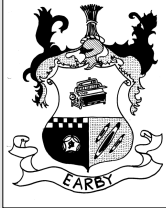


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LEST WE FORGET

by Bob Abel

On 28th of June 1914, years of European tensions exploded when the "Great War" was detonated by the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austria-Hungarian throne, during a visit to Sarajevo in Bosnia. Austria-Hungary declared war on Bosnia and a chain reaction of treaties came to pass and Europe was engulfed in war. Britain entered on the 4th of August 1914 when Germany invaded neutral Belgium.

Many local men joined up to fight for King and Country not imagining the horrors which were to follow. The "Local" regiment was the Dukes, the Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) with headquarters in Halifax. Many of those who fought were destined not to return to their West Craven homes.



The Original War Memorial

On the 11th of November 1918 an armistice was signed bringing to an end fighting in Western Europe although conflict continued in Persia and Afghanistan until the following year.

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In December of 1918 Earby Brass Band Club wrote to Earby Urban District Council requesting a meeting to discuss proposals for a local war memorial and in January of the following year Councillors Roberts, Driver, Matthews and Horbury were appointed as a sub-committee to implement any proposals. The final peace treaties were eventually signed with Germany in June 1919 and Austria-Hungary in September.

In August, Earby held a two day Peace Celebration and as the Craven Herald & Pioneer describes, "Earby fairly eclipsed itself in its second day of peace celebrations. To say that the demonstration surprised the natives is but a very moderate expression..."

On a very sunny day nearly six hundred ex service men, about half in uniform paraded together with contingents from Sunday Schools, Sailors, Nurses and Ambulance men, Boy Scouts, local churches with morris dancers and Earby Brass Band. These were interspersed with decorated waggonettes staging tableaux depicting some aspect of the peace theme.

In the afternoon a wooden cross was erected at the junction of Victoria Road and Skipton Road as a memorial shrine. It was designed by Mr J.E.Aldersley, Surveyor to the UDC, and bore the inscription "In Honour of Our Heroic Dead". This was Earby's first war memorial and hundreds of floral commemorations were laid.

After an impressive march past, the procession arrived at the cricket field where the Reverend Chance (Vicar of Kelbrook) presided over prayers and hymn singing. The day was rounded off with teas and children's sports.

Plans were already well on the way for providing a permanent memorial. In the June of 1919 a public meeting was held at which a pledge of £250 was made if £1000 could be raised. From several schemes two were chosen for consideration one for the provision of slipper baths and showers baths and the other a park with bowling and tennis facilities but as the meeting was poorly attended a decision was postponed.

A deputation visited Sutton-in-Craven to see the memorial park there and this was adopted as the model for Earby's own memorial grounds. The estimated cost for the project was £5000, to purchase land, erect a cenotaph and provide a bowling green, tennis courts, a band stand and a children's play area.

Appeals were made to the local churches and industries as well as local inhabitants to raise the required finance. By the summer of 1921, funds sufficient to buy the land for the memorial park, erect the cenotaph and build the boundary wall had been raised and on August 27th 1921 the stone laying ceremony for the War memorial was performed.

A competition was held to find a design for the memorial and the winning entry was submitted by Mr.W.A.Quarmby of Burnley, the prize being £20. The proposal was for a

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cenotaph to built of Portland stone and the contract was given to Smith Brothers of Burnley.

A J Birley presided over the foundation stone laying ceremony in front of a large gathering on a damp August afternoon. The four stones, which bore the figures 1914 -1919 enclosed in a laurel wreath, were laid by Mrs. Birley, Mrs. C Shuttleworth, Mr. Edmund Greenwood and Mr. Walter Wilkinson.

As mentioned earlier, the final peace treaties were not signed until mid to late 1919 hence the dates 1914 -19 and not 1914-18 (as is often expected) were inscribed on the memorial. It was not until 1924 that the memorial grounds fully opened with the bowling green and tennis courts. Requests from Earby Brass Band, Earby Labour Choral Society, Riley Street Methodist Choir and Earby Male Voice Glee Party to the UDC for permission to give outdoor concerts suggest that the park was well used. The Earby Co-operative Society donated trophies for bowls and tennis tournaments and the 1935 bowls tournament winners were:-

- Co-op Cup J Horner of Lincoln Road, Earby
- Smith Cup W Welch of Clifton Street, Sough
- Whitehead Cup T Gregson of Shuttleworth Street, Earby

In 1935 a new playground was opened. The equipment, costing £150, was funded in equal share between the Earby Childrens Recreation Fund Committee and Earby UDC. Nine year old Brenda Morphett formally handed over the equipment to the UDC at the opening ceremony on the 16th April of that year.

