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CHAMPAGNE BUFFET
TO MARK OCCASION

CRESCENT HOTEL CELEBRATES 125th ANNIVERSARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Taking advantage of the growing prosperity of Ilkley, considerably enhanced by the recent sales by the Middleton family of land for residential development purposes and its growing significance as a Spa resort, the Margerison family, through William Margerison, in 1860 began to build the Crescent Hotel as it is seen today. It was completed by the summer of 1861 and received its first visitors in August of that year. It was built on quite a grand scale, being a three-storey crescent shaped building, with a dining room, drawing room, private sitting rooms, a billiards room, bars, vaults and some 30 bedrooms on the upper floors. Also constructed was a spacious stable yard with 6 stables, 19 stalls and 2 loose boxes, three coach houses and a harness room, for the accommodation of the visitors arriving from distant parts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dec. 19. 1986
50 years ago.
1936

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

Jan. 1987.

18864

100 Years Ago

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

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

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

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

Jan 7. 1987

~~1912~~ 1912

75 Years Ago

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

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

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

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

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... with gas chg. sealed

Dec. 19th 1986

TRAIN OF THE FUTURE VISITS ILKLEY ON TEST RUN

One of the trains of the future for the Wharfedale line is pictured at Ilkley following a ceremony during which British Rail unveiled the new generation of "Pacer" trains.

The launch of these smart new "Pacer" trains brings hope for commuters that they will no longer have to face crowded trains and that services will be speed up.

The first of 23 Class 144 diesel units for the County was officially

handed over to West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority Chairman, Cr. Michael Simmons by British Rail's Provincial Director, Mr. John Edmonds. Afterwards it took invited guests on a test run from Leeds to Ilkley and Bradford Forster Square.

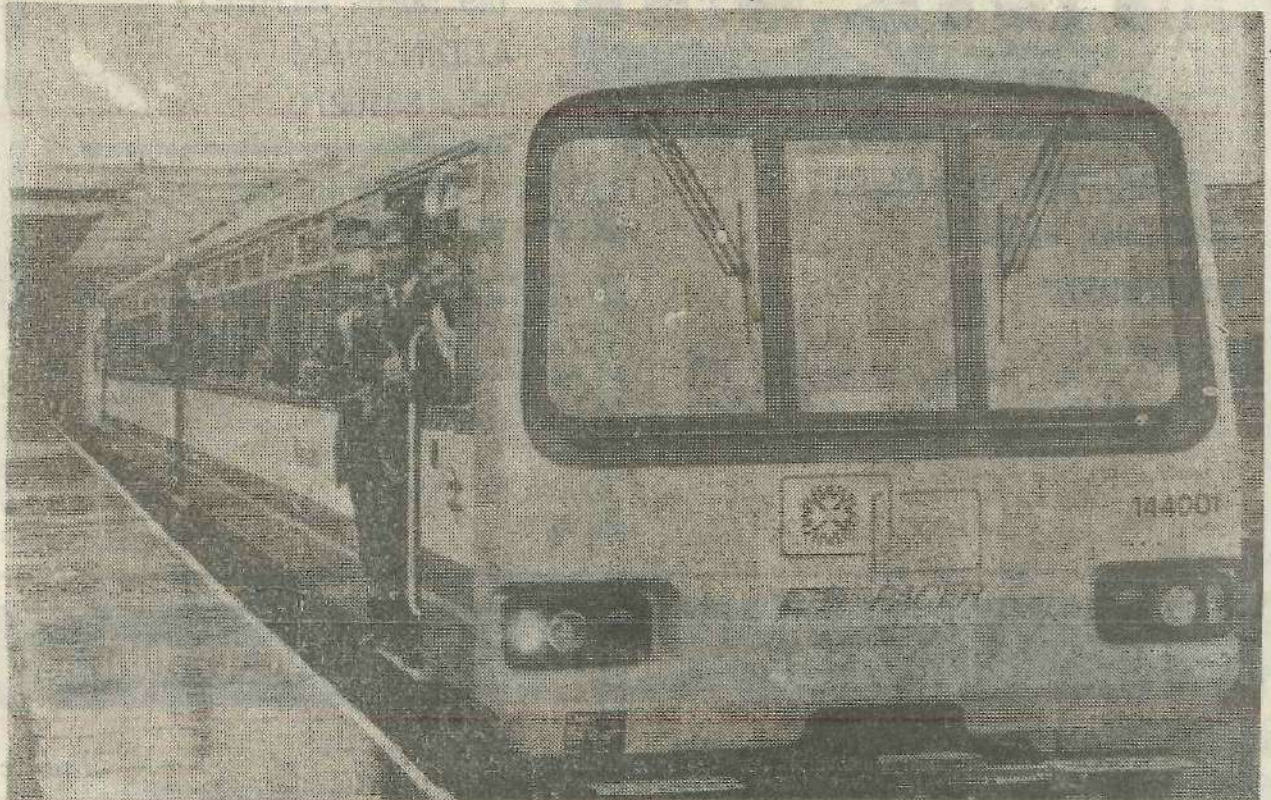
Following talks with the Government on the question of overcrowded trains, Cr. Simmons hoped more cash would be provided to ease the problem. If

more cash was forthcoming then the PTA would invite tenders for the construction of trailer cars to increase capacities from two to three coaches, said Cr. Simmons.

At first the new Pacer trains will be confined to the Leeds-Doncaster service but would be introduced on other parts of the network during the next few months. The Wharfedale and Aire-Doncaster lines would certainly see

the introduction of Class 144s in the New Year.

The units would be based at the Neville Hill depot, Leeds and would represent an £8m investment by the PTA. The number of passengers using West Yorkshire trains had increased forty per cent since 1981 to 10 million last year and the new units represented a major investment by the PTA which underlined the commitment to the local network, said Cr. Simmons.



Dec. 19th. 1986

Victorian Post Box To Become Museum Piece



A Victorian pillar box, believed to be more than one hundred years old, was removed from the platform of Ilkley Railway Station on Wednesday morning. The box will go to Bradford Council's Art Galleries and Museum Division to be used as part of a street scene which they are hoping to build at Bradford's Industrial Museum. It is one of the few remaining Victorian pillar boxes left in Yorkshire and not more than twenty have survived in

the whole country.

The pillar box was installed for train passengers' use and over the years became a tourist attraction. It was possible that the British Scientist, Charles Darwin could have used it for correspondence when he came to Ilkley to rest at the Wells House Hydro after finishing his book "Origins of Species". It was also possible that G. K. Chesterton, author of the "Father Brown" stories could have used the pillar box on his many

visits to Ilkley.

The Post Office said it became necessary to remove the box because it was under-used and also because of the re-development of the railway station. It had been given to Bradford Council so it could stay in Bradford and not be sent abroad. The Museum will keep the box and restore it unless anyone expresses the desire to have it returned to Ilkley. They plan to use it in their street scene which will contain back-to-back cottages

and tram lines.

Bradford postman, Mr. T. B. Pollard made a special collection from the box on Wednesday and collected a letter to Bradford Council transferring ownership to the local authority. The removal of the box was made by Vincent Dobson (Builders), Ltd, of Ilkley.

Picture shows Mr. T. B. Pollard, and Miss. Maria Lawrence, Administrative Assistant at Bradford Museum.

Dec. 1986.

THE HANGINGSTONE GHOST

MARY JANE, A QUARRYMAN, A DRUID ?

ALL MIGHT BE REVEALED ON HANGINGSTONE ROCKS 7.00 p.m. XMAS EVE

SCEPTICS AND PSYCHIC DOGS INVITED

Some years ago a man walking his dog above Hangingstone is reputed to have seen a ghost - supposed to be one of the three persons mentioned. This has proved an excuse for an annual "get to gether" funerals the evening at the "Cows & Calf" !!?

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Dec. 1986

VILLAGE WITHOUT GAS WAITS AND HOPES

Engineers were working round the clock to restore gas supplies to Addingham in time for Christmas.

A small army of fifty engineers and forty vehicles moved into the village (population just over 2,000) when over 1,000 properties lost supplies of gas and water on Monday.

Yorkshire Water Authority engineers were working on a six inch main in Moor Lane when they dug too deep and damaged the 4 inch gas pipe to the village, which became flooded with water. Immediately gas and water supplies were cut off but supplies of water were restored some hours later. A water Authority spokesman said "this was an urgent job for us. We excavated too far down and accidentally damaged the gas pipe." For the North Eastern Gas Board a spokesman said yesterday (Tuesday) that headway had been made in restoring the first supplies to the village. In the morning gas had been reintroduced to the system and engineers had to wait for the pressure to build up before gas was restored to the first houses. It was hoped that the whole village would be reconnected before Christmas Eve.

Mrs. E. L. Best, former Addingham Parish Clerk, and a voluntary helper with associations for the elderly, described the Gas Board as most helpful. She had received a telephone call from Mr. Peter Smith, area sales manager of the Gas Board asking her if she knew of any old people in difficulties who were in need of help. He gave Mrs. Best an emergency number which was to be in action through-

out the night. Mr. Smith had contacted the churches, St. Peter's Church, the Methodist Church, the Catholic Church and the wardens of the old people's housing developments, to make sure they knew of no cases of hardship, and the Gas Board had shown deep concern for the people of Addingham. Mrs. Best said that the people in the village had privately been visiting the old people taking kettles and flasks of water.

Housewives had been cut off in the midst of their pre-Christmas baking and were anxiously awaiting the return of the gas supply. One young woman with two small babies had no heating nor cooking facilities. Many people were using old electric fan heaters as their only source of heating, and

the more fortunate householders who regularly cooked by gas were using their modern micro-wave ovens. The Gas Board needed so many vans to cope with the emergency that they had to hire vehicles to go round the streets.

Jan. 2nd. 1987
1987

100 Years Ago

One side girder of the low rail way bridge which was to span Brook Street was placed on the buttresses 100 years ago. The work of getting it across began the previous day and was watched with great interest by a number of spectators. The appearance of the girder, which was of open design, was the subject of much comment after its erection and the general opinion was that the bridge would be not so much of an eyesore as expected.

A horse belonging to Mr. G Thorp, Arden Lea, Ilkley which was standing in the station yard, took fright and dashed off with the phaeton to which it was harnessed in the direction of the engine shed. It dashed against one of the wheels of a cab overturning the phaeton and damaging the cab wheel. The carriage was considerably damaged, both springs being broken, the brake smashed, splashboard and the frontboard in addition to the lamps and steps.

Jan 2nd 1987
1982

25 Years Ago

Snow borne on an easterly wind estimated at ten miles an hour fell on frozen ground and created drifts of six to ten feet deep in the Wharfedale area during the last week of December 1961 and in to the New Year Langbar suffered especially with Slaters Lane and Harding Lane having drifts level with the hedge tops. The River Wharfe was frozen firm from bank to bank in many parts and skating on the Tarn was possible after a great weight of snow had been cleared from the surface.

Plans for the development of the Wheatshaf Hotel site were being considered by various committees of Ilkley Council and the possibility of excavations was being investigated. Considerable interest had been shown in connection with the excavation of the Roman Fort which had started in 1921. The Town Planning Committee had made it clear that they would not be willing to recommend approval for a proposed block of flats on the site and the most favoured proposal was to landscape the area and use the tarmacadamed area as a temporary car park.

1. This girder answer for Brooks Bridge
- 2 Runaway horse belonging to Mr. Thorpe

from "The Years Dumps" Jan 1987.

Celebrating Centenary Of "Ilkla Moor Baht 'At"



A long procession wound its way to the Cow and Calf line of the Addingham By-Pass around St. Paul's Rise, at the celebrated anthem "Ilkla Moor Baht 'At".

Another classic mistake by the Gazette. This is the Drummy near the Cow & Calf and MILES away from Addingham By-Pass route!!!

Jan 16/87
1913

75 Years Ago

The Ilkley Puppet Show Players —Misses Vera Dawson, Edith Greenwood, Ethel Mallinson, Dora Nussey and Dorothea Steinhil, provided about 100 of their friends' children with a tea and puppet show performances in the Congregational Lecture Hall. They adapted the delightful Christmas Story, "The Rose and the Ring" which the children enjoyed immensely. There was an excellent tea, and the hall had been tastefully decorated by the ladies in charge.

Jan 16/87
1962

25 Years Ago

Three thousand men, women and children, queued outside the Coronation Hospital in conditions of wind, rain and sleet on Monday and Tuesday evenings to be vaccinated against smallpox. The first session started at 7 p.m. and lasted until thirty minutes after midnight. The queue at one time stretched along Spring Lane and finished at the top of Richmond Place. The smallpox scare in the district started when it was discovered that a two-year-old girl from Bradford, in the Wharfedale Children's Hospital at Menston was a smallpox victim.

Jan. 1987.

END OF AN ERA FOR ONE OF ILKLEY'S OLDEST SHOPS

The Flower Box, which has stood at the top of Brook Street, Ilkley, for about one hundred years, has closed its doors for the last time.

It has closed to make way for the £3m re-development of the Ilkley Station area as

a shopping centre, work on which is expected to start next month and take about 72 weeks to complete.

The Flower Box is believed to have been built by a local rose grower, who wanted somewhere to sell his roses. Between the wars it was

run by Alf and Annie Wilkin-son and trellis work in the shop still contains the initials, "A.W."

From 1933 to 1970 the shop was owned by Mr. Ernest Horsman, whose grandfather, Thomas Horsman traded as a florist and seedsman in the

building now occupied by Dacre, Son and Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Oliver took over the shop on Mr. Horsman's retirement and for the last ten years it has been run by Michael Bower.



MEMORIES OF ILKLEY FLOWER BOX

The recent picture in the "Gazette" of the Flower Box at the top of Brook Street when it closed its doors for the last time after one hundred years has brought back memories for Mrs. Margaret Stockham (nee Wheatcroft) of Kensington Road, Blackpool.

