

1887

Sept 1987

1912

1936

100 Years Ago

Messrs. Dacre and Son offered for sale several carriages of various descriptions at the Crescent Hotel Yard, and also a number of horses at the cricket field, which were the property of owners in Ilkley and the neighbourhood. A large number of purchasers attended and great interest was taken in the sale.

An employee of Beanlands and Sons grocers, of Brook Street, Ilkley, James Batty, had his leg broken whilst removing flour in the warehouse, owing to the sudden fall of an 18 stone sack.

At services held for the eighteenth anniversary of the Congregational Church the Rev. S. D. Hillman preached to a moderately large congregation and special hymns, anthems, and chants were sung. The collection in aid of the church funds realised £14 6s. 5d.

The annual cricket match between sides chosen from Ilkley tradesmen was played and as usual created a large amount of interest, amusement and excitement. Teams for the match were chosen and captained by Mr. W. Easter and Mr. J. Beanlands and as a distinguishing mark the teams were called Yorkshire and Lancashire.

The Middleton Hotel, at Ilkley, offered hot and cold baths, a spacious billiard room, tennis courts, good stabling, and reasonable terms made with picnic parties visiting Bolton.

Fishing tickets for the River Wharfe were issued to residents and visitors sleeping in Ilkley or Wheatley at 2s. 6d. for one day, 1s. 6d. for one week, 12s. 6d. for two weeks, and 20s. for four weeks and could be obtained from Mr. T. J. Chitchley, of Brook Street, Ilkley.

75 Years Ago

Major Frank Wormald, son of John Wormald, of Denton Road, Ben Rhydding, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel to command the 12th Prince of Wales Royal Lancers. Major Wormald, who served in India and twice in South Africa, was a well known sportsman and prominent polo player.

The Rev. J. F. MacNabb, Rector of Bolton Abbey, was appointed Honorary Ruridecaneal Secretary of the Church Army for the Rural Diocese of Craven East.

Swimming Baths, in Little Lane, Ilkley, re-opened under new management and offered fresh water daily.

At the first gathering of the Congregational Church Girls

A large disc Pathophone with 22 inch brass horn, sapphire reproducer, a large quantity of records all sizes, and a carrying case for records was being offered for sale by G. H. Parkinson, of Back Grove Road, Ilkley.

*Maj. Wormald, P. of W. Royal Lancers
Rector of B.A.*

50 Years Ago

The Buzzard, the big British Hawk, was noticed on Ilkley Moor. It was well known that there were still buzzards left in Scotland, the Lake District and occasionally in such places as the extreme south-west of Devon but it was not often it turned up in this district.

After thirty eight and a half years on the staff of Ilkley Railway Station and over 40 years in the Railway Service, Station Foreman, Mr. Samuel Parkinson, of Victory Road, Ilkley, retired.

There was a good deal of cricket interest in the wedding at Ilkley Parish Church of Mr. Reginald Cowling, of Ben Rhydding, and Miss Hilda Haigh. The bride's father was for many years Chairman of the Ilkley Cricket Club Committee, and her mother was Chairman of the Ladies Committee, with which the bride herself had been associated. The groom was a playing member of the Ilkley Club.

It was a glorious September Day for the annual Black Hats v White Hats cricket match. It had an unusually large crowd following the progress of the carnival procession through the streets and witnessing the judging and the match itself on the cricket field. The match was described as taking on the character of a carnival event. When it was originated by Ilkley tradesmen in 1880 in order to help the finances of Ilkley Cricket Club it was more or less serious cricket.

Ross Bros, of Ben Rhydding, offered part used car bargains for cash. They included an MG 1934 Midget—two seater, overhauled, one owner, as new—for £95.

Buzzard on Moor.

Railway Staff

Local Wedding

B/w. Cricket Match

M.G. 1934 Midget £95!!?

1962

25 Years Ago

Ilkley was a well-behaved town and was not one of the black spots in this area, said Detective Inspector Dobby, of Otley, during his talk to members of the Ilkley Afternoon Townswomen's Guild.

Ilkley Well Behaved Town!!

Oct. 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

Ilkley enjoyed a long "Indian Summer" in 1887, and even during the first week of October, the dark days of winter were said to feel far distant. Despite this the new series of "Pleasant evenings for the People" was to start with the Rev. S. D. Hillman as lecturer and Mr. Bontoft as optical lantern manipulator.

An extraordinary find of mushrooms was made in the field known as Whitton Croft, Wells Road, and a large quantity was gathered, some of which weighed a pound each.

The annual fair-day at Addingham was held on the first Tuesday in October, and in 1887 there was a large influx of visitors. Pens were provided in front of the Craven Heifer, the Sailor and the Fleece in addition to the usual ones in the field at the back of the Swan Hotel. There was a good showing of sheep and pigs but not cows. Buying was slow and the day passed off quietly.

INDIAN SUMMER

*Find of large mushrooms
Fair Day at Addingham*

Oct. 1987 (1912)

75 Years Ago

There were no less than three proposals in hand in October 1912 to provide picture houses in Ilkley. The Electric Palace Ltd., were trying to acquire a site in Wells Road, another was to convert a portion of the Skating Rink and a third to erect a palace of entertainment off The Grove. Messrs. Croft Bros., were responsible for the latter scheme and proposed to erect a picture house on the lines of those already in

Leeds with seating for 350 and have continuous shows each evening.

Proposed new Picture House

1. Sale of Carriage
2. Accident at Beaulands.
3. Congregational Church
4. Tradesmen's Cricket Match
5. Middleton Hotel
6. Fishing tickets

*Ilkley
Sheep Fair*

50 years ago (1936)
The only indication that it was Ilkley Feast in 1937 was the annual sheep fair in the Holmes. There was a busy scene throughout the day, and in the soft September sunshine all ways to Ilkley were thronged during the morning with flock of sheep kept moving by alert sheep-dogs. There was an entry of 2,400 sheep and 116 cattle and seven horses. The

*Queen Mary
at
Otley*

best price for sheep was made by a pen of half bred shearlings belonging to Mr. A. Wallbank, of Addingham, which sold at 80s. each, and his half bred lems fetched 29s. to 40s. Springing cows realised to £26 and store fews £13 to £17 per head.

Queen Mary was given a splendid reception at Otley where she boarded the Royal train following her eight day visit to her daughter's home at Harewood, where she was the guest of the Princess Royal and the Duke of Harewood. The Australian Rugby League Football touring team in training at Ilkley formed a guard of honour and the Queen was presented with two exquisite little fans made of Australian timber and bound together with the tourist's colours of green and gold to be given to the little Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Marshall, of South Gable, Ben Rhydding, Ben Rhydding, celebrated their diamond wedding with a quiet family gathering at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. C. Woodman, of Wheatley Lawn. Mr. Marshall was a principal in the firm of Firth and Marshall Ltd., of Bradford, and his son Mr. Fred Marshall continued in that firm.

*Marshall's
Diamond
Wedding*

Oct. 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

The first of the season's series of "full dress subscription concerts" arranged by Ilkley Vocal Society was given in the Congregational Lecture Hall. The artistes were—vocalists, Madame Henrietta Tomlinson, Miss Marianne Tomlinson, and Mr. W. Thornton; instrumentalists, Herr Ludwig Staus (violin), and Mr. S. Midgeley (piano). Almost every seat in the spacious hall was occupied and judging from the appearance of the house the concerts had lost nothing in popularity and it was "hoped to elevate the musical standards in the town."

The weather was exceptionally fine in mid-October 1887 and regret was expressed that most of the visitors had returned home and missed "the most interesting season of the year". The autumn tints on the moor and the tree foliage was at its best, and the woods at Bolton Abbey were said to be quite splendid.

Works in connection with the bridge in the course of erection for Mr. Wyll between Denton and Ben Rhydding were being rapidly pushed forward, and it was expected to be finished before Christmas 1887.

*Concert by
Ilkley
Vocal Soc.*

*Good
weather
Oct.*

*B. R.
Bridge over
River
(Toll)*

Oct. 1987. (1936)

50 Years Ago

Dr. F. W. Eurich who lived at Lanshawe Cottage, Ilkley, was honoured by members of the wool textile industry and also the medical profession in recognition of the work he had done to conquer anthrax. He was presented with many cheques in recognition of his outstanding service over a forty year period to the community.

Over 100,000 people had shared the pleasure offered by Ilkley Bathing Pool during the summer of 1937, and this figure did not take into account monthly and season tickets holders. On the record day of the season over 7,000 people made use of the pool's facilities.

Ilkley Players at the opening of the season party warmly welcomed their new President, Mr. J. W. Sutcliffe, President of the Halifax Theatians, who had come to Ilkley and made his home at Hollin Close. He was introduced to the members by the retiring President, Mr. W. W. Saltitt, who said that his experience would be invaluable to the Players. Dr. Elsie Vincent, hon. sec., announced that the Ilkley Players' Winter production would be "Mystery at Greenfingers" by J. B. Priestley, to be produced by Mrs. J. Langley Moore.

- 1. Dr. Eurich (Anthrax)
- 2. Ilkley Bathing Pool
- 4. Ilkley Players

*Oct. 1987 (1912)
75 years ago*

The pictures at the Kings Hall were said to be remarkably clear and steady for a showing of Philip Braham's Concert Party "The March Hares". The apparatus had been "got into proper working order" but the petrol engine was too close to be pleasant and gave off "motor car fumes" to those sitting near the emergency exits on the east side of the hall. A film about Ilkley was shown each evening and afforded a good deal of amusement.

*"Movies" at Kings
Hall*

*25 years ago Oct 1987
(1962)*

October 1962 saw the opening of Ilkley's first "supermarket" in miniature, by Thrift Stores Ltd., on Brook Street, Ilkley. For the first time in Ilkley housewives were able to search the shelves for their own goods at competitive prices. Opening offers included shoulders of lamb at 2/- per lb., Salmon at 3/7, and Nescafe at 2/- a jar of mincemeat was given free to anyone spending 10/- or more on the opening three days.

*Ilkley's first Super
Market.*

Oct. 1987 (1962)

25 Years Ago

Cr. J. H. Bowes made an unsuccessful plea that there should be no more ducks on the tarn at Ilkley because they could not live comfortably there. They were interfered with, said Mr. Bowes, by "bright boys with air rifles," stone throwers, and when the water was frozen dogs were able to cross the ice to the little island. Cr. H. Smith lent his support for he too thought it cruel to keep ducks on the tarn. Most councillors agreed with the Parks Superintendent Mr. H. Mutlow who said that frost had the greatest part to play in frightening the ducks off, and Mrs. Hardy added there had been "too much song and dance about it" altogether.

Ducks on the Tarn.

Oct. 1987 (1936)

50 Years Ago

Many thousands of Wharfedale and Aireborough people had an opportunity to see King George VI and Queen Elizabeth as they passed through the streets on a

strenuous three day visit to Yorkshire. On the second day of their tour they passed through Menston White Cross and Arthington and were greeted by loyal and enthusiastic crowds. They were the guests of the Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood at Harewood House and on their arrival they had a picturesque and homely welcome by a host of tiny lights twinkling through the fog. The lights, inside hollowed turnips were held on staffs by Wharfedale Girl Guides, the idea of Miss Sutcliffe, of Ilkley, District Guide Commissioner. All local school-children were given a holiday and five or six thousand were massed at Pool, Otley and Menston.

A successful annual carnival whist drive and ball was held in the Ilkley Winter Gardens in connection with the "Black Hats and White Hats Cricket Match." Mrs. Ellum judged the fancy dress parade with Mrs. Wroe winning the ladies' first prize as a Hindu, Miss Myers winning the historical section as an early Victorian and Mr. N. Shand winning the comic prize as the Old Woman in a Shoe.

*1. Visit of Geo & Lily
to Yorks.*

*2. Annual Carnival
in aid of B/W hats*

*TURNIP LANTERNS
FOR KING & QUEEN AT
HAREWOOD
I was there! 1962*

Oct. 1987

1887

CIVIC SOCIETY LOOKS AT ADDINGHAM'S ARCHITECTURE

An illustrated talk on the architecture of Addingham and its surrounding area was presented to Addingham Civic Society by Mr. Malcolm Birdsall, a local architect, who had lived in the village for a number of years.

There were four major building themes - religious, industrial, farming and domestic. Mr. Birdsall emphasised in particular the vernacular nature of much of the area's architecture. He explained that vernacular meant that local builders had used local materials, often incorporating their own distinctive building features and styles.

St. Peter's Church provided an appropriate starting-point for Mr. Birdsall's 'conducted' tour. Viking in origin and showing Norman influence in the North aisle and West wall, the church contained clear evidence of the former existence of a staircase to a rood loft, destroyed at the Reformation.

The Act of Toleration (1689) saw the building of The Friends' Meeting House at Farfield. Architecturally it had great importance since it had survived almost in its entirety. The king-post roof truss was a fine example of its kind, repeated in many other local buildings, he said.

Methodism found its origins in Addingham in Crown Inn Yard. The Wesley Chapel, built in 1776, and added to during the nineteenth century, was in use until 1977. The original doorway still existed as did certain features of rustication.

The Independent Chapel in Independence Row, 1820-1822, might have been owned by Ambrose Dean who built Townhead Mill. Mount Hermon Wesleyan Reform Church (1861), a simple town chapel which suffered an explosion in the 1880's and was later renovated, contained a magnificent ceiling rose, he said.

The industrial theme of Addingham's past had been immortalised in a Turner painting of the early eighteenth century, depicting the High Mill, with lime smelting a distinctive feature. The original Corn Mill was extended, twice, downstream and was operative until 1812.

The Low Mill provided nearly 200 years of employment, the first four-storey mill being erected between 1787 and 1789. A priceless 1920 photograph showed gas puri-

fying "hole" (Addingham had its own gas-making company then), the weighbridge and the "penny hole" for late arrivals.

The Rookery, the Loomshop in Church Street and Cockshot Place all originally housed handlooms for weaving. Cross End still had the old wooden jib. Burnside Mill was noted as a "steam-driven" rather than "water" mill and the Malt Kiln was of interest historically for its ale-brewing.

Most of the local farm buildings, Mr. Birdsall went on, were put up between 1770 and 1825 as mixed farming established itself in enclosed fields. The barn held great significance, both when linked directly to a farm and as a completely separate structure. Many interesting examples remained. Small Banks, with its unusual two-piece lintel, High Laithe, with its distinctive king-post roof trusses, Paradise Laithe, Lister's Barn, the Farfield barns, the Rectory barns. Laithe House was a fine example of a "long-house", two rooms deep and attached to a combination barn.

On the domestic front similarities were shown between the Manor House and Upper Gate Croft. Fir Cottage, The Old School, Low Sanftt, Street House, High House, High Bank, The Rectory and, Farfield—all contained excellent features of vernacular architecture. The list seemed endless, and Mr. Birdsall's talk finished, as it had started, with the promise of further revelations, perhaps in a future lecture, about the architecture of Addingham.

At the Society's next meeting in November Mr. Michael Roe, a life-long resident of Addingham, will talk about "The Wonderful world of Nature". This will be followed by the annual meeting.

100 Years Ago

Children set fire to a stack of hay in Addingham, belonging to Mr. Richard Wall, behind the Malt-kiln. Mr. William Breare of the saw mill discovered the blaze and once turned out his men to put out the fire with a plentiful supply of water. The damage to the hay was estimated at £10 but was covered by insurance.

The autumn ball in connection with Craiglands Hydropathic establishment was held in delightful surroundings. The band on the stage were set as in a woodland glade. They numbered five and were led by Mr. W. Dean. Twenty four dances were on the programme and about fourteen sets danced the Lancers. The servants held their own ball a few nights earlier which was equally successful.

The Ilkley Branch of the Yorkshire Penny Bank was open every Monday evening from seven to eight o'clock for the purpose of making deposits and withdrawals of sums of one penny and upwards.

