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ILKLEY LOCAL BOARD WAS IN DEBT

100 Years Ago

A special meeting of the Ilkley Local Board was held in the Town Office, Brook Street, for new members to sign their declarations and to elect a chairman and committees for the ensuing year.

Mr. James Rhodes was elected Chairman, and he declared his belief in the good work undertaken by the Board on the ratepayers' behalf. Mr. John Milner was made chairman of the Burial Board, Mr. Hainsworth was to be chairman of the General Purpose and Hackney Carriage Committee, Mr. Milner was to be Chairman of the Street Drainage and Fire Brigade committee, and Mr. Benson was the new chairman of the waterworks committee. The work of the Finance Committee was considered to be of such importance that the whole Board was to form this committee, to try and get the Local Board out of debt as speedily as possible.

A large and influential meeting of leading Conservatives was held at the National Schools with Mr. F. W. Fison in the chair to discuss the formation of a Conservative Club for Ilkley and a committee was formed to make all the necessary arrangements.

75 Years Ago

Ilkley's permanent memorial of King Edward VII's Coronation, a hospital for the treatment of accident and emergency cases near the Grammar School, with a capacity of accommodating nine patients was formally opened by Professor John Chiene, an eminent surgeon from Edinburgh University, who was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Johnstone, of Annandale, Ilkley. Mr. B. Nussey, Chairman of the hospital committee, presided at the ceremony. Professor Chiene was handed a beautiful silver-gilt key of most elaborate design incorporating a view of White Wells in coloured enamel with the Professor's monogram beneath. Professor Chiene told the distinguished gathering there were at that time 300 cottage hospitals, the first of which came into existence in 1864, and that with the advent of these hospitals had come the growth of surgery associated with the name of Joseph Lister who first introduced anaesthetics. He praised the work of the cottage hospitals and expressed the hope that Ilkley Coronation Hospital, although small would grow and develop.

50 Years Ago

Despite a dispute in the textile trade causing financial straits, Ilkley was looking forward to a successful Eastertide.

Heavy bookings were reported at the hydros and hotels and there were many

special attractions for visitors. These included gala dances and cabaret band concerts, ping-pong, tennis and croquet tournaments, clock golf, billiard tournaments, whist drives, dramatic shows and cricket matches. The two cinemas offered continuous performances.

Mr. Fred Sugden was elected Chairman of Ilkley Urban District Council, and expressed the hope that a "Kinder spirit would animate the Council in the coming year". A small committee was set up to deal with opposition to the garden on The Grove opposite to the Canker Well being sold for use as a filling station. It was feared that apart from spoiling the amenities of the district there was a possibility of petrol percolating into the spring of Cankerwell.

25 Years Ago

Owing to the high cost of maintaining the Ilkley Day Nursery, Ilkley Council were seriously considering closure. Complaints had been made that children from Burley had been debarred, although they were Urban District ratepayers. After long discussion it was decided that closure of the Day Nursery should be recommended.

Miss H. Addy, matron of Semon Home, Ilkley, celebrated 21 years service as matron of the home on Easter Monday. The guests presented her with a travelling case, and there was a special gala birthday party, with music and games arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Hallam. Tribute was paid to Miss Addy and the great improvements made to the home during her term of office.

There were fewer visitors to Ilkley than usual at Easter weekend. The bus queues which at one time stretched over the New Bridge had practically disappeared. The uncertainty of the weather was probably to blame and the lifting of petrol restrictions made visits to the seaside a practical proposition.

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Call to clear offensive rubbish and debris

100 Years Ago

A letter to the Editor urged that Ilkley should be provided with a "Bell-Cart", to clear from the roads offensive rubbish and debris, such as old pans and broken pots, as the only receptacle for rubbish at that time was the middenstead. It was suggested that inhabitants could place their rubbish in a box or receptacle and that a cart with a bell attached could collect and take the debris to a suitable depot. Farmers could then buy the fine ashes and light soil which would defray the expense, and the town would be a pleasanter place to live in.

The financial position of the Ilkley Floral and Horticultural Society put in jeopardy the continuance of the annual Ilkley Flower Show. Bad weather the previous summer had led to the cancellation of the show, and in order to try and continue the organisers had called a meeting to consider ways and means of fund raising to carry on with the local Flower Show in 1889.

75 Years Ago

Controversy was raging in the town in 1905 over certain schemes. Several years previously land had been purchased from Mr. J. T. Jackson in Station Road to be used as a site for a Town Hall, and a free library could be provided if Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer of £3,000 was accepted. Some residents were much against the scheme but shopkeepers and members of the industrial classes were much in favour. In the meantime the scheme was indefinitely postponed. The reasons for this were given as depression of trade, the large number of empty houses in the town, an abnormal increase in the poor and education rates, and the special war taxes.

A reason given for the empty houses in the town was the excellent tramway services offered in Leeds and Bradford. Formerly Ilkley and Harrogate could be reached by train quicker than the suburban districts like Roundhay and Chapel-town, but the new tramway reversed this position.

It was thought that for the next ten years no private building on a large scale would be carried out in Ilkley. The warmest supporters of the Town Hall and Library scheme, however, pointed out that with Mr. Carnegie's gift, the scheme for the Town Hall and Library would cost the town £11,500 including furnishing or the equivalent of a rate of 2d.

50 Years Ago

A cold Eastertide meant fewer than the usual large number of visitors to Ilkley. The weather was far more like Christmas than Spring weather, with low temperatures and freezing rain. The hydros were full of visitors who enjoyed a programme of dancing and concerts, but they had to walk "really hard" to keep warm if they ventured on the moors or by the river.

In the "used car sales" a four year old Morris Cowley was offered at £25, and a seven year old Daimler at £50. One bargain was a six months old Armstrong Siddeley at £195.

Mr. Musgrave was appointed chairman of the Burley Local Council to succeed Mr.

Foulds the retiring Chairman who had served on the Council for forty years.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Rugby Club had a poor Easter and lost every one of their holiday games. The standard of their performance fell far below expectations.

Ilkley Grammar School, however, reported a successful season on the whole and had won eight out of the thirteen games played. Full colours were awarded to Preston and Turnbull for the second year, and to Fairbairn, Tiley, Barlow, Green, Arundell and Harrison.

Mr. W. Todd, Postmaster at Ilkley, explained to an Ilkley Gazette reporter the difficulties experienced by their sorting office staff. A number of Ilkley people gave their house names and town only when writing their addresses, and abbreviations of town names and counties added to difficulties.

The discovery of a circle of stones, surrounding a deeply embedded wooden stump at Green Crag Slack caused great interest, and were originally thought to be the site of a 2000 year old dwelling, but a subsequent examination thought they were portions of millstones of the type used in water mills. A local authority said they had been found in similar positions on the moors, and dated them at around 1750-1800 a.d. They had probably been used as the floor for a quarry worker's or game keeper's hut but could have been the base for a crane used in connection with the quarrying of stone nearby.

IMPROVED POSTAL SERVICE FOR ILKLEY DISTRICT UNDER MODERNISATION SCHEME

As part of a nation wide plan to streamline the handling of mail all letters posted in the Ilkley district are to be processed and sorted mechanically at the Leeds Mechanised Letter Office instead of locally by hand.

The change which takes effect on Monday 19 May should mean an improved service for letters posted in Ilkley, Addingham and Burley-in-Wharfedale to certain long distance destinations.

The scheme is part of a nation wide plan to streamline the handling of mail by concentrating the bulk of sorting onto mechanised centres, each equipped with advanced technology for processing letters at high speed.

This modernisation is designed to help check rising costs in the labour intensive postal business, where eighty per cent of total expenditure presently goes on wages and salaries and to improve efficiency.

The Leeds Mechanised Letter Office ('MLO') at Royal Mail House, Wellington Street is one of 83 centres planned to serve the UK under the new system. Its equipment includes three electronic sorting machines, each able to sort up to 16,000 letters an hour.

Each MLO handles postings from a wide catchment area and, as well as Leeds itself, the MLO already processes letters from a number of towns including Harrogate, Ripon and Knaresborough.

There will be a link via the Leeds MLO into the Royal Mail's new network of special overnight air services which join a growing number of provincial centres.

POSTMARKS

From 19 May the last collection made on weekdays from the posting box at Ilkley sorting office in Chantry Drive, will be changed from 19.30 to 18.30 hours, bringing it into line with collections from similar boxes in other parts of the country.

Letters will be taken directly into Leeds MLO for mechanical processing. Postmarking is an integral part of this. 'Concentrating' mail on one office inevitably means a change in postmarks, with mail collected from different towns handled by the same machines and cancelled with the same postmark. Mail processed at Leeds is postmarked 'Leeds MLO'.

Mail franked by Ilkley area business customers who use meter-machines under licence from the Post Office will, however, still carry the local town postmark. It will also be retained on certain other mail. Over twenty-five per cent of the Ilkley mail will continue to bear the local town postmark.

POSTCODES

The Leeds centre, like other MLO's, is fitted out with equipment which imprints addresses in the form of blue coloured dots onto mail. These dots are read by the sorting machines which sort the mail accordingly.

The system operates from postcodes.

A letter with a complete postcode can be sorted, by machinery, all the way through the postal system—right down to the delivery postman with manual handling kept to a minimum.

The Post Office asks Ilkley area customers to see that the postcode is included in the address on every envelope. It also asks customers to ensure that their own postcode is always included in letter-heads when writing to others.

KILLING OF DOG ON MOOR BEING INVESTIGATED

An incident in which a dog was shot on Ilkley Moor on Good Friday is being investigated by the Police, following allegations that the killing was vicious and unwarranted.

The red setter, belonging to a Leeds woman, was apparently shot by a farmer near the moorland path to Dick Hudsons at about 1.00 p.m. on Friday. It has been stated that no sheep were in the area at the time and that the dog was in no way worrying livestock.

A spokesman for Bradford Metropolitan Council's Recreation Department told the "Gazette" this week that if sheep were involved a farmer had every right to shoot a dog. However, without knowing the full facts of the case he could not comment further.

A Police spokesman said the matter had been reported to them and they were making enquiries.

11 APRIL 1986 ILKLEY MURDER

The unsolved Ilkley murder case of 1929 is highlighted in the current edition of the "West Yorkshireman" the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police newspaper. The article draws attention to certain scientific developments which have since been made and which could have helped detectives involved in the case at Ilkley.

The last few hours of the life of Mary Learoyd still remains a mystery despite intensive investigation at the time by the police. It was on an August morning in 1929 that her body was found lying on waste land close to her home in Sedbergh Park.

Within hours of the discovery detectives were drafted in from all parts of the area to investigate the murder which caused a sensation in Ilkley where there had not been a killing in living memory.

Mary Learoyd was described as a tall thirty five years old spinster, well built, good looking and had the type of friendly personality that made her a popular figure in the local community. Evidence showed that she had left home to go to the second house picture showing and when she did not return the family thought nothing could have happened to her but in spite of that stayed up and spent a sleepless night waiting.

A witness came forward to say she had seen her in the queue for the cinema and later another said Mary and a man were walking together near to the scene of the murder at about 10.40 p.m. Some twenty minutes later according to another witness there was a man and a woman on the murder site and he heard a scream.

Many leads were checked by the police but a suspect they failed to trace was a hitch hiker who was given a lift by a motorist on the road between Skipton and Addingham at the relevant times. The driver described him as about twenty-five years wearing a blue serge suit but what was more interesting were the large deep scratches down the hitch hiker's face.

The "West Yorkshireman" concluded "almost the final positive act by the police was in September when they issued a poster offering £100 reward for anyone supplying information leading to the arrest of Mary's murderer."

"It seems the hitch hiker with the badly scratched face probably held the clue to what happened to Mary Learoyd. But there was one piece of evidence that had to be discounted for the police at that time had not perfected any technique for preserving it. On Mary's body there were bloodstained handprints which the Chief Constable said were too indistinct for positive identification."

"Many years later in 1974 Detective Chief Inspector Peter Swan, co-operating with the Leeds University Forensic Medicine School, successfully transferred a piece of skin bearing a bloodstained print in the Herbert Holroyd case."

"Perhaps Mary's murderer was lucky he was born too early for this step forward in the fingerprint science."

Guns on Ilkley Moor —is it sensible ?

Sir,—On Good Friday, on the moor beyond the Cow and Calf, a setter puppy was shot, a few feet in front of the teenagers who were exercising it. The matter is being investigated. I understand, and hopefully the truth will emerge.

One possibility is that the farmer or farm worker who shot the setter puppy was defending his stock. The other possibility is that it was a piece of barbarous brutality.

I venture to raise the matter because I learned, with some concern, that because the moor is classified as agricultural land any farmer may carry his gun on it, for the purpose of defending his stock. Supposing that to be legally correct is it sensible?

The moor is rough grazing and in that sense it is agricultural, but it is also a place to which the public have for generations had access, the better to enjoy the beauty of Wharfedale. With ever increasing use of the moor for leisure, particularly at Bank Holiday times, is it sensible for anyone to go armed, for whatever reason?

Had the incident with the puppy involved a man, and not a teenager, there could have been far more serious consequences.

Professionally I know something of the problems which farmers face through the thoughtlessness and carelessness of the public, but some kind of local agricultural vigilantes is not the answer.

Perhaps in the fullness of time you will be able to publish the truth of the nasty incident on this year's Good Friday (not a day those teenagers will forget quickly), meantime if anyone shares my concern about armed individuals on the moor they should in the first instance take the matter up with their local District Councillor.

JOHN FIDLER, J.P.
5 St. James Road,
Ilkley.

"Gun Happy"

Sir,—On Good Friday a vicious, gun happy farmer shot a young lad's red setter dog and thus spoiled for him and his girlfriend—visitors to the town—and for my wife and I what up to then had been a beautiful day.

We were walking over the moorland path to Dick Hudson's at 1.00 p.m. when two shots ended the life of a dog. The dog was not on a lead, but there were no sheep to be seen anywhere on the moor that day. So why?—vicious vindictiveness.

We learned from the Police later that a number of farmers were out with guns that day, and being "agricultural" land they have the right to shoot—but only at dogs that are clearly worrying sheep. I can understand the feelings of a farmer who has lost sheep through dog worrying, but this day there were no sheep, there was no worrying, at least in the vicinity of the moorland path to Dick Hudson's.

If the farmers are trying to intimidate people by taking the law into their own hands, then believe me that sort of behaviour can react against them. Surely it must be better to have prominent notices displayed at all entries to the moor, advising people to keep dogs on a lead during the lambing period. If that is not successful then either dogs should be banned from the moor during the lambing period or farmers must bring their sheep down into pasture.

In the meantime, I hope that the farmer concerned enjoyed his Easter.

BERNARD EAGLES
5 Curly Hill,
Ilkley.

Angry over leader's remarks

Sir,—As a member of Addingham Civic Society I was angry to read of Councillor Womersley's remarks made at a meeting of Ilkley Parish Council referring to Civic Societies as "superannuated marks".

Being thirty-two years old I feel Cr. Womersley may reach superannuation before I do.

Civic Societies and similar organisations have a membership made up of electors and their aim is to encourage an interest in and preserve all worthwhile aspects of the environment in its fullest sense.

Locally the Civic Society has worked with the Parish Council, such as providing labour and a financial donation for the Council's bulb planting scheme. The blooms of this effort are now evident. Lack of information from Bradford Metropolitan Council is a source of some comment and if this was overcome Civic Societies would have less reason for action. Until that time such organisations will thrive.

A. KNIGHT
(Chairman, Addingham
Civic Society)
Church Street,
Addingham. 11 APR 1980

18 APRIL 1980 "Shoot First"

Sir,—With reference to the appalling incident in which a dog was shot on Ilkley Moor on Good Friday when apparently doing no harm at all, I should like to ask the farmer who did this whether he would have any objection to me shooting the sheep that stray off the moor and into my garden each winter. They eat anything that pokes out of the snow, including all the buds on some valuable azaleas this year. On the 'shoot first' principle, I presume it would be in order for me to get them as they come through the gate.

B. R. JEWELL
Newlands,
Ben Rhydding Road,
Ilkley.

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Named After Bolton Abbey's Freak Beast



The Craven Heifer, Addingham

The Craven Heifer Inn, Main Street, Addingham, which was built about 1820 is featured in this drawing by artist Sol Pates, of Addingham.

The building is believed to be the original Craven Heifer and the present owners Eric and Maureen Milner are confident the Inn derived its name from the freak beast which was bred at Bolton Abbey in 1807 by the Rev. William Carr. The renowned Craven Heifer weighed 312 stones (then 3lb to the stone) and measured 11 feet four

inches from nose to rump, and was five feet four inches high. The beast was exhibited all over the country and was believed to be the largest and fattest of any ever shown in England. A painting of the beast by John Knight, of Addingham, can be seen in the Craven Heifer Inn.

The Craven Heifer, originally a farm house and an Inn, was bought by the present owners last April. It has since that time undergone improvements and alterations and now offers "The comforts of a high class home" says Mr. Milner.

SOL PATES, 1979



The Manor House, Ilkley.

ONE OF ILKLEY'S OLDEST BUILDINGS SURVIVES AS MUSEUM AND ART CENTRE

The Manor House in Castle Yard, Ilkley, which was officially opened as a museum and art centre on 8 July, 1961 by Mr. Percy Dalton, is pictured here by local artist Bill Pates, of Addingham.

Mr Dalton gave the old Manor House to the former Ilkley Urban District Council together with a loan of £2,500 towards its renovation in 1956.

In a booklet, compiled by the Council to mark the opening of the building it stated:—

"The Manor House is the oldest and by far the most interesting of a group of relatively historic buildings clustered round the old Parish Church on the site of the Roman fort, some two acres in extent.

The plan follows the almost universal medieval pattern of a stone-flagged central hall with large open fireplace, flanked at one end by the entrance passage and oak screen with the kitchen and buttery to the east, and on the west of the hall the staircase and the solar or withdrawing rooms beyond.

"It is a good example of a strong domestic house of the Tudor period, possibly fortified, with some parts of the original structure, for example the screen passage doorways dating from the 14th century."

Early in Elizabeth's reign, about 1560, the building was re-cast and the whole facade, with its transomed and mullioned windows was rebuilt. It was probable that the roof timbers also dated from that period. It was likely that the west or kitchen wing and the east or solar wing were originally constructed of wood and were rebuilt on the old foundations in Elizabeth's reign.

Other interesting features of the building mentioned in the booklet include a medieval privy in the first floor solar room, of a type very rare in Manor Houses of this period, and an interesting corbel in the same room which bore a crude face. The original roof timbers were still intact and in very good condition showing details of their construction and workmanship, it stated.

"In this building succeeding generations of Middletons administered local justice. Here the Lord of the Manor held his Court Baron and Court Leet, and many a scene of splendour and picturesque bustle must have taken place in the old house as people of high rank attended with their retainers.

"The Abbots of Fountains and Salley were free tenants along with the Plumpton, Middletons, Vavasours, Rodcliffs, Darcies, Fitwilliams, Cliffords and many more, including George Earl of Cumberland and Humphrey Duke of Buckingham."

The idea of using the Manor House as a museum was discussed some 40 years before the official opening, and an architect's report on the building, dated 1921, was very enthusiastic about the proposal.

CONDITIONS AT ABATTOIR TO BE IMPROVED. PARISH COUNCIL TOLD

Conditions at Ilkley Abattoir which were the subject of complaint last month are to be brought up to standard by November, Ilkley Parish Council has been told.

Residents complained about the number of cattle being slaughtered there, of the day when blood ran onto the public footpath, of the "horrible stench from skins" placed in the yard and of "dreadful cries in the night" from cattle awaiting slaughter.

When the matter was raised at last month's meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Ilkley Parish Council Councillors agreed to make investigations and ask Bradford Metropolitan Council for a report on the present conditions applying to the abattoir.

For the Council's Department of Housing and Environmental Health Mr. F. Bilney has told the Parish Council that "work was to be carried out on the Wednesday following the Easter holiday in order to prevent yard drainage running into the public road. The hides and skins store is at present being altered by the occupier with the intention of producing better screening. The throughput of animals has been recently reduced as one butcher has transferred his activities to the Shipley slaughterhouse.

"The question of noise from animals is very difficult to deal with and I can not foresee any solution to this problem. Similarly with regard to the offensive smells when refuse bins are being emptied into the collecting vehicle, it is impossible to prevent some emission of odour.

"When the present occupier started operation at Ilkley Abattoir he gave an undertaking that the premises would be brought up to standard by November 1980. The premises were inspected by the Ministry Veterinary Officer on 26 March when he expressed satisfaction with the progress.

"The question of planting a screen of trees in the strip of land adjoining the Abattoir and the back of Mornington Road has been referred to the occupier. It is not a matter which can be enforced by the Council," stated Mr. Bilney who thought the steps being taken would alleviate the problems.

Mr. D. N. Liller, of Grange Estate, Ben Rhydding, in a letter to the Council said it might be of interest for the Parish Council to be made aware of his own casual and random observations for he felt some of the comments last month might excite individuals' imagination and

"It should be noted that animals are fed well on good quality baled hay and are provided with fresh clean water. The accommodation which includes feeding and drinking facilities is clean and well ventilated especially as a result of new grid doors. These animal buildings may well be better or superior to those the animals have perhaps experienced elsewhere. He thought the tenant proprietor excelled in this respect especially for he was obviously well versed in animal husbandry and applied the art with quiet professional expertise. It had been noted that it was normal practice to feed and water the animals late on Sunday afternoons even, stated Mr. Liller.

The expression of "dreadful cries in the night" was misleading for animals would "beal out" as they did normally on a farm. "During my visits to the environment I've never heard an animal in distress," stated Mr. Liller.

"Casualties are processed there which is a humane and economical service to our local farmers who are the backbone of our local community. If this service was not available locally then hurt animals usually in pain would have to be transported further afield. "One cannot help but notice improvements to the facilities which are of advantage to the animals as well as the humans.

"As a result of the article in the Gazette it is indicated that some of the Council members might feel that a visit to the establishment would be a traumatic experience. Such a visit might be found to be an interesting and illuminating enterprise and that reality is vastly different to personal anticipation or imagination," stated Mr. Liller.

Cr. W. Forrest who put the complaints from the public before the Council in the first place agreed some improvements were taking place but said time would tell.

Cr. Mrs. E. J. Cussons wondered if Bradford Metropolitan Council could look at the long term provision of a slaughter house on the perimeter of the town.

Cr. Mrs. Renton did not think anything at all was envisaged.

The Council agreed to seek permission for a party of Councillors to visit the premises.

Rapid Growth Of Ilkley From A Rural Village

100 Years Ago

The Ilkley Gazette quoted an article from "The Leeds Mercury" in which the rapid changes in the rural village of Ilkley during the previous twenty five years were marvelled at. Ilkley had changed in one generation into a populous town. Not so very far previously the route to Ilkley was a boggy pathway with a four mile tramp over the heather before the town came into view. Now the road had been improved, and the advent of easy rail travel from Leeds and Bradford made the trip so enjoyable and so very easy.

Hydropathy prospered. Ben Rhydding Hydro flourished. Craighlands was enlarged, and the town was filling up with mansions, imposing dwelling houses, villas and gardens. Semon Home was built in 1874 by Mr. Charles Semon a Bradford Business man at a cost of £12,000 and he presented it to Bradford Corporation together with a sum of £3,000 for its upkeep. The Home was intended for convalescents of slender means, and was ideal for its purpose with its spacious accommodation and its gate right on to the moor. There was a further rail route planned to Skipton and many roads were in the process of being laid out. In 1851 there were 155 houses and a population of 811 in Ilkley. In 1879 there were 500 houses and a population of 5,000.

75 Years Ago

Thomas Holmes, labourer, of Addingham, was the first patient admitted to the new Coronation Cottage Hospital after he slipped and fell into a cellar whilst working on new hotel buildings at the bottom of Brook Street, and suffered a fracture of his left leg. First aid was rendered by Messrs. A. Plows, Percy Chapman, and H. Eaton, all members of the Ilkley Ambulance Corps, and Dr. Hearder had him removed to the hospital where the limb was set by Dr. Bampton assisted by Dr. Hearder.

The large fire engine purchased by Ilkley District Council at times the object of criticism, proved the argument in favour of its capacity when it attended a serious fire at Denton Hall. It did at least double the work of the Otley and Weston Hall engines. There was some delay in it leaving Ilkley owing to the matter of procuring horses to drag such a heavy vehicle uphill. The Council was urged to buy suitable horses for this use, which could also be used for carting purposes.

50 Years Ago

The relationship between the "new breed" of motorists as opposed to the walkers at Easteride in Ilkley and the Dales, fifty years ago, was criticised strongly. A well-known Ilkley girl was killed in a collision with a car on Skipton Road whilst riding a bicycle, a large Airedale dog caused an accident at the bottom of Dean Street making a car crash into a wall, a seven year old boy was hit by a car near Hollin Hall, and a car overturned injuring three sisters at Bramhope.

Pedestrians were apparently not taking enough care, even in some cases looking in the wrong direction for oncoming traffic. Motorists on the other hand were not keeping to the highway and had driven along open country and moorland. The article concluded that even if the roads were thronged with scoundrels and terrified old ladies the onus was on the car driver not to knock them down.

Young members of St. Margaret's Church were accompanied on a ramble by the Rev. A. B. Carter, Mr. John Hornby and the church scouts. They partook of a hearty tea at the Doubler Stones before returning home.

25 Years Ago

Almost 1,000 people attended a relayed address, Billy Graham, the American Evangelist, on his Scottish Crusade broadcasting from Kelvin Hall, Glasgow.

Local clergy and laymen had joined together to make this possible. As the crowd streamed into the hall, the local choir of 80 voices sang hymns and choruses from the Billy Graham Hymn Book. When the relay came on the air Ilkley people sat in rapt attention to listen to the address given by Dr. Graham and massed singing from Kelvin Hall. People were urged to make a decision about their lives and become Christians and to the soft singing of the Ilkley Choir nineteen people went forward with "counsellors" and stood before the King's Hall platform.

P. Brumfit was the highest scoring batsman in Ilkley's opening match of the cricket season against Menston, with a score of 64 runs, and he was also the dominating partner in a sixth wicket stand with T. Burdock. L. Roe bowled unchanged for Ilkley, to take five wickets for 22 runs, with six maiden overs. The result, however, was a draw.

Temporary Church Sold By Auction For £90

100 Years Ago

The temporary church of St. Margaret's, a wooden edifice, was sold by auction in 1880 to Mr. Richardson for £90. The foundations were then offered and realised £28. Although no pressure was put on the purchasers for immediate removal it was understood that the buildings would no longer be on the site after a few weeks.

Master Crocock, a choir boy at St. Margaret's Church was promoted to a vacancy in the choir of Chester Cathedral. Fellow choristers and members of the church congregation presented him with a suitably inscribed silver watch.

75 Years Ago

Ilkley Urban District Council granted permission to the Ilkley Branch of the Women's Temperance Association to erect a tent on the moor for the sale of refreshments during the 1905 summer season.

Medals and certificates were presented to members of the Ilkley Ladies' Section of the St. John Ambulance Association at a Social in St. Margaret's Hall with Mrs. Steinhil in the chair. Mr. W. Smith, of Addingham, who assisted Dr. Bates in his demonstrations was presented with a silver teapot. First aid certificates were presented to the Misses Mary Tolan, Kate O'Donnell, Annie Smith, Clara Newton, Annie Clifton, Alice Tindall, Jane Daphne, and Mesdames Dobson and Carmichael.

Nursing and second year certificates were presented to the Misses Alice Walker, Harriet Womfolk, Amelia Pedley, Flora Rawnsley, Isabel Marsh, and Mesdames Tennant and Adamson.

Third Year medallions were awarded to the Misses Stella Longfield, Emma Dean, Alice Drury, and Mesdames Knight and Ineson.

50 Years Ago

A terrific thunderstorm over Ilkley and Burley in 1930 was by far the worst since the memorable flood and storm of 1900. Those who were in the heart of the storm lived through an experience they were never to forget. Roads were turned into rushing torrents, man holes were lifted, houses flooded, traffic stopped and at least three buildings were struck by lightning. At one time hail lay three inches deep.

The storm took place between 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. and a remarkable amount of damage was reported in this short period. The water poured across the fields in a great sheet, and was described as having the appearance of an avalanche.

The most serious effect of the storm was felt by the occupants of three houses in Bridge Lane, Mrs. Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Parry. Whilst Mrs. Parry went out to try and clear the drain, her baby was asleep on the couch and she returned to find it rocking fast asleep floating in four feet of flood water in the living room. In the three houses there were mud stains of three and a half to four feet up the walls, and the tenants had to seek refuge for the night in the homes of neighbours.

Bolling Road was level with water from fence to fence, cattle were three feet deep in water in the mistal of Rhyddings Farm, and Mr. A. Binns, of Mayfield Farm had ten chickens drowned and three loads of manure which had been deposited there was carried away by the flood.

Moorfield Road suffered badly and the surface was torn from the road. The storm water from Ben Rhydding Drive turned off below Ploverfield and into Moorfield Road, entering the drawing rooms of some of the houses.

Lightning struck the houses of Mr. H. Asquith, of Ben Rhydding, and Mrs. Smith of Regent Road, and West Yorkshire Road Car Company garage.

Inhabitants of Langford Road, Burley, had to stay upstairs in the bedrooms as water rushed into their living rooms, and had their floor coverings and carpets ruined.

Hafstones as large as marbles broke the glass of street lamps in Ben Rhydding, and piled up in the gutters to a depth of several inches. An appeal was set up immediately in the town to provide aid for the victims.

25 Years Ago

A £350,000 scheme to provide Ilkley with a more modern system for main sewage and sewerage disposal was being considered by Ilkley Council. The Ilkley Works had been constructed over 60 years previously and were showing serious signs of deterioration due to old age. After careful consideration it was resolved that the Finance Committee be recommended to approve the scheme in principle for submission to the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

Mr. R. S. Dower, as oldest Governor, extended a welcome to Mr. F. Alan Walbank, who took up his duties as Headmaster at the meeting of the Ilkley Grammar School Governors. He suggested that Mr. Walbank should make an early visit to the Grammar School on Skipton Road to inspect the small building where the school foundation began in 1607.

Riders Now Able To Use Official Moorland Bridle Way

18 APRIL 1980



Young horse riders from the Ilkley district have been able to take advantage of the new official bridle way across Ilkley Moor which opened at Easter for a trial period of twelve months.

A team of fourteen volunteers has been recruited to

monitor use of the bridle way during the experimental period.

The route finally approved by Bradford Metropolitan Council, across the lower reaches of the moor in preference to one across the higher parts, has been the

subject of much controversy for over a year.

It begins near the Cow and Calf rocks, and following a line across Backstone Beck close to Ilkley Tarn and the paddling pool, passes close to Ilkley College before moving along to the Swastika Stone

and to the bottom of Hebers Ghyll Wood.

This route was favoured in preference to one across the top of Ilkley Moor suggested by the Council for protection of Rural England and supported by Ilkley Parish Council.

25 APR 1980 New Roadway At Castle Road Allotments

A Bradford firm of excavation contractors who some months ago were responsible for the clearing-up operations on waste land on the south side of the Castle Road allotments, Ilkley, were again back on the site this week.

This time the firm had been engaged by Bradford Metropolitan Council to lay a limestone roadway around virtually the whole of the 34&35 allotments on the Castle Road site.

The roadway which has

been cut out is approximately 150 metres long and about 20 feet wide and runs alongside the fencing on Castle Road and then parallel to the Schoolrooms towards the newly erected fencing and beech hedge at the bottom of the Castle Road allotments field.

During the week two lorries have been delivering rough limestone from Halton East Quarries and this material has been levelled off on the new road by a mechanical shovel and then flattened out

by a roller. The surface of the road has been completed by the laying of a powdered form of limestone.

Within the last year the whole of the allotment site has taken on a completely different appearance. During this time a weed-ridden mound of soil has been levelled out to serve as extra allotments, and a new fence and beech hedge has been provided along the bottom side of the field.

Mr. I. D. Tindall, Senior

Property Inspector for the Estates Department of Bradford Metropolitan Council said the object of the new wide road was to assist with deliveries by vans to allotments holders.

Mr. Tindall also said as Bradford Metro's intention to complete the work on the site by repairing the road running along Castle Road towards Leeds Road.

Picture shows the mechanical shovel in operation on the new roadway.



CONCERNED OVER DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT'S CHANGE OF HEART ABOUT TIP ACCESS

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A change of heart by the Department of Transport about the use of Lumb Gill Lane as access for a proposed tip in a former railway cutting at Addingham has caused concern among Addingham Parish Councillors.

The Department had previously opposed the access via Lumb Gill Lane, on the busy trunk road between Ilkley and Addingham, but in a letter to the parish council said they would not now oppose this as attitudes sometimes had to be re-assessed "for the overall good of the community at large."

The letter, which was read to the April meeting of the parish council, was from the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Office at Leeds.

It said: "The Department was consulted in June 1978 on this proposal, which at that time was planned to have its access from St. Paul's Rise. From a trunk road traffic and road safety point of view this was considered to be acceptable, but understandably residents of the area objected and the county council have considered other points of access.

"We indicated to the county council, when they approached us for our views on another access on to the trunk road, that we would not support any of the alternatives suggested, including access via Lumb Gill Lane. However, whilst highway considerations are the prime concern of the Department, circumstances do occur when attitudes have to be re-assessed for the overall good of the community at large.

"In this particular case, the county council explained that alternative sites for tipping in the area were not available and that the use of the site would be for intermittent periods when ten to twenty vehicles per day would require access. If this site was not made available, there could be severe disruption of waste disposal processes with possibly detrimental results on public health.

"Although we would oppose any development that increases traffic at rural trunk road junctions in normal circumstances, we are convinced that the final decision not to oppose access in Lumb Gill Lane has resulted in a balanced approach to the problem. Traffic to the site will use an existing road junction and no new direct access to the trunk road will be required. The county council were seeking a new direct access on economic grounds and the Lumb Gill Lane access was agreed as the best solution available when all problems were considered", the letter concluded.

Inconsistency

Parish Council Chairman Cr. A. H. Jerome felt they should send a copy of that letter to their MP, pointing out the total inconsistency. The Department was only concerned with the highway point of view when considering other planning applications, and if they were going to be so inconsistent he had no confidence in the Department for the future, he added.

Cr. J. Wells felt it was disgraceful that the Department had not viewed the road safety as being of prime importance. The Department was clearly unhappy with the Lumb Gill Lane access, from the tone of the letter, yet was prepared to allow it to go ahead. He pointed out that they were supposed to be following village interests, and thought this decision was very disturbing.

Cr. Jerome said the Department had stated categorically that they would not allow access via Lumb Gill Lane. He pointed out that the site of the proposed tip was now about one-third fuller with unofficially tipped waste than when originally considered.