"I worked there as a trainee florist, starting in 1939. It was my first ever job as a school leaver and I was employed by Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson for the princely sum of 7s. 6d. (37p) per week. I worked three days from 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday until 7 p.m., Saturday until 8 p.m. and Wednesday was half day. Duties included black-leading and de-clinking the coke stove which stood in the centre of the wooden building.

was used as a substitute and up to moors I would go armed with a couple of sacks and some strong gloves. Gathering some strong fresh green fonds and using fresh green fonds was quite pleasant, but using dried bracken was difficult as well as scratchy. The wire shapes were also difficult to get so we had to fashion our own with the aid of an axe and a coil of wire. Then came the job of wiring the flowers and foliage, and here my fingers were all 'thumbs'

especially when using delicate flowers like lily-of-the-valley. We wore gloves for wiring holly, binding our fingers with adhesive tape for greater protection.

"One never to be forgotten time was when I was entrusted to write the accompanying card. This included a longer and rather flowery verse which ended with the words 'In a far happier clime shall we all say good morning'. I only made one mistake but it was fatal. In my best handwriting I had written, 'In a far warmer clime shall we all say Good Morning'. No one had noticed the mistake but the mourning party returned to the shop after the funeral and they were not amused.

Drinking and hot water was obtained from the nearby pork butcher's bakehouse, which entailed crawling through a trap-door and jumping down onto the stone floor. Toilet facilities, "Platform 1" on the Railway Station were highly 'inconvenient' at times.

"One of my very first jobs was delivering funeral flowers by bus to Bolton Bridge. Local deliveries were made mainly on foot, or by taxi, as Mr. Wilkinson did not drive very often. I arrived at Bolton Bridge at about mid-day suppose as the family were just sitting down to a meal. was offered refreshment and invited to wait for the return bus to Ilkley, which was very kind. What I was not prepared for was the open coffin in the same room and being asked

Jan. 1988 1987

ARCTIC WEATHER HITS ILKLEY DISTRICT

Arctic weather which has swept the country has provided the coldest days in Ilkley since 1981 when the coldest weather so far this century was experienced.

Temperatures tumbled dramatically last Friday as a prelude to shivering weather which kept Ilkley continuously under frost for most of the week.

Experts could offer little hope of warmer weather until probably this weekend and warned of cold easterly winds which were causing snow to drift in other parts of the country. Heavy snow brought chaos to rail and road transport and whilst Ilkley was white over with only a light covering at the beginning of the week it was deepening by Wednesday under worsening conditions.

At Ilkley transport was affected at first more by the frost than the snow which hit other parts. Half the buses in Bradford ground to a halt and some bus services to Ilkley were either cancelled or running late. On the railways there were delays when points froze causing trains to run up to forty minutes late. Cars froze up along with household water pipes, the River Wharfe was completely frozen over in several places and all outdoor sport was badly affected.

Sunday night with twenty seven degrees (F) of frost almost equalled that night in December, 1981 then believed

to have been the coldest this century with thirty-five degrees (F) of frost. Local weather expert, Michael Parry a groundsman at Ilkley Lawn Tennis Club, claimed Ilkley had experienced its coldest daytime weather during the past fifty years. It came on Monday when the temperature fell to minus five degrees centigrade (23 degrees fahrenheit). It could even have been the coldest daytime temperature recorded this century, he said. Last February was the coldest February in Ilkley since 1947 when there were over thirty degrees of frost.

Skaters were out in force on Ilkley Tarn; no serious accidents had been reported to Ilkley Police and no distress calls from the elderly had been received by Ilkley's voluntary services. ~~There were 120 visitors from the Ilkley Help the Aged visiting 140 elderly people in the Ilkley area. If there were elderly people wishing to be visited they should contact the Ilkley CVS office in South Hawks-worth Street, Ilkley. The~~

1963 } all equally
1947 } severe winters
1927 } & lasted much longer!

May 1987

Victorian Post Box Returns To Mill Village



The first postal collection made from Low Mill village, Addingham, for many years has marked the official re-commissioning of the original Victorian letter-box which used to serve the historic Mill Village community.

When Lister's Mill finally closed in 1971 the letter box was sold off but the developers who are currently restoring the village and cottages, Messrs Mitre Estates Ltd., of Ilkley, successfully managed to track down, purchase and restore the original Victorian

letter box to full working order. The box has now been re-fixed into position on the village Main Street, which also forms part of the long distance footpath known as The Dales Way. Collections are now made from the letter box twice daily.

Pictured above is Mrs. Audrey Clark, a resident of Low Mill Village, who also works as a secretary with the selling agents for the cottages, Messrs Hepper Watson, of Ilkley.

'Pay My Respects to a complete stranger. One of the diners sat so close to the coffin that every time he moved the coffin shuddered. I was so thankful when it was time to leave.

"Another memory was delivering holly wreaths to the local cemetery at Christmas time. People living away or unable to go personally ordered wreaths and crosses to be delivered on Christmas Eve day. One year when we were very busy, deliveries had to wait until the shop was closed. It would be about 9 p.m. at the earliest when Ernest Horsman and I climbed over the stone wall laden with wreaths and by torch light found the various graves and so fulfilled the orders. How times have changed, no-one would do that today.

"It always seemed to happen that some well known local resident would die at holiday times and we would have to work long hours, some times all night until the floral tributes were made. My job was making the foundations, usually with spagnum moss within a wire frame, and bound together with wire. During the war moss was difficult to obtain as it was used for field dressing so bracken

"The work was often hard and dirty but very interesting and I enjoyed my three years at the Flower Box. I left in 1942 when I swapped my florist green overall for the green jersey of the women's Land Army, but that is another story", said Mrs. Stockham.

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SCENES FROM THE
PAST (51)

ILKLEY OVER THIRTY
YEARS AGO

Over thirty years ago this was the scene one Whit Monday (Spring Bank Holiday) at the top of New Brook Street as crowds gathered to watch the Whitsuntide walk from Bradford to Ilkley and back to Bradford.

This picture is particularly interesting in that it shows the old Wheatsheaf Hotel which closed its doors for the last time at the end of 1959. There was some speculation at that time as to how long the Inn had served the Ilkley district. It was said at the time it certainly shared with the Rose and Crown the distinction of being one of Ilkley's oldest public houses but which of the two buildings was the older had never been proved.

Harry Speight in his book "Upper Wharfedale" published in 1900 has more to say on this subject strangely enough than had Collyer and Horsfall Turner in "Ilkley Ancient and Modern" published fifteen years earlier. There was one Inn at Ilkley in 1378, says Speight, and suggests this may have been the Rose and Crown, though he concedes the strong claims of the Wheatsheaf. He says, indeed, the Wheatsheaf has strong claims for precedence, because the sign is derived from the old crest of Middleton Collyer and Turner say the two Inns were quite of the antique type, brewed their own beer, and

were not much more than the addenda to two fair farms. These and three or four more small shops, supplied whatever Ilkley and her visitors might need. There was nothing on the walls of the Wheatsheaf to indicate when it was built but a chapter about the poll tax in 1377 gives information about the few inhabitants of that time and among them was Harry Spenser and his wife, who kept the only tavern in the town. This, say the authors, "was most likely what is now the Wheatsheaf."

Since the demolition of the Wheatsheaf in 1960 there has never been any doubt as to which is the oldest surviving hotel in the town that now being the Rose and Crown Hotel.

When the Wheatsheaf was demolished many broken clay smoking pipes were found underneath the floorboards. It was thought they had been pushed out of sight through holes in the timber caused by knots in the wood when they were of no further use.

After the demolition of the Inn the area was landscaped and has been unchanged since that date.

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JAN. 23-1987
(1887)

100 Years Ago

Owing to the icy, wintery conditions a carriage capsized whilst turning into Wells Road, near the Royal Hotel. Fortunately the horse managed to keep its feet and the ladies who were travelling in the carriage, returning from a banquet at Wells House, were rescued unhurt.

At Otley Police court, two vagrants were charged with begging. The first incident was reported at Wheatley where no less than eight tramps had called at one house within the space of one hour. Thos. Moran was sent to jail for seven days. In the second case, a woman, Jane Milner had been found drunken and begging in Wells Road, Ilkley. She had in her possession when she was arrested 1s. 9d., and some ham. She had been cautioned several times by the police during the day. The prisoner was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment.

An enjoyable entertainment was given in the Mission Room at Addingham to navvies by a party of friends from Ilkley. Recitations, readings, songs and sketches were enjoyed by a good audience. The performers were afterwards entertained to supper at the Coffee Tavern by Mrs. Bracken.

CARRIAGE
ACCIDENT

ENTERTAINMENT FOR
NAVVIES AT ADDINGHAM.

JAN 23/1987
SWIMMING CLUB

75 Years Ago

An enthusiastic meeting of Ilkley Swimming Club and others interested in the erection of a public swimming baths took place at Wharfedale Restaurant for the purpose of selecting candidates for the forthcoming District Council elections pledged to support a "Baths scheme".
The list of Councillors was examined and those against the idea had their names noted. Approved likely candidates were - Messrs. Ellis, Beanlands, A. Talbot, T. L. Nelson, J. Robertson, Herbert Milnes and A. Waugh.

1913

JAN 23/87
(1962)

25 Years Ago

Wharfedale hospitals will be affected by a national plan to re-organise the service over ten years. Most of those in Ilkley were either to be closed or given a new role. Amongst those hospitals to be closed or given a new life were Oak Ghyll Convalescent Home, Middleton, Ilkley Coronation, Ilkley Convalescent, and St. Winifred's, Ilkley.

WHARFEDALE HOSPITALS TO
CLOSE - (Still talking
about it to day - 1987 !!)

Wonder drug couple

CRAVEN HERALD JAN 22nd 1987



Two Addingham professors have given hope to thousands of sufferers with their new drug for use against cancer, schizophrenia, and anxiety.

The couple, Professors Brenda Costall and Robert Naylor have discovered a drug, which they call GR38032F, which works on a substance in the brain called 5HT which can cause nausea, delusions, and even hallucinations.

The new drug, which was primarily developed to fight schizophrenia alone, is regarded as the culmination of 13 years of joint effort of the husband-and-wife team.

"We are immensely satisfied with the results so far. We have worked for 13 years for something like this. We would be very disappointed if it didn't work for cancer chemotherapy," said Professor Naylor.

The couple are perhaps the best-known neuropharmacologists in the country, and they have, in the past year, attracted over £1 million in research grants to Bradford University, where they work.

They hope that their new drug will persuade more cancer sufferers to undergo chemotherapy, which would normally result in vomiting and intense nausea.

The new drug controls such feelings, and would therefore make chemotherapy much less daunting.

It is believed that the drug will help schizophrenics

by suppressing delusions and hallucinations, and will not cause Parkinson's Disease as some modern drugs do.

REPLACEMENT

But perhaps the most common use for the drug in the future will be as a replacement for benzodiazepines, such as Valium and Librium, in the treatment of people who suffer from stress and anxiety.

Some people are particularly susceptible to sedation and drowsiness the present-day drugs can cause, and many are addicted to them.

The couple met at the university when they were undergraduates, and they haven't looked back since.

"Our average working day starts at 7.30 in the morning and often goes on until 10 at night. There is hardly any time for anything else.

"It makes us much more efficient being husband and wife. Instead of doing twice the work we do four times the work," said Professor Costall. Indeed, it seems that they are the ideal couple.

A researcher at Harvard University interviewed them, and came to the conclusion that their team was the ideal combination for a happy couple.

And the result of their work together, GR38032F, is currently at the human testing stage, and if all goes well it should be available in a couple of years time.

Picture shows Professors Naylor and Costall working in their Bradford lab.

Deputy Lord Lieutenant

One of the new Deputy Lord Lieutenants for West Yorkshire is Baroness Lockwood, of Addingham, it was announced this week.

Baroness Lockwood, who celebrated her 63rd birthday yesterday (Thursday) lives on Sycamore Drive. She joins seven other new deputies to the county's Lord Lieutenant, Lord Ingrow.

She has been active in the Labour Party since the late 1940s, becoming the party's Chief Woman Officer and Assistant National Agent in 1967.

From 1975 to 1983 she was Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, and from 1982 to 1983 she was Chairman of the European Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities Commission for Women and Men. In 1983 she was made President of London University's Birkbeck College. Her recreations are given as enjoying the Dales.

CRAVEN HERALD
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BARONESS BETTY!

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King Cole in Ashes claim

THERE could be life in the Ashes — or there might have been if an amazing story unveiled yesterday has any truth to it.

The Ashes, contested by the cricketers of England and Australia for more than 100 years, are officially said to be the charred fragments of a bail which a group of women burned after the Honorable Ivo Bligh's tourists triumphed Down Under in 1883.

But according to a report in Melbourne's Sunday Press, the famous urn kept at Lord's may contain the remains of an Aboriginal cricketer.

The bizarre story quotes an Aboriginal community leader as saying: "We want those ashes laboratory tested."

According to the article, Robbie Thorpe believes that an examination will reveal the remains of a certain King Cole, a cricketer who apparently played for an Aboriginal team which toured England in 1868 — 12 years

before the first white Australian team.

King Cole died in Guy's Hospital, London, on June 24, 1868, or so the story goes, and his ashes were meant to be returned to Australia. But somehow they ended up in the old urn now resting at the headquarters of cricket.