Children set fire to hay stack - Addingham

Autumn Ball at Craiglands

1912

75 Years Ago

The decorations of Ilkley Parish Church for the 1912 harvest festival was described in the Ilkley Gazette as "very artistic". The church was decorated by Miss Jowett, Miss L. Schick, Miss Baker, Miss Cook, Miss Walker, Miss Tucker, Miss Heap and the Misses Ellis. The Rev. R. Sinker, Vicar of Ilkley, preached to crowded congregations.

Ilkley Rugby Union football club's "Derby Day" against Otley resulted in yet another win for Otley. Up to 1912 Ilkley had never managed to win, although on two occasions the result had been a draw. The match drew a big crowd but was played in dense fog which enveloped the ground and prevented the spectators from following the game closely. Ilkley's only score was a penalty goal by Bradley, the result being eight points to Otley and three to Ilkley.

Rustless corsets, were advertised by Phillips and Co., of Wells Road, Ilkley. Every pair guaranteed, a new pair given if they broke or tore from 3/11. The latest styles in fur hats were just 1/11. Mourning orders were made to measure and executed within 12 hours.

An advertisement in the Ilkley Gazette stressed the need for farm hands in Ontario, Canada. Domestic servants too were in demand at wages of £2 to £4 per month.

Harvest Decorations at Parish Church

I.R.U.F.C. Otley

Rustless Corsets

Farm Hands wanted in Ontario

Oct. 1987 (1936)

50 Years Ago

Members of Ilkley Rugby Union team were able to render valuable assistance on their return from playing a match at Blackburn when they came upon a motoring accident on Sawley Brow. In the pitch dark they had the difficult task of releasing two Bradford ladies from the back of a crashed car. They were unable to strike matches owing to a petrol leak, and broken glass added the difficulty. Mr. H. J. Richards, of Burley, a member of the Ilkley Ambulance Division who had travelled with the team was lowered into the car and the players helped him to lift the

women out. They were taken to the team's bus where Mr. Richards rendered first aid. Other party members controlled the traffic, and the damaged car was lifted back on to its wheels by them and moved to the side of the road. They brought the two women back to the Ilkley Coronation Hospital where they were treated by Dr. Hearder.

*J.R.F.C. rescue
ladies in accident*

Oct. 1987

CALLIGRAPHY EXPLAINED TO INSTITUTE

Addingham Women's Institute was given an informative talk on the Art of Calligraphy by Miss Kate Scott.

Calligraphy, she said, was defined as beautiful handwriting considered as an art. She showed many samples of her work and demonstrated how to set out the subject matter of a poster. She also explained the merits of the various pens and tools she used and passed them round for members to examine. Miss Scott enlivened her talk with amusing anecdotes and mentioned several occasions on which the art of calligraphy could be used.

Arrangements were finalised for several forthcoming events. Mrs. S. Howes was going as a delegate to the Autumn Council meeting at Wakefield, accompanied by three other members.

Transport arrangements to the International Day at Pudsey in November were made. Tickets and further arrangements were made for the Hot Pot Supper and a final list was made for the Christmas lunch.

Oct. 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

The world famous Sangsters Circus paid a visit to Otley in 1887. Local residents were invited to enjoy the sport and daring of the Gladiators, a Kangaroo Hunt, Buffalo Bill Wainer and his Bully Boys, the best clowns and a grand tableau of fifty horses and one hundred men in the ring at one time. This was all staged in "the grand waterproof pavilion" capable of accommodating 2,000 people.

An Addingham man had his eye kicked out in a fight with one of the labourers on the new Ilkley and Skipton Railway. The two men quarrelled and the local man refused to fight. He was, however, waylaid on his way home by the labourer who gave him a severe kick to the head, and followed it with a blow on the ground which burst his eye and destroyed the sight. The prisoner appeared before Skipton Petty sessions and was fined £3 plus costs.

- 1 Sangster Circus*
- 2 Fight on new Ilkley - Skipton line*

1962

25 Years Ago

The assistance of Special Constables was sought to prevent damage on "Mischief Night" and bonfire night. Ilkley Council's Surveyor was asked to draw up a schedule of vulnerable trouble spots with reward to public property and the police were to be approached on the matter.

The construction of a new road 45 feet wide from a point near Hallcroft Hall to a point near Springfield Mount via Parkinson's fold to create a traffic diversion at Addingham was approved in principle after careful consideration by a County Council Committee.

- 1 Special Constables for "Mischief Night"*
- 2 New Road from Main Rd. to Springfield Mount (New material used!?)*

Nov. 1987 (1962)

The Ilkley Gazette was informed that wallflowers and laburnum were in flower during the first week of November and three cows in the area had given birth to six calves during the previous month.

Laburnum a wallflower in bloom!

Nov. 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

A fashionable wedding was held at the Congregational Church when Miss Maria Ferguson, of Acorn Villas, married Mr. Bartle Hutton, of Wells Road. The two young daughters of Mr. Bartle Hutton were the "lucky maids" and Mr. Sidney Graham was the best man. The wedding party were deluged with rice as they emerged from the cab. The bride was attired in a dark cardinal travelling costume with matching hat. The couple were driven straight from the church to the railway station, en route for a honeymoon in Southport.

Fashionable wedding

The Fifth of November was not marked by an great enthusiasm on the part of the youthful population of Ilkley in 1887 although some bonfires produced lively entertainment. A heavy and persistent downpour of rain stopped the proceedings and left the streets very quiet.

5th Nov

A number of very fine mushrooms were gathered in an open field at Ilkley in the first week of November, giving some rise to comment at the lateness of the crop.

MUSH-ROOMS!

A thirteen-year-old Addingham boy, Alfred Bradley suffered a broken arm when he attempted to get on to the Ilkley bus in Main Street, Addingham, whilst the vehicle was in motion. He was treated by a member of the ambulance class in connection with the railway.

*Addingham
Accident*

Nov 1987 (1912)

75 Years Ago

Favourable weather helped towards a "fine old time" for the youngsters of Ilkley on Gunpowder Plot Day in 1912. Plenty of bonfires were lighted around the town and the noise of squibs, crackers and explosives generally indicated that the time-honoured customs to mark the day of the Plot were in no danger of dying away.

Plot Night!

A fine selection of cinematograph pictures were to be seen at the Kings Hall, Ilkley, and a large audience assembled to see views of Bosnia and Asia Minor, the Carpathia with survivors of the Titanic, together with news items and dramatic stories. Incidental music on the pianoforte was played by Miss Ida Bellerby.

CINE-AT KINGS HALL

The Arcadia starred Mr. Will H. Westwood "character dancer" who excelled with his "clever wooden shoe dancing" which according to the Ilkley Gazette was a treat to see. Mr. N. Hill, the general manager of the Arcadia played the piano and the Misses Alice and Ada Bellfield contributed some fine new songs.

Mr. Jonas Lambert was appointed by Ilkley Council to attend the engine and dynamo for the cinematographic exhibitions at the Town Hall at the rate of 9d. per hour.

Nov. 1987 (1962)

"The Wharfedale Derby" between Ilkley and Otley was played at Cross Green when Otley defeated Ilkley by 25 points to nil. It was the biggest win in the history of the Rugby Union Derby between the two towns since Otley defeated Ilkley 42-5 in 1937. The win was more attributed to Ilkley's weakness than the strength of the Otley side. Apart from a few determined forwards the Ilkley side had little ability and was not experienced or competent, having had ten consecutive defeats behind them.

Ilkley v Otley. Ilkley
knewed again!

November 1987

100 Years Ago

Much excitement and no little alarm was occasioned in Ilkley and district when a pony, harnessed to a small carriage without occupants, had a run of some miles before it was caught. The pony left Ilkley under the care of its owner and was soon careering the streets of Burley with no driver. Some people tried to stop it but it galloped off in the direction of Ilkley. The driver was found by the roadside at Mount Stead Lodge by a search party. The pony in the meantime careered round the streets of central Ilkley and then went off towards Addingham, where it was eventually caught having slowed to walking pace at Low Mill. It was driven to Burley and returned unharmed to its rightful owner.

Runaway Pony &
Trap

Dec 1987 (1887)

100 Years Ago

Snow showers and strong gales gave residents a hard time during the first week of December 1887. There had apparently been a remarkably mild "back end" which did not break at all until that week.

An entertainment was given in the Railway Mission Room at Addingham by friends of the mission. Pathetic recitations by a little girl, Annie Smith, of Low Mill, were particularly appreciated and accorded much applause.

The first meeting of the new Choral Society was held in their rooms in Bolton Road, Addingham, when there was a good attendance. Over fifty people paid subscriptions in advance. Members made their first attempt at two choruses from the Messiah, which were said to have been "very creditably sung."

SNOW

HAD
CONCERT

ADD.
CHORAL
SOCIETY

Nov. 1987 (1912)

100 YEARS AGO.

The first annual parochial tea and concert connected with St. John's Church, Ben Rhydding, took place in the Parish Room, with Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Breffitt, Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Prest, Mrs. Kirkham and Mrs. Cooke presiding over the tea. The Rev. W. A. Bradley (Vicar) presided over the concert, which consisted of music and songs, both serious and humorous.

The beaters employed by Mr. W. J. Galloway on the Middleton, Langbar and Beamsley Moors were given their annual supper at the Wheatsheaf Hotel. About 25 sat down to a "capital repast" with Mr. Andrew Hardwick, gamekeeper, in the chair. After the meal there were songs, recitations and pianoforte solos which made a "convivial evening".

1. 1st annual parochial
Tea at A. R.

2 BEATERS TEA

1/5 years ago
1987 (1912)

Private schools advertising in the pages of the Ilkley Gazette in 1912 included Ilkley Grammar School, headmaster Mr. C. W. Atkinson; Ghyll Royd (for the sons of gentlemen) headmaster Mr. A. Wooldridge Godby; Clossbeck House Girls Boarding and Day School run by the Misses Patterson; Wharfedale School, Ben Rhydding for day girls or boarders, principal Miss Wray; Froebelian School Preparatory and Kindergarten and the Arnold-Forster High School for Girls at Burley in Wharfedale, Headmistress Miss Barber.

Private schools
in Ilkley

75 years ago 1912

Ilkley Urban District Councillors at their monthly meeting expressed sympathy with the relatives of the late Dr. Robert Collyer known as "The grand Old Man of Wharfedale" who had recently died. Dr. Collyer had lived for some time in the United States but had frequently travelled home to Ilkley and had remembered the town in his will, leaving 300 Yorkshire books to the library.

Death of Dr. Collyer

Dec. 1987.
1962

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Council were accused of only paying lip service to their willingness to build high flats by Mr. G. C. Barber, of Bradford, when he appealed against their refusal to permit a ten storey block of flats approaching 100 feet in height to be erected in Ben Rhydding Drive. The proposal was rejected on the grounds that amenities of existing houses in the area would be diminished and the plans would be too congested with insufficient open spaces.

HIGH RISE FLATS
B.R. DRIVE!!!

50 years ago

1987 (1937)

The building fund for a new Ilkley Coronation Hospital had reached a total of £28,000 in gifts and promises by November 1937. The first large public efforts in aid of the fund was to be Handel's "Messiah" in the Ilkley Congregational Church with Miss Annie Summersgill, Miss Jessie Witting, Mr. Gordon Crawshaw and Mr. Arthur Wilson as principals.

New Coronation
Hospital (1987
still a myth!!)

Dec 1978.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley and district were suffering from the effects of dense fog and severe frost during the first

week of December, 1962. Traffic timetables were severely disrupted and many people stayed indoors. There was skating on Ilkley Tarn, and white frost covered the ground, trees and hedges thickly in the mist.

Dec 1987 (1962)

Dec. 1987 (1937)
Founding of Rifle Club
(Dixley Sharpshooters)

50 Years Ago

A miniature indoor rifle range established by the Ilkley Troop of the Legion of Frontiersmen was formally opened by Major R. A. Fawcett, chairman of the Ilkley branch of the British Legion. They were able to secure premises in the upper storey of a building in the Crescent Hotel Yard, with the assistance of Captain Waddington of the Crescent Hotel. The first card was shot by Mr. A. G. Banks, an English International small bore rifle shot who had a five bull target.

Dec. 1987 (1912)
Laying of foundation
stone of Kings Hall Annexe

75 Years Ago

Cr. F. S. Jackson, Chairman of Ilkley District Council, laid the foundation stone of the Kings Hall Annexe before an invited audience of councillors and officials. Mr. Fletcher opened the proceedings and Mr. West, the architect, presented Mr. Jackson with a suitably inscribed silver trowel to commemorate the occasion.

Dec. 1987 (1937)
Skating on Tarn
Skating on the Tarn

50 Years Ago

Bookings at the various hotels and hydros indicated that Ilkley was to enjoy a record holiday Christmas season. Bookings were higher at the hotels than in any year previously known. Many visitors had to "sleep out" so that the best use could be made of the accommodation. Craiglands hydro reported having had to refuse over 100 bookings, and Wells House had been fully booked from the end of August. There were vacancies, however, for local residents at the numerous carnival dances, dinner dances, fancy dress parties and cabarets at prices of around 13/- for a double ticket for dance and dinner.

There was seasonable skating on Ilkley Tarn, with a light covering of snow. Many local people took full advantage and were urging the Council to provide flood lighting for evening sport. A site had been chosen for a new Ilkley Coronation Hospital at Ben Rhydding to the east of Moorhead View, part of Wheatley Grange Farm. Mr. W. Harold Watson was appointed architect.

Jan. 1988 (1912)
75 years ago

Mr. G. K. Chester, a regular visitor to Ilkley as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Steinhil addressed the January meeting of Ilkley P.S.A., taking for his subject New Year Resolutions.

Wheatley Old Hall, Ben Rhydding, was converted into a men's club on non-political and non-sectarian lines and was opened by Mr. W. M. Wade, one of the vice-presidents. The club started with a membership of 72, and facilities included a gymnasium, billiard room, smoking room and football and cricket sections.

A. K. Chesterton in Ilkley
Wheatley Old Hall.

1963.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley was still in the grip of a cold spell which had started just before Christmas and the snow which lay in the valley and on the hills was frozen hard. In an effort to improve skating on the Tarn Ilkley Council called in the fire brigade to flood the surface. Skating had been restricted to two small areas as a covering of snow adhering to the ice had spoiled the sport.

The "coming events" section of the Ilkley Gazette in 1963 had an advertisement for "The Cashah Club" who were presenting "A Grand Beatnik Ball", with continuous jiving from 8 p.m. until 11.30 p.m.; price members 1/6 and non-members 2/6.

Skating on Tarn
Cashah Club.

Feb. 1988
1938

50 Years Ago

Harrogate Corporation acquired for their permanent collection one of the pictures by Mr. Herbert Royle, the noted Nesfield artist, the subject of which was a view of Beamsley Beacon under snow, painted from Langbar Moor. Mr. Royle, an enthusiastic painter since boyhood, had by 1938 been exhibiting for 17 or 18 years and had lived at Nesfield since 1918.

Herbert Royle's
Picture at Harrogate

Jan. 1888

Eleven or twelve hens were stolen at Addingham from a barn owned by Mr Joseph Steel near to Wine Beck. Feathers were found on the new railway line as far as Farfield, and later police found seven hens with their necks dislocated buried in the railway embankment. The navvies allowed police to search their huts at Hambleton but no trace was found of the missing birds.

Hens stolen at Add.
ingham

Ice mas at local hotels
Skating on Tarn
Site for Coronation Hosp.

Jan. 1963

The coldest night since 1955 was experienced in Ilkley on the night of 22 January. It produced 23 degrees of frost and followed steadily falling temperatures from the weekend. A heavy fall of snow added to the difficulties. Roads were blocked between Addingham and Skipton for two days. The Langbar Road over the moor top & Lodge Hill to Beamsley had been blocked for a week, with snow four to five feet in depth. Farmers had to take their milk down to the Nesfield Road through the fields. Tractors were in use to make a road for milk vans.

Coldest night since
(Ilkley) 1955

Wharfedale

Man's

Diary



Magic Lantern

A century old magic lantern which, in its heyday brought interest and pleasure and, possibly wonderment, to a great many local gatherings in a less sophisticated age, had a rare outing this week.