Cr. Wells did not think it would be economically viable as a tip by the time a new road had been built and fencing erected.

It was agreed to reply to the Department expressing the council's great concern about the lack of consistency, and saying that as the Department was responsible for road safety on the trunk road it was wrong to sanction this proposal.

ILKLEY IS NOT ONE OF THE DREARIEST PLACES IN THE WORLD

25 APR 1980

Objections to Ilkley being described as "one of the dreariest places in the world, despite some quite dramatic countryside around it," have been raised by Ilkley Parish Councillors..

The description was recently given in a "Sunday Times" magazine article in the "Life-span" section dealing with the five British restaurants awarded a two star rating in the Michelin Guide to Good eating. It made the reference in a section on the Box Tree Restaurant at Ilkley, one of the five restaurants to be awarded a two star rating.

The author of the article, Quentin Crewe, called the Box Tree "a constant source of wonder." They had had fantastic courage and stuck to their standards, he had stated.

"Ilkley is one of the dreariest places in the world, despite some quite dramatic countryside around it, yet both British and foreigners are willing to trek across country to get there and that is something we can be proud of", stated the article.

Parish Councillor C. D. Poole, referring to the article at this month's meeting of the council, said: "I think it is absolutely disgusting that a publication such as the 'Sunday Times', supposed to be the foremost paper in the land, should have someone in its organisation ready to describe Ilkley as the dreariest place in the world."

Ilkley as a Dales town was one bursting with colour and was fitting to the environment, said Cr. Poole, who thought the council should complain to the "Sunday Times" about its description of the town.

"Many things take place in Ilkley and you name it, it takes place here", said Cr. Poole. So far no means had been established for listing the events taking place. He wondered if they as a council could formulate some way of publishing a poster displaying the year's events taking place in the town. If they could do that and have the posters displayed in the windows of shops he was sure no stranger to Ilkley would go away with the idea that it was a dreary town.

Cr. C. H. Scaife thought the council should take no action and suggested that individuals could write to the Editor of the "Sunday Times".

Cr. F. G. Lambert agreed many events did take place in the town and there were many clubs and organisations but Ilkley did not have a cinema nor was there any place for people to meet in an evening.

Cr. Peter Williams endorsed Cr. Poole's remarks but drew attention to the fact that the views about Ilkley being one of the dreariest places in the world had been expressed by the author of the Michelin Guide to Good Eating.

Chairman-elect to the council, Cr. K. G. Johnson, said people could complain to the author or to the "Sunday Times" but as a parish council he thought they should ignore the remarks.

The council decided to take no action.

Athletics Festival Was "Highly Satisfactory"

100 Years Ago

Attendance at the Burley-in-Wharfedale Athletics Festival was described as being "highly satisfactory to the promoters." The prizes were presented to the competitors by Miss Frances Orndorff, daughter of the club president, the Rt. Hon W. E. Forster, M.P., secretary of State for Ireland.

Special trains ran from Leeds and Bradford, and the Ilkley Prize Band attended. For the first time a two mile walking race was part of the programme and this was won by Thomas Moorhouse. Competitors in the steeplechase were from as far afield as Edinburgh and Birkenhead, and three quarter mile chase was won by a Rotherham man, G. W. Thirlwell. The one mile flat race was for residents of Wharfedale only and the prizes all went to Ilkley. —1. Thos. Sharp; 2. Thos. Hughes; 3. J. W. Thakwray.

Workmen dealing on a sewer in Wells Promenade disinterred the upper half of a large amphora or wine vessel from Roman times. The diameter of the vessel was about 20 inches and the probable height was about two feet six inches. It was found about four feet below the surface of the ground surrounded by rich black loam.

75 Years Ago

A Burley woman was summonsed under Section 126 of the Public Health Act for allowing her child to run around the village whilst suffering from scarlet fever. Dr. Hebblethwaite, medical officer of health for Burley attributed the epidemic in the village to the fact that the child had been allowed to play in the yard. The mother was fined 10s and reprimanded by the court.

Burley Volunteers gymnastic class formed some months previously through the efforts of Capt. W. H. Arnold-Forster, gave an exhibition of their skills at the Drill Hall. They carried out a series of exercises with skill and precision, and did particularly well on the horizontal bars. Corporal Caines was awarded the first prize as the best gymnast, with the second going to Private Forrest. Corporal Caines was the victor in the fencing bouts.

Information for visitors to Ilkley gave the opening times of the post office as 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sundays.

50 Years Ago

The possibility of using Beamsley Beacon to carry out a gliding demonstration from its summit was being considered. Ilkley Council had offered the organisers alternative sites on Ilkley Moor as well, and were urging the advancement of the scheme. A visiting ace glider pilot from Germany Herr Kronfeld intended to demonstrate his skill. He was the world record holder by staying in the air for 14 hours and by travelling a distance of 93 miles in a straight line.

Lt. Col. C. E. C. Rabagliati, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Rabagliati of Whynora, Ben Rhydding, was seriously injured driving a Talbot racing car in the "Double Twelve" race at Brooklands. His mechanic and a spectator died and other spectators were injured in one of the worst motor racing accidents which had occurred in this country. Following a collision with another car, Col. Rabagliati's car took a flying leap at the iron fence, and ploughed through the crowd, throwing spectators in front of it. At an inquiry into the incident it was decided that safety precautions for the spectators must be looked into and the crowd should be held further back.

25 Years Ago

Miss Naomi Jacob, the famous novelist, was the guest speaker at the first meeting of Col. Malcolm Stoddart Scott's general election campaign held in the Essoldo Ballroom.

Mr. Ivan H. Sharpe was elected president of Ilkley Rotary Club to take over from retiring president Mr. E. G. Hinchcliffe. Mr. W. Gledhill was elected senior vice-president and the Rev. A. Egar as Junior vice-president. Mr. J. H. Thomas and Mr. W. H. Bradley were also appointed to take over as secretary and treasurer respectively.

A veteran of the Boer war, Mr. George Lynch, together with his wife celebrated his golden wedding. Mr. Lynch served with the Royal Artillery from 1896 until 1913 when he joined the fifth Duke of Wellington's regiment as a Transport Sergeant and served in France. He later worked for 37 years on the railway.

CHORAL SOCIETY'S FOUNDER AND CONDUCTOR RETIRES

Mr. Charles Bainbridge who has trained and conducted the Ilkley Choral Society since he formed it in 1948 has retired. The Society is now a flourishing one with over one hundred members.

Mr. Bainbridge will also be retiring from the conductorship of the Otley Choral Society which he joined in 1945. His last concert will be given in the Otley Parish Church tomorrow (Saturday).

For some years now the Ilkley and Otley Choral societies, whilst maintaining their own individuality, have worked together for concert purposes, a move which has meant that the big choral works, like Elgar's "Gerontius", Bach's "B Minor Mass" and the Verdi "Requiem" (which will form the programme for his last concert) could be performed.

Associated with all the music activities in Ilkley, Mr. Bainbridge became secretary of the Wharfedale Music Festival taking over when it was at a very low ebb, and passing it on to late Mrs. Ella Crawshaw, as it began to revive.

He came to live in Ilkley in 1947 when he was appointed to form a Music Department at Ilkley Grammar School—a department which soon came to be in the news when the school was invited to provide the children's chorus in the operas "Carmen", "La Bohème" with the full Covent Garden Opera Company on its first visit to the Leeds Grand Theatre. Subsequent visits involved the school in Britten's "Peter Grimes" and "Midsummer Night's Dream".

C.W.B. will be known to many hundreds of readers of the Ilkley Gazette for he has contributed reviews and criticisms for many years. His

initials are also known to the members of the Ilkley Concert Club since he has been responsible for the programme notes for over 30 years. His writings on musical matters have extended to the Yorkshire Post and musical journals.

He was a pupil of the late Sir Edward Bairstow and is also a graduate in Economics. It was this combination of Music and Economics which took him to Prince Henry's Grammar School at which school he ended his teaching career.

Asked what he would do now after retiring from the conductorship of his two Choral Societies he replied, "Well, if the new conductor will have me I would like to sing in the choir. It is more fun than baton-waving out front".

C.W.B. will continue to contribute to the Ilkley Gazette and also to write the programme notes for the Concert Club.

In "an expression of thanks" to Mr. Bainbridge by Mr. R. D. Biss, former editor of the Wharfedale and Airedale observer, it states: "Charles Bainbridge has the inestimable gift of bringing a sense of occasion to all his work. He invests every performance with the individuality and exciting quality that has been the hallmark of his long and notable career as a teacher and conductor."

Pictured from left to right: Anne Mason, Una Barry, C. Bainbridge, James Griffet and Christopher Underwood.



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POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING ILKLEY'S OPEN AIR MARKET TO BE INVESTIGATED

Investigations into the establishment of a bigger open air market for Ilkley are to be made by Ilkley Parish Council.

Some Councillors expressed hopes this week that they would find a way of increasing the size from the present two stalls to at least ten on the present site in the town's central car park.

The Council's General Purposes Committee decided on Monday to take this action after Ilkley Civic Society had raised certain questions about the market and the Charter under which market trading was permitted.

The Society asked if it could be informed of the conditions imposed by Ilkley's Market Charter or, alternatively, told where they could inspect a copy.

The Society said it was "particularly interested in the number of trades permitted to pursue market activities and the frequency with which such activities are allowed."

Chairman of the General Purposes Committee Cr. C. D. Poole recalled that when he had recently raised the question of more stalls someone had remarked there was not enough room on the present site. He had since inspected the area and was convinced the pavements would easily accommodate another ten or twelve stalls without inconveniencing anyone whatsoever.

Chairman to the Council, Cr. Mrs. M. Renton, said for many years she had been in favour of any scheme put forward for the expansion of Ilkley's market. "This is something I would like to see in Ilkley and I think most people including the Chamber of Trade, feel a market will be beneficial to Ilkley."

"I am constantly being asked: when are we getting a bigger market?" said Cr. Mrs. Renton.

When the question of Ilkley market had been discussed in the days before Local Government Reorganisation in 1974 one of the stumbling blocks had been meeting the conditions required by the Health Officers. She was quite sure these could be overcome and felt the Council should carry out some research into the possibility of a bigger market for Ilkley. She thought the two existing stallholders should be safeguarded in any future development.

Cr. C. D. Poole said he was prepared to carry out research on the market and try to establish the conditions which would apply at Ilkley.

Note: The book "Upper Wharfedale" by H. Speight referred to a Royal Charter dated 1252 granting a market and fair to the Lord of the Manor of Ilkley. It was not known whether the existing market was derived from the Charter but there was no doubt that it had continued for many years on a site near the former Wheatshaf Hotel which stood on land now flower gardens at the junction of Lower Brook Street and Church Street and after that in the car park at the rear of the Star Inn.

Following the termination of the licence for stalls in the Star Yard a plea was made to the Council for an alternative site. Ultimately the two stallholders were sited on land in the central car park on a short term arrangement. Since then considerable interest has been expressed in the expansion of the market. It was reported to the former Urban District Council in 1973 that under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 there would appear to be no restriction

CR. STRIPPED OF HIS CHAIRMANSHIP

An Ilkley Parish Councillor has claimed he has been stripped of his chairmanship of a Council Committee because of "party politics".

Cr. C. D. Poole, at his last meeting as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the 1979-80 year, had a message for those who "organised" his "removal".

Next month the Council at its annual meeting will elect a new Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chairmen of Committee and committee members.

Cr. Poole, who stood as an Independent in yesterday's Bradford Metropolitan District Council elections, said at the Committee's meeting on Monday night that "this will be my last as Chairman, due to party politics, despite the fact that true Conservative policy supports the freedom of the individual and is opposed to 'closed shops'. Apparently some of the Ilkley Association have their own policies."

"You may recall that on many occasions our Parish Council has criticised the lack of communication between District and Parish, and it certainly appears that Parishes with a joint Parish-District Councillor have an advantage. Consequently it is ironic to realise that by taking the only steps that could realise joint representation, that is by turning Independent, my services as Chairman are no longer required," said Cr. Poole.

"To those who organised my removal, and they are not here tonight, I would point out the oversight of leaving me on the Local Councils' Association, particularly as I am to be the Branch Chairman for the coming year. Perhaps the greater difficulties of getting to the meetings had something to do with that. If it was an oversight there is still time to rectify the situation."

"One further matter, my experience and knowledge has been voluntarily given for several years with regard to Christmas lighting. To avoid further snubs this will no longer be the case. My services are withdrawn herewith," said Cr. Poole.

Earlier he had thanked those Councillors who had spent their time and effort in attending General Purposes Committee meetings even though, like him, some wondered whether it was worthwhile, in view of their lack of authority. He went on to thank the "Ilkley Gazette" for their attendance at the meetings and the publicity given to council matters.

At the close of the meeting Councillors paid tribute to Cr. Poole for his work on a difficult and unrewarding committee.

ADDINGHAM'S NEED FOR SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

The village of Addingham has been without a school crossing patrol for about two months, and residents have been seeing children across the road themselves, it was reported at the April meeting of Addingham Parish Council.

The parish council was told that a police constable had been acting as a relief, but he was arriving after most of the children had already crossed. In a letter to the council, the Assistant Chief Constable explained that both crossing patrol jobs in Addingham were vacant at the same time, and it was not possible for the police to cover every one in the area on every occasion.

The Clerk, Mrs. E. L. Best, said the village used to have a patrol at the bottom of Chapel Street, and another was needed further down the village at the Bolton Road turn-off. The patrol at Chapel Street had to see the younger children across the road and then move down Bolton Road to see the older children across. However, by the time they could move down to Bolton Road most of the children had crossed.

Anyone interested in becoming a school crossing patrol at Addingham should contact the police.

Effects of Amattoir

Sir — Both of the recent letters printed in the "Gazette" about the slaughter house are from people who do not live near to it. We do and we suffer seven days a week, night and day, not just for an odd hour or two.

We have no objection to the operator, who has made a good job of the business but the smells and danger to health from the flies affect every house near by and it has been stated by the Health Authority that these will not stop even when all the alterations have been done.

A lot has been said about the extensions to Yeadon airport, for which a public enquiry was set up. The effects of the abattoir are much worse so far as local people are concerned, but few officials seem to be bothered. In good weather we have to keep our doors and windows closed and it costs a fortune in sprays to try and kill the flies and the smell.

Surely Bradford Metropolitan Council could at least look into the possibility of moving the slaughter house to a more suitable area — there seem to be plenty of buildings and land for sale by the Council.

ROMAN ILKLEY EXHIBITION AT MANOR HOUSE

A special exhibition about Roman Ilkley will be held at the Manor House from 22 May until 29 May as part of the 1,900th birthday celebrations of the establishment of the Roman Fort at Ilkley.

The exhibition will show reproduction armour, a reconstructed Roman kitchen and will illustrate the Roman occupation of Ilkley. There will also be a selection of costumes of the period loaned by the BBC costume staff from their popular series "I, Claudius". This will be the first public showing of these garments.

On 22 May there will be a preview of the exhibition as well as an introduction to Roman food and cookery. A special event for children aged eight years and over will take place on 29 May and will explore the life of a Roman soldier in Ilkley. Admission to this event will be 50p, which includes a Roman soldier's lunch. Booking forms can be obtained from the Manor House.

ILKLEY SITE MAY BECOME CAR PARK EXTENSION

A decision that, on planning grounds, it would be preferable if the controversial site next to Ilkley's central car park was used as an extension to the car park, has been made by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Panel.

The Director of Development Services reminded the Panel that they had decided any of the three schemes submitted for the development for shopping purposes of the property, at South Hawksworth Street, would be likely to receive planning approval.

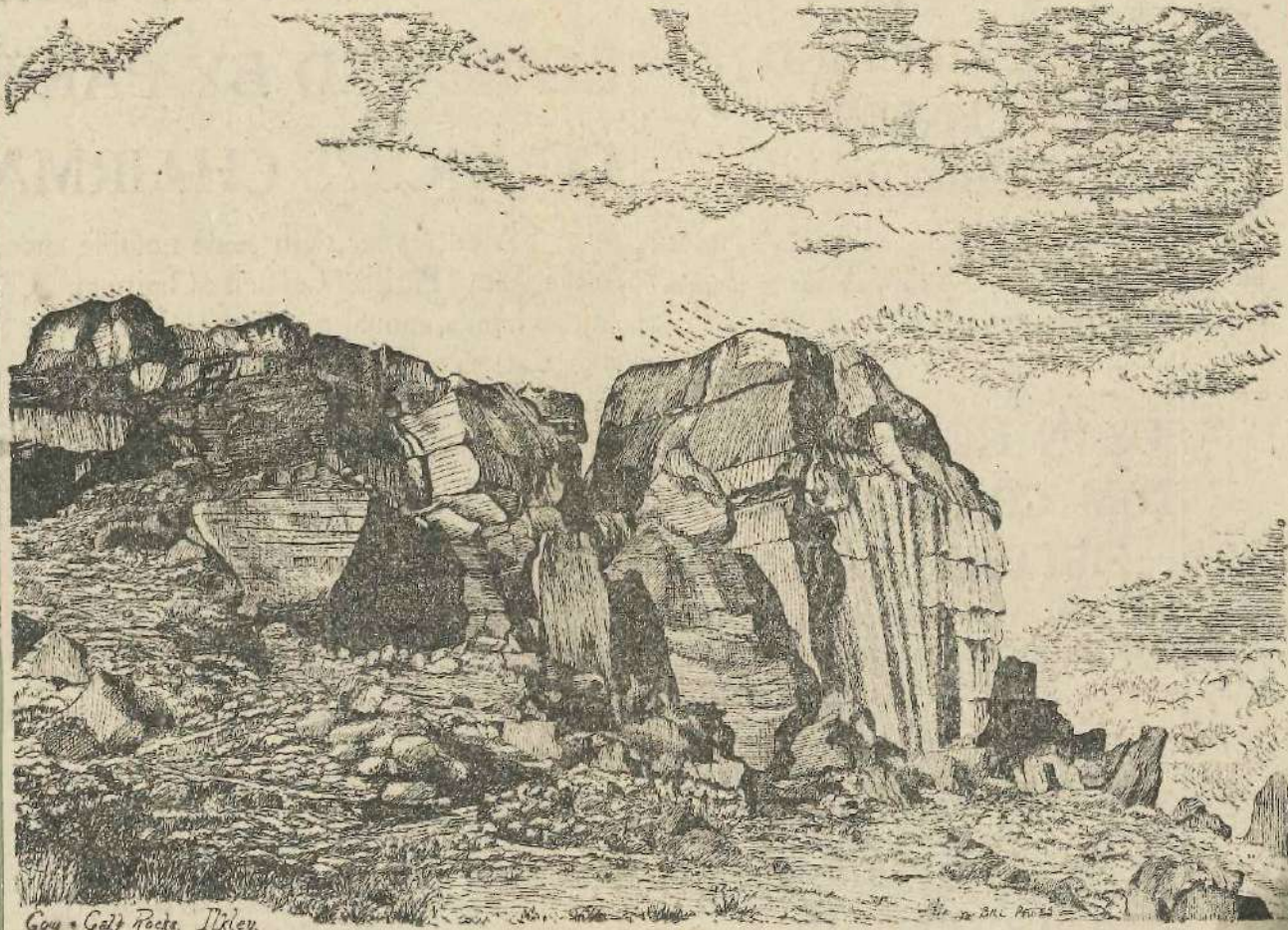
He reported that Ilkley Parish Council had considered this matter and had strongly urged that the site be used as an extension to the adjoining car park, as had been envisaged by the former Ilkley Urban District Council, especially in view of the current proposals of the county council to make traffic regulation orders which would severely curtail on-street parking in central Ilkley.

The decision of the Planning Panel, it was agreed, would act as a recommendation to the Development Services Committee as required by one member.

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Cow And Calf — The Rocks Of Hangingstone Cliff



Cow & Calf Rocks, Ilkley.

The Cow and Calf rocks, described in "Ilkley, Ancient and Modern" as "the rocks of the Hangingstone Cliff", are pictured above drawn by local artist Bill Pates.

The top of the Cow is understood to be about 850 feet above sea level; the Calf is a gigantic fragment of a squarish form, dislocated from the mother cliff at a remote date. On the Cow there are several circular or oval basins, probably formed by the removal of fossils.

Another large rock, named the Bull, was cut up for building stone by the late Mr. Bolling. From a certain standpoint, behind Ben Rhydding, the face of the Cow is said to resemble a Sphinx.

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Sponsored Spring Clean Of Ilkley



Members and friends from Ben Rhydding Methodist Church spent part of their Bank Holiday Monday on a sponsored Spring Clean of Ilkley in aid of their new Church Hall Building Fund.

with rubbish mainly from Cowpasture Road, Brook Street, the Station car park area and the old coal drops in Railway Road. Despite the hard but worthwhile effort on behalf of their fund, they were

Pictured are some of the volunteers working in the Station car park.

The children, from left to right are: Charlotte Mutton, Anna Wilson, Kate Davy,

David Vicary, John Mutton, Elizabeth Davy, Cathy Fewson, Gareth Fewson. The adults, from left to right: Mrs. Barbara Davy, Mrs. Lily Wilson, Mr. Tim Mutton, Mrs. Ann Fewson, Mrs. Ann

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Cow and Calf Rocks

Sir.—Bill Pate's drawing of the Cow and Calf Rocks in the "Ilkley Gazette" was featured with a brief geological note.

Readers may be interested to know that the Calf rock fell from the Cow at the end of the Ice Age, about 10,000 years ago.

As the glacier ice, hundreds of feet deep, retreated from the Wharfe Valley, the ice-steepened rock sides were exposed to severe weathering by frost, wind and rain. These 300 million year old rocks consist of layers of sandstones and shales. The shale weathered rapidly, undercutting the hardy "gritstones", and causing large blocks to fall as landslips.

Although the Calf rock is one of the biggest existing landslip blocks, all the attractive tumbled-rock appearance of the hillside around Hangingstones and White Wells is due to the same post-glacial landslipping.

The "oval basins", seen on the Cow rock are erosional features, popularly called "pothole weathering". When full of water after rain, loose pebbles can be seen blown around the hollow by the wind so enlarging the hole.

The only fossils seen in the "gritstones" are impressions of large plant stems. At White Wells, which is open at weekends, there is a temporary museum display on the local fossils and geology.

ALISON C. ARMSTRONG

SUPPORT FOR TRADERS AND COUNCILLORS IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST PLAN FOR NEW STORE

In their fight against proposals for a departmental store on land adjoining Ilkley's central car park councillors and traders have now been supported by the Planning Division of Bradford Metropolitan Council.

A recommendation that the land in South Haworth Street should be reserved as an extension to the car park is to be made to the Metropolitan Council's Development Service Committee.

A model of the proposed departmental store was shown to Ilkley Parish Councillors at their meeting on Monday night.

Traders and local councillors have resisted moves for another store in the centre of the town since the plans were first announced by the West Yorkshire Co-operative Society in December last year. The plans have now been submitted to Bradford Metropolitan Council for its consideration but Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. Mrs. M. Renton was hopeful that the Metropolitan Council would turn down the plans and accept the Parish Council's recommendation that the land be used as an extension to the present car park.

The Metropolitan Council's Planning Panel has already agreed that on planning grounds they would prefer the site to be used as an extension to the adjoining car park. This decision will now go forward as a recommendation to the Development Services Committee.

The Director of Development Services had reminded the Panel that they had decided that any of the three schemes submitted for the development for shopping purposes of property on the South Haworth Street site would likely receive planning approval. He reported that Ilkley Parish Council had strongly urged that the site be used as an extension to the adjoining car park, as had been envisaged by the former Ilkley Urban Council, especially in view of the current proposals of the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Council to make Traffic Regulation Orders which would severely curtail parking in the centre of Ilkley.

Cr. Peter Williams at the Parish Council's meeting on Monday said the traffic management plan for Ilkley was already long overdue.

Crs. W. R. Hill, Mrs. B. J. Cousins and Mrs. Renton spoke of the town's traffic congestion which was becoming more serious and was disturbing with car parks already full.

The Council agreed to continue to urge the Metropolitan Council that the land should be reserved for car parking.

When the model was shown to councillors they were critical of the lack of access for deliveries and the loss of valuable car parking space in an area already unable to meet demand. They were also critical of the increased traffic congestion which would result if the store was built.

The land was at present occupied by Haworth House in use as a temporary Day Centre for the Elderly, an Ilkley firm of motor cycle dealers and premises formerly used by a firm of plumbers.

In December when the Co-operative Society made known its plans the Society's Chief Executive Officer said the store would provide thirty to forty jobs and he thought the development would complement the Grove Promenade development.

He said "Ilkley is a developing town and needs to be more attractive to shoppers in order to stop the drift to Leeds. In fact we want more people coming into the town as this will be to the benefit of all traders.

The development would blend in with other stores in the town and its architectural appearance would be a pleasing feature. The Society was

16 MAY 1980 BULL'S ESCAPE FROM ABATTOIR CAUSES CONCERN

Concern that a bull was able to escape while being unloaded at Ilkley abattoir last Wednesday afternoon has been expressed by Ilkley residents.

The bull tried to jump over a six foot high wall at the abattoir and eventually managed to force its way past the lorry and into the street.

It galloped almost half a mile before eventually being shot by police marksmen in the garden of a house in Valley Drive.

Mr. J. H. Butterfield, in whose garden the bull was shot, was particularly concerned that the incident happened at the time when children were leaving school. He was gardening when he saw the bull going up Greendown Close. When an attempt was made to try and corner the animal it burst through the hedge into his garden.

Mr. Butterfield and his two children were confined to their home for twenty to thirty minutes, and his mother, in her seventies, who was out of the house at the time, was unable to rejoin them until the bull had been put down.

Mr. Butterfield, a lecturer at Leeds Polytechnic, said the bull had trampled up and down his garden but had done very little damage. At times it came so close to the house that it steamed up the lounge windows.

Mr. Butterfield felt more precautions should be taken when unloading animals at the abattoir, and he was concerned that the bull had been unloaded without the gates being closed. He had been told by the RSPCA that some kind of halter should be used when bulls were being unloaded.

A police spokesman said there had been no danger to the public at any time.

Parish Councillors at their monthly meeting on Monday agreed to press Bradford Metropolitan Council to provide an abattoir in the Ilkley area on a site not close to houses.

Chairman to the Council, Cr. Mrs. M. Renton said a resident living in the vicinity had spoken to her about the incident and had been deeply concerned that a bull had escaped.

Cr. C. D. Poole said they had been informed that the facilities at the abattoir were to be brought up to EEC standards by November but he thought they should ask the Metropolitan Council to look into the possibility of an abattoir on a more suitable site. Householders in warm weather were unable to leave their doors or windows open because of the smell from the abattoir, he said.

Cr. J. M. Shelton said they would have to be careful where another building was found and he reminded councillors that they lived in the middle of a farming community so it might be desirable that the abattoir should be retained in this area.

Cr. Poole's proposal, seconded by Cr. W. Forrest, that the Parish Council press the Metropolitan to find a more suitable site for an

16 MAY 1980 ACROSS THE YEARS

Thousands Of Whitsuntide Visitors At Ilkley

100 Years Ago

The influx of Whitsuntide pleasure seekers into the town excelled any previous year. Train after train poured contingents of visitors into the town on Whit Tuesday, and the streets were one mass of thronging human beings, the crowd in the town centre during the afternoon was estimated at over 20,000. Ilkley described the town as "The Pearl of Wharfedale".

At Ilkley cricket ground the club staged a match amongst its own players "Married Versus Single" and the married members won by seven runs. The highest scorer was J Richardson who scored 20 runs for the "Married" team.

A single wicket cricket match was played between Edward Wall, a rising young amateur, and Messrs. Walter Shoesmith and Wm. Brumfit, described as "two veterans in the manly game." Walter's wicket collapsed at the fourth ball and 0 was the result. The first ball was too good for his partner who also retired with a "duck egg." Grand total was 0. Edward Wall took hold of the bat and scored 1 not out, thus winning by one run and a wicket.

75 Years Ago

An octogenarian Mr. John Hodgson, of Blackpool, was seriously injured whilst staying at Wells Walk, Ilkley. He was out driving a phaeton with his housekeeper, Miss Hannah Firth, when near Burley, a motor car bearing the Bradford index mark and proceeding in the direction of Ilkley ran into them. There appeared to be very little damage to either vehicle and they both continued their journeys. The phaeton had not got far, however before it broke in two and the frightened horse bolted with the front portion in the direction of Ilkley. Mr. Hodgson and Miss Firth were both thrown out, the old gentleman suffering a dislocated shoulder and very severe shock. The horse was stopped near the Middleton Hotel, Ilkley, and several people narrowly missed being run over.

A refuse destructor was in the course of erection near to the sewage works. The old tip was said to be both disgusting and noxious with a foul smell, and its days were thankfully numbered by the new development, which would certainly prove to be a better and more hygienic means of disposing of the town's refuse.

50 Years Ago

Residents of the Leeds Road area were highly entertained by the constant sight of a young lamb following a coal cart about the streets. The little animal gambolled after the horse along the road, appearing to be in some danger from the horse's hooves. It was the property of Mr. H. Schofield who purchased it as a pet for his granddaughter.

R. A. Chappell, one of the most prolific scorers in the back division of Ilkley Rugby Football Club, had to sever his connection with the club when he was transferred to the Cripplegate, London Branch of the National Provincial Bank.

Mr. Frank Whiteley, of Ilkley, attended a reunion at the home of Lord Baden Powell in Hampshire to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the relief of Mafeking. He had been the Mayor of Mafeking during the time of the siege.

25 Years Ago

The system of admission to Ilkley Nursery School was to be investigated following enquiries from a Burley Councillor, Frank Aveyard, who complained that a child of Burley parents had been refused admission on the grounds that Burley children were ineligible. No Burley children had been admitted during the previous five years, but three Burley children residing with Ilkley grandparents had been attending. At the suggestion of Mr. J. A. W. Tranter a sub-committee was to be formed to make a full investigation.

Prizewinners at a baby show held in connection with St. Margaret's Church were Janet Bott (First Prize) and Margaret Johnson was runner up in the six to twelve month old class. The one to two year age group was awarded to Lucinda Paul with Robert Aldridge as runner-up.

FUTURE HOLDS PROMISES OF MANY TOPICS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN — NEW CHAIRMAN

The forthcoming year held promises of many topics of interest and concern said the new Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council. Cr. Kenneth G. Johnson, of Station Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale, on his election to office at the Council's annual meeting on Monday night. Cr. W. Forrest, of Ilkley, was elected Vice-Chairman.

Cr. Johnson said he would endeavour to work for a constructive relationship with the new Bradford Metropolitan Council and continue to press for greater powers and responsibility for the Parish Council.

His election to office was proposed by Cr. J. M. Shelton, of Burley, who said Cr. Johnson had lived in the area for over ten years. Cr. Johnson first became an Ilkley Urban District Councillor and served well and faithfully for three years until he retired from local government. When an Ilkley Parish Council was formed Cr. Johnson was re-elected and had served ever since. As a prominent Conservative he was vice-chairman of Burley Conservative Association and the vice-chairman of the Bradford area of the Ripon Division of the Conservative Association.

Cr. Johnson had taken an interest in education and had served on several school management committees including Burley Middle School where his endeavours helped with the completion of the school after various delays.

Cr. Peter A. Williams, of Menston, seconding the proposal pointed out that Cr. Johnson was becoming chairman as the Parish Council entered its seventh year. Cr. Williams was pleased to note that during that period it was the second time a Burley councillor had been nominated for Chairman.

On his appointment as chairman Cr. Johnson thanked the council for the honour said he would endeavour to live up to the high standards set by past chairmen and in addition maintain an impartial manner on matters of debate and to represent the Council and people of Ilkley, Burley and Menston at every occasion.

Paying tribute to the retiring chairman, Cr. Mrs. M. Renton, Cr. Johnson said she had worked very hard as chairman during the past year. The number of functions she had attended and visits she had made must be an all time record. She had led the Council through an interesting and eventful year with great ability.

Cr. Johnson went on to thank their Parish Clerk, Mrs. P. M. Fisher, for her patience and forbearing during the hours of meetings was an example to them all. He also thanked Mrs. M. Sugden, the administration officer, and her staff and the "Ilkley Gazette" for its careful reporting of council meetings.

"The forthcoming year holds promises of many topics and items of interest and concern.

The Council faces a new situation with the change of political control in Bradford. As Chairman I will endeavour to work for a constructive relationship with the new district council and continue to press for greater powers and responsibility for the Parish Council," said Cr. Johnson.

"This year will see the opening of the Nell Bank Quays Jubilee Youth Centre and important decisions concerning the development on the central car park and the introduction of some form of traffic management scheme for Ilkley.

"Other items of particular interest to me are the county scheme for the installation of proper traffic lights at the junction of Station Road and Main Street, Burley, and the eventual rearrangement of bus stops and other street furniture. The improvement of the fountain area too is being considered. On Thursday, my wife and I leave with the civic party on a visit to Ilkley's twin town Coutances. We hope that we can make a useful contribution to the furtherance of relations with the people of Coutances," said Cr. Johnson.

The appointment of Cr. Forrest as Vice-Chairman was proposed by Cr. F. G. Lambert and seconded by Cr. C. D. Poole.

Committees

Councillors elected to serve on the following committees were:-

Plans Committee, Crs. S. Crossley-Smith (Chairman), Mrs. I. Carney, Mrs. B. J. Cussons, Mrs. J. A. Dawson, W. Forrest, Mrs. P. Glover, Mrs. J. Hellas, W. R. Hill, K. G. Johnson, T. W. Pardoe, C. D. Poole, Mrs. M. Renton and C. H. Scaife.

General Purposes Committee, Crs. W. R. Hill (Chairman), K. Atkinson, Mrs. B. J. Cussons, A. C. Dewhurst, J. L. Freeman, E. S. Gardner, Mrs. P. Glover, G. W. Johnson, K. G. Johnson, F. G. Lambert, C. D. Poole, Mrs. M. Renton, C. H. Scaife, J. M. Shelton, and Peter A. Williams.

Burley and Menston Civic Chairities, Crs. J. M. Shelton (Chairman), K. Atkinson, Mrs. I. Carney, Mrs. J. A. Dawson, Mrs. J. Hellas, G. W. Johnson, K. G. Johnson, T. W. Pardoe, and Peter A. Williams.

Representatives

Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee representatives, Crs. Mrs. I. Carney, Mrs. P. Glover, Mrs. M. Renton and Peter A. Williams.

Coutances Committee, the chairman and vice-chairman of the Council and Crs. Mrs. J. A. Dawson, F. G. Lambert, and Mrs. Renton.

Ilkley and District Old People's Welfare Committee, Cr. W. Forrest.

Ilkley Youth Centre Management Committee, Cr. G. W. Johnson.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council Meetings with Parish and Town Councils, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Chairmen of the Plans and General Purposes Committee.

