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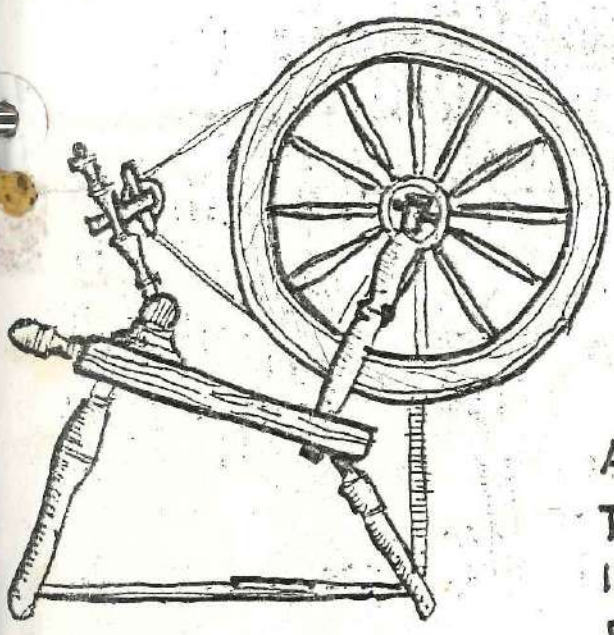
**Addingham**

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# Newsletter

REPEATED APRIL 10th.. By Request.

## "THE SPINNING WHEEL TO THE POWER LOOM"



AN ILLUSTRATED TALK UPON  
THE HISTORY OF THE TEXTILE  
INDUSTRY IN ADDINGHAM  
By KATE MASON

ADDINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL

WED. 6th. MARCH 1985 7.45 p.m.

Everyone Welcome } PLUS } Refreshments

A SMALL EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS, PLANS ETC.  
SHOWING THE OLD MILLS

Local historian and farmer Kate Mason has made an extensive study of  
the textile industry in Addingham from 18th C to the ceasure in 1972.  
The industry will be described from the handloom weavers and

# OTLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S 40th BIRTHDAY

## Reflections of a founder member

The preparations being made to stage Otley and District Photographic Society's 40th annual exhibition during the week commencing Saturday, March 2, has prompted one of the founder members, Miss D. M. Crook, to reflect on the early days of the Society and to review the progress made since the first meeting in 1945 in a room above the old Wharfedale Cafe in Market Place. She writes:

When I was asked to give a resume of the Otley and District Photographic Society, I thought "how can I put forty years' history covering 2000 meetings and outings into a short article?" Thinking this over I realised I would put it into one word—success.

To mention names would be unfair, so many people have been involved in the success of the Society. It all began when one or two Otley gentlemen talked over the possibility of forming a Photographic Society in 1945, and to get the feeling of the public, an advertisement was put in the paper inviting people interested in photography to a meeting to be held in the Wharfedale Cafe, now Valances, and much to their surprise about 70 people attended, so a Society was formed and named the Otley and District Photographic Society. The word 'district' was included because we had members from Horsforth, Rawdon, Guiseley and Pool. Our headquarters would be the Mechanics Institute, now the Civic Centre, and we still hold our meetings in the same room.

It was the general opinion in Otley that we should last five years! How wrong that opinion was, due to the enthusiasm of the members over the years we no find that we have been in existence for forty years. In fact, enthusiasm was all we had at the start of the Society. We hadn't any money and were entirely dependent on the subscription of 15/- per year, and any money the members could give in the form of raffles, etc.

with his colour slide lecture entitled "Z is not for Zebra". Working in reverse order, Mr. Bigney illustrated each letter of the alphabet with an interesting subject. The president, Mrs. D. Marjoram, presided, and expressed thanks.

Mr. Bigney will soon be visiting the Society again, as he is to judge the 40th Annual Exhibition to be held on March 2, 4, 5 and 6. On Saturday, February 23, Inter-Club will meet at Ossett and the set subject will be "A View Through". Next week's meeting will be "An evening with Mr. A. H. Firth".

## Otley S.D.P. has lively discussion

At the monthly meeting of Otley Ward of the Social Democratic Party a good attendance, in spite of the winter weather, had a lively discussion on a wide range of topics.

A report was given on the continuing correspondence with the chairman of Leeds City Council's Public Works Committee concerning the disgraceful state of the Bennett Court Flats, which for the past six months, had resembled a building site. The tenants were having to put up with tremendous inconvenience and it was felt they should receive assistance in restoring their lives to normality.

Concern was expressed at the recently reported switching of the chairmanship of two of the Leeds City Council Sub-Committees, apparently as a result of pressure from the Leeds District Labour Party. The meeting felt that it was undemocratic for outside bodies to appear to be able to influence properly elected representatives of the electorate, and it was agreed to raise the matter at constituency level.

There was a keen debate on the proposed tertiary education scheme as outlined by Leeds City Council. It was felt the plan required a great deal of study before final conclusions could be drawn, but it was thought that its adoption could be to the detriment of Prince Henry's, which under the projected figures merited the retention of sixth form status.

The problem of night flights at Yeaman Airport, raised by the S.D.P. soon after the extension opened, had not gone away. It was accepted that in a real emergency the Airport should be available at any time, but did "emergency" include delays to schedules due to unforeseen factors? If so, it was probable that these so called "emergencies" would become integrated into the time-

## 100 Years Ago

"The show of good things for 'Ye festive season' was quite equal to those of former years". The butcher's shops were full of moor bred sheep, milk fed porkers and cattle. The poultryers had a good display, and the pork shop was festooned with polony in honour of the season. On Christmas Eve the town thronged with people rushing around from shop to shop preparing for the morrow. "Waits" were numerous, and included the Parish Church choir, and choirs from other churches. The sweet sounds of the "Virgin's Chime" rang from the belfry of the Parish Church at midnight. With the exception of two slight showers on Christmas Day the weather was described as fine and seasonable.

A Christmas Tree and Sale of Work was held at the Ilkley Ladies' College, the proceeds from which went to the Juvenile Bible Society. The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens and the large Christmas Tree was well filled with pretty and useful articles for sale in addition to a fine stall. Three short concerts of "well selected vocal and instrumental music" were given in the drawing room by the young ladies for their friends. A room was set aside for the exhibition of drawings and paintings in pencil, crayon, sepia, water colours and oils and some pictures by art master, Mr. R. Daws for which he had gained medals. Miss Milne gave each child a small present from the Christmas tree and the "sight of their happy faces receiving them was long to be remembered."

Ilkley Brewery Co. offered mild ale at 1s per gallon, bitter beer at 1s. 6d. per gallon and stout at 1s. 2d. These were to be purchased in casks of six gallons and upwards.

Wilde's, of Brook Street, boasted of having one of the best displays of Christmas cards in Yorkshire with packets from 1d to 1s. Mrs. Joy in Wells Road offered Christmas Boxes and New Year gifts from India, China and the Land of the Rising Sun. She announced a special show-room had been opened for the "Little Folks" profusely decorated with Chinese and Japanese lanterns, fans, hand-screens, Sun shades, and containing many oriental toys, baskets and boxes and other articles appropriate to the season.

## 75 Years Ago

The Ilkley Gazette not only contained many large advertisements for Christmas shopping and news of local entertainment, but had a special Christmas supplement for their readers in 1909. The supplement contained recipes for Christmas puddings, Christmas Cake and Mince-meat, and tips on roasting the turkey together with a history of Christmas carols. The most beautiful were said to be European and appeared in the 15th century.

A trip of Ilkley's shops showed an abundance of Christmas cheer to be found in the town. Lack of employment, however, was said to account for many an empty ladder but times of more work were expected.

Grocers shops were full of rich foods and lard, butter, eggs and cheeses as well as home-made chocolates, spice cakes, plum puddings, bon-bons and crackers. Mr. Johnson had packaged his celebrated Ilkley toffee into special boxes. Messrs. Hampshires and Keighley Bros., both in Brook Street had fine display of geese, turkeys, hares, game birds and fish with exotic fruits of every description. Saferers from ruminatism were advised to try one of Mr. Davis (the jewellers) anti-rheumatic rings and Mr. Broadhead's souzentr spoons were given excellent recommendations.

There was a Christmas day edition of the Ilkley Gazette which advertised a grand market costume ball at the Ilkley Skating Rink with ten handsome prizes offered for costumes. Ilkley Brewery offered Highland whisky at 4/3 per bottle and Special Old Ale at 1/3 per gallon. Old port and sherry was from 1/3 per bottle and gin 2/3.

Members of Ilkley Vocal Society gave a Christmas performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio at St. Margaret's Church, conducted by Mr. A. T. Askeroyd, and Miss Eva Kim sang the soprano solos and Mr. Robert Charlesworth gave impressive bass songs. Mr. W. H. Ibberson accompanied the voices on the organ.

Children at the infants school provided one of the prettiest sights of the season when they sang action songs, carols and recited under the Christmas trees. Each child was given a well-made toy from the tree. At the close the children gave a hearty cheer for Miss Ellwood, head-mistress, and the Rev. F. Sinker, Vicar, and Mrs. Sinker.

## 50 Years Ago

Ilkley was a busy town during the few days leading up to Christmas 1934.

There were three toy services at the Methodist churches in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding and the Congrega-

tional Church. The display at the Congregational church was particularly fine as it was an annual event, the 37th to be held there. There were two or three Christmas trees, and clothes and boots and mounds of toys and books of every description. The children poured in with gifts for Santa Claus to take so that poorer children should not be left out of the season of giving. In all there were over 1,600 gifts received by Father Christmas and his helpers.—Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. J. Dibb, Mrs. T. Smith and Miss Stell. Toys received at the church were to be distributed in Leeds and Ilkley.

Toys received at the Methodist churches were to be sent to the Missions at Blackburn and Bradford.

The high spot of Ilkley Grammar School's Christmas entertainment was R. B. Sheridan's three act play "The Critic". The leading parts were taken by Ian Baldwin, K. Binns, M. Wilson, R. Murgatroyd and G. Clifton. The play was produced by Mr. A. Bartle, scenery was prepared by a team led by Mr. W. L. Leadbetter and Mr. E. Farrand and members of the sixth form were responsible for the lighting.

Parties were held by the Church of England schools, the Roman Catholic School and Ben Rhydding Council School. In addition to the fine teas, there were games and dancing and gifts of crackers, sweets and fruit from the Christmas trees.

Canon C. J. Hamer, Vicar of Ilkley and the Rev. W. Brockbank, Methodist Superintendent made an appeal for cigarettes on behalf of patients at the Middleton Sanatorium. There were 300 patients most of them smokers, with very little money for tobacco and it was said that the gift of cigarettes, money and tobacco would be greatly appreciated.

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2. JOHN DARLING  
NETHERWOOD  
3. MAGIC WAND

Low Mill, Addingham, was the setting for a party enjoyed by a large crowd of happy, laughing children between the ages of five and fourteen years. It was the fifth annual party held for children of employees of Messrs. Lister and Co. Ltd. The entertainment which followed the magnificent tea included the singing of carols, a dancing display by the Ellum sisters, conjuring by Mr. Liddesmore of Ingrow, gifts from Santa Claus, and a Baby Elephant (Mr. T. Rishworth) handed each child a gift with its trunk.

Ben Rhydding Golf Hotel offered a Christmas Day dinner dance at 10/6 per head, dance only 5/- with the same prices for New Year's Eve. Wells House had dinner dances throughout the festive season for the same price 10/6, whilst the Troutbeck Hotel was 7/6 and 8/6 for Christmas Eve and Boxing Day dinner dances and dancing at the Winter Gardens was 2/-. Craiglands top price for dinner dance tickets was 15/- per couple.

## 25 Years Ago

The King's Hall was crowded when Ilkley Choral Society gave its annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" which was brilliantly conducted by Mr. Chas Bainbridge. The singing was described as being "impressive" and the performance had been very well rehearsed.

Christmas parties and carol services marked the end of the term at local schools. In some instances there were "open day" allowing parents and friends to inspect the schools and samples of work done during the term. Children of the Ilkley Church of England School gave spirited performances of "Cratchit's Christmas Dinner" at a party organised by Mrs. M. Rishworth, Mrs. M. Paley and Mrs. P. L. Chadwick. Pupils at Ilkley Grammar School held a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at Ben Rhydding Parish Church as well as their usual form parties. Secondary Modern School children had form parties and dances and carols were sung at their final assembly of the term.

The thirty-one year old owner of an Ilkley sweet and tobacco shop in Brook Street, Mr. Alan Longfield, whose home was in Bramhope successfully fought off two men who tried to rob him of his weekend takings as he left his shop by the back door. Mr. Longfield fought until the intruders ran away, and was taken to the Coronation Hospital to have cuts and bruises treated.

The hospitals all had special Christmas arrangements with Christmas dinners, carol singers, extra visiting and staff parties.

Olicanian Cricket Club were holding a grand dance on Boxing Night at the King's Hall, admission 4/6 including supper. Similar dances were to be held by the local Electricity Board and Ilkley A.F.C. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve at the same price.

Tom Thumb with Russ Tamblin, Terry Thomas and Peter Sellers was the film at the Essoldo cinema to entertain the children together with Micky Rooney in "Andy Hardy Come Home".

DEC. 1984. (1884)

RELICS FOUND AT SANDBEDS

## 100 Years Ago

Whilst digging for gravel in the Sandbeds, near Addingham, during the first week of January 1885 some interesting relics were unearthed. They included a fine specimen of a mammoth tusk about nine inches long, a "knife half" of baked clay and a large stone weighing 29½ pounds, thought to have been a hammer head.

His Majesty King Milan of Servia was pleased to appoint Chevalier John Darlington, of Netherwood, Ilkley, as Consul to his majesty in Bradford. Mr. Darlington also held the position of consul in Bradford for Belgium, France and Italy.

There was a good audience at a magic lantern show in connection with the Wesleyan Band of Hope shown by Mr. Vincent Taylor, of Ilkley, entitled "The Highlands and Islands of Scotland", the descriptive lecture being given by Mr. Arthur Taylor.