75 YEARS AGO
1912

Mr. Nussey, Chairman of the Hospital Committee of Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital speaking at the 1912 annual meeting, said that the hospital had proved a great boon particularly to the sick poor of Ilkley and under 39 per cent of the patients treated had paid nothing, and 33 per cent only a few shillings. The expenditure during the year had exceeded the ordinary revenue by £98 but there were a great many well to do people in Ilkley who did not give their support, and they should be made to realise the amount of good which their little hospital was doing. He said that the percentage of deaths compared favourably with that of other hospitals throughout the Kingdom. Mr. John Turner presenting the balance sheet said that the subscription list had gone down, and the hospital must either receive the full support of the town or cease to exist.

CORONATION A.C.H.
ILKLEY WELL OFF AS
GENEROUS AS USUAL !!

75 years ago
1912

There was no opposition at an inquiry held in respect of a scheme put forward by Ilkley Urban District Council to borrow £3,000 for the provision of an annexe to the Kings Hall at Ilkley and public conveniences adjoining. The Clerk presented the statistics and pointed out that the population of Ilkley was increasing and that when the summer visitors were staying it reached 11,000. In addition there were so many day visitors, sometimes as many as five or six thousand people were coming and going in one day. The new building would be linked to the Kings Hall and was to accommodate about 150 people. The building was to be of delph stone lined with brick, and was to consist of

a large hall with sprung floor for dancing with kitchen and serving room, a balcony and good cloak-room accommodation.

Scheme for building
the Kings Hall Annex

Feb. 1987 (1987)

100 Years Ago

Between sixty and seventy navvies working on the cuttings for the new railway near Neatherwood and Lumb Ghyll struck work because of an alteration that had been made to their method of work. Throughout the winter they had worked a nine hour day during which time four men had to fill 16 wagons before being entitled to their day's pay. The day was increased to 10 hours and three men were asked to fill 13 wagons for their day's work. The men refused and marched to the pay-office in Railway Road to demand their wages due. They were paid off and the Contractors quickly set about engaging a fresh team of men who were out to work immediately.

Fifty gallons of soup were distributed to "the deserving poor" at the Coffee Tavern by Mr. R. G. Cope and his lady helpers, in addition to large quantities of bread. As soon as the weather improved the kitchen was to be closed.

STRIKE OF NAVVIES
WORKING ON RAILWAY

FEB. 1986
(1936)

50 Years Ago

Following the gift of £1,000 by Mr. H. P. Price for the laying-out of the land along the riverside, two further important gifts to mark the Coronation year were

announced at the February meeting of Ilkley council in 1937.

One was the gift by Mr. Arthur Hentzen, of Gilstead, Middleton, of woodlands marked on the ordnance map as Cobby wood and Stubham wood which lie to the north of Carly Hill, formerly Lionel Crescent. They were to be public open spaces and Mr. Hentzen gave £500 for making suitable entrances and footpaths. The council already owned the woods lying further to the east, and the public would then possess the greater part of what was known by the general name, Middleton woods.

The other gift was from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sugden, of Westbrook, Ilkley. They gave £2,000 for the erection of four houses on land near the corner of Bridge Lane and the main road to be let at low rentals. Mr. G. Yeale, Chairman of the council, expressed the special thanks of the public for these generous gifts.

In the King's first honours list a knighthood was conferred on Mr. H. P. Price, of Hollingwood, Ilkley, Chairman of Price's Tailors Ltd., for political and public services in Yorkshire. Mr. Price's generosity in many directions had been most marked.

GIFTS TO CELEBRATE
CORONATION OF GEO VI

OLD DIESEL UNITS BOW OUT TO THE NEW PACERS

The diesel multiple units which have served the railways of Ilkley and Wharfedale for over twenty eight years are bowing out to the new Pacer diesel units which were introduced in February.

The old and the new diesels were pictured side by side at Ilkley Station last weekend when one of the older units travelled to Ilkley on one of

its last scheduled services.

It was on 3 January, 1959, when the first diesel units were introduced to the Ilkley services replacing steam locomotives, the first of which began regular services on 1 August, 1885. The new diesel service on the Ilkley line brought with it more services to and from the cities but there were cutbacks in 1961 in

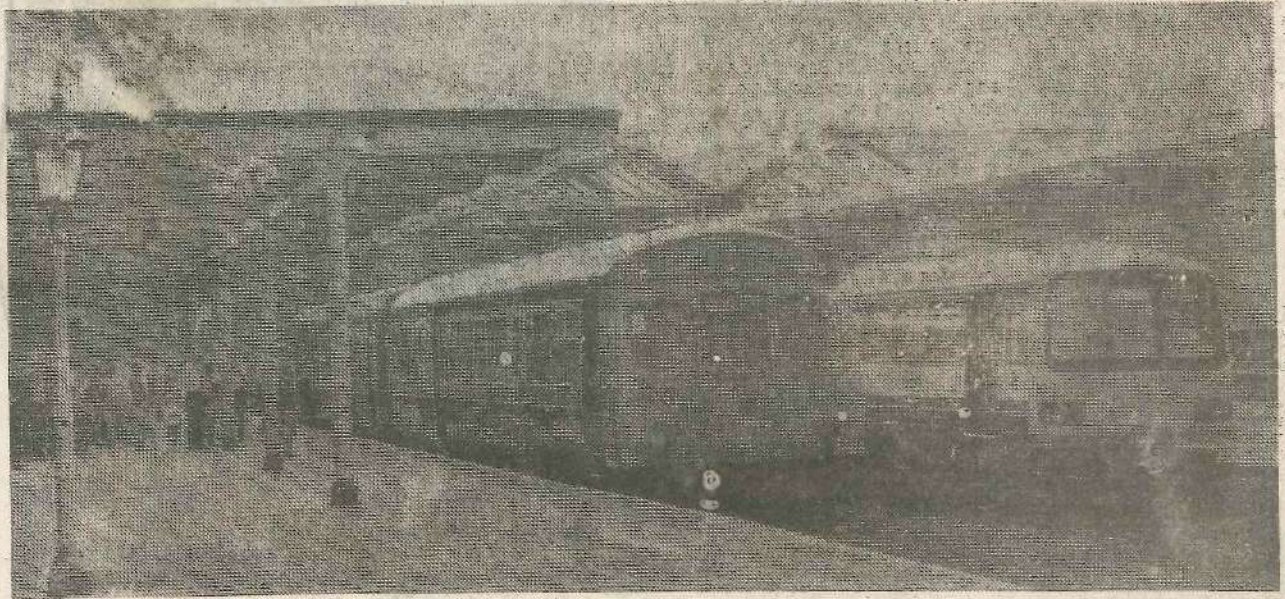
the afternoon and evening.

These lasted until 1974 when the Passenger Transport Executive brought about more frequent services. The Ilkley line has survived two threats of closure, the first in 1963 and then again in 1968.

After de-regulation in Autumn last year there was a big revival on local services and it has been reported that

passenger traffic on the Aire-dale and Wharfedale lines has increased by fifty eight per cent.

Sunday services begin at the weekend and will operate until 4 October, a period of five weeks longer than last year, and next year it is hoped to re-introduce a through service to Bradford.



November 1987

PLAN FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT ON SPA BUILDINGS SITE

Plans to demolish Spa Buildings on The Grove, Ilkley, and replace them with a retail development with flats above and a basement car park, have been received by Bradford Council's Planning department.

The applicants, Bayford and Company Developments Ltd, of Leeds, who own Spa Buildings and the adjoining parade of shop units known as "The Spa" said work would start straight away on the plan, if approval was given.

Bayford and Company' Managing Director, Mr. D. G. Fryer said Spa Buildings were "past their useful life". They hoped to knock down the building and redevelop the site with an attractive retail development, which would be in keeping with the surrounding area and would enhance it.

Spa buildings, were in a conservation area but were not listed Buildings, he said.

Ilkley Civic Society has been

informed of the plans and was happy with them, and Simon Thornton estate agents, who have their offices at the side of Spa Buildings, were to move into the adjoining development, he added. Spa Buildings opened as a Hydro-pathic Establishment and Visitor's Boarding House in 1884, and was originally called "The Grove". Like other hydro in the town it was famous for its therapeutic treatment and was highly recommended by a Christopher Crayon, who

stayed there in 1885, for its "excellent accommodation and low charges" - four shillings to nine shillings, and six pence per day...

The building was converted into flats and a cafe in 1910. It was sold several times over the years by Dacre, Son and Hartley, of Ilkley, the last time being in 1984 since when the new shop units have been built on the land at the side of the cafe.



Feb. 1978

1936

50 Years Ago

A proposal to mark the Coronation of King George VI by building a new Cottage Hospital at a cost of around £32,000 was endorsed at the annual meeting of subscribers to the Ilkley Coronation Cottage Hospital. The hospital in use in 1937 had 16 beds and was built to mark the Coronation of Edward VII and had for some years been felt to be too small to meet local needs. No details of the new hospital scheme were given and it was proposed to hold a town meeting to discuss the scheme. Mr. T. Firth who presided said a new hospital should accommodate at least 32 and have an X ray department and a massage department as well as a few private wards. They had considered extending the present Springs Lane hospital but had abandoned the plan as it involved buying land at the back of the hospital and the site was so small.

Proposal to build a new Coronation hospital never materialised!

Feb. 13th. 1984.



THE PACERS ARE COMING

The first new trains on the Airedale and Wharfedale lines for more than twenty years come into service on Monday. And to mark the occasion, the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority's Bradford district spokesman, Cr. Bob Sowman, will meet one of the new trains as it arrives at Ilkley station.

The Class 144 Pacer trains, financed by the PTA at a total cost of £8m., will replace British Rail's ageing diesel units, some of which have been in operation for as long as thirty years.

Cr. Sowman said "this is just the start of a planned programme of investment in new rolling stock designed to cater for more passengers and, more importantly, in greater comfort."

The Pacers are painted in the PTA's new red and cream livery with matching upholstery. They also have power-operated folding doors, which allow passengers themselves to operate the doors, when the train is stopped. The new units have seats for 122 passengers.

Cr. Sowman said the new trains would make it possible to reduce journey times and maintain schedules in all weather conditions. "Airedale and Wharfedale are two of our busiest lines and I'm delighted that the passengers will be able to enjoy the benefits of these new, smart trains," he added.

A total of twenty-three Pacer units are being introduced throughout the MetroTrain network. From Monday, they will be used on forty-seven journeys on the following Airedale and Wharfedale services: Bradford-Guiseley/Ilkley, Leeds-Ilkley, and Leeds/Bradford-Skipton. Further Pacer units will be introduced on the majority of services from March 16.

Members of the joint PTA and BR rail working group are being invited to travel on one of the new Pacers, the 9.36 a.m. Leeds-Ilkley on Monday. The train will arrive at Ilkley Station at 10.08 a.m. and will be met by Cr. Sowman.

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Feb. 20. 1987

VANDALS TRY TO DERAIL NEW PACER TRAIN



One of the new Pacer trans introduced on the Wharfedale and Airedale lines on Monday ran into trouble at Calverley when vandals tried to derail it.

The 17.04 from Leeds to Ilkley was packed with passengers when it was badly damaged after ploughing at speed into a tree trunk laid across the track by vandals. The driver managed to grind it safely to a halt and there were no injuries.

A British Rail spokesman said it was a serious incident which caused severe damage to the undercarriage of the £350,000 train and it was lucky it had not come off the tracks. The train was delayed for more than thirty five minutes.

To mark the introduction of the new trains West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority's Bradford District spokesman, Cr. Bob Sowman met one of the new trains, which arrived a few minutes ahead of schedule at Ilkley station in the morning.

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The new units will carry 123 passengers and will be operated on the Wharfedale and Airedale lines linking Leeds and Bradford with Skipton and Ilkley. Pacers will be running on most Wharfedale and Airedale services from 16 March. It has been claimed they will knock seven minutes off the Leeds to Ilkley journey.

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to reduce journey times and maintain schedules in all weather conditions.

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Although the units are slightly larger than the diesels, by next year it is hoped that the trains will pull three instead of two units at peak times, said Cr. Sowman. That would end recent complaints of peak times over-

crowding on both the Wharfedale and Airedale commuter lines, he said. Wharfedale Rail Users Group Chairman Tom Franks welcomed this "renaissance" in local rail travel, which he said should result in greater reliability as well as a cleaner and more pleasant environment for the passenger.

Unlike the Class 141 units used on the Harrogate line, the Class 144's incorporate a full train width body, giving four extra seats per two-car unit compared with the trains the new units are replacing.

The new Pacers are also much cheaper to run and maintain, and could in the future enable more trains to be operated for the same cost as now.

Mr Franks added "the new trains represent a multi-million pound investment by West Yorkshire ratepayers and the Passenger Transport Authority, and underline the new Authority's commitment to the West Yorkshire rail network, and in particular to the future of the Wharfedale line."

"With the opening of a new station on the Wharfedale line at Frizinghall planned for September this year, and further improvements to be announced shortly, the pace of change will soon be felt by all rail users," he said. The Group has, however, expressed concern at British Rail's "imposition" of a ban on cycles on certain train and would like to hear from individual users who are affected.

• Picture shows one of the new Pacer trains on a recent visit to Ilkley.

Feb. 13th. 1987.

FIRST STEPS TOWARDS REPLACING 100-YEAR OLD DENTON BRIDGE



As Denton Bridge over the River Wharfe at Ben Rhydding reaches its centenary this year, Bradford Council's new Highways Sub-Committee has taken the first steps towards replacing it with a stronger and more up to date structure.

Meeting for the first time, members were told that the bridge was the only crossing of the Wharfe between Ilkley and Otley and, as a result, carried a considerable amount of traffic.

However, it had a maximum weight limit of only three tonnes, and major repairs would be needed to sustain even that. In addition, it was only wide enough to permit single file traffic, there were no footpaths for pedestrians, and all heavy vehicles — including fire engines and buses — had to be diverted through Ilkley.

Members were faced with four options, but decided unanimously that the construction of a new bridge, at an estimated cost of £350,000, was the only satisfactory solution.