Yorkshire and Cleveland Local Councils Association, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and Crs. Mrs. B. J. Cussons, C. D. Poole and Peter A. Williams.

Britain in Bloom, Cr. A. C. Dewhurst.

James Clarke and Sarah Foley Trust, Cr. Mrs. B. J. Cussons.

Retiring Chairman

At the beginning of the meeting the retiring Chairman, Cr. Mrs. M. Renton thanked the Council who had backed her and supported her wholeheartedly during her year of office. She went on to thank the organisations and people in the Parish who had invited her as the Council Chairman, to be with them on so many happy occasions.

"I hope the outcome of all our labours this year will prove, in the long run, to be beneficial to Ilkley, Menston and Burley people," said Cr. Mrs. Renton.

She went on to thank the Town Hall staff for their help and the "Ilkley Gazette" for their regular reporting of Council meetings.

Ilkley Death Rate Was Less Than The National Average

100 Years Ago

The death rate for children in Ilkley was remarkably low according to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Thomas Scott, with only eleven deaths in children under five years of age during the previous year. The mortality from the seven principal "zymotic diseases" was extremely low compared to former years. Measles, Typhoid fever, Smallpox, continued Fever, and "Hooping Cough" gave rise each to only a single death. On the whole the death rate in Ilkley was nine per thousand people less than the average in the country as a whole.

The newly formed Conservative Association opened its official rooms above the shop of Mr Grunwell in Brook Street. The reading room had an ample supply of journals and periodicals.

75 Years Ago

A match between Councillors and the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon brotherhood was the attraction at the opening evening of the bowling green attached to the P.S.A. Hall. The contest was won by Councillors Naylor and Pearce by one point. This was followed by the final of the billiard handicap, the finalists being E. Barnes and H. Jackson. Jackson was the winner by 51 points and was presented with a silver watch as first prize.

The last week in May was bitterly cold for the time of the year and there was a slight fall of snow on the Monday morning.

The matron of the Ilkley and Wharfedale Orphanage acknowledged gifts sent during the month which included dripping, cabbages, milk, clothing, magazines and wool for stockings.

Earnshaw, Orthalmic Optician, of Brook Street, offered spectacles and eye-glasses from 2/6. This price was inclusive of the initial sight test.

50 Years Ago

Wharfedale Scouts and Guides were well represented at a big Empire Day parade and service at Burley-in-Wharfedale. Nearly 800 members of the movement assembled at the guide headquarters in Station Road and marched to the Lecture Hall headed by the bugle band of the 2nd Otley Scout Troop. The salute was taken by Dr. Stoddart-Scott, assistant County Commissioner for the West Riding, and Mr. G. May, Wharfedale District Commissioner.

Townsppeople of Ilkley were criticised, however, for not their country and flying the

Union Jack on Empire Day. Out of a population of over 10,000 there were only five flags flying in the town.

Mrs. Hartley, of Ben Rhydding, aged 88, enjoyed a flight in an aeroplane from Brough Aerodrome, Hull. The plane was piloted by her great nephew, Captain Norman Blackburn. Mrs. Hartley was delighted with the experience. This was during the same week as Miss Amy Johnson made her one flight to Australia a unique voyage of endurance and courage for an English woman.

25 Years Ago

Mr. Wm Hill, representative of the South ward was elected Chairman of Ilkley Council, with Mr. J. H. Bowes as vice-Chairman. Mr. Hill had been a resident of the town for 44 years and was the owner of a jewellery business in Brook Street.

After 15 years service as secretary of Ben Rhydding Sports Club, Mr. G. A. Collinson retired and his place was taken over by Mr. C. A. Reeve, assistant clerk to Ilkley Council.

Over four hundred people attended a dance organised by the social committee of the Ilkley Chamber of Trade, and held at the Winter Gardens. The winners of the local section of an open dancing competition were 1, Mr and Mrs. Robinson; 2, Miss Cook and Mr. Fawcett. An exhibition of ballroom dancing by Mr. Ernest Page and Miss Dulcie Burton included the Quickstep, Modern Waltz, Tango, Samba and Jive. Mrs. G. H. Dean, wife of the President of the Chamber of Trade presented the prizes.



After his election to office as Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council for 1980-81 at the Council's annual meeting on Monday, Cr. Kenneth G. Johnson, of Burley-in-Wharfedale (centre) is pictured with his wife and the newly elected Vice-Chairman, Cr. W. Forrest, of Ilkley.

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COMPROMISE REACHED OVER TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

A compromise has finally been reached to solve Ilkley's traffic problems.

The Bradford Area Sub-committee of the West Yorkshire County Council has approved a compromise plan to solve the long standing problems in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding.

There will be some new parking restrictions, but it was agreed not to change anything in The Grove.

Cnty. Cr. H. V. Haddrill, of Ilkley, told the sub-committee at its meeting in Bradford that discussions began in 1975. The time for talking was over and it was now the time for action.

He said it was not possible for the sub-committee to provide a solution which would please everyone because local opinion was deeply divided. That was why it had taken so long.

Cr. Haddrill believed the proposals went as far as it was possible to go to resolve what was at present an intolerable situation. There were chaotic conditions near the supermarket, in Ben Rhydding and at the bottom of Cowpasture Road.

He said he did not object to anything and he considered the Council's officers had done their very best to produce a traffic management scheme which would make life in Ilkley a little more tolerable.

Cr. Haddrill said his only request was that nothing was done in The Grove. "It works all right now," he said. "In theory it shouldn't. In fact it does. No good will be served by doing anything."

The plan which has finally been approved includes reductions in some of the waiting restrictions originally proposed to meet some of the objections received.

The Chairman of the sub-committee, Mrs. M. Wood had visited Ilkley several times and on one occasion on a Saturday morning when the town was covered in snow had walked the area with Cnty. Cr. Haddrill and had met Ilkley Parish Councillors.

Over two hundred objections were made to the committee's proposals in June last year and when these were later considered certain modifications were suggested which would assist the objectors.

Amendments

The following amendments have now been approved.

Introduction of a waiting length for two vehicles (ten metres) on the north side of Railway Road, outside Hillards Supermarket.

Introduction of waiting length for 25 metres on the north side of Station Road.

A reduction of waiting restrictions on the west side of Back Parish Ghyll Road by 24 metres; on the east side of Wells Promenade for 15 metres; on the west side of Wells Road for a distance of ten metres; on the north side of Little Lane by 25 metres which would overcome the objection by Mrs. H. Smith, of Ilkley Mower Services Ltd.

Introduction of waiting lengths on the west side of Cunliffe Road between The Grove and Regent Road an aggregate length of 20 metres, which would overcome the objections raised by R. W. Morten (Ilkley) Ltd.

The proposals to prohibit parking at all times on lengths of Bolton Bridge Road and Springs Lane were re-examined but unaltered.

The committee felt the proposed restrictions on the shopping area in Bolling Road, Ben Rhydding, were appropriate and any further extension of the restrictions, as suggested by petitioners could not be justified at present. Several of the petitioners were, however, in favour of restrictions outside 135-141, Bolling Road and petitioners also requested that measures be taken to control

of the Town Centre proposals. No restrictions are to be made on parking in The Grove.

Ilkley Parish Council accepted the amendments but considered the loss of eight to ten spaces in Railway Road would be unacceptable to shoppers. The Council considered the restrictions on Bolton Bridge Road were unnecessary and every on-street car parking space was necessary to assist in the viability of businesses in the area. In addition the Parish Council considered the proposals for Springs Lane should be imposed outside the residential properties in preference to the south side of the road. The Parish Council appreciated the need for restrictions on bends, as at Ben Rhydding, but felt the provision of two or three spaces in a lay-by on the north side of Bolling Road, would be preferred.

Two Halves

The Parish Council put forward other points for consideration including a suggestion that the present scheme be divided into two halves, of which half would be dealt with as a matter of urgency and the other half would be left for further discussion with a view to introduction in perhaps two to three years.

The Council thought single yellow lines might be more appropriate and that narrow paler yellow lines could be used in respect of the parking restrictions in Ilkley.

Ilkley Road Safety Committee recommended that the parking restrictions proposed for Railway Road and the junctions of Station Road - Springs Lane - Cowpasture Road and The Grove - Bolton Bridge Road be introduced as a matter of urgency rather than awaiting the implementation of the other proposals.

The secretary of Ilkley Taxi Owners Association had also expressed concern over the parking of private vehicles on the taxi rank in Railway Road thereby causing obstruction to the taxi drivers particularly during the working day. The secretary suggested immediate action should now be taken to prevent working by unauthorised vehicles on the Railway Road rank by the introduction of the proposed waiting restrictions.

The Chief Constable approved the amendments and agreed with the comments expressed by the committee over Bolton Bridge Road, Springs Lane and Ben Rhydding.

The cost of implementing the scheme at £4,000 is to be met from the 1980-81 budget subject to finance being available.

ACROSS THE YEARS 30 MAY 1980

SNOW IN JUNE FOR ILKLEY DISTRICT

100 Years Ago

Snow covered the tops of the hills around Ilkley on Tuesday 8 June, 1880 and this was followed by a day time temperature of a wintry 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

Burley Local Board discussed the possibility of getting half the Inspector of Nuisances' Salary refunded by the local Government Board. The Inspector, Mr. Wood, was dissatisfied with his salary of £10 per annum, as he said the new system of bookkeeping made considerable demands on his time, and that the Burley Board should increase his stipend to £20 per annum, and claim back £5 from the Local Government Board. It was finally agreed that he should give the new system a fair trial and then the Burley Board would review his salary in the light of their findings.

Ilkley Cricket Club played Airedale Zingari at Ilkley, and the top score in the match was J. Beanlands with 104. Richardson and Dobson also played well with 40 and 31 respectively. Ilkley won the match easily as the fielding of the visitors was not up to the mark.

75 Years Ago

Controversy reigned in the town over the proposed town hall scheme. A petition opposing the scheme and signed by 600 people was sent to the Local Government Board. A claim was made that every ratepayer in the district had been interviewed numbering 640 in all and out of these, 605 people signed the petition against the scheme. The Council in their turn outlined their reasons why the scheme

should be undertaken and exhorted the Local Board to take no notice of the rate-payers' views on the matter.

The Bridge Pleasure Gardens and Hotel advertised dancing every Saturday evening to the music of H. Craven, admission 6d. They also advertised the Pleasure gardens latest attraction as six live fox cubs to be seen in the aviaries, admission as usual 2d. During the week of the encampment of the 3rd Lancashire Royal Engineer Volunteers on the field adjacent to the Bridge Lane Pleasure Grounds there was to be dancing every night in the large pavilion.

50 Years Ago

Ilkley Urban District Council agreed to reverse their decision and allow double decker buses to run to and from the town during holiday weeks only at Whitsundtide, the Kelghley holiday week and August Bank Holiday.

Addingham Parish Council decided to ask Mr. Green to provide a gate at the entrance leading to the river side at Cockin End. At that time it was stated that this was often used as a parking ground for cars and gypsy caravans.

An early Alfred Hitchcock thriller "Blackmail" was the attraction at the Grove Picture House and starred Anny Ondra and John Longden with Sara Allgood.

25 Years Ago

At the forty-ninth Wharfedale Music Festival the adjudicators were highly delighted with the good standard of performance of the competitors.

Ilkley television viewers saw a car-crash nightmare when a stock-car race meeting was televised from Brandon Stadium, Coventry. The only race televised at the meeting was won by an Ilkley man, Mr. Jack Tipping. A commentator described Mr. Tipping as one of the most popular drivers in the sport in the country, and he was driving a 14.9 Ford car which went by the name of "Grave Gertie".

A fine innings by P. Dexter in a League cricket match against Calverley, and a good bowling performance by L. Roe helped to keep Ilkley at the top of the League table. Dexter knocked up 82 runs, and the next highest scorer was H. Sharples with 24 runs. L. Roe took five wickets for only twenty runs.

30 MAY 1980 EXHIBITION SHOWS ILKLEY IN ROMAN TIMES

A special exhibition about Roman Ilkley opened at the Manor House Museum, Ilkley, with a preview last night (Thursday). The exhibition, which runs until 29 May, is part of the town's 1,900 birthday celebrations of the establishment of a Roman fort at Ilkley.

It sets out the situation before and during the Roman occupation, when the area was the home of two tribes, the Brigantes and the Parisi, and then shows the Roman influence on lifestyles and the economy.

Highlights of the exhibition are costumes from the BBC "I. Claudius" series, which show the styles worn in Imperial Rome, and suits of replica armour provided by the BBC and the West Yorkshire Schools Museum Service.

Photographs from the "I. Claudius" series are on display, and there is a reconstruction of a typical Roman kitchen, provided by the Olicana Museum and Historical Society.

Of special interest are Roman items on permanent exhibition at the Manor House including sword blades, tombstones and pottery.

A special attraction for children eight years and over is to be held next Thursday, when they will be able to explore the life of a Roman soldier at Ilkley. The children will each receive a soldier's rations for the day. All the activities for children are already fully subscribed and "overflow" arrangements have had to be made.

On display at the exhibition are four plaques, designed and executed by Mr. Bert Roberts and presented by the Friends of the Manor House. They will eventually be placed on sites near the four entrances to the Roman fort.

The exhibition has been organised by Mr. Stephen Kerry, archaeologist with Bradford Metropolitan Museums.

ANCIENT FOOTPATHS AND TRACKS ON OTLEY CHEVIN

30 MAY 1980

An appeal for their preservation

By Eric T. Cowling

A lifelong acquaintance with the tracks and paths on Otley Chevin has prompted Otley historian Mr. Eric T. Cowling, to compile a document entitled 'Tracks over the Chevin' in support of an appeal made to Otley Town Council by the Museum Committee, of which he is a member, to put forward four points for consideration by the Chevin Committee at Leeds in any future programme affecting the Chevin.

The four points, aimed at promoting historic interest in the Chevin, are: 1 — All dry stone walls to be retained and kept in repair. 2 — All sunken ways and ancient tracks to be left open and not used as dumping grounds (some of these being of Anglican date). 3 — The two small Iron Age sites in Danefield to be made accessible to the public and kept clear of bracken and rubbish. 4 — Carved stones of antiquarian interest, such as the Frying Pan rock (an ancient beacon), Knottie's Stone (a bronze age monument), and similar antiquities, to be preserved and cared for.

Mr. Cowling writes that the Chevin tracks differ much in type and some show signs of great antiquity and reflect the life of Otley over many centuries. The reason for his notes is to enable them to be found and recognised. It will be a labour of love for someone to survey and place them on the map. These former rights of way may be placed into three categories.

Those known as Drove Roads came into being by the custom of taking the communal herd of cattle from the lowlands to the pastures of the hilltops and bringing it back to the town at night. Such drove roads meander up the slope in wide curves and have a semi-circular section.

Pack Horse tracks were made by travellers on horse back and in later days by trains of packhorses with panniers laden with goods. They have more acute bends than the drove roads and often cut a long diagonal line across a hillside. They usually have a V section with steep sides.

Under a third group come all the made roads with the exception of the Roman Road. These are the roads planned and made under the Enclosure Act of 1777 and are of two kinds. There are the metalled and walled roads meant for wheeled traffic. We also have a series of cart tracks passing through fields and giving access

to farms and were known as Accommodation Lanes. When the fields were enclosed the owner was required to build his own walls and to maintain the road and gates.

Now that the greater part of the Chevin has become public property it is hoped that these antiquities may be preserved and cared for. On the Chevin it may be possible to integrate them with modern features.

The York and Lancaster Roman Road

Since the disappearance of the glacial ice from Yorkshire and the coming of the Mesolithic hunters, at least some twelve thousand years ago, the peoples of the Lower Pennines obtained the flint for their tools from the East Riding or the East Coast of Yorkshire. In so doing they established a route along the ridge of Rombalds Moor and continued along by way of the Chevin and the next ridge to Tadcaster. There they crossed the river Wharfe and followed the morainic ridge on which York stands to gain the Yorkshire Wolds and the East Coast.

The Romans followed this prehistoric track and linked Lancaster, York and the East Coast by way of Malton. Once established this road was followed by all subsequent conquerors, invaders, immigrants, settlers, traders and the resident tribesmen on normal business. York was the administrative and religious centre for a wide area and any person wishing to do business in Otley or Skipton would use the Roman road over the Chevin. The needs of the military in the forts along the road must have been constant and sometimes urgent.

During the last hundred years many people have looked for and often written about the portion of the Roman road which crosses the Chevin from East to West. What is not always realised is that when the enclosures of 1777 were made the road was entirely grubbed up and most of the material went to the making of the dry stone walls of the fields. These walls are visible evidence of the Roman road of which they were once part. Traces of the road are shown on the Ordnance maps, most of these seem to be the result of ploughing which revealed a long strip of scattered rubble left when the heavier material was taken away.

Some years ago a discovery was made which added to our knowledge of the Roman road. This was on the Homesteads Estate on the west side of the Menston-Burley road. This was on the inner road which was parallel to the main road and a sewer was being laid along the Northern arm of the road. The trench cut a long section of the Roman road at a slight angle and revealed many details of the construction. This section had evidently been laid across boggy ground for piles over six feet long had been driven in at alternate intervals of six feet. The piles were of undressed saplings or branches, they were pulpy to the touch and full of water and had evidently acted as drains since their insertion, taking surface water to a lower stratum. On top of the piles was a two foot layer of quarried sandstone with large pieces at the bottom and getting smaller

the field to the east was under the plough there was a long spread of rubble running alongside the southern wall.

Yorkgate

When the Chevin was enclosed in 1777 it was decided to replace the Roman road by one much nearer to the ridge of Chevin and we have the present Yorkgate. This became the boundary of the Archbishop of York's of Otley, it was defined by placing a large boulder carved with the archbishop's keys at each end of the road. The one from the western end was found recently during road repairing and placed for safety in Wharfemeadows Park. The other is still in place on the grass verge of Old Leeds Road.

Caley Hall Road

Caley Gates is a bus stop on the New Leeds Road when approaching Pool Bank from Otley. On the low side is the entrance to the drive leading to the now demolished Caley Hall. Opposite is the gateway to Danefield Park, just above the gateway is the beginning of a made road cut into the slope and running south-east diagonally across the slope to the level area above. This road was wide enough to take wheeled traffic and was evidently an early approach road to Caley Hall before the making of the Carriage Road.

Caley Hall Carriage Road

Tradition has it that this road running the length for Danefield Wood from east to west was made as a carriage drive to Caley Hall. The Old Leeds Road was a turnpike road of 1725 and as the Carriage Road has the western entrance on the Old Leeds Road it must have been a little later in date. The cutting and banking of this road must have been both difficult and costly. Making a way through the rocks of Pool-scar Crags must have entailed much labour and a substantial bridge built across the Holbeck.

The Deer Park Bridle Way

As a child I followed this bridle path from the entrance opposite the Pool Bank Barhouse along the track to the north of Pool Bank Quarry and above Caley Crags. The present Definitive footpath map shows the bridle path, leaving Caley Gates in a south easterly direction to join the present way. This runs on the level below the plantations on the hill slopes. To the west it crosses the Holbeck by a culvert and across the Shaw Field to gain the Old Leeds Road by way of the new car park. When the Danefield Estate became public property the bridle way was overplanted by trees and it took considerable persuasion before it was returned to the rightful use. Horse riders are fortunate to have this long stretch of open country available.

The Stile

This is perhaps the most interesting of all Otley's ancient routes. Stile is a name of Saxon origin meaning a foot path or way and we have the name preserved in the fieldname sty-foot on East Busk Lane.

To appreciate the function of the Stile in the ancient life of Otley we must start with the mediaeval town's shepherd as he gathered his herd from

Below the New Leeds Road the track of the Stile has been obscured by landslides but it may be picked up at the gap between two of the houses which line the higher side of the road. The deep hollow of the trench meanders up the hillside to enter Danefield Wood where it is masked by the planting of trees. It may be found on the top side of the Carriage Road on the level to the east of the rise from Danefield Well Beck. It twists amongst the bracken to the foot of the steep slope to the south and winds round the end of the hill by way of the valley of the Dane Well Beck.

The hollow approaches the boundary wall at a slight angle and can be seen where it enters Shaw Field and the pasturage of the hill ridges. Where the Stile winds round the end of the hill a narrow footpath has been cut across the slope to the level at the top. This path must date from the time when a gamekeeper travelled the wood.

At the north-west corner of Danefield Wood is a prominent hillock know as Bunkers Hill and in the north-east corner of the field the Dane Beck issues from the Wood. Inside the wood along side the stream is a steep track which has the appearance of a packhorse track, a hollow way with steep sides and abrupt turns. This track climbs the hillside to gain the south-east corner of the plantation. Here the making of the Carriage Way has removed all trace but it must have joined the Stile a little further along. This must have been made to take advantage of the route made by the Stile by horsemen travelling from Otley.

The Old Leeds Road

This road was built as a turnpike road about 1775 and an original barhouse remains, somewhat altered, remains at the corner of Gay Lane and the New Leeds Road, at the south end of the forecourt of the Popple Inn. Another barhouse stood in the north-west at the crossing of the road with the Yeadon-Harrogate Road. A third at Adel was demolished some years ago. Below the road on the steep face of the Chevin are the pack horse tracks which preceded the road. Three and four deep cuts climb the hill side by side and the field walls reflect their contours. They are the reason for the name Gay Lane. Gay was a shortened form of "gayle" a name of Norse Origin meaning a ravine or sunken way. Gay Lane was the way to the pack horse tracks. These tracks can be seen cutting the north-west corner of Danefield Wood to gain the break in the escarpment. At the turn of the century the Old Leeds Road was busy with as many as twenty two wheeled carts leading stone to Otley from the East Chevin Quarries, the source of Otley's building material for many years. A little past the opening to Dade Lane is a broad verge of rough land with a milestone and a stone trough. The trough is fed by a spring coming from the land above. This is the source of Dane Beck which is such a feature of Danefield Wood. The stream has nothing to do with the Danes, the name Dane is derived from a Saxon word "diene" meaning "hidden". Thus Dane Well meant the Hidden Spring, an adequate description before the time of land clearance.

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ROMAN EXHIBITION

Togas and tunics were the order of the day at the opening of the 'When in Ilkley' historical exhibition held at the Manor House Museum and Art Gallery, Ilkley, on May 22nd. The exhibition is being held to mark an

estimated 1,000 years since the Romans first came to Olicana, as Ilkley was known. It is the first municipal show to be sponsored and JCT 600 is putting up half the costs.

The BBC gave and lent the exhibition 14 costumes from the

popular TV serial 'I, Claudius', free of charge. This includes a gown which Livia wore, made from pure silk, and photographs of the cast are also on display.

An added attraction at the opening was a Roman-style feast.

Visitors, who were encouraged to wear Roman dress, tried recipes from a medieval cook book, compiled by Apicius, for just 40p a head. The dishes included Lucanian pork sausages, ham and figs under a crust and sweet wine cakes soaked in honey. An unusual spiced wine consisting of honey, dates and bay leaves, was also provided.

Another Roman event took place at the Manor House on May 29th. 30 youngsters were invited to become Romans for a day and wore armour, marched, drilled as well as trying their hand at cooking a Roman-style meal.



The Manor House, oldest building in Ilkley is used as a museum and art gallery and recently the committee of the Friends of the Manor House dressed in Roman costume and held a Roman Evening. They are pictured in part of the exhibition which is open as part of the celebrations. Left to right, Jean Goude, Angela Keighley and Esme Greenwood of Ilkley who is president of the Committee of Friends and president of the Olicana Museum and Historical Society, with Mrs Mary Cruttenden, co-ordinator of the evening; and Stephen Kerry, co-organiser; and resident archaeologist of the Manor House.

LOCAL CHARTER IN SALE OF ANTIQUES

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In the two day catalogue sale of Antiques and Victoriana to be held by Dacre, Son and Hartley in Ilkley on 17 and 18 June, there are several items of particular local interest.

The one with the greatest antiquity is a document which it is believed dates back to the late 13th or early 14th Century and is a Charter relating to the grant of various pieces of land in and around Addingham by Adam de Brereton to Lord John Vavasor. The grant is in perpetuity subject to an annual payment of one pair of white gloves. The document, which bears an original seal, is witnessed by several of the local gentry and is provided with a translation and a little display cabinet. Other local items include needlework samplers worked in the first half of the last century by the daughters of gentry and farming families as well as several scientific instruments made in Bradford connected with the manufacture and testing of woollen yarn.

Most attractive (and hopefully best priced), however, is a fine and good sized oil painting by Herbert Royle whose paintings have created so much interest in the last few years. The subject is a view of Bolton Hall from the Wharfe Meadows next to the Abbey ruins. It includes figures in Edwardian dress, a treatment often employed by Royle on the few occasions when he placed figures in his landscapes.

GUNS ON MOOR ENQUIRY

Ilkley Parish Council is still awaiting from Bradford Metropolitan Council clarification of the rights of persons to carry guns on Ilkley Moor.

The Council's enquiry follows an incident in April when a dog was shot on Ilkley Moor. It was alleged the killing was vicious and unwarranted.

The Council has been informed that Ilkley Civic Society has asked Mr. L. Morgan, Countryside Officer to Bradford Metropolitan Council, whether the Society would be involved in the monitoring exercise for the middle way on Ilkley Moor.

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HOT AIR BALLOON LANDS AT ILKLEY

100 Years Ago

Mr. Coxwell, a veteran aeronaut made an ascent from York in a hot air balloon "City of York" and together with friends passed over 36 miles of country to arrive in Mr. J. Dickinson's field in Leeds Road, causing considerable excitement in the town. The balloon was slightly damaged by getting tangled in the branches of a tree, but the descent was thronged with eager watchers and questioners. The collapsed balloon was then carted to the railway station and taken to York by rail.

It was proposed to renovate the "ancient fabric" of Ilkley Parish Church, at an approximate cost of £1,000 which was to include the purchase of a new organ, enlarging the vestry, lighting the south aisle by clerestory windows, and refitting the chancel. The money was to be raised largely by public subscription if possible, if not a bazaar would be necessary later in the year.

75 Years Ago

From 7000 to 8000 people visited Bolton Abbey by train on Whit Monday in glorious sunshine with many more travelling by bicycle and other vehicular traffic. The 3rd Lancashire Fusiliers undergoing a week's camp training at Ilkley proved an added attraction to visitors to Ilkley, and the vicinity of the camp was besieged all day on both Whit Monday and Tuesday. Hundreds of people walked to Ilkley over the moor, and the Tarn Pierrots opened their season with performances twice daily.

Local members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade were agitating for the provision of a horse ambulance. Not only was there a need to get patients to and fro to the local hospital but also to remove patients to other towns. At that time patients were being carried to the hospital on stretchers which entailed much hard work and time. An appeal was to be launched for an ambulance.

50 Years Ago

Whit Sunday was an ideal day, with the sun shining from early morning until nightfall without a break. Visitors to Ilkley revelled in the glory of the day, and the moorland roadside was lined with parked cars, with their passengers laid amongst the bracken. There were bathing parties at the Crum Wheel and above the Old Bridge, and there were many holiday makers and scouts camping amidst woods on the hillside.

Despite cooler weather

numbers of visitors on Whit Monday were estimated at around 40,000 and the moors were "black with folk". The area between Crossbeck Road and White Wells had the appearance of a fair-ground and there were hundreds of children in and around the paddling pool. Queues for trains and buses back to Leeds and Bradford extended far down the roads, and slight rain in the evening led to a rush for home-going transport.

Leeds and Bradford agreed to buy land at Yeadon for use as a local airport at a cost of £20,420 for 203 acres.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Players recruited number of new members during 1955 but a continue shortage of acting members caused concern among officials. Seven plays have been given successfully during the previous twelve months, and club nights have proved a popular feature of the season.

Despite a broken leg encased in plaster, Mr. Arthur Outhbert (21) of West Terrace, Burley, dived into the River Wharfe near the stepping stones at Burley to rescue an eight year old boy in difficulties. The boy had paddled into the river and stepped off a steep shelf out of his depth. Mr. Outhbert dived in and managed to hold him above the water level until Mr. A. P. Simmonds, of Peel Place, Burley, dived in and managed to get them both out of the water. Artificial respiration was given to the almost unconscious boy by Mr. Harry Renton, of Midgley Road, a male nurse, who was successful in bringing him round.

RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF WATER FROM TOMORROW

From tomorrow (Saturday) there will be a hosepipe ban on watering private gardens or washing cars in the Ilkley district.

Announcing the restrictions the Yorkshire Water Authority says the ban includes the whole of the Bradford Metropolitan area besides many other areas covered by the Board.

During the past nine weeks in which there has been virtually no rainfall stocks have diminished. The extensive use of hosepipes in gardens etc. has contributed to the rate of stock depletion. "We are also asking these customers to help save water by repairing all dripping taps and reporting all leaks to local offices," says the Authority.

Other areas affected include: Pudsey, Farsley, Calverley, Guiseley, Yeadon, Rawdon, Craven district, Spenborough area of Kirkstall, Barnoldswick and the Earby area of Pendle.

If the dry weather continues the Authority says it might be necessary to extend the restrictions into other areas.

LEGACY FROM AMERICA BENEFITTED ELDERLY OF ILKLEY DISTRICT

Four years ago a substantial legacy of £250,000 for the benefit of the elderly in the Ilkley district was contained in the wills of Mr. James Clarke and his sister, Mrs. Sarah Foley. They were brought up in Addingham but left the village some 65 years ago to make their fortune in America.

News of the legacy was given by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, the Rt. Rev. G. Wheeler, to over 50 representatives of local organisations in 1976. Eighteen months ago Hawksworth House, in South Hawksworth Street, was opened as a temporary community centre for the elderly. The pre-cast metal structure of the new community centre on the site of what used to be Eaton's shoe shop on the corner of Cunliffe Road and Regent Road has already been completed and it is hoped that the building will be opened by the autumn.

For the last two years Mrs. Phyllis Carroll, of Addingham, has researched the background of Mr. James (Jimmy) Clarke and his sister, Sarah (Sally) Foley. In a typewritten booklet of which few copies have been produced Mrs. Carroll has traced the history of the two benefactors, who were living in the village some time before and during the initial stages of the First World War.

Born at Low Mill

Sarah (Sally) Clarke was born at Low Mill in 1883. She became Mrs. Sarah Foley but was childless. Her father, Martin, was described as a farm labourer, and her mother, Bridget, signed Sarah's birth certificate with a cross. Sarah was known as Sally and died in New York in 1972. In her younger days she was a nurse at Scalebor Park and Menston but later she joined her sister in America and married a New York attorney. In later years her brother, James, felt she needed care and supervision and she took up residence with the Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm, who owned and operated the Maddona residence in Brooklyn, New York.

James Clarke, known as Jimmy to his friends, was the youngest of the Clarke family. He was born in Addingham but in his boyhood often used to walk from the village to the Catholic School at Ilkley.

He travelled to the United States in 1915 after the First World War had broken out and had a harrowing trip in the Cunard liner, which was full of refugees. He had little money and it is understood in his first years there he sold firewood and later worked on the farm run by his brother-in-law and sister Anna.

Property Owners

Mr. James Clarke did a number of things for a living. He once worked for the Western Union Telegraph as a driver and had other jobs up to the depression in the mid-1920s. After the depression Mr. Clarke came into possession of a parcel of property in New York and ended up with six multi-family dwellings on East 98th Street in New York, which he and his sisters renovated and put into habitable condition. Mr. Clark did the plumbing and repair work and the girls did the cleaning, painting, etc. after the apartments had been vacated.

The area in which the buildings were situated was not in such a nice area of New York and the whole family was happy when the area was condemned and new apartments were put up in a slum clearance project. The new area is now known as Manhattan Town and considered a very beautiful area. They pulled down all the old buildings owned by the Clarke family and they got a fine reward for their condemnation. They put their money in the stock market and decided to retire. Most of the £250,000 bequest came from the money made out of those properties.

Mr. Clarke must have felt very sad having survived all his sisters and his thoughts in his last years turned to his native Wharfedale and in the years before his death from his New York apartment he paid occasional visits to the Addingham and Ilkley area, especially Middleton Lodge.

Further Bequest

On top of the £250,000 bequest a sum of £45,000 was bequeathed to the elderly of Addingham and a further £5,000 for the Memorial Hall at Addingham.

A planning application for the extension to Addingham Catholic Church in Bolton Road has been made to Bradford Metropolitan Council. However, the passing of this has been delayed in relation to the controversy over the Addingham by-pass. If this is successful, Catholicism in Addingham will be indebted to the generosity of Mr. James Clarke and his sister, Mrs. Sarah (Sally) Foley.

BIGGER OPEN AIR MARKET FOR ILKLEY UNDER COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

A bigger open air market for Ilkley on the town's central car park is under consideration. Parish Councillors are asking to see the Ilkley Town Centre Plan before reaching a decision.

Some Councillors feel the present size of the market could be increased from two stalls to at least ten and say it is not necessary to have as many as forty stalls to make it commercially viable.

Investigations about the history of a market at Ilkley have been carried out by Cr. C. D. Poole who said a Market Charter had been issued to the Lord of the Manor in the early part of the thirteenth century and had been passed to the various Local Boards, to Ilkley Urban District Council and finally to Bradford Metropolitan Council. The Charter covered the provisions for licensing stalls for the market which was restricted to Tuesdays and Saturdays, he said.

As far as he knew there had never been any objection to a market from the County Planning Authority who had a say in the matter, said Cr. Poole. At the moment Bradford Metropolitan Council had no objections, in principle, to an enlargement of the Ilkley market. However, they looked upon it as a commercial venture, and did not feel it would be commercially viable unless there were forty stalls, in view of the work involved in administering the market, setting up and taking down stalls, and clearing rubbish, etc.

Cr. Poole felt that forty was too many, but some six to eight additional stalls could be accommodated on the paved areas without impinging upon car parking spaces. He felt sure many traders would be willing to assume responsibility for erecting and dismantling stalls and clearing up afterwards. The stringent hygiene regulations were only applicable to food stalls. Cr. Poole thought the Council should press for an expansion of Ilkley's market of up to ten stalls.

Cr. Mrs. M. M. Renton thought the feeling of the Council had always been that it would welcome a bigger market.

If Bradford Metropolitan Council could manage to administer the two stalls at Ilkley then Cr. F. G. Lambert could not see why they should not manage up to ten.

Cr. Peter Williams (Menton) stressed the importance of ensuring that rubbish was adequately cleared away and disposed of. "This must be a top priority," he said.

Cr. S. Crossley-Smith reminded the Council that it was recommending the deferment of a plan for a Co-operative store and pointed out there was a shortage of car parking facilities. It should be made clear that they should not have any more market stalls on actual car parking space, he said.