2. JOHN DARLINGTON OF NETHERWOOD
3. MAGIC LANTERN SHOW.

DEC. 1984 (1909)

PASSING OF OLD YEAR

## 75 Years Ago

The passing of the Old Year was marked by the ringing of a muffled peal on the Parish Church bells and immediately on the stroke of twelve a joyous clangour "signalled the birth of 1910." Many children went out mumming, dressed in all manner of fantastic garb, mostly with their faces blackened.

Ilkley Skating Rink followed up a highly successful New Year's Eve session by announcing new management and more efficient heating and lighting. Admission charges were 6d. and 1/- for skaters. They also offered first class cafe facilities.

Over a score of "wheelmen"—members of the Bradford and Yorkshire Road clubs—attended a meeting and tea at Ilkley at the invitation of Mrs. Eaton of the West End Cafe. Most of the guests had for once travelled by train and they were sick and span in their attire, so as to be recognised as the authentic and rugged and muddy wheelers who often frequented Mrs. Eaton's establishment.

- 2 ILKLEY SKATING RINK
- 3 BRADFORD & YORKSH. ROAD CLUB.

DEC. 1984.

## ILKLEY RAILWAY'S 120th ANNIVERSARY

This year sees the 120th anniversary of the introduction of the railway to Ilkley, with the 3¼ mile Otley branch of the North Eastern Railway being opened from Arthington junction on 1 February 1865.

This line was built as part of the North Eastern Railway's plans to tap as many areas of Yorkshire as possible. The company had only been formed in 1854 as an amalgamation of the York and North Midland, Leeds Northern Railway and the York, Newcastle and Berwick Railway. Other companies like the Stockton and Darlington were to join the railway.

The North Eastern Railway's problem was keeping out competitors. The Midland Railway was also aggressively trying to extend its foothold in West Yorkshire, so great were the rivalries of those days that at one stage there were plans for two separate companies, the North Eastern and the Midland, to build lines into Ilkley.

In fact, common sense prevailed and the companies realised there was no point in both building lines. Each could have found an unprofitable section of line on its hands.

### Joint Line

The result was that the 6½ mile line between Otley and Ilkley was built as a joint line.

Before the Beeching axe, and in the days of railway grouping in 1923, Ilkley and Otley were really served by services which had at one time been run by different operating companies.

In the later years, before nationalisation in 1948, the pattern was for passengers for Otley and Ilkley via Holbeck and Headingley to change at Arthington. In World War 2, when every effort was made to try and get people to use the railways because of petrol rationing, there was only one through train via Otley to Ilkley from Leeds. That was the 5.28 p.m. out of Leeds City, getting to Ilkley at 6.16 p.m. There was similarly on this line only one through train from Ilkley via Otley to Leeds. This left Ilkley at 4.00 p.m. setting to Leeds City at 4.51.

Otley was also an intermediate stop on the Bradford to Harrogate service from Forster Square, Bradford. Here the stations between Otley and Bradford were at Guiseley, Baldon, Shipley, Frizinghall and Manningham. Between Otley and Harrogate the stations were at Pool-in-Wharfedale and Weeton. By changing at Arthington there were some reasonable timings for shoppers. The 1.30 out of Leeds City was at Arthington at 2.01 p.m. The connecting train left at 2.05 p.m. and passengers reached Otley at 2.14 p.m., the train finally reaching Ilkley at 2.23 p.m.

The Bradford to Harrogate service, by World War 2, had become almost non-existent. Only two trains a day worked the route and these did not stop at all stations. An extra train on Saturdays. By then there was no Sunday service.

Another service which Otley trains connected with was the Leeds, Bradford (Forster Square), Guiseley, Ilkley, Bolton Abbey and Skipton.

Time tables here show that even in World War 2 the Sunday train service into Otley had been abandoned. To get a train to Bradford on a Sunday, Otley people had to go to Menston or Ilkley. Then there were only two trains from Ilkley and Menston into Bradford Forster Square.

Parts of these lines were, of course, intended as sections of larger schemes which were never built at all.

The North Eastern services ended in the London and North Eastern Railway's time table after railway grouping in 1923. Those on the Leeds, Leeds City, Bradford, Guiseley, Otley, Ilkley, Bolton Abbey and Skipton routes ended in the London, Midland and Scottish Railway's time tables.

It is often forgotten now that some lines were built by companies solely to keep competitors out of the rail territory they regarded as their own.

Had steam vehicles been allowed on the roads, undoubtedly some of the little-used country lines would never have been built.

The incredible thing is that in some areas new branches were built after motor buses went on to the road, even though the very siting of the stations meant the lines were vulnerable to competition from more adaptable forms of transport. Who was going to go by train, if they had to walk a mile to a station. Where was a bus which picked them up almost on their doorstep?

Jan. 1985 (1885)

### 100 Years Ago

According to the Leeds Mercury's Skipton correspondent the Midland Railway Company was abandoning the intention of building a railway line from Skipton to Ilkley, for which Parliamentary consent had been obtained. Much disappointment was anticipated throughout the district. The Midland Railway Company gave the reason that the shareholders would not be in favour of building a line which would not be profitable enough to pay more than one per cent.

Skipton - Ilkley Rlyway Project abandoned.

Social function at Wells Hall

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Jan. 1985 (1909)

**75 Years Ago**

One of Ilkley's most brilliant social functions was held at Wells House Hydro in aid of Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital and raised over £70. The decorations were said to be magnificent and were the responsibility of Miss Edith Greenwood.

"The supper was a repast to dream about, all the viands were splendidly cooked and it was all served with the greatest possible despatch." The orchestra consisted of the finest musicians, all members of Halle's famous band and most capable soloists.

Shuttleworth's, publishers of the Ilkley Gazette in 1910, advertised the Wharfedale Family Almanack price 1d., which was said to be full of useful information, profusely illustrated and capital fire-side reading. It contained details of local feasts and fairs, societies, clubs, medical men and dentists, G.P.O. information, eclipses and phases of the moon.

Social function  
at Wells House

Shuttleworth  
Almanack price 1d.

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JANUARY 1985

# THE MAGIC OF YORKSHIRE

## The Big Ben story

BY DORIS NEWTON

The Magic of Yorkshire series written by Mrs. Doris Newton, of Moorlands Avenue, Yeadon, continues this week with an account of how stones quarried in Wharfedale were used in the building of the Houses of Parliament. She writes:

I am writing this week about a Yorkshireman who permanently 'lives' in London. Nothing strange in that, I can hear you say. But this is a very interesting story and I am sure many of you will not have heard it before.

The Palace of Westminster is much Yorkshire as you or I. Before the building of it was commenced a railway line was built especially to convey the stones from Otley Chevin down the steep incline, joining the small branch line at Pool and from thence to the main line and London. This stone was of such special quality and beauty that it was chosen to build our seat of government.

Big Ben, the bell which sounds the hours from the clock tower of the Palace of Westminster, is nine feet in diameter and seven and a half feet high. Stamped upon it are a royal coat-of-arms, a portcullis badge of Westminster, and an inscription which reads "The Bell, weighing 13 tons, 10 cwt, 3 qts, 15 lbs, was cast by George Mears, Whitechapel, for the clock of the Houses of Parliament under the direction of Edmund Beckett Denison, Q.C., in the 21st year of the reign of Queen Victoria and in the year of our Lord 1858."

E. B. Denison was the eldest son of Sir Edmund Beckett (who in 1816 assumed the additional surname of Denison and in 1872 discarded it on succeeding to his baronetcy). When Denison succeeded his father as fifth baronet in 1874 he designed his own home, and he also abandoned his Denison surname. An uncompromising controversialist, he was keenly interested in architecture (in the 1870's he designed his own home, Batchwood Hall, at St. Albans) and as a noted amateur horologist co-operated in the construction of the Palace of Westminster clock. Born in 1816, he was created Baron Grimthorpe in 1886, and died in 1905.

The original Big Ben was cast in August, 1856, at Norton, near Stockton-on-Tees. It weighed 16 tons and on arrival in London was pulled across Westminster Bridge on a truck drawn by 16 white horses and exhibited in New Palace Yard. In 1857 however, a crack four feet long was discovered and it was to be reproduced the following April, though on a rather smaller scale, by George Mears at the Whitechapel Foundry. Six months later, the new Big Ben was hauled up to its place in the clock tower.

Big Ben's first day as a time-keeper was May 31st, 1859, though it did not strike until July 11th. Then, in September, this second Big Ben also cracked! After a silence of three years, the problem was solved by giving the bell a quarter of a turn so that it offered a different striking surface to the hammer, the weight of which was reduced.

The clock tower of the Houses of Parliament is 316 feet high from Thames level to the top of the gilded finial, and the dial centres are at a height of 180 feet. Each dial face is 23 feet in diameter, and the figures are two feet in length. The minute spaces are a foot square. The minute hands are 14 feet in length, weigh 2 cwt. each, and travel 100 miles a year at their tips. The hour hands are 9 feet long. Carved in stone in gilded letters under each face is the Latin inscription, "Domine salvem fac reginam Victoriā primā" (O Lord save our Queen, Victoria the First).

Since 1885, the Ayrton Light has shone in the lantern above the clock after dark whenever Parliament is in session. It perpetuates the memory of the Rt. Hon. Acton S. Ayrton, First Commissioner of Works under Gladstone from 1869 to 1873.

The Westminster Chime is supposedly derived from a phrase by Handel in the accompaniment to the aria, "I know that my Redeemer liveth" from his "Messiah".

Accidental stoppages of the clock have occurred about a dozen times from various causes, and Great Tom of St. Paul's deputised for Big Ben during two periods in 1934 and 1956, when the latter was being overhauled. Big Ben's first broadcast took place on New Year's Eve, 1923, and one of the clock faces (the east one) as seen from St. Thomas's Hospital, was being televised in the last few moments of 1949.

How did this national institution come to be called Big Ben? The most likely explanation is that it was named after the Rt. Hon. Sir Benjamin Hall, Bart (1802-1867), the First Commissioner of Works under Lord Palmerston from 1855-1858, who in 1859 was created Baron Llanover. Perhaps it was Sir Benjamin's not inconsiderable girth which suggested it, the naming after him the heaviest bell ever cast in Britain up to that time!

Another theory is that the bell's name originated from Benjamin Caunt (1815-1861), a noted pugilist of the period (popularly known as Big Ben, who was 6ft. in height and whose weight at one time reached 17 stones. According to the Dictionary of National Biography, "On October 26th, 1840, he beat John Leechman, known as "Brassey", after 101 rounds, and was hailed Champion of England."

So, after travelling all these miles to London, we find they cannot do without our good old Yorkshire Dales to supply them with their Seat of Government! The influence of our county is indeed far-flung!

Mr. Brad

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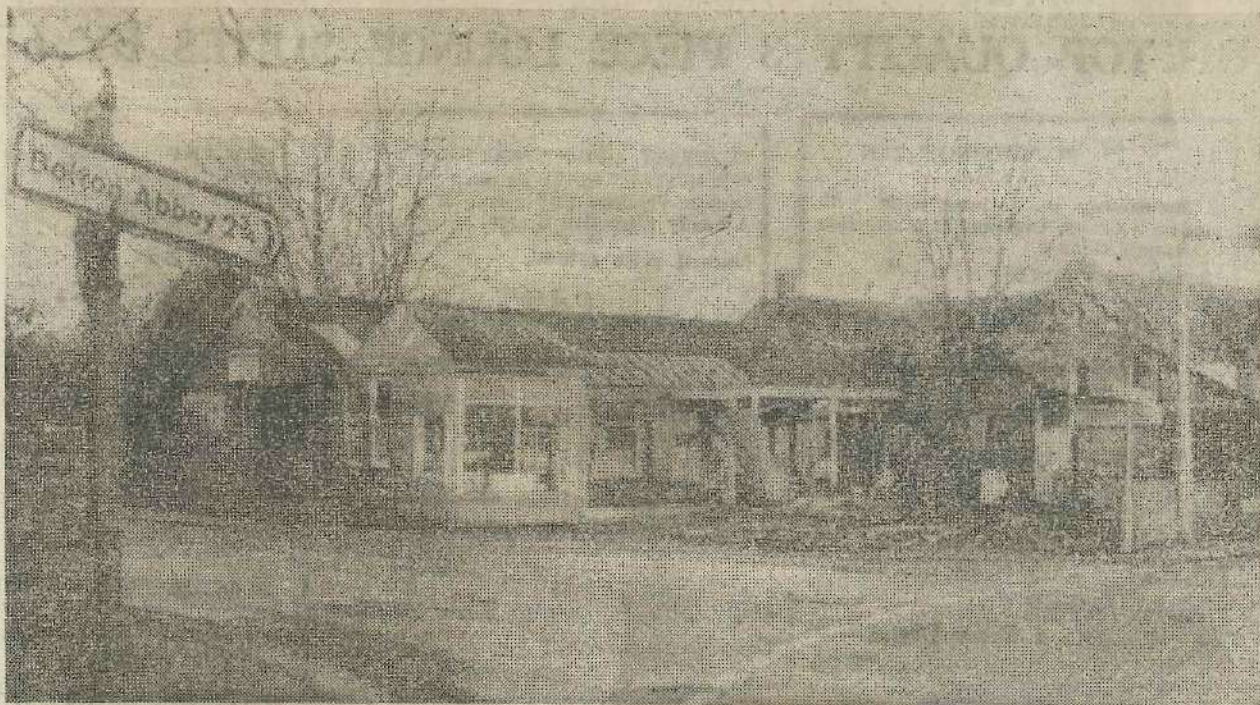


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It was agreed that once

Mr. Bradley's Workshop which stood at the Corner of North St  
and Church Street. January 1985

## ADDINGHAM LANDMARK MAKES WAY FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT



An old Addingham landmark has made way for new development, with the demolition of the wooden workshops at the junction of Church Street and North Street.

