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Ilkley's New Scientific Club Meets On Ilkley Moor

100 Years Ago

A party of fifty ladies and gentlemen, met at the Tarn on Ilkley Moor under the auspices of the newly formed Ilkley Scientific Club, and walked up to the Cow and Calf Rocks, by way of Backstone Beck. From there they wended their way by Rocky Valley and Spicely Ghyll to the Panorama Rocks where a short meeting was held. Mr. Percy Lund gave observations of the geological features observed en route, and Mr. C. W. Shepherd named the different species of plants seen on the way.

The author of "Brown, Jones and Robinson's Holiday excursion to Bolton Woods" stated in his opening chapter that "year by year Ilkley gets emptied of its visitors by a few days of continuous rain," and the Ilkley Free Press observed that in 1882 gloom was cast by the weather on to the faces of visitors to the town. The lack of initiative on the part of Ilkley's caterers to provide for public patronage in a more suitable manner was deplored. It was also deplored there was a lack of indoor amusements with which to while away the wet and dreary hours.

75 Years Ago

June was said to have broken all previous records for wet weather. May had been bad enough but was a month noted for its "vagaries." Lovely June should have been vastly different but wind and rain had predominated throughout and was spelling ruin for tradespeople and lodging house keepers.

A presentation was made in the billiard room of the Ilkley Liberal Club to Mr. R. H. Watkin, the late curator, of a bag of gold in appreciation of his ten years of loyal service to the club. Mr. J. W. Dixon, Chairman, handed over the money and made a lengthy speech to the good work done by Mr. Watkin. Mrs. Watkin was given a handsome electroplated tea pot suitably inscribed.

The Royal Magnets concert party who performed at the Tarn had a poor start to the season due to the weather. Only occasionally had appearances been possible, and the attendances had been small. The entertainment was described as being free from every taint of suggestiveness and vulgarism imaginable and was kept clean and healthy at all costs. One of the main attractions they offered to the public was a Venetian Costume night, which promised to be spectacular and most enjoyable.

50 Years Ago

About 5,000 ramblers assembled in the vicinity of the Cow and Calf Rocks to hold their annual rally on Ilkley Moor. They had come to Ilkley from a wide area of West Yorkshire to attend the rally and community singing interspersed the speeches, with a particularly rousing rendering of "On Ilkley Moor Bah! At."

There was an unusually early spell of blazing June weather which sent the young people of Ilkley down to the River Wharfe to bathe. It was agreed there was a real need for a swimming pool in the town.

Ben Rhydding Golf Hotel was the scene of a happy gathering of children for the annual Dr. Barnardo's Homes box opening. Mrs. R. Priestman and Mrs. Shimmins were in charge of the games which were played in the ballroom owing to rain. Awards were presented to the young helpers, and a silver knife was awarded to Elizabeth

Exactly a year after its foundation the Ilkley Association Football Club was able to report a most remarkable success. They had begun their life in debt and by the end of their first year reported a profit of over £148. The club had had a good first year's play ending sixth in the league table.

Col. Malcolm Stoddart-Scott of Creskeld Hall, Arthington, Conservative M.P. for the Ripon Division (received a knighthood for his public and political services in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

ILKLEY MAN DIES AND TWO HURT AS LIGHTNING STRIKES MOOR

An Ilkley man died and his two companions were flung into the air when they were struck by lightning whilst descending Ilkley Moor during a severe thunderstorm on Sunday afternoon.

He was Mr. Stephen M. Richmond (44), of Heath Park, who with two officials of the fifth annual Ilkley Moor Fell Races had just left the cairn on the moor when the tragedy occurred.

His companions, Mr. Brian Garside, of Skipton Road Ilkley a race marshal and Mr. Peter Dransfield, of Lister Street, Ilkley a member of the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue team, were flung six feet into the air. They were taken to Airedale General Hospital suffering from shock and were later discharged.

Mr. Miller said the Ilkley Moor Fell Races were one of the best organised race events he had experienced. Each year the Fell rescue team was asked to be in attendance and this year the team had twelve members on duty during the afternoon he said.

BY-ELECTION RESULT AT ADDINGHAM

Well known local historian Miss Hilda Holmes, of Park Crescent, Addingham gained an overwhelming win in yesterday's four-way by-election for the vacant seat on Addingham Parish Council.



MISS H. HOLMES

Miss Holmes gained 380 of the 627 votes cast, a 264 majority over Mrs. Sheila Cook of Bolton Road, with 116. Mrs. Clarice Neill, of Storiths Court, received 77 votes and Mr. Jack Hudson, of Church Street, 54.

The turn-out of 629, which was 29.65 per cent of the included two spoiled papers, Addingham electorate.

The vacancy arose because of the resignation of long-serving parish councillor William Brear, bringing to an end a family connection with the council dating back many years. 11 June 82

11 June 1982 NEW VENTURE BY ILKLEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

A new joint venture by the Ilkley Council of Churches, announced in the "Gazette" last month, comes to life on Sunday.

"The Church's Sunday" brings together in one effort a familiar aspect of former church life, the old street procession ending in an open-air "bun-and-coffee" party, and the new attitude of ecumenism combined with evangelism—not so much the promulgation of the Gospel to the unconverted as the proclamation of the Gospel within the gathered body of the whole church, with the added invitation to anyone who wants to come and join in.

At 3 p.m. members of all the Ilkley churches will gather on the central car park and move off at 3.15 behind a group of identical home-made banners indicating the names of the various churches. The procession will not be divided as between congregations but all will be walking together as one brotherhood.

Moving via Brook Street and New Brook Street, the procession will arrive at the West Holmes about 3.30. After an opening hymn, an introduction and the recital of grace, the members of the churches will picnic together, sharing the refreshments they have brought with each other and with any others who join them.

In the course of the afternoon five or six other hymns will be sung, and the intention is to finish by 4.30 with a final prayer.

Mr. David Newman, last year's Chairman of the Ilkley Council of Churches, under whose guidance the venture took shape, described it as "an act of faith which could expand in the future into something really important in the life of both the churches and the town."

"It is necessary," he said, "in these present days for the church not only to believe in its inherent unity but to display this belief before the world."

"We seek to affirm our faith in the One Lordship of Jesus Christ and in the one baptism which makes brothers of all Christians, with all the implications for justice and peace in the nation and in the world which that brotherhood implies. In this act of witness and worship on the West Holmes we shall preach at no one, but we shall open ourselves all," he concluded.

The machine, which was completely burnt out, was owned by Dickinson's of Addingham, suppliers of farm machinery. It is believed the fire was caused by an electrical fault.

"CHURCH'S SUNDAY" AT ILKLEY WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The first "Church's Sunday", which it is hoped will become an annual event, was celebrated in Ilkley at the weekend with a procession from the central car park and a prayerful picnic on the West Holmes field.

Organised by the Ilkley Council of Churches as a joint demonstration of the underlying unity of Faith which binds all Christian people regardless of their denominational allegiance, the event, for a first effort, proved a resounding success. Over three hundred men, women and children gathered on the car park at three in the afternoon, and shortly afterwards moved off in a happily untidy but self-disciplined procession behind a group of young people carrying placards announcing the names of the churches taking part.

Led by a police car, the procession went by the Grove, Brook Street and New Brook Street to the West Holmes, where a small brass ensemble composed of young instrumentalists from St.

John's, the Sacred Heart, Ben Rhydding Methodist and Ilkley Baptist churches, organised and led by Mr. Cyril Taylor, was already in place.

Following an opening hymn of praise, a short introduction by the Rev. Roy Fyle, Vicar of St. Margaret's, and the recital of the grace-before-meals, the party sat down on the grass and shared with each other the refreshments they had brought with them, offering equally to share with all others who might be around. One couple, having heard about the event in a Radio Leeds interview with a member of the Council of Churches' Executive Committee on Sunday morning, had come from as far as Huddersfield to join in.

The meal finished, Mr.

Fyle and the Rev. Michael Savage, Vicar of St. John's, led the congregation in a number of hymns, ending with a short responsory and prayers. For the final Grace, the whole body stood and held hands as a symbol of their oneness and fellowship. By four-thirty the party was over and the people dispersed, leaving behind a remarkably clean and litter-free West Holmes.

The Chairman of Ilkley Council of Churches remarked afterwards on the extraordinarily good spirit of fellowship and devotion which marked the whole afternoon, saying that this augured well for the continuation and expansion of the event in future years.

Picture shows the procession on its way down New Brook Street to the West Holmes field on Sunday.

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Ilkley Residents Out To Make Their Fortunes

100 Years Ago

Cheering reports from Ilkley townsmen who had sailed to Australia to try to make their fortunes following the depression in the local building trade had induced others to follow. Mr. and Mrs. Atley and Master Atley, together with Mrs. E. Stephenson who was to join her husband, Messrs. Amos and Wm. Hudson left Ilkley to sail for Australia.

It was resolved, at the Mid-summer General Quarter Sessions, at Bradford to go ahead with plans for a new County Asylum at Menston, and to purchase the land for the sum of £17,240. There would be an abundant supply of water readily available on this satisfactory site, and the facilities for rail travel were good. No funds had to be found as the whole had been provided for out of the funds obtained in the settling of matters in connection with the West Riding prison at Wakefield.

A cricket match was played at Ilkley between the Liberal and Conservative members of the Cricket Club. The Liberals won by 27 runs, four of the batsmen on each side being out for a duck, and the top scorer was T. Dean with 18 runs.

The Middleton Estate, Ilkley advertised building land for sale, all applications to be forwarded to the Land agent, W. J. Thompson, who also advertised that all trespassers found in Middleton Woods would be "prosecuted as the Law directs."

Visitors (who were Liberal in politics) were admitted as members to the Ilkley Liberal Club at a minimum subscription of one shilling per month, and could take advantage of the billiards tables, smoking room and the news room which was supplied with the leading London and local papers including "The Times", "The Spectator" and the "Ilkley Gazette."

Mr. Hardy, consulting electrician, was exhibiting specimens of his combined electric and hydropathic belts, spine bands, lung invigorators, knee caps and wristlets at Mrs. Keyworth's, The Grove, Ilkley. He had pleasure in giving each and every particular respecting the medical effects of his appliances, together with his mode of administering electricity. Mr. Hardy's Voltaic battery was to be on view and electrical treatment could be undertaken on the premises.

75 Years Ago

The weather conditions in June 1907 were described in the Ilkley Gazette as being "ruinous" and on Midsummer's day the temperature never rose above a chilly 56 degrees fahrenheit. Outdoor concert parties had had to provide canvas coverings so that they could offer some shelter to their audiences.

and the tradespeople and lodging house keepers were hoping for better weather in the later summer months.

Miss K. G. Moeller, of Ilkley, won the Yorkshire Ladies' Golf Championship at the Bradford Club's Links at Haworth, and the Ilkley club finished fourth in the team championship.

Members of the Ilkley Wesleyan Choir visited Redcar and Saltburn on the occasion of their annual outing. On the outward journey they had a startling experience on the train. Just before Northallerton there was a crash of glass in the next compartment followed by shouts and screams and the train was brought to a standstill. It was found that a gentleman had been shot by a sportsman on land adjoining the railway missing his quarry and the shot going through the window to hit the passenger. The man bled profusely from a wound in his temple but happily the injury did not prove serious.

W. Hanson of Ilkley took three wickets in three balls at a tradesmen's cricket match played between Burley and Ilkley. Ilkley won by 110 runs.

50 Years Ago

A joint sports day for the Ilkley, Burley, Ben Rhydding, Woodhead and Denton schools was held on the Ben Rhydding Sports Club grounds, enhanced by lovely sunshine. Some 500 children took part. Individual prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. H. S. Chorley and the inter-school relay was won by the Ilkley Church of England Girls.

All roads led to Yeodan when flying ace Sir Alan Cobham introduced his first Air Circus to the north. The clear blue sky was said to have been filled with a roaring rainbow of silver and blue, red and yellow aeroplanes which were watched by thousands of spectators sitting on the green hillsides, whilst hundreds more queued up to have a trip in one of the huge air liners which took off every five minutes with a fresh load of passengers.

Members of the "Sick and Social Club" connected with the Ilkley Gasworks visited Liverpool by motor coach for their annual outing. A party of 26 left Ilkley early in the morning and some spent the afternoon in New Brighton whilst others visited the M.V. "Georgie", a new luxurious motor liner which was to set out on its maiden voyage the following day.

25 Years Ago

A proposal to instal wash-basins in 13 Council Houses at Menston caused some amusement at a meeting of Ilkley Council. There had been no basins installed in the bathrooms, only baths and the cost was to be £18 per house. The houses had been built before 1939 and to cut costs at the time the basins had been omitted. The housing committee had been horrified to discover they had been left out. All the occupants over the past twenty years had had to do their ablutions in the kitchen sinks. It was agreed to provide small triangular basins in the bathrooms without haste.

Ilkley Council proposed to apply to the Historic Buildings Council for a grant of £7,100 to convert the Old Manor House in Castle Yard into a Museum.

The appointment of Mr. G. Harrison as Moor Ranger to Ilkley Council was in the balance on the grounds that he was then living in Ilkley and not at Silverwell Cottage which was unoccupied. The Council were considering offering him suitable employment in another department and appointing someone else to carry out the duties of the Moor Ranger.

Ann Lineham-Smith, 13 year old daughter of Mr and

PLAN FOR BLOCKS OF FLATS ON FORMER STONEY LEA HOTEL SITE

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The site at the junction of Cowpasture Road and Ben Rhydding Road, Ilkley, left vacant after the demolition of the Stoney Lea Hotel a year ago could soon be alienated by two blocks of flats.

The Bradford firm of Barratt Developments Limited is currently negotiating for the purchase of the land with the present owners, Stoney Lea Estates Limited, and the Managing Director

of Barratt's, Mr. Malcolm Kershaw, said this week they expected to own the land within the next two weeks.

The development going ahead, however, is dependent on planning permission being granted by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

Mr. Kershaw said they planned to build 34 flats, comprising two blocks, with garages for some and parking space for others. Bar-

ratt's are hoping to sell them in the £19,000 to £25,000 range.

If the plan is approved, said Mr. Kershaw, he hoped work would begin within the next eight to ten weeks.

The Stoney Lea Hotel was one of Ilkley's most famous landmarks until its demolition last June. It was built in 1880 by Mr. Tom Emmott and remained the property of the same family until 1945.

The Stoney Lea was built in Victorian style and became a well known hydro-pathic establishment. With the decline of the spa's popularity it later became a fully licensed hotel with about thirty bedrooms, and received visitors from all parts of the country. The register contained many famous names before the hotel eventually closed in 1980.



ILKLEY ORGANISES SPECIAL STREET COLLECTION FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC FUND

Victory in the Falkland Islands by British Forces this week has been marked in the Ilkley district with the raising of the Union Jack from public and private buildings and the organisation of a charity show.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Ilkley will have the opportunity of contributing to the South Atlantic Fund when Ilkley Parish Councillors, with helpers, turn out in force on the streets of Ilkley to hold a flag day.

The flag day suggested at the Council's meeting on Monday night by Cr. Peter A. Williams has gained increasing support. The first available Saturday for a flag day was in July but the organisers of the flag day for the Arden Lea Nursing Home at Ilkley which was to have taken place tomorrow agreed to move to the date in July so the flag day for the South Atlantic Fund could take place.

Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill said the flag day would also be held at Burley and Menston and it was hoped to have Union Jack stickers to give to contributors.

At Addingham where a charity show is to take place at the Craven Heifer Hotel on Monday the outside of the building was soon decorated with the Union Jack flag and bunting.

grateful for the support France had given to England in the conflict with the Argentinians. The French Government had been the first to back Britain and they were grateful for France's support for democracy and world peace, said Cr. Scaife.

3. Re-assure the Prime Minister that the vast majority of the people of Ilkley were behind the Government.

"To further show our support," said Cr. Peter A. Williams "Ilkley should hold a flag day for the South Atlantic Fund in order to give residents the opportunity locally of making a contribution.

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a flag day and approved the three suggestions put forward by Cr. Scaife.

acknowledged.

"We owe it to all those who died on our behalf to acknowledge the fact that they were successful," he added.

The Union Jack was not flying from Ilkley Town Hall until Wednesday because permission had not been given until then. Ilkley had sought to fly the flag on Tuesday but had been told by the Bradford Metropolitan Council that permission had to be obtained for flags to be flown from public buildings from the Department of the Environment in London and this permission was still awaited.

There was a more sorrowful story about no flag flying from the top of Brook Street. "It has been stolen," explained an official and it had not yet been replaced.

Old Moore's Almanac (published by Wm. Walker and Sons, Odley, Ltd.) predicted the crisis over the Falkland Islands. Turn to Page 11 for story.

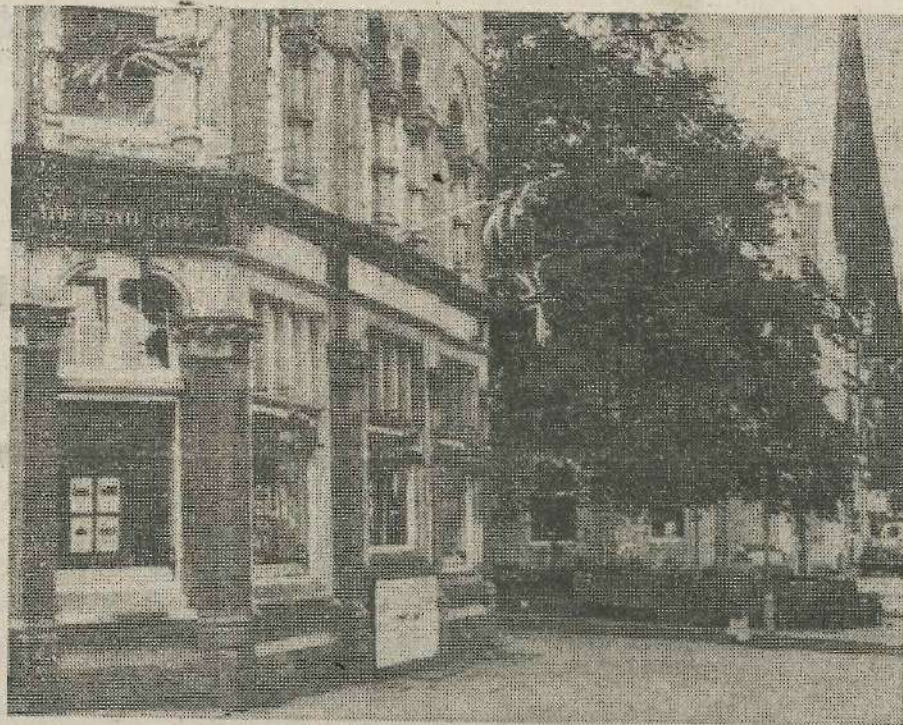
The Silent Majority

Speaking at the Council's meeting on Monday Cr. Scaife said: "I think we in Ilkley are very fortunate to live within a democratic society and we should not lose sight of that."

Celebrate Victory

A "Falklands Victory" charity show is being held at the Craven Heifer, Addingham, on Monday night with the hope of raising between £300 and £400 for the Falklands charity.

Mr. Eric Milner, licensee,



Union Jack flags celebrating victory in the Falkland Islands fly from the

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The Union Jack flag and bunting soon came out at the Craven Heifer, Addingham, when the news of the British Forces' victory in the Falkland Islands was announced. "Cheers! Well Done the Task Force," messages at the windows of the hotel aptly sums up the feeling of the nation.

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ACROSS THE YEARS 25 June 82

Ilkley Remarkably Free From Disease Or Infection

100 Years Ago

The Ilkley district was remarkably free from disease or infection in the summer of 1882.

The Medical Officer of Health in his report to the Ilkley Local Board said the mortality rate was above the monthly average but had included three visitors. Deaths, he said, were from old age, alcoholism, consumption and respiratory disease. There had been eleven births and seven deaths in the township, he said.

The second expedition of the new Ilkley Scientific Club was supported by forty members who walked or travelled by coach to Nesfield and the field popularity called a Roman Camp. However, the conclusion reached was that the site was not large enough for a Roman Camp, and it was more likely a summer camping ground of the Ancient Britons. They went on to Black Foss where the society's botanist, Mr. C. W. Shepherd urged members to collect specimens. Mr. Percy Lund was busy with his hammer studying the strata of the rocks in the gorge at the foot of the principal waterfall. The sky became black and the walkers visited a farm at Langbar for refreshments, and those in carriages returned to Ilkley.

A meeting was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel to fix a date for the Ilkley Races. It was unanimously decided that the day should be Monday, 14 August and that good stakes should be run for. The race ground should be Hadfield Farm on the Addingham-Skipton Road, and they proposed to apply for a permit to supply refreshments on the ground.