Cr. C. H. Scaife moved that the Council take no action until it had had the chance of considering the Town Centre Plan. They should be looking at the town as a whole, said Cr. Scaife. There was little room for anyone else on that site, he said.

The Council should be looking more at the disused railway sidings in Springs Lane, said Cr. W. R. Hill.

If the plan for the development of a Co-operative store on that site was approved then there would be no room at all for a market, commented Cr. W. Forrest.

Note:

For many years the market was held on a site near the former Wheatsheaf Hotel which stood on land, now flower gardens, at the junction of Lower Brook Street and after that in the car park at the rear of the Star Inn.

Following the termination of the licence for stalls in the Star Yard a plea was made to the Council for an alternative site. Ultimately the two stallholders were sited on land in the central car park on a short term arrangement. Since then considerable interest has been expressed in the expansion of a market. It was reported to the former Urban District Council that under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 there would appear to be no restriction on expanding the market where no change of the market days would be involved. Editor.

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Boys Caught Playing Cards For Money On A Sunday

100 Years Ago

Eight Ilkley boys were tried by Major Middleton at Ilkley Police Station on a charge of playing cards for money on a Sunday in Middleton Park in 1880. They were fined 2s 5d each with 6s 4d costs.

Ilkley's canker well, famous for its medicinal values, was in a disgraceful state. It was said that in other resorts a spring of that kind would be zealously guarded and ornamented but in Ilkley an ordinary stone trough, half filled with broken pots and refuse, appeared to be good enough. A gentleman's offer to erect a fountain at his own expense was refused and the spring left in such a disgraceful condition that those with eye baths wanting enough water to bathe their eyes had difficulty in filling them.

There were a number of houses to let in Ilkley at an annual rent of £12 per year and upwards in many "good areas" of the town including Bridge Lane, Wells Promenade and Alexandra Terrace.

75 Years Ago

A well attended meeting of the Ilkley Cricket Club took the decision to join the Wharfedale and Airedale League in the following year. Mr. George Smith was in the chair and stressed the interest in the game when related to the Yorkshire Central League. Fixtures would be better and there should be a much improved attendance by spectators if they joined Wharfedale and Airedale League.

The fifteen brass band players engaged for the summer season of Ilkley started their engagements by playing at the Ilkley Grammar School Sports. Amongst the players was Mr. A. Darbyson, of Burley, a capable clarinet player, who formerly worked in Mr. W. G. Stansfield's cabinet shop along The Grove. The band was engaged to play in the bandstand and for special functions for a few weeks.

50 Years Ago

Councillors at the July meeting of Ilkley Urban District Council were disturbed to be told that the profits of the Electricity Department for the year totalled only £15. The people of Ilkley were expecting a promised reduction in price, and Mr. C. F. Pyett said they were owed an explanation. Mr. Fred Sugden said that rates had gone up for the undertaking, income tax had been high, and electricity had been high and electricity had installed in many new houses.

The first of a series of outdoor Sunday evening services arranged by the Leeds Road Congregational Church was held in the recreation ground, Leeds Road. Fine weather favoured the service and there was a congregation of about fifty people. The singing was accompanied by Mr. H. T. Clarkson, Mrs. C. Clifton and Miss Joyce Calvert on violins and Miss G. Martin at the harmonium.

25 Years Ago

The Yorkshire Newspaper Society held its annual meeting at Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley, when Mr. Ray Renwick, managing director of the Ilkley Gazette and other newspapers was elected President. Mr. and Mrs. Renwick entertained members and their ladies to lunch and Mr. Renwick explained his choice of venue. At Ilkley he had attended the Grammar School and had a newspaper in the town. He also wanted to encourage members of the society to enjoy the countryside.

Bushy's of Brook Street, held their annual sale and offered bargains in handbags from 7/6, jumpers at 17/6, roll-ons at 7/11, and coats from 24.

Friends and neighbours gave Mrs. Eliza Hall a wonderful 92nd birthday party at the home of Mrs. Lockwood, Grangefield Avenue, Burley, and presented her with a 91st birthday cake. She was described by her neighbours as a "wonderful"

ILKLEY TOWN CENTRE PROPOSALS OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS

A Town Centre Plan for Ilkley which according to Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Panel this week now no longer seems necessary with the abandonment of the Ilkley By-Pass was first prepared in draft form in 1970 by the then West Riding County Council.

The Panel says that with the abandonment of the by-pass proposals there remain few issues of vital importance to be resolved. It was not now felt by the Panel that the local plan was an appropriate vehicle for the reduction of those matters which could be more easily dealt with by the publication of a policy statement or statements for the guidance of development control.

A report by the Panel recommending that the town centre plan should be scrapped is to be considered by Ilkley Parish Council shortly.

First Suggestions

The plan which was first drawn up in 1970 recommended then:

Pedestrianisation of The Grove, Brook Street, Station Road and Leeds Road, Church Street and New Brook Street and rear access provision for properties on those streets.

Increased provision of off-street car parking space, by demolishing existing buildings and by surfacing an area west of Brook Street as far as Cunliffe Road.

Construction of a northern relief road from Stockeld Road along Castle Road to Leeds Road.

Construction of an eastern relief road from Cowpasture Lane east of the town centre to Castle Road via Golden Butts Road.

Removal of the railway station eastwards beyond the eastern relief road to a new bus/rail interchange.

Redevelopment of the existing station site for commercial use, police station, library and car parking.

Nine of these proposals have been implemented except the extension of the central car park to Cunliffe Road.

The proposals contained in the Draft Town Centre Map were adopted by the West Riding County Council and Ilkley Urban District Council in 1971 as a policy guide for development control.

After the reorganisation of Local Government, Bradford Metropolitan Council as Local Planning Authority instituted a re-appraisal of the proposals of the Draft Town Centre Map with a view to producing a new Draft Town Centre Plan and concluded that the 1971 Draft Town Centre Map was no longer suitable as a policy document because its proposals were considered too ambitious and inappropriate to the needs of Ilkley.

New Plan

In a Report on Recommended Policies and Proposals for Ilkley Town Centre put before the Planning Panel in November 1978, the basis for a new town centre plan was set out.

The main issues examined were traffic and transportation, shopping, housing, community services, employment and townscape and conservation. The report was deferred for further consideration by the relevant County Committee.

The major issues centred around the proposal for an Ilkley By-Pass and for relief road and ramifications for the town centre in terms of potential pedestrianisation policies. The District Council did not accept that traffic volumes on the A65 were at a level critical enough to justify a by-pass or relief road and the Department of Transport has now confirmed that belief by abandoning the proposals for a by-pass. A Draft Order formally abandoning the 1938 by-pass order line will be made and the County Council do not intend to pursue an alternative inner relief road.

CAR PARKING

If any part of the central car park is released for shopping development the loss of car parking spaces should be kept to a minimum. The public parking area adjacent to the railway station is required as a permanent facility. The bus depot will be required for operational purposes for the foreseeable future.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Passenger Transport Executive is considering concentrating all bus services at the railway station and improving park and ride facilities. Bus stops will still be required for picking up and setting down passengers in Brook Street.

SHOPPING

Surveys concluded that Ilkley could support a small amount of extra shopping floorspace equivalent to six single shop units and a small store or alternatively a small supermarket. Major development as proposed in the Draft Town Centre Map of 1971 (the site chosen would have amounted to 37,000 sq. ft.) would have led to over-shopping and decline in other shopping streets and would not be acceptable.

Two possible sites for a shopping development were identified as the grassed area between the south-eastern corner of the central car park and Brook Street, and the buildings adjacent to the bus depot. A planning application for a supermarket development adjoining the bus depot has not yet been determined.

Population

HOUSING

There are a number of back-land industrial activities in residential areas in central Ilkley and it is recommended that when opportunities arise these should be relocated and more appropriate uses to residential areas substituted. In general, infilling of large grounds, of older houses is

acceptable in principle as it strengthens the residential character of the town centre, but the character of generously wooded gardens should be maintained.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

A replacement site for All Saints First School on Skipton Road is in local authority ownership. The replacement school is one of the authority's priorities but can not be undertaken until replacement projects are included in the key sector major building programme by the Department of Education and Science. Pedestrian access from the Skipton Road site to the town centre could be provided by constructing the proposed footpath along the former railway line, the route of which has been protected from development.

INDUSTRY

The vacant area of former railway land to the east of the station is suggested as a site for light industry, but could equally well be considered as suitable for housing. The land is, however, the only land currently available within Ilkley which could be used for small industrial units, for which there is a continuing demand. Access would be a problem with either use.

COMMERCE

The conversion of existing buildings in the town centre to office use is only acceptable in principle if they are within an existing commercial area. Office development outside the town centre would not be acceptable in the residential area unless there is an over-riding need to retain a building for which no other use can be found.

Conservation

TOWNSCAPE

Various policies are suggested to conserve the existing character of Ilkley.

Views out of the town centre should be preserved by policies to limit the height of buildings to an unobtrusive level, and in wooded areas to remain below the tree tops. The roofspace view should be maintained by the use of pitched roofs and materials of unobtrusive colour. Infill sites should be treated in the same way and care taken to preserve the wooden garden character of the Edwardian villa areas.

The break in the shopping frontage on the west side of Brook Street could be filled by a suitable shopping development but a significant gap should be retained to create an attractive pedestrian access to the central car park.

The boundary of the Conservation Area should be amended to include the whole of the Crescent Hotel and the Hawksworth Street shopping arcade.

The character of existing commercial premises should be maintained wherever possible by the retention of the original frontages.

Any new development should reflect the scale and the predominantly stone and slate materials of the existing town centre buildings.

In any town centre development care should be taken to conserve or record the archaeological evidence with which the area abounds in particular the Roman interest around and to the south of the Conservation Area.

SHOCK FOR ILKLEY AS PANEL DISCUSSES FUTURE OF TOWN CENTRE PLAN

CALL FOR ACTION OVER TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Immediate action is being sought over two of Ilkley's town centre traffic problems.

Ilkley Road Safety Committee has asked that new parking arrangements in Railway Road and Trafalgar Road near Hillards Supermarket and improvements to the junction at Springs Lane, Cowpasture Road, Chantry Drive and Station Road should be taken out of the Traffic Management Scheme for Ilkley, which has yet to be implemented, and dealt with immediately.

It is hoped stricter parking restrictions near the supermarket will improve the movement of traffic in that area and at the road junction at the bottom of Cowpasture Road the Committee is asking that road islands be erected or new markings placed on the road.

The Committee is asking for immediate attention to be given to parking near the shopping precinct in Bolling Road at Ben Rhydding. The Committee is asking that the proposal to restrict parking to one side of the road only should be introduced without further delay.

With plans for an Ilkley by-pass having been abandoned, there were few issues of vitay importance, planning wise, to be resolved in the town, it was stated at a meeting of the Planning Panel at Bradford Metropolitan Council on Monday.

A report recommended that a town centre plan for possible redevelopment should be dropped, and that future policy could be dealt with under normal development control guidance.

A local councillor was critical of the report which he described as a wretched document but the panel agreed in principle with the report now going to Ilkley Parish Council for consideration.

Originally, the panel was told, a draft town centre plan was prepared in 1970 but after local government re-organisation it was scrapped as being too ambitious and inappropriate, and work went on to produce a new plan, but it is felt this is no longer needed.

The panel was told that any future development should take care to conserve or record the archaeological evidence in the area.

The report suggests various proposals to keep the existing character of Ilkley with views out of the town centre to be preserved by policies to limit the height of buildings to an unobtrusive level, and in wooded areas to remain below the tree-tops. It suggests the boundary of the conservation area should be amended to include the whole of the Crescent Hotel and the Hawksworth Street shopping arcade.

Cr. A. E. Turner complained that the report did not match up with what was required. He suggested it would be a let down to Ilkley residents who had been promised a new town centre plan and were waiting for it.

He said that apart from Haworth, Ilkley was probably the most historical spot in the Bradford Metropolitan district, and he felt a plan was needed to channel development, and investment to the town. The wretched document before the panel did the reverse.

A brief history of the Town Centre plan proposals for Ilkley since it was prepared by the former West Riding County Council in 1970 appears on Page 6.

Cr. Turner said the population was growing by about three per cent a year. It was getting bigger and more congested and so he thought it "daft" not to have a plan.

He said Ilkley was "a show-piece" and needed a better tourist office building than the one it had. There was no mention in the report of an indoor sports centre and the provision of a new library or a cinema.

Mr. Joe Steele, Bradford's chief planning officer, said the decision to have no town centre plan might have come as a shock but with the scrapping of the by-pass the amount of change foreseen in the centre had decreased.

Cr. Derek Smith said it was important to retain Ilkley's historic nature and atmosphere and the only way was by making as little change as possible. He thought Ilkley residents would be grateful no drastic proposals were being considered. Amenities such as libraries could always be added.

Cr. Mrs. Winifred Clavering said Ilkley had had two cinemas in the past but they had gone out of business and she was not sure another one was wanted. There seemed to be a difference of opinion within Ilkley about where a new library should be. She did not think Bradford could be blamed if Ilkley could not solve its own problems.

Cr. Turner, welcoming the decision to scrap the by-pass, said what was done to the railway land which stretched into the centre of the town could have a tremendous effect and the need was to concentrate on that. He welcomed, too, the extension of the conservation area.

The panel was told that the vacant railway land could be a site for light industry and was suitable for housing.

Cr. Harry Peacock, the chairman, said the decision not to have a town centre plan did not mean that development would come to a full stop. It was intended to keep things largely to the character and quality of Ilkley.

It was appreciated that Ilkley was important and a key to the development of the tourist industry in the area, he said.

13 JUNE 1980 PUT MODEL OF STORE ON PUBLIC VIEW

A call has been made for the model of the proposed Co-operative Departmental Store on land adjoining Ilkley's central car park to be placed on public view.

At present the model is in the Planning Office of Ilkley Town Hall but Ilkley Civic Society feels that the majority of Ilkley residents are unaware of its existence and think it should be placed in the library.

Parish Councillors and traders have resisted moves for another store in the centre of the town since the plans were first announced by the West Riding Co-operative Society in December last year. They have been supported by the Planning Division of Bradford Metropolitan Council which is recommending that the land in South Hawksworth Street should be reserved as an extension to the car park.

13 JUNE 1980 RIGHTS TO CARRY GUNS ON ILKLEY MOOR CLARIFIED

Clarification of the rights of persons to carry guns on Ilkley Moor has now been given by Bradford Metropolitan Council to members of Ilkley Parish Council.

The Parish Council made the enquiry after an incident in April when a dog was shot on Ilkley Moor. It was alleged the killing was vicious and unwarranted.

City Recreation Officer to the Metropolitan Council, Mr. H. O. Williams says after consultation with the City Solicitor the following would appear to be the situation.

Notwithstanding the rights of the public to use Ilkley Moor for air and exercise as common land, Bradford Metropolitan Council would probably be entitled, as owners of the land, to refuse permission for the carrying of guns on the moor. Authority for the use of guns is of course included in the licence for the shooting rights over the moor. This licence, has been granted for many years. It is an offence otherwise under the Ilkley Moor By-laws for a person to shoot or chase birds or animals on the moor. Owners of grazing rights on the moor are entitled to take reasonable measures to protect these rights and this would probably extend to the carrying of guns for the purpose of shooting dogs or other animals interfering with their own sheep.

The owner of livestock is, under certain circumstances, entitled to shoot a dog worrying his livestock for the purpose of protecting such livestock.

In most circumstances, the owner of a dog causing damage to livestock would be liable to the owner of the livestock for the damage caused.

Subject to certain exceptions, the owner of a dog commits an offence if the dog worries livestock on any agricultural land. Agricultural land includes grazing land and it is considered that this criminal offence would extend to cover Ilkley Moor, stated Mr. Williams.

ILKLEY TRADERS CRITICISE PARK FOR TRADE DISPLAY USE OF CENTRAL CAR

20 JUNE
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For the second time in just over a year criticism has been made of the use of Ilkley's central car park by trade exhibitions when the town's car parking facilities are already stretched to their full capacity.

Within hours of a display of Opel cars being set up this week complaints were received by Ilkley Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Tony Peel, President of the Chamber of Trade, said his attention had been drawn to the display in the central car park within a few hours of its being set up. Complaints came from car park patrons and the business sector of Ilkley.

Subsequent investigation showed that the display was taking up to nine parking spaces at a time when car parking facilities in Ilkley were already being stretched to their full extent and parking restrictions within the town were onward going, said Mr. Peel.

A spokesman for Bradford Metropolitan District Council had advised Mr. Peel that a substantial charge was being made for the area in question. It was also stressed that "no serious traffic problem exists in Ilkley" and that more money was to be made out of displays than from car parking charges, he said.

In view of criticism from local residents and the business sector, a representative of Bradford Metropolitan Council was to look at the parking problem caused by the display today (Friday).

It was, however, hoped that in the future consultation between Bradford Metropolitan Council and Ilkley Parish Council would take place where a decision affected the community, Mr. Peel concluded.

Ilkley Parish Councillor, W. R. Hill said he too had received a number of complaints from residents. He was amazed that Bradford should state that Ilkley had no serious traffic problem. Complaints had been made about street car parking because motorists were expected to use the car park. How could they do this when valuable facilities were being lost to trade displays? asked Hill.

Last March the Chamber of Trade criticised an exhibition staged from a caravan in the car park, organised by a business with no connections in the town.

Mr D. J. Copleston, then President of the Chamber said at that time that to allocate a prime position to a trade exhibition in that form was harmful to the town and was taking business away from local traders, who paid the higher rates applicable to Ilkley.

"It is felt that the agreement of Ilkley Chamber of Trade should be reached before Bradford Council allocates prime parking space in future," said Mr. Copleston.

He added that if exhibitions of this nature were allowed in the future this would drive away visitors who were essential to the traders of the town if they were to survive.

20 JUNE 1980 COUNCIL REQUEST FOR RE-SITING ILKLEY ABATTOIR

A request by Ilkley Parish Council for an investigation into the possibility of alternative accommodation being found for Ilkley abattoir has been referred to Bradford Metropolitan Council's Property Services Section of the City Solicitor's Office.

Last month the Parish Council expressed concern that a bull was able to escape while being unloaded at the abattoir. It galloped almost half a mile before eventually being shot by Police -marks men in the garden of a house in Valley Drive.

In April the Council was told that conditions at the abattoir, which were the subject of complaint in March, were to be brought up to standard by November this year.

On Monday several members of Ilkley Parish Council inspected the premises during a tour of the district which took them to the Parks Department's Ilkley Nursery and Fairfield Hall at Aaddingham.

The Housing and Environmental Health Department of Bradford Metropolitan Council has told the Parish Council that the premises used as the Ilkley abattoir, formerly operated as a local authority abattoir, were now leased to a wholesale butcher who operated them on a private basis.

The involvement of this Division is limited to the inspection of animals and meat to ensure fitness for human consumption and also the enforcement of Slaughterhouse Hygiene and Prevention of Cruelty Regulations. For this purpose the premises are visited daily.

"The recent incident in which a bull escaped when being unloaded was brought to my attention and whilst I appreciate the distress caused, to local residents on this occasion I am satisfied that the incident warranted no action by this Division. The question of public safety when an animal escapes is a matter for the police, who were involved on this occasion and I am assured everything possible was done to prevent injury to members of the public."

The officers concerned were to be asked to pay particular attention to any problems of odour or flies during the hot weather in an effort to minimise any cause for complaint.

ACROSS THE YEARS 20 JUNE 1980 BOARD HAD NO MONEY TO REPLACE DRAINS

100 Years Ago

Burley one hundred years ago was facing a problem with its sewerage scheme and the replacement of some drains was held up because the local Board had no money. The Local Government Board had issued instructions about the state of ventilation of sewers in the village. Experiments were made with the provision of two ventilating grates but these had not proved to be adequate and the Local Board tried to improve on this by means of gullies. During thunderstorms cottages in Sun Lane were flooded and the water backed out of the sewers proving very disagreeable.

Grazing heifers sold for £8 to £12 at a livestock sale at Otley market. Beef made 10s 6d. per stone and calves 8½d per lb.

The Vicar of Ilkley entertained members of his choir to tea and "conversazione" and formally introduced the new organist, Mr. C. Shuttleworth to the choir.

Officer of Health and Nurse Alice Broughton, nurse at the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Rotary Club's offer to provide a public centre at the bottom of Mill Ghyll was reconsidered and accepted by Ilkley Urban District Council. The fountain was to be redesigned, surrounded by a garden, a dwarf stone wall and seats.

Mr. Ivan H. Sharpe was invested with the President's chain of office at the weekly luncheon of Ilkley Rotary Club, with Mr W. Gledhill as senior vice-president and Rev. A. Edgar as junior vice-president.

Scalebar Park Hospital advertised for farm workers, at a basic weekly wage of £76s. 6d. for a 48 hour week.

75 Years Ago

Official sanction was read at the July meeting of Ilkley Urban District Council for the borrowing of £10,000 for the erection of public offices and an assembly hall at Ilkley. Many people in the town, obviously considered that the time for this building to start was inopportune, but the Clerk was empowered to start the work. The scheme would give Ilkley a free library, public offices, and a large hall suitable for all kinds of gatherings, which it was felt would attract well-known theatrical companies and first class concerts.

Cr. J. Dinsdale bought the whole of the military bandmen straw hats for use at morning and afternoon performances, to give them a better and more uniform appearance. The regular evening headgear for the bandmen was "chimney pots", which it was said ill-became some of the wearers and were far from comfortable.

50 Years Ago

The highest hopes of the promoters of the soaring flight demonstrations with gliders were realised by the remarkable displays from Beamsley Beacon. They provided thrills for the thousands of spectators who climbed the Beacon and for thousands more who watched from the valley below. The two pilots were German, Herr Robert Kronfeld, and Herr Magersuppe, who described Beamsley Beacon as an ideal spot for gliding, and soaring, and thought that it might even be possible to reach Scotland from there.

"Baby Day" celebrations in Ilkley were held at the Winter Gardens. Dr. T. N. V. Pott, County Medical Officer of Health was the principal speaker, who paid tribute to the work done locally by Dr. H. T. Bates, Ilkley Medical

20 JUNE 1980 CRS. RAPPED OVER POOR ATTENDANCES

Ilkley Parish Councillors have been asked by their new Chairman, Cr. Kenneth G. Johnson (Burley) to consider their responsibilities over the question of attendance at meetings.

"There are those who have not managed to attend more than fifty to sixty per cent of meetings over the past year and the council chamber has looked somewhat bare at times. This was particularly so at the Annual Council Meeting and I would appeal to them to put Parish Council meetings on a higher level of personal priority," said Cr. Johnson.

Making this statement at his first meeting as Chairman since taking office Cr. Johnson said "it is my belief that meetings should be conducted with a degree of firmness and brevity, while allowing for full discussion and expression of view points.

"I would ask the co-operation of all Councillors when speaking that they keep to the matter under discussion and make their points as briefly as possible," said Cr. Johnson.

He went on to say that he would encourage all Councillors who wished to speak to do so and to make way for those members who were less frequent contributors.

MORE HELP ON THE WAY FOR ILKLEY'S NEW DAY CENTRE HIT BY INFLATION

Local organisations are responding to an appeal to meet deficiencies envisaged in the nearly £200,000 new Ilkley Day Centre for the Elderly due to open in November.

High inflation has taken its toll and rather than exceed the contract figure the Trustees have decided to delete entirely the finishing of certain parts of the interior and exterior.

The Soroptimist Club, the Senior Citizens Club and Ilkley Round Table have said they will help with the finishing touches and it is hoped other organisations will give their support.

Money for the project was left when James Clarke and his sister Sarah Foley bequeathed £250,000 for the benefit of the elderly in the Ilkley district. They were brought up in Addingham but left the village some 65 years ago to make their fortune in America.

Four years later with the new building now rising in Cunliffe Road the Chairman of the Trustees, Mr. Frank W. Harms in his annual report said the structure was of "pleasing proportions and on completion will be something of which we will be proud."

At the temporary accommodation at Hawksworth House activities continued happily and satisfactorily under the direction of the Management Committee. A step forward has been achieved with lunches being served on three days each week. He congratulated the committee on the efficient way in which they had carried out their tasks.

Turning to finances Mr. Harms said of the £250,000 a sum of £70,000 had been invested on a long term basis and would provide an income of £9,479 per annum, to be used for the maintenance and running of the Centre. Part of this money was being used to provide the running expenses at Hawksworth House.

Cutting Costs

"The sum of £180,000 was left to erect the building but unfortunately all the planning took place during a period of high inflation, with the result that the cost of the building as originally intended was in excess of the money available with which to pay," said Mr. Harms.

"The Trustees took the decision to maintain the main structure of the building in its original form but to delete entirely the finishing of certain parts of the interior and exterior. They realised that this would necessitate raising funds to complete the building from local efforts but they were confident that this support would be forthcoming. Internally a considerable reduction was obtained by excluding from the contract the sliding partition dividing the dining room from the games room in the main concert hall. Externally the final surfacing of the car park at the rear of the building and the provision for a garage for the Good Neighbours mini bus which we regularly used is not provided for in the contract," said Mr. Harms.

"Funds will have to be raised to complete this work as soon as possible. Nevertheless, since the dividing wall in the concert hall is essential to the whole concept of the project, the Trustees have now given instructions to provide this item," he added.

IN SEARCH OF OIL IN ILKLEY AREA

Prospecting for oil in the Ilkley and Addingham areas has been given Government approval.

The areas are included in one of eighteen onshore petroleum exploration licences awarded to five companies. Areas in other parts of Yorkshire and in Derbyshire and Lincolnshire will be the subject of prospecting and geological surveys which will include drilling to obtain information on possible fields.

Five new licences have been awarded to RTZ to prospect in a total of 2,146 acres in Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire.

The areas take in part of Nidderdale and Wharfedale including Pateley Bridge, Skipton and Keighley. Amoco UK Petroleum Ltd. will have three licences for more than 1,300 acres, including the western parts of West Yorkshire.

Mr. David Howell, the Energy Secretary, announcing the areas on Tuesday said the companies would not yet be given permission to start producing gas or oil.

Onshore exploration has taken place for more than sixty years but has been given a boost by rising oil prices which means previously uneconomic finds may now be worth tapping.

If these showed the presence of oil, the companies would have to go back to the Government for permission to start production.

Local Help

He was delighted to report that their appeal for assistance in putting the finishing touches to the building had met so far with a splendid response.

"The Soroptimists have undertaken to complete and furnish the larger of two rooms on the first floor with the result that this will be known as the Soroptimist Room. The Senior Citizens Club have provided funds to complete an important reception counter in the coffee lounge. Ilkley Round Table is providing and installing projection and public address equipment. We hope that other organisations will give similar assistance on these lines," said Mr. Harms. He was confident that the finished project would be a joy to behold and a credit to the town.

Mr. Harms went on to thank everyone for the hard work and constant support given by so many people and organisations. The whole venture was forging ahead successfully, entirely as a result of voluntary effort and assistance and he said not one penny of the money for the project had been spent on wages for employed staff. "This I think is a measure of the voluntary effort which is bringing this venture to maturity and which is giving it such a good start," he said.

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TRADING IN ILKLEY 100 YEARS AGO

Some Ilkley traders offering their skills and merchandise to the district in 1880 can be traced through the pages of the "Ilkley Gazette" of that time.

Waggonettes, buses, cabs, dog carts, and other conveyances were available at the Rose and Crown Inn where tickets to fish in the River Wharfe were on sale at 2s. 6d. each. Open and closed carriages were for hire at the Cradglands Hotel and from the Middleton Hotel livery stables.

Mr. William Dobson, hay and straw dealer of the Station Hotel, who had served the town for the previous twenty years begged to announce that he was offering the best meadow hay at 8d. per stone.

All kinds of pictures were cleaned, mounted, restored, and framed or re-glided at Wilde's photographic and fancy repository in Wells Road. Robert Brogden, a coach builder of Leeds Road, offered prompt attention to repairs.

Clough and Emmott, monumental masons and general contractors had their works in Cunliffe Road and Hawksworth Street and one of Ilkley's family grocers was R. D. Robinson, of Skipton Road.

Wines and spirits of the finest quality were offered by Mr. H. Dobson, of the Royal Hotel, Wells Road. (Wells Court flats now stand on the site).

For boots and shoes, there was Mr. J. W. Hebblethwaite, of Weston House, Leeds Road. One hundred years ago he announced he had the largest and best assortment of ladies and gents elastic button, and lace boots he had ever shown in Ilkley.

Turkish Baths were available at Ilkley Wells House (now Ilkley College), and asking "What is Wealth with Health" Bragg's offered their charcoal biscuits. Richard Readshaw of 2 Wellington Road, Ilkley advertised as a tailor and carpet maker and Pate and Dickinson of Cowpasture Road were masons and joiners.

75 Years Ago

Ilkley was feeling in a carnival spirit in 1905 as planners put forward ideas for a Charity Carnival for the benefit of the Coronation Hospital.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Sidney Kellett had this to say about Ilkley's hospital. It was the only institution in the district erected for the benefit of Ilkley people alone. The hospital had been opened free of debt and judging from the number of patients admitted since it was opened it was evidently an institution greatly needed in the district. Even in the best houses there was not always the accommodation and appliances necessary for operation and to move people to Leeds or Bradford was not only inconvenient but sometimes attended with great danger.

Senior members of Ilkley Parish Church choir in 1905 went to Bowness for their annual outing. The party left Ilkley at 5.10 a.m. and arrived at Lakeside station at 9.10 a.m. where a "capital" breakfast was in readiness.

Prices at Otley Provision Market listed eggs 12 and 13 for 1s., butter 1s. 2d. per roll of 24oz; jugs of cream 6d. each; cream cheese, 6d. each; beef 6d. to 9d. per lb; mutton 5d. to 10d per lb; pork 7d. to 8d. per lb; ducklings 3s to 4s each; potatoes 8d. per stone; pineapple 5s to 6s each and green mint 1d. per bunch.

Ilkley Education Committee

County Education Authority about a Secondary School for Wharfedale. Delegates were invited to a conference about the proposal, and the Ilkley Committee's Chairman, Mr. J. C. Naylor and Mr. Walls were appointed representatives from Ilkley and Burley.

50 Years Ago

Unemployment figures for the Ilkley area in 1930 showed that 44 men, 2 boys and 17 women were registered. At Addingham there were 37 men, 7 women and 2 boys unemployed.

Ben Rhydding Golf Hotel and its grounds made a fitting setting for the assembly of the West Yorkshire Provincial Priory of the Knights Templar when the touch of colour and romance of medieval days which the Knights Templar introduced blended well with the architectural lines of the hotel.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 ramblers from all over the West Riding gathered for a rally on Ilkley Moor near the Cow and Calf Rocks in 1930. They were celebrating the formation of the West Riding Ramblers' Federation. Speeches and community singing were broadcast to the rambler. They made their demonstration a most rousing affair. They sang old time marching songs, and their speakers dwelt on the joys of the open road and its health giving qualities.

The first of a series of outdoor Sunday evening services arranged by the Leeds Road Congregational Church was held in the Leeds Road Recreation grounds. About fifty children and adults attended and their singing was accompanied by Mr. H. T. Clarkson. Mrs. C. Clifton and Miss Joyce Calvert on violins and Miss G. Martin was at the harmonium. A short address was given by Mrs. Ibbetson and Mr. J. A. Barringer read two passages from the Scriptures.

25 Years Ago

Objection to a Compulsory Purchase Order by Skipton Rural District Council in respect of between three and four acres of land in Bolton Road, Addingham, were heard at a public inquiry in 1955. Objectors included the Addingham Association Football Club whose playing area formed part of the land occupant, of property in Bark Lane and Wm. Brear and Sons owners of the sawmill. The land was wanted for housing and later became the site for the Aynholme Estate.

In June 1955, Ilkley was looking at its water supply and Councillors heard from their Waterworks Department that there was ninety days supply of water left. It was stated that the condition of the reservoirs and water would need careful watching and the next thirty days would enable them to form a final opinion regarding any restrictions to be imposed.

Fine and sunny weather favoured Addingham Parish Church choir on their annual trip in 1955 to New Brighton. They were accompanied by the Rector, the Rev. L. P. Clare, the Rector's warden, Mr. J. Petty, the organist, Mr. E. Pearson and parents of the younger children.

PLANNING TEAM TO INSPECT CONTROVERSIAL ILKLEY SITE WANTED FOR CO-OP STORE

Councillors and officials of Bradford Metropolitan District Council are due in Ilkley on Monday to inspect the site on which the West Yorkshire Co-operative Society want to build a departmental store.

Since the plan was first announced last December there has been mounting opposition to the proposals and a case put forward that the site, alongside the town's central car park, should be developed to provide additional car parking space.

Ilkley Chamber of Trade, Parish Councillors and residents who have campaigned against the proposals for another large store in the town were supported by Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee at its meeting last week.

At the beginning of May the Planning Division of the Metropolitan Council was supporting local feeling and was recommending to the Development Services Committee that the land in South Hawksworth Street should be reserved as an extension to an already overcrowded car park.

The Metropolitan Council were unable to reach a decision before the May elections and since the shift of power to Labour the newly constituted Planning Panel has decided to take another look at the controversial plan.

At the Plans Committee meeting of Ilkley Parish Council last week Ilkley's case for an extension to the car park was again put to planning officials. In the discussion which lasted for almost an hour Councillors spoke of the traffic problems which would arise if a store was built there.

Ilkley Road Safety Committee at its monthly meeting agreed to press for a car park extension and to tell Bradford Metropolitan Council that road safety hazards would be created by the building of a store on that land.

Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council's Plans Committee, Cr. S. Crossley-Smith told members of the Council's General Purposes Committee on Monday night that the inspection of the site by councillors and officials of the Metropolitan Council was scheduled for about 10.15 a.m. on Monday.

Any member of the public who wish to make representations before the plan was discussed again should now do so either in writing or by visiting the car park on Monday morning, he said. So far there had been very few individual representations regarding the plan which was an important matter affecting the centre of Ilkley, said Cr. Crossley-Smith.

Chairman to the Council, Cr. Kenneth G. Johnson said anyone arriving at the car park wanting to discuss the matter might be kept away at arm's length.

They might be kept away at arm's length, said Cr. Crossley-Smith but they could be present.

Chairman of the Parish Council's General Purposes Committee, Cr. W. R. Hill said individuals or groups who wished to make known their views had only one week left to write letters or contact Parish Councillors on this controversial subject.

Clerk to the Council, Mrs. P. M. Fisher told Councillors that members of the Planning Panel visiting Ilkley on Monday had agreed to meet mem-

bers of the Parish Council in the Council Chamber at 11 a.m. after the site had been visited.

Cr. Hill suggested that the Parish Council should ask the Planning Panel to return to Ilkley on the following Saturday to see the overcrowding of the car park at weekends.

The land in question is at present occupied by Hawksworth House, now in use as a temporary Day Centre for the Elderly, an Ilkley firm of motor cycle dealers and premises formerly occupied by a firm of plumbers.

