

MARCH 1986

PLAN FOR HOLIDAY CHALETS UNDER ATTACK

STRONG PROTESTS over the proposed holiday chalet development at Hollin Hall Farm, on the banks of the River Wharfe at Ilkley, have been made to Bradford Council.

The go-ahead was given by Bradford planners in November for 35 chalets, a restaurant, shop, games room, swimming pool and parking for forty six cars and now local objectors are calling for tough restrictions to be placed on the controversial scheme.

The decision to give outline approval was greeted with "dismay and astonishment" by the West Riding Branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, by West Riding area of the Ramblers Association and by the Open Spaces Society.

In a strong plea to Bradford Council the three organisations are demanding:—

- The number of chalets be reduced.

- Nothing in the layout should be done to adversely affect the use of the path and the river. The three organisations suggested a diversion if necessary.

- As they were to be holiday chalets, the holiday period should be clearly defined such as April to September and the occupation during the rest of the year not permitted.

- The proposed restaurant, shop, games room and swimming pool should not be permitted as being completely out of place in the setting, and not necessary at a site so near to Ilkley which had all these facilities. They said

many caravan parks in places distant from a town exist without these urban features.

- The necessary sewage scheme must ensure there will be no pollution of the river.

The three organisations go onto say "In our view a collection of chalets and other buildings at this point would be a very damaging intrusion into a completely unspoiled rural landscape. Before the application was considered substantial objections had been lodged by Ilkley Parish Council, Addingham Parish Council, the Harrogate Borough Council, three societies and other individual objectors. It was pointed out that the land was within the Green Belt; that the Dale Way, a popular long distance path passed through the site; and that the path along the river bank was also much used by local people and that the chalets, service roads, parked cars and other buildings could not be screened from the north side of the valley", they said.

50 years ago (1936)

The first annual dinner of the Wharfedale and Craven Branch of the South African War Veterans Association was held at the Star Hotel, Ilkley, with Mr. T. Seymour presiding. Capt. P. Mayer, whilst proposing a toast to the branch, commented that there were six to eight survivors of the Boer War living in Ilkley who had not yet joined the Association and he hoped they would shortly become members. The Ilkley Branch of the British Legion was represented by Messrs. E. Chambers and J. Parkinson.

Mr. Wm. M. Simpson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Simpson, of Brook Street, Ilkley, and a well known Ilkley Rugby Union forward left Ilkley to take up an appointment with the South Rhodesian Police. Mr. Simpson was a former pupil of Ilkley Grammar School and was presented by fellow members of the Ilkley Rugby Club with a solid silver cigarette case.

Nurse Broughton, Ilkley Health Visitor, stressed the importance of sunshine and fresh air to babies and children in a talk to mothers in the Leeds Road Methodist Schoolroom. She also asked that children in the school infant's department should be put to bed by 7 p.m. and no school child should be up later than 9 p.m.

- 1 ANN. DINNER S. AFRICAN WAR VETERANS
2. ~~RETURN FOR SIMPSON'S~~ BROOK ST
3. FRESH AIR FOR BABIES!

1966/6.

25 Years Ago

Addingham Church of England School was scheduled to close at the end of the Spring term. The Rector of Addingham, the Rev. E. P. Clare in an address at the annual meeting in the Church School expressed his sorrow at this fact, but proposed forming a small business committee to look into the possibilities of buying the school for use as a Parochial Hall.

SALE OF ADDINGHAM CHURCH SCHOOL

Whilst the work of renovating and converting Ilkley Manor House in Castle Yard was going on the windows had been systematically broken until hardly a whole pane of glass remained. The restoration was expected to be completed by April with new glass in the windows.

The Ilkley Gazette showed a picture depicting the changed appearance and improvements to the garden along the Grove containing the Canker Well.

RENOVATION OF MANOR HOUSE.

MARCH. 1986

GAZETTE MARCH. 1986

100 Years Ago

1886

Ikley Hospital was able to accommodate 100 persons instead of 70 owing to the completion of an enlargement to the building. The additions comprised two new wings jutting out from the south side of the main buildings. The upper floors of the building were composed of dormitory rooms fitted with 100 beds, with a small number of apartments for isolation cases. Dr. Johnstone, Medical Officer of Health, announced that no death had occurred during the season. Several patients had gained close on a stone in weight during three weeks' stay and most people on average gained about 4½ lbs. Cases included those suffering from consumption, old age, palsy, cancer, rheumatism, scrofula and gastric ulceration.

ENLARGING OF IKLEY HOSPITAL

MARCH 1986 (1911)

75 Years Ago

An "Open Night" was held in Ben Rhydding Parish Room in connection with the Ben Rhydding Children's Guild. The programme was arranged by Miss Wells assisted by Miss Bullock, Miss Lambert and Mrs. Gamble. The children taking part sang, recited and took part in "dialogues" or small playlets. Edward Bland, Julia Smith, Edward Bates, George Stead, Teddie Bland, Edward Bates, Jack Bullman, Leslie Carter, Sidney Perks, Kenneth Dixon, Albert Leteve, Harry Leteve, Tom Rees, Marjorie Myers, Horsley Bullman, Connie Stead, Muriel Stead, Marion Gray, Jack Bullman, Nellie Ward, Lilian Gardner, Arthur Carter, Hartley Robinson, Cyril Rees, May Woodhead, Francis Rees, Agnes Bland, Doris Gardnet, Violet Myers, Gladys Gardner, Freddie Bullman, Mrs. Gable, Nellie Wells, Gertrude Myers, Nellie Ward, Lilian Gardner, and Zillah Duell took part in the evening's entertainment. Miss Bullock was the accompanist.

OPEN NIGHT AT B.R. CHURCH

1986 25 YEARS AGO (1961)

The first rehearsal of the new Ikley Orchestra which was set up by Mr. J. W. Williamson was held in the sun lounge of the Stoney Lea Hotel. The orchestra had already nine members and was to be led by Mr. Harry Glover.

NEW IKLEY ORCHESTRA

An outbreak of moorland fires followed a dry spell of weather. The worst was above Stoney Lea Hotel near Backstone Beck, with about 600 square yards affected. The fires were fought by Ikley Fire Brigade and by men from the Parks Department of the Council armed with beaters.

OUTBREAK OF FIRE ON MOORS.

A presentation was made to Miss Ellsworth, headmistress of Addingham Church of England school on its closure after 100 years. The Rev. L. P. Clare presented her with a picnic case on behalf of the managers and the scholars. Miss Ellsworth had been the headmistress for 12 years. Only 12 pupils were taught at the school before its closure.

AT ADDINGHAM

FORMER INDUSTRIES UNDER DISCUSSION

Addingham Civic Society were entertained to a slide show featuring Addingham's bygone extractive industries, by Alison Armstrong-Birdsall, a local Museums Curator and an Addingham resident, who has walked most of the paths and by-ways in the locality in her search for evidence of these past industries.

Addingham was made up of sandstone and slates of the Carboniferous Millstone Grit Age. The rocks began life as sand and mud deposited in a tropical River Delta which covered northern Britain 300 million years ago, she said. The Society were told that the sandstone now stood out as crags or ridges and that the slates contained coal seams and ironstones.

were fine examples of local craftsmanship, she said.

Stone quarries were frequent all round the moorside and intriguing evidence of the millstone industry still existed with abandoned and partly worked millstones to be found. Innumerable examples of the use of stone and the art of the masons could be seen in and around Addingham, she said.

The Society's next meeting in April will look at the work of the District Archivist.

As the Ice Age finished a mere 10,000 years ago Addingham was left with a covering of boulder clay dumped by the melting ice. The clay included limestone boulders brought down from the Dales. As the climate became wetter peat formed on the higher land, she said.

MARCH. 1986 (1961)

Members heard lime burning was common with "Lime Kiln Close" being a popular field name. Coal pits behind the Sailor Hotel were marked on the Ordnance Survey maps from the 1850's and bell pits, shafts sunk to a seam of coal or iron before excavation could still be seen near Small Banks for example.

25 Years Ago

Station Officer Peter Naylor of the Ikley Fire Brigade swam across a swift current with a pilot rope attached to his waist to rescue a Halifax angler cut off on an island in the river near High Mill at Addingham. The Wharfe

Addingham did not have any decent coal, she said, and it was mostly "imported" though the old packhorse road to Keighley via Windgate Nick passed through local coal pits.

was still rising very rapidly. Two heavier ropes were taken across the water and Mr. Vallance, the angler was hauled to safety by Ikley Firemen. The alarm had been given by Mr. Wilfred Griffiths who had noticed the angler in distress from his factory.

Peat was clearly worked on the moorside and particularly on Counter Hill. Iron was commonly worked in the Nesfield area and at Low Mill, where the field name of "Smithy Greaves" suggested the likelihood of iron smelting. However, iron-making furnaces were probably short lived for lack of charcoal, she said.

The early Easter weekend, at the end of March, brought horrible weather conditions to Wharfedale including heavy rain, snow and fog resulting in a few visitors in the early days of the weekend. Easter Monday was slightly clearer with over 3,000 people arriving and departing by rail.

Medieval pottery had been found at Upper Gate Croft where Ice Age boulder clay was probably deposited. Many of Addingham's chimney pots

ANGLER CAUGHT BY FLOOD ON ISLAND. ADDINGHAM

APRIL 1986
1986

100 Years Ago

Ikley Local Board was presented with a recommendation from the Fire Brigade and Hackney Carriage Committee that the Board should purchase the necessary uniforms for members of the Fire Brigade. Mr. T. Horsman queried the cost and was informed that it had been estimated at £20. Many members were of the opinion that the finance had not been estimated for in the new rate and the matter was left in abeyance.

At a Soiree in connection with the Congregational Sunday School in the Lecture Hall Mr. S. Whitely who had been organist at the church for almost six years was presented with a silver mounted baton by the Rev. S. D. Hillman. Mr. Whitely was resigning from office. Over 200 sat down to the tea which preceded the entertainment and in charge of the tables were. — Mrs. Chas. Lund, Mrs. J. Thorpe, Mr. G. Thorpe, Mrs. Bilbury, Mrs. Moon, Mrs. J. Illingworth, Mrs. Fred Muft, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Monilaws, Miss Cook, Miss Brodie and Miss Newbould. In the entertainment the choir contributed glees and songs were sung by the Misses Dunn, Stewart, and S. Walker; and Messrs. G. W. Thompson and W. E. Press. Recitations were given by Messrs. W. Mallett, G. W. Hampshire, Master A. Hampshire and Miss Gatenby.

County pride

Sir. — With the disappearance of the West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire County Councils in April, 1986, one is reminded of the fact that the successive formation and disbandment of administrative districts and areas affecting parts of Yorkshire is virtually a regular occurrence, the present boundaries having been established in 1972 and now to disappear next year.

The geographical county of Yorkshire, which we all appreciate is not only perpetuated for County cricket, Yorkshire Post, Yorkshire Building Society, and countless other organisations and firms, is, however, unchanged and measures 3,882,328 acres, comprising East Riding 749,513 acres, North Riding 1,362,560, West Riding 1,766,664 and York City 3,591.

It is appropriate that on Yorkshire Day (August 1) your readers can reassure themselves that if they live within these broad acres they are truly Yorkshire folk irrespective of where their Local Government boundaries may define them to be for administration purposes.

APRIL 1986
(1911)

75 Years Ago

Charles Hawtreys three act farce "The Private Secretary" was presented by the Ikley Amateur Dramatic Society in the King's Hall. The objective was the provision of some furniture for the new drill hall. The hall was almost full and the audience included most of the officers of the 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade Royal Field Artillery together with a number of visiting officers.

The brigade band occupied the orchestra pit and played a number of selections under the leadership of Mr. T. P. Newton. Taking part in the production were Messrs. H. H. Chapman, Cyril D. Wilkinson, Rupert R. Wilkinson, Herbert Sinclair, E. S. Brownhill, J. Sykes, Mrs. A. E. Beckwith, Miss S. Sykes, Miss M. A. Brownhill and Miss M. Blezard.

Ikley Skating Rink was put up for sale by public auction, having been erected 18 months earlier at a cost of £3,250. There were no bids but the skates and other effects were sold.

Wrays pleasure garden advertised their Easter holiday attractions — boating on the river, aviaries stocked with British and foreign birds, dancing to the strains of a string band and tea and refreshments available in the grounds. The admission price was 3d.

Shuttleworths, printers of the Ikley Gazette, advertised a large range of goods for the impending Coronation including banners, bunting, texts, photos, festoons, medals, brooches, coronation spoons and coronation chairs.

UNIFORMS
FOR
FIRE BRIGADE

CONCERT IN
LECTURE HALL

IKLEY A.D.S
IN
THE PRIVATE
SECRETARY

SALE OF
SKATING
RINK

WRAYS
PLEASURE
GARDEN

SHUTTLE-
WORTHS.

Y.P.
SOMETIME IN
1985!

Whether you live in Hull, Saddleworth, Sedbergh or Middlesbrough you are still part of the White Rose County. — Yours, etc.

R. SWINDEN, JP
Wrenthorpe Lane, Wrenthorpe,
nr. Wakefield.

MAY 1986 (1911)

75 Years Ago

The May monthly meeting of Ikley Urban District Council took only twenty minutes, during which time there was all business and no wrangling. It was recommended that Cr. J. W. Benson be requested to accept the position of honorary Supt. of the Fire Brigade. It was recommended that gas for public illuminations on Coronation Day and the following day should be supplied free to all applicants within the district. Devices for the illumination of the Town Hall were to be obtained at a cost not exceeding £25 and there was to be free gas to inflate a balloon ascent from the Homes Fields on Coronation Day.

PREPARED
NOTES FOR
CORONATION

April 1986

(1911)

75 Years Ago

Decisions were taken at a meeting of the general committee appointed to take in hand the local Coronation Celebrations. It was felt that most of Ilkley townspeople would give generously and be in favour of providing an endowment for the Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital and the scheme was approved after some debate with only two members against.

The Surveyor and his men were praised for a transformation of a piece of land adjoining the Old Bridge, known in the past as "Paradise", as it once bloomed with flowers and a hawthorn hedge and then left in neglect. Ilkley Council bought the land for £200 and laid it out and planted shrubs and flowers and built a rockery to edge the stream under Mr. Lister Horner, the head gardener. Seats were provided and during the Easter holidays they were occupied by hundreds of people.

Miss Bellerby played incidental music on the piano-forte during picture shows at the Town Hall. There were a number of humorous and dramatic film, and picturesque and scenic tours. Also shown was a film of the football match between Bradford City and Notts Forest.

Sunshine was only fitful

and the air was chilly at Easter but the crowd of visitors on Easter Monday to Ilkley reached record numbers. The crowd made one fact painfully apparent, the need for public conveniences at holiday times.

1. CORONATION CELEBRATIONS
2. PICTURE SHOW AT TOWN HALL
3. EASTER MONDAY.

May 1986 (1911)
75 years ago.

A motor car thought to be proceeding to Otley Show collided with a milk float belonging to Mr. J. King, farmer, Ben Rhydding, between Esscroft and Burley. The splashboard and one of the wheels of the float were badly damaged, but the car continued its journey not disabled.

Collection of car with one of King's milk floats!!

April 1986
50 YEARS AGO (1936)

Ilkley Ladies Hockey Club returned from a successful tour of Holland and out of four matches played they had won three and drew one. They had been entertained by the Daventer Hockey Club and escorted to some interesting Dutch towns including Amsterdam, Volendam and the Island of Marken. Following their match against Nijmegen, Mrs. Illingworth, the Ilkley team captain, was presented with a charming picture of the town.

ILKLEY LADIES HOCKEY TEAM IN HOLLAND

April 1986
25 YEARS AGO (1961)

The derelict "bar house" on the Silsden Road at Addingham was described as a "pig hole" by Cr. J. Hadley at their April meeting. It failed to serve any useful purpose and Mr. Hadley asked the Council to take steps to have it removed. It had been condemned as unfit for human habitation but there was some objection to demolition owing to the historic values.

ADDINGHAM BAR HOUSE.

May 1986
(1886)

100 Years Ago

There was a proposal to offer a prize at the end of the summer season for the donkey showing the most evidence of care and attention amongst those on hire in Ilkley. Donkeys entered for the competition must have had to have been on hire either for riding or pulling path chairs in June, July and August. A further prize was to be offered for the stud of donkey in the best condition at the close of the season.