However, work on the scheme can not begin until planning permission is obtained, and it is also subject to the money being made available by the Policy and Resources Committee.

Other options available to the Sub-Committee included strengthening the existing bridge at a cost of £150,000, closing the bridge to vehicles and allowing its use by pedestrians only, which would cost £8,000, and demolishing the bridge and building a new footbridge at a cost of £87,000.

A report to members stated that construction of a new bridge would present the opportunity to bring it up to date, allowing two-way traffic even for the heaviest of vehicles, while provision of a footpath would ensure that it could be used safely by pedestrians.

It was hoped that it would also mean a reduction in the number of heavy vehicles using Ilkley town centre.

The bridge was originally built by the Wheatley and Denton Bridge Company as a toll bridge in 1887. It is an iron structure, with the roadway resting on iron strips, spanning 100 feet and about 10 feet wide.

It was bought from the executors of Mr. Hill of Denton Hall for £400 in 1948 by Ilkley Urban District Council, and the charging of tolls was stopped soon afterwards.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PLAN TO REPLACE BEN RHYDDING BRIDGE

Plans for the construction of a new £350,000 bridge over the River Wharfe at Ben Rhydding to replace the 100-year-old Denton Bridge, have been received by Bradford Council's Planning department.

The first steps towards replacing the old bridge with a stronger and more up-to-date structure were taken in February by Bradford Council's Highway Sub-Committee. Meeting for the first time the

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Bygone Ilkley 53

Feb. 1986

THE BAY HORSE HOTEL IN LEEDS ROAD



Almost twenty five years ago the Bay Horse Hotel in Leeds Road, Ilkley, closed down after serving the town for perhaps over one hundred years.

The site of the Bay Horse Hotel has not been built upon since the demolition of the

building in 1963. The hotel was taken over by Hammonds Brewery from the Ilkley Brewery in 1923. The Bay Horse's records as a "beer house" went back to 1875 but it was some years older than that and to older generations was known as the "Knagg's

Head". It joined the Wheat-sheaf Hotel which stood at the top of Church Street and the Royal Hotel in Wells Road which had then just passed into Ilkley's history. Mrs. Gertrude Finlayson was the landlady when the hotel closed. Her predecessor

was Mr. Ernest Wardman 1931-48 and the landlord before that was Mr. Charles William Moorhouse 1924-31. When Hammonds took over from the Ilkley Brewery Company Mrs. Eleanor Hollings was the landlady.

March 6th 1987

100 Years Ago

The private quadrille class had a long night dance with music supplied for dancing by Mr. C. Shuttleworth. Sixteen dances, starting at 8 p.m. and ending a little after midnight, were gone through with everyone present thoroughly enjoying themselves. Mr. Ernest Shuttleworth acted as M.C.

Ilkley Amateurs gave their third dramatic performance in the Assembly Rooms to a crowded house with many people unable to find seats. The programme consisted of a humorous sketch, a domestic sketch and a screaming farce.

Fishing tickets were available to bonafide visitors to Ilkley and Wheatley at 2s. 6d. per day or 7s. 6d. per week or 20s. per month, from the shop of Mr. T. J. Critchley in Brook Street, Ilkley.

75 Years Ago

The most interesting item discussed at the March meeting of Ilkley Urban District was the decision to purchase The Holmes from the Old Bridge to the Crum Wheel at a cost of £5,280 for the purpose of a recreation ground. The land offered by the Wharfedale Estate Company was 44 acres, the idea being to throw a bridge over the river from the bottom of Bath Street, and to fence off the portion of land approaching the Crum Wheel, considered to be dangerous, which could be used for the Council's horses. The river could be dammed up for extended boating and something could be done to solve the vexed question of a public swimming bath. The fishing rights would be in the hands of the Council. There could be a riverside promenade of over 1,180 yards in length and a playground which would draw the children away from the dangerous high road above Ash Grove.

Purchase of the Holmes by I.U.D.C

A memorial to the late Howard Kempson, for fifteen years Vicar of Ilkley, was placed in Ilkley Parish Church by his children and was to be unveiled by his youngest daughter, Mrs. Thorpe. The memorial was in the form of a marble tablet placed on the south wall of the chancel and in the centre was a brass plate suitably inscribed to his memory.

50 Years Ago

Blizzard conditions returned to Wharfedale in the first week of March 1937, with more damage to telegraph and telephone wires, and more isolated villages. A continuous heavy snowfall for more than 14 hours left snow to a depth of four or five inches on

the streets of Ilkley, with deeper snow on the hillside. Heavy snow was reported from the Menston district to a depth of about 12 to 18 inches.

1936 1912.

Memorial to Howard Kempson

1936 SNOW!!!

1884
Some dance!!

Ilkley A.T.S

Fishing tickets

March 13th. 87
1887

100 Years Ago

A public meeting was held in Ilkley to consider the schemes recommended by the committee for the celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Dr. Scott, chairman, said the greatest need was for a Town Hall, and £10,000 was needed for this purpose. Several other suggested schemes were beyond their powers but there was a unanimous decision to support the Town Hall scheme. Cottage hospitals and recreation grounds had been suggested but the Moor provided a recreation ground and a Cottage Hospital scheme should be provided out of the rates. Mr. Wood proposed that land in Whitton Croft should be purchased for a new Grammar School for the town to mark the Jubilee and this was to be considered. It was agreed that the children should have a special fete in the form of a popular demonstration.

March 13th. 87
50 years ago. 1936

Ilkley was looking forward to the forthcoming celebrations of the Coronation of King George VI in May 1937. Schoolchildren subscribed by planting trees, there were gifts of woodland, scheme to lay-out the riverside, houses for specially selected tenants and a scheme for a new Coronation Cottage Hospital.

Easter festivities were advertised at Wells House Hotel with a Gala dinner and dance at 10/6, dinner and orchestral concert 8/6, dinner dances 8/6 with dance only 3/6.

Will Hay was the star of the latest film at the New Cinema as "Windbag the Sailor."

1. Suggestion for celebrating Geo VI Coronation
2. Casino at Wells Ho.

Suggestions for Celebrating
Queen Victoria's Jubilee

April 10. 1987

TOP BANK OFFICIAL RETIRES

Assistant General Manager (Advances) of the Yorkshire Bank, Mr. Dennis Pearson, of Low Mill Lane, Addingham, has retired after a long and distinguished career with the Bank.

Mr. Pearson, who was educated at Malet Lambert High School, Hull, joined Yorkshire Bank in 1942 at Hull. He was appointed an Inspector in 1961 and was the Assistant Manager of Sheffield branch from 1963 to 1965 when he became the Senior Tutor at the Bank's Training School. Appointed a General Manager's Assistant in 1968 he became the Bank's Manager in London in 1971. He left London in 1974 on his appointment as a Regional Controller. Promoted Controller (Advances) in 1983 he was appointed the Assistant General Manager (Advances) in 1986.

Mr. Pearson is married with one daughter



Cockett's Hotel, Hawes: In the culinary wasteland of the Yorkshire Dales where restaurateurs still seem to think that mache is what goes with sausages and chanterelles are French singers, Cockett's stand out like a torch. While other hotels and pubs in Wensleydale content themselves with the tripper tritenesses of scampi and chips, ham and eggs, steak and kidney pie and, well, burger all else, Cherry Guest devises daily changing menus with fish and game and good-quality produce in season which owe little to any school but a good deal to her own individuality and taste.

At £11.95 a head for a three-course dinner which can start with fish pasta and end with a selection of local cheeses including Blue Wensleydale in lovely condition and Swaledale bought in small but precious quantities from the only local maker, the small dining room should be full every night, particularly since the wine list contains several bargains. The bad news is that the 1983 Tokay from Hugel at under £10 is now all gone.

But a prophet is without honour in his own Dale and it is left to visitors from farther afield to profit from the pleasures of perfectly-roast Guinea

Fowl served with a sauce of odd but aristocratic parentage, of venison served with home-made chocolate pasta, of sweetbreads in a slightly grainy wine sauce, of excellent vegetables, crisp and colourful, of interesting puddings and good coffee.

The hotel, converted from a clutch of low attractive cottages, stands at the top of the Main Street, a stride away from the old bookshop once run by Kit Calvert. The process of dining begins in the tiny bar where Mr. Guest dispenses menus, affability and, if the mood is upon him, interesting bottles from his private cellar. He explains the four or five starters and main courses which is handy since their hand-writing is so loopily idiosyncratic it is impossible to read. Stage two takes place in the small adjoining art gallery of a dining room — painting is another passion. The cooking is best when the ingredients are left to speak for themselves; the dried herbs in the Monkfish Provencale were a miscalculation as is the level of mint in the blackcurrant and mint pie. But set against the caring tone of the place, its pioneering spirit, the genuine warmth of the welcome and the inventiveness of the cooking, these are minor failings. High Teas are pretty good too; the rhubarb jam is stunning.

Telegraph & Argus April 1987

Forced out of work

A Cross Hills camera shop owner is being forced out of business — because of an accident he suffered two years ago.

Mr. Harold Haupt, whose premises are in Holme Lane, sustained face and nerve injuries, and as a result can no longer undertake close-up work.

And as his business relies heavily on intricate repair work, his profits have been going down and he cannot afford to continue trading beyond April.

"I knew this was coming, but it is still a hell of a shock," he said this week.

The trouble started when 61-year-old Mr. Haupt tripped over a damaged road sign outside Wheelers restaurant in Cross Hills' Main Street about two years ago.

He claims the sign had been damaged in a road accident three weeks before, but no remedial action had been taken despite warnings from the local police.

Repair work was evidently carried out the day after Mr. Haupt fell, and he is now suing North Yorkshire County Council for negligence.

His fall damaged his nervous system, and now whenever he tries to do close-up work, his hands begin to shake and he cannot still them.

AWFUL

"I cannot even sign a number of cheques without my hands shaking — it is really awful, and I feel I am letting my customers down in some way."

Born in the German city of Hamburg, Mr. Haupt first came to the Craven area as a prisoner of war, spending time at the Old Hall, Threshfield, and a farm at Addingham.

He remained in this country after

peace was declared, and ended up marrying a girl from Cowling. An optician by profession, his qualifications were not recognised in England, and he decided to open his own specialist camera shop 33 years ago.

Since then "Camera Sales and Service" has built up a good reputation, and customers travel from as far afield as London, Morpeth, and Manchester for advice.

And camera firm Minolta have asked Mr. Haupt, of Park Road, to become one of their part-time technical representatives when he finally closes his business.

"The last thing I wanted to do was to close down as my customers know me as a friend, but I just cannot afford to keep going."

Picture by David Hyde, Skipton.



*One of the best
Camera repairers
in the district.*

April 3, 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

The Queen of Wharfedale, the town of Ilkley, was said to have lost nothing in popularity judging by the vast crowds which flocked there on Easter Monday, 1887. The moor was dotted as the sky line with happy groups of nonna-makers and many wandered along the highways and by-ways and riverside walks. Music was provided in the town by three travelling bands, a concertina band from Greengates in military uniform, the promenaders in Brook Street and Church Street, and the Salvation Army lads and lasses in their uniforms. The weather was exceptionally fine and cyclists and turned out on the roads in full force.

Major Middleton gave a treat to pupils attending a "private middle class school" run by Mrs. Walter Robinson. He gave about fifty children tea, the younger ones in the school, the older ones in the drawing room, "the viands being of the choicest descriptions possible."

*After Easter Holiday
Major Middleton gave party
for school children*

April 3, 1987 (1912)

75 Years Ago

Miserable weather prevailed for Easter in 1912. Good Friday was wet and refreshment caterers had hardly any day trippers to cater for, the roads being practically empty apart from a few straggling cyclists. Easter Sunday was dull with drizzling showers, not many visitors arrived by rail some walked across the moor. Easter Monday was remarkable for "a good deal more gale than gala," when hundreds of people walked across the moor, and were in a pitiable plight when they arrived at Ilkley, most being drenched to the skin and the station waiting room was full of men, women and children wringing and drying their clothes, minus socks or stockings. Many people arrived by train, but they scarcely ventured outside except to adjoining hotels and eating houses. Dancing in the pavilion at Wray's Pleasure Gardens was well patronised both in the afternoon and the evening with music played by the Keighley Concertina Band.

Basin (Awful weather)

Nesfield New Road

Nesfield new road had been completed and thrown open for the use of the public. It entered Langbar Road or Lodge Hill to the left, and ran in a direct line with the portion of Nesfield Road passing Ilkley Golf Club House and was intended to do away with the low lying length of road which led from the old Ilkley Bridge by the side of the river which was prone to flooding.

As there was so much feeling against the proposed site in Chantry Drive for a new Post Office, a deputation of townspeople had tried in vain to get a meeting with the Postmaster General, Mr. J. T. Duncan. The postmaster General aborted their attempt with the comment that he scheme had advanced beyond considering alternative proposals regarding the best site for the building.

*Objection to new P.O.
in Chantry drive*

April 3. 1987 (1936)

50 Years Ago

A new era started in the life of Ilkley Urban District Council when newly elected chairman, Mr. Ernest Waddilove, welcomed new

members from the Burley and Menston district for the first time following their amalgamation with Ilkley. Mr. Waddilove had a most interesting year of office in front of him with the new enlarged area of the Council and also the forthcoming Coronation celebrations.

Entry forms were available in April, 1937 for the carnival procession and other competitions which were to form part of Ilkley's Coronation celebrations. In the carnivals classes were for trade turn-outs, decorated cycles, fancy, comic and historical costumes, and special children's classes. There was to be a Bathing Beauty competition and a swimming gala at the Bathing Pool, with challenge shields presented by Mr. Walter Reiss. In addition there was to be a display of physical fitness by Miss Errol Renny and 100 pupils at the Bathing Pool and a mannequin parade of fashion.

