will have a pedestrian linkway through to the Grove Promenade and the car park, and the property will have an attractive Dales style, with arched shop fronts on to Brook Street and at the rear onto the car park.



The development of four shops with offices above fronting on to Brook Street begins to take shape with the erection of the girderwork.

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Sept. 6th 1985

Addingham's New Community Constable



Addingham's new Community Constable, PC Walter Coupe, is finding it takes some time to settle down to the slower pace of village life after moving from Keighley, but he is enjoying every minute of it.

He has found the people and the job a total contrast to his work at Keighley since joining the Police in 1979, but is already looking forward to spending the rest of his service in the village.

PC Coupe (31) was born at Brierfield, in Lancashire, and joined the Army at the age of 17, seeing service in Northern Ireland. A keen oil painter and walker, he is married with two children, Kim (13) who is starting the new term at Ilkley Grammar School, and James (4), who will be a pupil at Addingham First School.

His wife, Terry, also a Lancastrian, has connections with

the village going back for many years. Her grandfather, James Lister, and two of his brothers, have their names on the Addingham Cenotaph, and James Lister's father was jailed at Addingham for poaching at the turn of the century.

PC Coupe is pictured being welcomed by Mr. Ken Pickles, who was himself a Police Constable at Addingham for many years.

Sept. 6th

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On Sunday afternoon eight bellringers Parish Church, peal of 5,040 Bob Triples in ten minutes.

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Sept. 6th. 1985

ACHIEVEMENT FOR LOCAL BELLRINGERS

On Sunday afternoon a team of eight bellringers from All Saints Parish Church, Ilkley, rang a peal of 5,040 changes of plain Bob Triples in three hours and ten minutes.

The team were Sue Green, treble; Nicholas Waddington, (2); Margaret Miller, (3); Elizabeth Lewis, (4); Simon Waddington (5); Geoffrey Featherstone, (6); Roger Green, (7) Conductor; Roger Waddington, tenor.

This is the first peal rung by the local team of ringers since 1784 and is an achievement in several respects.

Geoffrey Featherstone has been ringing the bells of Ilkley Parish church for 57 years and Margaret Miller started to learn the skill of church bellringing after she retired from her nursing career in Ilkley. For Elizabeth Lewis, Margaret Miller, Nicholas Waddington and Simon Waddington it was their first peal.

The weight of the bells range from 4 cwt. on the treble to 18 cwt. on the tenor.

Sept 6th. 1985
1935

50 Years Ago

Stormy weather set the scene for Feast Week at Ilkley in 1935. The most attractive feature of the Feast was said to be the illuminations. An illuminated peacock stood proudly in Cankerwell gardens, the war memorial and main buildings were floodlit and coloured lights hung in all the trees in the town. Children had pleasure from the attractively

lit stream in Spence's gardens where a frog in many colours was sporting in the waters.

A gale which swept the country allowed Ilkley to escape comparatively lightly although a large marquee at the bathing pool was blown flat, and the River Wharfe was running bank high for some days.

The Black and White Hat cricket match was won by the ladies, captained by Miss Muriel Hodgson who scored 87. She was their top scorer with 23, Miss N. Moiseley scoring 14 and Miss L. Bradshaw 12. Mr. C. Cooper was the men's captain and he was joint top scorer with G. Dimsdale for the men with 10 each.

Stormy weather.

B/W Cricket

Sept 6th. 1985
1985

100 Years Ago

The annual fair was held in 1885 behind the Wheat Sheaf Hotel. There was a good show of sheep with best half bred ewes fetching 40s. to 45s. and lambs 30s. to 35s. There were no cattle and an outbreak of swine fever prevented any pigs from being taken to the fair.

The fourth annual festival of the Ilkley Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society took the form of a special service at St. Margaret's Church conducted by the Rev. E. Jones, Vicar of Denton and a tea in the National Schools. An entertainment followed provided by Mrs. Bates, of Addingham, with Miss Cheape, Miss A. Sweetland, the Misses Stanfeld, Miss Thompson and Miss Whitaker. A beautifully illuminated text was presented to each girl as she left "by the kind liberality of Miss Estridge."

Dancing went on until 4 a.m. when the York City Spring Band played all the "latest" music for dancing at a ball at the Assembly Rooms arranged by Mr. Johnson. A large company assembled to enjoy the dancing.

1. Annual Sheepfair
2. G.F.S. festival
3. Dance at Assembly Rooms.

Sept 6. 1985
1910

75 Years Ago

An interesting lecture was scheduled to take place at Ilkley Town Hall when Mr. Alfred Tennyson Dickens, surviving son of the great novelist Chas. Dickens was to talk about his father's life and works.

The Tradesman's Carnival cricket match, the Black Hats v. White Hats was played according to tradition on Feast Wednesday. The two captains were Mr. E. S. Earnshaw and Mr. S. Moss. The maximum number of runs allowed—20—was scored by W. Bell, F. Moiseley and A. Silverwood. The Black Hat team won the match and the umpires were Messrs. W. Lister and A. Powell. Ilkley Brass Band played throughout the proceedings. For the first time in living memory there were no fair ground attractions behind the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, but a new site had been provided on the Brook Street Nurseries Land.

The annual sheep fair was held behind the Town Hall on Feast Wednesday. There was an excellent show but only a "dragging trade" at the following rates.—half bred ewes 30s. to 42s., half bred lambs 15s. to 24s., shearlings 35s. to 45s. and twice crossed lambs 20s. to 25s. A pen of half bred Scotch Shearlings were shown by Mr. E. Wall, of Low Hall Farm, Ilkley.

1. lecture by Chas Dickens Son
- 2 B/W. Cricket

Sept 13th. 1985 (1885)

100 Years Ago

The new Ilkley to Skipton railway was making good progress and it was hoped that if the rapid work was continued it would not take the scheduled two and a half years. The buttresses of the bridge which was to span Brook Street had been completed and the new Railway Road was in the course of formation at its junction with Brook Street. Already locomotives were at work along the line conveying earth from the cuttings to the tips. The bridge over the highway at Hollins Hall had been completed and the new carriage-way and bridge in Neatherwood Park were to be opened to traffic. At Addingham houses were being pulled down and preparations made for the bridge which was to span Main Street.

Ilkley - Skipton Railway.

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Sept 13th 1985
75 years ago. 1910

Winding up the wedding festivities of the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Maufe, of Warbeck, Ilkley, the whole of the employees of Messrs. Brown Muff and Co. Ltd., of Bradford, were entertained at their home. The party numbered about 250 people and they enjoyed a splendid tea which was provided in a large marquee on the lawn. Music for dancing was provided by Messrs. F. and E. Gibson on the violin and harp. There was also gramophone music, cricket, bowls and tennis and smokers were "well provided with cigars and cigarettes".

Mrs. Pethwick Lawrence, a prominent leader in the Suffrage organisation, twice imprisoned was to speak to the women of Ilkley on emancipation for women.

- 1. Wedding festivities of F. B. Maufe's daughter
- 2. Suffragette at Ilkley

Sept 20/85
1900

75 Years Ago

A journalist on the Ilkley Gazette in 1910, Mr. J. W. Walker, was crossing the top of Brook Street when he was accidentally knocked down by a car turning the corner from The Grove. The car passed over his right thigh and shoulder, but fortunately the vehicle was a light one or the consequences would have been serious. He suffered severe bruising but was reported as being confined to bed for some while to recover from the severe shaking.

It was announced that the public counter at the General Post Office would be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and after 8 p.m. stamps could be obtained from Messrs. Wm. Dobson, of Brook Street. A fourth daily delivery of post was to be added to the postal service in the town.

A lecture by Mr. Alfred Tennyson Dickens, son of the late Charles Dickens, in Ilkley Town Hall was well attended. Mr. Dickens gave an absorbing account of his father's life and works and gave several readings as well as illustrations. Mr. Dickens was staying with Mr. F. H. Humphris and had particularly enjoyed a visit to historic Bolton Abbey which he described as being one of the most charming and historic places in the North of England. The audience expressed the wish that Mr. Dickens would return to Ilkley at a later time to give the new lecture he had prepared to his enthusiastic admirers.

Post office hours

Lecture by son of late Char Dickens

Sept. 13th. 1985
(1935)

50 Years Ago

Efforts were being made to free the bridge over the River Wharfe at Ben Rhydding from tolls. The bridge had been leased by Ilkley Council from the Denton Park estate and the Council was responsible for the collection of tolls. The bridge had been built in

1882 by Mr. D'Arcy Wyvill, of Denton Hall, as at that time there was no crossing between Ilkley and Otley other than the stepping stones at Ben Rhydding and Burley. The original proposal had been to build a stone bridge directly opposite Wheatley Lane and Mr. Wyvill had offered to contribute to the cost but the Local Board of the time declined it.

Abolition of tolls at B.R. river bridge.

50 years ago 20.10/85
(1935)

The first dance of the newly formed Corner Stone Dance Club was held at the Corner Stone Roadhouse near Addingham, and proved to be a most enjoyable gathering.

Newly formed dance Club at Corner Stone Addingham

Sept 27th. 1985
25 years ago (1960)

A satisfactory year was reported by the secretary of the Olicana Museum Society, Mr. A. David Glover at their annual meeting in the Town Hall. On the occasion of the society's tenth birthday year, Mr. W. Brian Dale had been made an Honorary Life Member. Mr. Dale was a past vice-president and had been a founder member of the Society.

Olicana Museum Society

Sept 20th 1985
1885

100 Years Ago

Several new gas lamps were sent to Ilkley on approval with an idea of improving street lighting. Some were 40 candle power and others 30 candle power and burned 14 feet and 9 feet of gas respectively. The difference between these and the ordinary lamps in use was strikingly obvious.

New gas lamps in Ilkley

Oct. 11th. 1985

NO WATER AT THE WELL

Bradford Council was accused of "not really trying" when it informed Ilkley Parish Council there was no possibility of restoring a supply of chalybeate water to the Canker Well on The Grove.

The well had a constant supply of water for many years until it suddenly stopped after recent development nearby.

Cr. Mrs. Molly Renton was sure that someone at Bradford Council was not really interested in solving the problem. "I am sure they could find the supply and reconnect it if they tried," she said.

"We should pursue this matter and make certain they do reconnect it. I am sure someone at Bradford does not want to find it. They have suggested in the past connecting the tap to the normal water supply, because no-one would know the difference." Cr. Mrs. Renton went on.

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100 Years Ago

Workers at Townhead Mill, Addingham, were treated to a day trip to Morecambe to celebrate the marriage of Miss Hartley, of Highfield, daughter of Mr. J. T. Hartley, one of the owners of the mill. They numbered about 150 and were conveyed to Steeton station by wagonettes to travel by train. A large number visited Lancaster whilst others went for water excursions from Morecambe.

Two Ilkley men were fined £1 each and costs, when charged with the illegal possession of ferrets on the Denton Estate, an infringement of the Poaching Prevention Act.

At a meeting of Ilkley Local Board, Dr. Little complained strongly that although Ilkley had been given fine new gas lamps for improved street lighting, the village of Wheatley had been entirely left out and had received no attention at all to its lighting problems. He tried to move an amendment to provide one of the new lamps for the village centre to light the way from the station but the decision was deferred and referred to a special meeting of the Board.

A date touch of 1885 changes were rung on the bells of Ilkley Parish Church in one hour and fourteen minutes conducted by Mr. Joe Beanlands. The ringers were:- Cooke, Critchley, Pell, Dean, Kendall, Pell, Joe Beanlands, and W. Beanlands.

1. Monkeys from Addingham Mill on day trip to Morecambe
2. No gas lamp at Ben Rhydding
3. 1885 changes rung at Parish Church.

Sept 27th 1985
45 years ago
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Chapman Limited, emigration agent of Ilkley, offered free passages to Queensland, Australia for farm workers and domestics and he offered guaranteed work to domestics willing to travel to Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Collyer, of New York, once a blacksmith in Ilkley, who spent the early years of his life in the Washburn Valley and was baptised at Fewston Parish Church in 1824 presented the Vicar of Fewston with a handsome new Bible for use at his services.

Wheatley Old Hall, Ben Rhydding, was taken by a well known firm of contractors

and decorators and estate agents for use as a showroom for their branch in Ben Rhydding. Local tradition said that Cromwell had once slept in one of the upper rooms on his march through the north, possibly on the night before the battle of Marston Moor.

1. Free passages offered to farm & domestics to Canada
2. Wheatley Old Hall taken over as showroom
- 2 Bible presented by Rob. Collyer to Fewston Church.

Sept 27th. 1985
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75 Years Ago

A colony of gypsies consisting of three caravans with 22 inhabitants arrived in Ilkley and were described by Inspector Foulkes of the local police as living like barbarians. They were all very dirty and quite illiterate. He followed them to Guiseley and arrested the three men for not sending the children to school. The Chairman of Otley Magistrates Police Court pointed out they were liable to a fine of 20s., and could have had their children taken away but he fined them 2s. 6d. as a warning in respect of each child.