In 1936 the grounds were extended by the purchase of a parcel of land across the New Cut from the Moor Hall Estate at a cost of £528-10-00 (£528-50p). Permission had to be sought from the Yorkshire Ouse Catchment Board and the Earby and Salterforth Internal Drainage Board to build an access bridge across the stream.

Further play ground improvements were made the following year, with grants from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust and the West Riding Playing Fields Association.

The crippling constraints put on Germany at the end of the first World War simmered beneath the surface and laid the foundation for the rise of Hitler and the German NAZI party in the 1930s. The world was inexorably drawn into another conflict and Great Britain and France declared war on Germany on 3rd September 1939. Again local men were called to do their duty and fight for King and Country against the Nazi threat and again there were the inevitable casualties.

After the war had ended, thoughts once more turned to how the local men who gave their lives could be commemorated.

The Craven Herald of 14th August 1948 reports that, following efforts to trace the architect

who designed the original war memorial, it was discovered that he had died and the practice in which he worked had closed down. It was decided to commemorate the Earby men who died in World War II by adding to the existing cenotaph.

An advert in the Barnoldswick and Earby Herald on 8th October 1948 tells that the Earby UDC is considering ways and means of altering the existing War Memorial and that the perspective drawing of the proposed scheme was displayed in the Gas Showrooms in Victoria Road so the opinions of local residents could be sought. The proposals would cost £300 and a public subscriptions list was to be opened to help defray the cost.

Mr. T Broughton, Assistant Surveyor to the UDC envisaged the raising of four stone blocks with plaques inscribed with the names and drawings were prepared for public consultation.

Only one donation was pledged and although the council were empowered to meet the cost out of the general rate it was being mooted that the money in the former ambulance fund



should be used. A new county ambulance service was being discussed making the purchase of a new ambulance for Earby unnecessary. A few feathers were ruffled at this suggestion.

The contract for altering the memorial was given to F T Fairchild and Son of Barnoldswick, plaques and fittings were obtained from W & R Leggott Ltd. Bradford.

The Service of Dedication and Consecration of the Memorial extensions did not take place until Sunday 9th October 1949. The service also included the consecration of land at the base of

Dedication of the Memorial Extension

the cenotaph as Gardens of Remembrance and a new standard of the Earby, Thornton and Kelbrook Branch of the British Legion was also dedicated. The un-veiling ceremony was carried out on a very wet afternoon by the local British Legion Branch President, Councillor Wright Firth who was introduced by the Chairman of the council Mr. R S Shaw.

The Memorial Park and the Holme Playing fields have continued to be used as an amenity for the town although the Holme was often let for eatage (as pasture) for cattle.

More recently a paddling pool was installed and latterly a skate boarding area has been

erected and football is regularly played on the Holme; a putting green is also available.

The Armistice Day services continue to be held in the park in November, with the traditional march from what is now the former council offices, but with ever decreasing numbers attending.

Thanks to the people of Earby, the churches and industrialist of the town and the Urban District Council, we have not only a memorial to the war dead but also a lasting amenity for future generations.

OUTING TO THE PENDLE HIPPODROME

On Tuesday 19th of June, society members were invited, for the first of their summer outings, to visit the Pendle Hippodrome in Colne. The visit was not to see a show but to take a look behind the scenes and see the tremendous restoration work that has gone into making the theatre a surprising gem in the local amateur operatic circle.

The Hippodrome was built in 1914 as a cine-variety theatre. The entertainment consisting of a combination of live entertainment and silent movies.

It survived as a place of local entertainment until 1978, latterly as a bingo hall. When Star Cinemas closed the building in 1978 a group of three Pendle operatic societies quickly set up a steering group and bought the building at a knock down price. The steering group has evolved into a limited company and registered charity, Pendle Hippodrome Theatre Ltd.

This forward looking group had taken on a mammoth task, a neglected near derelict building had to be restored to its former glory. The work between the summer of 1978 and winter 1986 was carried out by a dedicated team of enthusiast who not only had to do the labour but also raise the funds.

