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## DEPUTATION TAKES ILKLEY'S VIEWS ON PARKING SCHEME TO WAKEFIELD

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Petitions with nearly 10,000 signatures, objecting to the West Yorkshire County Council's controversial card parking scheme for Ilkley have been delivered to Wakefield by representatives of Ilkley Parish Council and Chamber of Trade.

Cr. W. R. Hill, Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, and Mr. Vincent Dobson, President of the Chamber of Trade, handed over the petitions to County Councillor

Ken Patterson. However, Cr. Hill felt the county council was absolutely dogmatic about the proposals and did not appear willing to listen to common sense.

It was clear that the scheme was wanted by the whole of the county council and they were totally unimpressed by the public opinion against it, he said.

Cr. Hill was delighted with response from Ilkley, with 10,000 signatures on the peti-

tions and nearly three hundred other detailed letters of objection. He expressed his thanks to all who had supported the parish council's objections, and said they would now be looking at the scheme in more detail and considering any other objections which might be necessary.

In addition to the Ilkley deputation objections were received in Wakefield from

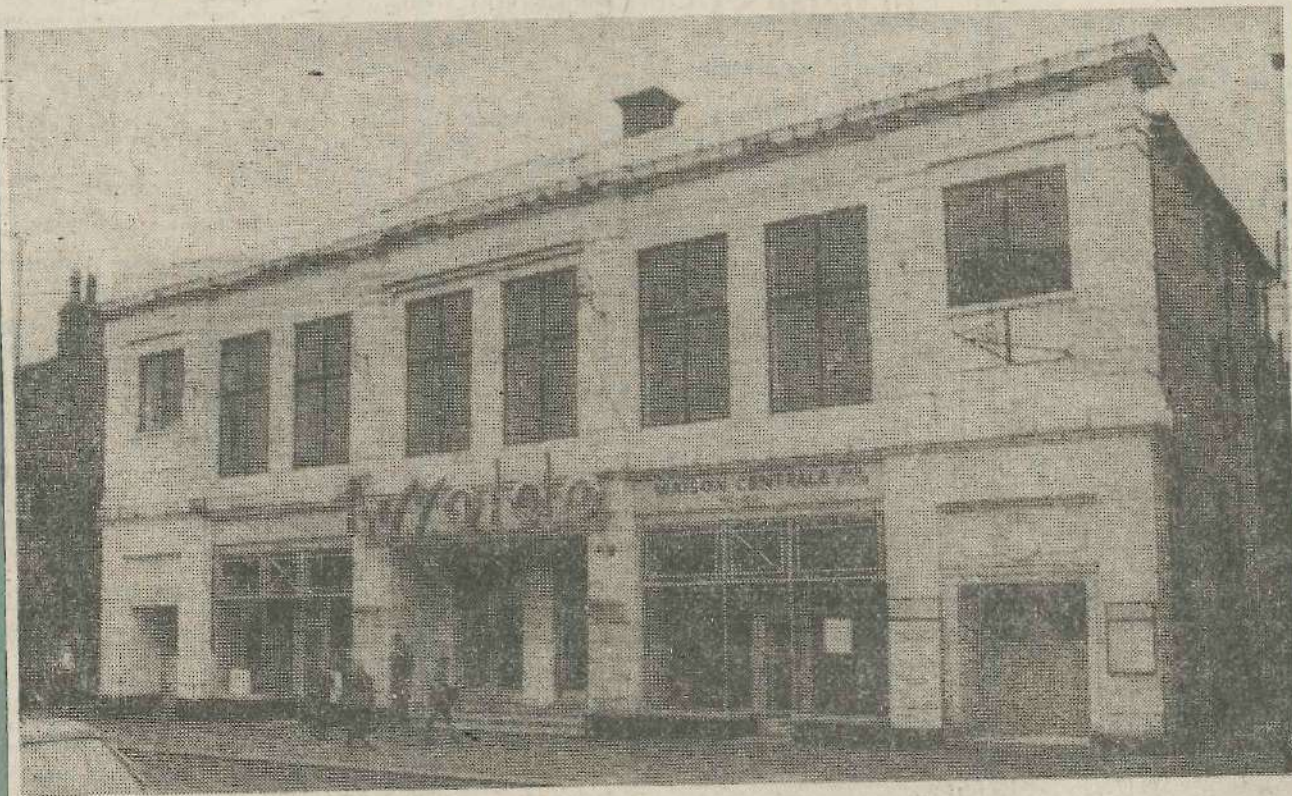
many other councils and chambers of trade and it is understood the RAG have also voiced strong concern.

Pictured before leaving for Wakefield are (from left to right) — back row: Mr. Richard Raddall (Chamber of Trade), Cr. Peter Williams (Ilkley Chamber of Trade President), Cr. Mrs. M. Renton, Cr. Walter Forrest, Cr. Ernest Gardner and Cr. Rowland Hill (chairman).



SCENES FROM THE 8 APR 83  
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## CINEMA MADE WAY FOR SUPERMARKET



Almost fourteen years ago Ilkley lost its last cinema when the Essoldo building made way for a new Hillards Supermarket which opened in 1970.

The cinema, known for many years as "The New Cinema" was built in the 1920's and for the opening night in 1928 the "house" was full to see "7th Heaven". Popular prices of seats at

that time ranged from sixpence to two shillings.

The building could accommodate 1,076 in the cinema itself and included a cafe and ballroom with magpie wood flooring suitable for dancing of more than 100 couples. It was recalled on the opening night that the plot of land on which the cinema stood had once been a bowling green, with some unsightly

buildings where the main entrance to the cinema stood.

The film "7th Heaven" was shown on the first three days of the opening week and was followed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday by "The Battles of the Coronel and Falkland Islands" — the great British naval triumph. Each picture was supported by the Empire News Bulletin, the British news film, and

and supporting programme.

Five months after the opening a new organ had been installed and for the first night a high quality performance was given by Mr. Harry Pickard who had been engaged as resident organist. The opening marked the completion of the New Cinema Scheme.

# SUB-COMMITTEE FORMED TO ORGANISE EVENTS FOR FRENCH VISITORS

The Ilkley-Coutances Town Twinning Committee has set-up a sub-committee to organise a programme of events for the visit of the Civic Delegation from Coutances.

The sub-committee — comprising chairman Mr. E. Ellwood, secretary Mrs. E. M. Ingle, treasurer Mrs. J. Beavers and chairman elect to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. E. Gardner — will base their programme on suggestions made at a meeting of the full committee.

## Concert

Mrs. Ingle said Mr. Peter Jamieson would provide a concert by the Olicanian Singers at St. Margaret's Church and venues suggested for visits included Harry Ramsden's, Harewood House and Kirkstall Museum. It was said that the Rotarians had taken the delegates out and given them a meal and it was suggested they might repeat that. It was agreed that enquiries should be made as to the availability of Ilkley College for a social evening on the Monday. A "meet the delegation" coffee morning at the Clarke-Poley Day Centre was also suggested.

The date of the delegation's visit has still not been fixed. The committee had written to Coutances suggesting the last week-end in May but had received a communication which said it would be unsuitable because the Coutances people would not be on holiday and so would find it difficult to get delegates.

The committee agreed, however, that May would be more suitable than the date suggested by the Coutances people — the beginning of July

—and agreed to write and tell them so.

Mrs. Beavers reported that the coffee morning in January had been a success, with a profit of £244.80. The biggest money-raising stall was the bric-a-brac, which raised £66. The total made before deductions was £272.

Members agreed it should be held every year and a provisional booking for 21 January next year was made.

## Twining Weekend

Mrs. Ingle said Bradford Town Twinning Association had sent a copy of a letter to the committee which said it was trying to arrange a twinning week-end at Bradford in June.

Two representatives of each twin town — delegates from organisations and not civic delegates — would attend.

An invitation had been sent to Coutances and the committee agreed it should wait until it knew more about it before committing itself although several members said they would be interested in attending.

It was felt they needed to know how many, if any, would be attending from Coutances.

It was reported that the senior citizens from Coutances would be coming to Ilkley on 30 June and staying until 5 July. Visits had been arranged to City Hall, Bradford; the monastery; Harewood House and a coastal town, either Scarborough or Morecambe.

# SATISFACTORY YEAR FOR FRIENDS OF THE MANOR HOUSE

It had been a satisfactory year for the Friends of the Manor House, secretary Mrs. Palmer reported at the annual general meeting. 15 APR 83

Six lectures had been given to the society and the coming year's programme of a further six would provide variety and interest, she said.

Donations had included £50 to the Anglo-Saxon Crosses appeal and expenditure on a new curtain for the Manor House.

The society had also sent a letter of protest to County Hall, Wakefield, about car parking charges in Castle Yard.

Treasurer Mrs. Shillitoe gave a satisfactory financial report. She said there was a balance of £59 and an encouraging building society account.

Thanks were expressed to members who had reported lectures during the past year, and the business part of the meeting was followed by an illustrated lecture by Hilda Holmes.

She began with a visit to the hamlet of Wycoller on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border. Wycoller Hall had belonged to the Cumliffes, a "roistering set." On one occasion a cock fight had taken place in a bed chamber in the presence of the dying master, and on another occasion a fox had been killed in the hall before the eyes of the mistress. Fine examples of 16th and 17th century Wycoller houses were linked by a variety of early bridges, the oldest being a clam or single-span bridge, followed by a clapper or multiple-span bridge, succeeded by a pack-horse bridge. Equally fascinating were the vaccary field walls of great stone slabs, indicative of medieval ranching.

Slides of the Traction Engine Rally at Harewood House in 1963 were in complete contrast to those of Wycoller. The photographs showed that the rally was a colourful occasion, with a large number of steam and traction engines, polished and shining with red, black and gold paint. Some of the engines had been used in fairgrounds and names included "Evening Star" and "Pride of Devon".

Finally there was a visit to Nelson's flagship — Victory — now in dry dock at Southsea, near Portsmouth.

Lord Nelson was known to be self-conscious about his short stature, but the guns, timbers and furniture of the famous ship presented an impressive and formidable picture.

Cr. Hill thanked Hilda Holmes for an enthralling lecture and refreshments were served.

# WORK IN PROGRESS ON TRANSFORMATION OF TRACK TO ROAD ON MUSEUM APPROACH

A rough track which used to form the approach road from Bridge Lane, Ilkley, to the Manor House Museum is now in the process of being transformed to a properly made road.

Bradford Metropolitan Council is carrying out the work to make the road more

in keeping with the rest of that particular area of Ilkley," the Director of Development Services, Mr. Reg Atkinson, said this week.

"We are always looking to improve the area and making-up of this road is just part of it," he said. Kerb stones have now

been laid and the land is being levelled prior to surfacing, but it is not known when work will be completed.

"It all depends upon resources," said Mr. Atkinson. "So far we have been lucky in maintaining progress but the workmen could be employed on a different job at



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# ILKLEY SEEKS RE-ACTION TO MASSIVE OBJECTION OVER PAY PARKING PLAN

The County Council's response to Ilkley's massive objection to the proposed card car parking scheme is being sought by the Parish Council.

Earlier this month an Ilkley deputation delivered to Wakefield petitions with nearly 10,000 signatures supported by over 300 letters objecting to the County Council proposal.

At this month's meeting of the Parish Council on Monday night the Chairman, Cr. W. R. Hill said the Council's sub-committee would be meeting again to consider the next steps. Cr. C. H. Scaife said the Council should be asking for the County Council's response to Ilkley's case against the plan.

The twelve page document putting forward Ilkley's case was presented to the Council on Monday and accepted. It dealt with errors and inconsistencies to such a scheme for Ilkley, traffic flow in Ilkley, effect on local traders and letters and petitions.

Commenting on the scheme the Parish Council says the County Council's Plan did not set out any explanations as to the need or relevance of the scheme for on-street parking restrictions within Ilkley.

## Destructive

Since the proposals were announced Ilkley Parish Council said it had been deluged with comments from residents, local traders and visitors, all of which indicated without the slightest shadow of doubt that the plan was considered to be without foundations, completely unnecessary and destructive to the needs of all concerned.

The scheme proposed would greatly reduce the number of car parking spaces in the town centre by the substantial extension of the yellow no-parking lines, leading directly to reduced trading viability. Shoppers would have to park further away from the shops in many instances. This would lead to an increased traffic flow especially in residential side streets, and increase the risk of accidents especially to children.

"From the many letters received and from comments of persons who have signed the petition, their preference for any scheme of control is for disc parking," stated the document.

"It must be remembered that Ilkley is a tourist town and motorists are visiting to enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, and relaxed shopping. The proposed scheme is completely detrimental to this. Visitors will be in a cleft stick—they will have to go to the bother of buying tickets to park, yet they first have to buy a ticket before they can park. Having been faced with this hurdle, they will be tempted to go elsewhere.

"The present traffic flow does not create difficulties and does not warrant the proposed restrictions."

On the effect on local traders the report says "the restrictions on the number of parking spaces, the complicated nature of the proposed charges and the inaccessibility to easy purchase of tickets will seriously reduce the number of shoppers in the Ilkley area.

"The numerous letters from traders clearly set out in detail complete opposition to the scheme and their well founded concern for their financial future," stated the document.

## Disc Parking

Residents and visitors to Ilkley who have been questioned in large numbers clearly indicate one hundred

view disc parking as an alternative," says the document.

Nine salient points made by the objectors were:-

1. That a scheme possibly suitable for a city is not appropriate for a country town such as Ilkley.

2. That if any control on on-street parking is necessary, disc parking is the only method that should be contemplated, not least because local people are familiar with it.

3. A considerable number of writers consider that existing controls should be relaxed.

4. That there are no traffic or on-street parking problems.

5. That shoppers and visitors would be more inclined to go to Skipton or Harrogate.

6. That no revision of the existing car parking schemes should be undertaken until after the traffic flow has settled down following the opening of Hillard's super-market.

7. That the proposals of Ilkley Parish Council for traffic flow prepared last year be the basis for discussion.

8. That the effect on the daytime social activities at the King's Hall, Winter Gardens, Olicana Bridge Club and the Foley Centre, will be serious, especially for elderly visitors.

9. That there will be strong political pressure to abolish the West Yorkshire Metropolitan District Council.

Earlier reports this week in the evening Press suggested that the County Council might abandon the scheme. It was thought the plan drawn up by the County Council's Labour chiefs was a political blunder. At a secret meeting on Monday night the Labour group voted overwhelmingly to rethink proposals.

## OVER THIRTY CANDIDATES

# ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL WILL HAVE NEW LOOK AFTER MAY ELECTIONS

Ilkley Parish Council will have a number of new faces after the elections on 5 May, with six of the current parish councillors not seeking re-election and a total of 34 candidates chasing the 21 seats.

Two of the previous councillors, Mrs. J. Hellas (Burley Ward) and Mrs. J. A. Dawson (Holme) had already come off the council after not attending for six months, so there will be at least eight new councillors elected.

The only three certainties are in the West Ward, which is uncontested. Only three nominations had been received by the deadline on Friday, from Cr. A. H. Scaife, who has moved from the North Ward, Cr. J. L. Freeman, and J. C. Fletcher.

There are three seats at stake in each of the other six wards, with as many as seven candidates in the South Ward and six each in the Burley and Menston Wards.

Not seeking re-election are Cr. C. D. Poole (South), Crs. S. Crossley-Smith and A. C. Dewhurst (West), Cr. F. G. Lambert (Ben Rhydding) and Crs. G. W. Johnson and T. W. Pardoe (Menston).

Candidates for the Ilkley Parish Council election (\* denotes current councillor) are:-

North Ward: \*Ernest S. Gardner (Independent) of Lakeside Close, Ilkley; \*William E. Hill (Cons) of Stubham Rise, Ilkley; Ronald M. Kirby (Lab) of Alexandra Crescent, Ilkley; John Ward (Cons) of The Arbour, Middleton.

South Ward: \*Walter Forrest (Cons) of Wellington Road, Ilkley; \*Patricia Glover (Cons) of Bolling Road, Ilkley; Robert A. S. Batley (Lib/SDP Alliance) of Queens Road, Ilkley; Jean G. Harwood (Cons) of Ben Rhydding Road, Ilkley; David J. Moorhouse (Lib/SDP Alliance) of Kings Road, Ilkley; Kathleen M. Price (Lib/SDP Alliance) of Cowpasture Road, Ilkley; Rodney W. Sawyer (Lab) of Alexandra Place, Ilkley.

Ben Rhydding Ward: \*Barbara J. Cussons (Cons) of Wheatley Avenue, Ben Rhydding; \*Mary Renton (Cons) of Wheatley Avenue, Ben Rhydding; Gwendoline A. Hargreaves (Lab) of Sedbergh Park, Ilkley; Alistair R. McInnes (Cons) of Wheatley Grove, Ben Rhydding.

Burley Ward: \*Kenneth G. Johnson (Cons) of Station Road, Burley; \*James M. Shelton (Cons) of Lawn Avenue, Burley; Duncan F. Knowles (Lib Alliance) of St. Philip's Close, Burley; Pamela M. Lovelock (Lib Alliance) of Hall Close, Burley; Kenneth L. Powell (Lib Alliance) of

Main Street, Burley; Thomas Sumner (Cons) of Sandholme Drive, Burley.

Holme Ward: \*John P. McGhee (Cons) of Farnley Road, Menston; \*Peter A. Williams (Cons) of Brooklands Lane, Menston; Adrian T. McDonald (SDP Alliance) of Cleasby Road, Menston; Vera M. Rankin (Cons) of Parkfield, Menston.

Menston Ward: \*Iris Carney (Cons) of Leathley Avenue, Menston; Irene Burnett (Cons) of Hawksworth Drive, Menston; Joyce M. S. Galling (Cons) of Main Street, Menston; Edmund B. W. Loy (SDP Alliance) of Fairfax Gardens, Menston; Frederick J. Marcham (SDP Alliance) of Hawksworth Drive, Menston; Margaret E. Normandale (Lib Alliance) of Newfield Drive, Menston.

West Ward: Uncontested, with only three nominations—\*James L. Freeman of Parish Ghyll Drive, Ilkley; \*Charles H. Scaife of Queens Gardens, Ilkley; James C. Fletcher of Woodlands Close, Ilkley.

## Former A.R.P. Warden Celebrates 100th Birthday



Mrs. Mildred Nye, a resident at Haversham Court old people's home at Ilkley since 1977, celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday.

Mrs. Nye enjoyed a party at the home of her only daughter—Mrs. D. Southon, of Hall Drive, Burley — at which there were relatives and parish councillors.

She was married in London in 1912 and spent all her married life in Camberwell. Her husband died in 1951 and she continued to live in artist all her life, working in watercolours and oils, and

exhibiting in many amateur exhibitions. She also did wood carvings and worked in leather.

She was an A.R.P. warden during the war, and her memories range from being machine gunned by a German pilot to being mistaken for a man by a prostitute during a black-out.

Mrs. Nye has been a keen exhibitor in many amateur exhibitions. She also did wood carvings and worked in leather.

Pictured at the party at her daughter's house are, from left to right, Mrs. D. Southon, Mrs. Nye, Ilkley Parish Council chairman Cr. W. R. Hill, Mrs. Hill and Cr. Peter A. Williams.

# Lord Cavendish Memorial Cross On Display

## 100 Years Ago

The memorial cross to Lord Cavendish which Bradford Cemetery Company had for some time past been at work upon for the tenantry of the Duke of Devonshire's Bolton Abbey Estates had been completed. It was temporarily erected in Undercliffe Cemetery prior to its removal to Bolton Abbey out of deference to the wish of some admirers of the late Lord F. Cavendish, who thought that many members of the public of Bradford would like to inspect the monument before it was taken to its final destination at Bolton Abbey.

Owing to no other nominations being received, Messrs. Joseph Lund, Eli Ibberson and H. E. Sykes retained their seats on the Local Board of Guardians, and were assured of the townspeople's confidence in their abilities on the Board.

Alice Madgen and Elizabeth Squire obtained honours in the Diocesan Inspector's Examinations of pupil teachers and monitors at the Ilkley National School, held at Christmas 1882.

## 75 Years Ago

A Territorial Force came into being to take the place of the defunct Volunteer Force. The Ilkley and Otley companies constituted the 4th West Yorkshire (Howitzer Brigade) Royal Field Artillery. The H.Q. was to be at Otley, but there were to be two batteries, one at Ilkley and the other at Otley.

Captain H. E. Aykroyd was to be the Major of the Ilkley Battery and at the beginning of April 1908 some 27 volunteers transferred to the new battery from the former Company of Volunteers, which was a great disappointment as each Battery was to have a complement of 133 officers and men at full strength.

Most of the old "Volunteers" kicked up at there being no separation allowance whilst in camp for those not holding rank as non-commissioned officers, and at the fines to be imposed for failure to attend the requisite number of drills. The Ilkley Battery was provided with Headquarters on the Rifle Range in Easby Drive.

Burley-in-Wharfedale Council claimed they had solved the motor dust problem by coating the macadam roads with tar. They tried it out on several stretches of road in the centre of the village in 1907 and the results had proved favourable.

## 50 Years Ago

Ilkley Junior Conservatives held their Easter party in the New Cinema Cafe, the star attraction being "The

Show of Shows" which consisted of a number of well-known play titles, each depicted by a member of the company dressed to resemble the same. Each costume was greeted with roars of laughter. The best characters were Mr. E. Roper's "Autumn Crocus", Mr. C. E. Bridgland's "Charley's Aunt" and Mr. H. S. Wellburn's "Ghost Train."

The evening closed with games and dancing and during the supper interval new members were welcomed by Mr. R. A. Crowther. Mr. Harry Glover's Orchestra played the music for dancing and the M.C.'s were Mr. W. S. Berry and Mr. R. A. Crowther.

## 25 Years Ago

A live two inch mortar smoke bomb was discovered by a party of hikers at Crow Well to the north of Denton village. An officer from the bomb disposal squad visited the spot and took the bomb away to defuse it.

One of the coldest Easter periods in living memory kept the holiday makers away from Ilkley in 1958. There were some keen frosts and heavy snow showers and very little sunshine. Apart from hardy hikers on Easter Monday there were few visitors to the town, and the Moors and the riverside were both practically deserted.

"Suicide Street" was the name given to Brumfitt Hill, Addingham, by one of its residents, Alice M. Pritchard, a cripple, who said that when the street lamp at the top was not working properly she was debarred from all evening services. The lamp had deteriorated so much it was entirely useless, according to the Ilkley Council and Engineer following an inspection. He suggested that a standard lamp be erected to give better illumination all round.

The Silver King tournament of the Ilkley Chess Club was won by L. A. Cresswell with 12 points, and the runners up were Capt. N. White with 11 points and N. Byatt with 11 points. The knock-out challenge trophy was won by Capt. White, who beat P. J. Fox in the final.

## Cat Is Out Of The Bag

Sir,—So the cat is finally out of the bag.

County Councillor Patterson's letter confirms what opponents to the proposed parking scheme have known from the beginning. He is more concerned with the revenue to be raised by the parking plan than with the necessity of the plan itself.

The County Councillor's assertion that "seventy five per cent of the people in West Yorkshire do not have access to a motor car" is meaningless at best, and untrue at the worst interpretation. Councillor Patterson has either misunderstood the meaning of the word "access" or deliberately mis-used it to confuse. Or perhaps it explains the woolly headed thinking that stubbornly persists in clinging to an ill-conceived idea desired by no-one but its proposers.

ANTONY KEENEY  
Shandon Cottage,  
Ilkley.

# TRAFFIC CHIEFS STATISTICS WERE INCORRECT

Sir,—Grossly incorrect statistics were quoted by County Cr. K. Patterson in his letter (Ilkley Gazette 15 April) when he said that only 25 per cent of the people in West Yorkshire had access to cars. Statistics in the 1981 census (published by Bradford Metropolitan District Council) revealed that in rural areas 70 per cent of the people had access to cars and that even in cities the percentage was well over 50 per cent.

If the Chairman of the Traffic and Highways Committee is so badly informed of vital traffic statistics it is not surprising that he is unaware that there is no traffic or parking problem in Ilkley, even though he was presented with over 10,000 signatories protesting against his scheme, supported by 300 detailed letters of objection.

County Cr. Patterson thinks that it is wrong for ratepayers to pay for a traffic warden in Ilkley but sees nothing wrong in the same ratepayers heavily subsidising bus passengers. It is doubtful whether or not there will be a "Profit" on the scheme and it is reported that the authorities in Cork will be doubling their charge to 20p per ticket in the near future.

The Ilkley Parish Council is firmly of the opinion that the existing traffic regulations in the town centre are adequate

and that when Hillards move to their new premises the existing difficulties off Railway Road will be alleviated.

It is vital to the economy and life-style of Ilkley that the Labour-controller, West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council responds to the overwhelming pressures and drops its card car-parking scheme. If it does not then it will give further strength to the present Government's considerations to abolish all Metropolitan County Councils.

Stubham Rise,  
Middleton,  
Ilkley.  
W. R. HILL

## 15 APR 83 CORRESPONDENCE

### Rule By The Rule By T

Sir,—I was amazed to read your correspondent J. G. Cooper (Gazette 25.3.83) writing in the middle of his tirade against the county Council's proposals for parking cards "perhaps it (a disc parking scheme) would not bring in revenue but who are these people to foist their ideas on others without fair debate?"

I am amazed that the ratepayers of Ilkley, if Mr. Cooper is their spokesman, are so sanguine about the level of rates that they are no longer concerned about revenue which the council may receive. Can it really be that rates in Ilkley are so low that the county council's efforts to keep them down are no longer of interest? Somehow I doubt it. The revenue from a parking card scheme will pay for the traffic wardens who currently control the streets, thereby removing the charge from the ratepayers and putting it onto the motorists who actually cause the problem. Is this in itself unfair?

Mr. Cooper also suggests that these "ideas will not affect them as individuals". Can I assure Mr. Cooper and any of your other readers who may be also misadvised that county councillors will have to pay parking charges just as everybody else does. Those of us who are county councillors in Leeds already have to pay parking charges on the meters just as everybody else does.

Democracy, I would remind Mr. Cooper, is about rule by the people, not rule by the motorist. Seventy-five per cent of the people of West Yorkshire do not have access to a motor car. Most of us are pedestrians, cyclists or public transport users as well as, or instead of, car drivers.

None-the-less can I assure all your readers that the objections which are being made to the county council's proposals for car parking charges on-street will be listened to and are actively being considered by members of the County Council. But I would urge all your readers to consider should car parking continue to be a charge on the rates or should the charges fall on those who demand the service?

KEN PATTERSON  
County Councillor,  
Chairman, Traffic and  
Highways Committee.

## 22 APR 83 Can We Have Democracy?

Sir,—I was very pleased, and not a little surprised, to read the letter in last week's Gazette from County Cr. Patterson. It seems that he has more interest in local opinion than was evident when he received the delegation from the Parish Council and the Chamber of Trade in Wakefield recently. However, some of the points he makes are more than a little suspect.

Firstly, while the people of Ilkley are far from sanguine about the level of rates, they may well feel that the installation of a disc parking system, which could largely pay for itself from the advertising revenue from the discs, is infinitely preferable to the horribly complex and restrictive system dreamed up by West Yorkshire MCC.

Secondly, when he has finished reminding Mr. Cooper that democracy is about the rule of people, may I remind him that to some of us the rule of distant bureaucrats is just as unacceptable as the rule of motorists. This is especially true when they show a deplorable lack of knowledge of our town. For example, those of us who live here know perfectly well that the pattern of parking and traffic flow will change materially when the new Hillards store opens. Common sense would surely dictate that any parking scheme should be deferred until we have had time to assess the new situation.

To show his idea of democracy Cr. Patterson says that seventy-five per cent of the people in West Yorkshire have no access to a motor car. That may or may not be true of West Yorkshire, but it is not true of Ilkley. Here, of course, we come to the nub of the problem. West Yorkshire MCC in general and apparently Cr. Patterson in particular will insist on treating the county as one homogeneous whole. Will Cr. Patterson and his colleagues not accept that Ilkley does not have the same problems as Leeds or Bradford city centres, and that the views of the people who live here and understand those problems are more important than a nice tidy overall plan satisfactory only to the bureaucrat in Wakefield who does not?