The lantern, a shining contraption of polished wood and gleaming brass, was used by Mr. Hereward Brown to show some of the glass slides that were taken about the turn of the century by his grandfather, the Rev. G. H. Brown, an Otley man who became Congregational Minister, serving for many years at Settle.

There he became an authority on the local geology and would tramp with his heavy half-plate camera, wooden tripod and cumbersome magnesium flash apparatus, all the way from his home at Giggleswick to Ingleton, to explore and photograph the Ingleborough caves and potholes, long before these became the tourist attraction they are today.

On many of these journeys he was accompanied by his son, George, who was given an interest in photography that resulted in him being apprenticed to the art in Settle. Later, George set up as a photographer on his own account in Beech Hill, Otley, and remained there for well over 50 years until he retired in 1959.

Some of the old photographic apparatus, now ranking as museum pieces, is still in the family. Amongst it is the magic lantern with which the Rev. G. H. Brown used to enthral audiences at his frequent public lectures. In those days its illumination was by system of oxygen and hydrogen gas playing on a piece of lime — hence the description of "limelight". Some idea of the heat that was generated is given by extensive charring that still exists on the inside of the wooden case, despite its substantial protective metal lining.

The old lantern had been lovingly restored by Mr. Hereward Brown. Nowadays it is fitted with a modern electric bulb and a fan cooling system, but still retained the metal tray that once caught the white hot flakes that fell from the spluttering piece of lime.

Before he studied for the ministry the Rev. G. H. Brown had been apprenticed to the printing trade with William Walker's in Otley. This early training came in useful in later life, when he published many booklets and tracts on geology and other subjects. Some of these publications, carefully preserved in hand-tooled leather bindings, are still among the family possessions.

Although he served for nearly 30 years in the Settle area, the Rev. G. H. Brown always retained his deep love for Otley, where his father, also called George, had been a butcher in Boroughgate and his uncle, John, was an outstanding member of the local authority of his day. Many articles on his early memories were published in the Wharfedale and Airedale Observer, and later as a booklet, that was recently re-issued by Otley Museum. On retirement in 1906 he returned to his home town and for a time

took charge of the little Congregational church at Menston.

It was appropriate that his old magic lantern should make a public reappearance at a meeting of Otley Rotaract Club, of which his great-granddaughter, Miss Margaret Clegg, is secretary, and his great-grandson's wife, Mrs. Sally Clegg is president.

50 Years Ago

Ilkley Operatic Society, busy rehearsing for their production of "The New Moon" to be staged in February 1938 announced that Sir Henry Price had accepted the position of President of the Society to succeed Mrs. Arthur Hill of Denton Park. Sir Henry Price was well known for his interest and benevolence including his gift of £1,000 to lay out the river-side between the Old and New bridges to commemorate the Cognation. Sir Henry was the Chairman of Price's tailors Ltd., a business with 300 retail shops throughout the country and large factories in Leeds.

Mr. Edward Holmes of "Hallcroft", Addingham, was elected President of the British Wool Federation. Mr. Holmes was a native of Ilkley, his father Mr. William Holmes being the founder of Messrs. Holmes Bros., manufacturers of Bradford. Mr. Holmes was a member of the firm of Holmes and Roberts Ltd., wool merchants and

top-makers Bradford. He was a member of Addingham Parish Council and was interested in local sports, his garden and walking.

*Ilkley
O.D.S.
&
Sir Henry Price*

*Ed. Holmes
Hallcroft*

*Pres. of British
Wool Fed.*

1963 Feb.

After a few days of thaw the strength of ice on the river was such that it was still frozen across in places. The aftermath of the freezing temperatures caused hundreds of pipes to burst in the Ilkley District and between 200,000 and 400,000 gallons of water was running to waste each day. Rombalds Water Board Engineer told the Ilkley Gazette that his men were tired out as a result of all the deluge of calls they had to answer from the public. They had great difficulty in reaching the mains as the ground had been frozen to a depth of three feet and in some parts was still frozen severely.

Freezing Temps

FEB. 1938



SCENES FROM THE PAST (62)

CHANGING FACE OF ILKLEY

Scenes from the Past takes a look this week at the ever changing face of Ilkley and goes back to the 1950s when three buildings played a major part in the every day life of the town.

Whilst Castle Road remains almost unchanged in its unmade condition there has been major changes in its vicinity. This picture looking east along Castle Road from New Brook Street shows the two prefabricated buildings (left) used as Ilkley's day nurseries and in the background the retort house of Ilkley gas works used for making the town's gas.

The nursery school began as a wartime measure but continued for longer than many people expected. Two buildings were erected in 1942—one for children up to the age of two years and the other for children between

the ages of two and five years. The school's main purpose was to allow mothers to take part in the war effort by going out to work whilst their children were being looked after.

By the end of 1958 both buildings had been demolished and the land now forms part of the Castle Road allotments.

The retort house at Ilkley gas works was demolished in the 1960s to make way for a new gas holder erected in 1967 and to supply North Sea gas "piped" to the town. The retort house had made and supplied gas to the Ilkley district since the last century.

FEB 1938

50 Years Ago

Wharfedale had a full share of the brilliant display of the Northern Lights, the Aurora Borealis, which were seen all over the country on 25 January 1938. Even before 5.30 p.m. there was an unusual degree of light in the sky, and the display continued until after midnight. One of the most brilliant phases being around 8 p.m., but throughout the six hours the brilliance would slowly wax and wane again, the periods of brilliance varying between 10 and 20 minutes. From the Northern sky great streamers of light poured upwards towards the zenith. To the North they were in cold colours, with light blues, slate greys and cold greens predominant but as they reached the zenith they changed to warmer reds and purples. One observer likened it to looking through the roof of a bell tent. Groups of people were seen throughout the town watching the extraordinary display with rapt attention, for never had the like been seen in Wharfedale in living memory.

Northern lights

A public meeting of protest against the scheme to construct through Wharfedale a trunk road 120 feet wide linking Yorkshire with Lancashire was to be held in Ilkley during the first week of February. This was to be under the auspices of the Ilkley Preservation League and Mr. Douglas Hamilton was asked to be the principal speaker.

Proposed trunk Rd.

FEB. 1988

RE-ERECT ILKLEY'S COAT OF ARMS, SAYS PARISH COUNCIL



The one pictured here is the sole survivor of those taken down in the early 1970's on Local Government Re-organisation. Chairman to Ilkley Parish Council, Cr. Mrs. Molly Renton compares the metal casting with the Coat of Arms which forms part of her chain of office. Cr. Peter Williams, of Menston, pictured with the sign, has been campaigning for some time for the signs to be re-erected.

Clerk to Ilkley Parish Council, Mrs. Dorothy Edmondson, told councillors at their meeting on Monday that the sign had been lying in the Ilkley depot for years and was the sole survivor of the road signs of that era.

Cr. Williams said he was pleased to see one had survived and he thought they should get things moving and ask Bradford Council again to provide and re-erect the signs indicating the town's twinning links with Coutances.

"If the French can do it why can't the English?" asked Cr. Williams.

"Let us have these signs up to greet the tourists when they come out to the Dales this summer," he said.

"It has been said Ilkley is important to Bradford and is the jewel in the crown so they should be pleased to do something, particularly when the town has so much to offer such as the Manor House, and White Wells amongst other attractions," said Cr. Williams.

What had they on the approach roads to Ilkley at present? asked Cr. Mrs. Hazel Davies. They had signs declaring they were entering the Metropolitan District of Bradford, she said.

"I refuse to believe that the Parish Council of the day supported such a move," said Cr. Mrs. Davies.

Chairman to the Parish Council, Mrs. Molly Renton said they were not asked.

"Let us have the beautiful Coat of Arms erected on the approach roads to Ilkley Why do we have to keep on about Bradford, Coutances in France and the possible twinning with a German town," she asked. Ilkley was a beautiful place and when visitors arrived they did want to be reminded of the town's links with Coutances and "heavens Above" with Bradford, she said.

Feb. 1988

"NO DELAY" FOR ADDINGHAM BY-PASS SCHEME

A claim that the long-awaited Addingham By-Pass would be delayed by at least a year because of lack of funds has this week been denied by the Department of Transport.

They stressed that the proposed start date of 1989 still applied, and because of that any funding cuts made this year would not affect it.

A spokesman for the DoT dismissed British Road Federation claims that the Government was starving the road improvement programme of money, and that as a result the by-pass for Addingham would be among those delayed, as speculation.

After report earlier in week that B.P. was to be put back 2 years.

1888. Feb.

100 Years Ago

An annual Fruit Banquet in connection with Ilkley Congregational Church Band of Hope was held in the Lecture Hall. Mr. Sidney Graham presided and Mr. W. J. Kaye, of Ilkley College, gave the address. Selections were given by the hand bell ringers, songs, readings, etc., were contributed by members and friends and Mrs. B. Hutton was the accompanist. Bags of fruit were passed round to the audience and there were sounds of the mastication of fruit and then the bursting of the paper bags.

The Burley detachment of the W. Y. R. V held their annual ball in the Lecture Hall although the weather proved to be somewhat unfavourable the attendance was almost too good causing inconvenience to the dancing. A large number of the "elite" of Burley and district were present. During the evening prizes for shooting were distributed to the successful competitors. Mr. W. Dean's string band provided the music and dancing continued until midnight.

The death was announced of Mr. Edwin Thornton, of Ilkley, whose photographic portrait gallery had been a notable feature near Ilkley Bridge for many seasons. His declining health was said to have been due to "enlargement of the lungs". He had travelled and lived in a caravan with his wife.

The Spa Hydropathic Establishment advertised their services and accommodation at 35s. per week. The advertisement stressed that they were only three minutes from the station and adjoining a place of worship. They claimed that the accommodation, dietary baths and attendance were of the best description and they had the advantage of valuable springs in the grounds. The baths were open to the public and bath tickets included the free use of the mineral waters.

Fruit Banquet at Cong. (Must have been quite hilarious!)

Y.R.V detachment ball at Burley

Ilkley. Photographer Edwin Thornton

Spa Hydrop

Feb. 1913

75 Years Ago

Members of Menston Amateur Dramatic Company presented "Merrie England" in the Kings Hall, Ilkley. The society had been in existence since 1890 and had grown out of all recognition. Mr. C. M. Tankard, an hon. sec., in 1913 had been in at the formation of the society together with the Misses Tankard, Mr. Arthur Voigt, Miss Voigt, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dawson, Mr. Edward Stansfield and Mr. Fred Holmes. "Merrie England" was the Society's biggest production and cost a matter of some £250 to produce, a very big expenditure indeed, with 100 people taking part and another 30 behind the scenes and in the orchestra. The play was produced and directed by Mr. Henry Leffler, late of the Savoy Theatre, London. Leading parts were taken by Mr. Ernest Taylor, Mr. Vincent Ward, Mrs. Chas. Dowson, Mrs. J. W. Bell and Mr. W. Cannon Dalby. Miss Elsie Dunhill trained the dancers, Mr. E. P. Stead conducted the orchestra.

Dean's String Band advertised their willingness to provide music for balls, parties, etc., on "most reasonable terms".

The last two weeks of Mrs. Howson's Winter Sale offered gloves from 3d. per pair, veilings 3d. per yard, ribbons from 1d. per yard, wool at 1d. per ounce and laces and embroideries for trimming at 1d. per yard.

Menston Am. D. S.

Dean's String Band

Mrs Howson's Sale.

Feb. 1937

Air raid precautions in Addingham came under discussion at the Addingham Parish Council meeting when the Rural District Council submitted for their observation several diagrams which had relation to the planning of certain buildings in sections for use in case of air raids. No arrangements had then been made for the people of Addingham but it was necessary to be prepared and Special Constables were undergoing a course to be able to demonstrate the use of gas masks.

Air Raid Precautions Add.

1912 Feb.

The Flower Box near Ilkley Station entrance was opened with a choice selection of high class fruit and flowers fresh daily. Table and plant decorations were kept in stock at prices that were described as moderate.

A furious gale wrought considerable havoc. In Ilkley hoardings and other wooden erections were brought down, whilst in all parts of the town chimney pots and slates were blown off. A tree blown down on Skipton Road blocked the way for vehicular traffic which had to be diverted.

Flower Box

Furious Gale

BYWAYS OF LOCAL HISTORY

The provision of entertainment is not among the aims and objects of Ilkley Civic Society but it was predictable that there would be a lively evening when Mr. Ian Dewhirst, of Keighley, was invited to talk on "Byways of Local History".

"The graffiti of history can tell you more than official history", said Mr. Dewhirst, "for they were reminders of the human dimension in history."

It is people that interest Mr. Dewhirst, ordinary humble people, how they lived and loved and worked and played. Although he talks about them very humorously, he has great sensitivity for people and the conditions in which lived.

By profession he is a librarian, and as such is responsible for a reference collection from which fascinating glimpses of people's lives can be caught by those with eyes to see.

What he called the "the ephemera of history" are important sources for Mr. Dewhirst—old diaries, post cards, the account books of small tradespeople, factory regulations, health reports, magazine advertisements and such, all have something to tell and when retold by a raconteur of rare quality they come to life.

Among Mr. Dewhirst's examples were Victorian penny sheets of the 1880's. These were peddled from door to door through the West Riding by a Manchester man and providing in serialised form hints on good housekeeping for the poor that may have raised Mrs. Beeton's eyebrows just a little, but make hair-raising reading today. Advertisements from a temperance magazine in 1853 offered to alleviate bodily disorders when health care was rudimentary, such as a cure for thick neck, wind pills and the like. They included "Dr. Torrens' Pure Herbal Pills" which had a multitude of applications and a local agent in Keighley who was also an undertaker—or a winner either way, said Mr. Dewhirst.

Working people of little education often kept diaries. From one Mr. Dewhirst noted entries from 1904: "July 31 my bicycle lamp stolen from my bike". "August 3, I gave evidence at Skipton, Charles E. Ashworth sentenced to one month's imprisonment". P.C. Backhouse, the Community bobby, had known where to look for lost property and justice was done, and seen to be done, swiftly. Justice was also to be done and seen to be done in 1862 when the "Keighley News" of 6 September reported that a local man, who had murdered his wife in Colns, was to be hanged the following Saturday at Lancaster Castle. Thousands of people walked up to 40 miles to see the execution, only to have the frightful disappointment of hearing that the condemned man had beaten the

At other times he would chain her to a bed with the chain generally used to control "Old George", a Workhouse inmate who also seems to have been of violent disposition. It also came out in evidence that the Matron was much employed (when not in the "dead house" or bound by "Old George's" chain) in procuring young women to go to bed with her husband and with herself.

After thatm what other civic matters would Mr. Dewhirst bring to the notice of the present Society? Well, there was the frightful affair of the soldiers that nearly camped on Ilkley Moor. It appears that the War Department had plans in 1873 to set up a major military establishment on Rombalds Moor—a prospective Salisbury Plain of the North. "A flood of profligate soldiers will be unleashed on our town, wrote someone to the "Keighley Times" and many others were no more fluttering towards the young men who were expected to go out and fight on their behalf. When it was indicated that an advance guard of 20,000 unmarried soldiers would be directed to construct the Army's Rombalds facilities, the guardians of Ilkley's Seminars for young ladies were up in arms though Mr. Dewhirst declared that it was on record that "young ladies of more adventurous disposition were in favour".

The guardians of local morals need not have feared a lord was on their side—"the Duke of Devonshire and other gentlemen of landed estate, saw the Secretary of State for War" and no more was heard of the dreadful affair.

Mr Dewhirst offered many more examples from his "local Ephemera" and ended his talk with a recommendation: "Never throw anything away. Old diaries, post cards, letters and the like. Local historians will take them off your hands. Bradford Library Service has a collection of local interest material".

The Next Civic Society meeting may not be at the same level of abullience but ought to be no less interesting when David Carpenter, author of "Victorian Ilkley" is booked to speak. Thursday, 25 February is the date and Church House the venue. J.H.

