

William Benjamin Whitham – a Farnhill diary

Introduction

William Benjamin Whitham, born 18/9/1877, was the eldest of four children, three sons and a daughter, born to Joseph and Elizabeth Whitham of Haworth. Joseph Spencer Whitham was a boot and shoe-maker, originally from Addingham; his wife Elizabeth (nee Smith), was born at Kildwick Grange.

In 1905 – following the deaths of their sister in 1887, their father in 1893 and their mother in 1904 – William and his two brothers, Harold Wilson Whitham (born 1883) and John Spencer Whitham (born 1885), moved to Farnhill where William became involved with Kildwick Church. in particular the Sunday School.

William's earliest surviving diary begins in 1903 and he continued to keep one until just before his death in 1937. The diary details the lives of his family, friends and neighbours; as well as making passing reference to national and international events.

A transcript of the diary from April 1905 to 1936, the period when William lived in Farnhill, appears on the following pages. It has been annotated: **coloured text** has been used to indicate the names of individuals; *[italics in square brackets]* used to provide additional information and context.

1905

- 1st April 1905 Confirmation by [Bishop of Ripon](#), 70 Candidates. [Harold](#) (brother) goes to Kildwick and gets work. [John](#) (brother) 1£ home.
- 2nd Bridgehouse Anniversary, New Organ 1st time.
- 5th [George Merrall](#) died at 2.15pm.
- 8th [George Merrall](#) buried. I and [John](#) (brother) go to Kildwick to see a house. [Herbert Walton](#) of Glasgow on Bridgehouse Organ.
[9 Bucklar Hill, Farnhill. William and his brother Harold lived there the rest of their lives; they died in 1937 and 1956, respectively. A third brother, John Spencer Whitham, one of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers, lived there until his marriage, in 1920.]
- 9th Memorial Service at Church [Bishop of Richmond](#).
- 20th [Harold](#) done at Providence.
[Providence Mill, Oakworth]
- 21st Break down at Mill holiday 3 days.
- 22nd Parcel for [Sarah Graves](#), by GNR (Great North Railway) 1/3.
- 23rd Easter Day church 7am. Stanbury 10.30am.
- 24th We go to Bradford. Tea [R W Lewis](#), Gt. Horton, walk home from Thornton.
- 25th Mill standing the week out
- 27th [Harold](#) (brother) cleaning house at Kildwick etc. (9 Bucklar Hill)
- 29th School Choir Tea Concert.
- 30th Stanbury Anniversary wet day, [Mr Wheeler](#) preaches £11/10/-
- 6th May 1905 1st Load of Furniture to Kildwick
- 7th Tea [Mrs Redman's](#). [Sarah Ann Heaton](#) and [Ciss Thackley](#) go to church evening.
- 8th We remove all today to 9, Bucklar Hill Farnhill. 1st journey from work.
- 12th [Gilbert Bancroft](#) go to USA.
- 13th New Dresser and Bookcase £5. J E Farrow demands rent, by registered letter to Farnhill.
- 14th Kildwick Church Morn. Sutton Church Even.
- 17th [John](#) (brother) joins Sutton Gym.
[John would later become a gym instructor at Sutton and win a number of medaliions at shows around the county]
- 20th Flowers of [A Dawson](#) to take to Addingham.
- 21st Walk to Addingham by Silsden Moor and return to Moor and have tea.
- 24th Start to work over and lodge at Station Road.
- 27th [Johanna Heaton](#) here all day, [Willie Pickles](#) here stays over night. Call at Spencer & Clarkson's advised to see [J E Farrow](#).
[Spencer Clarkson, Solicitors; 40 North Street, Keighley]

- 28th May 1905 [Charles King](#) here today. Men's meeting in afternoon 250 present also Keighley Brass Band.
Good sermon [Rev. G. Saville](#) "Am I My Brother's Keeper", 1st time Sunday school [Harold](#) (brother) in choir 1st time.
- 3rd June 1905 Go to Flaxton to see [J E Farrow](#), Aunt says young man just called. Home 11pm.
Haworth Gala.
- 4th [Duke Hills](#) to dinner and tea.
- 9th [Joseph Heaton](#) 60, [Eliz Heaton](#) 59, [Johanna Heaton](#) 26 this month.
- 11th Whitsun Day
- 12th I go to Haworth for the walk, give [Mrs Jos Sunderland](#), [Fred Jackson's](#) 'Just Beyond' as a wedding Present. [John & Harold](#) (brothers) go to Lincoln. 2 day's holiday at Mill.
- 14th [Harold](#) (brother) starts at Bairstows.
[T&M Bairstow's Mill, Sutton]



- 15th Nice walk on "Go it Edge". [S A Heaton](#) & [Ciss Thackley](#).
- 17th Meet [J E Farrow](#) at Keighley Station won't come to time. Keighley Gala wet day.
- 21st [Norah Merrell](#) married [D Crawford](#).
- 23rd Finish overtime.
- 25th [Bill Spencer's](#) to tea
- 28th Instructs Spencer & Clarkson to convey the deeds for 13.10.0

- 1st July 1905 Bridge House School Ramble to Kildwick House. [Johanna Heaton](#) & [Ciss Thackley](#) here to tea.
- 2nd Take [Mabel Smith](#) to Church.
- 5th New Book case off [J. Green](#).
- 7th Harold 1st Wage weaving.
- 8th Cowling Festival.
- 14th 1 year since mother died.
- 15th [Mrs Redman](#), [Kate](#) & [Winnie](#) come in afternoon. Nice day, have a nice walk round Farnhill.
- 16th Go to Silsden Moor after dinner.
- 18th Preparation class in Church.
- 23rd All go to Haworth. Rush Bearing Sunday, go to Church afternoon, tea at [Willie Pickles](#) Collection 94£.
[Rushbearing Sunday was a Haworth tradition in which rushes were harvested and a thick layer laid on the floor of the Church, to form a carpet. The ceremony died out in the mid-20th century but has recently been revived.]
- 24th Met [Miss J Walker](#) at [Uncle Charles](#) (Smith, Mother's Brother).
- 25th Letter from [J E Farrow](#) asking for the key.
- 26th Spencer & Clarkson's on telephone, advised to send key.
- 27th Present to [J Holmes](#) as wedding present "Pocket Book" value 3/3
- 28th Holiday for Parish Festival till Thursday, new boiler put in.
- 29th I and [John](#) (brother) go to Nantwich. Tickets week and from Leeds to Crew 7/-. [Mrs Roberts](#) met us look around Nantwich and Free Library in the evening.
- 30th Nantwich Church Morn. Nice place. Charities here give 90 loaves to poor people each Sunday Morning. Drive to Crew Park in the Evening, splendid place.
- 31st Visit [Mr Kitts](#). Then onto Acton Church 700 years old.
- 1st August 1905 Return home after a nice holiday Nantwich 7 to 1. Home 6.25pm. [J T Holmes](#) to [Susy Harker](#).
- 5th [P Featherstone](#) stays overnight. [Harold](#) (brother) goes to Bulwell, returns on Tuesday.
- 12th [Johanna](#) and [Phoebe Graves](#) here all day. [Maurice Wagstaff](#) dies, we all go to see him to mourn.
- 19th Teachers Trip to Ripon, service in Cathedral. Visit the Bishop Palace in the evening. Good lot goes. [Bishop of Ripon](#) preaches, splendid outing got home at 10pm.
- 26th ½ day to Morecombe with Overlookers. Good dinner at the King's Arms 2/6 We get 1/9 for pocket money. Visit The Alhambra in the evening arrive home 12pm. Skipton and Glusburn Shows, rather showery day.

- 1st Sept 1905 [Annie Smith](#) 6.
[In 1920 Annie Smith would marry Leo Spencer, one of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers.]
- 2nd [Herbert Wood](#) comes to stay overnight.
- 3rd Go to Sutton Church in the morning.
- 7th [John Farrow](#) calls in the evening. [Jonny](#) and Father walked from Flaxton.
- 9th [Uncle Charles](#) 56 today ([Charles Smith](#)). We all go to a picnic supper.
- 15th Sign the deed and conveying the house to [J E Farrow](#) for 13 10 0. [Charles Smith](#) witness. Return to Spencer Clarkson's by post.
- 16th [Mrs & Miss McHale](#) here in the afternoon. [W Pickles](#) comes to tea.
- 17th Silsden Moor Harvest we all go to tea.
- 20th [Mrs Redman](#) leaves Haworth to Morecombe.
- 30th Harvest at Church, [Canon Nash](#) evening. Kildwick Band 1st and shield at London.
[This is a reference to the victory of Kildwick and District Brass Band in the 1905 Crystal Palace competition.]
- 1st October 1905 Harvest at Church, [J W Whitham](#) comes over.
- 7th Bronte Day at Haworth, [vicar of Leeds](#) preaches. Church & School crowded. [Pro. Relingcourt](#) lectures on the Brontë's.
- 8th Tea at [Geo. Laycocks](#). X Hills (Cross Hills) Chapel evening, [Silvester Whitehead](#).
- 14th Social at School arranged by Teachers. 1.19.9 Receipts.
- 20th Increase of wage to 28/-
- 21st [Johanna Heaton](#) here we all go to Silsden and have tea with [Samson South](#).
- 22nd Tea at [Matt Green's](#). Ebenezer Chapel evening. [Sister Ethel](#) Preaches.
- 25th [Annie Smith](#) dress 1/10.
- 27th [Norman Newsholme](#) starts new engine named Richard.
[Norman Newsholme was the engineer at Spring Row Mill, Haworth.]
- 29th Visit Stone Gappe with [J W](#) & [Misses Dawson](#).
[John William Dawson and his sisters. The Dawson family lived at 73 Main Street, High Farnhill. John William would later become one of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers.]
- 31st Borrow slides of [Mr Storey](#) "Pilgrim Progress".
- 4th Nov 1905 [C Brown](#) down to tea.
- 9th [Sarah Ann Heaton](#) 23 today.
- 11th Give Pilgrim Progress at Kildwick School we charge 1d made 5/10
- 12th I and [Uncle Charles \(Smith\)](#) go onto Silsden Moor
- 13th Receive Red ? From [Cousin Phoebe \(Whitham\)](#) at Harrogate.
- 18th I and [Joe H Petty](#) go to [J T Holmes](#) to dinner. Examined by [Dr. Hargreaves](#) for assurance purposes, sound health.
- 19th Quarterly Festival in Church. I collect of Scholars.

- 25th Nov 1905 Social & Presentation to [Miss Slingsby](#). I give one of Hartley's Yorkshire Readings. *[Probably one of the Yorkshire Tales by the poet and author John Hartley (1839-1915)]*
- [Duke Hill](#) over to tea.
- 28th [Rebecca Feather](#) buried at Haworth Church.
- 2nd Dec 1905 Social Men's & Women's C of E Society made about 6£. Pay Doctors at Haworth 3/10/0.
- 7th Write congratulations to [Ciss Thackley](#).
- 9th [Ciss Thackley](#) married at Haworth Church, [Sarah Ann Heaton](#) one of the bridesmaids, give Pilgrim Progress at Sutton Church for the Little Sister's Guild, [Mrs Horner](#) Sec. Tea at [Mrs Cloughs](#), meet [Mr Fox](#) who is in charge of Sutton while new vicar comes.
- 10th Walk to Bradley
- 16th Walk to Stanbury with [Sarah Ann Heaton](#). Tea at Haworth School, Teachers Annual Tea & Social.
- 20th Farnhill Mill burnt down early in the morning. 7000£ damage.



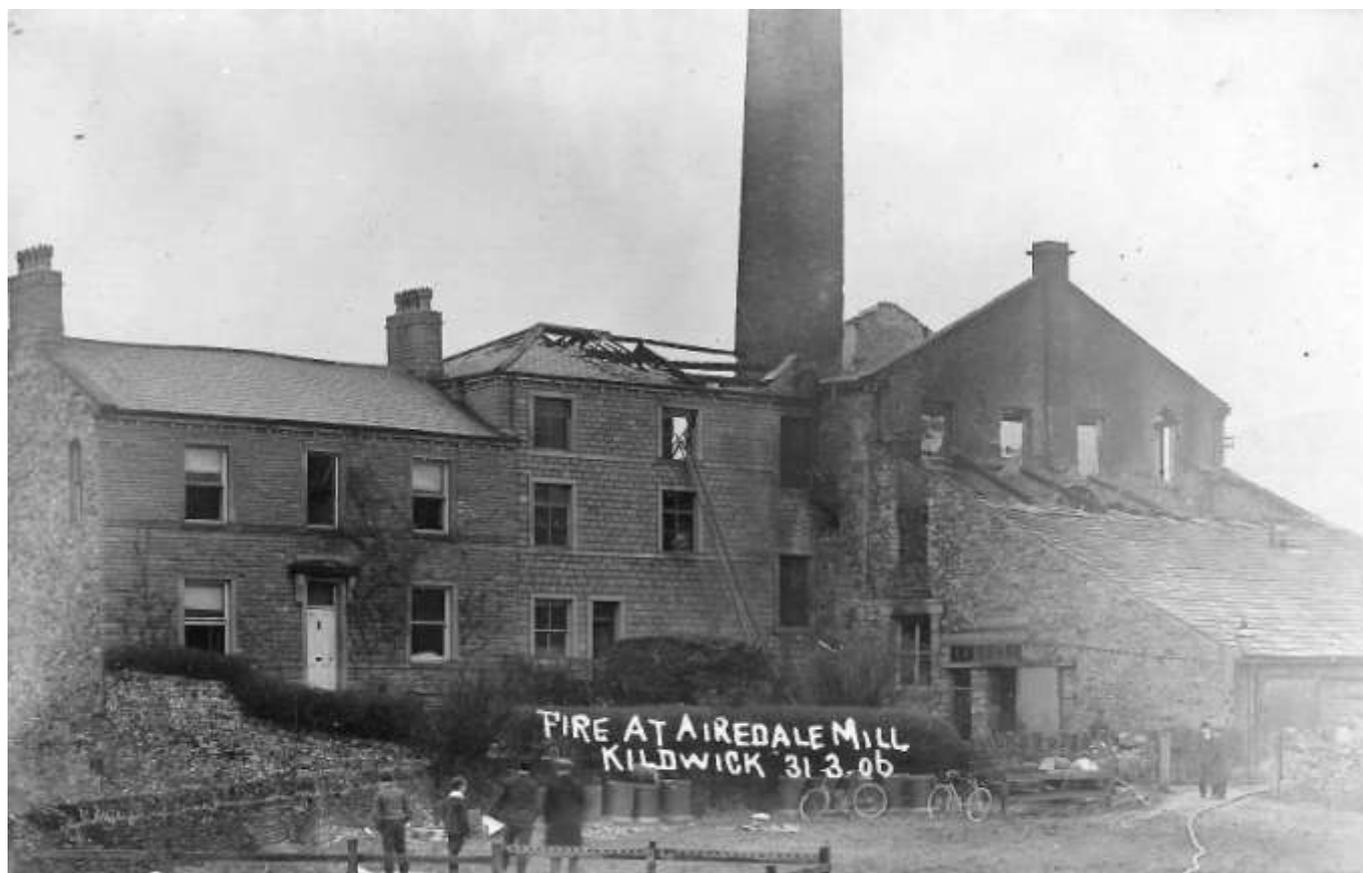
- 21st Present of Goose from Firm.
- 23rd 24 packets of Xmas Cards sent off 2/6 to [S Graves](#). [W. Pickles](#) here to tea also on the Sunday & Monday.
- 24th [John](#) (brother) and I go onto Silsden Moor. Supper at [Tillotsons](#). *[This may have been the family of the late John Hartley Tillotson. The Tillotsons moved from Haworth to Kildwick and lived on Church Terrace.]*

- 25th Dec 1905 [Winnie Northrop](#) calls [Uncle C \(Charles\)](#) and [Ben](#) down to dinner we have the goose.
[Charles Smith, the Whitham brothers' uncle and Benjamin Thornton Smith, their nephew. The Smith family lived at the top of Starkey Lane. Benjamin Thornton Smith would later become one of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers.]
- 26th [John](#) (brother) plays in a Football Match, Men's Society and Choir Boy, [John](#) lost.
We all go to Addingham, tea at [Mrs Medcalf](#), supper at [Spencer Hills](#) and another at [Uncle C \(Charles\)](#).
- 30th Tea and Concert at School, I get up the Dialogue "Wanted a Servant" [Hannah Mary Davis](#), [Merena Davis](#), [Lena](#) and [Nellie Dawson](#), [Mabel Topham](#), [Martha A Pollard](#), [Jesse Thompson](#), [Edith Ormond](#).
[Nellie and Lina were the youngest of John William Dawson's sisters. Martha Ann Pollard was one of the sisters of the Pollard brothers who lived in The Arbour.]
- 31st [Sarah Heaton](#) & [Annie Smith](#), [M H Brown](#), [Edith Foster](#) here to tea, nice day dry bitter cold.

1906

- 1st Jan 1906 New Pass for 3 months Kildwick to Keighley 1£ 2s 6d.
[Equates to about £125 at 2017 prices.]
- 6th [Herbert Wood](#) over to go to a conservative meeting in school to hear [Capt. Roundell](#) of Skipton who was opposed by [Mr Wm. Clough](#).
[In the 1906 General Election, William Clough (Liberal) defeated Richard Foulis Roundell (Conservative) to become the MP for Skipton. (Clough 5834 votes; Roundell 5601 votes; turnout 90%.)]
- 7th Sutton Church evening service [Mrs Dennisons](#) to supper.
- 9th [Joe H Petty](#) removes to Haworth.
- 11th Night School to work Lantern.
- 12th Men's Meeting, CEMS (Church of England Men's Society). [Tom Appleby](#) gives a paper on Wit Humour.
[Tom Appleby was the headmaster of Kildwick School.]
- 13th Pie Supper at [Uncle Charles \(Smith\)](#). [Bob Smith \(Cousin Robert William Smith\)](#) up with Gramophone.
- 14th [Miss Annie Dawson](#) came to tea.
[Another of the Dawson sisters from 73 Main Street.]
- 20th [Mrs Jane Hebblethwaite](#) over to tea, very wet day did not get anywhere only a look in the Church.
- 21st [Johanna Heaton](#) here in the evening.
- 22nd I and [John](#) (brother) have supper at [Mrs Law's](#).
- 23rd [John](#) (brother) and I have supper at [Mrs Watsons](#).
- 27th [Harold](#) (brother) goes to Leeds to see Yorkshire College. [Edith Dawson](#) came to tea.
[Another of the Dawson sisters from 73 Main Street.]
- 3rd Feb 1906 CEMS (Church of England Men's Society) and W H S (Women's Help Society) have a joint Social, I give a reading. Dinner at [Joe H Petty's](#).
- 4th [Harold & John](#) (brothers) go to Haworth at noon.
- 7th [Lord Masham](#) 91 buried at Addingham.
- 10th Gymnastic Contest Sutton verses Keighley PC. Sutton lost and [John](#) (brother) on Sutton team.
- 11th [Harold, John](#) (brothers) [Ben \(Smith\)](#) go to Silsden Moor.
- 15th [Alice Sanctuary](#) ? 25, buried at Haworth Cemetery.
- 16th Men's Meeting CEMS [Alfred Clough](#) lectures on Nature.
- 17th [Misses E J & S A King's](#) over to tea.
- 18th Walk on to Glusburn Moor. Black Suit 26/6.
- 24th Teachers Social and [P Pearce](#) exhibition. [W Watson, J W Ratcliffe](#) over to tea. [W W](#) Sings at the Social.
- 25th [M H Brown](#) down to tea I give Pilgrim Progress at the Primitive Chapel at 8pm.
[Farnhill Primitive Methodist Church opened in 1897; it closed in 2015.]

- 26th Feb 1906 Dream of Mother coming home after a long journey warm welcome to her.
- 3rd March. 1906 Call at Spencer & Clarkson's for Bill. , don't bother about it yet.
- 10th Lecture by [Mr Johnson](#) for the CEMS. [Bob Green](#) 72.
- 17th Take slides to [Mr Storey](#) and a present for [Margaret](#).
- 18th Men's Service. [H Wood](#), [M Greenwood](#) over to tea.
- 24th [John](#) (brother) go to Silsden Moor. [Charles \(Smith\)](#) down to tea.
- 27th Confirmation by [B of Knaresborough](#) about 50. [Mabel Whiteoak](#), [Annie Cressey](#), I get postcards to recall the day.
- 31st Go to Keighley to Sunday school meeting. Airedale Mill burned down during the night.
[The loss of a second mill in Farnhill, coming so soon after the loss of the mill on Redman bridge (in December 1905), had a severe impact employment in the village.]



- 1st April 1906 We all go to Haworth Bridge House Anniversary.
- 7th [W Brown](#) down to tea.
- 8th [E Longbottom](#) come to dinner.
- 10th [John](#) (brother) new watch from Samuel Manchester. Acme Lever 25/-.
- 12th Stay at Haworth all night no trains Good Fri.
- 14th I go to Grewelthorpe till Tuesday, [Fred Pickles](#) was at the Station, had tea, they home 8.30. [Annie](#) at a concert.
- 15th Easter Sunday, Communion at Grewelthorpe Church, walk to Kirby and Hutts.

- 16th April 1906 Walk to Studley Royal then [Misses Gertrude](#) and [Ethel Leathley, Annie, Fred & I](#). A very long walk splendid day Photo taken in 3 places tied in the evening.
- 17th I return call at Harrogate to see [Cousin Phoebe](#). Have tea their home 7pm. Then go to a concert at the school.
- 22nd Receive box of wedding cake from [Miss Slingsby](#) of Farnhill Hall.
- 29th [Uncle Charles \(Smith\)](#) & I go to Silsden Moor in a snow storm very bad.
- 5th May 1906 Go to Keighley to see Exhibition of Pictures.
- 6th Cross Hills Chapel in the evening with [Cousin Marian, Annie Cressy, Annie & Edith Sturdy](#).
- 12th Jumble sale at school.
- 13th [Ben Smith, John](#) (brother) walked to Skipton return by train.
- 26th Voting for free Library at Haworth lost.
- 27th Tea at [Mrs Fosters](#).
- 3rd June 1906 Hear Black Dyke at X Hills at 3pm.
- 4th School walk to Farnhill Hall, splendid day.
[This was the Kildwick Church Sunday School's traditional Whit Monday walk. It concluded with tea and games at Farnhill Hall.]
- 5th A party of us went to Scarborough. [WBW](#) (William Benjamin Whitham), [HWW](#) (Harold Wilson Whitham) [JSW](#) (John Spencer Whitham), [Willie & Martha Brown, Edith & Annie Sturdy, Cousin Marian, and Annie Cressy](#). I got engaged earnings from Shipley NCR, we had a splendid day. [W Brown](#) pays 6/- to dinner. We got home 11pm.
- 9th Haworth Gala Day we all go, [Ben Smith, Bob Smith](#) 1st prize with his horse. [Mrs Roberts](#) comes to H.
- 11th A lady parachutist killed at Haworth.
[An accident at the Haworth Gala. The following is an extract from the Keighley News:
- ... On Saturday 9 June 1906, music was provided by the Haworth and Kildwick Brass Bands, plus the Keighley Wiffum Waffum Wuffum and Haworth Bingem Bangem Comic Bands. Highlight was to be the balloon ascent and parachute descent by Miss Lily Cove. This spectacle was postponed for two days because of unsuitable weather. But disaster struck. When Miss Cove jumped from the balloon, she somehow became detached from her parachute. She plummeted to the ground near Ponden Reservoir.]*
- 12th [Aunt Elizabeth](#) and [Mrs Roberts](#) over.
- 14th Cleaning down done by [Edna Roe](#).
[The Roe family lived at 5 Bucklar Hill. Edna Roe appears to have been the Whitham brothers' cleaner.]
- 17th [Harold](#) (brother) go to [Duke Hills](#) to tea.