The reactions of the people who signed the petition and even more the three hundred or so who wrote individual letters give a fair indication of the feelings of our residents. Can we please have democracy, Cr. Patterson?

E. S. GARDNER  
Parish Councillor  
9 Lakeside Close,  
Ilkley.

# PARISH COUNCIL PREPARES

## TO FIGHT PAY-PARKING PROPOSALS "INCH BY INCH" 22 APR 83

With the news that the county council is still going ahead with its controversial plans to introduce on-street parking charges, Ilkley Parish Council is now getting down to the detailed work of opposing each proposal inch by inch.

Councillor W. R. Hill, Chairman, claims the proposed scheme would be disastrous for everyone in Ilkley and would seriously affect levels of employment and the lifestyle of the Ilkley area.

He said the parish council as a whole was extremely concerned that the Labour controlled county council was blatantly ignoring the strength of opinion against the scheme.

"This scheme will disrupt the lives of individuals, particularly shopkeepers, and will affect unemployment, and we are very concerned that no notice has been taken of comments put forward," he added. "The parish council will now have to get down to the detailed work of opposing each proposal inch by inch. We have been shown strong support in the past, and we hope this will continue."

Cr. Hill said he was delighted to see a photograph in last week's 'Ilkley Gazette', showing the beautiful way in which the approach road to the Manor House was being improved. "This will become a lovely part of Ilkley, but the county council will come along and put up six foot poles and paint yellow lines on the new road and destroy it," he said.

Now that the new Hillards store was nearing completion, the parish council would be carefully monitoring the effect of the supermarket's move from Railway Road on parking, particularly in the area to the north of Railway Road.

### Rejected

Ilkley Chamber of Trade President Mr. Vincent Dobson headed a deputation of traders who attended last Thursday's meeting of the county council at which a move to have the scheme abandoned was rejected.

Representing 8,500 small businesses in West Yorkshire, with the backing of 75,000 written objections, Mr. Dobson put forward objections to the scheme, which he said would be a major change of established shopping patterns and lifestyles, and which ignored the overall effects on the community and environment.

Mr. Dobson said charging for rationed parking time would drive people away and kill the towns. The proposals were ill conceived, inappropriate and seemed hastily prepared.

Conservative and Liberal members of the county council tried to persuade the controlling Labour group to drop the scheme in view of the weight of public opposition, but were defeated. A resolution welcoming the proposed parking scheme and a continuation of consultation with interested parties was approved, however.

County Councillor Harry Haddrill (Cons) of Ilkley pointed out that the Chairman of the Traffic and Highways Committee, Cty. Cr. Ken Patterson, had said only one reasoned objection would be enough to scrap the scheme.

### Democracy

"If such an enormous number of people say it is wrong the plan should be scrapped. That is what democracy is about," he went on.

Mr. Vincent Dobson told the "Gazette" later that the Chamber of Trade would continue to fight the proposals, but he was annoyed that their objections to the county council seemed to have been dismissed as politically motivated.

"It was suggested that the objections were put up by the Conservative part of the Chamber of Trade, but politics never entered into our argument," he said.

Cr. W. R. Hill told Ilkley's annual Parish Meeting that the introduction of the scheme would bring a serious reduction in on-street parking, and charges for what was left.

"If it was introduced the result would be disastrous in its effects on everyone—residents, visitors and shopkeepers—and the levels of employment and lifestyle of the area.

"It is clear that no part of the district would escape if the scheme is not stopped," he said.

## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN REVIEWS YEAR

Reviewing the past year at the annual Parish Meeting, which this year was held at Burley the chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill, reminded those present that when the "previous annual parish meeting was held the Falklands conflict had begun, and a district flag day in June raised over £1,250 for the South Atlantic Fund.

He remembered his first "official" visit as chairman to the parish council, which was to re-open the tountain area at Burley after improvements had been carried out by Burley Community Council. "I felt it was a wonderful beginning and I am sure that splendid local effort pointed the way for several of the parish council activities during the year," said Cr. Hill.

The extension to the Conservation Area had helped to achieve a higher standard in planning decisions, he said, particularly on the external appearances and illuminated signs. "It undoubtedly helped to prevent an unsightly development on the grounds of the demolished Stoney Lea

Hotel and halted a substantial increase in the height of Leonsfield House," said Cr. Hill.

Despite strong opposition to a proposed amusement arcade and to a substantial development in South Parade, Ilkley, plans were approved, he said.

The unemployment problem had been tackled in conjunction with other organisations and individuals in Ilkley, Burley and Menston, said Cr. Hill. He said it was hoped to take advantage of the Government's Youth Training Scheme and commented that communications with Otley Job Centre had been improved but much still needed to be done.

"Negotiations with Bradford Metropolitan Council ensured work for several local unemployed youngsters in 'Operation Eyesore'," he said. "Their project—tidying the stream around Bolton Bridge Road—is nearing completion and they will then be ready to move into other areas in the district," said Cr. Hill.

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## No Interest In Property In The Grove

### 100 Years Ago

Two desirable residences situated in The Grove, and known as Acorn Villas were withdrawn from sale by auction without a bid at a sale at the Crescent Hotel. The auctioneer did his best to stress the manifold attractions offered and the desirability of the residences, to no avail.

The Young Men's Society of Ilkley Parish Church held a soiree in the National Schoolroom when a "goodly number of members and friends" were present. The secretary, Mr. H. Blackburn, said that a room had been secured for use as a gymnasium and they had been presented with a horizontal bar, Indian Clubs, ropes and rings and the younger men had volunteered their labour to set the room up.

Mr. Jas. Wood gave a recitation in good Yorkshire dialect and Mr. Blackburn read "My Whiskers."

The work of erecting the memorial to Lord Frederick Cavendish in the burial ground adjacent to Bolton Abbey began in early April. The sculpture weighed nine tons and was taken to Bolton from Undercliffe Cemetery, Bradford on three large waggons, the journey taking a considerable time to complete owing to the hilly country.

### 75 Years Ago

The Easter holiday weekend at the Spa Hydro was of "the usual lively and merry description with 70 guests forming a happy family party". The weekend started on Thursday evening with a whist drive, church worship, outdoor activities or walking was on the programme for Good Friday, with amateur theatricals in the evening. On Saturday there was a "Town Tea" followed by a mock trial in the evening, ending the day with games and dancing. Sunday was a day of church going and a sacred concert was held at the hydro. The men's billiard handicap was held in the smoke room. The climax of the weekend was a grand fancy dress ball on Monday evening, the visitors making splendid costumes with their own ingenuity and handwork.

An alarming motor car accident occurred in Hangingstone Road, Ilkley, when a lady and two gentlemen in a car found the hill too steep for the engine. One of the gentlemen and a lady got out and the car began to back onto the moorland and but for one of the wheels smashing and the broken axle acting as a brake would have been hurled down the hill to certain doom.

Ilkley experienced frequent snowstorms and wintery conditions over the Easter period, the moors being white over and very few people attended the open air concerts in the Bridge Pleasure Gardens. The number of day visitors from Leeds and Bradford was far less than in previous years, and excursions from Leeds Bradford, Manchester and Hull were much lighter than usual.

### 50 Years Ago

The crowds who visited Ilkley for the day on Easter Monday kept to a "set run" for the most part. They went from over the moor, spreading themselves on the hillside from Keighley Gate to the Cow and Calf, the greater part of them gathering between White Wells and the bandstand in West View. They poured down Wells Road and Brook Street "invading the Grove and Skipton Road" down to the river and then flocked along the riverside. Very few found the beauty of Heber's Ghyll or Middleton Woods, and fewer still went down the Raikes into Ben Rhydding.

Concerts were given in the bandstand over the Easter weekend by the Colne Borough Band, and the fair audiences heard well varied programmes of popular music.

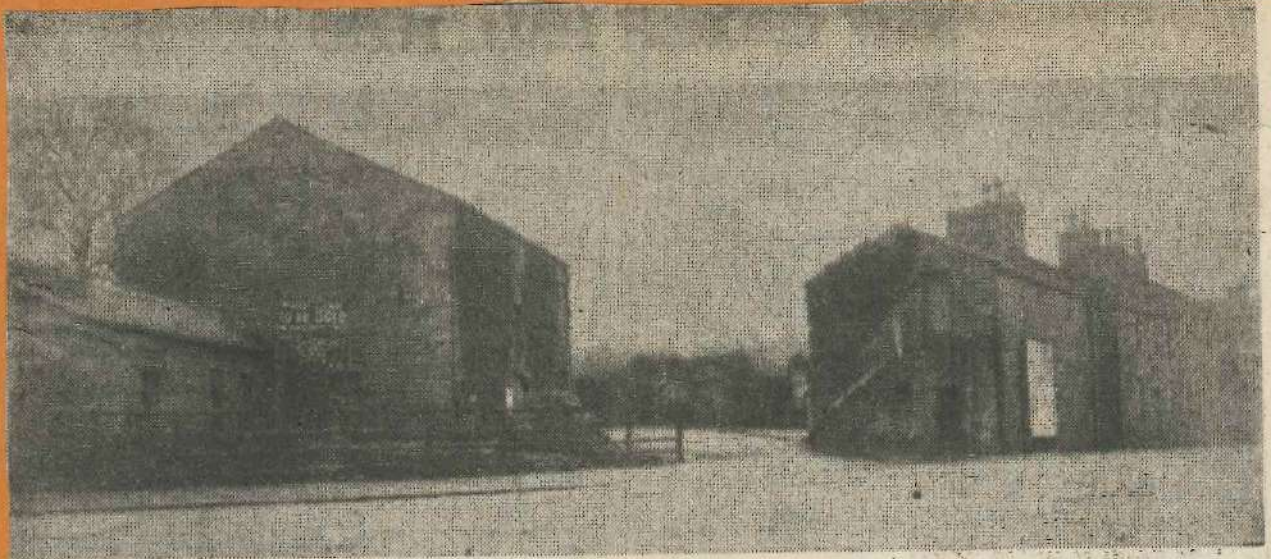
The Ilkley Holiday Home for Children was described by Rev. Father J. Bradley, of Ilkley, as "the most beautiful charity in Ilkley" which transported children from the poorer parts of Leeds and Bradford into fairyland. 182 children had stayed at the home during the previous season, and nearly all gained weight during their stay of three weeks each. The generosity of Ilkley people who worked and donated money to the home was praised by Fr. Bradley. Thanks were expressed to Dr. Hearder and Dr. Gibson for their "kind and untiring interest."

### 25 Years Ago

For the first time in the history of Ilkley Concert Club, profit was made on every concert of the season, said Mr. R. Wade (Chairman) at the annual meeting. There had been seven concerts, and apart from one the attendances had been over 500. He praised the work of the secretary, Mrs. Frances Jackson, and said that her efforts contributed more than any other to the success of the concerts.

Several cinema seats at Ilkley's two picture houses were out of commission owing to wilful damage by hooligans and the management of both cinemas expressed concern about the growing tendency to wilfully damage their property.

Mr. G. Dixon of the Grove Cinema had over 40 seats under repair, many of which had been slashed by sharp instruments. Seats at the Essoldo had been slashed and stuffing taken out of them, and toilet windows had been broken according to Mrs. J. S. Thorp, the Manageress. Both cinemas expressed the intention of dealing harshly with any teenage vandalism perpetrated or any annoyance caused by young people.



The old buildings in Station Road, Ilkley, which were demolished to make way for the Town Hall. 29 APR 83

## COUNTY SHELVES CARD CAR PARKING SCHEME

The decision by the County Council to shelve the controversial car card parking scheme in West Yorkshire until further notice have been carried out has been welcomed in Ilkley this week.

Ilkley, along with other towns in the County, mounted a massive campaign against the proposals and collected petitions signed by 10,000 people and nearly three hundred detailed letters of objection.

Though the scheme has been shelved for the time being the plan will still go ahead in towns and cities considered to have serious parking problems, although these are unlikely to be introduced this year, says the County Council Leader, John Gunnell.

Ilkley along with Wetherby, Huddersfield, Otley, Dewsbury Wakefield and Brighouse was one of the first to be selected where the scheme would be introduced.

Cr. Gunnell said the scheme where motorists would buy pre-paid parking cards, would not be abandoned.

He said "We will put forward significant changes in its application and operation. It is not our intention to introduce the scheme into every town in West Yorkshire."

Cr. H. V. Haddrill, of Ilkley, was glad it had been realised that with such county wide opposition to the scheme it would have been folly to have carried it out.

"On the other hand it is now intended that each town will be individually examined and I believe that when the supermarket finally moves most of the chaotic problems that sometimes exist will be removed. I do not think that if this were not to be the case steps would have to be taken to relieve the problem for people who live in those Napoleonic war streets," said Cr. Haddrill.

Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill was delighted that the case put forward so strongly by so many people had been accepted.

"We now hope that we can continue to discuss our views on the future parking plan already submitted," said Cr. Hill.

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## ACROSS THE YEARS 29 APR 83 Night Ramble Around Ilkley Could Be Dangerous

### 100 Years Ago

Members of the Local Board debated the question of insufficient lighting of public streets. There were many light standards but little lighting and a night ramble around the town was described as being very dangerous and the Board would be liable for any injury in the event of an accident. The Chairman thought that in addition to the number of lamps out of action, the lights were turned off too early and the Surveyor should be asked to turn the gas off later.

It was agreed to water the dusty main roads in the town centre during Whit weekend to keep down the dust, the work to extend from the Addingham Road, through the town centre to Leeds Road and Crossbeck Road.

Ilkley School Board reported the largest average attendance ever at Ilkley Schools with 547 children in actual attendance, 424 at the National School and 123 at St. Mary's. Reviewing the large increase in attendance, it was suggested that a recent favourable inspection at the National Schools might be an important factor. In five years the attendance at the local schools had more than doubled.

A bazaar for the purpose of paying off the debt on the "Union Jack" coffee tavern in Burley was held in the Lecture Hall. It was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Bradford.

### 75 Years Ago

There was a lively meeting in Ilkley Town Hall at a meeting with speakers from the suffragette movement. Mrs. Pankhurst had intended to be present but as she had been detained electioneering in Dublin her place was taken by Miss Nell Kenney, another of the leaders of the campaign. There was little "sport" made of the speakers and only a few fellows at the back of the hall tinkled a bell, whistled and made other noises. When Miss Kenney remarked that she came from Manchester, the rowdy element struck up "She's a Lassie from Lancashire".

When the young ladies left the hall they were heartily cheered by some hundreds of people who had gathered in the vicinity.

### 50 Years Ago

Nearly 100 windows were broken in the Bridge Lane area of Ilkley through the explosion caused by lightning striking at the base of a tall poplar tree in the grounds of Bridge House. The whole of the front windows of Bridge House were destroyed and most of those of the terraced houses opposite, going even as far as Alexandra Crescent. There were some extraordinary stories of escapes from serious injury and no-one received more than a few cuts from flying glass. An Ilkley boy was delivering a newspaper to Mrs. Wray at Bridge House when there was a loud crash as though he had been pushed from the rear, and the door slammed and all the windows dropped out of their frames. Mrs. Wray received cuts on her arms from glass falling out of the vestibule door but the paper boy was unharmed. All over Ilkley residents felt their houses shaken, by the force of the concussion.

Ilkley Urban District Council passed a resolution instructing the Housing Committee to consider erecting a number of small houses to be let at a weekly rent of 7s. per week including water charges. The smaller houses would be a boon to elderly people, and the poorer people in the community, and the building work would help with unemployment in the town. Mr. Dinsdale asked the Housing Committee to remember when considering the matter that it was easier to build slums than remove them.

### 25 Years Ago

Dry rot in the south-western portion of the roof of Ilkley Parish Church above the baptistry was investigated and a few beams were found to be affected. Fortunately the damage was discovered in time to prevent the rot from spreading through a greater portion of the roof timbers.

Addingham was to have a villag hall. The Primitive Methodist Chapel in Main Street was to be purchased by the Memorial Hall Committee for £1,000 for conversion into a public hall. The decision was made by almost 100 people at a public meeting held in the High Council School Addingham. The hall would be available for hire to any of the numerous organisations in the local community, including religious organisations, Mother's Union and the British Legion and the local sports' clubs.

The local cinemas were showing "Blue Murder at St. Trinians" with Terry Thomas, Joyce Grenfell and George Cole and "The Bridge on the River Kwai" with William Holden, Jack Hawkins and Alec Guinness. Owing to popular appeal both films were to run for a full six days.

## 75th ANNIVERSARY

# THOUSANDS THROGGED ILKLEY STREETS FOR TOWN HALL OPENING

Thousands of people thronged the streets of Ilkley 75 years ago this week for the opening of the Town Hall and Public Offices in Station Road.

Council employees were given a half day holiday and the schools were closed at the town took on a carnival atmosphere for the opening ceremony, conducted by Mr. J. T. Jackson, J.P., chairman of the Town Hall Committee, on 27 April, 1908.

### Sedbergh House Sold

The scheme for the new Town Hall buildings had evolved some years earlier, when Sedbergh House, which stood on the site, was put on the market after the death of its owner, Mr. E. H. Wade, and was bought by Mr. Jackson.

The Council then purchased part of the site fronting Station Road in 1897 with the intention of carrying out street improvements, but the site stood idle until 1904, when Mr. Carnegie was making grants for the erection of libraries all over the country and one for £3,000 was given to Ilkley.

It was generally felt that with it being such a large grant there should be other buildings associated with the library, and a scheme was drawn up to use the site not only for a library, but also public offices and an assembly hall.

A design by Mr. William Bakewell, of Leeds, was selected out of 60 entries, and in January, 1906, the foundation stones were laid.

Work progressed slowly and, in fact, the original target date for completion of the scheme was the summer of 1907, almost a year before it was actually finished.

The total of the scheme was £22,108 with the £3,000 grant only covering the cost of erecting the library section. The main costs were for the erection of Public Offices and Town Hall (£10,000) and for the land (£6,270).

Before the opening of the new Town Hall councillors gathered for the last time at the old offices in The Grove, and then proceeded through the flag-decked streets to the new building.

Prior to carrying out the opening ceremony, Mr. Jackson was presented with a gold enamelled key designed by Mr. J. W. Hudson, a watchmaker and jeweller of Brook Street. It bore a photograph of the buildings in coloured enamel together with the seal of the Council on one side, and a portrait of Mr. Jackson and an inscription on the other.

### Celebration Dinner

After the ceremony the doors of the building were opened to the public, and hundreds of people filed through until into the early evening.

That week the whole building was illuminated with fairy lights, and on the night of the opening there was a celebration dinner at the former Middleton Hotel. There were 100 guests, including the Lord Mayors of Leeds, Brad-

ford, Batley, Pontefract and Wakefield and the Deputy Mayor of Harrogate.

At that dinner Mr. F. H. Humphris, J.P., supporting a toast to Mr. Jackson, said it was "a proud day for Ilkley" and Mr. Jackson said he hoped it would "do much to stimulate the success and increase the prosperity of our beautiful town".

Celebrations continued after the dinner when the guests were driven to the Town Hall, where a large audience had assembled to witness the first ever performance to be staged there—a musical comedy called "The Belle of Mayfair", by Mr. J. Bannister Howard's London Company. An excellent band had also been specially organised by Mr. W. S. Bellerby, musical director to the Council.

The play was repeated on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and every ratepayer was given an opportunity of being present. Tickets to ratepayers for one or other of the performances were allotted on the principle of two tickets to every householder rated at £20 upwards, and one ticket to ratepayers occupying houses of smaller rental.

As Mr. Jackson commented on the day of the opening, "it marked an important epoch in the town's history which gave it an enviable place amongst towns of anything like equal population throughout the length and breadth of the land".

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**"Save Our Lovely Valley"**

Sir,—Tourist Camp at Ilkley  
—Some years ago you gave great prominence to a proposed riverside caravan site at Cocken End, near the junction of Addingham Old Road, the Moorside Road and the new A65. This caused considerable furor and was condemned on account of it being in the centre of an area of outstanding natural beauty as well as the inherent danger factor on an increasingly busy main road.

Your issue 6 May contains an unobtrusive column informing us that outline plans have already been approved by Harrogate D.C. for fifteen self-catering chalets and thirty touring caravans.

Why have Ilkley residents not been made publicly aware of these developments? Surely the area is still as beautiful, and certainly the traffic and consequent risks have increased.

As a veteran caravaner—starting some seventy years ago horse drawn—I am all in favour of sites being provided for our benefit, but not to the detriment of local residents.

I previously suggested that the Council could fulfill its obligation by providing a site at Nell Bank which is near to the recreational area, near the shops, away from traffic problems and above all, it is unobtrusive.

Could not this site be reconsidered and save our lovely valley?

KEITH RUNTON

High Austby,  
Ilkley.

**Proposed Flats**

Sir,—May I quote from an article in the Ilkley Gazette 6 May 1983?

"Lengthy negotiations with the planning department have resulted in an imaginative scheme".

This statement refers to P83/7/02790 outline planning application by Raven Development Co. for twenty flats on a site running North-South between Castle Road and Castle Hill, on the Western defensive works of the Roman Fort.

Should the planning, conservation and museum officers Bradford Metropolitan Council have given it their support?

E. GREENWOOD

Holly House,  
Westville Road,  
Ilkley.

## SCHEME BEFORE COUNCIL FOR NEW FLATS IN TOWN CENTRE

An outline plan for twenty single-bedroom flats on a site at Castle Hill, Ilkley, which is at present occupied by lock-up garages, has been received for consideration by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

The scheme, submitted by Raven Development Co., of Ilkley, would incorporate stone built flats to match the surrounding buildings and would include accommodation for a warden, a residents' lounge, guest rooms and other communal facilities more usually associated with local authority schemes.

The flats, which would be for sale, would have a lounge/dining room, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom and a direct intercom communication with the resident warden. There would be independent administration for the welfare of residents and maintenance of the property and gardens.

There were 22 garages on the site at present, most of which were disused, said a spokesman for Raven Development.

"Lengthy negotiations with the planning department have resulted in an imaginative scheme which will afford an opportunity to improve a badly neglected and very important part of the centre of Ilkley," he said.

## ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH

THURSDAY, MAY 12th, 1983

11.30 a.m.

### Service for the Installation of the Saxon Crosses

REV. RICHARD CLELAND WILL OFFICIATE

## Anglo-Saxon Crosses Appeal

The OLICANA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY would like to thank everyone who has supported the appeal and invites them to a SERVICE of THANKSGIVING at Ilkley Parish Church on May 12th at 11.30 a.m.

## CASTLE ROAD LAND FORMS NEW LINK BETWEEN MEMORIAL GARDENS AND PARISH CHURCH

Deserted land in Castle Road, Ilkley, is to be developed as a "green and open space" providing a link with the riverside memorial gardens and Ilkley Parish Church.

The scheme has come about as a result of a combined effort by the War Memorial Trust Committee of Ilkley, Bradford Metropolitan

Council and Ilkley Parish Council. Cr. Mrs. M. Renton first announced that the plan to acquire the land had been successful at this month's meeting of the Parish Council when the Chairman, Cr. W. R. Hill commented "this is very pleasant news." It will fulfill the aspirations of the former urban council of crea-

ting a link between the riverside gardens and the Parish Church and Manor House, he said.

As well as heathers and flowering shrubs being planted some stone walling will be carried out using stone from the demolished shelter which stood at the top of Brook Street.

Work should begin within

two weeks and the Manpower Services Commission should use some local labour.

It is expected to be completed for the summer.

For several years the site has been an eyesore in the centre of the town and planning permission was once sought, but refused to build seven houses on the land.

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With the support of the Manpower Services Commission Ilkley now has a new Community and Industry Project Officer, working for the "Keep Britain Tidy" group.

Matthew Crane's job is to co-ordinate, help and advise with various groups and individuals working on schemes with the twin aims of cleaning up the environment and improving its appearance by planting trees, bushes and flowers, or by other means.

He said ideas and suggestions were required from the public, either for an area in need of a good clean-up or which could be improved in some other way. "We are interested in hearing from individuals and organisations such as scouts, guides and youth groups," said Mr. Crane. "Industry and commerce can also get involved by displaying posters and stickers in shop windows or by sponsoring voluntary groups," he added.

Hotels, public houses and restaurants could take part in a competition to find the best looking one in the area, and churches could organise floral displays inside or outside the church.

Children could take part in a painting competition to design a "Beautiful Britain" poster, which a number of local schools had already agreed to do.

"Since Ilkley has entered the 'Beautiful Britain Town' competition, we need the public's help to win," said Mr. Crane. He would like to hear from people in Addingham and Burley as well.

Mr. Crane said they could help find sponsors for groups who had a scheme but limited resources, but they also needed ideas for fund raising. Anyone who had an idea or who needed help, or who was interested in helping, should contact Matthew Crane at Ilkley 602184.

## LOCAL EMPLOYERS TO DISCUSS TRAINING SCHEME

A steering committee formed after the employment forum at Ilkley in December has initiated a meeting for local employers about the Government's new Youth Training Scheme.

It is hoped to provide places for between 40 and 50 school leavers and employers are to discuss these with the careers service, the local authority and the Manpower Services Commission.

Any employer wanting more information about the plans should contact the Ilkley campus of Bradford and Ilkley Community College, which is helping to co-ordinate arrangements.

The steering committee, which is planning a second public meeting at the end of June, contacted the Job Centre and as a result several youngsters were employed on the "Operation Eyesore" project near the River Wharfe.

Plans are now being drawn up for a community programme scheme for the Wharfe valley, with which it is hoped to provide facilities for the young, the elderly and the handicapped while also creating jobs. Working parties are researching playground needs, play school equipment and other equipment for physically and mentally handicapped children and adults, as well as ramps and hand rails for buildings.

## PROGRAMME DISCUSSED FOR VISIT OF 6.5.83 COUTANCES DELEGATION

A programme of events for the visit of the Civic Delegation from Coutances later this month was discussed at a meeting of the Ilkley-Coutances Town Twinning Committee.

A draft programme which included a concert at St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley and a visit to Kirkstall Museum had been drawn up by a sub-committee for consideration by full committee members.

The delegation — led by the Mayor of Coutances, Monsieur Georges Leclerc, and his wife — are due to arrive at Ilkley at about 5.00 p.m. on 27 May when they will be given a sherry reception.

On the Saturday morning they will have the chance to enjoy an "Olde English Breakfast" at the Rombalds Hotel, Ilkley. There was some discussion as to what time they should start the meal, which would serve as lunch as well as breakfast. It was pointed out that the delegation would need some time for shopping, and it was decided to give them the free time before starting the meal at 11.00 a.m.

That evening the delegates will be entertained by an Olicanian Singers concert at St. Margaret's Church.

The following morning, after attending church, they will be collected by the Rotarians and taken out to lunch, and in the evening those not hosting will be given the opportunity to provide a meal.

The party will visit Kirkstall Museum on the Monday, setting off in the morning and taking a picnic lunch. It was suggested that if the weather was fine they could

also visit the abbey. The final dinner will be held at the Wheatley Hotel, Ben Rhydding, on the Monday night, before the delegates leave Ilkley the following morning.

Gifts for the visitors were discussed, and it was felt that china would be a suitable idea. Cr. E. S. Gardner said one local trader sold beakers with the Ilkley coat of arms printed on them, and it was agreed they would be an appropriate souvenir of their visit.

Mr. G. Henshall, of Ilkley Grammar School, said pupils from Coutances had enjoyed a stay at Ilkley, during which they enjoyed several visits to a disco given by the Rotarians at the Clarke-Foley Day Centre. Ilkley pupils will be making a return visit in August.

Mrs. M. Smith, of Ilkley Swimming Club, said the Coutances swimmers should be visiting Ilkley at the beginning of September, although the date had not been confirmed. Plans for the visit included a swimming gala and a shopping trip to Harrogate, she said.

## NEW CHAIRMAN OF ILKLEY ROUND TABLE



Mr. Roger Millen, of Wheatley Road, Ilkley, is the new chairman of Ilkley and District Round Table.

