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to raise awareness,
foster an interest and
facilitate research into
the heritage of Earby
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THE RISE AND FALL OF THE COTTON INDUSTRY IN COLNE.

At the meeting held Tuesday 16th January 2001 we welcomed Mr. Bert Hindle, a keen local historian mainly interested in the Colne area. He has been collecting and taking photographs since the 1930's and used some of his vast collection to illustrate his talk.

He began with the earliest record of mills dating back to the 12th century, specifically a fulling mill built by De Lacy called "Walk Mill". Mr.

Hindle suggests that it was called Walk mill as the workers 'walked' the cloth to 'full' it.

All weaving from that time up until the mid 19th century was done by hand in the weavers homes.



A group of weavers from the Nelson or Colne area

Until the late 1700's when cotton was brought into the country, woven cloth was mainly woollen. With cotton many changes came to Colne.

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Using slides to illustrate, he went on to tell us about the industry. In 1775 the Piece Hall was built, this was where the handloom weavers brought their cloth to sell to the merchants. Sadly it was pulled down in the 1950's when old buildings were no longer "fashionable" and a large part of 'old Colne' was cleared away.

The first steam engine was used in 1825 but most of the mills were built in the latter part of the 19th century. These brought a great change in the life of the weavers, possibly not for the best, many people felt. The Factories Act 1819 prevented children under the age of nine from working. Children over nine were allowed to work but no more than twelve hours a day.

This was a time of great unrest and change. Many handloom weavers were worried they would be not be able to carry on weaving at home due to the greater production in the mills and in 1840 there were many riots. A Special Constable called Joseph Halstead was murdered outside the Piece Hall during the riots. The murderer was given the death sentence, which was later changed to transportation to Tasmania and a memorial was carved for Joseph Halstead.

Most of the mills were in the Waterside area of South Valley. Mr. Hindle showed us several slides of a busy crowded town of small cottages, pubs and terraced houses packed in narrow streets, overshadowed by the mills. Now demolished, only the Admiral Lord Rodney pub remains, the surrounding area grass and empty streets.

Not all the mills wove cotton. Handkerchiefs were woven at Great Orme Mill and at Britannia Works, James Ormerod and Partners made jam. Some like John Pilling's at Primet Bridge made looms. This is one of the few mills left and is now used by a pine furniture manufacturer, but there are plans to turn the top floor into a museum of weaving.

Life was very different from the present. The gas works were not built until 1831, so up until the 1830s the streets were unlit which meant that there was only the moonlight to guide people home at night. Plumbing was very sparse, many houses sharing a toilet which had to be emptied into a cart and transferred onto nearby farm land for manure. Coal however was plentiful and cheap as it was mined nearby at Fox Clough and sold where the Kwik Save supermarket now stands.

In the 1970's the mills declined due to cheap imports of cotton goods. The looms were smashed and some mills were demolished, but some do have a new life

with different manufacturing. For example, St. Helens Mill now belongs to Northern Poly Tunnels and on Cotton Tree Lane, L.B.S. manufacture and distribute horticultural equipment. Today the site of Great Orme Mill is a Millennium Green, which includes a green, play area and a stage for the performance of music.

Colne has certainly changed in the last 200 years. Thanks to Margaret Brown for this article.

THE SOCIETY'S 6TH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN

Founded in 1995 the society can report another year on year growth in membership as the following table shows :

Year	Local Members	"Out of Town" members	Total
1995	18	1	19
1996	28	4	32
1997	26	8	34
1998	27	13	40
1999	42	11	53
2000	47	20	67

There has always been a strong "out of town" membership but the last two years have shown a surge in local member numbers too. The Society continues on a sound financial footing, with the help of treasurer Helen Horner.

Last year the society was awarded a lottery grant to "*improve the quality of its meetings*". With sometimes up to 40 people attending meetings, the lounge at the community centre was becoming too crowded, a move to the larger Centenary room became a necessity despite its poor acoustics. The lottery money was spent on a sound system, with radio microphone and an induction loop system for members and visitors who use hearing aids. A large projector screen and projector table were also purchased. Our thanks are extended to the Lottery Board.