Mr. Henry Maugham, retired headpostman at Ilkley, was to receive the Imperial Service Medal, instituted by King Edward for long-meritorious work in the Civil Service. He had served Ilkley postal service for thirty-five years.

Cinematography pictures were provided at the Town Hall by Mr. Henry Hibbert's apparatus from Bradford. There was a children's matinee in the afternoon and an adult show in the evening. At both there was an excellent attend-

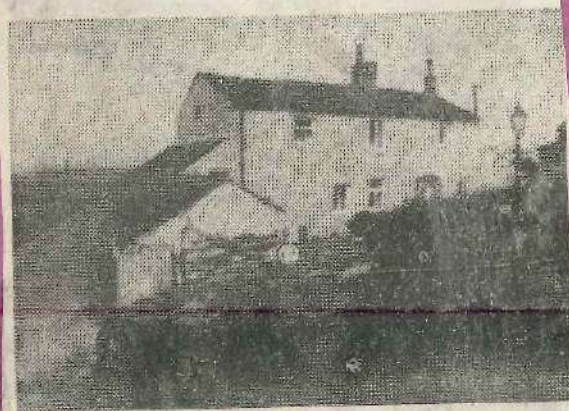
ance. The pictures included scenes in Portugal and Holland, a visit to Bombay, Pineapple Industry, Buddhist Customs, Wester Hill Romance, Robinson Crusoe, a Window to Let, and Off For the Holidays.

A horse and waggon met a motor bus at Silsden, and the horse became greatly alarmed and mounted the bridge over the Aire with a drop of forty feet below. Luckily the terrified animal backed off the wall.

1. Gypsies at Ilkley
2. Postmaster's medal
3. Cinema at Ilkley
4. Horse mounts bridge at Silsden.

Oct 11. 1985

LOWER HANG GOOSE FARM, ADDINGHAM MOORSIDE



This attractive old stone built DETACHED COTTAGE AND SMALL-HOLDING OF 4 1/2 ACRES provides a very rare opportunity in mid-Wharfedale to acquire a country cottage of character with paddock suitable for ponies/horses and other agricultural use. Originally an old drovers inn, the cottage enjoys a splendid rural

Old drovers' Inn.

ADDINGHAM'S IMPORTANT PART IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

At its first public meeting of the winter season, Ilkley Civic Society heard Mrs. Kate Mason describe the important part Addingham played in the textile industry since the Middle Ages — when the farmer was often a weaver as well.

Local wool was not good enough, so supplies had to be bought in from neighbouring counties, distributed among the spinners and thence to the weavers (one handloom weaver needing the output of ten spinners), she said. The weavers took their cloth to the market or to a Piece Hall. The imposingly fronted butcher's shop in Addingham Main Street was considered by some to have been built as a Piece Hall. In time, wool staplers were co-ordinating all the processes.

In the mid eighteenth century the industry was revolutionized by the inventions of Hargreaves's hand-operated spinning jenny, eventually spinning up to a hundred threads on one machine, and Arkwright's water-powered spinning frame, a device producing a smoother yarn.

The slides illustrating the talk showed traces of the domestic industry still to be found, particularly buildings of three storeys, the upper part having the large north light windows needed for weaving. The lower floors were residential. In one case the upper floor of a whole terrace was found to be linked by doors.

John Cunliffe, from Ilkley, formerly a maltster and grazier, later a wollstapler, and his partner, John Cockshott, bought land now occupied by Low Mill village and built a cotton spinning mill, but used it for producing worsted which created a sensation when taken to Bradford Piece Hall, said Mrs Mason.

High Mill began as a corn mill owned by the Lord of the Manor, and was extended as a textile mill by Richard Smith, who let it out to James Hargreaves, a Quaker, who improved the spinning before moving on to Linton Mill, after which a succession of mill owners went bankrupt.

After water power came steam. The owner of Town Head Mill bought a Boulton and Watt steam engine, which had to be brought from Birmingham by waterways as far as Silsden, and thence by wagon and horses.

After John Cunliffe's death in 1813 Low Mill was let to a

Mr. Pullen for worsteds, but in 1824, under Jeremy Horsfall, reverted to cotton. In 1826 new labour-saving machinery was being brought in and weavers destroyed it en route and went on to attack the mill, which by then had been prepared to withstand a siege; the Riot Act had to be read and the Dragoons brought from Leeds.

Eventually, the looms were installed, around 1830, driven by steam, with gas lighting from the mill's own plant in a gas house still to be seen. The mill's own school building was still there also, at the end of a row of cottages. The mill took its time from a clock made by John Prior of Nessfield, which now graced the Managing Director's office at Lister's, she went on.

Jeremy Horsfall went bankrupt in 1840 and was followed by a Mr. Threlfall, who got a bad name in the village by making his millgirls work continuously for 45 hours, ending on Christmas Day itself, to complete an urgent order for China; for this he was prosecuted and fined.

John Cunliffe's grandson married into the Lister family and later became Lord Masham. Silk was spun by Lister's at both High and Low Mills. A new mill built in 1926 was never fully used, due to the slump. Another new mill for velvet built for an Anglo-German combine, Lister-Pelzer, in 1932 operated until 1939 when the German workers were interned. The velvet machinery was subsequently transferred to Bradford, and the mill closed in 1967 and was demolished in 1972, thus ending the story of textiles in Addingham.

The next lecture, later this month will see David Whitney present 'Americans do it differently', a lavishly illustrated talk on city planning in the USA. This will be preceded by a Coffee Morning, when entries for the Civic Society's Photo Competition will be on display and the awards will be presented.

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FRIENDS OF ILKLEY Oct. 18. 1985
MANOR HOUSE

"KRUGER'S COFFINS AND THE GREAT HUMMING BEETLE"

The Friends of the Manor House enjoyed a talk by Mr. Ian Dewhirst, head of the Reference Library at Keighley and in charge of the Archives.

The talk was entitled "Kruger's coffins and the Great Humming Beetle on Some Byways of Local History."

He began by explaining the title, which was really a sprat to catch a mackerel, as his subject was essentially ephemera, trifles from the past such as laundry bills, bus tickets, theatre programmes and other small things which might be thought unimportant.

The Penny Sheets which hawkers peddled from house to house were an example. They were household hints, and consisted of a set of eight which were sold at a penny each or eight for sixpence. One sheet called "Mother's Friend" contained such gems as "enlargement of the liver could be dangerous, but could be cured by eating stewed prunes for a fortnight," and "for the cure of bronchitis apply a washleather to the chest," and "the grubs which were sometimes found in nuts developed into the Great Humming Beetle so watch your nuts."

The Mother's Friend leaflet contained so many hints about getting rid of pests and vermin by putting noxious substances on the floor in trays and saucers, that members got the impression that there would be a continual danger of falling over obstacles in the Victorian household.

Old postcards could greatly enlarge a person on knowledge of the past, and Mr. Dewhirst produced one which, although it showed a picture of Keighley, had been posted in France. "Typical of a Yorkshire lad's carefulness to take a card with him," said Mr. Dewhirst.

There was no doubt the young man in question had gone to France to join the Foreign Legion, for in the nineteen twenties unemployment was high and one trade young man had at his fingertips after going through the Great War was soldiering.

Mr. Dewhirst's grandfather kept a newsagent's shop from 1899, and when he died the attic of the shop was found to be a treasure trove full of items such as lantern slides and old accounts. Mr Dewhirst read out a list of about thirty items which could be bought for a penny, including combs, plant pot covers, pencils and whistles.

Straw hat polish had been a ready sale, and spectacles could be bought for sixpence a pair. "You just went through a pile of spectacles until you found a pair which suited you," said Mr. Dewhirst.

International events were recorded in small shop's accounts, as for example Kruger's coffins, which were sold for three pence/half penny during the Boer war. Kruger was President of South Africa, and the game children played was to hold a funeral service and bury Kruger in his coffin. This was a kind of black magic. Children in those days were used to funerals, as child mortality was high, said Mr. Dewhirst.

During the seige of Mafeking only two people believed the town would be relieved, Baden Powell and Mr. Dewhirst enior.

When their faith was justified Mr. Dewhirst made a "Killing" as he bought all the Union Jacks he could get hold of and sold them at a profit for the resultant celebrations.

Dialect broadsheets were another source of history, such as one called "History of Haworth Railway," which told the tale of the man who prac-

lised to be a porter by opening and shutting the oven door and calling out the names of the stations.

Mr. Dewhirst said the people of Haworth were supposed to be simple, and the Broadsheet said that as the railway was single tracked they refused to ride on it as they believed they would have to walk back.

Mr. Dewhirst's talk contained many other stories, but soon came to an end, and with it an evening which was "Better T'pictures" (or T'Telly).

Gazette. Nov. 15th. 1985
ADDINGHAM.

SHOPKEEPERS' PLEA FOR CAR PARK

Addingham shopkeepers are to ask the West Yorkshire County Council and Bradford Metropolitan District Council to urgently provide much needed public car parking in the centre of the village.

To mobilise support for the scheme the retailers are to form a Chamber of Trade and to have petition forms in their shops for signatures by customers.

Until recently the only central parking in the village was on waste ground at the bottom of St. Paul's Rise. This area has now been improved under an "Operation Eyesore" scheme which means there are no parking facilities near the local shops and post office.

Addingham does have many elderly residents who because of the lack of parking facilities can not visit the centre of the village and have to go to Ilkley or Silsden to the

library, post office, and shops. This also applies to the large farming community surrounding Addingham.

Vehicles are being parked in St. Paul's Rise and this is causing considerable congestion as well as a road danger to the nearby Old Persons Homes, Storiths Court and Southfield house, say the traders.

It is hoped to present the petition to the Council at the next Parish meeting for discussion and support.

There is to be an inaugural meeting of the Chamber of Trade at the Swan Hotel, Addingham, on 12 November to which all Addingham business people are invited.

Betty Lockwood
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Opening of B. Watercolour Society's Exhibition

Oct 18th. 75 years ago
1910.

Oct. 18. 1985

50 years ago 1935

100 Years Ago
A two day excursion from Ikley to London was run by the Midland Railway Company a hundred years ago. This was the very first excursion run from Ikley to London and "a large number of people availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the Metropolis."

A considerable gathering attended a double wedding between two well-known local families at Ikley Parish Church. The sister and brother from one family were married to sister and brother of the other family. The two bridegrooms were Mr. Walter Robinson, of Leeds Road, Ikley, and Harold Kaberry of Oakburn Road, Ikley. The brides were Miss Alice Kaberry and Miss Emily Robinson. The brides both wore cream silk dresses with cream satin hats. The reception was held at the Regal Cafe and the bridal parties were conveyed to and from church in decorated motor cars. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinson left Ikley to Honeymoon in Southport whilst Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kaberry proceeded to Blackpool.
The "Ikley Gazette" announced that the Bridge Pavilion and Pleasure Gardens had been taken over by a private company who intended to run the place for "cinematograph and variety performances of a high-class character". An electric plant was to be installed for lighting the Pavilion and grounds and the buildings were to be thoroughly overhauled, restored and renovated by the new owners.

Magistrates at Otley Police Court had refused to allow a woman witness to give evidence in court until she had purchased a hat. However, two days later another female witness told the bench she never wore a hat and was allowed to give her evidence.
An October gale lost Ikley people many hours of sleep by rattling the windows and with the wind howling. The gale continued throughout Saturday and men and women were swept into each others arms, their hats swept off and dignity was literally thrown to the winds.

- 1. Now hat retailer in Court.
- 2. Gales.

- 1. Double Wedding
- 2. Bridge Pavilion

BRITISH
SOCIAL
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An exhibition of the Society, on show in November, was at Addingham.

She praised the new society, but the Royal Watercolour Club in London, who had invited for the major artists on show from all over England.

Rowlands Hilder, who celebrated his eightieth birthday in June, leads the view of the Kentish coast.

He is ably supported by his wife, Edith, showing her own paintings. Their son, Fleming, who changed his name to his mother's name to avoid competition with his father's work, has some seascapes including "Beach Near Deal." This can be seen on many of the number of working freelance publishers, Royles.

It is not very often a chance to see the works of E. R. Sturges, though his signed lithographs are abundant in the art shops and galleries. But Sturgeon, who is the most enthusiastic of the British Watercolour Society, is determined to succeed. His large painting "Going to Market," showing a young girl carrying a basket on her head on her way to the market.

The most topical of the paintings on show by Crawshaw, of Devon, is an interpretation of Whitby, entitled "Red Whiffy."

One of the most striking and outstanding of the now known artists is Aston, whose marine and landscape paintings are so characteristic. He is showing six paintings which have been admired, and include

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1985

BRITISH WATERCOLOUR SOCIETY EXHIBITION AT ILKLEY GALLERY

An exhibition by the British Watercolour Society, on show at the Castle Gallery Ilkley, until 10 November, was opened by Baroness Lockwood, of Addingham.