100 Years Ago

Cries were heard coming from the direction of the road to Nesfield one day in February 1888. A man named Seanor heard shouts for help and informed P.C. Cookshaw who was on duty in Brook Street at the time. On investigation they found a bad accident had happened and which but for a miracle would have resulted in loss of life. Mr. Axel Esdberg, of Nesfield Hall, Mr. Call, of the Ship Inn, and the coachman were driving back from Ilkley when the horse shied and tipped the trap into the river. The gentlemen were seriously cut and bruised but managed to climb out of the water before help arrived. The poor half-drowned horse was taken to the Listers Arms, and the conveyance suffered little damage.

A notice was posted in Ilkley to the effect that the public vaccinator was to attend at Mr. George Laster's, Brook Street, for the vaccination and re-vaccination against small pox, free of charge, all residents of Ilkley in consequence of the prevalence of smallpox in the immediate neighbourhood. Not many people attended but many visited their own general practitioners and many were still seriously considering the operation.

The cloudy state of the sky prevented people from having a clear view of the eclipse of the moon on Saturday 27 January 1888, with only occasional breaks in the cloud affording glimpses. Towards the end of the eclipse, however there was a tolerably clear sky.

*Jan.
Feb. 1888*

*Accident on
Nesfield Rd*

*Smallpox
Scare*

*Eclipse of
Moon.*

Feb. 1988 (1912)

Wharfedale Times, Wiche.

75 Years Ago

The Grove Picture House owned by Messrs. Croft Bros., was nearing completion and promised to be in construction and fitting as up to date as any picture house in the country. There was seating for 400 people with the floor sloping very considerably allowing good viewing for anyone seated in the auditorium. The building was fire-proof throughout and a fire-proof chamber was provided for the operator and machine. A new 10 horse power gas engine had been fixed with a powerful electric installation capable of providing for the illumination of the building and exterior as well as providing the light for the pictures. The very latest Pathe Imperial projector had been purchased and the higher priced seats in the gallery and at the back would be tip-up chairs upholstered in velvet. It was to open in one week's time.

The Grove Picture House



● OLIVE HESELTON and Fred the Bread show off their prize pancakes.

Flat-out for charity

THE annual pancake fair at Addingham Memorial Hall turned over £150.

The money is to pay for the upkeep of the building, and the local community wait every year with open mouths and empty tummies for the pancake tossing.

There was waitress service provided for peckish pancake eaters, and a cake stall and a tombola the proceeds of which went to MENCAP and a variety of other stalls in aid of the memorial hall.

March 24, 1988

LONG SERVING DOCTOR DIES

One of the longest serving doctors in the Ilkley area, Dr. Arthur William Gott died on Saturday aged 91.

Born in Leeds in 1897 Dr. Gott's parents were school-teachers at Keighley Grammar School, from where he won a number of scholarships which enabled him to study medicine at Leeds. One of his fellow students was Florence Maud Appleyard, a dental student who became his wife in 1924.

In that year the couple moved to Hampton House, in Grove Road, Ilkley, from where Dr. Gott continued in medical practice for 55 years.

He had a lifelong interest in music and it was in 1942 that he became instrumental

in forming what was to become Ilkley Concert Club, to which he remained closely associated for 35 years. He served as President from 1942 to 1976, and in his farewell remarks from that office Dr. Gott traced the history of the club from its first recital when Cyril Smith played to two houses in a room at the Ilkley Playhouse.

A widower, Dr. Gott had two sons, Mr. Jeremy Gott and the late Mr. Martin Gott.

A funeral service took place yesterday (Thursday) at Rawdon Crematorium.

D. Gott

20 Feb. 1988

March 1988 - 75 years ago 1912

Ilkley Moor Golf Club made an additional nine holes as an extension to the nine hole course on Ilkley Moor, out of a wilderness of heather and rocks.

Pictures on show at the Kings Hall and Ilkley Picture House included the life of Nero, a wander through Wensleydale, Alpine views of Switzerland, views of Rouen, General Custer's last fight, Kitty's Little Love Affair, Popular Betty and the Pathe Gazette amongst many more.

Extension of Ilkley Moor Golf Club
Picture House programme

March 1988
1888

100 Years Ago

An important addition to the rooms in Ilkley available for public gatherings of all kinds, was made in March, 1888, with the opening of the Victoria Hall, Little Lane, Ilkley. It was opened by the Ilkley Amateurs with a full theatrical programme. On entering the visitor found a neat ticket office on his left and in front folding doors leading to a wide stone staircase with an easy ascent to the hall above.

The hall was 76ft. by 36ft. and would seat 500 and when it was necessary a gallery could be erected at the west end to hold 150 more. The furniture comprised a Broadwood Grand piano, 100 ebonised cane bottomed chairs, and a sufficient number of seats with back rests to fill the hall. Underneath the hall was a large swimming bath. The building also contained slipper, rain and other baths, hot and cold, and met a want long felt in Ilkley. The builders and proprietors were Messrs. Dean Bros., of Nelson Road.

Seats at the Prince's Theatre, Bradford, were offered at 2s. for the circle, 1s. for boxes, pit 6d. and gallery 4d. The play was "The Fugitive" produced by Mr. Tom Craven and his London Company.

*Opening of Victoria Hall
Seats prices at Prince's Theatre*

*March 1988
1912*

Plans for the forthcoming early Easter Holiday included a visit from the Imperial Russian Ballet Company to the Kings Hall, seats reserved at 4s.; the So and So's Concert party following seats reserved 2s.; and the Ilkley Picture House had a fine series of films to offer. Dancing was provided at the Pavilion at Wray's Pleasure Gardens and the Aviary in the gardens had been replenished with more birds and animals.

The hydros and hotels had good bookings but it was felt that it was too early and too cold to expect a crowd of people in the ordinary lodging houses. The hydros were able to provide a "wealth of organised amusements" for the Easter visitors. The North Eastern Rail Company and the Midland Service put on additional trains to cope with day visitors from the towns.

75 years ago

*Plans for
Easter*

March 1988
1938

50 Years Ago

Air raid precautions were the chief topic for discussion at the March meeting of Ilkley Council in 1938. Bridge House was to be fully equipped as an Air Raid centre and Mr. J. P. Slater, Health Inspector was to take charge. Mr. Slater had just completed a first-class instructor's certificate in the subject. Volunteers, both men and women, were asked to give their names in for service. Sixty auxiliary firemen were needed, and 170 men and 103 women for casualty service. Men over 30 were required to man the first aid parties, and it was intended to recruit women ambulance drivers. An appeal was put out for cars and lorries for use in emergency. Chief Officers in the various departments were to have a course of instruction, which they would pass on to the new volunteers in their charge.

Children and adults enjoyed the spillage of a lorry load of toffees when the vehicle was involved in an accident near the Craven Heifer Hotel. The road was strewn with toffee after the runaway lorry came to a halt, and the children and adults were soon taking advantage of this unusual opportunity to seize some "goodies". The driver and his mate were both unharmed apart from shock.

*1 Air Raid Precautions
2 Lorry load of sweets
upset at Craven Heifer*

Apr. 1988 (1888)

100 Years Ago

In April, of 1888 a Mr. Linson advertising in the 'Gazette' begged to inform the public that his new Sciopic Four Wick Magic Lantern entertainments were available for the coming season. He gave shows at Sunday Schools, Bands of Hope and children's parties at a very reasonable cost.

*magic lantern
shows.*

HOPES FOR FOUNTAIN

Hopes of restoring the fountain at the bottom of Mill Ghyll in Ilkley were raised at the annual Ilkley Parish Meeting.

Cr. Mrs. M. Renton told the meeting the Parish Council was pressing for a fountain to be reinstated and they were hoping to get more definite information about the various styles and cost involved from Bradford Council.

MAY 1988

March 1988
1888

Repairs to Chapel lane, Addingham, previous to its acceptance by the Highway Board were completed. The work had been carried out satisfactorily by Mr Thomas Lowcock and great praise was accorded to Mr Jesse Drake for his time and sacrifice in soliciting subscriptions and overseeing the work.

Items for spring cleaning advertised by Taylor's Stores were carbolic soap 3d per pound, polishing paste 2d per tin, liquid ammonia 8d per pound, scouring soap 20s per hundred weight, oak varnish 1s per pint, and yellow and brown ochre for colouring walls 1s per stone.

*Repairs to Chapel
lane, ADDINGHAM!*

*April 1988
1938*

The Rev. C. L. Tweedale, Vicar of Weston, was alleged to have driven away his congregations by his spiritualists teachings from the pulpit. His congregations had fallen low and on Easter day the collections only reached 4d., according to local rumour. He, however, produced the church book to show the Ilkley Gazette's reporter and they actually amounted to 2s. 1d. Mr. Tweedale had written a book on psychic happenings and remarkable manifestations he claimed had taken place at Weston Vicarage. He was in the process of writing a second book with his later experiences 'no more wonderful have occurred in Yorkshire' he claimed.

Mr. Tweedale

Apr. 1988 - 25 years ago

The closure of Wharfedale stations was recommended in the Beeching Plan for the reshaping of British Railways. If accepted the recommendations would mean an end to train services between Leeds and Ilkley, Bradford and Ilkley and Skipton and Ilkley. Stations scheduled to go were Ilkley, Addingham, Bolton Abbey, Ben Rhydding, Burley, Menston, Otley, Pool, Arthington and other stations between Leeds, Bradford and Ilkley. This aroused a good deal of controversial comment in Ilkley and district especially amongst regular rail users.

*Closure of Railways in
Wharfedale*

May 1988

100 Years Ago

Whitsuntide was ideal in 1888, with glorious weather giving local youngsters one of the happiest days of their lives. There was a great influx of people into the town by rail. On Whit Monday 4,255 people came by rail from Leeds alone and another 2,000 from Bradford. Many people were unable to be accommodated in Ilkley and a further 1,000 went on to Bolton Abbey.

The Cow and Calf rocks, the Tarn and moorland walks were thronged with visitors and the hillsides and streets of Ilkley were one "mass of human nature". The woods and the riverside proved great attractions and publicans and eating house staffs had a hard time to keep people from going hungry or thirsty. The station was crowded for hours with people returning home, but they were all very orderly and there was no visible drunkenness. Most of the returning crowd carried large bunches of forget-me-nots and wallflowers purchased at the nursery garden of Mr. T. Horsman in Bridge Lane. The hackney carriage trade deplored lack of business to Bolton Abbey owing to the use of the new railway line.

Whit sun tide 1888

1963 May - Old Grammar School Sale.

25 Years Ago

Ilkley Vogue Players were to disband owing to poor support. The historic Old Grammar School building, used by them since 1956 was to be placed on the market. Thirteen members decided on an 8-5 vote in favour to disband the group as support from members had become very poor and it had been impossible to stage a production during the previous year. Mr. Harry Batty, treasurer, said that the funds in hand had not allowed them to risk another money losing play, and Mrs. Hazel Harrison, secretary declared that although there had been regular play readings, support from members had been very poor.

May 1988 (1938)

50 Years Ago

In the early hours of the morning the cream and chocolate coloured Royal train, containing their Majesties the King and Queen left Leeds and travelled via Guiseley and Ilkley to arrive at Bolton Abbey at 4.42 a.m. At Bolton Abbey station the approaches were closely guarded and police took up position near the train. A group of people gathered but it was thought that not one got a view of the Royal visitors. Their Majesties breakfasted on trout from the River Wharfe caught by two guests at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, taken to the train by Miss Jane Fawcett, daughter of the owner. The train remained in Bolton Abbey for five hours berthed in a siding before they left at 9.26 for Colne where they started a four day tour of Lancashire.

The King at B.A.

May 1988 1938

50 Years Ago

Ilkley was much occupied with Air Raid Precautions in 1938, and Bridge House Ilkley was in the process of being turned into an A.R.P. Centre and parties of volunteers were meeting there weekly for training under Mr. J. A. Slater, Air Raid Precautions Officer for Ilkley. Wharfedale was a likely target for enemy attack owing to its close proximity to Leeds and Bradford and Yeadon Aerodrome.

The thirty second Wharfedale Music Festival was in full swing with over 2,000 competitors tak-

Air Raid Precautions

100 years ago 1888.

A free treat was given in Addingham National School to what was to be the "Old People" but as part of the recipients had "barely seen thirty summers" it was hard to see where the word "old" came in. It was organised by the Church and the Rev. W. James, curate, solicited subscriptions either in money or in kind. A short entertainment was given after the tables were cleared and the participants enjoyed the event.

Free treat in Addingham!

May 1988 (1912) 75 years ago.

Albert Frederick Modley, aged 12, eldest son of Professor Modley, of Ilkley School of Physical Culture, fell and dislocated his left ankle jumping off a rock near the Cow and Calf. He was taken home in a taxi-cab and treated by Dr. Richardson.

Albert Modley

The Pictures shown at the Kings Hall were mostly of a patriotic nature depicting scenes in the life of Queen Elizabeth, the funeral of King Edward and the Coronation of George V. Also shown were the recent Guard's Review and the Naval Review at Portsmouth. Miss Ida Bellerby, the accompanist played Funeral marches by Beethoven and Chopin and Coronation Marches by Cowan and Meyerbeer.

films at Kings Hall.

1938. May

50 Years Ago

Ilkley Players made a bold move to establish a permanent little theatre in Ilkley, and proposed to move into the large room, designed for concerts and theatrical productions, over the Liberal Club. They were to use the adjoining rooms for dressing rooms and committee rooms, and hoped to produce at least six plays per year. They were to provide their own stage and the room was to seat 120-150 people. The Players were appealing for £300 to meet the initial costs, and hoped to meet the running costs through subscriptions.

Ilkley Players in Liberal Club.

May. 1988

GAS LAMPS GO OUT FOR THE LAST TIME



Ilkley Railway Station's gas lamps have been turned off for the last time in over one hundred years and marks a milestone in railway history for Ilkley Station is believed to be the last in the country to have used gas lighting.

They have been replaced by electricity and Ilkley Railwayman Maurice Patrickson, of Railway Terrace, who has looked after the lamps for many years is also reaching a milestone in his career for in June he retires after fifty one years service.

Mr. Patrickson is pictured tending one of the lamps on Platform One before they were extinguished for the last time.

He followed in his father's footsteps as a railwayman and achieved the same status on retirement as a Station Foreman (now known as a Chargeman). He began his career at Low Moor, Bradford, as a train recorder and then, still as a train recorder, moved to Mill Lane Junction signal box in Bradford. He later transferred to Burley-

in-Wharfedale as a junior porter and after the Second World War returned to Burley as a porter-signalman after which he later became signalman at Burley Junction. In the 1960s he moved as signalman to Ilkley and later transferred as Chargeman to Ilkley Station.

Platform staff and train crews have now moved into new accommodation on Platform One to allow the redevelopment of the old booking hall area.

Picture No. 1049.

May 1988

BROOK STREET OVER THIRTY YEARS AGO



This picture of Brook Street in the 1950's when car parking was less of a problem in Ilkley gives some indication of the changes made in one of the town's principal shopping streets over the last thirty years.

At the bottom of the street where the traffic light stand at the junction with Leeds Road and Church Street is the old Wheatsheaf Hotel which was believed to be one of Ilkley's oldest inns demolished in the early 1960's, as part of a scheme to open up the land around the Parish Church.

At the bottom of Brook Street on the West side was Dormand Stewarts, the clothes shop which specialised in waterproof coats and mackintoshes and was well known for the slogan "We shall have rain" across the bottom of the window. Next door was Redmans grocers shop, and then Robinsons gent's outfitters, followed by Trees, greengrocers.

Next was Motts china shop. Nearer the junction with West Street were Burrells grocery, Claytons pork butchers and Scotts the chemist. At the end of the row was Hardingham's confectionery shop with the Cafe Royal, now the Gateway Hotel upstairs.

On the corner of West Street was Lloyds Bank, still in the same premises followed by Melias, grocers, Wilfred Denton, tailor and outfitter, William Lawson, plumber, Hills jewellers and Dewhursts butchers.