An additional attraction was added to the Tarn at Ilkley when a young pair of swans set up "housekeeping" in the gorse bushes. The male swan in protecting his nest and his mate had become a trifle over zealous and for the safety of passers-by a tall fence had to be erected and warning signs given. He was not however, too proud to accept food passed to him over the fencing by all kinds of visitors.

1. New era for Ilkley U.D.C. when joined by Burley and Menston

April 10. 1987
1887

100 Years Ago

In connection with providing relaxation for navvies engaged on the making of the new railway line from Ilkley to Skipton, the navy mission room at Addingham provided well for their needs. There was a news room with a good supply of both national and local papers, a library with over 100 books, a night school and games and amusement on other evenings. Saturday nights were highlighted by different entertainments which were well attended and enjoyed by Addingham residents as well as the working navvies played their first cricket match in front of Farfield Hall which was followed by a "capital tea" at the Coffee Tavern. Their religious instruction was provided for by the Navy Mission Society led by Mrs. Garnett of Ripon.

In the advertisement columns of the Ilkley Gazette, perambulators were offered for sale new at 10s. 6d. to £3 3s. Tomato plants were offered at 2s. 6d. per dozen, and white leghorn eggs for sitting at 2s. per dozen. One good buy was a splendid Chippendale sideboard in solid mahogany, 5ft. 6in. by 7ft. high, beautifully fluted at £25.

Navy Mission Room Addingham

Prices in Gazette?

April 3. 1987
1962

25 Years Ago

Confirmation of the establishment of the Roman Fort of Olicana at Ilkley in A.D. 97 and evidence of its development through to the fourth century was unearthed during the course of excavations in April, 1962. One of the most interesting results of the dig had been the recovery of traces of late 2nd century timber buildings. Mr. Brian Hartley of Leeds University said there was evidence they were destroyed during a native revolt at the end of the second century. Another interesting feature of the discoveries was evidence of five roads of differing periods all built one on top of the other. One outstanding "find" was a well preserved wooden "bit" used by one of the cavalry officers known to be stationed at Olicana during the Roman occupation.

Excavations at Roman Fort.

50 Years Ago

Speaking at a meeting of Junior Conservatives in April 1937, Mr.

William Larcom, Yorkshire Conservative Education Officer, put forward some interesting reasons why another war was unlikely. He wondered who was to fight who, and what it was to be about. He said that Germany was unlikely to go to war with either France or Russia. He reasoned that although Germany might move into Czechoslovakia, Mussolini would prevent this. He commented that Germany had not sufficient finances to buy raw materials needed to go to war, and that they were weak financially and could not afford a long war. German people, said Mr. Larcom, tolerated Hitler as a means to an end and would probably overthrow him.

Dr. Crabtree was re-elected Chairman of Addingham Parish Council at the meeting of the Parish. Mr. B. Brear was to act as Vice-Chairman. Other members were—Messrs. W. C. Oliver, T. Lancaster, J. Cockshott, C. Newton, J. Ridley, E. Holmes, E. Blagborough, With Mr. G. E. Milton as Clerk.

The Yorkshire Gold Medal for the best invention, founded under the will of Mr Hoffman Wood, of Addingham, in 1936, went to an Addingham man. Mr. W. Bradley received the medal for a brake controlled mechanism which gave reduced and variable speed without loss of motion or relieving the load on the brake. It was adapted to give constant tension of warp on a loom. Mr. Bradley, of Beacon Works, Addingham, claimed that this machine gave an improved cloth and was already in use in a number of looms in Yorkshire mills.

1. Conservative Speaker says there will be no war!!?
2. Addingham Parish Council
3. Hoffman Wood Gold Medal for Mr. Willy Bradley.

25 years ago
1962

A Skipton man was remanded in custody accused of stealing wine and spirits valued at £500 from the cellars of the Duke of Devonshire's shooting lodge, Bolton Hall, Bolton Abbey.

A Liberal Association—the fifth to come into being in the Ripon Division during the previous 18 months—was officially formed at a meeting at Burley.

Retiring after twelve months office as Chairman of Ilkley Urban Council, Cr. J. R. Armistead said "I do feel we need not fear any sort of shot gun marriage with neighbouring authorities and that he shall be able to judge any question of amalgamation on its merits." Cr. Armistead said there had been interesting developments elsewhere in connection with local government development, but as far as Ilkley was concerned they were still awaiting the county review.

Local Authorities in 1962 were considering proposals for the future hospital service. Under the new scheme, possibly in ten years time, there could be no hospitals in the Ilkley area. The Ministry's proposals were to erect a new hospital in Bradford. The Regional Hospital Board however, had recommended that a new hospital should be built on the site of the Menston Children's Hospital but this had been overruled by the Ministry. Ilkley Council was inviting neighbouring Councils to support them in their objections to the Ministry's proposals.

1. Man stole £500 worth of wine & spirits from Duke of Devonshire
2. Amalgamation threat
3. Hospital closure proposal

April 10/87
(1887)

100 Years Ago

Mr. Fison occupied the chair at a meeting in Burley Lecture Hall to discuss the forthcoming celebrations of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. The festivities were to be planned so that every inhabitant of the village could take some part in them, if not an active one. It was intended to celebrate with great enthusiasm.

Bolton Abbey held a meeting to discuss their Jubilee celebrations and decided upon a knife and fork tea, together with music and amusements to be held in the front of the hall, that being the most central place for the purpose. The festivities were to be held as near 20 June as could be arranged. Subscriptions were requested as the tea and entertainment was to be free of charge on the day.

A committee formed to promote a Flower Show in Ilkley decided to hold this in a field off The Grove in August. They had already received generous subscriptions and had also been promised several handsome prizes. Mr. John Gaunt was elected to chairman with Mr. Ernest Shuttleworth as hon. secretary.

An enthusiastic meeting was held by the Liberals in Addingham in the Wesleyan Schoolroom with Mr. J. G. Oddy presiding. The meeting unanimously declared its confidence in Mr. W. E. Gladstone, Leader of the Liberal Party and his policy over Home Rule for Ireland.

1. Preparations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee

2. Liberal meeting in Addingham

May 1. 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

A horse pulling a cart load of coal down Brook Street and in the charge of John Stead, suddenly set on and when near the railway bridge ran into a pony and carriage standing waiting for hire, belonging to W. H. Dunkley, grocer, of Church Street. The boy in charge of the carriage tried to pull more into the side but was too late, for with a heavy crash the coal cart ran into the light carriage. It completely doubled it up and left the wheels in fragments whilst coal was scattered from one side of Brook Street to the other. Though both vehicles were wrecked both horses escaped serious injury.

April 20th 1987
(1987)

75 Years Ago

Local news took a definite second place in the Ilkley Gazette of 20 April, 1913, when a full report was included of the sinking of the Titanic, the world's biggest liner with terrible loss of life, on her maiden voyage. There were 2,358 people on board and nearly 1,500 lives were lost. The first class passenger list included many distinguished names.

Motor cars and cyclists turned out in the spring sunshine to travel the high ways and by-ways of Wharfedale, and both at Bolton Abbey and Burnsall there were particularly large gatherings of the motoring and cycling fraternities. The road hoggies, complete with caps and goggles were said to have claimed road sovereignty and driven all the other road users into the ditches and hedge bottoms.

Addingham Cricket Club announced their old pavilion was being replaced with a new "structure of most pleasing appearance" which would provide much better accommodation than the one hitherto in use.

1. Sinking of the "Titanic"
2. Car hoggies road!
3. Addingham Cricket Club. New Pavilion

75 years ago
1912

The death was announced of Mr. James Lister, of Alexandra Place, an old Ilkley violin maker. He was not a violinist, and took up making the instruments as a hobby when he was the proprietor of Rockwood House Hydro. Two of his instruments were tested by Miss Marie Hall, an eminent violinist whose verdict was that anyone who possessed one of his fine instruments should count themselves very lucky indeed.

Ilkley Violin maker

April 1987.
1962

25 Years Ago

After an indifferent start to the Easter holiday with heavy rain on Good Friday and Saturday, Spring arrived on Easter Monday and Tuesday with glorious weather, resulting in the town being very crowded. Observers claimed they had never before seen traffic passing through the town so continuously and until such a late hour as on Easter Monday 1962.

The scene on the riverside and the moors was similar to mid-summer weekends, with picnickers everywhere and children paddling in the river. The trains were crowded and extra trains had to be hurriedly arranged to take people back home to Leeds and Bradford.

Menston people protested over the closure of Menston station on Sunday during the summer months. It could mean, they said, that villagers without cars could be prisoners in the village. Following a letter of protest from Mr. B. E. Townend, Clerk to the Council, British Rail replied that they intend to close both Menston and Ben Rhydding stations as in the previous summer. The working expenses at both stations had exceeded the receipts, and indeed the line between Ilkley and Leeds and Bradford had run at a substantial loss during the previous summer.

1. Dullness Easter weather
2. Stations closing at week ends.

May 1. 1987
1962

25 Years Ago

After long negotiations and many setbacks over the purchase of the former Addingham Primitive Methodist Chapel in Main Street, Addingham, work had at last started in converting the building into a Community Memorial Hall which was expected to be opened by the end of 1962. The good news was somewhat dampened by the news that the funds for the scheme were short of the required sum by £1,000.

Addingham Mem Hall
Purchase of Chapel

May 1st 1987
1887

100 Years Ago

Members of Ilkley Local Board held a special meeting to discuss the proposal to erect a bridge over the River Wharfe at Ben Rhydding. However, when a resolution was carried to the effect "that a committee be appointed to ascertain the cost of preparing a set of plans for the erection of a bridge at Ben Rhydding" most of the members put forward to serve refused to stand. The matter as suggested by Mr. J. Dobson was referred to the Building and General Purposes Committee. The bridge was estimated to cost £1,200 but it was felt that this could rise to even £1,800, and it was hoped that the County Authorities would meet at least half its cost. Mrs. Wyvill had offered £170 towards it but the Local Board would be left to find £430.

A progress report was published on the Skipton to Ilkley Railway line at the end of April 1887. A long spell of favourable weather had considerably advanced the works along the line and the two extremities were receiving the most attention. That at Ilkley was to be seen joined to the existing line, temporary rails being laid parallel to the north platform, and the formation of a station sub-way was in progress. At Bolton Abbey there was a heavy piece of masonry work to complete and at Holling Hall an earthwork tip. It was over two years since the first sod had been cut and it was thought that it would take another year to complete the work.

- 1. B. R. Bridge discussed
- 2. Progress on Ilkley Skipton Rfway.

May 1. 1987
1912.

75 Years Ago

Ilkley District Council received the Local Government Board's sanction to borrow £3,000 for the provision of an annexe to the Kings Hall and public conveniences adjoining. The front was to be of stone and in keeping with the rest of the Town Hall buildings, and the west side of the Kings Hall was to open directly on to the Annexe. It was to have a spring floor and be available for use for small parties. The main entrance was to have a permanent awning and would always be used by those occupying Kings Hall boxes and front seats. The toilets would be underneath the annexe, would be entered from Station Road and would be provided with "complete toilet arrangements."

ANNEXE
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24. 4. 37. MAKING SHIPS IN BOTTLES

A surprise awaited the members of Addingham Women's Institute when they arrived for their meeting. The scheduled speaker, Mrs H Harrison who was to have given a talk entitled 'Getting the Bird' was unavailable due to a bad cold and had arranged for Mrs Brenda Baldwin to take her place.

Mrs. Baldwin and her husband are both devotees of the old craft of making miniature ships in bottles and, with only a few hours notice, Mrs Baldwin gave a most interesting talk and demonstration on the subject. She had brought with her models in various stages of construction and her own enthusiasm and sense of humour enlivened her explanation of how such a seemingly mysterious process was carried out. She conveyed to her audience her own feeling of excitement as her 'olded models were carefully manoeuvred through the necks of their containers and her feeling of achievement when the masts and rigging of the sailing ships were pulled up into position and made fast.

At the preceding business meeting, the President, Mrs. C. Neill, took the chair and was welcomed back after her period of illness. She thanked all those who had helped her during this time.

Four Addingham members had attended the West Yorkshire Spring Council Meeting at Bingley in April and Mrs. K. Wright, the official Delegate, gave a full and interesting report on the event.

Final arrangements were made for the half day's outing to Norton Conyers and it was decided that Whitby should be the venue for the full day's outing in June.

May 1st. 1987 (1936)

50 Years Ago

Miss Joan Curry was elected May Queen by her class mates to crown the Statue of the Blessed Virgin at the Church of the Sacred Heart at Ilkley. The church was crowded and the sanctuary was adorned with flowers. The service and singing was led by Father Earnshaw.

Towards the end of the first week of May 1937, Ilkley started to "fit on its Coronation Dress" and adorn itself in red, white and blue for the forthcoming Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. No street decorations were arranged by the Council as in most other towns but the Chamber of Trade urged shopkeepers to decorate in a proper manner by offering prizes for special effects. The finest thing to be seen in the town, was however, a magnificent floral display in the War Memorial Gardens.

Ilkley's Coronation celebrations officially started with the opening by Mr. Arthur Hentzen, Middleton, of the lovely Copsy Wood and Stubham Wood at Middleton, known in the locality as Middleton Woods. A handsome pergola entrance in oak was provided in Curly Hill and it was there that members of the Council gathered with a large number of the public to witness the opening ceremony. Mr. J. Dinsdale, Chairman of the Moors and Parks Committee, presented Mr. Hentzen with a gold key and the brief ceremony was completed when Mr. Hentzen opened the gates to the public. The woods looked their best with the bluebells just starting to open and add their colour to the fresh spring green. In addition Mr. Hentzen gave \$500 towards the cost of making paths and gates and shelters that these should not be a burden on the rates.

