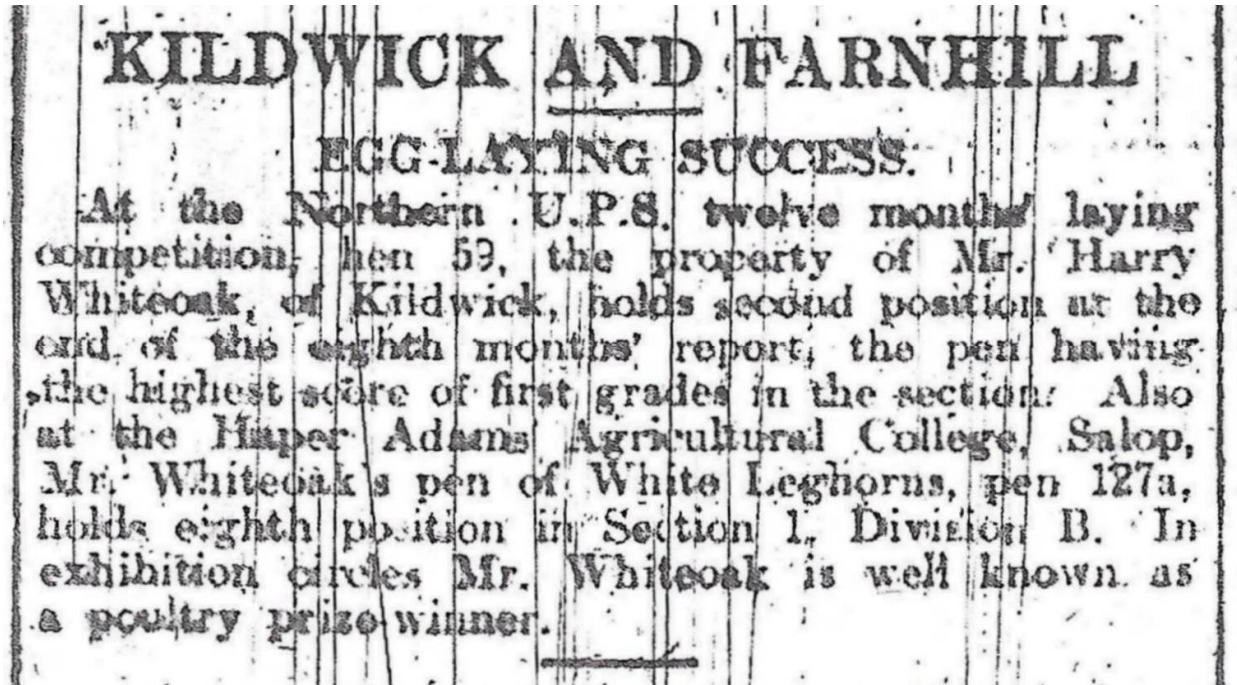


Kildwick's champion egg-layer

In its issue dated July 26th 1919, the Keighley News reported on what it called a Kildwick man's egg-laying success.



KILDWICK AND FARNHILL

EGG-LAYING SUCCESS.

At the Northern U.P.S. twelve months' laying competition, hen 53, the property of Mr. Harry Whiteoak, of Kildwick, holds second position at the end of the eighth months' report, the pen having the highest score of first grades in the section. Also at the Harper Adams Agricultural College, Salop, Mr. Whiteoak's pen of White Leghorns, pen 127a, holds eighth position in Section 1, Division B. In exhibition circles Mr. Whiteoak is well known as a poultry prize winner.

This is the earliest news report we have been able to find of Harry Whiteoak and his prize-winning hens, but it certainly wasn't the last.

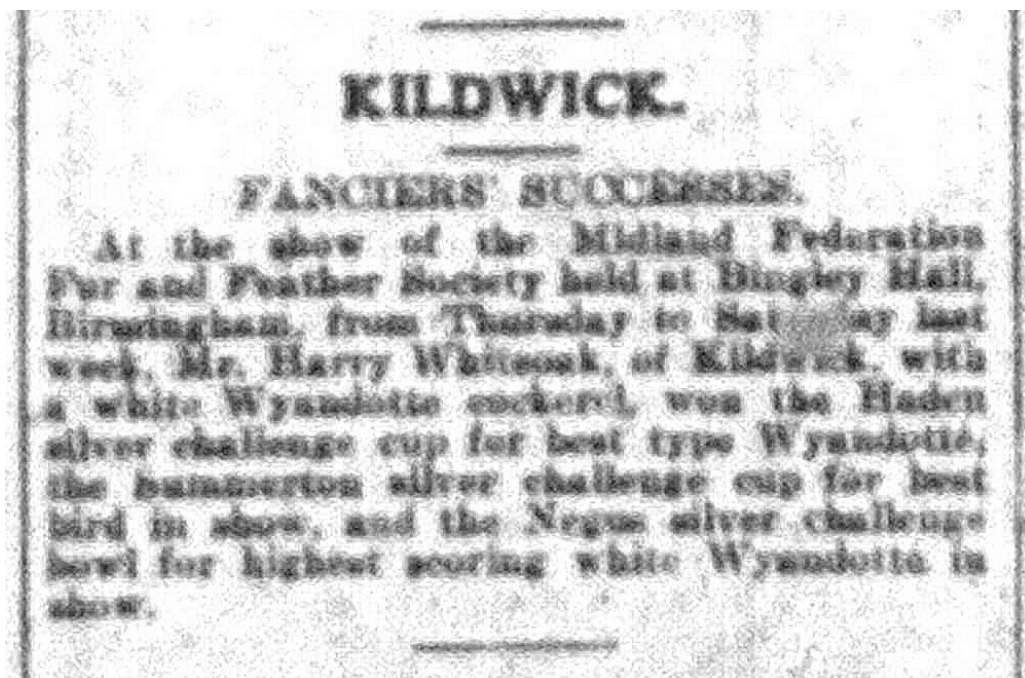
On November 9th 1923, the Craven Herald published the following short news item.