Flags flew in Ilkley on the two political clubs, the Parish Church, Wells House and Ilkley College to mark the first birthday of Queen Victoria following the death of her consort, Prince Albert.

In the Ilkley Free Press of 28 May, 1886, dozens of lads were wanted "sharp and active" to sell the newspaper in Ilkley.

The Ilkley Swimming and Bathing Club's new bathing pavilion on the river was opened but a downpour of rain prevented anything in the nature of a formal opening ceremony. An "efficient curatorial had been appointed".

1. PRIZES FOR BEST KEPT DONKEY
2. QUEEN VICTORIA'S BIRTHDAY
3. "WANTED" SELLERS FOR "GASJET"
4. SWIMMING CLUB.

May 1986
(1886)

100 Years Ago

A big event in Ilkley during the first week of May 1886 was the annual Flower Festival in connection with Ilkley Congregational Sunday School Band of Hope. The programme included the Coronation of the Queen of the May and Maypole Dance and selections from the handbell ringers. During the programme there was a surprise presentation to Miss Ferguson of a stationery cabinet and writing case as a token of the members' appreciation of her hard work with the Band of Hope and her "untiring efforts" in instructing the young.

The memorial at Bolton Abbey to the late Lord Frederick Cavendish, on a site adjacent to Hartington's seat, attracted numerous visitors. The hexagonal structure commanded some of the most beautiful views of the Abbey.

The memorial at Bolton Abbey was one of the sights viewed by a party of eighteen men who travelled from the Wheat Sheaf Inn in a three horsed wagonette for a tour of Stump Cross Caverns. The party was conducted by Mr. Thos. Sargeant, with Barden Tower as their first halt for light refreshments. They enjoyed a good plain dinner at the Grouse Inn and then donned white jackets and carried candles to explore the "gruesome caverns". Tea and a short walk by the reservoir was enjoyed at Blubberhouses and the journey homeward was through Askwith and Denton.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AT COMAST

MEMORIAL TO LORD F. CAVENDISH AT B. A.

May 1986

ELIZABETHAN RESIDENCE ON THE MARKET

One of the most appealing Elizabethan residences in the region, High Stead, at Ben Rhydding, is being offered for sale by private treaty by Dacre, Son and Hartley's Ilkley office.

High Stead dates from 1596, towards the end of Elizabeth's 15 long reign. It was first built for William Yavasour by his father, a substantial landowner, who lived at the original Weston Manor, near Otley, and on whose direct descendents' behalf Dacre, Son and Hartley's Otley office act as managing agents.

High Stead forms part of the small hamlet of Stead, located midway between the River Wharfe and Rombalds Moor, more familiarly known today as Ilkley Moor. During the 16th Century the region was more heavily wooded, and it was said that a squirrel could travel from the Wharfe to Stead without touching the ground.

By the mid 1930's the property became semi-derelict, but over the past 20 years it has been lovingly restored by the present vendors, retaining many of its original features, including oak beams and mullioned windows.

May 1986 (1911)

75 Years Ago

An inquiry was held at Ilkley Town Hall, by Mr. R. C. Maxwell, a Local Government Board Inspector, regarding a proposal to put into effect the speed limit of ten miles per hour on motor cars passing along all main roads and some side roads within the Urban Districts of Ilkley and Burley. It was felt by many that this was unnecessary as there had been no action taken by the police although Ilkley was a place mainly frequented by elderly people. There was a great deal of nuisance from dust and danger signals would be welcomed.

Special attractions at Wray's pleasure gardens for the Whitsuntide holiday included a company of entertainers known as "The Merry Merridons" who were to appear twice daily, when fine on the lawn. The company comprised a contralto, a humourist, comedienne, sabrette, comedian and pianist.

Empire Day was duly celebrated at Ilkley Grammar School, with an address by Col. Sir Alexander Morgan, a veteran of the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny. Patriotic songs were sung and rousing cheers were given for "The King".

The High School for Girls, Ilkley, reported that owing to an increase in numbers the school had moved to Annandale, Ilkley.

May 1986 (1936)

50 Years Ago

Glorious weather favoured the opening of Ilkley Bathing Pool and before 7 a.m. on the opening day in mid-May 1936 there were seven bathers awaiting admission to be the first into the pool for the new season. The total takings were £164 for the first weekend.

Individual championships at Ilkley Grammar School's annual sports were won by Wardman (Swann House), with Rayner in second place and the junior champion was Schofield (Atkinson House) with Crowe and Burdock tying for second place.

Warbeck, in King's Road, Ilkley the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Moore was extensively damaged by fire. The billiard room roof crashed in and the roofs of two or three bedrooms and the landing were similarly damaged. Ilkley Fire Brigade was joined by a brigade from Otley and put out the flames within two hours.

Ilkley accomplished a remarkable performance in the Aire-dale-Wharfedale Senior Cricket League by thrashing Earby winning by 151 runs. Highest scorer for Ilkley was C. Wellington with 71 not out.

- 1. opening of Ilkley Bathing Pool.
2. Warbeck on market.

June 13/86 (1886)

100 Years Ago

About 400 teachers and scholars of the Parish Church Sunday assembled at the National School for their annual festival. A procession was formed and they walked to the Parish Church for a short service conducted by the Rev. A. C. Downer. The procession was re-formed after the service and they went with flags and banners waving up Brook Street to the vicar's house where they were addressed by the Vicar. After pausing in Railway Road to sing two hymns they returned to the schoolrooms for tea arranged by the Misses Halliwell, Harrison and Vickers. This was followed by sports on the Grammar School Playing Fields supervised by the vicar and teachers.

A large oak tree was blown down in Mill Ghyll as a result of a fierce wind. The tree fell in a horizontal position spanning the beck with the upturned roots rising to a considerable distance from the ground. As it was one of the finest trees it was decided to leave it in this position as an ornament and bank it up with soil in which ferns were to be planted.

Parish Church June 13/86 (1886)
outing

Oak tree blown down in Mill Ghyll.

- 1. Speed limit of 10 M.P.H in Ilkley
2. Wray's Pleasure Gardens.
3. Empire Day at G.S.
4. Girls High School moves to Annandale.

50 Years Ago

The boys of the Church of England School sent a message to King Edward on the

occasion of his birthday "Loyal congratulations on your first birthday as King, Emperor, Ilkley Church of England Boys' School. They duly received back a message of thanks from the King and his appreciation of their good wishes.

1936. Royal greetings to Edward VII

June 1986 25 years ago (1960)

The picturesque Beamsley Hospital—almshouses founded by Margaret, Countess of Cumberland in 1593 had been renovated and modernised at a cost of £7,000 and were formally re-opened by Mrs. J. B. Coulthurst of Gargrave House a trustee and generous supporter of the scheme.

RESTORING BEAMSLEY ALMSHOUSES.

June 13. 1986 (50 years ago)

Mr. Percy Dalton, who gave the Manor House in Castle Road to the town and made a generous loan towards its renovation, accepted Ilkley Urban Council's invitation to perform the opening ceremony.

The picturesque Beamsley Hospital—almshouses founded under letters patent of Queen Elizabeth in March 1593—was renovated and modernised at a cost of £7,000. The Alms House was founded by Margaret Russell, Countess of Cumberland, in 1593, and "more perfectly finished" by her daughter, the Lady Anne Clifford.

Manor House Ilkley.

Beamsley Hospital Restored

JUNE 1986
1886

100 Years Ago

Thomas Johnstons "widely known amongst all classes in Ilkley as a painstaking and clever professor of the healing art" was married at the Congregational Church, Ilkley, to Miss Clara Newbould, of Oak Mount, Ilkley, a valued worker in the church. The bride stepped from a horsedrawn carriage on to the carpeted path and was escorted by her father in to a church filled to capacity. The wedding breakfast was at the home of the bride and the wedding presents were numerous enough to need a room of their own. The bride wore ivory duchesses satin with an orange blossom wreath on her head. The couple travelled by train from Skipton to Edinburgh for their honeymoon.

A labourer working on the Skipton-Ilkley railway line on a railway viaduct near Cunliffe Road was injured by a mass of falling stones. He sustained scalp and leg wounds and was taken to Bradford Infirmary on the train. He was suffering from severe concussion and was reported as looking "a pitiable object."

Several hundred spectators gathered at Bolton Abbey to watch the inauguration of the Cavendish Memorial fountain which was erected by public subscription to the memory of Lord Frederick Cavendish who was killed in Ireland. The memorial was accepted by Lord Edward Cavendish M.P. on behalf of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire.

1. DR. JOHNSTONE'S WEDDING.
2. LABOURER INJURED ON RAILWAY.
3. INAUGURATION OF CAVENDISH MEMORIAL

JUNE 1986
(1911)

75 Years Ago

A Labour demonstration promoted by the Ilkley Branch of the Independent Labour Party took place in West View Park in glorious weather. Cr. T. Snowden presided and remarked that it was becoming quite fashionable to become a member of the Labour Party. The party was starting out on a campaign for a 30 shilling minimum rate of wages, and the party was to aim to replace individual ownership of businesses by communal ownership.

Glorious weather favoured the Whitsuntide holiday and the thousands of visitors to the town had "an ideal time." Cyclists and motor traffic over the weekend was enormous and many people assembled to watch the Bradford Whit Walkers pass through. The National Branch of the Independent Labour Party made Ilkley their rendezvous for the holiday and held a demonstration at the Tarn which was attended by about 1,000 people. There were band performances throughout the week in West View Park by an orchestral band got together by Mr. W. S. Bellerby. The management of Wray's pleasure gardens had been passed on to Mr. Henry Wray, son of Septimus Wray the original proprietor. In addition to boating, and the monkeys and birds he had secured for the week the service of a concert party who had been well attended at performances on the lawn and in the pavilion.

In the lanes and country roads there had been a number of caravans sighted with young people of both sexes enjoying a taste of gypsy life, even having donned picturesque gypsy costumes.

1. LABOUR DEMO IN WEST VIEW
2. Glorious weather for Whit!

June 13. 1986
(1911)

75 Years Ago

A Gilchrist Educational Trust Committee in connection with the Ilkley Public Library was formed in the Town Hall. Cr. J. W. Dixon, Chairman of the Library Committee, presided. Representatives from various organisations were invited to form a committee. Cr. J. W. Benson represented the Independent Labour Party, Mr. W. M. Wade, Ilkley University Extension Society, Mrs. Reith Ilkley Education Sub-Committee, Mrs. Chorley represented Burley and Mr. W. Hodgson Ilkley Trade Unions. Mr. W. Graham and Miss Nussey were elected as hon. secretaries.

The High School for Girls held its annual sports day in the school field adjoining Ilkley Lawn Tennis ground. The girls provided a demonstration of physical fitness. Prizes were distributed to the winners by Mrs. Steinhal, who was presented with a bouquet by one of the girls. The judges for the afternoon were Mr. C. W. Atkinson, Mr. G. E. Buttershaw, Dr. Lewis, Mr. W. Prest, Rev. H. J. Glennie, Dr. Scargill, Rev. F. Sinker, Mr. J. H. Smith and Dr. Whitfield.

*Educational Trust.
High School for girls
(Annual Sports)*

June 20th. 1986

SALMON IN THE WHARFE ?

Wharfedale reputed to be the most beautiful of the Yorkshire Dales had lost some of its potential as a tourist attraction because there was no salmon fished.

But Salmon could soon be leaping up the River Wharfe and giving a major boost to the tourist trade. Yorkshire Water's western division consumer consultative committee meeting at Bradford has been told.

Replying to Cr. Robert Heseltine, of Craven, the Western Division general manager, Mr. Harold Godden said the Wharfe was a class one river and clean enough to support salmon and other

ONE OF ILKLEY'S HOTELS OF YEARS GONE BY



The site which now accommodates Wells Court in Wells Road, Ilkley, was previously occupied by the Royal Hotel.

This picture of the Hotel taken in the 1950's also shows the spire of the

Methodist Church which has since been demolished.

The older portion of the hotel outside of which is parked a Bradford Jowett van, was opened in 1871 and the extension which is the part

featured above was added in 1892.

The hotel was at one time a popular choice for annual dinners of local organisations and had a billiard room on the Wells Promenade side

which was later converted to a dining room and ballroom.

Demolition of the hotel began in October, 1961 and was completed by the end of the year.

June 20th. 1986 (1886)

RAILWAY TO SKIPTON UNDER CONSTRUCTION

100 Years Ago

Rapid progress was being made on the Skipton and Ilkley Railway link. Unfavourable weather had held up work on the Embsay side of a proposed tunnel. In Addingham the work was proceeding quickly at several points and a formidable iron bridge was being rivetted together across the Main Street. A locomotive was at work at Farfield where two embankments were to be made. Lumb Gill Farm was also a scene of much activity and from there to Hollin Hall Farm the work was

in an advanced state. The viaducts across the old cricket field at Ilkley (fourteen 'n number) were also making rapid progress, with five or six already finished and the rest under weigh.

An accident occurred near the bottom of Ashlands Terrace, Leeds Road, between a dog cart with a horse tethered behind and a well laden wagonette traveling from Leeds. The wagonette ran in to the dog cart and broke the shafts and injured the horse at the rear. Although passengers in both vehicles were badly shocked, they suffered no injury.

June 20th. (1961)

Miss Naomi Jacob, famous authoress and broadcaster, speak-

ing at the annual meeting of the R.S.P.C.A. at Ilkley urged the return of the "cat and the dog" to flog those people who tortured animals, committed offences against small children and old women. She said prisons were made so comfortable that the punishment was useless.

VISIT OF NAOMI JACOB TO ILKLEY

June 20. 1986 (1911)
CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

75 Years Ago

Ikley celebrated the Coronation of His Majesty King George V and Queen Mary on Thursday June 22, 1911. The day started with a procession and service at Ikley Parish Church, with other services at all the local churches. The marshal for the parade was Capt. E. Lansdale of the Liverpool Brigade of Troops, and members of the West Riding

In the evening there were road then marched down Brook Street to the accompaniment of the brass band round the town and back again. After three rousing cheers were given for the King and Queen the children were taken to the various Sunday Schools for tea and were given medals and Coronation mugs.



Mr. Sidney Kelleff of Middleton Lodge led off cheers for King George and Queen Mary at the top of Brook Street. Mr. Kelleff also marked the occasion by providing mugs for the children.

Brigade Royal Field Artillery marched first in charge of Major Gowland and Lt. P.C. Steinhal. They were followed by the Ikley Brass Band, Ikley Postal Staff, Ikley Boy Scouts, Councillors and officials, magistrates, Coronation Committee and members of the Order of Buffaloes. A royal salute of 21 guns was fired by the local artillery on the edge of the moors.

Children from the entire district gathered at the top of Brook Street and carrying flags and banners sang hymns at the top of the

various amusements in the Holmes fields and music was provided by the Municipal Orchestra and the Brass Band. There were sports, Punch and Judy and a ventriloquist, morris dancing and singing games and rowing boats on the river were illuminated. There was a bonfire on the moor with a torch light procession from the town. A marquee set for tea for the old folk was blown down by high wind in the morning and tea had to be moved to the skating rink and fresh crockery obtained.

50 Years Ago

Discussion was well under way in Ikley with regard to proposed celebrations for the Coronation of King Edward VIII. Children from the Church of England Schools wished to mark the day by planting oak trees in Middleton Woods or better still along a public avenue.

The question of securing a separate secondary school for girls in Ikley was seemingly hopeless as the numbers were too small to warrant the expense. There were no more than 150 girls who could take advantage of this type of education, and this could only be run at great expense to the parents concerned. The alternative was to turn Ikley Grammar School into a "dual school" but it was thought that the Governors would be unwilling to do this.

The appointment of Major

F.W.B. Maufe to the command of the 69th (West Riding) Field Artillery was officially gazetted in mid-June 1936. Lt. Col. Maufe lived at Brookside, Burley, son of Mr. Frederick Broadbent Maufe, of Warbeck, Ikley. He was a director in the family firm of Brown Muff and Co., Ltd., Bradford.