This picture was taken from the bridge which spanned Brook Street to carry the railway to Skipton and beyond.

May 1988
1888

100 Years Ago

A hint had been received at Bolton Abbey that it was the Duke of Devonshire's intention to close Bolton Woods, which were visited by many thousands of tourists during the summer season. A letter sent by Mr. Martin the Duke's agent at Chatsworth said that since the new railway has been opened a number of hawkers frequented the roads in the vicinity of the Abbey and leading into the woods, obstructing the roads and causing much inconvenience and damage. It had been decided to call the attention of the police to the matter.

The only "Complete Guide to Wharfedale" was to be published in early June 1888, priced 6d. It was to comprise almost two hundred pages with fifty illustrations mostly engraved for that work. Ilkley and its environs was to be well covered and the Guide was compiled by Mr. Fred Cobley.

A local jeweller advertised clocks at 3s. each, and skilled repairs to watches and clocks. In a footnote to the advertisement at also advertised spectacles from 4d. per pair, having the largest stock in Wharfedale from which to make a choice.

The Spa Hydropathic Establishment quoted its terms for the summer season from 35s. per week. It claimed that the accommodation, dietary, baths, and attendance were "of the best description" and in addition there were valuable Chalybeate Springs in the grounds.

June 1988 (1888)

100 Years Ago

Two men were severely injured whilst working on an addition to Mr. Thomas Emmott's hydropathic establishment at the Stoney Lea in Cowpasture Road. One man passed a heavy stone to the other and once he set foot on the scaffolding the whole thing collapsed. Both men fell thirty feet to the ground. One man had a fractured leg and the other a severe scalp wound and injuries to his back. They were despatched by rail to Leeds Infirmary.

A local milliner and fancy draper had for sale a large stock of mob caps, crape bonnets, dress caps, untrimmed hats and bonnets, infants cashmere hoods and hats, kid gloves, washing costumes for children, silk and taffeta gloves, flowers, feathers, ribbons sunshades and umbrellas.

Duke threatens to close Bolton Woods.

New Guide for Fred Cobley

Clocks at 3/-!

Spa Laundry.

Two men injured and Stoney Lea

Local milliner offerings

100 Years Ago

The completion of a winding footpath up Heber's Ghyll gave the public access to one of the loveliest bits of scenery in Ilkley. The path crossed the Ghyll at various points over rustic bridges and was a gift to the public from the Lord of the Manor, Mr. Middleton.

The bathing Pavilion Company started operations for the season in the pavilion by the riverside which was open to bathers from 1 June. During the 1888 season the Pavilion Company was for the first time in competition with the new swimming baths in the Victoria Hall.

Addingham Liberal Club proposed to take over the premises known as the Oddfellows Hall and after alterations proposed to occupy their new club rooms early in July 1888.

June 1988
1912

75 Years Ago

The third members' meeting of the Ilkley Women's Suffrage Society was held at Miss Horsnail's studio. The committee planned to arrange a public meeting to be addressed by Lady Betty Balfour and Miss Isabella Ford.

The Royal Court Pierrots were appearing at the Arcadia, Wells Road. The show was considered to be first class and consisted of songs and dances interspersed with humorous items and a comedy sketch entitled "The Prize Baby."

Suffragettes
Royal Court Pierrots
June 1988
1912

75 Years Ago

A very successful Cafe Chantant was held in the Winter Garden of Wells House Hydro to swell the funds of the Ilkley Vocal Society. There was a "large and fashionable gathering" with musical and elocutionary items and also plenty of opportunity for "conversation". Young ladies of the society served coffee and ices and sold chocolates, cigarettes, buttonholes and sprays of flowers.

Cafe Chantant at Wells House

Footpaths in Heber's Ghyll

Bathing Pavilion

Addingham Liberal Club in Oddfellows Hall!

June 1988
100 years ago 1888

Boy's sailor suits in blue serge were advertised at 4s. 9d. each which included a badge and whistle, new silk sunshades or black satin umbrellas to protect from the sun were on sale at 2s. 9d., and 3s. 6d., respectively. New pure silk gloves were 1s. per pair.

Boy's Sailor Suits Price 4/9!

1912

In the property section of an Ilkley Gazette for 1913 there were plenty of houses available to let. A semi-detached new house overlooking Ilkley tennis ground and golf links was available at £27 per annum with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sitting rooms and a long garden. A house to let in Crossbeck Road was £38 per year; a Five roomed house with cellar in Wellington Road was 4s. per week.

Property prices

LETTER FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS OF FRANCE FOUND IN BIBLE

A letter from a front line soldier on the battle fields of France during the First World War has turned up in a family bible.

A copy of the letter written by Matthew William Dalton on 26 May, 1915, has been sent to the "Gazette" by his nephew, Mr. J. M. P. Dalton, Managing Director of the firm James Dalton (Seasoning and Spices) Ltd. of Starbeck, Harrogate.

Mr. J. M. P. Dalton says "I remember the butcher's shop at the top of Brook Street which he ran for many years. Perhaps there are a few contemporaries still around who would like to look back and know that it was all worthwhile.

The letter written seventy three years ago stated: "My Whitsuntide 'holidays' commenced by my leaving the billet along with the rest of the Squadron on Saturday night.

"We left with our horses about 8.30 p.m. and rode to within I should say about three miles of the firing line. I never was out on such a night for different kinds of illuminations. I think there was every kind barring sunshine. The guns were flashing, rockets green and red were going up - star shells the lightening such as I have never seen before while in another portion of the sky the moon kept trying to break through. What with thunder, gun and rifle fire the row was deafening at times. We marched through the town dismounted without a mishap. On our way we met the 1st Royal Scots just returning from the trenches for a rest. It was about 1 a.m. Sunday when we took up our trenches. For the rest of the night, we got into the dugouts. However we were at it early repairing the trench and a good job for us we did so. The communication trenches were full of water so we had those to dry out. All Sunday we got plenty of shells on either side of us and over, but I think none were directed at us. They seemed to be at our batteries, the road and railway. Anyway they did not silence out batteries. Not a bit of it. We finished just about dark and then turned in for the night. We got a bit of the gas first thing on Sunday morning. It turned a few of us sick and made our eyes smart.

"Monday morning about 1 a.m. we had to move to make room for 19th and 15th Hussars. We had just nicely got settled down further up the trench when about three o'clock the Germans started one of their desperate efforts to get through. The fiends started with their gases and did it on two cavalry regiments who had to retire a little way. They bombarded our trenches for 17 hours incessantly. About six o'clock the Yorks Hussars and a few cyclists were left by themselves to hold the trench if necessary. I can tell you I was far from comfortable until

was killed instantly. Mr. Haslam our troop officer was quite near him at the time. All the time our guns and theirs kept it up. I suppose it was considered one of the most severe trench bombardments of the war. However, we stuck it all day like bricks. I was most struck by our regular troops. Fearless, brave men. Their officers walked about on the top of the trenches with nothing but a stout stick about five or six feet in length which they hop in and out of the trench with. The Red Cross men are simply great. They go everywhere where a man is wounded. At night the doctor came down the trenches saying "Are you boys all right?" It was not until about eight o'clock before things settled down a bit. Our batteries finished the day as they began. I suppose they did terrible execution on the German reserve trenches. I lost nearly everything but my life during the day. We were all cavalry in the trenches we were in, barring a few cyclists.

"On Tuesday morning about 1 a.m. all left but the Yorks Hussars. However, a great number of infantry came in to us. I went out to Charlie and took off his identification disc and things out of his pockets. About six o'clock Mr. Haslam, two NCO's and myself went out to bury him. I was advised not to go but I was determined to see the last of him. We offered prayer for him. All the time snipers were at us. Up to that time we had only lost two men. You might let Woods and Ted know that I saw to him. I shall write his father. At eight o'clock we had the order to move. Then we commenced with trouble. As the No. 1 Troop was moving in the road, the poor beggars were shelled. Three were killed and the Major (Lane-Fox) and three men wounded. We also had a Sergeant crushed with a trench being blown onto him. The other three troops never had a shell until we got into the town. Then we had a few bolts to make across the open spaces.

"You have no idea of the scene of desolation. As we came across the open space between the trenches and the town there was hardly a yard that had not had a shell on it. The railway was blown all ways. There was a small herd of cattle there that had been left hurriedly by some unfortunate farmer. What a wonder they have not all been killed. The town was absolutely blown to pieces. We passed through what was at one time the railway station. How glad I was to get to the other side of that inferno. I was on the lookout for Jack King and he was on the lookout for me. I don't think we had seen each other since I



Billy Dalton
June 1988 (1938)

50 Years Ago

Damage caused in the Memorial Close and playing field at Addingham by both children and youths was a topic of discussion at the June meeting of the Addingham Parish Council. A group of youths had been seen playing with a ball on the Bowling Green. Extra lighting was to be provided and notices forbidding to do wilful damage or climb the trees erected.

The Grove Picture House was closed to enable the building to be extended, re-constructed and decorated. Accommodation was to be provided for an extra 200 people. The vestibule was to be enlarged and new seating to be installed on the balcony. The re-decoration was to be carried out in such a manner as to add to the acoustic properties of the building.

The Wharfedale Division of Girl Guides was to be represented at the Girl Guide Service at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, by Miss Doris Plummer, of Ben Rhydding, who was a First Class Guide with All Round Cords.

Damage in
Mem. Garden
Addingham

Grove
Picture House

ly. ly.

June 1988
75 years ago 1912

Bronco Bill's Great Wild West Exhibition, together with a huge two ring circus was to visit Ilkley. It was the most gigantic show ever to be seen in England with seating arrangements for 10,000. Tickets were from 1s. and the entertainment was to take place under one of the largest tents ever erected.

In the situations vacant column there were plenty of advertisements for servants ranging from general service at £20 per annum, to housemaids, chauffeurs, young girls to train, and "strong day girls".

BRONCO BILLS CIRCUS
Coming to Ilkley!

June 1988
1912

75 Years Ago

A forty five year old Ilkley man, Jacob Kendall, a carter in the employ of Ilkley Council was killed by a wagon whilst working at the "coal drops" removing empty coal wagons. A wheel passed over the lower part of his body and although Richard Hall, another carter, went to his aid he was found to be dead.

Ilkley Cycling club had an all night run to Southport, leaving Ilkley at midnight and reaching Southport at 7.20 a.m. via Skipton, Clitheroe and Preston. A substantial breakfast was eaten before the cyclists explored the pleasures of the town. They left for home after dinner and arrived back in Ilkley at 10.30 p.m. The weather was good, with no rain, little sun and no wind and the distance covered was over 140 miles.

The beautiful grounds and gardens of Warlbeck, the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Maufe was the venue for a garden fete in aid of the Ilkley Coronation Hospital. Showery weather marred the afternoon somewhat, and heavy rain descended just as the fete was opened. Two large marquees which had been provided for refreshments and dancing provided shelter.

Ilkley's Municipal Orchestra held their opening concert of the season in the King's Hall, and despite the lovely sunny weather a large crowd attended. Concerts were to be held each Sunday evening throughout the season either in the Kings Hall or in West View Park. Ordinary band performances started at the beginning of the last week in June and were well attended. Mr. Henri Jaxon was the conductor.

Accident
at
Coal drop

Cycling
Clubs
run to
Southport!

Garden fete
at
Warlbeck

Jersey
Orchestra

100 Years Ago

Ilkley and Wharfedale Orphanage and children's Home moved from its former premises in Richmond Place to a detached house in Weston Road, built by the late Miss Conyers for use as a Convalescent Home. The original cost of the land and building was considerably over £2,000, but the Orphanage was able to purchase it at £1,300 of this £600 was received in donations but there was still a "great deficit". The children were trained as a rule for domestic service. Dr. Scott gave them his medical services free and the Lady Managers invited anyone who was interested in subscribing to inspect the premises at any time. The children had formerly worked odd days in local homes, but since the removal to larger premises it was felt their labours would be needed to keep these in order. There were fourteen inmates in June 1888 but the new building would accommodate twice that number. Local people were reminded that gifts of fruit and vegetables from their gardens during the lush summer months would be welcome.

Ilkley Orphanage

July 1988
1888 (100)

The death in London was announced of Mrs. C. M. Middleton who had been en route to Hambourg in Germany where she had been ordered by her medical attendant. There were three sons and one daughter by her marriage to Mr. Middleton. Special permission was obtained for her body to be interred in Ilkley Parish Church Yard which had for some time been closed. The funeral service was performed by the Rev. H. Kempson, Vicar of Ilkley.

Death of Mrs
Middleton

June 1988
1938

50 Years Ago

Amongst interesting points raised at the annual meeting of Ilkley Rugby Union Club was the question of late starts to matches with the spectators sometimes waiting up to 20 minutes for the matches to start. It was also felt that the club colours of red and black jerseys were too drab and that the new colours should be red, white and black as the players drab appearance had been comparing unfavourably with other clubs.

Nesfield Tea, an annual event which had been taking place for over sixty years was held in fine weather at Scarr House Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maidment. About 80 to 100 people were served with tea. There was a wide and varied programme at the evening's entertainment with the men's Choir from Ilkley Parish Church, the Tiny Mascots from Addingham, a percussion band from Ilkley Church of England School and pianoforte solos

by Patricia Moore. Doris Redshaw, and Peggy Bentley gave a recitation. Mr. A. E. Pickett and Mr. W. Rayner were the accompanists.

1. J. R. F. C. Change of Colours
2. Nesfield Annual Tea

July 1988.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF WELL KNOWN LANDLORD

One hundred and fifty years ago on 1 July "Johnny Wilson, landlord for as long as most people old could remember in the Addingham areas of the "Devonshire Arms" at Bolton Bridge died.*

At the "Devonshire Arms" Wilson attended to the needs of generations of employees on the Duke of Devonshire's estate and of visitors who went to see what was left of Bolton Abbey. He was described as "deservedly respected". In these days landlords like Wilson had to be ready at short notice to provide accommodation for coroner's inquests. Most property sales took place in inns and even the auctioning of tithes was done there. As a result landlords like Wilson were known to a wide variety of people from all over the area.

Newspapers reporting Wilson's death just did not have the space to give him a detailed obituary, as in the same week a leading Yorkshire solicitor, a prominent clerk to the magistrates and a successful banker had died.

Much space was also still being used by reports of what had happened at the coronation of Queen Victoria on 28 June, 1838. a surprising amount of space was used describing the coronation dress of Joseph Pease, the only Quaker in Parliament.

In these days Quakers were supposed to wear very simple clothing without bellishments. The better off Quakers like Pease may have conformed to the rules of the Society of Friends in wearing unostentatious clothing. Reporters were quick to report, however, that he wore a satin waistcoat and silk stockings "All of the same colour" with extremely neat silver buckles. Pease and many Liberals like him were strongly opposed to the way workhouses were then being constructed with husbands rigidly separated from wives and brothers from sisters.

At the same time there was a sensational murder to report, where a 46 year old man, noted for the affection he normally showed to his widowed mother, had lost patience with her after some criticism and virtually beaten her to death. No one suggested he was mentally deranged. The coroner's jury decided he was guilty of "wilful murder".

All over the county local horticultural societies were holding their first shows of the year and trying to enforce that rules were strictly observed. Many of the prizes were for plants from cottagers' gardens. In the remarks of chairman it was often made clear that these prizes were to encourage the less well off to spend time growing food for themselves. If they were working on their gardens, they would not have time to go to the ale houses to spend their meagre wages there or to get involved in radical reform movements like the Chartists, then seen as dangerous revolutionaries. Farmers in most parishes were also busy discussing what the new legislation over tithes was going to cost them. Under legislation passed in the later years of King William IV's reign, this ruled that, if the main landowners in a parish favoured the payment of tithes in money, instead of in tenths of the crops grown and stored in village tithe barns for the parson, then a surveyor had to be appointed to draw up a proper map and apportion the tithes. The land exempt from tithes was of course the glebe land, held by the clergy themselves.