She praised the gallery and the new society, based on the Royal Watercolour Society Art Club in London, which accounted for the majority of the artists on show from the South of England.

Rowlands Hilder, who celebrated his eightieth birthday in June, leads the field, with a view of the Kentish fields.

He is ably supported by his wife, Edith, showing some flower paintings. Their son, Anthony Flaming, who changed his name to his mother's maiden name to avoid comparison with his father's work, is showing some seascapes including, "The Beach Near Deal." His work can be seen on many calendars as he is the number one artist working freelance for the publishers, Royles.

It is not very often there is a chance to see the original works of E. R. Sturgeon, although his signed limited edition prints abound in most of the art shops and galleries. But Sturgeon, who is one of the most enthusiastic members of the British Watercolourist Society, is determined on its success. His large painting, "Going to Market," shows a young girl carrying her wares on her head on her way to market.

The most topical of six paintings on show by Alwyn Crawshaw, of Devon, is an interpretation of Whitby harbour, entitled "Red Roofs, Whitby."

One of the most striking and outstanding of the not-so-well-known artists is Aston Cannell, a marine and landscape painter. He is showing six marine scenes which have been admired, and include "Evening

Mooring in the Hebrides."

Another London artist, Anne Patterson Wallace, is showing some masterful watercolours and three small landscape scenes.

Ian Buchanan-Dunlop, from Scotland, is exhibiting some interesting landscape studies showing the Highlands of Scotland.

Paintings by David Weston, of Herts., show the sea and happenings there-on.

David Shepherd's daughter, Mandy, is only showing one work of a small fledgeling leaving the nest.

Alan O'Conner, from Wiltshire, has six watercolours on show based on his experience as a yachtman, which show his love for the sea and sailing.

Edward S. Billin, the longest serving member of the former Royal Watercolour Society Art Club, has produced watercolours of the highest standard.

Other artists include Ronald Moore, from Tyneside; Chris Shields, from Cheshire who has been commissioned to produce this year's World Wildlife calendar; Judy Boyes, a top professional artist from Cheshire; Tony Hunter, from Easingwold, and Jack Prior, an Ilkley artist, who is showing one of the finest sunsets he has ever produced.

J. Barrie Haste has six large watercolours on show, which dominate the whole affair with their technical brilliance and subtle colours.

Pictured at the opening are (from left to right), Mr. Kenneth Emsley, Chairman, Mr. Leslie Simpson, Director, Baroness Lockwood, and Mrs. Margaret Simpson, Secretary.

CELEBRATING NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

Sole surviving member of the Dacre family of the estate agents Dacre, Son and Hartley, Mrs. C. M. Sutherland, of Carr Croft, Parish Ghyll Road, Ilkley, celebrated her 90th birthday on Monday.

Mrs. Sutherland has lived in Ilkley all her life and is a founder member of the Townswomen's Guild and an honorary member of Ilkley Golf club, where she still plays. She was also a member of the former Ilkley Moor Golf club and has been associated with the Congregational Church all her life. She taught small children general studies at Moorfield school, Ilkley and also at Ilkley Grammar School.

Celebrations to mark the birthday included a luncheon party at the home of her son Mr. Alec Sutherland and family in Rupert Road, Ilkley, and a luncheon party for her friends at her home.

Mrs Sutherland 90

Gazette. Nov. 1st. 1985

NEW APPEAL FOR LIGHTING AT ADDINGHAM

Addingham County Councillor John Wells has made a new appeal for street lighting to be installed along Back Beck Lane, since the building of the new Middle School there and the approval of planning permission for a youth club have made the need more urgent.

He said a previous appeal was turned down by the county council because of the cost, but now the electricity service was much nearer so the cost might not be quite so high.

"I have approached the county's Executive Director of Traffic and Transportation about this, and he is investigating the costs," said Cty. Cr. Wells. "There is a real need and the costs should not be so high, so I hope a scheme will be given serious consideration."

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Nov. 1st. 1885

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1935

During the last week of October, 1885 there were three days and three nights of continuous rain. The winds were almost gale force, but as they were from the east very little flooding of the river occurred.

John Foster, provision merchant, of The Grove, Ilkley, offered choice tinned salmon for 5d. per tin. Prime mild cured ham was priced at 6d. per lb., breakfast bacon 7d. per lb., cheshire cheese 6d. per lb., and 3lb. jars of finest plum jam were offered for 11d.

Mr. Alfred Brown, joiner, builder and contractor, of Cunniff Road, Ilkley, "begs to intimate that, having commenced business for himself he hopes by strict attention, to merit a liberal share of patronage."

Published railway timetables showed that the numerous trains to Leeds run by Midland Railways, by Guiseley, Kirkstall and Holbeck, took three quarters of an hour, whereas the North Eastern Railway route to Leeds via Otley, Pool, Arthington and Headingley took over an hour. For passengers changing at Arthington there was a through route to Harrogate, York, Hull, Thirsk and Newcastle.

Nov. 1st 1985
1960

25 Years Ago

Pointing out that they had had a long struggle over the years to get improvements to the twisting road between Addingham and the Ilkley boundary, work was no sooner started on the new section of the road than some residents had started grumbling about it. There was a growing feeling in the village, it was reported at a meeting of Addingham Parish Council, that a road to by-pass the entire village should have been started at the same time. The scheme to by-pass the village had been shelved due to lack of priority and lack of money. claimed the Ministry of Transport added to the fact that Addingham villagers were sharply divided about the scheme.

By Pass !!?

75 Years Ago

Lister Holroyd, who for a long time had been one of the stalwarts of Ilkley Rugby Football Club and had played for Yorkshire, was the recipient of several presents prior to his departure for Northern Nigeria. He was a member of Ben Rhydding Hockey club and had been a founder member of Ilkley Rugby Football Club. Mr. Paul Steinhil wished him farewell on behalf of the club members, and said he did not suppose he would get any football where he was going, but he could always train the negroes when he took up "the white man's burden" in Africa.

A very successful sale of work in aid of Denton Church took place at Denton Hall, through the kindness of Mrs. Titus Salt. The stalls were arranged in the entrance hall with trophies of the chase, coats of mail, swords, Halberds and other relics of bygone days suspended from the walls, and the contrast was most striking. The entertainments afterwards included a one-act play by Miss Mossop and Miss Rabagliati, songs by Mrs. Sidney Robertshaw, Miss Musiel Crawshaw, Miss Eva Bonwell, Mr. Bolton and the Denton schoolchildren, as well as pianoforte solos by Miss Vera Dawson and recitations by Mr. W. W. Sallitt.

- 1. Rugby Club
- 2. Sale of work. Denton

Nov. 8th 1985
1885

100 Years Ago

A covered platform at Ilkley Railway Station was proposed by Mr. Ibberson at the November meeting of the Local Board in 1885. There were to be great alterations to the station, and the open platforms were very inconvenient in wet weather, and it was agreed to ask the railway companies to improve the facilities in this way. It was felt that it would enhance the prosperity of Ilkley if they could obtain this boon. After a great deal of argument it was agreed that a covered platform at Ben Rhydding should be included in the request.

Improvements to Ilkley Railway Station

"The In Town Tonight" feature of Saturday evening BBC Radio Programme contained an item from the Motor Show from one of the caravans belonging to Cara-Cars, Ben Rhydding. The Ilkley Gazette reported that one of the caravans had been sold to a personal friend of Herr Adolph Hitler, who was taking the van back to Germany with him.

The possibility of a new clubhouse to mark the jubilee of Ilkley Golf Club was made at the 46th annual meeting of that club. Members were invited to submit help schemes and suggestions to this end, which would receive consideration by the Ilkley Golf Club Committee. Mr. W. Rayner, Hon. Sec., reported an increase in membership to 289, although junior membership was on the decline.

A portrait of Mr. George E. Priestman, of Ilkley, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Bradford Infirmary, painted by his brother Mr. Bertram Priestman R.A., was presented to the Royal Infirmary by the artist. Mr. E. C. Woodman, of Ben Rhydding, Chairman of the House Committee, said it was largely owing to Mr. George Priestman, who was one of the pioneers of the scheme, that Bradford had got its new Infirmary.

Herbert Sutcliffe, Hedley Verity and Leonard Hutton were to be the guests of Mr. Ernest Waddilove, President of Ilkley Cricket Club, at a dance at the Winter Gardens, Ilkley. The three men were all Yorkshire County Cricketers of some note.

- 1. Caravan bought by friend of Hitler
- 2. Golf club
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The young ladies attending Miss Thompson's School, Heatnfield, Ilkley, gave a "very talented performance" of Shakespeare's comedy 'As You Like It' in the Town Hall, in aid of local charities.

Miss C. Skirrow made a charming Rosalind with Miss Greig as Orlando, Miss M. Saeger played the part of the Jester. Others taking part were—The Misses I. and M. Guthrie, M. Prince, A. H. Warren, F. A. Nightingale, Misses M. and W. Thompson, I. Guthrie, M. Kendall, M. Booth, M. Akeroyd, K. Robertson, H. Knight and J. Wood. There was "some pretty dancing which was deservedly encored."

Concert at Heatnfield

Chapman, Licenced Emigration Agent, offered free passages to domestic servants willing to work in Queensland, Australia, and a £2 fare for agricultural workers and domestics wanting work in Western Australia.

Mr. Hibbert's Picture Show was at the King's Hall, Ilkley, at prices ranging from 1d. (children's matinee) to 1/- for best seats at the evening performances. The programme included the Pathe Gazette, the Week's News in Pictures, Muggins V.C., Robin Hood, Prison Reform, the Millionaire and the Ranch Girl, Palermo and Its Monuments, the Match Making Industry and Bunker's Patent Bellows.

Picture show at King's Hall.

Nov 15th. 1985
1910

75 Years Ago

Excavations on the site of the Roman fort at Ilkley were definitely scheduled to take place and money was to be raised to assist the work of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society.

Work had been started on building a drill hall for the Ilkley Battery 4th West Riding (Howitzer) Brigade. The building was to be of local stone and was to have a frontage of 103 feet on to Leeds Road. The ground hall was to consist of a drill hall, waggon shed, lecture room and bar, armoury, orderly room, armoury, harness room and lavatory accommodation. The first floor would be officers' quarters, N.C.O. Room, quartermaster's stores, and lavatories. The cost of the premises was estimated at around £1,800 and it was expected to be completed by June 1911.

An advertisement in the Ilkley Gazette read "The Wonderful Perfectaphone, King of Talking Machine Cabinets" — Acceptable Christmas presents. Was this an early wireless set?

Excavation on Roman Fort.

Building of drill hall (New Peter Black 1985)

Early "Kathie" ..

Nov. 8th. 1985
1960

25 Years Ago

Mischief night in 1960 turned into a session of wilful damage to public and private properties throughout the Ilkley District. The replacement and repair bill, both to individuals and the Council, would be costly. Garden gates were removed and thrown away, signs pulled up, nameplates destroyed, street red danger lamps burned on a bonfire, and the Ilkley Coat of Arms at the Otley boundary was daubed with black paint and a swastika painted on the back. Parents were exhorted to try to prevent this type of vandalism recurring on future occasions.

Mischief night in Tenley.

Mail Cart Accident

No fire works in public places.

Harness seats at Church

Beer 1/4 per gallon

Nov. 15th. 1985
1885

100 Years Ago

The driver of the mail cart between Ilkley and Arthington had a mishap when one of the wheels struck a kerbstone in Wells Road and overturned the vehicle trapping the driver underneath it. He was fortunate to be extricated with no more damage to his person than a severe shaking and was able to proceed on his journey after a few repairs to the harness.

In view of the imminence of November 5, a stringent police notice issued by the chief constable stated that any person who threw, cast or fired a rocket, squib, or other firework in a public place should be fined £5.

Nearly 300 people took part in the Harvest tea and entertainment in connection with Ilkley Parish Church in the National Schools. The tea was provided by Mr. B. Hutton, Mr. J. Johnson and Mrs. Vaux. Presiding at the tables were — Mrs. Downer, Miss Douglas, Miss Estridge, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Humphries, Miss Jowett, Miss Mann, Miss Stansfield, Mrs. Sweetland, Miss Tolson, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Westland, Mrs. V. Vickers and Mrs. Whitaker. In the following concert, artistes were well received and the Misses Misdale and Master Cathic were loudly encored and Mr. J. H. Clough conducted the musical arrangements in "a masterly manner."

Ilkley Brewery Company offered best bitter beer for 1/4 and 1/6 per gallon, with mild ale selling at just 1/- per gallon. Advance notice of the price of Christmas cards offered a box of sixteen cards for 6d.