- 5th July 1906 [Mrs John Greenwood](#) of Lane House interred.
- 14th 2 years since mother died. [Albert Booth](#) dead. Harold (brother) go to Southport with choir.
- 16th [Edith Dawson](#) married to [Frank Binns](#). I send a letter to wish them Help & Happiness
Receive cake from them.
- 17th [John & Alfred Farrow](#) here in the evening.
- 18th [Albert Booth](#) interred at Haworth Cemetery.
- 21st C E M S Ramble to the Standard on Skipton Moor. 11 of us went, we had a grand day. Tea in Skipton had a look round the Castle.
- 22nd We all go to Haworth Rush Bearing Sunday.
- 28th Holiday for Parish. 1st Breakfast a [J H Pickles](#) with [Fred](#).
- 30th I [John](#) (brother) [Ben Smith](#) [Sam Davis](#) go to Scarborough for the day. See the Channel Flat met [Iveson Hebden](#) there, splendid day, home 1.15am Tuesday.
- 31st I and [Uncle Charles \(Smith\)](#) go to Morecombe, I have tea with [Mrs Redmans](#).
- 4th Aug 1906 [W Watson, J W Greenwood](#) calls in the evening.
- 5th I go to Silsden Moor and have tea.
- 6th [Harold](#) (brother) go to Nottingham for 2 days.
- 11th We go to Silsden Moor in the evening.
- 15th [Harriett Merrett](#) dead.
- 18th Teachers drive to Grassington come back by Burnsall. Walk through Bolton Woods. Then through Addingham Station, home 11pm. Splendid Day 11 of us, a day to be remembered. [Norris Jackson](#) here stays till Sunday Night.
- 26th Overlookers ½ day to Morecambe, good day and fine, I leave 8.30 2/3 fare 1/- drive to Heysham 2/- dinner, 2/- for pocket. Glusburn and Skipton Shows same day.
- 1st Sept 1906 We go to Addingham by train and walk home by Silsden.
- 2nd [Fred Archer](#) here all day came with [John Eamon](#) who was organist in Church for [Mr Medley](#).
- 8th Garden Party at Lingsted. Splendid day lot of people 43£ profits.
- 9th [Fred Archer](#) here again, I stand Godfather for [Mary Harris](#), [Elizabeth Smith](#), [Marion Smith](#), Godmother and [Mrs Tomlinson](#) of Skipton. I go up to [Robert Smith's](#) for tea.
- 22nd [James Riley](#) of Haworth calls.
- 23rd I and [John](#) (brother) go to Silsden Moor, Harvest at Chapel Harvest at Kildwick Church.
- 29th Teachers Social. I get up some Tables to show "Uncle Tom's Cabin", make 18/- all passed off well 5.13.0 profits.
- 2nd Oct 1906 [Annie Ollett](#) marries [William Charles Jones](#) of Leominster.
- 4th Receive card and cake.
- 8th Made VP (Vice President) of CEMS (Church of England Men's Society)
- 13th I go to Haworth Temperance Concert, a poor affair.
- 20th I [John](#) (brother) [B Smith](#) go to Leeds to Hobbies Ltd to get some scissors for [Ben](#).

- 21st Oct 1906 1£ PO from [Mrs Holmes](#) to give to Restoration Fund.
[This may be the fund to pay for the substantial rebuilding of Kildwick Church, completed in 1903.]
- 27th I & [John](#) (brother) go to Glusburn Institute, [H \(Harold\)](#) gets a prize.
- 3rd Nov 1906 I and [John](#) go to Keighley to hear [Bishop of Knaresborough](#) at Sunday School Meeting.
- 4th [Rev. F A Jackson](#) go to Redditch.
- 5th Social in Parish Room I give a reading.
- 10th [Miss Wade](#) Social.
- 11th I and [John](#) (brother) go to Silsden Moor.
- 16th [J H Petty](#) to Providence, [F Hudson](#) to Mytholmes. I to JW 2 Rooms.
- 17th [J Holmes](#) to dinner.
- 18th [Harold](#) and [John](#) (brothers) go to Haworth.
- 24th I and [John](#) (brother) go to Bradford to Gym Exhibition in Central Baths. [John](#) on Sutton Team.
- 25th Present to [M H Brown](#) of a Walking Stick.
- 1st Dec 1906 C E M S. and W H S, Social. ? Sanctuary come to sing, [Johanna Heaton](#) here.
- 7th CEMS Meeting, 5 Men's with Favourite Poets.
- 8th I and [Harold](#) (brother) go to Sutton Church Tea & Concert.
- 15th Go to Haworth to see Art Gallery in Old School, Grand Affair.
- 22nd Goose from Mill.
- 24th [Mrs Sturdy](#) to party a champion night out.
- 25th Goose dinner [Uncle C \(Charles Smith\)](#) and [Ben](#) down.
- 28th Average wage Harold ½ year 15/6.
- 29th Tea and prize day I get up a dialogue, good concert.
- 30th Supper at [E A Whiteoak's](#).
 Payments for year. [Sarah H Smith](#), [Mrs Heaton](#), [Edna Roe](#) 2.0.0, [S. Whiteoak](#) 8.9
[Sarah Hannah Smith was the half-sister of Benjamin Thornton Smith, and one of William's cousins.]

1907

- 4th Jan 1907 Social in Parish Room for CEMS (Church of England Men's Society) Sutton Branch over for Coffee and Bun Supper. I give a reading.
- 5th Misses S E Hill, Miss Watson over to supper. Cousin Mrs Holmes sends 1£ for her year gift.
- 6th Misses S H & Annie Smith, M H Brown, Annie Dawson all here to tea.
- 7th John Jumps at Bradford Competition in Rope Climbing for Bradford District.
- 12th Harold now account at Keighley Co. 24/6
- 13th Uncle Charles and I go to Bill Spencer's to tea.
- 19th Appointed Capt. In School
- 20th I go to Silsden Moor
- 26th Social in Parish Room. W H S provide supper.
- 2nd Feb 1907 Children's Social 140 present. I give a reading Buns & Tea supper. 13/7 profits.
- 9th Teachers Social I have a Post Office made 7/6 4£ total profits.
- 10th I and Uncle Charles go to Silsden Moor to have tea. Miss Wade reads poems.
- 11th Give paper on Wool for CEMS. Geo Roper married to Ada Pickles.
- 12th Dancing Class have Social in School.
- 16th Kildwick Band Social in Primitive School. I gave 2 readings.
[The Sunday School room, in the basement of the Methodist Chapel on Farnhill Main Street]
- 28th Go to Addingham then on to Silsden Moor stay overnight.
- 2nd March 1907 Iveson Hebden over. We go on to Silsden at night.
- 17th John and I go up to see Charles Brown.
- 28th I stay at Aunt E owing to Good Friday no train in morning. Herbert Wood over in afternoon. Winnie Northrop married J Stephenson at Holy Trinity Bingley.
- 1st April 1907 Easter Monday we all go to Skipton, Ilkley, Addingham, Silsden Moor.
- 2nd Concert in School. W Watson sings 2 songs paid 5/-.
- 6th John examined with Dr Hargreaves. Who says his sound.
- 13th Marian Smith 32 or 33.
- 17th Receive Albert Booths photo.
- 20th We go to Bradford to be photographed. Then up to Clayton to see Mrs Redman.
- 21st I take Mr & Mrs Stephenson framed photo of Kildwick Church.
- 27th Jumble Sale for Day School. Harold goes to a Dinner at Sutton Inst.
- 28th John and I go to Stanbury Anniversary. Tea Jim Stubbins.

1st May 1907 [Edith Sturdy](#) 28

4th I go to Sunday School Meeting at Keighley Holy Trinity School.

5th [Harold](#) and I go to X hills Chapel to hear [Joe H Petty](#) then to Sutton Church to hear Vicar of Ingrow on Wagers, Wine, Women.

11th I and [E Longbottom](#) buy prizes for Whitson Gala. Keighley Chronicle Man leaves us 10/- for having the paper in the house.

19th Primitive Chapel in morning Anniversary.

20th [H & J](#) go to Lincoln for day. School treat, we go up to Farnhill Hall, rain come on. We had tea then spent the night at School. Skipton Mission Band played.

21st I go on to Silsden Moor very cold day.

25th [Ernest Roddice](#) calls then goes onto Lancaster by road. [C Brown](#) down to tea.

26th Men's Service. Rector of Keighley ,subject "What Man can do for The Church."

1st June 1907 I and [E Longbottom](#) go on to Silsden School. Sunday School Teachers Association.

3rd Send [Cousin Marian](#) 9d for tea at Skipton. [Mrs Jos Andrew's](#) dies at Mytholmes Haworth.

8th Teachers Conference at Skipton.

16th School Anniversary [Mr Light](#) Morn. [Mr Gunyon](#) night.

22nd Overlookers trip to Harrogate by Cowling Motor Bus, splendid day. See [Mrs Holmes](#). Rather showery night.

23rd Flower Service at Church 2-15pm

2nd July 1907 [John](#) 2nd at Shipley with Sutton Team.

14th 3 years since mother died.

17th [J H Petty](#) starts at Keighley.

20th [Harold](#) on choir trip up to Bridlington. [John](#) competes at Bradford Rope Climbing.

28th We all go to Haworth Dinner & Tea at Aunts.

29th [John](#) & I go to London, return on Tuesday night splendid outing. Stay at Elstree for night with [W Best](#).

3rd Aug 1907 [Sarah Graves](#) here for afternoon with her 3 children.

4th Go back to teaching at Sunday School.

10th [Harold](#). [Aunt S](#) and Family go to Morecombe for 4 days. [John](#) & I go to Addingham with [Sarah & Phoebe Graves](#).

17th [Mrs Sturdy](#) & Family has a week at Cleethorpes.

18th [W Pickles](#) here to tea.

19th [John Roper](#) Haworth dies after an accident

24th Teachers Trip to Morecombe for 1 day. I go ½ day and meet them at tea. Stay till 10-15 come home with [Misses Foster](#) and [Brown](#), we end spend evening at Winter Gardens.

25th [Aunt Elizabeth \(nee Whitham\)](#) & [Uncle Joseph \[Heaton\]](#) here for the day.

31st Glusburn show & Sports came on very wet at night. [W Brown](#) down for Gala.

1st Sept.1907 Men's Service Mr Seeley. Black Dyke Band at X Hills. [J W Whitham](#) comes on to tea.
7th Skipton Show splendid day. I [John](#), [E Longbottom](#) go up, come home with [Misses Brown & Brear](#).

14th C E M S Ramble to Haworth only 4 turn up.
21st [W Brown, John](#) and I ½ day at Morecombe.
24th [Lena Sturdy](#) 12 today. Junction Sheep Fair. Buy Autograph Album.
29th Silsden Moor Harvest. We all go up at night.

5th Oct 1907 Attend Spinning lecture at Keighley.
6th Men's Service at Sutton Church [Mr Berry](#) of Silsden. We all have tea at [Mrs Dennisons](#).
7th [Mabel Whiteoak](#) 16
12th I go to Clayton to see [Mrs Redman](#) & Family.

2nd Nov 1907 Teacher's Social [Johanna Heaton](#) here afternoon.
3rd I and [Uncle Charles](#) go to Silsden Moor.
9th CEMS Mass Meeting at Keighley Primary School and [John](#) and I go.
10th [W Pickles](#) over to tea
16th Children's Social and Competition for Whitsuntide Prizes, passed off well.
17th We all go to Haworth to 1st CEMS Meeting.
23rd Primitive School at Homes.
21st [Ben Smith](#) 17
[Ben Thornton Smith, born 21/11/1890]
28th [Mrs Law](#) dies very suddenly.
30th Attend funeral at Church.

1st Dec 1907 CEMS Service [Bishop of Knaresborough](#) on the service of prayer Preaches at night.
6th Attend funeral of [Mary Holmes](#) at Kildwick Church.
[Mary Holmes, of 3 Bucklar Hill; born 5/9/1882]
8th Bible Class commence in Parish Room.
13th [Sarah H Smith](#) 35
14th Have supper at [Uncle Charles](#), [W Brown](#) down.
15th We all go to [Mrs Stephenson's](#) at Bingley
21st [Mrs Banon](#), [Spencer](#) and [Martha Sunderland](#) here to tea cold day.
22nd [Misses Brown & Wade](#) at night.
24th We all go up Silsden Moor. Xmas eve and have supper. [Uncle Charles](#) & [Ben](#) go as well. We leave there 12pm. Grand night but cold. See [Fred Pickles](#) tonight.
25th [Uncle Charles](#) & [Ben](#) come down to dinner we have a goose and a Plum Pudding after dinner [W Pickles](#) come to tea. Then we go to Church at 5.30.
26th Fine day but cold. We have a walk on to Skipton, [Uncle Charles](#) & [Ben](#), and [C Slack](#).
[Charles Slack, second of the four Slack brothers; all of whom appear on the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers list. They lived with their mother at Heather Cottage on Grange Road.]

28th Dec 1907 Tea and Concert I get up some tables and about 300 to tea [Johanna Heaton](#) spends the day with us. [Martha Brown](#) down at night.

29th Bible Class. [Mr A Clough](#) on the Service of the Creation.

31st New years Eve Dance. I and [Ted Sugden](#) got it up made 52/- profits.
Payments for year 1907, [Miss S H Smith](#), [Mrs Heaton](#), [Mrs Snowden](#), [Harold's](#)
Average Wage.

1908

- 4th Jan 1908 We all have tea at [Mrs Graves](#).
13th [C Brown](#) down to supper
25th C E M S Social in Parish Room. [John](#) tries for Yorkshire Championship in Rope Climbing at Halifax. Gains 3rd place.
- 1st Feb 1908 W H S Social in P Room.
2nd [Uncle Charles](#) and I go to [Bill Spencer's](#) to tea.
3rd Pantomime at Bradford with [Ben](#) & [Sarah H Smith](#) & [M H Brown](#).
15th I & [Ted Sugden](#) get up a dance. Made 28/- [John](#) on Silsden Moor.
20th [Uncle Charles](#) bad with influenza.
22nd Children's Social and Postcard Competition.
29th Teachers Dance pass off very well.
- 2nd March 1908 Spring Head commence short term.
7th I go to Silsden Moor stay overnight. Lost a parcel in train. White, Jacket 2 ½ lb sausage.
12th [Fanny Lambert](#) interred at Haworth.
14th [John](#) gets a medal being in the final match.
15th I hear [Violet Baldwin](#) on **New Organ at Primitive Chapel**.



Farnhill Primitive
Methodist Church

Opening of New Organ

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th, 1908,
and following Sundays,
March 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

Collection at each Service.
Silver Collection at each Recital.
Proceeds for Organ Fund.

There will be a
Largely Augmented Choir

25th March 1908 Attend the funeral of [W Roddie](#) at Oakworth Church. Very wet Day.

- 4th April 1908 [W Pickles](#) at night.
- 11th [Sarah Ann Heaton](#) over to tea. Then to Glusburn to see match with Glusburn and Cross Roads ladies.
- 13th [Harold & John](#) examined for Club. Pronounced fit.
[Probably medical insurance.]
- 14th [Marian Smith](#) birthday send her a blouse length. [Norman Newsholme](#) married to [Miss Pagett](#) of Keighley.
- 15th [Wilkinson Whitham](#) dies at Oxenhope 78.
- 17th Good Friday we clean down up stairs.
- 18th I take [Lena Sturdy](#) to Keighley Museum.
[Cliffe Castle Museum]
- 19th We all go to Haworth.
- 20th I go to Lincoln for the day. [Harold, John](#) (brothers) & [Ben Smith](#) go to Ilkley & Silsden Moor.
- 30th [Miss Julia Walker](#) finishes at School Scholars presented her with a Silver backed Brush & Comb.
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- 1st May 1908 [Miss E Sturdy](#) 29
- 4th Mytholmes Mill on short time
[Mytholmes Mill, Keighley/Haworth]
- 7th Tea at [Jim Holmes](#).
- 9th [Aunt Eliz](#) and [Johanna \(Heaton\)](#) here for the day.
- 19th [Miss Walker](#) goes to Minneapolis USA.
- 23rd I & [Nelson Baxter](#) go to Menston Asylum to see [Dick Watson](#) then buy prizes at Haworth's St. Shipley. [Herbert Wood](#) over to tea.
- 30th CEMS trip to Bolton Abbey. Service in ruins. Rev E W Brereton preaches. 30 present storm at night. I come back via Addingham.
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- 4th June 1908 [Tom Buck](#) buried at Kildwick. I give 6.
- 5th Jumble sale for CEMS 3-16-0 profits.
- 6th Silsden Gala.
- 8th Skipton in morning, School Treat afternoon fine day but cold.
- 9th Silsden Moor to hear [Sister Gertrude](#). [Harold, John & Ben](#) to Bolton Abbey. [Edith Hargreaves](#) married to [Mr Walker](#) of Skipton. Teachers make a present Silver Teapot 1/2 each.
- 17th [Aunt Eliz](#) 62
- 20th Keighley Gala. [Harold](#) and I go at night.
- 27th Teachers trip to Blackpool. Overlookers to London for day 18/6 splendid fine day. Frames Exhibition in full swing. Home on Sunday morn.

6th July 1908 House papered with [Dick Spencer](#) 5/-
11th [Percy Hartley](#) comes to tea.
[Percy Hartley was the older half-brother of Farnhill WW1 Volunteer James Arthur Hartley. The Hartley family were living on Skipton Road (New Road), Farnhill.]

14th 4 years since mother died.
16th [Aunt Eliz](#) has a seizure
18th Go to Haworth to see Aunt.
19th Haworth Charity 102£
21st Concert at Farnhill Hall.
25th Parish Festival & Sutton Gala. [Mrs Jackson](#) & [Norris](#) over for day very wet afternoon I have supper at Station Road.
26th [M Hutchinson](#) over for day.
27th We all go to Bridlington also [Ben Smith](#), [Percy Hartley](#), [H Jowett](#), fine day home 1.45am.
[H Jowett could be Harry Jowett (actually Harry Thompson but he used his step-father's name), subsequently one of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers.]

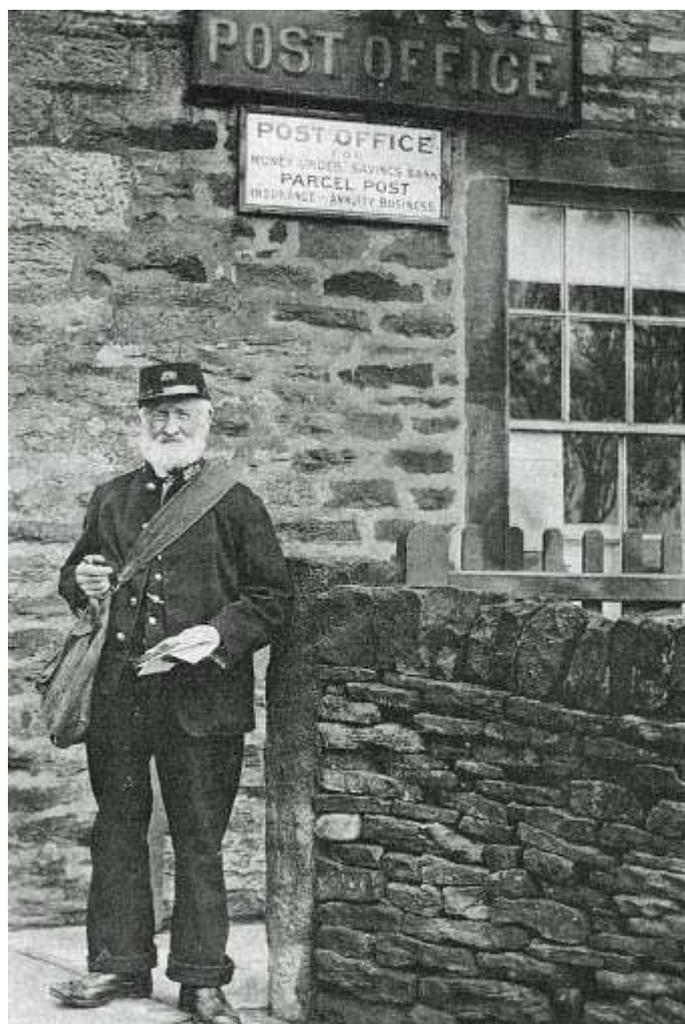
28th [John](#) & I go to Addingham then home by Silsden Moor.
29th [Harold](#) (brother) & I, [Annie Smith](#) go to Cowling.

1st Aug 1908 I take [Annie Smith](#) to Keighley. Tea at [Mrs Barrons](#).
2nd Silsden Moor Charity.
22nd Stanbury Church Walk and Gala. I go and take [Charlie Graves](#), nice day but cold.
23rd [John Moore](#) of Oxenhope comes to dinner.
28th Word from Flaxton to say [Aunt Sarah](#) has been dead 12 months.
29th Glusburn Show & Gala met [Marian Smith](#) & [Appelby](#) for first time since they started Courting.

3rd Sept 1908 [Jim Whitham](#) dies very suddenly on the road to Addingham.
5th Skipton Show, [M Brown](#) & [M Brear](#) comes to supper.
7th I [Johanna](#) & [Sarah Ann Heaton](#) go to Addingham to funeral of [Jim Whitham](#).
12th Silsden Carnival & Gala. Good affair.
19th I go to Clayton splendid day.
25th [Fred Barker's](#) daughter pays a visit to Haworth.
27th We all go [Mrs Dawson](#) to tea.
29th WHS (Women's Help Society) in Parish room.

3rd Oct 1908 Hear [F Miles](#) at Sutton Baptist Solo
4th [Uncle Charles](#) & I go to Silsden Moor
7th [M Whiteoak](#) 17, [A Newsholme](#) married to [Marian Clapham](#) of Bingley.
9th [John](#) & [A Farrow](#) at Haworth.
12th Mutual Class at primitive School. I am on the committee
17th Teachers Social
18th [Harold](#) and I go to Silsden PSA tea at [JW Whitham's](#)

- 19th Oct 1908 [Bishop of Richmond](#) to liver hospital.
- 23rd Appointed Sec to CEMS (Church of England Men's Society)
- 25th Sunday school closed for 3 weeks
- 26th [J J Brigg](#) lecture on Egypt
[Dr. John Jeremy Brigg; son of Sir John Brigg MP, of Kildwick Hall]
- 29th [Sarah H Smith](#) bad in bed.
- 4th Nov 1908 [Uncle Joseph](#) taken to Keighley Hospital pass through operation alright.
- 6th Lecture on America by [T Hitchen](#) of Silsden.
- 7th Go to Keighley Hospital to see Uncle.
- 8th We and [Ben](#) go to Haworth to hear [Bishop of Richmond](#)
- 11th 1/- to Birch Holmes present
[This was the retirement collection for the Birch Holmes, the Kildwick and Farnhill postman – he was presented with a purse of coins.]