The program of events has been organised admirably by Sue Janion. We hope the schedule of speakers has been well received and we look forward to listening to the coming year's variety of guest speakers.

The society's archives and photograph collection continue to grow and the day is not far ahead when all our cupboard space will be full. The two Margarets, Brown

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and Greenwood, continue to battle with the tide of donated items, photographs and documents respectively. We are constantly on the lookout for documents, diaries and pictures which add to the history of our area.

The **EARBY CHRONICLES** continues to create much interest and Bev Parker the editor is always ready to receive your articles, jottings or letters for publication. She is now on e-mail at Bevparker.Highgate@tesco.net, so its easier than ever to get your reports and queries to her. The Chronicles is a link which binds the society together and is even more important for the out of town members. It is also circulated to local libraries for non-members to see what we are all about.

'Projects' progress, given time and voluntary help. The **Thornton-in-Craven parish register transcription** is in the last stages and when it is completed and computerised it will be a valuable research tool for both local and family historians. The **Booth Bridge Mill survey** took a back seat last year but it is hoped to restart it this summer. A **photographic survey**, in conjunction with the Camera Club, was carried out at **Grove Mill** before parts of the site were demolished and a photographic record of the newly planted **Ann's Wood** was commenced. Squire Firth has started collecting material and **memories of life in Earby during the World War II** and will be pleased for any help forthcoming,

2000 has been one of the busiest years for the Society. It started with the Millennium Exhibition at Earby Library. This was followed in May by the society being represented at the Lancashire Local History Federation's Millennium History Fair which was held at Lytham.

Mid year another exhibition was shown at Earby Library commemorating the life of Katherine Bruce Glasier, a founder of the Independent Labour party, who lived in Earby from the nineteen twenties until her death in 1950.

The Society held its annual open day in July to coincide with the Earby Development Group's Earby Open Gardens Day. The whole event was declared a big success.

The society was present with a stall at the Community Centre Autumn Fair in October. Helen our treasurer hand crafted a magnificent soft toy which was the prize in a competition.

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Booklets published this year include:

- “The Century Eats” - a collection of Recipes from the 20th Century most with local connections.
- “Katherine Bruce Glasier 1867-1950”
- “Skipton to Colne via Earby - The Railway Comes to Earby”

Copies can still be obtained from the treasurer.

Trevor Tattersall and Lucille Mitchell have been our representatives at other meetings, Trevor on the Pendle Heritage Fund Committee and Lucille at the Parish Council and the New Road Community Centre Management Committee.

Margaret Brown, as well as being our photograph archivist, has continued her important role as Society Secretary dealing with minutes and correspondence.

What about the future? - there are many more projects to be done, but time and volunteers are in short supply - *can you help ?? let Bob know.*

The parish registers must be completed this year and the next major project to be completed by November is the Parish Heritage Map to be compiled in conjunction with Earby Parish Council and Pendle Borough Council.

Although we have a presence on the World Wide Web latterly through the **www.seeitlocal.com** web site we do not yet have our own web site.

There are still many things to achieve which will keep us going for many years yet as long as we can keep up the impetus.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank the committee for all the support they have given over the last twelve months, the ladies who invariably make the refreshments at the meetings and also all the members without whom there would be no Earby and District Local History Society.

Bob Abel. February 2000

At the conclusion, member Richard Greenwood gave a vote of thanks for all the hard work put in by Bob Abel.

REMEMBERING PENDLE

'Remembering Pendle' was the title of an exhibition held at Colne Municipal Hall in January. This was an opportunity for any organisation in Pendle which had commemorated the Millennium to display its project.



Mayor of Pendle Ian Gillespie with the Society's Exhibition

The Society felt that a lot of hard work had gone into its Millennium Exhibition, which had been shown at Earby

Library early in 2000 and that this was a chance to give the material a wider audience. Margaret Brown, Margaret Greenwood, Helen Horner, Trevor Tattersall, Sue Janion and Bob Abel dusted off the exhibits and spent an evening reassembling the exhibition in the main auditorium of Colne Municipal Hall where the exhibition was later opened by the Mayor of Pendle, Ian Gillespie.