When the plan for a store was announced in December the Chief Executive Officer to the West Yorkshire Co-operative Society said Ilkley could only benefit from such a development. He emphasised this would be a "departmental store" and not a "supermarket".

He said the store would provide thirty to forty jobs and he thought the development would complement the recent Grove Promenade development.

"This type of development is certainly not new to the society as there are similar stores in Bradford, Brighouse and Keighley.

"They are the focal point of the area and Ilkley needs a comprehensive departmental store which is what development is all about.

"Ilkley is a developing town and needs to be more attractive to shoppers in order to stop the drift to Leeds. In fact, we want more people coming into the town as this will be to the benefit of all traders," he said.

The development would blend in with other stores in the town and its architectural appearance would be a pleasing feature. The Society was currently involved in a similar project at Skipton but not on such a large scale, he said.

TRAFFIC PLAN FOR ILKLEY NOW "URGENT"

A traffic management scheme for Ilkley "is going ahead as a matter of urgency" members of Ilkley Road Safety have been told.

The committee had earlier asked for immediate action over two of the town centre traffic problems outside Hillards Supermarket and at the bottom of Cowpasture Road. New parking arrangements in Railway Road and Trafalgar Road near the supermarket and improvements to the junction of Springs Lane, Cowpasture Road, Chantry Drive and Station Road should be taken out of the traffic management scheme and dealt with immediately, said the committee.

In view of the speed at which the scheme was to be implemented it was not felt that the two items should be dealt with now and isolated from the plan for the future control of traffic in the town.

COUNCIL'S BID FOR MORE POWER

In its bid for more power over local government Ilkley Parish Council has been told by the National Association of Local Councils there was nothing to prevent Bradford Metropolitan Council from doing what the Parish Council asked.

Secretary to the Association, Mr. John Clark has told the Council that the Association's view has always been that local Government functions, particularly where different authorities have concurrent powers, should be carried out by the Council which can carry them out efficiently and at least cost.

"As parish council administrative overheads are in the main lower than those of district councils and they can also rely on help and assistance from local enthusiasts and voluntary bodies the public normally gets more value for a given expenditure on essentially community functions if a parish council undertakes them. The reverse applies in the case of major functions which can be better undertaken by the district council because of economies of scale," stated Mr. Clark.

"The position at the moment is that in many districts there is double rating because the district council charges the cost of the concurrent services it provides over the whole district even though in some parishes those services are actually being provided by the parish council," stated Mr. Clark.

The former leader of Bradford Metropolitan Council had been right when he said there was no legal obligation on the District Council to make a financial differential between those parishes where it carried out concurrent functions and those where those functions were undertaken by parish councils, he said.

"However, there is nothing to prevent the city council from doing what the parish council asks, or from negotiating some other financial arrangements under the 1972 Local Government Act," stated Mr. Clark.

COMPLAINING OVER COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS ON CAR PARK

Complaints over the letting of space on Ilkley's central car park for the display of foreign cars last month are to be discussed between members of Ilkley Parish Council and Bradford Metropolitan Council.

For the second time in just over a year criticism was made of the use of the car park for a trade exhibition when the town's car parking facilities were already stretched to their full capacity.

At the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Parish Council on Monday night Cr. Peter A. Williams said he had been shocked that as a councillor he had to read the "Ilkley Gazette" to find out what was going on in the town. This had been another matter which had not been brought to the Council's attention he said.

Surely Ilkley Parish Council should be one of the first to be approached on such a matter said Cr. Williams.

"How can we as Parish Councillors be expected to do a good job when we have to

get the 'Gazette' to find out what is going on?" asked Cr. Williams.

Cr. C. H. Scaife said Bradford Metropolitan Council, which had been responsible for the letting, should be told that the Parish Council regretted the use of the car park for that purpose when the town was extremely short of car parking space.

Cr. Mrs. Renton said the car park was also being used for other purposes such as car washing for charity.

The car park should not be used for other purposes and people should be discouraged from using it for such events, said Cr. Scaife.

Cr. Williams, speaking as a member of Ilkley Road Safety Committee, said a display of the kind at Ilkley attracted people and children to an area where there was a movement

of between 400 and 500 cars.

Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Cr. W. R. Hill said the Panel responsible for giving permission for such an exhibition had made no attempt to find out the views of the Parish Council or anyone else. The Chairman of the Panel and officials had invited members of the Parish Council to a meeting at Bradford to discuss the use of the car park for commercial use, said Cr. Hill.

Some councillors suggested that land fronting Brook Street could be used to serve as an area for mobile exhibitions.

The Committee agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the General Purposes Committee and the Chairman of the Council should be present at the meeting later this month.

SPECULATIVE FEVER HITS ILKLEY

100 Years Ago

Ilkley in 1880 was said to be passing through a transitional period and it was considered by some that some enterprises had gone too far ahead.

There was a kind of speculative fever, shared by many other places, passing through a transitional period, but in Ilkley's case it was accompanied with the awkward circumstances that its progress was materially influenced by the advent of 'bad times.'

By the opening up of the Middleton estate, a resident population of the most substantial character had been attracted to the place. It had been stated that it would be the interest of all who were concerned in its future welfare that this inflowing should continue in as much as every villa planted upon its hill-sides would not only add picturesque interest but give assurance of stability for the future.

In the west encroachments were being made upon Hollin Hall Wood and Briery Wood, for the purpose of bringing villa sites on to the market.

Work started on the erection of a new schoolroom for the Ilkley Congregational Church. The following tenders were accepted: Mr. W. Flows, Ilkley, masonry; Mr. W. Hartley, Ilkley, joinery; Messrs Walton and Brear Bradford, plumbing and gas fitting; Messrs Hill and Nelson, Ilkley, slaters; Mr. O. Lister, Ilkley, plastering; Mr. J. Gordon, Ilkley, painting.

75 Years Ago

Ilkley Cricket Club decided to join the Wharfedale and Airedale League in 1905.

Mr. F. Hall making the proposal said that for the last four seasons nothing but ordinary inter-club matches had been played and these had not been successful. The 'gates' had declined to something on many occasions very nearly approaching vanishing point and this being so he thought the time had arrived for trying another chance.

Ilkley and District Council Military Band of fifteen players made their first public appearance for the 1905 season by attending Ilkley Grammar School sports and later in the day occupying the bandstand.

The band consisted of two cornets (including Mr. Bellamy, the conductor), six clarionets, flute and piccolo, two tenor horns, trombone, euphonium, E flat bass and string bass and drums.

Members of St. Margaret's Church Choir, Ilkley, chose Scarborough for their annual excursion. The party was accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. Irton Smith, the People's Warden, Mr. C. F. Milnes and the organist, Mr. A. T. Akeroyd.

The Catholic Choir and church workers for their outing went to Blackpool. They were accompanied by Father Gall.

50 Years Ago

In the first round of the evening League Cricket Competition, British Legion easily beat Cast-offs. Each team battled one hour and the British Legion scored 188 for three with a whirlwind 78 from A. Thorne. The Cast-offs made a good start with 53 from Tommy Kilmartin but were unable to reach their opponents score finishing at 149 for seven.

Ilkley Rugby Club in 1930 reported there had been great improvement in the side's standard of play and Mr. H. Foulds, the treasurer, thought they could look to a bright future. The first team won 17 of their matches, losing 15 and drawing four. They scored 287 points to 291.

Mr. J. L. Barvitt, science master at Ilkley Grammar School for eight years, was appointed Headmaster of Bridgnorth Grammar School, Shropshire.

A gilding club led by a large proportion of Ilkley Rugby Club was formed in 1930 with forty members at the outset.

The newly formed Addingham Scout Group held their first church parade at Addingham Parish Church.

25 Years Ago

In 1955 Ilkley boasted two cinemas. During the first week of July 'The End of the Affair' starring Deborah Kerr, Van Johnson and John Mills could be seen at the Esscico cinema and 'Raising a Riot' with Kenneth Moore could be seen at The Grove cinema.

A Daimler 'Conquest' car with its dignity, dash and comfort" was advertised at £1,511 whilst a Vauxhall Wyvern saloon could be purchased at just over £700.

An unexploded bomb found at Addingham in 1955 was identified as a harmless smoke bomb on examination by the Police.

A decision by the Royal Automobile Club not to replace the telephone box sited for some years at the junction of the Bradford and Otley Roads at Burley-in-Wharfedale resulted in Ilkley Council asking for the box to be retained because it served a useful purpose.

Mr. Douglas J. D. Woodhall, Surveyor and Water Engineer to Kirkburton Urban District Council, near Huddersfield, was appointed as Surveyor and Engineer to Ilkley Urban District Council.

During the year 1954-55 a total of £221,399 was saved by residents in the Ilkley District in the various forms of National Savings. It was stated at the annual meeting of the Ilkley Local Savings Committee. The total represented an increase on the previous year's savings of £25,435.

11 JULY 1980

DECISION ON STORE PLAN NEXT WEEK

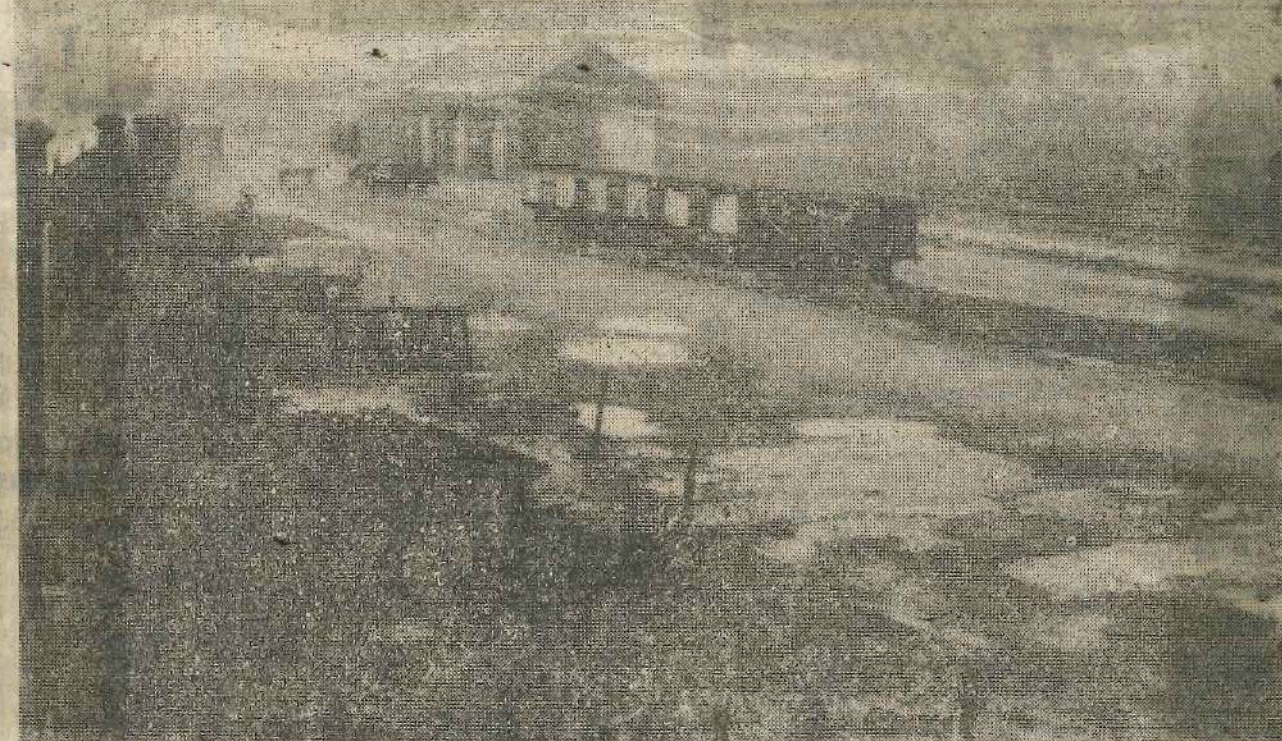
A decision on the controversial planning application for a Co-operative departmental store on land adjoining Ilkley's central car park is expected next week.

Councillors and officials of Bradford Metropolitan District Council planning division visited the site on Monday and afterwards met representatives of Ilkley Parish Council, Ilkley Chamber of Trade, residents and Ilkley Parish Council have campaigned against the proposals since they were first announced last December. Ilkley Councillors think the land should be developed to provide additional parking space.

At the Parish Council's monthly meeting night the Chairman Cr. Kenneth G. Johnson said "we are now in the laps of the Gods." There had not been as much traffic as might have been expected to back up the Council's case, said Cr. Johnson. There was still time for people to make representations if they wished, he said.

ILKLEY RAILWAY GOODS YARD IN THE 1960's

11 July 1980



Land which has remained derelict in the town centre of Ilkley since the railway goods yard closed down in the mid 1960's is to be offered for sale, Ilkley Parish Council was told at its meeting on Monday night.

This picture taken just before the closure of the yard looking towards the station shows a number of mineral railway wagons in the sidings which brought coal to Ilkley from the mining areas. The goods yard building in the background was demolished some years after the yard was closed.

FORMER RAILWAY GOODS YARD TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL TOLD

BRITISH RAIL has decided to sell off waste land in Ilkley's town centre which formerly accommodated the railway goods yard.

Over the years since it became disused in the mid 1960's several ideas have been put forward for the redevelopment of the site including a transport interchange and bus garage.

Representatives of British Rail and the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive are to meet Ilkley Parish Councillors at their monthly meeting in September when they will present details for the disposal of the site.

Divisional Manager for British Rail has told the Parish Council's Clerk, Mrs. P. M. Fisher that as far as the railway station building itself was concerned work was progressing on the conversion of part of it to a restaurant. She understood the Passenger Transport Executive wished to have all their buses running from the forecourt of the railway station.

It was in February that the Parish Council asked British Rail about the future development of the station site including the coal drops at the top of Welling Road.

Following an exhibition by Ilkley Civic Society, which included a scheme for the station site at Ilkley Trades Fair last year, the local Area Manager of British Rail was reported as saying that a large part of Ilkley Station would be thrown open to the townspeople for any use they felt fit.

During discussion on the Town Centre Plan on Monday Cr. Peter A. Williams said he would prefer to see Ilkley's present bus depot in Cunkiffe Road closed down and a new one incorporated in a development on the former railway goods yard. He thought there should be a plan to bring the bus and rail services together and commenting on the future development of the old goods yard he said a four storey building would not affect the skyline. Cr. Williams said he would not like to see any new shopping space provided at the expense of existing shopkeepers, who had served the town well, having to close.

Cr. J. M. Shelton said in the days of the former Ilkley Urban District Council the idea of a bus-rail interchange on that site had always been included in any plans for the future redevelopment of the land.

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ELEVEN ILKLEY HOUSES SOLD FOR £1,040

100 Years Ago

Eleven houses in Chapel Lane, Ilkley, were sold in 1880 for £1,040.

The Governors of Ilkley's new Grammar School in 1880 were "sorely disappointed" over the way in which the Charity Commissioners in London had met their requests to be allowed to purchase a site and begin the erection of schools.

There had been some delay but when the Charity Commissioners did reply they stated that they gave their sanction to the purchase upon advantageous terms, from the Governors of Sedburgh School, of the whole of the five acres which had been offered to them.

The total rainfall for the month of June, 1880 at Ilkley, 267 feet above sea level, was 3.570 ins; and on Ilkley Moor, 1,320 feet above sea level the total was 4.174 ins.

Ilkley Local Board unanimously appointed Mr. Jonathan Hainsworth to the office of nuisance inspector at a salary of £255 per annum.

75 Years Ago

In preparation for the August Bank Holiday charity performance in 1905 Cr. J. Dinsdale bought the whole of the military bandmen straw hats with black bands for use at the morning and afternoon performances. In previous performances almost any kind of headgear had been permissible, but straw hats would give the band a more uniform and better appearance. They might with advantage take the place of the "chimney pots" which were worn at the evening performance, and which, all styles and shapes, all became some of their wearers and must be anything but comfortable.

The tiling of the new Star Hotel which was taking place in 1905 was an indication that this improvement was at least nearing completion. The new hotel would probably be finished and occupied before the old Wharfedale and Star Inns came down, as the Brewery Company would not be likely to sacrifice one of the licences or interfere with the business of either house before they were forced but a start had been made with the demolition of the cottage adjoining so those public houses alone stood in the way of the junction of the old and new Brook Street and a full view of the other side of the river.

50 Years Ago

In July 1930 Mr. J. Watson called the attention of Addingham Parish Council to the grave danger on the Addingham roads, and the

of Main Street. The county council, he said, were spending money everywhere else but constantly put off doing anything at Addingham.

Mr. D. McCarthy said they admitted the fact that it is necessary to do something, and had spent money surveying and taking levels, but had got no further.

Mr. F. Breat was surprised the county had taken no action when they considered the number of accidents which took place in the village.

The council agreed it was high time some action was taken, especially in view of the ever increasing traffic passing through the narrow street, and it was unanimously decided to write to the county authority pointing out the urgency of the need.

In the two months since an Ilkley Gliding Club had been suggested, three meetings had been held, a brilliantly successful display of soaring flight by two experts had been arranged, a glider had been bought and a competition trophy donated it was reported.

Mr. S. Goodfellow, the Chairman, said as soon as the glider was delivered everything was ready for Ilkley to become the first gliding club in the north of England "in the air".

"In such competent hands the new sport is likely to develop locally in a most progressive manner," said the 'Ilkley Gazette'.

25 Years Ago

In July 1955 Ilkley Council appointed a sub-committee to consider the revival of an open market on land behind the Wheatshaf Hotel (now flower gardens by the Brook Street traffic lights).

This was decided after receiving a resolution from the Health Committee which accepted responsibility for any scavenging duties required but indicated that owing to shortage of labour it would not be possible to undertake the erection and dismantling of market stalls.

A report by the Treasurer said there was an agreement with Bentley's Yorkshire Brewery for the use of the site, but the war had restricted its use and it had fallen into disuse. It would appear, however, that as a condition of renting the land the Council was expected to provide a market. A privately operated market consisting mainly of fish, fruit and vegetable stalls was held on Tuesdays and Saturdays on a plot of land in New Brook Street and appeared to be well patronised.

Excess expenditure of £2,730.14s.11d. on 24 houses being built for Ilkley Council at Burley was approved. This brought the actual

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TO MARK ROMAN FORT ENTRANCES

The Friends of the Manor House at a successful coffee morning raised £150 towards the erection of four plaques at the sites of the gates of the Roman Fort of Olicana (Ilkley). They will mark, as was customary in Roman Forts, the north, south, east and west entrances.

The Committee thank all those who helped in any way.

Mrs. Jean Atherton, from Ilkley, was the winner of a cake guessing its correct weight of 4lbs. 3½ozs.

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Board's Concern Over Poor Attendance At Schools

100 Years Ago

A considerable falling off in attendance was brought to the notice of members of the Ilkley School Board at its monthly meeting in the town offices in Brook Street. It was pointed out that 40 children were attending a school at Wheatley, and were not included in the returns, but Mr. F. W. Fison (Chairman) said that this still did not make the attendance figures reach the requisite level. 306 children in the area were at private schools, and 810 children were left requiring elementary education between the ages of 8 and 14 years of age. The accommodation in the local schools was satisfactory for this number of children.

A good deal of damage was caused on The Grove as a result of a severe thunderstorm causing the stream from the grounds of Wells House to overflow its banks and carry boulders and rocks in the flow of water which damaged cottages, footpaths and roads. Backstone Beck burst its banks too, and caused similar damage to meadows and property adjacent to the stream.

75 Years Ago

The annual sports of the Rhyddings School, conducted by Miss Rickards, took place on the cricket field near Heber's Ghyll, with a large gathering of parents present. Musical selections were rendered throughout by the Olicana Orchestra, engaged for the event.

The piping of Ilkley's valuable mineral waters to central places to attract visitors was urged in 1905 with a strong suggestion that a drinking fountain should be placed for invalids at the top of Brook Street, forming an ornament with shrubs and rockery. A visitors also suggested that public thoroughfares could be made pleasanter by the planting of trees along the verges. Ilkley should make greater capital out of the natural resources at its disposal, and attract as many invalids and visitors as possible to the town.

50 Years Ago

Some interesting observations on Ilkley which had appeared

under the title "On Ilkley Moor Baht 'At" by Mr. Godfrey Walker were quoted in the Ilkley Gazette. He said that Ilkley used to be a second high class spa town like Harrogate, but the slightly superior spa town look had slipped and it had a touch of "Blackpool-on-a-Sunday". He felt that fundamentally Ilkley was a sedate and rather haughty town, and although residents wished the visitors to enjoy themselves, they wished they would all dress for dinner and show as much respect for the town as they did for the moors above it.

Buses and tramping habits were changing Ilkley, and particularly at the weekend it was becoming noisy. On a Saturday night Ilkley was three quarters "popular" and only one quarter "fashionable", and he deplored the marked "down turn" that the town had taken in the 1920's. He remarked on the stout shoes, thick stockings and walking sticks of the girl hikers, as a contrast to the closely hatted and daintily shod strollers, and said it was amusing to note the critical and scornful glances on either side.

25 Years Ago

Concern was expressed at a meeting of the Governors of the Ilkley Secondary School, over the lack of accommodation for the rapidly increasing number of pupils at the school. Mr. C. Anderson, the Clerk, reported that negotiations had taken place to provide additional accommodation at Pen Rhydding Scout Hut, and the County Land Officer was negotiating terms. In five years the total number of pupils had increased by 100, and numbers were expected to increase steadily with little hope of extra accommodation. The Governors and staff knew that a new school was necessary and were to continue to press for it.

Remarkable scenes at Ilkley bathing pool took place on the second Sunday in July, when a queue for the pool to open extended into Denton Road. A heatwave with temperatures in the 80's gave rise to a record weekend for takings at the pool, bathers were using the river too despite warning notices.

PLANNING PERMISSION GIVEN FOR CO-OPERATIVE STORE ON CONTROVERSIAL ILKLEY SITE

Planning permission has been given for a Co-operative departmental store and a motor cycle showroom on the controversial site on Ilkley's central park.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council's Planning Panel approved the application on Wednesday, but the plans for the scheme now go to the Development Services Committee.

The Development Services Committee will consider the plans possibly in September at the request of Conservative members "in view of the enormous amount of public opposition."

This was despite a strong plea by the Chairman, Cr. Harry Peacock that the matter "had been far too long on the stocks" and should not be further delayed.

At the Panel's meeting on Wednesday members were told of local opposition to plans to build on land at South Hawksworth Street and of the wish of the Parish Council to have it used as an extension to the adjoining car park.

At the same time the Panel gave permission for a second scheme for four shops, a cinema and a motor cycle showroom. If planning permission is given for both schemes eventually another Council department will have to decide which scheme goes ahead.

The main opposition was stated to be the proposed Co-op store development, and there was concern about development near to a conservation area.

Mr. Joe Steel, Bradford's principal planner said it would be within the site of the Roman settlement, and if one or other of the proposals went ahead there would be a condition that there should be reasonable access for excavations for archaeological observations.

He said that if no development took place there would be room for an additional 25 car park spaces.

Dealing with the proposed Co-op development, Mr. Steel said it would cover 19,000 square feet, and would consist of one building of two and three storey. It was estimated there would be need for 50-60 car park spaces for customers' cars and the County highway authority had suggested a separate car park for customers should be provided. They raised no objection to the servicing arrangements.

He did not think the building would dominate the town centre.

Of a suggestion that about 100 on-street parking places would be lost because of the new traffic management scheme, Mr. Steel said the figure was likely to be 45.

He said there was a petition with 615 signatures objecting to the proposed Co-op store development, and which claimed it would affect the quantity and quality of small and independent stores.

Mr. Steel said the other scheme involved about 13,400 square feet. It would protrude into the car park to take away six parking spaces but 16 spaces would be contained within the development.

Cr. Eric Turner of Ilkley said local objections were not so much against the departmental store as the site for it. He felt it was a monolithic building which did not fit in Ilkley.

He said traffic problems were getting worse. The proposals were for a congested corner, and the objections were broadly that as it was a congested area the land was needed for additional car parking. To build there would upset town centre parking, and would do permanent harm.

He said that in view of the introduction of the traffic management scheme, and the fear by local residents that it would make the traffic problems worse, he asked that any proposals for development on this land should be deferred until the new traffic scheme had been monitored to see how it worked.

Cr. Mrs. Winifred Clavering of Menston, speaking specifically of the Co-op development, said she did not think the building would blend with the surroundings, and was wrong for Ilkley.

Cr. Harry Peacock, chairman, said the Co-op scheme would not take away one

parking space. He thought the town centre parking problems could be eased by having "a pay and display" scheme. Present parking in the centre was predominantly long-stay but it should be short-stay for such as shoppers, visitors and tourists. Long-stay parking should be provided away from the centre.

As a preliminary to the discussion, the panel considered a letter from Ilkley Parish Council asking that more weight should be given to its views on planning matters because of its intimate knowledge.

Cr. Allan Raistrick said their views were taken into consideration.

Cr. Smith Midgley, past chairman of the panel, said fair and equitable consideration was given to all applications. He thought it would be grossly unfair if such preference was given to Ilkley. He said the times the panel had disagreed with the Parish Council could be counted "on the thumbs of his hands."

It was agreed to note the contents of the letter.

EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT FLOOD

18 JULY 1980

VIVID FLASHES OF LIGHTNING AND LOUD CLAPS OF THUNDER HERALDED ONE OF BIGGEST DISASTERS TO STRIKE ILKLEY

18 JUL 80

One of the biggest disasters ever to strike Ilkley in modern times occurred just eighty years ago when vivid flashes of lightning accompanied by loud claps of thunder gave warning of a storm which was to be remembered in history as the great flood.

Torrential rain soon turned Ilkley's streets into rivers, property was damaged and a man died in the old coaching works. Buildings collapsed, roads were torn up and hundreds of head of poultry were drowned. The bottom of Church Street was under six feet of water and all areas in the vicinity of becks which flowed from the area of the moor were severely affected.

The damage was estimated at between £50,000 and £70,000 and the flood was believed to be unparalleled in the history of the valley.

An account of the disastrous storm on Thursday, 12 July, 1900, taken from the pages of the Ilkley Gazette of that time, is reproduced below.

Following the excessive heat of Tuesday and Wednesday came a thunderstorm on Thursday afternoon of extraordinary severity. The lightning was intensely vivid; long zigzag flashes standing out with remarkable brilliance against the darkened sky.

while the crashes of thunder were enough to make one imagine the very heavens were falling. The rain came down so heavily and persistently that an half-hour saw Brook Street and other thoroughfares turned into gigantic mountain torrents. The basements of many houses and places of business were flooded and in numbers of instances valuable goods and stock were either damaged or completely spoiled. Houses and buildings likewise collapsed; accompanied, in one instance, with loss of life. The greatest destruction was wrought

along the line of the three principal streams having their source on Ilkley Moor and the quantity of detritus brought down in the shape of rocks, stones and sand, together with branches of trees and road material, formed ridges in some of the thoroughfares several feet high, while the channels worn by the rush of waters measured as much as a yard or two yards in depth and several yards across; this this being more particularly noticeable on the slopes of the moor; although channels two or three feet deep were to be seen even in the streets. The

beck courses and drains being unequal to the immense volumes of water that poured from the moor it found outlets wherever possible, carrying devastation and destruction everywhere.

VIOLENT

The first effects of the storm were felt about two o'clock, and for two hours it raged with the most terrible violence; although it was not for some hours later that the lightning and thunder altogether ceased. On the line of the Backstone Beck the bridge near Wharfedale School was carried away, trees torn up, and walls demolished, with the loss on the part of Mr. M. R. Dobson, of Craiglands, of something like £400 worth of prize poultry.

The water coming down Mill Gill and Brook Street was responsible for the destruction of a number of outbuildings behind the Wharfedale Hotel, and in several places the Brook Street culvert was also burst open. Down Cowpasture Road, Riddings Road, and James' Road the water came rushing somewhat similar; in some places to a depth of five and six feet. Outbuildings were in many instances completely inundated, and in some of the houses at the bottom of Church Street the water stood to a depth of five or six feet, particularly so in the case of those occupied by Mrs. Waddington, Mr. Curwen, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Thackray. The most damage, however, was done by the onrush of waters down Parish Ghyll. Where the stream crosses Westwood Drive the banks have been torn up to a depth of several yards, leaving a hole measuring nine or ten yards across and piling up on either hand tons upon tons of rocks and boulders, many of them over half a ton in weight.

The boundary walls of Hill Top Convalescent Home, Hollybrook, and several other residences were bodily swept away and the gardens filled with deposit of all kinds. Lamp-posts were also broken and monster boulders and trees carried considerable distances downhill. About Chapel Lane similar havoc was also wrought.



Alfred Brogden

SON DIED

The force of the water in the first-place caused a wall and shed to collapse at the rear of the yard Mr. Brogden occupies and this had the effect of undermining the foundations of the large shop used in connection with his coach-building business, which in a few minutes likewise collapsed and became a total wreck. Machinery, tools, stock and a number of carriages were completely buried amongst the debris, and what is still more lamentable Mr. Brogden's son, Alfred, lost his life.

The houses in Chapel Lane stood six feet in water, and articles of furniture were washed away. The wall opposite the houses in West Terrace occupied by Mr. R. Dalton, Mr. Preat, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Denby, Miss Sergeant and others gave way and the water poured into these and several adjoining houses at a terrific rate, destroying and damaging furniture and effects and likewise carrying away a wash-house and several outbuildings. The back of the house occupied by Mr. George Johnson in Back Middleton Road, was also washed away, with a portion of the house adjoining occupied by Mr. Blagg, and the back of some stables a little lower. The Garden wall in front of the



A Scene in Church Street—No Trade

houses overlooking Wray's Pleasure Gardens was carried into the middle of the street and the Pleasure Grounds and nurseries adjoining completely immersed, with tons of deposit in the shape of rocks, boulders and sand. The substantial stone bridge at the bottom of Heber's Ghyll was destroyed and also some of the lighter structures spanning the stream above, while the basements of innumerable houses stood several feet in water.

CARRIED AWAY

A couple of horses belonging to Mr. W. H. Hampshire, of Leeds Road, were rescued from drowning at great peril; and a man who was endeavouring to rescue some fowls at the back of the Star Inn, well nigh lost his life. He was carried down the stream and only with great difficulty dragged out by the aid of a rope and willing helpers. It was some time before he could be brought round, but eventually this was done and the man (who is a stranger employed in the feast ground) taken to the Bay Horse Hotel. Hundreds of head of poultry and livestock were washed into the river and as the waters subsided several trout were picked up in Brook Street. A number of seats placed in various parts of the town for the convenience of the public were also destroyed and tons of new hay washed into the river. Most of the business houses were obliged to close, and passage from one



Mr. Brogden's Wrecked Workshop

part of the town to another for two hours was an utter impossibility. Eventually carts began to convey people across Brook Street, Cunliffe Road, Bolton Bridge Road and one or two other thoroughfares, which in many places were impassable until late in the evening. All the school children had to be conveyed home in this way, although one or two intrepid fellows ventured across with some of them on their backs. The aspect of the streets after the waters had subsided was as much like a river bed as anything else one could imagine. Tons of deposit of all kinds lay in heaps, with here and there deep scourings of the surface as far down as the underlying rocks. A more complete transformation one could not possibly conceive, and the damage wrought to the thoroughfares and bridges alone will take thousands of pounds to repair. Brook Street has suffered terribly, and without anything else the repair of the culvert will mean a pretty penny. All the damage it is impossible for us to enumerate this week; but sufficient has been mentioned to impress outsiders with some idea of the enormity of the calamity that has visited us.

RESCUED

Numerous incidents were to be witnessed, especially in the case of tenants whose rescue had to be effected through bedroom windows. Some householders lost pretty nearly the whole of their belongings, and those in many cases recovered or left standing were broken or damaged beyond further use. About nine families are completely homeless.

Several letters have reached us urging that a fund should be started for the relief of the sufferers, and this we have every confidence in stating will at once be done, as Mr. Naylor, the chairman of the District Council, last evening gave us intimation pretty much to this effect. The need of some such effort must be apparent to all, and everyone, we feel sure, who has escaped the visitation will be only too glad to contribute something at least as a thank offering. Mr. Brogden's case is particularly hard, for not only does financial ruin stare him in the face, but the loss of a much-loved son, and a wife in ill-health, makes the blow all the harder to bear. Mr. Johnson, Back Middleton Road, and the residents in Chapel Lane, and many others

who have suffered, also command our sympathy and help; which we trust will manifest itself in a most generous-hearted and philanthropic manner.

CLOUD BURST

The area affected by the storm leads one to the conclusion that a cloud must have burst on Rombald's Moor, and this explanation of the tremendous amount of water that came off the moor is likewise advanced by the inhabitants of Morton, Bingley and Keighley, who equally with us suffered an enormous amount of damage. Rain in the ordinary way could not possibly account for the whole of the water that rushed down our streets and thoroughfares, although the Bradford district experienced a somewhat similar state of things, but on a smaller and consequently less destructive scale. On the Middleton side of the Wharfe Valley there was a heavy rainfall, but nothing out of the ordinary, and no damage of any kind has been reported. Prior to the storm the Wharfe was so very low that the immense volumes of water failed to overflow its banks, yet causing a rise of at least six or seven feet.



View in Bridge Lane



Wrecked House in Back Middleton Road



Brook Street—The Morning After The Storm

ONE OF FEW REMAINING EYEWITNESSES TO GREAT FLOOD AT ILKLEY

18/7/80

Ninety-five years old Mr. William Bradley, a resident of Haversham Court, Ilkley, is one of the few people who still vividly remembers the devastating flood that struck the town in 1900.

He was only a boy of fifteen at the time, but remembers well the morning of the flood. He spent that morning helping his father, who was working on the roof of the Methodist Church in Leeds Road.

Mr. Bradley recalls that it was very hot, for he remembers the immense heat of the

tiles that they were handling. "It was at about dinner time," he says, "when I returned with my father to the workshop, that the rain started pouring down and did not stop for over two hours." He remembers vividly how black the sky turned, and he went outside to find Chapel

Lane and Skipton Road covered in water.

"You could see cascades of water coming down over the moor," Mr. Bradley recalls, "and then coming down into the town, pulling away bridges and destroying roads." He remembers water passing through cottages in Chapel Lane and washing Brogden's workshop away, and how it was Mr. Brogden's son who became the victim of the storm, entering their house in order to retrieve their dog.

Mr. Bradley also remembers the aftermath of the storm.

"Water spouted out of the roads, and children were taken across Brook Street, which had been covered in about 18 inches of water, in horses and carts in order to get to school. Huge rocks, weighing over a ton, were strewn in the roadway."