Married with three children, he moved to Yorkshire from the South of England in 1971 and joined the Round Table soon afterwards.

Mr. Millen is Managing Partner for the Yorkshire offices of Dearden Farrow, a nationwide firm of chartered accountants, and is chairman of 3rd Ben Rhydding Scout Group.

Other officers elected included Mr. Chris Horne (vice-chairman), Mr. Alan Breese (secretary) and Mr. Tim Volians (assistant secretary).

## APPROVAL GIVEN FOR SCHOOL EXPEDITION

Ilkley Grammar School's Iceland Expedition has been officially approved by the Young Explorers Trust of the Royal Geographical Society.

They studied the plans for the expedition and decided that it was worthwhile and that the expedition members would be capable of carrying out their aims.

A team of 17 will travel to Iceland on 20 July, a week earlier than planned, and stay there for four weeks.

During the first week base camp will be established at Landmannalaugar, near the volcano Hekla. Training walks round the volcanic features of south-west Iceland will be carried out before moving on to a high level camp on the edge of the Tugrafell glacier in the centre of the island.

The team have already been in training for the expedition with a week-end in the Lake District in February, when they experienced snow and ice conditions and practised some of the techniques they will be using this summer.

The money which needs to be raised for the expedition is £3,000, about a third of which has been raised already. The biggest fund raising event so far sold over 6,000 tickets and a profit of about £470 was made. The main prizewinners were Mr. R. T. Harris, of Ilkley, who won a stereo radio/cassette recorder; R. Bramwell, of Ben Rhydding, who received a stereo cassette player, and Mr. S. Boddy, of Otley, who won a bottle of whisky.

Thanks have been expressed to various organisations and individuals who supported the competition and who have supported the expedition itself.

## CORRESPONDENCE 6 MAY 83

### "We have not seen the last of the pay card scheme"

Sir, — It was with a particular feeling of relief that everyone in Ilkley heard how the County Council have decided to "shelve" their proposed card parking scheme. Much of the reason for this was the groundswell of opinion widened by all the letters from members of the public received at County Hall and by the unstinting efforts of our Chamber of Trade, our County Councillor Harry Hadrill and other concerned bodies and individuals like them throughout the County.

However, please will you remember and keep at the front of your mind, the main reason why the scheme is shelved. It is because the Labour Councillors of the District Council talked the Labour Councillors of the County Council into staying their hand with the impending elections.

Sir, we have not seen the last of this scheme. In one form or other we are going to see it again, and once thwarted the boys of County Hall are not going to be baulked as easily again. Next time there will be no local elections in the way either.

This time, I personally wrote to 25 people, mainly councillors, on the subject. Several others I know wrote to a good deal more. Next time it will be a very great deal more difficult. Those that did not write at all must break the habit of a lifetime and do so. It will be no use doing the normal thing in Ilkley, complaining after the event.

ANDREW J. HARTLEY  
Closeburn,  
Copp Wood Drive,  
Middleton,  
Ilkley.

### Carrying On The Good Work

Sir, Following an article in the Times, Wednesday 6 April, on the work done by Mrs. Anne Haigh and members of the Ilkley Archaeological Group, may I quote from an article published in May 1968 in the Telegraph and Argus.

"Those who walk Rombalds Moor today tread in the steps of the ancients for the carvings found on the grit-stone rocks are evidence that Bronze Age people lived there about 1500 B.C. Best known of these carvings is the Swastika Stone, and Elsie M. Fletcher, formerly hon. curator of the Manor House Museum, Ilkley, tells how in Sweden she was shown a stone with a carving resembling the Ilkley Swastika Stone."

Miss Elsie Fletcher reformed the Olicana Museum and Historical Society after its demise during the war years. How pleased she would have been to know that members of the Society are carrying on the good work.

E. Greenwood  
President, Olicana Museum  
and Historical Society.

## 6 MAY 83 OUTLINE PLANS FOR TOURIST CAMP AT ILKLEY

Outline plans for a tourist camp at Ilkley may be considered by Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee on Wednesday.

They have already been half approved, because the site at Hollin Hal Farm, off the Old Road to Addingham, lies partially within the Harrogate District Council area, and the Harrogate planners have already given the go-ahead.

The planning application, for fifteen self-catering holiday chalets and provision for thirty touring caravans, has been submitted by Mr Gerald Proctor of Hollin Hal Farm. His agents are John Lambie Associates, landscape and design consultants, of Denby, near Huddersfield.

The 7.29 acre site, which is next to the River Wharfe, is at present partly used for grazing. The new application provides for the planting of trees and shrubs to screen the proposed development.

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## 100 Years Ago

Snow covered Ilkley Moor on Thursday, 10 May, 1883 "and the day dragged on with a steady downpour of rain". Friday's weather was reported as being extremely cold but clear, and the weather expectations seemed a little more hopeful.

The grouse prospects for 1883 on Ilkley Moor were disheartening. As many as twenty dead grouse had been picked up in one day, and there were less than average eggs in each nest. It was thought that the reason was sheer starvation—scarcity of food on the moor and intense cold at night and in the morning.

Parish Ghyll building sites offered for sale by auction found no purchasers.

The monthly meeting of Ilkley National school reported on the findings of Mr. Tillard, H.M. Inspector of schools who commented that the Boys' department "continued to make satisfactory progress"; Girls Dept.: was in "good order, and creditably taught"; and the Infants Dept. was described as being in "a very fair state".

## 75 Years Ago

A well known teacher of the Terpsichorean art—Mr. J. Goodwin, had the honour of organising and carrying through successfully the first Fancy Dress Ball to be held in the new Town Hall. 150 ladies and gentlemen attended dressed in charming, picturesque and fantastic costumes; with hundreds of spectators watching the event.

Beyond plants at the front of the stage nothing was introduced in the way of decorations, the hall being so beautiful that nothing was necessary. The spectators looked down on to a kaleidoscope of colour assisted by the electric lights. The costumes were all beautiful rather than humorous or grotesque, the main idea being to present an attractive scene. The dancing was superintended by Mr. Goodwin, who together with his wife introduced the new "Olcana Two Step" which had been invented for the occasion. Judging of the costumes was preceded by a Territorial March in twos, fours and eights. Mr. J. W. Benson presented the prizes as follows—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Binns (Indian Princess); 2, Miss Jobling (Folly). Consolations—Miss Clara Bratt (White Cat) and Miss S. Ward (Dutch Girl). Gentlemen: 1, Mr. H. Lees (Farmer's Boy), 2, Mr. J. Walker (The unspeakable Turk). Flashlight photographs were taken during the evening.

## 50 Years Ago

A great deal of strong feeling was aroused amongst Ilkley residents by the felling of more trees on land at the

bottom of Bolton Bridge Road adjoining Skipton Road. The tree felling destroyed a rookery after the young birds had been hatched out and before they were fully fledged. Local residents estimated that in the dozen or so trees taken down there were 20-24 nests. The work was carried out by Ilkley Council workmen on behalf of the West Riding County Council for the purpose of widening the road.

Mr. R. A. Fawcett of Tivoli was appointed chairman of a new committee to administer schemes in Ilkley for the welfare of the unemployed. It was proposed that the committee should consist of two representatives from each of the Christian Churches and local public bodies, but it was felt that a smaller working committee would be more effective. It was finally agreed that an executive committee of 15 members with power to co-opt should be appointed. Members of this committee to be: Mesdames Dower and Wakefield, the Misses Wentworth and Barber, Mrs. Runtton, Canon C. J. Hamer, the Rev. W. Brockbank, Messrs. J. C. Scott, F. B. Lund, H. Roe, F. M. Hood, R. Tolson and H. Eagle, and two places were reserved for representatives of the unemployed.

## 25 Years Ago

Over 100 scouts and cubs, parents and officials of the 1st Ben Rhydding Scout Group attended a party in the Methodist School, Ben Rhydding to mark the 25th anniversary of their Group Scoutmaster, Mr. R. Ibbetson's scouting activities in Ben Rhydding. Mr. Ibbetson was presented with a "Parker" pen and pencil by the two smallest cubs present and one of the senior scouts on behalf of the group.

Pupils of Ilkley School of Commerce, who obtained passes in the Pitman Examination Institute were: Shorthand Stage 1: Misses Margaret Harrison and Patricia Milnes. Stage II: P. Milnes. Speeds 50 and 60: Joan Nixon. Typewriting Elementary: Misses Diana Carter, M. Harrison, P. Milnes. Intermediate: J. Nixon.

## LANDSCAPING DERELICT SITE BEGINS

Initial work began on Monday landscaping the derelict site on Castle Road on the west of New Brook Street—once occupied and owned by the Chambers family who not only ran a motor car body building business on the site but lived in two semi-detached houses adjoining the site since the early 1900's.

The last of the remaining semi-detached houses was occupied by the late Mrs. Jessie Chambers, widow of Mr. Wallace Chambers, who lived in the house until the late 1970's when she moved into Leconfield Flats in Cowpasture Road. Soon after Mrs. Chambers moved into Leconfield Flats the building was mysteriously razed to the ground.

Since that time the whole of the site on which the derelict house stood had presented an "eyesore" and recently the house had fallen into such a dangerous and perilous state that it was pulled down about two months ago.

When the attention of the Director of Developments for Bradford Metro—Mr. Reg Atkinson was drawn to the matter three years ago by the Gazette Mr. Atkinson said this site was regarded as a conservation area and it was Bradford Metro's hopes to landscape the whole of this derelict south east corner of the Riverside War Memorial Gardens in keeping with the remainder of the land between the boating stretch and the New Bridge which was developed through public subscription in dedication of the fallen from the Second World War.

The scheme when completed will create a link between Ilkley Parish Church, The Museum, and the Riverside War Memorial Gardens.

The scheme has come about as a result of the combined effort by the War Memorial Trust Committee, of Ilkley Bradford Metropolitan Council and Ilkley Parish Council and jobs for unemployed local youths are being created by the Manpower Services Commission.

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## Large crowds at Ilkley over Whitsunetide

## 100 Years Ago

Whitsunetide weather in 1883 was "exceptionally genial and brilliant" and resulted in unusually large crowds of people visiting Ilkley by road and rail. The string of horse drawn vehicles along Leeds Road never seemed to slacken "coming and going from morn to dewy eve."

One holidaymaker seeing the crowds in town exclaimed "Why t' place is that full, we shall niver get in nowher!". The moor was full of walkers and the river-side was thronged with people. There were for the first time a large party of trippers from Lancashire who made their way by train to Skipton, and then on to Ilkley by means of wagnettes. The proposed extension of the railway from Ilkley to Skipton would make Ilkley a popular and easy venue for East Lancashire people to visit in the future.

A novelty cricket match was held with Ilkley 1st XI playing twenty two members from the rest of the club. J. Beanlands scored 36 runs for the 1st team, and W. Brumfit scored 30 runs for the "rest". The team with 22 players won by 124 runs to 108.

## 75 Years Ago

The Pierrot pitch in New Brook Street, which in 1907 started in existence as the "Cosy Corner" was to be used in the summer of 1908 by Mr. Sidney Carr and Mr. Percival Newman, the lessee and Manager of the Bridge Pavilion. The proposed to run a Pierrot show on this site and to provide pictures chiefly at the Pavilion.

"Facing the Music", a three-act farcical comedy was produced in the Ilkley Town Hall by the Ilkley Amateur Dramatic Society in aid of the Coronation Cottage Hospital. The hall was well filled. The play was rehearsed and produced under the personal supervision of Mr. H. Leach, stage manager at Menston Hospital, and Mr. J. N. Size was the Stage Manager. Leading parts were taken by Mr. J. B. Haynes, Mr. J. W. Hudson, Mr. Geo Mott, Mr. J. W. Gordon, Miss E. Sargeant, Mrs. A. E. Beckwith, Miss S. Sykes and Miss M. A. Harding.

General Booth, leader of the Salvation Army was booked to appear at Ilkley Town Hall in July as part of his fifth motor tour of the country.

In view of the excellent work and results at the Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital, it was pro-

posed just three years after its existence to build on two wards, one at each side of the building for males, and for females, and a mortuary, the cost to be approximately £600.

## 50 Years Ago

Ben Rhydding Golf Hotel was the venue for a conference of the Dr. Barnardo's Young Helper's League Workers, delegates attend from all parts of Yorkshire. They were addressed by Dr. MacDonald, of London, (Chief Medical Officer for Dr. Barnardo's Homes), and Miss Chavasse (Headquarters staff of The Young Helper's League). Delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Hood, President of the Ilkley branch, together with Mrs. Hedley Crabtree.

Ilkley Players reported considerable progress at their sixth annual general meeting, held in the Society's rooms in Soderbergh Chambers. They had a membership of 108, an increase in the year of 28. They had a credit balance of £38, and in addition to their running costs they had spent £18 on furnishing, so the club's finances were extremely sound. They had held a course of make-up classes, seven play readings and three drama lectures, and their production of "Shall We Join the Ladies" had been repeated in Leeds by popular request.

## 25 Years Ago

Capt. L. J. Sargeant was appointed Chairman of Ilkley Urban District Council, with Mrs. J. L. Ellicott as his Vice-Chairman.

Ilkley Youth Club asked the West Riding County Council if they might be allowed to make their new headquarters at One Oak at the corner of Oakburn Road and Parish Ghyll Drive. The club's activities in the Drill Hall, Leeds Road had been suspended because of the lack of suitable facilities. Rooms at One Oak had been used by the Secondary Modern School for temporary accommodation and these were deemed to be suitable for the Youth Club.

Residents in the vicinity of Heathcote, the Lutyens designed house in Grove Road, were asked by Ilkley Council to express their views on an application from a firm of electrical contractors to use the property as offices. A letter was sent to residents in the vicinity pointing out that the proposed usage of the property would not be in accordance with the Ilkley Town Plan which provided for the continuance of the residential character of the area. The house was built in 1907 for Mr. J. T. Hemingway and was designed by Edwin Lutyens who was given a free hand with the house, the grounds, and the interior decorations and furnishings. For some years it had been the home of Mr. Stanley Waddilove. It cost £40,000 to erect, and a few years earlier than 1958 it was offered for sale at £20,000.

## Monastery Celebrates Diamond Jubilee



The Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, the Right Reverend William Gordon Wheeler (pictured right), visited the Congregation of the Passion at Middleton Lodge on Friday when they celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of their presence in Ilkley.

The Rt. Rev. Wheeler spent about two hours at the monastery, during which he presided over a Mass of

The solemn dedication of Middleton Lodge as a Passionist Monastery took place in April, 1923, when the church was re-opened and Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by Bishop Cowgill.

For more than 400 years Middleton Lodge was the home of the Middleton family from whom it took its name. The last of the Middletons left in 1893, having built the church attached to the lodge

Catholic Emancipation had been passed, and the Catholic Church in Stockeld Road.

For sixty years the monastery and retreat centre have offered to people of all denominations the opportunity to find peace and quiet and the chance to pray.

Pictured with the Rt. Rev. Wheeler are Colun Devine (left), the Provincial of the Passionists and Father David

# ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN ON HIS BIRTHDAY

On the occasion of his birthday Councillor Ernest S. Gardner, of Lakeside Close, Ilkley, was on Tuesday night elected Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council with Councillor Peter Williams, of Brooklands Close, Menston, as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Gardner said at the Council's annual meeting that in the history of Ilkley Councils it must be the first time that one Chartered Secretary has been followed in the office as Chairman by another Chartered Secretary and that it must be the first time that a Chairman has been elected on his birthday.

Proposing Cr. Gardner as Chairman, Cr. Mrs. M. Renton said Cr. Gardner was married and had two sons and had the good sense to leave Sussex in 1970 to come to live in Ilkley. Between 1943 and 1947 he served in the Merchant Navy and it was not surprising that his interests included sailing, said Cr. Mrs. Renton. Cr. Gardner was a member of the World Ship Society and as an energetic man was a golfer and a serious long distance walker. He had been a member of the Conservative Party for twenty five years and his first taste of responsible participation in Committee work came as a founder member of the Ilkley Ratepayers' Action Group.

"This last year or so he has been an able and confident chairman of the Conservative CPC Group and also of a sub-committee of the Parish Council," said Cr. Mrs. Renton.

Cr. Gardner had spent the last thirty three years with the Prudential Assurance company and had retired as Pensions Manager, she said. Cr. Mrs. B. Cussons seconded the proposal.

## Devotion To Duty -

On his appointment to office Cr. Gardner thanked the retiring Chairman, Cr. W. R. Hill who had had the difficult task of combining devotion to his duty as Chairman to the Council with the need to cope with the problems of a Company Secretary and Finance Director of a large public company.

"Among my first official duties will be the visit of our friends from Couthances. In my first year on the Council we entertained our French friends to a display of Scottish dancing, and the evening was made by those non official guests who came along and helped to make things go with a swing. I hope therefore that many of you will support the Couthances Committee by coming with your friends to the dinner at the Wheatley Hotel on 30 May," said Cr. Gardner.

The election of Cr. Peter Williams as Vice-Chairman was proposed by Cr. J. L. Freeman and seconded by Cr. W. Forrest.

## Committees

Councillors elected to serve on the various committees were:-

Plans Committee: Crs. K. G. Johnson (Chairman), Mrs. B. J. Cussons, Mrs. F. Glover, Mrs. J. Galling, Mrs. J. G. Harwood, Mrs. V. M. Rankin, Mrs. M. Renton and W. Forrest and Hill.

General Purposes and Finance Committee: Crs. J. L. Freeman (Chairman), Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. I. Carney, Mrs. B. J. Cussons, Mrs. P. Glover, Mrs. Renton, J. C. Fletcher, W. R. Hill, J. P. McGhee, C. H. Scaife, J. M. Shelton, T. Sumner, J. Ward and P. Williams.

Representation on other bodies:-

Ilkley Road Safety Committee: Crs. Mrs. Carney, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Renton and Williams.

Couthances Committee: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and Crs. Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Renton.

Ilkley and District Welfare Committee:- Cr. Forrest.

Ilkley Youth Centre Management Committee:- Cr. Mrs. Glover.

Yorkshire and Cleveland Local Councils Association: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and Crs. McGhee, Williams and Mrs. Cussons (reserve).

Britain in Bloom:- Cr. Forrest.

James Clarke and Sarah Foley Trust:- Cr. Mrs. Cussons.

Ilkley Sports Council:- Cr. Sumner.

Ilkley Employment Forum:- Crs. Fletcher and Hill.

Hawksworth House Com-

mittee: Crs. Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Harwood.

War Memorial Trust Fund Committee:- Cr. Mrs. Renton.

## Retiring Chairman

The retiring Chairman, Cr. W. R. Hill thanked the Town Hall staff, the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs. D. C. Edmondson for her accurate reporting and helpful co-operation, the Ilkley Gazette for accurately reporting the Council's activities and all who had supported him during his year of office.

At the beginning of the meeting Cr. Hill welcomed new Councillors following last Thursday's election and those who had been re-elected. "For all of you this will be a busy and important year ahead and I wish you well," said Cr. Hill.

## 13 MAY 83 THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR ILKLEY CROSSES

A service of thanksgiving took place at Ilkley Parish Church yesterday (Thursday) to mark the re-erection of three Anglo-Saxon crosses.

The crosses, weighing up to 1½ tons, had stood in the churchyard for about 100 years and were in serious danger from decay. They have now been cleaned and conserved and placed inside the church under the bell-tower. Two Roman altars and a Roman inscription have also been re-located within the church.

The chairman of West Yorkshire County Council, Cty Cr. William H. Banks, and Lord Mayor of Bradford Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband were among those at the service.



Retiring Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. W. R. Hill (right) congratulates the Council's new Chairman, Cr. Ernest S. Gardner who was elected to office at the Council's annual meeting on Tuesday night.

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## RESIDENTS URGED TO FIGHT PLAN WHICH THREATENS "ILKLEY'S HISTORIC CORE"

A plea for residents to write and object before a decision was reached on plans for a development which could "completely destroy part of Ilkley's historic core" was made after a meeting on Monday.

Affected householders and representatives of local groups discussed the controversial plans for a sheltered housing development next to the historic Manor House and on top of part of the Roman defences at Castle Hill.

They were given an interpretation of the plans by an architect, who expressed great surprise that there had been no apparent consultation or liaison with local groups and societies before the scheme had reached the stage of seeking outline planning approval. This was most uncharacteristic, in his experience.

It was obvious that while the concept of sheltered housing was fully understood and accepted as being necessary, there were many other sites available which would be much more suitable, he said. The plans for this small site—only 1,070 sq. metres—involved its use for a complex of eighteen flats plus communal rooms, so it had been planned up to four storeys high, crammed into a narrow 20 metre wide plot between the Manor House and the houses in Bridge Lane. The proposed buildings would undoubtedly be the dominating feature of the area, he went on.

It was pointed out that the Manor House itself had been restored at great expense by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, Ilkley Urban District Council and Mr. Percy Dalton in the period 1956-61, and the hope at that time was that the surrounding area would be landscaped. Since then Bradford Metropolitan Council had

lavished further care and financial investment on the project, and this could all be wasted.

It was stressed very strongly that the adjoining site of the Roman Fort would be seriously affected. Indeed, the proposed development would cover the Western line of defensive works of the fort and these, together with artifacts and environmental evidence, would be lost for ever.

There were aspects of the Roman occupation which had never been fully investigated, having been left for further study when the science of environmental archaeology had advanced. That stage was rapidly approaching, but if the development went ahead as planned it would destroy completely this part of the town's historic core.

One of the most impressive qualities of Ilkley had been its fine views, both looking out from its points of interest and looking into the town from across the river. These, in relation to the Manor House, the Parish Church and the site of the Roman Fort, would be lost and replaced by a vast, overbearing block, four storeys high, it was feared.

The effect on the existing dwellings in Bridge Lane would be even more devastating, it was said. A situation would be created where there would be a blank wall,

higher than the eaves of one existing house and yet only 13 metres from it. There would be a four storey block some 20 metres from another house, and the three hundred year old Castle House—a listed building—would be dwarfed by buildings two storeys higher than its upstairs windows.

"Ilkley just can not stand this sort of intrusion and loss of its heritage," said one of the objectors. "The developers must realise that the town's history and the quality of life of its citizens can not be sacrificed just for the sake of profit. The planners must be urged to follow the lead given in refusing the recent Castle Road application, and reject this one also."

He said the most effective way of convincing the Planning Committee that there was strong opposition to the development was to write and object. The Principal Planner's office at Jacobs Wells, Bradford, needed to know what people thought.

The plans, submitted by Raven Development Co. of Ilkley, are for flats, residents' lounge, guest rooms and other communal facilities, with a warden's accommodation. The site is at present occupied by 22 lock-up garages, most of them disused.

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### JUNE OPENING FOR HILLARDS NEW ILKLEY SUPERMARKET

Hillard's new £3m Ilkley supermarket in Springs Lane will open on Tuesday 7 June. Building work is on target and is now entering its final phase.

The store which has created 150 new jobs will be open for a preview day on Monday 6 June from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. when customers will have the opportunity of visiting the building, chatting with the staff and getting acquainted with the surroundings.

The new superstore has a selling area of 21,000 square feet and encompasses all the latest retailing developments with emphasis on convenience and ease of shopping.

#### Car Parking For 150

There is car parking space for 150 cars and full customer amenities include a cheque desk, toilets and telephone facilities. Special attention has been paid to the needs of the disabled, with reserved car spaces adjacent to the entrance. In addition toilet facilities have been provided and the store design poses no mobility problems whatsoever. Staff have been training to assist in any way they can to help disabled visitors to the store.

Shopping will be virtually "one stop" as the range of products on sale in the various departments is vast, with special emphasis on fresh foods. This will contain a "Daily Bake" in-store Bakery, an "Island Service Counter" for provisions which has proved so popular in other Hillard's Superstores. The Produce Department will have a "Delivered Daily" supply of vegetables and fresh fruit to ensure freshness and quality. On top of this there will be a large frozen food range which will include catering pack size products which will appeal to the bulk shoppers for freezer storage. This coupled with a varied non food department, topped off with a fully merchandised grocery department with thousands of brand lines will make shopping at Springs Lane a pleasurable experience.

#### Low Prices

Hillard's have long enjoyed the reputation of being consistently amongst the top three supermarket groups in the national low prices league and this will be ably demonstrated in the new store.

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### "PARAS" AT ILKLEY

The Parachute Regiments display team has spent part of this week at the East Holmes field, Ilkley, during a goodwill tour following on from the publicity received by the regiment during the Falklands Campaign and in the television "Paras" series.

Members of the public have been able to jump from a 60ft training tower, wearing safety harness, and examine other pieces of the regiment's equipment.

### SERVICE MARKED RE-ERECTION OF ILKLEY CROSSES

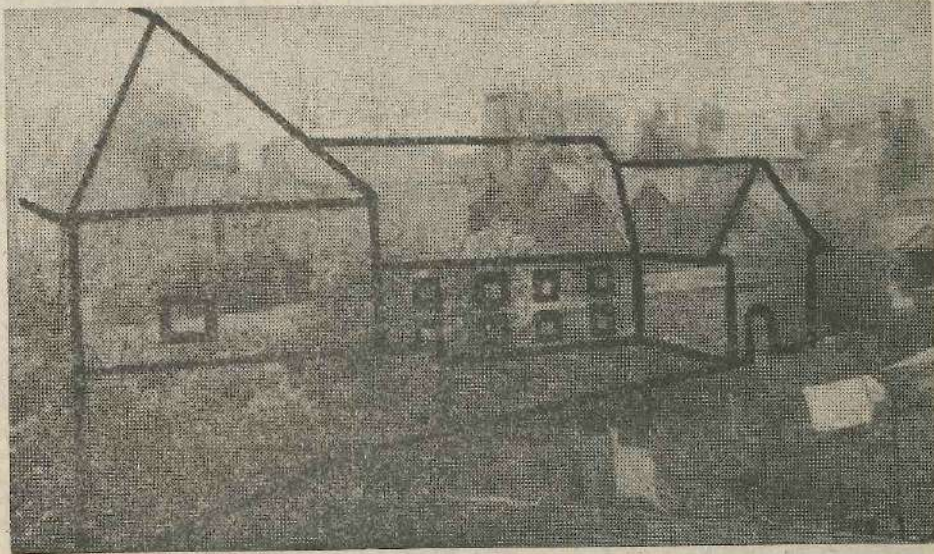
A large congregation gathered at Ilkley Parish Church on Thursday of last week for a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the re-erection of three Anglo-Saxon crosses.

The service was led by the Rev. Richard Cleland, who was making his first return visit to Ilkley since leaving at the beginning of March to take up a new appointment as Master of Wyggeston Hospital, Leicester.

Readings were given by the chairman of West Yorkshire County Council, William H. Banks, and the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband. The chairman of the County Council's Recreation and Arts Committee, Cr. J. M. Sully, read a sermon.

The Rev. Cleland paid tribute to those who had worked towards restoring the crosses which weighed up to 1½ tons and had stood in the churchyard for about 100 years. They had been in serious danger from decay so were cleaned, conserved and placed inside the church under the bell-tower. Two Roman altars and an inscription were also re-located within the church.

The £15,000 operation was carried out by West Yorkshire County Council and Bradford Metropolitan District Council who shared the cost together with the Department of the Environment and the Olicana Museum and Historical Society, who raised over £1,000 through an appeal. 20-5-83



## "WANTED FOR CANADA 250 WORKERS"

### 100 Years Ago

Advertisements in the "Ikley Gazette" in 1883 included the following "Wanted for Canada, 250 domestic servants, male and female, general labourers and others. Situations guaranteed at good wages, free rail pass. Government assisted passages from £3."

"The Grove is at last beginning to look its name, and a glimpse down its leafy avenue is doubly attractive in the hot sun with which we have been lately favoured" said the Ikley Gazette in 1883. The report likened the appearance of Ikley's main shopping street to a Parisian Boulevard or at least a most delightful English promenade.