The Ikley Gazette announced the death of a well-known and familiar figure to Ikley — the novelist Mr. G. K. Chesterton. He had been a frequent visitor to the town and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Steinhal, at St. John's in Queens Drive. Mr. Chesterton's long flapping cloak made him a striking figure wherever he went and he used to often wander up Mill Ghyll or even in the middle of Brook Street, lost in thought or making copious notes.

- 1 CORONATION CELEBRATIONS FOR EDWARD VIII
- 2 APPOINTMENT OF COL. F.W.B. MAUFE AS O.C. IN COMMAND OF 69th (W. R.F.A.)
3. DEATH OF G.K. CHESTERTON.

JUNE 27th. 1986

100 YEARS AGO. (1886)

A concert and entertainment was given in the recreation room of Craighlands Hotel on behalf of the Ikley Cricket Club. The reserved seats were "well filled with the elite of Ikley and immediate neighbourhood." A musical programme, of mostly romantic ballads was followed by a farcical comedy entitled "My Preserver." Taking part were Mr. S. P. Taylor, Hono. Drensbay, Mr. Frank Wright, Mr. G. W. Holway, Mr. C. C. Piercy, Miss Bailey, Miss E. Pattison, Miss Jeannie Dobson, Miss J. Cottrell and Miss Ada Rippon. The Vicar of Ikley, the Rev. A. C. Downer wrote a letter to the Ikley Gazette regretting his leaving the parish of Ikley where he had been extremely happy. He was to exchange parishes with the Rev. H. Kempson, the former rector of St. Cuthberts, Bedford.

CONCERT AT CRAIGHLANDS IN AID OF CRICKET CLUB

A gathering of cyclists took place at Ikley promoted by leading Leeds cycling clubs with a view to increasing the interest of cycling in the area. Following many races including a tricycle race from Leeds to Ikley a splendid tea was partaken in a marquee on the lawn of the Listers Arms Hotel.

CYCLE RALLY

IN DAYS GONE BY

WIFE FOR SALE AT ADDINGHAM

One Hundred and Seventy Five Years ago on 21 June newspapers throughout Yorkshire carried a notice inserted as an advertisement by an Addingham man that his wife was for sale.

The seller was John Atkinson, of Addingham, cotton spinner. He informed the public he would sell and legally deliver his wife, Christiana to any person who would buy her or have her, "Free of expense to the said John Atkinson". He claimed that the advertisement was inserted with the "Mutual consent of both parties" and his signature was witnessed by John Merryweather at Addingham on 18 June, 1811.

This was a classic case of how in the early nineteenth century many marriages were ended. At the time the only legal way of ending a marriage was by a private act of Parliament. Only the rich could afford to pay the legal expenses involved over a private Act of Parliament, a state of affairs to last till the mid-1850's, when a divorce court was set up.

Poorer people adopted quite illegal ways of ending marriages. Not many went to the extent of inserting newspaper advertisements to rid themselves of their wives. Often a wife was sold by auction at a market. The "Annual Register" for 1832 recorded a sale of a wife there on 7 April. Here the auction was announced by a bellman. The farmer husband told would be purchasers that his wife had been to him "a born serpent... a domestic curse, a night invasion and a daily devil". He outlined her good points, "She can read novels and milk cows: she can laugh and weep with the same ease that you could take a glass of ale, when thirsty. She can make butter and scold the maid. She can not make rum, gin or whisky, but she is a good judge of the quality from long experience in tasting them."

She was offered for £2.50. She was finally knocked down to a buyer for £1 and a Newfoundland dog. The wife and her buyer went off quite happily.

In 1815 a man held an auction for his wife at Pontefract. The wife was offered at a minimum bidding of 5p. She was sold for 55p.

In 1820 at another market a man asked a salesman to dispose of his wife for him. The salesman replied that his dealings were only with cattle. The seller therefore paid the usual tollage of 2½p and led his wife into a cattle pen by a halter and managed to get

A similar case was recorded in Birmingham in 1834.

In 1935 a woman was sold by her husband for £15. She went off with the buyer. She outlived both buyer and her husband and then married again. Some property came to her from her first husband. Other relations claimed she was not entitled to it. A court decided the sale did not and could not destroy her rights as the man's widow.

In 1837, however, a man was sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labour at the West Riding Sessions for attempting to sell his wife. That still did not stop the practice. As late as 1858 in a beer shop at Little Horton, Bradford, a man named Hartley Thompson put up his wife for sale. She was described as "a pretty young woman". The sale was announced by the bellman and the woman was brought into the beer house with a ribbon round her neck instead of a halter.

One reason for these auctions and possibly even John Atkinson of Addingham's reason for advertising his wife, was the belief that once someone else had taken the wife off in return for money or goods the husband had was freed from any legal liability to support the wife.

JUNE 20TH. 1986.

JUNE 27TH 1986
1961

25 Years Ago

Proposals for the re-development of the Royal Hotel in Wells Road as residential flats and licensed premises were approved in principle by Ilkley Urban District Council. The Council agreed that the existing building could be demolished and replaced by a new building not more than six stories high with garages underneath. Leading figures

PROPOSAL TO DEMOLISH
"ROYAL HOTEL"

JUNE 27TH 1986

75 YEARS AGO (1911)

People from Ilkley and the surrounding area flocked to Ilkley Town Hall to see the

moving cinematograph film of the Coronation day of King George V and Queen Mary. The show was provided by Hibberts Pictures Ltd., who showed two different films—one of the general procession with the Coronation coach, and the other with more clear views of the King and Queen and the central figures.

In addition to the town's organised Coronation festivities Mr. Sidney Kellett, of Middleton Lodge and Mrs. Kellett, entertained the entire tenantry to a supper and concert at the Lodge. The gathering numbered 120 and a splendid repast was provided. The concert took place in one of the rooms and Miss Edlestone and Mr. John Hill contributed excellent songs. Mr. W. W. Sallitt provoked roars of laughter with Yorkshire Dialect recitations and the Gibson Brothers rendered harp and violin music. Miss Alice Greenwood acted as accompanist. The proceedings went on until a late hour and at dusk the Lodge grounds were illuminated with coloured lights. The evening ending in three rousing cheers for the King and Queen.

MOVING FILM AT
TOWN HALL OF
CORONATION OF
GEORGE V.

PARTY TO
CELEBRATE
AT MIDDLETON
LODGE

JUNE 27. 1986
(1936)

50 Years Ago

Delightful weather favoured an open-air folk dance party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Matthews, at Middleton, Ilkley. Refreshments were provided and the setting of the garden provided a splendid background for the programme of country dances which included a team of Morris Men from Cambridge. Reels, Rounds and dancers from as far away as Huddersfield and Halifax joined local members of the Leeds, Wharfedale and District Branch of the English Folk Song and Dance Society.

FOLK DANCE
PARTY AT
MARY MATTHEWS

Ilkley Bathing Pool promised to register an even greater success than it had in its first year given a continuance of fine weather. Takings up to the end of June were almost £300 more than in June 1935.

BATHING POOL

Many Wharfedale and Aire-dale people saw the airship Hindenburg pass over the district a few hours after leaving her base in Germany and it thrilled schoolchildren who were returning to afternoon school. Because of its huge size the airship appeared to be flying lower than it actually was and the Swastika was clearly visible. It made little noise as it passed over.

AIRSHIP 'HINDENBURG' OVER ILKLEY

July 4th. 1986
100 years ago. 1886

A mixed party of about twenty left Ilkley at 10.00 p.m. for a moonlight trip to Bolton Abbey. The drive was enjoyed but rain followed when the party reached the new Cavendish Memorial. Fortunately it soon cleared and the party had refreshments and then enjoyed dancing on the lawn with a beautiful return drive home by moonlight.

A garden party was held at the Ladies' College when the Rev. Hillman and a number of friends were present. It was intended to present a "musical drill" but this was marred by a thunder storm. Paintings, water colours, etchings and art work of every kind were exhibited by the pupils including many of original design. Nine candidates put forward for the South Kesington and London examination all passed three with honours.

1. MOONLIGHT PICKNIC TO B.A.
2. GARDEN PARTY AT LADIES' COLLEGE.

July 4th. 1986

July 4th 1986
1911

75 Years Ago

The annual Addingham feast, trip to Blackpool was a popular event, and in 1911 was patronised by hundreds of Ilkley people. The special train left Ilkley at 6.45 a.m. and Blackpool was reached by 9.30 a.m. The sea was calm and the low tide allowed for pleasure on the sands, but most people headed for the attractions of the piers, the Tower and Winter Gardens but mostly the South Shore Amusement Pleasure Fair for "three pennorth" of Joy Wheel, Water Shute or Scenic Railway and "penny shies and the like". After a full day the party arrived back in Ilkley just before midnight.

Ilkley Cycling Club had a midnight run to Windermere in favourable weather conditions three riders left early carrying a kettle and other things with which to prepare breakfast at Buckshaw Brow beyond Settle. Fourteen riders reached Windermere by 8.30 a.m. and the day was spent boating, fishing and sleeping with excellent meals provided by the Royal Oak. On the return journey tea was taken at Settle and the party was back in Ilkley at 9.30 p.m.

1. Addingham Feast trip to Blackpool
2. Ilkley Cycling Club midnight run to Windermere!

July 11th. 1986
75 years ago (1911)

Keepers on the Duke of Devonshire's grouse moors in Yorkshire asserted that not for twenty years had the moors been in better condition, and thus the prospects for the grouse shooting season were unusually good, with the birds in a very forward condition. The average covey on Burley and Ilkley moors was given as eight and on Blubberhouses as high as nine. King George V was expected to be a member of the Duke's shooting party in August and to stay at the shooting lodge.

A pageant depicting five episodes from Tennyson's Idylls of the King was held in the beautiful grounds of Heathcote, the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hemingway. Two hundred children took part, trained by Mr. E. S. Sedley-Taylor, with an orchestra directed by Miss Groves. An Italian market associated with the Pageant was located round the Kings Road side of the house, and the stableyard and garages were laid out for afternoon tea.

- 1 Grouse shooting prospects at B.A. Abbey
- 2 Pageant at Heathcote

July 11. 1986
100 years ago 1886

Messrs. Mousley's locomotive "Derby" was removed from the railway track at Hollin Hall and started off on the highway en route to Bradford with no rails for guidance. The journey was slow as every few yards the engine had to stop to enable the front of the engine to be

prized in line with its course. It safely arrived at Ilkley station after travelling all night, was then attached to a goods train, ticketed with two red urgent labels and forwarded on to Bradford.

Removal of locomotive from Hollin Hall en track minus lines!

ILKLEY MAY LOSE ITS "GRAMMAR" SCHOOL AFTER NEARLY 400 YEARS

Governors of Ilkley Grammar School are to be asked to drop the word grammar from its title.

The decision was made by Bradford Council's Schools Sub-committee which is to change the titles of Beckfoot, Greenhead, Nab Wood, Oakbank and Salt by omitting the word grammar.

It is not clear what title they will use. Most of Bradford's senior schools are called upper school but that is not popular with some, and governors at the schools are to be asked if they can come up with a better name.

Ilkley Grammar School was founded in 1607.

The sub-committee asked for reports about the possibility of changes in schooling at Menston. This will be considered later this year but members stressed they wanted the fullest consultations with parents and governors of schools in the district.

The sub-committee has asked for reports about possible schooling changes at Menston.

This has arisen because the headship of the infants school at Menston is vacant.

Alternatives to be considered by the sub-committee later this year will include combining the two schools into one junior and infant school with one headmaster, or re-organising the two schools to form a first school in line with the pattern for the rest of the Bradford Metropolitan district. This would mean children leaving at 9 years to go to Ilkley Middle School and then Ilkley Grammar School.

Another suggestion is to leave the system as it is and to appoint a new headmaster for the infant school.

The sub-committee was told that the governors wanted the infant school to stay separate.

Coun. Mrs. Winifred Clavering said that a public meeting is to be held to debate the issue.

Room with gas chgt. sealed

July 11 - 1986
50 years ago (1936)

Ranger Guides at Addingham held a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Holmes, Hallcroft, Addingham, to mark the 21st birthday anniversary of the guide movement in Addingham. Between showers cricket was played and there was a camp fire after tea. The party was attended by Mrs. Dunlop, one of the founders of the guide movement in Wharfedale.

Addingham Rangers
Celebrate 21st birthday
at HALLCROFT

July 11 - 1986
25 years ago (1961)

Some nineteen Ilkley trains were affected by a curtailment of services announced by the North Eastern Region, said to be due to "the continued decrease in the use of many of the services between Ilkley and Leeds, and Ilkley and Bradford". Cr. G. W. Clough, after listening to details of the defunct trains read out by Mr. B. E. Townend, Clerk to Ilkley Council, said it would have been quicker to give details of the trains still running.

Curtailment of trains
nothing is not being
used enough.

1986, we are still
complaining about the
trains not being used
WJD

July 18th 1986
1886

100 Years Ago

A small boy collecting "wreckage" from the river bank whilst the Wharfe was at flood level had a narrow escape from drowning. The boy, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lister Wall lost his balance, fell in and was carried away by the current. Mr. T. Lister sitting on a seat above Ash Grove saw a floating "object" and then realised it was a boy. He plunged into the river and pulled the inanimate boy out and managed to revive him.

Boy rescued
from river

Grouse shooting prospects on Ilkley moor were not too good as severe winter weather and lack of food in the spring made survivors late in mating. Well grown birds were not too plentiful but there were plenty of "cheepers" for later sport. Middleton Moor offered a good supply of grouse with seven or eight to a covey. There was also a good number of partridges at Middleton although very few pheasants.

Grouse
shooting
prospects

The "handsome" freehold residence known as Elmleigh together with outhouses, conservatories, cottage and other outbuildings was offered for sale by auction. The bidding started at £3,000 and rose by hundreds to £3,800 after which only a further £50 was bid. The property was therefore withdrawn from sale.

Sale of
Elmleigh
near the
Nunnery.

The Eye and Ear Dispensary, Great George Street, Leeds, offered to fit artificial human eyes without pain for 20s. each and spectacles and "eye preservers" from 2/6 to 2/1s.

Artificial
eyes & Specs!

July 18th 1986
1911

75 Years Ago

For just one shilling char-a-banc drives from the Grove, Ilkley, could be taken each evening at 7 p.m. either through Askwith to Otley Bridge and return by Burley or round Bolton Bridge and Addingham with the return through Beamsley. The proprietor was Mr. James Croft, Back Grove Road who also offered Landaus and Victorias for hire.

Char-a-
bancs.

Shuttleworth's of Brook Street exhorted their readers to try to keep cool. They offered ladies' sun bonnets in all the latest shades for 6d.

Sun bonnets
& sunshades!

and Japanese sunshades at 8d. each and upwards.

A local grocer and provision merchant offered the new season's jams - strawberry, raspberry and blackcurrant and apricot at 1/2 per 3lb. jar.

Jams at
1/2 per lb.

FUTURE OF DALES PARKLAND AT BOLTON ABBEY

Thirty thousand acres of land in the Yorkshire Dales Park at Bolton Abbey have become exempt from capital transfer tax payment, if the land is disposed of in the future.

Members of the National Park have approved the exemption scheme, which is also a conservation move. The National Park Committee will act as agents for the Countryside Commission, overseeing the management landscape conservation and recreation.

The trustees have also agreed to maintain and repair the Priory Church, and rums the old rectory, Barden Tower and former chapel at Priests' House.

Mr. Richard Harvey, National Park Officer, said the trustees

would maintain public access to all the property except the Great Barn where appointment would be necessary.

Private footpaths used by permission will not be closed except for repairs and activities including the extraction of timber.

On Barden Fell and Barden Moor existing agreements will continue. Several existing footpaths will be way-marked and maintained.

The Countryside Commission would make £200,000 available over six years for repairing erosion and other damage in the three peaks area said Mr. Harvey.

Cr. Keith Lockyer, of Skipton, said this would end a projected scheme of raising money by sponsorship.

THE MAGIC OF YORKSHIRE Folk-lore and omens BY DORIS NEWTON

The folklore and superstitions of Yorkshire are the basis of this article by Mrs. Doris Newton, of Moorlands Avenue, Yeadon, in another of her popular 'magic of Yorkshire' series.