Any one who has perhaps walked past the unassuming frontage will, like myself, be truly amazed at the immaculate interior which has been renovated to a first class theatre. The auditorium can seat some 500 people all with good view of the stage.

Our party was welcomed with a glass of wine before we split into two groups for the tour. Many improvements had been made to the theatre during the restoration particularly the provision of more suitable changing rooms back stage.

The stage itself is fully equipped with an enlarged orchestra pit and extensive scene changing equipment. Lottery funding had enabled the purchase of computer control for the lighting systems but an original water light dimmer had been retained as an artefact of

historical interest.

The old stables belonging to the adjoining pub have been purchased and converted into a scenery storage area and workshop with an extensive wardrobe department upstairs. Ideas for improvements are still being considered including the use of the open space between the theatre and the stables to erect a purpose built rehearsal room so that rehearsals will not clash with other events taking place in the main auditorium.

The theatre is used for other events besides operatics including a recent live broadcast by Radio Lancashire and the annual craft fair lasting for a week in the Autumn.

The visit was rounded off with a welcome cuppa and biscuits and a chance to chat with our hosts.

Thanks are due to Earbyer Brian Bird, a past Chairman of the theatre, for setting up our visit and to his colleagues who showed us around.

AN ESSAY ON THE ENGLISH CIVIL WARS - PART II

Following on from Summer edition of Chronicles Bob Abel continues with:

THE SECOND CIVIL WAR

The threat of an invasion from Scotland to reinstate the King and also royalist agitation in the North put the Parliamentary armies on the alert. Parliament had established a strong garrison at Newcastle, but Sir Marmaduke Langdale had established a royalist force at Carlisle. Lambert, with his own regiment of horse, had to prevent the royalists from breaking into Yorkshire.

A letter from an anxious Lambert, to his father-in-law Sir William Lister of Thornton-in-Craven dated 4th July 1648, describes his situation:

"Sir,- These enclosed give you an account of our present conditions here and what it hath pleased the Lord to do for us. For what you desire to know of the number of our forces are in all 23 troops of horse but some very small, having divers commanded parties forth in other parts of the kingdom, many fallen sick, and abundance of horse sick and lame and some run away upon the new raising of horse into Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, which amount unto about 2300 horse and 1200 foot ; besides Lancashire, which amount about 1000 foot and 300 horse. From Scotland we hear that the malignants by force and power carry on their new levies very fast, and have already in readiness 4000 horse and 10,000 foot, which lie in Dumfriesshire, being of the new levies, and 3000 foot more, which my information reports to be of the old army, which I understand not, in regard I conceive all their foot was disbanded - and 3000 more which they expect out of Ireland the 1st of July, all which makes 16,000 foot. Besides the horse aforementioned they have 2000 horse of the old army and a thousand more out of Ireland, great store of arms, ammunition and oatmeal already brought to

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Dumfries. Sir, this is all for the present

your most faithful and obedient Son-in Law, J.Lambert

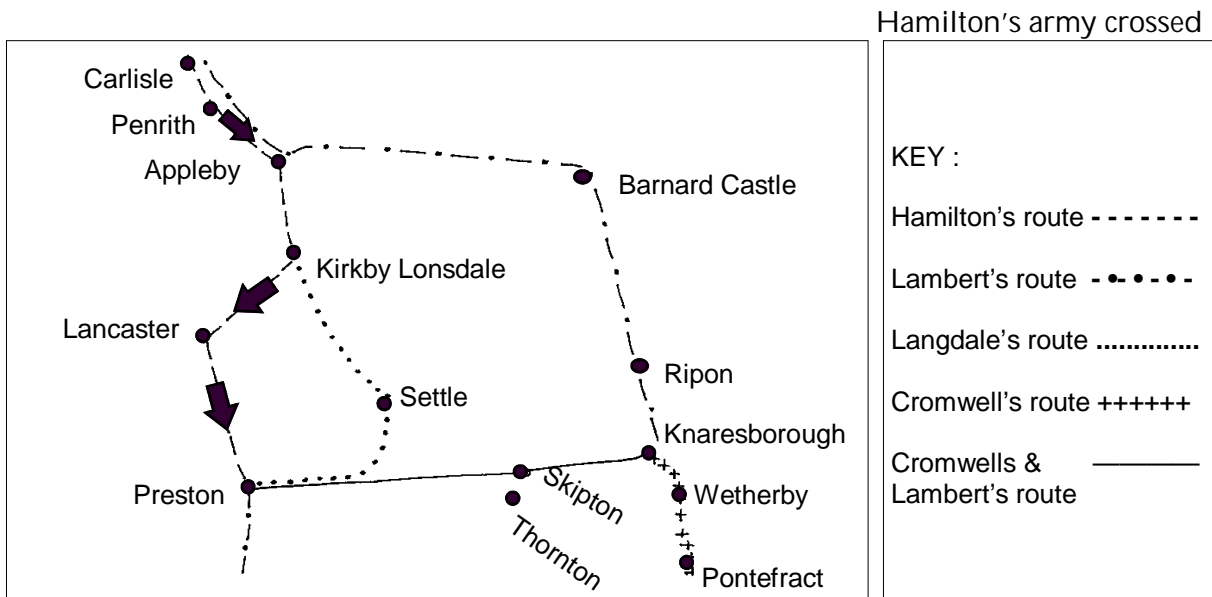
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Wetheral, near Warwick Bridge, July 4th 1648