Mr. Bradley remembers the hundreds of visitors that flocked into Ilkley to witness the scenes, and how he enjoyed telling them exactly what had happened. People were baffled, he recalls, as to why there had been such a great volume of water from the moor.

It was estimated that five inches of water had fallen on the moor in the space of two hours, and the cost of repairing the damage caused by the storm was set at £½ million.

Mr. Bradley also remembers a strange fact, that exactly a year later there was another flood in Ilkley. However, it failed to equal the Great Flood of 1900 in both its size and ferocity.



William Bradley

25 JULY 1980

M.P. SHOCKED BY CLOSED SHOP AGREEMENT

Dr. Keith Hampson, Member of Parliament for Ripon, was shocked to hear that Bradford Metropolitan District Council were implementing a closed shop agreement, despite Council employees at a recent NALGO meeting voting against the implementation of a closed shop.

He said this was typical of the way Labour was prepared to abuse its power immediately it won an election.

"Time and again the Labour Party seek to extend Union privileges, Freedom and individual liberty are obviously something these Labour Councillors are willing to disregard," he said.

Dr. Hampson was presented with a petition containing nearly 1,000 signatures when he visited constituents in Ilkley who had been alarmed by the news.

The petition was signed by many Council employees and local people in three days between the announcement by the Council and the presentation to Dr. Hampson.

It requested him to use all his powers to prevent the implementation of this closed shop as it was a direct contravention of the recent ruling of the European Court of Human Rights who declared that closed shops were illegal and against individual freedom and liberty.

Dr. Hampson confirmed that he would put pressure on the Government to strengthen the present legislation currently going through Parliament to ensure that the rights of the individual were fully protected. Not only the right to join a Union but also the right not to join should be equally protected, and he called on the council to institute a free ballot of its work force as proposed by the new law.

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Lives Of Three Ladies Put In Great Peril

100 Years Ago

50 Years Ago

The lives of three ladies were put in great peril in an accident in Wells Road, when two carriages were smashed and a horse was killed. One of the carriages owned by Mr. Todd, of Oaklands, was being driven along Queens Road when the horse took fright and became unmanageable. It raced as far as the Royal Hotel, Wells Road at a furious speed with Mrs. Todd endeavouring to check the horse. It darted across Wells Road and into a carriage owned by Mr. Marshall Hainsworth, throwing the three lady occupants out into the road. The horse was so seriously injured it had to be shot, but the ladies escaped with bruises and shock. Mr. Hainsworth was fortunately not in his carriage but walking by his horse's side and escaped without injury.

The annual breaking up entertainment in connection with Ilkley Ladies' College was held in the Craighlands Recreation Hall with a large number of scholars and parents present and took the form of a soiree musicale. Prizes were given to the pupils for drawing and painting, English, languages and musical subjects, and ten young ladies had passed their Science examination in magnetism, electricity and physiology. Miss Milne was commended for her skill in running the school.

A unanimous decision to form a Burley Chamber of Trade was taken between Burley local tradesmen and members of the Ilkley Chamber of Trade.

Great enthusiasm for the project was shown by the Burley traders who agreed to be affiliated to the Ilkley Branch. A meeting was planned accordingly to take place in August 1930 to elect officers.

Believers in the myth that St. Swithin's Day influences the weather during the succeeding days had their faith justified in 1930. Ten days after a wet St. Swithin's day there had been some rain every day, and 4½ inches had been recorded during that period at the Ilkley Weather Station. The Fire Brigade had been called out several times to pump flood water out of the cellars of Ilkley houses, but fortunately there had been no serious floods.

Local anglers welcomed the rainstorms to clear the bed of the river which had been coated with a bed of slimy vegetable growth following a long drought in 1929. The sudden rush of water made a clean sweep, leaving the bed clear, the water nicely coloured, and the fish well on the feed. The skill of the local fishermen was expected to produce some good sport.

25 Years Ago

Congratulations were extended to members of the Police Force at Ilkley on the efficient manner with which they had controlled the traffic during a long heat wave, especially at weekends and the way they had dealt with the parking problem near the bathing pool. The chairman of Ilkley Road Safety Committee, Mrs. F. S. Hampshire, said they had tackled a difficult task very satisfactorily.

A heat wave and dry spell reached its 25th day, and a total of over 225 hours sunshine had been recorded in this period with temperature's often in the 80's.

Sports trophies and prizes were presented to pupils of Ilkley Grammar School by Mr. W. Hill, Chairman of the Ilkley Urban District Council and an old boy of the school at a presentation ceremony held on the school lawn. R. W. Wood was the Senior Boys' athletics champion, with Ann Bilsby Senior Girls' champion. The junior championships were awarded to G. V. Res and Ann Milner.

A range of summer coach trips was offered from Ilkley by the Exors. of Samuel Ledger. A day trip to the five lakes cost 13/-, Southport approximately 10/6 (also Blackpool and Morecambe), Scarborough and other places on the East Coast at 11/9, the most expensive being to Liverpool and New Brighton at 13/- and the cheapest an evening trip to Bishop Monkton at 3/9.

75 Years Ago

Mr. C. W. Atkinson, Headmaster of Ilkley Grammar School reported an increase in the number of boys at the school from 69 to 81 since he had become headmaster in the previous September. He said that they had a superb Grammar School Building, splendidly equipped but that it was not half full, and that this was far from being a satisfactory state of affairs. He criticised townspeople for not supporting their local school, and for spending money needlessly on sending their sons to school out of the town. He pledged himself to do everything in his power to increase the size and popularity of the school.

Wm. Rayner, son of Mr. Jas. Rayner, Leeds Road, Ilkley, passed an examination for intending pupil teachers, which entitled him to a bursary for two years, tenable at a Secondary School.

Char-a-Banc excursions by Mason and Spencer of Sedburgh Buildings were offered to Bolton Abbey (Fare 2s.), Denton Park (1s. 6d.) and Harewood House (4s.).

Miss Maltas, Caterer, of Brook Street offered accommodation for picnic parties, choirs etc. with breakfast, dinner and teas provided in a large dining room which could seat 50 persons at one time. She was the maker of the original Ilkley Toffee.

CONSIDERING PLANS TO UNITE TWO ILKLEY CHURCHES AND DEVELOP SITE ON THE GROVE

Plans for the possible uniting of Ilkley United Reformed Church and Ilkley Methodist Church and the re-development of the United Reformed Church site on The Grove are being discussed at the moment by both churches.

It is possible that if the plans do eventually go ahead the historic United Reformed Church may be demolished to make way for a modern new building.

The Rev. Joe Bolton, Minister at the United Reformed Church, stressed this week that no concrete plans had yet been made, but the two churches were still negotiating and discussing possibilities with a view to achieving a united church and developing the Grove site.

He emphasised the fact that they had not yet decided what they planned to do in the future, and pointed out that once they had a clear idea they still had to obtain permission from higher church authority as well as from the Department of the Environment, because the church was a listed building, and the local planning authority.

"We are considering a number of ideas, including the temporary use of the Methodist Church, but both churches see The Grove site as one of great importance to the town and one not to be lost," said Mr. Bolton. "So many possibilities have to be considered, but we are looking at The Grove site as a possibility for a new church, perhaps also with other community buildings. It is a very long term plan, however, and in the end it may turn out that none of our ideas may be possible," he continued.

Mr. Bolton explained that the United Reformed Church was a nineteenth century building designed for life at that time, and in common with many other churches it was too big and expensive to maintain these days.

"We have to think differently now. The church was built when Ilkley was a growth town with wealthy wool merchants from Leeds and Bradford living here, but it is a far different proposition now," said Mr. Bolton. He said the lecture hall in Riddings Road was now no longer viable, and it had been leased out as an auction gallery.

"We feel that churches should be united these days if they are to be effective, and both ourselves and the Methodists are discussing the possibilities at the moment," he added.

The Rev. John Dale, of Ilkley Methodist Church, commented, "The Methodist Church, having re-organised its own buildings over the past ten years, involving large expenditure, has agreed to look at all the possibilities to house a new united church on condition that no fund raising is required by the local Methodist congregation."

The two churches have a history of sharing. The Methodists worshipped at the United Reformed Church for some time while their own building was being renovated, and the United Reformed Church congregation is at the moment using the Methodist Church for worship.

The United Reformed Church on The Grove held its first service on 16 June, 1869, and for its first 105 years was known as the Ilkley Congregational Church. The foundation stone was laid in 1868 and the church took thirteen months to build, at a cost of £5,000 including the schools. It was intended that there should be seating for 644 people.

About six weeks after the foundation stone was laid services were started in the schoolroom adjoining, and several months later the necessity for a chapel was evident as many people were unable to obtain admission because the school was so crowded.

A new pulpit and organ were added in 1873 and renovations were carried out in 1881, including the introduction of better gas lights and better ventilation.

Mr. T. P. Muff, to commemorate his seventieth birthday, presented a church clock in 1881 and a new organ was installed in 1910-11, when extensive alterations and renovations were carried out.

Further repairs were done in 1944, and a stained glass window at the west end of the building was dedicated in 1945. In 1948 the church adopted its own Covenant, and during the autumn the congregation gave general approval to a scheme for a national union with the English Presbyterians.

Seven stained glass windows and a large stone baptismal font were saved from the Vine Memorial Church at Ilford, Essex, which was being demolished in 1959 and were installed in the Grove Church. Other structural work was completed, including work on the spire, but an appeal to the people of Ilkley for the Spire Fund met a disappointing response.

In October 1974 the United Reformed Church was formed by the union of the Congregational Church and the Presbyterian Church in England, and in September 1976 the Ilkley church was "listed" as a class two building of historical and architectural interest.

From January 1974 until June 1975 the building was shared with the congregation of Ilkley Methodist Church while their own church was being rebuilt.

The drawing of Ilkley United Reformed Church is by Addingham artist Mr. Bill Pates.

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**NOT POSSIBLE
TO RESITE
ABATTOIR**

There was no possibility of resiting Ilkley abattoir, at present, Ilkley Parish Councillors have been told.

The Council had asked Bradford Metropolitan Council to move the abattoir away from a residential area but the City Solicitor for the Property Services Section has told Ilkley Councillors that the present building was leased by the Council to the present occupier for a term of twenty-five years from April, 1978.

"Bearing this in mind and also having regard to the financial implications involved, I can't anticipate that it will be a practical possibility to resite the abattoir at the present time," he stated.

Chairman to the Parish Council, Cr. Kenneth G. Johnson said "It looks as if we are stuck with it for some considerable time."



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Unique Attraction

Sir, — The news that the future of the United Reform Church in the Grove is uncertain, with the possibility of some commercial development of the site, is a matter of concern to all Ilkley citizens not only to the members of the church. Changes to such a prominent feature could profoundly affect the whole character of the Grove. Coupled with other pressures on the Grove area it is clear that, unless great care is taken, the Grove could become indistinguishable from any High Street in any other town instead of the unique attraction that it is.

But the unique attraction of the Grove lies also in its setting among Victorian and Edwardian hotels and houses, with their well wooded gardens, and the background vistas of Moors and the wooded banks of the Wharfe. Middleton Woods, the green fields of Lord's Close and Middleton Manor are as much a part of the unique quality of Ilkley as is the Grove. The whole of Ilkley makes a unique unity but if we are to conserve it as a unit time is running short.

Efforts have indeed been made in recent years by the planning authorities to ensure that new developments do not destroy Ilkley's character. However, economic pressures are making it harder to pursue this policy and now we learn that the Environment Secretary is about to lift all detailed planning controls covering small businesses and building schemes outside conservation areas and national parks. Although these proposals are admittedly in draft form at this stage the mere announcement of the lines on which the Government is thinking adds urgency to the need to extend the area of the present conservation area, to cover the whole, or the greater part, of Ilkley.

But if this is to be achieved, public opinion must make itself felt forcibly and speedily. Elected representatives on Parish, District and County Councils must be made aware of the public's concern so that they can argue from strength when presenting Ilkley's case. While the Civic Society will do what it can, the Society must be seen to be supported by the majority of the electorate if its views are to carry weight with the authorities.

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Ilkley Hotel For Sale at £125,000

The Stone Lea Hotel in Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, is being offered for sale for £125,000.

The hotel, which is believed to have spa springs inside it, has been closed for some time. The site has planning permission for 20 flats and a restaurant and an application for renewal of the permission is to be considered in the near future by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Division.

A spokesman for Dacre Son and Hartley, estate agents, said there had already been a number of enquiries about the hotel and site in a very short time.

Local Board Heard Tender For Footbridge Over River

100 Years Ago

Members of the Ilkley Local Board heard a tender from a Manchester firm for the erection of a footbridge across the Wharfe to replace the stepping stones. Mr. Sykes considered the sum of money involved too large and the question arose as to whether or not the tender should be entertained. The Chairman said that tenders were expected from local firms and that several local gentlemen were willing to subscribe towards the erection of a bridge. Mr. Hainworth declared that a good substantial bridge could be erected for a few hundred pounds, and the matter was referred back to the General Purposes Committee and the Surveyor asked to ascertain what such a bridge as that proposed would cost.

tial members, and a good deal of money had been spent on improving the grounds and a local man, Herbert Dean, was engaged as professional. Mr. Sidney Kellist, President of the Club, occupied the seat of honour at the head of the tables during the lunch and he was joined by Mr. J. W. Dixon (District Council Chairman), members of the Council and Mr. James Hollyard and Mr. W. H. Barber.

The new Council offices at Burley Grange were opened by Sir Frederick Fison M.P. a large number of villagers attended the ceremony and a souvenir key was presented to Sir Frederick by the hon. architect, Mr. H. S. Chorley. Thanks were expressed to the opener by Mr. Town.

50 Years Ago

There was a large attendance at the speech day of Ilkley Grammar School held in the school hall, when the prizes were presented by Canon A. Beames, who was the first assistant master at the school 34 years previously under the first headmaster, Mr. Swan.

Mr. N. L. Fraser, headmaster, said that despite the prevalent trade depression there were 201 boys at the school, but that the number of boarders was fewer, 18 out of 23 boys had gained their school certificates with nine of these at matriculation standard.

Half the boys who entered this examination were well under 16 years of age. The Governors Leaving Scholarship of £30 per year for three years, tenable at any university, was awarded to S. K. Douglas. The Old Boys Prize for all round ability and popularity and sports was won by R. H. Latham and the F. M. Hood Prize for Instrumental Music was awarded to A. Williamson. Higher School Certificates were gained by J. V. Crowther, H. M. Skinner, A. Taylor and J. H. Pell.

Mr. George Fletcher of Cherry Bank, Ilkley, purchased Ilkley Hall, the residence of Mr. Guy Fison, after it was offered for sale by auction. He expressed his intention of making his home there.

25 Years Ago

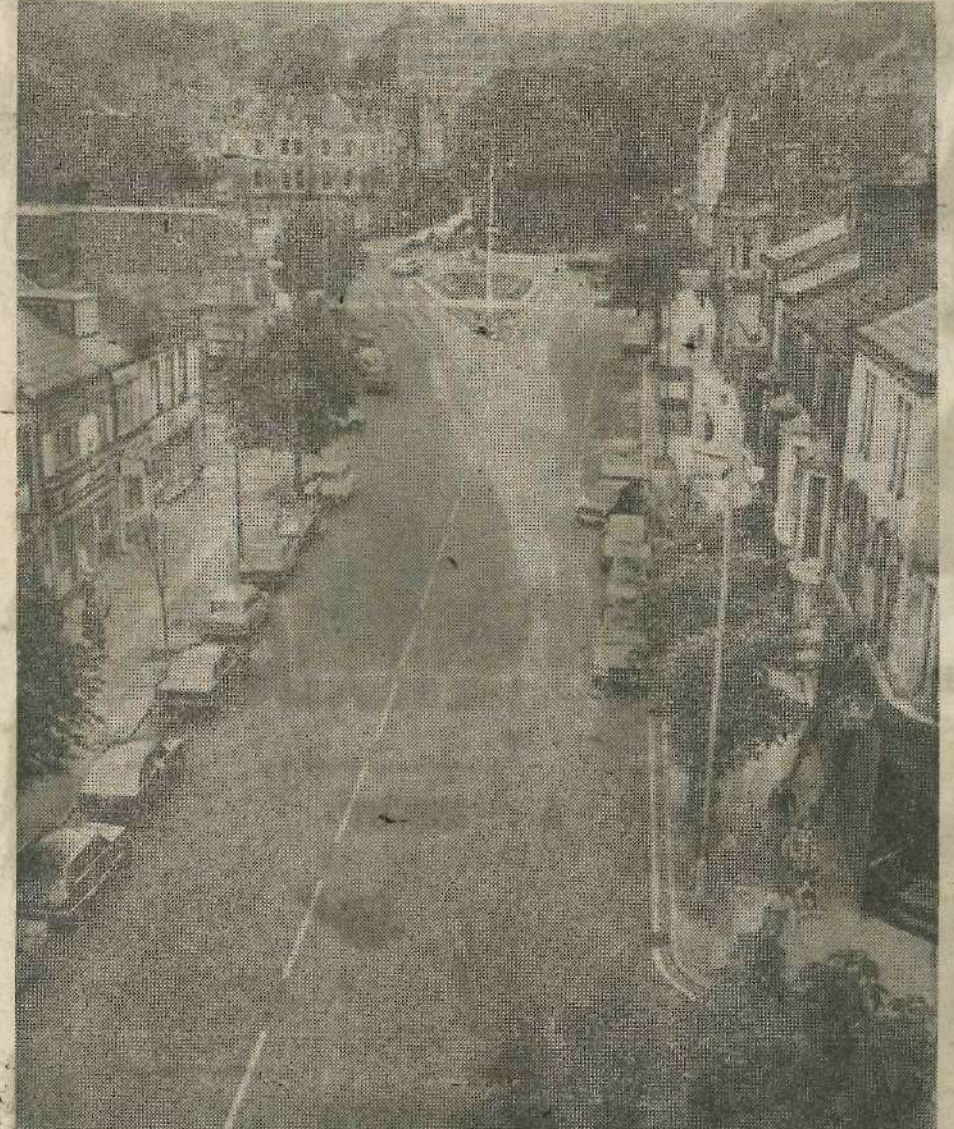
Ilkley enjoyed a sunny August Bank Holiday weekend, with visitors enjoying the amenities of the riverside, the swimming pool and the week-end cricket matches. The long spell of hot, dry weather had brought about a severe shortage of water which would need five or six days of continual heavy rain to restore the reservoir supplies to a safe level. 252 hours of sunshine were recorded during the month of July at the Ilkley Weather Station, the best for over 30 years.

It was announced that there would be no grouse shooting on Ilkley Moor during the season as the Moor Ranger considered that the breeding season had proved too poor to provide satisfactory results. The Council were to lease 2325 rent from Mr. John Green, who leased the shooting rights, in addition to £120 rates normally paid to them for the rights.

Ilkley Council decided to remove "all existing street trees" in Grove Road, Ilkley and replace them with flowering trees. This followed a general inspection of trees in the Urban District.

Bird's Eye View Of Brook Street

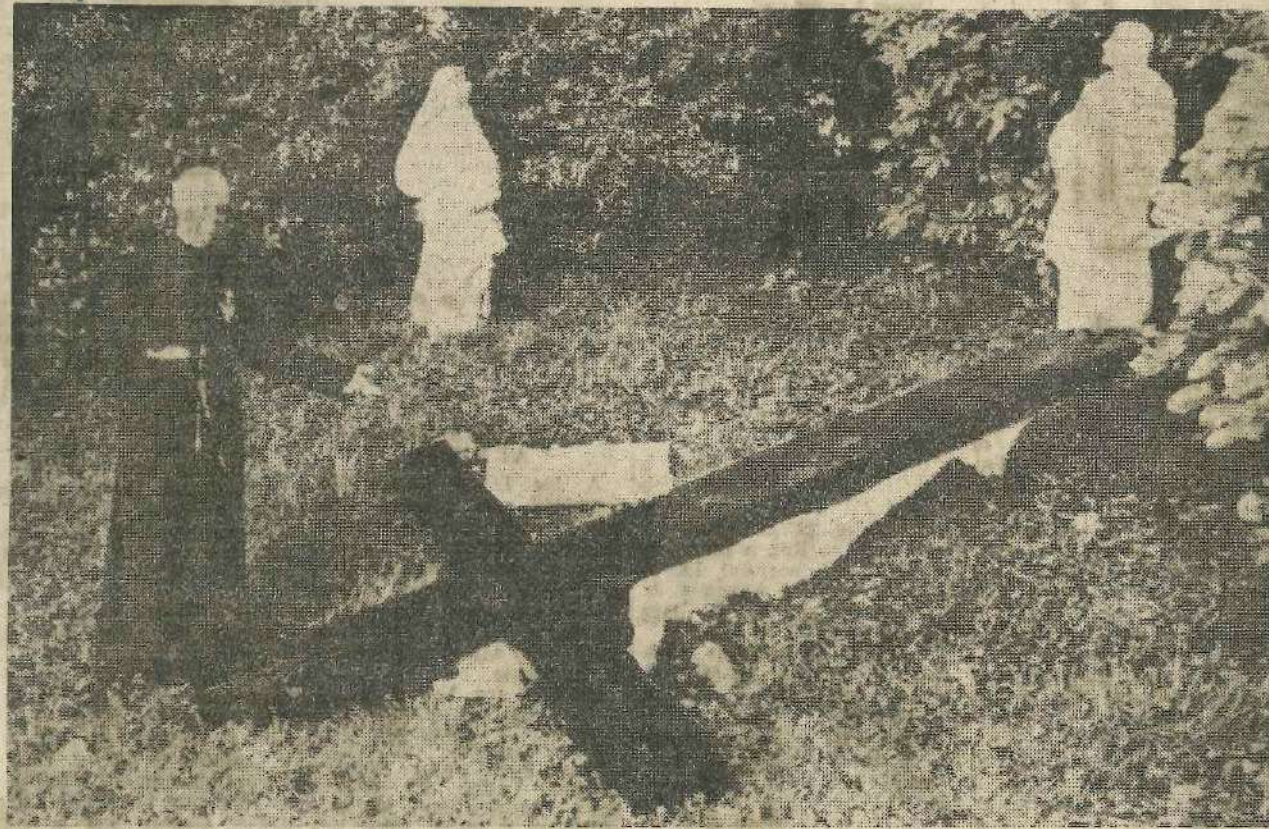
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Looking towards the top of Brook Street, Ilkley, from a height of thirty five feet.

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Calvary At Ilkley Monastery Damaged In Storm



Extensive damage was caused to the Calvary at the entrance to the Monastery of the Passionist Fathers at Myddelton Lodge, Ilkley, during a fierce storm in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

The great oak cross, weighing more than three-quarters of a ton, crashed down during

the storm, smashing the figure of the Christus and the plaque beneath.

"This was tragic damage, but fortunately the two statues of Our Lady and St. John were not damaged," the Rector of the Monastery, the Very Rev. Father Eugene Kennan CP told the *Ilkley Gazette*.

The Calvary had been a feature of the area since it was erected in November 1948. The cross was donated by Mr. Brear of Addingham, and the statues were sculpted in cast stone by Messrs. Albert of Manchester.

The Rector said many people, apart from the community and staff, would be

very distressed by this damage. Replacement would be a tremendous expense, costing probably between £2,000 and £3,000. "Money which we have not got," said the Rector.

Picture shows the Rector surveying the damage on Wednesday morning.

"ROMAN ROMP" AGAIN AFFECTED BY WEATHER

Unfortunately, due to poor weather, the Roman Romp organised by the Wharfedale Lions Club on Saturday was not as well attended as had been hoped. The event had been postponed from June because of torrential rain, and once again the weather seemed to deter people from attending.

However, between 1500 and 2000 people did attend and had a most enjoyable and entertaining afternoon.

There was a procession through Ilkley headed by the 39th Bradford South Scout and Guide Pipe and Drum

Band, with three floats and more than a dozen "Roman chariots" taking part. They looked very impressive and a lot of hard work and imagination had gone into the making of the chariots and Roman costume.

The chariot races created a lot of enthusiasm and entertainment, the winners being Wharfedale Lions Clubs, and runners-up Raven Developments. The prize for the best chariot went to Leeds Skyrack Lions Club.

Among the other entertainments were displays by the 39th Bradford South Scout

and Guides, a display of Martial Arts by Ken Gees and his club, a tug of war, and the highlight of the afternoon was an escape from a straightjacket by Shahid Malik while suspended upside down from a hundred foot crane which rotated while he was escaping. Unfortunately, due to low cloud, the Pegasus Parachute Display Team were unable to give their display.

There were many side-shows and stalls supported by local organisations and other Lions and Leos Clubs from as far away as Colne, Leeds,

Shipley, Harrogate and Bradford.

A prize of a bicycle, organised by Leeds Skyrack Lions Club, was won by Mr. Shaw and a holiday voucher for £50.00 organised by Wharfedale Lions Club was won by Mr. Stuart Pack.

The President, Mr. Roy Walker, and organiser, Mr. Jim Shelton thanked all the organisations and the public who supported the event.

• Pictured are members of the successful entries from Wharfedale Lions Club and Raven Developments.

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ILKLEY COUNCILLORS CONDEMN PLAN TO IMPOSE 4p IN £ ADDITIONAL RATE IN OCTOBER

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Plans to levy an additional 4p in the £ rate in October were condemned by Ilkley Parish Councillors at a meeting of the council's General Purposes Committee on Monday night.

Councillors were worried about the possible effects on businesses and private individuals, and expressed concern that the Labour controlled District Council was putting the blame for the increase on the Conservatives, who had previously been in power.

Cr. C. H. Scaife said he was very worried about the proposed rate increase. The only people who could put up their prices without having to worry were local authorities. "They are going to take £3 million off businesses in Bradford, but where are they going to get it from?" he asked.

He said the businesses would have to cut their overheads by making people redundant, or by putting their own prices up.

Cr. Scaife said the new Labour controlled District Council had said the extra rate would have to be levied because of the mess left by the Tories, but the new council was taking on extra manpower to increase the direct works department. Labour had said they would not have to impose a supplementary rate if they were elected, but they had been elected and two months later they were imposing one.

They had no right to say this increase was the fault of the previous Conservative controlled council, but should stand up and be counted on their own political dogma, he continued.

Cr. Scaife pointed out that every job created by the District Council in their direct works department would make someone in a small private building firm redundant because they were already doing that job for the council. This was totally and utterly against what the country should be doing.

They should be cutting local government spending, not increasing it. Cr. Scaife concluded.

Cr. F. G. Lambert felt the additional rate should not be levied on industry because this would lead to unemployment. He pointed out that private individuals could apply for rate relief.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should be recommended to express its concern about the proposed additional rate levy to Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

Closed Shop

Cr. Scaife also expressed their concern over plans to implement a "closed shop" arrangement for all employees of the District Council.

Cr. Scaife said the imposition of a closed shop for council employees was "another step along the road towards a totalitarian state". The closed shop was against all individual freedom and had been declared illegal by the European Court of Human Rights.

He pointed out that this was the only country in the Western World which allowed the closed shop — no other free countries allowed it.

One in five "white collar" workers in Bradford were not in a union, and they were now to be told they had to join. "Imagine the uproar if the Conservatives had told everyone they had to leave the union or be sacked," said Cr. Scaife.

Cr. J. M. Shelton disagreed with the closed shop principle but pointed out that union membership had its advantages. The unions fought for the rights of the individual and why should they get benefits without having to pay for them, he asked. Employees should be encouraged to join the unions because they would benefit in many ways.

Cr. Scaife proposed a resolution "that this council requests Bradford Metropolitan Council to cease forthwith its plans to make all its employees join a trade union, and further requests that the district council abides by the ruling of the European Court of Human Rights which has declared the closed shop illegal. It requests that the council institutes a free ballot of all its work force as proposed by the new law before taking any further action."

The resolution was passed by the General Purposes Committee and will go before the full parish council at its next meeting.

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PEEPS FROM THE PAST

Much less than 200 years ago Ilkley was a most rustic and primitive place. The directory gives but 70 names there in 1838, and three inns. Pretty thatched cottages, standing no higher than a man's shoulder, and in one of these Madame Tussaud (of waxwork fame) lived. The heather grew right down into the streets, Brook Street had a sparkling stream running down its centre.

The famous Cow and Calf rocks were wild indeed being the haunt of the wolf and wild dogs, the Cowpastures were the dwelling place of gypsies and feared, one murder had taken place there. It was the re-discovery of the famous waters that transformed this hamlet into the beautiful place it is today. For, of course the Romans used the medicinal waters when they inhabited our island. It is said today a walk on Ilkley Moors is worth a bottle of the finest champagne and deaths are fewer than in other parishes. The church has stood on an alternating site from heathen altar to Christian temple since the days of Agricola.

The introduction of coaches and eventually the steam train gave to the place its mushroom growth.

The Old Hall named Wheatley has disappeared now, but a visitor who had just been shown around whilst it was standing asked if there was any tradition attached to it. "Oh, yes sir, Oliver Cromwell slept here one night," replied the good woman who had acted guide. "Ah!" said the visitor, "That would be the night before the great battle of Marston Moor?" "No. No," was the scornful reply, "It was the night before he blew up Bolton Abbey!"

ILKLEY JOINS PROTEST OVER DEFERMENT OF PLAN FOR ADDINGHAM BY-PASS

Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee is to add its voice to that of Addingham Parish Council in protest about deferment of plans for an Addingham By-Pass.

The case for a by-pass for Addingham goes back over fifty years and a decision by the Department of Transport on the five routes suggested is still awaited.

Cr. J. Wells, representing Addingham Parish Council, told the committee's July meeting that the Skipton MP Mr. John Watson would be attending a parish council meeting in September to hear their views, but he felt the Road Safety Committee should also express their regret that plans for the by-pass had been deferred.

Cr. P. Williams of Ilkley Parish Council said he did not see how anything could be done for Addingham without someone else in the area having to suffer. He would have expected Addingham's by-pass to come before one for Burley but it was not even in any future programme yet, whereas Burley's was.

Mr. W. G. Cox spoke about the dangers to pedestrians in Addingham. The footpaths in Main Street were very narrow in places, forcing pedestrians to step into the road and leaving them at danger from lorries and trailers. He had a lot of sympathy with pedestrians in Addingham. It was a "frightening experience" to walk along Main Street, he added.

Mr. J. C. Allen pointed out that Addingham Main Street was one of the narrowest and windiest roads through a built-up area for many miles around. He felt the combination of this with restricted sight lines made it an especially hazardous place. At least at Burley people could see quite a long way because the road was straight, he said.

There was unanimous support for a resolution that the committee should express its regret at the deferment of plans for an Addingham By-Pass.

Cr. Williams felt the matter should also be raised at a meeting of the county council's Bradford Area Sub-Committee.

Misleading

Members of the Committee agreed to investigate the access for vehicles to Back Grove Road, Ilkley, so that the matter could be discussed at their next meeting.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renron said there were signs indicating a road from The Grove and many motorists thought this was a way through to the central car park when in fact it was no longer. She thought the signs were misleading and some action should be taken.

Cr. Williams asked for some action to be taken about 40 mph signs at the junction of Brooklands Walk with the A65 at Menston. He said the signs were left from when Brooklands Walk was a two-way street, and now that it was one-way they were misleading and should be removed.

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St. Margaret's Choristers On Excursion To Malham

100 Years Ago

The choristers of St. Margaret's Church had their annual excursion which in 1880 was to Malham and the surrounding "widely beautiful country." The party of men and boys numbered around fifty and they were accompanied by the Rev. Henry Bickersteth Outley, Vicar of St. Margaret's and the Precentor, Mr. E. W. Crawley. Four pair horse wagonettes were supplied by Mr. J. Lee (Crescent Hotel), Mr. T. Sergeant (Star Inn), Mr. W. Ramsden (Craiglands Livery Stables) and they made a first stop in Skipton to rest and refresh the horses. The party had a "slight lunch at Malham" before sight-seeing and then had a knife and fork tea at the Buck Inn.

The "glorious twelfth" heralded a good start to the grouse-shooting season in the Ilkley district. On Middleton Moors a party of the Middleton family and friends shot twenty-five brace of birds by lunch time and on Rombalds Moor a party led by Messrs. Ingham and Lister bagged forty brace. The grouse were reported as being plentiful and strong on the wing.

Satisfaction was expressed by the Editor of the Ilkley Gazette as to the fact that the Prime Minister, Mr. Gladstone, was recovering from a serious illness and would be able to take up the reins again during an anxious and doubtful time for the nation.

75 Years Ago

Rain fell heavily during the Ilkley Charity Carnival, drenching to the skin many taking part and robbing the spectacle of much of its attraction. There was a procession from Brook Street marshalled by Mr. W. Dickenson on horseback, with Ilkley Brass band, Ilkley Fire Brigade, the Ambulance Corps, draught horses, Hrazemans Turnouts, fancy dress, on foot and horseback, decorated cycles and perambulators, and donkeys and riders. The event made a profit of £40 for the Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital.

In connection with the carnival there was a concert at the barn on the Sunday afternoon, which the weather

favoured and hundreds of people attended. Music was supplied by the Ilkley Brass Band with Master John R. deagh and Miss M. Watkinson as soloists. The Rev. S. D. Hillman presided.

A suggestion for a "little dinner—priced 6d." was given to lady readers, the menu for the week being "Tripe in Batter followed by Baked Rice and Golden Syrup"—the claim being that it was excellent for the digestion and good for liver and stomach trouble.

50 Years Ago

Ilkley Gliding Club hoped to be able to take to the air, following the purchase of a new glider from Germany. Members spent their weekend assembling the machine in a building opposite the Lister's Arms Hotel. It had a wing span of about 30 feet and its length from nose to rudder was 15 feet, it was constructed of light wood and canvas. Large numbers of people went to inspect the machine, and had the controls explained to them by members of the committee.

The Bank Holiday of 1930 was memorable for heavy rain. For Ilkley caterers it was disastrous, and Bank Holiday Monday was completely washed out. Buses entered the town with less than their usual working day loads, and trains carried very few holiday makers.

A Baby Show was one of the chief attractions at a garden party held at Myddleton Lodge. The prizewinners were—boy over 18 months; Cyril B. Williamson; girl over 18 months; Margaret Wilson; infants; under 18 months; Margaret Perks, Vera Binns and Anthony Aldrich. Special buses were hired to take competitors and their mothers up the steep hill to the monastery.

25 Years Ago

Anxiety was expressed for the preservation of the old Elizabethan House in Castle Yard, known as "The Manor House," which had been at one time the centre of local administration, which was included in a Council clearance and demolition scheme to be carried out over five years. The building was included in a list of buildings of special historical or architectural interest, which stated that the building could not be touched unless two months notice was given, and a copy of the notice sent to the Minister.