Ilkley Post Office opened at 7 a.m. for business six days per week, and on Sundays at 8 a.m. Closure was at 8 p.m. apart from Sunday when it was 10.30 a.m. There were two deliveries per day, with one on Sundays. The second daily delivery started at 4.30 p.m. Letters despatched after 6.30 p.m. to the remoter areas of the West of Scotland and the South of England would be sure to be delivered by

75 Years Ago

Ilkley Council was hardening its attitude towards the defacing of the moor by quarrying. Work had been carried out to cover the bare mounds and the former tramway from the valley but in close proximity the quarries were described as a "dreadful eyesore". The Council was being strongly urged to stop the quarrying altogether and restore the locality to its former "pristine beauty".

The carvings in front of the new Town Hall buildings were the subject of a great deal of criticism, and many people wondered why they were figures of such little pretence to beauty. In fact several of them were of a classical character while the others were symbolic of the purposes to which the buildings were to be put. The two medallions in front of the Assembly Hall represented Comedy and Tragedy, and one on the west side outlined the features of the poet Dante, whilst the full figures represented music and art. The medallions in front of the Free Library represented Minerva and Apollo, with figures between representing Literature and Science.

H. T. Bates, eldest son of Dr. Bates, of Ilkley, a former pupil of Ilkley Grammar School passed the preliminary scientific examination for the medical degree with first class honours.

A delightful garden party was organised by the 2nd Ilkley Troop of Boy Scouts at "The Hollies", Middleton. Under the guidance of Scoutmasters R. Townson and Thomas a remarkable number of sideshows had been set up including bowls, clock golf, Aunt Sally, a rifle range and archery. A model camp was also organised by the 1st Ilkley Troop, and a fine tea was served by parents of the boys on the terrace in front of the house. The Passionist Fathers threw open the grounds and church at St. Paul's Retreat to add to the interest and a large number of the guests took the opportunity of visit-

50 Years Ago

Vivid colour and a recapturing of the pageantry of the Crusades marked the annual service of the Yorkshire Order of Crusaders which was held at Bolton Abbey. Ilkley having two conclaves of the order played a prominent part in the service. The Ilkley conclaves were the Wharfedale and the de Middleton, joined by White Rose (Wakefield) Black Prince (Leeds), St. Peter (Bradford), Holyrood (Edinburgh) Abbey (Westminster), Sphinx (Cheltenham) and the Grand Conclave. Their robes were of brown, blue, red, black and silver and over these they wore white surcoats emblazoned with the red cross, the senior officers of the order wearing over these mantles of blue, red or purple. The Grand sword bearer Brig. Gen. E. Moncrieff Paul bore the sword and handed it hilt first to the Rector (Rev. C. F. Tomlinson) who laid it upon the altar and the Grand Scribe of the Order Captain R.G.E. Whitney took the Crusaders through the renewal of their vows. Lieut.

Col. J. Muller, of Ilkley, read the lesson. The service was followed by an annual dinner at the Middleton Hotel at which Col. Muller presided as Deputy Pro. Grand Master (North).

25 Years Ago

Elected representatives from all the churches in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding were present at the newly formed Ilkley Council of Churches when it met in the Ladies' Room of the Grove Congregational Church. The Rev. T. M. Morrow was elected Chairman and expressed the appreciation of the Council to Capt. Sargeant for his work in calling the Council into being and for his great concern for the cause of Christian Unity within the town.

Hundreds of residents from Ilkley together with lovers of Wharfedale packed into the Winter Gardens and overflowed into the King's Hall to hear the public enquiry into appeals by Messrs. A. Dewhurst and Sons Ltd., against refusal for permission to extract sand and gravel from land at Denton Park Estate and Ben Rhydding, Ilkley. The land concerned totalled over 100 acres. Opposition to the scheme came from the West Riding County Council, Ilkley and Otley Urban Councils, Wharfedale and Wetherby Rural Councils, the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and many local organisations and residents.

Busbys, of Brook Street, started their summer sale with many bargains. Cotton dresses were for sale from 30/- to 59/11; coats at £5 and £6; jackets £4; nylon stockings were reduced from 16s 11d to 10s 11d.

The new two point four litre Jaguar was on sale at £1,495 including purchase tax. It had the famous XK engine and was reputed to have a performance of 100 m.p.h. The Hillman Husky was ready for delivery new at £646 including tax, and the Vauxhall Victor at £728.

VOLUNTEERS WITH BUCKETS AND BRUSHES ASKED TO HELP CLEAN UP ILKLEY

Volunteers armed with buckets and brushes are being sought for a campaign to "Clean Up" Ilkley. They are being asked to report on the town's central car park a fortnight tomorrow (Saturday) morning 10 July from where the Parish Council hopes to launch a plan to improve the town.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Parish Councillors will be meeting sea scouts who have offered their assistance in a move to bring back to life the fountain at the top of Brook Street.

Chairman to the Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill said any representatives from local organisations or individuals were invited to go along to the car park with buckets and brushes and help. The Council was hoping to remove unwanted notices on the reverse side of road signs, boardings, letter boxes and lamp-posts amongst other things.

Litter Bins

At the Council's General Purposes Committee meeting on Monday night it was agreed to recommend the Council to ask the Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade for their views on sponsored litter bins and whether any members would be prepared to sponsor them.

Cr. Peter A. Williams did not like to see advertising on litter bins and did not think these were good for Ilkley.

Cr. C. H. Scaife said he would suggest at a future date two ideas for adapting the bins for use in a town like Ilkley.

Another Councillor in favour of some notices was Cr. Mrs. M. Renton who thought they helped in such places as near Ilkley's bottle bank. "Keep Ilkley Tidy—Put Your Rubbish in the Bin" notices helped, she thought.

The Committee agreed there should be more litter bins in the town and that they should be sited in those places where litter seemed to collect most.

Cr. Mrs. Renton said at Ben Rhydding there always seemed to be a lot of litter outside the newspaper shop and she thought this was a prime site for a bin.

"We should ask schools in the area for co-operation," said Cr. Mrs. Renton who went on to explain part of the problem seemed to be educating people to take a pride in their town.

Chairman of the Council's General Purposes Committee, Cr. F. G. Lambert said the town was certainly in need of a clean up campaign. If people saw others dropping litter he thought they could help the campaign by picking the litter up and giving it back to the offenders.

"We should let Bradford Metropolitan Council know that we want to see Ilkley kept clean and that we want to do something ourselves," said Cr. Lambert.

Sticking Up Posters

"We should be asking for volunteers to help us clear away all those unwanted posters around the town," said Cr. Hill.

"We should be asking for some action to be taken against these people who come along and put up these notices," he said.

Cr. Peter A. Williams, of Menston, said he often asked the Police to investigate and requested that the posters be taken down or the offenders prosecuted. He had made such a request to the Police after recently walking down Station Road and seeing to his disgust posters stuck on lamp-posts. Within twenty four hours of his request to the Police they had been removed, he said.

The "disgraceful" state of the approach to Ben Rhydding Railway Station was referred to by Cr. Mrs. Renton. The Council needed to draw British Rail's attention to a spring or leaking pipe which had caused water to flow across the entrance to the station for months, she said. In winter the water turned to ice, and was dangerous and now in summer it still required attention. Grass on land outside the station was allowed to grow to a height which blocked the views of motorists wanting to turn out of the station approach into Wheatley Lane, said Cr. Mrs. Renton.

After it had been decided to launch the campaign from Ilkley central car park on 10 July Cr. Scaife said it would be appreciated if volunteers took along their own buckets and scrubbing brushes.

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CALL TO REVIVE FOUNTAIN

Tomorrow members of Ilkley Parish Council will be meeting representatives of Ilkley Sea Scouts to discuss ways of improving the fountain at the top of Brook Street.

When Andrew Walbank first told the council that the Sea Scouts were prepared to clean up the fountain area and stream, and paint the basin of the fountain, Cr. F. G. Lambert felt this was "marvellous".

The Parish Council Chairman, Cr. Mrs. M. Renton, said they should accept this offer with grateful thanks and tell Bradford Council that they now had volunteers to clean up the site and ask for the water supply to be restored.

Earlier a suggestion from Bradford Council that the much-vandalised fountain should be removed altogether and replaced with a flower bed was dismissed by parish councillors, who would much rather it was restored to working condition.

The original fountain was paid for by public subscription and was erected in 1876. It consisted of mermaids, cupids, serpents and horses, with a main jet four to five feet high and twenty-one jets around the bottom of the basin. It occupied the site until it was demolished in 1959 to make way for a much simpler fountain.

The replacement was part of a scheme to improve that area of Ilkley, when the shelter at the bottom of Mill Ghyll was presented to the town by Ilkley Rotary Club.

The present fountain has not functioned for several years and has lost most of its equipment, but the parish council would like to see it brought back to life.

Local Cubs Stay At Hag Dyke Hostel

25 June '82



Thirty cub scouts from 1st Burley Watson Pack and several leaders enjoyed a week-end at Hag Dyke hostel, Kettlewell, and despite poor weather conditions, the boys took part in a varied programme of activities.

On Saturday morning, the hardier ones braved the elements for a game of rounders, while the less energetic learned the art of making paper aeroplanes.

In the afternoon, everyone

took part in a fossil hunt at a nearby stream. Numerous fossils were found and chipping hammers were used to extract the fossils from the rocks.

In the evening, they enjoyed a sing-song round the fire in the Common Room of the hostel.

After a Cubs' Own in the chapel on Sunday morning, the cubs did some work towards their Arrow badges, including knotting, plaster

casting, kite making, country code, designing a poster and writing Pack prayers. Due to the adverse weather conditions, tracking had to be cancelled.

The boys went home happy on Sunday afternoon, the wet weather having failed to dampen their spirit.

Cub scouts are pictured during the lowering of the flag on Sunday afternoon. Picture by Alistair Shand.

Another Successful Exhibition For Ilkley Milkman

26 June '82



More than twenty of Brian Irving's 34 paintings on show at his present Ilkley exhibition, which runs until 4 July at the Castle Gallery, near to the Manor House, were sold on the first day as the crowds flocked to the exhibition.

The exhibition, exactly a year after his first highly successful exhibition at the gallery, has demonstrated the rise to fame of the Ilkley milkman.

A life time of hard work on the farm shows in Brian Irving's paintings, such as his study of a man milking a cow, with his head buried in the cow's flank and the bucket gripped purposely between his knees. Another

scene shows two men forking hay and another of his paintings shows a sheep farmer opening a gate to let his flock through for further grazing.

Brian Irving first came to notice at the Yorkshire Artists' Exhibition at the Winter Gardens, Ilkley, when he outsold the top names in Yorkshire Art.

Considering he has been a milkman for the past 26 years and has only been painting for the last five, his grasp of technique, style and effect, particularly with water colour and pastel, is well beyond the expected standard.

His ease in conveying the

character of the Dale's farmers and their working animals was very expressive, and his use of colour and composition quite unbelievable, and he has become sought after by many of Yorkshire's leading galleries.

Brian Irving, who is to concentrate full time on his painting in the future, is clearly going to enjoy more widespread recognition as a top artist before long.

Ilkley artist Leslie Simpson is pictured (left) cutting a special cake made to celebrate Brian Irving's anniversary exhibition at the Castle Gallery. Also shown (left to right) are Mrs. Margaret Simpson; Mrs. Joyce Irving and Brian Irving.

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2 July 1982

PATRIOTIC WELCOME HOME FOR ILKLEY MARINE WOUNDED IN THE FALKLANDS

An Ilkley family welcomed back a wounded Falklands hero on Sunday in true patriotic style.

The house in Valley Drive was decked with Union Jacks for the homecoming of Royal Marines Commando Cpl. Phillip Tinsley, who was shot in the arm during the advance on Port Stanley.

Twenty-one year old Cpl. Tinsley, who joined the Marines after leaving Ilkley Grammar School three years ago, was jungle training in Borneo at the start of the Falklands crisis. He was immediately called to help fight the British cause in the South Atlantic, and after stopping off at Ascension Island he was among the first British assault forces to land on West Falkland. He then took part in the march across the Falkland Islands towards the capital, Port Stanley.

In Scotland

Cpl. Tinsley, who has served in Northern Ireland, Hong Kong and Norway, has another week's sick leave before returning to base at Arbroath in Scotland.

He spent five weeks at Arbroath with his Company, the 45 Commando Yankee Company, before flying out to Ascension Island in an RAF VC10.

While at Arbroath they equipped themselves for the Falklands mission and were put through some rigorous training to prepare themselves for the conditions they were likely to meet on the islands.

This training was continued and indeed intensified when they arrived on Ascension Island, where they stayed for about two weeks. "The island was very bleak and was just like a volcano protruding from the sea," said Cpl. Tinsley. "We did a lot of weapon training, often in temperatures of about 100 degrees, and we were briefed on what we would do after leaving Ascension Island."

In fact, they sailed from the Island on a Royal Fleet Auxiliary to the Falkland Islands. They were at sea for about ten days and as they got nearer the island the temperature dropped sharply. "It got colder and colder," said Cpl. Tinsley, "but conditions on the ship were very good. It was one of the bigger ships so there were no problems with overcrowding. We continued with our training—with P.T. three times a day—and were constantly given up dated information," he said.

At Ajax Beach

The 100-strong Company made their landing on the islands early one morning. Landing craft dropped them at Ajax Beach on the West Island, and the Argentinians had spotted them—landing and sent out a 'reception committee'—a fighter jet. There were no casualties in the attack and the Company continued with their main priority digging trenches.

Shortly afterwards two more Argentine jets attacked, again without success.

The Royal Marine commandos slept in the trenches, where the conditions were cramped and wet. "The ground was very wet and temperatures often dropped below freezing," Cpl. Tinsley said. "After five days in the trenches we began the big march towards the Capital, Port Stanley," he said.

The day after they left those trenches, the area was bombed by the Argentinians and they claimed their first casualties. However, the Yankee Company had already marched out of the area.

After training in Norway they were used to the very cold conditions, and marched about 25 miles in the first two days complete with their heavy kit and equipment.

One of the first towns they arrived at was Douglas, where the people, who had been locked in the village's school building, were relieved to see the British.

"They were delighted," said Cpl. Tinsley. "They made us cups of tea and chatted to us. The Argentinians had just left the village, taking food from the houses."

The Company then moved on to Bluff Cove, a mountainous area just outside Port Stanley. He received the wound on his arm, which needed 20 stitches, on the night of the first major offensive, when they had to capture Two Sisters. The bullet passed straight through his arm.

"I was really one of the lucky ones," said Cpl. Tinsley, "because two of our Company were killed and many seriously injured."

He said that contrary to reports on television and in newspapers, the Argentinians were well fed and very well equipped but their military knowledge was nil.

On Hospital Ship

Cpl. Tinsley was taken to the hospital ship Uganda, from where he was taken on HMS Heckler to Uruguay. He was then flown back to this country and spent several days in hospital before returning to Ilkley.

Cpl. Tinsley's fiancée, Lisa Morgan, of Ilkley, who he is due to marry next year, kept in constant touch with him while he was away. "I wrote to him every day but unfortunately a lot of the letters took a long time to get there," she said. "I received letters from him, mostly in large bundles every few weeks," she added.

Cpl. Tinsley, who will receive a Falklands Campaign Medal and a General Services Medal is taking things easy until he returns to duty. "I will do a bit of fishing and just generally relax," he said.

He visited Chvll Royd School on Wednesday to talk to the children about his experiences on the Falklands. The children of Class 3B had written to Cpl. Tinsley while he was away.

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Cpl. Tinsley with his family and fiancée outside their house in Valley Drive, Ilkley. Pictured left to right, are his sister Debra, father Michael, mother Thelma and his fiancée, Lisa Morgan. 12 July 1982

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STATE OF CANKER WELL CRITICISED

100 Years Ago

The appearance of the Canker Well and its surroundings was severely criticised in the third edition of Shuttleworth's Guide Book to Ilkley. The Ilkley Free Press said "It may be found at the top of Cunliffe Road, at the north east corner of a square piece of ground, the property of the Local Government Board—to whom no compliment can be made for the manner in which either the spring or the ground is kept. If, instead of being a depot for gas pipes, half grown over with nettles, this was neatly fenced in, laid out with flower beds and the spring properly guarded, it would form one of the most attractive and beneficial features of Ilkley."

Two lots were withdrawn owing to lack of interest at a property sale at the Crescent Hotel. The first was a house and shop in Church Street which was withdrawn at £500 and a building site in Cowpasture Road of 4,825 square yards was withdrawn at 3s. 3d. per yard.

Parents, subscribers and friends of the boys and girls of the Ilkley National schools were invited to attend a public examination of the scholars on the breaking up for the Mid-summer holidays. The Committee of Management were also present, and the evening started with the children singing a glee before being examined on the life of Elijah by the Rev. A. C. Downer, followed by an examination by Rev. J. Neil on the physical features of Palestine. These were followed by Recitations and Grammar and Geography, Lady Clare being the Examiner for Recitation and Grammar. The first Mental Arithmetic examination preceded two more glees. After further examinations prizes and certificates were distributed. Out of 196 children examined 12 failed, and nine children had made less than 300 attendances out of a possible 428. Mr. Brydon put the onus of failure on the parents for not sending the children to school regularly.

75 Years Ago

There was an alarming accident at the Ben Rhydding stepping stones when a ten year old girl, disregarded her sister's warnings and crossed and then proceeded to return. In the middle of the stream she slipped and with a cry fell into the swirling water to be carried in a strong current head-long down the river. Fortunately a visitor who was nearby heard the cries of her sister and waded in to her rescue. After being carried to a neighbouring house to be dried, and comforted she was collected by her father and suffered no permanent ill effect from her unpleasant adventure.

There were two cycling accidents to Ilkley residents. The first was to Wilfred Towers (21) Chapel Lane, Ilkley, who was thrown over his handle bars, and smashed his jaw, knocking out his front teeth and injured his head on Harlow Hill near Harrogate. He was taken to Harrogate Infirmary where his condition was described as serious. Mr. F. F. Steinhil, St. John's, Ilkley, was cycling in Wells Road when a terrier dog ran out and caused Mr. Steinhil to be thrown to the ground. He sustained a nasty cut over his left eye, and bruises to his hands and face. He was taken to Dr. Hearder's surgery for stitches to his wound and then conveyed home without serious effect.

A matinee concert promoted by Mr. W. H. Ibberson took place in the Spa Recreation Hall in front of an excellent and appreciative audience. Four of Mr. Ibberson's own compositions were included in the programme. The vocalist was Miss Barker of Burley "who sang with great merit" and Miss Elsie Grove played the violin, and Miss Ida Bellerby pianoforte, with the Ladies' Choir singing most tuneful melodies.

50 Years Ago

The Ilkley Gazette doubted if any more attractive event ever took place in the Ilkley Winter Garden than the annual gathering of Ilkley's mothers and babies which marked "Baby Day."

In 1932 over 100 mothers associated with the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre were assembled on the invitation of the committee, and were entertained to tea and a display of dancing. The toddlers enjoyed the dancing as well as their mothers and many of them wandered out on to the dance floor in an effort to join in. Canon C. J. Hamer, Vicar of Ilkley, was the guest of honour and he was introduced by Mr. C. F. Pyett, the Chairman of Ilkley Urban District Council.

A letter which had been published in the Bradford Telegraph and Argus, written by Mr. Sydney Cook, of Clifton Hall, Bradford, said he had found Ilkley on a map dated nearly 2,000 years ago.

The following boys were awarded Foundation Scholarships by the Governors of the Ilkley Grammar School—Ilkley National School: David Galor, John Naylor, Kenneth Proctor and William Rayner. Ben Rhydding Council School: Roger Jowett and Eric Clifton.

George Hirst, former Yorkshire County cricketer paid a visit to Burley Cricket Club in connection with coaching for young players arranged by the County Club.

A garden party was held at Whinbrae, Ben Rhydding, the home of Mrs. Rabagliatti by the Mother's Union who entertained members of the Windhill and St. Jude's branches, Bradford. Tea was followed by games and sports

25 Years Ago

Addingham's old refuse tip in Silsden Road had everything that it should have—tons and tons of refuse, but it also had many things that it should not have according to Addingham Parish Councillors. These included overgrown trees, masses of nettles, broken down walls, a gate without hinges, and two old car bodies. The Parish Council agreed to complain to Skipton Rural District Council who had rented the tip for over half a century.

Ilkley Council's refusal to make up their portion of the moor road from Ilkley to Keighley, commonly known as Keighley Gate was severely criticised in "The Field" magazine. It was stated that if Ilkley agreed to make up their portion it would relieve other roads of traffic, and would cut the distance from Ilkley to Keighley to a mere five miles.

The Begum Naaser of Hyderabad paid a visit to the Guides and Brownies at the Wharfedale Children's Hospital, accompanied by Miss Roper, Colnty Secretary, and Mrs. Green, District Commissioner. The Begum was a Guide Commissioner and Trainer in Hyderabad, and was welcomed by the Guide Captain, Miss M. Sinclair and the Brown Owl, Miss C. W. Barker. She also visited the scouts and cubs and presented proficiency badges to four scouts for stamp collecting.

There was an exciting finish to a cricket match between Ilkley and Guiseley when Ilkley won by three runs after being dismissed for 149. P. Dexter scored 39 runs for Ilkley with W. Simmons scoring 25 and D. Hobson took seven wickets for 35 runs off 16 overs.