Most of the meetings adopting the new legislation were held in inns at lunch time, mid-morning or mid-afternoon, times inconvenient for most farmers. Most tenant farmers knew perfectly well that, if the landlords wanted the change, they had little chance of stopping it.

Much space too was devoted to harvest prospects, because a great deal of damp weather, had caused valuable growing crops to be attacked by mould and to

excessive claims being made by landlords to the numerous railway companies, then building their lines, for the cost of land. One landlord who had claimed

£13,369 was awarded £2,519 for his land and nothing for loss of personal amenities. No wonder so little space could be afforded for an obituary of one of Yorkshire's best known landlords.

CREATURE FROM OUTER SPACE REPORTED

Ilkley was in the news this week after reports in a national newspaper and on radio of an "alien" creature from outer space" roaming on Ilkley Moor.

The Star newspaper claimed one of Britain's top UFO experts, Steve Balon had an "amazing" photograph of a frightened alien creature" taken on the Moor by a former policeman. The "alien" was described as having big ears, huge goggling eyes, no nose and smooth green skin.

The ex-policeman, was said to have been walking over the moor when he stumbled on the alien. As he took the picture it stopped and waved its arms as if to say "Go away". The ex-policeman chased it around the corner and watched the creature disappear into what was described as a forty foot diameter space ship.



Tribute to lady of lifeboats

WHITBY lifeboatmen acting as pall bearers yesterday for the woman whose generosity provided them with two of their rescue boats.

Four members of the lifeboat crew, led by their coxwain, Mr Peter Thompson, travelled to St Peter's Church, Harrogate, to pay a final tribute to Miss Gwynaeth Milburn.

Their wreath, in the shape of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution anchor, bore the message: "To Miss Milburn — honorary crew member — from 'The Lads', Whitby Lifeboat."

Miss Milburn, 94, of Queen's Road, Harrogate, gave the RNLI £130,000 in 1975 to buy a new 44ft

Waveley Class lifeboat for Whitby.

But the long-serving magistrate and charity worker kept her generosity secret and the identity of the anonymous donor was revealed only when the Duchess of Kent named the lifeboat The White Rose of Yorkshire.

Miss Milburn, the daughter of a Hull doctor, who was a former secretary of the Harrogate branch of the RNLI, also provided the Whitby lifeboatmen with an inshore rescue boat called the Gwynaeth.

At her funeral service, conducted by the vicar of St Peter's, the Rev Tony Shepherd, the address was given by the Rural Dean of Armley,

the Rev John Oliver, who became a friend of Miss Milburn while he was a curate at the church nearly 25 years ago.

He said she had been essentially a private person. "Not secretive, but private. So that all those organisations she was involved in, all those people that she helped and knew, perhaps did not know of each other's existence."

After the service, the area organising secretary of the RNLI, Mr Brian Stevenson, said: "It's strange that Miss Milburn should die at this time because both boats are due for replacement later this year. It seems poignant that they should go together."



Art-coup for town as Royal portrait is loaned

A STRIKING new portrait of the Queen, left, is to get its first public showing — in Yorkshire.

The work shows a stern-faced — almost funereal — monarch dressed almost exclusively in black, standing against a burnt-orange background with a finely worked long black veil cascading down her shoulders.

The artist, Norman Hutchinson, a world-renowned master of portraits, first met Doncaster civic leaders there three years ago when they commissioned him to produce a portrait of the Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Now he has offered to loan the portrait to Doncaster indefinitely.

Mr Hutchinson was holidaying in France and unavailable for comment yesterday, but he has told friends that he understands the portrait, in a mixture of media impressed the Queen.

The 5ft 6in by 5ft portrait went on public view yesterday at Doncaster Museum, where it will stay for three weeks before being transferred to the Mansion House to be hung alongside the portrait of the Queen Mother.

Curried art

Sir, — The royal "portrait" reproduced on page one of Wednesday's Yorkshire Post cannot surely be of our gracious warm-hearted queen. I think Mr Hutchinson has painted the wrong person, not the queen but someone who thinks she is. The portrait is of Edwina Currie, masquerading as the Angel of Death and a very good likeness it is too.

If a reproduction of this was to hang in every public house and chip shop in the North of England and all cigarette packets carried a similar likeness it would soon put a stop to our disgraceful Northern

habits; we would all look for a healthier lifestyle as our Southern betters do. As for the original I would suggest that it hang not in the Mansion House but at Doncaster railway station, the yuppies might think twice about moving north then. — Yours faithfully,

H. EDWARDS

Westwood Road, Beverley.

M.P. Saturday Sept. 10th 1988

Late show

BEING a modest person, Margaret Firth has never sought national recognition for her talent as a still-life painter, and it is almost by accident that her first retrospective exhibition opens in Ilkley — where she lives — today.

"I do not like promoting myself because I would rather give my time to painting," said Miss Firth, for whom this touring exhibition is designed to bring national recognition somewhat late in life. She is 90, and by her own admission extremely independent, but she also admitted to being a little flustered by all the attention she was receiving.

"I feel very thrilled about the exhibition, and about all the work people are putting in for me. I think I will enjoy it once it is launched and once I get there," she said of today's opening when friends she has not seen for many years are expected to turn up, among them the Yorkshire artist, Dorothy Bradford, with whom she once exhibited her work and for whom she once organised an exhibition.

"I was really only her foreman, she was the instigator," said Miss Firth,

who was born in Saltaire, and has lived all her life in West Yorkshire. The exhibition is the result of her work being spotted by John Sheeran who, soon after arriving 18 months ago at Cartwright Hall, as assistant keeper of fine art for Bradford Art Galleries and Museums, was researching its history and went to see Miss Firth.

Much of her work was hanging in her flat and had been done in the last few years, but when she attends the opening at the Manor House, Ilkley today, she will see for the first time in many years many of her early pictures which have been loaned to the exhibition by those who bought them.

The exhibition also includes some of her early student work produced while at Bradford School of Art during the First World War, and an exercise book of flower paintings.

The exhibition will be opened by the Keeper of the modern collection at the Tate Gallery, Richard Morphet, whose family comes from Harrogate and who is a distant cousin of Miss Firth.

It can be seen at the Manor House until October 9 before going to the Bankfield Museum, Halifax, Cartwright Hall, and Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, in the New Year.



Margaret Firth at work in her Ilkley studio.

GRAND OLD MATCH OF 100 Years Ago

A bell man publicly announced the cricket match of the season at Ilkley in September, 1888, when the Black Hats prepared to take on the White Hats in Ilkley Tradesmen's comic game. He announced the event by calling in a stentorian voice "Take Notice, the grand cricket match of England. This day tradesmen of Ilkley, White Hats versus Black Hats! Pick shafts for bats, and all men must play in top hats or be fined a crown! This is me Tom Brown, come at one o'clock." The two captains were Mr. William Lister and Mr. John Beanlands. Mr. Bontoft, the photographer was on duty, so that a picture might be taken for posterity, which was described in graphic detail in the Ilkley Gazette but not depicted. Supper followed when 76 tradesmen and their guests sat down to a fine repast provided by host, Mr. Mercer. Some capital songs were rendered by Messrs. Cowling, Adams, Bowers, Barr and Beanlands together with a humorous sketch by Mr. Ruley. It was estimated that owing to good weather and publicity the match was the most successful event ever chronicled at Ilkley cricket field.

Messrs. Dacre held their annual sale of horses and carriages at the Crescent Hotel, which was well attended. There was a large number of entries, and the lots which changed hands were said to fetch fair prices.

Scholars and teachers from Greenholme Mills School, Burley, held their annual treat at Wharfeside, the home of the late Rt. Hon. W. E. Forster M.P. where Mrs. Forster and her family regaled them with parking and various bon-bons. They had tea in the Lecture Hall with games and entertainment to follow.

Sept. 1988

UNIQUE OCCASION AT ILKLEY MANOR HOUSE

A large number of friends gathered at Ilkley Manor House on Saturday to witness a unique occasion and celebrate a remarkable achievement.

The opening of a retrospective exhibition of the work of Margaret Firth, which includes work from her student days to paintings completed this year, was performed by Richard Morphet, Keeper of the Modern Collection at the Tate Gallery. He was introduced by Eric Satchwell, Chairman of the Friends of the Manor House who reminded those present of Margaret's contribution to the last 25 years of art in Ilkley by her involvement in exhibitions in the town before the Manor House was established and her 25 years of membership of the Friends.

Mr. Morphet who had been looking forward to this exhibition for a long time so it far exceeded his expectations. Attending many openings of a wide variety of work in the course of his job, this contained the very first painting he ever saw, a flower painting owned by his mother, which was prophetic of what was to come. Everyone must share Margaret's frustration at being unable in earlier decades to pursue her art but the last 40 years had seen a splendid change of circumstances. It was not only the quantity of her output, and he hoped publicity

from this retrospective would uncover many more early examples, but the outstanding quality.

The exhibition, he said, revealed the greater and greater refinement of the way the paintings organised which had yielded an intensely personal and particular vision. By reducing the elements in each painting each one has a more eloquent role to play in the controlled drama taking place within the four sides of the canvas. In her beautifully calm paintings she released colour, opened up space, creates light and disclosed a special world of her own discovery and making. It was a very sophisticated kind of painting for all the simplicity of the means she employed.

He went on to place her in a context of a specific family or tradition in Modern Art which included such diverse but related painters as Christian Rohlf, Julius Bissier, Nicolas De Stael, Gwen John and Adrian Stokes. To this tradition she made a very singular contribution. Observing how alive her paintings were from edge to edge he explained that this was because of the absolute equivalence she establishes between the subject she was addressing

and the abstract qualities of the paint itself. This knife edge balance generates a particular beauty in her work as does the combination of delicacy and strength.

He continued by congratulating and thanking all those who had bought and exhibited her work over the years, from Eric Busby and Ann Carr to, most recently, Mary Sara at The Hawksworth Gallery. She and John Sheeran of Bradford Art Gallery had worked hard to make the exhibition and the forthcoming book possible, but most of all he congratulated Margaret on her single mindedness which had given us art of an extraordinary concentration which brought joy to us all.

She was the most dynamic nonagenarian he had ever known and there was a sense in which this retrospective was more of a progress report since there was still an expectation of more to come, when we could see the wonderful work done this year. Despite her strong sense of modesty he hoped that Margaret would feel a real sense of achievement and thanked her for all the pleasure she had and was going to give.

M.S.



Pictured, (left to right), at the opening of the Margaret Firth exhibition at Ilkley Manor House are Paul Lawson, Bradford City Museum and Arts Officer; Margaret Firth and Dorothy Bradford, artists; and Richard Morphet, Keeper of the Modern Collection at the Tate Gallery. (Picture no. 2177).

Oct. 1988 (1938)

50 Years Ago

Some of the residents in the Ilkley area following a recent crisis in Europe with a threat of immediate war, were becoming increasingly critical of their local Air Raid Precautions organisation. Despite the fact that volunteers and officials had worked day and night during the most serious days it was obvious that Ilkley would have been unable to cope with an immediate attack from the air. Also gas masks had not reached Ilkley as quickly as in most other places. Ilkley had sent a lorry to the depot in Otley and found nobody in charge, with children running in and out and playing football in the store. It was felt that an official from the County should have been in charge of the depot and this had been sheer negligence.

Strong comments on the subject of Air Raid Precautions were outstanding features of the meeting of Addingham Parish Council in October 1938. Mr. E. Holmes, Chief Air Raid Warden in the village complained of the slackness of the higher authorities in this movement in relation to Addingham and district. The Rural Council had handed the village over to be a section under Silsden and were providing a kind of emergency fire engine.

Following a night of torrential rain and a gale force wind the River Wharfe again overflowed its banks in many parts of the district and all traffic had to be diverted from the main Ilkley Otley road by way of the Cow and Calf. Ilkley Lawn Tennis Club was flooded and water reached the doors of the houses at Low Mill at Addingham.

A. R. P
Precautions
who

E. Holmes
on A.R.P
at
Addingham

Howson

Oct. 1988 (1912)

75 Years Ago

The "Gazette" received a good number of complaints regarding the structure of the new Kings Hall Annexe, and its unsuitability for dances, band performances, concerts and went so far as to suggest that it was fit only to be a motor garage or swimming baths. As only the shell of the building was complete it was felt that the criticism was premature to say the least.

Mrs. L. M. Howson, Wells Road, Ilkley, offered all linen hand embroidered table cloths for sale at 25/-, silks and embroidery cottons at 2d., per dozen; oddments in ribbon from 3d. per dozen; and corsets from 1s. per pair.

Mr. Harry Sargeant, for many years associated with the local ambulance work, was the recipient of an illuminated address and a purse of gold, the gift of a few friends in recognition of his work with the ambulance van. Dr. Bates made the presentation with the hope that Mr. Sargeant would continue his invaluable work for the community.

Amongst attractions for Ilkley Feast was Waddington's Scenic Railway Cockerel steam roundabouts and Chrichton's Cinema De Luxe, as well as a magnificent organ.

Sept. 1988 (1938)

50 Years Ago

The Black and White Hats Carnival cricket match which had been held for more than fifty years on Ilkley Feast Wednesday nearly died out in 1938. It was only a last minute effort by a committee led by Mrs. F. Wellen which enabled the match to be played. Little time to organise meant that the procession was not so large as it was at one time, and if it had not been for the children, the effort would scarcely have been worthwhile.

The Black Hat team won the day and were captained by Miss Grace Attwood. The losing White Hats team was led by Mr. A. Medley. The thirty children who took part in the fancy dress parade each received a prize, the judges being Mrs. P. Swales and Mrs. S. Hewitt from Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society. The prizes were presented by Miss Jean Ellum, the Ilkley girl film star. Dance music in the evening was provided by George Mac and his band.

In view of the growing international crisis in Europe which led up to the Second World War, prayers for peace were said and special services were held at local churches when the preachers in their sermons called attention to Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Herr Adolph Hitler following the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Germany. All hopes were then being pinned on Mr. Chamberlain's second visit to Herr Hitler and local preachers declared that the action of the Prime Minister was a brave thing to do, and the obvious Christian way to tackle the problem.

B.W. Cricket
International Crisis

75 Years Ago

The programme of pictures on view at the Ilkley Picture House was described as "sensational" and in the Pathe Gazette there were shots of Army Manoeuvres and of Mr. Pegoud, the upside down flying man. The dramas were "The Man in a White Cloak", "The Gift of the Storm" and "The Beast at Bay". Showing in the Kings Hall was the story of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde".

A regular small advertisement in the Ilkley Gazette each week read "A Refreshing Drink—White Wells Whisky blended with White Wells Water. Try it. Bearlands and Sons Ltd."

Sept. 1988 (1963)
25 years ago

A period of September sunshine was a pleasant break and took a large crowd of late visitors to the moors and the river-side. Each day of the second week of September, the temperatures topped 70 degrees Fahrenheit and included the fourth hottest day of the year with a temperature of 76 degrees. Unfortunately the Bathing Pool had closed a week earlier so the good spell was not able to boost their year's figures.

Thrift Supermarket, Brook Street, Ilkley, offered legs of pork at 3/6 per pound, Oxo cubes at 1/8 per dozen, and Heinz ready to serve soup's 6½d. Purchases worth over £1 were delivered free of charge.

British Rail offered cheap excursions to Morecambe for the illuminations from Ilkley 10/6, Burley 11/-, Addingham 10/-. Leaving as lunchtime and returning at 10.35 p.m.

Local garages offered new cars for sale: The Sunbeam Rapier at £852; The Vauxhall Victor £635; and the Austin A60 £720.

Sunshine!!
Supermarket Prices
B.R. Cheap Excursions
Cars - Prices??