The workshops have occupied the site for over 60

years, having been built originally by the distinguished local engineer and inventor Mr. Bill Bradley, and extended over the years. In the last few years they have been occupied by a farm supplies firm.

For many years Mr. Bradley used them as a base for his motorcycle and engineering company, and about 30,

years ago part of the premises were used by Dr. Good-Beamsley for research and man of Beamsley for research and garages have recently been submitted for consideration by Bradford Metropolitan Council.

The site now has planning permission for a single detached house, and alternative plans for a development consisting of three cottages and garages have recently been submitted for consideration by Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Picture shows the workshops partially demolished.



# Guiding lights

THE Girl Guides' Association, 75 years old this year, started when girls throughout Britain borrowed their brothers' copies of Scouting for Boys written by Lt-Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell in 1908.

Girls soon began to register themselves as Scouts, and, as this was considered too tomboyish for Edwardian times, the founder chose the name of girl guides, asking his sister Agnes Baden-Powell to adapt the scheme along more suitable lines. But there was obviously nothing namby-pamby about it according to the recollections of one former Liverpool guider mentioned in the official Girl Guides' Association history (1908-1938).

Recalling days before the First World War, she wrote: "When the girls got at loggerheads with each other we made them put on boxing gloves and settle their differences in cold blood. This really was very effective, and stopped tale-bearing, etc. I remember just at the outbreak of war (when we wore red crosses on white haversacks), parading through the slums to the landing stage and the dear old shawled women remarked: 'They are off to the War, God bless 'em'."

One Yorkshire stalwart of the movement who remembers the earlier times, Miss Marcia Mowat, of

Cleckheaton, has memories less violent than those of a boxing ring. Nevertheless, Miss Mowat, 87, and still deeply involved in the organisation as West Yorkshire (North) County President, can recall some pretty robust experiences chopping wood for the camp fire and toiling to erect heavy bell tents.

Her guiding career began at Roedean, where she was a girl scout. "We had khaki uniforms and wore big scout hats, not the modern berets. The hats were supposed to be good for fanning the flames of the camp fire."

When she returned home in 1916 Miss Mowat founded the 1st Cleckheaton Company of Girl Guides. "We were an 'open' company, not attached to any church or chapel," she recalled. "When we went on our Whitsuntide camp to places such as Lythe, near Whitby, and Pateley Bridge, we all piled into a lorry. There were not many cars about in those days, so parents could not take us."

"I think camping is among the best aspects of guiding, although it has changed a lot, with lightweight ridge tents instead of the bell tents we had to put up. You got to know a lot more about a girl in one week of camping than you could in a whole year of weekly meetings."

Those were the days before primus stoves and other new fangled camping aids. "We used to take out

the turf and make an open camp fire. There was little tinned food. We had boiled puddings, sausages and proper stews cooked in Army-style dixies, billy-cans. Chopping the wood was hard work but lots of fun. In fact, guiding is still lots of fun, with team work, and caring for others, with emphasis on good turns, handcraft and health."

Now, there are nearly one million guides including brownies, rangers and young leaders in the United Kingdom, and worldwide over eight million girl guides and girl scouts in 108 countries from Argentina (started 1915) to Zimbabwe (1912), which must prove it was a good idea if so many girls, leaders and administrators, swelled the ranks internationally.

Miss Doris Stockmann, chairman of the World Committee, looked ahead to February 22 when all girl guides and girl scouts are united. It is their Thinking Day. "They use that day to think about their friends all over the world."

Its modern-day organisers explain the movement's appeal. "What can guiding offer in this day and age?" they ask. The answer goes like this: "The same thing that it has always offered — the pleasure of participation rather than the dreariness of sitting on the sidelines." And, in the Baden-Powell tradition, a member is expected to think of others, and hopefully do a good deed each day.

The Girl Guides Association celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. DEREK HUDSON reports



Off to camp 1916.



From the Yorkshire Post  
January 1985



Above, handcraft work 1916. Below a helping hand 1916.

FEB. 1985 (1935)

Feb. 1985

FEB 15.

### 50 Years Ago

Discussion was taking place at meetings of Ilkley Council and the Chamber of Trade over arrangements to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of H.M. King George V on 6 May. The beacon on Beamsley Beacon was to be lit by the scouts and it was suggested that the new swimming pool on the north side of the river could be opened on that day and called the Jubilee Baths.

PREPARATIONS FOR  
GEO. V. SILVER JUBILEE.

FEB. 1985 (1885)

### 100 Years Ago

The Ilkley Gazette of 7 February, 1885 included a report of the fall of Khartoum. The news was received at the War Office before midnight on Wednesday 4 February. News of General Gordon's fate was uncertain but the palace where he resided had been gutted and it was not known whether he had been taken prisoner by the Mahdi, been killed or was still at liberty.

The Ilkley Gazette deplored "modern manners" in particular the noxious Ilkley habit of leaving a gathering before the last item on the programme, resulting in a general stampede for the exit which completely drowned the concluding song, chorus, recitation or even prayer.

At a meeting of Burley Local Board it was reported that Miss Arnold-Foster had generously offered to erect a drinking water fountain for the village providing the Board were willing to supply it with water and keep it in a good state of repair. The Board unanimously accepted the generous offer and agreed to Miss Arnold-Foster's conditions willingly.

General Gordon

Ilkley's Bad Manners!

Fountain  
bottom of  
Station Rd.  
B in W.

### END OF AN ERA

## PASSIONIST FATHERS PREPARE TO LEAVE MIDDLETON

The end of an era is approaching, with the imminent departure of the Order of Passionist Fathers from the Ilkley monastery at Middleton Lodge after over 60 years.

The Order came to Middleton in 1922, but now find they do not have sufficient men to continue running the monastery adequately.

The Lodge's connection with the Catholic faith, stretching back to Norman times, will remain, however, for it has been leased to the Diocese of Leeds for use as a pastoral and retreat centre.

It will now take over from the centre at Woodhall, near Wetherby which is to be closed down.

The Passionists expect to withdraw completely from the Lodge by about July, when the four remaining members will be dispersed to various other communities.

Middleton Lodge was for many years the home of the Middleton family, Lords of the Manor at Ilkley, who came over about 100 years after the Norman Conquest and who built the Lodge itself in Elizabethan times.

It was one of the strongholds of Catholicism in the North throughout the Reformation, and was the scene of worship by the Middletons and other local Catholics until the erection of the Church of the Sacred Heart in Ilkley in 1879.

The Lodge came into the possession of the Passionist Fathers in 1922, being used as a monastery and for the training of their missionary priests. Shortly before the war, in 1939, outhouses were converted into a day retreat house.

Father Mark White, who is acting as Rector at the Lodge during the change-over period, said the retreat was used as a place where people could go for a period of spiritual renewal, to talk and discuss problems, and for prayers and silence. As well as priests, it was used by the clergy, parish groups and church organisations, Anglican and Non-Conformist in addition to Catholics, and also did a lot of work with schools.

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FEB 15, 1985.

SCENES FROM THE PAST (33)

WORK STARTS ON A NEW BATHING POOL



Almost fifty one years ago work began on the construction of a bathing pool for Ilkley on land in Denton Road. The hot summer of 1934 proved the need for a public swimming pool as residents and visitors took to the River Wharfe for bathing despite warnings against swimming in the river.

May 10 this year will mark the 50th anniversary of the

opening of the outdoor swimming pool by Dr. M. R. Dobson, then Chairman of the old Ilkley Urban District Council. The pool holds 325,000 gallons of water and the lower semi-circle is fifty yards at its greatest width. An unusually large proportion of the area of the bath was designed for shallow water to cater for children and also to benefit from the sun's rays in

the bath was fitted with a heating system. The diving stages were of the international standard and in addition there was a seventeen foot six inches stainless steel lined chute for adults and a four foot six inches baby chute for children. There were 48 dressing cubicles and with locker system this provided accommodation for 500 bathers. By 1972 a new indoor swim-

ming pool had been built within the grounds of the outdoor pool and being 25 metres long by 10 1/2 metres wide provided five lanes for competition purposes.

The new pool was opened by Cr J. Spencer, then Chairman of Ilkley Urban District, who said the Council had always been aware of the demand for all year round swimming facilities.

Aug 30th. 1985

The Order of the Passionist Fathers has left Ilkley Monastery after an association with the town which lasted for more than sixty years.

It was in 1922 that the Order took up residence at Middleton Lodge but now because of insufficient men to run the Monastery adequately they found it necessary to leave.

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### 100 Years Ago

The death was announced in the Ilkley Gazette of Mr. Wm. Middleton (70), of Middleton Lodge, Lord of the Manor of Ilkley. He had succeeded to the Middleton estate in 1866 and "reigned at the Lodge for more than twenty years". During this period he had seen a vast change in the history and development of Ilkley and had been closely associated himself with these changes. Ilkley had won itself a name on account of the purity of its air and its waters and had gained a reputation as a rising Spa town. He had put some of the vast Middleton estate on to the market for houses and hydros to be built enabling the town to start its "onward march to prosperity".

The Middletons of Middleton Lodge were an ancient family, claiming to be descendants of a warrior who came over with the Norman conquest. Through a female member of the family they could trace the line back to the Conqueror himself. In the 13th century one, Hypollitus de Braman, settled land in Middleton Follyfoot and Stubham on his son Hugh who according to the fashion of the day assumed the name of de Midelton. The estate ran in a direct line from father to son until 1757 when by marriage with its heiress it went to Hagenston Constable who assumed the name of "Middleton".

The deceased squire never married and left three living brothers and six sisters, he had been known to be in failing health for some time.

### DEATH OF SQUIRE MIDDLETON.

### 100 Years Ago 1885

Most of the news columns in the Ilkley Gazette were entirely devoted to a full report on the funeral of the late Mr. Wm. Middleton, Lord of the Manor of Ilkley and owner of Middleton Lodge. He was succeeded by his brother, Mr. Chas. Middleton. The funeral service took place in the private chapel at Middleton Lodge, and his remains were interred in the private burial ground at the rear of the chapel. The chapel was filled to capacity with relatives, friends and tenants of the late squire, and the service was conducted by the Rev. Provost Brown of Leeds and Father Pope. The Ilkley Gazette published the entire list of mourners and the complete order of service and sermon.

In lighter vein the annual concert connected with Addingham Cricket Club was held in Addingham Wesleyan schoolroom. Local residents who took part included the Misses Critchley, of Ilkley, Mr. Sim Cowling of Ilkley and Mr. H. Ellison and his "Sol-fa class" from Addingham.

### FUNERAL OF SQUIRE MIDDLETON CONCERT FOR ADDINGHAM.C.C.

### 75 Years Ago

The management of the annual Brass Band contest held in Ilkley at Easter was in new hands in 1910 as Mr. F. Barron of the Bridge Hotel had no intention of continuing its promotion. Mr. W. S. Bellerby, Musical Director to the Ilkley District Council, received a good deal of local support to form a committee to continue the event with Cr. J. Dinsdale in the chair. The contest was said to attract a great many visitors to the town who would not otherwise visit Ilkley at Easter. Praise was given to Mr. Bellerby for the speed at which he had ensured the future of the competition.

A number of gentlemen residing at an Ilkley Hydro had been discussing the weight of the Calf Rock, at estimates of between 15 tons and 3,000 tons. The latter was regarded as an extravagant estimate, but calculating that there was as much rock

buried as appeared on the surface, it turned out to be a good calculation. By measurement they found that allowing for dints and inequalities the weight of the rock above ground was about 1,500 tons.

At a large sale of pianos at Hilson and Co., Briggate, Leeds, uprights were for sale from £5 and grand pianos from £15.

### ILKLEY BRASS BAND WEIGHT OF CALF ROCK

### MARCH. 1985

### 75 Years Ago 1910

A unique assembly took place at the Town Hall when a Fancy Dress Ball organised by Mr. J. Goodwin had the additional attractions of a display of Morris Dancing by Ilkley schoolchildren and a beauty competition which was won by Miss Cissie, Habbshaw. Her beauty was described as "the robust type that physical culturists seek to promote." A prize was awarded to Mr. Harry Brogden, who was chosen by the ladies as "the most handsome man in the assembly." Miss Proctor received first prize for the most handsome costume as "The Belle of New York" and the most handsome gentleman's costume was won by Mr. A. Gordon as Charles I. Mr. Harry Roe as a clown with a long string of sawdust sausage won the most comic costume.

Messrs. Denby and Co. started to ply their motor-cars for hire in Brook Street, marking a decided step in the evolution of local transport from the horse cab. Many older residents deplored the "new order of things."

### FANCY DRESS BALL FIRST TAXI CABS.

### 50 Years Ago

The highest floods in Wharfedale since 1833 swept the valley during the third week of September, 1935. Traffic along the valley was brought to a standstill as the winding river had been transformed into a long series of turbulent lakes through which a boiling brown torrent raged and roared sweeping all before it.

The water swept round the north side of the Old Bridge at Ilkley, down Denton Road and across the bottom of New Brook Street with taxis doing good business in conveying passengers across the waters. The roadway over Ben Rhydding Bridge was under a foot of water. A huge tree carried by the water struck the bridge and broke the side rails and one of its uprights. Flood water entered low-lying houses at Addingham, Ilkley and Otley. Yet the whole flood lasted less than a day. The river rose exactly ten feet above normal as measured at the new suspension bridge at the Crum Wheel. There was terrible wreckage left in the wake of the floods with hundreds of sightseers visiting the valley to witness the trees, branches, palings and even gates which were left suspended from trees, and in the fields. Some damage was done to Ilkley Golf Club and Ilkley Lawn Tennis Club, but the Golf Club Committee considered they had been fortunate, with mainly silt left to clear. Great lengths of netting and fencing had been destroyed at the Tennis Club, and water had entered the pavilion itself. Mr. Kitson, the secretary estimated the damage at around £200.