Coronation Celebration
Geo VI

April 10th. 1987

ADDINGHAM RESIDENTS SAY "NO" TO MOVE OUT OF BRADFORD

Residents at Addingham's annual parish meeting gave a resounding "No" to any possible move out of Bradford and into North Yorkshire, but assurances were given that a special parish meeting would be called to discuss the matter more fully if a decision ever had to be made.

Cr. Alan Jerome, Chairman, explained that Ilkley had originally suggested they would like to join Harrogate and move out of Bradford District into North Yorkshire.

The possibility of forming a new Mid-Wharfedale District had also been raised, but in this case all the smaller councils such as Addingham, Pool and Arthington would have to join with Ilkley and Otley to make it large enough for submission to the Boundary Commission.

He said one of the main reasons why Addingham might be interested in such a move was because of high rates, but pointed out they would never have control over rates and there was nothing to stop North Yorkshire councils having to increase their rates in future years.

There was also a distinct possibility that rates might be replaced by a poll tax.

They had to consider the services they received from the rates and Cr. Jerome produced a list of simple comparisons of what each authority spent on various aspects, such as education, welfare of the elderly, provision of buses, the Leeds-Ilkley-Bradford railway line, and library services.

It was evident from those figures that Bradford spent considerably more per head on these services than did any of the North Yorkshire councils, and it was reasonable to assume there would be no more subsidy for the railway link, he went on.

The village's elderly residents enjoyed concessionary bus fares in West Yorkshire, but these would cease completely in North Yorkshire.

Cr. John Wells pointed out that the obvious advantage of a move would be lower rates, but the other was more philo-

sophical, in where people felt their affinity was. Many said Addingham had more affinity with a rural community like Skipton, and questioned whether the village received its fair share of services from Bradford. There were pros and cons for both sides of the argument.

Cr. Jerome said Bradford Council had done a lot for Addingham, with new buildings like Storiths Court, the first school and the middle school.

He did not think Ilkley would want to go into Harrogate on their own, a move which would leave Addingham out on a limb. If they wanted to form a new Mid-Wharfedale District they would need Addingham to bring the population up to the 50,000 necessary, so if Addingham told the Boundary Commission they did not want to leave Bradford he did not think the Commissioners would make them move.

"It would be wrong to make a decision like this purely on the question of the rates," said Cr. Jerome. "I would be horrified if the people of Addingham voted to leave Bradford just because of the level of rates they have to pay."

Cr. Wells added that he doubted there would be such a thing as rates in ten years time, because the system was so blatantly unfair it would soon have to be replaced. If any move was made out of Bradford it could be expected to take at least ten years to go ahead.

The residents present voted overwhelmingly against a move out of Bradford, but Cr. Jerome assured them a parish meeting would be called before any decision was taken.

April 10 - 1987

LIFE IN ILKLEY AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

An Ilkley woman who has recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday shares with Gazette readers in this special article her memories of life in Ilkley at the turn of the century.

Mrs. Reeta Bywater (nee Hudson), of Cowpasture Road, who has lived in Ilkley all her life was born in 1897 in a house now occupied by Spencer's Men's shop outside Ilkley Parish Church.

She told the Gazette she could remember that in 1900 her family moved to a house in Station Road now occupied by the Loafer Bread shop. That was the year Mafeking was relieved.

"I can recall standing outside Ilkley station with my parents to welcome Mayor of Mafeking. He was an Ilkley man who owned an ostrich farm in South Africa. As far as I can remember he lived in one of those big houses on Skipton Road.

"Looking through the book 'Victorian Ilkley' brings back many memories. I knew Donkey Jackson, though I don't remember ever having a ride on any of his donkeys because he always charged sixpence—a lot of money in those days

Donkey Jackson

Living opposite to Donkey Jackson, in Bridge Lane, were the Pawson sisters who ran a small tea room. With the profits from this enterprise they built Pawson's Cottages which stand on the hill near the Box

Next in the Society's programme will be 'When Father was Away on Business' a

Light I met one gentleman "Colonel Blimp" was a de-

memory. he sent a portrait for Cand's against a window as it tran- beautifully lit as she stood Cand's lost love Edith was are Deborah Kerr playing the technical print

"In those early days the streets were full of horses pulling cabs or carts. There was a cab rank down Brook Street and also in Station Yard which took visitors to the Hydro Hotels.

"The great flood is remembered because my eldest sister was trapped in school and they had to bring all the children home in horse drawn carts.

"When we lived in Station Road my father had a decorating business (I remember he employed fourteen men) and my mother started a sweet shop on the premises. With her profits she bought 5, Cunliffe Road for £300, which later became the family house. It had huge cellars where my father used to mix his paints.

"I remember my father got the contract to paint Middleton Hospital for £700. That was a great deal of money. All the paint and ladders had to be pushed there by hand cart via Curly Hill.

"My father did a great deal of work raising money to build the Coronation Hospital. His great interest in life were his black fantail pigeons. I remember he used to cull many of the young birds and we used to look forward to eating them—but he wouldn't. The only time he would travel away from Ilkley was to

...The Council have been asking for many years for a bus shelter to be placed in the centre of the village, near the

Bus Shelter

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May 15/87
19367

50 Years Ago

The Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth was celebrated in the grand manner in Ilkley in May 1937. Schoolchildren received gifts of Coronation mugs, spoons, and books and in return planted three along the riverside below the New Bridge. A gift of five shillings each was given to the unemployed of the town, shop windows were suitably decorated with competition prizewinners—The Misses Brownhill; Cafe Imperial and Messrs. Inghams, Coal Merchants. Flags and bunting flew in the town and there were special teas for the children and old people and an entertainment at the Kings Hall consisted of drama, concert party and a dance. Rain, however, caused sporting activities to be postponed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Waddilove entertained member of Ilkley Council and the heads of departments to a celebratory banquet at Craighlands Hydro, where the toast to the new King was proposed by Mrs. Waddilove. At the Coronation day dance a telegram was sent to offer Ilkley's loyal greetings to the new King and Queen.

The only black spot on the festivities appeared to be the total lack of town decorations in Ilkley—the Council having refused to decorate the streets. Some private persons had, however, tied red, white and blue ribbons around each tree along the Grove, the horses or unicorns which upheld the Mill Ghyll Fountain were found to be holding ribbons in their teeth and no-one knew who had given the town a little Coronation colour.

Coronation Geo. VI

July - 1987
1887.

100 Years Ago

The various works on the Ilkley to Skipton railway were said to be in an advanced state of completion. A temporary line had been laid from the corn mill to the New Brook Street bridge, and an engine had crossed the viaducts for the first time. Masons were engaged in building parapet walls on top of the viaducts, the new coal stables were completed in Railway Road, and the subway from this road to the station was in progress. The station at Addingham had been started, slow but sure progress being reported.

The new swimming baths built by Messrs. Dean Bros., near the steam laundry in Leeds Road was to be opened for trial, the bath was 8 yds. long by 20 yds. and was fed from a nearby spring, the floor and sides were tiled and boxes for dressing were being erected. The bath was constructed with railings running along either side to which were attached spittoons "to avoid pollution as much as possible".

Railway
nearing
completion

New Swimming
Baths.

JUNE 1987. (1887)

100 Years Ago

A fox terrier suffering from rabies bit 15 dogs in the Ilkley District before the dog was caught and killed. The terrier belonged to a man in Skipton Road and was seen in the vicinity of Ben Rhydding. The Police were informed but it took nearly a week to catch it, by which time it had bitten two children and fifteen dogs.

RABIES IN ILKLEY.

75 YEARS AGO 1987
1912

At the monthly meeting of Ilkley Council it was resolved that £900 to be offered for the purchase of the toll bridge at Ben Rhydding, subject to the West Riding County Council and Wharfedale Rural Council contributing a reasonable proportion of the purchase price. A plan to plant trees along Bolling Road at a cost of £194 was deferred until the following year.

I.U.D.C. BUY ILKLEY (B.R.)
TOLL BRIDGE.

JULY 1987 (1912)

75 Years Ago

At the Middleton Hotel, Ilkley, Messrs. Hopper and Sons offered for sale twenty one lots of building land at Middleton and Ilkley, portions of the estate of Mr. Marmaduke Francis Middleton, Lord of the Manor of Middleton Ilkley. All the lots were withdrawn with the exception of 2,750 square yards adjoining the Ilkley Golf Club House, having a frontage of 101 feet to the Nesfield Road, which Mr. Isaac Dean, Ilkley, secured for 2s. 6d. per square yard. From 1s. 6d. to 2s. 4d. was offered for other lots, 2s. 4d. being bid for 3230 square yards on the west side of Langbar Road between Rupert Road and Ghyll Bank.

Charabanc drive were scheduled for the evenings at a fare of 1s., to leave opposite the Congregational Church. One drive was to

go through Askwith an Otley and the other round Bolton Bridge and Addingham to return via Beamsley. They were run by Mr. James Croft, coal merchant, of Back Grove Road. He also advertised landaus and Victorias for hire.

Shuttleworths of Ilkley offered Boy Scout Equipment for sale. Axes were 1/6; knives 6½d. and 1/-; sundials 6½d.; mariners compass 6d.; camp stools 6d. and 1/-; also telescopes, water bottles, belts and lunch bags.

1. SALE OF MIDDLETON
ESTATE

2. CHARABANC DRIVES

3. SHUTTLEWORTHS

JULY 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

A resume of the fifty years' of the Queen's reign, and the progress of the town of Ilkley from an obscure village to a thriving health resort, was given in the Ilkley Free Press in July 1887. At the beginning of the 18th century the healing nature of Ilkley's waters and the bracing character of its air began to attract attention. In 1811 Ilkley had only 100 houses and a population of 450, but in 1829 a number of gentlemen who had become aware of the curative nature of a stay in in convalescence established the Ilkley Bath Charitable Institution, which provided poor patients with baths at Old Wells and found them accommodation with the cottagers. This Institution later developed into the Ilkley Hospital and Convalescent Home, with room for 100 patients, which was opened in 1861.

Soon after the introduction of hydropathy into England, Ilkley was selected for a place to carry out the treatment, and in 1846 Ben Rhydding was opened. After the construction of the railway in 1865, in addition to people retiring from the manufacturing towns commuters began to live in the town, and provision had to be made for the different religious requirements of the townspeople and new churches were planned and built. Schools were expanded and new ones constructed, and private schools and banks opened in the town.

A new Grammar School was in abeyance, and some £15,000 had accumulated for the erection of a new school. Villas and shops were being constructed in 1887 and the new railway line to Skipton would open Ilkley out to the populous towns of Lancashire. In a period of fifty years the village of some 100 houses and 500 souls had grown to a "well laid-out township of 1,010 dwellings and an estimated population of 5,500.

DEVELOPMENT OF ILKLEY.

JULY 1987 (1912)

75 Years Ago

Mr. J. T. Hemingway entertained all the members of the Bradford Automobile Club at his residence at Heathcote, Ilkley. Two hundred people attended and many motor cars were in evidence. Mr. Hemingway provided tea on the terrace and afterwards there were games and amusements and a band playing musical selections.

In the hope of seeing some of the aeroplanes taking part in the Daily Mail Great Air Race, hundreds of people ascended the moor, many to be seen in the vicinity of the Cow and Calf rocks at a very early hour, but unfortunately a sight of the planes from this vantage point was not forthcoming although Cody was to be seen from Otley. Members of Ilkley cycling club had a run to Harrogate to see the flyers and the traffic on the roads was enormous. They were all said to be very lucky to reach Harrogate without accident.

1. Bradford Auto. Club at Heathcote

2. Daily Mail Great Air Race.

July 1987 (1912)

75 Years Ago

There was a ceremony to mark the laying of the corner stone at the swimming baths in the course of erection at Ilkley Grammar School. The stone was laid by Mrs. Maufe, wife of Mr. F. Broadbent Maufe, Chairman of the Governors. The bath was being erected at a cost of £1,278 18s., by Messrs. Dean and Mennell of Ilkley, contractors.

A char-a-banc party travelling between Bolton Abbey had a thrilling experience at Lobwood Scar when the back axle of the car broke, the brakes failed and the char-a-banc started to descend the hill at a terrific rate, but the driver kept his head and instead of careering into the river, managed to turn it into a gully on the opposite side.

1. Grammar School Baths

2. Char-a-banc Accident.

JULY 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

The people of Ilkley had long felt the need for a public hall large enough for all purposes, and their wish appeared to be granted in 1870. Messrs. Dean Bros. signified their intention of making a room above the swimming bath large enough for all purposes, and the Dramatic Amateurs expressed their intention of making it their headquarters during the forthcoming season.

The new swimming bath was found for great popularity, and its superiority over the river caused much comment. The water was kept at a nice temperature and it was felt that Ilkley Swimming Club could materially suffer.

Public Hall & Swimming Bath

July 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

Despite beautiful weather, Ilkley was quiet on Bank Holiday Monday in 1887. The Ilkley Gazette said this was no doubt due to the numerous attractions on offer elsewhere in the district. A large number of conveyances did, however, pass through on the way to Bolton, and some did stop to view the attractions of Ilkley on the way home.

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Scott, commented that infectious diseases in the Ilkley district were due more to unscrupulous visitors convalescing in the town whilst still infectious than to defective drainage. People visited the town to get a change of air, and took their infections into local hotels and lodging houses. This was almost impossible to detect and moral obligations to one's neighbours seemed to be entirely overlooked at such times, said Dr. Scott who called for an obligation to a convalescent to impart the nature of his illness and the conditions under which they proposed to visit Ilkley.