MORE 'FOREBEARS'

Readers may remember how Trevor Tattersall almost unknowingly became involved in researching his family history and more by good luck than hard work, was able to trace his ancestry back through the 19th century as farmers on Elslack Moorside to the marriage of his great-great-grandfather Thomas, to Margaret Alderson in 1812 at Carleton Church.

Trevor continues, at that point the trail went cold due to my lack of knowledge of research sources, although the census records indicated Coniston as Thomas' birthplace - but which Coniston? Again luck came to the rescue in the form of the 1803 Craven Muster Roll, listing by parish, men of potential military age for the Napoleonic War. This showed no Tattersalls in Coniston-with-Kilnsey, but gave a Christopher Tattersall; farmer in Conistone Cold - and off we went again.

Enquiries at Coniston Hall revealed a lack of old estate records and that Coniston Cold Church dated back only to the mid-1850's, so no help there; and although the

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church is now part of Kirkby Malham parish, it used to be part of the ancient parish of Gargrave and any information would be found in the old registers now lodged at the County Record Office, Northallerton. Some experience of transcribing the old parish registers of Thornton-in-Craven and the prospect of a long drive to Northallerton, proved rather too daunting so the project ground to a halt once again.

However, a chance remark during a visit to Skipton Reference Library, revealed that the Gargrave Parish Registers had been published many years ago and that a copy was available on the shelves, and even better - it was fully indexed! So the hard work began with nearly a hundred Tattersall entries to be transcribed first on to paper and then copied into a database on my PC - a lengthy business in view of my very limited computer skills. Still, it was eventually complete and a single appropriate click rearranged the entries into date order from 1578 to 1812 and it became possible to start the construction of a family tree.

A link was quickly established with the earlier work through Christopher (listed in the Craven Muster Roll of 1803) now of Bonbers Farm. He had a son Thomas born at Coniston Cold in 1789, corresponding to the Thomas who married Margaret Alderson at Carleton in 1812 and who died at Elslack in 1871 aged 82 years.

Further evidence of the link appears in the marriage of Christopher to Susanna Fletcher in 1752 at Gargrave Church and later in the 1841 census record for Moorside House which lists in the household of Thomas, Elizabeth Fletcher aged 90 years - Susanna's sister and Thomas' aunt?

From these registers it is apparent that Thomas was the first of three sons born to Christopher and Susanna, the third son dying within a week of his christening. Christopher was the first of two sons and seven daughters born to James Tattersall, who married Elizabeth Robinson in 1752 at Gargrave Church and there the trail goes cold again.

There are many other Tattersall entries in these registers, going back to Gilbert Tattersall of Kelber, just over the Coniston township boundary in Bank Newton, who died in 1578. This line at Kelber appears to die out in the early 1700's, with the birth of four daughters and a son who died in his teens. Another line starts in Bank Newton in the 1750's, with a Stephen Tattersall who then moved to Flasby in about 1770 and who died in 1776 "burnt to death when his house was burnt." He had eleven children, but no obvious links with the Tattersall families at Kelber or Bonber, although there are Christian names which are common to all the families. Other Tattersall families appear briefly in Eshton, Winterburn and "Brownmore",

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but again there are no obvious links.

There are many difficulties with the registers, due to a number of gaps between the 1560's and the 1670's which cannot be filled from the studying Bishop's Transcripts due to even more gaps, so while links may have existed, they cannot be proved from the available records.

At this point a remarkable coincidence occurred. While searching through the IGI (International Genealogical Index) for any clues to great-grandfather Jeremiah who disappeared from Elslack in the 1860s, I chanced upon a section covering family societies/groups and requests for information which included a request from someone in the USA seeking information on the forebears of James Tattersall who married Elizabeth Robinson at Gargrave on 11th.February 1752!! Knowing that the copy of the IGI that I was using was nearly twenty years old and that the chances of a contact after this length of time were slim, I grasped the nettle and dashed off an airmail letter to the name and address indicated; and forgot about it. Imagine my surprise a few weeks later, when an airmail letter arrived from my 93 year old cousin (4th./5th./6th?) in St. George, Utah, containing family records tracing his ancestry back to Jane, the 7th child of James and Elizabeth Tattersall, who married on 3rd. Dec. 1786 a Thomas Cottam of Waddington, Yorks., whose grandson, another Thomas, emigrated to USA in the mid 19th century. Unfortunately he was unable to throw any light on the ancestors of James and Elizabeth of Coniston. Since cousin Howard is a member of the Mormon Church, with access to all its records; and the publisher of four volumes on his various family branches, it seemed unlikely that a rank amateur like myself, would be able to succeed where he had failed.