A meeting took place in the Crescent Hotel of a few friends interested in forming a Cricket, Football and Athletic Club in Ikley. It was proposed to form a company to take the existing cricket field on a lease, board it round, erect a grandstand and level the entire area to make it suitable for cricket, football and athletic sports. Mr. J. Gaunt, Chairman, said they ought to get an estimate of the possible expenses before putting the proposition before the public. Before the matter went any further it was decided to ask the secretary of the Cricket Club to lay the proposition before his committee and elicit their opinion on the matter.

### 75 Years Ago

The Chalybeate spring at the top of Heber's Ghyll had been re-tapped and a little below the old outlet was flowing more freely than ever before. A few of the people familiar with its original character doubted the purity of the medicinal properties and wondered if other water had been piped in to join it as the taste was not thought to denote the same quantity of carbonate of iron as previously existed.

Mr. Charles and Lady Katherine Hardy, of Fairstow, Ikley, provided a handsome silver cup for competition in the Ladies Open Singles at the Ikley Lawn Tennis Club's annual tournament. The square plinth had a white rose in relief back and front with laurel wreaths on the two other sides. At the front were the words "White Rose Cup" and underneath the rose "Ikley Lawn Tennis Club." The cup was of simple and beautiful design and enclosed in a glass shade.

Ikley Angling Club placed 1,000 trout fry in different parts of their length of river and the rearing pond was emptied. 400 surplus fry went to help stock the Otley Reservoir at March Ghyll, Middleton, the fishing in which was preserved by the Club.

Arthur Richardson, a well known Ikley cricket professional to the Friarmere club was chosen to play with the Yorkshire second against Surrey second team at the Oval.

### 50 Years Ago

Empire Day was marked in various ways at the different schools. At the Grammar School the boys assembled in the School Hall where their service was composed of patriotic hymns and prayers including "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Jerusalem", and

Mr. W. B. Hills, the headmaster, gave a short address on the British Empire and Imperialism.

At the Elementary schools special songs were sung and the week's work included items bearing on the Empire and its products and the Infants' Departments had been drawing flags. The churches and public buildings flew flags to celebrate the day.

Ikley Grammar School's Senior Sports Day was favoured with good weather conditions and a large gathering of parents and friends enjoyed the afternoon's sport in the school field at Ben Rhydding.

J. O. Reed, the School Captain won the individual championship with H. Riding coming second and G. Papworth third. Black House won the House Championship, with Red in second place. Mr. C. P. Lovelock was Clerk of the Course with Messrs. J. F. Ebdon, E. Sparham, W. R. Leadbetter and W. Gledhill as judges. The starter was Mr. H. Eames, Mr. W. Farrand was timekeeper and Messrs. A. Bartle and Mr. W. I. Warburton were recorders. Music was rendered by the Burley and Otley and District Brass Band conducted by Mr. Warburton.

### 25 Years Ago

Too H. Ikley Branch, one of Ikley's principal voluntary working groups, was to be wound up at the end of May 1958 because of lack of support. The Too H. movement was started in Ikley by the Rev. "Tubby" Clayton, vicar of All Hallows, London in 1932 and the founder members were Messrs. B. Thorpe, J. Clare, A. Gregg and M. Hood. Headquarters were at Brackens, Crossbeck Road but after two years moved to Church Street, and in 1950 to rooms at the top of Brook Street. On numerous occasions they had helped with charitable work, taken collections at cinemas and acted as stewards at the Wharfedale Music Festival.

A glorious Whit Monday brought visitors to Ikley in their thousands and some of the shopkeepers contented but exhausted voted the weekend "The best ever for trade." The visitors poured in by trains, buses and private cars and many kept up the old tradition and walked over the moorland path from Dick Hudson's. The moor was considered to be busier than it had been for many years. Ikley was fortunate enough to have 91 hours sunshine on Whit-Monday, but there were a few showers on Tuesday and the visitors were not nearly as great in number.

A Huddersfield man fishing near the Crum Wheel, Ikley, landed a 24" trout weighing 3 lb. 9 oz on a 3lb line.

Sir,—I feel your readers' attention must be drawn to a very important planning decision which could radically alter the historical heart of Ikley. I refer to the planning application P 83/7/02790 on the Castle Hill site. This of major significance to anyone who has any sensitivity to the heritage and conservation of Ikley.

The development is truly "imaginative" to quote your own report. It is rather a tribute to the use of imagination in designing the biggest and most intensive development possible. Bradford's professional planners seem to have ignored the massive scale of the proposal which will dwarf the Manor House and Roman Fort wall.

More flats for the elderly sounds like a solid contribution to the community, but not if it spoils a beautiful conservation area.

Although the present site is an eyesore, the proposed development is totally wrong and will replace one eyesore with another.

D. R. GILL

9 Bridge Lane,  
Ikley.

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### Could Be Lost Forever

Sir,—The scheme to landscape the Castle Road area, reported in the Ikley Gazette (13 May) is very pleasing. However, its impact will be nullified if the proposal to build a block of flats between Bridge Lane and the Manor House goes ahead. This block to be built within twenty yards of the western gable of the Manor House, will destroy the western defences of the Roman Fort, just as the making of New Brook Street destroyed the Eastern defences. The view of the group of the Manor House and Church will be lost.

There is already a high density of housing in that area, surely another eighteen flats are too many? There is a feeling that the planning application is a formality and foregone conclusion as sewage and drainage outfalls have already been laid.

A marvellous opportunity to make a landscaped site around the Church and Manor House and to keep at least a small part of the Roman Fort clear will be lost forever.

KATE MASON

Hon. Secretary,  
Olicana Museum and  
Historical Society.

Reynard Ing,  
Addingham Moorside.

### Saxon Crosses Appeal

Sir,—May I on behalf of the Olicana Museum and Historical Society thank all those who gave a donation to the Ikley Crosses Appeal Fund. We aimed for £1000 and in the early days of the appeal received a very welcome boost from the Sir George Martin Trust Fund. Many other societies responded.

We would like to thank the people of Ikley and district and those who have moved away from the area, who considered the crosses of sufficient importance to warrant a donation. Also because of the publicity given to our appeal by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society of Leeds, the response has been nationwide.

As a result the society was able to present to the chairman of the West Yorkshire County Council a cheque for £1,460 which included a boost from the Lord Mayor of Bradford Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband.

The Society hopes that people will visit the Ikley Parish Church and see the crosses in their magnificent new setting.

E. GREENWOOD (Mrs.)  
President, Olicana  
Museum & Historical Soc.

## CIVIC SOCIETY SEEKS DELAY OVER ILKLEY HALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Ikley Civic Society is asking Bradford Metropolitan Council to defer a decision on plans for residential development at Ikley Hall so that they may have more time to prepare detailed comments.

Mr. Graham May, Chairman, has written to the Principal Planner asking that as long as possible be given for public comment on the outline plans for 30 flats and 19 town houses. The plans have been submitted by Spooner Industries Ltd., owners of Ikley Hall, and their agents, Dacre, Son and Hartley, of Ikley.

There is a second application for extensions to the existing parking facilities at Ikley Hall, for use by the staff.

The Civic Society has expressed concern that the number of units proposed—49—could be too high a density for the site, and that the exit on to Wells Road may not be adequate to cope with the increased traffic to and from the site.

They also feel the increased traffic would use Wells Promenade and Wells Road, exacerbating the problems already experienced at the junction of Brook Street, Station Road and The Grove.

The Society was also concerned that a number of trees would be felled. "Individually, their importance may not seem great, but when taken together with other developments the effect is to destroy one of the town's major attractions," said Mr. May.

"The result is a material change in character which seriously detracts from the environment of the local community. The Society therefore urges that all efforts be made to save these trees, or to require equivalent re-planting."

"Planning applications are considered individually, on their merits, but it is obvious

to the Society that this is not sufficient," he went on. "Hardly a week passes without another application for conversion, or infilling, or both, between large houses in the town."

"This implies that a major change of character is in process. That is inevitable as circumstances change, but the Society is deeply concerned that the process is ad hoc, and that an overview of the situation is needed. Taken together, these developments not only change the physical character of the town, but imply a marked and potentially rapid increase in population with its attendant consequences."

"There is obviously considerable pressure for development in Ikley, the Society's concern is that it be well planned to compliment the existing character of the town," concluded Mr. May.

The plans submitted to Bradford Council for consideration are for two three-storey blocks of twelve flats, a three-storey block of six flats with four garages at basement level, a two-storey pair of town houses with garages at basement level, a two-storey pair of town houses with one garage at basement level, a two-storey block of three town houses, a two-storey block of five town houses with garages behind a colonnade, a two-storey block of five town houses with two integral garages at basement level as well as garages behind a colonnade, and a two-storey pair of town houses.

A spokesman for Dacre, Son & Hartley, who designed the scheme, said the primary consideration had been to draw up a development which would look right and which would be in sympathy with the surroundings. The three-storey blocks of flats would echo the scale of nearby properties.

He said the proposals included comprehensive screening, and great pains had been gone to in order to protect nearly all the trees. Only about half a dozen trees would have to come down if the development went ahead, and these would be replaced.

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ACROSS THE YEARS 27 MAY 83  
**ANNUAL TEA AND TREAT  
 FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**100 Years Ago**

Scholars of the Ilkley Parish Church Sunday School sang hymns in the schoolroom in Leeds Road for an hour, then had a service at the church, sang a hymn to the inmates of the Ilkley Hospital and visited the Vicarage before being taken back to their school-room for their annual tea and treat. Four hundred children partook of the "plentiful repast".

Owing to unfavourable weather the sports were postponed for two days, and were held on the Monday evening in a field on Leeds Road loaned by Mr. T. Sargeant. Various round games entertained the smaller scholars, who "enjoyed themselves right merrily". The older children took part in cricket and athletic sports. The prizes consisted of writing desks, cricket bats, balls, penknives and other useful or ornamental articles, and before leaving the ground each child was given a bun and an orange.

Taylor and Co., of Leeds advertised aids to spring cleaning. These included Colman's starch at 4d. per lb., Brass polish 34d., Black Lead 84d. per box, Goddards plate powder 8d., Soft soap 34 lb. for 1s., Emery cloths 8d. per dozen sheets, furniture polish 9d. per bottle.

**75 Years Ago**

A squabble in connection with the opening of the new Ilkley Town Hall led to an Ilkley Urban District Council workman finding himself in the dock of Otley police court charged with being drunk and disorderly. The defendant claimed he was owed money by the bandmaster of Ilkley Council's band, who was alleged to have failed to pay his wages as a helper in connection with the opening ceremony, although he had been asked for it repeatedly. He had had too much to drink on Saturday night met the bandmaster and demanded the money. A row followed and the Council workman was arrested, but within half an hour the money was sent round to him. The case was dismissed by the magistrates.

Thos. Cook and Sons, well known excursion agents, arranged for a steam motor char-a-banc four times weekly during the summer from Ilkley to Otley, Harrogate, Blubberhouses and Bolton Abbey with a half hour at both Harrogate and Bolton Abbey. The char-a-banc was housed in Messrs. Robinsons and Sons stables in Tower Buildings. The fare for the forty mile journey was 5s., departing from Ilkley at 10.45 a.m. and returning at 6 p.m.

**50 Years Ago**

Wharfedale was looking its best to welcome the expected visitors at Whitsuntide. The hydros and hotels expressed their satisfaction over the advance bookings they had received for the bank holiday. They offered full programmes of entertainment including tennis, golf, cricket and other outdoor pursuits, and dancing and concerts in the evenings. There were dances planned in the Winter Gardens for Saturday and Monday evenings and an entertainment in the King's Hall entitled "Something New".

The matron of the Coronation hospital acknowledged gifts with grateful thanks which included—eggs, potatoes, cauliflowers, rhubarb, mint, flowers, tinfoil and magazines.

Girls of the Ilkley Church of England school presented a delightful pageant in the school which taught lessons of unity between England and the Empire. Britannia was represented by Joan Robinson, Patriotism by Doris Taylor and Wisdom by

Muriel Cawood. Solos were rendered by Peggy Swales, Helen Parkinson, Joyce Senior and Thelma Rooks. The choruses were "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Children of our Empire".

**25 Years Ago**

Permission was given by Ilkley Council for "Heathcote", Grove Road to be used as offices by N. G. Bailey and Co. Ltd., subject to a written assurance as to the proper maintenance of the house and grounds to their present condition. No signs or advertisements other than one small nameplate were to be displayed.

Applications for the use of the Ilkley King's Hall for wrestling and boxing tournaments were approved by Ilkley Council, subject to the necessary arrangements for the fixing of the ring being to the satisfaction of the Clerk and the Surveyor, the hire of the hall for these purposes being restricted to Monday evenings.

Ilkley Players announced an increase in their audiences during the preceding year at their annual general meeting. Mrs. M. Paley, secretary, said this was a direct result of the choice and casting of plays which had been of a high standard and of universal appeal. The season's productions had been "Cooped Up", "The Secret Tent", "Return to Tyasi", "My Three Angels", "Affairs of State" and "Mr. Kettle and Mrs. Moon". The social season had been successful with club nights, a coffee morning and a dance and a jumble sale. In order to raise capital a screen had been prepared for the showing of advertisements during the interval.

**COUNCIL STATES ITS  
 VIEWS ON BY-PASS  
 "LOUD AND CLEAR"**

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The news that an Addingham by-pass scheme has been included in an updated trunk road programme has resulted in Addingham Parish Council stating "loud and clear" that one based on the Purple Route is the only one the village will contemplate.

The Parish Council Chairman, Cr. Alan Jerome, has told members that the council should now re-state its position over the proposed by-pass.

"I sincerely believe that, following public consultation and a special parish meeting, the village showed that a modified purple route was the only one of the five alternatives put forward which it would accept," said Cr. Jerome.

"We must now re-state the parish council's view that the only by-pass we will have is a proper one which does not split the village in two."

The Addingham By-Pass scheme—costing £3.6 million and extending for 1.7 miles—was one of 43 new ones added to the active trunk road programme, scheduled to be completed by the early 1990s, as a result of a major review by the Department of Transport.

**"Cynical Move"**

Cty. Cr. John Wells, a member of Addingham Parish Council, claimed the decision to re-instate the by-pass in the road programme was "clearly an election ploy by the Government. A cynical move to improve their election chances."

He said he would be surprised to see the by-pass actually go ahead if the Government was re-elected. "Why do they not come clean and announce a starting date if they really intend to build the by-pass?" he asked.

"It seems alien to the Conservative philosophy to spend money on improvements like this when they seem happier spending money on making people unemployed," he added.

The village's hopes of getting a by-pass at last—pressure for a by-pass started in the 1930s—were at a high point in 1978, when a public consultation exercise was mounted to establish a preferred route.

They were dealt a shattering blow in 1980, however, when it was announced in a Government White Paper that preparation work was being suspended until there was a better chance of fitting it into the capital programme.

The parish council immediately mounted a strong campaign to have the scheme reinstated, pressing consistently for a by-pass based on a modified Purple Route which the public consultation had shown to be the overwhelming preference of the village.

They were supported by villagers armed with placards, who helped make the village's need for a by-pass known to the Department of Transport representative who passed through Addingham on his way to open the new Skipton By-Pass last year.

**Lobbying**

Persistent lobbying resulted in Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Junior Transport Minister, visiting the village to see for herself. While traffic was not tremendous during the time she walked along Main Street with parish councillors, she went away convinced of how necessary a by-pass was.

Cr. Jerome told the annual parish meeting at Addingham last month "It would be foolish to be over optimistic and say without reservation that we are to get a by-pass, but I do not believe a Minister would take the time to visit our village unless there was a good possibility in the near future."

Of the five alternative routes put forward during the public consultation exercise in 1978, the overwhelming support of the village was for the Purple Route, which it was felt was the only one which was a true by-pass.

Fears were expressed over the proximity of the Purple Route to the Southfield and Moor Park areas, and the parish council was given a mandate to negotiate a by-pass route based on the purple one on behalf of the village.

Support for the Purple Route was also given by West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council and Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

The Purple Route, which the village sees as a basis for negotiation, was the most expensive and longest of the five alternatives put forward. It would leave the Ilkley Road east of the Church Street junction, crossing the disused railway line and skirting the St. Paul's residential area. It would then continue west to pass south of Street House to Silsden Road, where a staggered junction and new link road would be constructed. It then continued round the Moor Lane-Moor Park residential area and through Heathness Gill to rejoin the A65 north of the entrance to Highfield House.

**RADIO CASSETTE PLAYER PRESENTED TO  
 ILKLEY TALKING NEWSPAPER**

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A radio cassette player has been presented to Ilkley Talking Newspaper for the blind and partially blind by Valences, the electrical retailers.

Mr. John Kearns, manager of Valences' Ilkley branch, is pictured (far left) making the presentation to Mr. Philip Riley, representing the visually handicapped.

The Talking Newspaper was launched in September last year and held its first annual meeting earlier this

month.

The financial target to buy a second fact-copier has now almost been reached, which means the service will be extended to take in the present waiting list and any other names submitted. The new machine from Valences will go to the next person on the waiting list.

The Leo's section of the Wharfedale Lions are to present a bulk eraser which will improve the quality and ex-

tend the life of the cassettes and it is hoped to secure a reasonable income through the sponsor scheme, whereby local shops, firms and organisations are invited to join those already being recorded weekly as supporters of the newspaper.

The next major fund raising project is an auction sale later this month. Andrew Hartley, a regular reader on the tapes, will be acting as auctioneer and 250 lots are

required. Collection centres are listed locally and the Music Shop Ilkley is willing to take items from the public.

Pictured (left to right) with Mr. Kearns and Mr. Philip Riley at the presentation of the radio cassette player are Mrs. Mavis Pratt and Mrs. Kathleen Newman, two of the committee, and the founder chairman of Ilkley Talking Newspaper Miss Elisabeth Hughes.



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# FIRST MEETING OF NEWLY ELECTED ADDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Cr. Alan Jerome was re-elected Chairman at the annual meeting of the newly elected Addingham Parish Council — a position he has held since 1975. Cr. Fearnley Woodward was re-elected Vice Chairman. Cr. Jerome welcomed the three new members, Crs.

Stanley Flesher, Philip Crabtree and John Carroll, and congratulated all the candidates who were successful at the parish elections earlier in the month. He commiserated with the unsuccessful candidates, and said the fact that sixteen had contested the eleven seats on

the parish council showed how interested the community was in local affairs. There had been a very good turnout of 59 per cent for the election — far higher than in most other local communities. Pictured from left to right are — front row Crs. Frank

Wynn, Hilda Holmes, Stanley Flesher, Philip Crabtree and John Carroll; back row: Cr. Leslie Adams, Mrs. E. L. Best (Clerk) Crs. Christopher Goldthorpe, Fearnley Woodward (Vice-Chairman) Alan Jerome (Chairman) David Pratt, and Mrs. Jan Geddes (Assistant Clerk)



PLANS ON DISPLAY 27 MAY 83

## BUILDERS DEFEND PROPOSALS FOR SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME AT CASTLE HILL

The Ilkley building firm of Raven Development Company has this week defended its controversial plans for a sheltered housing development next to Ilkley Manor House.

The Company wishes to allay the fears of residents in respect of the proposals, which it had been claimed could "completely destroy part of Ilkley's historic core."

"In the past two weeks there has been a good deal of adverse comment in the local press," they said. "Most of it has been based on fantasy rather than fact, illustrated in the 'Gazette' of 20 May by a child's doodle superimposed on to a view of the site, available only to the residents of the lofts of 26 and 28 Bridge Lane.

"The scheme has been very carefully designed to blend in with its prestigious neighbours and, contrary to popular opinion, does not rise above any of them," they continued. "The site, which is located outside the western wall of the Roman Fort, is ideally suited to sheltered housing, being close to all

facilities and yet in a quiet corner away from traffic.

"It would be possible to continue at length expounding the virtues and exploding the myths surrounding the scheme," they said, "but instead we recommend that all who are interested or are in any way intimidated by the proposals, visit the site and then inspect the elevations, perspectives, etc. available at the Planning Office in the Town Hall.

"As residents of the town, we are as concerned as anyone else for its well being and we genuinely believe that this scheme would be an improvement to a neglected site and an asset to the town," they concluded.

The company has produced a booklet which shows what the site looks like at present and how it would look if the development took place. Plans for the development are depicted from various angles and elevations. Copies can be seen at Ilkley Town Hall and in the window of Hepper's Ilkley branch in The Grove.

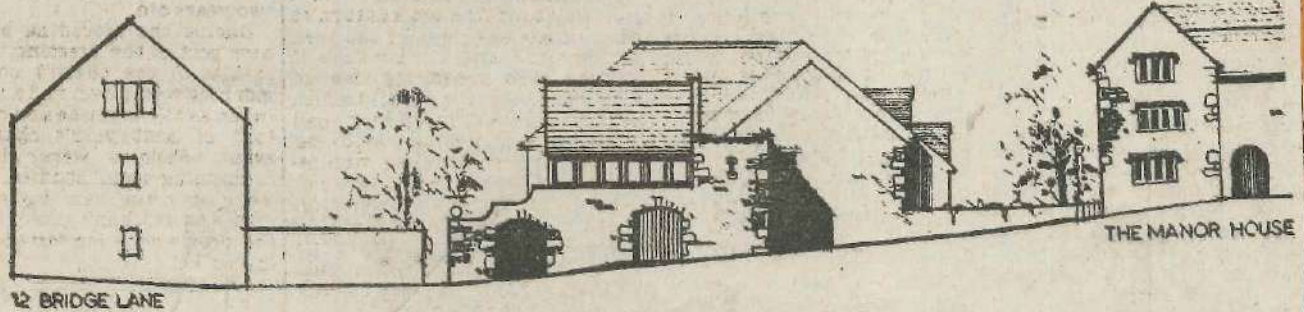
The scheme would incorporate stone built flats to match the surrounding buildings and would include accommodation for a warden, a residents' lounge, guest rooms and other communal facilities. The flats would have a lounge-dining room, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom and a direct intercom

communication with the resident warden.

Householders and representatives of local groups have already met to discuss the plans and urged residents to write and object before a decision was reached.

Their main objections were that it would seriously affect the adjoining site of the Roman Fort; that Ilkley's fine views in relation to the Manor House, the Parish Church and the site of the Roman Fort, would be lost and replaced by a "vast, over-bearing block, four storeys high", and that it would have a "devastating" effect on existing dwellings in Bridge Lane.

"A situation would be created where there would be a blank wall higher than the eaves of one existing house and yet only 13 metres from it," it was claimed. "There would be a four storey block some 20 metres from another house, and the three hundred year old Castle House — a listed building — would be dwarfed by buildings two storeys higher than its upstairs windows."



An architect's drawing of the proposed development shows the southern elevation in relation to Bridge Lane and the Manor House.



### Not In Harmony

Sir.—The site adjacent to the Manor House on Castle Hill is widely agreed to be an eyesore and landscaping it to provide a "green bridge" between the Manor House and riverside gardens as suggested in your correspondence column last week would be a magnificent improvement.

As I see it, the development of sheltered housing on the site—surely also a much more appropriate use for the area than the present garaging—need not be incompatible with such landscaping providing the buildings are of a reasonable size.

However, the plans currently proposed involve a degree of cramming which will inevitably arouse the suspicion that they embody an exaggerated dominance of the profit motive over considerations of appropriate development for the site.

The planners, and potential developers would do better to go back to the drawing boards:—it wouldn't be the first time that some input of opinion from townfolk and local societies could result in a scheme harmonious to all concerned—including the town's many visitors who would surely expect better treatment for Ilkley's historic core!

PETER and FIONA  
HARNETT

10 Bridge Lane,  
Ilkley.

### Keeping The Little That Is Left

Sir.—The Committee of the Olicana Museum and Historical Society on behalf of its members, objects strongly to the proposal to erect twenty flats in a building four storeys high at its highest, and with a steeply pitched roof. This within the conservation area, close to the Church, adjacent to the Manor House, and on the site of part of the Roman Fort.

The building will be sited directly on the western line of the Roman Fort. These have never been investigated archaeologically. The necessary foundation preparations would destroy the Roman defensive works, together with artifacts and environmental evidence. The science of environmental archaeology is expanding rapidly and new techniques will undoubtedly be introduced. The Roman ditches or works should be left undisturbed until these new methods have been further developed. The area of the Roman Fort which has already been excavated and landscaped, has unfortunately, only revealed patchy knowledge of the construction of the fort.

However well designed, whatever material is used, the proposed flats would be a major adverse intrusion in the conservation area, especially in view of its proposed height, closeness to the Manor House, and the prominent position that it would occupy when viewed from the North and West, the popular recreation area near the river.

If this area could be landscaped and preserved, the visual impact of the historical nucleus of Ilkley would be greatly enhanced for visitors and residents alike. Much of this historic area has already been destroyed by thoughtless past development, surely we should keep the little that is left.

M. T. POLLARD  
Chairman  
Olicana Museum and  
Historical Society, Ilkley

### Where Are The Knights In Shining Armour?

Sir.—I read with interest of the proposed development by the Manor House. Where are the knights in shining armour? I refer of course to our Parish Council who have sprung so often to the defence of Ilkley—defending it against the dastardly degradation of our (socialist) West Yorkshire County Council over car parking and preventing the "disfigurement" of the town centre by the erection of a "Co-op"—and supporting that new and gracious building down by the railway line—the one which looks like a cross between a mock tudor cottage and a motorway service station, our delightful new Hillards "superstore".

In line with this progressive and radical thinking obviously we need a multi-storeyed block of flats right next to the Manor House, obliterating the Roman fort and dwarfing Bridge Lane. This will undoubtedly be a tourist attraction—people will come for miles to see and marvel at what a town can do to itself when it really tries.

What is sad is that Ilkley does not need sheltered accommodation and that the town is well placed for facilities. However, we also need more low cost housing (and I don't think this development belongs in that category) within the means of ordinary working people. Many of our young people can not afford to live in the town—and I think that may well apply to the older generation as well.

I hope this proposed development is stopped. I hope that the Parish Council will decide to fight a development which is so damaging to the town—and I support the building of low rent housing in Ilkley.

ROD SAWYER  
7 Alexandra Place,  
Ilkley.

### ILKLEY HOTEL OPENS

#### 27 MAY 83 NEW EXTENSION

A new £43,000 extension at the Cow and Calf Hotel, on the edge of Ilkley Moor, was opened on Monday by the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cr. Mrs. Joan Lightband.

Work on the extension, which has been added to a previously unused part of the second floor, was started last October and took five months to complete. It provides eight extra bedrooms, including an exclusive Norfolk Suite with four-poster bed.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bradford joined about fifty other guests for a lunch to celebrate the opening.

The hotel, which was bought by its present owners two and a half years ago, at a cost of £265,000, and is run by two

brothers Andrew and Philip Norfolk, and their parents, is also one of the first in the region to have a purpose-built helipad.

Cr. Mrs. Lightband said she was impressed after looking round the hotel. "I have known this place for 41 years, ever since I came to Ilkley," she said. "It has been through various fortunes and it has changed hands a lot". She hoped it would now, like a spider's web, attract all the visitors it could accommodate.

Local businessmen, whose clients stay at the hotel on business trips, were also at a celebratory lunch, which also gave them a chance to see at first hand the facilities offered to their contacts.

### 3 JUN 83 "LADS AND DADS" CAMP AT HAG DYKE HOSTEL

Nine fathers joined cubs, scouts and leaders from the 1st Ilkley Sea Scout Group on its first ever "father and son" week-end, at Hag Dyke hostel, near Kettlewell.

On the Saturday the scouts climbed 2,310 feet high Great Whernside in rain and mist completed the ridge walk to Nidd Head and Tor Mere Top and then descended to Star-botton for the valley walk back to Hag Dyke.

Meanwhile, the cub scouts visited the crushing mill and Providence pot in the morning and after lunch climbed Great Whernside and "discovered" some of the crashed aircraft.

Games—including football, cricket and rounders—were organised by John Sayers and David Jennings.

After the flag ceremony on Sunday morning, everyone met in the chapel where Susan Roe led a Scout's Own with John Sanders giving a short address. Cub scouts who took part were Peter Laven and Alex Armstrong.

Bases for cooking, table games and mountain safety were arranged in the hostel and the scouts ventured out to the crushing mill and ravine.