- 13th Parkins from [Mrs Holmes](#).
- 14th I go to Skipton Fever Hospital to see lads.
- 17th [Uncle Joseph](#) home again. Apples from Flaxton

28th Nov 1908
30th

CEMS & WHS Social
Commence full time.

2nd Dec 1908

[Fred Richards](#) off to New Zealand.

12th

Buy books for Xmas at [Luther Smiths](#)

14th

CEMS at Sutton. [Rev. Gungon](#) on Marriage Laws

17th

Day at home bad in my chest.

23rd

Goose from Mill 12lds

24th

Pie Supper at [Uncle Charles](#)

25th

Uncle [Charles & Ben](#) down to dinner then we go to Silsden Moor.

26th

[J W B Roddie](#) married to [a Cowill](#) at Kendal. [W Pickles](#) over to tea.

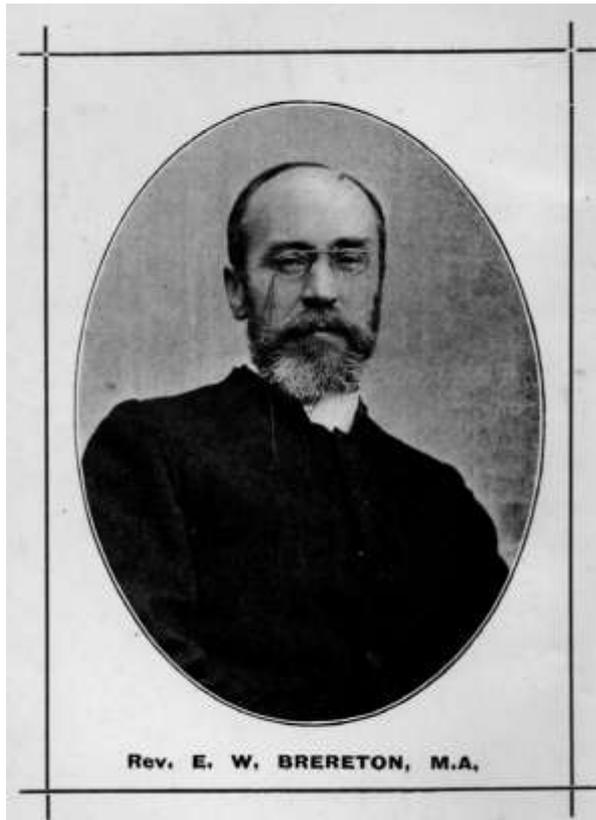
31st

New Years Eve Dance, good turn up bad foggy weather.

[Harold](#) Average for the year? For week?

1909

2nd Jan 1909 Sunday school Tea & Concert, Jamaica dialogue, 16 Black School Master, Presentation to [Rev EW Brereton](#) who is leaving the parish in exchange with [Rev. JW Rhodes](#). Whaplode.
[Whaplode is 4 miles East of Spalding, Lincolnshire.]



5th [Harold](#) goes to funeral of [Dick Watson](#).

9th Reception of New Vicar tea & Social.

17th Uncle & I go to [Bill Spencer's](#)

23rd CEMS Concert, Sutton? Party.

6th Feb 1909 I and Uncle Keighley Pantomime.

13th Children's Social

17th Induction [Rev J W Rhodes](#)

20th Teachers Social

23rd W H S Social to meet [Mrs Rhodes](#)

27th General Meeting Odd Fellows at Haworth.

5th March 1909 [Sarah Whiteoak](#) (48) interred at Kildwick

9th Give Lantern Lecture at Haworth Band of Hope

12th Confirmation at Kildwick [Ben T Smith](#) confirmed.

22nd March 1909 Give Lantern Lecture Farnhill Band of Hope.
 27th Attend the funeral of [J Sutcliffe](#) at Haworth.
 29th [Walter Scott](#) interred at Addingham.

12th April 1909 Easter Monday I and [Uncle Charles](#) go to Harrogate.

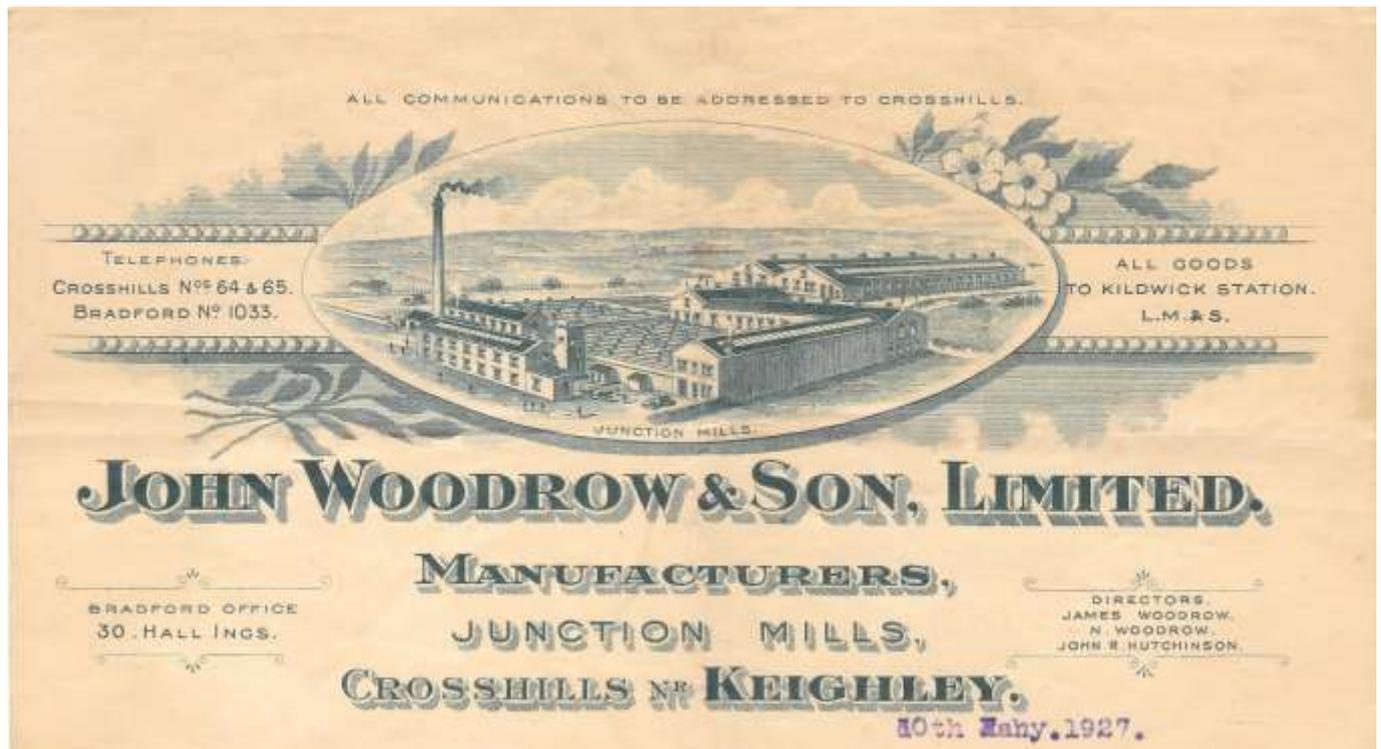
7th May 1909 Appointed to Church Council for CEMS
 22nd Attend the funeral of [Mr Watson](#) at Kildwick
[Minnie Watson's father, James Angier Watson]
 31st Whit Monday. School Treat rain all day.

1st June 1909 [Harold](#) and I go to Manchester I go round by Addingham with [Annie Smith](#)
 5th I go to Sunday School Meeting at Haworth. [Rev. Sanker](#) of Ilkley preaches.
 12th Ramble to Elslack a splendid day about 31 go.
 19th Keighley Gala. [John](#) with Sutton Club.
 26th Overlookers trip around Bolton and Ilkley.

3rd July 1909 CEMS Invite WHS to tea & Ramble caught in rain storm on the moor 49 turned up.
 16th [Sarah Ann Whitaker](#) interred at Haworth.
 18th CEMS Musical Service
 24th [John](#) & I go to Morecombe for weekend.
 28th [Aunt](#) & [Mrs Roberts](#) here for day.

1st Aug 1909 [M Hutchinson](#) and [Jack](#) over for day.
 7th [Harold](#) go to Southport for one week.
 10th [Marian Smith](#) married to [Thos Appleby](#). I give a Silver hat pin stand.
 18th [Jonny Farrow](#) died at Carlisle from blood poison
 21st [Norris Jackson](#) has the weekend here.
 28th Teachers Trip to Edinburgh, and Glusburn Sports.

4th Sept 1909 Skipton Show I go at night.
 5th [John](#) starts weaving at Junction.
[This was Woodrow's Mill]



- 24th Sept 1909 [Mrs Whitham](#) Addingham interred at the Chapel.
25th Ramble to Gladstone fine day, go by Wagonette
- 29th Oct 1909 Appointed Sec. To CEMS
30th CEMS Social at Sutton
- 20th Dec 1909 Give Band of Hope Lecture at Bridge House, Haworth
25th Goose Dinner
26th [Uncle](#) & I go to Skipton
31st New Years dance etc.

1910

- 1st Jan 1910 Sunday School Concert all pass off very well.
- 9th Pay our 2£ photos from New Years Eve Dance.
- 11th [C Roddie](#) lose his wife died from un confinement leaving Boy & Girl.
- 21st General Election [J Brigg](#) (1) returned 3000 majority.
[Sir John Brigg, Liberal MP for Keighley since 1895. He and his family lived at Kildwick Hall]
- 24th Day at home pain in leg.
- 25th Skipton Polling Day. [Roundell](#) 6071 [Clough](#) 6579
[A similar result to the election of 1906]
- 29th Children's Social very wild weather. Not many present.
- 6th Feb 1910 I and Uncle go to W. Spencer's sign will after tea.
- 1st March 1910 [W Swan](#) go to America.
- 4th Go to work at Providence Mill
- 7th [John Butterfield](#) dead
- 12th Presentation of Barometer to [John](#) at Silsden.
- 25th Good Friday Special Lantern Service in Church by Church Army Men.
- 28th I go to Lincoln for day, [Martha](#) bad in bed. [Johanna Heaton](#) go to Keighley Hospital for 8 weeks.
- 29th Tea & Concert in School.
- 2nd April 1910 [Bob Green](#) dies 12 midnight, [Harold](#) & I help to lay him away.
- 3rd [Percy Feather](#) over for day.
- 5th [Bob Green](#) interred at Kildwick. [Harold](#) attends
- 23rd Go see [Johanna Heaton](#)
- 6th May 1910 [King Edward V11](#) Dead
- 14th Sanger's Circus at Keighley Uncle and [Annie](#) and I go.
- 16th I [John](#) & [S Tillitson](#) go to Hubberholme by Motor from Grassington.
- 20th Memorial Service at 1o/c pm for [King Edward](#).
- 28th CEMS trip to Haworth
- 4th June 1910 Silsden Carnival Choir Trip to Edinburgh
- 18th Stay at Haworth to see Church Procession.
- 25th Sunday school Festival. I go to Morecambe Overlookers trip 9/4 ½ each for pocket 14/6 /2
- 26th Sunday school collections 9.6.0. [Misses Brown](#) & [Wade](#) down to tea.

- 2nd July 1910 Ramble to Lothersdale only 7 wet afternoon, fine evening.
 9th Go to Ghyll Grange with [Mr Appleby](#) class, come home by Addingham.
 14th 5 years since mother died. [Benjamin William Appleby](#) born.
[Ben Appleby was later a schools' music organiser in Doncaster. In the 1940s he became well-known as the presenter of the radio programme "Singing Together", which ran until the 1990s.]
- 23rd I go to Manchester stay with [E Roddie](#) home on Sunday afternoon
 25th Go to Blackpool with Choir Boys for day. See [Geo. Darby](#) at Children's home at St. Anne's.
- 30th Swimming Gala at Kildwick
[The first of five annual Swimming Galas held in the River Aire close-by Kildwick Bridge.]



- 6th Aug 1910 [Harold, John and Ben Smith](#) go to Lincoln for week.
 8th The vicar party go to London for 4 days.
 27th Glusburn Sports. [W Brown](#) down.
- 3rd Sept 1910 Skipton Show, H & I go
 10th Teachers Trip to Morecombe I go for ½ day.
 17th [Aunt Eliz & Clara](#) over Friday
 19th [Sam Sutcliffe](#) Haworth, [Mrs Holmes](#) Harrogate both died.
 21st Attend the funeral of [Mrs Holmes](#) at Ilkley. [Uncle Charles](#) and [Aunt Sarah](#) go. Fine day.

23rd Sept 1910 [John Farrow](#) comes in the Mill at Providence.
24th Go to Work house to see [Grace Kay](#) of Stanbury

1st Oct 1910 Go up with [M H Brown](#) talk about [Aunt H](#)
2nd [Geo. Gill](#) and Lads over.
5th [John Farrow](#) calls at night.
9th Club walk at Keighley H. J & [Ben](#) go down
16th Hear [Will Crooks](#) at Crosshills
21st Appointed Sec. CEMS
22nd Federated Social at Steeton.
28th [Mrs Geo. Merrell](#), [Mrs G Storey](#) of Haworth both died.
29th Men's meeting at ? Federated CEMS

5th Nov Teachers Whist Drive poor turn up
17th Finish at Providence present of Inkstand, Pocket Knife 2 ounces of tobacco from
Spinners
18th Start at Dalton Mills Keighley.
26th [Johanna](#) over to tea.

10th Dec 1910 We all go to Haworth to hear [Bishop of Knaresborough](#)
15th Dec General Election. Skipton Poll. [Clough](#) Goes
*[In what was effectively a re-run of the January election, William Clough was again
returned as Skipton's Liberal MP, but with a reduced majority of 51 over the
Conservative candidate Richard Foulis Roundell.]*
24th [Sarah Ann Heaton](#) over to tea.
25th Xmas Day Goose dinner Uncle & I go to Silsden Moor
26th See [F Pickles](#) at Haworth, Dennisons party at night.
27th [I Harold](#), [John](#) & [Ben](#) go to Skipton then to Ilkley walk home 14 miles.
30th New Years Dance, about 70 attend.
31st Sunday School Concert over 6 £ receipts.

1911

- 2nd Jan 1911 Social for Teachers about 50 present.
3rd Lantern Lecture on London by the Vicar for the party. That went last festival.
21st [Miss Walker](#) over from America goes to work at Buckden near Skipton.
24th [Jim Stubbings](#) of Stanbury died today.
28 Go to Haworth Church at ?
29th We all go to [Duke Hills](#) to tea.
- 4th Feb 1911 Take [Bob & Harry Roe](#) to Keighley Pantomime
5th I & Uncle go to [Bill Spencer's](#)
9th New Doffing Frame started at Keighley.
11th [Kate Redman](#) married to [Fred Murgatroyd](#) of Clayton. Receive cake send present Silver Salt & Pepper glass.
14th [George Merrett](#) starts at Pro.
18th Children's Social. Very wet night just clear expenses.
19th Go see [I Hebden](#) X Roads.
21st [Smiths](#) Joiners Shop burnt down.
[Smith's wood-yard was close to the railway line, just off Station Road Crosshills.]



- 25th Teachers Social Lime Light Dance.

1st March 1911 [C Snowden](#) starts as Post Master.

[Cecil Snowden, who ran the Post Office from his shop on Kildwick Corner.]



5th Go to Clayton at noon.

11th [Jim Holmes](#) & Family over afternoon. Fine day.

13th [Rev. A R Light](#) Lecture French Revolution

18th Side teeth taken out with [T E Greenwood](#). [John](#) presented with Time Piece at Silsden.

27th Give Reading at Band of Hope, "Fireman's Little Maid ". [W. Clough, MP](#), libel Case for 1000£ against Craven Herald. Lost Case.

4th April 1911 [Mable Wilkinson](#) married and goes to America [Mrs Johnson](#).

8th Riot at Police Station Silsden.

[The riot started when an angry mob protested at the arrest and imprisonment of a young Silsdener alleged to have assaulted an unpopular constable. All the windows were smashed, and the incident made national news. The prisoner was Ben Hodgson, who subsequently became the first Silsden soldier to be killed in WW1.]



- 14th April 1911 Good Friday. Lantern Lecture in Church 8pm.
 15th [S A Heaton](#) over brings some cake from wedding [S J Dixon](#) to [Joe Midgley](#).
 17th [John](#) & I go to Lincoln for day very fine.
 22nd Go see [Tom Hill](#) in hospital at Keighley with bad knee.
- 6th May 1911 Staircase papered.
 13th Front teeth drawn. [Johanna Heaton](#) goes to Keighley Hospital.
- 3rd June 1911 Go see [Johanna Heaton](#). Silsden Gala. Tea at [Joe H Redman's](#).
 4th Whit Sunday School collections 9.19.6
 5th School Treat on the Moor all pass of well.
 6th Teachers trip to Chester. [Harold](#) & I go leave Chester 7.30pm home 3 a.m. 22 go [John](#) at Peel Park gets silver medal.
- 15th [Johanna](#) goes through operation pass of well.
 17th [Harold](#) & I go to Bingley Church CEMS Meeting.
 22nd Coronation Day. [George V](#) & [Mary](#). Overlooker's trip to D in Derbyshire. 12/- fare 5/5 expenses General Holiday. Celebrations at X hills. Fire on moor etc.



8th July 1911

[Johanna Heaton](#) gets home again I go up to see her.

15th

Skipton Gala. Harold & I go.

23rd

Haworth Rush Bearing we all go to Station Road.

28th

New Teeth (19) 13 top 6 bottom 3.10.0

29th

Keighley Festival Holiday one week. Kildwick Swimming Gala. Splendid Day.

31st

Skipton Market.

1st Aug 1911

Blackpool for day with [Percy Hartley](#).

3rd

Silsden Moor stay overnight. [Sarah Sutcliffe](#) interred at Haworth. [J E Farrow](#) leads the service.

4th

Otley Market with [W Brown](#).

5th

[Harold & John](#) go to Southport for week.

12th

[Harold & John](#) home 9.36pm

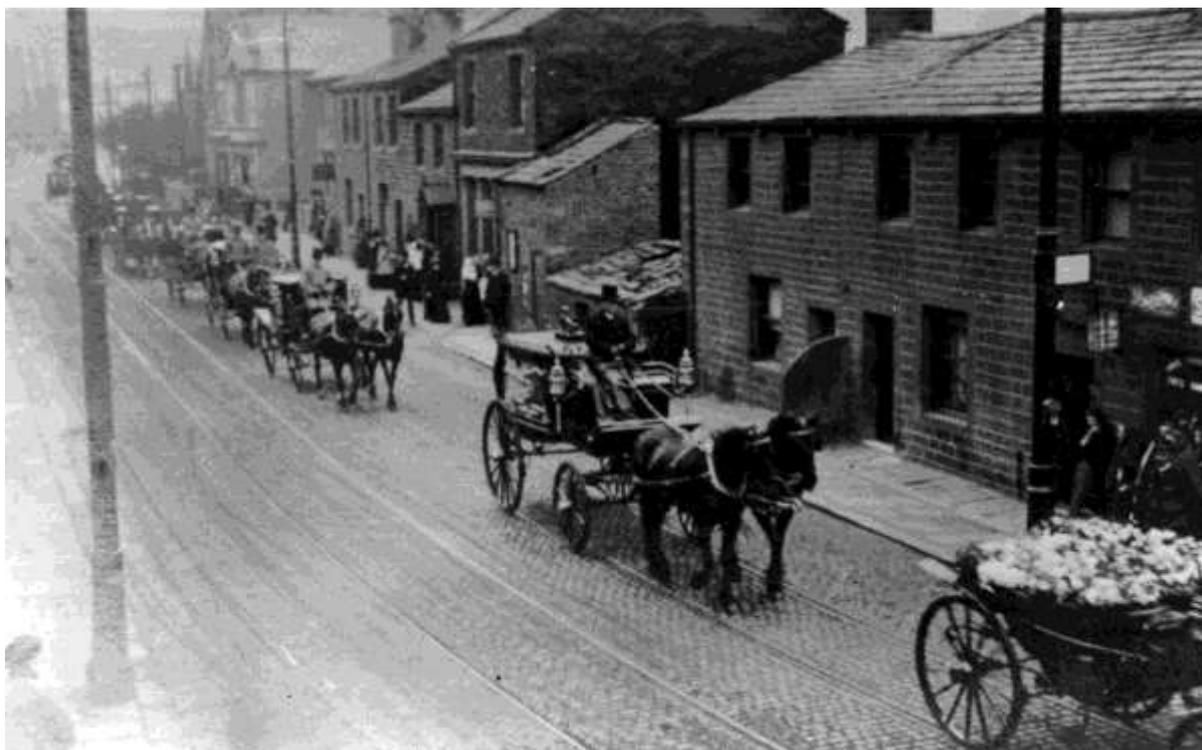
13th

Go see [W Best](#) at Bingley.

18th

Railway Strike only few trains going. Settled at night Sat go on all night on Monday.

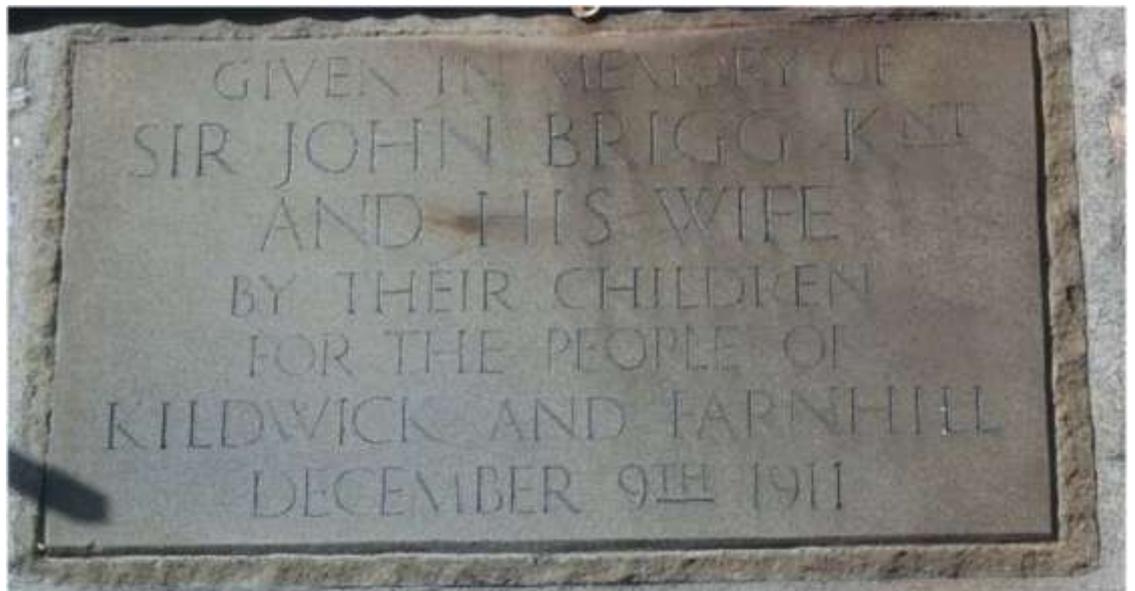
- 20th Aug 1911 Go hear [Norris Jackson](#) at Haworth. Tea at [Jim Holmes](#).
 26th Glusburn Sports Day
- 2nd Sept 1911 Skipton Show, [John](#) & I go.
 9th [Aunt E & Mrs Aucarte](#) over afternoon. [John H Pickles](#) calls about a situation at Silsden.
- 10th [Percy Feather](#) over to tea. Go to Silsden Moor, take [Mary Wade](#) pair of Brass Candle Sticks.
- 12th [Misses Wade & Brown](#) call at night. Go home in very heavy rain storm.
 19th Miss Tillitson 50 on the 16. Have a drive for workpeople today.
 23rd [Mary Wade](#) married to [Jim Horsefield](#). [C Brown](#) groomsman go to Isle of Man for week then home to Barnoldswick.
- 4th Oct 1911 [Sir J Briggs](#) interred
[MP for Keighley. Died at Kildwick Hall 30/9/1911, aged 77. Funeral procession through Keighley.]