*Sir, I beseech you present my humble duty to my mother (in-law)
For Sir William Lister, Kt., Member of the honourable House of Commons.*

The Duke of Hamilton marched south out of Scotland and joined up with Langdale at Carlisle. Lambert who was in Penrith and vastly outnumbered, withdrew to Appleby. Cromwell was ordered to Lambert's assistance and he sent troops from Wales, but forbidding Lambert from engaging the enemy before he himself arrived.

Lambert and Cromwell met between Wetherby and Knaresborough on August 12th and shortly afterwards the combined army marched westwards to meet Hamilton. It must have been an awesome sight to see 10,000 armed men marching through Skipton and passing to the north of Thornton-in-Craven. By the 15th, Cromwell reached Gisburn and on the night of the 16th, the army bivouacked in a field at Stoneyhurst.



Hamilton's army crossed

the Ribble at Preston,

while Langdale's forces hung back. On the 17th of August Cromwell's army routed Langdale's force and followed up by shattering Hamilton's infantry at Ribble Bridge; Lambert pursued Hamilton to Uttoxeter, where

Hamilton was taken prisoner. Other Parliamentary victories followed and soon only Pontefract and Scarborough held out. Lambert and Cromwell pursued the retreating Scots and the Second Civil War was over.

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In 1649 King Charles I was arrested, tried for treason and executed.

In 1650 Charles Stuart landed in Scotland and was proclaimed King in Edinburgh. Parliament expecting another invasion from Scotland appointed Cromwell as Captain General of all forces and Lambert as Major General his second in command, to invade Scotland (Fairfax had declined to be party to an invasion of Scotland). The two commanders were as close as they had ever been in these Scottish adventures. The Scots were overcome in battles at Edinburgh, Dunbar and Inverkeithing, where the Scots were routed by Lambert.

While Lambert was in Scotland he was visited by his wife, Frances (nee Lister the daughter of Sir William of Thornton-in-Craven) and was there to celebrate his victory over the Scots at Inverkeithing. Frances Lambert wrote several letters from Scotland to Captain Adam Baynes, who looked after Lambert's financial affairs in London.

Good Captain,

I bless the Lord I am safe gotten into Scotland, where for some days I happily enjoy my dearest friend, but now he is gone into the field and it is thought that an engagement betwixt them and the enemy will suddenly be. I trust our God will decide the quarrel betwixt us. I had very good company of your brother in my journey.....

He is at present in my husband's own troop, he having furnished with arms..... Our army is at Leghes and the enemy some 9 miles beyond.

*That is all at present but I am
Your real friend
F.L. (Frances Lambert) July 1st 1651*

Good Captain,

I see you are better natured than my cousin Lilburn, for you will write to me when you have none from me but she will not; therefore I will not be her intelligence relating to her the seasonable victory the Lord hath given us over the enemy. We have taken 1500, killed 2000..... Your brother is safe and well....My husbands horse was wounded, and a brace of bullets found betwixt his cot and armes, but I bless the Lord he is safe and well.....

*Your real friend and Cousin
F.L. July 22nd 1651*

The two bullets were found after the battle, Lambert's life had been saved by his armour.