### FLOODS IN WHARFEDALE

### 25 Years Ago 1960

The problem of obtaining a meal in Ilkley on Sundays was discussed at the annual general meeting of Ilkley Chamber of Trade. People visiting the town had their days out spoiled by the lack of cafe facilities in the town. It was thought that with co-operation the cafe owners could alleviate this growing problem. However, over the years little had been done to improve the situation for the benefit of regular day visitors.

Mr. David Gale, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gale of Five Oaks, Ben Rhydding took part in a Royal Gala Ballet performance at the Opera House, Covent Garden which was attended by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and her fiancé Mr. Anthony Armstrong Jones.

### DIFFICULTY OF FINDING FOOD ON SUNDAYS!

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10, Park Crescent, Addingham.

MARCH 14. 1985

## NEW SITE SOUGHT FOR OLD HORSE TROUGH

The old stone trough (seen on right of picture) which disappeared from the top of Brook Street, Ilkley, where it had stood for many years in horse cab days may be on the move again.

The nineteenth century trough stands at present outside Ilkley Manor House and last year formed a feature of the Britain

in Bloom display when it was decorated with plants. The Friends of the Manor House want it re-sited in Brook Street because they think the nineteenth century artifact is out of keeping standing in front of a seventeenth century building.

The Parish Council has told Bradford Metropolitan that it

believes the most suitable site for the trough would be on the grassed part of Castle Road away from vandalism at the top of Brook Street.

At a meeting of the Parish Council's Britain in Bloom Competition sub-committee on Monday night a suggestion from Cr. W. R. Hill that the site on the

north side of the Old Bridge by the Georgian lamp-post, should be considered was put forward.

The trough has been sitting outside the Manor House for nearly three years after being found covered with lumber and debris at the Council's depot in Golden Butts Road.



### Part Of Ilkley's Heritage

Sir, I was quite appalled on picking up the Gazette last Friday, to read of the suggestion to put the old horse trough now standing at the Manor House, into the Riverside Gardens as its permanent home—an ideal place for the attention of vandals. I should say!

Although not now a resident of Ilkley, my family have lived there many generations, and I, personally, have always been interested in Ilkley's heritage of which this trough is a part, and I

heartily endorse Forrest's wish to see it back on its original site at the top of Brook Street where the traffic island is now where it belongs, and where it would mean something, particularly to the older residents who remember Ilkley in its more elegant days.

HILDA HOLMES

10, Park Crescent, Addingham.

**THE OLD TROUGH WAS REMOVED FROM THE MANOR HOUSE.**

**WEDS MARCH 13th. 1985**

**AND EVENTUALLY LANDED**

**IN CASTLE HILL GARDENS**

**(L. SIDE NEW BROOK ST.**

**N. OF NEW BRIDGE!)**

**MEMORIAL TO COUN. WADDRILL**

### BROOK STREET'S HORSE TROUGH COMING BACK?

A nineteenth century stone horse trough which for years stood at the top of Brook Street, Ilkley, in horse cab days may once again be seen on that site.

After its removal from Brook Street some years ago, it eventually found its way to Ilkley's historic Manor House but now the Friends of the Manor House want it moved from outside the building and re-sited in Brook Street.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton told members of Ilkley Parish Council at this month's meeting that she would prefer to see it sited in the public gardens in Castle Road. "I would not like to see it taken away and disposed of," said Cr. Mrs. Renton who thought a corner of a garden could be found for this historical piece. It could be put near a tree and filled with plants she suggested.

"I think it will still look nice at the top of Brook Street where it used to stand," said Cr. W. Forrest.

The Council's Britain in Bloom Committee is to consider the future re-siting of the old trough.

MARCH 8th. 1985

# PLANS TO CONVERT FORMER CHURCH INTO FLATS HAS COUNCIL APPROVAL

Plans to convert the old Methodist Church known as Christchurch in Wells Road into twelve flats have been approved by Bradford Metropolitan Council and Ilkley Parish Council.

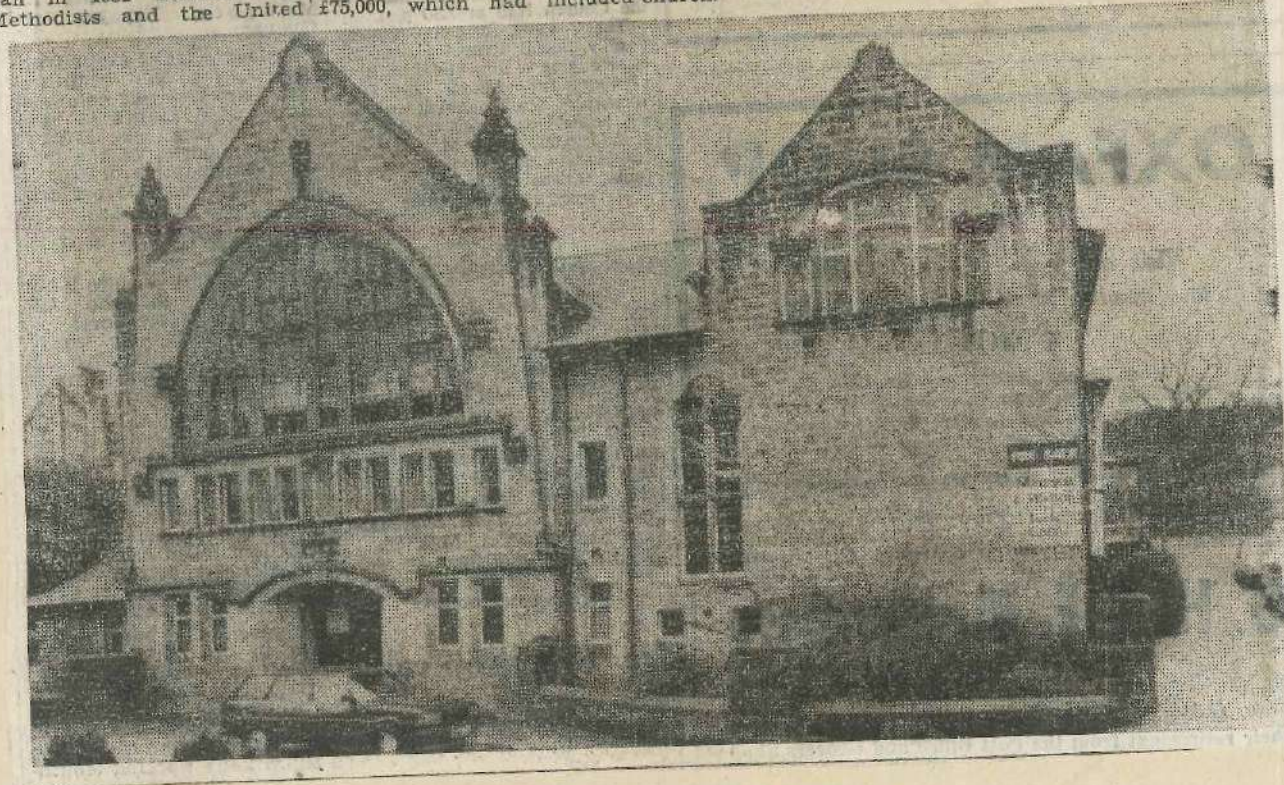
The plan is a key part of a £250,000 amalgamation began in 1981 between the Methodists and the United

Reformed Church. The two churches joined together and decided to move to the Grove Church after extensive work costing £1m has been carried out.

The Rev. John Dale said they were half way towards achieving a public appeal of £75,000, which had included

door to door collections and were next appealing for help from about two hundred big companies in this country. If the Church can realise its own financial targets then they hope to raise the remainder of the cash from Government grants plus the money from the sale of the old church.

Ilkley Parish Council agreed to the plan which includes an internal courtyard and parking space for one car with each flat, on condition that the external alterations be kept to a minimum and carried out while retaining the character of the building.



MARCH 15th  
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**WAUGH & DEAN QUARRY FROM STONE**  
Ilkley Skating Rink three daily sessions time. Season tickets available to ladies at 5/- men at 7/6. Morning sessions from 10.30 a.m. p.m. were free of charge could be hired for 1/-.  
**SKATING RINK**

MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> 1985

### Ilkley Woman Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mrs. Margaret Robinson, of Dale Court, Ilkley, has celebrated her 90th birthday when among her visitors on the day were Ilkley Parish Cr. and Mrs. Peter A. Williams.

Mrs. Robinson was born in Beverley, in the East Riding and moved to Ilkley before the First World War. During the war she worked in munitions and in 1919

married the late Mr. Archie Robinson, who was employed by Hartley and Sons, of Ilkley.

Mrs. Robinson is a founder member of the women's section of Ilkley Royal British Legion and has served on the committee for a number of years. During the second war, she worked with the women's branch of Toc H. She was also a founder member

of Ben Rhydding Bright Hour and Ilkley Senior Citizens Club, which she still attends.

She has one daughter, Mrs. J. M. Wilkinson, of Ilkley, three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Pictured from left to right are, Cr. Peter A. Williams, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Margaret Robinson.



MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> 1985  
10 YEARS AG 1910

Messrs. Waugh and Son and Dean and Son were given until the end of March to remove their quarry plant and work stone from Hangingstone Quarries as the weather had been too bad for this work to have been completed.

WAUGH & DEAN TO MOVE QUARRY FROM HANGINGSTONE

Ilkley Skating Rink advertises three daily sessions at 6d. per time. Season tickets were available to ladies at 5/- and gentlemen at 7/6. Morning skating sessions from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. were free of charge. Skates could be hired for 1/-.

SKATING RINK PRICES

### Celebrating 30th Anniversary

Two founder members of Ilkley Senior Citizens Club, Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Robinson were present at the celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of the club, which included a visit from Chairman of the Council and his wife who had a faith tea with executives.

Miss Lockley celebrated her 101st birthday and to mark the event Miss Hilda Holmes, of Addingham, showed slides of old Ilkley. Flowers were presented to the Chairman's wife, Mrs. Lockley, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Holmes.

Ladies from St. John's Church were the hostesses and the winners in a special competition were Mrs. Smithies, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Woodrup and Mr. Mogg.

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY.



MARCH 22, 1985  
(1885)

100 Years Ago

Members of Ilkley Local Board discussed the appearance of the bridge over Brook Street, which would be necessary to carry the railway from Skipton to Ilkley. Members of the Board feared that the bridge might be "rudd" in appearance, and as it was to be over the principal street in the town, it was generally felt that the Midland Railway would try to oblige the Board and forward detailed plans for the erection of the bridge.

There was a horse bus accident on the incident near the allotment gardens in Addingham, when the horse fell in passing over some new stones and broke both shafts of the bus. Fortunately the vehicle did not overturn and no passengers were injured.

Long skirts did not deter a young female from climbing up the face of the Calf rock and sitting on top to admire the view. However the girl found the descent very difficult and missed her footing. She then tried to slip down and leap on to firm ground but this proved impossible. Eventually several people assisted her back to the top and safely down the steps to the ground with considerable difficulty.

- 1. BRIDGE OVER BROOK ST.
- 2. HORSE BUS ACCIDENT
- 3. GIRL CLIMBS COW ROCK.

100 Years Ago

MARCH 1885.

Pupils of Miss Tolson's night school provided a breaking-up entertainment in the Schoolroom, Brook Street, Ilkley, in 1885. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a handsome ink stand and address to Mr. Craggs by Messrs. Buckley and Kitson on behalf of the class as an appreciation of his services during the winter session. Sam Williams and W. Dobson gained special prizes for attendance, and Miss Tolson thanked Miss Saltitt, Miss Willan and Mr. Craggs for their great help to her in running the school.

A trial on the new Richter Fire Annihilator was made on the old cricket ground at Ilkley. An attempt to extinguish a fire was fairly successful, but appears that owing to the spillage of a chemical compound, the operators had not sufficient left to give the machine a fair trial.

George Brumfit, house agent, Wells Road, offered a selection of houses to let in Ilkley from £13 per year with two sitting rooms, 4 bedrooms and a basement kitchen to £75 per year with three sitting rooms, seven bedrooms and a ground floor kitchen. The latter had a private tennis lawn and a large garden, some houses at £35 had a conservatory and four bedrooms.

BREAKING UP PARTY FOR EVENING CLASS.

NEW FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES.

HOUSE PRICES IN 1885!!  
TODAY A 2 BEDROOMED BUNGALOW IS PRICED AT £42,000 (AD) 1985

MARCH 22, 1985  
50 YEARS AGO 1935

DESTRUCTION OF ADDINGHAM SWING BRIDGE.

MARCH 1985 (1935)

50 Years Ago

Arrangements to celebrate the Jubilee of King George V were further advanced in 1935 by the committee appointed to make the plans. The two foremost items were to be treats for the children and also the unemployed. Discussion took place as to whether sports were to be for young people only or whether there should be races included in the programme for the over 65's. However, it was decided to restrict the races to the 5 to 16 year age group.

Suggestions were put forward to floodlight the town, or blazen torches on the moorside reading "George and Mary 1935" so that the words showed up against the blackness of the moors. These matters were to be considered by the committee members. It was decided to have a Jubilee Ball and whist drive in May to raise money for local charities.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SILVER JUBILEE

APRIL 12th. 1985  
100 YEARS AGO 1885

The annual Fancy Dress Ball was held at Craiglunds Hydro and was a brilliant occasion. Music was supplied by Mr. W. Dean's band and no less than thirteen sets of Lancers were formed at one time. The spectacle of the staid Dr. Dobson dressed as a Venetian Courtier naming the character as they filed into the hall was at first a little bewildering and then greatly pleasing. Dancing continued until after 3 a.m.

Mr. Wm. Fison of Burley entertained workpeople who had so willingly worked overtime to help the firm, to a splendid dinner at the Malt Shovel Inn who in turn sang with gusto "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".

FANCY DRESS BALL AT CRAIGLANDS.