- 12th [Mrs Charles King](#) interred.
 23rd Children at home towards ? debt
 27th General Election. Buckmaster 4667, Ackworth 3842, Anderson 3452.
[Actually the Keighley by-election brought about by the death of Sir John Brigg. Seat retained by the Liberals.]
- 28th [Cyril Jackson](#) goes to St Thomas Ontario Canada.

4th Nov 1911 Mayor Mr Sam Clough reception to Church Sunday School Teachers.
18th Concert at School. Old Yorkshire Evening pass off well.
21st Ben T Smith 21 give him umbrella.
25th Go to Leeds. Meet Mr Appleby. Smoking Concert at night Guffins Hall Battersea Old Boys.
30th Coronation Committee finish off all accounts 37£ in hand to be awarded to 3 parishes.

9th Dec 1911 Opening New Institute Farnhill. Miss Sharpe.
[The Institute building in Farnhill Main Street, formerly a mill warehouse, was given to Farnhill and Kildwick villages by the Brigg family, and was opened by Mrs. Mary Sharpe, Sir John Brigg's daughter.]



25th Goose Dinner as usual Silsden Moor evening.
26th Uncle & I go Skipton.
30th School Tea (Begged) all pass of well.
31st Misses Smith & Brown down to tea.

1912

1st Jan 1912
13th

Social in School to finish what was left from Saturday.

King of Sherwood at Haworth Church. [Harold & John](#) go in evening. [C Snowden](#).
Library.

[King of Sherwood was a popular amateur dramatics piece. The photograph below shows the cast from a performance in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute in 1921. The photograph taken in the garden of Kildwick Hall.]



20th

[I](#) & [John](#) go to Barnoldswick very wet day have a go round [Jim Horsfield](#) shed. Only run few weeks.

22nd

[Miss Tillitson](#) Social give a reading [Tom Baldwin](#) falls dead in the seat top of White Gate 6pm.

[White Gate is the junction of Farnhill Main Street and Grange Road.]

30th

[Phoebe Graves](#) 14.

10th Feb 1912

Panto with [Uncle Charles](#), [S H Smith](#) & [Annie Smith](#).

17th

Short time at Mill. Play Saturdays for 4 weeks

18

Uncle & I go to [Bill Spencer's](#).

19

Reception of new [Bishop of Ripon](#), [Dr Drury](#) by Mayor of Keighley, [Mr Sam Clough](#).
Tea for Church Workers.

- 2nd March 1912 Great Coal Strike 1,000,000 men out.
[The first national strike by coal miners in Britain. It resulted in the passing of a minimum wage law.]
- 9th Letter from Spencer Clarkson's asking me to call.
- 10th Call at Spencer & Clarkson's J E Farrow not signed the deed of Sept 15 1906. Receive cost of administration. Procession Cross given to the Church
- 16th John gets Photo at Silsden.
- 27th S A Heaton confirmed at Haworth Church but goes to Bingley for the service.
- 31st Crucifixion at Kildwick.
[A performance of John Stainer's 1887 oratorio, with local soloists.]
- 6th April 1912 Coal strike settled.
- 8th Easter Monday very wild & wet day. We all go to Addingham & Ilkley.
- 15th White Star Ship Titanic goes down 1700 lives lost.
- 17th Church Benefit Soc started at Kildwick.
- 21st Collected from Sunday School Teachers 28/- for present to Miss Greenwood.
- 28th Standbury Anniversary go in afternoon. Tea with Miss Sunderland
- 16th May 1912 Pay cost of administration 5 12 10
- 26th Sunday school Anniversary 8.11.0. Whit Sunday
- 27th Fine day good turn up. S Redman field. Mr Williams gives prizes. 5/- to school presentation to Miss Sarah Ann Greenwood. Silver Flower Stand & Smelling Bottle by Rev T C Rhodes. ? from the S S Teachers.
[Annual Whit Monday Sunday School parade followed by sports, games and tea. Mr. Smith Redman farmed at Boxtree Farm in Farnhill and frequently loaned one of his fields for the games.]
- June 1912 Jesse Brown, Mr & Mrs Jackson go to Canada to ?. Tea at Keighley Rectory invitation by Mr Robinson Ripon Lay Readers Ass.
- 7th Bridgehouse Mill Haworth partly burnt down.
- 10th Church benefit Soc makes a start.
- 15th Ramble to Ilkley 12 men. Walk over by Addingham Moor very wet in evening.
- 22nd London trip from school. 25 party splendid day. Visit the zoo, National Gallery, St Paul's. The Tower, St. Thomas Girls School to tea. Stepney Madame Tussauds in evening. See W Best at St. Pancras home Sunday morn 7.30.
[The first of the exchange trips between Kildwick school and St. Thomas school, Stepney, in East London. Pupils from Kildwick visited Stepney in 1912 and 1914. The Stepney pupils came to Kildwick in 1913. The photograph below shows a group from Kildwick school including William (back row, far left). This may have been the group that visited Stepney in 1912 – the personnel are similar to those members of the school who received the Stepney pupils in 1913.]



- 29th Overlookers trip to Morecombe 2/6 fare. 3/- dinner 10/3 pocket.
- 13th July 1912 Send 4 letters to Canada for [L H Tillitson](#)
- 15th National Insurance comes into force.
- 19th Receive deeds from Sp & Clarkson's. Pay cost of conveyance 2 0 0 .
[A Thurling](#) goes to Canada.
- 20th Skipton Gala. Opening of Sutton Park.
- 23rd [L Hartley Tillitson](#) goes out to Canada.
- 27th Swimming Gala. [S J Roberts](#) over in afternoon
- 10th Aug 1912 Morecombe for ½ day [Harold, John, & Ben. S H Smith](#) and [Annie Smith](#) for week.
[Mabel Whiteoak](#) married to [Fred Sugden](#).
- 18th Haworth Church Sick Club closes today
- 25th [Nora Brenda Bronte Tillitson](#) 20
[The youngest daughter of John Hartley Tillotson. Her mother knew Charlotte Bronte. Below with one of her brothers, Hartley Tillotson, outside the family home in Church Terrace Kildwick.]



29th

Funeral of [Gen Booth](#)

[William Booth, founder and head of the Salvation Army.]

31st

Glusburn Sports. [Johanna Heaton](#), [Miss Annie M E Greenwood](#) over in afternoon.

13th Sept 1912

Attend baptism of [Martha Sunderland Jonas James Christopher Barron](#) at Holy Trinity Church 10pm by [Rev. W Seeley](#).

20th

[Annie Cowling](#) goes to Canada.

6th Oct 1912

Send 4 Books to Sutton Day School Library to [Mr A Clough](#)

25th

[John Barnett](#) interred at Kildwick

26th

New Conservative Club opened in Kildwick. [Walter](#), [Marian](#), [Eliz](#) tea in Church School.
Rain all day from 2.30

~ KILDWICK ~

Conservative and Unionist Association.



GRAND OPENING
OF THE
NEW CONSERVATIVE CLUB

AT KILDWICK,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1912.



PROGRAMME.

2-30 p.m.—Kildwick Prize Brass Band . .

(Conductor, Mr. R. SUGDEN) have kindly consented to play 5 selections of Music outside the Club.

3-30 p.m.—Opening Ceremony. .

The Chairman, Mr. J. Woodrow, will introduce

Mr. W. Morrison,

President of the Skipton Division Unionist Association, who will declare the Club Open.

SHORT PUBLIC MEETING

Will follow, Addressed by

MR. W. MORRISON,
Mr. R. F. ROUNDELL,

SUPPORTED BY

Mr. R. B. Davett, Mr. J. C. Fell, Mr. A. R. Stockdale, Mr. T. Fattorini, Mr. T. Bainbow, Mr. R. Wilson, Mr. F. Wilson (Skipton), Mr. Frank Driver, Mr. P. Baines, Mr. J. L. Sinks (Skipton), Mr. J. W. Morill (Airedale), Col. Risbeck, Mr. W. Simpson (Skipton), Mr. A. V. Mason (Aldbrough), Mr. J. C. York (Hillfield), Mr. A. J. Raley (Eahey), Mr. N. P. Wilkinson (Gargrave), Mr. J. H. Pearson (Fisby), Mr. W. Spenser (Lothensdale), Mr. Blackburn Holden, Mr. E. B. Clark, Mr. M. Rasthoun (Hamblewick), Rev. Perry Coates (Low Bampton), Mr. G. A. Sowatz (High Borthol), Mr. O. Robinson (Kettlewell), Col. Dawson (Burnall), Col. Maude (Croxson), Mr. G. Battenley (Kildwick), Mr. F. M. Fox (District Agent for the County of Yorkshire), Mr. E. G. Whitaker (Agent and Secretary), and Members of the Kildwick Association.

☛ If Wet, Meeting in Club Billiard Room.

4-45 p.m.—TEA in National School Room.

7-0 p.m.—The Big Day will conclude with a
Grand Social, Concert & Dance.

Music supplied by Mr. Julius Spencer's String Band.

Songs by Mr. J. Bilbrough, of Bingley, and others.

TICKETS: Including Tea, Concert, Dance and Refreshments, 1s. each.



The Unionist Club, Kildwick.

11th Nov 1912 [E Sturdy, A Cressey](#) resign as Sunday School Teachers.
14th Give Pilgrim Progress at Keighley Workhouse.
30th Tea at [Mrs Stephenson's](#) Bingley

7th Dec 1912 Give Pilgrim Progress at Braithwaite Mission Church.
13th Conference on Morals in Keighley for men.
25th Goose dinner. [Uncle & Ben](#) down. [Harold, I Ben](#) go to Silsden Moor
26th Go up to Haworth very wet day.
28th Xmas tea & Concert Sleeping Beauty & Christmas Tableau. [Miss Foster](#) Back home,
[Whitaker Miss C Clough](#) Tableau.
30th Social in school not many present.

1913

- 4th Jan 1913 [Mrs Dennison](#) has a stroke while I am in the house. Help to get her to bed. Fetch Doctor dies about midnight.
- 7th Funeral of above at Sutton Church, act as bearer.
- 12th Give Pilgrim Progress at Bradley Mission 6pm.
- 18th Go to Cinderella Panto at Keighley.
- 22nd John Widdup dies very suddenly at H. [Mabel Fieldhouse](#) son born at Morecombe.
- 26th [Willie Thompson](#) falls into River. [Fred Greenwood](#) takes him out.
[Fred Greenwood was swimming teacher at Glusburn Institute baths. Willie Thompson, may subsequently have been one of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers. Photograph below from the Keighley News edition of 28/5/1917, when Willie Thompson was incorrectly reported as being Missing in Action (he was actually a PoW in Germany).]



- 13th Feb 1913 X Hills Picture House opened to Public.
- 18th Haworth Sunday School share out sick club, John receives 4.16.0 Aunt E 17.0.0
- 27th Harold has all his teeth taken out.
- 23rd March 1913 Easter Day. Vicar views vestments at Communion. Tea with [Cousin Winnie](#) at Bingley Hear [Fred Jackson](#) at night.
- 24th I & John & Ben go to Lincoln for day. Very fine day.
- 31st John presented with 2£ at Silsden Class
- 15th April 1913 [Bishop of Richmond](#) dead 72 years old.
- 19th Attend Missionary Meeting at Bingley
- 24th [Ethel Wheway](#) go to Canada.

26th April 1913 Harry Foster married to Harriett.
28th Annie Smith starts at Mill to weave.

3rd May 1913 Open air concert to get money for Stepney School Children. Receipts 10 18 6
[Pupils of Kildwick School raised money to pay the rail-fare for pupils of their twin school, St. Thomas' Stepney.]

KILDWICK.

By kind permission of Messrs. W. A., J. J., & L. BRIGG,
an

Outdoor Entertainment

Will be given in a FIELD NEAR KILDWICK HALL,
On SATURDAY, May 3rd, 1913,
By the Scholars of Kildwick Church School.

Part I.—A Children's Play, "A
Dream of Nursery Rhymes,"
[By L. Debenham. By permission of the
Publishers, Messrs. A. Heywood & Sons.]
Part II.—A Pastoral Cantata,
"May Day Revels," [by J. E. West],
[introducing Solos, Choruses and Dances.]
Accompanist - Mr. Bernard Longbottom.
Violinists - Miss Doris Gill, Mr. Wm. Feather

Admission - Sixpence.
[Proceeds for Railway Expenses of our Stepney Visitors.]
Gates open at 2 p.m.
Performance to commence at 2-30 p.m.

If the weather be unfavourable, the Entertainment will be postponed
until May 24th.

C. R. Snowden, Newsagent

7th May 1913
10th

[Mrs Appleby](#) dies very suddenly

Attend funeral of above. Stepney Party arrive Keighley 4pm go to meet them.
Tea at School 5pm Supper at School 8.30

[The photograph below shows the 1913 Stepney School party, with Thomas Appleby, headmaster of Kildwick school (far right).]



11th

Whit Sunday, Sunday School Anniversary 10.1.11½

12th

London Party go to Skipton and Bolton Woods. School Walk. Rain in the evening.
Concert at Institute 8pm.

13th

London party go home 9.30 I go to Leeds to see them away.

31st

[C Slack](#) and I go to Missionary Exhibition at Leeds, very wet afternoon.

4th June 1913

[Sarah Whitham](#) buried at Haworth Church.

7th

[Harold](#) gets new teeth 3.15.0

24th

[John Dennison](#) 23

5th July 1913

½ day to Morecombe Overlookers trip 2/6 fare 2/6 dinner 9/6 pocket.

25th

Keighley to London 12 midnight.

26th

10am London Vic to Paris arrive 6.15pm

1st Aug 1913

Home from Paris 6.30pm

9th

[Harold](#) go to Lincoln for week.

11th

[John](#) starts at Bingley College for a fortnight.

- 25th Aug 1913 [Nora Tillitson](#) 21
- 24th Sept 1913 Presentation to Police Backhouse. Gold Watch 16£
[This is believed to refer to the retirement of PC Backhouse, the Kildwick policeman. He came out of retirement in 1917, when his replacement was called-up.]
- 10th Oct 1913 Wages increased to 33/-
21st [Alf Smith](#) buried at Kildwick church, [John](#) attends.
- 2nd Nov 1913 Teachers give [Miss Wagstaff](#) 22/6 to help her.
12th [Madame Alf Aucante](#) comes to Haworth.
- 8th Dec 1913 Short Time at Mill
27th [Maggie Hargreaves](#) buried at Sutton. Xmas at home. Wild and wet weather, Xmas tea and concert. Play, Dick Whittington by children. Not many present we lose money.

1914

- 8th Jan 1914 Letter of thanks from the relatives of [Maggie Hargreaves](#).
25th Uncle & I go to [Bill Spencer's](#) to tea.
- 7th Feb 1914 Go on full time 10 weeks short
11th Notice in morning papers that [J E Farrow](#) gets 1000£ from [Miss Easton Felling](#).
18th Mrs Robert's Aunt dies at Nantwich.
24th Uncle Joseph taken worse stays in bed.
- 3rd March 1914 Eastern foundry burnt down,
7th [Sarah Graves](#) comes to Haworth
16th See a lad fall under train at Kildwick Station, badly cut about head.
18th [Uncle Joseph \(Heaton\)](#) dies 6.30pm, all family with him.
22nd Organist and choir master receive notice to retire.
[This is the start of a dispute between Rev J.W. Rhodes and the choir, the bell-ringers, and the church wardens. It eventually results in the ill-tempered departure of Rev. Rhodes.]
- 23rd Internment at Haworth Church of [Uncle Joseph \(Heaton\)](#) 3pm. We all go, tea in school, very wet day. [J E Farrow](#) goes with us to church.
[Joseph Heaton was a well-known and respected Haworth stone-mason. Perhaps his best work was the "sleeping child grave" in Haworth churchyard, which he created for his own son, James Whitham Heaton, who died aged just two.]



- 28th March 1914 Go to Haworth stay overnight.
 29th Attend Haworth Church in morning.
- 3rd April 1914 Confirmation at Kildwick, [Annie Smith](#) confirmed
 13th [Harold](#) and I go to Lincoln for day.
 14th [Mrs Roberts](#) & [Johannah](#) over for the day we go to Silsden Moor afternoon.
 15th Vestry Meeting no good, had to put off.
[This marks the entry of the churchwardens into the dispute with the vicar. The following is from the Farnhill & Kildwick History Group "100 years ago" entry for April 1914:
- At the annual Vestry Meeting, held on April 15th, the agenda had two major items: the signing-off of the church accounts for the previous year, and the election of a new slate of churchwardens. Right from the outset the vicar set himself in opposition to the others present. He claimed there was an issue with the accounts, in which funds designated for one purpose had been used for another in order to rectify a technical shortfall. He called this a mis-appropriation of funds and would not consent to the accounts being signed off.*
- He then required the churchwardens who were completing their one-year term to perform a ridiculous piece of theatre in which they signified the relinquishment of their posts by ceremonially laying their keys on the table. This was done with no good grace. The subsequent election of new wardens then descended into farce. Various people were nominated and all refused to serve. Mr. Sam Haywood, when asked to serve again as churchwarden for Kildwick, actually went so far as to say "No, thank you. Not for a pound a minute. No, NO !"*
- Shortly after this one of the parishioners present suggested that the meeting be adjourned so that things might cool down a little. The vicar refused and pre-emptorily closed the meeting, adding that because no new churchwardens had been elected the old ones remained in-post and would be responsible for any shortfall in the accounts. One quick-witted onlooker pointed out that the vicar had made the wardens place their keys on the table and they had consequently resigned. Another suggested that they could hold another meeting. The vicar said that as he was intending being away from the parish for some time if any meeting were to be convened it would have to be held elsewhere.]*
- 27th Notice of Will in papers [Joseph Heaton](#) 727.11.6
- 1st May 1914 Fitters strike in Keighley.
 23rd Sunday school Festival in Bradford. Receive certificate for teaching at the Parish Church.

- 1st June 1914 Whit Monday School treat all pass off well, fine day but cold.
 2nd I & [Uncle Charles](#) & [John Greenwood](#) go to Hebden Bridge and Halifax. Call and see [F Pickles](#).
- 5th School Children go to London at Midnight.
[The last of the Kildwick-Stepney school exchange visits.]
- 24th [E M Dennison](#) 24
 27th Overlookers trip to Morecombe 8/4 ½ clear
 29th [Anne Watson](#) found dead in bed.
- 1st July 1914 [Anne Watson](#) Interred at Kildwick [Harold](#) attends.
 12th Close Sunday School for outbreak of measles.
 19th Rush Bearing Sunday [Harold & John](#) go: 103 18 7 ½ at church.
 25th Meet [Charley Graves](#) at Ingrow. We go to Bolton Abbey afternoon.
 26th [Mrs Graves](#) over in afternoon I go to Haworth at night.
 27th [Percy Hartley](#) and I set of from Skipton 8.30 am arrive Cross Streets 5pm 20 miles stay overnight.
 28th Walk to Melling 14 miles then train to Carnforth stay overnight.
 29th Arrive Morecombe 10am, stay till sat [Aunt Eliz](#), [Johannah](#) there.
- 1st Aug 1914 Leave Morecombe 8am home by 11am train to Skipton walk home. [Phoebe Graves](#) over afternoon, [Mr & Mrs Horsfield](#) come to tea.
War Declared with Germany.
- 3rd [Phoebe](#) & I go to Ilkley, and then walk over to Keighley.
 4th Work stopped. No 4
 6th Stay at home 10 days all excursions on Railway stopped.
 9th [Harold & John](#) holidays about home.
 15th Go to Bradford to see [P Graves](#) off to Lincoln.
 16th 52 troop trains pass through Kildwick. Sunday.
 17th Boy Scouts guard to Kildwick Resovir.
[This 24-hour guard on Farnhill reservoir was organised by Canon Griffin in order to protect again the perceived threat of attack by saboteurs.]
- 31st [John](#) & I go to Addingham Meet [Aunt](#) and [Johanna](#).
- 13th Sept 1914 Photo presented to [Mrs Rhodes](#) by 1st Girls.
 19th [Joseph Smith](#) killed in action in France.
[Private Joseph Smith, 31, of Bucklar Hill, was killed in action with the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment during the battle of the Aisne. He was the first man from Kildwick parish to be killed in the war.]

3rd Oct 1914

Fetch [Sam Roe](#) home, [John Hebden](#) holiday home.

18th

Memorial service for [Joseph Smith](#)

19th

Belgians come to Cross Hills.

[A number of groups of Belgian refugees came to the area at the start of the war, and particularly after the fall of Antwerp in early October 1914. Some of the Belgians were housed in Crosshills and nearby townships.]



28th

Dedication of new Bells at Kildwick. [Donald Horsfall](#) married to [Henrietta Musgrave](#).
Bishop of Knaresborough.

[Donald was the second son of Sir John Horsfall, owner of Hayfields Mill in Glusburn. The church was decorated with garlands of wild flowers.]



- 1st Nov 1914 [John & I](#) walk to Rylstone to see [Harold Best](#).
- 8th Called up at 2am see [Sam Roe](#) die 2.35
- 11th Attend funeral at Kildwick of [Sam Roe](#) very wet day.
- 15th [Lord Roberts](#) dies on his way to France to see the Indian troops.
- 23rd [Kit Whitaker](#) married to [Bertha McLaren](#).
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- 7th Dec 1914 [John](#) goes with [C Slack](#) joins the 6th Reserve Battalion, Duke of Wellingtons Regiment at Skipton.
- 14th [John](#) inoculated come home for 3 days.
- 19th Go see [Tom Hill](#) at Keighley Hospital operated for double rupture, Buy prizes for Sunday school flag day at Keighley. Over 400£ profits.
- 20th [Nurse Best](#) & friend come to tea.
- 25th [Uncle Ben](#) down to Xmas dinner.
- 26th [John and I](#) go to Oakworth and Haworth.
- 27th 7/- Collected for Soldiers & Sailors tea. We all have tea with [Mrs Greens](#).