Ilkley Cricket Club's chances of being in the finals of the Wadilove Cup were halted when they were beaten by Burley by 97 runs. Top scorer for Burley was A. Atkinson with 82 runs, and C. Aldridge for Ilkley with 24 runs. Burley bowler M. Clarkson took seven wickets for 37 runs in 14 overs and P. Elkins took three for 25 runs.

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OPPOSITION TO "CRUDE" NEW DEVELOPMENT PLANNED IN "PRICELESS SETTING" AT ILKLEY

Ilkley Civic Society is utterly opposed to a "crude, over-large, unnecessary" development in "a priceless setting" at Castle Road, Ilkley and is pressing for refusal of planning permission for seven dwellings there.

In turn, Ilkley Parish Council has designated the area — to the north of Castle Road — as an area which should not be developed as this would change its character, contrary to public interest.

The Civic Society said the proposed development would be a serious intrusion into the main recreational and amenity area, which was otherwise unbroken, apart from one small house, from the parish church to houses on Denton Road.

"Particularly objectionable is the unbroken high profile of the block, which is up to four storeys high on the north facing side, much taller than the building it replaces," said the Civic Society.

This height was necessitated by the number of dwellings—seven—which was excessive for the site. On the church side the proposed block was 25 feet high, and on the riverside park side it was 36 feet, obscuring the skyline and overshadowing the park and riverside.

"The view of the church from the riverside, and of the riverside from the church and town centre, will be completely obliterated by the mass of the block," the society continued.

Inconsistent

"The proposed development is within the Ilkley Conservation Area, very close to the exposed Roman wall. The beautiful and ancient parish church, which overlooks the site, is made entirely of local Yorkshire stone; the proposed block will be largely cement rendered, with a roof of concrete tiles—materials totally inconsistent with the church, the Manor House and other nearby buildings of lesser antiquity — thus making a nonsense and a travesty of the whole idea of a conservation area.

"We are therefore utterly opposed to the development, which we believe would play a large part in destroying the apposition of ancient church and riverside which is such a beautiful and unique feature," said the society.

"In brief, it is a crude, over-large and unnecessary intrusion into a priceless setting, and we feel there are overwhelming grounds for rejection of the application."

At Monday's meeting of Ilkley Parish Council it was reported that the local planning authority had to have regard to how a planning application would affect a locality generally and lead to change in its character which would be contrary to the public interest.

The council therefore resolved that, in the absence of a Town Plan, the parish council would from time to time designate areas which it considered should not be developed for residential or commercial purposes if this would affect the locality generally or lead to change which would be contrary to public interest.

The parish council then considered the area north of Castle Road, which was already partly in the ownership of Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Councillors felt this area was of great scenic value and adjacent to the most important archaeological sites of Ilkley, on which any further residential or commercial development would be of great detriment to the community.

It was agreed that, subject to existing planning permissions, the area north of Castle Road should not be developed for residential or commercial purposes.

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MAJOR LONDON DEBUT FOR YOUNG ILKLEY ARTIST

Nigel Simpson of Ilkley, believed to be Britain's youngest professional artist, made a major debut in London at the beginning of July.



He travelled to London with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Simpson. Mr. Simpson is an officially appointed civic painter renowned for his bi-annual Yorkshire Artists Exhibition in the Winter Gardens.

Nigel's destination in London was St. Paul's cathedral, for the purpose of attending a thanksgiving service and Royal reception held by Her Majesty Queen Mother.

The Simpson family were warmly greeted by the Dean of St. Paul's, Dean Alan Webster. The Dean was presented with three especially-commissioned works painted by Nigel. One painting for Her Majesty, the other two for the cathedral.

Everything did indeed go extremely well for young Nigel Simpson, aged 14, a pupil at Thorn Park School for the Deaf in Bradford.

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The Dean expressed his delight in receiving two fine paintings for the cathedral. Both works of art were taken from New Testament texts. The one shows a solitary crucifixion entitled "Lifted Up" taken from the lines: "If I am lifted up, I will draw all men to me." The other shows Jesus suspended between two thieves, and is called "Be With Me". This moving painting was taken from the text: "This day you shall be with me in Paradise." Both paintings will be given prominence inside the great cathedral visited by over a million tourists and pilgrims each year.

At a Royal reception held in the spacious Cathedral Crypt, the Dean, in the presence of 300 invited guests, presented the Queen Mother with a splendid painting commissioned especially for Her Royal Highness and destined for the royal collection at Clarence House. The Queen Mother appeared delighted upon viewing a dramatic view of Ilkley's Cow and Calf Rocks, and recognised the scene immediately.

Her Royal Highness displayed special interest upon hearing that Nigel began his painting career at the tender age of three. She also seemed moved by the technical excellence and the creative imagination of young Nigel's masterly work.

Standing on the steps of St. Paul's, Mrs. Margaret Simpson, who works at Wendy Woods of Guiseley and paints professional pieces in her spare time, said: "I'm a little stunned by it all—but not completely surprised. When my ancestors came to Britain from Italy in the late nineteenth century, they used to earn their living on the streets of London, from two monkeys and a barrel organ. But my parents had worked their way up in society, to the point where I was properly educated. When I was expecting

Nigel—I married an artist—I prayed my child might grow up to become a famous painter. Today's Thanksgiving Service was particularly important to me for I can now say, I feel my prayers have been answered."

Shortly before he entered the Cathedral Crypt, Mr. Leslie Simpson stated: "Almost all the male issue of the Simpson family have been connected with the fine arts for over 200 years. We have architects, photographers, even inventors in our background—and of course, painters! It seems perfectly natural that Nigel should follow in some of their footsteps."

Asked how the presentation had come about, Nigel's father replied: "We were approached by Dr. Athalston Jones, of Otley, who is a Guildsman of the City of London and a Divine in the Chivalric Order of St. Louis. St. Louis, I understand, was established as an Order in 1239 by the King of France. Athalston-Jones had been detailed to commission a prominent young artist to compose three special paintings as a Thank You to the Queen Mother and St. Paul's for helping to replace dignity into the hearts of London gypsies who had earlier been evicted from their caravan sites. A four figure sum has been offered for the paintings here today, but when Nigel heard that the Order of St. Louis is a charitable movement he declined payment in order that his fee might be used to help place Braille copies of the Gospels in churches throughout the Commonwealth."

A challenge

Speaking through an interpreter, Nigel confessed: "These works were a challenge to me. I knew that nothing but the best would do. In order to complete my schoolwork and finish the pictures on time, I gave up my job as a newspaper boy and worked three hours an evening for four months to finish the paintings."

Speaking on behalf of the Order of St. Louis, Athalston-Jones remarked: "The Queen Mother wrote through her private Secretary to me, stating—The Queen Mother was very touched in the thought of wishing to present her with a painting by Nigel. I am certain there are many more commissions coming his way. On a conservative estimate, I would think the future looks very bright for this young man, as he already occupies quite a unique position in the art world."

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Scientific Club Visits Middleton Lodge

100 Years Ago

Archaeological and other features of interest in the grounds of Middleton Lodge were the venue for the new Scientific Club's third excursion. Over forty members were met at the Old Bridge by Mr. W. J. S. Thompson, Mr. W. Middleton's agent, who was to guide the party. At the lodge they inspected two monumental slabs with inscriptions and figures evidently of great age. Two pillars about five feet high and two feet square were also examined. One of these had inscriptions of different dates on it and the other had on its summit a saucer-like cavity. These pillars were supposed to have been sacrificial altars, but a previous investigation some years before had failed to substantiate this claim. Various other pieces of stonework of antiquity scattered around the grounds were scrutinised. Members continued on to the part of the grounds known by some as Mount Calvary, grounds of considerable size laid out in the form of a cross and bordered by dwarf spruce trees.

A fine selection of band music played at a concert at the Tarn by Messrs. Oates, Ingham and Sons, was highly appreciated by those who attended.

Members of St. Margaret's Church Choir left Ilkley in a special carriage to travel to Knaresborough for their annual day's outing. They visited the Parish Church where they occupied the chancel stalls and sang two anthems. They visited Dropping Well, the boats, and the Castle and had a "substantial dinner" at the Elephant and Castle Hotel. In the afternoon there was a cricket match between teams picked by Marshall-Hainsworth and T. Beauland. St. Robert's Cave was visited and the party had a swim at the foot of Grimbald Crag. The outing ended with a look around the town and tea at the hotel.

75 Years Ago

The youngest trippers ever known visited Ilkley by train from Bradford, when two three year old boys arrived on their own at Ben Rhydding station. One of them had apparently visited Morecambe by train the previous week and had acquired a taste for travel: The Ben Rhydding station master, Mr. Richardson took charge of the boys, and notified the police of their whereabouts. He sent them back to their parents in Bradford by the afternoon train where there was a joyful re-union.

The last Saturday in July was designated locally "Waif Saturday" and there were to be street collections in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Mr. John Sunley the local florist promised to make up a quantity of flower buttonholes to be sold on that day and boxes would be located at the various hotels and hydros.

Ilkley Girl's School was the scene of two interesting presentations. Miss Hill, who had been assistant mistress for six years, received a silver tea service on leaving to be married, and Miss Earnshaw who had been a pupil teacher for five years was given a handsome travelling case as she had won a scholarship admitting

her to Ripon Training College. The presentations were made by Dr. Muntz (Vicar) and Miss Jowett (headmistress).

Miss Scott, of Wortley House, Ilkley, returned from a few years residence in South Africa where she had been in charge of the kindergarten classes at the Government School, Bloemfontein. A farewell dance was given for her prior to her leaving the school and Miss Scott was presented with a purse full of sovereigns.

Eight houses in Leamington Terrace, Ilkley were bought by Mr. W. Horne, of Ilkley, for £1,000. The property produced a gross annual rental of £114.

A garden party was held at Rosegarth, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood in aid of the Children's League of Pity. Lovely weather prevailed and the function was well attended. Miss Thompson, of the Pines presided and Mr. J. Hillyard thanked Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood for the use of their grounds. Mr. Robert Parr director of the society, travelled from London to outline the work of the League and deplored the large number of unhappy children in need love, care and protection.

50 Years Ago

The question of putting in order the field adjoining Ben Rhydding Council School for the use by the children as a playing field was considered at the July meeting of the Ilkley Education Committee as the playing area in the school yard was said to be totally inadequate for the number of children at the school.

A controversy had been raging in the town around the origin of Ilkley's name. Cr. W. Dobson had received a letter from an enthusiast on the origins of place names in Lancashire who said residents should not be concerned with the Roman name Olicana. The British name Lleocain (Celtic W.) had priority not Llecain and was therefore the original place name. A knowledge of Celtic and folklore made clear the meaning—LLe = place, Cain = beautiful. The name therefore meant beautiful place.

Ilkley lost a familiar figure by the sudden death of Mr. John Henry Tetley of 3 Parish Ghyll Road at the age of 91. He had always been fit and regarded himself as one of the finest health advertisements for Ilkley's air. He had an ambition to walk up to the moors on his 100th birthday. He had been a local preacher for 64 years, and preached at the Congregational and Baptist churches. He had treasured memories of a speech made by William Ewart Gladstone in the old Cloth Hall at Leeds, and could vividly remember Queen Victoria opening Leeds Town Hall.

Ilkley was described as being a "paradise for dogs". The town dogs all looked sleek and well-fed and a visitor to "the town of heather and health" said "as I passed through the town the other day, my eye was caught at every turn by some plump four-footed aristocrat which waddled with an unhurried air of quiet superiority beside master or mistress." He expressed the wish that should he ever return to earth again he hoped it would be as an Ilkley dog.

The grounds of Hollingwood, Ilkley, were the venue for a garden party in connection with Ilkley Moor Golf Club by invitation of the Club President Mr. H. P. Price and Mrs. Price. About 130 members and friends enjoyed an excellent tea provided by the ladies under the direction of Mrs. Broadbent, Miss Cockin and Mrs. Birch.

25 Years Ago

A public inquiry lasted 16 hours at the Winter Gardens, Ilkley, when evidence was heard for and against the proposed sand and gravel workings at Ben Rhydding and Denton Park Estate. Between 200 and 300 people crowded into the hall to hear the evidence against the workings.

The fight to save Ilkley British Legion Football Club was described at the annual meeting of the club. It had been a very trying season and at one time the club could only call on eight players. It was agreed that they should try to find new members and Mr. B. Roth, treasurer, said the subscription would have to be raised to 5s. a season.

The information from the Chief Education Officer that Ilkley Nursery School would be forced to close down at the end of July caused great concern amongst members of the Ilkley Education Committee. There was an attendance of forty children and a waiting list and it was proposed to ask the County Council to reconsider the matter.

Ilkley Townswomen's Guild celebrated its 15th birthday with a party in the Ilkley Winter Gardens. A birthday cake was cut by Miss J. M. D. Simpson, President. The Drama Group presented a one act play entitled "All My Juliets".

Ilkley Cricket Club's 1st XI was routed by Hall Park for 51 runs and lost their first five batsmen with only fifteen runs to their credit. Atkinson and Bruce in a last stand made 30 before Atkinson was bowled by Gardner for 9. Hall Park made a total of 141.

Ilkley was honoured with a visit from the choir of Lycoming College, Williamsport, U.S.A. who gave a concert of choral music in the Wells Road Assembly Hall. They were welcomed by the Rev. Elijah Green and Mr. T. W. Firth and the President of the choir Dr. F. Wertz said they had been looking forward to visiting Britain for a long time to express their friendship for the British people and gratitude for the debt the new world felt for British culture, ideas and traditions.

Decaying Ilkley

— it's official

By Mark Dexter

ILKLEY is decaying — and that's official.

In a report by the Boundary Commission, issued last Thursday, Mr. W. Derrick Fairclough, the reporting officer for the Bradford area said:

"I was disappointed in Ilkley as a town which I had last visited briefly five or six years ago. The various letters and arguments which I had received, were often geared to the contention that it is a high class and attractive Spa resort.

"It may have been so in the earlier part of this century, but it is patently now showing signs of decay and is hardly comparable to a Spa town such as Harrogate."

The comments have caused anger and frustration amongst local councillors and societies, and suggestions have been made that Mr. Fairclough should be given a guided tour of Ilkley and its beauty spots.

Horrified

Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Coun. W. R. Hill, said, "I was absolutely horrified by Mr. Fairclough's comments. They are in no way correct. However, if that is what he thinks, it should be taken as a challenge to improve Ilkley and make it better than Harrogate."

Former Chairman of the Parish Council, Coun. Mrs. Molly Renton said "It's just a lot of nonsense, I would like to take him round the town and show him our many beauty spots. It's absolutely reprehensible."

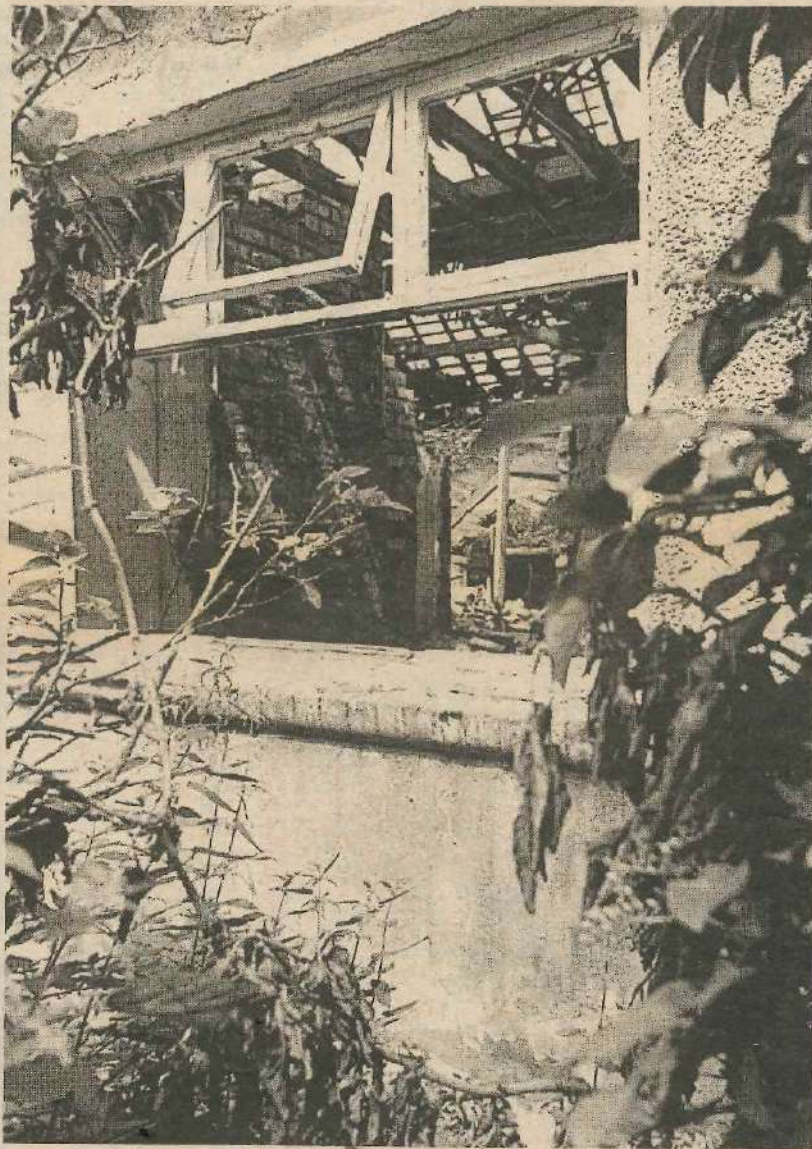
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Chairman of Ilkley Civic Society said "These comments are totally irrelevant to the substance of the report. They are personal reflections based on brief visits, and a misleading comparison with Harrogate, a much larger town. The comments are of little real significance, however it may help to encourage more concern for the environment of Ilkley."

Members of the Parish Council have been aware for some time about a number of blemishes on Ilkley's beauty, in particular the area around Castle Road, but efforts have been made in recent weeks to improve Ilkley's looks.

On Saturday, a clean-up was organised to get rid of rubbish and posters in the centre of the town, and at the last Parish Council meeting, a resolution was passed where the Council will designate areas of Ilkley which it considers should not be developed for residential or commercial purposes if such development would affect its character or be contrary to the public interest.

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The remains of a burnt out house on Castle Road, close to the Wharfe in Ilkley.

the visit to Ilkley in January, and one suggested reason which prompted him to make the comments was that following the heavy snows, in December and January, a good deal of litter and rubbish was left lying about after the snow had melted, and it had not been cleared away when he visited the town.



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Many Schools For Young Ladies and Gentlemen

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High Schools for young gentlemen and Schools for young ladies were numerous in the Ilkley district in 1882.

Appearing in the column for educational announcements in the Gazette at that time were notices from many schools including Burnside School, Ilkley; Mrs. D. Brear and Daughters' Ladies' School at Belle Vue; Ilkley College; Ilkley High School for Young Gentlemen; Ladies' College, Ilkley, and Glendair School for young ladies with resident foreign governesses and visiting masters.

Mr. Jonathan Hainsworth was appointed to the joint posts of clerk, surveyor, rate collector and nuisance inspector to the Ilkley Local Board at a salary of £100 and £55 respectively. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Hirst, the retiring clerk for his good offices towards the members of the Board and all his past hard work over eleven years service.

Children from the Congregational Sunday School held their annual festival and tea with sports and games in a field just above Rosemount. The grass was wet but the only shower came during the interval for tea which was laid in the Lecture Hall, and the outdoor races and cricket matches were enjoyed to the full. Mr. H. Muff sent off a vast number of balloons to the delight of the younger children. Valuable prizes were given including books, writing cases, umbrellas, cricket bats and brass mounted wickets. They were distributed by the pastor, Rev. S. D. Hillman.

Craiglands first class hydro-pathic establishment offered a week's consultations and baths in their out patients department at 17s. 6d. per week. Turkish, Russian or Vapour baths were 2s. each or offered at a session of six for 10s.

75 Years Ago

Mr. C. W. Atkinson, Headmaster, gave his report on the year's school activities to a large number of parents at the annual speech day of Ilkley Grammar School. He said the external examiners had been impressed with the standard of the work. Oral work, written work, music and woodwork had all received praise from Mr. R. W. Shackle and Mr. T. G. Bedford, the examiners from Cambridge. There were 132 scholars in 1906-1907 and these pupils were disciplined to good behaviour and their moral, physical and intellectual education received the best attention. Out of 19 candidates for matriculation, there had been only two failures. Prizes were distributed by F. H. Fawkes, of Parley Hall, and the Swann medal for the boy in Form VI who obtained the highest aggregate of marks for school work and examinations was given to E. F. Wilkinson who also won the Old Boys' Prize for the boy excelling in popularity, good conduct, general intelligence and sports.

Two of the local churches took parties of children to the seaside for the day. Those who attended the Parish Church went to Morecambe and the Congregational school children went to Scarborough. They were both favoured by fine weather and many of the children saw the sea for the first time, taking the opportunity of every possible form of enjoyment on their respective outings.