APRIL 12th. 1985 (1909)

75 Years Ago

A "capital entertainment" was provided at St. Margaret's Hall, Ilkley in 1910 by pupils of Miss Wray, Wharfedale School, Ben Rhydding in connection with the National Children's Home and Orphanage. Part of the programme was musical with piano solos by Miss Clark and Miss May Fox. Recitations were given by Alec Wade, Dorothy Thorpe, Margery Fox and Kitty Keswick. "The Mad Tea Party" from Alice in Wonderland was given by Alec Wade, Dorothy Thorpe, Jim Croysdale and Ernest Shackleton and Mary Duxford was entered for her delightful "Sleepy Song".

CONCERT BY MISS WRAYS SCHOOL.

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**ADDINGHAM  
BY-PASS**

**"INACCURACIES" LED TO  
FORMATION OF  
PRESSURE GROUP**

Inaccurate interpretation of information about proposals for the Addingham By-Pass had prompted a pressure group to be set up in the village and push for a last-minute alteration to the route, it was felt at the March meeting of Addingham Parish Council.

Cr. Alan Jerome, Chairman, said he had spoken to some of the residents involved, and it was clear they had either been given inaccurate details or had misinterpreted them, with the result they believed that a parish meeting to discuss the by-pass was a cut and dried affair.

They felt they were to be presented with a "fait accompli" by the Department of Transport, and a by-pass route very close to their homes on the St. Paul's estate. In fact the Department would be willing to make even more alterations if necessary, after hearing the village's views, and the facts and figures obtained by the residents were not correct, he said.

The Department of Transport did not normally go to these lengths, and had never been to such a parish meeting to hold discussions with residents before, said Cr. Jerome.

The action group was pushing for a by-pass along an amended Yellow Route, to the north of the village, with a link road from Silsden Road, and they saw this as the only true by-pass.

"I do not believe this is totally correct, although I can see the logic of what they say," he said. "A by-pass along that line would take traffic much closer to the houses in Bark Lane than one on the Purple Route would to the houses in St. Pauls, and it would cut the church and the river off from the village.

"However, if the action group manage to get a better by-pass for Addingham than would otherwise have been the case, then they will have achieved something," he added.

Coun. Fearnley Woodward pointed out that for generation the people of Main Street had experienced heavy traffic within three feet of their windows, and residents of Bark Lane had had it within three feet of their gardens, but

now the residents of St. Pauls were concerned about a by-pass 30 metres from their gardens.

"The village and residents of Bark Lane have been bombarded with figures claiming that a Purple Route by-pass will result in extra traffic on Bark Lane, but this is a separate issue. Any problems there can be sorted out with a traffic management scheme, which the parish council will take up with the Department of Transport at the proper time," he said.

**MAY 3. 1985 (1885)  
SKIPTON RAILWAY.**

**100 Years Ago**

Anxiety was being expressed in Ilkley as to the appearance of the town after the proposed opening of the Skipton to Ilkley railway line. Bridges would be necessary to carry the line over Easby Drive Westville Road, Yew Bank, Bolton Bridge Road, Cunniffe Road and Brook Street, and it was proposed to build bridges over Brook Street which could not exceed 16 feet in height. No station alteration was necessary at Ilkley but buildings were to be erected at Addingham, Bolton and Embsay.

**MAY 3. 1985 (1960)**

**25 Years Ago**

At a cost of about £2,740 a new six-bed ward was opened at Ilkley Coronation Hospital. It was a general purpose ward to provide accommodation for children, adult patients requiring special treatment or as a day room for ambulant patients.

A preliminary report from the Ministry of Works Architect, concerning the swastika stone, the clip and ring stone opposite St. Margaret's Church gave advice on removing the lichen, and suggested that the railing around the stone should be re-arranged to prevent entry to the stone itself. Hob-nail boot marks were clearly visible upon inspection. Re-pointing and pinning of the cup and ring stones was recommended but the report suggested no repairs were appropriate to the swastika stone.

**CORONATION  
HOSPITAL**

**CUP & RING  
ROCK  
QUEEN'S RD.**

**Correspondence**

**"We want our Fountain  
restored"**

Sir,—Many Ilkley people would like to see the fountain at the top of Brook Street restored as they would also have liked to see the old horse trough back at the top of Brook Street. At the Parish Council A.G.M. it was stated that the Plan's Committee decided that the horse trough should grace lower Brook Street. I have yet to receive confirmation that this decision received full support from the Council. Both Cr. Williams and Cr Hill try hard to take care of Ilkley and listen to what we have to say. Cr. Walter Forrest means well and Cr. Scaife has a tendency to be a bit vague and cautious over the phone. I believe the Bury and Menston Councillors are kept on their toes by good community councils but some of them get very wilful over matters concerning Ilkley.

We would like our fountains restored.  
**E. GREENWOOD**  
7 Westville Road,  
Ilkley.

**MAY 3rd. 1985**

**75 Years Ago  
1909.**

A smoking concert held at the Royal Hotel in Wells Road took the form of a celebration for the "borough of Olicana" and was attended by the Chairman, members and officials of Ilkley District Council with Mr. Dinsdale playing the part of "Ye Worshipful Mayor Alderman Dinsdale". Councillors, officials and citizens provided the musical entertainment and the evening was described as a masterpiece of wit and humour.

**CONCERT AT  
ROYAL HOTEL**

Ilkley skating rink offered a new attraction to patrons. They engaged two trick and fancy skaters to give an exhibition of roller skating which delighted a large audience. It was intended to have special "features" of this type each fortnight.

**ROLLER SKATING**

Adult members of the Ilkley Parish Church choir joined with bellringers in April 1910 to partake of their annual dinner at the Royal Hotel. The Rev. F. Sinker, Vicar of Ilkley, was in the chair at the head of the table. The illness of Mr. Isaac Hirst, organist and choirmaster, had delayed the event taking place as usual soon after Christmas but he was now fully recovered and able to enjoy his seat of honour at the function. The evening ended in fitting manner with a wide selection of solos and choir numbers and two handbell selections.

**ANNUAL DINNER  
Ilkley P.C.**

Friday, 10th May, 1985

### MEMORABLE VISIT TO ILKLEY DAY CENTRE

The Clarke - Foley Day Centre at Ilkley was the scene of a memorable occasion when a visit was paid by a relative of the benefactors, James Clarke and Sarah Foley.

Mrs. Anna Lackman is the great-granddaughter of Martin and Bridget Clarke, the parents of James and Sarah, who came to Addingham last century from Ireland. Martin was a shepherd and the couple settled at Low Mill, Addingham, where their family grew up and later emigrated to America.

Mrs. Lackman had accompanied her husband on a business trip to Europe, and had ended her journey with a visit to the centre. She was entertained to lunch, shared with members of the Luncheon Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Lackman were greeted by Mrs. Copley, Mr. W. Forrest and Mr. Tomblin, and had the company of Mrs. J. Lightband for a short while. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll took the visitors to Bolton Abbey and Addingham, where they visited the Low Mill area where James Clarke was born, and a resident at Aynholme whose mother had been a friend of the family.

Along with Mr. Forrest the group visited the cemetery in Ilkley to see the family grave, anonymously tended by a visitor to the Clarke-Foley Centre "In Gratitude".

Mr. and Mrs. Lackman left photographs of Martin and Bridget Clarke. On leaving Mrs. Lackman said "James left his money to a very good cause, and I respect him for what he did."

100 years ago  
May 10, 1985 (1885)

A "lady" purporting to have run away from home to be married, conducting herself as a lady to the manner born, obtained apartments in various parts of the town and left owing considerable debts. She even ordered a sumptuous wedding breakfast to be prepared, and a butcher killed a lamb for a centrepiece, but she was given into the hands of the police before the feast was finished.

Ilkley Brewery company had an advertisement running for mild ale at 1s. per gallon, stout at 1s. 2d. per gallon and bitter beer at 1s. 6d. per gallon, all sold in casks of six gallons and upwards. A Bradford firm offered Pure Scotch Malt Whisky at 16s. per gallon.

*A lady imparts at Ilkley  
Ilkley Brewery*

May 3, 1985 (1935)

### 50 Years Ago CROY. JUBILEE

It was right Royal weather for the weekend celebration of the Jubilee of the reign of H.M. King George V and Queen Mary in May 1935. In Ilkley the celebrations were described as proceeding "right royally". There was a fine Carnival Procession throughout the town, with nearly 400 entries, with all kinds of costume ranging from a Silver Knight in full armour to a Belisha Beacon and the Bisjo kids.

Prizes were awarded to Miss G. Haycock and Mr. H. W. Cooper for the best adult's costumes, Gordon Smithson, Cedric Woodrup, Margaret Horton and Pauline Skillington, and Betty Woolley gained first prizes in the children's classes. While the judging was carried out, Mr. C. G. Hodges (Headmaster of the Church of England School) conducted the crowds in community singing of patriotic songs, followed by three cheers for the King led by Mr. G. Mott.

Then followed children's sports and a long distance balloon race and swimming sports in the newly opened bathing pool. In the evening there was an impressive bonfire on Beamsley Beacon, a chain of rockets around the town, an old people's party and a Jubilee

Ball in the King's Hall and Winter Gardens.

Ilkley Players gave a free performance of "The Cat and the Canary" to the poor and unemployed, and a crowded audience in the King's Hall.

May 10, 1985 (1909)

### 75 Years Ago

Members of the 11th Battery, 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, held their annual church parade at St. Margaret's Church on a beautifully fine May Sunday morning in 1910.

The men smartly mustered at the Armoury in Cunliffe Road and marched to church, 130 officers and men following the Brigade Band from Otley. Officers present were Lt. Col. W. S. Dawson, Major H. E. Aykroyd, Captain Muirhead, Captains Barker and W. H. Arnold Forster and Lt. Hannam. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Glennie, Vicar, and crowds of people gathered to watch the men march back to the Armoury.

There was a report that the serious illness of H.M. King Edward VII was giving rise to grave anxiety. The king was reported as suffering from bronchitis and had five physicians in attendance, and his symptoms did not show any improvement after a few days treatment.

*Ilkley Soldiers  
Illness of Edward VII*

May 18th 1985 (1935)

Mr. J. A. Crawford of Askwith was engaged by the Carl Rosa Opera Company for the London season at the Lyceum Theatre. Mr. Crawford was a member of Ilkley Amateurs, a pupil of Mr. Isaac Hirst and well known in the Ilkley area as a fine tenor.

*J. A. Crawford known as  
"The Singing Plumber"!*

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*Death of Ed. VII  
proclamation of George V*

May 10th. 1985

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### "BUSINESS AS USUAL" AT MYDDLETON LODGE

When the Passionist Fathers decided that they could no longer afford the personnel to maintain their Retreat Centre at Myddleton Lodge, Ikley, the Bishop of Leeds, the Right Reverend William Gordon Wheeler, accepted their generous offer of a long term lease of their property, so that the Diocese of Leeds could continue the sixty year old tradition of Retreats there.

their convent behind Wood Hall. The Sisters themselves are staying and will continue to be a source of Prayer and Contemplation in the Diocese.

The spirit that has inspired the works of Wood Hall will continue to inspire that same work at Ikley, so that those who love Wood Hall may come to love Ikley too.

This means that Wood Hall, which has been a Retreat and Conference Centre since 1966, will now close. It was opened by Bishop Wheeler to help implement the directives and recommendations of the Second Vatican Council, and to deepen the spiritual life of the many hundreds who have spent Study Days and Days of Retreat there.

The work of Wood Hall, as a Diocesan Pastoral and Ecumenical Centre, will continue at Ikley. Wood Hall will close at the end of May, and the transfer to Ikley will take place in the summer, so that there will be no break in the retreats at Ikley. It will be "Business as usual."

Inevitably, many people will be saddened at the closing of Wood Hall, since so many have grown to love it and value it over the years—especially because of the presence of the Enclosed Community of Carmelite Sisters in

May 18. 1985 (1909)

### 75 Years Ago

News of the death of King Edward VII was received in Ikley with "painful surprise". The news of his death was received in the morning papers and spread like wildfire throughout the town. During the morning the bell was tolled at both the Parish Church and St. Margaret's Church, and in the afternoon a muffled peal was rung on the Parish Church bells. Special services were held at all the local churches on Sunday, with the Death March and the Funeral March being played by the respective organists.

The proclamation of George V's accession at Ikley took place in front of a crowd of two to three thousand people. A platform was erected at the entrance to the Town Hall, and two trumpeters in uniform played a fanfare and the Royal Salute. The proclamation was read by Cr. Joseph Dinsdale, Chairman of the Council, lusty cheers were given for the new king and the Union Jack on the Town Hall was raised from half mast to high mast. School children clustered around the platform joined in the singing of the National Anthem, which concluded the ceremony with great gusto.

Death of Ed. VII & proclamation of Geo. V

### 25 Years Ago

The educational value of a colour film of the royal wedding was debated by Ikley Education Committee, and it was agreed to adjust timetables to allow school children to see a film being exhibited at one of the local cinemas. The wedding in question was that of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Anthony Armstrong-Jones.

Princess Margaret's wedding

For years the old mill wheel, believed to have come from one of the corn mills which gave their name to Mill Ghyll, had laid half buried in the yard of the Midland Hotel. The Brewery company consented to its recovery, and it was placed in the approach to Ikley bathing pool to be used as a planter.

Old mill wheel

May 18th. 1985 (1885)

### 100 Years Ago

Work had started on the Skipton-Ikley railway line, which had been a source of controversy and agitation in Ikley for some time. Much regret was expressed regarding the spanning of Brook Street and the severance of the place from these westward with a high viaduct or embankment. The first cutting began on Monday, 4 May, without ceremony, in Netherwood Park, halfway between Ikley and Addingham where a new carriageway was to be constructed which would cross the line by a bridge. The Midland Railway Company were in the midst of completing arrangements with property owners and tenants in Ikley, many of whom had to give up possession by 1 June. The shops occupied by Messrs. Bealand and Sons, Mr. Chapman and others along Railway Road fell into this category.

Work started on Ikley-Skipton line.