The co-operation of the fathers—particularly Mike Carruthers, Chris Witham and others in the catering—helped to make it a successful and enjoyable week-end.

### 27 MAY 83 ENGINEERING COMPANY'S FOUNDER DIES

Mr. Noel Grimshaw Bailey, of The Lodge, Denton Hall, Ilkley, who founded the Ilkley-based firm of electrical and instrumentation engineers—N. G. Bailey—died on Wednesday. He was 83.

He was born at Armley, Leeds, and joined the merchant navy after leaving school in 1914. He became chief navigator with the Cunard Line before leaving in 1922 to set up N. G. Bailey and Co. Ltd., which now operates at home and abroad and has expanded into instrumentation engineering and contracting, panel design and manufacture and agriculture.

He was West Yorkshire secretary for the Soldiers' Sailors and Airmans' Association, and was awarded the O.B.E. in 1972 for his work for the Association.

He leaves a widow and three sons.

A service at St. Margaret's, Horsforth, today (Friday) was followed by cremation at Rawdon.

### SCENES FROM THE 27 MAY 83 PAST (7)

## ONE OF THE FINAL GAMES ON FORMER GRAMMAR SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD



This group of boys was probably the last to play a game on the former Ilkley Grammar School playing field in Valley Drive, Ben Rhydding, on which now

the secretariat. For many years the field served as an area on which many local cricketers and rugby footballers learned the rudiments of those games

this picture was taken preliminary work had begun on preparing the site for the building of the Wool Secretariat.

corner of the field and this survived until November 1963.

The International Wool Secretariat was completed in 1963.

## Developer's Comments Challenged

Sir, With reference to the article last week regarding the proposed development in Castle Hill Lane, I would like to challenge the developer's comments. Firstly, the drawing illustrating the scale of the proposed development shown in the article the week before and described by the developers as a 'child's doodle' was intended only to show the outline profile of the development. As the developer well knows, it would be beyond the realm of artistic licence to show any more detail without any more access to the plans as is permitted by brief viewing at the Town Hall.

I am appalled at the level of the developer's comments considering they are supposedly a professionally reputed firm. It is just not good enough to advise the general public to look at the plans lodged at the Town Hall. The developer's comment that the photograph was of a limited view from the lofts of Nos. 22 and 24 Bridge Lane is inaccurate. I have the same view from my house! Several 'artist's impressions' of the development are at present being displayed in Ilkley which are open to similar criticisms — they only show the view from one point. The fact that the viewpoint is not entirely accurate in relation to the height of No. 12 Bridge Lane and the roof pitch is shown as an equal double pitch as opposed to an extended pitch in the planning application must be commented on. Why are there no illustrations of the view from Castle Road showing the four storey block in relation to No. 22 and 23 Bridge Lane? What the developer's publicity has failed to show is the true scale and density of their proposals.

This is a highly lucrative form of development with a high profit margin — surely the developers could afford to reduce the overall density in relation to the surrounding environment? The fact that services have already been placed within Castle Hill Lane at ratepayers expense illustrated the developer's assumption that this development would go ahead unchallenged, despite no consultation with civic societies or local residents whose boundaries would be directly affected. The developer may well have found more sympathy if he had considered this and publicly displayed the scheme before public pressure caused this. A petition is at present being circulated formerly objecting to the scheme and requesting public consultation on this development before any decision is made. I hope the developers will reconsider the scheme in the light of this consultation.

FRANCIS R. CREWS

20 Bridge Lane, Ilkley.

### Daily Car Rodeo

Sir, May we add a few words to the subject of Castle Hill and yard having lived here forty years.

The "Raven Development Co" state a "quiet corner away from traffic" for the new flats.

Castle Yard and Hill are a beehive of cars from early morning until midnight. The best free car park in Ilkley, and now a good through road into Bridge Lane has been made. The pensioners in the proposed flats will have to be very nifty on their legs. Restrict the daily car rodeo in this small yard. Anything on foot risks its life walking in this so called conservation area.

RONA HATTON

8 Castle Road, Ilkley.

### Long Overdue

Sir, Some of those people who have seen fit to write letters objecting to the proposed housing scheme next to the Manor House must be feeling pretty silly now. The drawings on display in town and the one reproduced in last week's paper show a very modest building nothing at all like the 'tower block' previously described. As for building on Roman remains, I'd like to know where they are I worked on the 1962 excavations under the direction of B. R. Hartley and there was nothing found beyond the west wall which is where this site is.

I have looked onto these now semi-derelict garages for 21 years and I for one, welcome the proposals as being long overdue.

L. FIELDING

Ghyll Croft, Castle Road, Ilkley.

## DELEGATES FROM TWIN TOWN OF COUTANCES ENJOY STAY AT ILKLEY

A Civic Delegation from Ilkley's twin town of Coutances was in the town last week-end, enjoying a number of events and outings before leaving on Tuesday.

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A sherry reception at the Town Hall which was planned for the visitors when they arrived at Ilkley last Friday had to be cancelled because the delegation was two hours late due to heavy holiday traffic.

The first function was on Saturday morning, when the delegates and their hosts enjoyed an Old English Breakfast at Rombalds Hotel. For people who did not normally have breakfast the French visitors managed well, with Ilkley Parish Council chairman Cr. Ernest Gardner and the Mayor of Coutances, M. Leclerc, setting an example.

The afternoon was spent shopping and sight seeing and in the evening a concert was given by the Cantores Olicanae, under their conductor Mr. Peter Jamieson, at St. Margaret's Church.

On Sunday the delegation was joined at Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Ilkley, by Cr. Gardner and Cr. Mrs. I. Carney, and a special welcome was given by Father Roche.

After being entertained to lunch by the Rotarians and an afternoon drive, the delegates were taken to dinner in the evening by people other than their week-end hosts.

On Monday the delegation was taken to Kirkstall Abbey and the museum, when one of the highlights was an impromptu dance by two lady councillors to the music of the museum's barrel organ.

A Civic Dinner was held at the Wheatley Hotel, Ben Rhydding, in the evening, when the main guests were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bradford, Cr. A. Free and his wife.

A speech was given by Cr. Gardner, in which he said his 'job' of welcoming the delegation had been his first civic duty as chairman of the Parish Council and he hoped all duties would be as enjoyable. He said it had been a pleasure to welcome them to Ilkley and hoped they would regard it as their own.

"From the moment of their arrival after what must have been a long and tiring journey, I was impressed with their cheerful acceptance of things," said Cr. Gardner. "They smiled readily and even responded graciously to my French, and that could not have been easy. We have found it all too simple to entertain them and I only hope they have enjoyed themselves as much as we have," he said.

In his reply, M. Leclerc said he was grateful for the kindness shown, both on a personal level by host families and in the organisation of the week-end's programme.

He referred to the extensive links between official and leisure groups in the two towns and said he hoped the chain could continue to be forged. Some had made tentative arrangements during the week-end, he said, and others had still to take a first step.

The depth of the relationship between Ilkley and Coutances was measurable, said M. Leclerc, in the fellow-feeling that had accompanied letters between himself and Cr. Hill at the time of the Falklands crisis.

"In a small way," he said, "our twinning can help build those bridges that ensure international friendship and a future for peace."

## BUSY BANK HOLIDAY AT ILKLEY DESPITE

### 3.6.83 CHANGEABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Despite changeable weather over the Bank Holiday which never threatened to match the heatwave conditions of the similar period last year, large numbers of visitors were in evidence in Ilkley.

Over seven hours of sunshine on Tuesday brought picnickers out on to the banks of the Wharfe by the New Bridge, and on Monday Ilkley roads were busy with holi-

day traffic. An added attraction at Ilkley on Monday was the Bradford Road Walk, which passed through the town.

Passes-by cheered on the walkers — just over thirty of them — as they came through Ilkley during the annual 50-kilometre race.

Mrs. S. Ware, Mrs. E. Lambert, Caroline Smith, Amanda Lambert and Joanne Ware, all of Ilkley, are pic-

tured cheering on one of the competitors.

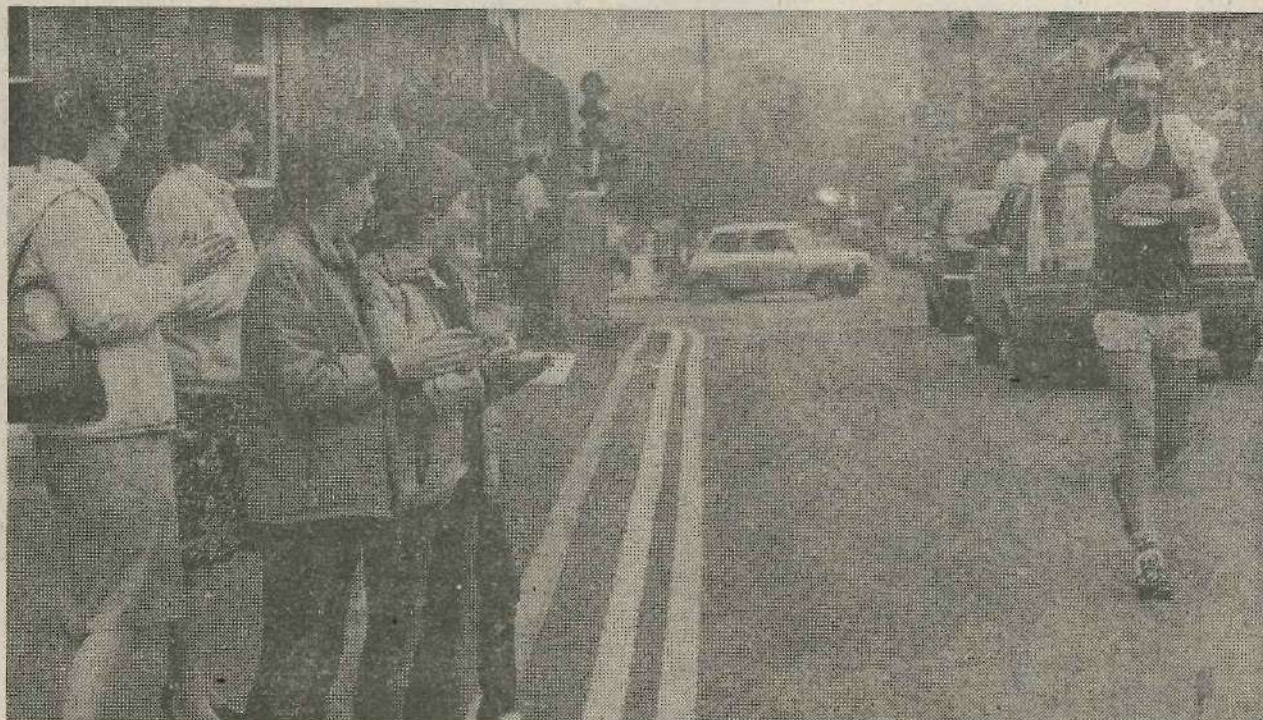
The highest temperature reached over the Bank Holiday was on Tuesday when 18.2 degrees centigrade (64.5 fahrenheit) was recorded.

The extent to which the weather was changeable on Tuesday is evident in that it was not only one of the sunniest days in May but also one of the wettest. After seven hours of sunshine, over

18mm of rain was recorded in the evening.

Any hopes that June might have brought some signs of optimism were quickly dampened with more rain on Wednesday morning.

Last year in May and June Ilkley enjoyed temperatures in the twenties centigrade (over 70 fahrenheit) and one of its busiest bank holidays for some time.



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## School Criticised Over Examination Results

100 Years Ago      50 Years Ago

Ikley School Board received a letter of criticism from H.M. Inspector of Schools regarding the standard of education of the children in the Infants school. They stated that after a recent examination seven boys could not tell their letters and not more than ten would be able to do the work connected with Standard 1. The girls were in a similar situation and had to be presented for Standard 1 examination in 1884 by reason of their age. Miss Dunn, the Infants' headmistress attributed their backwardness to the children not entering school, in some cases until nearly a year after the legal school age.

The Ikley School Board members deplored this criticism and said that the children were taken out of Infants' Schools too early. Many of the children named in the list were delicate and unfit to attend school regularly. The Board's view was that the Infants' School teachers were to be congratulated rather than condemned on the efficient way in which they looked after the children in question. It was decided to acknowledge the letter and say that the board would do its best to get children to attend school at the proper age. The Old White Wells advertised the purest water in England, Duche, shower and plunge baths with water fresh from the spring. Attendance 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

### 75 Years Ago

There was considerable activity amongst the Women Suffragettes who had been campaigning at Ikley during the Whitsuntide holidays. On Whit Monday they held a demonstration at the Tarn which was attended by thousands of people led by Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Adela Pankhurst. The proceedings were described as being "very lively" the interruptions consisting of bell tinkling, music hall ditties, penny trumpets, and a bugle, though the speakers held their ground and enlisted the sympathies of most of the people present.

Mrs. Pankhurst said many women were being compelled to turn out and earn their own living and that the average weekly wage for a woman was then 7s. 6d. There were thousands of women in London in sweated industries who earned only 1s. 6d. per week. She said it was time women had the power to change this sort of exploitation by legislation. Women needed the vote to protect their interests as workers.

Sunday school treats kept people at home at Whitsuntide and were blamed for the fact that visitors to Ikley were not as numerous as usual in Ikley over the holiday period, although hydro bookings were good. In addition to the usual spectacle of the Bradford walk, there were band entertainments, a circus, the Bridge and Cosy Corner Pavilions, in addition to the attractions of the moors and riverside. The weather was fine but cool and a good number of people walked over the moors from Bradford and Keighley.

Ikley had a record Whitsuntide, record sunshine, record crowds, record bathing record riverside camping, and record road and rail traffic. It was said there had not been a Whitsuntide like it for 33 years, and the continuous spell of sunshine lasted from Friday through the holiday period. Most of the holiday-makers were content to take things easily, and could be found lying in the hut sun amid the bracken on the moors, or in the shade of the trees by the river. They picnicked everywhere, on the hills, in the fields and along the flower filled lanes "even half in and half out of the river".

There was a considerable problem in getting the enormous crowds home, and on Whit Monday over 3,000 people were taken by bus to Bradford, over 2,000 to Keighley but the queues for Leeds were even larger. At 10.30 p.m. there were still over 300 people waiting for transport home. The trains carried huge crowds, and twenty extra trains operated from 4 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The waiting crowds, however, were orderly and police and transport officials paid tribute to the way in which people conducted themselves in exceptional circumstances. The recorded temperature on Whit Monday at Ikley weather station was 85 degrees fahrenheit in the shade, and 130 degrees in the sun.

Ikley Council received complaints over thirty tents, and asked that the Public Health and Highways Committee take adequate steps to inspect and supervise the camps in the district. There were no proper latrines or refuse pits to be seen.

### 25 Years Ago

The 1958 Wharfedale Music Festival was brought to a climax with exhilarating singing by the male voice choirs before capacity audiences. The adjudicator, Mr. Maurice Jacobson told the audience to show by their applause that this had been one of the "finest male voice finals they could wish to hear anywhere at any time."

Mr. John Herbert Willson, Chief Public Health Inspector to the Ikley Council was elected president of Ikley Rotary Club to succeed Cunn A. Edgar, W. H. Crawshaw was appointed Senior vice-president and Mr. C. Hodges was unanimously elected as an honorary member.

A Girl Guide party was held at the guide camp site at Robin Hole, Burley Woodhead. About 85 girls took part and a dozen members of the Local Association were present. The winning Patrol was the Kingfisher Patrol of 1st Menston Guides, and they were presented with a trophy by Miss M. Robinson (Airedale Camp Advisor). Mrs. Robert Green (District Commissioner) and Miss Beryl McLoughlin (Divisional Secretary) were amongst those who enjoyed the gathering. The local Brownie Revels took place at the home of Mrs. Robert Green, Fairfax Hall, with over a hundred Brownies dressed in costumes on the theme of "Peter Pan".

## ILKLEY RAIL SERVICES MAY BE THREATENED AGAIN — COUNTY COUNCIL

The Ikley railway services could soon be threatened with closure again according to a statement by the West Yorkshire County Council.

Leader of the Council, Cr. John Gunnell says the Government has told the County Council that it must not contribute more than £44m for public transport next year. This means a real cut in the amount the County should provide, he said. It showed clearly the Government's intention of attempting to force on West Yorkshire either cuts in services or steep fare increases or both, said Cr. Gunnell.

### Closure Inevitable

"The situation is particularly serious as far as rail services are concerned. Latest estimates from British Rail indicate an £11.8m shortfall.

"Rail closures are inevitable if the Government's target spending of £9m of public subsidy is to be realised. The two major loss making services, Leeds and Bradford to Ikley £1.653m and Bradford - Todmorden £1.620m must be at the greatest risk. The Bradford Keighley link which will cost £846,000 and generates income not much above £100,000 is also a high risk line but I must stress that every local rail service is at risk. It would be quite wrong to substantially increase bus fares simply to meet this rail deficit," said Cr. Gunnell.

"Nowhere is Government future policy seen more clearly than in this attempt to force the destruction of the local rail network. I regret the possibility of the loss of services to Keighley, Ilkley, Halifax and the Calder Valley but must warn that without a change of central government policy this seems inevitable," he said.

"Even with no transfer of subsidy from bus to rail, pressure will also be felt on local bus services as a result of this targetting. Maintenance of the off peak 30p fare

### NEW COURSE OF FOR UNEMPLOYED ACTIVITIES

A new course of activities for unemployed youngsters is being launched at Hawksworth House, Ilkley, next week.

Rock climbing, abseiling and caving will be among the many activities offered to any jobless youngster between the age of 16 and 19.

The project—organised by Ikley Grammar School, the college and Hawksworth House—aims to relieve some of the boredom for unemployed youngsters and at the same time given them a chance to try taking part in an activity they may not have experienced before.

The co-ordinator, Moira Harrison, said the response to the project had already been enthusiastic. "We have sent letters outlining the courses to about fifty youngsters—who have recently left school and they have responded enthusiastically," she said.

Anyone interested in the wide selection of courses should go along to Hawksworth House on Monday morning.

is clearly being challenged by the Department of Transport.

### Station Future

The future of Forster Square Station at Bradford was announced this week with the news that Bradford Council had clinched a deal to buy an eleven acre section of the station for possible use as a prestigious exhibition complex.

The Council's undisclosed cash offer for the prime city centre site was formally accepted by British Rail on Tuesday.

British Rail will retain two lines for continued use by Keighley and Ilkley trains and negotiations are now taking place to determine how responsibility for the overall station site will be divided.

It will be some time before the transaction is finally completed because site preparation work will have to be undertaken first. This will include the lifting of disused track and filling in of a number of old platforms to provide additional development spaces.

The site is likely to be developed as a prestigious central exhibition complex occupying more than 50,000 sq ft. and served by its own railhead.

Private investors willing to contribute towards such a scheme are already being sought, but the possibility of other uses has still not been ruled out.

### Castle Hill Proposals

Sir, — May I reply to Mr. Fielding's letter in the Ilkley Gazette 3 June. Having inspected the drawings mentioned by Mr. Fielding it is obvious that in order to present a picture of the development as seen from Castle Yard in which the height of the roof reaches no higher than the first floor window of the Manor House; the ground floor flats must of necessity be semi-subterranean. Though not planned as such, this situation in the future could be an unpleasant prospect for those who buy them. It is hoped that the City Engineer can find bed rock under this highly dangerous piece of old river terrace riddled with artificial banks and ditches.

Recent excavation in the Church Tower revealed that in order to prevent landslip, huge blocks of stone were used to support the walls, going down to and beneath the three metre limit of the dig, and all levels exposed consisted of infill material with no evidence of a solid natural foundation. The huge cracks that have appeared in the facade of No 2 Castle Hill, now uninhabited, illustrate the dangers inherent in this site. Professor Hartley of Leeds University Department of Archaeology, Mr. S. Kerry, Keeper of Archaeology for the Bradford Metropolitan, Mrs. Rosa Hartley (Hon. Sec. Ancient Monuments Y.A.S., Leeds), and the Council for British Archaeology do not share Mr. Fielding's opinions that there is nothing beyond the west wall and have lodged their objections to this development.

What has happened to Mr. Fielding's earlier enthusiasm of 1962, is he not aware that he could be sitting not only on the edge of a Roman Fort, but a fortified Iron Age settlement, the original Ilkley.

Mr. Fielding has hated those garages—monsters of concrete and corrugated iron—ever since they were built next to the Manor House on the Roman Fort and in the middle of a conservation area 21 years ago.

It has recently been observed that sewer pipes have been laid in Castle Hill with a branch pointing in the direction of this land yet outline planning permission has yet to be granted.

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### £1,000 RAISED FOR TALKING NEWSPAPER

An auction at Dacre, Son and Hartley's Victoria Hall, Ilkley, has raised £1,000 towards Ilkley's Talking Newspaper.

The sum, together with nearly £80 taken at the door, has secured the purchase of equipment needed to open a waiting list of blind and handicapped people wishing to receive weekly news tapes.

A steady crowd of viewers which passed through the hall in the morning was followed by a large crowd in search of bargains in the afternoon.

Miss Elisabeth Hughes thanked Mr. Andrew Hartley, who acted as auctioneer, and all who supported the event.

With the extension of the service more volunteers will be needed, and the committee would like to hear from anyone interested in helping.

# POLITICAL LEADERS WATCHING ILKLEY'S FIRST TIME IN KEIGHLEY CONSTITUENCY

The eyes of the political leaders will be on the new Keighley Constituency results in the general election on Thursday. Traditionally one of the most marginal seats in the country, it now for the first time includes Ilkley, for many years a part of the staunchly Conservative Ripon Constituency, and Addingham.

Labour's Bob Cryer won the Keighley seat from the Conservatives in 1974 and held it with a small majority in 1979. The Boundary Commission's review has now taken the 3,000 Ilkley voters into Keighley and the political leaders will be watching the outcome with interest.

## 10 JUN 83 ELECTION RESULTS

Yesterday's General Election results in the two local constituencies — Keighley, which for the first time includes Ilkley and Addingham, and Shipley, which includes Burley and Menston — were —

### Keighley



G. P. A. WALLER

G. P. A. Waller	21,370
Cons	
G. R. Cryer (Lab)	18,596
J. H. Wells	9,951
(Lib/Alliance)	
M. J. Penney	302
(Ecology)	
Con. Maj.	2774
Poll	78.9 per cent.

### Shipley

(Burley and Menston)



J. M. FOX

J. M. Fox (Con)	25,866
W. J. L. Wallace	14,421
(Lib)	
M. A. Leathley (Lab)	11,218
S. Shepherd	521
(Ecology)	
Con. Maj.	11,445
Poll	77.0 per cent.

## ACROSS THE YEARS 10 JUN 83

### LOOKING FOR A SITE FOR ILKLEY'S BAND

#### 100 Years Ago

Suitable sites around Ilkley for band performances to take place during the summer months were discussed at a meeting of subscribers to the Tarn Band Fund.

It was agreed that many members would like to see the performances nearer to the town centre, and triangular shaped land in Cunliffe Road was suggested as being more appealing to local tradespeople. Mr. Shuttleworth wished the band performances at the Tarn to be alternatively string orchestra and brass band, instead of just the old style brass band, and he wished the bands to play at the top of Brook Street and on the old cricket field. A site mentioned below St. Margaret's Terrace received general approval of members present.

Prospects of good grouse shooting on Ilkley Moor seemed favourable as the reports on hatching had been good and there was no disease amongst the game birds. There was every indication of a plentiful supply of birds.

At a property sale at the Lister's Arms Hotel a house in Alexandra Crescent was sold for £440, and three houses in Hawksworth Street and two in East Street were withdrawn as bidding only reached £700.

#### 75 Years Ago

Canon Irton Smith, Vicar of St. Margaret's Church, officiated at an interesting ceremony — the induction of the new Vicar of Ilkley, the Rev. Francis Sinker M.A. At the ceremony were the Rev. G. F. Reynolds (Ilkley), Rev. J. W. Hall (Addingham), Rev. T. N. Dunscombe (Menston) and Rev. Percy Dodd (Ilkley).

The first athletic sports of the High School for Girls at Annandale were held on the school field. The Rev. Percy Dodd acted as starter and Messrs. C. A. Lee and N. Size as judges. Dr. T. Browne Harder distributed the prizes.

The first children's celebrations after the formal opening of the new Town Hall buildings were attended by over 1,000 children. Entertainment took the form of a nigger minstrel troupe, with the children lustily joining in the choruses of the songs. The programme was arranged by Mr. J. W. Gordon who scored instant success with an "Olicana Alphabet", the

different letters of the alphabet being represented by things of local interest. Each child was given a bag of sweets and an illustrated and suitably inscribed view of the Town Hall buildings.

#### 50 Years Ago

Efforts were being made at a meeting of the Ilkley General Committee on Unemployment to secure a club-room for the unemployed in the town, and to urge the early start on the scheme for dealing with the sewage from Middleton and the proposed swimming pool.

A sub-committee was formed to find a suitable club-room which could be used as a soup kitchen if the need arose in the winter months.

Work had started on the erection of a new vicarage in Ben Rhydding to be built of Gulseley stone with grey stone slates. No attempt had been made to adopt any period style of architecture.

The annual box-opening party of the local branch of Dr. Barnardo's Young Helper's League was held. Miss P. Waring, treasurer, opened the boxes and was helped by Mr. P. Stephenson, Mr. J. Armistead, and Mr. W. Clark. Badges were presented to Joan Briggs, Margaret Briggs, David Bagley, Mollie Clark, Dorothy Hainsworth, Alan Moiseley, Peggy Priestman, Kitty Garner, Joan Roberts, Mary Roberts, Barbara Rothery, the Misses B. and S. Shimmmin and M. Tomlinson. The children were given a party tea and entertained by a conjuror from Leeds.

#### 25 Years Ago

Possible dangers to children crossing the main road to reach the Ilkley County Infants' School in Leeds Road were discussed at the June meeting of Ilkley Education Committee when it was agreed to ask for a traffic warden to be retained.

Four members of 1st Ben Rhydding Scout Group were awarded their Queen's Scout badges: — Roger Benson, Michael Walker, Richard Wright and Andrew Wallbank. Roger Benson was the youngest scout in the group's history to be awarded that distinction. The badges were presented by the Assistant County Commissioner (Senior Scouts) Mr. V. Brennan.

Ilkley after experiencing an autumn of heavy rains and wind, a hard winter, an indifferent spring had a poor early summer in 1958.

In the advertisement columns Lakeland Laundries, Leeds Road, Ilkley were offering vacancies for girls for training in all departments. The rate of pay was £3 19s. 9d. per 44 hour week at 15 years of age.

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### Extraordinary Wedding Cake Went On View

#### 100 Years Ago

"A Bridecake extraordinary" was on view at Mr. W. A. Johnson's, confectioner, Church Street, Ilkley. It was described as being "both massive in proportion and elegant in design." The cake weighed eighty pounds, was 3ft. 10in. tall and was adorned with cupids, turtle doves, clasped hands in pure sugar, together with roses, daisies, lilies, snowdrops and ferns and was surmounted with a grecian vase. It was made for the wedding table of Mr. Wm. E. Wall, the new proprietor of the Rose and Crown Hotel.

The 1883 annual choir excursion in connection with St. Margaret's church took the form of a visit to Dacre Banks and Brimham Rocks. There was an attendance of 67 including the vicar, the Rev. H. B. Ottley, the curate, Rev. H. C. Pollock and the organist, Mr. W. Dean. The party were asked an exorbitant fee of 1s. per head to visit Brimham Rocks, and declined to pay, making their way immediately to Dacre Banks for a splendid dinner at the Royal Oak. In the afternoon "cricket, racing and bathing were freely indulged in" before a fine tea at the Royal Oak. The party travelled by train changing lines at Harrogate.

Mr. E. W. Crawley presented Ilkley with a fine iron drinking fountain for use at the White Wells Spring, to place at the disposal of the public "water from the true old well". The Local Board was pleased to accept the gift on behalf of the townspeople of Ilkley.