Nov. 29. 1985

BELLRINGERS REMEMBER

Bellringers of Ilkley Parish Church rang a half-muffled quarter peal to mark the Centenary of the death of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, son of the Vicar of Ilkley who became President of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

The peal, which started during the 9.30 a.m. service of Holy Communion, was also a tribute to the memory of a highly respected member of the Church, Mrs. Shirley Bush, whose funeral had taken place the previous week.

vacuum with gas chlg. sealed

Nov. 15th. 1985

COACH AND FOUR TAKE TO THE LOCAL ROADS

Norwood firm spent over three years restoring 19th century vehicle

A 115-year-old coach, discovered in a sad state of neglect in 1980, is to return to the local roads behind a team of four horses on Friday, November 22.

Richard Gill and Sons, the carriage builders and restorers, of Norwood, have spent three-and-a-half painstaking years rebuilding the vehicle, just as it was when it had been made by the coachbuilder, Ventham of Leatherhead, about 1870-75.

Holding the reins on the inaugural run will be the international driving trials competitor, George Bowman, of Penrith, and the team will be four of his Lipitzaner horses. The passengers — the coach can carry eighteen — will be Richard and Miles Gill with members of the family and workforce who have been involved with the restoration, and among their guests will be the Mayor of Harrogate and her Consort.

The coach originally carried passengers between Matlock and Buxton and, as the names on it show, it followed two alternative routes — one via Bakewell and the other via Baslow and Tideswell. The only detail open to question is the name of the vehicle, Peveril of the Peak, which is displayed on the doors. Peveril of the Peak was a coach which ran between Manchester and London via the Derbyshire route fifty years before the Ventham coach took to the road.

Poor Condition

When the vehicle was found the four-wheeled undercarriage and running gear were in a reasonable condition but the body, bearing the crest of Derbyshire County Council, was for the most part rotten.

Only the ironwork — fortunately in its entirety — the doors and the coachman's seat and footboard could be saved along with the bottom rockers, or main chassis members. But by close examination of the crumbling remains and the researches of Dr. Gordon Cantle, a leading authority on the history and construction of horse-drawn vehicles, the small team of specialists employed in the Norwood workshops rebuilt the coach to its original specification.

They employed only traditional methods. First the wheels, which were basically sound but suffering badly from shrinkage due to a period of storage in a heated garage, were dismantled, reset and rehooped. Then the whole body was rebuilt using ash frame timbers fitted into the original oak

rockers. Joints, were sealed with white lead before assembly and were secured with screws — some 800 were used — as were the originals.

The interior upholstery of blue Melton cloth, deep-buttoned over horsehair padding, was completely renewed as were the outside cushions and seat backs of black hide over horsehair squabs.

Original Colour

Careful scraping of the original woodwork suggested that the livery had been black body with yellow lower quarters on a yellow perch and running gear, lettered and lined in contrast. After the application of some fifteen coats of primer, filler, undercoat, coach enamel and varnish, all carefully brushed on, the present standard of finish is perhaps higher than the coach had as a new public service vehicle.

Where was the coach found and who is the owner? Though no one will say, the vehicle has revealed other secrets — of the craft of English coachbuilders and a little of its own history: the offside front corner of the body showed evidence of repairs after a serious crash.

Mishaps were not uncommon on the roads of the nineteenth century. The run on November 22 will be less hazardous. The coach will leave the Gill's workshop in Brame Lane, Norwood, at 10.30 a.m. and arrive at The Black Bull, Kettleing Head, at 10.45. On the return trip via Penny Pot Lane which should be completed by 11.30, the coach will stop briefly at the Sun Inn, within a few hundred yards of the workshop.

Nov. 22. 1985
100 years ago 1885

Hikley Congregational Church Band of Hope gave a service of song entitled "Plucked from the Burning" in the schoolroom in Riddings Road. The choir of over 50 voices was conducted by Mr. A. S. Press and readings were given by Mr. W. J. Kaye. Soloists were Miss M. E. Hutton, Miss M. Rhodes, Miss L. Thompson and Mr. B. Hutton. A fine duet was sung by Miss Annie Rhodes and Miss Lizzie Bunting and Master Willie Robinson sang a solo. J. Shuttleworths, of Brook Street, printers of the Hikley Gazette offered Christmas cards for sale. The "Advance" four-penny packet contained twelve chromo cards; the "Victor" six-penny packet contained 20 cards of "leading designs in Figure, floral and animal subjects." The "Standard box of 16 cards in chromo was 6d; a bargain offer "Household" packet of 30 cards "choicely assorted" cost one shilling.

The Royal Odessa Fur Company offered Long Sealskin jackets at £7 7s, and fur shoulder capes from 3s. 6d. to £20.

Band of Hope Concert
"Plucked from the burning!"

Christmas Cards at Shuttleworths

Sealskin jacket
£7. 7s ?

Nov. 22nd 1985
1910.

75 Years Ago

A season of pantomime burlesques was in full swing at the Pavilion. In the course of one week both Aladdin and Cinderella were staged with speciality turns, songs, music and dancing and choruses "most amusing and clever".

Films of Shackleton's expedition to the South Pole were shown at the Kings Hall, Hikley. They were divided into three spoofs of a thousand feet and took 50 minutes to show. The film included shots of the equipment and members of the expedition, scenery at the Pole and showed snowstorms and blizzards, in addition to Sir E. Shackleton's return landing at Dover.

A successful masked carnival was held at the Hikley Skating Rink. The floor held 130 skaters nearly all of whom were in fancy

Panto at Pavilion

Shackleton's Expedition on film

Masked Carnival at Hikley Skating Rink

costume. Spectators numbered over 1,000 and Mrs. Percy Grace presented the prizes. The Ladies original prize was won by Miss Binns, Characteristic: Mrs. Binns; Burlesque: Mrs. W. Schofield; Beautiful: Miss Kennaugh. The original prize for men was awarded to Messrs. W. B. Clayton and C. E. Wardle; Characteristic: Mr. A. Berry; Burlesque: Mr. Stanley Russell; Beautiful: Mr. Edgar Atkinson. An advertisement in the Hikley Gazette read "Hair combings bought 3/- per lb. Louis Laffitta, Upper Berkeley Street, London.

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Wells House Xmas Eve di per head and cabaret on Ne 15/-.

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ADDINGHAM FOR POST

Addingham Parish has backed its plan for post boxes in the preparing a map of positions of the existing Chairman Cr. Alder said the map showed lack of boxes in the and he felt they should asking for more to be added, especially in where extensive new ment was taking place. The map will be sent to Postmaster, along with request for more new boxes.

Nov. 22nd 1985

1935

50 Years Ago

The opening of a new era in the history of the Ilkley Gas Works was marked by the formal inauguration of the £15,000 plant of six continuous vertical retorts, housed in a building which had won approval by virtue of its excellent architectural proportions in November 1935. Praise was given to the structure for the work being carried out without causing eyesore to the town. The formal opening ceremony was performed by County Ald. G. B. Lomas-Walker, Chairman of the West Riding County Council. County Council.

Wells House Hotel advertised a Xmas Eve dinner dance at 10/6 per head and a diner dance and cabaret on New Years Eve price 15/-.

- 1 gas works. Opening of new building.
- 2. Prices for Xmas meals at Wells House.

Nov 29. 1985

ADDINGHAM PLEA FOR POST BOXES

Addingham Parish Council has backed its plea for more post boxes in the village by preparing a map showing the positions of the existing boxes. Chairman Cr. Alan Jerome said the map showed quite a lack of boxes in the village, and he felt they should be asking for more to be provided, especially in areas where extensive new development was taking place. The map will be sent to the Postmaster, along with a request for more new post boxes.

Nov. 22. 1985

HISTORY OF THE LOO DISCUSSED BY MANOR HOUSE FRIENDS

The Friends of Ilkley Manor House were given an illustrated talk on the history of the loo by Mr. Eric Holder, a history master at Kings High School, Pontefract.

The talk traced the history of the loo from Roman times to the Middle Ages. Mr. Holder, by referring to a number of Roman sites in Britain including Housesteads on Hadrian's Wall, showed clearly some of the basic patterns of the Romans' sanitary arrangements. These included continuous flush systems and the presence of hand wash basins. In the larger Roman settlements such as York and Lincoln elaborate underground sewer complexes were built. The Roman toilets themselves were normally of a "communal" nature, where several users could be openly exposed to each other at the same time. Although the Romans were ignorant of germs they did appreciate fresh air in toilet areas to help in the prevention of disease, he said.

Toilet paper did not exist in Roman times. Waxed wooden boards and Egyptian papyrus were the Roman equivalents of paper and definitely would not have been good substitutes, he said. Instead the Romans used sponges held on long sticks.

Urinals were not much in evidence since urine was collected in large jars as the only source of ammonia for wool fulling in the manufacture of cloth.

Mr. Holder referred to Viking toilets and discussed specifically the recent discovery of a pit latrine in Coppergate, York. An examination of the latrine deposits had given some indication of the kind of food eaten by the Vikings. At one time, it appeared they were eating large quantities of plums. An entire plum was discovered still containing its stone. It was also said to have teeth marks in its flesh which seemed to underline the legendary toughness of the Viking.

The latrine deposits also contained large numbers of worms and other parasitic eggs indicating the kinds of infestation to which the Vikings were prone, he said.

A series of slides were shown of the toilets in several medieval castles including one contained in the thickness of the wall at Pontefract Castle. This was a particularly significant toilet since it had been used by Henry the Eighth and by every King and Queen of England from William Rufus to Henrietta Maria. Sewage from castles such as the one at Pontefract went directly into the moat via a special "Slot" in the wall, he said. Castle moats, consequently, became foul after a while and needed to be cleaned out periodically.

It was up one of these slots that a brave Frenchman entered an impregnable castle belonging to King Richard the First, in France, he said. The Frenchman opened the castle gates to allow his own forces in. He was promptly knighted on the spot by the French king who held a silk handkerchief to his nose in one hand and a sword in the other, said Mr. Holder.

The word "Loo", it was pointed out, was possibly derived from the French phrase "gardez l'eau"—look out for the water. The medieval slang for the toilet was a fake, he said.

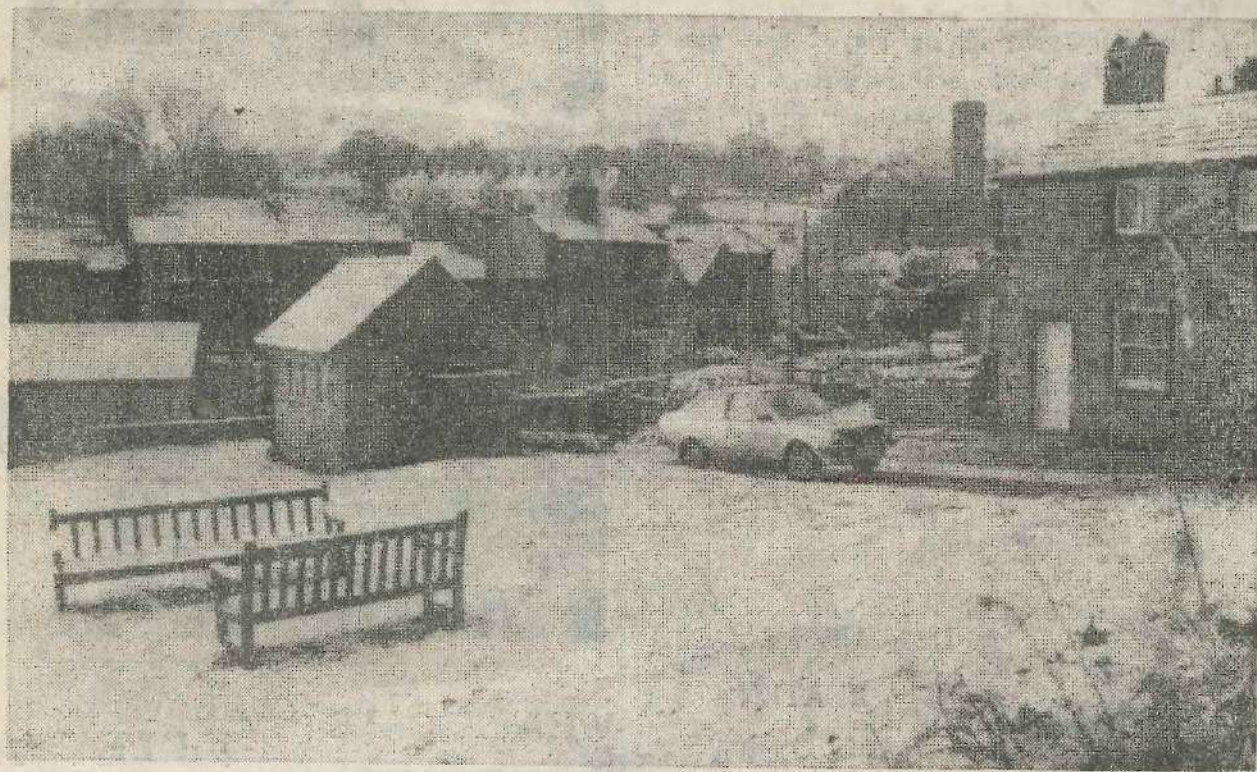
Several of the slides of medieval toilets showed the presence of small shelves. These were used for putting religious books on. The inspiration for this idea was said to have been derived from a book entitled "The Life of Saint Gregory of Tours" in which it was claimed that the best place for privacy in the medieval castle was in the toilet, and privacy was required for the reading of religious works. The continuing habit of people to read in the toilet has a long and distinguished tradition, it was claimed.