The Ikley Gazette for 16 May 1885 contained a long report of the wedding of Mr. Edward Snowden, youngest son of the late Rev. J. Snowden, Vicar of Ikley, to Miss Ellen Armitage, of Highfield, Ikley. The church was filled with a capacity congregation to witness the ceremony, Mr. Snowden being a bell ringer and Miss Armitage a Sunday School teacher. All the principal families in the town were numbered amongst the guests. The bride's dress was of Ottoman silk with a wreath of orange blossom. Thirty guests took part in a wedding breakfast at the bride's home, from where the bridal pair left by carriage saluted with good wishes, rice and old shoes to be driven to Burley station where they caught the train to honeymoon in Matlock. The event was honoured by the hoisting of flags at the Church and on the Tower Buildings and the Conservative club rooms. The wedding presents were said to be both numerous and splendid in character.

Wedding of Edward Snowden.

A bird carrying a smouldering cigarette end in its beak back to its nest was believed to have been the cause of a house fire at Straven, Queens Road, Ikley, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holmes, causing damage to the roof estimated at £120. Firemen found what was thought to be a charred cigarette paper in the charred nest.

Cause of fire at Straven, Queens Rd!

present with gas chgt. sealed

May 24th 1985

MORE SHOPS ON THE WAY *Built 1825*

## CENTRE OF ILKLEY TO SEE MAJOR PROPERTY CHANGES

Ilkley is to see at least three major property changes in the centre of the town this year. Ilkley Hall and land alongside has been sold for £500,000, work has started on four new shops in Brook Street and permission has now been given to build four new shops on The Grove.



Spooner Industries Ltd., the Ilkley based engineering firm, have sold Ilkley Hall together with part of the grounds of about five acres in all to Lifecare International, a London based company specialising in retirement housing.

Completion of the sale of the land has now taken place and the Hall which was sold for £270,000 will be vacated by Spooners early next year, when they will move into new offices and land adjoining their engineering works at Railway Road, Ilkley. The present staff will be trans-

ferred to the new offices.

Lifecare International intend to build mews style sheltered housing for the elderly with a resident warden and to convert the Hall into a Sheltered flat scheme.

Ilkley Hall, believed to have been built in the 1840s, has been the home of a number of well known Ilkley families including Sir James Oddy, W. Guy Fison, Mr. George Fletcher and in more recent years Jilly Cooper, the journalist.

Of the many Ilkley schemes in the past which failed to

materialise completely none came nearer to fruition and none found greater support with the public than the Ilkley Hall gardens scheme which was put forward from 1897 to 1903. Had it materialised, as was originally intended, Ilkley would have had in its possession the Ilkley Hall and its extensive grounds and the two bottom houses in West View. These houses would have given to the project a frontage on to Wells Road and here there was envisaged erection of what was described variously

as an Opera House, a Spa of a Winter Gardens.

In this recent sale Dacre Son and Hartley, the estate agents have acted as sole agents for Spooner Industries Ltd., and have also been retained to act as selling agents and architects for the purchasers. The purchasers also have an option to acquire the remainder of the land which if exercised will provide a further seventeen houses. Development will be in the news style, grouped in courtyards, to be in keeping with surrounding Victorian houses in that part of Ilkley.

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May 24th 1985

## NEW SHOPS IN BROOK STREET AND .....



A new development of four shops with offices above is being developed by Olicana Properties Ltd. at Brook Street on the site of the former grassed area and one existing shop which has been demolished to make way for the new scheme.

Occupying a prominent corner position close to the top of Brook Street with a pedestrian linkway through to the Grove Promenade and the

car park the property will have an attractive Dales style with arched shop fronting Brook Street and at the rear onto the main car park.

This development represents the first major shopping scheme to take place since the creation of the Grove Promenade shopping development six years ago.

Construction will be by Quarmby Construction Ltd. of Langbar, using local

materials to blend in with the existing buildings in the town centre. The scheme has evolved after three years of discussions with the Planning Authorities and it is expected that on completion it will form a valuable contribution to the attraction of Ukley as a principal shopping town. The paved walkways which surround the property will provide an attractive environment which will link Brook

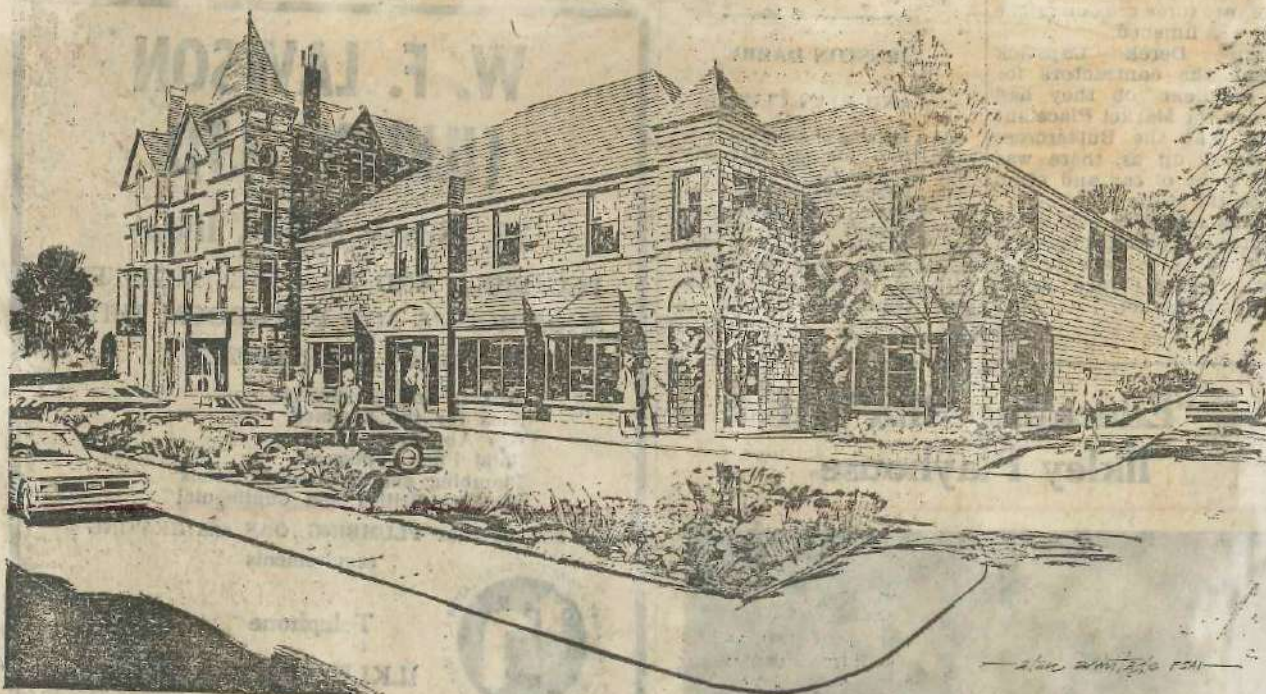
Street with the Grove Promenade.

Architects for the scheme are Messrs. Wales, Wales and Rawson, of Skipton, and the sole letting agents are Dacre Son and Hartley, of Ukley. Lettings have already been agreed on two of the shops fronting Brook Street and it is expected that the scheme will be completed by the end of the year.

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May 24th 1985

# IN THE GROVE



Messrs. Bayford and Company, owners of Spa Buildings, have been granted permission on appeal to build four new shops adjoining Spa Buildings on The Grove at Ilkley, following a planning refusal last year by Bradford Metropolitan Council.

Bradford Council turned down the application because development of the site was considered to be premature in advance of discussion and agreement with the Council on the future of the adjacent Spa Buildings, or without ensuring that the two uses could co-exist reasonably, in terms of shared access parking and amenity space.

The Council also felt the development of the site was considered to be unacceptable

in terms of the loss of an important open space on The Grove which in its present form contributed to the townscape of that point of the Ilkley Conservation Area.

The Inspector of the Department of the Environment in making his decision said he had noted that the two reasons put forward by the Council were contradictory in that ground one indicated that the Council would be prepared to consider the redevelopment of the appeal site in conjunction with Spa Buildings which ground two suggested that the Council wanted to retain the site as an open space.

"In this connection it seems to me that the appeal site does not serve any particularly

valuable function as an open space as about half of it is used as a car park and I note that the local authority have made no effort to acquire or even allocate it for that purpose. Even if it was developed there would still be some pleasant open spaces left in the vicinity," he said.

"I consider that the appeal site could be redeveloped in the way proposed, providing a proper landscaping scheme which protected the trees on that site was carried out without prejudicing the proper redevelopment of the area in any way," he said.

A spokesman for Dacre Son and Hartley, the estate agents, said the development would be carried out in an attractive Victorian style to blend with

the existing Spa Buildings. Construction was to be of stone to the front elevations and the design would incorporate an attractive town feature and projecting bay windows. It was anticipated that development would start in the Autumn with completion in the Spring of next year.

Spa Buildings will be refurbished by the owners who have recently obtained planning approval for three retail units on the ground floor of the existing building.

The managing agents for Bayford and Company, who will also be sole letting agents for the new shop units, will be Dacre Son and Hartley, estate agents of Ilkley.

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## 100 Year

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1. Kendal  
2. Wedding

May 24th 1985

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100 Years Ago

Despite dull cold weather thousands of "holiday makers" flocked to Ilkley to partake in the pleasures the town could offer. They arrived by road and by rail with train after train running into the station packed with happy holidaymakers. The streets of the town were thronged with people who enjoyed the music of Mr. Carl Labross's able band of musicians. The moors attracted most of the crowds, but the riverside was also well patronised. In the evening the crowds lining the railway station from about 7 p.m. until the last train ran out were quite "a sight to behold".

A little girl from Ben Rhydding daughter of Mr. Wm. Margerison was attacked by a cow and fell on some railing. Her injuries might well have proved fatal had not her cries brought her assistance and the cow was driven off. She sustained a severe cut to her cheek and bruising. The cow had shown a propensity for attacking individuals on more than one previous occasion.

- 1 Whit sun tide
2 Obs. treprous Cow !!

May 31st 1985
1885

100 Years Ago

The Kendal Otter Hounds hunted in the neighbourhood of Ilkley and proved a great attraction to those fond of sport on the banks of the River Wharfe. Their meeting place was the Crescent Hotel and they "threw off" from Ilkley Bridge working their way up to Addingham where 300 people assembled to witness the sport. The killing of a large dog otter caused shouting which could be heard for miles and a collection of £2 was taken for the huntsman by Mr Wood of Church Street, Addingham.

Ilkley Parish Church was crowded with townspeople who witnessed the marriage of Dr. W R. Bates to Miss Margaret Critchley, third daughter of Mr T. J. Critchley of Brook Street. The bride was "tastefully dressed in rich cream satin, trimmed with lace and wore a veil with a wreath of orange blossoms and carried a large bouquet". The bride's sisters were her bridesmaids and wore fawn and brown costumes. A large number of guests attended the wedding breakfast at the home of Mr Critchley and the bridal pair left by carriage to travel on by rail to Llandudno for their honeymoon. Dr. Bates was practising medicine at Addingham and was formerly from Liverpool.

- 1. Kendal Otter Hounds.
2. Wedding of Dr. W. R. Bates.

1909

75 Years Ago

Memorial services were held at all the Ilkley Churches on the days of the funeral service of H.M. King Edward VII, May 20, 1910. Flags flew at half mast and the four lamps in front of the Town Hall were draped with black, as were those at the bottom of Brook Street which bore shields with the Royal coat of arms. The official service took place at Ilkley Parish Church with a procession of District Council members, members of the 11th Battery 4th West Riding Howitzer Brigade, Postal staff, Fire Brigade and local organisations attending. They marched to the playing of "The Dead March" by Ilkley Brass Band, conducted by Mr. W. S. Bellerby along Station Road and down Brook Street. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Sinker with Mr. Isaac Hirst at the organ.

Following the death of the King, there were less visitors than usual in Ilkley at Whitsuntide despite perfect weather. However, those who visited the town were rewarded with ideal conditions and enjoyed the beauty of the moors, woods and riverside. Sangers Circus which was at Ilkley for the day and the Skating Rink were both big attractions. The cloakroom at the railway station resembled a wholesale clothing factory as the weather was so warm that overcoats, cloaks and wraps were left there for the day.

- 1 Death of Edward VII
2 Whit sun tide

May 31st 1985
1909

A portion of the allotments adjoining the Ilkley Gasworks was to be purchased by the Territorial Authorities for Drill Hall purposes.

Empire Day was duly observed by the boys of Ilkley Grammar School, who sang suitable hymns at morning prayers. An address on patriotic lines was given by Professor Goodman of Leeds University who emphasised that each and every boy had his part to play in degrading or upgrading England's great Empire.

- 1. The Drill Hall
2. Empire Day at Grammar School.

1935

50 Years Ago

May 1935 broke the record of sunshine for Ilkley since the weather centre was installed. There had been 240 hours of sun with one day's figures to be

There had been a fall of snow in mid-May but despite that there had been some sunshine each day.

Whit sun tide

May 31. 1985
1935

Miss Margaret Hargreaves of Addingham was selected as one of two Rangers to represent the Rangers of the West Riding of Yorkshire at the National Girl Guide Service at St. George's Windsor on 23 June.

1935.

Many advertisements appeared for householders wanting domestic staff. The wage offered was from about 7/6 per week with board and lodging and uniforms provided.

- 1. Mr. Hargreaves goes to Windsor Camp.
2. Domestic Staff



June 7th. 1985  
1885

### 100 Years Ago

The usual quietness of the town was broken in June 1885 with a shooting incident following a theft from the North View Hotel (now the Station Hotel). Information was given to the police regarding the theft, and P.C. Huffington, P.C. Kelly and the landlord of the North View Hotel went to the home of a well known character who lived in Ash Grove. The accused was in bed but immediately got up and went downstairs. He did not deny the theft but went for a shotgun in a corner of the house, pointed the gun at P.C. Huffington and fired. The charge just missed P.C. Kelly and hit Mr. Holroyd on the right side of his head. He followed them out of the house with the other barrel still loaded and Mr. Holroyd with blood streaming from his head pluckily closed with the culprit and threw him to the ground. The thief was immediately arrested and Mr. Holroyd was found to have scalp wounds which had not penetrated his skull and was soon out of danger.