At Otley market eggs were on sale at 1s. for 11, chickens 2s. 6d. each, pigeons 10d. each, butter was 1s. 7d. for a 24 oz. roll.

General Booth, head of the Salvation Army passed through Ilkley on a motor car tour of the north and acknowledged the cheers of a watching crowd. "His flowing beard and patriarchal appearance in a heavy dark military pattern overcoat and peaked Salvation Officer's cap made him a conspicuous figure."

50 Years Ago

Ilkley Grammar School students were presented with their prizes at the annual speech day by Prof. F. Brodetsky, of Leeds University. Mr. N. L. Frazer, the headmaster, presented his annual report on the progress of the school, in which he said that although the school had ceased to take boarders, they hoped to start the autumn term with as many pupils as before owing to an increase in the number of day boys. C. Dibb was awarded the Old Boy's Prize for General Intelligence, Moral Conduct, Popularity and Sports. H. Flood was awarded a prize for the best article in the school magazine and S. T. Tennant for the best sketch. The F. M. Hood prize for music was won by S. L. Milnes and the Hlingworth prize for Natural History award went to G. Papworth.

A resolution deploring the number of motor car accidents due to reckless driving was passed at Burley Urban Council and the restoration of the speed limit through the village was urged. Mr. Harvey said he lived right in the bottle neck and the main culprits seemed to be the motor cyclists who passed at 40, 50 and even 60 miles per hour.

Oaklands school grounds became a fairy woodland glen when the pupils presented a poetic afternoon of "fairy enchantment" the climax of which was Eleanor Farjeon's "Crock of Gold" with leading parts played by Brenda Mintz, Sonia Mintz, Valerie Wood, Jane Verity, Barbara Byass, Mary Sedgwick, Kathleen Ross, Nancy Walton, Frances Shaw, Celia Gray-Smith, Pet Heslop.

The Olicanian Cricket Club enjoyed a social evening when the President, Mr. C. A. Crook, entertained the members to a "pic supper" at the Cafe Royal. This followed a cricket match between the President's XI and the Chairman's XI, won by the latter.

25 Years Ago

The school Hall at Ilkley Grammar School was packed to capacity for an Open Day when the sports trophies and certificates were presented to the pupils by Council Chairman, Mrs. H. Hawkins. It was announced that R. W. Wood (18) had become Long Jump Champion of England for a jump the previous Saturday at Southampton. Leslie Hodgson, the head girl, thanked Mrs. Hawkins on behalf of the school.

Two local Boy Scouts gained their Queen's Scout Badges. They were Stephen Best, of Curly Hill, Ilkley, and Roger Whittaker, of Westville Avenue, Ilkley. Stephen had been chosen to be the representative of 4th Ben Rhydding Scouts at the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree and Roger would also represent his troop together with Billy Banks, Peter Harrison and Keith Tattersfield.

A party of thirty members of the Olicana Museum Society visited St. Helen's Church, Denton, and viewed Denton Hall by permission of Mrs. Arthur Hill. The interior of the Hall was mostly Adam, the most interesting feature being a staircase which wound round the wall of a circular room the height of the house. Many pictures were admired amongst which were signed portraits of the Duke of Windsor and "The Rape of the Lock." Mrs. Hill showed members her fine collection of English china figures.

Mr. Derek J. Hyatt, of Bolling Road, Ilkley, an old boy of Ilkley Grammar School and the Leeds College of Art was made an Associate of the Royal College of Art, 1st Class. Mr. Hyatt edited "Ark" the journal of the Royal College and was to start teaching at Kingston College of Art in Surrey.

Middleton Hospital, Ilkley, had vacancies for Ward Sisters (S.R.N.) with a salary scale from £487 rising to £615 per annum. Student Nurses were offered £265 per annum with £119 deducted for board residence.

COUNCIL CONFIRMS DECISION TO SAVE MENSTON SCHOOL

A reprieve for the threatened Menston Junior School was confirmed on Tuesday when Bradford Metropolitan Council voted 45-37 in favour of keeping the school open.

This followed an about-turn by the Educational Services Committee after a change of political power at City Hall at the last elections.

When in control, the Labour Group had approved a scheme for the re-organisation of schools in Menston, suggesting that a first school should be developed on the site of the present Menston Infant School, that the junior school should be closed in 1984 and that children of nine and over should be transported to Ilkley Middle and Grammar Schools to continue their education.

This was reversed last month by the Educational Services Committee, which voted to scrap re-organisation and to continue to maintain the existing junior school.

At the full council meeting on Tuesday, Labour spokesman Cr. Norman Free said the proposals to reverse a council decision within six months was out of order. He regarded it as a flouting of standing

orders, and made it clear that he did not agree with a ruling given by the City Solicitor.

The Chief Executive, Mr. Gordon Moore, supported the views of the City Solicitor, and the Lord Mayor, Cr. Mrs. Lightband, of Ilkley, said Cr. Free appeared to have misinterpreted the standing order.

Cr. Peter Gilmour, Conservative Chairman of the Educational Services Committee, said the proposed changes would have been unreasonable educationally, and any financial savings would not have been as great as expected.

Labour Cr. Mrs. Doris Bird-sall, a former Chairman, said the viability of Ilkley Middle School would be in jeopardy if re-organisation was scrapped. Parents of children at the school were concerned. The re-organisation schemes was based on educational and financial grounds, not political, she said.

CUB SCOUTS START ON CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN FOR ILKLEY FOUNTAIN AREA

1st Ilkley cub scouts are helping to clean up the beck at Mill Ghyll on Saturday as part of a scheme to improve the fountain area and stream at the top of Brook Street, Ilkley.

Leader Mr. Andrew Walbank had told Ilkley Parish

Council the group were prepared to clean up the fountain area and stream and paint the basin of the fountain.

The present fountain has not functioned for several years and has lost most of its equipment, but the parish

council want to see it brought back to life.

A suggestion from Bradford Metropolitan Council that the much vandalised fountain should be removed altogether and replaced with a flower bed was dismissed by Parish councillors, who

would rather see it restored.

Pictured tidying the beck are: from left to right, Andrew Roe (back), Glen Asquith, Duncan Gilmartin, Stuart Griffiths, Stephen France, Jolyn Brook and Jonathan Sayers.



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CRS. SHOCKED OVER VANDALISM AFTER CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN IN THE CENTRE OF ILKLEY

Within hours of local scouts cleaning up a part of Ilkley vandals struck again leaving behind a trail of litter and a scene indescribable to one nearby resident.

Now Parish Councillors and Rotarians are to discuss the future of the shelter at the top of Brook Street, presented to the town twenty six years ago, which in recent years has become a meeting place for young people.

Remove the shelter and they believe this will go a long way to getting rid of the vandalism in that area. Councillors want to see the site opened up with a clear view up Mill Ghyll and the shelter removed and if possible re-sited elsewhere.

The morning after local scouts had carried out a clean-up operation of the area vandals had visited the scene leaving behind their trademark of litter and rubbish. There were bottles, beer cans litter and urine in much evidence.

Nearly In Tears

An elderly lady who had admired the scouts for their work the day before was distressed and almost in tears when she saw the site the next morning. She found it almost indescribable.

Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council's General Purposes Committee, Cr. F. G. Lambert said at Monday night's meeting of the Council that the clean up campaign in the centre of Ilkley the week before had been quite successful with such eyesores as notices removed from lamp-standards. The sea scouts had made themselves responsible for the fountain area and Cr. Lambert said he had made enquiries about obtaining a fountain. After the scouts had completed the clean up it was heartbreaking to find the next morning that bottles, litter and beer cans had been strewn around the area.

Councillor Mrs. M. Renton said the Sea Scouts had put in a lot of work and had done a good job.

"Early Sunday morning an elderly lady distressed and nearly in tears rang me and said the shelter and the area around the fountain was indescribable. It was full of litter, paper, cans, bottles and even urine," said Coun. Mrs. Renton.

"I rang the Police and asked what they did about policing that particular area and they assured me that it was under surveillance," she said.

"Why not park a van there a few evenings or have someone hiding behind the bushes?" asked Coun. Mrs. Renton.

If the shelter had been in poor condition Coun. Mrs. Renton would have hoped to see it removed but she said it was unfortunate that it was in good condition. It was only used by young people who could get up to anything they wanted to, said Coun. Mrs. Renton.

Eye Witnesses

On that Sunday morning the site had been visited by the Environmental Officer of Bradford Metropolitan Council and there were other eye witnesses of the state in which the area had been left by vandals she said.

"We should go all out now to catch them," said Coun. Mrs. Renton.

Coun. Lambert thought the whole matter was distressing and asked what was the point of acquiring a fountain at a price in the region of £250 if some of those young people had no respect for the area.

"I don't think we should spend that sort of money on a fountain which was likely to be vandalised," said Coun. Lambert who thought the shelter was perhaps the cause of the trouble.

Chairman of the Council, Coun. W. R. Hill felt great concern over the vandalism taking place in that area. He thought they must look at the landscape of the whole area so it was more open. He thought it would also be better for visitors to the town when walking up Brook Street to see an open view of Mill Ghyll. Ilkley Rotary Club presented the shelter to the town to mark the anniversary of Rotary and he hoped they would now be helpful in deciding what should be done about the future of the shelter.

Councillor Mrs. Renton suggested the Council should approach the Rotary Club and ask members to consider the problem. She appreciated the original intentions of the club but times had changed and perhaps it was now time to consider the possibility of having the shelter removed.

Open Views

Councillor Hill understood the Rotary Club was conscious of the problems and was going to make some suggestions.

If the building was removed Ilkley would again have a nice open area to Mill Ghyll, said Cr. Lambert.

"Perhaps we should be thinking of having the shelter re-sited," said Coun. Hill.

The Parish Council had informed local organisations of the self help clean-up campaign mounted at the beginning of July to tidy up Ilkley. It was felt various clubs and associations in the town might have ideas about which areas needed attention and might wish to help. So far the Council had received no replies but said Councillor Lambert it was the holiday period and some organisations only met once a month.

A spokesman for Ilkley Rotary Club said this week that as part of the club's interest in the environment members were concerned about the situation at the top of Brook Street and would be considering what help they might be able to offer in resolving the problem. The possibility of re-siting the shelter would be considered, he said.

CAR ON FIRE

A Renault car was damaged in a fire believed to have been caused by an electrical fault on Monday morning. Ilkley Fire Brigade was called to the incident, which happened on The Grove at about 8.00 a.m.

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A Better Steed Needed For Earlier Postal Deliveries

100 Years Ago

Complaints had been received by the Ilkley Local Board regarding the delivery of letters, and there had been numerous requests for earlier deliveries. Mr. Beanlands said that this could well be effected if the man who had the contract got himself a better steed.

The efforts made to reorganise the Ilkley Library and News Room on a wider and more attractive footing had already proved largely successful. The provision of a much needed news room for visitors and residents had been agreed upon, as the two political clubs had previously been the only places with the London newspapers on view, and it was intended to display copies of The Times, the Daily News and the Standard in addition to the weekly periodicals and magazines. With regard to the library itself, there was to be provision of a wide consignment of the most popular current fiction and "other literary wares of a more ephemeral character."

Mr. Thos Grunwell, Ilkley, was summoned at Otley Police Court for allowing a mare and foal to stray on the Riddings and Grove Roads, P.C. Huffington found them and drove them on to the old cricket field. He told the defendant this, and he had cautioned him previously on many occasions. They had been several times put in the pinfold. The defendant said that he was a freeholder on Ilkley Moor and had not let them stray wilfully. Owing to the number of complaints Mr. Grunwell was found guilty and fined and had to pay costs.

The Scientific Club took their fortnightly excursion to Fairy Dell. Mr. Percy Lund pointed out relevant facts about the geology of the district, and said that the rocks were of Kinderscout Grit. Miss Pope gave an account of the fertilisation of the foxglove, and a number of specimens were obtained.

Pupils of the High School and friends had their annual picnic at Bolton Abbey. A party of about forty travelled by wagonette and had a most enjoyable day's outing.

75 Years Ago

Two former clergymen at Ilkley, the Rev. Howard Kempson, the late Vicar of Ilkley, and Rev. S. D. Hillman, were both visiting Ilkley. The Rev. S. D. Hillman was the former Congregational Minister. Both men were described as hale and hearty despite their advancing years and they preached on the Sunday. Mr. Kempson at Nessfield and Mr. Hillman at the Primitive Methodist Chapel. Mr. Kempson was staying with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Thorpe.

Notwithstanding the bad season and the bad weather and consequent bad trade, Ilkley was prospering in no uncertain way. There was a good demand for cottages and middle class properties were letting very well, the only houses being difficult to find tenants for were those with rentals at over £60 per annum. The building trade in the town was described as very brisk, and there was a considerable amount of new property of all types under construction. The growth of the town was described as not that of a sudden boom, but the result of a gradual and natural growth to which the districts' attractive appearance and the District Council's good government had in the main contributed.

To the great annoyance of the families concerned, the minister failed to turn up at the marriage of Miss Grace Overin of Addingham to Mr. Chas. Ernest Beanlands of Ilkley at Addingham Wesleyan Chapel. The registrar from Skipton suggested that he and the chapel keeper should officiate, and the bridal pair agreed to be married at the hands of the chapel keeper as the registrar had to catch the next train back.

The visiting crowd to Ilkley was far below average in numbers for a fine August Bank Holiday. This was probably due to rain in the earlier part of the weekend. Tracks over the moors were muddy and the grass and bracken quite damp. The river was running very high but this did not prevent boating going in full swing or deter swimmers from risking the dangers of the Wharfe.

Ilkley's municipal orchestra, under the direction of Miss Phyllis Mary Hollins, earned a sound reputation very early in the season. Dances were held on Thursday and Saturday evenings and there were very attractive Sunday evening concerts.

Mr. W. Dobson complained to the Gazette regarding wilful damage in the Ilkley area. The padlock on the gate leading to the Swastika stone had been burst open and the ling had been removed from the engraving on the stone, the culprit using something like a chisel. Stones had been torn up in Mill Ghyll and thrown down into the stream. Seats provided by the Council on the Northern side of the stepping stones had been hoisted and thrown into the river, and it took three men to haul them out again. Mr. Dobson said that to his mind the culprits needed branding on their foreheads as being undesirable, and he made the point that they were not the actions of children or youths but of grown up people. He asked anyone seeing this type of vandalism to inform the Council at once.

Several Ilkley residents were injured while on holiday in Scotland in an accident near Loch Striven, near Dunoon. They had stopped to admire the view from a bridge over a gorge in Glen Striven and the bridge gave way. Miss Marjorie White suffered injuries to her hands and face, and Miss Nancy Lund was injured on the knee. Miss Susan Woodruff of Leeds was drowned, dying despite the efforts of two young men from Ilkley who applied artificial respiration for one and a half hours. Her body had been caught under a rock in a deep pool and the leader of the party had dived repeatedly in unsuccessful attempts to rescue her from the water.

25 Years Ago

A discussion which was later described as a complete waste of words and time took place over the naming of a side road off Grove Road "Shannon Close." Cr. Eric Wolfe asked why an Irish name had been imported into the vicinity of The Grove. In the main Ilkley's street names bore some relationship between the particular locality and he wondered why the Shannon had burst its banks and come to Ilkley. Cr. Bowes expressed the view that if the Council put forward opposition to the name they would become a laughing stock, and he could see no valid reason why an Irish name could not be given to an Ilkley street. Cr. G. W. Clough thought the whole thing very trivial and that it was a complete waste of time to discuss it.

Local and visiting motorists came under severe criticism for "having games" with the police in their search for parking spaces. Inspector E. Carwright, reporting to the member of the Ilkley Road Safety Committee, described local motorists in particular as inconsiderate, careless and impatient. He complained of motorists parking on the A65 at Ben Rhydding while there were cricket matches in progress, and of the horrors of parked cars along The Grove and Brook Street despite the close proximity of a large free car park.

The hall at the Burley in Wharfedale Church of England Junior School was crowded with members of the Parent Teachers Association and many other guests for a presentation to the headmaster, Mr. A. E. Simmons, who was to retire on 21 August after 22 years of service to the school.

Mr. J. Bennett, Chairman of the association, presented him with a cheque for 20 guineas. There was a deep feeling of loss in the community for a headmaster who had served so well for so long.

No objection was made to a proposal by the Wharfedale Local Association of Boy Scouts that a permanent camping site may be set up in Curly Hill. The Editor commented that scout camps were well conducted with the least noise, and that residents in the

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CONTROVERSIAL PLAN FOR CASTLE ROAD DEVELOPMENT REFUSED

Controversial plans for the erection of seven dwellings at Castle Road, Ilkley, have been turned down by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

Members felt the proposed development was not compatible with the character of that part of the town.

Ilkley Civic Society had pressed for the application to be turned down because of the effect the proposed building would have in a major amenity area, and the parish council had agreed the area should be designated as not to be further developed.

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NO PURCHASERS FOR ILKLEY PROPERTY

100 Years Ago

Property in Church Street and Middleton Road, Ilkley, was withdrawn from an auction in 1882 when bidders failed to reach the reserve price.

Mr. Geo Wrigglesworth offered for sale at the Lister's Arms Hotel a valuable freehold house and shop in Church Street. It had been used as a corn and flour shop but for many years had been occupied by Mr. Marmaduke Hudson. There was a good attendance and bidding at the start was brisk but the property was withdrawn at £305 not having reached the reserve price of £350.

The Middleton Road property consisting of a dwelling house together with 959 square yards of building land was offered for sale by Mr. J. G. Crewe at the Crescent Hotel. The attendance was large but the auctioneer did not succeed in selling the property, as the lot was withdrawn at £195.

There were two court cases reported in the Gazette, one of drunkenness and another of a disgraceful affair. A well known Ilkley character was found drunk in Skipton Road and was sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment whilst in a disgraceful affair two men were found fighting in a field at Cocken End. Defendants told the court that the fight arose out of a slight dispute and they had decided to have it out in the old English fashion. They were each bound over to keep the peace for six months to the amount of £5 and ordered to pay the costs of the case.

75 Years Ago

Ilkley Lawn Tennis Club announced the 1907 open tournament would be starting on Saturday 3 August and would be continued on the following Monday and Tuesday. Entrance was 1s. a day but season tickets could be obtained for 2s.

Ilkley was moving into a carnival atmosphere at the beginning of August with an announcement in the "Gazette" that a carnival was to be held on August Bank Holiday Monday. There were to be enormous attractions and splendid prizes, it was stated.

It was recorded in the news columns that "the Silsden motor bus caught the top part of a lamp-post opposite the Rose and Crown Hotel, smashing the lamp and attachment."

Mr. George Grossmith and London party were to give a refined and versatile entertainment in the Lecture Hall. Mr. Grossmith had few equals as an entertainer, and the ladies associated with him were well known and accomplished artistes.

It was announced that the Prince of Wales would be included in a party for grouse shooting over the Duke of Devonshire's moors at Bolton Abbey during August, 1907. Mr. Victor Cavendish, MP would act as host on behalf of his uncle.

Ilkley was making progress in 1907 with reports that the town was prospering in no uncertain way. There was a good demand

for cottages, and middle class property was also letting well, the only houses at all difficult to let being those with rentals ranging over £60 a year. The building trade was brisk with a considerable amount of new property of various kinds being under erection and there being a good prospect of more to follow.

50 Years Ago

At the beginning of August in 1932 the Grove Picture House screened Eddic Cantor and Charlotte Greenwood in "Palmy Days", Lewis Stone, Sidney Fox and Paul Lukas in "Strictly Dishonourable" and Buster Keaton, Jimmy Durante and Polly Moran in "The Passionate Plumber."

Other entertainment in the town included a week's concerts by the Ilkley Municipal Orchestra in the Winter Gardens and in the Kings Hall, and the personal appearance of the famous London comedian Dick Tubb in the farcical comedy "Butt's Luck."

At a half yearly meeting of the Ilkley Branch of the Leeds Industrial Co-operative Society it was reported that the Ilkley store in Leeds Road continued to show progress, nearly £2,000 being returnable as dividend to members during the first half of the year. Surprise was expressed that Ilkley Council should have rejected plans for extensions at the rear of the Ilkley stores.

Several Ilkley residents holiday-making in Scotland were involved in an accident near Loch Striven near Dunoon. The party had stopped on a bridge over a gorge in Glen Striven to admire the view, when the bridge gave way and a number of them dropped into the water.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Players' August Bank Holiday play in 1957 was "The Secret Tent," a first play by Elizabeth Addyman which had proved popular with audiences everywhere since its first public presentation at the Grand Theatre Blackpool.

Burley C. of E. School headmaster for the previous twenty two years, Mr. A. E. Simmons retired.

The year 1957 marked the 21st season for Menston St. John's Football Club which according to the secretary, Mr. A. Bearpark had been the best from a playing point of view that the club had enjoyed.

Approval in principle was given by Ilkley Council for the erection of 48 garages at Derry Hill, Menston, and at Langford Road, Burley, and on land between Aire 'le Terrace and Manse Crescent, Burley.

Increased taxi fares in the Ilkley district meant that the first mile would be charged at 2s. 6d. (12p).