Finally a glimpse was given into the monastic toilets of such places as Kirkstall Abbey, Fountains Abbey and Pontefract Priory. The sanitary arrangements were outlined and the point made that monks were the leading sanitary engineers of the Middle Ages. When using the toilet the monks sat in small waincoted cubicles, where they often read their books in pursuit of enlightenment in accordance with tradition.

room with gas chg. sealed

Nov. 29. 1985

LACK OF CAR PARK THREATENS FUTURE OF ADDINGHAM SHOPS



Shops in Addingham Main Street are losing customers, starting to shed staff and could soon face closure, it is claimed by a new association of traders who have made an impassioned plea for parking facilities to be provided.

WINTON SCHOOL
CO-FOUNDER BILLS

Miss Elizabeth Kitchin

Mr. Bill Preston, Chairman of the Addingham Traders Association, who himself runs a newsagents in Main Street, told Addingham parish councillors that the village could die if parking was not provided as a matter of urgency.

He produced a 1200 signature petition in support of his association, and asked the parish council to pass this on to Bradford Council with their backing.

Mr. Preston said there had been some concern for a while about parking in the village, but since an area of land at the bottom of St. Paul's Rise — used as an unofficial car park — had been closed off and landscaped, there was now no car park in the centre.

As a result, shops were losing customers and starting to lay off staff. The Post Office was losing pensioners to Ilkley because it was easier to travel there than to park in Addingham, and there was some concern that bullion deliveries could not get close to the Post Office.

The Post Office could face closure if it lost many more customers which was ironic after the parish council had just successfully appealed for it to be allowed car tax facilities.

The Doctor could not park near his premises, so he had to run for his car if there was an emergency.

Mr. Preston said both sides of St. Paul's Rise were usually lined with parked cars — and on occasions he had seen lorry drivers stop and lift cars onto the pavement so that they could get past.

There was a danger to the old folk who lived up there because lorries often had to mount the pavements due to the parked cars.

There were public toilets and a telephone in Main Street, but no one could stop to use them because there was nowhere to park.

There were large new developments under construction at Street House and Low Mill Village, but it was unlikely the Addingham shopkeepers would get any trade from the residents because it would be easier for them to drive to Ilkley or Silsden to do their shopping.

He said the obvious place for a car park in the centre of the village was on land already owned by Bradford Council at Sugar Hill.

Cr. Alan Jerome, Parish Council Chairman, said this was one of the most serious problems ever faced by the village, and he was in full sympathy with the shopkeepers.

"If we want the shopping facilities of the village to continue there has to be reasonable parking," he went on. He agreed that the Sugar Hill site seemed ideal, with good sight lines, and felt that was what they should aim for. They needed something quickly, not something which could be allowed to drag on for two or three years.

He totally supported the shopkeepers and their petition, and felt a car park should be provided in the shortest time possible.

It was agreed to invite Bradford Council Planning Officers to meet with the parish council as soon as possible, and to press them to provide a car park at Sugar Hill for between 30 and 40 cars.

Picture shows the suggested site for a car park at Sugar Hill.

Nov. 18

100 Year

A carriage occurred on the Addingham way from Queens Dr. friend were out hearing Ilkley stone cart and were passing. cart swerved, caught the have carriage with Miss Todd was into the road, and badly sprained a coachman managing command of the pulled up. Fairclough's carriage passing at the time two lady passengers to the assistance of Todd and conveyed her friend home Andrew's carriage.

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When H.M.S. Britannia Royal yacht rescued people from the Drake.

Nov. 29. 1985
1885

100 Years Ago

A carriage accident occurred on the road from Addingham when Miss Todd from Queens Drive and a lady friend were out driving. When nearing Ilkley they met a stone cart and just as they were passing the horse and cart swerved, and the cart caught the have-hoop of the carriage with the result that Miss Todd was thrown out into the road, and suffered a badly sprained ankle but the coachman managed to keep command of the horse and pulled up. Sir Andrew Fairbairn's carriage was passing at the time and the two lady passengers in it went to the assistance of Miss Todd and conveyed her and her friend home in Sir Andrew's carriage.

Carriage
Accident

At a meeting of the Local Board the thanks of the board were expressed to the Joint Railway Company for adopting the principle Hackney Carriage bye-laws. The Company would not allow donkeys or mules to stand at the Station Yard, but licensed cab-drivers were free to ply for hire.

Hackney
Carriages

Exceptionally severe weather prevailed in the district during the first week in December. There was skating at both the Upper Tarn and also the Lower Tarn which was illuminated for the benefit of the skaters.

Severe
weather

Dec. 6th. 1985
(1885)

100 Years Ago

A service of song entitled "Plucked from Burning" was given by members of the Congregational Church Band of Hope in the Lecture Hall. The proceeds were in aid of a course on hand-bell ringing then being formed amongst the members. The choir numbered fifty voices and started the evening with "The Homes of England". Mr. A. S. Press conducted the singers and Mr. W. J. Kaye from Ilkley College gave connective readings. Bell ringers from Bradford who were visiting for the evening closed the proceedings with "The March of the Men of Harlech".

A Christmas Tree and Sale of Work was held at Wells House Winter Garden in connection with Ilkley Parish Church. Four tables and a gypsy tent surrounded the Christmas tree which was positioned in the centre. The tree was decorated by the Misses Milne and the ladies of Ilkley College. Miss Heap made a charming gypsy fortune teller, assisted by Miss Bradley. The varied programme of entertainment included music played by Mr. T. Kendall's string band. Mrs. Crages and Miss Dunn had on their table a most ingeniously erected model of a monkey's drawing room. The Misses Tolson offered a wide variety of Japanese goods for sale, under the cover of a large Japanese umbrella. The refreshment table was in the charge of Miss Mitton, and the tree was hung with toys and useful articles for sale. Two entertainments were given by the Wharfedale Minstrel Troop.

J. Shuttleworth and Co. offered for Christmas boxed games from 1/- including Draughts, Snap and Happy Families and Solitaire.

Band of Hope Concert
at Congregational Church

Dec. 6th. 1985
75 years ago
1910.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Brear, Low House, Addingham, celebrated their golden wedding and entertained their past and present employees to dinner. Mr. E. Cooper presented them with a handsome clock on behalf of the workpeople of the saw mill where he had

carried on business for 56 years as a chair manufacturer and timber merchant. Mr. Brear was a Liberal member of Addingham Parish Council.

Mr & Mrs W. Brears
Golden Wedding

50 years ago
1935

The hotels offered diverse Christmas programmes. Wells House Hotel had dinner-dances at 8/6, or with cabaret on New Year's Eve for 12/6. Craiglands Hydro charged 8/6 for dinner dances and New Year's Eve 9/-. The Middleton Hotel had dinner-dances at 7/- with a choir to sing carols during the dance on Christmas Eve.

Dinner to entertain
& Pisco !!

Y.P. Jan. 1986



When H.M.S. Britannia the Royal yacht rescued several 100 people from the Iraq-Iran war!

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Yorkshire Post Dec. 1985



The artist, Mr. Tom O'Hara, holds his replica cross in the square at Grassington. With him is Mr. David Paling, from the shop where it is being displayed.

Robbery replica offered

Yorkshire Post Reporter

AN ancient cross which was stolen from a Dales church may be replaced with a replica, thanks to a local artist. Mr. Tom O'Hara, of Grassington, has made a brass replica of the cross stolen three years ago from Linton Parish Church where it had hung for more than a century.

He is offering the replica cross, made using techniques of 1,000 years ago, to be hung in the church as a replacement.

Mr. O'Hara said: "I discovered a picture of the cross in church literature after I was asked to design a sign and plaque for the church.

"I was so interested by the picture that I called in at the church to see the ancient cross only to be told that it was stolen several years ago."

Mr. O'Hara, who is best-known as a painter, then researched the origins of the cross and made his replica by using a sand cast and sculpter's wax.

Now the brass and oak cross measuring 8in. by 12in. is on display in the window of a local antique shop run by Mr. David Paling where it will stay until it is known whether or not it can be presented to the church.

Mr. O'Hara said: "I have come to the conclusion that the cross dates from Roman times and has its origins in Ethiopia in the third or fourth centuries.

"I hope that the replica will be able to hang in the church where the original did. I want to give it as a gift and have approached the diocese."

The Rector of Linton in Craven, the Rev. George Knight, said: "It was a tremendous blow when the old cross was ripped from the wall and stolen. We had been told it was better than anything in the British Museum.

Mr. O'Hara is now writing to the Church Council so that the Archdeacon of Craven can be approached and it can be judged by the diocese whether it will be possible to arrange a faculty for this replica to be displayed in the church."

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The January sale
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coats were available
£5 and £6, wool jump
Nylon stockings were
3/11 and 4/11 per pair
added corsets at 15/.

January

Dec. 1985

Dec. 1985
1885

A LINK WITH THE PAST

To many readers of the "Gazette" our weekly feature "Across The Years" which looks back at local events, 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago forms a link with the past.

For some it is indeed a link with days gone by for we are frequently told by some of our more senior readers that "I was there" or "I remember him or her" and "was it so long ago? My how the years roll by".

Last week one of our correspondents asked "what has happened to Ilkley?" After reading accounts of what had happened in the town all those years ago the "pensioner" had come to the conclusion the town was more "alive" then than it is now. "Pensioner" may well be right for since the arrival of television the demand for activities outside one's home has grown less as the demand for instant entertainment has grown stronger.

One of our readers, a Mr. C. Bishop of Clapham, near Lancaster, has written saying he left Ilkley in 1935 and now finds our "50 Years Ago" feature interesting. He frequently finds references to previous friends and acquaintances, from the time when his mother had a toy and stationery shop on The Grove and he attended the Grammar School.

He says, "a recent photograph of a concert party contained a picture of Stanley Thackray playing the piano accordion and a more recent reference to Bradley Hustwick reminded me that the latter was Stanley's teacher. I met Stanley on a fleeting stay in Southampton in 1937 when he was then appearing with Hughie Green and his gang at the local theatre."

"The Gazette also had a recent reference to the disappearance of the canker well on The Grove. I well remember playing around it as a boy, and my grandfather William Wilkinson, who then lived at 1, Parish Gryll Road, discovered a flowing stream below the floor of his basement. Could this be the one referred to."

"Another happy memory was the French Circle, which used to meet in a cafe at the bottom of

Wells Road (Peggy's Cafe. — Editor) led by a genial Frenchman M. Charlier. I wonder if anyone is still alive in the district who remembers the events of that time? My grandfather was well known as a maker of Whitewood toys, which were sold in my mother's shop. On my frequent visits to Ilkley I hope to see someone I recognise, though after this long time I fear I shall be disappointed, though it would be a delight to meet anyone still surviving from that period," says Mr. Bishop.

We hope Mr. Bishop's letter will jog the memory of one of his contemporaries and that during one of his visits to Ilkley he recognises a face and a friend from those years gone by.

Dec./Jan. 35/36

75 Years Ago

Only two watchnight services were held on New Year's Eve, 1910 and these at Wesleyan churches in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding. The Parish Church bells however rung the New Year in and the Old Year out in accordance with custom. New Year's day was on Sunday and less roistering than usual took place in the town.

The first Ilkley wedding in 1886 was the marriage of Mr. Alfred Lund, second son of Mr. James Lund, of Brooklyn, Ilkley, to Miss Kate Sibary, of Crossbeck House, Ilkley. The bride wore a violene sedan cloth pomenade gown and hat to match, and the bridesmaids wore costumes of pink and grey. The reception as held at Crossbeck House and the couple left Ilkley by rail to London and the South coast.

- 1. Watchnight Services
- 2. 1st wedding (1986)

25 years ago.
1960/61.

The January sales had started and Busby's, of Ilkley, had many bargains on offer. Winter all wool coats were available at £5, suits £5 and £6, wool jumpers from 15/- Nylon stockings were on sale at 3/11 and 4/11 per pair, and hooded corsets at 15/-.

January sales!

100 Years Ago

The Ilkley Gazette of 2 January 1886 commented on the increase in the number of commuting residents in Ilkley following the advent of the rail services. The Gazette looked forward to the new line's completion westward to Skipton which would surely be the event of the year. On factor alone was that the journey between Ilkley and Addingham would become so much more comfortable than being crammed into a shandry where even a child could not stand erect, knees dovetailed and closely wedged together with all types of humanity. The drivers of these vehicles were condemned as showing vulgar independence and indifference to the needs of their passengers.

Mr. W. Fox occupied the chair at the annual subscription supper amongst the tradesmen of the town when a pleasant time was had by all.