#### 75 Years Ago

1908 brought glorious weather to Ilkley with temperatures of 110 degrees in the sun, and a nice south-east breeze. The river and the swimming baths had a considerable number of male bathers, and the farmers had an excellent opportunity to get in their hay. There were some brilliant sky effects at night over the Northern horizon, with light flooding of various colours making it possible to read a newspaper at midnight by natural light. The two sides of the valley were in striking contrast, with Ilkley moor in deep shadow and a diffused yellow light extending over the whole range of hills on the Middleton side.

Members of the Ilkley Orpheus Glee Union gave the first of a series of concerts in the Town Hall, but the glorious weather was held responsible for the small size of the audience. However, the concert was said to be excellent, and the admission prices low and it was hoped that future efforts would be far better rewarded. The conductor was Mr. J. A. Earnshaw and Mr. P. Broadley was the accompanist.

#### 50 Years Ago

Blazing sunshine, a cloudless sky and a large attendance of children and spectators made a

successful elementary school sports day in 1933. The scholars of Ilkley, Ben Rhydding, Burley and Denton held their ninth joint annual sports day on the grounds of Ilkley Cricket Club. The secretary for the event was Mr. C. G. Hodges, headmaster of the Ilkley Boy's National School who also acted as M.C. Mr. Percy Crossley, headmaster of the Ben Rhydding School, acted as starter for the boys' races. At the close of the afternoon there was a display of country dancing from the massed girls' teams from all the schools, with 150 dancers taking part and lead by Miss Holroyd, headmistress of the Ilkley National Girls' School. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Kate Foster, a member of the Ilkley Education Committee, who said she had found the school sports "to be a "delightful event".

Prompt action by Mr. Arthur Emmott and Mr. Donald Roe, two Ilkley men in the employ of Messrs. Hartley, Regent Cafe, Ilkley, saved the life of a sealhamb dog by putting out a fire which had started in the owners' absence at "The Arches", Bolling Road. They were passing the house in a van when they noticed smoke coming out of a window, and upon investigation discovered that a large cupboard in the kitchen was on fire. As the dog was in danger of being asphyxiated they broke open a window and put out the fire with buckets of water.

#### 25 Years Ago

June 1958 was the wettest June on record since 1938 with 4.53 inches of rain. The sunshine figure of 111.2 hours proved to be the lowest on the Ilkley records.

A scheme to built six additional houses in the grounds of the Lawn, Burley-in-Wharfedale was approved by Ilkley Council after Burley members had opposed it. Burley councillors complained about double standards, one for Ilkley and a completely different set for Burley. They said that a similar development would have been turned down in the grounds of an Ilkley home.

A member of the Ilkley Pony Club, and a pupil of St. Philip's School, Burley, Ann Lineham Smith won the "Ponies of Britain Club" Ascot Ponymaster competition for the second consecutive year.

Hundreds of rambles arrived in Ilkley by special trains, buses, coaches, cars, cycles and even on foot to attend a rally on Ilkley Moor. They met round the Cow and Calf Rocks and unanimously passed a resolution expressing grave concern at the continual refusal by the West Riding County Council to negotiate access agreements enabling the public to walk freely on uncultivated moorlands.

A partnership between Jack Brumfit and P. Dexter of 82 assisted Ilkley to a seven wicket victory in their away match with Burley. Hobson had the best return of the match and took four Burley wickets for 18.

# LARGE TURN OUT FOR ILKLEY MOOR FELL RACES FROM AGES FIVE TO SIXTY

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On Sunday 382 competitors from five to sixty years of age tested their stamina in nine races for the sixth annual Ilkley Moor Fell Race. This led the competitors over four tough courses — marked out and marshalled on the slopes of the moor.

Overcast skies did not deter the enthusiasm of the spectators who were kept well informed of runners progress a result of the efforts of Wharfedale R.E.A. C.T. a local C.B. radio group.

A total of 158 competitors were from Ilkley itself, and Brian Bullen narrowly missed being the town's first winner of the senior race by a matter of seconds.

An experienced orienteer and former British champion he shadowed the eventual winner, Michael Hawkins, of Grassington, all the way to the summit and then took the lead himself which he held until the start of the descent at Graining's Head Wood.

Despite Bullen's comprehensive knowledge of the moor's geography he could not hold off Hawkins' powerful challenge over the final stage but intends to be back next year to have another go at securing the title for Ilkley.

Another local orienteer, Robert Ker, distinguished himself in the same race by running well to finish fifteenth and thereby secure the veteran's cup, a prize which he won three years ago. Not wishing to be left out of the proceedings his three daughters also took part. Ruth and Alice in the U17's race and Mary in the race for eleven year olds.

Other notable local performances were Christopher Chapman and Warwick Heap both of Ilkley, who were second and third in the under eights race; Anthony Fattorini, Ilkley, was second in the eight year olds race; George Obank, Ilkley, fourth in the nine year olds and first local competitor; Stuart Harrison, of Ilkley, first and James Walker, Burley in Wharfedale third in the ten year olds race; Philip Morgan, Ilkley first, and Matthew Thackeray, Ilkley third in the eleven year olds race; Richard Watson Ben Rhyding eleventh and first local in the thirteen year olds race; Brian Allen, Ilkley, seventh and first local in the intermediate U17's race; Gary Devine, Ilkley, fourth, John Connor, Ilkley, eleventh and Frank Kew, Ilkley fifteenth in the senior race.

• Picture shows some of the competitors in their races at the small bridge near to the paddling pool.

## 17 JUN 83 ILKLEY ARTIST GETS THE BIRD

Ilkley artist Leslie Simpson got more than he bargained for when he decided to try to sketch a red grouse on a moor near Askrigg.

He was nearing the end of his two-month stint in the Yorkshire Dales completing his water colours for his current Castle Gallery exhibition, when he was confronted on top of Summer Lodge Moor by the bird, stood firmly in the middle of the road.

He crouched on his haunches to sketch and photograph the bird, expecting it to fly off at any moment, but was taken completely by surprise when it flew straight at him and clawed his face and forehead.

Despite being bowled over three times he has managed to depict the bird in water colour and it can be seen in his one man show which runs until 4 July.

After a successful start to the exhibition Mr. Simpson left for France this week to rest and further his career, leaving the gallery in the capable hands of his mother Ellen.

## 17 JUN 83 ILKLEY MAN FINDS HUMAN SKULL

A human skull found in a wood by an Ilkley man is being examined by police and forensic experts.

The skull, which was complete except for the lower jaw bone, was found by Mr. Robert Smith (29), a water worker of Morningson Road, Ilkley.

He made the discovery at about 9.00 a.m. on Monday when he was on his way to take the daily meter reading at Weston Woods reservoir, near Otley.

A four-foot high retaining wall had partially collapsed and it was when Mr. Smith was clearing some of the stones that he found the skull.

Harrogate police took the skull away for examination and said they were not treating it as suspicious at that stage.

## 17 JUN 83 PARISH COUNCIL GAINS INFLUENCE AFTER YEARS OF HARD WORK

Ilkley Parish Council, sometimes dismissed in its early days as a mere talking shop, has come a long way since then and has made its influence felt on many important matters, says the Council's new Chairman, Councillor E. S. Gardner.

At the first working meeting of the new Council since its election last month Councillor Gardner had a few words of guidance for eight new Councillors elected to serve on one of the largest Parish Councils in the country.

There may have been some cause for the Council in its earlier days being dismissed by some as a talking shop while the Council found its feet and learned to adjust to its new role as a successor to the Ilkley Urban District Council, said Cr. Gardner.

"I think however, that over the last four years we have gone a long way to disabusing our critics of that idea. We have made our influence felt not least in the matter of the siting of a proposed supermarket on the South Hawksworth site," said Cr. Gardner.

"I think it is significant that in his report the Inspector said that in assessing local opinion Ilkley Parish Council were the best judges of this and it seemed clear that this had played no small part in his final rejection of the plan. Again I think we were not without some influence in the inquiry on the siting of Hillards new store. All that, however, is in the past and I want to steer you towards the future. If any of you cherish the illusion that these successes were gained by people who

sat in this chamber once a month, passing resolutions, and then going home to watch the television, forget it. They were won by the councillors who were prepared to forego a great part of their private lives. Many long hours were spent in checking figures, checking plans, conducting a survey of local opinion, talking to people at Bradford, talking to anybody in fact who could help in any way. It took a lot of time and it will take a lot of time on any future issues on which this Council wishes its views to be heard and respected," he said.

"It is not enough to merely express opposition; we must be able to present a reasoned case against the proposition supported by a reasoned case giving our point of view. We will not be short of issues. Many of us feel that we lost out in the last reorganisation and it is up to us to make sure that we do not lose out again.

"The passage of a resolution is only the tip of the iceberg. The real work is done behind the scenes and we must all be prepared to play our part," said Cr. Gardner.

## 17 JUN 83 RATEPAYERS' ACTION GROUP DISSOLVED

Ilkley and District Ratepayers' Action Group—formed in 1975—has been dissolved.

In a letter to Ilkley Parish Council, the secretary Mrs. E. M. Ingle said: "Local issues such as the rates are now a national one and took an important position in the Conservative Party Manifesto for the election.

"One of our major tasks, that of monitoring the accounts of Bradford Metropolitan Council, is now to be done by external auditors.

"Finally, our Parish Council now speaks out strongly for Ilkley residents and have the added advantage of being an elected body—we hope that this may continue to be so. We hope to continue to support the Parish Council in its efforts to obtain a fair deal for Ilkley."

## 17 JUN 83 CHARITIES SOUGHT

Local charities are being sought to benefit from money collected in the fountain at the Victorian Arcade, Ilkley.

The Victorian Arcade Tenants Association would be interested to hear from any suitable charity. They should contact Mr. P. Dowden at Palm Court, in the arcade.

Last month's charity — the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals — collected £4.91p and this month's charity is the Scalebar Park League of Friends.

# NEW SUPERSTORE GIVES AN EXTRA DIMENSION TO ILKLEY SHOPPING FACILITIES

10 JUN 83

The new £3 million Hillards superstore which opened at Ilkley on Tuesday was given an encouraging start by members of the public with Hillards reporting "an exceptional day's trading" on the first day.

The new store, which had its share of controversy before planning permission was finally obtained after a public inquiry, will add a new dimension to Ilkley's shopping facilities.

Senior officials of the firm have this week paid tribute to the Ilkley residents who supported them at the inquiry, after planning permission had originally been turned down.

"The opening of the new store is a direct result of the enormous support given by thousands of people in the area at the time of the planning appeal," said Mr. Peter Hartley, who will take over as Chairman in September.

In the years since the store at Railway Road was opened trade had developed to a much greater degree than had ever been envisaged, resulting in one of the highest turnover per square foot stores in the company. It had been decided to build a new store on a more suitable site, and he hoped more and more customers would be attracted

They had tried very hard to please the customers of the new store, but one of the most pleasing aspects was the creation of 119 new jobs, mainly for local people, in addition to the existing staff from the Railway Road store, he added.

The new store, built on the site of the former railway goods yard at Springs Lane, has a selling area of 21,000 square feet, and encompasses all the latest retailing developments, with emphasis on convenience and ease of shopping.

With parking for 150 cars and full customer amenities, including a cheque desk, toilets and telephone, facilities for customers are first class. Special attention has been given to the needs of the disabled, with reserved car spaces adjacent to the

parking and road safety problem in that area.

Potential customers had the chance to look around the new store on Monday, although they had to wait for the opening on Tuesday if they wanted to buy anything.

Earlier, about 170 guests, including the new Lord Mayor of Bradford District, Cr. Norman Free, local District and County Councillors, Ilkley Parish Councillors and local Hillards shareholders, were welcomed by Hillards Chairman, Mr. Gordon Hunter.

He paid tribute to the builders, who had constructed the superstore in just 38 weeks, in difficult conditions, and pointed out that this was the third time Hillards had acquired a splendid site for a new store from British Rail.

He said Hillards had a soft spot for the people of Ilkley, many of whom had supported the firm at the planning inquiry, and added that this would be his last new store opening as he was leaving the Board after 37 years.

so that the £3 million investment could be soon recovered.

Mr. Hartley, whose grandfather, John Wesley Hillard, started the company at Cleckheaton 98 years ago, said the public's views had been sought before building was started, and a large number of the suggestions received had been incorporated.

There was more car parking, more space for fresh fruits, vegetables and meat, a bigger range of frozen foods, a limited range of non-foods and a bakery producing fresh bread and cakes daily, at the request of customers.

The company liked to hear the views of its customers, and they probably had more letters from Ilkley people than from all their other customers together, said Mr. Hartley.

entrance. Toilet facilities have been provided, and a number of the eighteen check-outs are wide enough to take a wheelchair. In addition, staff have been trained to help disabled visitors in the store.

Shopping is said to be virtually "one stop" due to the vast range of products on sale in the various departments. Special emphasis is on fresh foods, including the daily-bake bread and cakes, an island service counter for provisions and daily-delivered fresh fruit and vegetables. There is a large frozen food range which includes catering size packs for freezer storage, and an extensive display of fresh meats, all prepared on the premises.

The wines and spirits department did not open at the same time as the rest of the new store, however, as its licence had to be transferred from the Railway Road store.

The old store, which was built on the site of the Essoldo Cinema, is now up for sale for non-food retail use—a condition imposed by the Department of the Environment when giving planning consent for the new store. The move of Hillards away from Railway Road will alleviate a long-standing

## TOP MARKS FOR ILKLEY

17 JUN 83

Ilkley has gained top marks in the spring judging of the Britain in Bloom competition. Ilkley in the small town category with a population of 10,000 to 25,000 scored 86 marks and were followed by Richmond and Knaresborough sharing second place with 84 marks each and Ripon and Whitby sharing third place with 82 points.

Commenting on the displays by the local authority the judges said: "very good bedding, quality good, a nice change to see daffodils in beds rather than tulips. In the private sector the judges thought there was a high standard through the town both private and council with some good quality gardens well laid out. The commercial sector was disappointing to the judges. Few shops, including the Box Tree Restaurant and a few light industrial firms took part. The judges also noted that the youth clubs were "unsightly and messy", comments which were also made in last year's final report.

Mr. Matthew Crane, Ilkley's Community and Industry Project Officer said "With a month to go to the next round of judging, all efforts should be made to ensure that Ilkley maintains its position. The benefits of winning will not, I hope, be lost on traders seeking to make the town as attractive to shoppers as possible. The regional and national publicity given to the winning town is of tremendous value when it comes to attracting visitors, and I feel many will agree that as the premier tourist area in Bradford Met. and the Yorkshire Dales, Ilkley should be setting the example to others."

Positive attempts at

organising a competition between shops and industrial firms in Ilkley are being made by Matthew Crane and Peter Higgins, formerly the Met's Sports Development Officer, and now Keep Britain Tidy's Community Supervisor in Bradford, who said: "I hope to find a businessman or woman who will sponsor an award for the best display of flowers at any business premises. Tubs, hanging baskets or even flowers in the shop windows would be fine, and if a prize were to be given it would obviously be good publicity for the shop."

Britain in Bloom has already agreed to run a special award for commercial establishments which have played a major part in supporting a local Britain in Bloom entry. The award will be sponsored by the Horticultural Trades Association (Yorkshire Branch).

For those who are more limited in their financial resources help is at hand. The Shell Better Britain Campaign and Dulux paints offer financial and material help to youth groups wishing to improve their youth clubs appearance, or make a positive contribution to the community in general. Britain in Bloom have agreed to run a special award for youth enterprise, sponsored by Yorkshire Television and is available to any school, youth group or individual 16/18 years of age who has made a significant contribution to improve the local environment of a place, such as Ilkley, which are entered in the regional competition. Further information on any of these schemes can be obtained from Matthew Crane, Ilkley 602134 or Peter Higgins, Ilkley 600737.



Picture flashback to the Spring judging with Ilkley Parish Councillor W. Forrest (third from right) accompanying two judges and Mr. Home, Bradford District Park...



A busy first day for the new Hillards superstore which opened at Springs Lane, Ilkley, on Tuesday. 10 JUN 83



The first visitor to the new store on Tuesday morning — Mrs. Muriel Whyte, of Grassington — is pictured cutting the tape before receiving a bouquet from meat merchandiser Diane Fairbourn. Mrs. Patricia Dickson, of Ilkley (left) and Mrs. Whyte's mother — Winifred Busfield — received baskets of fruit as second and third customers. General manager of the store, Mr. Peter Couzens, is pictured far right. 10 JUN 83

## "CHURCH'S SUNDAY" CELEBRATED WITH PROCESSION THROUGH ILKLEY

17 JUN 83

Church members of all ages and denominations marched through Ilkley's main streets on Sunday to celebrate "The Church's Sunday", an annual event started last year by the Ilkley Council of Churches.

They walked behind the band of the Bradford Battalion of the Boys' Brigade to the riverside where, after a demonstration of marching and counter-marching by the

Brigade, there was an opening hymn and a welcome from the President of the Council of Churches, Mr. Derek Bagshaw, of Ben Rhydding Methodist Church. The people, who had been asked to take enough food and drink for themselves and a little over for a stranger, enjoyed a picnic meal and it was evident that some visitors joined in and accepted the hospitality of the gathered community.

After the meal hymns were sung and there was a reading from St. John's Gospel and a short address by the Rev. Keith Jones, of Rawdon, the General Secretary of the Yorkshire Baptist Association. It was followed by a participatory prayer and the final Grace, said while everybody stood and held hands as a symbol of their underlying unity in Christ. Mr. Cyril Taylor's young musicians accompanied the

hymn singing, sharing the task with a group of fourteen young guitarists and singers from the Student Christian Union at Ilkley College, organised by Jackie Brayshaw and Alison Holmwood.

Two new banners carrying symbols representing the unity of all members of the Council of Churches, made by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Beever, gave some colour to the procession.



MPs SUPPORT

# MOUNTING OPPOSITION OVER THREAT TO FUTURE OF ILKLEY'S RAIL SERVICES

## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Bradford Council's Recreation Division is again running over 200 summer holiday activity courses to provide children with the chance to take part, improve or learn a new skill.

The courses range from learn to swim, diving, and personal survival to cookery, photography, drama, arts and crafts. On outdoor pursuits are the ever popular young naturalists and elementary hillcraft courses, with bird-watching, golf, canoeing, fishing and horse riding.

New courses this year include a "Fame" type school of music and dance at the Theatre-in-the-Mill, more drama and art workshops, including Eastern-style Asian music and dance at Waverley Middle School. The new astro-turf pitch at Scholemoor is to be used for soccer, cricket and hockey. Handicapped children are not forgotten—there are swimming courses at Fairfax baths.

The courses are priced at £4.50 (except riding which is a special, full week, includes lunch and is reasonably priced at £32.50).

Application forms will soon be available from schools, libraries, sports centres and pools. This year to facilitate booking, there will be four enrolment days, the one for courses in Ilkley and district being on Monday at the Kings Hall, Ilkley, between 10.00am and 7.00pm. Places left after the enrolment day can be booked by sending forms with an s.a.e to the Community Recreation Office at Bingley Baths, Myrtle Street, Bingley (Tel. 562176).

## CALL FOR TIMED PARKING IN ILKLEY STREETS

A call for timed parking in The Grove, Brook Street, and outside Ilkley Town Hall was made at a meeting of Ilkley Parish Council's General Purposes Committee on Monday night.

Cr. Mrs. B. J. Cussons accused people of dodging the car parking charges in the central car park by parking in the streets, which she claimed deprived shops of trade.

"We need spaces for car parking in the streets for the shops to survive," she told the meeting.

There has been mounting opposition this week to a suggestion which could again threaten Ilkley's rail links with Leeds and Bradford.

Members of Ilkley Parish Council's General Purposes Committee said on Monday night they must fight any move which could threaten the closure of the services.

Menston Community Association had written to the Council asking how it was going to act upon the threatened closure of Ilkley's railway services, which was revealed in a West Yorkshire County Council statement.

In the statement the Leader of the Council, Cr. John Gunnell, had said rail closures would be inevitable if the Government's target spending of £9m of public subsidy was to be realised and that the Leeds and Bradford to Ilkley service—as one of the major loss makers—would be at great risk.

Menston Community Association had expressed concern at the possible loss of the service, and the General Purposes Committee supported this concern at its meeting this week.

### More Support

"We must fight to keep the services going," Cr. Peter Williams told members. "Menston's community council has already gone into the matter thoroughly and written to all the powers concerned and we must support them in this," he said.

Cr. Jim Shelton agreed that they must fight the closures and said it might even mean the formation of an action group similar to one which was formed when Ilkley's railway services were threatened in 1968.

In July of that year the Minister of Transport announced he was to look into the streamlining of rail services and Ilkley faced the possibility of losing its service to Leeds and Bradford.

After the announcement, over 2,000 people objected, claiming they would suffer hardship by the loss of services, and the Ilkley Railway Supporters Association was formed to organise protests.

Their protests were heeded and the rail service was given a reprieve, but Cr. Shelton said on Monday that if the latest threat of closure became a reality it may need the re-formation of a group to fight it again.

Cr. C. H. Scaife said he had discussed the matter with Ilkley's new Member of Parliament, Mr. Gary Waller, who had told him he thought the situation would "calm down" but that he was "looking into it."

The committee agreed to recommend the Council to write to both Mr. Waller and to the Shipley M.P. Marcus Fox expressing its concern, and offer its support to Menston Community Association.

## BUS SERVICE NOT UNDER THREAT

Another possible threat to Ilkley's public transport links was raised at the meeting when it was revealed there were rumours that the bus service between Ilkley and Keighley was to be scrapped.

The West Yorkshire Road Car Company, however, has this week strongly denied there is any truth in the rumours.

A spokesman at the Harrogate office told the "Gazette": "There are certainly no proposals at the present time to do anything to that service and we envisage no changes in the future."

"I think the rumours have circulated because of a report in an evening newspaper about cuts which would be necessary if certain things happened to the level of support from the rates, and I believe the Ilkley-Keighley service was quoted as the type of service which would suffer."

"But I can assure Ilkley people that the service to Keighley is in no danger whatsoever and is not likely to be," he said.

Cr. Mrs. P. Glover told the meeting there were strong links between Ilkley Grammar School and Keighley's technical college and an end to the bus service would seriously affect these.

Cr. Scaife said the bus company had agreed to inform him if any changes were proposed and he confirmed that he had heard nothing, but the committee agreed to recommend the Council to write to the bus company to make sure no changes were planned.

## CORRESPONDENCE 24 JUN 83

### The U.F.O. Mystery

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Mortimer, in the Gazette two weeks ago does not appear to be very knowledgeable on the serious aspect of U.F.O's.

Very many countries in the world discourage any research on U.F.O's and their Air Services and Government Official bodies proclaim that they do not exist, whatever happens to the contrary to show clearly that they do. Every opportunity is taken to encourage people to pooh-pooh them particularly by the publication of alleged contacts with extra-terrestrial beings. Against this is the evidence of high officers in the U.S.A. Air Force, in particular that they have both seen and had contact with different types of U.F.O's. The earliest investigation was carried out by the Greek Government in 1943. Their existence was confirmed by this but the report (presumably on security grounds) was suppressed. As U.F.O's were seen over the battle lines by both German and British Forces, an investigation was also carried out by the Allies of World War II, which found that the Russians were definitely not responsible.

In point of fact publicity in the sightings of U.F.O's since 1952 has been a feature in PRAVDA, the Russian newspaper. Russian Air Force pilots have had contacts in the Arctic and other places and are under orders to shoot them down. On two occasions some have appeared over Moscow, the last in 1960—in daylight I believe—and the Anti-Aircraft batteries at once opened up and planes were sent up, but failed to catch them owing to their phenomenal speed.

Mr. Mortimer mentions the sighting by President Carter in Georgia, but he omits the sequel. Mr. Carter at once went to Congress and obtained a grant of 20 million dollars to carry out an investigation. But, as usual, the report, owing to security grounds, was suppressed. In the U.S.A. there is great activity by the Air Force, though it always maintains, for the sake of the public, that U.F.O's do not exist. But people are not allowed to know their findings.

In France, where sightings have been common, a special very secret unit was established somewhere on the eastern side to deal with U.F.O's. This, I read in the press, was disbanded by President Mitterand soon after he was elected.

When people report sightings in England, U.S.A. and many other countries the official explanation is generally that they have probably seen (a) weather balloons (b) meteors (c) Venus or some large star. Now in my mind the supreme test is this. Can weather balloons or Meteors fly in formation? As an example, on Xmas Day 1980 at 10.30 p.m. two U.F.O's with a third close behind seeming to try and catch up, appeared over Chichester, crossing from West to East in formation, at an amazing speed, keeping in a perfect straight line. They were seen by many people and my son-in-law's detailed report came on to Radio 4.

What about the British, Spanish, Portuguese, American and N.Z. airmen who have reported flying side by side with U.F.O's?

In a problem like this one would have thought the U.N. would take interest, but they have declined to do so.

Are they afraid? If so, why? The best book on the subject is *The World's Greatest U.F.O. Mysteries* by Nigel Blundell & Roger Boar.

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### Proportional Representation

Sir,—Whilst thanking Mrs. V. Lister for the information in her letter I would mention that not only was I aware of the Electoral Reform Society but that her response was typical of earlier replies that I have received from Liberals.

I regret that, therefore, she has added nothing to the case for proportional representation but has simply added to my conviction that many of the people calling for this do not really understand what it means.

Taking the last election as an example, if we had had the purest form of proportional representation, that is, the number of M.P.'s for each party related to the total number of votes cast throughout the country, the result would have been as follows:

Conservatives—275, (actual 397); Labour—179 (209); Liberal 89 (17); SDP—76 (6); SNP—7 (2); P. Cymru—3 (2).

Whilst on the face of it this looks more equitable a study of the figures makes it obvious that, in all probability, it would be impossible for any party to govern with consequent chaos for the country.

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ACROSS THE YEARS 24 JUN 83

## Ben Rhydding Hydro Chosen For Sunday School Treat

### 100 Years Ago

Ben Rhydding Hydro provided hospitality to over 100 members of St. Margaret's Church Sunday School for their annual treat in 1883. They travelled by train from Ilkley, and walked to the establishment where a field had been placed at their disposal for games and sports. Captain Hadaway acted as handicapper for the races, and prizes were presented by Lady Anne Hadaway.

Tea was served in the racquet court, on three long tables presided over by "ladies of the Church" and "a competent band was on hand to enliven the occasion."

An Ilkley butcher was charged at Otley Petty Sessions with allowing sheep to stray on The Grove. Mr. J. Hainsworth and Mr. T. Horsman produced a plan to show the position of the land on which trespass occurred, but this was queried and the case was dismissed after a great deal of contention.

Mr. W. Dean's String Band, under the auspices of the Ilkley Band Committee performed a varied selection of music in the Nursery Gardens. A large number of people congregated to appreciate the fine performance.

### 75 Years Ago

The memorial stones of the new Wesleyan Church at Ben Rhydding was laid on the last Saturday of June, 1908. For 28 years, worship had been conducted in a wood and iron building previously used as a temporary church for the parish of St. Margaret's, Ilkley.

Stones were laid by Mrs. Jackson (Morley), Mrs. Taylor (Ilkley), Mrs. Anderson (Southport), Miss E. Jackson (Ilkley), Mrs. Silcox (Ben Rhydding) and Mr. W. A. Lupton (Ilkley). The Rev. P. L. Watchurst, superintendent of the Ilkley Wesleyan Circuit, presided and a portion of Scripture was read by Rev. J. W. Silcox. Following the stone laying ceremony a substantial meat tea was provided both in the church and in the adjoining field which many people enjoyed. The ladies in charge of the tables were Mrs. Bellhouse, Mrs. Dove, Mrs. Smeeth, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Smeeth, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Watchurst, Mrs. Flesher, Mrs. Sawdon and Mrs. Silcox.

There was a fine show of pictures to be seen at the Bridge Pavilion with a special interest film of the King's visit to Leeds. Various sections of the route were depicted and the King and Queen alighting from their carriage to enter the University Pavilion with Principal Bodington.