A new Vauxhall Victor car "setting the style for years ahead" was offered for sale in 1957 at £498 plus purchase tax at £261. The Austin A.35 was available from £379 plus purchase tax at £190.

Ilkley Invalid Couch Was One Of The Best Known

100 Years Ago

The Ilkley Invalid Couch, invented upwards of twenty years was being advertised in the columns of the Ilkley Gazette in 1882. It was said to be "the most comfortable couch as a lounge and the very best known for invalids being easily regulated to any inclination of the back, and various positions of the legs—recommended by the highest members of the faculty. If required the couch can be fitted with book rests and writing tables. "The Couch was made by Robinson and Sons, cabinet makers and upholsterers Ilkley Couch Works, near the station, Ilkley.

Sinclair's cold water soap, the magic cleaner, was advertised at four old pence a lb. and the third edition of an illustrated guide of Ilkley and Bolton was available in the town at one shilling.

Mr. James Croft, of the Central Coal Depot, in The Grove, Ilkley, opposite the Congregational Church, was supplying coal from the best Yorkshire collieries on reasonable terms. He also supplied firewood at one shilling per bag.

75 Years Ago

A meeting was held in August, 1907 with the object of forming a cycling club in Ilkley. Mr. Martin Hawksworth acted as chairman and there was a good attendance. About thirty gave in their names as willing to join and it was decided to invite ladies. Mr. H. Tenant was elected hon. secretary and Mr. E. Dean as hon. treasurer.

All round progress and prosperity was reported at the annual meeting of Ilkley Golf Club. Membership of 322 was the highest ever in the club's history. The question as to whether the time had arrived to impose a limit on the number of lady members had been considered but it was decided to leave matters as they were. Mr. S. R. Meredith was elected President; Mr. A. W. Godby and Mr. S. M. Yoxall as secretaries and Mr. J. Watterson as treasurer.

The death took place in 1907 at Farfield Hall, Addingham, of Mrs. Margaret Cunliffe Lister, widow of the late Mr. T. T. Cunliffe Lister, and sister-in-law of the late Lord Masham. Mrs. Lister who left no family resided at Farfield Hall for fifteen years but for some time had been in failing health.

Ilkley Parish Church choir boys visited Scarborough on their annual outing. Accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Muntz the party had dinner and tea at the Grand Hotel, paid a visit to the Hippodrome and went fishing.

50 Years Ago

The dangers of bathing in the River Wharfe were tragically proved in August, 1932, when two young men from Keighley were drowned whilst bathing from a field known as Low Park between Addingham and Bolton Abbey.

The Ilkley Howitzers—the 276th Battery, 69th Brigade RATA left for their annual camp at Hornsea.

The Gazette reported that "the present economic situation has affected the Territorial Force, and every possible expense is being cut down. With Lt. McCarthy, a convoy of 24 men including two lorries and three reconnaissance cars left Ilkley Drill Hall. Another party under the leadership of Major Maufe left by train.

With the object of seeking to devise some scheme which would help to relieve local distress during the coming winter, and possibly provide some work for the unemployed, a meeting representative of various churches and other organisations in the town was held.

The London North Eastern Railway Company was running excursions from Ilkley and Ben Rhydding to Selby, Hull, Hornsea and Withernsea with fares ranging from 3s. to Selby to 5s. 6d. to Hornsea fifty years ago.

The 2nd Ilkley Scouts under the leadership of Mr. R. Townson camped at Reighton, in 1932.

25 Years Ago

In 1957 Ilkley was experiencing a summer comparable with that in 1955 when there was a serious drought. Towards the end of July and during early August there had been very little rainfall and residents were asked to use water sparingly.

All radio and television dealers in the Ilkley area were given an opportunity to submit applications and schemes for an aerial relay service together with detailed estimates of costs to Ilkley Urban District Council.

Permission was given in August 1957 for an underwater exploration of the River Wharfe at the Crum Wheel, Ilkley.

During the summer of 1957 hundreds of children who for one reason or another would not otherwise have got a holiday, were able to go for rambles over the Beacon and surrounding countryside, play organised games in the fields and have fun round evening camp fires.

Burley Cricket Club became the first club to win the Waddilove Cup in successive contests in post war years and the third club to attain the distinction since the competition began in 1936.

Correspondence 6 Aug 82

Ilkley Has Just About Every Kind Of Vandalism

Sir,—In this town we seem to have just about every kind of vandalism.

A newly painted Victorian pillar box has been daubed with yellow paint. I wonder if this can be called "getting rid of inhibitions". I can not see what good it does to the culprit.

Then some prospective builder had the bright idea of uprooting what for years had been a glorious display of rhododendrons in readiness to build on the garden. This has never been done and I notice the whole property is now for sale. The garden is a wilderness.

How is it that we get these people who have no civic pride? We get one person creating a lovely garden out of what was an overgrown grass verge. Very hard work was put in. I know people who came from miles around to see that lovely display in Grove Road and are shocked on seeing it now.

It is not only the teenagers who are vandals.

"DISGUSTED"
(Name and address supplied)

In Mill Ghyll

Sir,—I have lived in Ilkley since 1915 except for a few years. I returned to live here again six months ago in the happy expectation of spending the last years of my life enjoying the beauties of Ilkley once again.

I know times change but I never expected to see Mill Ghyll and its lovely stream littered with tin cans, broken bottles and seats, paper bags, rubbish and weeds. Please, please remove that dirty shelter, one of the worst mistakes Ilkley ever made; open up the bottom of the Ghyll; and thin out that high tree and let in the sunshine and you will see the "Monkey Rack" full of happy people again.

Where have all the girl guides and boy scouts gone that did so much good work in our days?

I love Ilkley with a deep and abiding love for so many happy memories of a loving childhood and would willingly give a donation to help restore Mill Ghyll and its very old rookery to its former state if possible.

Can anyone remember when the rooks first came? They were there sixty years ago as I can recall.

HOPEFUL OLD RESIDENT
(Name and Address supplied)

Note.—Local Sea Scouts helped volunteers in a clean up campaign of the town centre last month and were responsible for part of the Mill Ghyll area and the fountain. They were congratulated by some Parish Councillors on a job well done but within hours their work had been wrecked by more vandalism. Editor.

What Price Justice?

Sir,—Another tree has gone, despite all the advice from the top Ilkley horticulturists.

Bradford Metropolitan Council's top gardener, despite his wisdom, has gone ahead and chopped down, cut into small pieces and burned the ash tree which stood near the old bridge at Ilkley. They said it had Dutch Elm disease, although Ilkley gardeners said it had been caught by the fire which started in the rubbish midden at the tree's base.

It was the same fire which had destroyed the new sign placed there. It takes an authority like Bradford Metropolitan Council to place a new sign on a rubbish midden anyway.

Two trees came down in the river during the floods and a sweet chestnut was cut down by Bradford Council earlier, and do not forget a gardener was taken to court by Bradford Council for cutting down a diseased sycamore near the Old Bridge—what price justice?

Mrs. FLORA BLUNDELL
Bolling Road,
Ben Rhydding.

Note.—Parks Superintendent for Bradford Metropolitan Council, Mr. M. Behrens, said the Council had watched the tree, which he said was an elm tree and not an ash tree, for some time and they had reached the conclusion it did have Dutch Elm disease. By law, they were required to fell it and burn it, he said.

"We were sorry to lose the tree because it was well known in Ilkley but we are to do some replanting," he added.
Editor.

Head On Collision At Addingham 6 Aug 82

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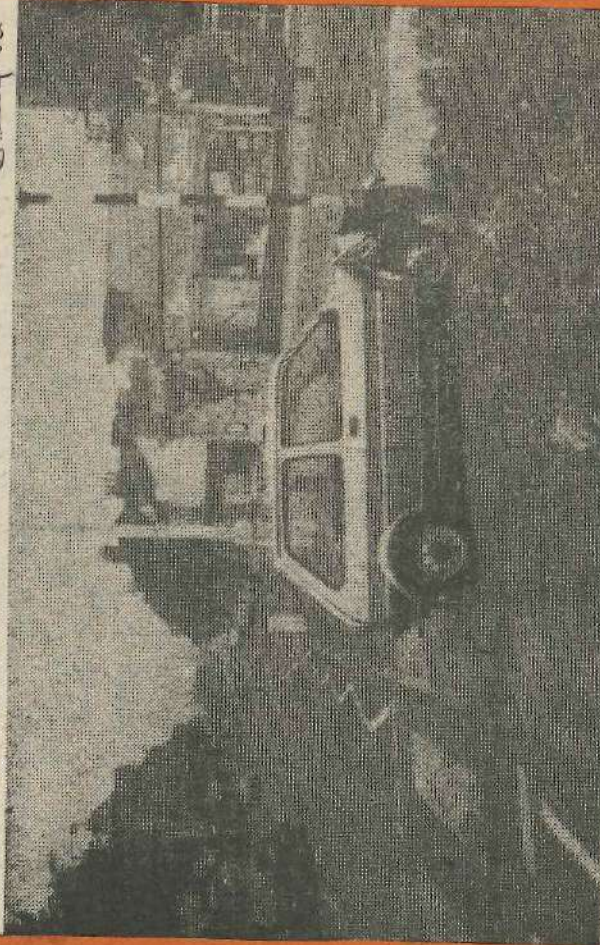
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No one was seriously injured when these two cars were involved in a head-on collision at Addingham on Wednesday evening. The accident happened at a dangerous corner near the Sailor Hotel shortly after the heavy rainfall.

Driver Escapes Unhurt As Car Crashes On Traffic Island

6 Aug 82



This new Austin Mini Metro came to rest on the traffic island at the top of Brook Street, Ilkley, on Monday evening after crashing into one of the zebra crossing bollards. Mrs. Joyce Mantan, of Pullan Grove, Eccleshill, and her passenger, Mr. William Mantan, both escaped unhurt.

RESTORATION OF SAXON CROSSES WILL COST UP TO £15,000

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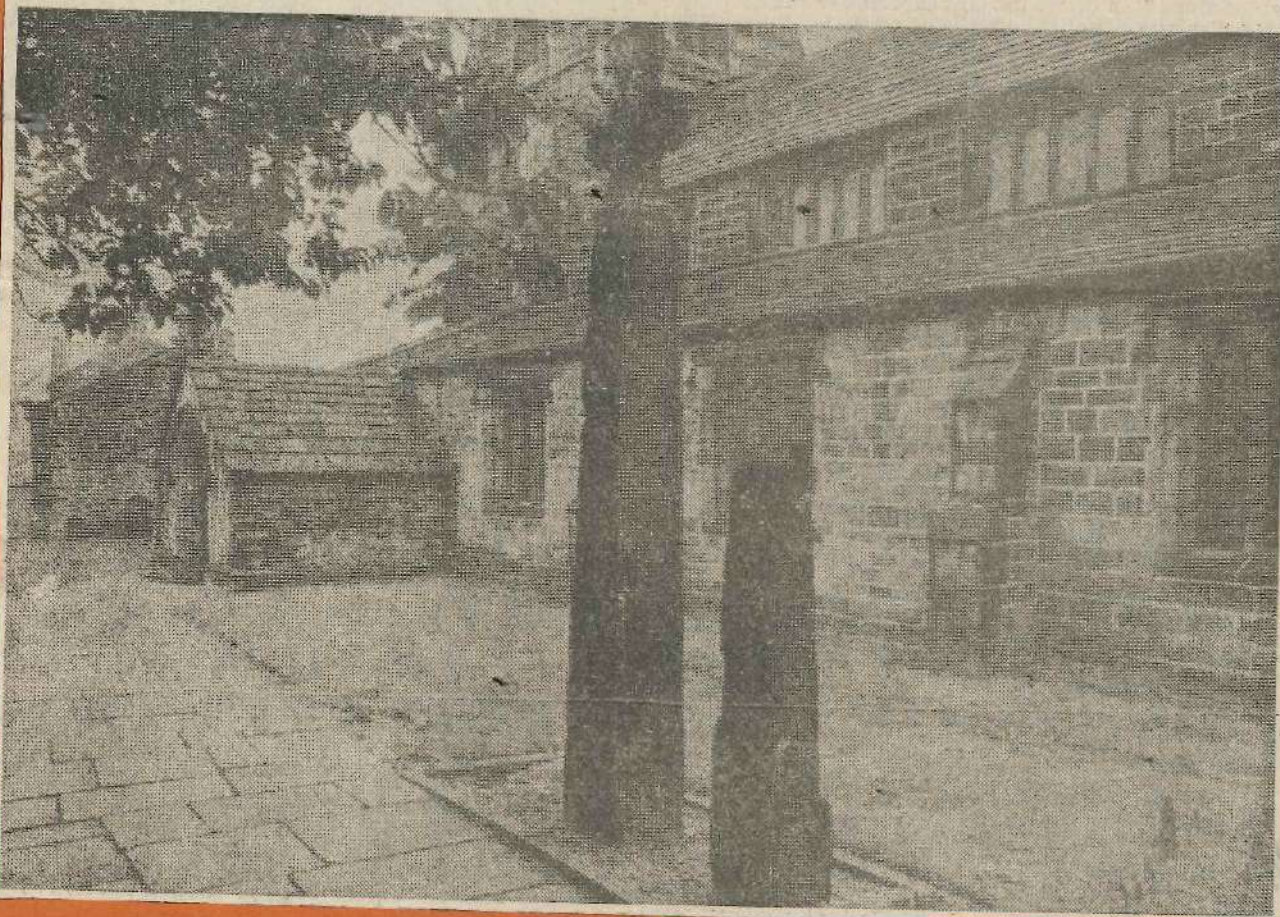
A scheme to preserve and conserve three Saxon crosses at Ilkley is to be considered by West Yorkshire County Council's Recreation and Arts Committee.

The three crosses, relics of a major Saxon cemetery, which have stood outside

Ilkley Parish Church over the years have suffered through the weather and the passage of traffic. One of the crosses has already been removed into the church and it is proposed to take the others (pictured below) inside also. The crosses will be cleaned and erected on new foundations.

County Councillor John Sully, Chairman of the Recreation and Arts Committee, who last week visited the site, said "these crosses are significant nationally as well as locally and form a major piece of the industrial jig-saw of West Yorkshire. We estimate that the removal and restoration of

these crosses will cost up to £15,000 and I will ask my committee to provide £7,000 of this. I hope that after we have given a lead others may follow and other public and private organisations and groups will contribute the remainder of the money needed," he said.



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ROW GOES ON OVER PROPOSED ILKLEY HOSTEL FOR ASIANS

The row about a proposed hostel at Ilkley for young Asian women continued at a meeting of Bradford Council's Fieldwork Sub-committee last Thursday, but no final decision was made.

The plan was to convert a large terrace house in Richmond Place but it is opposed by local residents who have signed a petition complaining that the value of their home would be reduced and there would be noise and parking problems.

Members of the Sub-Committee spent Thursday afternoon visiting that and four other possible sites for the hostel. Afterwards they met in private to decide what to do, but could not reach agreement.

A resolution that other houses on the market be considered was approved with the chairman's casting vote but Labour members threatened to refer the decision to a meeting of the full Social Services Committee.

Labour spokesman Cr. Laurie Coughlin said the hostel had been in the pipeline for thirteen months and they did not want any further delay in it being opened. Asian girls were attempting suicide because of problems they faced.

Cr. Eric Pickles, the Conservative chairman of the Social Services Committee, said the Conservatives accepted that the Ilkley house was the most suitable of the five they had seen, but he did not believe it was the ideal site. "As well as its unsuitability because of the

distance from Bradford, I think it will work against the reconciliation of parents and children", he said. "I am sorry we have not been able to make a final decision but I believe with something as important as this, with the risks we are taking in opening this kind of hostel, it is essential that we go for a very good site".

It has been said that the hostel will be seen by Asian parents as an attack on the family structure.

Not more than six girls are expected to use the hostel at any one time and it is expected that cash will be provided to ensure that it is supervised 24 hours a day.

PLAQUES MARK THE FOUR GATEWAYS TO THE ROMAN FORT

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Plaques have been erected to mark the four ancient gateways to the Roman fort of Olicana.

Bradford visitors to Ilkley, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison (pictured below), inspect the plaque at the North gate in the church grounds and overlooking Castle Road. All four plaques have been designed by the well known Ilkley sculptor, Mr. Bert Roberts. The Friends of the Manor House at Ilkley have

all subscribed and paid for the work to be done. The plaque marking the East gate can be seen affixed to the walls of property in New Brook Street. The South gate plaque is on the wall of the Rose and Crown Hotel opposite the Church in Church Street, whilst the plaque for the West gate can be seen on the left wing of the Manor House itself.

The plaques all show the double head of the Roman

God Janus, and underneath the name of the gate itself. They mark as exactly as can be traced the boundary and the four gates or roadways into the old Roman fort, of which only a small part of the old wall exists and which was uncovered after excavation.

The South, North and East gates mark the roadways that no longer exist but the West gate is, only a few feet

from the original Roman West road into the fort, which is marked as near as possible by the unmade and broken road now known as Castle Hill and A is from this road that the Roman wall remains can be approached. This is also the road which led to stables used by the Bronte Family from Haworth. During their visits to Ilkley they took their horses and carriage to those stables.



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Work Begins On Restoring Structure Of Ilkley's Parish Church

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Work has begun on a £12,000 project to restore the structure of Ilkley Parish Church.

An 80-foot crane removed four pinnacles—each weighing about 5 cwt and dating back several centuries—which are to be replaced. Two of the pinnacles are pictured after being removed from the church.

Work is also to be carried out to make the parapets above the flat roof of the

lower safe and the contractors, Vincent Dobson (Contracts) Ltd., of Ilkley, will also be doing pointing and remedial work.

The architect who originally studied the church and decided the work should be carried out, Mr. Dennis Jordan, of Barker and Jordan, Bradford, explained to the "Gazette" why the work needed to be done. "The pinnacles were very badly weathered and pieces were

falling off. There was also a split in the parapet round the top of the tower which meant that a portion of the parapet had to be rebuilt," he said.

"The pinnacles are to be replaced, and the new ones will be ready by the end of this month. We are taking this opportunity, while the scaffolding will be up, to do general repairs on the tower," he added.

ACROSS THE YEARS 13 Aug 82

Drinking Fountains At White Wells And In Brook Street

100 Years Ago

Drinking fountains at White Wells on Ilkley Moor and at the top of Brook Street were without cups in August, 1882, but a suggestion by Mr. J. Beanlands that they should be obtained at once was accepted by the Local Board.

In his report to the Board the Medical Officer of Health reported that during the past month nine births and four deaths had been registered in Ilkley. The births consisted of two males and seven females. The mortality was equally divided between the sexes and the age at death varied from fifteen to sixty four years. The death rate was below the average and three of the four deaths occurred to visitors. There was no infant mortality and no epidemic prevalent in the township, reported the Medical Officer, Mr. Thomas Scott.

When Bruce and Verne advertised an entirely new entertainment in the Assembly Room at Ilkley one hundred years ago they stated that carriages would be available at the end at 10 p.m.

For the summer of 1882 Thomas J. Critchley, family draper, of Brook Street, Ilkley, was offering a new range of patterns in carpets from 3s. 9d. to 5s. 6d. per yard and the "choicest and most elegant designs in tapestry, lace and curtains at prices less than in previous years."

75 Years Ago

Eight members of Ilkley Pigeon Racing Club sent eighty five birds for a race from Rugby, 111 miles from Ilkley.

Ilkley's fifth annual carnival and gala in aid of the Coronation Hospital and the District Nursing Fund favoured with beautiful weather was a success. A procession headed by Ilkley Brass Band walked through the streets of Ilkley before reaching the field across the river. Thousands paid to enter Mr. Garnett's enclosure adjoining the river where a continuous round of attractions was provided both afternoon and evening.

The Gazette announced in August, 1907 that "the inhabitants of Addingham and district will be pleased to hear that the National Telephone Company propose installing a call office on the premises of Mr. Joseph Steel, in Main Street."

A couple were rescued from the Strid at Bolton Abbey seventy five years ago. A lady fell into the river and her husband jumped in to save her. The incident caused some alarm but assistance was speedily forthcoming and both were rescued.

Having won seven of thirteen matches played by mid-August Ilkley Cricket was in second position to Yeadon in the Airedale and Wharfedale Senior Cricket League. They had lost only two matches, had drawn four. Burley was bottom of the league having won only one match out of fourteen.

50 Years Ago

Four First World War aces, two British and two German, were entertained by the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club at the Leeds-Bradford aerodrome in August, 1932, on the occasion of an aerial garden fete. The four famous aces were Major Christopher Drapre D.S.O. known as the "Mad Major", Major A. Bridgeman O.B.E.; Major Baron Ritter von Richtofen, of Berlin, cousin of the famous Red Knight of Germany, whose "circus" made history in the war. There was constant flying throughout the afternoon and evening. The pageant opened with a thrilling and impressive display by the four aces who flew in formation over the aerodrome and afterwards gave aerobatics.