A series of gospel missions was held in the Navy Mission Rooms. The services were conducted by Mr. W. Shields, a Navy missionary from Sway. A good number of both navies and railwaymen were present to listen to his first address.

Watchnight services were held following the usual close of the year custom. The Parish Church included a sermon from the Vicar and the congregation left the church to the strains of the Hallelujah Chorus played by Mr. Clough. Similar services were held at St. Margaret's Church and the Congegational Church, the congregationalists being joined by the Wesleyans of the town.

Skipton.
R/way line

Mr. W. Fox

Gospel Mission

New Year.

Dec./Jan/ 85/86.
50 years ago 35/36

New Year's Day was celebrated at the workhouse at Otley with a hot pie dinner, followed by Christmas pudding with rum sauce and a glass of beer. Tobacco was given to the men, and sweets to the women. The meal was followed by a concert given by a team of artistes from Yeaton.

New Year 1936 arrived with a joyous burst of welcome from the Parish Church bells. It was a joyous night of revels, both in private homes and at Ilkley's hydros and hotels. Bookings for gala dances was heavier than usual with many non-residents joining the guests at the hydros and hotels. Ben Rhydding Gou Hotel adorned each table with a miniature Christmas tree, and the ballroom was lighted with hundreds of fairylights and festoons. The Royal Hotel piper piped in the New Year at their festivities with old Scottish tunes, and Auld Lang Syne on the hour. Fancy dress headdress was the theme at Craglands Hydro, with dancing to the strains of H. Glovers band

New year at
leone house.

New Year.

Ilkley Canker Well on the Grove. 1985

Ilkley's ancient chalybeate water supply may soon be reconnected to the town's Canker Well after being lost for several years.

After investigations over the last few years the water supply has now been found under the pavement in Parish Ghyll Road, and moves are now starting in a bid to have it re-piped to the Canker Well on The Grove.

Ilkley Parish Council and Ilkley Civic Society, who have been responsible for the search since the water supply disappeared several years ago while development was taking place nearby, are both delighted that it has now been found and will be pressing for it to be restored to the Canker Well.

County Councillor Ernest Gardner, of Ilkley, took over the search last year and in December, acting on information from the Civic Society, persuaded the county council to investigate in Parish Ghyll Road. The water found there has now been analysed and is indeed the mineral-rich spa water which had been used by residents and visitors for centuries.

There are hopes that re-connecting it to the Canker Well may prove quite an easy task.

Cty. Cr. Gardner said the county council had laid a pipe under The Grove to the Canker Well recently, so half the work was already done.

The spring supplying the Canker Well provided Ilkley with some of its purest drinking water for hundreds of years before it was severed during the 1970s while flats were being built nearby.

A thorough investigation by Bradford Metropolitan Council failed to locate the original source, and at one time the council even suggested connecting the well to the town's main supply.

The Canker Wells is referred to in "Ilkley: Ancient and Modern" by Dr. R. Collyer and J. H. Turner, published in 1885. It states that in 1601 a Walter Pollard of Otley began an apprenticeship with an Ilkley blacksmith, and some

years later took possession of land in the Yewcroft area, east of the beck which flowed from Ilkley Moor.

The account says, "Walter Pollard did well in every way, got hold of the land between the churchyard and the river, and gave his name to the well called Canker Well when it gushed out from the scarp of the old Foss among the great plane trees." He died in 1674.

In 1923 the 'Ilkley Gazette' recorded that works on improvements and re-laying of the grounds at the Canker Well had been carried out. The old iron fountain was replaced with a stone fountain, with a surround of two steps and a pavement.

"It was necessary to trace the springs which supply the fountain. There are two of these, one underneath the house of Mr. L. H. Verity in Parish Ghyll Road, and the other underneath the footpath on the opposite side of the road. These are joined together by piping in Parish Ghyll Road, and brought underneath The Grove to the fountain," said the 'Gazette'.

After the Canker Well had been re-opened, the council had the water analysed. It was found to be the purest possible water for drinking purposes, and three times harder than any water in the district. It was even harder than the chalybeate spring at the top of Hebers Ghyll.

100 years ago July 1986 1886

At the monthly meeting of Ilkley Local Board the Clerk read out the analysis which had been obtained on water from the Canker Well. It was stated that the water was perfectly pure and well suited for domestic purposes, and that it contained more saline than the Old Wells but there was no trace of "iron" in it.

Canker Well.

Correspondence

Ilkley Has A Wealth Of Societies

Sir,—As Secretary of the newly formed Ilkley and District Arts Federation I should like to reply to the letter published in your columns on 3 January which bemoaned the dullness of Ilkley nowadays in comparison to days gone by. It is certainly to be regretted that Ilkley no longer has a racecourse, band-stand performances, cinemas and ice rink, but it does have a wealth of associations and societies which meet on a regular basis and which are perhaps not as widely known as they should be.

The Constitution of the Arts Federation, which currently has over twenty local member societies, has its objectives—1 to act as a co-ordinating body for individuals and organisations, both amateur and professional, in the furtherance of activities which promote the maintenance and improvement of the arts and to provide the means of liaison between such organisations and the local authority; 2, to present or assist in presenting public concerts, dramatic performances, recitals, exhibitions, lectures, arts festivals and other arts events.

During 1985 the Federation met on five occasions and was successful in obtaining grants from two local authorities which helped us to get off the ground. In September the Arts Federation held its first Open Day in the Kings Hall, at which 15 societies attended to present their forward society programmes for the Autumn/Winter Season. A second Open Day will be held in September 1986. The Federation also promoted two small scale events in Church House in the final quarter—an art lecture and a poetry/musical evening.

Ilkley is fortunate indeed to have its own excellent amateur theatre, the best in the region, one of the most flourishing Film Societies in Great Britain a Concert Club playing to packed performances in the King's Hall, a Choral Society last achieving a deserved regional reputation, a musical group, the Cantores Olicanae, based at St. Margaret's whose enthusiastic polished performances

are always a delight. The Jack O'Lantern Folk Club, which holds a regular April Folk Day in Ilkley, Rombalds Circus, which last year staged a memorable event in the Cow and Call Quarry on Midsummer's Day, Wharfedale Music, a classical musical appreciation society which meets regularly on Wednesdays at Ilkley College, Wharfedale Music Festival held annually in the Kings Hall, the Ilkley Literature Festival held in the past every two years but hopefully annually in future, plus ballet, dance, operatic and theatre groups, museum, art galleries—the list continues

We have a wide variety of arts-related events in our area, and whilst we all resent the passing of the "Good Olde Days" when the sun always shone and when out of ten bob you could buy the Encyclopedia Britannica, a hundredweight of best steak, a penny farthing and still have two weeks holiday in Brid, the Arts Federation has to face up to the challenge of the eighties and this year will be making strenuous efforts to publicise the multiplicity of local "artistic" activities to a wider audience.

As the Federation is unable to rely on regular local government funding, one of its objectives in 1986 will be to operate a policy of "self help" by approaching the local business community to seek funding for the events of our member societies which might not get off the ground without some form of sponsorship.

Any interested society not yet in contact with us, or indeed any interested individual, is cordially invited to make contact with the undersigned or to attend our next committee meeting to be held at Ilkley College in March, as we seek views and advice from all.

KEITH G. HARTLEY
Hangingsstone,
Hangingsstone Road
Ilkley.

Jan. 24. 1986

Some complained last week that Ilkley was doing nothing to do!!

The Canker water supply, after off several years

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The Ilkley January 1886 had been reported that the Permissions Committee Board decided to spend £10,000 for improvements to the Canker Well. It was thought that the improvement of Mill enclosure and the erection of new footpaths were to be the flagging of the possibly the conversion of Rhyddings into a recreation ground. It would be in a resort springing out the land. Work on improvement of Ghyll, however, was progress. Men were to clear away brushwood footpaths were to be constructed. The scheme was to be three extra bridges, on each side of the dale fountain, alcoves for a band stand in the portion, a subway, a lake and six entrances. It was said that the entire project "sylvan loveliness" would cost less than £150 and had laid out by Mr. McGregor

raising Ilkley!!

The Canker Well on the Grove.



The Canker Well, on The Grove, may soon be re-connected to its original chalybeate water supply, after a successful end to the search which started when the water was cut off several years ago.

CHALYBEATE WATER TO BE ANALYSED

There was good news this week for lovers of Ilkley's ancient chalybeate water when it was learned that Bradford Health Authority had agreed to carry out an analysis.

The supply fed the canker well on The Grove has recently been rediscovered after it was lost when cut off during nearby development work a few years ago.

Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. John Ward told the Council at its monthly meeting on Monday night that the Health Authority had agreed to have the water analysed.

Cnty. Cr. Ernest Gardner who successfully led the search for the supply said after it had been found that "if the water supply to the Canker Well was restored it could be promoted as a tourist attraction and used to boost Ilkley as a tourist centre."

"Gazette" records show that when the Canker Well was reopened in 1923 an analysis at that time showed that the spring provided the purest water possible for drinking purposes and was three times harder than any water in the district. It was even harder than the chalybeate spring at the top of Heber's Ghyll.

Jan 24. 1986.
1886.

Jan 24. 1986
1936 1911.

100 Years Ago

The Ilkley Gazette in January 1886 reported they had been reliably informed that the Permanent Improvements Committee of the Local Board decided, subject to the Board's approval, to borrow £10,000 for permanent improvements in Ilkley. It was thought that the scheme would include the full development of Mill Ghyll, the enclosure and beautification of the Canker Well site, the erection of new town's offices, the flagging of footpaths and possibly the conversion of the Rhyddings into a park and recreation ground. Thus Ilkley would be in a position to compete with rival health resorts springing up throughout the land.

Work on improving Mill Ghyll, however, was then in progress. Men were employed to clear away brushwood and footpaths were to be constructed. The scheme included a rockery behind the fountain, three extra bridges, entrances each side of the drinking fountain, alcoves for seats, a band stand in the middle portion, a subway, a small lake and six entrances. It was said that the entire project of "sylvan loveliness" would cost less than £150 and had been laid out by Mr. McGregor.

Improving
Ilkley!!

75 Years Ago

Ilkley was accused of "sleeping sickness", as with lack of enterprise in some directions its trade was "languishing" despite the town being classed as a health resort of the very first grade. The hydros, hotels and boarding houses were said to do nothing like the trade that could be done. There was a suggestion to enliven the town with a bandstand taking the place of the fountain at the top of Brook Street, more money to be spent on turning the gardens into "paradise", the building of a winter garden adjoining the Town Hall and better publicity. It was suggested that the chalybeate waters should be piped to a little place at the bottom of Mill Ghyll, and tablets fixed explaining their medicinal properties. Its fame would soon spread over the length and breadth of the land. The Gill could then be made more attractive, with fairy lights amongst the foliage, as in Laxey Glen on the Isle of

Improvement of
Ilkley!!

AP. 4. 86

Jan 24/86
1936

50 Years Ago

The Chamber of Trade members argued the pros and cons of parking restrictions along the Grove at their Annual General Meeting in January 1936. There was a proposal to limit parking to only 20 minutes, but many members objected to this, giving the reason that the Grove was not a through road, commercial travellers would have difficulties in conducting their business and the fact that visitors to Ilkley would have great difficulty in finding the free car park.

Snow and ice in the district, the delight of the youngsters, was proving a hazard to car drivers and pedestrians. Although sledging on the hills and skating on the tarn was in full swing, many minor accidents had been reported on the roads, and elderly people in particular were finding the footpaths very difficult to navigate without slipping.

Parking on Grove
SNOW! Sledging &
Skating in Progress

...com with gas chlg sealed

fortune

THIS week in Stuttgart the Germans are celebrating the centenary of the car. Chancellor Helmut Kohl was at the opening of a travelling exhibition and the Austrian race driver Niki Lauder starred in a live Eurovision broadcast.

The principal celebrants are the vehicle constructors Daimler-Benz, whose namesakes presented their petrol-driven "cars" a hundred years ago: Karl Benz getting his patent on a cart-like three-wheeler in 1886.

Clearly the Germans in Stuttgart have got it wrong. Powered vehicles were in use long before 1886. In 1672 a Chinese emperor had built a steam-driven wagon. In 1769 a Frenchman, Capt. Nicolas Cugnot, made a five-ton steam-powered gun carriage which ran for 12 minutes at six miles an hour. In 1801 Richard Trevithick, a Cornish tin mining engineer, climbed Cambourne Beacon in a steamer with a load of workmen on board.

In the 1830s and '40s steam coaches were running regular services like the one from London to Hastings and in the early 1860s Etienne Lenoir was chugging around Paris in a car with an internal combustion engine.

Many say that the first proper petrol car was exhibited at the 1873 Vienna Exhibition. Such inventors have no spokesmen today. Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler spawned a company which today has hundreds of them strategically placed around the world.

Benz does appear to have been the first man to build cars for sale while Daimler built the world's first motorcycle in 1885 and in 1896 the world's first commercial truck. They are, then, the founders of the motor industry, being quickly followed by Armand Peugeot in France.