She lists some of the old charms for getting rid of warts, the omens associated with cats and pigeons, and recalls the tradition of placing a coin in the pocket of a new suit.

There is no lack of folklore in Yorkshire. Charms and spells are as common as boyhood warts. They have been, and are still used in giving relief to diseases and ailments. A young lady was cured of a wart by her uncle at a small village just outside Leeds. He rubbed the stubborn wart on her hand with a black snail, and afterwards transfixed the poor thing on a thorn hedge. Another method was to tie a piece of string round the wart and, after tying it tight it was slipped off and taken by the "wart charmer" and hidden, she would not divulge the hiding place. Yet another mode was to cut as many notches in a piece of stick as the person had warts, then bury the stick, as it decays the warts vanish.

The following incident occurred in Leeds, when at confirmation ceremony the Bishop realised that this was

the third time an old lady had presented herself for confirmation. When he enquired why, he was astonished to receive the answer that she thought the "laying on of hands" did her rheumatism good!

Omens and predictions are still in use amongst the Yorkshire villages. If a loud mysterious tap is heard on three successive strokes on the floor, or on the door, the hearer is doomed to die or hear of the death of a near friend. If you have money in your pocket the first time you hear the cuckoo call, you will never be without money the whole year.

A little lad wearing a new suit of clothes should visit the neighbours houses, and if he receives a penny place it in his jacket pocket, in the right hand pocket before you put it on. This ensures the pocket always being full. If by mistake the money is placed in the left hand pocket, you will never have any money as long as you wear the jacket.

A knife is accounted an unlucky present, it severs friendship or love. To see a strange pigeon alight on a roof is an omen of sickness about to fall on a member of the family. When pigeons congregate on the ridge of a house and noises stand with their back towards the hedges in the fields this is a sign of rain. Also it is said to mean the same if the cat sits with her back to the fire. Cats are supposed to be "weather wise" to see better in the dark, to have nine lives and are able to "draw your health away" if allowed to sleep with you. To have a black cat in the house is considered a source of luck to all in the house.

Turn the money over in your pocket when you see the new moon, you will always have plenty there. The

farmers watch the moon, if it "stands upright it betokens good weather," if it leans backwards it is said to hold water, and bad weather is predicted.

If the bed on which a dying person is laid contains pigeon's feathers, it is said to deter the death and cause the sufferer to "die hard." Thus this superstition has been known to be so strong that the dying persons have been carried to a block bed to die in peace.

It was usual to place a plate of salt on a corpse immediately after death. Salt is an emblem of eternity and immortality and not liable to corruption itself. It also preserves other substances, thus this use is of emblematical import. If you spill salt, or carelessly cross knives, they are omens of evil.

In our enlightened age we discard such stories and credit them to the ignorance of the peoples of yesterday. However, some of these stories cannot be accounted for and they certainly had a beginning, whether founded on fact or fiction.

Aug 1st. 1986 (1886)

100 Years Ago

Directors of the Midland Railway Company reported that all the fencing, about a third of the earth work, half the bridges and nearly all the culverts on the Skipton to Ilkley railway line were completed. The Ilkley viaduct was in a forward state and the short tunnel at the Skipton end was in progress.

A marriage "which occasioned much interest locally" took place at Denton Church when Miss Alice Wyvill, of Denton Park, married the Rev. Godfrey Little-dale, Vicar of Chipping Norton. The Rev. Little-dale had for a short period of time been the curate at St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley. "A goodly number of conveyances passed down the Holmes heading for Denton and many pedestrians used the Ilkley side of the river, so that the Ben Rhyding ferry boat man had a lively time of it." The bride wore a white rich silk dress and had a veil and wreath of orange blossoms. The wedding breakfast was taken at the hall, with school-children strewing their path to the Hall with flowers. Tenants with presents lined the corridors at the Hall and a deputation presented the bridal pair with items of silver. The bridal feast was laid on two long tables in the dining room with a magnificent bride cake standing on the cross table. A dinner was laid for tenants and servants in the west wing of old English fare followed by a dance which was kept going until a very late hour.

Works on
Railway

Wedding at
Denton.

New Shop - Ilkley Station. July 18. 1986

ILKLEY STATION
REDEVELOPMENT

STEADY PROGRESS ON PRELIMINARY WORK

Preparatory work is well under way on the proposed new shopping development at Ilkley Station, and if all goes as planned construction could start towards the end of this year.

House of Orange Developments, the Harrogate and Edinburgh property company behind the redevelopment of the station, are hopeful of a start on construction work before the year end, possibly in October.

A key feature of the scheme is the highly creative refurbishment of the Grade 2 listed station building and glazed train shed, and a spokesman for House of Orange confirmed that "listed buildings consent has now been received from the Department of Environment, which permits the restoration to its former Victorian splendour."

The spokesman said that House of Orange, who were selected by British Railways Property Board to undertake the scheme, have commissioned working drawings from their architects, William Gower and Partners, of Leeds, to enable tenders for construction to be invited. This process is expected to be completed by September.

A full site survey, necessary for the working drawings to be prepared, has been completed by a firm of consulting engineers, and a soil investigation is currently underway. This investigation, involving the drilling of bore holes and trial pits, is designed to provide the technical information needed for the design of the foundation structure.

"Progress on the preliminary work is being maintained at a satisfactory level, and lettings of the shop units are going very well, with considerable interest being expressed by famous high street names," added the spokesman.

When completed, the new development will include eight new shop units facing onto Brook Street and Station Road, ranging in size from 900 to 3,800 square feet.

The station building will be refurbished to provide three new shops with a total floor area of 4,540 square feet, and the glazed train shed area will be refurbished for a retail store of 17,630 square feet.

There will also be a new retail area up to around 44,000 square feet. In addition there will be first floor offices, and car parking facilities.

Aug 1. 1986 (1986)
1911

75 Years Ago

Objections were received by the Ilkley Gazette regarding river bathing at Cockin Deep near Addingham and adjoining the Ilkley filter beds. It was said the bathers did not keep to the water but "larked about on the banks in a way that was anything but nice for ladies and young girls passing."

A chauffeur driven motor car, owned by Mr. W. J. Galloway, Skaife Hall, Blubberhouses, overturned on the road down from the Cow and Calf and four ladies were thrown out, but fortunately none were injured. Owing to something going wrong the car started to back, and the chauffeur steered it in to the hillside. Very little damage was done to the vehicle.

Crowds of people who stationed themselves at Harrogate Road, Bolton Abbey, to see the King on his way to the Duke of Devonshire's shooting lodge for his visit to shoot on Barden Moors, were disappointed as his car took the Barden route.

The Duke of Devonshire met his guest at Watergate just above Barden Bridge having motored out from Bolton Hall and they joined the shooting party already waiting at Laund House, the King

Bathing at Cockin & nd.

riding a neat little black cob. A big crowd waited in the abbey grounds to see the party return. The King led the way closely followed by the Duke, with others following on according to rank. As soon as the King came into view the crowd broke into cheers, and closed in on him. The King raised his hat repeatedly and took his tea on the lawn of the Hall in full view of the people. They dispersed after singing the National Anthem "vigorously" during which the King rose and stood to attention and then solemnly bowed to the front and each side.

Motor Accident
Mon Road

Preparations were in hand at Bolton Abbey for the King's visit to open the grouse shooting on 12 August. He was to stay at the hall as a guest of the Duke of Devonshire. It was King George V's first visit following his accession to the throne and prospects for good sport were excellent.

King's visit to
Bolton Abbey.

Aug. 8th. 1986. Ilkley Gazette.

Aug 8. 1986
(1886)

A crowd of 60,000 sees Concorde land at Yeadon Airport

An estimated sixty thousand sightseers filled the vantage points around Yeadon Airport on Saturday and patiently waited for up to four hours to see the historic arrival of Concorde for the first time. They were well rewarded with two low fly pasts and a safe touch down, despite strong cross winds.

From mid morning on Saturday the roads into Yeadon were filled with slow moving traffic as visitors from all over Yorkshire converged on the airport to see at first hand what had not been thought possible.

Both British Airways and Air France had previously said runway requirements at the airport were not up to scratch for the world's most demanding aircraft. Further inspections by Air France, however, overturned that decision and Concorde touched down on Saturday with plenty of runway to spare.

A technical hitch at Paris Chaires de Gaulle Airport had delayed the flight by ninety minutes but were able to switch to another Concorde before making their momentous journey and flying at twice the speed of sound.

Even up to the point of landing, however, there were doubts whether the aircraft would come in because of the strong crosswinds. When the pilot overshot on his initial approach there were tears that he would have to go on to Manchester. It was all part of the performance though, as the great bird circled over Ilkley and showed off to the people of Leeds and Bradford before coming in again safely despite quite a jolt on landing.

Afterwards the pilot, captain Raymond Machavoine, confessed it was the hardest landing he had ever had to make, but knew it was safe and did not want to disappoint the crowds.

A great cheer went up from the thousands packed into fields and local car parks at Plane Tree Hill, Cemetery Road, Otley Chevin, Scotland Lane and the many other roads surrounding the airport which give excellent views of the runway. For those near Yeadon Cemetery there

was an added opportunity to close-up photographs as the plane waited for another to land further down the runway.

Many had picnics with them and waited a further two hours then swept back down over the runway for a final farewell.

Passengers who had paid 1465 for the supersonic package which also included a night's stay in Paris at a four star hotel, plus a sight-seeing tour of the French capital, described the flight as 'fantastic' and none of them begrudged the cost.

Tribute was paid to the organisation of John Miles (24) and Andrew Marshall (23), of Phoenix Enterprises, Otley who had paid £70,000 to hire the plane for the day and to L.A.L. Travel, Yeadon, who had taken the bookings.

One of those bookings gave Mr. David Jenkinson, of Larkfield Drive, Rawdon, the surprise of his life. His wife, Mary, had planned the trip as a 49th birthday treat and he couldn't believe his eyes when he opened his cards on Saturday morning and found two tickets.

"He took a lot of convincing that it wasn't a luke," said Mrs. Jenkinson, who had managed to keep her present a secret all week, with suitcases hidden under the bed.

Still in an excited mood on Monday morning she said the Concorde flight had been fantastic and worth every penny. It was like being on a Big Dipper when they did the low fly past over Yeadon and saw everybody waving. Champagne flowed and a number of people also sang 'Happy birthday' to her husband.

In Paris the couple ate out on Saturday night and were up early on Sunday to go to

the top of Eiffel Tower before enjoying the sightseeing tour. They were even impressed with the ordinary Air France flight back to Manchester on Sunday evening.

Explaining that Mr. Jenkinson was recovering from a lengthy illness, Mrs. Jenkinson said: "You never know what's around the corner, so you might as well celebrate everything as it comes along."

Airport Director Mr. Gordon Dennison claimed Saturday was the most emotional day of his 37 years in Civil Aviation. It was a great day too for the airport, confirming that Yeadon was truly international, capable of taking the world's most advanced etc.

Already people are expressing the hope that Concorde will return to the area in the not too distant future.

100 Years Ago

Members of Mr. A. Wood's family, in Church Street were sitting down to their Sunday dinner when a ferocious cow unceremoniously jumped through the window causing a great crash and smash which was intensified by the cries of the youngsters around. It pursued its way through the kitchen in to the front of the butcher's shop where its progress was stayed by one of the shop-men. It seemed that the animal caught sight of its own shadow in the window and had immediately charged it. The beast was severely cut but fortunately member's of Mr. Wood's family were unharmed.

Captain Thomas Brown of the Ilkley Rangers headed a Salvation Army march up Brook Street, bearing a spade over his right shoulder from which hung a despatch box. The new leader marched with head erect "fully alive to the responsibilities of his position." The detachment was said to appear to take kindly to their new leader with "the old man, and the young man from Burley," with the female officers "smiling on all around as invitingly as usual."

Local children were said to be spending their hard saved pennies too soon, owing to the fact that the "dobby horses" had arrived in town a month before the usual Ilkley feast fair.

- 1 Cow jumps through window
- 2. Salvation Army

Aug 8. 1986
(1911)

75 Years Ago

A windscreen was being fixed to the band stand in West View Park, which would add greatly to the comfort of the players when the temperatures were low and there was a stiff breeze blowing, as well as preventing the sheet music from being blown piece-meal here, there and everywhere. The Municipal Orchestra was being allowed to give a complimentary benefit concert in the King's Hall towards the end of their season at Ilkley. The concert was said to have been well deserved as the standard of their music was reputed to be very fine.

A Garden Party was held in the grounds of Ilkley Hall in connection with the P.S.A. Brotherhood. The P.S.A. String Band played pleasing selections conducted by Mr. A. V. Rennison and a splendid tea and refreshments were provided by Mesdames Wakefield, Mortimer, Gordon, Schofield, Thompson, Coullas, Fairburn, and Cawood. The Hoop-La was run by the Misses Wood and Boyd; Shooting Gallery by Mr. D. F. Boyd and Aunt Sally by Mr. S. Porritt.

Ten Boys Scouts, with Scoutmasters J. W. Shaw, A. Shaw and J. Hadfield arrived by bicycle from Barnsley carrying camp equipment and pitching their tents in a field belonging to Mr. E. Wall of Low Hall Farm. They were supposed to travel by railway but their plans had to be altered owing to a strike.

Windscreen on Bandstand

Garden Party Ilkley Hall

Boy Scouts

50 years ago
Aug. 8. 1986 (1936)

Miss Lilian Hodsworth of Denton Road, Ilkley, sailed from Tilbury to take up work as a missionary in India. The Vicar of Ilkley Parish Church, conducted a special service of the sending forth of a missionary which was attended by many of her friends. Motoring signs were said to be steadily on the increase in Ilkley. At the end of a number of roads had appeared "Slow Major Road Ahead" signs, whilst on The Grove "No waiting this side" signs appeared on the hospital side. However, apart from tiny signs attached to lamp-posts, at the bottom of Brook Street, right in the middle of the crossing bearing the small letters A65 nothing had been done to supply motorists the much needed information at the most important road junction in town "which was the way to Skipton or Otley."

- 1. Innumerable signs for India
- 2. Motoring signs in Ilkley.

Aug 15th 1986
1986

100 Years Ago

One visitor to Ilkley wrote to the "Gazette" to say that "Ilkley is a beastly hole" and deplored the town's lack of amusements. He continued to say "I have spent my last day and last penny in your dirty little village." He finished his letter by referring to Ilkley as an "over-rated, miserable, insignificant, highly respectable, and religious little settlement." Upon enquiries the writer of the letter had been seen stoning the swans on the tarn, and had been severely reprimanded for breaking the bye-laws with regard to bathing in the river.

In contrast a regular visitor to Craiglands from Southport described the moors as glorious, the river Wharfe as clear and unpolluted, Craiglands as a delightful place to stay with plenty of entertainment to offer its visitors.

An Addingham innkeeper was prosecuted by Ilkley Local Board for allowing a vehicle to ply for hire on the highway without having the appropriate licence allowing him to do so. The coach had picked up bus passengers on the Addingham Ilkley road and had charged 6d. to each passenger.

Aug. 28. 1986
1961.

25 Years Ago

Three improvements to Addingham Main Street were mentioned in a report submitted to Skipton Rural Council by the Highways and Planning Committee. The expansion of the housing estate road known as Green Lane was proposed to be connected to the Trunk Road opposite Moor Lane. There was a small scheme to improve the footpath and visibility at the sites of 64 and 68 Main Street and also to improve visibility at the junction of Bolton Road with Main Street.

Suggested improvements to Addingham Main St.

Aug 15th 1986
(1911)

75 Years Ago

King George V attended the morning service at Bolton Abbey, and the church was crowded with visitors, and hundreds waited outside to see him walk over to the Abbey from the hall. The congregation rose as the King entered the church and remained standing until the whole Royal party were seated. The King was accompanied by the Duchess of Devonshire and five of her children. The Duke of Devonshire was also present accompanied by his eldest son the Marquis of Hartington, and he read the lessons. At the end of the service the congregation rose and sang the National Anthem.

Steps were taken to divide the Ilkley Parish by the constitution of a new ecclesiastical boundary for parochial purposes in the Ben Rhydding District. The old Ilkley Parish consisted of the whole of Ilkley and Wheatley together with Nesfield, Middleton and Langbar. The formation of St. Margaret's Parish some 32 years earlier caused Ilkley to be divided and in 1911 Ben Rhydding was to be separated from the mother church. The first vicar was to be the Rev. W. E. Bradley, former curate in charge.