1915

- 1st Jan 1915 John transferred to Stretcher Bearer Company.
2nd School Tea & Concert Lantern Lecture [Mr Appleby](#) subject Belgium.
17th Go to Church Parade at Skipton.
31st Scholars Service 2.15 Collections National Relief fund.
- 2nd Feb 1915 Midland Mills burnt down 11am.
9th [Herbert Foster](#) married to [Annie Smith](#).
27th [Ben Smith](#) tested for Bradford City Police.
- 2nd March 1915 [John](#) moved to Derby with 2/6 Battalion.
13th [Ben Smith](#) go to Town Hall Bradford.
21st Collected for wedding present to [Miss Jane Tetley](#) 13/-
22nd [Ben Smith](#) starts in Police Force at Bradford.
30th 2 Silver Candlesticks given to [Miss Tetley](#), provide Candles for same.
- 3rd April 1915 [Alec Hargreaves](#) and I go to Derby.
[Alec Hargreaves of Church Terrace, Kildwick. Subsequently a WW1 Volunteer.]
4th Easter Day in Derby Dinner and Tea at [Mrs Evans](#) 6 Findern Street. Privates [J S Whitham](#), [Percy Walmesley](#), [Tom Hargreaves](#) and [Walter Walker](#).
[Percy Walmsley of 25 Main Street, Farnhill; one of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers. Tom Hargreaves was Alec Hargreaves' brother.]
5th Easter Monday, [Miss Tetley](#) married to [George Carpenter](#) London.
I visit Derby Military in afternoon.
6th Return from Derby.
12th [John](#) moved to Doncaster, [Ben Smith](#) leaves Police Force and joins Army Service Corp as a Wheelwright.
17th [Ben](#) home in uniform.
18th Collection for YMCA in School 10/6
19th Send [Mary Evans](#) Book. 301 Hobbies for girls. [Sarah Beadman](#) Coat of Arms.
[Sarah Jane Beadman. Later Mrs. John Whitham]
22nd The Doctor at home to [Cissie Beadman](#).
25th Harold and I go to Stanbury Church 2.30pm
- 1st May 1915 [Pte. Percy Walmesley](#) married to [Ethel Beedom](#)
5th [Sarah Beadman](#) mother interred.
8th [Fred](#) and [Pheobe Jackson](#) also [J Heaton](#) over for afternoon.
15th I go see [Ben Smith](#) at Bolton Lodge Bradford.
19th [John](#) moved to Thoresby Park Newark
23rd Whitsunday collection for S School 9£
24th School Treat all pass off well.

25th May 1915 [Harold](#) & I go to see [Mr Herbert Best](#) at Rylstone, then go on to Grassington.

5th June [Pte. Tom Hackstone](#) married to [Elsie Dickinson](#)

28th [Ben Smith](#) leaves Bradford for Devonport, [Tom Hargreaves](#), [P Walmesley](#) off to France.

30th [Ben Smith](#) sails for Egypt on ship Howraka.

11th July 1915 [Wilson Turnbull](#) goes out to France.

17th Overlookers Trip to Leeds, back by car to Bingley 8/5.

18th Go see [Norris Jackson](#) at Haworth.

21st Send [Maud Frenchmen](#) 2/6 for holidays.

24th Parish Festival Holiday I go to Nantwich at 2.36 arrive 8.5pm

25th Nantwich Church 10.30am.

26th Brine Bath 1/6

27th Leave Nantwich 9.30 arrive Derby 1.15 Tea with [Mr Evans](#) and walk round the city at night.

29th Hay Day on Silsden Moor

30th Rasp gathering all day

5th Aug 1915 [Richard Simpson](#) 3 months for embezzlement.

6th [John](#) moved to Babworth Park

7th [Harold](#) holiday off to Lincoln for one week.

10th Sept 1915 [John](#) at Topley near Sheffield for Shooting Classes.

18th [Charlie Graves](#) come for weekend.

25th Tobacco 5 per ozs new duty put on.

2nd Oct 1915 [Mrs Roberts](#) at Haworth for 1 week

6th [Arthur Thurling](#) comes over with 44th Reg. Canadians.

21st [John](#) moved to Gainsborough

13th Nov 1915 Last time for [Uncle Charles](#) to bring milk, done it for 42 years in Kildwick & Farnhill.

24th [John](#) moved to Newcastle on Tyne.

26th Craven Herald account of [P Walmesley](#) escape for drowning coming back from France.
[Percy Walmsley's "difficult" channel crossing has has been researched by the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers Project.]
[Harold](#) unfit under Lord Derby Scheme take things to Haworth.
[Lord Derby's scheme was designed to prevent mandatory conscription. It allowed men to attest that they were willing to serve in the forces when called. The scheme failed and conscription was introduced in early 1916.]
 4lbs Sugar 1 4, 1 lb Butter 1 8, 1 lb Raisins 1 2, 10 eggs 2 0,

9th Dec 1915 Unfit for Lord Derby Scheme.
10th Finish 5% War Bonus 2/- more wage.
18th [Edgar Green](#) Sutton gains D C M
19th [Norman Riley](#) wounded died in France 21st
25th Xmas Day, [Uncle](#) & [Arthur Wilcock](#) to dinner go to S Moor afternoon.
27th Go to Keighley museum with [Uncle Charles Smith](#) Very wet day.

1916

- 1st Jan 1916 School Tea
2nd Special Service for the War. Bells Muffled all day. Special Memoriam Peal after evening service.
- 6th [John](#) moved to Salisbury Plain.
8th Funeral of [Smith Redman](#).
14th [Mrs Evans](#) from Derby over at Farnhill.
22nd [Norris Jackson](#) goes out as Chaplain to Egypt. Y.M.C.A.
- 5th Feb 1916 [Iveson Hebden](#) given a Gold Watch at Cross Road.
19th [Cissie Beadman](#) (sister to Sarah Jane Beadman) starts her training as nurse at Derby.
- 1st March 1916 Military Service Act in force.
[Mandatory conscription introduced.]
8th Funeral of [Chas King](#) Keighley Cemetery
12th Harold and I go to Barnoldswick, very wild snow day.
- 10th April 1916 [Hilda Dawson](#) dead.
17th [Chas Slack](#) discharged from Army.
[On medical grounds. Wounded / gassed ? He was awarded a Silver War Badge to signal his honourable discharge and service.]
24th Easter Monday. [Harold](#) and I go to Garforth near Leeds, to see [Iveson Hebden](#).
- 20th May 1916 Summer time act comes in force all clocks put on one hour.
[WW1 saw the first experiments with British Summer Time.]
31st [John](#) (brother) home.
- 4th June 1916 [John](#) (brother) returns.
6th Lord Kitchener drowned on HMS Hampshire.
[On his way to discuss the war with Russian leaders. The Hampshire sank just off the North coast of Orkney.]
11th Sunday school collections 10£. [John](#) (brother) moved to Henham Park Wangford in Suffolk.
16th Wages increased to 41/- per week including 3/- War Bonus.
17th School Treat. Instead of 12th all working Whitsuntide.
- 15th July 1916 Overlookers trip to Malham.
16th Presentation to [C Slack](#) of Leather Brief Bag 13/6
23rd Rush Bearing. [Harold](#) (Brother) and I go up 101 15 9 ¼ at Church. Holiday one week
[Rev. J W Rhodes](#) retires takes 100£ off living at Kildwick.
[Rev. Rhodes had been absent since the parish-wide dispute in 1914.]

- 2nd Aug 1916 Go to Sheffield Hospital to see A I Furling, then on to Lincoln.
- 3rd At Lincoln.
- 4th Go to Derby stay all night.
- 5th Home at noon, [Anthony Whiteoak](#) drowned in River whilst bathing.
[Nineteen-year old Anthony Whiteoak of Grange Farm, Kildwick, drowned while swimming with a friend in the River Aire between Kildwick and Steeton. At the inquest into the death, held at the victim's home on Monday 7th, it was recorded that Whiteoak and his friend Ernest Gibson, of Kirkgate, went down to the river at about 3pm on the previous Saturday. After going into the water three times, Anthony appeared to be in difficulties; Ernest went to try and help him but, although he was able to grasp his hand, was unable to save him. After he lost sight of his friend, Ernest went to get help. Mr. John Sturdy, of White Lane Farm, was brought to the river bank and tried unsuccessfully to locate the body, which was finally recovered at about 6:15pm. In his summary, the coroner commented that Ernest Gibson had done all that he could to save his friend and that John Sturdy was to be highly commended for his efforts. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.]
- 12th [Harold](#) holiday at home till wed.
- 16th [Harold](#) go to Lincoln to weekend.
- 19th Chas Brown joining RFA at Halifax. Sent onto Newcastle.
- 24th I passed for B2 class. Military Service at Halifax.
- 8th Sept 1916 [Ben Smith](#) at Salonika.
[Part of the Macedonian campaign, which saw a multi-national Allied force face the Bulgarian Army and German, Austro-Hungarian and Turkish units.]
- 9th [Martha Hutchinson](#) and [Grace](#) at Haworth.
- 30th Clocks put back to proper time.
[The end of British Summer Time.]
- 7th Oct 1916 [Mrs Hargreaves](#) dead.
[The mother of the Kildwick volunteers, Tom and Alec Hargreaves. At the time, Alec was in hospital in England and was able to get home for the funeral. Tom was in France and was not given leave. The photograph, showing the brothers with their sister Mary, was taken later. Notice that both men are wearing a black button on their uniform, a mourning symbol.]



- 10th Oct 1916 I go to funeral of [Mrs Hargreaves](#).
- 15th [Sister Best](#) calls at night.
- 21st Oakworth Tribunal grant exemption. So long as on National work.
[William has been in front of a Military Examination board, successfully claiming an exemption from service.]
- 24th Receive exemption card No. 408 Oakworth.
- 26th [Harold](#) (Brother) at Medical Board. Rejected.
[Harold has been rejected for WW1 military service.]
- 3rd Nov 1916 [John](#) (Brother) moved to Bedford.
- 4th [John Graves](#) at Lincoln dead.
- 7th [John Graves](#) interred at Lincoln.
- 19th [Mrs J Graves](#) over here for the day stays at Haworth 10 days.
- 24th [C Brown](#) just in infantry at Whitchurch Salop.
- 26th Collections from S S Scholars for year 6.6.2

1st Dec 1916 3 Prayer Book 3 Diaries Teachers O H M S.
22nd 10/- instead of Goose from firm.
29th Robert Newsholme Esq. Completes 50 years service at Mill, gives all ½ a week wage.
 20/6.
30th School Tea & Social good turnout receipts over 8£
31st I go to Drighlington to see [Miss Telford](#).
 [The first mention of Edith Telford, later to marry Ben Thornton Smith.]

1917

- 4th Jan 1917 [Robert Brown](#) in hospital at Glasgow, Shell Shock.
[This may be a reference to Robert Hugh Brown, of 27 Newby Road.]
- 6th Railway collision at Keighley Station. [Alwyn Pickles](#) married to [Miss Hudson](#) at
Knaresborough.
- 30th [Rev. C E V Hodge MA](#) comes to Kildwick from Canada.
- 4th Feb [Rev. Hodge](#) preaches his 1st sermon from 1. Co-operation 2.Humility 3.Love.
5th John (Brother) moved from Bedford to France.
*[2/6 battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment embarked for Le Havre on
5th and 6th February 1917.]*
- 8th Pay 3/6 for 200 cigs to [John E Roddie](#) in Salonika.
13th [Hannah Morley](#) taken to Reformatory at London.
14th [Walter Dawson](#) killed.
*[Able Seaman Walter Dawson, aged 24, of 7 Newby Road Farnhill, died of wounds
received on the 2nd February while serving with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
(Hawke battalion) in France.]*
- 16th [Harry Roe](#) joins the Army 18 years old.
18th Memorial Service for [W Dawson](#) in church.
21st [Willie Brown](#) 41
- 2nd March 1917 [John H Pickles](#) dead.
8th [Cissie Beadman](#) Note *Sarah Jane Beadman's* sister starts at General Hospital
Nottingham
- 15th Confirmation by the Bishop of Barrow at Kildwick Church 3pm.
24th 13 Teachers of S School go to Haworth to see a demonstration of Primary Work in
Church School.
- 31st Induction of [Rev. Hodge](#) I take part in ceremony. [H Wood](#) calls for tea.
- 2nd April 1917 [T E Sugden](#) joins the Honourable Art Company.
*[Thomas Edward Sugden, of Holme Bank Kildwick. He was the son of William Sugden,
the Farnhill coal merchant.]*
- 3rd [Aunt Eliz](#) in a bad way, go up at noon.
4th [Dr.Empey](#) X Mills. [Dawson Watson](#) Kildwick both dead.
8th Easter Sunday, snow all afternoon very cold. Go to Haworth. [P Graves](#) over Aunt no
better. Collection for vicar 20.2.9
- 14th [Birch Holmes](#) discharged from Army, lame arm.
[William Birch Holmes, son of the former Kildwick postman.]
- 20th [Percy Feather](#) goes to work house infirmary.
21st [Aunt Eliz](#) dies at midnight. [Chas Graves](#) comes here till Sunday.

- 22nd April 1917 I go to see [Bert Greenwood](#) at Victoria Hospital. Then tea on Dampens Rd. and up to Haworth. [Geo. Hall](#) Haworth dead.
- 25th [Cousin Martha & Grace](#) comes to Haworth.
- 26th Funeral of Aunt at Haworth Church 2.30pm.
- 29th [Harold](#) (Brother) and I attend Haworth Church 10.30am.
- 2nd May 1917 Reported "missing" of [Albert Backhouse](#).
- 10th 5 local lads wounded, [Blake Spencer](#) killed.
[There were probably more wounded than the five that William knew about. The West Yorkshire Pioneer reported "all the lads in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in connection with the village (Farnhill) are wounded except Pte. Harry Green, of Starkey Lane". In addition there were three men from Kildwick in the same hospital, in Rouen.]
- 21st [J Willie Dawson, Ernest Gibson](#) go in the Army.
[John William Dawson, one of the Dawson family who William seems to have befriended when he first moved to the village. Ernest Gibson was the young man who tried, and failed, to save his friend Anthony Whiteoak from drowning in August 1916.]
- 22nd [Harold](#) (Brother) rejected for 3rd time at Keighley.
- 28th Whit Monday School treat without tea. Very fine day.
- 29th [Uncle Charles Smith](#) and I go over Keighley Moor to Ilkley.
- 2nd June 1917 [Tom Spencer](#) in Army.
- 5th [Arthur Wilcock](#) in Army.
- 9th Muffled Peal for [Will Mosley](#) killed in France.
[William Mosley was one of the Kildwick bell-ringers, killed in action on June 3rd. On the centenary, 3/6/2017, Kildwick bell-ringers rang a quarter-peal in his memory.]
- 15th Short time starts 11.30 am Friday to Monday.
- 16th Keighley Gala fine day.
- 23rd I go to Earby & Barnoldswick Tea with [Mrs Roper](#). Garden Party at Kildwick Hall for Institute.
*[A highly successful Garden Party, at which receipts totalled over £34 and a profit of £19 19s was subsequently handed over to the treasurer of the Institute. It included a performance of the operetta "Zurika, the Gypsy Maid", with the main parts being taken by local children.
 After the performance tea, sugar-less in accordance with the Food Controller's guidelines, was served on the lawn and the guests were then invited to view exhibits in the Kildwick Hall armoury.]*
- 9th July 1917 Hay time on S Moor from 8am to 6.45. [Chas Brown](#) off to France.
- 14th Work on S. Moor. My wage to 50/- at mill.
- 24th Silsden Moor done Hay time.
- 27th Holidays for Festival one week.
- 28th Go up to Royston Tea with [Mr Best](#).

30th July 1917 Rasp. Gathering all day.
31st Walk via Addingham to Ilkley & Otley come back to sleep at Ilkley.

1st Aug 1917 Walk home via Skipton.
2nd Go to Bingley & Drighlington.
3rd Work on Silsden Moor, chop firewood.
4th [Jack Graves](#) at Haworth. [Harold](#) holiday. Kildwick festival.
7th [Gertrude Backhouse](#) accident in Kildwick, falls from bicycle and breaks her ankle.
8th Wed. [Harold](#) (brother) go to Lincoln till Monday next.
15th [Dr Dudgale](#) buried at Haworth Church.
18th Go see [P Feather](#) at Workhouse Infirmary the 2nd time operated on for gall stones.
23rd [Robert Newsholme](#) dead.
25th Attend funeral at Haworth West Lane Chapel 2.45pm. [Allan Green](#) Lieut. Killed in France.
31st Start to work 50 hours per week. Stop Sat's only.

1st Sept.1917 [Annie Smith](#) 18.
3rd [Herbert Birtwistle](#) died at Menstone.
12th [Joe Woodrup](#) married at Skipton.
15th Choir have a drive Grassington, Bolton Abbey Boys go to Leeds.
16th [I & E Longbottom](#) go see [Gertrude Backhouse](#) at Hospital.
17th Clocks put back to proper time.
23rd [Jabez Birtwhistle](#) dead.
29th Walk over to Addingham

3rd Oct 1917 [John Gaskell](#) co-op manager dies very suddenly.
5th [Lily Green](#) starts at Post work.
6th Made a member of the trade section. Yorkshire Overlookers Society Keighley.
9th Harvest at Church.
12th [C Brown](#) brought to Brighton.
14th [Miss King](#) in Hospital with septic poison in hand & foot.
24th [Archie Sugden](#) killed on Oct 9th
25th [Pheobe Graves](#) at "Home" in Skegness. Send 5/-
27th Club Tea & Concert Kildwick.
31st Give 4/4 for a lb of Danish Butter.

8th Nov 1917 [John](#) comes home till Nov 21st.
10th [John](#) & [I](#) go to Skipton.
11th [John](#) & [Harold](#) go to Haworth.
12th [John](#) on S Moor for night.
14th [John](#) go to Lincoln & Derby.
17th [John](#) & [I](#) go to Keighley, Workhouse and Hospital.
18th [John](#) & [I](#) go to Duke Hills. [Tom Hargreaves](#) comes home.

19th November 1917 [John](#) at Haworth gets 6/6 at Lees Mill.

20th [John](#) & [Harold](#) go to Morton Military Hospital to see [Harry Green](#). Notice in paper about [Julian Stephenson](#) lost his work at Bingley.
[This may be Harry Green of Starkey Lane, one of three brothers who served in the war.]

21st [John](#) returns on the 7.40pm Leeds at 10pm.

23rd [Robert Newsholme](#) will in paper 75333E

28th [Alec Hargreaves](#) shot through leg, brought to Nottingham Hospital.

7th Dec 1917 Wages increased to 55/-

8th [Bert Greenwood](#) marries [Marion Smith](#). [Percy Hartley](#) married.

22nd Xmas holidays one week.

25th We go to S Moor after dinner. Xmas Day firm gives us 10/-.

26th We go to Haworth after noon.

28th I go up to Rylstone.

29th School Concert. No tea real good concert. [Annie Weathall](#) married.

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1918

- 1st Jan 1918 Rationed for Sugar, ½ lb per head.
16th [Maggie Watson](#) buried.
17th [Rev. A E Farrow](#) made Vicar of St Cuthbert's Sheffield.
- 5th Feb 1918 [Harold](#) (Brother) at Medical Board at Keighley. Rejected.
16th Attend funeral of [Mrs John Pickles](#) at Haworth.
20th [S A King](#) married to [Alfred Cousins](#) of Southampton.
- 9th March 1918 Club Concert at Keighley. Visit to Prince Smiths in afternoon.
16th [Mrs Alfred Farrow](#) killed by falling out of a window at St Cuthert's Rectory Sheffield and
20th Interred at Flaxton today [Miss Susy Roper](#) Buried at Haworth.
27th [Mrs Harry Brown](#) buried at Kildwick Church. [Harold](#) (brother) attends as "Bearer".
[The mother of Farnhill WW1 Volunteer Robert Hugh Brown].
- 2nd April 1918 Easter Tuesday go to Barnoldswick.
8th [Rev. A E Farrow](#) inducted.
16th [Rev. C E V Hodge](#) Vicar of Kildwick goes as a Chaplain to Whitchurch Camp. Shropshire.
- 20th May 1918 Whit Monday, very fine day all pass of well. No tea. [Pheobe Graves](#) and [Grace](#) here.
21st Go to Rylstone afternoon.
29th King & Queen in Keighley.
- 15th June 1918 [Walter Best](#) married to [Dorothy Franklin](#) at Hornsey Church London. Send them "A Spring Time Saunter".
- 17th July 1918 Funeral of [Evelyn M Britters](#) at Kildwick. S School give 1£ to cost of above.
22nd [Rev. C E V Hodge](#) reports at London for France.
27th Feast. Holiday. Hay time till Tuesday night.
31st At Derby for night at No. 6 Findern St.
- 1st Aug 1918 At Nottingham call to see [Miss Waites](#) and at the General Hospital.
2nd At Lincoln to Aug 4.
9th [Harold](#) (brother) holiday for one week. [Jas Baistow](#) Jubilee gift of 35/-
10th I go to Medical Board at Keighley placed Grade 2. [Harold](#) (brother) go to Lincoln for one week.
15th [Richmond Thompson](#) buried at Kildwick.
29th [Ben T Smith](#) home from Salonika to Sept 19.
31st [Ben](#) & [I](#) go to Ingrow and Haworth.

- 3rd Sept 1918 [Harold](#) (brother) attends funeral of [John W Green](#) at Silsden.
- 14th [Mr & Mrs Jas Horsfield](#) have a week holiday at Kildwick.
- 21st Accident to [Mary Slack](#), falls off her bike. Notice in papers [John](#) (brother) gets the Military Medal.
[John Spencer Whitham was one of two Farnhill men to receive a Military Medal. This was for attending wounded men whilst wounded himself.]
- 28th [Rev. F Jackson](#) move to Bradford. Tetley St. Chapel.
- 31st Oct 1918 [Norris Jackson](#) died at New Barnett London.
- 2nd Nov 1918 Interred at New Barnett. Botany Mill burned down at Keighley.
- 5th [Mrs W H Ogden](#) dead at Haworth.
- 7th [John](#) (brother) home to Nov 21.
- 8th [Annie Hanson](#) buried at Silsden.
- 9th [John](#) (brother) & I go see [Rev. & Mrs Jackson](#) at Bradford.
- 11th **Armistice Signed Fight stops at 11 am. ½ day holiday from work.**
- 12th [John](#) (brother) off to Derby. I walk over to Addingham.
- 16th [John](#) (brother) & I go to see [Sister Best](#) at Keighley Hospital then up to Haworth.
- 20th [John](#) (brother) returns to France.
- 21st [Annie Whitaker](#) Cross Hills died buried at Kildwick Nov. 29th.
- 30th Will of [Uncle Charles](#) signed by [Harold](#) (brother) and I.
- 1st Dec 1918 [Grace Hutchinson](#) Lincoln dead.
- 14th Election Day. I vote for first time at Kildwick.
- 23rd [E M Dennison](#) married [Thos Walker](#).
- 25th Xmas Day we go to S Moor.
- 26th [Harold](#) (brother) & I go to Bradford.
- 28th School Concert pass of well.