Charles Rolls's first car was an 1896, 3½-horse power Peugeot and in 1899 Britain's first car fatality happened in Harrow when the wheel of a Daimler collapsed, hurling two men into the history books.

France quickly took over from Germany in eminence: for one thing Napoleon had given it much better roads: something Germany had to wait until the 1930s for when Hitler inaugurated the world's first motorway system.

By 1900 there were 600 makers in France, 60 in America, 110 in Britain, 80 in Germany and 20 in Italy. In 1901, Ransom Olds became the first volume car maker in America and by 1906 America had overtaken France as the largest producers.

General Motors, destined to be the world's largest company, started in 1908 and the car was well and truly rolling.

There was understandable reaction from the horsey set. For many years cars had to give way to steed — quite rightly — but countless newspapers made asses of themselves by declar-

ing that the belching, outrageous car would never replace Dobbin. The mind falters at the consequences if they had been right.

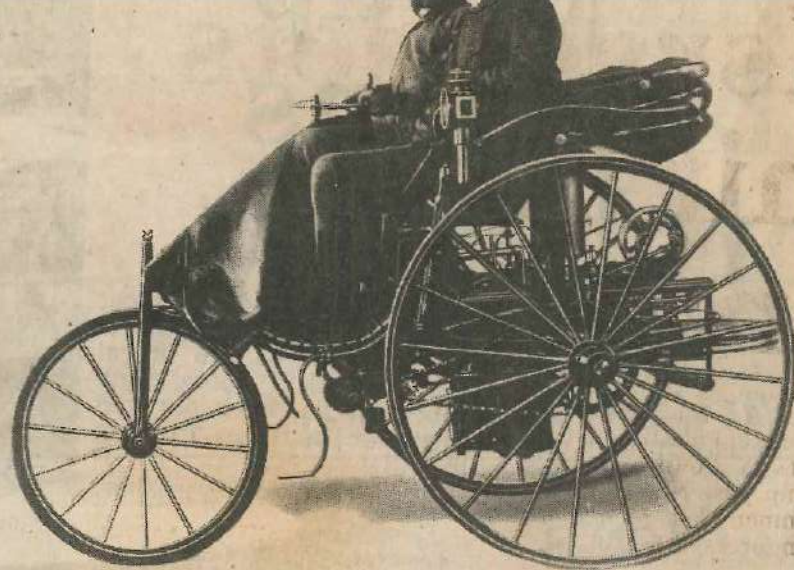
Yet the battle was soon over. The car was quicker. The Frenchman Emile Levassor (who married Panhard's widow) redeveloped a Daimler, fitting it with a foot-operated friction clutch, sliding pinion gearchange and chain drive.

In 1895 he drove from Paris to Bordeaux and back without letting his co-driver take the helm at an average speed of 11 miles an hour to win the first automobile race. History tells us he then drank a bowl of broth and ate two poached eggs after two days at the tiller!

It was not long before mayhem and disaster struck, with drivers and spectators being killed and injured. Road racing was proscribed in France, so they built race tracks. In the opening years of the century racers were reaching 100 miles an hour.

Cars were also cleaner — in one way — than horses. The average horse dropped 40lb. of dung a day so that in 1900 England's towns and cities had to cope with 10 million tons of that stuff, while in New York alone authorities were having to remove 15,000 dead nags a year from the streets.

Whether the horse was safer is arguable. At the turn of the century they were causing 750,000 accidents a



The Benz tricycle of 1886 with Karl Benz at the controls.

Napier at an average of 65.9 mph. Horse? What horse?

The car, truck and bus took people to places they would never have gone by horse. The enclosed, private world of villages unsullied by visitors had gone forever. Soon they were fitting cars with beds, larders, sometimes a flushing WC, even the kitchen sink: and off we go to Harrogate and Henley, the coast, moors and the valleys.

In the buoyant, bold jazzy 1920s there came fabulous extravagances never to be seen again, the rakish Hispano-Suiza and Auburn, the Duesenberg, the muscular Bentley and Mercedes, the towering Daimler and Rolls-Royce.

From Daimler-Benz, to Ford, Rolls-Royce and the Japanese invasion . . . the car has changed the world. **FREDERIC MANBY**, Motoring Correspondent, reports on its first hundred years — or so

year, while research suggests that allowing for increases in population almost as many people were killed and hurt by them in London in 1872 as they were by the car a century later.

Traffic jams caused by horses were chaotic and their masters did not want matters making worse by the new fangled car. The pioneer motorist who first drove up Broadway, New York (in a De Dion Bouton) had to pay 48,000 dollars to outraged owners.

Royalty, the nobility, gentry and emerging industrialists and doctors needing reliable transport were not going to be balked. Cars were tempting.

In 1901 Wilhelm Maybach, the largely ignored genius working with Daimler, presented a Mercedes with a front-engine, pressed steel chassis, honeycomb radiator, mechanically operated inlet valves and gate change gearbox. It cost 2,000 dollars and was unbeatable. Within a few years he had created a 9.2 litre version.

In 1907 Brooklands racing circuit opened and S. F. Edge drove for 24 hours, covering 1,582 miles in a

Few responded with the unbridled alacrity of the Indian maharajas who collected dozens of limousines each in much the same way that their oil-rich successors do today. There was even a Lanchester built in Sparkbrook which carried a replica of the British Coronation coach. It still exists in the garden of a palace in Rajasthan. An Englishman with a sense of adventure living in India followed suit, in a way, by having a hissing mechanical swan built on to the front of his car.

The car made robberies easier and pursuit more effective. It, and more effectively, the lorry, banned tranquillity for ever, creating visual pollution — and fumes which may or may not be killing trees and brain cells. They have caused misery, avarice, delight, escape, desire.

Brezhnev's socialist conscience did not prevent him from having two Rolls-Royces, a Cadillac, a Mercedes-Benz, a Citroen Maserati. African dictators ruling over squalid misery must have their limousine, too.

In the last 80 years cars and trucks have killed anything between 15 and

20 million people. By 1980 the world car population had reached 350 million. In Britain alone the motor industry provides 319,000 jobs. A further 916,000 work for suppliers and another 400,000 in the motor trade.

There are 400,000 more jobs in the road transport industry. The industry's combined taxation in the present year will be some £12 billion. Trucks and vans supply 100,000 factories, 200,000 offices, 40,000 schools and hospitals and 21 million homes with food, clothes, produce and so on.

Milestones have been numerous, from Benz's trike to the Lancia Lamoa to the Citroen Traction Avant, the wartime jeeps and then Land-Rover, the Volkswagen Beetle, Citroen 2CB, Mini, and Renault 4, the Jaguar E-type, Ferrari 308 and Porsche 911.

The 1980s have brought four-wheel-drive supercars, computerised engine controls and suspension, much improved reliability and comfort. The next decade will see cars get even cleaner, quieter, more comfortable and economical. They will require less routine servicing. More will have all-wheel-drive and safer anti-skid brakes and be resistant to corrosion with better metals and wider use of synthetic panels.

Two things are certain. They will still have wheels, courtesy of an unknown inventor, and engines which go up and down, based on the designs of the German Nikolaus Otto in 1876, who made the first four-stroke engine. It weighed about 6½ tons.

Ironically for Otto, the forerunners of today's high-powered company lawyers had his patents overturned, leaving the likes of Daimler and Benz free to adopt his work. The wrangle dragged on for years, culminating in the vital points of Otto's patent being declared null and void, a judgment delivered one hundred years ago today. That was something else to celebrate for Karl and Gottlieb.

Chalibate spring
Canker Well Feb. 1986

BOGGED DOWN IN RED TAPE AND EXPENSE

Plans to restore Ilkley's ancient chalk water supply to the Canker Well on The Grove appear to be in danger of being bogged down in red tape and expense.

Cty Cr. Ernest Gardner, who successfully led the search for the water supply after it had been cut off during development work nearby, was hoping it might soon be reconnected.

However, he has tried to have the water analysed so it can be passed as fit for human consumption, and to meet with EEC regulations, and been told by Bradford Council that analysis would cost at least £250.

"It has to be looked at from the Environmental Health angle, and that is a function of Bradford Council," said Cty. Cr. Gardner. "They will inherit the problem themselves when the county council is abolished in April."

"If the water supply is restored to the Canker Well it could be promoted as a tourist attraction, and used to boost Ilkley as a tourist centre," he went on.

"I am now just hoping that someone will come up with the money, or with a cheaper way of getting the work done. If we are going to let people drink this water, as I did recently on television, we have to make sure it really is fit to drink, and we can not take any short cuts."

For The Record

Sir,—I would like to set the record straight regarding the Canker Well and the spring that feeds it.

Contrary to what has been said in the National Press and on TV the spring has never been lost. It has, however, needed someone as determined as Eleanor Holt with the backing of the Civic Society to persuade councillors to look at the spring and get it tested.

I think it is disgraceful that Miss Holt has not been given the credit she deserves in any of the publicity put out.

F. MELLOR

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Ilkley.

Burrowing away

"DOWN the rabbit hole" will take on a new meaning for the Ripon 1100 celebrations in June, when the village church at Sharow recreates the entrance for "Alice in Wonderland's" burrow.

It was at Sharow where Lewis Carroll found his model for Alice, when he attended a garden fete there and saw Mary Hilton Babcock, daughter of Canon Baynes Babcock, who, like Carroll's father, was a canon of Ripon Cathedral.

Being unable to recreate the actual rabbit hole in the church porch, the next best thing will be a tree-like entrance followed inside by a mirror, to create the looking glass. The exhibition will be held in the church and the organisers are looking for some of the original photographs taken by Lewis Carroll, who in his later years turned to photography and had many pictures printed in Harrogate.

Miss Cynthia Inchboard said: "He photographed many of the clergy families of that time and there must still be a lot of people who still have them. We would like to display them at the exhibition."

Lewis Carroll & Connection with
Ripon & Harrogate.
Personally I think this incorrect
Original Alice was Alice Liddell, not
Babcock!



In the post war years the demand for public transport probably reached its peak locally in the 1950's. These two pictures of holiday scenes at Ilkley feature two centres of the town which are no longer linked with today's transport system.

In the top picture hundreds of day visitors returning from Ilkley queue in New Brook Street for bus services operated by both the West Yorkshire Road Car Company and the former bus company of Samuel Ledgard for destinations east of the town.

The demand for rail services was just as popular as the bottom picture illustrates with hundreds of day visitors on Platform 4 awaiting a Bradford or Leeds train from Skipton. This part of Ilkley Railway Station has long been disused and the tracks removed. Departures for Leeds and Bradford have since operated from Platforms 1 and 2.

room with gas chlg. sealed

Feb. 1986
1886

100 Years Ago

Improvements were being made to street lighting in Ilkley, particularly in Church Street where conditions of lighting were described by Mr. Beanlands as being a danger to life and limb. Mr. Hartley said that too much emphasis had been put on lighting the road in Brook Street and that the shopkeepers with premises in Church Street had real cause for complaint. Three lamps were to be placed accordingly along the length of the street.

Dr. Little complained bitterly about the lighting along the road between Ben Rhydding and Ilkley and said that there were no lighted paths or roads at Wheatley, and that if Ilkley Local Board were not to help them there would be a strong desire amongst Wheatley's inhabitants to break away from Ilkley altogether.

Street lighting

ditto at B.R.

25 Years Ago

Skipton Rural Council was informed that the Housing Committee had received a letter from the Education Officer with regard to the provision of a site for the erection of a five class junior and infants school with a nursery unit at Addingham. This would require a minimum site of 2.375 acres and the erection of the school's first installment had been included in the 1962-3 building programme.

In the forthcoming events there was notice of a visit to Ilkley of Victor Silvester and his famous ballroom orchestra. They were to appear at the Kings Hall and Winter Gardens in February with tickets priced at 10/6 each.

The tenants and employees of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire on their Yorkshire estates were guests of the Duke and Duchess at a dinner dance at Craiglunds Hotel. There was an attendance of 270 chiefly from the Bolton Abbey Estate. The Duke was unavoidably absent being involved with his duties as a minister, and the Duchess was escorted by the Marquis of Hartington, who was then a pupil at Eton.

Victor Silvester at Ilkley
Dinner for emp loyees at
Devonshire's sports estates

Feb 1986
1911

75 Years Ago

There was a most fashionable assembly at Wells House for the annual ball in aid of Ilkley Coronation Hospital. Miss Hardman was responsible for the magnificent decorative scheme of the ballroom with the use of almond blossom, and Japanese lanterns. The band was placed on a platform adorned with a large canvas picture of Sicily's coast line with Mount Etna in the background. The lighting was subdued, mostly using fairy lights and coloured bulbs.

Despite the fact that the event was attended by most of the leading people of the district, there was a "rollicking gaiety" about some of the dances and Mr. J. S. Bridge's band provided the lively music, the players all being members of the Halle and other leading orchestras.