100 Years Ago

A public meeting was held at the Crescent Hotel, Ilkley, to consider what steps could be taken to abate the nuisance created in the town by the constant use of the Salvation Army drum. Mr. Wilde, occupying the chair, said that he had nothing against the Salvation Army as a religious body and they were welcome to try and get as many converts as possible but residents and tradespeople near Brook Street had great cause for complaint from the continuous and incessant beating of the army drum. Sunday should be a rest day of quietness but this constant pounding of the drum made this impossible and the noise interfered with other religious services in the Parish church and other places of worship. The meeting unanimously agreed that the Salvation Army should receive their complaints with a request that the beating of the drum should be discontinued immediately.

1888

November 1988

1912

BONFIRE NIGHT

100 Years Ago

Bonfire night in 1888 was said to be a dismal occasion with very few fires or fireworks to be seen in the district. It was thought that public notices issued by the police who intended to impose penalties for damage might have been the reason for the poor displays. The weather too was very wet and this did not encourage the young revellers to turn out of doors.

The medical profession in Ilkley was about to be strengthened by the arrival of Mr. A. H. Brampton from Plymouth. He was said to be about to join Dr. Carter, a former colleague at the rising watering place in Yorkshire—Ilkley

Ilkley Amateur Dramatic Company gave a performance in the Victoria Hall consisting of "Momentous Question", the gambling scene from "Camille", and the farce "Turn Him Out". Unfortunately there was not a good audience to see the fine performance of the local actors. The limelight effects by Mr. Bontoft were effective. Musical numbers were of a fine quality and Mr. G. Hampshire was said to be outstanding amongst the performers. It was regretted that the evening was not better supported by the townspeople.

Peacock's Warehouse offered curtains at 1s. 6d. per pair, Whitney blankets at 4s. 6d. per pair, Sheets from 2s. per pair, and quilts for the winter months from 2s. each.

BONFIRE NIGHT.

NEW DR IN ILKLEY

PLAY IN VICTORIA HALL

OPPOSITION TO TRAMWAY

75 Years Ago

The proposed extension of the tramway from Guiseley to Burley by Leeds Corporation in 1913 aroused a great difference of opinion. Mr. Moore, Chairman of Burley Council, was strongly opposed to the scheme, and saw no advantage to the village as railway facilities were already ample. It was thought there would be more rowdy weekend drinking in the village if people poured in from the towns. They thought there was enough of this with waggonette loads taking their own barrels along with them and being very rowdy. However, many thought it would enable the villagers to get out and visit more places of interest.

A successful evening was held at the Spa Hotel organised by Miss K. M. Hale, a member of the committee of Ilkley Social Club. It was a musicale evening and taking part were Miss Talbot, the Misses M. and D. M. M. English, Miss Hale, Miss R. Nicholson and Master Howard Crawshaw. Clever card tricks were performed by Mr. S. S. English. The M.C.'s for the evening were Messrs. R. V. Hamer and H. W. Roberts.

Members of Ilkley Cycling Club were provided with an excellent supper at Miss Taylor's cafe, New Brook Street, with the purpose of a "send off" to Mr. Edward Dean, treasurer of the club, who was leaving Ilkley to take up an appointment as 'cello player in one of the Cunard liner bands. The club made a presentation to Mr. Dean and also to Mr. H. Fruin who was also leaving the town. Both Gentlemen received pipes and Mr. Dean also received a letter case. Both men received the good wishes of the club for their future.

EXTENSION OF TRAMWAY GUISELEY TO BURLEY

CONCERT AT SPA

ILKLEY CYCLING CLUB

1912 . 1938

BRISK TRADING

50 Years Ago

Conditions were excellent for youngsters and adults to celebrate all the fun of Gunpowder Plot in 1938 when the shops selling fireworks did a brisk trade. Gales the preceding week had blown down a large number of broken boughs and loose wood and provided good bonfires until a very late hour.

Despite fog and driving rain the poppy sellers were out early on Armistice Day at Ilkley. They were on all the important corners of the town by 7 a.m. and were organised by Miss D. G. Sutcliffe (hon. sec.), Mrs. Knox, Miss Edlestone and Mrs. Wilson. The two minute silence at 11 a.m. stopped all the traffic in the town, was observed at all the schools and the churches and by members of the Council and organisations attending the service at the Cenotaph. In 1938 the Armistice was observed not on the Sunday but on 11 November at the exact hour the peace treaty was signed at the end of the First World War.

Anger was expressed at the action of a "sportsman" who shot two of the ornamental ducks on the Tarn which were discovered in such a wounded condition that they had to be destroyed owing to somebody potting at them with a gun.

SHOT NIGHT.

ARMISTICE DAY

DUCKS ON TARN SHOT

25 YEARS AGO

1963

Vandals destroyed eight flowering trees between Eaton Road and Victoria Road, Ilkley, by snapping their stems.

Ilkley Players presented "Bus Stop" by William Ingle which attracted a great deal of interest including a number of American servicemen from the base at Menwith Hill. The play was produced by David Wildman and the cast included Scott Carruthers, Jean Exley, Douglas Haigh, John Lund, Jack Pitts, Elsie Stobart, Majorie Willerton and Charles Womersley. Seats were priced 2/- and 3/6.

A musical entertainment formed part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Wells Road Methodist Church. It was a happy show spanning 60 years of songs and dances, with nostalgic memories for older members of the audience. The show was written and produced by Mrs. E. Crawshaw with an opening chorus written by Miss Caroline Crawshaw. Others taking part included Miss M. Brayshaw, Mrs. P. Garside, Miss S. Ramsden, Mr. K. Smith, Mr. R. Davey, Mrs. N. Thornton, Mrs. J. Summerskill and Mr. R. Piper. In the roaring twenties period the Charleston was danced energetically by Miss Margo Sutherland. The Rev. Andrew Thornton acted as narrator and compere and the two accompanying pianos were played by Mrs. E. Crawshaw and Mr. W. Gledhill.

TREES DESTROYED

METHODIST CHURCH JUBILEE

Dec. 1988 (1889)

100 Years Ago

A petition for closing public houses on Sundays was referred to the Ilkley School Board at their meeting in November, 1888. Major Middleton, who chaired the meeting, declined at first to add his name to the petition but after much discussion and argument he was persuaded to sign on behalf of the Committee. It was reported there were 619 children on the register.

The 'Our Boys Comedy Company' paid a return visit to the Victoria Hall, Ilkley, to present 'Our Doctor' followed by 'The Bonnie Fishwife' before a good audience. They also presented a musical playlet 'My Sweetheart' and Miss Alexina Anderson and Mr. David James were the stars of the show.

A joiner, William Burnell, was injured during the course of constructing new buildings in Wilton Road, Ilkley. A mis-managed crane knocked him off the building and he fell some 25 feet. He was severely shaken and bruised but was fortunate not to sustain any broken bones.

Mrs. Wood's millinery, dress and mantle making establishment offered tailored wool jackets from 15s., also a large selection of calicoes, corsets, flowers, shawls, feathers, flannel, umbrellas, ribbons, flannelette, waterproofs and laces.

Sunday
Club
Opening

Entertain-
ment at
Victoria
Hall

Accident on
Wilton Road
Site

Dec 1988 (1963)

EXTENDING ILKLEY

75 Years Ago

The proposed extension of Ilkley was mentioned at a meeting of the Rural District Council at Otley. The Ilkley authority had expressed a wish to include the residential portion of Middleton, which lay to the north of the town on the opposite side of the river, and was then within the Wharfedale Rural district. The opinion of the residents there was in favour of joining Ilkley.

Dec. 1988 (1938)

50 Years Ago

Armistice Sunday at Ilkley in 1938 was marked in the traditional manner with a united service at St. Margaret's Church for the parade, after which the parade moved to the wreath laying service at the Cenotaph. The ex-servicemen were under the command of Major R. A. Fawcett, Chairman of the Ilkley Branch of the British Legion, and among other officers on parade were Col. R. G. Bottomley and Major P. C. Petrie. At the service prayers were said for peace, following the recent crisis in Europe, when they had once again been on the verge of war.

The annual Armistice Ball had a large attendance and was held in the Ilkley Winter Gardens. The interior of the hall had been decorated with flags and pennants and the Ilkley Legion's banner had the position of honour at the head of the stairs. There were forty seven tables of whist for which the M.C.'s were Messrs. A. Royall, L. Powell, A. Robinson, A. Featherstone, W. Cawkwell, D. Binns, W. Phelps, W. Brown and A. Clarkson. Messrs. G. Elliott and A. Emmott were in charge of the dancing, for which the Avalon players supplied the music.

Armistice
Day

Armistice Ball

Dec. 1988 (1912)

75 Years Ago

Christmas food and Christmas presents were advertised in the Ilkley Gazette of 28 November, 1913. Crackers, bon bons, plums, Stilton and Wensleydale cheeses, rich mince meat and fancy chocolate boxes were widely on offer.

Brownhills, The Grove, had 101 Christmas gifts on offer including.—At Home Books, Blot- ters, Cosies, Candle Shades, Fans, Fiichus, Fancy Aprons, Gloves, Jabots, Japanese Slip- pers, Knitted Sports Coats, Mufflers, Menu cards, Persian covers, Persian Bedspreads, Pin- cushions, Ruskin brooches and pottery, scent sachets and table covers.

Mr. W. E. Bradley, Vicar of Ben Rhydding in 1913 was advised by his doctors to take six months rest and left home with the intention of travelling to the Far East, including in his programme visits to China, India and Japan. Preaching his farewell sermon to a large con- gregation at St. John's Church, Ben Rhydding, he expressed his appreciation of the large number of people who attended church to wish him well.

The annual report of Craiglands Hydro (Ilkley) Ltd., showed a profit on the year of £4,258, and an ordinary share dividend of 10 per cent. Mr. Jabez Dobson (chairman) retired and offered himself for re-election.

Ben Rhydding hockey team scored a decisive win against Idle at Ilkley. Barker, Armitage, Stansfield and Dove all scored for the home team.

XMAS
FOOD

BROWN HILLS

REV. BRAD-
LEY. BIL

CRAGLANDS

B. R. HOCKEY

100 Years Ago

When Day's London Menagerie of Wild Beasts paid a visit to Addingham in 1888 they were located in a field behind the Craven Heifer and "received a fair share of patronage". Unfortunately, however, two young Addingham men were subsequently charged and found guilty of stealing a light dust coat, gloves, handkerchiefs and some papers belonging to Geo. Darrell, the agent for this menagerie, from the Wheatsheaf Inn, Ilkley. One of the prisoners when taken said "Is that fellow (meaning Darrell) in the habit of leaving his coat about for people to prig?" The two prisoners were fined 10s. each and costs at Otley Police Court.

MENAGERIE
AT

ADDINGHAM.

50 years ago (1938)
1988

25 years ago (1963)
1988

A serious storm which swept the country, caused serious floods in Wharfedale and damaged buildings, trees and gardens. Two inches of rain was recorded at Ilkley Weather Station. The river rose rapidly, stopping work at Addingham High Mill as the water was too high for the turbines. The river overlapped at Low Mill, Addingham and rapid work had to be put in hand to block the entrances of the cottages. Ilkley Old Bridge was blocked by large boughs from a big tree blown across the roadway. At the Stepping Stones water rose to a foot above the road, and at Escroft water on the road was eighteen inches deep with only heavy traffic getting through the water.

Serious storms & floods.

Dec. 1988

Dec. 1988 100 years ago
WOODS. BUTHER!

Heavy traffic through Addingham

THE TRAIN NOW STANDING

The value of the Wharfedale line was underlined when a Carlisle to Leeds train was diverted via Ilkley.

The 12.42 p.m. from Carlisle to Leeds train arrived at Ilkley at 3.48 p.m. and ten minutes later was heading for its destination after the Class 47 locomotive had been moved to the front of the train to haul the six coaches.

The diversion was caused by a suspected defect on the up line through Thackley Tunnel, the route usually followed by Carlisle trains travelling through Skipton, Keighley and Shipley on their way to Leeds.

Three Diesel Multiple trains, a Morecambe to Leeds and two Skipton to Leeds services were diverted via Guiseley before proceeding to Leeds.

It is believed the diversion to Ilkley was the first time since 1965. It was a year later that the railway west of Ilkley to Skipton and beyond was dismantled. Local railway enthusiasts believed that once the railway west of the town had been dismantled there would never again be diversions via Ilkley.

Date ??

Mr. Arthur Wood, of Church Street, "had secured a splendid bullock from the Queen's farm at Windsor", and his meat for the season was said to be of the highest class. It was said to be seldom that Royalty contributed to Wharfedale Christmas dinners.

A ball in connection with Ilkley Lawn Tennis Club was held at the Middleton Hotel when the ballroom was tastefully decorated and a supper was provided. Music was provided by Mr. W. Dear's string band. The whole of the evening was in the care of the hotel manager, Mr. Hayden, who was said to be of a courteous and obliging disposition and keen to popularise the hotel as a good venue for visitors. The dancing continued until the small hours and the ball was said to have been a huge success.

A public tea held to celebrate the opening of the new "Tea Gardens" and refreshment rooms at Mr. J. Farrar's Hill Top, was well patronised by local people.

A local confectioner was offering cakes for Christmas at "reasonable prices" which included plum cakes, seed cakes, rice cakes, sponge cakes and wine cakes.

At the grocer's dried fruit was priced from 3d to 1s per lb., 1lb boxes of figs were on sale at 7d., Cheshire cheese 6d to 9d., good kneading butter 1s., per lb., and superfine flour 1s 9d per stone.

Ball in aid of Tennis Club.

Tea opening of TEA GARDENS?? 25 years (Cont)
Xmas Prices.

Dec. 1988
(1963)

SILVER JUBILEE 25 Years Ago

The Silver Jubilee of the Ilkley Players was celebrated with a Civic Night at the theatre in 1963. Their first production was staged in 1938. The guests were greeted by the President Mrs. L. Marks and the Chairman Mr. J. Lund together with Mrs. Lund. A buffet supper was provided following a private performance of Peter Ustinov's "Romanoff and Juliet". The magnificent supper was provided by Miss Gwen Ascough.

Silver Jubilee Ilkley Players.

The Chairman of Addingham Parish Council, Cr. J. K. Watson launched a bitter attack on the "West Riding Authorities" over the heavy flow of traffic daily passing through the village. He said that residents of Addingham had to scutter for their lives frequently and that the authority had not a moment's thought or concern for the village. The Council decided to once again draw the attention of the County Council to the acute dangers of Addingham Main Street.

The detached country cottage, "Naboth", at Beansley was sold by auction at the Crescent Hotel, Ilkley for £2,350. At the same sale 3, Bolton Bridge Road sold for £1,800.

Paul Anthony, the Grove, Ilkley, offered Elizabeth Arden products as Christmas gifts, Dusting powder and soap at 19/9, Hand lotion 7/9, and aftershave Sandalwood 6/6.

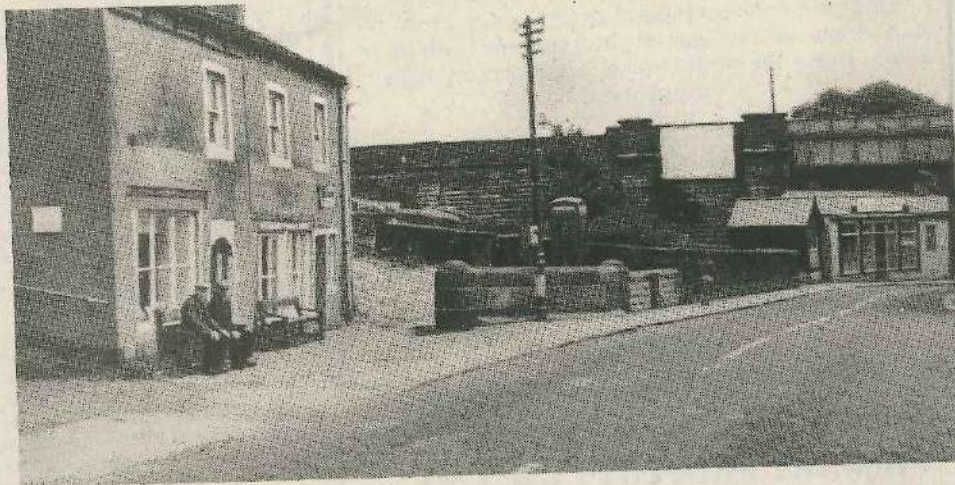
Christmas fare advertised by the Leeds Co-op Society included oven ready turkeys at 5/4, chickens at 5/- per lb, geese 5/9, mixed nuts 3/- per lb., dates 2/3, soft shelled almonds at 3/- a box, sliced ox tongue at 2/3 per 1/4lb.