The report by the Medical Office of Health, Dr. R. A. W. Proctor, commented on the number of old people in the area who lived in "need and loneliness." The health visitor had 63 aged persons on her visiting list, who found meeting the high cost of living an impossibility. The report said that people over 80 were loath to leave their own firesides but that the 65-75 year age group would welcome communal living, providing they could have some of their own "bits and pieces" with them. There was an over 60's club provided for men but nothing for women, although the women were in a three to one majority. Each week, the report continued, more old people were found living in penury and discomfort, just waiting for death.

CONTINUATION OF DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL SUPPORTED BY ILKLEY

Backing for the continuation of the Airedale District Community Health Council is being given by Ilkley Parish Council.

The future of all Community Health Councils and the National Health Service in their present form is to be considered during the coming months.

In the annual report of the Airedale District Community Health Council, the Chairman, Mr. G. R. Vere, of Ilkley, says during the coming months the future not only of Community Health Councils but the NHS in its present form, will be under active consideration.

"I believe that, since its inception in 1974, this Council has made a significant contribution to the increased public awareness of the NHS and the fundamental issues with which it is faced and to local public debate on those issues.

"When difficult decisions have to be made the ability of the Community Health Council to represent public feelings and fears and to present a properly informed viewpoint, whether or not there is full agreement, is of benefit both to management and the community," stated Mr Vere.

He thanked fellow members of the Council for their support without whose sterling efforts the concept could not operate.

"They join me in expressing our appreciation of the work of the Secretariat, Richard Bray and Sheila Gillett. It is due to their conscientious application and endeavour that the Council has been able to pursue its role of safeguarding the interests of the local Community in the National

Health Service," stated Mr. Vere.

Ilkley Parish Councillors were reminded that support for the Community Health Council was voiced at the annual Parish Meeting.

Cr. K. G. Johnson said he had spoken to contacts in the Health Service who felt that the Community Health Council performed a useful consumer protection function but perhaps a less elaborate alternative could be built into the new organisation.

Cr. C. H. Scaife said the consensus among his contacts was that there should be a public participation exercise but the body concerned should have more "teeth."

Cr. Mrs. B. J. Cussons pointed out that it would be unwise to abolish the mechanism for consumer representation at a time when the management of the Health Service was being reorganised.

BURLEY CLINIC

A suggestion in the annual report of the Airedale Community Health Council that high priority should be given to replacing the building used as the clinic at Burley-in-Wharfedale was criticised at a meeting of the Bradford Family Practitioner Committee.

Dr. E. W. Green said the Community Health Council had suggested that the popu-

lation of Burley was expected to grow, but he understood that to be unlikely. He said there was a clinic only two afternoons a week and if the building did become inadequate there were other buildings in Burley which would be suitable.

He said the spending of £100,000 on a new building to be used four hours a week would not be justified.

Cr. Derek Smith said the local planning authority did not want to see Burley grow.

Mrs. Stina Brown, an observer from the Airedale Community Health Council, said she would report the comments to the next meeting of the Health Council.

SCALEBOR PARK

The Community Council's annual report stated that as a result of recent changes in the catchment area of Scalebor Park Hospital, Burley, the population served by the hospital had increased by 45,000 and the potential work load by twenty five per cent. In addition, the Community Council understood that the hospital was already deficient in numbers of nursing staff before those changes occurred.

The report went on "this Council seeks an assurance that the additional costs incurred by Scalebor Park will be properly funded and that resources will not be diverted from other services within the Airedale district to meet the increased commitment.

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Temporary River Crossing To Help Visitors

100 Years Ago

Local governors of the town, seeing how inconvenienced residents and visitors had been during the previous nine months by the dilapidated condition of the stepping stones took the matter in their own hands and constructed a temporary crossing giving visitors access to one of the most "delightful walks in Wharfedale."

A plot of freehold building land consisting of 1,824 square yards, situated between Parish Ghyll and the Ilkley High School was offered for sale at auction at the Crescent Hotel. There was a very small attendance and the land was withdrawn at 1s. 6d. per yard.

Dacre Son and Hartley advertised for sale the contents of a house which included such interesting items as a double brougham carriage, live goose feather beds, five iron bedsteads, various domestic furniture, iron fenders and fire irons and a rosewood coal vase.

A little advice on how to deal with a patient suffering from Delirium Tremens, advocated that they needed the support of frequent food and suggested that he should be made to swallow the whites of 12 eggs with a little lemon juice, or broth with plenty of cayenne pepper added. For the old and feeble a small quantity of wine or brandy could be allowed but in the young stimulants had to be completely cut off.

Grange displacing several allotment holders. The Parks Committee had resolved that a bowling green be laid and application to borrow £300 should be made to the Minister of Health. The cost of the repayment of the loan and the upkeep of a green was estimated at £65 per annum, and the takings from the green, particularly from the veterans of the village, should make it a paying concern. Mr. Harvey, however, felt that it was ridiculous that ratepayers' money should be used to provide tennis courts and a bowling green at a cost to ratepayers of £5,000 to £6,000 and to destroy at the same time valuable allotments. On a final vote it was decided to carry on with the work of providing the bowling green as soon as possible.

Three sheep dogs from Wharfedale were included in a team to represent England at the International trials to be held at Ayr. They were Hemp, owned by Mr. E. Priestley of Moorside, Ilkley; Fly, owned by Mr. Mark Hayton of Moorside, Ilkley, and Meg owned by Mr. C. Hardisty of Otley.

An immense barbel, weighing 6lbs and measuring 26½ inches in length was caught in the River Wharfe below the Crum Wheel by Mr. Wilson, the registrar at Ilkley Cemetery. He was fishing with worms in flood water.

25 Years Ago

Nearly 300 Leeds children were deprived of a holiday at the school camp at Langbar because the water supply became inadequate due to a long drought. The water sources at the camp were a spring and a stream which were purified by the chlorination process but a little contamination had been found owing to the low state of the supply.

130 children who should have stayed in Ilkley until Monday were sent home early on Friday. Ald. Walsh, Chairman of Leeds Education Committee, said that this was the first time that the camp had been closed since it was started soon after the First World War by the Schools Athletic Association, and later taken over by the Education Committee.

Two Ilkley Scouts, Malcolm J. Whitaker and Colin Flower represented the West Yorkshire Area of England at the Eighth World Scout Jamboree held in Ontario Canada. The Canadian people welcomed them with kindness and generosity and a visit was paid to Niagara Falls, one of the highlights of the trip.

Maximum temperatures in Ilkley were once again in the 80's and the weather was fine and warm. The bathing pool reported record takings, and the only worry appeared to be the water shortage which remained critical.

75 Years Ago

The Prince of Wales (later to become King George V) spent time at Bolton Abbey to take part in the grouse shooting party headed by the Duke of Devonshire. He had been staying with the Marquis of Ripon at Studley Royal and had taken part in the grouse shoot on the moor near Ripon. He travelled in a covered motor car to Bolton Abbey and a considerable crowd gathered en route to cheer him as he passed by.

The annual tea and concert in connection with Christ Church, Nesfield took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crowther in the grounds of Nesfield Hall. Tea tables were presided over by Mrs. Muntz, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Mitton, Mrs. Matthews and Miss Muntz. The Rev. Dr. Muntz, vicar of Ilkley, presided over the concert, supported by Mr. W. Mitton, Mr. A. W. Bain and the Rev. T. E. Taylor.

The Daily Mail carried a paragraph extolling the delights of a stay in Ilkley, listing its many charms and advocating a holiday in the quiet countryside amidst delightful scenery.

50 Years Ago

There was a lively meeting of Burley Council when Mr. Harvey was in a fighting mood on the suggested laying down of a bowling green in

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New Brook Street from thirty five feet



NOT A SIGN OF A POOR MAN'S DWELLING

100 Years Ago

An interesting description of Ilkley, as seen by a neutral observer on a visit from Ireland, appeared in the "Gazette" and read as follows:

"I found Ilkley, a new town grown up, of substantially-built houses, beautifully-placed villas and not a sight of a poor man's dwelling, for the very cottages are spacious and substantially well-furnished. The hillside seemed covered with churches, if one might judge by the numerous towers, spires, pinnacles, turrets and finials of sundry kinds."

The foundation stone of the Congregational School Rooms was laid by Mr. T. P. Muff, of Wood Bank, Ilkley. The "Gazette" stated that the previous room had "been quite out of proportion to the increasing demand for Sunday school accommodation".

The plans for the new building stated that the assembly room was to be 66 feet in length and 33 feet in width, with a separate entrance for boys and girls, was to have nine classrooms, a library, a young men's room, a ladies' sewing room, lavatories and a store room.

It was estimated that the work would cost about £3,000.

75 Years Ago

Dr. Bates, of Ilkley, who for many years had attended the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and their Bolton Abbey house party guests, was called upon to visit the Prince of Wales, who was suffering from an eye infection. The treatment was successful and to show his appreciation, His Royal Highness sent a gold scarf pin to Dr. Bates bearing the Coat of Arms of the Prince.

Mr. Jonathon Peate, of Guiseley, Chairman of the Wharfedale Board of Guardians, laid the foundation stone of the new Workhouse Infirmary at Otley. A silver trowel was presented to Mr. Peate by the architect, Mr. W. H. Herbert Marton, of Bradford.

To please the townspeople who thought that the annual Carnival and Black Hats v White Hats cricket match was outdated, a compromise was reached and a trip from Ilkley had been arranged on the same day, Feast Wednesday, much to the disgust of the Carnival cricket match organisers, who thought that the tradespeople's organisation's trip should have taken place earlier in the year.

50 Years Ago

Denton Park was the site for Ilkley Gliding Club's first flights in their new glider. The first member to "take to the air" was Mr. S. M. Thompson, who had 100 hours' experience in the air with the Cambridge Air Squadron. As the members were so keen lots had been drawn at the previous meeting to decide the order of going up, with the two members with previous experience wisely taking precedence.

The glider was of the Zoglin type and cost £60, and was capable of passing two tests, of staying in the air 30 seconds, and allowing pilots to stay up two minutes, make a right and a left turn and land at a given spot. On the first day of flying 21 young men made a total of 31 short flights, and level ground was used the first day, the machine being launched by a catapult. The longest time in the air was achieved by W. H. Hylton at 12 seconds, and the most successful soar was about 25 feet. Remarkably for the first day both men and machine emerged unscathed.

Heavy rains and strong wind from the South West caused a sudden rise in the River Wharfe, giving rise to flooding at Mickle Ing, between Otley and Burley, the river at one time rising by a full three feet within an hour. The swollen river made a fine spectacle carrying the dead bodies of sheep, rabbits and poultry downstream and a number of tree trunks. Continuing rain was causing consternation amongst farmers, as much of the hay had not been gathered and was rotting in the fields.

25 Years Ago

The New Zealand Rugby League Tourists arrived in Ilkley, where they made their headquarters. The squad consisted of an unusually high number of young players, 16 players out of the 26-strong squad being under the age of 24 years old.

The two managers of the squad were Mr. Harold Tetley, who had been as a visitor on a previous tour, and Mr. Colin Siddle.

Amongst the House Sales advertisements were a Georgian residence of character, with three reception rooms, five bedrooms, two bathrooms and a double garage at £4,000, a cottage in Addingham already modernised, rateable value £4, price £675; and many terraced houses at around £1,500.

PICTURE OF ILKLEY AS IT WAS IN 1823

During the next few weeks in a series of articles we shall present an account of what life was like in Ilkley during the early part of the last century.

This account will be based on a lecture given by John Dobson in a local hall in 1873. His description of Ilkley fifty years earlier in 1823 is often referred to and readers have frequently asked for it to be reprinted.

Mr. Dobson said: It may be well, in the outset, to glance at the appearance and character of our village in 1823. That part of the moor called the Craig has been largely denuded of its rocky covering, and in a vastly greater degree the part named Hangingsone. The latter, at the time referred to, was covered with immense masses of rock of irregular shape more especially at its eastern and western sides, a high ridge of rocks being piled up to a considerable elevation in picturesque and almost grotesque confusion all the way from the "Cow" to the enclosed lands below.

This part of the vale seen from a slightly elevated position seemed nearly one mass of wood. The fields were many of them smaller than at present, in some cases three or four crofts having been made into one. Fine old oaks and other trees were scattered about in the fields. The larger woods were nearly all connected by belts of timber, most of the swampy ground covered with alders, and the small ravines and water courses abundantly wooded. A person half a mile or a little more from the village could scarcely see any portion of it but the church tower, unless he occupied some elevated position, say the Cow or the Old Wells; when if it was harvest time the scene was surpassingly beautiful, a much

larger portion of the land being under corn than now; and looking then something like a newly settled country with partial clearings in its woody country as distinguished from its appearance at the present day, as a cultivated valley with woods and trees dotting its surface.

Thatched dwellings

The village itself, as might be supposed, occupied much less space than at present, and, the immediate neighbourhood of the church excepted, had a very straggling appearance. In the direction of the moor, the farthest dwellings consisted of an old building which had once been used as a small worsted mill, and was situated where the Wells Stables now stand. At the time in question it was divided into four cottages. Coming downwards the next houses stood, one at the gate leading into the vicarage grounds, and one nearly opposite, both very old thatched dwellings; the next being Miss Batty's and the miller's house opposite. The upper corn mill occupied a position just at the bridge leading from Wells Road to the Friends' Meeting House, the other mill being about 80 yards further down, on the side of the gill. The house now occupied by Mr. Wade, near the Goods Station, was the furthest dwelling house in that direction, but a little further on, on the opposite side of the road, was a large thatched barn, with a similar one at the end of Mr. Wade's house. Immediately in front of the building mentioned there was a small grass-plot open to the road, and behind that a low, thatched cottage, with a garden at the side next to the village, where the station yard now is.

The Cowpasture

The Cowpasture had been a plot of ground taken from the moor, in which several persons had special rights in summer, but which was thrown open to the moor from the beginning of October until Mayday. The extent of the Cowpasture was 70 acres. It then consisted of one large field and was undrained, in consequence of which it was said that the cattle were subject to peculiar diseases of which they not infrequently died.

There was no road across the pasture, the present one being made immediately after. There were two or three foot-paths and a fearfully rough and boggy cart track, the horses being often up to the knees. This track led along the lower or northern side of the present road and out on to the moor on the other side of the gill. The gill itself was dotted with fine old oaks, and covered for a considerable distance on either side of the stream with very tall hazel bushes, where stakes and pea rods in spring and hazel nuts in autumn were common property.

Letting "Cow Gates"

The Cowpasture had originally been enclosed from the moor with the consent and agreement of the Lord of the Manor, and some of the principal freeholders; and the persons who had benefit in it before its enclosure were Mr. Middleton, the Trustees of the Sedbergh Grammar School, and the poor of Ilkley, represented by the Vicar and Churchwardens. A "cow gate" was reckoned about three acres, and on a particular day, about the first of May, the representatives of the different persons interested attended the vestry of the Parish Church to let the "gates". When they were let for £1 each or under they were said to be cheap, and when at or about 30s they were called dear.

To be continued

DAILY TELEGRAPH SPECIAL SCHEME FOR PARKING

Ilkley, one of West Yorkshire's most picturesque towns, has been given permission to use special narrow yellow lines in a new £4,000 parking scheme.

Ilkley Parish Council had opposed an earlier plan, claiming that the town's character would be spoilt by mass yellow lining. Now the Department of Transport has approved the use of the special narrow primrose lines, because Ilkley is in a conservation area.



Mr David Eldridge, a geography teacher at Ilkley Grammar School and his wife Mrs Christina Eldridge pictured with some of the party of school children who were delayed for a time in Cherbourg during the fishermen's strike. The party had been visiting Coutance, France, the twin town of Ilkley.

ILKLEY SCHOOL CHILDREN BEAT FISHERMENS BLOCKADE

A party of children from Ilkley Grammar School on an exchange visit to Coutance, Ilkley's twin town in France, just managed to beat the French fishermen's Channel blockade last week.

The children, aged from 14-16, had been on a two week holiday to stay with French penfriends in the town. Ilkley Grammar

School has operated an exchange between pupils at Lycee Coutances for the past 30 years.

Mr David Eldridge,

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head of the geography department at the school, and his wife Christine, escorted the children on the journey to France and back. They had been due to sail back from Cherbourg on Tuesday August 19th but were expecting to have to alter arrangements because of the blockade. Mr Eldridge telephoned the ferry office and discovered that negotiations for a 24 hour lifting of the blockade were taking place. He was guaranteed a sailing on that day and the party were given priority. Their return ferry was delayed for 5½ hours when English passengers refused

to disembark at Portsmouth until they were given compensation. After waiting for ten hours they eventually sailed at 10 p.m.

"The situation at Cherbourg was very orderly and calm," said Mr Eldridge, "and the majority of people were in good spirits. The French National riot police were present but all the fishing boats were in the harbour. We passed the time playing cricket and cards and the French Sea Scouts handed round free bread and milk. When we set sail the French fishermen hooted their horns and the ship replied."

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Ilkley Traders Fined For Highway Offences

100 Years Ago

A fine of 1s was imposed upon an Ilkley butcher, of Brook Street, at Otley Police Court for allowing a horse belonging to him to wander at large in the public streets.

Landlord of the Rose and Crown Inn, Church Street, in Ilkley in 1880 was also fined 1s for allowing his wagonette to stand on a public thoroughfare. When asked to remove the vehicle from Church Street he had refused claiming it to be his own property. The owner of the highway being the Local Board, a fine was duly imposed.

The reconstruction of Bowbeck Bridge, Middleton was started and the first stone was laid by W. M. Spence Esq., of Weston, a member of the Otley Highway board. In the presence of other members including Mr. King (Steward to W. Middleton Esq.) and Mr. T. Sargeant of Ilkley, both members of the committee. After the ceremony the company took luncheon at the Crescent Hotel, Ilkley, as guests of Mr. Spence.

The total rainfall for the month of August, 1880 was 1.848 inches.

75 Years Ago

Tradesmen in Ilkley were not pleased at the "summer season" trade in the town, and reported business as very quiet. They were inclined to blame the extraordinary popularity of Blackpool and Morecambe for this and next to them Ilkley was doing next to nothing.

Alice Dean, aged 11, youngest daughter of Mr. Isaac Dean, Stubham Rise, fell whilst watching Sanger's through a glass verandah Circus procession in Brook Street. With other girls she had secured a place of advantage above Mr. Mason's shop at the corner of The Grove and Brook Street, but she stepped on to the glass and fell through on to the pavement hitting her forehead. She was fortunate to suffer only mild concussion.

Suggestions were in hand to improve the attraction of the town and to afford greater pleasure for visitors. A plan was being discussed to replace the fountain at the foot of Mill Ghyll with another bandstand as the one in West View Park was out of the town centre. There were plans to move the fountain to the West side of the new town hall in existing gardens.

50 Years Ago

A presentation was made to the Rev. T. O. C. East, who had been the resident Wesleyan Minister in Addingham for three years, to mark the esteem of members of the Addingham Methodist Church. Many high tributes were paid to the work of the Rev. and Mrs. East in the village and the Rev. East was given an inscribed gold watch, and Mrs. East a cut glass flower vase.

There had been a dancing boom in the country ever since the end of the First World War, which had started after the men came back from the forces. This was expected to end quite quickly but in 1930 despite a severe recession the Kings Hall Annexe was booked up early for all kinds of dances and social gatherings.

Thousands of people went to a display organised by the Ilkley Gliding Club at Woolf Bank at the top of Cringles by Herr Mageruppe. Unfortunately they saw only brief flights owing to contrary wind conditions. Herr Mageruppe was very disconsolate and when invited for lunch refused saying all he wanted was a south west wind not food.

25 Years Ago

A mixed group of twenty boys and girls from Werl, Westphalia, in Germany were visiting the homes of pupils from Ilkley Grammar School. It was an exchange visit, the English children having been guests in Werl for a month. The children visited York, and the Lake District and the German children were to attend classes with them at Ilkley Grammar School when the school term opened. Then the German children would have three days in London at the end of their stay and pay a visit to the "Old Vic" Theatre and hear a symphony concert conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargeant. 160 hours of sunshine were recorded in Ilkley during the month of August and only 1.17 inches of rain, the month being the driest since 1947.

Two young local artists Mr. Derek Hyatt (24) and Mr. John P. Busby (25) held an exhibition of their work in the Civic Theatre, Bradford. Both had been pupils of Ilkley Grammar School and attended the Leeds College of Art.

CO-OP IN ILKLEY

SCORES OF PEOPLE CONTACT TOWN HALL

Following our recent front-page report on Ilkley Councillors' criticisms of the proposed new Co-op store in Ilkley's central car park, scores of Ilkley people contacted their town hall to see the model of the development. It is now on show, along with an artists impression and montages showing how it will look in relation to the surrounding buildings, at Andrew Sharpe & Partners' office on The Grove. The Ilkley estate agents are the surveyors handling the site, and have also been appointed project managers for the development on behalf of the West Yorkshire Co-operative Society.

Mr Andrew Sharpe said he was glad of the opportunity to answer the tide of criticism. "I feel that much of it is based on the simple fact that it is the Co-op which is developing the site," he said. "But the modern Co-op is a highly efficient, first-class retailing organisation, its old image long gone.

"The building utilises the site as offered by tender. It in no way overflows on to the present car park, and there is provision within the scheme for staff car parking and loading."

In reply to the criticism that the store will look like an aircraft hanger and will be totally out of keeping with the Victorian buildings nearby, Mr Sharpe said, "Any modern retail store must be functional, and too much window space means a

loss of selling space. Glass canopies are being added to break up the facade, and the mansard roof will have the effect of looking pitched from ground level. The architects have made every effort to make the building as attractive as possible."

"The new store, which will have food, furniture and consumer durables departments, will not cause traffic problems, as has been suggested. There will be one bulk delivery a week by medium-sized commercial vehicles and daily deliveries of fresh food and bakery in transit-type vans. One delivery a month of sugar will be made by articulated lorry. Weekly deliveries of furniture and consumer durables will be made at off-peak periods to cause the minimum congestion.

"The Co-op

organisation is far more efficient at organising its deliveries than small shops," added Mr Sharpe. "Ilkley will benefit by having a first-class modern department store."

Adding his voice to those of Ilkley District Councillors who objected to the scheme, District Coun. Jack Spencer said "I shall be fighting this proposal strongly at the September meeting of the Bradford Development Services Committee.

FINAL DECISION

Dear Sir — The final decision about what will happen to the Hawksworth House site in the Central Car Park, Ilkley, now rests with Bradford Metropolitan District Council. The matter will be re-examined by the Development Services Committee on the 17th September and it is understood that the public can attend the meeting.

We, the Ilkley Civic Society, suggest the only way in which opinions can carry any weight is for them to be known in Bradford before the meeting. We recommend anyone with strong feelings on the subject to write to the District Councillor.

For our part, we are writing to the District Councillors representing the various areas of Ilkley to say that we would not wish to express an opinion on whether a large store

'TIME RUNNING OUT'

Dear Sir — Since your 'Time Running Out' article concerning the proposal to build a Co-operative store alongside the main car park at Ilkley, many people have been to the Council Offices in Ilkley. They found that the model had been removed.

I have written to Mrs Fisher, clerk to the Ilkley Parish Council, pointing out that few residents had inspected the model because the publicity had been inadequate.

We object to the

siting of the Co-op by the same reasons as the Ilkley Parish Council. The Ilkley main car park is often full and the siting of the Co-op will only make the situation worse.

The difficulties in parking are going to be further aggravated by the Counties Traffic Management Scheme which will restrict street parking and increase the demand on the main car park.

There is a large area of unused land which was the railway goods

yard. This land should be developed rather than overcrowding the town centre.

W. D. FISHER
(CHAIRMAN)

Ilkley and District Ratepayers Action Group.

This is the most controversial happening in Ilkley since the Romans came. Ninety nine people out of a hundred to whom I have spoken have been against it." Coun Spencer said he welcomed the press reports which had at last wakened Ilkley people up to the major change about to hit their town. "Usually people begin to complain when the workmen arrive to dig the foundations. By then it is too late to change the course of events."

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

Dear Sir — In answer to your two questions about the proposed Co-op development in Ilkley, I am very much against it on the grounds already mentioned by District Coun. Mrs Winifred Clavering and District Coun. Capt. A. E. Turner. also I care very much for our town as do other residents.

You will be interested to learn that I visited Ilkley Town Hall earlier this week

to see the model of the proposed store and found myself at the front of a queue of four, all on the same errand. Incidentally, the model is now in Bradford and conveniently no longer available for viewing locally.

Thank you for your sharp reminder — perhaps you will have stirred others into action.

MRS JENNIFER M. RUNDLE
Bolling Road,
Ilkley.

is desirable in the town, but stating emphatically that we do not consider the Central Car Park to be a suitable site for such a store.

It now seems that only two alternatives are left — a large store or a number of smaller shops and a cinema. We are asking the District Councillors to do all they can to ensure the latter proposal is adopted.

G. LISTER
(CHAIRMAN)
Ilkley Civic Society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPPORT FOR ILKLEY CO-OP

Sir — We wish to express our support for the decision to allow the West Yorkshire Co-operative Society to build a store on the site near the car park in Ilkley.

Much of the opposition is from people with sectarian or specialist interests and does not, in our opinion, represent the needs or wishes of those who shop regularly in Ilkley as we do.

Some of the opposition has asked for an extension of the car park rather than the store. Far from enhancing the area this would add to the vast car parking space in this central part of Ilkley. A good well-proportioned building fitting in with the area and providing an amenity for shoppers is far preferable to more and more cars in a bigger car park or to the maintenance of the existing ugly buildings.

We believe that some of the opposition

has a definite political bias because the store will be built by the Co-op and this opposition does not represent the interests of Ilkley either from the viewpoint of the needs of shoppers or the need to enhance a central area which badly needs improving.

Yours faithfully,
MR & MRS B. SCOTT
3 Throstle Nest Close,
Otley, LS21 2RR.

UNIQUE QUALITIES

Dear Sir — I write as a resident of Ilkley who emigrated from Bradford some ten years ago. My wife and I liked the town, the beautiful countryside, the people, and the way they were concerned about other people and about maintaining the unique qualities that make up the town and community.

It is therefore with regret that I read in the local press how, following the disastrous reorganisation of the local government departments, the Bradford Metropolitan Council seems to have our affairs in its iron grasp, the velvet glove having been cast aside.

The Local Parish Council, who are residents of the area, who know the local feelings and wishes of the people, seem to have a constant running battle with "Big Brother Bradford". Instead of their advice being sought on our local problems and action taken on their recommendations, the exact opposite seems to occur, and at times with almost a degree of subterfuge.

Our new "Planners" seem determined to go against the expressed feelings of the Parish Council and the Civic Society in the erection of what has been described as a "monolithic monstrosity", but generally known as a departmental store. I would like to say quite

Yours faithfully,
FRANK GORDON
BENTLEY
Constable Road,
Ben Rhydding,
Ilkley.

(This letter has been abridged for space reasons. E.)

STRONG OBJECTIONS

Dear Sir — We are writing to express our very strong objections to the proposal to site a Co-op store on the Hawksworth House site in the central car park, Ilkley.

We wish to make it plain that we do not object to a Co-op store as such in Ilkley. It may well be that Ilkley would benefit from such a store, provided that it was built on another site where the objections we list below would not arise.

Such alternative sites undoubtedly exist — e.g. opposite the library.

Objection 1. It would be totally out of keeping with this particular area. 2. It would generate a large amount of extra traffic at peak shopping times. 3. It is opposed by the Ilkley Parish Council, The Ilkley Chamber of Trade, the Ilkley Civic Society and almost every resident of Ilkley to whom we have spoken.

We have held these views since we first heard of the proposal and before any designs were available. Now, having seen the designs exhibited in the window of Messrs. Andrew Sharpe and Partners, our objections are, if anything, even stronger than before.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT & JACKIE
TAYLOR
59 King's Road,
Ilkley.

(This letter has been abridged for space reasons. Ed.)

PARISH SURVEY UNIQUE TO ILKLEY

A parish survey launched this week to establish the views of residents on proposals for the redevelopment of land adjoining Ilkley's central car park — the subject of controversy since last December — is unique to Ilkley.

The organisers, Ilkley Parish Council, are hoping to collate information from over 3,000 questionnaires and present the results to the Development Services Panel of Bradford Metropolitan which will make a decision on the application for a Co-operative departmental store on 17 September.

One of the organisers of the survey, Cr. C. H. Scaife, told the "Gazette" that the survey was unique to Ilkley and if it proved successful then future surveys on important topics would be extended to other parts of the Ilkley district at Burley and Menston.

The initial reaction had been good and many were supporting the Parish Council's case for a car park extension. Of the two development schemes people were favouring the one for a cinema and a block of three shops rather than another supermarket, he said.

It was hoped the survey would cover half the houses in Ilkley but if possible they would like to cover more, said Cr. Scaife. This depended on volunteer labour taking forms out and collecting them.

"If anyone does not receive a questionnaire and would like one we are making them available from newsgents and from Parish Councillors," said Cr. Scaife.

Ilkley Civic Society and other local organisations have volunteered to assist with the distribution and it is hoped the survey will be completed by 12 September.

A sub-committee of the Parish Council will be working next weekend collating information from the returned questionnaires.

"The survey will give the people of Ilkley an opportunity to express their views and this is something we shall be thinking about when matters of major importance arise," said Cr. Scaife.

Questionnaires can be returned to Ilkley Town Hall. The survey has been concentrated on an even distribution throughout Ilkley with an equal percentage taken from each ward.

Anyone wishing to assist with the survey are asked to make contact with any member of the Parish Council.

TIME RUNNING OUT FOR ILKLEY RESIDENTS

Dear Sir — "Time running out for Ilkley residents." What, I ask myself, have the Development Services Committee of Bradford to consider? The vested interest of the Co-op department store, or the many assets which make Ilkley a popular, at-

people from the urban sprawl of Leeds and Bradford, or anywhere for that matter, the excellent off-street parking in the centre of the shopping precinct?

We certainly do not need planners to look into what is plain for all to see every day,

entrance is perfect chaos every single day of the week. Taking space badly needed for cars in order to erect a departmental store would indicate to me that some people should really "do their homework".

Yours faithfully,
W. Baldwin,
72 Southolme Drive

MORE LAND IS RELEASED FOR DEVELOPMENT ON EVE OF CONTROVERSIAL SITE DECISION

One of the biggest surveys ever to be held in Ilkley is under way to establish the views of residents on proposals for the development of land in the town centre on which the West Yorkshire Co-Operative Society wants to build a departmental store.

Almost on the eve of the Development Services Panel of Bradford Metropolitan Council reaching a decision, British Rail has announced its intention to release land in the centre of Ilkley which the Parish Council believes would be better suited for any future supermarket in the town.

The survey launched by Ilkley Parish Council on Monday is aimed at obtaining what preference residents have for three schemes submitted for the development of the land adjoining the town's central car park.

The survey asks whether there will be sufficient car parking space in Ilkley once the Traffic Management Scheme is implemented with the loss of some 100 car parking spaces.

Residents are being asked whether or not they support the Parish Council's case for a car park extension, do they believe the Victorian image of the town centre should be preserved and if the site is to be developed would they prefer a supermarket or a cinema with a block of three shops.

They are also being asked

what they like most about living in Ilkley and are there any improvements they would like to see.

Controversy has raged in the town since it became known last December that the West Yorkshire Co-operative Society wanted to build a departmental store on the site. The first scheme put forward by Raven Developments Ltd. of Ilkley for a cinema and block of three shops has received planning approval. The decision for a Co-op departmental store has been deferred pending the meeting of the Development Services Panel on 17 September. The Parish Council and many Ilkley traders believe the site should be used as a car park extension.

A sub-committee of the Parish Council will be working next weekend collating

information from over 3,000 questionnaires and passing the results to Bradford Metropolitan Council before the Development Services Panel reaches a decision on 17 September.

One of the organisers of the survey, Cr. C. H. Scaife said it was unique for Ilkley and if it proved successful then future surveys on important topics would be extended to other parts of the Ilkley district at Burley and Menston.

The initial reaction had been good and many were supporting the Parish Council's case of a car park extension. Of the two development schemes people were favouring the one for a cinema with a block of three shops, said Cr. Scaife.

The Department of the

Environment and Transport say they would not wish to restrict the development after basing their decisions upon the anticipated effects upon the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road only.

British Rail officials have told the Parish Council of far reaching plans for the future development of railway land in the centre of Ilkley. A large area of land formerly used as the goods yard is to be released for development and an area of Ilkley Railway Station, now listed as a building of historical interest, will be leased and an idea of an open market has already been put forward.

The three schemes which will be considered by the Development Services Panel of Bradford Metropolitan Council on 17 September are described below.

PROPOSED DEPARTMENT STORE DEVELOPMENT

The West Yorkshire Co-operative Society's proposals for the site involve a retail department store, food hall and motor cycle showroom.

Their planning application is for a three storey building. Level one would comprise service access from South Hawskworth Street, a motor cycle showroom, loading and unloading bay,

three staff car parking spaces and 352 square metres of service storage.

Level two would comprise 648 square metres of food hall, and level three 835 square metres department store.

The building would be constructed of natural stone with slate roof.

When the Co-operative Society's plans for the store were first announced, Mr. J. W. Money, Chief Executive Officer, said Ilkley could only benefit from such a development. The store

would provide thirty to forty jobs, and he thought the development would complement the recent grove Promenade scheme.

"This type of development is certainly not new to the society as there are similar stores in Bradford, Brighouse and Keighley said Mr. Money.