1919

- 1st Jan 1919 **Engineers commence a 47 Hours working week.**
- 4th Children's Social at School £6 0 0 for Blind Soldiers.
- 10th We give 10/6 to [Rev. T W Story](#) testimonial at Haworth.
- 11th [Martha & Jack](#) over for afternoon. [Jack](#) overnight.
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- 4th Feb 1919 [Allan Smith](#) Junction Interred at Kildwick. [Harold](#) (brother) Ingersoll Watch 30/-
- 11th Presentation to [Rev. & Mrs Story](#) Haworth. Who leave for Woodside, Horsforth. 150£ and other gifts.
- 15th [Maria Brear](#) buried at Silsden.
- 21st Work Lantern at Sutton Church School.
- 27th [John P Smith](#) dead.
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- 3rd March 1919 New Working Hours in Textile Mills 48 Hours per week.
- 18th [Rev. C E V Hodge](#) back home from France.
- 20th Funeral of [Billy Slack](#) at Kildwick. Been away from home 9 years and comes home to die.
[William Lister Slack had been in the Merchant Marine since 1910. As suggested by the diary entry, he returned to Farnhill at the beginning of March and died on the 16th.]
- 22nd [Hilda Aucante](#) married to [Joe Gould](#).
- 23rd Go see [John E Roddie](#) at Morton Hospital.
- 29th Go to At Homes Tetley St. Bradford.
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- 5th April 1919 John (brother) home from Ripon Demobbed Camp. 4.30pm.
- 12th [T W Story](#) inducted at Horsforth.
- 17th [Sarah Beadman](#) (from Appleby Magna Leicestershire) comes here for holiday.
[Later Mrs. John Whitham]
- 21st I and [John](#) (brother) & [Sarah](#) go to Bolton Abbey & Ilkley.
- 23rd We go to Bradford also [Jack Graves](#).
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- 7th May 1919 [John](#) (brother) not well examined by [Dr Canter](#).
- 10th [John](#) at [Charley Fletchers](#) wedding to [Beatrice Foster](#) at Skipton.
- 17th [Ben T Smith](#) demobbed.
- 18th [John](#) (brother) I go to Rylstone.
- 28th [William Laycock, Junction](#) dead.
- 30th [Ben Wilson X Hills](#) dead.

- 7th June 1919 [John](#) (brother) at Earby for weekend.
- 8th Whit Sunday. 14 8 5 ½ for S School.
- 9th School Treat all pass of well.
- 10th [John](#) (brother) & I walk to Hellifield return by train.
- 19th [Rev. Elson](#) inducted at Haworth.
- 28th Overlookers Trip round by Bolton Abbey. Peace signed in France.
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- 6th July 1919 Thanksgiving Service in Church 3pm. 8£ for St Dunston's Home.
[St. Dunstan's Home for blinded soldiers and sailors was a favoured charity of Lady Horsfall and Mary Sharpe (of Kildwick Hall).]
- 14th [John](#) (brother) goes to S Moor for Hay time.
- 19th Long day. Holiday Tea for Soldiers. Gala & Fireworks on the Moor.
- 22nd Keighley Holidays go to Cudworth call at [Mrs Richardson's](#), 6, Crosby St, then to Sheffield. Have lunch with [Rev. A E Farrow](#) at St Cuthbert's vicarage. At Lincoln.
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- Aug 1919 Go round via Derby then home via Leeds.
- 8th [Harold](#) (brother) holiday, cleans down in the house.
- 13th [Harold](#) (brother) & [John](#) (brother) go to Flaxton.
- 17th [Julian Stephenson](#) son dead at Bingley.
- 30th Glusburn Show.
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- 3rd Sept 1919 [Harry Taylor](#) over from Earby.
- 8th [James M Barritt](#) dead at Kildwick
- 11th [John](#) (brother) at Derby for examination for Mid. Railway.
- 20th Silsden Show, a good day but cold. Choir trip to York.
- 21st Harvest Festival at Church.
- 26th Railway Strike at 12 o'clock midnight.
- 27th Walk down to Keighley at 5.15am 8 mornings.
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- 6th Oct 1919 Railway Strike ended.
- 7th Train service on again.
- 11th [Jim Pollard](#) buried at Kildwick.
[James Scarborough Theodore Pollard had served throughout the war. He returned suffering from the effects of being gassed, and died of pneumonia.]
- 13th [John](#) (brother) starts at the Lord Derby War Hospital Warrington Lancs.
- 16th Vicars lecture on Canada to Children's Guild, for 1st meeting.
- 28th 178£ present to [Mr & Mrs Kemp](#) X Hills.

5th Nov 1919

33£ present to William Hill Sec to Oddfellows Farnhill

[William Hill retired after 42 years as secretary to the Oddfellows.]

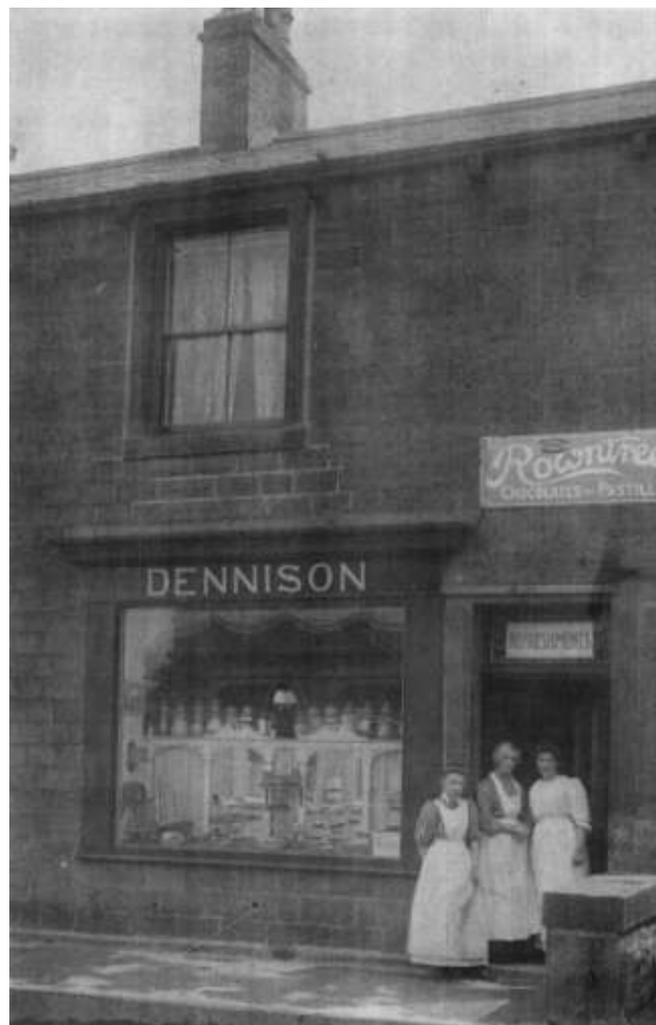


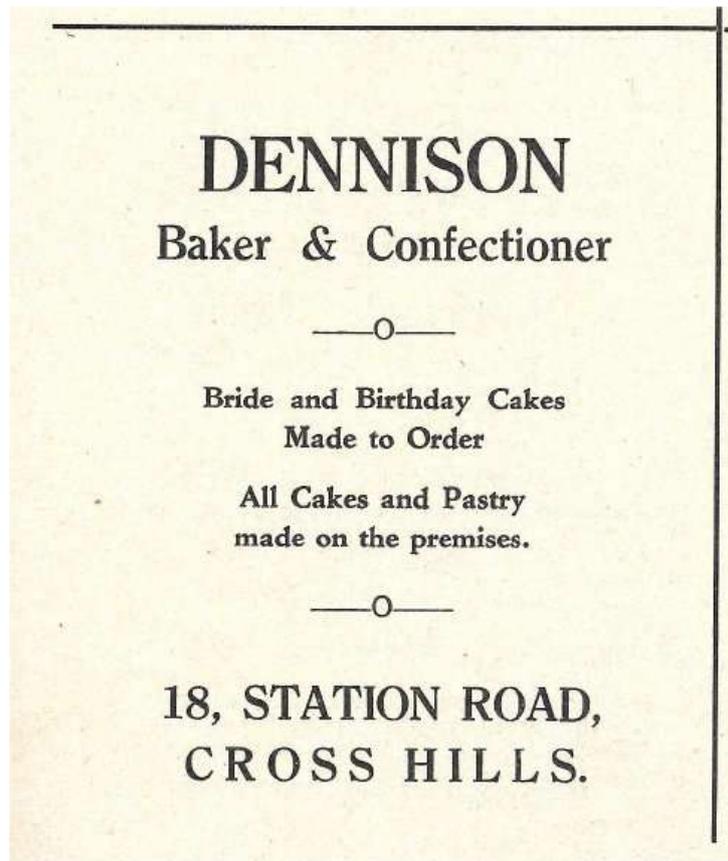
- 6th [Maggie Richmond](#) dead.
- 11th Teachers Social at the Vicarage.
- 12th **Armistice Day 2 Minutes stop work at mills.**
- 16th Jumble Sale for day School Kildwick.
- 24th Dec 1919 Wage Increase to 86/6 1£ gift from firm.
- 25th Go to Silsden Moor.
- 26th Go to Haworth, very wet.
- 27th School Concert & Tea all pass of A 1.
- 31st New Years Eve Dance for Football Club, [Mrs Hackston](#) dies at [Miss Clough's](#) 18 St. Rd X Hills.

1920

- 7th Jan 1920 [Mrs Sam Sutcliffe](#) buried at Haworth.
- 10th Concert in Town Hall X Hills towards New Recreation ground at Kildwick.
- 19th [Albert Goodies](#) dies on the road at Haworth.
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- 7th Feb 1920 [Mrs Overend](#) Silsden buried at kildwick.
- 8th War memorial in the Day School. Unveiled by [Mr Appleby](#) Schoolmaster.
*[On January 30th 1920 Thomas Appleby, the headmaster of Kildwick School, made the following entry in the school log book:
A School War Memorial with the names of 15 former scholars who gave their lives during the war has been erected in school. The central panel has a picture of a kneeling figure of St. George. The inscription is: "That unselfishness and duty cheerfully done may be a lasting example. In grateful memory of former scholars of Kildwick School who gave their lives in the Great War"
He later appended a cutting from a local newspaper:
A beautiful memorial, provided by former scholars of Kildwick National School to commemorate the sacrifices of old scholars in the great war was unveiled in Kildwick National School on Sunday afternoon. The schoolroom was quite filled with old scholars, relatives and friends, the company including Mr. James Bairstow (Springfield), and Mr. W.A. and Mr. J.J. Brigg (Kildwick Hall). The service was in charge of the vicar of Kildwick (the Rev. C.E.V. Hodge), who said they were met to dedicate the tablet to the memory of the sons of the school who had fallen in the war.
The unveiling ceremony was fittingly performed by Mr. Thomas Appleby, who had been in charge of the National School as headmaster during the school days of most of those who had fallen. ...
The memorial is of carved oak with brass panels on which are engraved the names of the fifteen old scholars who have fallen. The centre picture is of St. George kneeling, and is a replica, in colour, of the glass panel by Mr. G.W.P. Hutchinson, exhibited at the Royal Academy. ...
The names inscribed on the memorial are: Tom Allsopp, Willie Barker, A.L. Backhouse, Fred Carlton, Walter Dawson, Fred Dixon, Joseph Green, William Mosley, Fred Scarfe, Joseph Smith, J. Allan Smith, Archie Sugden, T.H. Stephens, Frank Thompson, and H. Walmsley.]*
- 15th [John Brook](#) Engineer dead.
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- 13th March 1920 [Mr Smith](#) of Nantwich buried at Harwich near Bolton.
- 27th Clocks put on 1 hour.
- 31st [John](#) (brother) finishes at Warrington.

- 4th April 1920 Easter Day £33 0 0 for vicar.
 5th [John](#) (brother) goes to work at Moira (Derbyshire) I call to see [Rev. T W Story](#) at Horsforth.
- 17th Parochial Tea and election of Church Council.
 25th Give Lantern Lecture for Waifs & Strays.
- 7th May 1920 [Peter Baldwin](#) dies very sudden.
 12th I fall sick at work. (Wed) 8.45 come home while after Whitsun.
 17th [Harold](#) (brother) & I go to Morecombe for 5 days.
 22nd [John](#) (brother) & [Alfred Jones](#) (from Moira) comes for Whit Holiday.
 23rd Whit Sunday £11 12 9 for school.
 24th Fine day all pass of well at [Mr Laycocks](#).
- 11th June 1920 [Uncle Charles](#) (Smith) & Aunt get 12/- per week. Old Age Pension.
 28th [S J Beadman](#) (Sarah Jane) comes to [Miss Dennisons](#) at X Hills to help with work.
[This might have been Dennisons the cake shop, in Main Street Crosshills]





- 2nd July 1920 [Harold](#) (brother) starts at Midland Mills.
- 3rd Flag Day for Church Army 7 4 0.
- 17th Sale of work in School for Missions £35.
- 24th Keighley Festival Saturday. Teachers Trip to York. Good outing.
[Crabtree Bro.](#) Sent to prison 12 months and pay 1000£ fine for evading Income Tax.
- 26th I go to Moira (Derbyshire)
- 28th At Appleby Magna (Leicestershire)
Note: this is where Sarah Jane Beadman came from who married his brother John.
- 29th At Nantwich
- 31st [John](#) (brother) & I come home. Real good holiday.
- 2nd Aug 1920 [Lily Beadman](#) married to [Alfred Jones](#) at Appleby Magna.
Note: this is Sarah Jane Beadman's sister.
- 7th Overlookers trip to Harrogate & Knaresborough Bronte Charabanc.
- 8th Kildwick Festival.
- 9th [Harold](#) (brother) go to Lincoln till week end.
- 14th See [Martha Ann Shuttleworth](#) at Keighley Infirmary.
- 28th [Miss Beadman](#) at Haworth for week end.

1st Sept 1920 [Annie Smith](#) 21.
 4th Skipton Show with [Miss Beadman](#).
 5th [Sarah Graves](#) over to tea at Haworth for holiday.
 11th Silsden Show a big success. Very fine day.
 21st [Capt Short](#) leaves Glusburn £75 presentation.
 28th [Miss Beadman](#) goes home. [Peter Slack](#) married to [Mary Whitham](#) at Silsden.

2nd Oct 1920 Start medicine of [Dr Carter](#) X Hills not feeling very well.
 12th Pay 12/- for 112lb of Potatoes of [Uncle Charles](#).
 16th Miners Strike today.
 18th [Sir John Horsfall](#) dies in the train on his way to Bradford Market.
 29th Short working week through coal strike 24 hours.

12th Nov 1920 1st payment to new unemployment scheme.
 20th [John](#) (brother) married to [Sarah Jane Beadman](#) at St. Hilda's Church Moira. I act as Best man. [Harold](#) and [Johanna \(Heaton\)](#), [C Graves](#) as guests. [Kitty Beadman](#) & [Mary Evans](#) as Brides Maids, [Joseph Beadman](#) (Father) gave her away. We stay the weekend at Moira & Overseal. Very Happy Time.

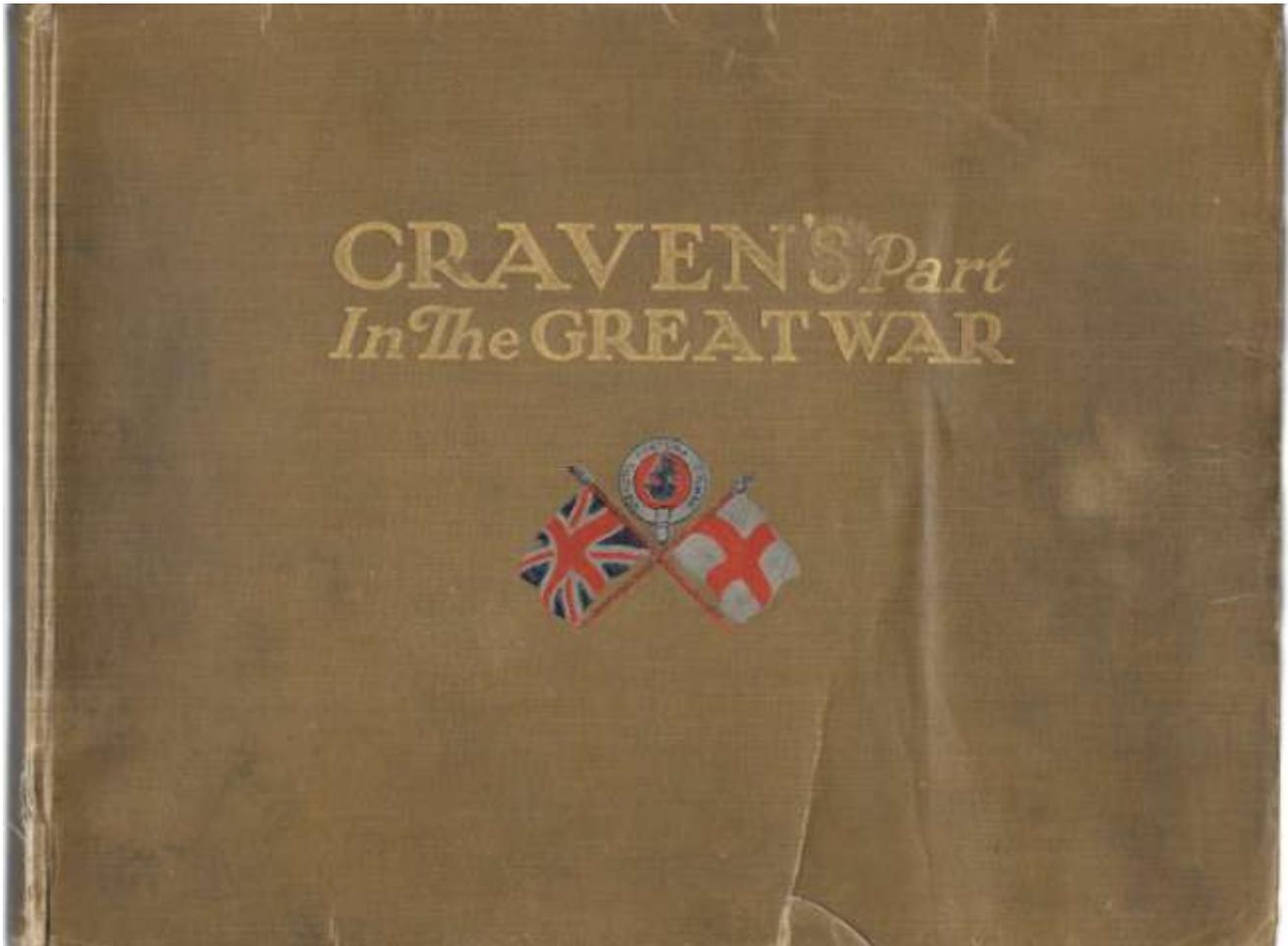
1st Dec 1920 [Harold](#) (brother) draws £50 0 0 Insurance.
 9th I draw £61 3 0 Insurance.
 15th [Annie Smith](#) married [Leo Spencer](#) at Kildwick. [Harold](#) goes to tea.
[Leo Spencer was one of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers.]
 24th [John](#) (brother) and wife come in evening.
 25th Christmas Communion at 7.a.m. Dinner at home. Then tea at Silsden Moor.
 26th We all go to Haworth for dinner & tea.
 27th I act as Best Man for [C Slack](#) married to [Elsie M Shackleton](#) at Keighley P Church.
[Charles Slack was another of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers.]
 28th [John](#) (brother) & Wife return home. [Harold](#) (brother) & I have 10 days holiday.
[Jane Whitaker](#) married to [Ed Hollins](#) at Kildwick. I go as a guest to tea. Sunday School Teachers give a pair of Silver Candle Sticks to [Annie Smith](#) a Biscuit Barrel.
 30th [Harold](#) (brother) & I go to Addingham via Skipton & Draughton.
 31st Get School ready for Concert etc. Football Dance 7pm.

1921

10 Jan 1921

Presentation of Book from [Walter Morrison](#) to All Craven Ex Soldiers, [John](#) gets one at 7.30pm.

[This is the well-known book "Craven's Part in the Great War", which lists all the men of Craven who died in WW1. Publication was funded by Walter Morrison and a copy was given to all the men who served.]



25th

[Martha H Brown](#) married to [Arthur Cockshott](#) at Crosshills Wesleyan Chapel.

5th Feb 1921

[Wilson Turnbull](#) married to [Alice Davis](#) at Bingley. I go in the evening to Social.

25th

[Mrs Mosley](#) taken to Skipton.

26th March 1921

[Ben Thornton Smith](#) ([Charles Smith's](#) son) married to [Edith Telford](#) at Drighlington Church, they go to Overseal for the week. I act as Best Man.

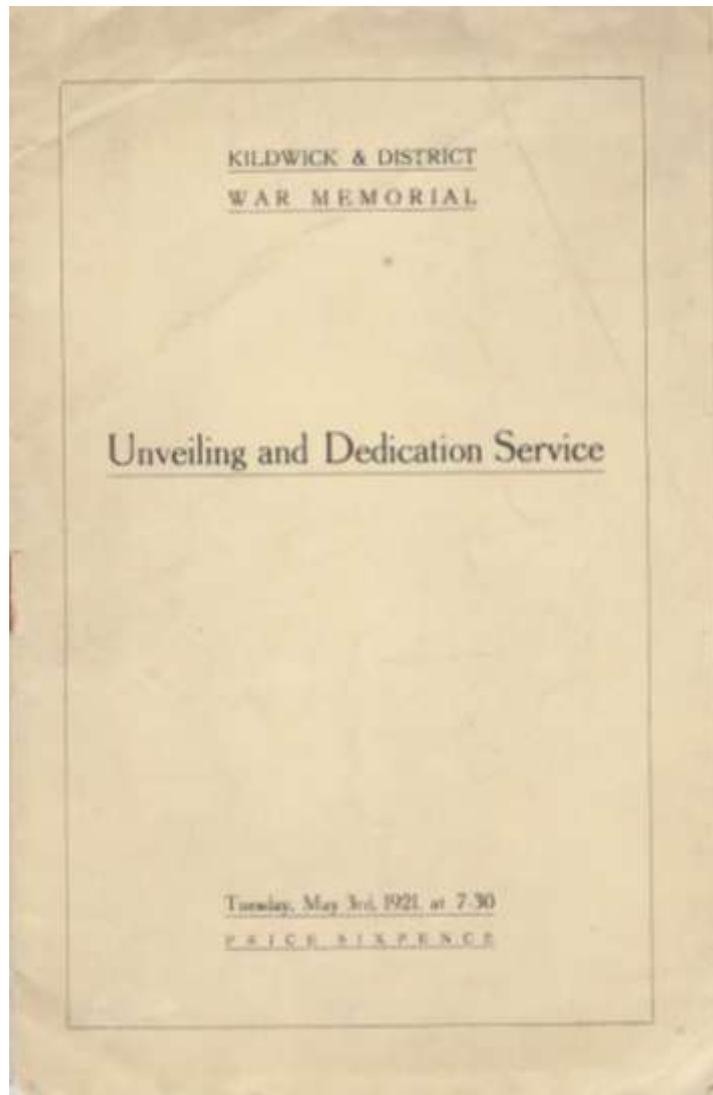
Note: this was William's Cousin.

1st April 1921
24th
3rd May 1921

Coal Strike starts.

[Phyllis Ann Cockshott](#) born at Newlands Farm 10pm.

Unveiling Kildwick War Memorial by Bishop of Bradford.



16th

Whit Monday. Good day for school.

18th June 1921

Teachers Motor Trip to Ripon & Masham. Very good day and fine.

25th

Overlookers Motor Trip to Blackpool, splendid day excursion.

17th July 1921

Get certificate for [Duke Hill](#) Born Sept 25th 1851.

[Perhaps a birth certificate required to prove his age when claiming old-age pension?]

18th

[Charley Graves](#) lamed at Moira.