The Civil War was finally ended at the Battle of Worcester. Three armies, those of Cromwell, Lambert and Harrison met at Warwick in August 1651. The 30,000 strong force surrounded Worcester and on 3rd

LOCAL HISTORY RESOURCES



If any one comes across diaries, note books or the like, no matter how brief

Earby & District Local History Society would be only too pleased to make transcriptions as a valuable addition to

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Margaret Greenwood on 01282 843394

September, the final major battle of the war commenced. The Scots were positioned a mile outside the city awaiting the onslaught and when it came their resistance soon broke and they retreated into the city. Cromwell's army surged on to win the day. 3000 Scots were killed and some 6000 taken prisoner, the attacking army lost only 200 men. Lambert came through it unhurt, but his horse was again shot from under him. Charles Stuart, crowned King by the Scots, escaped and fled to Normandy.

Watch out for the final part in the forthcoming Winter edition of Chronicles.

DIARY OF JOSEPH CLARK

Members Barbara and Wilson Barrett of Fakenham in Norfolk, lent the society a diary kept by Joseph Clark. Joseph was the great uncle of Wilson Barrett and he came to Earby from the Carlisle area as a school leaver, to work at Earby Station for the Midland Railway Company. Gaining promotion, he moved to the Midlands where it is thought he eventually became goods yard superintendent at Halesowen, before retiring to Bolton-le-Sands.

Joe's parents and sister Ann followed him to live at Hague cottages and they stayed in the area for the rest of their lives. Ann marrying Henry Barrett of Hollin Bank Farm, White Moor in 1907.

The diary contains entries for several years in the 1890's. The original has been returned to Barbara and Wilson, but a transcript has been placed in the Society Archives.

Barbara and Wilson also sent an old photograph of Earby Station the photo being embossed with the name J.Exley - Kelbrook. Was this a professional photographer? If so do some other of his photos survive? Any information would be gratefully received.

They also included a page from the Craven Herald of 1938 containing an article by John Hartley, a writer on Earby's local family enjoyed in the early part of the holidays would have begun on Earby  history, describing holidays he and his twentieth century. Invariably these station.

MEMBERS REQUESTS

New members or existing members can use the Earby Chronicles to publicise their particular local or family history interests.

THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Member Pat Hustwick (nee Swindells) wants to know if anyone can tell her who is the soldier in the photograph on the next page. It was given her by her father's cousin Donald Seddon. Donald thought it might be a friend of his father Joseph Seddon, formerly of Earby. The Seddon family, Joseph's parents, lived on one side of the row of houses, now demolished, which is now a car park below the surgery, Edward Street, Earby.

The photo was taken in Lucknow India, hence he must have been serving in the Army there.

If you can help, Pat can be contacted at 7 Park Avenue, Salterforth, Barnoldswick BB18 6SS or through the Editor.



MORE MORE MORE

New member, Christine Wilkinson, has sent us a list of her special interests, they are :-

19th and 20th century Earby,
especially the cotton industry,
railways and local government.

Rolls Royce - Early 19th century Elslack - 17th,18th and 19th century Thornton-in-Craven
and the AY(I)RTON family.

If you can help with any of these wide ranging interest Christine will be pleased to hear from you.

Christine's address is : 27, Ghyll Road, Scotby, CARLISLE CA4 8BT.

& MORE !

Local 'lad' Francis Clarke is looking for a photograph of the air raid shelter in Boot Street Earby which stood throughout the Second World War. It was a lean-to construction built on the side of the mill with doors to allow the mill workers direct access in an

emergency. He remembers, as a child, playing with toy soldiers in the building materials when it was being constructed.

Anthea Preston is looking for a photo of the Riley Street Church panto in 1979, when her sister Judith played the part of a gorilla. Dr. Miller had recently moved to Earby and also had a part in the show.

If you have any of these photos please let the Editor know, so we can arrange for copies to be made for these members and the Society's photograph archives.

RIPLEY CASTLE



Sadly the June outing to Hebden in Wharfedale had to be cancelled due to foot & mouth, but we hope to include it in the programme for next year.

The disappointment was adequately made up for in the outing on the 19th August when members and friends enjoyed a days trip to Ripley Castle. The

coach took us over Blubberhouses Moor on a warm misty Sunday morning to arrive at

Barbara leads the party to Ripley Castle

Ripley in sunshine which stayed with us for the best part of the

day.