The winding up of the Ilkley Spa Hydro company had been publicly announced and the Ilkley Spa Hydro and Boarding House was advertised in a leading local

newspaper for sale as a going concern, with all its furniture and equipment.

Gazette 22.8.86

FORMER SEA CAPTAIN AND TUTOR DIES

Master Mariner, Captain Theodore Blanch of Rupert Lodge, Rupert Road, Ilkley, has died aged 76.

Born in South Shields, Captain Blanch, or 'Theo' as he was known to his many friends, joined the Merchant Marine as an officer cadet at the age of 16 and just thirteen years later achieved his first command.

During the second World War he was seconded to the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and took command of a fuelling tanker serving the Atlantic and Murmansk convoys. Twice he earned bravery commendations for taking his ship through direct torpedo attacks without loss of life. It was after one of these attacks, whilst his ship was being repaired and refitted, that he was appointed His Majesty's Vice Consul in Baltimore.

After the war he resumed his career in commercial shipping and commanded the first generation of super-tankers. He retired ashore in 1970 and settled in Ilkley. He maintained his links with the sea by teaching navigation, latterly at Ilkley College.

Like many seafaring men, Captain Blanch had a particular fondness for cats and up to his death was actively involved in fund-raising for the local Cats Protection League. He was also on the committee of Ilkley R.S.P.C.A. and a member of Ilkley PROBUS. He leaves a widow.

A Requiem Mass took place on Tuesday, followed by cremation at Skipton.

One time member of Ilkley Museum Society

Gazette. Aug 15th 1986

SCENES FROM THE
PAST (46)

LOCAL GIRLS AT WORK AT ILKLEY BREWERY

The days when Ilkley brewed its own beer and bottled aerated water including its own special brand called "American Ice Cream Soda" has been recalled this week by a former brewery worker who lives in retirement at Dale Court, Ilkley.

The days when Ilkley prepared its brews are long since gone but Mrs. Gladys Hall, of Dale Court, at eighty-five years of age, still remembers many people who worked there, and is pictured along with her colleagues in this photograph from "Scenes from the Past" on one of those "happy days".

"They were mainly all 'Happy days' while we were there. I remember the picture being taken around 1914 when the manager was Mr. Graham who lived in Mornington Mornington Road, Ilkley", said Mrs. Hall.

Mrs. Hall said about twenty people were employed at the Brewery, the property of which is now occupied by Spooner Industries in Railway Road. The average age of the employees was 20 and the hours of work were 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., five days a week.

Mrs. Hall remembered the office staff who were concerned with the accounts and sales of business. They included Albert Modley, a well known local comedian, Charles Black-

burn, of Wellington Road, and William Dance, of Dean Street, both of Ilkley, and Harold Cawood.

The womens work involved tapping the hogs heads (barrels) to make the beer and guinness, and putting corks and labels on the bottles and washing them, she said.

The brewery, which was formed in 1873, sold aerated water to local shops and offices in the area, and it was Mrs. Margaret Robinson, of Dale Court, who took care of this side of the business, said Mrs. Hall. The brewery was also a place where people came for yeast to make bread.

In 1923 Hammond's Bradford Brewery Company made an offer to purchase the ordinary shares of the Brewery, whose directors at that time were Dr. W. R. Bates, Chairman; Mr. William Prest, and Mr. W. C. Beverley. At that time the authorised capital of the company was £125,000 of which £75,000 was issued in 15,000 ordinary shares of £5 each. There was also four per cent Debenture stock for £75,000.

For 1915 the ordinary shares received a dividend of three and a half per cent, for 1916 four per cent for 1917 and 1918, six per cent, for 1919-20-21 ten per cent, and for 1922, fifteen per cent.

The object of the agreement was to enable Hammonds to acquire the whole or a portion of the total shares issued by the Company upon the terms quoted in the agreement which included the payment of £7 10s for every £5 and a dividend, for 1923.

Also pictured outside the Brewery with Mrs. Hall are Mrs. Margaret Robinson, Miss E. Pennock, whose family owned a fish shop in North Parade, Ilkley; Florence and Evelyn Newsome, of Mornington Road, Ilkley; Mrs. Doris (nee Tomlinson) White, of Valley Drive, Ilkley, who was connected with Ilkley Amateurs; Miss Louis Wright; Mrs. Pennock and Miss Eva Dickinson (sisters), of Railway Road, Ilkley; Miss Johnson and Florence Hardisty.



Accom with gas chis, sealed

Dec. 19. 1986

Gazette Aug 22. 1986

RETIRED FARMER DIES

Former Addingham Farmer Celebrates Ninetieth Birthday

One of Addingham's oldest residents, Mr. Josiah Nixon Smith, has died in hospital at the age of 90.

A retired farmer, he was born at Tebay in Cumbria and served with the Cavalry on the front line in the 1914-1918 war.

After his marriage in 1926, he farmed on Addingham Moorside. He was an active member of the National Farmers' Union and helped form the local Young Farmers' Club in 1942 and was on the committee of both the Addingham and Ilkley Agricultural Shows. He was one of the original fund raisers and members of the Addingham Memorial Hall and served on the Parish Council for many years.

In 1964 Mr. Smith retired to live in the village where he could be seen most days chatting to people in the Main Street. He attended Skipton Auction Mart regularly and enjoyed the agricultural shows. He was well known in the farming community throughout the Craven area. He joined the Addingham Bowling Club and spent many hours with his friends on the bowling green.

He leaves three daughters, the eldest lives in Addingham and twins, who farm at Hellfield and Paythorne.



A former Addingham farmer who contributed much of his energies to the village's activities, Mr. Josiah Nixon Smith has celebrated his 90th birthday at Ilkley Coronation Hospital.

"Jos", as he is known, was born in Tebay, Westmoreland (now known as Cumbria), the eldest son of a family of eleven. He was educated at Tebay village school, where he won, for many years, the school prize for his good attendance and punctuality.

He joined the Army in the First World War and saw

active service with the Cavalry. In 1926 he married and went to farm on Addingham Moorside. In the years that followed he was an active member of the National Farmers' Union, holding posts as Vice-Chairman, and regional representative for the local branch. He served on the Ilkley Show Committee and was a founder member of the Addingham Memorial Hall fund, working for many years to raise money for the village hall. During the 1950's and 1960's he served on Addingham Parish Council.

Retiring from farming after his wife died in 1963, Jos came to live in Addingham where he joined the Bowling Club and the British Legion. Until two years ago he attended Skipton Auction Mart every week, where he was well known among the farming community. He also attended all the agricultural shows and was seen daily chatting on the bridge in Addingham Main Street.

He has three daughters and five grand-children.

Aug 22. 1986
1961

50 Years Ago

By invitation, a picture by Mr. Herbert Royle, the well-known Wharfedale artist was included in the British section of the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto. The work was entitled "A breezy day, Wharfedale", the subject was a haymaking scene near the artist's home at Nesfield.

Herbert Royle

Aug 26-1986
1911

75 Years Ago

Owing to the withdrawal of the village policeman into the larger centres during the train strike of 75 years ago, only one officer was left to cover the whole of the rural parts of Wharfedale beyond Ilkley. Amongst all his duties was that of guarding the King whilst he was a member of the Duke of Devonshire's shooting party at Bolton Abbey.

Only one
bobby left to
cover Wofdale &
Grand Lye & !!

Aug. 22. 1986
1986

100 Years Ago

When a Mr. Pidd, of Thackley, was leaving the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Ilkley, in company with four ladies, the horse started to bolt as a result of the reins not being properly fastened. The animal turned down Leeds Road where it ran full tilt into a waggonette owned by Mr. J. Wall of Cowpasture Road. The occupants of the waggonette were considerably shaken and the vehicle was damaged.

The noise made by carts descending the hills from the quarries on Ilkley moor were found to be very distracting by a visitor to Ilkley, who in a letter to the Ilkley Gazette said the noise was an intolerable nuisance, particularly to invalids as they were the worst in the early hours of the morning.

The Wheatley Hotel, was offered for sale on the premises at Ben Rhydding but was withdrawn at £2,450. Included were the cottage and stabling. The fully licensed house standing in well fenced grounds had a bowling green, tennis courts and garden. The bidding started at £1,600 and increased by bids of £50 until it was withdrawn.

Horse bolts in Leeds Rd.

Noise made by carts from Quarry

Wheatley Hotel up for sale.

Aug 29. 1986
1886

100 Years Ago

The following paragraph appeared in the Ilkley Gazette 100 years ago. "There is a tradesman in this district who, although already possessed of a wife, has still unusual appreciation for others of the female sex; and he carries this out by furtive walks with many of the numerous cinderellas of whom Ilkley can boast. A favoured method which this individual adopts is to invite the applicant for service in his house to meet him in some pleasant retreat, and thence he goes a-wooing all over again. Unluckily for him the other day he sent one of those letters to a girl already affianced. The swain, whose opinion was sought, caught at the opportunity, counselled her to meet the second Lothario, and he, would proceed to reward him according to his desserts. And this was done—for no sooner had the other appeared on the scene than the genuine sweetheart meted out to him a downright good 'hiding'."

50 Years Ago

Mr. Ernest Broadbent, who had been organist at the New Cinema, Ilkley, for three years was appointed to a similar position at the Dominion Cinema, Tottenham Court Road, London. Miss Frieda Hall, daughter of Mr. Routledge Hall, well known Yorkshire pianist was appointed to take his place. At

the age of six Miss Hall gained honours at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

Mr. J. B. Priestley, author and playwright was one of the guests at Wells House, Ilkley, who gave a concert in aid of the Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital. He appeared as solo pianist and accompanist, and confessed he was only able to play the first few bars of any piece without music. He gave impressions of a child struggling through its lessons, a concert pianist, and a cinema pianist.

No new players with established reputations had joined Ilkley Rugby Club for the 1936-37 season but they had lost three good players, all wingers—W. A. Tetley the previous season's captain, C. R. Best and Dr. J. K. Armstrong. Despite its losses Ilkley was expecting to call upon a good team with youth on its side. E. S. Skinner and P. H. Brumfit were two capable and speedy centres and one of the wing positions would be filled by J. O. Reed.

The forwards were to be led by Club Captain A. B. Lucas who was the hooker. Vice-Captain T. B. Walker was expected to play at half back, and J. W. Holmes had returned to the club as a full back.

75 years ago
29.8.86 1911

Much discussion took place at the September meeting of Ilkley Council regarding the salary of the Clerk and the wages of the Council workmen. It was finally agreed that in both cases pay was inadequate. It was decided that no man should be paid less than 5½d. per hour or £1 2s 8d. for a 49½ hour week which all the councillors agreed was a respectable minimum wage. They granted the Clerk an extra £50 per annum although many councillors thought the time was not opportune for an increase in salaries.

At the monthly meeting of Ilkley Council the Clerk was instructed to make application to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £3,000 for the erection of public conveniences and an annexe to the King's Hall on the plot of land to the west of the Town Hall Buildings. The plans were prepared by Mr. West, building inspector to the council assisted by Mr. T. H. Smith, surveyor to the Council.

Wages for Council workers

Annexe

Aug 29. 1986
1961

25 Years Ago

The first week of September 1961 was memorable when there was one of the longest thunderstorms over Ilkley in living memory. The storm lasted over 15 hours and was at its worst in the night from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. Vivid sheet lightning lit up the countryside and windows rattled as the thunder ripped and tore through the skies above.

Known to hundreds of holiday makers and townspeople alike as Ilkley's boatman, Mr. Wm. Dell, of Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, died at the age of 82. In 1894 at the age of 14 Mr. Dell had become a professional golfer and had helped Mr. Septimus Wray at the Ilkley Pleasure Ground at Bridge House, where in latter years he was to spend most of his time.

1. 15 hrs. thunder storm
2. Mr. Dell the boatman died

1. Ernest Broadbent
2. J. B. Priestley at Wells House.
3. Ilkley R.V.F. C.

Accom with gas chg. sealed by the present

Sept 5th 1986
1886

100 Years Ago

The sight of three runaway horses which had parted company from their owners was a spectacle in Brook Street in September, 1886. A carter, John Hartley sustained a serious injury to his arm. Each horse was pulling a vehicle. Mr Hartley had been walking along Railway Road in charge of two empty stone carts and when near the top of Brook Street the first horse took fright and set off at a rapid speed. Mr. Hartley ran and grabbed the reins but fell and the cart wheel went over his arm. The two horses bolted and frightened horse in a wagonette on the stand which also ran. The animals fortunately were all caught without doing any further damage.

The annual fair was held on 22 September when there was a good show of sheep. Pens were provided by Mr Stephenson at the back of the Wheatsheaf Hotel and also by Mr Wall in the field adjoining Hawksworth Street. The pens at the Wheatsheaf Hotel were well patronised, with about 500 sheep and a few pigs being penned, while there were 300 sheep for sale in Hawksworth Street. There was a fair number of people buying and the prices realised were in advance of the previous year's figures. Best halfbred ewes fetched from 40s to 50s., lons 26. to 30., lambs averaged a price of 24s., and Scotch wethers 30s.

1. 3. runaway horses
2. Annual Sheep fair

Sept 5. 1986
1911

75 Years Ago

At a meeting of Ilkley Farmers and Dairy Men in the Star Inn it was decided to increase the price of milk to 3½d. per quart on and after 1 October 1911. The increase was the result of an abnormally dry summer and increased cost of production.

Speaking at the annual Tradesman's dinner Mr. F. F. Steinhal asked "How was Ilkley going to develop in the future?" The town was losing its image as a spa health town and was becoming more a place people visited for amusement. The water cure was becoming neglected. He advocated the provision of a baths for curative treatment to be provided in the town and foresaw Ilkley's expansion being in this direction. About 90 traders and their friends attended the meal in the Star Hotel. The Chairman was Mr. A. Blakeborough. The accompanist for the musical programme was Mr. F. E. Spencer, of Ilkley, organist at Menston Church. Prizes for selling the most tickets were awarded to Mr. A. H. Atkinson and Mr. I. H. Bryant.

1. Milk price raised to 3½ per quart
2. Tradesmen's dinner

Sept. 12th. 1986
1886

100 Years Ago

Ilkley was having an Indian Summer in September 1886 and expectations for it continuing for Ilkley's annual feast looked promising. In accordance with custom there was to be cricket in the daytime and dancing in the evening for the adults and a miscellaneous collection of swings, roundabouts and other paraphernalia for the youngsters. Many people would be inclined to spend the holiday walking on the "purple clad moors" and enjoying "the changing hues of the late summer landscape."

Ilkley's Indian Summer

1911

75 Years Ago

Ilkley Feast was in full swing 75 years ago and the fairground in South Hawksworth Street presented a busy scene. All sorts of attractions were in evidence including a "Joy Wheel" together with a new motor car scenic railway and Alpine Landmark.

Ilkley Feast

1936

50 Years Ago

A visitor from Worcestershire spoke highly of the beauties and health giving properties of the town. He said his first impression was good but his second impression was revolting and he asked 'are there more dogs per head of the population in Ilkley than in any other town in Great Britain or is the Public Health Department forgetting the cleansing of the pavements?' The Ilkley Gazette commented "there are two types of people who degrade our town—"The Litter Lout and the Dog Fancier" who does not know how to control the behaviour of the dog".

*Dirty dogs!
Same trouble to day. 1986
H.H.*

25 years ago 1986
1961

Plans for a six storey block of flats on the site of the Royal Hotel in Wells Road, Ilkley were approved by Ilkley Council at the October meeting but plans presented by Mrs. M. M. King for residential use of farmland at Ben Rhydding Drive, Ilkley, were disapproved as the land was intended to be kept as Green Belt.

*Plans for Royal Hotel Flats
Residential use of land at
Wharfedale Grange Farm. Refused.*

**ALONG THE
WHARFEDALE LINE
ENTHUSIAST RECORDS
RAILWAY'S HISTORY**

A lifetime of railway interest and enjoyment by local railwayman, Bill Smith, of Ben Rhydding, is shared in the first of a series of books on local railways.