KILDWICK

Poultry Fancier's Success.—Mr. Harry Whiteoak, The Orange, Kildwick, has won 3rd and 6th at the 12 months' laying tests recently concluded at the Harper Adams Agricultural College, Newport, Salop, with Ancona and R.I. Red entires. During the past five years Mr. Whiteoak has won eight certificates of the College for poultry egg laying at the above trials—a noteworthy feat.

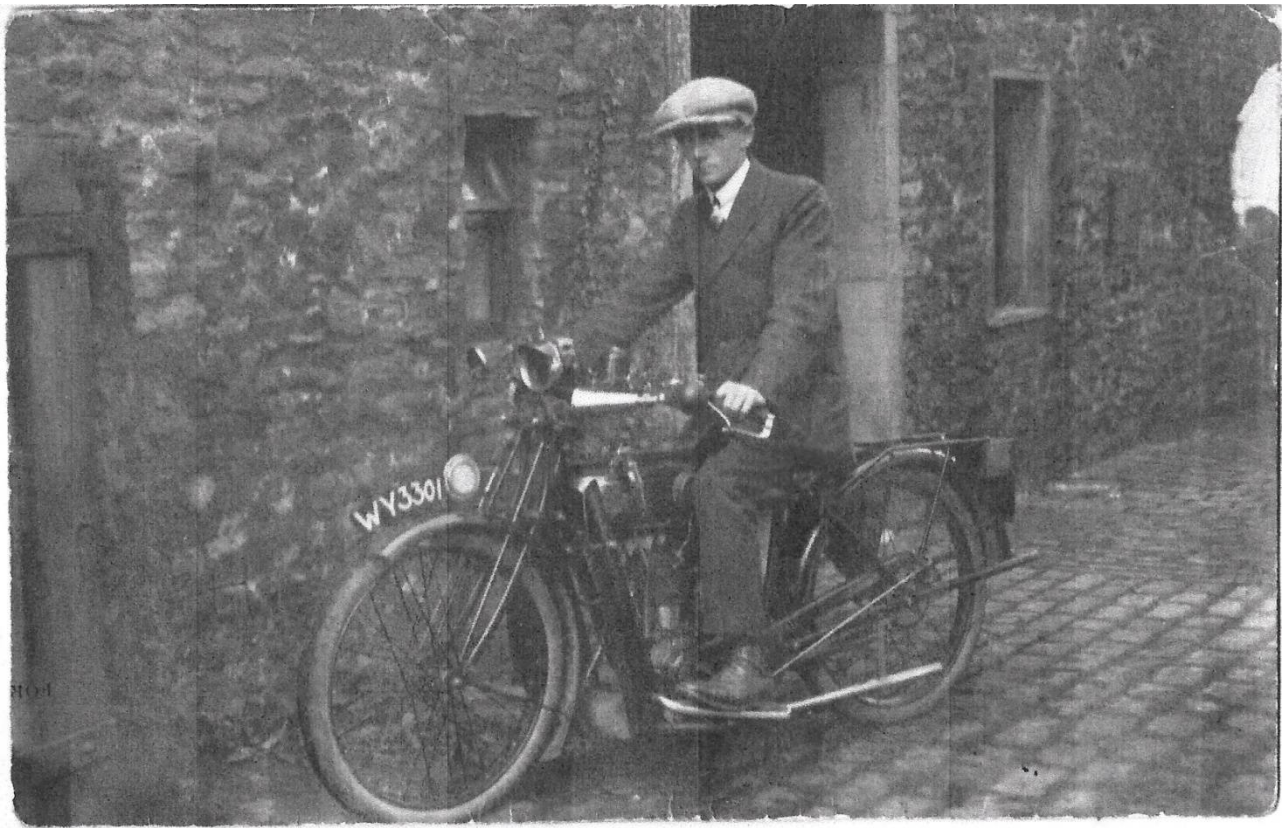
And here's the Keighley News again, in February 1925. This time, a show bird.



Here are some of the prizes won by Harry, and one of his Ancona prize-winners.



Harry was born in 1890 and farmed around 50 acres at Hainsworth House Farm, Kildwick Grange, and another 50 acres, with his father Jonas Whiteoak, at Grange Farm.



The farms grew crops of oats, barley and potatoes, and had a dairy herd of shorthorn cattle.

Harry bred Leghorn and Ancona hens, both from Italy, and Wyandottes from the USA.

Sadly, the farm had to be sold in 1945 when Harry, Jonas, and Jonas's wife all died in an outbreak of influenza. However, Hainsworth House and 20 acres of land was later repurchased by Harry's son, Eric, in 1955. Eric and his wife Doreen Lister continued to farm at Hainsworth House until the 1980s, and had three children.