The girls from Ikley Girls' School were praised following an examination by Her Majesty's Inspector, who said they had gained "the excellent merit grant" the highest that could be obtained. The report said the school was very creditable to Miss Jowett, the headmistress.

1. Shooting incident in Ikley.
2. Ikley Girls School.

June 7th 1985  
~~1989~~ 1935

### 50 Years Ago

Addingham people were pressing for a by-pass road, because of the many danger points to traffic in the village and the volume of through traffic which "ruined the amenities of the village." There had been many accidents, most of which were caused by vehicles descending the long hill from Chelker Reservoir, the trouble starting at the Craven Heifer turns and crashes occurring after rounding Town Head Mill.

A local garage advertised Armstrong Siddeley cars, with wonderful self changing gear at £285 and the new Wolseley was priced at just £165. For those wishing to take a trip by L.M.S. rail, the return excursion to Blackpool was 4/6 and Morecambe 4/-. A Sunday run to Harrogate and Knaresborough was exactly 1/- return. A special trip to Bristol and the Clifton suspension bridge and tea at Messrs. Fry's works was 14/6.

1. Addingham By Pass (note :- 1985 still waiting HH)
2. Car prices & journeys (Excursions)

June 14th. 1985  
1885

### 100 Years Ago

Serious complaints were being received by Ikley police in respect of bathing in the river. People living in close proximity were "subject through the bathers who disregard all rules of decency whilst indulging in this pastime". Police were on the look out for all offenders whether at Cockin End or elsewhere and it was intended they should receive the full penalty of the law.

The Rev. Oswald Gordon Young, Curate of Addingham, accepted the living of Hopton, Suffolk at a value of £300 with rectory.

Bathers shocking  
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## "100 YEARS OLD AND STILL FLOATING" — THAT IS ILKLEY SWIMMING CLUB

"100 years old and still floating" — that is the message as Ilkley Swimming Club members busily prepare for a Gala Day to Celebrate their club's centenary later this month.

The event, to be held at Ilkley's Denton Road pool on 29 June, will be opened by Ilkley Parish Council Chairman, Cr. John Ward, and his wife, Mrs. Dianne Ward, and will be attended by members of the civic delegation from Ilkley's twin town of Cou-  
tances.

Among the displays and demonstrations will be Ilkley Music Centre, a big band, Sea Scouts, canoes, Scottish dancers, archery, aerobics and keep-fit, life-saving, personal survival, synchronised swimming, and a feature by Ilkley and District Motor Club.

Ilkley Swimming Club was founded in 1885, when a committee was set up to erect a bathing pavilion on the banks of the River Wharfe to allow swimming in the river "in conditions of decency". It was officially opened with great ceremony in July of that year, when a band led a parade with the Lord of the Manor and civic dignitaries from Brook Street to the river.

### Oratory

A souvenir programme published by the club describes how "the large crowd listened patiently to some typical displays of Victorian oratory, before enjoying an exhibition of life-saving, ornamental swimming, and a succession of races, featuring not only local swimmers but representatives from Leeds and Bradford Swimming Clubs.

The new pavilion was heralded as the beginning of a new era of improvements in Ilkley. A caretaker was employed from dawn to dusk at a wage of 16/- a week. Members had their own keys but the public could use the facilities for 3d a day, one shilling a

week or five shillings for the season. Unfortunately, Victorian summers seem to have been no more reliable than our own, and over several weeks the club made a loss because of "unseasonal weather".

The river facilities soon faced competition. An indoor bath was constructed in 1887 on a site in Little Lane, and was officially opened in 1889. The Victorian Baths, as they were called, have long been closed, but the tiled pool remains in existence under boards below Daera, Son and Hartley's auction rooms.

The Gazette predicted that Ilkley swimmers would prefer the new indoor facilities to the river, and reported that there was no news of those responsible for the Sandy Dales pavilion — it was rumoured that it would remain closed.

A Ladies Swimming Club was founded in 1890 and by 1895 Ilkley Swimming Club, then an exclusively male affair, had transferred their activities to the indoor pool. A first gala, involving races and a polo match against Keighley was held there, and the club participated in a West Riding Polo League.

### Ingenuous

The Victorian Baths were small by modern standards, measuring only twenty yards by eight, with the additional hazard of a six inch pillar to negotiate in the middle of the shallow end. Water was initially drawn from a spring, then supplied free by the Council, but was not very well heated until an ingenious deal was reached with the adjacent brewery whereby waste hot water used for cooling the beer was directed into the bath through new piping constructed at the Council's expense. This was in 1906, and for a time the club enjoyed pleasantly warm water. However, after the war the brewery closed, and with it the source of plentiful heated water.

The failure to find a satisfactory alternative method of heating, combined with persistent leaks, soon forced the closure of the baths also.

Ilkley Swimming Club nearly disappeared with the baths, but in 1924 a group of youths refounded the club, once more having to rely on the river, where they arranged impromptu water polo matches. A notice used to be posted at the bottom of Brook Street, "POLO TONIGHT", and crowds would flock to the river to watch. A hat was passed round to collect money for away matches. Partisanship was fierce, and sometimes fights broke out between rival supporters.

A few years later, around 1927, the club acquired the use of the Grammar School Bath, beginning a happy association which has lasted to the present day.

In 1935-35 mixed swimming was introduced for the first time, and the club was virtually reconstituted under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Mr. Wardman.

It was in 1935 that Ilkley's new open air pool was officially opened with pomp and ceremony matching the opening of the bathing pavilion fifty years earlier. This made less of a difference to the club than might have been expected. The club briefly transferred its activities to

the new pool, and held a gala there, but soon found that neither the shape of the pool, nor the temperature of the water and surrounding air were entirely suitable for teaching purposes, and went back to the Grammar School Bath.

### Thriving

A brief crisis in 1947 led to the influx of new helpers and officers, including notably Mr. Cox, whose devoted service to the club has continued down to the present day. The club thrived, with several hundred members and well-supported annual galas, which featured a variety of obstacle races, comic races, and underwater races, as well as the usual recognised strokes. Continuity with the pre-war Walker era was provided in the person of the club's instructor, the Walker's daughter, Mrs. Clay.

In the early sixties the club appeared to be going from strength to strength. For the first time the club operated throughout the year instead of the summer months only, and inter-club galas were held. In 1967 the club joined in the formation of the Airedale and Wharfedale Amateur Swimming Association. The Grammar School was being used to capacity—the club's own annual gala had to be held over two nights.

It turned out to be fortunate that the club was in such a healthy state, for otherwise an unexpected crisis might have killed it off completely. The Grammar School pool was closed for major structural repairs in 1967, and was to remain out of action for three and a half years. Fortunately the club was generously offered the use of a pool at Keighley free of charge, and for three years special buses transported Ilkley swimmers to Keighley, accompanied by a rota of parents.

The crisis at least served to focus attention on the wholly inadequate swimming facilities in Ilkley, and was a major factor in persuading Ilkley Council to build a new indoor pool, eventually constructed alongside the open air pool. The club did not immediately utilise the new pool, and continued to rely wholly on the now re-opened Grammar School bath.

Finally the club divided its activities into two, with learners and younger swimmers continuing at the Grammar School, and experienced swimmers transferring to the Denton Road pool.

Competitive swimming was given a new emphasis with regular inter-club galas. One of the happiest features of recent years has been the close links the club has forged with the swimming club at Ilkley's twin town, Coustances, and a series of enjoyable visits have taken place.

The club has experienced many changes of fortune in the past century, and there were times when it all but disappeared. Its survival owes something to luck, and some support from other bodies, such as the former Ilkley Urban District Council, but is chiefly due to the enthusiasm of its members, and the dedicated support of a small number of officials who over the years have given most generously their time and energies to the service of the club.

June 1985

# A YEAR OF PROGRESS FOR ILKLEY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

A year of great progress in both competitive results and in the facilities offered was reviewed at the annual meeting of Ilkley Rifle and Pistol Club.

At the annual meeting of Ilkley Rifle and Pistol Club the chairman, Brian Williams, reported that the club had continued to make great progress both in the facilities offered and competitive achievements. While the shooting results gave rise to much enjoyment it was a sad year for the club in the loss of their long serving president Mr. Leslie Lupton, whose memory was honoured by a minute of silent prayer.

Membership of the club has continued to grow over the past few years, due in no small way to the competitive results achieved. The secretary John Fanthorpe, was happy to report that the whole of the club was in good heart and working well together to produce one of the best shooting environments in the county. He pointed out that for the coming year (1985/86) they would be able to admit only twenty new members without impairment to the quality of the facilities offered.

Prior to the presentation of trophies the chairman informed the meeting that the club had enjoyed its best year ever in open competitions; Mrs. Valerie Fanthorpe won three gold medals in the Leeds Association Open Meeting; Simon Fanthorpe won three gold medals in the Yorkshire Open and one gold in the Leeds Open; The secretary John Fanthorpe, again reached the second stage of the National Championships (final 200) and shot for Yorkshire in the Counties Cup Competition (a first for an Ilkley Club member) and he also reached the final of the Leeds Association Championship; at the Leeds Association Finals Day the club was represented in two team finals by J. Fanthorpe, B. Williams, T. Anderson and C. Butler; Adam Gale-Vine won the Association Class D knock-out final—a superb achievement as this was Adams first full year of shooting.

The following were presented trophies won during the past year:

Rifle Section winners: Club Champion, John Fanthorpe. Knock-out Cup, John Fanthorpe; Knock-out runner-up, Brian Williams; Chantry Cup, John Fanthorpe; Handicap Trophy Tom Anderson. Time Limit Cup, Adam Gale-Vine; Under '90 Cup, Bot

abbie, Lupton Trophy Colin Butler; Junior Champion, Mark Butler  
Pistol Section winners: Champions Trophy Steve Feathers; St. Nicholas Motors Cup, Tony Scull; Hannam Cup, Tony Gill; Knockout Trophy, R. J. Riley; Herald Shield, Steve Feathers; Harrison Browes Cup John Cook; Handicap Trophy, Steve Feathers.

Anyone who is interested in taking up the sport of small-bore rifle and/or pistol shooting both of which are Olympic sports at which Great Britain have always excelled should telephone Bradford 588957 for further information. Tuition is given and club weapons are available for use. The sport is particularly suited to women in that they compete on equal terms with the men and suffer no disadvantage in doing so.

50 years ago  
June 21, 1985

1935 "The Golden Voice"

Burley people were proud of the fact that "Burley 66" was probably the best known private telephone number in the country, being the number of Mrs. Edgar D. Atkinson who was selected as the "perfect woman telephone subscriber" in an All-England ballot. She was chosen as being the lady with the clearest and most courteous voice.

June 1985  
25 years ago  
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Busby's summer sale advertised swimsuits at 1/11, dressing gowns 2/11, combinations at 2/11, pure silk stockings at 1/- per pair and ladies vests at 1/-. A furnishing store had three piece Chesterfield suites at 5 1/2 guineas, and oak bedroom suites at 4 1/2 guineas each.

Busby's Summer Sale

June 21 - 1985  
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## 100 Years Ago

A "Public Improvement Society" meeting was to be held at the Crescent Hotel with the object of promoting the welfare of Ilkley through advertising it as a health resort and by improving the town by means of band performances, flower and athletic festivals.

The residence known as "Woodville" on the Addingham Road was on sale by auction at the Lister's Arms Hotel by Oliver and Appleton but there was only a small attendance. Bidding opened at £1,000 and the property was withdrawn at the third bid of £1,150.

A Public Improvement Society!

June 21, 1985  
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## 75 Years Ago

A visitor who spent a week's holiday in the town with variable weather described Ilkley as being "dead-alive" with only the skating rink to relieve the boredom. The Pavilion was closed and there was no town band, apart from a German band and street piano.

The residence in Queen's Road, known as Ardenlea was offered for sale by auction at the Middleton Hotel with grounds, stabling and cottage attached. No advance could be obtained on £3,500 and the property was withdrawn. Building land on King's Road and Westville Avenue was offered but no more than 4s. 3d. per yard was advanced and this also was withdrawn. Chapman, Tourist Agent, Leeds Road, Ilkley, offered holidays abroad—a week in Paris £4 10s.; Brussels 3 1/2 gns. and Oberammergau 9 1/2 gns.

A local dressmaker advertised servants print dresses made for 2/6 each, and an experienced laundress wanted a "Family wash", claiming to be a good shirt and collar ironer. Shuttleworth's had a picnic-cabinet with service for six people on sale at their Brook Street shop, priced at 1s.

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### 100 Years Ago

The funds subscribed in the West Riding towards a Cavendish Memorial were to be used to erect a large stone fountain from designs by Thomas Worthington of Manchester on a site on the right hand side of the road leading from Bolton Abbey to Bolton Woods.

An outbreak of swine fever was reported on premises behind the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Ilkley, of six animals. One died and the remainder had to be slaughtered.

The Ilkley Improvements Association was formed with the purpose of developing Ilkley reviving the band performances, and doing everything possible to make the place more attractive. Mr. Chas. Middleton was to be the president, with Messrs. C. M. Wilson, W. J. S. Thompson, E. P. Dove, Jabez Dobson and Dr. Little as vice-presidents. Messrs. T. S. Kirkby and H. S. Ward were to be the honorary secretaries of the Association.

*Cavendish Memorial  
Swine fever  
Ilkley Improvement Assoc.*

1885

### 100 Years Ago

The new bathing pavilion in connection with the Ilkley swimming and bathing club was ready for use and the opening ceremony was to be performed by Mr. Chas. Middleton Lord of the Manor. Mr. Thompson's band from Guiseley was to be in attendance and they were to play selections of music for two hours in the evening.

There was not a single bid for the property known as Ghyll Royd, Ilkley, a fine villa residence when it was put for sale by auction at the Middleton Hotel. Mr. Hepper, the auctioneer, vainly endeavoured to start the bidding for the property at £2,000 but there was no bid forthcoming and the property was withdrawn.