20th

[Mrs Smith](#), Nantwich dead at 11pm.

23rd

I go to Overseal, call at Burton Hospital to see [Charley Graves](#), return home on 29th by way of Derby.

5th Aug 1921 **Harold** go to Overseal for a week. (Note: this is where **John & Sarah** live) Kildwick Festival.

13th Attend the funeral of **John Greenwood** at Kildwick Church.

6th Sept 1921 Go to Leeds Infirmary for examination of neck.
13th At Leeds Infirmary while. Sept 30th Operation, Sept 21st for Paretic Tumour in neck, stay in for 3 days.

18th **Maud Frencham** at Prospect View.
19th **Ralph Hellings** move to Burnley.

13th Oct 1921 **Ben Smith** (cousin) gets into own home.
[64 Starkey Lane; next door to his parents.]

15th Sale of work at School. **Harold** (brother) and I go to Leeds give £5 to Infirmary.

8th Nov 1921 **Sally Hill** operation at Keighley for hernia.
12th Sunday school meeting at Kildwick put on the committee.
19th **Elizabeth Marian Whitham** born at Overseal. Note: this is the daughter of **John Spencer Whitham** his brother. Cousin **Sarah** act as nurse.
25th Teeth new modelled. 2.12.6 from **G E Greenwood**.

18th Dec 1921 **Walter Morrison** dead at Devonshire.
[The man responsible for the book "Craven's Part in the Great War". A biography can be found at <http://www.kirkbymalham.info/KMLHG/morrison/squire.html>]

24th Skipton Workhouse.
25th **C Brown** down for dinner, we go to tea.
26th We go to Haworth for tea, very wild weather.
31st School Tea & Concert all pass off well. **Short time work all the year.**

1922

- 7th Jan 1922 Children's Social for Blind Soldiers £4 6 6.
8th [Spencer Heaton](#) Dies at 4.30pm they wish for one to go up, get there at 6.30.
Note: this is one of the children of [Elizabeth Whitham](#) & [Joseph Heaton](#).
- 11th [Tom Hill](#) buried at Kildwick.
12th [Spencer Heaton](#) buried at West Lane Haworth in a new grave .
Note: There is a grave at Haworth Church Yard with several of Spencer's brothers and sisters in it.
- 14th [Harold](#) (brother) & I spend the night at Station Road Haworth.
Note: this is where the [Heaton Family](#) lived.
- 15th Haworth Church 10.30am. Very wild winter day.
20th **Rev. Fred Ogden buried at Haworth Church.**
21st [Charley Green](#) dead.
[Charles Whiteoak Green; father of three of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers.]
- 28th [Spencer Heaton](#) Sale of Goods made 17 4 9. Valuation cost 1 1 0, sale 2 4 6. I get [Spencer's](#) Gold Guard.
- 2nd Feb 1922 Sign as Bondsman for the administration of [S Heaton's](#) estate, he died without a "will".
- 20th [Mrs Foster](#) Skipton dead.
28th **Princess Mary married to Viscount Lascells.**
- 8th April 1922 **War Memorial opened at Skipton.**
15th Easter Holidays. [S A Heaton](#) ([Sarah Ann](#)) go to Overseal
19th [Betty Spencer](#) born.
[Daughter of [Leo Spencer](#) and his wife [Annie](#).]
29th Go to Waif & Stray Home at Headingley Leeds.
- 2nd May 1922 Pole Day for Church Council, I am 2nd on list.
15th **Start full time work.**
- 3rd June 1922 [Mary Slack](#) married to [Joe Snowden](#) at Silsden
5th Whit Monday Festival, pass off very well. [John](#) (brother) and family over for holidays.
16th [Tom Pettit](#) start at Keighley.
20th Attend the funeral of [George E Greenwood](#) at Haworth Cemetery. Will proved £1275.
24th Sunday school meeting at Skipton for Certificates.
26th [Mrs Mawson](#) Glusburn dead.

- 1st July 1922 Overlookers half day to Morecombe.
- 7th [John](#) (brother) & family remove to Haworth at a cost off £? 0 0.
- 8th Teachers half day to Knaresborough and Harrogate. Very wet day.
- 18th [Gillian Margaret Vera Hodge](#) born.
{Daughter of the Kildwick vicar.}
- 29th I and [Lena Sturdy](#) go to Flaxton Rectory, very wet day.
- 30th Day to Morecombe with Kildwick Choir Boys.
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- 3rd Aug 1922 [John](#) (brother) & I go to see [Charlie Graves](#) at Giggleswick.
- 6th Kildwick Festival.
- 7th [Harold](#) (brother) go to Lincoln for week out.
- 27th God Father on behalf of the School to [Gillian Margaret Vera Hodge](#). Teachers give a Silver Christening Cup £1.10.0, [Mr Longbottom](#) & I have tea at vicarage.
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- 24th Sept 1922 [Kitty Beadman](#) (*sister to Sarah Jane Beadman now Whitham*) at Haworth for 2 week.
- 29th [Mr Kemp](#) buried at Kildwick drowned in canal.

Note pages missing from October 1922 to April 1923

1923

- 21st April 1923 Visit Waif & Strays Home at Leeds with [B Willie Appleby](#).
- 19th May 1923 Overlookers trip to Blackpool by Motor.
20th Whit Sunday. Vicar isolated with measles.
21st [Pheobe Graves](#) married to [Sam Woodhead](#) at Lincoln. [Harold](#) there for the weekend.
23rd [John](#) starts as Verger at Cowling Church.
29th [Mrs John Sturdy](#) dead.
31st [John](#) (brother) removes to Cowling.
- 19th June 1923 [Sam Heyworth](#) has a seizure which proved fatal.
23rd Sunday school Teachers Trip to Bowness. Bring back a Pipe and "Wordsworth Bust" as presents.
29th [Sam Heyworth](#) buried at Kildwick.
- 30th July 1923 Keighley holidays, go to Ilkley.
31st At Giggleswick.
- 1st Aug 1923 At Cowling & Colne.
8th [Harold](#) (brother) at Morecombe by Motor.
9th [Will Greenwood](#) X Hills killed by bicycle accident.
11th [Maud Frencham](#) at Prospect View, taken very poorly today.
31st [Kitty Beadman](#) at Cowling.
Note sister to [Sarah Whitham](#).
- 1st Sept 1923 Skipton Show with above.
3rd [Maud Frencham](#) better and goes home.
8th Cowling garden party.
15th Morecombe half day with [Kitty Beadman](#). Carnival starts today.
29th **Short time at Mill, Saturdays off work.**
- 8th Dec 1923 Buy books at Church House Bradford.
25th Cowling for tea, very heavy snowstorm afternoon & evening.
29th School concert good turnout.

1924

- 5th Jan 1924 Children's Social in Parish Room.
26th At Cowling Church School for tea and concert.
- 2nd Feb 1924 Midsummer Night's Dream played at School by Girls Guild.
16th 10 day mission at Church.
17th Torch Light Procession from Cross Hills 5.30pm.
23rd [George Sunderland](#) married to [Rose Brackey](#).
25th [Harry Brown](#) found dead in bed.
27th [Harold](#) (brother) attends funeral of above.
- 7th March 1924 [Mary Spencer](#) (6mth) dead. 10/- towards expenses.
[The second daughter of Leo Spencer and wife Annie.]
- 8th [Mrs Fieldhouse](#) dead.
22nd [Mrs John Hargreaves](#) dead.
[Annie Hargreaves; three of her sons served in WW1 – all returned safely.]
- 17th April 1924 Attend funeral of [Mrs Robert Green](#) (83)
20th Easter Day [Uncle Charles \(Smith\)](#) very poorly.
22nd I & [John](#) & Family go to Giggleswick.
- 10th May 1924 Mill Trip to London, Exhibition at Wembley 26/- each all found.
[In his memoir of working at Woodrow's Mill, Junction, Alec Hargreaves makes particular mention of a trip organised to see the Empire Exhibition at Wembley.]



8th June 1924 Whit Sunday 18 5 9 for Sunday School.
9th Whit Monday fine but cold, tea in the field etc. Stay up all night with [Aunt Sarah Smith](#) (*Charles Smith's wife*)

10th Teachers Trip to Matlock wet day.
12th [Aunt Sarah](#) dead 3.45pm (*Sarah Smith*)
14th We all attend funeral of above.
[Harold](#) & I witness the signature of the Will of [Chas Smith](#).

17th July 1924 [Peter Slack](#) son of [Chas](#) and [Elsie](#) born.
[The first of three sons.]

19th Choir Trip to Liverpool. **King & Queen opened new Cathedral.**
28th Festival Holidays. Go to Sheffield and Lincoln. Rain the whole day.
30th At Skegness with [J Hutchinson](#).

1st Aug 1924 At Cromford near Matlock for the night at [Walter Bests](#).
2nd Go by motor to Derby then home. Meet [John](#) (brother) and family, who had had a week at Moira. (*Leicestershire*) they bring to Cowling [Edgar & Arthur Jones](#).

4th Take above to Bostock circus.
8th House paper at £2 9 6.
9th [Mrs Jack Jones](#) and baby [Frank](#) at Cowling for week. (*Sarah Jane Whitham nee Beadman's sister*).

10th [Sam & Pheobe](#) and two friends call for dinner and tea. Going to Giggleswick for holiday.
30th Attend funeral of [Mrs Foster](#) at Kildwick. Glusburn sport, fine day.

10th Sept 1924 Repaid account from [Miss Heaton](#), Haworth.
29th Attend the funeral of [Mrs Mosley](#) died at Skipton institution.
30th [Seth Tillotson](#) retires after 23 years verger and sexton at Kildwick.

22nd Oct 1924 £103 presented to above.
25th £3 17 6 for Gold Albert at Leeds.
[A gold watch chain.]

29th **General Election.**
[The third General Election in two years. A significant Conservative victory.]

15th Nov 1924 [Miss Lena Sturdy](#) and I see Merchant of Venice at Keighley.
22nd Combined Choir Service at Kildwick 7pm.

3rd Dec 1924 [William Sunderland](#) 85 dead.
25th Tea at [Uncle Charles](#) (*Smith*)
26th Tea at Cowling
27th School Tea & Concert. [Miss Pearce](#) taken to Victoria Hospital.

1925

- 3rd April 1925 [Miss Pearce](#) died at Keighley Hospital.
- 10th Good Friday. [George Gill](#) buried at Haworth Cemetery.
- 15th Attend funeral of [Edith Holmes](#) (5) from Bucklars Hill to Haworth Church.
- 22nd [Charlie Graves](#) married to [Grace James](#) at Giggleswick. [Humphrey Wood](#) buried at Haworth.
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- 11th May 1925 Mission to Seamen Exhibition at Keighley. Win a box of 50 cigars.
- 16th Men's Convention by [Father King](#) at Kildwick.
- 24th Present [Annie Sturdy](#) with Case of Tea Knives, for wedding present at Cross Hills School.
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- 1st June 1925 Whit Monday cold day tea in school, Games is in [Mr Laycocks](#) field.
- 5th Pay Teachers holiday club out. £25 3 4.
- 13th Overlookers Trip by Charabanc to Morecombe.
- 20th Teachers Trip to Southport by Charabanc.
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- 18th July 1925 Meet [Jack Jones](#) (*from Moira*) at Keighley and go to show.
- 20th Go to Skipton & Ilkley with [Jack Jones](#).
- 23rd **Textile wage dispute. Stop tonight at Mills.**
- 25th [Harry Wilcock](#) married [Mary Whiteoak](#).
- 28th Festival Holiday week [John](#) (brother) and family go to Morecombe by Charabanc.
- 31st Go to Royal Lancashire Show at Lancaster with [W Brown](#).
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- 11th Aug 1925 [Harold](#) (brother) to Blackpool by Charabanc. [Ben Smith](#) (Cousin), [John Moore](#).
- 13th [Harold](#) to Morecombe.
- 19th **Start work after dispute at mill.**
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- 8th Sept 1925 [Mrs Sam Dawson](#) dead.
- 13th Present [Agnes Wright](#) with Silver Candle sticks for wedding present.
- 18th [Mr White](#) and [Miss Ada White](#) off to New Zealand. Mission Ex at X Hills.
- 20th **New working hours at Mill. 7.45 to 12.15, 1.15 to 5.30.**
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- Oct 1925 Church Men's Society ex at Bradford.
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- 14th Nov 1925 See Macbeth at Keighley with [Lena Sturdy](#).
- 23rd [George Holiday](#) as Verger at Kildwick.
- 27th **Funeral of Queen Alexandra.**
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- 4th Dec 1925 [Sam Dawson](#) dead.
- 5th [Aunt Hannah](#) buried at Flaxton aged 81

1926

- 2nd Jan 1926 School Tea & Concert pass off well.
- 8th Feb 1926 Send 30/- to Haworth Church for redecorating.
16th [Harry Hanson](#) buried at Silsden.
- 7th March [John's](#) wife 40 today ([Sarah Jane Whitham](#))
24th [Hilda Page](#) and [Sam Heaton](#) go see Waif and Stray home in Leeds.
- 1st May 1926 **Coal Strike at 12pm.**
21st Overlookers to Blackpool by charabanc. [Lily Bell](#) married to [Harry Dearden](#). Give her pictures & 22/- cost of mounting.
- 6th June 1926 **Church Yard Extension consecrated by Vicar of Bradford.**
[The "new" graveyard, on the far side of the Canal.]
8th **New Tennis Court opened by J J Brigg.**
19th Teachers Trip to York by Charabanc, leave at 1.15 home at 11.30
24th [Tom Appleby](#) dead.
[Kildwick school headmaster.]
26th Reunion service at Church [Rev. J W Rhodes](#) preaches today and Sunday. Garden party at vicarage. [John](#) (brother) and I attend funeral of [Tom Appleby](#) a large crowd of people.
- 19th July 1926 Meeting in School to consider a memorial to the late [Tom Appleby](#).
[The "Appleby Gate" at the bottom of Parson's Walk was later erected in his memory.]
26th I & [John](#) and family go to Manchester Zoo for day.
30th I go to Royal Lancashire Show at Burnley.
- 9th Aug 1926 [Tom Tillotson](#) and I go to Boys Home at Wakefield with a lot of books.
12th Will of [Tom Appleby](#), gross £5283 net 5209.
23rd Attend funeral of [Jack Robson](#) (8) who was drowned in canal.
- 2nd Sept 1926 [Frank Wade](#) 62 buried at Silden
16th [Arthur Wilcock](#) married to [Edna Roberts](#) of Earby.
18th [C Brown](#) and I go to Morecombe Carnival. [Maud Frencham](#) married in London.
21st [Harry Roe](#) married to [Maggie Knowles](#) of Sutton in Craven.
24th [Rev. J C Hirst](#) rector of Haworth sent to Quarter Sessions for indecent conduct to boys. Go to Bradford Cathedral for Mission Service.
- 5th Oct 1926 Rector of Haworth discharged at Wakefield.

6th Nov 1926 Centenary of Odd fellow Club at Farnhill. [Harold](#) (brother) & I go to tea at X Hills.

3rd & 4th Dec 1926 Sale of work at Cross Hills Town Hall £317 receipts.

18th [Ernest E Longbottom](#) 57 today.

25th Holiday 3 days at work.

1927

- 1st Jan 1927 School Tea & Concert. [Mabel Smith](#) (25) married to [J R Lumb](#) of Skipton (41).
20th [T E Sugden](#) married to [Marjorie Thompson](#) of Louth.
[Thomas Edward Sugden, solicitor. of Holme Bank Kildwick. The house now used as Kildwick vicarage.]
- 30th [Rev. F A Jackson](#) farewell sermon at Lidget Green goes to Chipping Campden in Glous.
- 19th March 1927 [Uncle Charles \(Smith\)](#) dead at 3am.
22nd Funeral of above.
25th [S Hannah Smith](#) goes to live with [Annie](#) at Middlesden.
- 2nd April 1927 Attend funeral of [Cousin Clara](#) (64) at Haworth Cemetery.
16th Go to Lincoln for weekend.
- 2nd May 1927 [S Hannah Smith](#) gets £382 from her father's estate.
4th [George Royston](#) loss of memory
7th Take [Eric Holmes](#), [Venice Feather](#) to Waif & Strays home in Leeds.
- 4th June 1927 Overlookers Trip to Scarborough by Charabanc. [Mary Whitaker](#) married to [Frank Williams](#).
5th Whit Monday. Tea & School Sports in field.
8th My last tooth taken out.
12th [John](#) gives up post as Verger at Cowling Church.
- 4th July 1927 [Joe Simpson](#) dead.
9th Teachers Trip to Langworthy. I not go. Complete set of teeth of [Frank Dean](#) £7 5/-
23rd Festival Holiday [Jim Hutchinson](#) over for weekend.
25th Go to Giggleswick.
26th Go to Morecombe.
28th Go to Ingleton
- 10th Aug 1927 [Mrs Tasker \(Sarah Whitham's sister\)](#) comes to Cowling. Break down in health.
13th Buy Water Shares in Farnhill Water Company £12
- 3rd Sept. 1927 Skipton Show with [Mrs Tasker](#).
5th Ilkley and Bolton Abbey with above.
12th Manningham and Bradford with [Mrs Tasker](#).
17th [Harry Tasker](#) here to Tea & Supper.
18th 50

- 9th Oct 1927 [Jas Woodrow](#) dead.
- 17th [Jim Sugden](#) buried at Keighley
- 23rd [Mrs Jas Walmsley](#) dead.
- 28th [Mrs Tasker](#) goes to Brooklands.
- 29th [Mrs George Spencer](#) found drowned in the Canal.
[His second wife.]
- 3rd Nov 1927 [Mrs Tasker](#) goes to Sanatorium in Cheshire.
- 15th Dec 1927 **New Prayer Book passed to House of Lords, but rejected by House of Commons.**
- 25th Snow Storm all day.
- 26th At Cowling
- 31st School Tea & Concert very cold winter day.

1928

- 5th Jan 1928 [Pheobe Ann Jackson](#) buried at Chipping Camden Glos. [Mrs Tasker](#) home from sanatorium, no better.
- 7th 1928 **Rev. David Arthur Baptist Minister for 39 years West Lane Haworth Dead.**
- 16th [Maggie Smith](#) Slankly Lane dead.
- 28th Babes in the Wood Panto with [John](#) and family.
- 3rd Feb 1928 [Fred Hudson](#) wife dead.
- 7th [Joe Hopkinson](#) dead.
- 11th [Mrs Aucante Oakworth](#) Keighley News Account. Dead.
- 12th Farnhill water 12/-
- 25th [John](#) and I go to Brooklands.
- 22nd April 1928 Dedication of Lychgate in memory of [Mr Appleby](#).
- 28th To Waif and Strays Home at Leeds. [Tom & Leslie Tillotson](#), [Mary Smith](#), [Miss Foster & Muriel](#), [Janet Hargreaves](#), [Evelyn Davis](#), Kildwick Hall maids. 10/- to Lincoln Boys H.
- 9th May 1928 Stop at work tonight.
- 10th Sign on at Keighley. [Ben Smith](#) starts work at Bradley.
- 16th **Memorial Tablet in School to [Mr Appleby](#), unveiled by [John Peacock](#).**
- 17th Attend funeral of [Archdeacon Cook](#) at Kildwick.
- 26th Overlookers Trip to Southport. [Jack & Alice Graves](#) at Cowling.
- 28th Whit Monday, fine afternoon all pass well.
- 2nd June 1928 Co Op Gala.
- 5th Attend funeral of [Eliz Greenwood](#) (71) at Haworth.
- 8th See [Dr Richardson](#) at Leeds.
- 16th Sat. Go to Leeds General Infirmary at 11am.
- 21st Operation on face by above at 3pm.
- 28th Discharged from Leeds at 6pm
- 30th Go to Cowling to stay while face better. (*At brother [John's](#)*)
- 9th July 1928 [John](#) and I go to Leeds to see [Dr Hughes](#), who opens cut on face to keep discharge going on.
- 12th See [Dr Cooper](#) at Leeds for x ray.
- 14th Teachers Trip to Bowness.
- 20th X ray 1hour at Leeds come by Drighlington.

- 1st Aug 1928 Go to Brooklands with [John](#) and Family.
4th [Mrs Bill Spencer](#) 76. Sutton Mill dead.
8th [Harold](#) & I go to Nelson to see [John Hart](#) a man I met at Leeds infirmary.
13th [Harold, Ben](#) at Morecombe.
14th x ray ½ hour at Leeds
16th [Harold](#) & I go to Settle.
21st [Pheobe, Sam, Sarah, Grace Graves](#) calls 7.30pm.
25th x ray ½ hour at Leeds. [S H Smith](#) and [Betty](#) comes to Leeds.
- 1st Sept 1928 X Ray ½ hour 9.30am Skipton Show fine day.
5th Go to Addingham and Ilkley with two [Sarah's](#).
28th [Dr Sharp](#) Matlock dead.
29th [Bill Spencer](#) dead.
- 1st Oct 1928 [Betty](#) gets Y.O. gift.
3rd Attend funeral of [Bill Spencer](#).
5th [Benny Gill](#) dead. [Frank Throupe](#), Barn Fire at Farnhill.
9th See [Dr Cooper](#) at Leeds.
12th Attend medical meeting at Leeds Infirmary.
13th Heilds trip to Oxenhope. Signed off sick by [Dr Canter](#).
20th [Mr Stansfield](#) of Cowling buried at Skipton.
29th [Mrs Auty](#) just in as Sec. To Sunday school. My 1st meeting as Sec Nov 21st 1916.
[The wife of the new school headmaster, Edgar Auty]
- 1st Nov 1928 [George Spencer](#) go to Leeds Infirmary under [Dr Watson](#).
4th [Dorothy Simpson, Marjorie Green](#). Motor downed them on Skipton Road.
13th Attend funeral of [Annie Cressey](#) died at Skipton Workhouse. Buried in Uncles Grave at Kildwick.
- 14th Dec 1928 Attend medical meeting at Leeds 7pm.
15th Attend funeral of [Mrs Annie Chilvers](#) at Kildwick.
25th [Harold](#) goes to Riddlesden I go to Cowling for Concert. [Betty](#) 1st tune in songs.
27th [Mrs Tasker](#) dead 8.15 (*Sarah Jane Whitham's sister*)
29th School tea as usual
31st [Mrs Tasker](#) buried at Brooklands 2pm.