Mrs. Scott-Siddons gave two brilliant dramatic recitals in the Assembly room before "select and fairly good audiences", with selections and readings from Shakespeare, Mark Twain, Tennyson, and Thomas Hood. Mrs. Siddons also gave a private recital before a much larger audience in the Winter Gardens of Wells House for the benefit of visitors.

15 years ago
JULY 1987 (1912)

Despite the death of Louise, Duchess of Devonshire, it was announced that the proposed visit of the King to the Duke of Devonshire at Bolton Abbey for grouse shooting in August would still take place. His Majesty King Edward was to spend four days at Studley Royal near Ripon shooting over the Dallowgill Moors and then would leave Lord Ripon to join the Duke at Bolton Abbey where shooting prospects were said to be excellent with an average covey of eight or nine.

Burley beat Ilkley by ten runs in the Airedale and Wharfedale League, with A. Priestley scoring 32 runs, and F. Hardisty scoring 17. The highest scoring batsman for Ilkley was H. Stott with 34.

Edward VII at Bolton Abbey.

July 1987 (1912)

B. R. Toll Bridge

The offer of Denton bridge, formerly the Ben Rhydding toll bridge to the West Riding County Council free of cost was to be made by Ilkley Council on the recommendation of the Highways Committee, based on the fact that the bridge connected two county roads. If accepted the County Council would then assume responsibility for the maintenance of the bridge.

Aug. 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

The Midland Railway reported good progress being made on the Ilkley to Skipton line, the viaduct at Ilkley having been completed by the beginning of August 1887. The ballasting and laying of the permanent way were in progress, and erection of principal stations had started. It was anticipated by the end of the year to complete the cuttings, embankments, bridges and culverts.

The Star Inn, situated at the bottom of Brook Street, Ilkley, was offered for sale with two dwelling houses, coach houses, and stables by Messrs. Dacre and Son, and was knocked down at £2,050 to Mr. Horsfall, acting on behalf of the Ilkley brewery.

A seasonable visit was played by a "pleasure party of work-people" from Leeds to the Ilkley Hospital. Messrs. Robinson and Mortimer's workpeople expressed the opinion that there could be no finer place than Ilkley to restore health and strength following an injury or accident, and they left a donation of a guinea for the hospital with the matron.

Heat was oppressive for the opening of the Ilkley Lawn Tennis Tournament in 1887 enclosure was fairly well lined. The ground was in good condition after a long spell of good weather.

1. New Railway
2. Sale of Star Inn
3. Visitors to Ilkley Hospital
4. Tennis Tournament.

RADIO LINES

Was the PM suitable for young eyes?

I welcomed the statement in your pages to the effect that programmes transmitted before 9.0pm are unlikely to contain offensive material. Why then did BBC2 transmit before eight o'clock on a Sunday evening the unsettling scene of the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher reciting Rupert Brooke's poem *The Great Lover*? And reciting it to Russell Harty (*Favourite Things*, 26 July)!

Of course I exercised my prerogative as viewer and swiftly found the nature programme I sought. But unfortunately my revulsion at this fleeting glimpse was matched by my children's fascination. I was forced to spend a difficult evening attempting to explain Mrs Thatcher, Rupert Brooke and Russell Harty to minds too young and tender to encompass such knowledge. Indeed I myself, not without worldly experience, fear that those invidious sights and sounds so thoughtlessly transmitted will bedevil my dreams for years to come.

Please remember that many of us turn to television to be entertained, informed or enlightened. Not to be distressed and excruciated.

Alexander Baker

Winsham, Somerset

Aug. 1987 (1912)

75 Years Ago

The hideous noise made by one motor waggon on passing through Burley village at night was described as an intolerable nuisance which was driving people away from the place. Mr. J. H. Foulds said that steps should be taken to control this traffic, (the wagon, he added shook the whole place. It went up about three in the morning, and returned at five, waking the inhabitants twice during the night. Dr. Lower said they had people to preach the benefits of sleeping with open windows, but now windows needed to be closed and cotton wool placed in one's ears.

Mr. Harry Tate, well-known comedian, and his sketch party, appeared at the King's Hall, Ilkley, and a large audience assembled. Selections were contributed by the Municipal Orchestra under Mr. W. S. Bellerby's leadership. People in the audience were said to have laughed at Mr. Tate's sketches, until they cried, as it was reported the Queen had done.

The fish bailiff at Ilkley, Walter Huntington, was summoned by Robert Curwen, an Ilkley hairdresser, for an assault. Curwen had been fishing with a rod and line when Huntington confiscated his tackle. The case was dismissed as Curwen had no right to fish water belonging to Ilkley Angling Club.

1. Housy Waggon!
2. Harry Tate in Ilkley
3. Water Bailiff in trouble!

MAY.
100 YEARS AGO 1987
1887

One of the best known old Ilkley inhabitants of "the old stamp" died during the last week of May 1887. Mr. James Rigg was the last survivor of four brothers and had been a proprietor and carriage driver in the days when donkeys and mules were more in vogue than horses for draught purposes. He had been landlord of the Star Hotel and for a time kept the Rose and Crown.

MR WM. RIGG DIED

Aug. 1987 (1936)

50 Years Ago

The Lawn Tennis Tournament in 1937 would be long remembered for brilliant weather, the first four days being in sparkling sunshine. The only delay throughout was 1½ hours on the final day when a thunderstorm delayed play.

Records in sunshine, records in crowds, records in transport and record crowds at Ilkley Bathing Pool - 1937 was a Bank Holiday to beat all records. The uninterrupted sunshine over the weekend took a crowd of between 8,000 and 9,00 people to the Bathing Pool on Bank Holiday Sunday. The demands on the buses and trains were enormous, the West Yorkshire Road Car Company taking over 2,000 people back to Bradford alone in the space of 4½ hours. For the full three days, picnickers could be found in every hollow on the moors, and by the riverside there were many thousands more padding and bathing in the streams or drinking in the hot sunshine. Carterers reported a good weekend but the weather was so good

Hot dry summer!

Aug. 1987.

TRAIN TO NOWHERE

There were some unhappy moments for rail passengers at Ilkley when instead of taking the train they were taken to the bus.

Early morning diesel units were arriving at Ilkley from Leeds offering only half the usual number of seats. Instead of four coach trains only two coaches were arriving.

These were quickly filled, and when they were would be rail passengers found themselves catching the bus.

However, by the third day matters improved when diesel units with four coaches arrived for those peak trains much to the relief of passengers. But all was not over yet. Passengers in the rear two coaches of the new Pacer Unit on the 8.07 to Leeds waited for its departure and waited and waited

The 8.07 left on time but unbeknown to the driver his two rear coaches were left in the station and passengers and all. Station platform staff looked horrified as the 8.07 sped out of Ilkley. It was not until the driver reached Ben Rhydding that he realised something was wrong.

The waiting passengers at Ilkley were transferred to the next Leeds train at 8.39 a.m. which coupled up with the 8.07 still waiting at Ben Rhydding.

The two units then became one train which stayed together as it left Ben Rhydding for an overdue arrival at Leeds.

Aug. 1987. (1912)

75 Years Ago

Wray's pleasure gardens offered new attractions for the summer. The aviary and monkey houses possess a number of foreign birds and animals and there was excellent boating on the river. Musical Magnets were appearing at the Pavillion and were to give nightly performances.

A well attended meeting took place in the reading room of Ilkley Public Library to consider the advisability of forming a branch of the Workers Educational Association for Ilkley and District. Cr. J. C. Naylor presided. Mr. T. W. Parratt proposed the formation of an Ilkley branch which was seconded by Mr. Walter Hodgson and unanimously carried. There was some debate though as to whether "Ilkley was too respectable for work on W.E.A. lines" but it was decided that education should be for all classes.

Aug. 1987
25 YEARS AGO

Cr. Wall of Addingham commented on the derelict sites and "muck" in Addingham village, and noted the difference between Addingham village and its richer neighbour, Ilkley. Addingham Parish Council wrote to Ilkley Highways and Planning Committee to ask them to clear up the weeds and the derelict sites as soon as possible.

CR. WALL ON "MUCK" IN
ADDINGHAM!

Aug 1987 (1936)

50 Years Ago

Sultry weather prevailed on the moors in Wharfedale for the opening of the grouse season. The birds were loathe to rise and the bags were smaller than usual. In Leeds market grouse were fetching one pound per brace the birds being from the moors around Ilkley. Grouse were also flown to London from Yeadon, two planes carrying about 120 to 150 brace each. Also on the opening day some birds found their way to dinner tables in Paris, and the liner Duchess of Bedford at Liverpool.

Mr. James Crawford of Ilkley took over the principal male part in "Balalaika" at His Majesty's Theatre, London. He possessed a fine tenor voice and was a former member of Ilkley Parish Church Choir and Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society.

By the death of Mr. Samuel Rayner, Main Street, Burley, the village lost its blacksmith, a craft which had been in the Rayner family for three generations. His brother Mr. Jim Rayner, however, still carried on a similar business at Ilkley.

Grouse
shooting

Singing
Plover

Death of
Samuel
Rayner.

AUG 1987. (1887)

100 YEARS AGO.

Lady Louisa Egerton opened a sale of work and "Market of Miscellanies" which was held in the large hall of Ilkley College to help to provide funds for the erection of a parish room and Sunday School for St. Margaret's Church. Many of Ilkley's leading families were present including members of the Middleton family, the Fawkes family from Fernley Hall, the Wyvill family from Denton Park, the Arnold Forster family from Burley and Lady Aberdare. The brilliance of the decor in the room was matched by the costumes of the lady visitors. The hall was elaborately decorated with standards, streamers and Japanese fans and umbrellas.

SALE FOR ST. MARGARET'S
PARISH ROOM.

AUG. 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

Lord of the Manor at Addingham, Mr. Richard Smith preparing plans to build about twenty streets of houses, each street consisting of forty to fifty houses. There was, however, some difficulty over drainage and he approached the Skipton Rural Authority to try and solve the problem. He proposed to make a new road on to the Bolton Road from Main Street.

Mr. John England paid £125 for two cottages in Blacksmith's Fold, Addingham, the property of the late Mr. Duckworth. He also purchased from Mr. Richard Smith, Lord of the Manor, 295 yards of ground at the new Road Top for the 5s. 6d. per yard. Mr. England had also purchased two cottages with the saddlers shop and the parts of two fields on the high side of the railway at New Town at 1s. 3d. per yard. The land was said to be "splendidly" situated for villa residences.

Birds were plentiful and the weather favourable when grouse shooting began over Ilkley Moors in 1887. The Ilkley party was led by Mr. T. H. Bracken, of Farfield Hall, Addingham, lessee of the moor. He was accompanied by members of his family, the Middleton family and friends.

1. PLANS to build many houses in Addingham
2. Grouse shooting

AUG. 1987 (1912)

75 YEARS AGO (1912)

A large crowd assembled at Bolton Abbey Church to watch King George V, who was staying with the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Bolton Hall for the grouse shooting, walk across for Sunday morning service. The continuously raised his bowler hat to acknowledge the salute of the orderly crowd. The King was accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and six of their children. The Duke read the lesson during the service which was conducted by the Rev. J. F. Macnabb.

GEO V. AT BOLTON ABBEY.

Aug. 1987 (1912)

75 Years Ago

King George V, a keen sportsman, was a guest of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Bolton Hall, to partake in the grouse shooting party on Barden and Rylstone Moors.

The King arrived by special train, and was welcomed by the Duke of Devonshire. The public were excluded from the station platform but a large crowd gathered outside and when the Royal car passed there was some lusty cheering. The route was lined with people, especially in the vicinity of the Hale in the Wall, and the main entrance to the Hall. His Majesty's pony was a specially favoured animal, a strong little animal, sturdy and sleek who had not done one stroke of work since his Royal master's last visit in the previous August. The rest of the ponies came from Chatsworth stables. A large number of people gathered each day to witness the King's return from the moors on horseback, and his Majesty stood and acknowledged the cheers of the crowd.

Five hundred and fifty feet of cinematograph film of Ilkley and the neighbourhood were taken by a Sheffield firm. It included the Scotch Express arriving at Ilkley the Railway Station, Cow and Calf Rocks, Rocky Valley, the Tarn, White Wells, Hebers Ghyll, the Old Bridge boats, Brook Street and the Grove and a band performance at the West View Bandstand.

1. Geo. V. at Bolton Abbey
2. Cine film of Ilkley

Aug. 1987.
(1887)

100 Years Ago

Complaints were made in 1887 over the careless driving of the Bradford to Ilkley trains of the Midland Railway. Jerks and sudden stops were not only alarming the passengers, but actual physical injuries were incurred by the sudden jarring of the carriages. The trains were said to stop sometimes as often as three times on the short journey owing to lack of steam. Incompetence of the driver and the fireman was said to be the prime cause.

Two Addingham men were before the magistrates at Otley charged with game trespass at Ilkley. Mr. George Doughty, butler, to Mr. Darlington, at Netherwood, Ilkley, told the court his attention was caught by the howling of a dog. He went out to investigate and saw the men with a dog which had been caught in a trap. The defendants claimed they were out walking their dogs when this incident occurred and they were merely trying to free the poor animal. They were not poaching game or conies, and after a warning not to go on people's land they had the case against them dismissed.

- 1. Careless driving on train's
- 2. Suspected poachers at Netherwood.

Sept. 1987
1887

100 Years Ago

Progress on the building of the railway between Ilkley and Skipton in 1887 included the embankment between Brook Street and Skipton Road being filled up which made it possible for an engine to run the full length to Lobwood where progress had been slow. Subways at Addingham were completed and the foundations for the station buildings had been laid. A diversion of the road known as Stockinger Lane was made in order to avoid a level crossing, the bridge in connection with which was in the course of construction over the line.

Ilkley-Skipton
Railway.