A number of friends witnessed a fine display of musical drill at Ilkley Ladies' College. The young ladies had been put through their military paces by Sgt. Major Sands of the 9th Dragoon Guards and consisted of work with dumb bells and various musical drills and marches. Each girl wore a dainty blue cap, and both senior and junior girls executed the movements with absolute precision of movement.

*1 New bathing Pavilion  
2 Sale of Ghyll Royd.  
3 Display at Wacker's College*

### 75 Years Ago

The Moor Ranger giving his report to Ilkley Council in 1910 complained of "espionage" on the moor. Visitors dug up ferns, and others had been followed by "Peeping Toms". It was decided that this sort of behaviour was most objectionable and should be stopped as soon as possible.

To assist the finances of the Ilkley Vocal Society, a cafe chantan, took place at Wells House. Many people of influence locally attended and enjoyed the social occasion. They were entertained by Mr. Selwyn Driver who had appeared at most of the principal halls in London and the provinces and had had the honour of amusing Royalty. He gave musical sketches and was an expert story-teller. Ladies of the Vocal Society served refreshments ices, chocolate, cigars, matches and cigarettes.

The band season opened at the Band Kiosk, despite unfavourable weather, and a considerable crowd gathered to enjoy the playing which was to be a regular daily occurrence throughout the summer season.

*Moor Ranger & Peeping Toms.  
Cafe Chantant. Wells Ho.  
The Band at W. View.*

1910.

### 75 Years Ago

Glorious weather in July 1910 saw local farmers out in the fields mowing the hay, and the smell in the lanes was described as "delightful".

Ilkley had been passing through "a long period of business depression" and it was hoped that the season for visitors was going to prove a really good one. It was said that Ilkley people did not have enough enterprise and improvements could be made to the facilities for visitors without incurring a great deal of expense. Ilkley had been featured as a health resort in some influential journals, but instead of distributing leaflet copies of the articles, no further notice had been taken.

*1. July weather "delightful"  
2. Ilkley in long period of depression.*

### 25 Years Ago

The first stage of a long term development programme by the Spooner Dryer Engineering Company Ltd., in Railway Road, Ilkley was started on a site formerly owned by the Railway Company and used as engine sheds water tower and turntable. The buildings were to be used for light machining, sheet metal and assembly work with a block of offices on to Little Lane and a car park.

For a trial period of three months kerbside guard rails were to be provided at the junction of Brook Street and The Grove with a view to directing pedestrians to the paved crossing on the traffic islands. If this were to achieve the desired result it was decided to consider the provision of a short walled flower border at the junction of the Grove and Brook Street.

Complaints had been received by Ilkley Council concerning people camping on the river bank and on land near the Old Bridge. The Health Inspector was of the opinion that such camping with no provision of proper hygiene constituted a health hazard.

*Spooner Development.  
Railings. Top Brook St.  
Complaints of campers etc.*

June 1985

1885

100 Years Ago

There were rumours that Mr Gladstone, together with Lord Hartington and other ex-ministers would accompany the Duke of Devonshire and his shooting party to Bolton Hall on 12 August.

The Landlord of the Junction Inn, Addingham was fined £5 with costs for allowing out of hours drinking on his licensed premises. The peculiar circumstances of the case was that the offence occurred before 6 a.m. in the morning. P.C. Fletcher saw two men go in and out of the inn at around 5 a.m. and also saw two further men enter. He went in at 5.25 a.m. and found them drinking beer from pint pots and receiving change after paying for the drinks. It was the landlord's fourth appearance in court on a charge of out of hours serving of drinks, and a was warned that one more time might well mean his licence being taken away all together.

Mr. Earnshaw, jeweller, Ilkley, bathing in the River Wharfe rescued a young visitor from drowning at Sandy Dales when he got out of his depth.

- 1. V.I.P.s for shooting at Bolton.
  - 2. Landlord of Junction Inn fined for out of hours drinking!
- July 1985  
1885

The Riddings

100 Years Ago

The Lord of the Manor's agent, Mr. W. J. S. Thompson offered Ilkley Improvements Association the peice of land known as the Riddings to be converted into a public park or recreation ground on the condition that freeholders in the town also surrendered their surface rights to the Board. The land in question adjoined St. Margaret's Church and was bounded on the north by The Grove and on the south by Keighley Road.

Dr. Scott was thrown from his carriage when a portion of the horse's harness broke and fell on the horse's heels causing it to kick and plunge. Dr. Scott was conveyed home in an ambulance from the Police Station suffering from a broken leg and a crushed knee bone. His coachman, George Taylor, sustained severe injuries to his knee but went off for two hours in search of the horse. The carriage smashed into the Mission Room Wall in Bolton Bridge Road and the animal was secured. Dr. Scott's health was reported as being worsened and in dangerous condition.

Dr. Scott in Accident.

1910

75 Years Ago

A flower service, with children presenting gifts of plants, flowers, fruit and eggs formed the afternoon feature of Ilkley Parish Church Sunday School Festival. The gifts were later distributed amongst hospitals, charitable institutions and sick people of the town irrespective of creed.

Ilkley Girls' School held a pleasant breaking up party and prize distribution, organised by the headmistress, Miss Jowett. The Rev. F. Sinker, Vicar of Ilkley distributed the prizes. Miss Whitaker, assistant mistress, who was leaving to travel to New Zealand received a bag as a gift from teachers and pupils and Miss Horsfall, who was to go to France to continue her studies, was given a hanging purse. Girls receiving prizes were.—I. Heppel, M. Porter, M. Swales, G. Dobson, M. Pyfinche, L. Plows, E. Evered, A. Fletcher, E. Lister, E. Clarkson, H. Calvert, H. Kettlewell, A. Wood, E. Dalton, L. Wright, B. Clay, M. Thompson, E. Stead, G. Fletcher, L. Dobson, E. Cawood, A. Peacock, E. Calvert, S. Chapman, M. Atkinson, S. Batty and O. Glover. Marjorie Swales received maximum marks for Ear Test and Solo Singing, and received two first class certificates.

- 1. Flower Service
- 2. End of Term Concert at Girls School.

July 1985  
1910

25 Years Ago

Skipton Rural Council expressed great disappointment over the failure of the Ministry of Transport to forecast a starting date for the by-pass scheme at Addingham. They were at pains to point out that the improvement of the trunk road south-east of the village did not diminish in any way the need for a proper by-pass of the village.

Addingham By pass!!!?

1935

50 years ago

Mr. Isaac Hirst for 42 years organist at Ilkley Parish Church celebrated the gold jubilee of his career as a church musician. He gave a tea party for fellow members of Bradford and District Association of Organists and Choirmasters, which was also attended by Canon C. J. Hamer, Vicar of Ilkley, and Mrs. Hamer. The Canon spoke warmly of Mr. Hirst's success with the choir at Ilkley and his contribution to the life of the church.

Retirement of Isaac Hirst  
Choir Master 42 years.

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# THE MAGIC OF YORKSHIRE

## A history of Harewood

BY DORIS NEWTON

In this article in her 'Magic of Yorkshire' series, Mrs. Doris Newton, of Moorlands Avenue, Yeadon, takes her readers to Harewood House, tracing its history from the time of the Conquest. She also mentions several of the neighbouring Wharfedale villages and describes a train journey through the picturesque countryside.

This year Lord Harewood retires from the task he undertook several years ago—that of providing us with the wonderful music we have been able to enjoy whilst he has been in charge of the selection of operas given at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London.

We will, therefore, take a look at the stately home and surrounds of this gentleman. For the beauty of its situation, the grandeur of its mansion, and its lovely park, for historic interest, centred in its ruined castle and stately church where repose the marble effigies of famous statesmen and warriors, attesting its former greatness, Harewood stands unrivalled.

At the conquest, three chieftains, whose names Tor, Sprat and Grim, tell us they were the descendants of the Northmen, owned the Manor at and around Harewood, then valued at 40/- (200 pence)—a goodly sum in those days. After the Conquest, Harewood and the lands of Skipton, along with other great possessions, passed into the hands of Robert de Romelle. He belonged to an important family in Normandy, whose ancestors traced their descent from one Romel, a sea rover, who joined the fleet of that famous ocean-king, Rollo, and after a series of wild adventures became possessed of that beautiful country Normandy, or the land of the Northmen.

From this family, it is said, the moorland above Ilkley was named Rommelli's Moor (Rombalds). In the 13th century, the owners of Harewood leaving no issue, the estate passed from many owners until in the 16th century the

of the Lascelles wanted to purchase; but, replied the Quaker: "I do not want to sell; dost thou know that Harewood belongs to me and thee?"

### Castle ruins

The ruins of Harewood Castle are situated on the slope of the hill overlooking the Wharfe, with a background of belted woodland. The grand portal on the east side is high enough for a man to enter on horseback. This entrance was defended by a large portcullis. The importance of the castle, when perfect, must have been great. The stream known as Weeton Beck which passes through the village of that name enters the Wharfe near Rougemont, where once stood the home of the De Lisles.

On the south side of the river is the hamlet of Weardly, the birthplace of John Nicholson, known as the Aire-dale poet. Born in 1790 he came to an untimely end by falling into the Aire in 1843. He would have ranked high among British bards.

The people in this village ranked high for the great ages attained by so many. The ancestors of the Baldwins and other families have resided for hundreds of years here. The memory of Henry Lascelles is held in great affection and esteem.

Passing Arthington Nunnery we see the porch bears the date "t.b. 1885". It was probably reared out of the old Nunnery, built by Peter d'Arthington. We follow the road to Pool, passing the beautiful timbered park of Arthington and another historical mansion, Creskeld, around which still linger some remains of feudal days.

The Leeds and Otley highway runs along the high lands of Arthington, Bramhope, and Pool, from which lovely views of the middle of the valley and moors beyond are obtained. The line from Leeds to Harrogate pierces the hilly range above Bramhope, which forms the division of the two rivers.

After leaving the dark tunnel the line cuts across the Wharfe valley. It is almost impossible to imagine a greater contrast of scenes — one moment in the depths and gloom of the earth, the next the train glides out into light and beauty, and the mind is entranced by the fairest scene in England.

A lofty embankment and 21

renowned family of Gascoigne came into possession. From then on it had many owners until it was bought by Henry Lascelles, Esq., whose son Edwin, first Lord Harewood, was raised to the Peerage, June 19th, 1790.

In the province of Touraine is a village named Lassels, from which it is supposed this family received their name. Amongst the retainers or knights composing the train of Alan, Earl of Richmond, who commanded the rear-guard of the army at the battle of Hastings, was one Picot de Lascelles. For his share in the Conquest he afterwards received the Manor of Scruton, North Yorkshire.

Harewood House is a splendid structure of Corinthian style. The foundations were laid 1759, the building occupying over a dozen years. Both the interior, with its magnificent rooms, artistic ceilings, unrivalled china and paintings by celebrated masters; and the exterior with its beautiful gardens, though perhaps not the largest, are unrivalled in the kingdom.

The lake is a fine sheet of water. From the opposite shore the mansion is seen to perfection. On the south side are choice bits of woodland. Near the head of the lake, and some four hundred yards from the present mansion, stood Gawthorpe, the village which came into the possession of the Gascoignes through the marriage of William Gascoigne with Maud de Gawke-thorpe (1135).

One historian says that this family are descendants of Al-richus the Saxon, who were banished by the Conqueror. Camden says they sprang from Gascoigne, France. He also says: "Neither is Gauthorpe to be concealed in silence, when their most ancient family of the Gascoignes hath made it famous, both with their virtues and their antiquities."

"This spot is also of great interest to the historian, being the birth-place of the celebrated Lord Chief Justice Gascoigne, the upright judge, famed for his integrity, immortalized by Shakespeare.

Harewood Church stands about half a mile west of the village, surrounded by a bower of nature's beauty. In the time of 2nd Edward the Scots penetrated this neighbourhood leaving ruin and destruction in their wake. Harewood and Adel churches were greatly damaged and at Pannal the Scots burned the church to the ground. Of the original church, built soon after the Conquest by William de Curci, nearly all traces have disappeared. The interior is interesting with its altar tombs of white marble, on which repose the recumbent effigies of former owners of Harewood.

In the last century several Quakers resided in the village. One owned a small freehold adjoining the park, which one

of this place makes a sweeping curve. The traveller looks down on a quaint old-world hamlet dreaming of olden days, which the shriek of the modern engine cannot arouse from its slumber of the ages. This is Castley Castra, once a fortified Roman camp. That ancient family De Castley received their name from this place. Another mile further on we shall be resting under the shadow of Ormscliffe, in the small village of Huby. This place was once characteristic for the many varieties of its wonderful wild flowers.

Northward on the extreme edge of the dale is an immense rock of gritstone, called Almescliff Crag (the name it is known by today). It is thought the Druids worshipped on these rocks. Some of the rocks form depressions on their surface which hold water. They may be due to the Druids wishing to use water as a purification. One was called the Wart Well, and if your faith was great enough you would not be troubled with these unsightly blemishes again.

In the year 1776, a young woman at Ripton, having been disappointed in love, determined to commit suicide by leaping from the immense summit of the rocks, a distance of 50 feet. A strong wind blowing from the West inflated her dress, and in her perilous descent she received very little harm. She never repeated the experiment, and lived for many years.

From the top of this crag it is possible to see for 50 miles across the valley of the Wharfe.

The time has now come to take our leave of Lord Harewood and his domain, but we shall always remember the niche he carved for himself in the music of our land. May his retirement be a long and happy one and filled with the music he so obviously loves:

"Music, when sweet voices die,

Lingers on in the memory."

### New dealership for Burley garage

St. Nicholas Motors of Burley-in-Wharfedale have recently taken over a Nissan dealership. To celebrate they held a successful open night which was attended by over 250 past and prospective customers. The evening included free draws and competitions.

The sales team at St. Nicholas Motors has recently been joined by Mr. Guy Wood who has previous experience with Nissan dealerships.

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