Some excitement was caused in Burley by the appearance of a long snake placidly making its way across Main Street just above the Lecture Hall. The reptile was said to be over two feet long and as it caused some alarm among ladies and children, help was summoned in the form of a man armed with a spade, who soon put an end to the snake's progress. It was then seen to be a fine specimen of grass snake. It was only a few days previous to this incident that another grass snake was seen in Station Road. One theory was that the snake which could be bought in a livestock market, where they could be obtained at so much per foot, had regained their liberty.

25 Years Ago

August Bank Holiday (at the beginning of the month in 1957) was favoured with fine weather though the visitors to Ilkley were not as numerous as they had been at Whitsuntide.

In 1957 it was claimed that you had to be a contortionist to have a wash in some houses in Southfield Terrace, Addingham, where it was alleged you have to turn your back to the bowl whilst washing because of the smell of the water. The allegation was made at the August meeting of the Parish Council during a discussion on the state of the water supplied to houses in Southfield Terrace from a small reservoir near the houses. The Council agreed to write to the Medical Officer of Health asking that if the water was pure the Council be given a certificate to that effect and also what made the smell if the water was pure.

A six legged lamb which was born on a farm at Dunkeswick Lodge, North Ripton, was in good health and enjoyed life in the normal way.

It was learned with regret twenty five years ago that the West Yorkshire Regiment had lost its identity as an individual unit of the British Army. The headquarters had been at York and throughout the years it had been in the towns and villages of this part of the West Riding that the Regiment had been largely recruited.

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The Problem Of Flight To Be Discussed At Ilkley

100 Years Ago

The problem of flight and the possibility of aerial navigation was to be discussed in Ilkley in 1882 at a meeting arranged by the Ilkley Congregational Mutual Improvement Society.

The meeting was to be addressed by Mr. Fred W. Brearey, the secretary of the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain whose members included some of the most distinguished civil and military engineers, naval commanders and scientific men. The "Gazette" reported that "for some time past the question of aerial navigation has occupied the mind of prominent members of the various scientific, commercial, and military bodies, and as yet the problem is still unanswered as to how far balloons may be used as a means of communication or transport." Mr. Brearey was to produce and explain at the meeting a number of models of several kinds of flying inventions.

The sum of 1s 6d per yard was not enough to secure freehold property at the top of Parish Ghyll Road offered for sale at an auction in Ilkley one hundred years ago.

75 Years Ago

Arrangements were being made in August, 1907, for the annual Ilkley tradesmen's cricket match and dinner on Feast Wednesday, in September. It had been agreed that in order to give more variety and novelty to the proceedings five prizes were to be given for comic costumes, including one of half a guinea from Mr. A. H. Atkinson.

At the annual meeting of Ilkley Rugby Club it was reported that last season the club played eighteen matches of which it won fourteen and lost four. The goals scored by Ilkley were 245, against 86 by opponents.

Char-a-banc drives to Denton Park and Otley, Bolton Abbey and The Strid, Harewood House and park, and Skipton and Malham Tarn were advertised in August, 1907. Prices ranged from 2s to 4s.

An Ilkley window cleaner advertising for business seventy five years ago stated he took all risks under the New Compensation Act and another advertiser was wanting plain family washing.

Ilkley Cycling Club, seventy five years ago had been fully organised and had a beautiful badge of membership designed containing the Ilkley Coat of Arms on a blue enamelled background and lettered in gold. There were twenty four members including six ladies.

50 Years Ago

Though the King did not visit Bolton Abbey for the grouse shooting as he had so often done in the past both he and Queen Mary visited Wharfedale in August, 1932

on their way to Scotland. They were the guests of the Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood at Harewood House.

The death was recorded of Dame Marion Oddy, wife of the late Sir James Oddy, formerly of The Hall, Ilkley, who died after a short illness in Surrey.

The 3rd Ilkley St. Margaret's Scout Cubs camped at Netherside, Grassington.

The Indian cricket touring team the Kattamarans visited Ilkley where they played the Craven Gentlemen.

Leslie Howard in "Services for Ladies," Douglas Fairbanks Jr in "Gentleman for a Day," and George Bancroft in "Rich Man's Folly" were three films shown at the New Cinema, Ilkley, during August, 1932.

The Hollygarth Social Club held its first annual trip fifty years ago when members went by coach to Windermere and Morecambe. Unfortunately the club had chosen what proved to be the really first wet day for many weeks, but the weather did not dampen the spirits of the members who enjoyed the outing.

Miss Eleanor Greenwood-Maisey, a soprano of merit was the vocalist at a concert given in the Winter Gardens, Ilkley, by the Ilkley Municipal Orchestra.

25 Years Ago

Restrictions on the use of water were in force in the Ilkley district during August, 1957. The position began to ease by mid-August and it was hoped that the restrictions, which had been imposed in June, would soon be lifted.

The Rev. Palmer Morris conducted morning and evening services at Burley St. John's Methodist Church in connection with the 90th anniversary celebrations of the building of the church.

Parents of children under ten years of age who failed to register for vaccination against poliomyelitis but later wished to do so were given another opportunity twenty five years ago. Dr. John Battersby, acting Medical Officer for Wharfedale said there had been a distinct improvement in the number of parents consenting to vaccination since the scheme was started in 1956; a position that had probably to some extent been influenced by the immunisation of the Royal children. In the Wharfedale Division about 1,800 children were registered in the first group, of whom about 1,200 had been vaccinated.

A farewell service was held after the evening service at the Addingham Wesley Place Chapel for the Rev. Harold Evans, former minister in the Ilkley Methodist Circuit, who left Addingham to take up an appointment in South Wales.

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ILKLEY'S DESCRIPTION AS "DECAYING TOWN" ANGERS PARISH COUNCIL

To describe Ilkley in a Government document as a town showing signs of decay and hardly comparable to a spa town such as Harrogate has angered some Parish Councillors and residents.

But there are some Parish Councillors who agree that standards in Ilkley have deteriorated over the past five years and are calling on Bradford Metropolitan Council to put these right.

The remarks made about Ilkley were contained in a Boundary Commission Report for England concerning the local inquiry for the Bradford area. Mr. W. D. Fairclough, Assistant Commissioner, Stipendiary Magistrates for the Metropolitan County of Greater Manchester said in the report:

"I consider that it is important to realise that the paramount question in determining the boundaries of the two County Constituencies is 'what happens to Ilkley?' From time to time it was all too easy to be side-tracked into considering 'what happens to Bingley?' "Clearly if Ilkley ought to be added to the Shipley Constituency the proposal to incorporate Bingley into the Keighley Constituency is a viable and probably necessary alternative.

Disappointed

"I was disappointed in Ilkley as a town which had last briefly visited five or six years hitherto. The various letters and arguments which I have already imbibed were often geared to the contention that it is a high class and attractive spa resort. It may have been so in the earlier part of this century but it is patently now showing signs of decay and is hardly comparable to a spa town such as Harrogate. My enquiries there revealed almost universal resentment that it formed part of the Borough of Bradford at all and I confess that it seems to have little in common with the old city. The Labour Party's contention that it would be undesirable to divorce it from the Rombalds Ward (and Burley and Menston in particular) is balanced by the equally valid Conservative report that to divorce it from the Craven Ward and Addingham in particular would be just as undesirable. The majority of its electors failed to un-

derstand when I made my private enquiries why it was necessary to leave the Ripon Constituency to which they currently belong. Such sentiments and the knowledge of the long distance between Ilkley and Ripon served to bring into true perspective any contention made as to inaccessibility between Ilkley of either Keighley or Ship-and the much nearer towns ley," stated Mr. Fairclough.

Recommendation

He recommended the Commission to adopt its original draft proposals which placed Ilkley in the Keighley constituency with an electorate of 61,103.

Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill, commenting on the remarks about Ilkley contained in Mr. Fairclough's report thought it was disgraceful that Mr. Fairclough's personal views should be recorded in a document of that kind. He thought they should invite Mr. Fairclough to visit Ilkley during the summer months. For his remarks to be entered in an official report of the Government was disgraceful, said Cr. Hill.

"There has been a deterioration in the town but whether it is right to put it in a report of this kind is another matter," said Cr. J. M. Shelton. The Parish Council should continue to press Bradford for improvements to the town, said Cr. Shelton who thought Mr. Fairclough was quite right about a deterioration to the town during the last five years.

Cr. W. Forrest thought Castle Road was a disgrace and it was high time something was done about it.

"We should insist that Bradford become more efficient on running council matters and then perhaps more money can be spent on towns like Ilkley," said Cr. F. G. Lambert.

NO LOCAL PLAN AT
CRUCIAL TIME

20 Aug 82

MP CRITICISES BRADFORD COUNCIL OVER LACK OF ILKLEY TOWN CENTRE PLAN

News that Bradford Council had no immediate intentions of preparing a Town Centre Plan for Ilkley has been criticised by Ripon MP Dr. Keith Hampson, who feels that the council should be pressed into producing one if local opinion still deems it necessary.

Dr. Hampson was "highly critical" of the fact that there had not been a local plan for Ilkley at a time when some crucial planning decisions had been made by Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Now that these decisions had been made, Bradford clearly did not want to bother preparing a plan, said Dr. Hampson, who is now seeking the views of Ilkley Parish Council.

He had asked Bradford Metropolitan Council about their intentions with regard to a Town Centre Plan for Ilkley, and received a reply from the Director of Development Services, Mr. C. R. Atkinson, which said the Council did not have in its existing programme any proposals to prepare a local plan.

Issue Discussed

Mr. Atkinson hoped that in view of decisions by the Secretary of State for the Environment on planning appeals, as well as policies already approved by the council, Dr. Hampson would agree that the issue of retailing in Ilkley had been sufficiently well covered.

"You may be aware that in October 1981 the planning Sub-Committee considered the question of guidance for future retailing developments in Ilkley, bearing in mind the points raised in the Secretary of State's decision on the planning appeal by the West Yorkshire Co-operative Society on the site adjoining the bus depot," said Mr. Atkinson.

"On this issue the Planning Sub-Committee resolved that the need for any additional guidelines to control physical change in the town centre in the provision of shopping be examined, and that any necessary policies be incorporated in a policy document relating to the Town Centre Conservation Area.

"In addition, the Sub-Committee called for a planning brief for the redevelopment of the Co-op appeal site and the adjoining bus depot, and this was presented to the Sub-Committee on 18 January 1982, together with a context report which set out the issues arising from the adoption of the brief, and laid down overall guidelines for retailing in Ilkley Town centre," he continued.

Satisfied

"These documents, taken together with the subsequent Conservation Area extension satisfied the Planning Sub-Committee's requirements for guidance on retailing in Ilkley town centre.

"Since the change of control in the council the Planning Sub-Committee have not formally reconsidered their position on the need for an Ilkley Town Centre Plan.

"Now that the Secretary of State has committed the former railway sidings to retailing use through his approval of the Hillards planning appeal, and now that, in addition to the documents referred to, the Council has also approved policies for the control of non-retail uses in Ilkley town centre, I would hope you could agree that the issue of retailing in Ilkley has been sufficiently well covered," Mr. Atkinson concluded.

Should Not Be Developed

In July Ilkley Parish Council resolved that, in the absence of a Town Plan, the council would from time to time designate areas which it considered should not be developed for residential or commercial purposes if such development would affect the locality generally and lead to change in its character contrary to the public interest.

This followed the publication of a Residential Standards document by Bradford Council's Planning Division with the parish council feeling there were certain areas in the parish in which such development would be contrary to certain sections of the document.

The parish council immediately designated the area north of Castle Road as an area which should not be developed for residential or commercial purposes, except for any existing planning approvals, as it would affect the locality generally and lead to change in its character which would be contrary to the public interest.

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**PROPOSED NEW
HILLARDS
STORE AT ILKLEY**

Hillards the Cleckheaton based supermarket company, are hoping plans for their proposed new store at Ilkley will be considered by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee on Wednesday.

A spokesman for the firm said a planning application for approval of details had been submitted some time ago for the proposed new store on the former railway goods yard site at Springs Lane.

This had resulted in extensive discussions and negotiations between representatives of Hillards, their architects and Bradford's Planning Division. "We think we have now arrived at a mutually acceptable design," he went on.

He stressed that the proposed store would use block materials rather than brick, because Ilkley was mostly a stone-built area, and a suitable stone treatment was proposed for the main front elevation.

Once detailed planning permission has been obtained it is expected work will start on building as soon as possible.

Original plans for the new store were turned down last year by Bradford Council who felt it would be a substantial addition to shopping space in Ilkley on a site separated from the existing shopping area.

As a result Hillards appealed and a public inquiry was held in January. The Secretary of State for the Environment subsequently gave planning approval.

In his report, the Inspector who conducted the inquiry said "There can be no doubt that the proposed development would be welcomed by the public for a variety of reasons, not least of which is the unsatisfactory location of Hillards existing supermarket which lacks suitable parking and servicing facilities and thus causes traffic problems in the town.

"My views in this respect gain support from the fact that Ilkley Parish Council, which might rightly be thought of as being closely in touch with local feeling and with the needs of the town, are fully in favour of the proposed development," he said.

APPEAL LAUNCHED TO RAISE £1,000 ^{27 Aug 82} TOWARDS RESTORATION

An appeal was launched this week to raise £1,000 towards the cost of restoring and re-siting three Anglo-Saxon crosses which have stood in the grounds of Ilkley Parish Church.

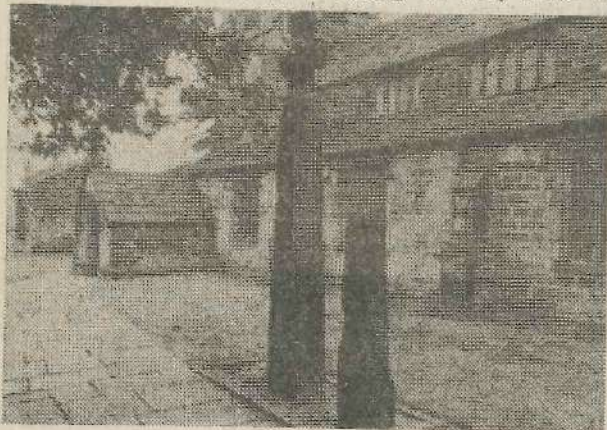
An exhibition was staged at Ilkley Library to coincide with the launching of the appeal, and County Councillor John Sully, Chairman of the Recreation and Arts Committee, was at the exhibition on Tuesday to declare the appeal open.

County Cr. Sully said the removal and restoration of the crosses reputed to represent one of the finest collections of late Anglo-Saxon sculpture in Yorkshire, could cost up to £15,000. The Archaeology Unit of the West Yorkshire County Council, which is coordinating the project to save the crosses, has offered to pay half the

Work will begin on the removal and restoration of the crosses as soon as the money has been raised and the County Council's donation has been approved by the appropriate committee. It will be carried out by the Area Museum Service for Yorkshire and Humberside.

The area beneath the church tower will be filled with stone hardcore, containing three solid piers to carry the crosses, and the entire area will be topped by stone flags above a damp proof membrane. Each cross will be erected on steel supports in the tower.

County Cr. Sully said: "The



Two of the Anglo-Saxon crosses still stand in the grounds of Ilkley Parish Church. The third has been moved inside the church.

cost. The Department of the Environment was paying one third but the rest was still to be raised, so the Olicana Museum and Historical Society launched the appeal to try to raise the other £1,000.

The collection of the crosses — whose decoration includes the Four Evangelists, Christ enthroned, Adam and Eve, grotesque beast and scroll patterns — has deteriorated drastically in recent years due to pollution and weathering. Action is urgently required to remove the black sulphate layer which is eating away the stone, to conserve the surface and to remove the crosses in to the church, where they will be re-erected in tower on a strengthened base with overhead lighting.

The exhibition, organised jointly by the West Yorkshire County Council and the Olicana Museum and Historical Society, ended today (Friday) but it will be at Ilkley again in October after a spell at the Yorkshire Archaeology Society Library, in Leeds.

Among those at the exhibition on Tuesday were County Cr. Sully, Dr. Margaret Faulk of the West Yorkshire County Council's Archaeology Unit, the Rev. Richard Cleland, Cr. Mrs. P. Glover and the President of the Olicana Museum and Historical Society Esme Greenwood.

crosses are not the only crosses of their kind in Yorkshire but they are certainly the best examples. The larger cross in particular is a fine example. We are all very enthusiastic and excited about their restoration.

A special account has been opened at the Skipton Building Society, in The Grove, Ilkley, for those wishing to make donations and a book will be available for signatures.

Dr. Faulk will be attending the Olicana Museum and Historical Society's first lecture of the new season next month to describe the proposed project and answer questions.

The Society express thanks to County Cr. Sully for his support and for officially opening the appeal.

ACROSS THE YEARS ^{27 Aug 82} Ilkley Races Attracted Large Crowds

100 Years Ago

Between 2,000 and 3,000 people attended the Ilkley Races at Hadfield Farm alongside the main road to Addingham. Many visitors arrived by train from Leeds and Bradford to see the four races, not including the consolation race, which offered £50 in stake money. Each race covered a mile length and as was expected betting was freely indulged in on the field despite the presence of a large posse of Police.

There was only a moderate attendance at a property sale at the Swan Hotel, Addingham, in August, 1882. In the first lot two dwelling houses in Main Street were withdrawn at £300 and in lot two two cottages adjoining the previous property were also withdrawn at £181. The third lot was sold to Mr. Joseph Rhodes, of Addingham, for £200.

Waggonettes, buses, cabs, dog cars and other conveyances were obtainable at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Ilkley, one hundred years ago. William Kendall and sons, the proprietors, also offered tickets to fish in the River Wharfe at 2s 6d. each.

Notice was given in the Gazette in 1882 that anyone found trespassing in Middleton Woods would be prosecuted as the law directed.

75 Years Ago

"The greatest sensation of the age" was available to the Ilkley district in 1907 when the "wonderful talking electric animated pictures" were to be presented in the Lecture Hall in Riddings Road, Ilkley. They were described as "the pictures that sing" and "the greatest entertainment ever given." The singing pictures represented all the gems of the opera, comic opera and musical comedy where famous artistes appeared and sang their famous songs. "So life like are these illustrations and so perfect the voice production, that those who see them can scarcely realise they are merely pictures," stated an advertisement.

An Otley man was charged at Otley with being drunk on horseback in Leeds Road, Ilkley. He was seen galloping at a furious rate but was stopped by some men who prevented him from falling off his horse. He was fined 20s. and the costs.

An alarming trap accident occurred at Ilkley in August, 1907. An Otley veterinary surgeon and his assistant were driving in a trap to Ilkley when at Ben Rhydding bridge the young horse shied at an approaching motor car and galloped at a fast pace as far as Sunset View, Ilkley. Both driver and passenger escaped serious injury when the horse crashed into a lamp-post causing the trap to overturn.

The Duke of Devonshire's house party, including the Prince of Wales completed the season's shooting over moors on the Bolton Abbey Estate.

50 Years Ago

Is the Ilkley Tradesmen's annual cricket match, which had been a feature of Ilkley Feast for over fifty years, to be allowed to die out? This was the question being asked in August, 1932. It was this imminent possibility which all interested in the continuance of an event, which had become almost

historic, had to face with Ilkley Feast only a month away. The hon. secretary, Mr. J. Grenville Dinsdale had sent over 100 notices giving intimation of a meeting to discuss whether the annual Black Hats v White Hats cricket match should continue. When the meeting took place there were only seven present and Mr. Dinsdale announced that out of 106 notices he had received only seventeen replies.

The 1st Ilkley (Pentrich Church) Troop of Boy Scouts returned from camp at Deepgrove Farm, Lythe, Wharby. In charge of the camp was the Rev. P. Lea, Group Scoutmaster. Scoutmaster A. E. Fickett, Assistant Scoutmasters D. W. Crawshaw and A. D. Thorp and Rover A. C. Tillotson.

Playgoers in Ilkley fifty years hence one of the most successful plays of recent years, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" at the King's Hall. Mr. Prince Littler presented his number one London company in this famous play. Few toured productions had been greeted with such a chorus of praise. Not only did the leading newspaper critics hail it as a masterpiece, but the public crowded to the performances.

25 Years Ago

Besides winning prizes and rosettes Ilkley Pony Club gained three of the four age group Championships at the Pendle Forest and Craven Pony Club Gymkhana at Gargrave in 1957.

The Rev. Frederick Bludred, who was appointed minister at Burley St. John's Methodist Church twenty five years ago in succession to the Rev. N. Rimmer conducted his first services at Burley.

An Hillman Minx car could be purchased for £529 plus purchase tax at £265 whilst a Vauxhall Victor was available at £498 plus purchase tax at £250 or a "sleek" Austin A.55 at £538 plus tax at £270.

Ilkley Camera Club was announcing its opening night to the season with a bargain opportunity — the sale of members' surplus equipment.

Considerable interest was shown in the Ilkley Flower Show and large crowds in the afternoon saw a most remarkable display of bloom. The judges were delighted with the general standard and said it was most praiseworthy after the storms of the previous week.

The 12th season of the Ilkley Old-Time Dance Club opened with a successful dance in the Lecture Hall where weekly dances were held.