After coffee in the Castle tea room we were taken on our own conducted tour of the castle itself.

We were told how the Ingleby family were given Ripley as a dowry in the 1320s. Like most wedding presents, they are still

wondering what to do with it. Well that's a bit of a tall story, because they have opened it the gardens lake and estate grounds for the public to enjoy. And enjoy we did!. Briefly, the gatehouse, built to keep the Scottish out celebrated its 550th birthday last year, but the Old Tower is the bit that most people will remember. Oliver Cromwell, elated after defeating the king's armies at Marston Moor, was probably somewhat put out to find himself held at gunpoint later that evening by "Trooper" Jane Ingleby in the castle library.

James I was an overnight guest in the Tower Room in 1603. It is to be hoped he looked under the bed, because within two years the Ingleby's were implicated in the Gunpowder Plot, which would have killed him. The civil war arms and armour on display in the Knight's Chamber fascinated us all, especially Chairman Bob who was asked to 'model' a breastplate, but we won't say how well it fit around his middle! (*he'd probably edit it out if we did!!*)

A secret priest's hiding hole, with barely room for a child, was built in to the room in 1584. It was so well concealed the family didn't find it till 1964.

The day ended as all British Sunday afternoons seem to with a downpour, but there was no dampening of spirits. The castle with its fine furniture and extensive portraits and pictures were a joy to look around. It was so nice to get close to it all, no roped off walkways at Ripley. If you didn't make it be sure to visit on your own sometime, you are guaranteed a real treat.

For further details see the web site www.ripleycastle.co.uk; or phone 01423 770152.

EVACUEES IN EARBY

Committee member Squire Firth is researching the arrival of evacuees into Earby during World War II and he can now pass on the following.

Mrs Flora Tomlinson contacted me about my request in the Dalesman Magazine for information re evacuees to Earby during the Second World War.

Her late husband, Norman, was born in Earby in 1911 and the family lived at 5a Colne Road where the Post Office is today. They met in London in 1936 and married in 1941. Flora had a sister Vera Pither who was evacuated to Earby in 1939 and stayed with Mrs Tomlinson for over two years.

Flora has also sent a bank book and cheque to the Society in memory of her late husband Norman who opened the account at the Yorkshire Penny Bank, 13 Colne Road, Earby in 1937 with the sum of £1 and at the last entry in 1948 there was £4-13s-3d in the account.

The account has recently been closed and with the interest over the last 53 years it was worth £20-56 which Flora has donated to the Society.

She has also asked to be made a member of the Society as she keeps an interest in Earby and occasionally visits Sophia and Headley Bradshaw her late husband's cousins.

I have also had several accounts from evacuees to Earby which I hope to present in detail at

a later date.

Squire Firth

Do you have any memories of evacuees coming to Earby, if so contact Squire o
01282 817126



A BUSY PERIOD AT THE OPEN DAY

ANNUAL OPEN DAY

This year our Open Day was held separately from other Earby events and despite being let down by the press announcing the event for us, we welcomed many visitors.

Besides the displays showing the history of

various local churches and of the beginning and successes of Kelbrook Young Farmers Club, there were the many hundreds of photographs old and new to browse through, always a huge attraction. On top of that the Society's extensive archive of records, including maps, books, pamphlets and other local memorabilia was also very popular. The transcription of St Mary's Church Thornton in Craven

Registers is reaching

completion and the results were on display, albeit still incomplete; nevertheless the Wright family in particular were pleased to find out more of their family history through this invaluable resource.

Betty Smith, Doreen Turner and Gwen Fisher the ladies who always do us proud with refreshments and their marvellous cake stall raised over £70 for Society funds.

Thanks to everyone who participated in making it such a success and in particular to our ever hard working Chairman Bob Abel.



PROGRAMME FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS

Tuesday 16th October 2001 - Mrs Fishwick on The Early Days of Weaving

Tuesday 20th November 2001 - Dennis Cairns on A Dales Odyssey

Tuesday 18th December 2001 - Michael Crewdson's Videos of Earby
& Christmas Festivities.

ORIGIN OF SURNAMES

At the August meeting 35 people welcomed back our friend Peter Watson for an amazing insight into the origins of names. With examples of name old names we were taken through the ages from the time when your name was derived from what you did or looked like to when fore and Surnames became the fashion.