### 50 Years Ago

To West Riding proposals for the re-grouping of districts within their area there was a suggestion that Ilkley should be amalgamated with Burley, and the townships of Menston, Askwith, Denton, Nesfield and part of Hawksworth. Ilkley Urban District Council made no objection.

Baby Day in Ilkley was a triumphant success, with about 200 mothers attending with their babies. The tea tables were decorated with flowers, and the Winter Gardens made a happy picture. Lady Watson, of Pool, was the guest of honour and spoke at length of the value of clinics in providing valuable information for young mothers. Dr. H. T. Bates thanked Lady Watson and said that since the end of the 1914-18 war he had seen a marked improvement in the physique and well-being of the children which he regarded as being due to improved housing, feeding and the care which the children were receiving.

Girls of the Ilkley Church of England School visited York for their annual "School Day". Thirty two children and five members of staff travelled by motor coach and made a complete tour of the city's main attractions.

### 25 Years Ago

Late announcement of the 11-plus examination results for Grammar School Entry kept local children in suspense. It was also true that results from the Menston primary school had been far better than those of Ilkley and Burley. Forty six out of 80 children from Menston had been successful with only 3 out of 60 from Burley school and 13 out of 144 from Ilkley. Inspectors from the West Riding County Council education department visited Wharfedale to make certain inquiries concerning these examination results.

The rateable value of the Troutbeck Hotel and the Ilkley Moor Hotel was reduced at a sitting of the West Riding Valuation Committee in Bradford. Mr. Douglas Smallwood made the appeal for the hotels claiming that although there had been a short boom in Ilkley during the war when the O.C.T.U. were stationed in the town Ilkley was no longer a holiday place or a health resort catering for hundreds of visitors.

By not losing a match in 21 games Ilkley British Legion Football Club claimed they had set a record according to their secretary, Mr. E. P. Roth, speaking at the annual general meeting in July, 1958. Mr. J. Gray, professional footballer was elected president of the Club, Mr. N. Robinson and Mr. M. Wilson were re-elected chairman and treasurer respectively and Mr. E. Jowett was elected secretary.

## Solving The U.F.O. Problem

Sir,—I believe it was the well-known science fiction writer, Isaac Asimov, who quoted from his book, *The Gods Themselves*, that "The easiest way to solve a problem is to pretend it doesn't exist..."

To some, this is very apt when faced with trying to answer or put forward feasible solutions to the world's many problems, including that of the UFO enigma.

Then, there are those, who try to take the problem (UFOs in this case) into their own hands, which is all very well, but only if they start by viewing it with a genuinely open mind. Unfortunately, there are those who are involved in the supposedly serious study of UFOs, who 'read into' their answer, and this usually turns out to be based on not the current aspects of modern Ufology, but upon mere repetition of the 'basic' facts circulating in the many books about 'classic' UFO encounters. Do not get me wrong, any serious study, including UFOs, must have a firm foundation upon which to build the views that will hopefully lead to a solution to the problem, but at the same time, those views must be reassessed in the light of the new theories that are coming to the fore all the time.

At this point, I would like to thank our friend from W. Sussex Mr. Ingmire, for giving readers the chance to view these basic facts of Ufology. When he claims in his recent letter that he feels that I do 'not appear to have much knowledge of the serious aspect of UFOs; all I can say is that his foundations for these allegations must be based on the same naivness that convinces him of his one and only answer to the UFO mystery.

Being a nationally involved UFO investigator and Researcher I come into contact through various medias with most of the leading Ufologists this country has produced, including Jenny Randles, probably the leading authority on the subject. Yet, I have somehow 'missed' our friend from the south but even so, I am certain that if he gets to read this letter, he will no doubt be anxious to discuss his claimed greater knowledge of UFOs? In doing so, I hope that he realises that the fact that he bases his claims about me are not from personal knowledge of me, but from only one letter that he has happened to come across (which, incidentally was not aimed at putting forward the world wide 'facts' of UFOs)... remember, you can't read a whole book, from only its cover, Mr. Ingmire.

Moving on, I would like readers to know about a new paperback book that will soon be on the bookstalls. It is titled, *The Pennine UFO Mystery* and is written by Miss Jenny Randles. The book covers many of the strange UFO sightings from this area, so it will be of special interest to readers. A number of my own investigations into these sightings are mentioned in it, along with a personal account of an encounter with a UFO, that I had in 1980 in Otley. So, if anyone would like to get a serious run down of recent UFO events that have occurred in the Yorkshire area, I urge them to buy this worthwhile book.

A final note, I must thank the Ilkley Gazette for printing my first letter in full and for not exaggerating or dramatising any of it in order to make the subject look unrealistic, as some other sources of media have done in the past.

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## Amazed Over Car Parking Comments

Sir,—With reference to the comments on car parking problems attributed to Cr. Cussons, I really am amazed that she should raise such a matter.

During recent years Ilkley Parish Council argued strongly for the re-surfacing of our central car park with the result that iniquitous parking charges were forced on motorists by the powers that be. The council also demanded that restrictions should be imposed on several supposed danger spots in the town with the result that we now have 'primrose' lines all over the place contributing to parking difficulties instead of the intended alleviation and increased safety.

More recently, by virtue of county-wide effort, we have managed to avoid, temporarily at least, the imposition of the card-parking scheme proposed by the County Council.

Surely, after all this, common sense dictates that so far as car parking is concerned, the least said the better, particularly when it only appears to be Cr. Cussons who has any difficulties. It may be a little upsetting not to be able to park right outside the Town Hall when she is attending meetings or in front of the particular shop that she wishes to visit but a few short walks will not be detrimental to her health and, after all, there are many ratepayers in Ilkley who do not have a car at all. Why not press for travelling footpaths and then everyone will gain benefit?

C. D. POOLE

15 Princess Road,  
Ilkley.

## Ilkley Rail Link

Sir,—While anxious to keep the railway at Ilkley, it does seem hard to justify the costs on its present usage. But what has happened to the Rail Bus scheme—a small, light unit often mentioned in the past? "Pay as you Enter" buses, with their frequent stops, are a nuisance, but a one-man operated rail car, with only four stops to Leeds seems to me feasible.

I travelled regularly on a rail car which ran to Leeds via Otley before the war, though of course it was not a "pay train".

M. B. CRESSWELL

28, Cowpasture Road  
Ilkley

## WORK ON SCHEDULE ON TRANSFORMATION OF CASTLE ROAD LAND

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Good progress is being made on the development of Castle Road as a link between the riverside memorial gardens and Ilkley Parish Church.

A spokesman for Bradford Metropolitan Council's Recreation Department said this week that it was going to schedule and the completion

target of later this summer was likely to be met.

The scheme — to develop the former derelict land into a "green and open space" — came about as a result of a combined effort by the War Memorial Trust Committee of Ilkley, Bradford Council and Ilkley Parish Council.

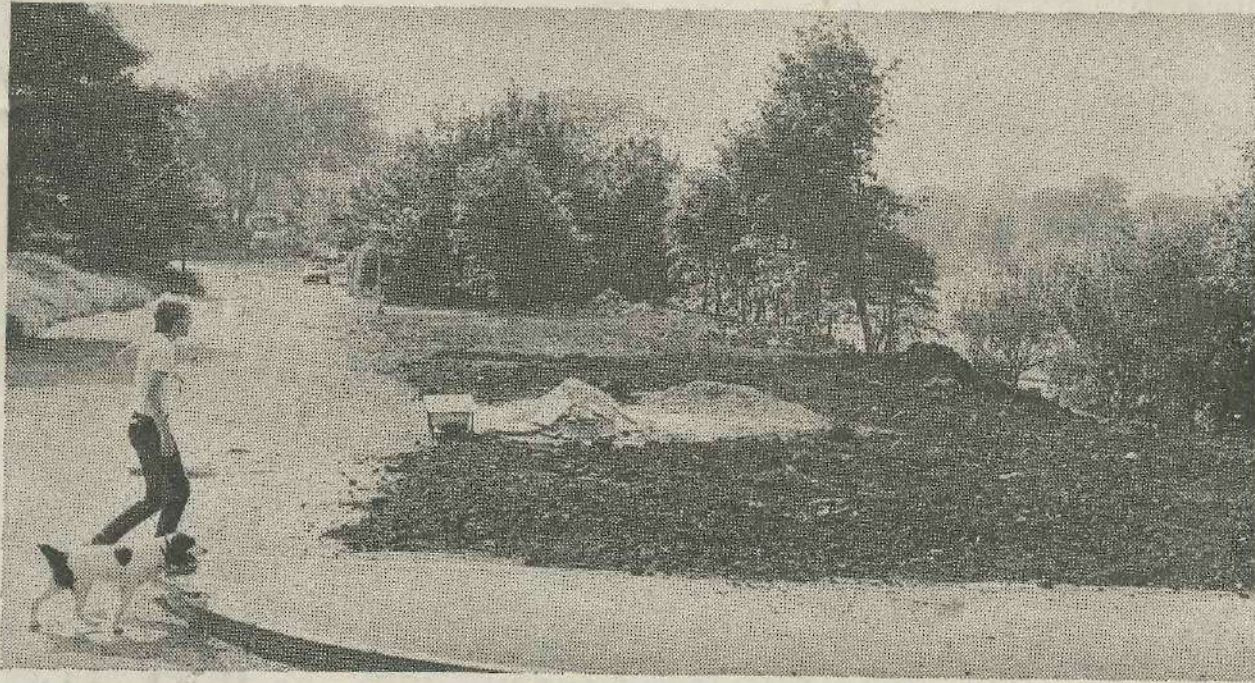
"There's already a big improvement in the site,"

said the council spokesman. "The old excavations have been levelled out and we are forming a new wall because the original one was not secure," he said. "We are now working on a terrace which will provide a seating area."

Heathers and flowering shrubs are to be planted and stone walling will be carried

out using stone from the demolished shelter which stood at the top of Brook Street.

The site had been an eyesore in the centre of the town for several years and Bradford Council hope the present work — being carried out by the Manpower Services Commission — will change the situation.



## TRADITIONAL STAGE-COACH TOURS ILKLEY'S STREETS AS PART OF STORE PROMOTION

There was a surprise in store for Ilkley shoppers and visitors on Wednesday when a traditional stagecoach and team of Hungarian horses toured the town.

The "Old England" Coach and Four — complete with traditionally attired coachmen, a coachguard blowing a

bugle and a pretty wench — travelled around Ilkley's Streets for about four hours making various stops

The whole event was part of a promotion for "Old England" sherry being carried out in conjunction with Hillards and to celebrate the

recent opening of the new store in Springs Lane. During the tour of the town the coach delivered a case of sherry to Ardenlea Nursing Home and made frequent stops to allow keen admirers a closer inspection of the vehicle.

The driver — Mr. George Bowman, from Penrith — was a British Coach and Four Champion, and bugler Mr. Ron Ratchiff was a former member of the Household Cavalry.

The stage-coach is pictured leaving the car park of the new Hillards store

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## The Rev. Robert Collyer's Visit To Ilkley

### 100 Years Ago

The Rev. Robert Collyer, formerly of Ilkley and then Pastor of the Church of the Messiah, New York, staying at the Middleton Hotel spoke at two Unitarian services in the Assembly Rooms in Weston Road. He made interesting references to old Ilkley and was listened to by a large congregation who gave him their rapt attention. Dr. Collyer left Ilkley to spend a week in Fewston, his birthplace.

Young members of Ilkley Ladies' College before taking their midsummer vacation, received prizes and certificates distributed by Rev. S. D. Hillman. On display were examples of the pupils work ranging from leather work, crewel work, needle work, water colours and oil paintings to fern work (a speciality introduced by Miss Milne, the principal).

A capital supper was served to past and present members of Burley Rifle Volunteers by Mr. Whitehead, Landlord of the Malt Shovel Hotel, Burley, following a shooting match on the Rombalds Moor Range. Past members were given eight points each and thus managed to win by 595 points against 555. Owing to a stiff breeze and powerful sun bulls' eyes were not so plentiful as they might have been under more favourable circumstances.

### 75 Years Ago

A conspicuous object on Rombalds Moor for many years prior to 1908 was an old shooting tower overlooking Lanshaw Dam on the Hawksworth portion of the moor. People crossing the moor to and from Ilkley had been in the habit of diverting from the footpath to inspect the building which at one time served as a residence for the gamekeeper but proved too exposed. In 1908 this was partially dismantled and converted into a luncheon shooting shed to serve the grouse-shooting sportsmen.

Ilkley's hydros and lodging houses complained of shortage of visitors and blamed the lack of attractions offered in the town. When the weather was bad there was little for the visitors to do apart from moping inside watching the rain patter against the window panes. The band had no venue in wet weather, and the Town Hall was considered to be an excellent hall for a performance of this nature. Ilkley needed more attractions and a week of pageants representing local history of Ilkley and Bolton Abbey was suggested as being suitable. It was also felt that Ilkley did not advertise itself sufficiently and that Harrogate was a far more enterprising town in this direction having been favoured with a three page descriptive spread in the Tatler.

### 50 Years Ago

Ilkley Council decided to raise no objection to a scheme—proposed by the West Riding County Council—which would mean the re-grouping of districts. Under the scheme, opposed by other local areas, Ilkley would be amalgamated with the urban district of Burley, and the townships of Menston, Askwith, Denton, Nesfield and part of Hawksworth.

Workmen repaired the piers of Ilkley Old Bridge, which had become threatened by paving stones loosened during floods. The stones had to be re-laid as many of them had been washed completely away from their original positions.

A party of Ilkley Scouts and Cubs attended a Scout Rally at Pontefract, where they were addressed by the movement's founder, Lord Baden Powell.

Nearly 270 schoolchildren took part in the annual sports for pupils attending schools within the area of the Addingham Education Sub-Committee, which included Addingham High Council, Addingham Church of England and Beamsley Boyle and Petyt. The shield was won by Addingham High Council.

### 25 Years Ago

A resolution expressing confidence in the teachers in the Ilkley area was passed at the July meeting of Ilkley Education Committee, following a two hour discussion on the results of the 11 plus examination. Public anxiety had been expressed that the results in Menston had been far better than at the other schools.

Headmaster of the Ilkley Evening Institute, Mr. R. W. Parker, resigned from his position as head of the evening classes after 21 years service. Mr. Parker was at the time Deputy Headmaster at Ilkley Secondary Modern School and he had played a great part in building up non-vocational classes in the Ilkley district with over 1,000 students attending Evening Institute classes.

A new venture started at Ilkley Public Library with the opening of the Public Record Library which offered the public over 200 long-playing records to be taken away on loan and played at home. The annual subscription was placed at 30s., and one record at a time was to be issued for 14 day periods. Leaflets on the care of records and strong carrying cases were to be issued to each new member.

## ILKLEY DOCTORS OPPOSE PLAN TO CLOSE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT

All seven Ilkley doctors are seeking the support of residents in their opposition to proposals by the Airedale Health Authority to close the casualty department of Ilkley Coronation Hospital.

Announcing the proposal last week the Authority said the department was used by an average of only twelve patients a day. It treated only very minor injuries and cost £16,400 in 1981.

Medical staffing was provided by General Practitioners and the adjacent Health Centre already had a treatment room which could be used by the G.P.s to treat the type of minor injuries now dealt with at the Coronation Hospital.

Patients suffering from injuries or conditions of a kind a GP would not feel it appropriate to treat already had to be referred to the Accident and Emergency Department at Airedale General Hospital, Steeton, about nine miles away.

In the light of the small use being made of the service provided by the casualty department at Ilkley, and the availability of an alternative service, the Authority felt staff resources and funding would be more appropriately used to improve the level of services in the remainder of the hospital. The Authority also proposed making greater use of the beds at the hospital. The Authority stressed there was no intention of closing the operating theatre or other facilities and that no staff would become redundant or required to change their place of work if the changes went ahead.

The proposals are to be discussed by various interested bodies, who will then have to give their views to the Airedale Health Authority by 23 September.

This week a statement issued by Ilkley's Seven Doctors, Dr. J. B. Frost, Dr. J. P. Neasham, Dr. C. R. Sheard, Dr. D. J. Moorhouse, Dr. R. G. Rawling, Dr. A. H. Rawling and Dr. S. E. Butler said: they were deeply concerned over the proposals.

"We have severe reservations on the accuracy and presentation of the figures on which these proposals are based.

Closure of the casualty service will cause unnecessary hardship and the Health Centre can not provide a reasonable substitute service. It is only open for 53 hours per week and nursing staff are there for an average of only one hour each day. The proposed saving of £16,000 we find hard to believe as there is to be no change in the staff at the Coronation Hospital out-patients department, the same heating, lighting and cleaning. A wound needs the same dressings and bandages wherever they are applied. We feel any saving could be wiped out by the extra use of the ambulance to take casualties to Airedale who should be treated at Ilkley.

"The proposal to remove seven beds from the general pool for special services would seriously jeopardise the general medical and surgical work at the Coronation Hospital. Though there are 28 beds, five of these are upstairs and unsuitable and unsafe for most of our patients. To remove seven of the 23 downstairs beds would leave sixteen for general purposes; our average occupancy in 1982 was 18.9 and rising with an ageing population. Quite often during the year there is not an empty bed in the hospital. We look to the people of Ilkley for support in opposing these proposals."

### Royal Reception For Ilkley Man

Lance Corporal Phillip Tinsley, who was injured in the advance on Port Stanley during the Falklands conflict last year, will attend a reception held by the Prince and Princess of Wales at Kensington Palace on Tuesday.

Lance Cpl. Tinsley — son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tinsley, of Valley Drive, Ilkley — is based in Abroath with the 45 Commando Company.

He needed 20 stitches in an arm wound after being shot during the night of the first major offensive from Bluff Cove, when they had to capture Two Sisters.

## FIRST MEETING OF ILKLEY SPORTS COUNCIL

Sixteen local sports clubs were unanimously accepted as members of the inaugural meeting of Ilkley and District Sports Council, held at Ilkley College.

Mrs. H. Allan, representing members of the Airtenters living in Ilkley District, and Mr. S. Crossley-Smith, representing Ilkley Parish Council, were accepted as individual members.

It was agreed after discussion that there was no need at the moment to form an executive committee, but Mr. G. H. Culverwell and Mr. P. G. Richardson were unanimously elected as Chairman and Hon. Treasurer.

In a long discussion of the Sports Council's aims and short term plans, it was agreed that an early meeting should be sought with the Bradford Metropolitan Council Recreation Officer as a start to a dialogue with the District Council. This would provide a starting point to the Sports Council's activities.

Local sports clubs and their nominated representatives accepted as members were:

Olicana Badminton Club (Mrs. D. Jacques); Ilkley Rugby U.F.C. (Mr. J. A. L. Hope); Ben Rhydding Golf Club (Mr. E. B. Horsley); Ilkley Badminton Club (Mr. J. N. Wright); Ilkley Cricket Club (Mr. J. P. Scally); Bowmen of Wharfedale (Mr. R. A. Cranage); Ilkley Grammar School (Mr. W. Howe); Burley Sports Club (Mr. B. McGurk); Menston Badminton Club (Mr. T. L. Price); Ilkley Lawn Tennis Club (Mr. G. H. Culverwell); Lower Wharfedale Ramblers (Mrs. A. J. Bickley); Ilkley Dynamo A.F.C. (Mr. D. Knaggs); Burley Jiu-Jitsu Club (Mr. P. M. Pearson); Ilkley Swimming Club (Mrs. M. Smith); Ben Rhydding Sports Club (Mr. P. G. Richardson); Bradford and Ilkley College (Mr. L. Haywood).



Looking down Brook Street, from The Grove, the central shopping area of Ilkley.

# Style and elegance is carefully protected

ALMOST everything about Ilkley has style even down to the primrose coloured no parking lines it has on the roads.

The parish council managed to persuade the Department of Transport to tone down the vivid double yellow lines so they would not spoil the look of the town.

Its air of elegance created by the tree lined streets and handsome

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shop fronts is cherished by the people who live and work there and appreciated by the many thousands of visitors who arrive every year in the former spa town.

Traders and shopkeepers many of whom have opened up stores which specialise in top quality goods have worked hard to keep the town's smart looks.

It is not only good for business but is a pleasant living and working environment enhanced by the magnificent moorland which rises up around the town.

Mr. Vincent Dobson,

the president of the Ilkley and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce is urging members to put on a good show for the judges of the competition "Britain in Bloom" who are in the town early this month.

Window boxes, tubs and hanging gardens are being used to brighten up the shopping centre and extra attention is being paid to the grass verges and flower beds in and around the town.

But more serious matters concern the chamber too, especially when they affect service to customers and the prosperity and health of the shopping centre.

Car parking is a priority most chambers of trade and commerce have to tackle and Ilkley has been heavily involved in a campaign in West Yorkshire to oppose a scheme which it says threatens the livelihood of many small businesses.

A scheme proposed by West Yorkshire County Council to introduce a card parking system forged together the forces of the Chamber of Trade, the Federation of Newsagents, the Federation of Fish Friers, the Chamber of Commerce, two parish councils and various civic societies to fight the proposals with a delegation led by Mr. Dobson to County Hall.

Although the scheme has now been postponed

the Ilkley chamber feels it has not been abandoned and has set up a watchdog committee to monitor any moves to revive the plan.

Shoppers usually have very little difficulty using their cars in Ilkley and no shop is more than 500 yards from a public car park which is either free or low cost.

"The result is that people have convenient shopping in pleasant elegant shops against the backcloth of the moors and the wide open spaces near the river," said Mr. Dobson.

The small businesses which make up the majority of members of the chamber of trade and commerce cover a comprehensive range of goods and professional services.

Mr. Dobson added: "In many areas these are very difficult times for smaller shops with competition

from super and hyperstores and the ever increasing rates, energy costs and wages.

"In Ilkley we enjoy good relationships with the new supermarket in the town and we believe we give customers a good balance of the different kinds of shopping.

"Supermarkets have a lot to offer but so do the smaller shop keepers — a more personal and attentive service which larger stores cannot give.

"We believe we have a very wide range of goods at all prices with many specialist shops meeting particular needs in the town centre. The north western end of the town has opened up a renovation of the Victorian arcade which now links all shops in Church Street and Skipton Road with the central car parking area.



Ample car parking and new superstores blend harmoniously with Ilkley's smaller retail business.

"We are a self sufficient town with good banking facilities legal services, trades people, builders, plumbers, good hotels, restaurants which serve local people as well as the visitor.

"People do not have to go out to the cities for these services they are all here."

In fact many people from nearby Bradford and Leeds often go to Ilkley to shop and can quite happily combine their business with pleasurable moments strolling by the river or walking on the moors.

Absorbing hours may be spent at the Manor House Museum or at the exhibition hall which often displays paintings by local artists.

Excellent eating houses offering international dishes as well as good English cooking, coffee shops and public houses are never far away to revive the flagging shopper or visitor.

And a tourist information centre makes sure no one misses any of the special summer events going on in the town or surrounding district.

Ilkley is also building its reputation as a town which vigorously promotes music, dance, art and literature with the different festivals it has each year.

All the efforts of its people combine to make Ilkley a very attractive and welcoming centre.

# Tourist centre draws visitors

ILKLEY, a former Victorian spa, is one of Bradford's most valuable assets in the city's drive to attract tourists to the district.

Its elegant buildings stand beneath the three distinct plateaux of Ilkley Moor, 2,000 acres of dark green and purple upland which lie between the Wharfe and Aire Valleys.

Its potential to welcome not only people from overseas but also to draw visitors from neighbouring counties is re-emerging stronger than ever.

Mike Woodhams, a promotion officer for Bradford Council, said Ilkley had some of the very best facilities the district could offer to holidaymakers.

The town which is 216 miles from London, 48 miles from Manchester, and 16 miles from Leeds is rich in history, breath-

taking views, good eating places, shopping and hotels.

"Ilkley together with Haworth is one of our most valuable attractions to Bradford. It is a traditional inland resort in a glorious setting with a great deal to please many different people," said Mr. Woodhams.

"There are excellent hotels for a town of its size and it is a perfect base camp for trips into the Yorkshire Dales or journeys into the Pennines.

"We are producing a new mini-guide for visitors to Ilkley which will not only tell them about the town but also suggest what to see and do in and around the district."

Ilkley, originally called Lilecan when it was a Brigantine settlement and Ollicana as a Roman fort, has been a retreat for those in search of peace

and relaxation for nearly two centuries.

It came into its own as a spa town in the mid nineteenth century but recognition had come as early as 1750 when there was a spring running down from behind the town into a large bath in the centre which held 1,150 gallons and filled within 13 minutes.

Other pure icy waters came from springs emptying into a deep circular bath hollowed out of rock at White Wells on the moor.

The old wells which still stand today and can be viewed contained douche, shower and plunge baths. The spring water which was 43 to 45 degrees Fahrenheit colder than ordinary well water contained sulphate of soda, chloride of calcium, carbonate of lime, free carbonic acid, silica and chloride of sodium.



The renovated Victorian arcade which now links Church Street and Skipton Road in Ilkley.

By 1850 more than 500,000 gallons poured from numerous moor springs but the biggest boost to Ilkley's early days as a resort came with the arrival of the railway.

The railway came from Bradford and Leeds in 1865 to bring visitors or patients for the "cure." Large hydropathic establishments were built on the edge of the moor and public halls and hospitals also sprang up.

From 1875 to about 1918 Ilkley was both a residential town and a spa attracting daily and weekly visitors.

Merchants who made their fortunes in Bradford, the wool capital of the world, had built their large mansion style houses in and around Ilkley attracted by the town's beautiful surroundings and ease of travel and communications brought by the railway.

This 19th century stockbroker belt of fine houses and beautifully landscaped gardens gave Ilkley its well-to-do air which the town still enjoys today.

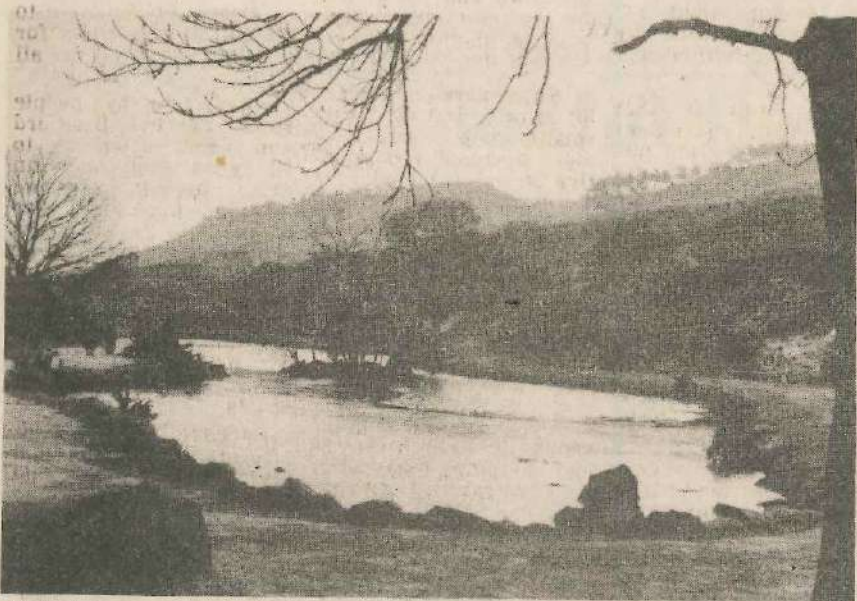
Its attraction to visitors no longer depends on the spring waters but the draw of the moorland scenery, the walks and views, has not waned.

The town also offers its history which is rooted in Roman times when it was an important centre helping to guard territory as far north as Hadrian's Wall.

Many fine examples of Roman remains as well as those of the Anglo Saxon era in Ilkley can be seen in the Manor House Museum in Church Street and a proportion of the west wall of the Roman fort next to the Manor House has been exposed for public viewing.

Officers who are promoting the town as part of Bradford's tourism drive believe it is one of the most beautiful and peaceful places to use as a base for exploring the rest of the district.

Almost 20,000 weekend holiday visitors came to Bradford last year and many more are expected to discover the district including Ilkley, this year.



Ilkley's famous tarn with the Cow and Calf rocks in the background.