In Part One, now available from local bookshops, he records the history of the Skipton and Ilkley line whilst there is a history of the Haw Bank Quarry Tramway at Skipton by co-author Donald Binns, of Skipton and a section of the Yorkshire Dales Railway Today by John Keavey, of Skipton.

Bill Smith, of Grange Avenue, well known rail enthusiast and signalman at Ilkley successfully sets out to trace the beginnings of the extension of the line from Ilkley to Skipton from the day of the first passenger train on 16 May 1888, which only ran as far as Bolton Abbey, to its demise in the 1960's. Its history covers its operations which included a stopping train at Ilkley between Edinburgh and St. Pancras.

It is just twenty years ago since the bridge which carried the railway over Brook Street at Ilkley was removed and though since then the railway has disappeared there are still reminders of its existence if one traces its route.

The book is an excellent reference for the history of the railway which along with many other lines has since disappeared from the Dales. There are further chapters which deal with Royal trains the ones which passed through Wharfedale — diversions, and various workings along the line.

Bill Smith began a life of railway interest and work when in 1942 standing on the footbridge over the railway at Ilkley he saw the locomotive his grandfather used to drive. He began in the 1940's watching and recording engine numbers and train movements at Ilkley and as a schoolboy carried around with him a Brownie Box camera for that special picture.

His railway career started in early 1958 as a Porter-Signalman at Embsay, near Skipton, and a chapter records his reminiscences of railway life at that station.

Since his schoolboy days of keeping a watch on the railway Bill Smith has recorded the many changes on the Wharfedale lines, the coming of the diesels and the end of steam, the gradual run down and final extinction of freight traffic, the closure of Odley and Skipton lines and the latest reduction to single track of the section from Guiseley to Shipley to Amberg Junction.

"Looking today at the empty and trackless Ilkley platforms Nos 3 and 4 it is hard to believe that such engines as "Royal Scots", "Patriots", Jubilee's" and "Black Fives" of the LMS "43" Pacifics and "K3" Moguls, or the LNER, not to mention hundreds of smaller engines, once passed this way through to Skipton throwing smoke and fire high into the air as they thundered over Brook Street Bridge with long trains of coal, or the diverted "Thames-Clyde Express". It all happened, and I am glad I was there to watch, record and marvel at the men and machines which kept the country's freight and passengers on the move during the War and after," says Bill Smith.

The book is complemented by 116 photographs. It also includes lay-out and signalling diagrams of each station and junction between Ilkley and Skipton which were drawn by Richard Pulvern.

The book by Wvvern Publications of Skipton, retail's at £5.95.

Further books in the series will record the Grassington Branch and the line East of Ilkley to Leeds Bradford and Arthington.

*Sept. 25. 1986
1987 1936*

50 Years Ago

The Patent Ninetic Brake and Tension Regulator, the invention of Mr. W. Bradley, Beadon Works, Addingham, received the highest award, one of ten silver medals, at the 12th International Exhibition of Inventions at the Central Hall, Westminster. This made Mr. Bradley's invention automatically eligible and in competition for one of the two gold awards to be awarded later. Another local inventor, Mr. Chas. Crowther was awarded a certificate of merit for his invention of a rotary tea stirrer, this enabled tea to be stirred from the exterior of the pot without lifting the lid.

*Invention day
BILLY BRADLEY*

*Sept 19th. 1986
50 years ago 1936*

Mr. Mark Hayton of Moor-side, Ilkley, crowned a remarkably successful season in sheep dog trials by winning the Farmers' Blue Riband at the International Trials at Ayr and being the runner-up for the supreme championship of England, Scotland and Wales. He achieved these successes with his remarkably fine dog "Pat".

*Mark Hayton
& dog "PAT"*

Past and present members of Yorkshire County Cricket Club gathered on a delightful day in September 1936 at Ilkley Golf Club for a day's play at the invitation of Mr. A. Jenkinson, of Iddlesleigh, Ilkley. George Hirst, Wilfred Rhodes, Emmott Robinson, and Edgar Oldroyd were amongst the veterans who turned out along with Major

*Mr Jenkinson's
Golf match for
Yorkshire County
Cricketers*

Lupton a former Yorkshire Captain and Mr. A. Sellers, chairman of Yorkshire Cricket Committee, Leonard Hutton, youngest member of the Yorkshire side found no difficulty in capturing the trophy from his captain A. B. Sellers. Mr. A. Jenkinson and his son-in-law Mr. Maurice Gaunt entertained the visitors to lunch and dinner in the evening.

*Sept 19th. 1986
1961.*

25 Years Ago

A suggestion that a new road should be built on part of the abandoned line of the original by-pass road on the north side of Addingham to cater for the Bolton Abbey and Upper Wharfedale traffic from the new by-pass when it was completed was discussed at the September meeting of Addingham Parish Council. The Area Planning Officer was present and showed a plan at the meeting, together with a suggestion that at some future date the by-pass road should have a connecting road with Bolton Abbey.

*Addingham
By Pass!!!*

*Sept 1986
25 years ago (1963)*

Following a request from an Addingham resident for better street lighting Parish Councillors said they wished to comply with the request but they had no funds.

The council needed about twenty lamps which would cost £20 each and with lighting and maintenance on the top the cost would be about £500 and the fact was that the council had no money.

Street lighting at Addingham

Oct. 3rd. 1986
1886

100 Years Ago

In the last week of September 1886 an accident occurred at the new railway works at Easby Drive to a platelayer by the name of Wm. Porters. The man was working at the bridge in Easby Drive and whilst watching the ascent of a box filled with mortar which was attached to a crane, he stepped out on to the metals close by, in order to regulate it when a "set" of fullwaggon came past but a second lot close behind escaped his notice, and he was knocked down on to the line and the wheels passed over his right foot. Mr. Mousley the contractor was quickly on the spot and conveyed the man to his lodgings where he was attended by Doctors Johnstone and Bates and moved to Bradford Infirmary, where he was to have part of his foot amputated.

Accident on Ilkley-Skipton line whilst building.

Oct. 10 - 1986
1886

A brave foreman on the extension of the Skipton Ilkley railway line had his right arm fractured after being involved with an accident with a crane. The crane accidentally came into gear, lowered the jib which threatened to fall on to a man below. He rushed to the rapidly revolving handle and arrested the jib to allow the man to move out of danger but did so at the expense of breaking his own arm.

Injury to foreman on Railway

25 years 1961

Olicana Museum Soc.

Demolition of Royal Hotel

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Olicana Museum Society in the Town Hall, Ilkley, Miss Elsie Fletcher, Society President and the Curator of the Manor House Museum, said that over 3,000 visitors had viewed inside the Manor House since its opening on July 8.

Work started on the demolition of the Royal Hotel, in Wells Road, Ilkley, and it was expected to be completed in six weeks. The older portion of the hotel had been opened in 1871 and an extension was added in 1892. The hotel had been very popular in its time and was a popular choice for annual dinners and dances of various local organisations. A block of luxury flats was scheduled to take its place.

Oct 3. 1986
75 years ago 1911

At the monthly meeting of Ilkley Urban District Council an amended plan of a proposed swimming bath came under discussion. The land for the public baths to be built was sited in the vicinity of the gasworks fronting Clifton Terrace, Lower Wellington Road and Mr. T. C. Hope, architect, was instructed to prepare specifications, and estimate the cost of erecting the baths. Cr. Eames pointed out that they already were embarking upon a £3,000 Town Hall extension scheme and a Gas Main scheme to cost £2,000 £3,000, also a playground scheme to cost several thousand pounds, and now the Bath scheme was being quickly thrust upon them. When a vote was taken on the Baths scheme, the voting was five for and five against and the Chairman had to give the casting vote, after being pressed to decide he voted in favour of the Swimming Bath question being referred back.

Public Baths

Oct. 1986 (1911)

75 Years Ago

As a result of the examinations held by the West Riding County Council in April and June in 1911 the Governors of Ilkley Grammar School elected Cyril J. Barnes, Wilfred Cawood, Harold Graham, and Geo. E. Laycock to Foundation Scholarships.

An elderly man, Mr. Jack Ickringill, of Ilkley, believed to be well over seventy years of age, was taken to Otley workhouse in October 1911. He had occupied a dilapidated villa off Skipton Road for nine years which had been declared unfit for human habitation for some time, and it had been without a roof since the end of August. Since then "Jack" had still lived in the unroofed building sleeping under the stairs. Mr. Ickringill died at the workhouse three weeks after being admitted.

A member of St. Margaret's Girls' Club, Miss Ethel Robinson, was presented with a clock in recognition of her forthcoming marriage. The two club secretaries Miss Mallinson and Miss Nussey presented her with an eiderdown quilt.

1 man injured on Skipton Rfwr

Oct 3rd 1986
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50 Years Ago

An impressive service took place in Denton Church, to dedicate a stained glass window in memory of Mr. Arthur Hill, of Denton Park, who had died one year previously. The dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Bradford, Dr. A. W. F. Blunt. The window which had been commissioned by Mrs. Hill and her daughters was in the South Transept. In rich colours it depicted the Madonna and Child flanked by the angel figures of St. Michael and St. Gabriel. Beneath was the inscription "To the Glory of God, and in Loving Memory of Arthur James Hill Esq., J.P. of Denton Park, Yorkshire, eldest son of Sir James Hill Bart of Bradford and Hexton Manor, Herts., born 13 January 1876, died 1 August 1935. This window was erected as a tribute to love and affection by his wife and daughters 1936."

The Bishops also dedicated gifts made to the church in memory of Mrs. Laura Wyvill who formerly resided at Denton Hall, and was the mother of the late Mr. Marmaduke D'arcy Wyvill, a former M.P. of the Otley Division.

Dedication of window Denton Church

50 Years Ago

Intimation was received in Ilkley on 16 October, 1936, concerning the decision of the Ministry of Health on part of the County Council's proposals of amalgamation of various local government units within their area. The information was given in a letter addressed to the Clerk of the County Council, which was circulated to the various local authorities concerned. Under the new scheme, Ilkley included Burley with the greater part of Menston with the exception of small portions for the rounding off of boundaries, but did not include those townships on the northern side of the river which had formed topics of so much discussion in the past. The paragraph relating to Ilkley, Otley and Burley in the letter from the Ministry of Health stated "as regards the three Urban Districts, the Minister has come to the conclusion that the Burley Urban District with the additions of rural areas to the south, might suitably be included in the Ilkley Urban District, but he finds no case for the inclusion of any other rural areas lying to the west."

Proposal to change Mr. boundaries

75 years ago. 1986
Oct. 1886

Mrs. Jane Jackson, widow of the well-known Ilkley personality "Donkey Jackson" who for many years resided with her husband in the old "Donkey" cottage in Bridge Lane died in 1911 at the age of 73. She had assisted her husband with his donkey hiring business for many years. On his death she moved to Chapel Lane Ilkley, and was interred with her husband in Ilkley Churchyard.

A horse pulling a dray belonging to the Ilkley Brewery Company was badly injured by a London owned motor car travelling from Burley on the wrong side of the road, and had to be destroyed. The windscreen of the car was smashed, but the driver was unhurt and proceeded on his journey without delay.

1 Death of Donkey Jackson's widow

2 Compensation of motor car & broken Dray.

75 years ago 1986
1911

Five Ilkley football players were chosen to play for Yorkshire against Durham. They were Jack and Arthur King of Ben Rhydding, Eric and Paul Steinhil of St. John's, Ilkley and J. H. Eddison, of Netherside, Ilkley.

5 Ilkley foot ballers play for years.

Oct. 24. 1986
1886

100 Years Ago

A new Salvation Army barracks was opened at Ilkley next door to Mr. Kiley's "Old Curiosity Shop" in Bridge Lane. On the opening day the room was full to the door, although no handbills had been distributed. The officers and band canvassed on the way to their meeting, and a group of young men and others were collected en route. The Captain and Lieutenant did their best to keep up the interest of the meeting, and said they had come to Ilkley to save souls and lead the people to the ways of salvation. The officers in charge were Captain Frances Ashman and Lt. Ethel Powell.

Dr. Little obtained promises from several tradesmen to exhibit, in their shop windows, cases containing Roman relics of various kinds, which had been discovered in Ilkley, and he hoped that this would be a first step towards establishing a permanent museum in the town.

1 Salvation Army.
2 Exhibitions in shops to further a museum

50 years ago
1936

Hon. Comm. Col. H. T. Bates, of Ferndale, Ilkley, son of the late D. W. R. Bates of Ilkley, was appointed hon. physician to the King, to replace Col. L. D. Bailey who had retired. Col. Bates was an old boy of Ilkley Grammar School and was Medical Officer for Ilkley and Burley.

Col. H. T. Bates appointed Hon. Phys. to King

Oct. 24. 1986
75 years ago 1911

An interesting and quaint old character who had come to be known far and wide as "The Ilkley Hermit" died at Otley Workhouse, not having survived very long after his removal to the institution. He was an Ilkley native, called Hekringill, who had married early in life, and his wife had left him for another man. He had attended the Old Grammar School in Skipton Road, driven donkeys for a man called Rigg in the "donkey" cottage, and worked on the construction of the Settle/Carlisle railway. For some years a game warden on the Middleton estate he occupied a cottage adjacent to the Ilkley Cricket Field, and then moved to a dilapidated old villa off Skipton Road. Two dogs, "Tinker" and "Billie," his constant companions, were found good homes and wore black ribbons in memory of their master.

The Situations Vacant column was filled with advertisements for domestic staff including cooks (£28 per annum), Parlourmaids (£24) and Housemaids (£18-£22).

1. Ilkley Hermit
2. Domestic staff.

MAJOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL "DIG" PLANNED AT ADDINGHAM

The West Yorkshire Archaeology Service are planning to carry out excavation work on the Addingham Church Hall site if plans for the extension of the Church Hall and car park are given the go-ahead by Bradford Planners, and Scheduled Monument consent is given by the Department of the Environment.

Historically the site is important, and spans a number of archaeological and historic periods. Excavations between 1971 to 1975 to the east of the Rectory revealed a ditch of probable pre-historic origin a large quantity of undated iron-working slag and a Scandinavian bone comb-case. Documentary evidence suggests occupation in the area of the church by the mid-ninth century, while sculptured crosses now housed within the church were of late Anglo-Saxon date. The church lies within a semi-circular raised plateau (now within the modern churchyard) while earthworks of uncertain but probably medieval date surround the church to the west, south and east.

The proposal is to excavate the areas to be developed in advance of construction work. The Manpower Service Commission are to fund both the archaeological and post-excavation work. The earthworks surrounding the site will be surveyed as part of the project. The longer term aim is to lay the site with information boards which interpret the history of the whole site. This work will be carried out with the Manpower Service Commission Scheme, through the VOLSEC Community Programme Agency.

Addingham lies on the southern side of the River Wharfe in the north-western corner of West Yorkshire. It is situated on the eastern fringes of the Pennines, and lies on the Coal Measures. As a result the farming economy through time has been predominantly pastoral, with settlement in a series of scattered farmsteads, rather than clustered in one central village. Like so many places in West Yorkshire the origins of settlements are obscure. The continued use of grass for animal husbandry and little local development has meant that few archaeological finds have been made. The most prominent is perhaps the line of the Roman road, which traverses the township from the south-east to the north-west.

There is little evidence for Roman activity within the township. The Roman road from Ilkley to Elslack passed through the township in a north-westerly direction. A Roman coin has been found in the centre of modern Addingham, while a lamp has been found somewhere within the township of Addingham, but the exact findspots was unknown. No Roman finds have been made either on the site or in the vicinity of the church.

Addingham is one of the first places in West Yorkshire which is documented before the Norman Conquest. The "Ingaham" element in the place name suggests that the name was formed during the early Anglo-Saxon period. By implication the name suggests that occupation had taken place somewhere within the area of the later township of Addingham during the

early phases of Anglo-Saxon settlement of the area. The survival of an early Anglo-Saxon element in a territorial name does not preclude the existence of much earlier occupation. Indeed, archaeological evidence has suggested Iron Age occupation on the dominant plateau on which the church lies.

The earliest direct reference to Addingham was in 867, when Archbishop Wulfhere took refuge there when fleeing from Danish raids. Although no details are given by Symeon of Durham when he recorded the event, it was likely there was an important residence somewhere in Addingham in the mid-ninth century.