100 years ago 1987. 1887

work on the Ilkley-Skipton Railway was progressing well, and large stones and other materials required were able to be conveyed by train to as far as Lob Wood from Ilkley Station

Ilkley Skipton
Railway.

25 years ago
(1912)

Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club seemed to have fairly good prospects for the 1912-13 season. Paul Steinhil was to be team captain and H. Matthews, three quarter, was to be vice-captain.

James Spencer and Son offered char-a-banc drives to Denton Park and Otley at 1/6 to Bolton Abbey and the Strid at 2/-, to Haworth or Harrogate 4/6, or to Harewood House 4/-. Crofts popular char-a-banc drives offered an afternoon moorland drive at 1/6.

- 1. J.R.U.F.C.
- 2. Chara drives.

Sept. 1987
1887

75 Years Ago

Visitors to Ilkley in the vicinity of West Park were alarmed when a runaway horse attached to a Victoria carriage tore down Keighley Road and Wells Road at top speed. It rushed across the triangular piece of moorland opposite the private entrance to the Royal Hotel and the carriage dashed into a tree and a stone post. The carriage was overturned and the horse was cut about its hind quarter but no one was injured.

Runaway horse
in W. Park

A start was made in the first week of September, 1912, with the erection of the King's Hall Annexe and the contractors were under agreement to finish all work before May 1, 1913. The annexe would provide pleasant shelter during a wet summer with room to promenade, take tea and listen to band performances.

Work started on the demolition of the skating rink in South Hawksworth Street, the structure having been purchased by a Bradford iron and steel merchant. The rink had been in use for a few years but shortly after its opening the craze for roller skating began to wane. The District Council's restrictions prevented its use as a picture theatre.

Start on Annexe
Sept. 1912.

Aug. 1987 (1962)

25 Years Ago

A scheme for ensuring water supplies throughout the area of Rombalds Water Board during the summer months or in times of drought was to be the subject of an application by the Board to the Minister of Housing and Local Government. The total cost was estimated at £210,500. This provided for the construction and the maintenance of an intake culvert and pumping station at the River Wharfe at a point near the Hollins, between Cocking End and Hawksworth Island. From the pumping station there would be a lift through a fifteen inch steel main to Panorama Reservoir, standing 450 feet higher on the edge of Ilkley Moor.

A most unusual "folk" exhibition opened at the Ilkley Manor House Museum depicting Ilkley and the people who lived there from the time of Queen Victoria's long reign until the First World War. Nearly a hundred "old Ilkley people" loaned scraps in the shape of old photographs, bric-a-brac and documents and these were sorted out and mounted on panels to depict various aspects of the life of the town. Items were chosen entirely on interest value and not on monetary value, and included such items as a cracked Golden Jubilee Mug, and a tattered photograph from a 1914 infantryman's wallet. The exhibition was compiled by Mr. A. Muschamp with the active assistance of the Afternoon and Evening's Townswomen's Guilds, the Inner Wheel and the Museum Society.

- 1. Water supply
- 2. Folks exhibition

Sept. 1987 (1912)

75 Years Ago

The showground in South Hawksworth Street presented a lively spectacle over the five day period of Ilkley Feast. Organs, drums, and other noise producing instruments were continuously used during the greater part of each day which caused "apudemonium for those residing in the neighbourhood". All sorts of attractions were provided which were all well patronised. The show people were entertained to tea at Miss Colburn's restaurant in Church Street by invitation of the Women's Branch of the Temperance Association. Several pledges against drink were taken.

The annual Sheep Fair was held in pens which were provided in a field behind the Town Hall. There were not quite as many sheep as usual but a fair trade was done at the following prices: Half bred sheep 40s. to 48s. Half bred shearlings 36s. to 40s., half bred lambs 20s. to 25s.; twice crossed lambs 20s. to 25s.; Lonks 26s. to 30s.

Ilkley
Feast

Sheep
Fair

Aug. 1987

OBITUARY

ADDINGHAM HEADMASTER FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS

Headmaster at Addingham County Primary School for almost 30 years, until his retirement in 1952, Mr. William Lemmon, of Springfield Mount, Addingham, died on Sunday aged 96.

Mr. Lemmon was headmaster at Addingham from 1924 until 1952, and was a Methodist Local Preacher in the Ilkley Circuit from 1921. He was still taking preaching appointments when he was in his eighties, and continued a lively interest in Methodism until his death.

He was also choirmaster at Addingham Wesley Place Chapel for over 30 years, and organist for most of that time.

His interest in young people extended well beyond his formal school responsibilities, and in the 1920s he was responsible for the innovation of teaching music appreciation and encouraging the study of local history by his junior scholars.

Following the death of his first wife, Dora, he married Edith Rashworth, of Langbar, and together they worked tirelessly with and for the young people of Addingham, opening up new interests in local history, music and literature. They were largely responsible for the acquisition of permanent premises for the Addingham Youth Club.

Mrs. Lemmon died in 1972.

Mr. Lemmon's love of music had started in his early teaching career, and on many occasions he trained and entered school choirs at the Wharfedale Music Festival. A man who demanded high standards in all he undertook, the choirs frequently achieved distinction.

The Wharfedale countryside was a source of constant joy to Mr. Lemmon, and he walked many miles exploring its hills and valleys. A great campaigner for the preservation of footpaths and public rights of way, he was instrumental in re-opening a stretch of what is now the Dales Way, between Addingham and Bolton Abbey.

In his retirement, he produced a scholarly booklet on Bolton Abbey, later editions of which are still available, and also a history of Methodism in Addingham. His first love of teaching was commemorated in a booklet giving the "History of Addingham School".

Mr. Lemmon was a member of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society, and frequently gave erudite papers on topics of archaeological interest. Locally he was involved in the late 1940s in the excavation for and the recording of the Saxon Cross found in the graveyard of Addingham Parish Church.

In the 1930s and 1940s, he and the late Rev. T. O. C. East undertook walking holidays, almost as pilgrimages, walking from Chester to London, Canterbury, Norwich and Gloucester, with the aim of attending one of the daily services at the cathedrals in these cities at the end of each walk.

Mr. Lemmon started his teaching career as a pupil-teacher at Blaydon-on-Tyne, where he was born, and trained at the College of the Venerable Bede in Durham. He then went to Dunsdon-on-Tyne Council School until his career was interrupted by war service in the 4th and 12th Battalions of the Durham Light Infantry.

In 1920 he came to the West Riding, teaching at Silsden's Hothfield Street School before moving to Addingham to succeed Mr. Harry Hewerdine, who had been headmaster for 38 years.

Mr. Lemmon is succeeded by a daughter, Dr. Dora Ringrose, and her husband and family.

A funeral service was held at Addingham Methodist Church yesterday (Thursday) morning, followed by cremation at Skipton.

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ADDINGHAM LAND SOLD FOR £123,000

Land in the centre of Addingham, known as Ridleys Yard, has been sold by auction by Dacre Son and Hartley, of Ilkley, for £123,000.

Dacre Son and Hartley, acting on behalf of Ridley and Sons Ltd., say the land will be developed with stone built cottages and flats. The one acre site will accommodate eight cottage style houses and eight flats for which outline planning permission has already been given.

Access to the site was from St. Pauls Rise and included in the site was an additional area of land recently purchased by the vendors to comply with

the Highway Authority's requirements relating to the width and alignment of the access.

"The strong demand for small properties in Addingham is evidenced by the success of other recent developments in the village and there is no doubt that the implementation of the proposed by-pass for the village will further enhance property values," say Dacre Son and Hartley.

*Sketch shows a birds eye view of the proposed housing.

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HEALTH HOTEL MAKES WAY FOR NEW HOME OVERDALE!

Overdale Health Hotel, in Westwood Drive, Ilkley, closes today, (Friday).

The owners for over two years, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bridgford, have sold the hotel to Mrs. Susan Hobson, of Wakefield, who will be converting it into a nursing home catering for twenty full time residents and eight day-care patients.

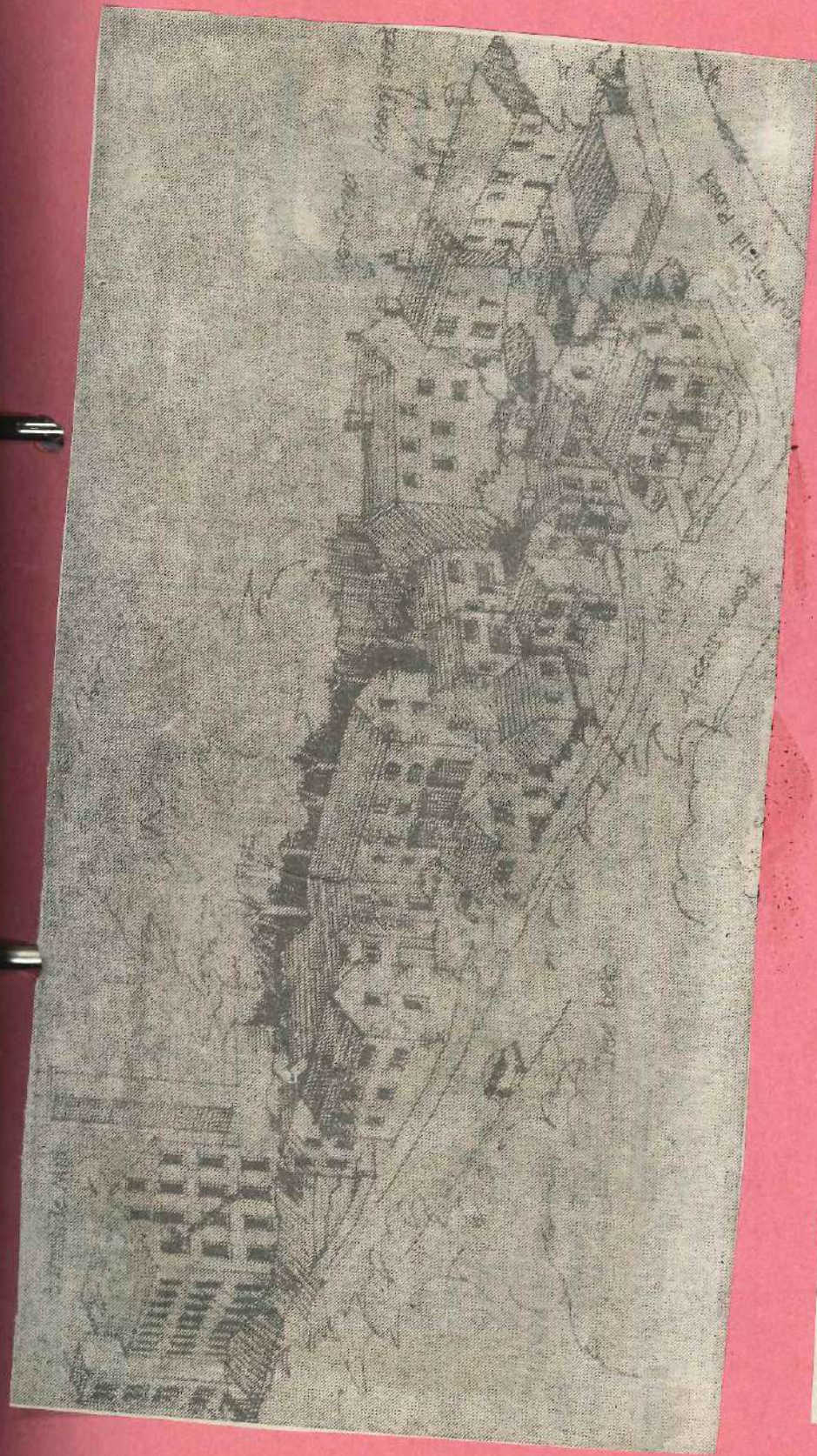
Plans for the home, which is expected to open in a few weeks, include the installation of lifts, a nurse call, air baths, shower rooms and all the bedrooms are to be made en suite. The lift will operate between the basement and second floor and the present jacuzzi, sauna, sun beds, and steam baths are to be retained. The future of the multi-gym is undecided.

Mrs. Hobson said a part time physiotherapist and occupational therapist would be employed at the home and a minibus service to transport residents on outings was to be provided. The outdoor pool, which was built in 1983 is to be retained.

Plans are in hand for an extension to the building to enclose the pool, and provide a lounge area with bedrooms above.

Overdale was converted from a private house into a health hotel in 1975 offering health and diet programmes. It catered for residential and daily clients and attracted residents from all parts of the country. The dining facilities were extended in 1983, and Mr. and Mrs. K. Bridgford took over the hotel in April 1985.

Mr. Bridgford, a chartered accountant, will be opening a new practice in Ilkley, after being a partner in a Bradford accountancy firm for many years.



COUNCILLOR DIES SUDDENLY

Addingham Parish Councillor John Carroll died suddenly at his home in Moor Park Drive, Addingham, on Sunday, aged 73 years.



He was born in Liverpool and came to Yorkshire as Headmaster of Heaton Royds, Special School for children in Shipley where he was to stay for twenty five years until his retirement. He was noted for his love of children and ability to deal with their problems.

Throughout his long teaching career in Liverpool and Shipley Mr. Carroll was a most active member or official of innumerable associations and these included both his many hobbies, and those connected with his work. On retirement he acquired a small printing press, and he happily tackled a new and absorbing hobby. He was a founder member of the Probu, Club and Civic Society, President of the Gardener, Association, a member and former treasurer for thirteen years, of the Memorial Hall Socials Committee and assisted in the running of the military whist drives. Mr. Carroll was an active voluntary worker for the Clarke-Foley Hkley Day Centre from its opening. He enjoyed gardening and planning holidays which he showed by the means of colour slides throughout the local area. He and his wife, Phyllis, took an active part in events at Addingham Catholic Church.