## Hospital Inmates Have A "Field Day"

### 100 Years Ago

Inmates of Ilkley Hospital had a "field day" when they were generously entertained by Mr. H. J. Cooke in his beautiful garden at Summerfield. Tea was provided in a marquee, and the Ilkley Brass Band was in attendance "in order that the time might pass more quickly and the guests be more contented."

Amongst the guests present were W. Fison Esq., D. Stansfield, and the Revs. H. B. Ottley, H. C. Pollock and S. D. Hillman. Messrs. J. Armistead, T. P. Muff, Mr. and Mrs. Buck, W. Evans, J. J. Dymond, and J. S. Tolson. Before leaving for the hospital the patients showed their appreciation of the day by "indulging in some good old English cheering and hurrahs for the host, hostess and their children." One old lady was heard to remark that she had never enjoyed anything so much in all her life, and a youth declared that he would never forget the day should he live to be a hundred.

Mr. Tudor Trevor delivered "his popular lecture on alcohol" to members of the Church of England Temperance Society at Addingham. The Rector, the Rev. W. Thompson presided at the meeting held in the village schoolroom and there was a good audience.

Stony Royd, a charming villa residence, owned by Mr. J. Pickering was offered for sale by auction by Messrs. Hepper and Sons at the Middleton Hotel but there was no purchaser.

### 75 Years Ago

Ilkley had a visit in July 1906 from a "gentleman thief" who frequented the town's hotels to steal valuables.

He stole jewellery and cash from a bedroom at The Crescent, worth £50, obtained food and wine at the Middleton Hotel without payment and was seen wandering around the bedrooms at the Royal Hotel. He was also seen by a barmaid at the Wheatley Hotel but disappeared from there without trace.

Poor attendance at Ilkley's schools was once again the subject for discussion at the monthly meeting of the Ilkley District Education Committee. There had been complaints about children being taken away from school on "treats". Many children about 13 years of age had been kept at home to assist with cleaning and other duties, some were hay-making, some on holiday with their parents. It was decided that the attendance committee should meet fortnightly instead of monthly to deal with these poor attendance figures.

The Education Committee also put forward the idea of having special classes in manual instruction for the boys, and cookery, laundry and millinery for the girls. They decided to seek the opinion of parents before proceeding with these new classes.

### 50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Walker who had been residents at the Royal Hotel for over 20 years celebrated their Diamond Wedding in July, 1933. They received congratulations from the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Walker was 93 and was the founder of a fine cloth manufacturers in Huddersfield and still visited his mill each week. They had a family party and spent the afternoon of their Diamond wedding day at Bolton Abbey.

An excellent entertainment took place in the Wells Road Methodist Assembly Rooms in aid of the Women's Branch of the Methodist Missionary Society. The first half of the programme was devoted to country dancing in the spirit of "Merrie England." Mr. Sydney Clarke

Dance" and the dancers entered the hall half way through his song. After the interval there was a one-act play by Mr. Arthur Bartle, English master at Ilkley Grammar School, produced for the first time in the district. Members of the cast were Misses Robertshaw, Thistlethwaite, Wood, Brocklesby, Mrs. Goldsmith and Mr. Edwin Eagle.

### 25 Years Ago

Sports trophies and certificates were presented to pupils of Ilkley Grammar School at a ceremony on the lawn in front of the school. Cr. L. J. Sarjeant made the presentations and was welcomed by Cr. J. Hardy, Chairman of the school governors.

The grand aggregate cup was given to P. G. Tonner of Sparta House. Senior Cross Country champion was R. A. Dibb, junior Cross Country R. G. Pharo, junior girls athletic championship was won by Joan Tomblin, senior by Sheila Tomblin. R. A. Dibb won the senior boys athletic championship, and the junior award was won by A. M. Murray.

Officer Cadet Andrew Wade, the Spinney, Middleton, received the silver mounted swagger cane as the best all round cadet of "A" class at the passing out at Brompton Barracks, Chatham. Officer Cadet Wade was a member of Ilkley Lawn Tennis Club and had played rugby for Ilkley. The previous year the honour had been gained by an Addingham man, Officer Cadet Ernest E. Taylor who had also been associated with Ilkley Rugby Club.

## CRAVEN HEIFER VANQUISHED

The Duchess of Devonshire's attempt to get the Craven Heifer into the Guinness Book of Records as the biggest heifer ever has been defeated by Mrs. Hilda Cook of Ivy House, Bradley.

Mrs. Cook has a picture of the Airedale Heifer and evidence that she was six and two-thirds inches longer, one foot nine inches greater in girth, three and a quarter inches higher at the shoulder and 144 lbs heavier.

The Duchess of Devonshire said: "I am still pleased we have the picture of the Craven Heifer hanging in the Devonshire Arms at Bolton Abbey because of its great local interest, but now that the Airedale Heifer has appeared, the game is up on record claiming."

## CONTROVERSIAL ILKLEY PLANS DEFERRED FOR SITE VISITS

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Visits are to be made to two Ilkley sites before Bradford Metropolitan Council's Planning Sub-Committee decide upon controversial planning applications.

Sub-Committee members agreed on Wednesday to defer decisions on a sheltered housing scheme at Castle Hill and a plan for holiday chalets and touring caravans at Hollin Hall Farm because objections to both plans had been received.

The sub-committee was told that the Castle Hill plan had run into a tremendous amount of opposition, with objections from Ilkley Civic Society, the Friends of the Manor House and archaeological organisations, which were largely concerned about the close proximity of the proposed 18-flat development to the Roman wall and fort, and the possible effects on them.

Members heard that objections — one a petition with over 600 signatures — included the view that it would be an unacceptable intrusion into a conservation area and that the four storey development would dominate the museum.

Bradford's Director of Development Services, Mr. Reg Atkinson, said the site was at present occupied by 22 lock-up garages and thought it was run down.

He suggested that the sub-committee would have to consider whether the garages provided suitable long term use of the site and whether there should be some housing development, not necessarily of the density proposed.

Members heard that objections to the plan for 15 self-catering chalets and pitches for 30 tents or caravans at Hollin Hall Farm, on the Old Road, included Ilkley Golf Club, which was worried about possible noise and disturbance.

Mr. Atkinson said it would be well screened and that members would have to consider whether the scheme proposed too much for the site. The chalets would be an attractive development but without the rest it might not be viable, he said.

Cr. Mrs. Barbara Cussons of Ilkley, said it was suggested the caravans and tents should be allowed for only six months. She thought the narrow strip of land might be too wet and unsuitable for caravans.

## SWIMMING POOL ATTENDANCES DOWN BUT SUMMERTIME HOPES STILL HIGH

8 JUL 83

The weather has given little to cheer about so far this year but these youngsters seem determined to make the most of what summer we have had with a dip at Ilkley's outdoor swimming pool.

Since the outdoor facilities were

made available at the beginning of June—with high hopes of a traditional "flaming" month—the signs of summer have been few and far between and staff at Ilkley Swimming Pool say this has had its effect on attendances.

"We have had literally one or two good days during June when

the weather brought the crowds in but generally the turn out has been a bit lower than usual", a spokesman said this week.

The two days he was referring to were 18 and 19 June, when temperatures at Ilkley reached 24 degrees centigrade (75.2 Fahrenheit) and 14 hours of sunshine

were recorded at Ilkley's meteorological station in Little Lane.

The Swimming Pool's hopes for the rest of the summer? "We just want plenty of good weather and hopefully, when the schools' summer holidays begin, things will start to pick-up," said the spokesman.



## RESIDENTS URGED TO JOIN FIGHT AGAINST PLAN TO CLOSE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT

Opposition is growing to the proposed closure of Ilkley Coronation Hospital's casualty department, and local residents and organisations are being urged to join the fight.

Ilkley Liberal Association has lent its weight to the doctors' call for support, distributing leaflets to every Ilkley household and planning petitions in the town.

The leaflets — paid for by the Liberals — ask for people's opinions on the closure, which the Airedale Health Authority claims would save £16,000 a year—a figure disputed by Ilkley Parish Council.

At a meeting on Monday it was claimed the figure would be only about a quarter of the health authority's estimate.

Cr. E. S. Gardner, chairman of the parish council, said he thought the saving would be £3,800. A proposal that they should write to the authority to tell them they could not accept the figure and ask how they arrived at it was unanimously carried.

Cr. W. R. Hill said he agreed with the Ilkley doctors' claim that any saving could be wiped out by the extra use of the ambulance to take casualties to Airedale who would normally be treated at Ilkley.

Cr. C. H. Scaife commented: "I would like to have the full facts and know what exactly the figures are, then we can look at them in detail. We could then constructively move forward."

The Health Authority said medical staffing was provided by General Practitioners, and the adjacent Health Centre already had a treatment room which could be used by the G.P.s to treat the type of minor injuries now dealt with at the Coronation.

"In the light of the small use being made of the service provided by the casualty department at Ilkley, and the availability of an alternative service, we felt staff resources and funding would be more appropriately used to improve the level of services in the remainder of the hospital," they said.

They stressed there was no intention of closing the operating theatre or other facilities, and said no staff would become redundant or required to change their place of work.

The proposals are to be discussed by various interested bodies, who will then have to give their views to the Airedale Health Authority by 23 September.

### 8 JUL 83 Correspondence

#### Garden Pests

Sir, — May I, through the columns of your paper, draw the attention of our local councillors to the problem of sheep grazing our gardens. If our dogs chase sheep on the moor they are liable to be shot and questions asked later. I do not condone the actions of people who let their dogs worry sheep, but what I often ask myself do we do when these animals (the sheep) wreak havoc in our gardens.

Buy a larger deep freeze? This is not a threat to local farmers, as I fully understand how difficult it is to keep sheep enclosed, but we can't afford to feed your animals for much longer, unless we can claim an animal feed subsidy, which I very much doubt.

I therefore call on the Parish Council councillors, Bradford Met., or whom it may concern, to stop allowing "Little Jack Horner" and try "Bo Peep" for a change.

IRWIN F. BENSALL  
23 Deaconess Court,  
Ilkley.

#### Marauding Sheep

Sir, — While I am not competent to pass judgement on the question of the over-grazing of Ilkley Moor, I can categorically state that my own small garden is inadequate to supply marauding sheep with delicacies such as sweet peas, dahlias, etc., that they clearly crave.

Surely the farmers must bear some responsibility for ensuring that their animals are kept on the moor, rather than roaming at will round Ilkley causing considerable damage to private gardens.

The cattle grid below the Cow and Calf provides no obstacle—I have myself seen half a dozen sheep with lambs walk calmly across it, and the gate for pedestrians does not even have a catch and blows open in the breeze.

The depredations caused by the cavortings of the odd local Alsatian or St. Bernard are bad enough, add to this the incursions of several sheep each day, and gardening becomes very disheartening.

D. M. ALEXANDER  
The Gatehouse,  
Maxwell Road,  
Ilkley.

#### Best Deal

"We all agree savings have to be made but this is not necessarily the best way to go about it. We are looking for the best deal for Ilkley," he said.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton said the parish council must use every measure available to it to oppose the proposed closure.

Meanwhile, the chairman of Ilkley Liberal Association, Mr. R. Batey, said this week that they were very concerned about the matter.

"The proposed closure of the casualty department and the loss of further beds at our local Coronation Hospital has given our Association much concern, so much so that we have organised the leaflets," he said.

"I am sure 'Gazette' readers would agree that this is a matter of deep concern for all Ilkley people, and if any other associations — political or otherwise — would like to join us in this important fight to preserve something which has existed since 1905, they should contact me and I will be very glad to add our efforts to theirs," he said.

The returns from the leaflets, together with petitions that are to be organised in Ilkley over the next few weeks, will be presented to Airedale Health Authority before they make a final decision on the possible closure.

#### Reservations

Ilkley's seven doctors said they had severe reservations about the accuracy and presentation of the figures on which the proposals were based.

They claimed that closure of the casualty service would cause "unnecessary hardship" and that the Health Centre could not provide a reasonable substitute service.

### 8 JUL 83 TRAINING SCHEME EXPLAINED AT EXHIBITION

In the first exhibition of its kind in the Ilkley area, employers offering one year places to teenagers on the Youth Training Scheme were at the Kings Hall on Tuesday to talk about the scheme.

Information about engineering, construction, local government, community service, catering, motoring and other trades was on show alongside details of the Y.T.S. and further education and college courses.

Ilkley Grammar School, the college and Bradford Metropolitan Council were among those represented at the exhibition, and the Construction Industry Training Board were represented at the evening session from 7.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m.

Mr. John Wood, Area Careers Officer, said: "Between 1980 and 1982 only one out of every three school leavers in Bradford found work as soon as they left school."

"This year we reckon only about 1,000 of the 5,000 leaving in the summer will get a job immediately, and while many of the others might go to college, many more will be joining Y.T.S."

"That is why it is important that teenagers and their parents should know what Y.T.S. is, how it can help and what it can offer," said Mr. Wood.

"We also wanted employers to find out how they could benefit from it," he said. "Several employers did come in the evening, which was very encouraging."

The chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. E. S. Gardner, opened the exhibition, and a second one is being staged at the youth centre in Alice Street, Keigh-

### 8 JUL 83 AREA MANAGEMENT PLANS WOULD CREATE FACADE OF 'LOCAL DEMOCRACY'

Bradford Metropolitan Council's plans for an Area Management policy, in their present form, would create a facade of "local democracy" and give more power to the existing bureaucracy.

That was one of the observations of an Ilkley Parish Council sub-committee formed to summarise and make notes upon area management proposals.

The idea was to form area management committees which would cover an area of perhaps three wards, taking much of the responsibility of running the area away from Bradford. Each committee would probably have its own budget.

In a report to the full parish council on Monday, the sub-committee said that while, in principle, they welcomed the idea of the devolution of power to local areas, they had reservations on the present document.

"If area management is to achieve its apparent objectives, this can be done only via the parish council," they said. "We are the only democratically elected body, and to suggest anything else is self-defeating."

"We must continue to work closely with suitable voluntary organisations. One way would be to invite them to nominate members to be co-opted into the appropriate committee as and when required. However, we are concerned that decisions on financial matters in all areas should not be made by non-elected members."

"We are also concerned that higher costs might be incurred and would like details of how area management could be achieved without this," they said.

The sub-committee added that of the proposed areas they preferred the combination of Craven, Ilkley and Rombalds.

The report said that the membership of the proposed area committees gave cause for concern. "There would be a core of ward district councillors with co-opted members from a 'voluntary organisation, the health authority, the county council or the parish council'. This—despite an earlier statement that our role is 'absolutely vital' to

say nothing of repeated statements about local democracy—seems to give us a minor role as well as putting us on a par with non-elected bodies," they said.

The area committees would operate under the guidance of an area co-ordinator with his own small team. The sub-committee claimed that much of the power apparently devolving on the area committee could in reality rest with him.

The sub-committee report was adopted by the full council.

# WHEN ILKLEY WAS A THATCHED VILLAGE SURROUNDED BY FIELDS

8 JUL 83  
Almost one hundred and fifty years ago Ilkley was a tiny thatched village surrounded by long stretches of green fields and solitary farmsteads.

This description was given by the late Mrs. Ann Robinson who fifty years ago lived in Tivoli Place.

In an interview with the "Gazette" in 1933 Mrs. Robinson said she had been born in Church Street almost eighty six years previously. Her father was a native of the village, and her grandfather occupied Hill Top Farm, which stood where the Leeds Workpeople's Convalescent Home stood in Crossbeck Road.

A report of the interview given at that time is reprinted as follows:-

## Kept A Bakery

Mrs. Robinson's father was Mr. William Lancaster, who kept a bakery and grocery shop opposite Ilkley Parish Church—where Mr. Parkinson's dairy is now. The only other confectionery shop in the village was owned by the Misses Vickers, who had charge of the post office. Mrs. Robinson began delivering groceries to the surrounding cottages at the age of six, and thus early gained a complete geographical knowledge of the surrounding district. "I never went to school," said Mrs. Robinson, "though it was only a penny per week, including Latin at the Grammar School in Skipton Road. I had to start working as soon as I could."

Most of the shops at that time were in Church Street, and there were only a few on the west side of Brook Street. On the opposite side of Brook Street there were mainly cottages, and the majority of them were thatched. An Italian a few years later opened a fancy bazaar at the top of Brook Street, where Dobson's confectionery shop now stands. This man returned to Italy when his English wife died, but he was so lonely there that he soon returned to Ilkley, where he lived until his death.

## Methodist Meetings

On the site now occupied by the Crescent Hotel was a cottage where the Primitive Methodist meetings were held. There were cottages along the south side of Leeds Road as far as the bottom of the present Nile Road, but nothing more between Ben Rhydding and Ilkley except three cottages on Little Lane, which was then known as "Mucky Lane."

On the North side of Leeds Road there was a corn store where the Star Hotel stands, a cottage where Messrs. Fox's shop is. The smithy formerly occupied by the famous divine, Dr. Robert Collyer, stood where Messrs. Barkers, drapers is now. There were a few cottages where Weston Road has been made, but nothing else except fields. Most of the houses on the East side of Wells Road were built then, and there were a few houses on Crossbeck Road and at Belle Vue. Towards Ben Rhydding there was nothing but Rockwood House, Hanging Stone House, and three farms immediately below. Wells House was being built when Mrs. Robinson was eight years old, and it was one of her duties to take provisions to the workmen.

Where the Wells House stables are was a cotton mill. Quite a number of people had their own hand looms in those days, said Mrs. Robinson.

## "Green Lane"

Behind the houses on each side of Brook Street were fields. On The Grove—then Green Lane—was the solitary thatched cottage which stood about where Taylor's Drug Stores now stand. The Wesleyan Chapel is now Thackeray's garage. The Lister's Arms Hotel was built then, and behind it was the Ilkley cricket ground. There were a few cottages along Skipton Road on each side of the Grammar School, but nothing else until Hollin Hall was reached. The cottages in Chapel Lane were there, and

there were two cottages immediately in front where the present railway arches are. The new cottages, apart from Yew Croft, were on the other side of Heber's Ghyll.

There were few excitements in those days. When the Crimean War ended the children marched round Ben Rhydding Hydro headed by a band, but the only other "thrill" was cricket and football. Mrs. Robinson's father was village constable for a time—for which he received no pay—but his main duty was looking after one or two drunkards who disturbed the peace.

He had one case of "body snatching" from the Parish Church burial ground. Mr. Lancaster and another man were on the look out for these people after a young woman from Nesfield, whose illness had excited the attention of various doctors was buried. Though they succeeded in preventing one attempt, Mr. Lancaster believed that a further attempt succeeded. Whilst Mr. Lancaster was constable, a man named Huskwith was found murdered at Owl Park, but, though they thought they knew the identity of the murderer, no proof was forthcoming.

## Visitors

Mrs. Robinson remembers the days when Ilkley attracted large numbers of visitors, so many that difficulty was encountered in finding rooms for them. Visitors of social importance stayed at her grandfather's farm at Hill Top and had to go to the bottom of the garden to a spring to wash themselves.

Never has she remembered when there were so few visitors to Ilkley as during the last few years, she says, and this July she considers to be the worst of all. Mrs. Robinson thinks that our local "Town Fathers" ought to bestir themselves and provide facilities which will attract visitors to the town.

# COUNCIL'S PLEA FOR MORE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Bradford Metropolitan Council is to make a plea to the Government for extra financial support for its special needs after a warning of a possible break-down in local democracy.

The council wants the Government to consider local needs when fixing the rate support grant, and is to seek the support of local MPs in pressing its case.

The proposals were put forward by Liberal leader Cr.

Paul Hockney at Tuesday's Management Committee meeting, but in the meantime councillors will be asked later this month to decide on ways of avoiding what has been described as a "horrendous rate rise."

Cr. Ron Farley said his Tory group would seek to provide a rate rise and a level of service acceptable to the public.

The debate followed a report by the council's Director of Finance, Mr. Gerald Hodges, who said the council's present policies would lead to increased spending next year of almost £30 million, which would mean a rate rise for householders of almost 78 per cent.

Mr. Hodges warned that he could not "magic" any more money, and if action was not taken there would be a "hefty" rate rise.

Cr. Hockney warned of a break-down of local democracy if the Government did not give more help. He described Government policies as being like "Robin Hood in reverse", robbing the Cinderellas of the North to pay the rich barons of the South.

# HUSBAND OF WELL KNOWN FORMER COUNCILLOR DIES

15 JUL 83  
Mr. Stanley Ryder Runton - a former company director whose late wife, Kathleen, was a well known local councillor for many years - has died aged 82 after a short illness.

Mr. Ryder Runton, of Langbar Road, Ilkley was a director with Carter and Parker Ltd., which specialised in the production of high grade knitting wools, from 1925 until 1965, and towards the latter end of his business career he joined H. Brammer and Company, of Leeds.

He took the company - a patent industrial building firm - public in the early 1960's and retired in 1971.

He was born at Hessele East Yorkshire, and moved to Ilkley in 1919, building up strong links with the town.

He was a governor of Ilkley Grammar School for many years, chairman of the Middleton Grassington Hospital Boards for about 20 years, an active supporter of

the local Conservatives and a keen sportsman, playing rugby and cricket for Ilkley in the 1920s and 30s.

His late wife, Kathleen, who died in 1974, joined West Riding County Council in 1943 and was the council's first woman Conservative Alderman. She was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) in 1941 and 13 years later received the C.B.E.

Mr. Ryder Runton leaves three children - Michael, Maureen and Clive - and seven grandchildren, the oldest of which served with the Royal Marines in the Falklands.

A service at Ilkley Parish Church on Wednesday was followed by private cremation.

# ILKLEY SIZZLES IN THE SUNSHINE AS TEMPERATURES SOAR

15 JUL 83  
Ilkley sizzled in the sunshine with the rest of the country this week as temperatures soared into the eighties (Fahrenheit).

Shirt sleeves, shorts and summer skirts were the order of the day as people made the most of the mini-heatwave.

Ilkley Swimming Pool staff were relieved to see the sunshine after a poor June.

Attendances rocketed from the average summer figure of 600 a day to between two and three thousand.

"The weather has been just what we wanted after the disappointing start to the summer season," said a spokesman. "It has been tremendous and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the spell continues."

The breweries and ice cream salesmen were no doubt also hoping for a continuation of the hot spell, with their sales figures rising with the temperature.

The thermometer climbed to 86

degrees Fahrenheit (30 centigrade) at Ilkley's meteorological station in Little Lane on Tuesday, the highest temperature recorded at Ilkley since August 1975. The temperature in the Council glasshouse in Little Lane on Tuesday was a staggering 112 F. (45 C.).

Before 8 August, 1975, when a temperature of 86.9 F. (30.5 C.) was recorded, you have to go way back to 31 July, 1943, to find when Tuesday's temperature was last exceeded. On that day 89 F. (31.7 C.) was recorded, just one degree Fahrenheit short of the highest ever temperature recorded at Ilkley in June, 1941.

Since records began in the mid 1920's, there have been 119 days on which the thermometer rose above 80 F. (26.7 C.), and the most days in one month with a temperature of 80 F. plus was eight in July, 1976, a record which could be threatened if the heatwave continued.





Forty-two senior citizens from Ilkley's twin town of Coutances enjoyed a five-day stay in the town.

They were given a civic reception at the City Hall, Bradford, by Lord Mayor Cr. Norman Free

and his wife, after which they were shown around the building.

After the reception the party returned to Ilkley for a buffet lunch at the James Clarke and Sarah Foley Day Centre, followed

by a visit to the monastery at Middleton.

Other visits were made to Harewood, the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Liverpool, and to Southport.

The party left Ilkley for a two day stay in London before returning to France.

Some of the visitors are pictured at the buffet lunch at the Clarke-Foley Centre.

## Director Of Ilkley Company Retires After 33 Years

15 JUL 83



Mr. Norman Scrouther, Production Director of Spooner Industries Limited, Ilkley has retired after 33 years with the company.

He served his engineering apprenticeship with the London North Eastern Railway Company, Gorton, from which he was awarded a scholarship to Manchester University to read Mechanical Engineering. This was followed by six years in the R. N. V. R. during the last war, being commissioned in 1944, finishing as a member of the British Admiralty Technical Mission in Canada. After demobilisation he worked for a short time in the

Midlands before joining Spooners in 1950 as Works Manager.

He was appointed a Director of The Spooner Dryer and Engineering Co. Limited in 1954 and Joint Managing Director in 1966. He joined the Board of Spooner Industries in 1979.

Mr. Scrouther, of Stone Stay Fold, Addingham is married with one son and will continue to live in the district, working with the company as a consultant on special projects.

He is pictured (left) with Mr. Goran Ahlstrom, President of the Sandvik Group, of which Spooner's is a subsidiary.

## LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN IN MEDIEVAL ENTERTAINMENT

15 JUL 83

Sixty-nine of the older pupils at All Saints First School, Ilkley, took part in a Medieval entertainment, produced by Mrs. M. Brear.

Younger pupils enjoyed watching a dress rehearsal, and nearly two hundred parents, relatives and friends attended two evening performances in the school's top building, which was appropriately decorated to give a medieval atmosphere.

Members of the audience were asked to imagine they were guests in the great Hall of the Lord and Lady of Ilkley. After servants had decked the hall with evergreens, two fools greeted the guests and they awaited for the arrival of the Lord and Lady. After their entrance the Lord bade his guests to enjoy the entertainment and asked for it to start, whereupon musicians played a number of items, including "Now is the month of Maying" and "La Manrolina".

After badinage from the fools they and the servants indulged in the ancient game of Hoodman Blind. Hunger then overtook the Lord and he called for food. While the servants were bringing it in a party of Wassailers approached the Lord. They bore an apple tree, to which they gave an ancient incantation bidding it to be fruitful and bear apples the following year.

A performance by the Tumblers was followed by

the singers, who gave renderings of "Old King Cole", "Pie may Prithee John" and "The Keeper".

The lady watched the dancers begin their part of the evenings entertainment before a knocking was heard at the door, when it was discovered that a party of mummers had arrived to perform their play - a traditional Pace Egg Play, with a host of sundry amusing and colourful characters.

After the play the Lord and Lady retired and it was clear that both performances had been much appreciated by the audiences, who had entered into the spirit of the occasion.

After the second performance the headmaster, Mr. M. A. Carey, presented Mrs. Brear, who is retiring at the end of term with a sun lounger on behalf of pupils and parents.

He paid tribute to Mrs. Brear's skills as a class teacher and teacher of drama.

The full cast was -  
 Lord: William Bootham;  
 Lady: Polly Kirby 1st fool: Joel Anderson; 2nd fool: Sam Gill;  
 Servants: Matthew Newman and Philip Ward;  
 Wassailers: Melanie Bert, Ben Bramley, David Smith, Michelle Webb and Daniel Witham.

Musicians: Nancy Edlin, Susan Fisher, Peter Gridge-man, Camilla Jerram, Rachel Kellett, Cara Lewis, Andrew Mason, Lucy Miles, Sophie Moore, Debika Pramanik, Elizabeth Senior, Samantha Smith, Emma Thompson, Christopher Walbank and Heidi Williams.

Tumblers: Nancy Edlin, Susan Fisher, Camilla Jerram, Simon Middleton, Sophie Moore and Samantha Smith.

Dancers: Zoë Barnes, Esther Bryson, Sharley Depledge, Claire Dick, Rachel Kellett, Cara Lewis, Lucy Miles, Debika Pramanik, Elizabeth Senior, Samantha Tankard, Emma Thompson and Heidi Williams.

Pace Egg Play Actors: Herald - Lucy Edlin; Dame Dolly - Hanna Powell; St. George - Paul Bedworth; St. Andrew - Jonathan Rayner; St. Patrick - Thomas Irvine; St. David Aaron Sanders; Dragon - Jonathan Scott; Princess Sabra - Caroline Jewitt; Fool - Matthew Cowen; Prince of Paradise - Mark Thorne; King of Egypt - Marc Kish; Hestor - Clare Adamson; Doctor - Richard Nisbet; Slasher - Vanessa Warnes; Turkish Knight - Darren Wells; Saladin - Hannah Miller; Little Page - Emma Hewardine; Little Man Jack - Sally-Ann Eismore.