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MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED NEW FLATS AND HOUSES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ILKLEY AREA

More than two hundred new flats and houses will be available in the Ilkley area when several developments have been completed.

Two developments at Ilkley should be completed or be nearing completion by the end of the year, while preliminary work has just begun on another two.

The sixteen flat development, to be known as "The Courtyard", on land at the junction of Little Lane and Nelson Road, Ilkley, should be complete within six to eight weeks say the contractors, Melholme Developments Ltd., of Boar Lane, Leeds.

The flats, which have cost £320,000 to build, are in a traditional design of period styling, using coursed bradstone. One of the two-storey blocks of flats faces on to Little Lane and the other on to Wellington Road.

Vehicle parking spaces will be available for each two-bedroomed flat on the development, and additional visitor car parking spaces will also be provided. Provision will be made for car parking by demolishing the old garage once used by Samuel Ledgard, whose blue buses were a familiar sight in Wharfedale for many years until the firm was sold to the West Yorkshire Road Car Company in 1967.

A spokesman for Hepper Watson, of Ilkley, the estate agents dealing with the sale of the flats, said this week that fourteen of the flats had already been sold. "We just have two available now, a ground floor and a first floor flat," he said. "We are very pleased indeed with the way sales have gone, the flats have proved popular with a wide spectrum of people, from elderly retired couples to first time buyers," he added.

Unsightly

Cr. Derek Smith thought the blocks would be unsightly.

Members of West Yorkshire County Council's Development Control Sub-Committee had visited the site and decided that, provided the developers Barrett (Bradford) Ltd., would have only one access from Cowpasture Road and not two as but members felt the Sub-no grounds to direct Bradford Council to refuse planning permission.

A spokesman said a petition had been received objecting to the proposals, originally envisaged they had Committee would not be able to produce an objection which would be sustained if the matter went to an appeal.

At Addingham

A development comprising 164 houses is to be built at Addingham.

The contractors, Clays of Addingham, are at present working on the construction of a dam prior to starting work on the development, on land off Silsdtn Road.

It is not known when work will begin on the development.

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NEW HILLARDS STORE PLAN IS APPROVED

Hillards cleared the last hurdle in their plans for a new supermarket at Ilkley when Bradford Council's Planning Sub-Committee gave approval on Wednesday

The site of the new Hillards store is the former railway goods yard in Springs Lane.

The scheme has been the subject of much discussion and negotiation, and originally it was turned down by Bradford Council which claimed it would be away from the existing shopping area.

Hillards appealed against the decision and a public inquiry by the Department of the Environment was held in January.

The Department reversed the Council's decision after its inspector had reported that the proposed development would be much welcomed by the public for a variety of reasons, not least of which was the unsatisfactory location of the company's existing supermarket, which lacked suitable parking and servicing facilities, and caused traffic problems in the town.

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Valuable Building Sites Offered For Sale

100 Years Ago

Valuable building sites in the most favourite localities and within a short distance of the railway stations at Ilkley and Ben Rhydding were put on the market in September 1882. They were to be auctioned by Hepper and Sons at the Middleton Hotel.

The sites included 1,640 square yards of land fronting on to Leeds Road and Stubham Terrace 2,050 square yards of land fronting Stubham Terrace and the River Wharfe; land with frontages to Castle Road and the River Wharfe. These lots "present most desirable sites for the erection of superior dwelling houses. The views from Castle Road are charming and the completion of the intended extension of that road into Bridge Lane, and of Brook Street into Castle Road will materially enhance the values of these properties" stated a report in the Gazette.

Other plots included: Land fronting on to Hawksworth Street, East Hawksworth Street, Dobson Street and North Street and was described as being most desirable being in the centre of the town and adaptable for a market or business premises. Other plots included land fronting on to Bolling Road and sites fronting the Skipton and Otley turnpike and land on to The Grove and Nursery Drive.

75 Years Ago

A "capital" fixture list was arranged for the 1907-8 season for the Ilkley Rugby Football Club and included matches with Hull and East Riding, Castleford, Skipton, Leeds University, Harrogate Old Boys, Bradford, Headingley Otley, Wakefield, North Manchester, and West Hartlepool. The season started with a match with Hull and East Riding.

The following technical and evening classes were arranged by the Ilkley Education Committee for the winter months in 1907 — drawing and elementary designing, reading, writing and composition arithmetic plain and fancy needlework, commercial arithmetic commercial geography French Pitman's shorthand, vocal music, cookery, starching, and ironing and dressmaking.

Ilkley and District Council Military Band completed its ten weeks engagement at the end of August, 1907. The surroundings of the band stand were illuminated in the evening and a specially interesting programme was presented on the Saturday. On the Sunday afternoon the band gave a special concert. The weather on both days was pleasant and the concerts exceedingly well attended.

Thirty members of Ilkley Cycling Club cycled to Skipton via Embsay.

50 Years Ago

A farewell service for the Rev. J. W. Fielding was held at the Ilkley Wesleyan Church in 1932, at the conclusion of his three years service as Superintendent Minister of the Ilkley Wesleyan Circuit. Mr Fielding left Ilkley to take up his new appointment at the Waltham Street Chapel, Hull and was succeeded by the Rev. W. Brookbank.

The Ilkley Sanitary Laundry 50 years ago were charging 2/6 for semi finished service of twenty articles, including three large suits, costumes and coats, dry cleaned, 3/- and dyeing at 7/-.

Showing at the Grove Cinema was Noel Coward's "Private Lives", which starred Norma Shearer, Robert Montgomery and Reginald Denny. At the New Cinema Stanley Lupino appeared in "The Love Race."

An interesting effort in social work, carried out by the Ilkley Toc H, enabled about eight young men in Wharfe-

discussed the project with about the unemployed Ilkley young men at the Employment Exchange but only one accepted the invitation. Feeling somewhat disappointed with the Ilkley response, they got in touch with the Otley Unemployment Exchange, where, out of about fourteen young men, seven more accepted.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Urban District Council was to spend nearly £20,000 on the conversion of "The Lawn" at Burley, and the approval of the Minister of Housing was to be sought to accept a tender and for sanction of borrow the amount. Burley Lawn was purchased by the Council in 1956 at a cost, including the land, of £4,500. It was planned to convert the house itself into 23 bed sitting rooms with a caretaker's flat and this was to cost nearly £20,000. In the grounds of the Lawn work had already started in September, 1957 on six two bedroom houses costing £10,890.

Although the attendance of spectators was not up to the standard hoped for the organisers of the Ilkley Branch of the British Horse Society Pony Club held with much success their fifth annual gymkhana.

A Ministry decision to close the Ilkley Employment Office and not to grant part time facilities was announced in September, 1957.

Increased costs which they felt they were unable to face caused the managers of the Addingham Church of England School to ask the Minister of Education for controlled status.

Fifteen drivers of Ilkley Post Office covered 79,090 miles in 1956 with six vehicles and met with only four slight accidents the blame for which was not attached to the post office drivers. The Chairman of Ilkley Council, Cr. Mrs. H. Hawkins presented the safe driver awards to the Ilkley Postal drivers. Awards went to J. F. Haswell, J. M. Horner G. Williams, F. Burridge, G. Featherstone, P. A. Bott, W. C. Heley, H. Chapman and D. Smith.

Rules For Guidance Of Bolton Abbey Visitors

100 Years Ago

The anniversary services of the Wesleyan Methodist Church were held, when two sermons were delivered by the Rev. Robert Newton Young of London Large congregations attended both services, and collections on behalf of the trust fund, realised over £15.

Two excursion trains left Ilkley, one bound for Matlock Buxton and Chatsworth, the other for Scarborough. Both were arranged by the local Temperance Society.

Fine weather encouraged a large crowd to visit the Tarn at Ilkley, where the Wakefield Military Band was playing.

A code of rules for the guidance of visitors to Bolton Abbey was issued. These rules included requests to shut the gates, to keep to the paths, not to linger in front of the hall or rectory and not to leave any litter Picnics and games were not allowed in the vicinity of the abbey and bathing in the river was strictly prohibited.

75 Years Ago

The man who supervised the erection of Scaleshor Park Hospital at Burley, Mr. G. W. France, was killed in a road accident. Mr. France, an architect with the former West Riding County Council, resided at Burley during the building of the hospital and was well known in Burley and Ilkley.

Scholars attending the Baptist Sunday School enjoyed their annual treat. Tea was provided in the field opposite the church, lent by Mrs. Cooke, of Summerfield. Various games were played and nuts and sweets given out.

There was a big influx of trippers from Newcastle district to Ilkley with an excursion organised by the Newcastle District (North-Eastern Railway Centre) of the St. John Ambulance Association.

Mr. Henry Mangham, head postman at Ilkley, received his sixth stripe denoting the completion of 30 years service.

50 Years Ago

A sub-committee was appointed by Ilkley Urban Council to prepare a scheme and an estimate of the probable cost of providing a swimming pool at Ilkley. It was reported that many attempts had been made before to provide a swimming pool for Ilkley. One of the main objections was that it would put a burden on the local ratepayers, who would have

to foot the bill for the new project.

A high standard of quality was maintained at the 29th annual show of the Addingham Agricultural Society. Hundreds of people lined the village's main street to see the procession which preceded the show. When the judges arrived, over 800 exhibits had been placed in position. The entries were well up to previous standards.

The Rev. W. Brockbank, who had just taken charge of Ilkley Methodist Circuit as superintendent minister, was given a hearty welcome at a well attended circuit recognition meeting at Wells Road Methodist Assembly Hall, Ilkley.

25 Years Ago

Vandalism seemed to be as much a problem then as it is today. Ilkley Urban District Council received floods of damage reports, including the entire removal of the middle section of a seat in the shelter at the Tarn. The Council replaced broken glass in a bus shelter opposite the Hare and Hounds at Menston with steel sheets and guard bars, after the windows had been broken no fewer than 20 times in eight months.

The refusal of Ilkley Urban Council acting on behalf of the West Riding County Council, to allow Mrs. G. E. Lockwood, of Menston, to develop for housing purposes land to the south of Windermere Avenue near Burley Road, Menston, was the subject of an inquiry at Ilkley Town Hall.

There were 261 entries, an increase of twenty over the previous year, for the Low Mills Horticultural Show at Wesley Place, Addingham.

The re-modelled Friends Meeting House at Queens Road, Ilkley, was filled to capacity when members from numerous meetings of the Society of Friends in the Leeds, Bradford and Skipton areas gathered to discuss the extension work of the Society.

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FORTY PEOPLE AT MEETING TO DISCUSS OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Forty people - including local residents, parish councillors, leaders of various youth groups and a representative of Ilkley Civic Society - were at a meeting to discuss ways of opposing a plan to change the use of land in Ashlands Road, Ilkley, to industrial purposes.

The land is used as a play area by local children and is also used by local scouts, cub scouts and army and air cadets.

Ilkley Parish Council were represented at the meeting by their Chairman, Cr. W. R. Hill, with Cr. C. D. Poole, Cr. E. S. Gardner and Cr. Mrs. B. J. Cussons, who is a member of Bradford Council's Planning Sub-Committee which will be considering the plan next Wednesday.

The meeting was chaired by local resident Mr. David Hanson, and Cr. Mrs. Cussons explained the main outlines of the plan to those present.

It was decided that letters should be sent to all parish councillors and to Bradford Council's Principal Planning Officer expressing the residents' opposition to the plan, meanwhile they would await the outcome of the Planning Sub-Committee meeting.

The residents main objection to the plan was that it would mean a loss of amenity for the children of the area and the scouts, cub scouts and cadets who used the field.

Traffic

Resident Mrs. M. Davies said the volume of traffic using the road was already high and a new development would increase it. She had drawn up a document for Ilkley Parish Council, outlining the number of businesses already operating in Ashlands Road, to stress how much traffic there was on the road.

She said it was the main access to Ilkley cemetery and the main access to the sewage works, there were two funeral directors with chapels of rest, three companies operating from the recently opened industrial units, a coal man, a stone mason, a mini skip business, a countryside warden, a landscape gardener and a haulage contractor.

Cr. Hill said after the meeting: "There is already an industrial area between Little Lane and Leeds Road and until such time that this is

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Strongly Opposed

The Chairman of Ilkley Civic Society, Mr. Graham May, told the "Gazette" this week that the Civic Society strongly opposed the planned development.

"Although the Civic Society accepts the need for light industrial land in the Ilkley area it does not accept this as an appropriate use for the land in Ashlands Road," he said.

"The site is an important recreational area, shown by proven use, for residents and youth organisations in the locality. This use was acknowledged by the apparent landscaping of the site some years ago," he added.

"Ilkley is not well provided with recreational land for young children, and this site is particularly important to those living in the immediate area. The only alternative would involve these children crossing the very busy Leeds Road," he said.

10 Sep 82

HISTORIC PIANO IN ILKLEY SALE

One of the lots in Dacre, Son & Hartley's Collective Sale in Ilkley on 22 September has a particularly interesting past. It is the piano owned by the composer Frederick Delius and used by him before he left home as a young man to live the rest of his life abroad.

The piano is a baby grand manufactured by Beulhoff and is presently owned by a lady who lives within a few miles of the composer's birthplace.

Frederick Delius was born at Claremont, Bradford, in 1862 of German parents. He was educated partly at Bradford Grammar School and had begun to play the piano at a very early age. Later, and in the face of his father's efforts, to keep him in the family business, he went abroad, to America, to Germany and finally to settle in France with the painter Jelka Rosen, who eventually became his wife.

He died in 1934, the last six years of his life having been spent blind and in very poor health, dictating his last works to his amanuensis Eric Fenby. It was Eric Fenby who, through Jelka, inherited the piano which Delius used during his time in France.

However, the piano Delius left behind in Bradford enjoyed a different career. When his father died in 1901 (without mentioning Frederick in his will) his widow left Claremont and Bradford, and the piano was stored awaiting further instructions in the depository of Blythe and Berwicks of Eccleshill.

On Delius' death, his sister, administering his estate, was unable or unwilling to pay the many years storage charges and gave the piano to Mr. Blythe in lieu of payment. His son then inherited the instrument, and eventually, in February 1962 it came up for auction in Bradford where it was purchased by the present owner.

SITE BEING PREPARED FOR BUILDING

OF NEW SUPERMARKET AT ILKLEY ^{10 Sep 82}

Work began this week on clearing the site of the former railway goods yard, off Springs Lane, Ilkley, in preparation for the building of the new Hillards supermarket.

The contractors, Bovis Construction Ltd., have prepared a strip ready for work to begin on the foundations next week. Shrubbery has been

cleared and the land levelled.

A spokesman for Bovis Construction said work should be completed on the new store by March next year, and Hillards' planning officer, Mr. Tom Farr, said they hoped the store would be open by early next summer.

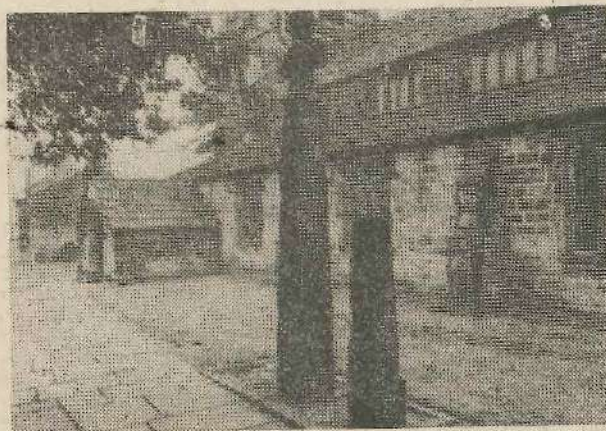
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ford Council's Planning Subcommittee last month. It was originally turned down by the Council, which claimed it would be away from the existing shopping area, but Hillards appealed against the decision and a public inquiry by the Department of the Environment was held in January.

The Department reversed the decision of Bradford Council after its inspector had reported that the proposed development would be much welcomed by the public for a variety of reasons, one of which was the unsatisfactory location of the company's present supermarket in Railway Road, Ilkley.



^{17 Sep 82} £7,000 GRANT TOWARDS RESTORATION OF CROSSES



A West Yorkshire County Council grant of £7,000 towards the cost of restoring and re-siting the three Anglo-Saxon crosses at Ilkley Parish Church has been approved by the Recreation and Arts Committee.

The removal and restoration of the crosses, reputed to represent one of the finest collections of late Anglo-Saxon sculpture in Yorkshire, could cost up to £15,000.

The Archaeology Unit of the County Council, which is co-ordinating the project to save the deteriorating crosses can now pay about half the cost. The Department of the Environment was paying one third but the rest was still to be raised, so the Olcana Museum and Historical Society launched an appeal to try to raise the other £1,000.

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PLAN FOR MORE SHOPS AT ILKLEY HAS NOT BEEN SCRAPPED, SAY DEVELOPERS

Shop and Store Developments Limited, the company which is to carry out the proposed £1½ million redevelopment at the top of Brook Street, Ilkley, denied this week that the scheme had fallen through.

There had been rumors that the development - on which work was due to have started last year - had been scrapped, but the company, part of Greenwoods (Mens Wear) Group, said it is still going ahead.

Managing Director of Shop and Store Developments, Mr. L. B. Tyldsley, told the "Gazette" he now hoped work would begin in the New Year.

Explaining the delay, Mr. Tyldsley said they had encountered "one of two problems" but these had been solved and he said things were now moving smoothly.

"The delays were mainly on the British Rail side," said Mr. Tyldsley. "They had to establish what length the platforms had to be in accordance with the type of trains they run on the line. I think the minimum length was 1,000 feet. That was the biggest problem," he said.

"The railway engineers wanted retaining walls, and those had to be decided upon. We have also had quantity surveyors in to work out costs, and we had to decide which were most suitable," he said. "It has all caused delay, but it has now been sorted out," he added.

At present, the company is getting prices for the demolition work.

Deliveries to the shops will be from the rear, with underground service corridors.

Three Entrances

There will be three separate entrances to the Mall. The main pedestrian access to the Mall will be opposite the pedestrian crossing on Brook Street and the main access point from Station Road will be almost opposite a zebra crossing adjacent to the existing railway station buildings. A further access for those arriving by car or train is from the railway station which will allow pedestrians to enter the precinct completely under cover.

The site itself extends about 350 yards down Railway Road and the entrance to the new car parking - goods delivery area will be where the present coal drops adjoin the pedestrian footbridge. The whole area will be landscaped allowing vehicles to enter and leave the site at one point where a car park will accommodate over one hundred cars.

Mr. Tyldsley said they had received a lot of interest in the shop units, which were advertised in the local and national press.

Remedial work is to be carried out to the station area itself, improving the pedestrian surfaces and carrying out repairs to the existing glazed roofs and adding

character generally to the whole of the area with small display windows being incorporated within the curtilage of the railway station area. It is one of the intentions of the developers to retain the character of the area, but at the same time making it a busy area, which they see as being somewhat of a tourist attraction with quality being the prime objective.

It is intended that, once the first stage of the development has been carried out Woolworths will move from their existing store to the new store, whilst demolition is carried out to the existing buildings on the site for the second phase of the development to start.

On completion of the development, it is intended, in conjunction with Bradford Metropolitan Council, to carry out a tree planting schedule to the external elevations of the property.

Wharfedale Centre

The scheme, which will incorporate a new Woolworths store and 18 shops and will be known as The Wharfedale Centre, will be the biggest town centre redevelopment scheme Ilkley has seen since the building boom of the last century.

The new shops will have prominent frontages to Brook Street and Station Road and will be built in a two-phase shopping development comprising a new Woolworths store to be situated where the present railway embankment abuts on to Brook Street.

The first phase of the development will not involve any demolition of buildings, only the removal of the railway embankment which will be used to fill in the existing railway tracks at the rear of the site. The slope to Brook Street will be used to full advantage so that ground floor shop units with traditional frontages will be stepped, allowing first floor shopping over ground floor units fronting on to pedestrian malls which will be fully glazed.

ACROSS THE YEARS 17 Sep 82 Friendly Societies marched through Addingham 100 Years Ago

The annual demonstration of the friendly societies of Addingham took place in the village - Royal Wharfedale Artillery Lodge of the Order of the Golden Fleece, Ancient Order of Foresters, United Order of Oddfellows, Independent Order of Oddfellows and the local Order of Ancient Shepherds. The clubs, headed by bands, marched through the streets to the Wesleyan Chapel, where a sermon was preached.

About a dozen Ilkley ringers enjoyed a trip to York. Among the places visited were the minster and the river, where some went boating. A superb dinner was enjoyed at the White Swan Hotel and the party went on a stroll around the city.

The report of the drawing examination in connection with the Science and Art Department of Ilkley National School showed results were very creditable. It was the first year drawing had been taught to any great extent, and no fewer than 77 out of a total of 101 passed the examinations.

75 Years Ago

To mark 25 years service as a teacher in the boy's department of the Ilkley National Schools, including 22 as headmaster, Mr. Robert Patterson Craggs received a gold watch subscribed by many of the people he had taught.