Prior to the Norman Conquest people were know by single names, but by 1040 Eadric Streona (Edric the wild one); Ragnar Lothbrok (Ragnar Hairy Britches) Loth meaning Leather and Brok Breech; in 1066 Harald Sigurdsson (Harald Red Hair) & Fredrick Barbarossa (Freddie Red Beard) changed all that. Malcolm Canmor (Big Head) was another, not because he considered himself important but because he was Chief of the country.

We then learned how Surnames evolved to the names we know today.

Old name	meaning	modern name
Ethelmar	famous	Aylmer
Deorinin	dear friend	Darwin
Godwine	good friend	Goodwin
Leofsig	loved victory	Livesey
Wigmund	war protection	Wyman

In the Domesday Book we find one Henry de Ferrers meaning 'of iron', probably a blacksmith by trade. Other examples given resulted from the evolution of Welsh surnames. The Welsh word ap, meaning son of, when added to Rhys gives us Aprhys or Preece, Price, & Brice. From Richard Aprichard gives us today's Pritchard. Others evolved from a person's physical features like James Crooked Legs became Cruckshanks. Accents also played a part. A name of local significance is that of Devise, the infamous Pendle witch. In fact her name was Davies. It is suggested that the lowly clerk, probably of little learning, wrote down her name in his records as Devise because he was following her strong Lancashire accent .

And here are one or two more just to wet your appetite for finding the meaning of your own surname.

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Praett	shrewd	Pratt
Gui	guide	Guy
Tod	fox like	Todd
Wycan	small of stature	Vaughan
Ceallach	son of war	Kelly
Winyle	dweller on windy hill	Windle
Miete caelf	fat as the prize calf	Metcalfe
Orm/rod	family of / wood	Ormrod
Wordasworth	fortified farm	Wordsworth
Sprack	lively	Spragg
Cogill	ravine	Cowgill (a man who lives near the ravine with cows)
Pighel	small enclosure	Pickles (dweller in small enclosure)

One of the most unusual was the name Wormwell, which evidently derives from 'wyrn' meaning dragon and 'wella' meaning spring; so our members Edgar and Eunice Wormwell will, from now on, be known as Mr & Mrs Dragon Spring!.

Hello,

I was born in Earby in 1944, left to Canada in 1964. I live in Victoria, B.C. Lived at 79 Water Street on keb bridge.

Love going on this site, and the Ranch site developed by Ken Ransom. My sister Joan still lives in Earby at Chapel Sq. I was born at 9 Chapel Sq. which I understand eons ago was a Baptist Chapel. There are stones steps going down to the beck - again heard they used to baptise people there..

Any history on Chapel Square (actually one unit house but two houses inside #7 and #9) being a chapel?

thanks.

Jenifer

This is a fascinating subject and if you want to know more go to your local library and ask for books on the subject; a recommended author is Professor Ekwall . Good Luck

THE WORLD WIDE WEB

www.earbylocalhistorysociety.co.uk/

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Jenifer can be contacted at jenifer_rigby@hotmail.com If you knew her, why not give her a call?

She also mentions the new Earby Ranch web site, you can get to it direct or from our own site at:

PRESS CUTTINGS 1951

Negotiations were taking place for ownership of North Holme Estate to be transferred from the Ministry of Works to Earby Urban District Council. At this time 'licencees' of the hutments (who paid a deposit of £2) were allowed 14lbs of distemper and 1 pint of paint annually, free of charge, over the remaining life of the estate.

Post Office Telephones notified Earby UDC that they would shortly erect a public telephone kiosk on Council land at the junction of Red Lion Street and Water Street, but they were not prepared to provide one at North Holme Estate as it was not considered to be an economical proposition. *(How things have changed since then.)*

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing away of our member Olga Mary Guy, who died quietly on the 26th July 2001 at home in Thornton. Olga Demaine came to Thornton from Cononley as a small child, attended Thornton then Skipton Girls High School and later met and married Jimmy Guy living locally at Coppy House and Shay Gate farms, then the family farm of Moor Hall at Earby.

AND FINALLY A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Don't forget this is your newsletter. We're always keen to hear from members, if only to put them in touch with relatives and friends from the past. Do send in articles, photos and any other anecdotes, so that we get as wide a flavour of Earby & District, yes that means Thornton in Craven, Kelbrook, Sough, Harden and Salterforth as well. **Look forward to hearing from you.**



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