Undeterred, I carried on. Cousin Howard's records show the original James' birthplace possibly as Otley, from his Temple records. So back to the published parish records again. The Otley Parish Registers do indeed show the marriage of a James Tattersall in 1737 and the birth of a son in 1738 to a James Tattersall of Esholt, serge weaver, and that is all. So unless this James was widowed (no record) and moved to Gargrave where he remarried, it seems likely that this was another James of a different Tattersall family altogether.

Then a thought struck me - at a time when most girls married a man from the same parish or even an adjoining one, how did Jane meet and marry a man from some fifteen miles and several parishes away in the next valley? - unless there was a family connection between the two villages; so back to the parish registers again. Sure enough, there were Tattersalls in the Waddington Parish Registers and the full marriage entry:-

Thomas Cottam and Jane Tattersall **both of this chapelry** married by licence from Mr. Armitstead 3 December 1786 by Robt. Smith Minister.
Thomas Cottam, Jane X Tattersall – witnesses Thos. Taylor, James Allstan. (sic)

So Thomas and Jane were apparently resident in the chapelry of Waddington, but no member of the Tattersall family witnessed the marriage, nor is there a Tattersall entry in the registers in the sixty years before the date of the wedding, a gap of two generations; it gets curiouser and curiouser !

If we move a few miles up the Ribble valley to the parish of Bolton-by-Bowland and in particular the village of Sawley, we find several mentions of the family name e.g. in 1782. A John Tattersall witnessing the marriage of Richard Taylor (a relative of Thos. Taylor who witnessed the marriage of Jane and Thos. Cottam?) and in 1791 a William Tattersall of Waddington witnessed the marriage of a John Tattersall and Mary Barlow in the monastery of Sawley.

Here we have quite an interesting historical footnote. Today all that remains of the ancient Sawley Abbey is a stump of masonry, reputedly part of the gateway, but only two hundred years ago there was enough of the ecclesiastical structure remaining to allow a wedding to take place. This is an interesting comparison with the much more complete relics of Bolton Priory.

Moving even further up the valley, we arrive at the parish of Gisburn whose registers 1558 – 1812 show a total of 67 Tattersall entries covering an area from Newsholme in the north, to Newfieldedge in the south, almost overlooking Colne. Among these entries there are obviously several families, but so far I have been unable to trace any clear links with the Tattersall families in the parish of Gargrave, but more detailed work is required, as time permits.

Regarding my missing great-great-grandfather who disappeared in the 1860s, I have found a brief reference in the 1900 Craven Herald Almanac. A Jeremiah Tattersall in Earby, employed as a collector by the Earby and Thornton Gas Light and Coke Company, so the wanderer appears to have returned – no doubt some of the details will be filled in when the 1901 Census returns are published in 2002 and in the meantime, if I get bored, there is always my wife's family history to start on !

Thanks to Trevor Tattersall for this interesting article which gives useful advice on sources: especially - find yourself a Mormon relation and, it seems, you've cracked it!

FAIRBANK VISIT

On 23 September last year 24 members of the Fairbank family visited Thornton Church. Met by Richard Greenwood the Church Warden, Gordon Marr who conducted a short service and our Chairman Bob Abel they told how their founding father in the USA, one Jonathan Fairbanks of Hague house emigrated in 1633 and lived in the parish in the early 1600s, his daughter Susan being baptised at St Mary's on 23rd December 1627. His uncle John Fairbanks was buried in the churchyard in 1625.

Jonathan settled in Dedham, Massachusetts ten miles south of Boston and built a house there in 1636, which is reputed to be the oldest timber framed house in USA and now houses the Fairbanks Association Museum. Locally, Carleton, Lothersdale and Colne, also have connections with the family.