There was a splendid buffet supper provided by Mr. Thompson of the Kiosk Cafe and Miss Fender, manageress of the Hydro. A smoking room was provided for the gentlemen and also a ladies' room. The stewards were Dr. Bates, Dr. Hearder, Mr. Lavington Glyde, Dr. Scott, Mr. B. Nussey and Mr. E. Fletcher. Dancing took place from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m., and for the comfort of waiting chauffeurs and cabbies a coffee stall was provided in the hydro grounds.

The annual cabmen's tea given by Miss Moncrieff was provided at Miss Colburn's refreshment rooms in Church Street. Twenty four men were present and Miss Linton addressed them, dealing with her missionary work in India. The whole event was said to be a great success.

1. Ho spital ball at Wells House.
2. Cabmen's tea.

Feb 1986
1936

50 Years Ago

Important land purchases between the Old Bridge and the New Bridge at Ilkley were decided upon by Ilkley Urban District Council at their January meeting in 1936, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Health. The land on both sides of the river belonged to Mr. Septimus Wray, together with Bridge House and other buildings and the boating stretch of the river, and were to be bought at a cost of £3,625 and a smaller piece of land belonging to Mr. E. Rotheray, adjacent to Mr. Wray's land between Denton Road and the river, was included at the figure of £577 10s.

Part of the land was in use as playing fields which the council were anxious to control, and during the summer it had been in use as a popular camping ground.

Under discussion at the same meeting was the planting or replanting of trees along Denton Road and The Grove. The plan for Denton Road was deferred as the cost had not been included in

Council buys
River side gardens

Feb. 1986
(1886)

100 Years Ago

A soup kitchen in the Coffee Tavern in Brook Street was appreciated during the winter months. It was reported that many people would be suffering from the pangs of hunger in the town were it not for the benevolence of the promoters.

There was a poor attendance at an entertainment given in Burley National Schoolroom under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly Society. Songs were rendered by the Misses Minnikin, Clayton and Emma, "and the programme gone through was not very high-class."

Work on the new line between Skipton and Ilkley had been slow, partly owing to storms and partly owing to the backward state of some undertakings, notably the erection of bridges which retarded the progress on the cuttings. Progress near Embsay had not been too bad but nearer Skipton outsiders considered the progress exceedingly slow. Skipton tradespeople had hoped that the number of workmen employed would take prosperity to the town, but there were less than 100 workmen, and work was irregular so that many of the navvies were reduced to begging and tradesmen had suffered.

Special Russian Fur Boas were offered at 2/6, 3/6 and 5/-. Sable capes priced at 45s., Otussen Capes 15/- and Bearskin 15/-. Special Odessa Seal Bag Muffs, satin lined, silver framed with lock and key were offered at 17/6.

Soup kitchen
in Jersey

Skipton -
Ilkley way
line

Fur coats??

Feb 1986.
(1936)

Feb. 1986
(1886)

50 Years Ago

H.M. King George V died on 21 January 1936 and most Ilkley people heard the news on a B.B.C. broadcast. The late king had been well-known in Wharfedale and had had many visits to Bolton Abbey as a member of the Duke of Devonshire's shooting party. From 1921 he had been an annual visitor to Bolton Abbey in August, and crowds of local people gathered there to see him. A united memorial service was held at Ilkley Parish Church, with a procession from the Town Hall.

The River Wharfe flowed at a high level following a thaw and some heavy showers of snow and rain. The roads flooded at Mickie Ing, and Golt Stock Farm. Motorists between Otley and Ilkley had to detour by way of Menston.

Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society presented "Rio Rita" at the Kings Hall with leading parts played by Will Owen, Roberto Ferguson, Stanley Fielden, May Rainford, Herbert Illingworth and Ernest White. The production was full of happy music and colour and was produced by Mr. Sidney Vine.

Ilkley Preservation League committee expressed a desire that the amenities of Hebers Ghyll should be improved. They felt that seats could be better placed in relation to views, the path to the Swastika Stone was not clearly defined and that the chalybeate spring needed attention as there was only a small trickle of water and the drinking vessel was in an unsavoury condition.

Death of
Geo. V.

River
floods.

Ilk. Am.
Op. Soc.

Ilkley Pres.
Evolution
League.

Menston
Amateurs

Cinema at
Kings Hall

Ilkley R. U.

Lecture by
G. K. Chesterton

100 Years Ago

The "good work of opening out Mill Ghyll" was proceeding fast in February, 1886, said the "Ilkley Gazette." The workmen employed in opening out the upper portion of this little ravine had effected a complete change in its appearance. Undulating walks had been made, and a number of evergreens planted, and under the skilful superintendence of Mr. McGregor, the Ghyll bid fair to become one of the most picturesque spots in Ilkley.

Upwards of thirty people sat down to supper at Addingham to celebrate the marriage of Miss Jane Jarman, of Addingham, to Mr. Richard Stephens, a young man employed on the railway works. On the menu were roast beef, boiled mutton with caper sauce and plum pudding, provided at a nominal charge by Mrs. Bracken, of Farfield Hall, a local benefactor.

The death occurred at Burley of the oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Eliza Baker, aged 98, who for some years had been the matriarch of the village. Up to her demise she was bright and in possession of all her faculties and lived with her son, himself a septuagenarian in Peel Place, Burley.

At Skipton Petty Sessions a man was summoned by Chas. Edwards, gamekeeper, Bolton Bridge for game trespass. He had been discovered with two other men and two dogs beating the fields for game. He was fined 40s. and costs.

A private invitation ball under the auspices of Burley-in-Wharfedale Quadrille Society and the Football Club was held in the Lecture Hall, Burley. A large number attended and danced the night away to the music provided by Mr. W. Dean's string band. Mr. H. Towers was M.C. and the hall was decorated with flags etc.

Opening of
Mill Ghyll.

Addingham
Wedding

Burley
Oldest
Inhabitant

Ball at
Burley

75 Years Ago

Menston Amateur Dramatic Society presented the "Pirates of Penzance" at the Kings Hall with a large cast of local people taking part. The lead parts were played by Mr. Sydney Carter, Mr. Ernest Turner, Mr. Fred G. Duncan, Mr. Vincent Ward, Mr. Robinson Rycroft, Mrs. J. W. Bell, Miss May Town, Miss Wells, Miss Woodcock and Mrs. Chas. Dowson. The musical comedy was produced by Mr. Robinson Rycroft with Mr. Lewis Oddy as Musical Director.

Free passages to Queensland, Australia, were offered to persons wishing to do Manual Labour, or to offer Domestic Service.

Two exhibitions of cinematography pictures were held in the Kings Hall. They included films such as "Beautiful Lakes of Italy", "A Mountain Maid", "The Short Sighted Goggles", "The Sun" and "The Bitter Rain". Mr. E. E. Moore played incidental music on the piano forte.

Ilkley and Otley Rugby Union local rivals played a match at Ilkley amidst a gale of wind and rain. Otley won the game by 11 points to four. Ilkley player Lambert was injured early in the game and was off for most of the time. Sharpe dropped the only goal for Ilkley.

A large audience attended a lecture by the well-known author, Mr. G. K. Chesterton who took as his subject "Border Ballads."

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NEW BROOK STREET TWENTY SIX YEARS AGO

Four weeks ago a picture from the series "scenes from the past" showed a bird's eye view of the area where the traffic lights stand at the junction of Brook Street and Leeds Road.

Prominently featured in that scene was the old Wheat Sheaf Inn which could have been the town's oldest Inn, though some claim the Rose and Crown Hotel referred to by Harry Speight in his book "Upper Wharfedale" was the oldest and dated back to the

1370's. This week we look at New Brook Street and at this picture taken at the time of the demolition of the outbuildings of the Inn which closed its doors for the last time at the end of 1959.

Since then the whole area has been completely transformed with improved views of the valley and the provision of flower beds and seats to provide the attractive area it presents today.

The 1950's provided a much different scene. The outbuildings of the inn were still in position and at holiday times the site on which the Roman fort was built attracted people looking for "all the fun of the fair," for it was on this site that the owners of amusements use to arrive and set up their roundabouts, swings, slot machines, big wheel, coconut shies and other side shows.

Just below the cobbled entrance was the terminus for buses

operated by the former firm of Samuel Ledgard and the West Yorkshire Road Car Company arriving in the town with passengers from Leeds and areas between the city and Ilkley.

Further down New Brook Street poster boardings advertised the products of the day. They were being demolished along with the outbuildings of the Wheat Sheaf Inn when this picture was taken.



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AT ADDINGHAM

BY-PASS PLANS ON DISPLAY

Plans for the long-awaited Addingham By-Pass go on display today (Friday), and a public exhibition giving details of the proposals is to be held in the village next week.

Mr. Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, announced today the publication of draft Orders for the by-pass, showing the proposed route of the new road, together with side road alterations and de-trunking proposals.

They will be on display locally at Ilkley Town Hall and Addingham Post Office, and available for inspection until 23 May.

Mr. Bottomley said, "I am pleased to announce a further step towards the building of this much-needed by-pass. The Government gives high priority to improving the quality of life in villages by removing traffic, especially heavy goods vehicles, from roads which were not designed to take it; Addingham is a good example.

"The existing trunk road through the village is narrow and winding, and the proposed road will bring substantial benefits to the residents by improving road safety and reducing the nuisance of noise and pollution," he went on.

He said the new road would be two and a half miles long, starting near the entrance to Highfield Farm on the existing A65, and passing to the south of Addingham before joining the A65 near Lumb Gill Lane. A roundabout would be constructed at the junction with Silsden Road.

The road would be built to all purpose trunk road standards, with a 24ft. single carriageway, but in addition a climbing lane would be provided over the length of the gradient from the Ilkley road to Street House. A one metre hard strip and 2.5 metre grass verges would be provided on each side of the road.

The public exhibition of plans, draft orders and other material illustrating the proposals will be held at the Memorial Hall from 2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 11.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. on Friday, and 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Saturday next week.

Admission is free, and representatives of the Department will be present to answer questions.

The draft Orders being published today are proposals—the Secretary of State is not committed to them, but is seeking the views of those concerned. The Secretaries of State for Transport and the Environment will jointly consider all objections, representations or counter-proposals, which should be sent in by 23 May.

If the Secretaries of State decide there should be a public inquiry to hear objections to the draft Orders, they will appoint an independent Inspector nominated by the Lord Chancellor. After full consideration of the Inspector's report and recommendations, and all other information, the Secretaries of State would then jointly decide whether or not the proposals should go ahead, or be varied in any way.

The Addingham By-Pass appears in the report "National Roads: England 1985", in the programme from April 1987 to March 1989. The estimated cost at November 1983 prices was £2.9 million.

The scheme has been prepared, under the direction of the DoT Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Office, by Pell Frischmann Highways and Transportation Ltd., Consulting Engineers.

100 Years Ago

A fall of snow at Ilkley in February 1886 had been unprecedented for many years. A steady snowfall which lasted almost 48 hours resulted in a thorough block. The Local Board got the snow plough to work and cleared the centre of the streets. Thirty men and 16 horses and carts were employed in carting the snow to Backside Hill (behind the Wheatsheaf Hotel) and to plugs in Bridge Lane where it could be easily carried away by the river when the thaw set in. The snow caused a great deal of damage to spouting and also to glass roofs. The work on the railway at Ilkley was entirely stopped and distress was prevalent amongst the outdoor working classes.

Drifts at Burley were many feet deep and the roads up the dales were completely impassable. Many local farmers were anxious as to the fate of their sheep.

A series of "Pleasant Evenings for the People" was inaugurated at the Congregational Lecture Hall. The first of these comprised a lantern show of a trip to New York and Washington with descriptive readings, songs and pianoforte music. Admission to the hall was free, but a charge of 6d. to defray expenses was made on the balcony.

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75 Years Ago

Ilkley was described as "Ye Ancient Borough of Olicana" on the programme printed for the fifth annual smoking concert arranged by officials of the Ilkley District Council and the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Dinsdale, was referred to as "Ye Worshipful Mayor". The principal event of the evening was a presentation to the retiring Superintendent of Ilkley Fire Brigade, Mr. J. A. Middlebrook, of a silver mounted oak spirit stand, and a silver teapot and tray to Mrs. Middlebrook.

Local ladies and gentlemen provided a dramatic entertainment at St. Margaret's Hall. The pieces presented were "A Fair Encounter," a comedieta, and "My Lord in Livery," a one act farce. Messrs. J. and F. Bontoft introduced some splendid limelight effects. The orchestra was organised and directed by Miss Alice Greenwood. There were only two parts in the first play which were played by the Misses Maude Garnett and Dorothy Johnson. The leading parts in the farce were taken by Mr. E. Coleman, Mr. P. C. Ellis, Mr. W. B. Clayton, Master Dennis Box and Miss Madeline Denison.

Five rabbits, dripping, jam, periodicals, bread and firewood were amongst items gratefully accepted by the matron of Ilkley and Wharfedale Orphanage from local residents.

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Entertainment at St. Margaret's Hall

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