1929

- 22nd Jan 1929 Attend funeral of [Fred Stevens](#) (82)
- 4th Feb 1929 [Miss Hind](#) buried at Morecombe.
6th [Mrs Jane Clough](#) dead.
9th Go to Brooklands to see where [Mrs Tasker](#) was buried.
20th Farnhill Water Company 6 ¼ % on 12£ 15/-
24th [Charlie Graves's](#) son John born at South View Giggleswick.
- 9th March 1929 [Kitty Beadman](#) at Cowling for weekend.
13th [John Holmes](#) 86, Cragg Top Farnhill, buried at Kildwick.
23rd Attend funeral of [Joe Richmond](#) 74 who died at Skipton Union.
24th Palm Sunday, attend as God Father at Christening of [John Graves](#) at Giggleswick Church 12 noon. [Jack Graves](#) daughter, [Brenda Pheobe](#) born at Lincoln.
29th **[Mrs Sharpe](#) of Matlock invests £100. The interest to provide books for Kildwick Schools to be called [Mary Agnes Pearce](#) Prize.**
30th [Fred Jackson](#) married to [Miss Ebbotson](#) at London.
- 20th April 1929 Party to Waifs & Strays Home in Leeds. [Tom](#), [Fanny](#), [Florrie Tillotson](#), [Miss Foster](#), [Mary Spencer](#), [Nancy Owen](#), [Evelyn Davis](#), [Janet Hargreaves](#), [Jas Tillotson](#), [Francis Fox](#), [E E Longbottom](#).
[Chas Foulds](#) 75 buried at Keighley.
- 4th May 1929 [Nellie Airey \(Whitaker\)](#) dead.
13th Ardent Machine for deaf £10 10 0
19th Whit Sunday £12 7 11, 22 dozen eggs for Keighley Hospital.
20th School Treat very fine day at [Mr Laycock's](#).
- 16th June 1929 [Willie Hopkinson](#) dead.
21st [William Roper](#) 76 buried at Haworth.
22nd Choir Trip to Blackpool.
- 6th July 1929 Teachers Trip to Liverpool.
12th **Royal Agricultural Show at Harrogate.** I and [John Moore](#) go for day.
15th [Maud Nimmo \(Frencham\)](#) daughter Pearl born at London.
20th Garden Party at Malsis Hall £115 profit.
27th [William Roper](#) Oakworth net £3976 Gross 4929.

- 8th Aug 1929 [Mrs Graves](#) at Cowling.
- 13th [Harold](#) and [Ben](#) at Blackpool.
- 14th [Harold](#) at Bingley Show.
- 15th [Harold](#) at Morecombe.
- 31st Attend funeral of [Jas Backhouse](#). **Late Police at Kildwick.**
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- 10th Sept 1929 [Hartley Tillotson](#) home from USA, been away since July 23rd 1912.
- 14th **Go to Bronte Museum make gift of book *The Wild Moon*.**
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- 8th Oct 1929 [Walter Thornton](#) 62 Boatman buried at Kildwick.
[The father of Farnhill WW1 Volunteer, John Robert Thornton]
- 11th Nov 1929 [Mrs Herbert Kitson](#) dies very sudden after teatime.
- 12th [Arthur Ellis](#) 57 buried at Kildwick.
- 13th Go to Spencer & Clarkson's with [Sarah H Smith](#) to make her will cost 5/-
- 14th [Hartley Tillotson](#) goes back to Montreal
- 17th **Electric Light in Church 1st time.** Cost £205.
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- 10th Dec 1929 [George Holmes](#) moves to Glusburn.
- 11th Take organ to Cowling from [S H Smith](#) cost £5 carriage 10/-
- 25th At Cowling for the day.
- 26th [Iveson Hebden](#) calls in afternoon.
- 28th School Concert very wet day.
- 30th [Mrs Whitaker](#) (late [Mrs Ben Sugden](#)) dead.

Out of work all year except July for Haytime at Silsden Moor.

1930

- 13th Jan 1930 [Mary Woodhead](#) born at Lincoln.
24th [Dr Cockcroft](#) Cross Hills buried at Keighley, meet [Cyril Jackson](#) 20 years since he went to Toronto Canada.
- 5th Feb 1930 [Fred Scarobow](#) buried at Haworth.
- 9th March 1930 Take Bishop of Bradford [Dr Perowne](#) in Sunday School
11th [Jim Horsfield](#) move to Silsden Moor.
14th [Fanny Wilson](#) buried.
22nd [Sister Best](#) husband buried 3 children left.
- 9th April 1930 **Textile Strike starts today.**
15th [John Lister](#) dead White Lion Kildwick.
17th [Lady Dowager](#) Horsfall dead.
29th [Mrs Walter Clough](#) Sutton Mill dead.
- 3rd May 1930 Go to Waifs & Strays Home at Leeds in Vicars Motor. [Margaret Hollings](#), [Eric Fox](#),
[Jessie Bracken](#).
10th At [St. Hilda's](#) Home W & Strays Bradford.
19th [Doris Royston](#) 20
26th [Percy Feather](#) 79 buried at Haworth.
28th Attend funeral of [Mary Bateman](#) of Durham, servant at Kildwick vicarage. Buried in new church yard.
31st [James Bavistow](#) 78 died in Leeds Nursing Home.
- 9th June 1930 Whit Monday came on wet about 6.30pm.
10th [Wm Sunderland](#) take over White Lion.
12th [Bob Roe](#) 27
21st Teachers Trip to Burnsall by bus. Wet afternoon 17 go.
30th Silsden Moor for Haytime.
- 12th July 1930 [Mrs Jas Barritt](#) buried at Keighley.
14th At [A Cocksholts](#) for Haytime.
- 18th Aug 1930 [Ben Smith](#) & Family home from 10 days at London.
30th [Jack Graves](#) & Family here to tea. [Elenor H](#) 38.

- 20th Sept 1930 [Robert Raikes](#) demonstrates at Crosshills. Pro in afternoon. Tea at Baptist School Sutton 90 scholars and Teachers from Kildwick cost 2.13.9. [Edward Hargreaves](#) married to [Ida Clegg](#) of Silsden.
- 27th [Mr Hodge](#) appointed Rural Dean of S Craven for 5 years.
- 5th Oct 1930 **R101 Airship falls down in France. 48 burnt to death.**
11th Cononley Glider Club on 1st time.
Haworth New Church Jubilee Reunion 50 Years Sat & Sunday.
- 25th Electric Light in Kildwick Main Road 1st Time
New Church opened in Conservative Club Buildings in Kildwick.
- 30th 2 day bazaar at X hills £300 receipts.
- 3rd Nov 1930 [Walter Bannister](#) of Haworth dead. [Sydney Butcher](#) left £5590.
5th Attend funeral of [Herbert Petty](#) at West Lane Haworth.
- 7th **Eastburn Foundry burnt down.**
- 8th Go see [Rev. A R Light](#) at Mental Home at Burnley.
- 2nd Dec 1930 [Tom Tillotson](#) goes in New Home on Station Road.
12th Medical meeting at Leeds General.
13th [Mrs Telford](#) buried at Drighlington.
22nd [Mr Briggs](#) of Crosshill buried at Kildwick.
25th At Cowling for day, very mild warm day.
27th School Tea cold wild wet day.

1931

- 5th Jan 1931 Attend funeral of [Robert Laycock](#) at Skipton Cemetery
17th Memorial Window in Oakworth Church for [Mary Ann Newsholme](#), who died at Morecombe, dedicated by [Rev. C E V Hodge](#), Vicar of Kildwick.
- 24th [Sam Heaton](#) (16) of Junction bound over for 2 years for own use collecting money to 30 sale of [R Laycocks](#) Farm Stock.
- 2nd Feb 1931 [Harold](#) (brother) gets 1/- in Picture Competition.
14th Attend funeral of [Parkinson Baldwin](#) (70) retired Sanitary Inspector in New Yard. Water running in grave.
- 18th Farnhill Water Co. 6 ¼ % on £12 = 15/-
23rd Attend funeral of [Tom Moor](#), Farm Man for [R Laycock](#) 29 years in new yard.
- 1st March 1931 [Margaret Pheobe Lincoln Woodhead](#) born at
9th Bearer at funeral of [Kit Brown](#) 58 after 21 weeks in bed. **40 Years bell ringer** at Church in Old Yard a real winter's day.
- 11th [David Hollings](#) (80) buried at Bingley
30th [Ivy Taylor](#) (24) died at Morton Banks Sanctuary.
- 2nd April 1931 Funeral at Towyn [Chas Jones](#) 82 retired Schoolmaster.
5th Easter Day for Vicar £47 12 6.
7th Attend funeral of [Wm. Sugden](#) (88) in old yard.
[William Sugden, of Holme Bank Kildwick; the Kildwick coal merchant.]
- 11th [Andrew Slater](#) buried in New Yard
14th Bearer at [Mrs Hodge](#) funeral, wife of the Vicar in new yard. Carry down the field from Vicarage. Been sick since last Nov.
- 20th [Kit Smith](#) (14) Grange buried in New Yard.
25th Take party to Leeds Waifs & Strays Home. [E Foster](#), [Tom Tillotson](#), [Kenneth McQueen](#), [Mag Foster](#), [Mag Barritt Ruth Armisted](#), [Mag Farnell](#), [Duncan Sturdy](#).
- 8th May 1931 [Manda](#) wife of [Willie Mosley](#) buried in New Yard.
19th [Fred Tillotson](#) wife buried in Old Yard
- 27th June 1931 Hay Work at Silsden Moor.
- 4th July 1931 [Julius Spencer](#) (77) buried at Kildwick died suddenly.
[The former sanitary inspector for Farnhill Parish Council; lived at Oakbank.]
- 17th [Hilda Page](#) and 3 more go to Canada for Hield Bros.
23rd [Edith](#) daughter of [W Mosley](#) buried in New Yard.
25th [Wm. Hill](#) (89) buried at Kildwick, [Harold](#) attends.

1st Aug 1931 [Rev. T W Story](#) leaves Horsforth (12 years) to Brinkley Warwickshire.
Mr & Mrs Nimmno from London at Prospect for Holiday.

29th [Annie Fenton Smith](#) buried at Kildwick.

5th Sept 1931 [Tom Whiteoak](#) (60) buried at Kildwick.

6th Missionary Ex. In Church. Sunday 2-6.

16th Finish Hay Work at [A Cocksholts](#). Very bad season.

29th [Effie](#) wife of [Manasa Greenwood](#) buried at Haworth.

30th [Geo. Story](#) (73) butcher buried at Haworth.

17th Oct 1931 [Mrs Jim Ray](#) buried at Kildwick

20th £40 gift to [Vicar Hodge](#) on leaving Kildwick for Westbourne in Hants.

24th [John Green](#) 80 retired warpdresser buried at Crosshills.

29th [John Merrin](#) 62 Rector of Keighley dead.

1st Nov 1931 [Rev. C E Hodge](#) last day at Kildwick. Memorial in New Yard. Tablet in Church
dedicated to memory of [Mrs Hodge](#)

12th [Lot Hill](#) (86) buried at Kildwick.

22nd [Maria Smith](#) (42) of Kildwick Grange buried at Silsden.

28th Go to see [John Telford](#) at Menston Asylum.

5th Dec 1931 [Dinsdale Wilcock](#) dies sudden.

18th [Mr Frank Petty](#) 74 died at Torquay, buried at Kildwick .

1932

- 2nd Jan 1932 School Tea very wild day.
12th **Thos Butterfield of Baildon left £8000 for Alms Homes at Kildwick Parish.**
[These are the alms houses on the corner of Main Street and Wheatlands Lane.]
- 14th Halliwell Sutcliffe novelists die **at Linton.**
29th Induction of [A T Walkden](#) to Vicar of Kildwick.
- 2nd Feb 1932 Attend funeral of Mrs Chasham (62) Kildwick.
10th Feb 1932 **Edgar Wallace novelist dies in USA.**
- 26th March 1932 Easter Saturday [Betty](#) & I go to Lincoln for weekend. Death of [Rev. A G Light](#). Silver
Wedding of [Winnie Julian Stephenson](#).
- 1st April 1932 [Mrs Sam Heyworth](#) dead.
15th [Miss Clara Bainstow](#) buried at Sutton.
- 24th May 1932 House papered 2 2 6.
30th Go Silsden Moor for Farm Work.
- 18th June 1932 Keighley Gala. Choir Trip to York, Bell ringers to Liverpool.
25th Teachers Trip to Aysgarth.
- 3rd July 1932 Sunday school collections 11 10 3
23rd Keighley holiday [John](#) and family to Morecombe.
- 27th Sept 1932 [Harry Sturdy](#) buried at Kildwick.
- 1st Oct 1932 [Geo Spencer](#) married to [Lily Green](#).
8th Bearer at funeral of [Geo. Oliver](#) (Grocer)
- 17th Nov 1932 Ejection order granted to [Misses Heaton](#).
19th [Betty](#) 11 (*Elizabeth Marian Whitham his niece*)
24th [John Moor](#) accident to eye, with splinter of coal. Eye taken out Dec 17th at Keighley
Hospital.

1933

- 21st Jan 1933 [Alfred Clough](#) Sutton dies very suddenly.
27th [Bernard Taylor](#) (17) killed while sliding.
30th [Harold](#) (brother) on sick for Cardiac trouble.
- 18th Feb 1933 Attend funeral of [Mrs Willie Sugden](#) at Kildwick. Heavy snow storm at time 2.30pm.
24th Friday heavy snow for 48 hours. Stops 26th Sunday at 4pm.
- 4th April 1933 [Harold](#) (brother) attends funeral [Charley Beecroft](#).
15th [Mrs E E Longbottom](#) dies Easter Sat.
18th Attend as bearer above at Kildwick, New Yard.
22nd [Harold](#) (brother) new teeth pay £2 club £4
- 12th May 1933 Fire at Vicarage Farm Buildings 10000 eggs 30 Incubators burnt up.

A FIERCE KILDWICK BLAZE. *May 19/33*

10,000 Eggs Destroyed.

FLAMES FED BY GAS FROM INCUBATORS.

A disastrous fire broke out in an outbuilding of The Vicarage, Kildwick, on Friday evening. The centre portion of the building was in the occupation of Mr. Lister Rishworth, poultry breeder, Hellifield House, Farnhill, and was of two storeys. It housed 33 incubators, which contained approximately 10,000 eggs in various stages of incubation. One end of the building was used as a stable and the other end as a garage.

The fire was discovered about 10-30 p.m. by Mr. J. Moore, Priest Bank Cottage, Kildwick, who observed smoke issuing from the building. He immediately informed Mr. Rishworth, who telephoned for the Keighley Fire Brigade. Meanwhile, nearby residents made strenuous efforts to quench the flames with buckets of water. Prominent helpers were County Alderman J. J. Brigg and Alderman W. A. Brigg, who brought fire extinguishers from their residence, Kildwick Hall, some 100 yards away.

The fire, however, helped no doubt to a large extent by the gas with which the incubators were fed, had got too firm a hold and raged furiously. The gas supply was quickly cut off, but it was not long before a large portion of the roof fell in. The flames rose to a great height and the glare could be seen for miles around, drawing large numbers of people to the scene. Immediately afterwards the Fire Brigade, under Chief-Officer Normington, arrived and quickly ran a line of hose from a nearby well. Fortunately, there was a good supply of water and the fire was soon under control.

VICARAGE NOT ENDANGERED.

Although it was too late to save the incubator house, which was entirely gutted the fire was prevented from spreading to the stable and garage. Water had, however, to be pumped into the incubator house for a considerable period to prevent the fire from breaking out afresh.

A portion of the Vicarage is within a few yards of the outbuildings, but luckily the breeze blew the flames away from it and it was in no danger.

The fire was caused, it is thought, through one of the incubators becoming overheated and bursting into flame.

It is estimated that the damage is from £600 to £700. It is understood that the loss is covered by insurance

- 10th June 1933 1st trip to Morecombe ½ day for all in Sunday school. 14 Teachers, 64 school 40 parents & friends. Showery Day.
- 19th July 1933 Benefit Concert for [Harry Foster](#) £20
- 4th Nov 1933 News of [Gertie Graves](#) death at Lincoln 2 weeks ago.
20th [Harry Wilcock](#) verger at Kildwick.
- 9th Dec 1933 [J T Parker](#) Haworth falls from a Window at a Nursing Home in Bradford dies from injuries.

1934

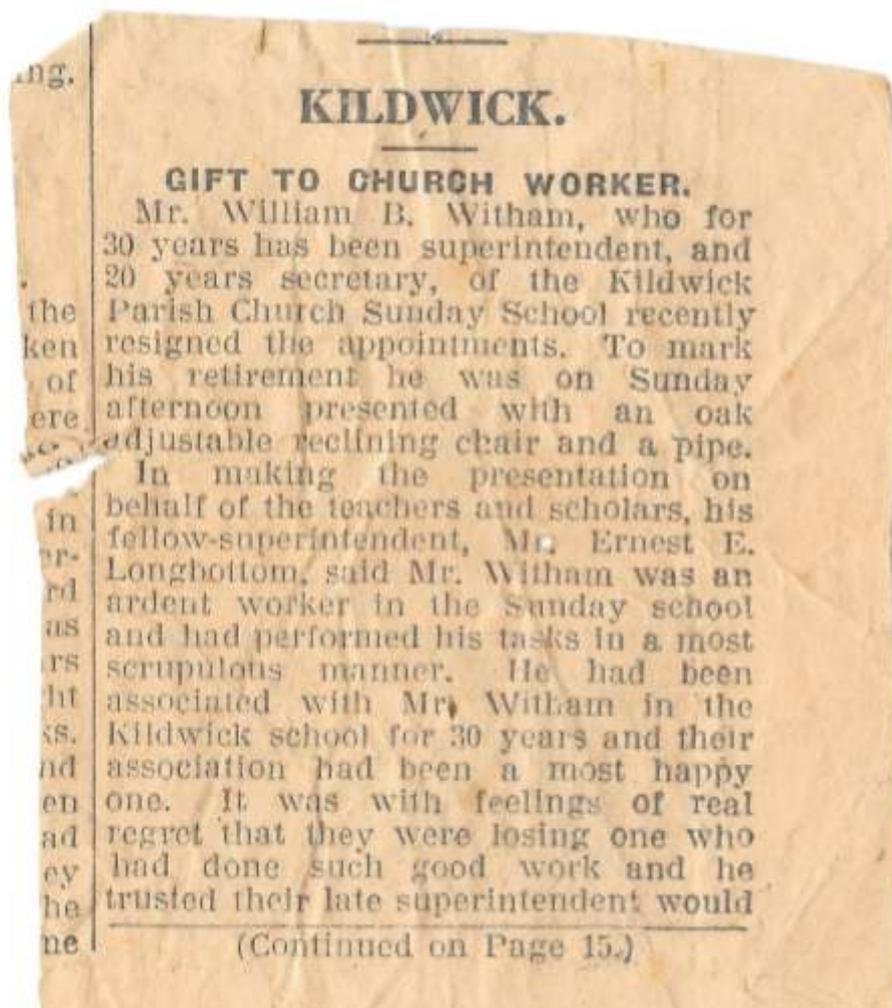
- 12th Feb 1934 [E Longbottom](#) has a seizure stay all night with him.
- 8th March 1934 [Betty](#) confirmed at Steeton Church (*Elizabeth Marian Whitham*)
- 2nd April 1934 [Agnes Baxter](#) buried in New Yard.
- 11th June 1934 [Geo Spencer](#) buried at Kildwick after motor accident 1 week before.
[The Craven Herald (15/6/1934) reported that he died after falling from his motorcycle, which went out of control due to a puncture. The Coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death.]
- 16th School Trip to Morecombe.
- 25th Aug 1934 [James Mosley](#) buried at Kildwick.
- 13th Sept 1934 [Sarah's](#) op at Keighley. (*Sarah Jane Whitham*)
25th [Laura Jackson](#) married to [L H Tillotson](#) go to Montreal week after.
- 12th Oct 1934 [Sarah](#) comes home.
23rd [Mrs Farrow](#) buried at Cowling
- 8th Nov 1934 [Laura Bottomley](#) buried at Kildwick.
24th Attend funeral of [Judith Ann Holmes](#) at Haworth Church.
- 1st Dec 1934 Attend Funeral of [Henrietta Tillotson](#) (73).
29th School Concert.

1935

- 16th Feb 1935 [Ernest Massey](#) Keighley Gas Poison.
- 17th March 1935 Presentation to [Ernest E Longbottom](#) from Teachers in Sunday school. Cake Stand Bread Knife Salad Spoon. Pres [A T Walkden, \(Vicar\)](#)
- 6th April 1935 Above married to [Annie Hargreaves](#) as a second wife go to new home in Main Street Farnhill.
- 6th May 1935 **Silver Jubilee in Banks Fields.**
[Marking 25 years since the accession of George V and Queen Mary. There were major celebrations in Farnhill and Kildwick.]



- 9th May 1935 [Robert Roe](#) married [Mary Chatledon](#).
- 16th Give up Sunday school work at teachers Meeting after 30 years 1905 – 1935.
- 20th [Willie Whitaker](#) falls down dead. [Jane Clough](#) buried at Sutton.
- 21st Supper for Teachers at [Mr & Mrs Longbottom](#).
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- 15th June 1935 Attend funeral of [Wm Sugden](#) (91).
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- 13th July 1935 School Trip to Morecombe fine day. [Jack Bottomley Smith](#) buried at Keighley.
- 14th Gifts from Sunday School Chair, Pipe, Bacca presented by [E E Longbottom](#).
[This was on the occasion of his retirement as Sunday School superintendent]



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have many happy memories of his association with them.

In response, Mr. Witham said he had been connected with Sunday schools almost all his life. While at Haworth he was a teacher at the school there for some 10 years and he was advised by the Rector there to take as his motto: "Be good, do good and good will come unto you." He had done his best to live up to that and he felt that good had come to him. The scholars at Kildwick school had, he said, received 1,760 prizes for attendance during the time he had held office, and the school had also raised over £300 for various objects both at home and abroad. These were records to be proud of. He thanked them for their much appreciated gifts, which, he said, would be a reminder of the happy time he had spent at the Kildwick school.

SCHOLARS' GIFT

July 1935

20th July 1935

Church Porch to Front Gates £80 flaged & Curbed.

19th Oct 1935

Cowling Church. At Home. Betty (*Elizabeth Marian Whitham*) as Rose Queen.1935

12th Nov 1935

[Eliza Backhouse](#) buried at Kildwick.

1936

- 6th Jan 1936 [Betty](#) starts at Mill weaving. [Cissie Slack](#) dies through gas poison.
[Betty is his niece, Elizabeth Marion Whitham; daughter of John.]
- 10th Attend funeral of above at Kildwick.
- 10th Feb 1936 [John Stephenson](#) buried at Cowling.
- 10th March 1936 [Ellen Green](#) buried at Kildwick (50)
[The sister of Charles Green.]
- 14th May 1936 [Geo. Royston](#) dies sudden at home.
16th Attend funeral.
25th **Vicar of Kildwick moves to Holme Bank Kildwick as a New Vicarage.**
[The former home of the Sugden family – opposite the church and more convenient than the old vicarage at the top of Parson’s Walk.]
- 18th June 1936 Attend funeral of [Herbert Joseph Smith](#) (64) at Silsden Cemetery.
- 7th Dec 1936 Attend funeral of [Harry Dearden](#) (36) in New Yard Kildwick.
10th **King Edward 8 abdicates the Thorne in favour of Geo. 6 caused by an affair with an American Lady, Mrs Simpson who had divorced 2 previous husbands.**
- 11th [Lady Horsfall](#) buried at Sutton [E E Longbottom](#) gives up Sunday school work after 45 years.

This was the last entry in the diary of William Benjamin Whitham who died of his injuries after being hit by van on Skipton Road on 17th Dec 1937, aged 60.

Postscript

William Benjamin Whitham was buried in the Kildwick Church new graveyard. His brother Harold died in 1956 and is buried with him. (The third brother, John Spencer Whitham, is buried with his family in Cowling churchyard.)



The following homily was found amongst William Benjamin Whitham's papers.

If each man in his measure,
would take a Brothers part,
and cast a ray of sunlight
into a Brothers heart.
How changed would be our
country, How changed would be
our poor.
and then a "Merry England"
would be her name once more.

Lo B Whitham June
1936

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