"NABOTH" BEANSLEY - £2350
Prices etc Xmas.

Dec. 1988

SCENES FROM THE PAST (77)

CHANGES AT ADDINGHAM



Scenes from the past this week pictures Addingham Main Street in 1964 looking towards Ilkley.

Major changes which have taken place since then include the removal of the railway

bridge and its abutments and the building underneath the bridge. This historic building on the left - the Old School room and Village library - has been refurbished and the area surrounded by the stone wall, behind the telephone

box, has become a public garden.

The railway line in the village was closed to passenger traffic in March 1965 and to all traffic in January 1966. The line was removed in the spring of that year.

DEC. 1988 (1988)

100 Years Ago

A sumptuous tea was provided at the Spa Hotel at their annual "At Home". Entertainment followed with Mr. J. Popplewell acting as Chairman. This consisted of pianoforte solos, songs, recitations, and readings. Dancing started at 8.30 p.m. with Mr. W. Dean's string band playing, the proceedings were lively and kept up until the small hours of the morning.

On the occasion of Miss Kempson's wedding, the Ilkley Change Ringers' Society rang a peal of 720 Kent Triple Bob Minor. The peal was rung by the following ringers. - W. Beanlands, C. Stephens, W. Cook, J. Dean, J.L. Wood, Joe Beanlands, J. Waland and Jas. Denby.

On Otley market, the week before Christmas 1888, Ducks and fowls were 5s to 6s per couple. Hares were 7s., Beef 6d. to 9½d. per lb., cured ham 8½d., geese 9d to 10d per lb., Brussel sprouts 4d per lb., oranges 4d. to 6d., per dozen.

- 1. "At Home" at Spa
- 2 Miss Kempson's Wedding (Mrs Thorpe)

DEC. 1988. 75 years ago (1912)

Mr. J. A. King, Yorkshire county and International Rugby player was presented with a desk reading lamp in recognition of his invaluable assistance in training the boys in Rugby football which had taken the place of Association. For their help in the same direction, Mr. Arthur King, Mr. E. Holmes and Mr. Reg. Rhodes received pipes. The presentations were made by the school Captain amidst loud cheers.

Miss Vaux, of The Grove, Ilkley, advertised oyster patties, raised pies and piegeon pies, chocolates and sweets, fancy sweets, cakes and biscuits, and chocolate boxes for Christmas.

Ilkley Vocal Society advertised their Christmas concert in the Kings Hall "Messiah" with a chorus of 130 voices, reserved seats at 2/6 and second seats at 1/-.

D.R. U.F.C. Jack King, Arthur King, E. HOLMES & Reg Rhodes
2) Miss Vaux's Christmas Fair.

Moorfield schoolchildren presented "A Little Nativity Play" at the Assembly Hall, Wells Road, consisting of a series of short scenes culminating in a tableau. Taking part were June Holmes, Elizabeth Thornton, Gordon Findlay, Anne Behrens, Anne Conyers, Mary Law, Peter Brook, Gillian Ward, Ann Waring, Cintra Bengers, Joan Marsh, Elizabeth Roberts, Jennifer Riley, Diana Nixon, Sarah Castelli, Ann Vernon, David Holmes, Julian Townend, David Milnes and Timothy Chamberlain.

Ilkley Rugby Club's first fifteen won their away match against Wetherby by 14 points to nil. S. Greenwood, E. S. Skinner and J. N. C. Watson all played an excellent game for Ilkley.

Nativity Play
Moorfield School

50 YEARS AGO 1938

ONLY THE STYLES HAVE CHANGED



Scenes from the Past this week looks back to 1945 when this picture of the railway bridge appeared in the "Gazette" under the heading "A Road Trap at Ben Rhydding".

The former Ilkley Urban District Council was calling the attention of the County Council

to the "dangerous point" where the bridge crossed Wheatley Lane. Councillors felt concerned about the number of roads turning off near the bridge and feared for the safety of the scores of children who passed underneath it when walking to and from school each day. They

expressed concern for the time when post-war traffic filled the road and said it would become a point of "gravest danger".

The bridge still stands today carrying the Wharfedale Railway through from Leeds and Bradford to Ilkley. Only the styles have changed since this picture was taken.

*38 1988
Dec. 1938 (1988)
50 years ago*

The first Christmas displays for 1938 were appearing in the shops which were full of well made British goods. Prices were said to be moderate and the displays had never been more attractive.

Reference was made to the lack of Air Raid Precautions in Addingham village. It was described as the slackest district for A.R.P. Even the distribution of gas masks was not fully completed and it was hoped to come to some agreement over the imminent training for local volunteers.

*Christmas Display.
A.R.P. ADDINGHAM.*

*25 YEARS AGO DEC. 1988
1963*

The River Wharfe was in flood following heavy rain with a strong south-westerly wind and the road was closed to Denton and Askwith. The Association Football Club's ground on the Holmes was under water, together with parts of Ilkley Cricket ground and Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club. The road was also flooded near Stubham Rise and the field between the Old Bridge and the Langbar Road was under water.

Allen and Walkers, music shop, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, advertised the New Beatles L.P. record, together with guitars from £4 19s. 9d., amplifiers (2 inputs) from 14 guineas and drum kits. The age of rock and roll had arrived in Ilkley. The dances advertised were now to groups and not the old type of larger band or orchestra.

*FLOODS
AGE OF R.R. had arrived !!*

DEMOLITION OF CINEMA



It is almost twenty years since Ilkley lost its last cinema when the Essoldo building made way for a new Hillards supermarket, which opened in 1970.

The cinema known for many years as "The New Cinema" was built in the 1920's and for the opening night in 1928 the "house" was full to see "7th Heaven". Popular prices of seats at that time ranged from six pence to two shillings.

The building could accommodate 1,076 in the cinema itself and included a cafe and bal-

room with magpie wood flooring suitable for dancing for more than 100 couples.

It was recalled on the opening night that the plot of land on which the cinema stood had once been a bowling green, with unsightly buildings where the main entrance to the cinema stood.

The film "7th Heaven" was shown on the first three days of the opening week followed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday by "The Battles of the Coro-

nel and Falkland Island the great British naval triumph. Each picture was supported by the Empire New Bulletin, the British news film and full supporting programme.

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

DEC. 23. 1988

(1888)

CHRISTMAS

1988

Dec. 23rd. 1912

100 Years Ago

The weather on Christmas Day in 1888 was dull and wet and the streets of the town were almost deserted. The local churches and chapels were decorated for Christmas in the "usual way" and carol services were held on the 25th at the Congregational Church as well as the Parish Church and St. Margaret's Church.

By the kind help of various friends the children at the Ilkley and Wharfedale orphanage were given a bountiful tea and an entertainment. The children had helped their kind friends to decorate the dining room. They enjoyed a magic lantern show and a representation of a "dwarf" in one of the other rooms delighted the young folk. They also watched a little play entitled "Our Toys" given by the Misses J. Gaunt, E. Widdop, E. Kempson, E. L. Conyers and M. and B. Turner. Old Father Christmas appeared and took charge of the bran tub from which each child received a present. The children then sang with Miss Alice Lund at the piano.

RUNAWAY HORSE

75 Years Ago

There was a carriage accident in Ilkley shortly before noon on Christmas Day 1913. A horse belonging to Mr. W. Whitaker bolted from the front of St. Margaret's Church with a landau attached. The driver, Thomas Johnson, the coachman, was about to leave the church with three ladies when the horse took fright and dashed along at top speed down Queen's Road, Wells Road and into Brook Street with Johnson doing his best to keep the animal under control. On leaving Wells Road it ran straight across into Brook Street and crashed into iron palings a little below the Station Flower Box. The coachman was thrown off but escaped with a few bruises and the ladies were unharmed. The horse received some wounds in its breast and had to be treated by a vet. A good length of the palings were damaged and the carriage was badly harmed. Several people had to make a dash to escape injury and Mr. Wm. Swallow, of Trafalgar Road, had his umbrella smashed and was lucky to be able to dodge the carriage as it was overturned.

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CHRISTMAS

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25 YEARS AGO

50 Years Ago

Ilkley's efforts on behalf of the hard hit depressed mining town, Shildon, constituted a record. Four packed motor vans, twelve laden cars and a trailer made up the convoy which took gifts from Ilkley on the bitterly cold journey to Shildon. It was the fifth year in succession that Ilkley had played Father Christmas to Shildon and the needs of the town were found to be greater than ever.

The Toc H in conjunction with Ilkley Rotary Scouts, the Rotary Club and the League of Women's Helpers organised the help for the town. The goods taken included blankets, new boots and shoes, bedding and bedsteads, books, clothes, hats, food and toys.

Snow and ice were prevalent in the Ilkley area during the week leading up to Christmas but for the people who were eagerly awaiting an old fashioned white Christmas there was disappointment for a thaw had begun on 23 December, and the ski-ing and sledging fun had ceased. Twice during the week Carters Lane, Middleton, had to be dug out for traffic to flow. The bad weather caused extra problems for the postmen with the heavy Christmas mail, and wheeled transport had to be used with great care. At times some of the steeper roads like Wheatley Lane at Ben Rhydding and Wells Road were almost too dangerous to use.

The weather before Christmas 1963 was sunny and clear and many people went up to the moors to skate on the frozen waters of the Tarn. The view from the moor, however, did not come up to expectations as it was obscured by a dense layer of domestic smoke over the valley. Despite efforts to make Ilkley into a smoke free zone the Council had postponed the first stages of this plan and the year had brought no relief to the problem. Much filth fell on the town in these weather conditions.

The darkened interior of the Wells Road Methodist Church was gradually lighted by nearly 200 candles at the special Christmas service held on the Sunday prior to Christmas. A procession of youth club members each carrying a lighted candle entered the darkened church to the singing of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and six members of the procession lighted a candle at the end of each row of the congregation. The "light" was then passed along person to person along the rows.

A performance of "Messiah" by the Ilkley Choral Society was given to a large audience at the Kings Hall, Ilkley. The chorus numbered well over a hundred voices, the tenor section being most robust. Mr. Charles Bainbridge was the conductor and the accompaniment was provided by a small professional group of strings led by Douglas Hall.

The Christmas "special" film at The Grove Cinema was "Carry On Cabby" with Sidney James, Hattie Jacques, Kenneth Connor, Charles Hawtrey, Esma Cannon and Liz Fraser, whilst at the Essoldo Cinema the film was "The Seige of the Saxons".

Dec. 1988 (1888)

100 Years Ago

There were two alarming fires in the district during the first week of January 1889, both on farm premises at Langbar and Addingham. On the Saturday night about 5 p.m. Mr. Isaac Smith, farmer, of Langbar, discovered one of his barns on fire. A messenger was despatched at once for the fire brigade at Ilkley, but as he left another messenger took word that it was no use calling them owing to a shortage of water. A large number of people from neighbouring farms and villages were instrumental in saving a large part of the property. The building was only 20 yards from the farmhouse but fortunately the wind blew the flames away from the house. Six cows were removed with the fire about a yard from their heads and a quantity of hay was spoiled by fire and water. It was 11 p.m. when the fire was got under control and put out.

A serious fire occurred also at Street Farm, Addingham, occupied by Mr. Harry Rushworth. This also started in a stable and this contained five horses, nine cows and four pigs. The horses and cows were rescued but the pigs perished "with heart rending groans and squeals." The damage to the building was estimated at about £150 and to livestock and feedstuff £120.

TWO FIRES, LANGBAR & ADDINGHAM

DEC. 1988 (1912.)

75 Years Ago

About three hundred prominent Ilkley people attended a fancy dress ball in the Kings Hall. The first part of the evening was devoted to dancing and games for the children with a special "Twelfth Night" surprise. This was in the nature of a large cake drawn into the hall by eight fairies pulling silver ropes. Together with the cake was a huge cracker made by Mr. C. H. Lomax, and after the fairies had danced around the cake singing, the cracker pulled a tiny fairy out of the "cake" and she and the others distributed crackers to everyone. The children acting as fairies were — Christine Illingworth, Gracie Illingworth, Angela McCaffery, Jane Whittleley, Mollie Hay, Phyllis Waring, Elizabeth Mann, Ruth Swift and Dodie Jackson. Mr. F. Mann's band from Burley played for the dancing and refreshments were provided by Mr. Thompson of the Kiosk and the Imperial Cafes.

FANCY DRESS PARTY

25 YEARS AGO

Traffic dangers in Addingham village were so bad for pedestrians that at least two old couples travelled to Ilkley to draw their pensions rather than try to cross Main Street to the village post office. Sub-postmaster Cr. G. H. C. Parker went on to tell members of Addingham Parish Council that the position was "incredible". The Parish Councillors all agreed on the necessity of at least two pedestrian crossings in the village.

TRAFFIC DANGERS IN ADDINGHAM!

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Addingham Parish Church was a popular place over Christmas time and there were special carol singing and handbell ringing at the services. Soloists at the afternoon carol service were Messrs. J. England, L. Milburn, G. Milburn, Masters E. and P. Milburn, K. Petty and D. Hudson. The ladies of the congregation had decorated the church very tastefully for the festival and the collections went to West Riding Waifs and Strays and local charitable institutions.

Mr. Henry Ainley, the famous actor, who spent a great deal of his time at Ilkley was to take part in a broadcast in appreciation of his native county, Yorkshire. Mr. Ainley stayed with Mr. and Mrs. S. Peel, of Belle Vue House, friends since his school days at Morley.

The Burley Women's Institute held their annual whist drive and dance on Boxing Day in the Lecture Hall. The twenty five tables of whist were in the charge of Mr. J. R. Curry and Mr. Horace Walker and the M.C. for dancing was Mr. H. Padgett.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S
ADDINGHAM.
HENRY AINLEY TO TAKE PART
IN BROADCAST.

BUSY TIME FOR INSTITUTE

Addingham Women's Institute had a busy month in April, which included their fortieth birthday celebrations.

This took the form of a special birthday party in the Memorial Hall, when visitors from neighbouring institutes were invited and a few former Addingham members who could not attend regular meetings.

The party began with a short business meeting at which Mrs. C. Neill presided. This was followed by two humorous sketches written and produced by Mrs. Neill and acted by a group of Addingham W.I. members. Miss Hilda Holmes gave a slide show which featured Addingham W.I. activities going back several years which aroused pleasant memories and a great deal of mirth.

A buffet tea followed and during the meal, Mrs. Kate Mason, a founder member, welcomed everyone to the celebration and recalled the early days of the Institute. W.I. members had set out the buffet helped by two women who decorated the tables and another two who made and iced a birthday cake.

The following day a party of members and their friends enjoyed a half day's coach outing to the Piece Hall in Halifax.

At their next meeting Mrs. Morgan will speak on "Pot Pourri and Herb Lore."

Addingham

APRIL was a very busy month for the Institute which was founded just 40 years ago. The meeting on April 21 took the form of a special birthday party. Some visitors from neighbouring Institutes had been invited and also a few former Addingham members who can no longer attend regular meetings. A business meeting at which Mrs. C. Neill presided was followed by two humorous sketches given by a group of Addingham members. Miss Hilda Holmes gave a slide show featuring Addingham W.I. activities going back several years. A buffet party tea followed, set out by the committee, the tables decorated by four other members. Two members had made and decorated the birthday cake. Mrs. Kate Mason, a founder member,

welcomed everyone to the celebration and recalled early days of the Institute. On the following day, April 22, a party of members and friends enjoyed a half-day's coach outing to the Piece Hall in Halifax. The next meeting will be on May 19 when Mrs. Morgan will speak on Pot pourri and herb lore. New members will be welcomed.