Structural and architectural evidence suggests activity in the early Anglo-Saxon period. Although little evidence now survives within the church, the building is almost certainly of Anglo-Saxon origin, while the setting of the church within an oval or circular churchyard enclosure is typical of early sites. In addition the carved crosses, now housed in the church, are of late Anglo-Saxon date.

By the medieval period the main focus of settlement appeared to have moved from the church area to the present site of Addingham, further to the west. Pottery dating from the twelfth century onwards has been found in the centre of Addingham along the Main Street. Settlement appeared to have existed around the church during the Middle Ages, as quantities of medieval pottery were recovered from the site of the existing Church Hall when it was erected in 1959. The surviving earthworks around the church suggested a series of fishponds and associated enclosures. Although undated they probably belong to the medieval period.

The Rectory to the east of the Church probably occupied the site of the hall, implied in the mid-ninth century reference to Archbishop Wulfhere fleeing to Addingham in advance of Danish raids. The present rectory building is of nineteenth century date. It appeared to have superseded a structure of seventeenth

century date to the north-west of the present building, which was still standing in 1808. This earlier building may have been the site of the medieval rectory. In view of the church living being a rectory rather than a vicarage it was possible that the surviving fishponds to the south of the church formed part of the rectory Manor.

The setting for Addingham Church is similar to a number of sites in the region. The church lies on the highest point of land which falls away gently to the south, west and east on the southern bank of the River Wharfe. It is set within a semi-circular plateau which has now been consumed within the churchyard. The position coincides with a vertical and precipitous drop to the River Wharfe to the north.

Three sites of similar location and antiquity exist elsewhere in the region. Castleburg, in Nesfield township to the east of Addingham lies on a prominent northern bluff above the River Wharfe. Further along the Wharfe, fifteen miles east of Addingham, lies Rougemont in Westow township. The site lies on the northern bank, high above a sharp bend in the river.

The third site is East Riddlesden Hall in Morton township on a high bluff on the northern bank of the River Aire town lies east of Keighley. The hall lies on a high steep sided plateau above the flood plain of the river.

All four sites have a number of features in common. They all lie on high plateau or spurs, high on the banks of a river, with falling ground on the landward side. Their plans and earthwork remains suggest that their origins lay earlier than the middle ages, a comparison with a similar earthworks elsewhere would suggest a prehistoric origin. Evidence from Addingham suggests a continuity of occupation from the Iron Age to the present day. It is against this background that the results from the work on the Church Hall site at Addingham could be so important. In addition the church is a late Anglo-Saxon or early foundation.

The residential complex implied by Archbishop Wulfhere fleeing there in 867 could lie near the church, a likely siting, particularly as the parish of Addingham covers the same areas as the township.

The excavations are to take place in an historically sensitive part of the site. The earthwork remains of the possible Iron Age enclosure, whose ditch and bank were sectioned in the excavations of 1971 to 1975, lie immediately to the east of the proposed development. Although the implied ninth century hall probably lies to the east of the church on the site of the Rectory, the importance of the site during the late Anglo-Saxon period suggests that high status occupation may extend over the entire promontory site.

During the building of the Church Hall in 1959, quantities of medieval pottery were recovered from the site. Controlled excavations on the proposed development immediately adjacent to that developed in 1969, would add considerably to knowledge of the history and development of this important site.

Once excavations have been completed the report will be prepared as part of the scheme. The site will be surveyed and information panels designed which both interpret and reflect the history of the site. They will be erected in relevant parts of the site.

Oct. 31. 1986

HORTICULTURALIST DIES ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Ikley horticulturalist, Mr. Arthur Robinson, of Chapel Nurseries, Leeds Road, Ikley died suddenly, on Monday on his 86th birthday.

Mr. Robinson was born and educated in Addingham and began work in the village at Lister's Mill at the age of twelve.

In 1918 he began a career in horticulture working at Netherfield House, Ikley, where his wife, Ada, was in domestic service. He left there in 1923 and returned to Addingham to work for Mr. J. C. Ford at Holme House.

In 1926 Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were married at the Grove Church, Ikley, and went to live in Main Street, Addingham. For the following 12 years he worked at Norwood House in Ikley.

During the war Mr. Robinson manufactured machine tools for A. C. Wickans, of Ikley and was a member of the A.R.P. After the war he started his own business as a horticultural contractor and after buying a plot of land he built his own house along with greenhouses and shed and named it Chapel Nurseries.

Mr. Robinson and his wife were well known in Addingham for their connection with St. Peter's Church. Once when the church needed a new chalice Mr. Robinson melted down a silver cup he had won and had it re-made into a new chalice.

Mr. Robinson became well known as a judge at many of Wharfedale's flower shows and was a former Chairman of the Aire Valley branch of the National Farmer's Club.



He was secretary of Addingham Agricultural Show for a number of years and had taken part in many horticultural competitions. He was a member of Addingham Gardens and Allotments Association and Ikley Gardeners' Association.

Mr. Robinson and his wife celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in February this year when they were visited by the Lord Mayor of Bradford.

He leaves a widow and two sons.

Mallard makes it on last gasp

THE world's fastest steam train, almost ran out of puff when it took 300 passengers on a sentimental journey from London to York at the weekend.

Mallard, which smashed the steam speed record by reaching 126 mph in 1938, was borrowed from the National Railway Museum, York, for the longest steam rail trip since British Rail phased out steam in 1968.

Three stops were made en route for water but the engine driver under-estimated the amount of coal needed and, as Mallard approached Church Fenton, south of York, she began to run out.

After slowing to between 20 and 30 mph for the last 12 miles, the train just made it to York.

The £55 trip, which covered Pullman class travel and meals, was organised by the Railway Trust to celebrate the 80th birthday of Sir Peter Allen.

Sir Peter, who is president of the Trust, joined fellow rail enthusiasts on the eight-hour trip from Marylebone Station through Beaconsfield, Banbury, Derby and Sheffield.

Passengers visited the Peter Allen building at the railway museum where a Victorian station is being reconstructed before making the return trip to London in Pullman carriages pulled by a diesel engine.

The trust's Press officer, Mr. Nick Piggott, said after trip on Saturday: "British Rail said such a long trip could not be done with one engine when we first approached them but we eventually persuaded them."

"They were almost proved right."

Age of steam and steel

WHEN a unique British steam locomotive is officially renamed today, a dozen Sheffield steel apprentices of ten years ago will be able to take a special pride in the ceremony.

For without their fledgling skills, it is unlikely that Duke of Gloucester, a one-off express locomotive of the 1950s, would ever have been seen in steam again. Today, at Loughborough, the real-life Duke of Gloucester will re-name the locomotive, which spent years in a scrap yard.

It was rescued from there by a group of steam enthusiasts but was lacking many vital parts — perhaps irreplaceable components, it was

thought at the time. But apprentices with the British Steel Corporation in Sheffield during the mid-70s set about making many of those parts from scratch — with their employer's blessing.

Mr. Hugh Wentworth Ping, commercial director for BSC Iron Foundries at the time, was one of the organisers of the rescue plan.

"As part of their craft training a small group of our apprentices in Sheffield, and at the Renishaw Iron Foundry, made these parts themselves. It was a difficult task for them but they did splendidly — even producing most of the parts for one of the cylinders," he said.

It took the apprentices about four years to make the components, but these were crucial to any hopes of getting the big locomotive back into steam.

"The lads are now probably dispersed across industry, but they will remember how they were able to succeed in such a tough exercise," said Mr. Ping, now a Sheffield business consultant.

About 12 apprentices, helped and guided by works staff from the former BSC River Don works — now part of Sheffield Forgemasters — and the Renishaw Iron Foundry were involved in the project.

...on fitted by the Low Mill
...Accom with gas chgt, sealed

Y.P. Nov. 1986.

STAFF SHOCKED AS AXE FALLS ON ANOTHER HOSPITAL

Within weeks of the news that the 230-bed geriatric hospital at Middleton, Ilkley, would be closed down during the next two years the Regional Health Authority announced that the axe was to fall at Scafebor Park Hospital at Burley.

Staff at the 350-bed hospital, which caters for the mentally ill, were informed on Friday from hospital bosses that the closure would be during the next eight years.

The decision came when representatives of Airedale Health Authority met the Regional Chairman and officers for the annual review.

A spokesman for the Airedale Health Authority said Scafebor Park was to close as a unit for the mentally ill.

"The Regional Health Authority is asking Airedale to get on with the implementation of national policy closing institutions in favour of community care," said the spokesman.

The future of the hospital was contained in the Regional Health Authority's regional plans which ran until 1993-4 but no hard and fast decision would be made until alternative arrangements either in the community or at other units were made for the patients, the spokesman added.

Mr. M. Heath, secretary of the Wharfedale branch of COHSE said the Union would fight against any closure and cuts within Scafebor Park Hospital and staff meetings were going to be drawn up to fight the closure.

He said "At the meeting on Friday the point which came over to me was that management did not oppose closure and were asking staff to carry on the good work and just accept that Scafebor Park was the best of its kind in the whole of Yorkshire within the psychiatric field."

"The Wharfe Valley is going to lose out on psychiatric service what with Middleton Hospital under threat of closure," said Mr. Heath.

Cr. Chris Wardman, head of Bradford's Social Services described the decision as a piece of "callous indifference."

"For the last two years, the council, in conjunction with the health authorities, has been planning a strategy which provides properly co-ordinated services for the mentally ill for the future."

"The implications for social services are tremendous. We shall end up picking up the costs of caring for the patients in the community, and unless the health authority are prepared to identify finance for those leaving hospital and those who would not be able to go in as a result of the closure, I will be fighting the closure with all the power a council can muster," he said.

NO DECISION YET OVER CONVALESCENT HOME

An assurance that no decisions have yet been reached over the future of the Grove Convalescent Hospital, Ilkley, has been given to local MP, Gary Waller.

Mr. J. O. Arnold, Chairman of the Leeds Western Health Authority, has informed Mr. Waller that any change in the use of the Grove, or a proposal about the location or scale of provision of convalescent facilities, would

be the subject of formal consultation under DHSS procedures. Mr. Arnold stated, "discussions are taking place between this Authority and the Airedale Health Authority about the future management and use of the hospital which lies within the Airedale catchment area. There has been a progressive decline in the amount of provision within the NHS for convalescence to the extent that only one or two such hospitals now remain in existence. The general emphasis is on treatment and rehabilitation within the acute hospital so that the patient can be returned home rather than through some intermediate facility. This is not to say that some patients do not benefit from such provision but the numbers have declined dramatically and there is a responsibility to ask whether this remains at a level sufficient to justify retention of Convalescent Hospitals."

Constituents have told Mr. Waller how much they have benefited from the care and treatment they received at the Grove.

Nov. 14. 1986
1886

100 Years Ago

Big alterations were planned for Brook Street and plans were prepared for three "handsome shops" to take the place of the old houses at the corner of East Street. The new girdered railway bridge was expected to mar the beauty of the street and the girders were due to arrive within a week or two.

Members of the St. John Ambulance class at Addingham presented their teacher, Dr. Bates, with an illuminated address at a Navy Mission gathering in acknowledgment of his valuable services.

Mr. Chas Foster, a navy, of Ash Grove, Ilkley, met with a serious accident when a large

quantity of earth fell on him in a cutting near Fasby Drive. He sustained compound fractures of each leg and a flesh wound on his right arm. He was sent to Bradford Infirmary for treatment.

Nov. 22/86
1936

50 Years Ago

A new Coronation Cottage Hospital was to be one of Ilkley's permanent memorials of the Coronation of King Edward VIII. The existing Coronation Hospital had been opened in 1905 and demands on its resources had been increasing to such an extent that

enlargement was considered to be desirable and it was suggested that it would be appropriate to commemorate the Coronation of Edward VIII with a new hospital building as the original was erected to commemorate the Coronation of his grandfather King Edward VII. The intention was to have a new hospital on a new site which had not been decided upon.

Two notable gifts by Mr H P. Price, of Hollingwood, Ilkley, were announced. First was an announcement that Mr. Price had given £20,000 to the Royal Institute of International Affairs to establish a Chair of International Economics at Chatham. Local people were delighted by a gift of £1,000 for the development and laying-out of the land along the riverside at Ilkley between the Old bridge and the New bridge, to form part of Ilkley's permanent memorial of the Coronation of King Edward VIII.

Nov. 22/86 (1886)

100 Years Ago

The platform at the Assembly Rooms was transformed into an elegant boudoir with crimson hangings, a dwarf shrubbery and footlights for the visit of Mrs. Scott-Siddons, who gave a recital of her "elocutionary skills" before a large audience. Mrs. Scott-Siddons was the great granddaughter of the famous actress, Sarah Siddons, and she was described in the press as a "graceful figure, with a face of uncommon beauty and singular brilliancy and refinement of expression, combining with these precious gifts, histrionic talent and elocutionary skill of the highest order."

Alteration in Brook St
Presentation to Dr Bates
Navy Injured on R. pay

Nov. 22/86. (1911)

45 years ago

Wheatley Old Hall, picturesque building said to have been erected by the Rollin family from Bradford in 1690 was to be put up for sale by auction. The hall was occupied for generations by the Bollings, Ellis's and Margerison who were all related and in 1911 it had been purchased from a member of the Margerison family. It was commonly believed that Oliver Cromwell had slept there, perhaps before the battle of Marston Moor.

Nov. 14 - 1986

1911

75 Years Ago

A winter carnival and bazaar with the object of aiding funds towards the erection of a swimming pool was held over three days. The opener was Lady Katherine Hardy. The estimated cost of the swimming bath was to be £1,085. The bazaar comprised 15 popular stalls and there were various sideshadows and other competitive attractions. Music was provided in the refreshment department by Miss Alice Greenwood (piano), Miss Lister (Violin) and Miss D. Greenwood (Violin) and the Ilkley Puppet Players gave performances of "The Rose and the Ring". A one-act comedy was performed each day by Mr. C. W. Atkinson, Mrs. Thornton and Miss M. Dennison. Gymnastic displays were given by a squad of boys under the direction of the school instructor, Sgt. Coxhead. A whistling competition for ladies was organised by Mr. S. P. Farmer.

The first annual ball of the Ilkley Rugby Club was held in the King's Hall with over 250 people present. Music was provided by Mr. M. Craven's band. The boxes in the hall were used for a whist drive which was in the charge of Mr. J. Ellwood. The M.C.'s for the evening were Messrs G. E. Earnshaw and F. B. Hastings. Messrs. R. Haxby, E. Jiles, T. L. Nelson, N. R. Bland and R. Robinson acted as stewards for the evening.

*Winter Carnival
2. 1st Annual Ball of
Rugby Club*



Three blows revive medieval legend

THE Lord Mayor of Bradford, Coun. Bill Nunn, offers an old penny to the Bradford Hornblower, Mr. Philip Rushworth, for his services to mark St. Martin's Day yesterday.

The day is celebrated for the legendary killing of the Bradford boar in the 13th century.

Coun. Nunn was joined at the ceremony by Mr. Rushworth, a local genealogist, at the Old Market Cross, in Kirkgate Market.

Mr. Rushworth is believed to be a descendant of John Rushworth who

is credited with killing the wild boar during the reign of Edward I.

During the ceremony, which has been revived after 70 years Mr. Rushworth blew three blasts upon a Georgian silver gelder's horn and was presented with the penny, the amount paid by the grateful King for slaying the boar.

Legend has it that the boar, said to be the "size of a house" inhabited the Cliffe Wood area of the city, and was responsible for widespread damage and injury.

Low Mill
ward. Accom with gas chg. seals

CENTENARY YEAR

ILKLEY BELL RINGER BECAME AN EXPERT

One hundred years ago on 16 November Jasper Whitfield Snowden, a native of Ilkley who achieved a national reputation as an expert on change ringing died at the age of 42.

Born at Ilkley on 18 June, 1844, Snowden came from a prosperous house and was sent to Rossall School. He trained as an engineer, rising to a busy consulting engineer in Leeds.

All the time he could spare went to his passion for bell ringing in church towers then used for bell ringing contests. Visitors to country parish churches often see boards recording long peals made in Victorian times, sometimes by visiting teams of ringers.

Snowden at 31 became President of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, a position he held till his death.