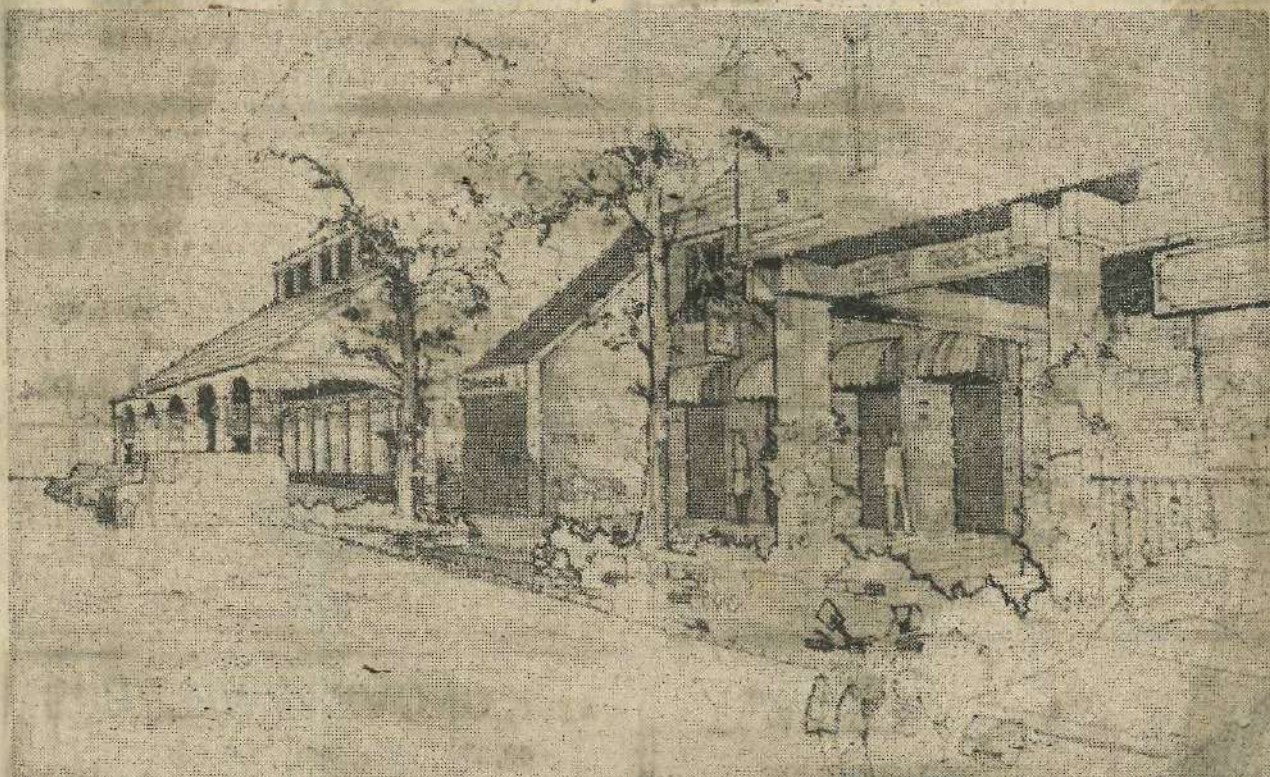
"They are the focal point of the area and Ilkley needs a comprehensive departmental store, which is what this development is all about.

"Ilkley is a developing

town and needs to be more attractive to shoppers in order to stop the drift to Leeds. In fact, we want more people coming into the town as this will be to the benefit of all traders," said Mr. Money.

The development would blend in with other stores in the town and its architectural appearance would be a pleasing feature. The Society was currently involved in a similar project at Skipton but not on such a large scale, he said.

SCHEME FOR SHOPS, SHOWROOM AND CINEMA



The development scheme submitted by Raven Development Co. Ltd. for the controversial site in Ilkley car park is designed to complement the Grove Promenade development, also carried out by Raven Development Co. in 1978.

received a Civic Society Award in 1979.

The proposed scheme would retain the existing double storey building formerly occupied by Messrs. Lawsons, and extend on to it to provide three shops and a showroom with a small cinema on the first floor.

The proposals provide a net gain of twelve parking spaces to the existing parking facilities of the car park.

A spokesman said great care had been given to the

appearance which would enhance the town central area and create the effect of a square. The front line of the buildings would be recessed to give a paved courtyard effect in the centre with appropriate planting areas and an attractive colonnaded shopping frontage.

Provision was made within the curtilage of the site for vehicles to turn off the street with ample sight lines onto South Hawskworth Street. The position of the building also enabled The Arcade to

park, having the effect of linking it more closely into the main shopping centre, he added.

Interest had already been expressed in the shop units and also the cinema from prospective lessees.

Dacre, Son and Hartley are the sole agents for the scheme, and the joint architects are L. N. Cordingley, A.R.I.B.A. and William T. Jeffery, A.R.I.B.A.

The artist's impression is of the proposed development to the North West of Hawskworth House, looking from

5 SEPT 1980 DoE NOT WISHING TO RESTRICT DEVELOPMENT

The Department of the Environment has informed Ilkley Parish Council that the Department would not wish to restrict the developments.

This decision was based upon the anticipated effects on the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road only. Mr. D. S. Ralley of the DoE told the parish council.

"Whilst the possibility of the effects that you foresee can not and have not been ignored, I consider that these would occur very infrequently and would not be an adequate basis for refusal. The outcome of any appeal that may have been lodged due to refusal on these grounds alone can not, of course, be predicted but it is incumbent upon the Department to consider the likelihood of its decision being upheld," he said.

"I agree that the use of the Cumiffe Road junction with the Trunk Road by large numbers of long slow moving vehicles is undesirable. I do not believe, however, that development of the size referred to would attract such vehicles in any number.

"The possibility of South Hawskworth Street being blocked by delivery vehicles is a fact that will be considered by West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council as the highway authority for that road. It is in their interest to ensure that this does not occur in order to maintain the efficient use of the car park but it is not an aspect that I can take into account in issuing a conditional direction or a refusal. Furthermore, it would not be in the interests of a developer wishing to optimise the use of his supermarket to allow obstruction of the access to the car park which will be used by a large proportion of his customers," Mr. Ralley concluded.

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Council's Concern Over Outstanding Accounts

100 Years Ago

A lengthy discussion arose at the meeting of the Ilkley Local Board with regard to outstanding accounts on the general district rate. Mr. Beanlands wished to know the reason for employing a solicitor to act on their behalf before the Otley magistrates as he considered it unnecessary. The Chairman, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Sykes said that this action would save the Board money in the long run. Mr. Milner said that a sum of £2,000 had been lost through defaulters over the previous two years, and a considerable sum in 1877 owing to lenity extended to defaulters. After much argument it was decided that the Local Board would be right to go ahead and engage a solicitor.

The Burley Corps of Volunteers, which formed "C" Company of the W.Y.R.V. was well represented at the assembling of offered at a charge of 2d. per the coming of age of the volunteer movement.

75 Years Ago

Ilkley Education Committee's evening classes were somewhat limited in range in comparison with modern times. They were offered at a charge of 2s. per week.—Youths and Young Men: Workshop Arithmetic and Mensuration; English, Reading Writing and Composition; Drawing and Elementary designing. Girls and Young Women: Arithmetic, English (Writing, reading and composition); Drawing; Household management or needlework. The only additional class was for elementary and advanced needlework and household cookery.

Proposals were in hand to augment Ilkley's water supply by calling in a geologist from Leeds University to advise in respect of boreholes on the moors. There was controversy as the recently erected reservoir above Panorama Drive, with a capacity of eight million gallons, had during the summer months, been for the most part empty. The City Fathers were charged with looking after their own interests rather than those of the town.

50 Years Ago

The King's Hall "made a brilliant spectacle of colour" at the seventh annual Flower Show. There were some magnificent trade displays amongst the finest being a miniature rock garden shown by P. Gardner, of the Craven Gardens, Addingham, and a splendid display of gladioli and roses, by J. Slater, of Ilkley.

A dinner was held at the Lister's Arms Hotel to celebrate the jubilee of rugby union football in Ilkley.

Amongst their guests on this occasion were members of the Yorkshire team together with a number of friends including the heads of the County Committee. Mr. W. P. Wood presided in the absence of Mr. John Green.

A match was played in the afternoon between Ilkley and Yorkshire which Yorkshire won by 14 points to nil, but Mr. Wood considered it a great compliment to Ilkley footballers that the Yorkshire team had turned up to take part in the match.

The first member of the Ilkley gliding club to suffer any personal injury was Mr. Brian Dean, who gained too much height on leaving the ground and nose dived. Mr. Dean suffered a compound fracture of the right leg. The services of Dr. Melvyn, of Burley, were quickly secured from Ilkley Golf Club and Mr. Dean was taken to Leeds Infirmary. The glider received damage to the nose.

25 Years Ago

The retiring Surveyor and Engineer, A. Skinner, was appointed as part-time consultant and advisor for one year.

The New Zealand Rugby League Touring team were welcomed on their arrival at the Troutbeck Hotel, which was to be their headquarters for a three month tour by the Chairman of Ilkley Council, Cr. W. Hill, other members of the Council, the Clerk and officials. The hotel flew the New Zealand flag alongside the Union Jack, and welcoming banners were hung across the entrance drive.

An auction by Dacre Son and Hartley of Burley Hall, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dalton together with other property in the village was withdrawn as private negotiations were taking place. With the Hall went the "Manor or Lordship of Burley" as far as manorial rights still existed.

DEPUTATION TO DELIVER

ILKLEY'S VIEWS

15 SEPT 80

A deputation of Ilkley Parish Councillors is to deliver the results of a unique survey of Ilkley opinion about plans for a controversial site in the town to Bradford Metropolitan Council on Monday afternoon.

Survey forms regarding proposals for the site, adjacent to Ilkley's central car park, have been delivered to residents, and all replies received by 9.00 a.m. on Monday will be included.

The question of proposals for the development of the site will then be considered by the District Council's Development Control Panel on Wednesday, at a meeting open to the public.

Three plans put forward for the site are for a department store, shops and a cinema, or an extension to the existing car park.

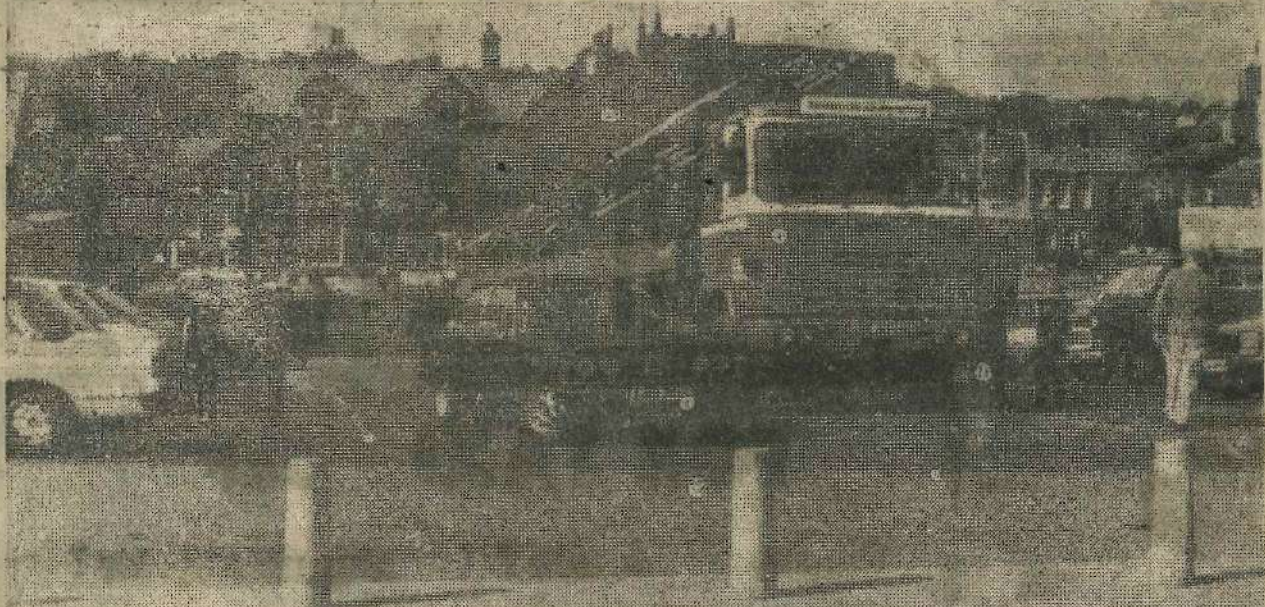
The Parish Council sub-committee dealing with the survey says results so far have shown that Ilkley residents welcomed the opportunity to take part in the survey. The response had been very encouraging, with unsolicited requests for forms, as well as offers of help with deliveries and collections.

The sub-committee had also been greatly encouraged by the response and interest shown by all sections of the community. Replies to questions about what people liked most, and their ideas for

future plans, were particularly interesting and would provide the Parish Council with a useful basis in their work for the town, it was reported.

Initially, Burley and Menston were not included in the survey, but requests had been made for survey forms. Complete coverage of the area was not possible, but the sub-committee made sure that a percentage of all areas of Ilkley were included.

PLAN FOR EXTENSION OF CENTRAL CAR PARK



Ilkley Parish Council and many local traders are convinced that the controversial site would be better used for an extension to the central car park, rather than for either of the other two proposals.

With this in mind the Parish Council urged the District Council to refuse planning permission.

The Parish Council informed Bradford's Planning Panel that a decision on the applications would pre-empt meaningful consultations on most of the main conclusions

of the Ilkley Town Centre Plan Position Statement, and they thought the District Council should monitor the effects of the proposed Ilkley Traffic Management Scheme before considering release of this land for development.

A petition with 615 signatures objecting to the proposed department store on seven grounds had been received, mainly concerned with the creation of additional demand on car parking spaces, difficulties caused by loading and unloading, and the inappropriateness of such a development adjacent to the town's Conservation Area.

Objections were also received from Ilkley Chamber of Trade, Ilkley Civic Society, Ilkley Standing Conference of Women's Organisations and local residents.

The other application is for shops, cinema and workshop and although the Chamber of Trade favoured an extension of the car park they agreed the town wanted a cinema.

Ilkley trader Mr. G. A. Peel said plans to promote Ilkley as a tourist centre and for local residents to share the town's beauty would be welcomed on the one hand and yet questioned on the other.

At a time when the West Yorkshire County Council intended to implement a traffic scheme in Ilkley, which will reduce the "on street parking" and the Co-operative Society proposed a supermarket within the central car park, a serious question mark hung over the centre of Ilkley.

"Visualise coaches, delivery

vehicles, buses, normal car flow plus the proposed increase from tourists, and what picture could be captured in the minds eye," he said.

"The photograph recently taken of a large goods vehicle in the car park may help. However the true cost to Ilkley may not be known until it is too late to prevent a multi storey car park, a one way central zone traffic system and short term parking in many areas."

"It is not just the one problem which confronts the community but rather the combination of plans which ultimately will cost the ratepayers more money and at the same time contribute towards a far greater number of accidents," he concluded.

NEW SHOPPING PRECINCT AND TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE IN REDEVELOPMENT PLANS

5 SEPT 1988

British Rail is to release land for redevelopment in the centre of Ilkley and has set out its plans for the future use of Ilkley Station.

A mini passenger transport interchange, outlined some years ago, has reached the planning stage and could come about within the next two years.

Officials of British Rail told Ilkley Parish Council on Monday that the land, formerly used as a goods yard, would be released for development within the next two months.

Divisional Manager for British Rail's Eastern Region, Mr. J. G. Batley, giving a brief history of developments at Ilkley, said improvements were started when the station building was stone cleared. This was followed by maintenance work on the station roof, improvements to staff rooms and the preparation of part of the station for lease as a restaurant.

"It is nice to see the buildings being used and not left to be vandalised," said Mr. Batley.

Future Requirement

After years of wondering what to do with the land formerly used as the goods yard British Rail had now declared that the land was surplus to requirements.

So far the roof of Ilkley Railway Station had been "delightfully" preserved and looking to the future Mr. Batley said the railway requirement would centre on Platforms 1 and 2 only. The far side of the station where Platforms 3 and 4 once served the main line through to Skipton would become surplus to requirements, he said.

"This is something the town might like to be thinking about," said Mr. Batley who said the only restrictions on the use of that area would be to preserve the walls and roof which had been "listed" with the remainder of the station.

Referring to the area of land used as a car park opposite Ilkley Town Hall Mr

Batley said this was at present leased to Bradford Metropolitan Council and he thought this would perhaps be better used for a bus-rail interchange and for improving car parking facilities.

British Rail's Estate Officer Mr. N. Baldock said a number of applications had been received from interested parties wanting to develop the former goods yard. A report was at present being prepared on how best to market the land. If the land was put on the open market he expected there would be many more applications to develop it.

Pointing out that the part now occupied by Platforms 3 and 4 was above street level, Mr. Baldock said this would be more difficult to develop as it was also restricted in width. Whether it could be incorporated, as once had been suggested, as an open market remained to be seen, said Mr. Baldock.

Another area of railway land occupied by buildings fronting on to Brook Street was subject to a lease which did not terminate until the end of this century but it was hoped the people occupying the buildings would help with making that corner of Ilkley much more attractive with redevelopment with the possibility of a 125 years lease.

Prime Object

The prime object at the moment was to get an occupier on the goods yard land, said Mr. Baldock. The development of the land had been held up over the years for a number of reasons. Councillors would no doubt recall one scheme in which a new road cut across the railway and a station, of a new

type, was "pushed" into the goods yard and the area redeveloped for shopping purposes.

"Unfortunately this was not to be," commented Mr. Baldock. When the Passenger Transport Executive came into being the scheme was shelved until they knew what was happening to the local services, said Mr. Baldock.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton asked if British Rail would only be looking at the development of the land from a financial aspect or would British Rail be taking into consideration the position of the town and what services would be desirable to the people of Ilkley?

Mr. Baldock said it would have to be viewed from the commercial aspect but any development would have to meet the needs of the town and country planning act but after this he would be seeking the best use of the land.

"Then it would go to the highest bidder?" asked Cr. Mrs. Renton to which Mr. Baldock replied "not necessarily."

"Would you be prepared to allow it to go to a private developer for a shopping development and car parking scheme?" asked Cr. Peter A. Williams.

"Yes" said Mr. Baldock.

Any development in the goods yard would be an exciting prospect for Ilkley, commented Cr. W. R. Hill.

"We should know what we are doing with that land within two months," said Mr. Baldock. By that time British Rail would have decided on whether to choose someone from the list of applicants for the site or to put the land on the open market. The more finance which could be obtained from land and pro-

perty the less money British Rail had to borrow from the Government, said Mr. Baldock.

Interchange

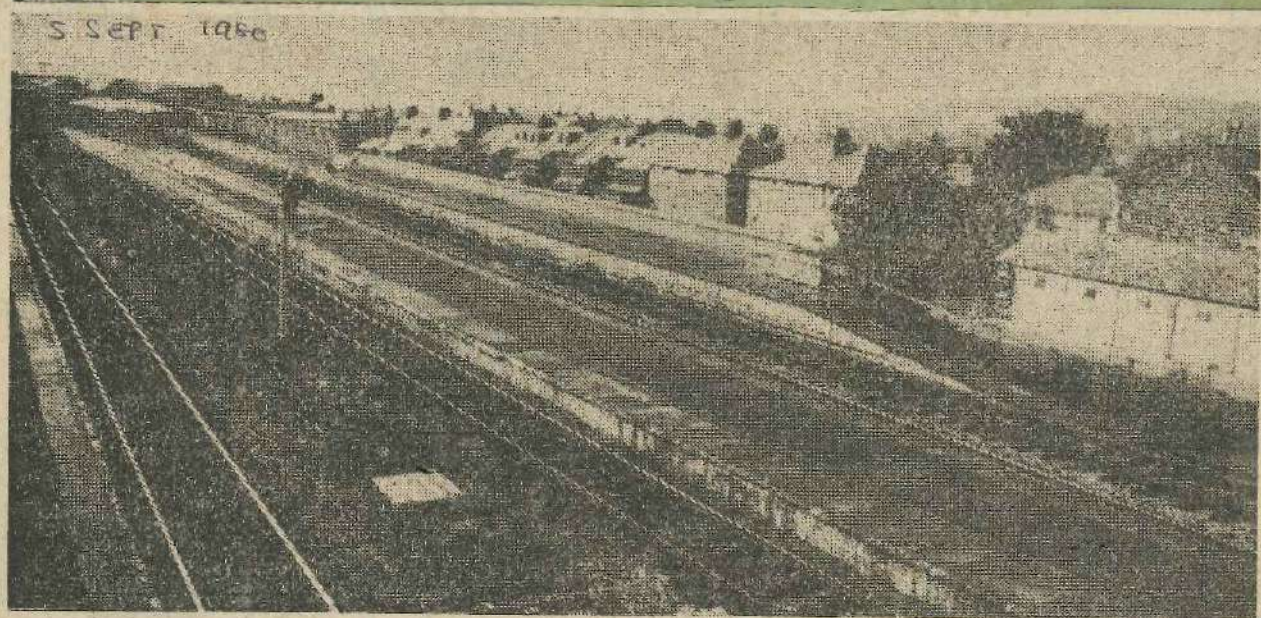
Planning Manager for the Passenger Transport Executive, Mr. M. Harrison gave a brief outline of the Executive's primary function to integrate public transport within the area.

"It had been mooted for some time there will be a mini or micro passenger transport interchange at Ilkley," said Mr. Harrison.

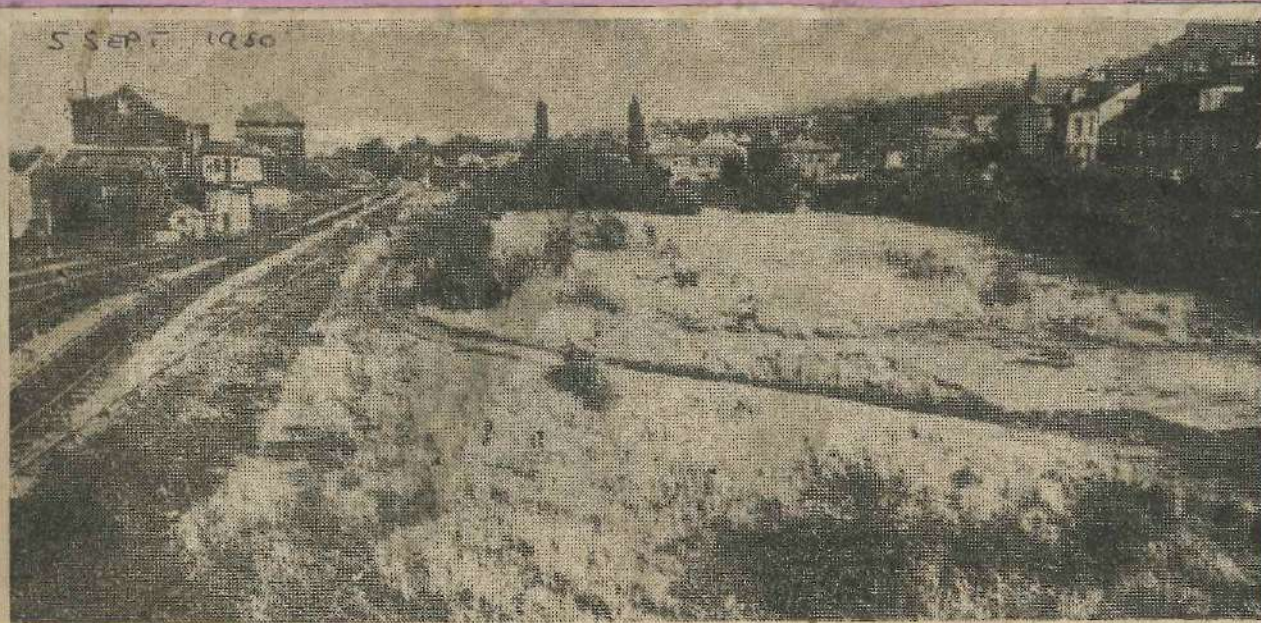
Plans were being prepared and after obtaining costs the PTE, in conjunction with British Rail, would submit the scheme for consideration by the County Council. There would be improvements to the station forecourt to enable all the bus services in the town to terminate there.

There would be shelter accommodation and improvements to a part of the car park. If more cars were attracted to it then it might be possible to extend it at a future date. The plan was at present a second tier scheme and with the present recession in the country it was difficult to say when the scheme would be implemented, but Mr. Harrison hoped it might be only two years away. The recession was having a severe affect on the PTE and any such schemes would depend of a turn around of the economy.

In answer to questions by the Chairman of the Council, Cr. K. G. Johnson, Mr. Harrison said he did not think there were any ideas at all for breaking the direct rail link from Ilkley to Bradford by using other lines.

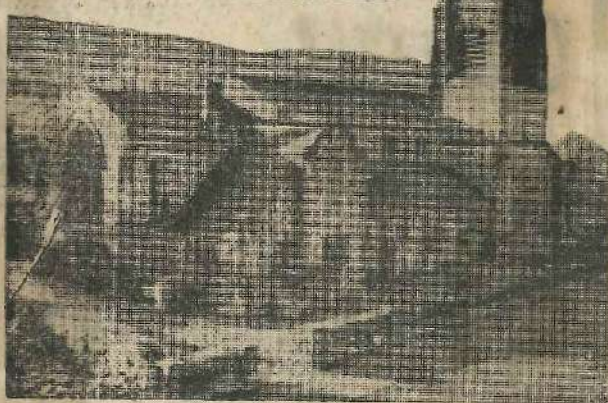


British Rail has now declared that only half of Ilkley Railway Station is needed for future requirements. Platforms 1 and 2 (in foreground of picture) are to be retained and will eventually be combined with a transport interchange. Platforms 3 and 4 will no longer be required and already an idea of making part of the area into an open market has been put forward.



News of the release of this land formerly used by the railway goods yard was summed up by one Ilkley Councillor this week as providing an "exciting prospect for Ilkley". Though the land has not yet been made available for immediate redevelopment this could happen within the next two months and there are already signs that this could provide a new shopping precinct for Ilkley.

1905-1980 JUBILEE



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BEN RHYDDING

To mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of St. John's Church, Ben Rhydding, a jubilee booklet outlining the history of the church and its members has been published.

The booklet has been compiled from contributions by members of the congregation, edited by Mr. Harry Gooch, who also wrote much of the history himself.

It outlines the development of the small agricultural hamlet of Wheatley which was dominated by the Ben Rhydding Hydropathic establishment, the first hydro to be erected in England in 1850.

Few visitors came to Wheatley other than those staying at the hydro, and it was not surprising that when the Midland Railway arrived and a station was built it was given the name Ben Rhydding Station. The name of the hydro inadvertently gave birth to the village of Ben Rhydding.

By 1901 regular services at the hydro had been inaugurated by the Vicar of Ilkley, the Rev. Dr. William Muntz, and it soon became apparent that a church was needed at Ben Rhydding. Fund raising events were well supported, and in October 1903 a former cricket field at the corner of Bolling Road and Margerison Road was bought at a cost of £650. In December 1904 a start was made on the erection of the nave and chancel.

The church was formally opened with the laying of the foundation stone at the west end by Mr. Walter Arthur Griffin Walker of Ben Rhydding on 14 October 1905. At that time the building consisted of nave and chancel only, with seating accommodation for 240 people.

On 16 December 1905 the church was consecrated.

At that time it was still part of, and controlled by, the Parish of Ilkley, but soon there was a growing feeling among residents that their church should have its own

Work continued, however, heating was installed and in December 1907 the first ever meeting was held in the newly completed vestry. The Rev. W. E. Bradley was appointed Curate in Charge at Ben Rhydding in October 1908, and soon afterwards the church wardens, Mr. Walker and Mr. Middleton, offered to surround the church with a wall costing £286.

It was found that a large vestry or parish room was needed in which to meet, and this was erected at a cost of £650 met by the Rev. and Mrs. Bradley. Mrs. Bradley offered £875 to erect the tower, provided that the west end of the church was completed immediately by the parishioners.

Gifts of a three cwt bell and oak doors were received, and Mr. Bernard Tennant presented the carved oak pulpit. The parish room was dedicated in October 1909 by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lucius Smith, Suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough.

In July 1910 the Rt. Rev. William Boyd Carpenter, Bishop of Ripon, dedicated the west end of the nave and the tower, and so the church was completed, almost as it stands today, at a total cost over six years of £10,000.

The move towards independence flourished, and in June 1912 at Buckingham Palace the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England made representation to the Crown. In November 1912 the Rt. Rev. Dr. Drury, Bishop of Ripon, instituted and inducted the Rev. Walter Elliot Bradley into the living of St. John the Evangelist, Ben Rhydding.

CELEBRATIONS

The church is now nearing the climax of its 75th jubilee celebrations, which continue tonight (Friday) with a Grand Parish Supper at the Kings Hall, at which the Rev. Philip Hacking, Vicar of Fulwood, Sheffield, and a much-travelled convention speaker and evangelist will be present.

Next Thursday to Sunday there will be a Flower Festival and displays of church em-

broidery and children's work, starting with a dedication service on Thursday evening.

A missionary exhibition featuring displays of work by home and overseas bodies associated with St. John's will start on 19 September. There will be a film and slide show and opportunities of seeing missionary soundstrips, a special bookstall and a children's competition.

Harvest Thanksgiving service will be on 12 October, when the Provost of Bradford the Very Rev. Brandon Jackson, will preach at both morning and evening services.

On 14 October, the 75th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone, a service of thanksgiving for the past 75 years will be held with the Archdeacon of Bradford as the preacher. The service will also include the commissioning of the Rev. Philip Hacking and his team from Sheffield for the house-meetings and special services which will help build up the church of tomorrow.

CHANGES IN ILKLEY IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY

Changes being made to the physical appearance of Ilkley over 150 years ago are described in this part of a lecture originally given in 1873 about Ilkley as it was 50 years before that in 1823.

Where the Midland and North View (now the Station) Hotels now stand, there were three old cottages and a garden. On the opposite side near the lower carriage gate to the station, stood a large thorn tree. Adjoining was a stable, then a gate into a farmyard, and reaching to what is now the lower foot entrance, to the station and old barn, with fine trees growing behind it. That fine old house, the miller's, occupied the site of the block of which Miss Pyle's shop forms a part. A grass plot stood in front, and a narrow carriage bridge crossed the beck opposite to the lower foot entrance to the station. The battlements of this bridge were somewhat low, and extremely convenient for mischievous children to fall over—a feat they not seldom accomplished.

Top of Brook Street

The beautiful promenade (for such it is) at the top of The Grove and Brook Street, was ornamented in the following manner: an open beck course, a saw-pit, an open grass plot, on which the cartwright's timber lay about the village stocks standing amidst the timber; the wright's shop; a garden with large fruit trees; a wooden bridge at the bottom of Well's Walk; and a number of ash trees in a croft on the western side. The Old Manor House, for generations occupied by the Hartleys, stood nearly where the Craven bank is now situated, its outbuildings and stackyard taking up the side of the road nearly in front of the site of the Congregational Church.

What is now called The Grove was then termed Green Lane. It commenced at Hartley's old house, a gate closing it in about half way between the Craven Bank and the Congregational Church. There was no house in the lane, except the old cottage yet standing, and before the new road was made (which spoiled it by putting it in a cellar) I often thought it such a thing of beauty that I wished it might be "a joy for ever", that as Andrew Fairservice said of Glasgow Cathedral, "It might staun for aye". The Green Lane from Hartley's down to the old cottage had both carriage and footways, the latter raised considerably with a narrow grassy slope between it and the carriage road, and ornamented in the spring time with wild flowers. Some fine hollies in the fence over the northern side added largely to its beauty.

Fir trees

On the south side of the lane a fence divided Hartley's stackyard from the small croft to the west, exactly in front of the Congregational Church. Along this fence stood a number of magnificent ash trees, one of which was said to have 400 feet of timber in it. The few trees now standing a little to the west of the old cottage are but an insignificant remnant of what formerly stood there. About twenty yards to the south of these trees stood a very tall hedgerow with forest trees at intervals; some of the old oaks which graced this fence still remaining behind the Grove Ladies' School.

Coming back to Brook Street the beck was an open water-course from the carriage bridge already mentioned at the top to the one in front of the Wharfedale Inn. The sides of the stream for nearly one half the way down were steep grassy slopes, in summer full of wild flowers. Opposite what is now Mr. Usher's shop there was a footbridge, consisting of two massive slabs of stone whose inner ends rested on a rough pier in the centre of the beck. As there was no protection on the sides, the old folk's lanterns on dark and stormy nights did not always prevent them from falling off, and on one occasion a man subject to fits fell into the beck and was drowned.

Old "Station" Inn

About half way from Usher's to the Crescent the stream was crossed by stepping stones, and where the Crescent now is, by a foot bridge similar to the one above. There was a footpath of irregular width and character on the east side of the beck, the carriage way being on the western side, and in one or two places so narrow that two conveyances could hardly pass; and opposite where the Station Hotel (this is the old "Station") now stands the site was seven or eight feet below the road. On the east or station side of Brook Street were a croft, yards, barn, etc. and two cottages occupied the site where the Crescent Hotel now stands. In a low rickety chamber over the larger of these houses, and which might seat about eighty persons, the Methodists had

worshipped for about half a century. Directly in front was the beck course making a turn, in the direction of Leeds Road, and across the stream and under a wall which ran out in the direction of the lamp post which now stands at the bottom of Brook Street was a huge midden.

Unightly refuse

The buildings on the opposite side of the street consisted of three houses and outbuildings of different kinds. Unightly heaps of refuse formed the principal feature by which Brook Street was then distinguished, the removal of which was only finally accomplished after a great amount of effort and repeated delay; the villagers being quite as bad to move in the matter, as James I found the people of Edinburgh two centuries before, when he implored the Lord Provost and Baillies to remove the middens out of the High Street, on the occasion of his approaching marriage to a Danish Princess. But in the case of Ilkley, this objectionable characteristic suddenly vanished.

Where the Wharfedale Inn stands was then an old stable. Beyond this on Leeds Road there were eight houses and the blacksmith's shop, the farthest houses being situated where the Commercial and two adjoining houses stand. They were very old thatched buildings, a narrow strip of garden ground extending along the southern side, with a few apple trees at the east end of the cottage.

Church Street

With a few exceptions Church Street was not greatly different from what it is now. Parratt's and Vaux's shops are built on the site of three small houses lately pulled down; one end of the Rose and Crown Inn has been improved, and Mr. Hawksworth's shop and two on the opposite side of the street have been lately built. The old vicarage front was unenclosed, neatly paved with limestone, and the stream which crosses Grove Road had an open course to the road in front of Mr. Seanor's house.

There were only two houses in Bridge Lane, the Low House and the old thatched one still remaining. An old house stood on the site of Mr. Gill's shop; one at Alexandra Crescent; a farmhouse and outbuildings and yard nearer the old school, with a group of fine trees behind the building. The road from the old school made a rapid descent to the stream beyond and on the right was a very old cottage, one end of which was built up in to the bank.

Three old cottages stood at the bottom of the row of houses so liable to inundation of late, in Chapel (or Yewcroft) Lane. They were extremely narrow, low, and dilapidated dwellings, and the floors even in this situation were earthen.

Population

The entire number of dwelling houses in the village at that time was 81; on the Wheatley or Ben Rhydding side there were 13; on the Holling side nine; the township altogether contained 103 dwellings. The population of the village proper was 420 and the whole of the township 515. This is as near accuracy as possible, as the numbers were frequently reckoned up on winter nights, when "a'body ken't a'body in Ilkley as well as at Auchtermuchley".

To be continued

Cow And Calf Hotel Sold 5 SEPT 1980



The Cow and Calf Hotel, on the edge of Ilkley Moor, was sold on Tuesday by private treaty by Dacre Son and Hartley, Estate Agents of Ilkley.

The price was not disclosed but it is understood that the asking figure was in excess of £250,000. The property has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Norfolk, of Bramhope,

whose two sons are catering managers.

During the past four years the hotel has been extensively modernised and Mr. and Mrs. Norfolk intend to continue the present style of business.