An Ilkley woman fractured one of her legs and had to be taken to Leeds Infirmary after being knocked down at Holbeck Feast Ground - by her husband. Mrs. Annie Groves, of North Parade, had just reached the bottom of the helter skelter when she was struck by her husband, who was following her down.

Twenty-three members of Ilkley Cycling Club enjoyed a trip to Malham. They visited the Cove and Gordale Scar and had dinner at Clarke's Temperance Hotel before leaving on the return journey at about 4.00 p.m.

50 Years Ago

Observers in Ilkley were able to obtain a good view of the eclipse of the moon, which

was visible over a large part of Western Europe. Though the moon was occasionally overcast, it was for the most part possible to see the earth's shadow gradually encroaching in the face of the moon and then leaving it as the night wore on.

Ilkley's rugby union team had a good start to the new season with an emphatic 46 points to nil victory against Leeds Bohemians. Addingham's newly formed football team did not have such a good start. They lost by seven goals to two against Silsden.

Ilkley Municipal Orchestra concluded a seven weeks season with a special concert in the Winter Gardens, when a crowded audience listened to a well chosen programme. Miss Lillian Mann, of Burley, who was a well known London concert artist, was the vocalist.

Mr. William Ross, or Ben Rhydding, who was one of the pioneers of cycling and of motor manufacturing in the Bradford district, died at his home.

25 Years Ago

Restrictions on admissions to the Ilkley County Infants School, which had operated since February, 1953, were relaxed by the Ilkley Education Committee after it had been stated there were several vacant places at the school.

Ben Rhydding railway station gained a second class prize in the annual competition of the best colourful scene and tidily kept garden on stations in the North Eastern Region. Addingham, Bolton Abbey and Burley were among 97 stations who received third class prizes.

The gradual fall in the quantity of meat and offals condemned for tuberculosis and other unsound conditions at Ilkley Abattoir and Scalebor Park Private Slaughterhouse indicated the high quality of the animals slaughtered in the Ilkley area, it was claimed by the Chief Public Health Inspector for Ilkley District, Mr. J. H. Wilson.

Repairing River Bank at Old Bridge 17 Sep 82

Work has been progressing this week on reinstating part of the river bank and footpath near the Old Bridge at Ilkley, making good damage caused by the enforced removal of a 100 year old sycamore tree.

The tree came down during high winds and flooding in March lying across the first two arches of the bridge until workmen cut it into manageable sections and removed them with a crane.

However, the roots had torn a large hole out of the bank, undermining part of the riverside footpath.

Contractors P. S. Turner and Sons, of Crosshills, have carried out the repairs on

behalf of Bradford Metropolitan Council's Engineering Division.

A spokesman for the Engineering Division said the footpath had been propped up to keep it in place while the repairs were carried out, and efforts had been made to blend the repair in and not to detract from the nearby bridge.

He said a bulldozer had been used to build a plat-

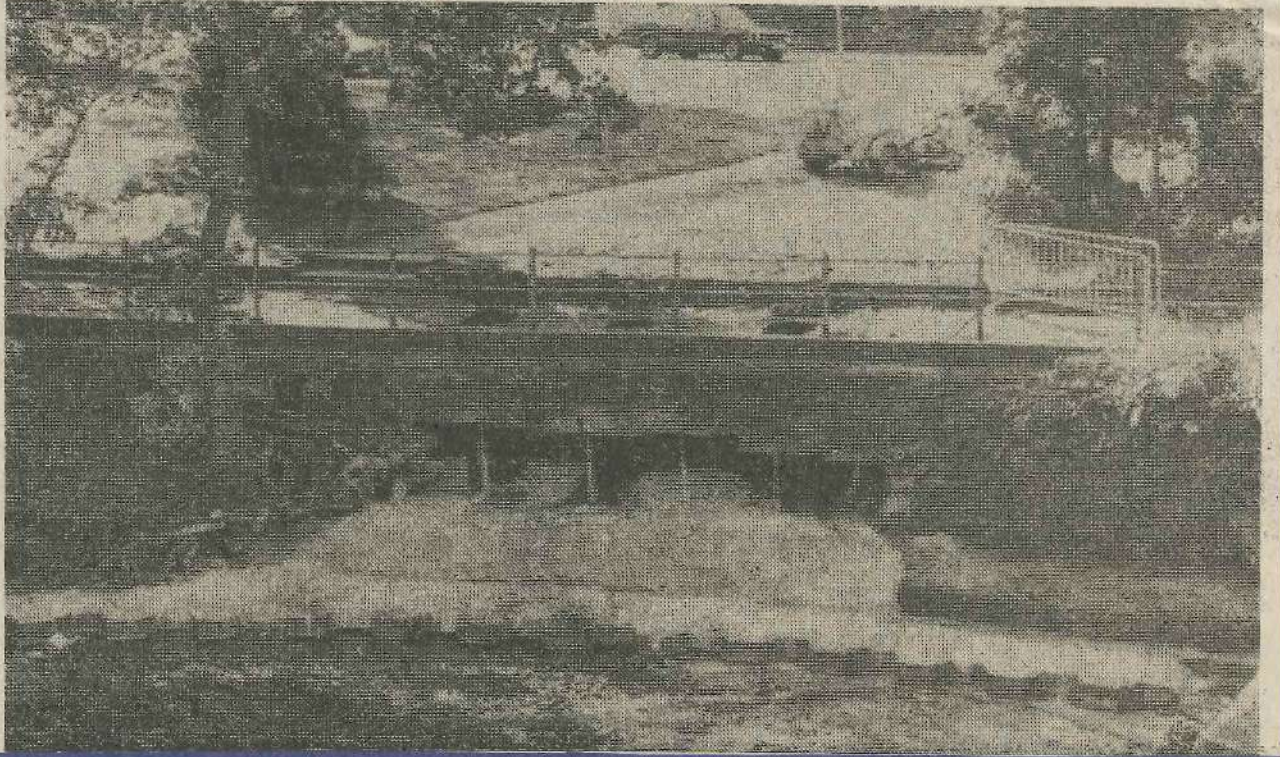
form in the river from which to work, and then two and a metre long sheet metal piles had been driven into the river bed as a barrier behind which concrete was poured. The use of metal piles had been justified by the rate at which the river was already washing away the gravel platform, he went on. They formed a toe to prevent further scour.

A wall was then built under

the footpath, and the cavity behind was filled with concrete through holes made in the path. These holes were then tarmacaded to give a neat finish.

As an engineer the spokesman said it was interesting that the repair was built in a curve in an attempt to stop further wash downstream.

Picture shows the repairs under way this week



Skipper-of 'lucky' Falklands ship is back home 24 Sep 82



Captain David Rundle, skipper of the merchant ship British Wye, whose family has Otley connections, was welcome back to Addingham

at the weekend after returning from the Falklands.

A party was organised for him by his relatives and

friends at the home of former Addingham Police Constable Mr. K. Pickles.

The British Wye was one

of the luckiest ships in the task force, having had bombs strike the deck and bounce off without exploding

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ACROSS THE YEARS 24 Sep 82

ILKLEY CHURCHES HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES

100 Years Ago

Special services to mark a new organ at Ilkley Parish Church were held in September, 1882 whilst at St. Margaret's Church there special services for the third anniversary of the consecration of the building.

The organ at the Parish Church was erected by a Mr. Lewis, of London, and at an afternoon service on a Tuesday in September the sermons were preached by the Very Rev., the Dean of Ripon. Other clergy who took part included the Rev. A. C. Dower, vicar; the Rev. H. Bickersteth Ottley, Vicar of St. Margaret's; the Rev. E. O. Williams, Burmantofts, Leeds, then late curate of Ilkley, and the Rev. H. B. Carr, the then present curate.

The third annual dramatic performances in aid of the Ilkley Hospital, promoted by the proprietors of the Craighlands Hydropathic Establishment (Messrs. Dobson Brothers) were held in the spacious recreation hall. A large and fashionable audience included most of the principal families of the district.

Ilkley Cricket Club beat Baildon Green by 66 runs to 43 in a match at Ilkley one hundred years ago.

75 Years Ago

The twenty sixth Ilkley Tradesmen's annual cricket match was won by the Black Hats who beat the White Hats by 198 runs to 154. Favoured with ideal weather in September, 1907 the match was a record in more ways than one. It was a record in the number of spectators, and consequent gate receipts, and in the scores obtained. The match was followed in the evening by a dinner at the Lister's Arms Hotel.

The annual Ilkley Feast was held during the third week of September with the usual attractions behind the Wheatsheaf Hotel (now the site of flower gardens at the junction of Church Street New Brook Street). In accordance with a resolution passed by the District Council some time previously, no stalls were allowed in the streets, a privilege that had been enjoyed to generations unknown. Excursions were run to Scarborough on the Monday, Bridlington on the Tuesday and Blackpool on the Wednesday.

The annual tea and concert associated with Christ Church, Nesfield, was favoured with pleasant weather and proved a success. Tea was served in Mr. James Pickard's field and the concert took place in one of his farm buildings.

The death was recorded in September, 1907 of Mr. William David Payne, of

Messrs. Payne and Sons, printers' engineers, of Otley, at his home, Oakfield, Burley.

50 Years Ago

A remarkable series of successes were achieved by the Ilkley Gliding Club to mark the later stages of the 1932 season and some astonishing performances were set up at Beamsley Beacon in September. Among those flying gliders was a Mr. H. S. Crabtree who climbed to 250 feet above the cairn. He turned down the valley and by way of Addingham Mill flew to Ilkley making a landing near the Crum wheel after being in the air for 45 minutes. He achieved this in a "Holsder-Teufel" sail plane which was built in Ilkley and was the only one of its type to be built in Great Britain. The members of the Ilkley Club responsible for the construction of this machine were proud of its achievements which went to matching the best that the Germans were able to show in 1930.

After a long discussion Ilkley and District Education Sub-Committee decided that consideration of the closing of Denton School should be deferred on the following grounds.—1, that the school had a satisfactory record in the past 2, considerable economies had been effected by the reduction of staff in 1930; 3, they should await the coming into operation of the Elementary Schools Re-Organisation Scheme, and 4, there was the possibility of an increase in the number of scholars attending the school.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley's moorland streams quickly became raging torrents, leaving a trail of damage and flooding in their wake, after over an inch of rain fell in the district in one morning. An official of the Highways Department estimated that nearly £500 damage had been caused because extra water had been prevented from reaching the river by the blocking of two culverts in Bridge Lane—the worst affected area.

The Wharfedale Tennis League's annual dinner dance was held at the Lister's Arms Hotel, Ilkley. Prizes were presented by a member of Ben Rhydding First, who won the league cup for the third season in succession.

For the first time in the history of the 1st Ben Rhydding Girl Guides Company a Queen's Badge and certificate was awarded to one of its members—Elizabeth Edwardes, of The Drive, Ben Rhydding.

24 Sep 82
TOWNSWOMEN

HEAR HISTORY OF BOLTON PRIORY

An interesting talk on Bolton Priory was given at the September meeting of Ilkley Afternoon Townswomen's Guild by the Priest in Charge, Canon M. B. Slaughter.

He traced the history of the Priory from its foundation by Alicia de Romilly in 1154 as an Augustine Priory, and described a number of unusual features within the building. These included several mason's marks on pillars, an arched alcove high in the South wall, from which a 24 hour watch was kept on the church by the Canons, taking 24 hours at a time, and the statue of a laughing dog on the tower, from which came the nursery rhyme, "Hey Diddle Diddle".

The West Tower was begun in 1520, but the Dissolution under Henry VIII prevented it from being finished, he said.

Twenty-six Augustinian Canons were based at the Priory, some remaining there to read the offices seven times daily and to oversee the whole complex of buildings, including farms, cottages and storerooms, the salting of meat and fish and the tending of sheep and wool, the latter being exported from the port of Boston.

The remaining Canons travelled the countryside, caring pastorally for villagers, helping them medically and educationally and officiating at baptisms, marriages anderals.

There was only one fire in the whole complex of the Priory, and each Canon was allowed to warm himself at it for only 20 minutes each day.

Canon Slaughter was thanked by Mrs. B. Robinson.

The Priory is at present undergoing an extensive programme of restoration, to cost £300,000, of which £253,000 has been raised.

During the business part of the meeting the Chairman, Mrs. B. Robinson, informed members of the death of Miss Mawson, and also of the husband of Mrs. E. Dring, the Secretary, whose place was taken at short notice by Mrs. J. Bousfield, and of the impending departure for Germany of Mrs. I. Aspin.

Reports were given by the treasurer and the secretaries, dealing with education, outings and social studies, and the Christmas gathering was planned.

The meeting closed after tea and biscuits had been served.

ILKLEY PROCESSION TO CIVIC SERVICE

A Civic Service for the Lord Mayor of Bradford Metropolitan Council, Councillor Mrs. Joan Lightband, of Ilkley, at St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley, on Sunday was well attended.

A Civic Procession formed at Ilkley Town Hall was headed by two Police horses and the band of the West Yorkshire Constabulary. Local scouts, girl guides, brownies and cubs, and sea scouts were in the procession.

The Lord Mayor of Bradford, Mrs. Lightband and the parade of civic dignitaries who included the Deputy Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, District Councillors, County Councillors, Ilkley Parish Councillors and wives were

headed by the Chairman, Cr. W. R. Hill and Mrs. Ruth Hill and were followed by Chairmen Councillors of other local councils.

Cr. Mrs. Lightband was supported by the Chief Executive and Hon. Town Clerk Mr. Gordon C. Moore, and her Chaplain, The Rev. G. L. Buckley. The Lord Mayor and her party were met at the door of the church by the Vicar and churchwardens.

Picture shows the procession in Wells Road.



WHARFE VALLEY TIMES
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Cash from fountain

THE SUM of £7.11 collected from the fountain in the Victorian Arcade in South Hawksworth Street, Ilkley, was given to Ilkley Boys Brigade Company during their recent flag day collection.

Five foreign coins were passed to Ilkley Rotary Club for their

foreign coin collection.

In addition, when workmen from Vincent Dobson (Contracts) Ltd., were cleaning the pool below the fountain they found many coins which 'over-shot' the fountain dish. These coins totalled £10.86 and a cheque for the amount has been passed to Mrs. Judy Olby for deaf/blind children at Thorn Park School, Bradford.

WHARFE VALLEY TIMES
30 SEP 82

Ilkley art

An exhibition of drawings by 48-year-old Ilkley artist Maurice Chamberlain opens today (Thursday) at Ilkley College reception area.

The drawings, mainly studies of fish found in the locality, include pictures of frogs, minnows and freshwater mussels. "This sequence of drawings was done over a period of six weeks and represents one of the most delightful periods of my life", said Maurice. "It brought together the two activities in which I have found most pleasure, those of fishing and drawing."

The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily until October 25.

WHEN most people were fast asleep the committee of Ilkley's Talking Newspaper were busy launching the first edition.

The machinery arrived unexpectedly one night and it was decided to get the pilot scheme in motion as soon as possible.

The following day the newspaper copies were collected and the "editor" got to work with scissors and board preparing the items to be read. By seven in the evening, the equipment was being tested and by nine o'clock four readers were sitting nervously round a table.

"Good evening everybody. Tonight we bring you the first edition of the Ilkley Talking Newspaper..." — We were off!

The 90-minute tape having been filled, there began the work of duplicating. At one in the morning, we tiptoed out of Moor Court, hoping no one had been kept awake.

The tapes were delivered personally to the

Talking newspaper gets off the ground

12 people who have agreed to listen, comment and criticise. This week we collect the first tape and deliver the second — and the year-round service begins.

A meeting of helpers' will be held at Moor Court on October 12 and after that the committee begin distributing to the 100 or so names on our list.

Help of all kinds is needed — money, of course, to buy and maintain the equipment; people prepared to organise money-raising functions; distributors, readers and at present, almost the most important help, those with any skill in recording, mixing and maintaining the equipment. There's room for everyone, and no offer will be too small.

Show date

For the 15th year running, Ilkley Round Table are holding their annual Variety Show.

This year, the aim is to raise £2,000, which will go towards the R.N.L.I. and other local charities.

To date, the Round Table has raised a staggering £40,000 for various charities.

This year's two-day variety show will be held on October 7 and 8 at The King's Hall, Ilkley. The star is Neville King, the well-known Yorkshire ventriloquist. On Friday, the event will conclude with a gala night with dancing until the early hours.

Tickets are available from The Britannia Building Society, Brook Street, Ilkley.

PLANS FOR MORE FLATS 1 OCT 82 AT ILKLEY BEFORE COUNCIL

Plans for more flats at Ilkley have been received for consideration by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

The Johnnie Johnson Housing Trust Ltd. has applied for permission for seventeen additional dwellings and a new roof at Leconfield House, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, an application which might be considered later this month.

A spokesman for Bradford Council's Planning Division said the plan was for the additional dwellings to be incorporated in a new pitched roof which was a possible solution to recurring problems with leaks in the existing flat roof.

Other flats planned are twelve in four three-storey blocks in Regent Road, the subject of an application submitted by C. Gillam, whose agents are Martin Joyce and Associates of Shipley.

APPROVED

The Planning Sub-Committee has approved the use of units 9, 10a and 10b at the Arcade, Ilkley, to a licensed restaurant, and has also approved the change of use of 16, Church Street, Ilkley, from licensed restaurant lounge bar to public house lounge bar.

ACROSS THE YEARS 1 Oct 82 Annual Sheep And Cattle Fair At Ilkley

100 Years Ago

Ilkley's annual sheep and cattle fair was held in September, 1882, on ground at the back of the Station Hotel. There were many buyers and the quality of sheep in the pens was very good, though perhaps hardly up to the previous year. There were also a few pigs. The sheep changed hands freely and a good business was done. The prices asked for and obtained were: lambs 30s. to 35s.

Ilkley, described as a village one hundred years ago, so justly celebrated as a health resort, had been well patronised by visitors, stated a report in the Gazette. The article continued "the beauty of the surrounding scenery, combined with the great purity of its waters and its fine bracing air, have given to Ilkley a reputation not possessed by any other water place. The Skipton and Ilkley Railway seems at last to be in a fair way of becoming an accomplished fact, and in the course of a very few years Ilkley will be within easy reach of the teeming population of South Lancashire."

Plots of building land in Richmond Place and Wharfe View Road, were being offered for sale in 1882.

in 1932, after forty four and a half years official service and a total service of over forty five years.

The stone built freehold residence, Moor Lodge, West View, Wells Road, Ilkley, was offered for sale in September, 1932. For thirty years the property had been occupied by Mr. Hamilton Turner and had an annual rental of £65. There was only a small attendance at the sale. Bidding started at £500 and the property was withdrawn at £800.

The playing members of Ilkley Rugby Club held their annual whist drive and dance in the Ilkley Winter Gardens in 1932 when there was an attendance of over 200. Music for dancing was provided by Mr. Harry Glover and his "Delaware" Dance Band and Messrs. J. Naylor, R. Bigland and J. N. Maud acted as M.C.'s. Mr. George Eaton was in charge of whist.

There were many new improvements in the Austin "Ten" motor car it was claimed fifty years ago. It sold at £168 plus tax at £10 and could be taxed at £10 a year, would do 38 mpg and would comfortably seat four adults.

Bingley Building Society in 1932 were making advances on good property from five per cent.

75 Years Ago

An account of a motor mishap in 1907 was described in the "Gazette" as follows.—"Dr. Bates was driving in his motor down the hill at Beamsley Beacon when there was a hitch in the working of the brake apparatus, which resulted in the car coming in contact with a wall. The car was considerably damaged but Dr. Bates escaped without injury."

A hare that had evidently been chased took refuge in a window plant box at the back of one of the houses in Crescent Terrace, Ilkley, in 1907. The occupier saw it through the window and thought it was a rat, but later a neighbour beheld it, and owning a dog set the canine on its tracks. The hare bolted and a number of youngsters followed in pursuit. Eventually the hare made good its escape scampering over the new bridge and into Middleton Woods.

Arrangements were being made in September, 1907 for the opening of Ilkley's new Free Library by the Rev. Dr. Collyer, of New York. The library was far from finished but it was found necessary to formally open it as Dr. Collyer was about to depart for New York. It would afterwards be closed to the public until the work was completed and the library stocked.

25 Years Ago

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Ilkley was richly served with shopping facilities according to statistics issued in 1957 and was well above average. There were 302 shops in the urban area, 209 in Ilkley, 60 in Burley and 33 in Menston. This meant that there was one shop per 56 inhabitants in the area, which was well above the average for Great Britain, which, it was understood was one shop per 89 inhabitants. Of the 302 shops in the district 178 or 59 per cent were concerned with the sale of some form of food or drink.

The flu epidemic which kept seventy five per cent of the pupils away from the Addingham Church of England School twenty five years ago had not had as big effect on the County Primary School where about only thirty out of the 130 pupils were absent.

In 1957 all house refuse collections in the Ilkley district were disposed of by controlled tipping at two sites, one at Poorfields Sun Lane, Burley, and at Cocken End, Skipton Road, Ilkley.

50 Years Ago

Mr. Charles Mellor who had started as an auxiliary postman at the age of 16 when Ilkley Post Office was in Wells Road retired