Snowden was an engineer interested in the metallic content of bells, knowing that the very old bells expanded more gradually from crown to rim than did their nineteenth century counterparts. He was realist enough to know that the practice of old bell makers adding silver to their bell metal, did not approve the tons of bells.

Snowden who wrote a great deal on bells, kept records of inscriptions he had seen on bells like "My treble voice, your hearts rejoice".

Snowden also got to know a great deal about the foundries then making bells and was in a position to advise the Church authorities and private donors when new bells were being ordered for belfries or old bells recast.

He also understood the techniques of bell cleaning and bell tuning, and the individual uses of certain bells. In his time the practice of ringing the curfew had largely fallen into disuse, although the passing or death bell was still rung in many parishes. By this time the bell was rung after the death, tolling out the age of the person who had died. Earlier it had been rung when a dying person was receiving the sacrament so that those who wished to do so, could pray for him at the time.

Snowden's first important book on bell ringing was "Ropesight; an introduction to the art of change ringing", published in Leeds in 1879. This appealed to many enthusiastic bell ringers, as at the time efforts were being made to increase the number of ringers available and also their standard of ringing.

This book was followed by a book on the "Standard Methods in the Art of Change Ringing" which appeared in 1881. In the same year he published a two volume book on treble bob ringing. Three years later Snowden followed his earlier productions by books on the Norwich bob major style of ringing and methods of bell ringing. Another of his books dealt with the history and methods of ringing Grand-sire peals. Here he edited contributions by others.

One edition of this book carried a memoir of Snowden and a full page picture of him.

Snowden's works on bell ringing stimulated the production of bell ringing classics like North's "Bells and Bell Lovers" and Raven's "Bells of England". Had Snowden lived

longer he would have acquired an international reputation for his expert knowledge on bells rather than the localised appeal his works had.

Kings Price

1886

death was given as apoplexy. Edinburgh Castle Old Mall Whisky was advertised in the Ilkley Gazette at 42s. per dozen bottles. It carried a certificate of purity written by Stevenson Macadam a lecturer on Chemistry at Edinburgh University.

1911

House of Lords "Old Highland Whisky" was advertised at 4/6 per bottle or 24/3 per gallon or 51/3 per dozen bottles. Dried fruit was 4d. to 6d. per lb., minciment 6d per jar, plum puddings 9d. and 1s. each, port, sherry and claret 1/3 to 2/- per bottle.

75 Years Ago

At a meeting of Ilkley Urban District Council in December 1911 it was decided that the charge for interments in ordinary graves was to be reduced from 25s. to 15s.

The advisability of engaging a new conductor for the band season in 1912 was discussed. Many members felt there had been a great deal of unpleasantness and discord during the 1911 season. They were in dispute as to the desirability of replacing the conductor, Mr. Bellerby, as some felt he had cultivated enemies and this was his weakness. Cr. Eames and Cr. Wilkinson considered there had been much praise for the work of the band and Mr. Bellerby had done a good job for the town. It was agreed to retain Mr. Bellerby for another season, but that he should be spoken to with regard to his popularity with his bandmen and the public in general.

There was a large attendance at a picture show held at the Kings Hall. The subjects were religious, geographical and humorous. Miss Ida Bellerby contributed the incidental music on the piano.

1911 Dec.

Change for Interments!

Bandmaster Bellerby in trouble

Picture Show

1936 Dec.

50 Years Ago

The Ilkley Gazette announced the news of the abdication of King Edward VIII, which followed a week of intense national anxiety. The King was to be succeeded by his brother, the Duke of York who would be crowned King George VI on the date fixed for King Edward's coronation—12 May. Local people were to listen to the King's abdication speech on the wireless, and the news was received quietly and gravely in Ilkley. Canon J. G. Garland (Vicar of Ilkley) said he felt some sympathy for the position of the King, but he felt he had done the right thing to abdicate. Cr. Geoffrey Veale, Chairman of Ilkley Council, said in the circumstances he felt that the interests of the whole Empire would be better served by the Duke and Duchess of York as King and Queen.

Abdication of Edward VIII

Dec. 5th. 1986

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OPERA SINGER TO LAUNCH NEW PROJECT

Opera singer, Pamela Cotton is launching a new project in January called 'The Yorkshire Opera Shop'.

Its aims are to provide opportunities for young singers, accompanists and conductors to learn stage techniques, study roles in the standard repertoire and offer them an opportunity to perform before a wide audience.

Pamela Cotton began her Operatic career with the Carl Rosa Opera following a successful audition at the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford, and became the youngest professional Opera singer in Britain for the next four years.

Singing with Touring Opera '58 and then English National Opera Miss Cotton later joined Scottish Opera until 1972.

Yaughan Williams Scholarship enabled her to study further in Italy where she gained a Diploma in Opera Interpretation. After singing in Italy and for German Television, Miss Cotton was invited to sing in Sweden where she remained for twelve years, creating during that time Sweden's first Opera Workshop and gaining the rare distinction as a non-Swede of three major awards. The Malmö Theatre Prize the Stockholm Culture Institute Award and the Malmö City Cultural Award for 1983 for her production, direction, stage sets and costume designs for various works including Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, Bach's Coffee Cantata and Hansel and Gretel.

Now looking forward to working with local singers and musicians Miss Cotton intends to bring Opera to a wider audience in villages and small towns in the area, not previously visited by touring Opera groups.

100 Years Ago

Several improvements were in the course of progress at Ilkley Parish Church. The chancel was being relaid with mosaic marble, 300 new hassocks had been provided, and several additional gas lights were being fixed. The old oak cover to the font, which had for some time been laid away at the vicarage was restored to its proper place and it was proposed to erect a reredos.

An announcement in the Ilkley Free Press in December, 1886 said the copyright and good-will of the newspaper had been disposed of, and the journal would in 1887 be published by Wm. Walker and Sons of Otley, proprietors of the Wharfedale and Airedale Observer with which the Ilkley Free Press would henceforward be incorporated.

Ilkley College students held their annual Christmas entertainment in the college hall to an audience of parents and friends. An exhibition of art and fretwork was on view in the entrance and Mr. W. J. Kaye, the principal welcomed the guests. The programme consisted of songs, organ solos, piano duet, a Latin recitation by E. B. Firth and F. S. Lay, and scenes from Shakespeare's Julius Ceasar, with W. M. Wade and Ceasar and E. B. Firth as Brutus. After the entertainment prizes and certificates were presented to pupils and the principal read out his yearly report and reported fine progress in the college's attainments.

1. Improvements in Church
2. Gazette disposed of to Wm. Walker
3. Ilkley College Christmas Entertainment

Christmas Bookings at Ilkley Hotels.

75 Years Ago

One of the proposals under consideration as a permanent memorial of the Coronation of King George V was obtaining a Charter of Incorporation, but few Ilkley people were aware that at one time Ilkley did receive a Royal Charter and through this was raised to the status of a market town. The charter bore the date February 1, 1252 and was granted by Henry III "to our beloved and trusted Peter de Percy that he and his heirs may have forever a market every week on Wednesday at his manor of Illeclay in the county of York, and that they might have a fair there every year lasting for eight days." How long the market was continued local records do not state.

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50 Years Ago

Not for many years had bookings at Ilkley's hydros and hotels for the Christmas holidays been so heavy. Several of the larger establishments had been fully booked for over six weeks and were trying to find outside accommodation for their guests. They offered full programme

of entertainment including dances, concerts, badminton, fancy dress balls, carol singing, outdoor sports, treasure hunts and cabaret. There were also film shows and whist and bridge parties for the less energetic visitors.

A large audience attended the Christmas concert at Ilkley Grammar school to hear selections by the school orchestra, songs from the choir and solo items by P. Wardman, A. M. Tornton, E. Brear, Alec Hartley, J. Hartley, W. Rayner, K. Binns, K. Harrison and D. Wallace. The second half of the programme was English master, Mr. A. Bartle's play "Buying Biddy" with B. Booth, J. King, A. Hilton, J. Kelley, A. Brear, and R. Jowett taking part. Biddy the dog, played by "Biddy Ottavanger" whose doggy performance was greatly appreciated.

CHAMPAGNE BUFFET
TO MARK OCCASION

CRESCENT HOTEL CELEBRATES 125th ANNIVERSARY

The Crescent Hotel at Ilkley Next Week celebrates its
125th anniversary.

Invited guests will mark the occasion together with the
opening of luxurious new bedrooms at a Champagne Buffet on Thurs-
day.

A short history of the hotel recalls that in 1800 that part of Wharfedale, now occupied by the modern town of Ilkley comprised three separate hamlets, Ilkley itself, Middleton on the north side of the River Wharfe, and Nesfield. Between them the three townships probably did not comprise more than 1000 people.

By the 1850's some impressive hydropathic establishments had been built in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding and as a consequence, Ilkley began to expand in population with the old thatched cottages, farmhouses, barns and mistals, which made up the centre of Ilkley, giving way to the substantial stone built properties which form much of Ilkley centre today. Mains water and mains drainage were installed, the roads metalled, the moorland streams culverted, gas street lighting installed and Ilkley was beginning to take on its present image.

With regard to ownership of land and property, what the Middleton family did not own, the Margerison, Bolling, Cunliffe and Lister families did.

In 1860 the Margerison and Bolling families owned the land lying to the east of Brook Street, between Leeds Road on the north and Railway Road on the south, which comprised dilapidated farm buildings and agricultural land; in particular, at the corner of Brook Street and Leeds Road, where the Crescent Hotel now stands, there were two cottages and some farm buildings, the first floor of one of the cottages being used as a meeting room by the Methodists.

Taking advantage of the growing prosperity of Ilkley, considerably enhanced by the recent sales by the Middleton family of land for residential development purposes and its growing significance as a Spa resort, the Margerison family, through William Margerison, in 1860 began to build the Crescent Hotel as it is seen today. It was completed by the summer of 1861 and received its first visitors in August of that year. It was built on quite a grand scale, being a three-storey crescent shaped building, with a dining room, drawing room, private sitting rooms, a billiards room, bars, vaults and some 30 bedrooms on the upper floors. Also constructed was a spacious stable yard with 5 stables, 19 stalls and 2 loose boxes, three coach houses and a harness room, for the accommodation of the visitors arriving from distant parts.

It is said that the stone used in the construction of the Crescent Hotel came from the quarries on Ilkley Moor and that the stone was quarried by the destruction of an enormous boulder called "The Bull" and which stood close to the present Cow and Calf Rocks. The demolition of this well-known landmark was a matter of some dispute between William Middleton, as Lord of the Manor of Ilkley, and the person who removed the stone as part of their rights as Ilkley freeholders over the Moor.

William Margerison built the hotel as an investment and it was let to tenants, in particular members of a well-known family of that time who ran various Ilkley hostleries, namely the Brumfitt family. So far as is known, the

first tenant was George Brumfitt, who was also owner of the Listers Arms Hotel where he brewed his own beer in a building known as The Wells Brewery, drawing his water from the overflow of the spring at the southern end of what is now Cunliffe Road.

In 1890 the Trustees of William Margerison's marriage settlement sold the Crescent Hotel estate to John Hudson from Leeds. Mr. Hudson, anxious to extend the Crescent Hotel, entered into negotiations with Dr. Richard Margerison to purchase from him two cottages in Leeds Road, around which the Crescent Hotel had originally been built and which now prevented further development of the hotel. They were purchased and incorporated into the hotel. The blocked up entranceways in the garden wall, fronting onto Leeds Road, may still be seen today.

Mr. Hudson transferred his interest in the Crescent Hotel in 1897 to a limited company known as The Ilkley Crescent Hotel-Company Limited, remaining a substantial shareholder and a Director. In 1897 that Company sold the Crescent Hotel estate to Hammonds Bradford Brewery Company Limited, who further developed the hotel, which was their only outlet in Ilkley until they purchased the Ilkley Brewery and Aerated Water Limited in 1925 when they acquired other licensed premises in the town.

In 1926 Hammonds Brewery sold the bowling green and the disused smithy, which has stood for many years on the Railway Road frontage, to Beanlands & Sons Limited (Beanlands is another well-known Ilkley family of the 19th Century) and they proceeded to erect thereon the New Cinema which stood until

recent years, when it was purchased, demolished and a supermarket erected on the site.

On the exterior the Crescent Hotel and its outbuildings are very much the same as when they were built in the 1860's. The interior, however, is another story, in that the premises have been brought up to date to accord with modern requirements of comfort and amenity and whilst the ground floor, to the eyes of a visitor of 100 years ago, might cause him to raise his eyebrows in some mild surprise, he could not fail to be astonished by the change in the comfort of the upper floors. Gone is the literally breathtaking climb up the stairs to those floors, a modern lift taking the place of such effort; gone also are the cold bedrooms, warmed only by the capacious heat of open fires; gone is the dubious warmth at the end of the corridor on each floor. In their place, the 19th Century visitor will find rooms still having the ample dimensions and high ceilings of the original, but with all the modern conveniences of controlled central heating, private bathrooms, showers and toilets and the amenities of private telephone, television and radio. The private sitting rooms of 100 years ago have been replaced by private suites.

William Margerison built the building well, enough for it to be listed as of merit and deserving of recognition of the qualities of its age.

Dec. 19. 1986
50 years ago.
1936

Wharfedale was swept by terribly severe floods, the worst in living memory, and the water rose to five inches above the mark on Ilkley Old Bridge which marked the great flood of 1866. The river rose from between its banks and turned Wharfedale into a chain of great lakes, drowned cattle and sheep, blocked roads, devastated gardens, flooded houses and wrought widespread ruin, and was back between its banks again all within 24 hours. Road traffic was badly disorganised. The only available road up and down the valley was by way of Hangingstone Road, Highfield, Burley Woodhead and Menston. Parts of this were extremely narrow and one portion was in a disgraceful condition. Near this point a traffic jam formed which lasted for hours. The cause of the floods was torrential rain which lasted for hours, and in the higher reaches of the dale snow added enormously to the weight of water which poured down the river.

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100 Years Ago

Ilkley was in the grip of wintery weather conditions in January 1887 when a sharp frost on wet roads was followed by snow showers rendering all roads and footpaths exceedingly dangerous for pedestrians and horse-drawn vehicles.

At Otley Police court thirty-one distress warrants for Ilkley ratepayers for non-payment of district and water rates were handed to Inspector Crow to be immediately put into execution.

The improvements to Mill Ghyll which the Local Board had in hand including clearing the rubbish, carefully looking after the trees and shrubs and the introduction of flowers was welcomed in the town. However, a proposal to erect a bandstand in Mill Ghyll gave way to a deputation of nearby inhabitants pointing out the unsuitability of the site for music. The hearers would be restricted and the consequences would have been sure to result in destructiveness besides disturbing the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood. However, the objectors felt that a path carried through the ghyll would provide facilities for the enjoyment of its shade.

1. Grip of Ilkley
2. Improvements to Mill Ghyll.

Jan 7. 1987

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75 Years Ago

A young Ilkley man, Mr. Arthur Padgett, died as a result of serious injuries incurred whilst tobogganning down Keighley Road. He had been gaining speed on another sledge, and took fright and steered his own sledge into the moor hitting a large hidden rock, and smashing his nose and both jaws. He was taken to Leeds Infirmary for operations, and shortly afterwards died.

"Ilkley has not for a long time witnessed a marriage of such importance and splendour as that which took place at St. Margaret's Church"—was the introduction to a report of the marriage between Miss Nellie Hemingway of Heathcote, Ilkley and Mr. C. Hubert Scott, a well known sportsman who had played inter-county lacrosse, had taken part in the Olympic Games in 1908 and played both cricket and rugby football. There were 300 invited guests

who braved snow and fog to attend the marriage. The bride was attended by the Misses Woodhead, Mann, Sharp, Powell, Edna Sharp and Card. A considerable number of motor cars and taxi cabs conveyed the guests from the church to Heathcote where a large pavilion had been erected for the reception and a ball in the evening, joined to the house and lit by electric light and heated by proper fireplaces. "The dresses worn at both functions were described as being "simply superb". The bride and groom left Heathcote by motor car to travel to Leeds station and thence to honeymoon at Engelburg in Switzerland.

1. Deaths of Arthur Padgett Sledging
2. Nellie Hemingway's Wedding