Bob has kept in contact with one of the visitors, Faith Munson from California, and she has given us the following snippet of information:

The 43rd US President's connection with Hague.



Jonathan Fairbanks lived in Hague for a period of time early in the 17th century, he and his family emigrated to the New World shortly after the Pilgrim Fathers and settled in Dedham near what is now Boston in Massachusetts.

It is claimed that George W. Bush, the recently elected 43rd President of the United States of America, is related to Jonathan Fairbanks, one Richard Bush having married Jonathan Fairbanks's grand daughter Mary.

The source of this information is from a book entitled "Ancestors of American Presidents" by a noted American genealogist, Gary Boyd Roberts. The book was published in 1989 in conjunction with the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston.

While always being a bit wary when famous personages from America seek to connect to old english families, the information seems to come from a reliable source and most of the early settlers must have originated from Great Britain.

Perhaps similarly to the presidents with Irish ancestry he, G.W. Bush, might want to

visit the "Old Country" .

It will be a 'scoop' for the Society if he does!.

WHO IS SANTA CLAUS?

In the Winter 2000 Chronicles, we asked for names of participants in a concert in the "Who is Santa Claus" photo. It seems to be generating some interest:

Member Pam Greenwood has come up with the goods! Pam writes:

Regarding the picture of the Show at the Baptist Church reproduced in the Earby Chronicles, I think I can provide most of the names for you, having been involved in that & other similar productions around that time.

These productions which were staged in Feb/Mar each year were called Revues and consisted of singing, dancing, solos, duets & sketches etc. Each production would play to full houses for the main part of a week including a Saturday matinee! The Methodist Chapels were putting on pantomimes around this time.

The date of the photograph is 1949/50/51 but no later & the line up is as follows, I have used "Maiden Names" where these applied at the time. From the left:

Back Row: Margaret Sandham, Dick Hodgson, Roma Smith, Fred Brown, Vera Ellis, George Metcalfe (Baptist Minister), Brenda Corne, Iain ?, Beryl Hargreaves, Alfred Greening (who produced/directed the Revues), Sophia Bradshaw, Unknown.

Middle Row: Kathleen Hall, Meg Walker, Ina Bradshaw, Elsie Watson, Tommy Nuttall, Iris Sarginson, Shirley Cartwright, Kathleen Cartwright, Pauline Hands.

Front Row Kneeling: Jean Bradshaw, Betty Heap, Audrey Walker, Maureen Hindle, Winifred Grimshaw, Joan Rigby, Pamela Smith, Pamela Greening.

Front Row Sitting: Sheila Hargreaves & Jenifer Rigby.

As far as I can remember '**Santa Claus**' was **Geoffrey Greening**.

Barbara Barrett in Fakenham send us the following names,

Jennifer Rigby and sister Janice, she also dates the photo about 1949; and from new member Hilary Longdin (nee Hatch) in Whitby the following names; Back row: Margaret Sandham, Roma Taylor, F.Brown, Vera Fisher; Second row: Meg Walker; Front row Kneeling: Betty Heap, Audrey Walker and the girl sitting on the right is Jennifer Rigby.

Bernice Clough of Wetherby confirms some of the above names and says, I was in earlier shows, but not this one which is around 1950.

COMICAL PARISH REGISTERS ??

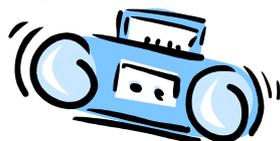
Some amusing Church notices

believe it or not the following announcements actually appeared in various church bulletins

- Thursday night - Jacob's Join supper. Prayers and medication to follow.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Beizer, the son of Rev. and Mrs Julius Beizer.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Wednesday the ladies liturgy will meet. Mrs Johnson will sing "Put me in my little bed" accompanied by the Vicar/Pastor.
- The service will close with "Little drops of water". One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will follow.

RADIO LANCASHIRE PUTS EARBY ON THE MAP

On Friday 26th January the Radio Lancashire "Road Show" hit town in the form of a mobile broadcasting studio and computer learning centre. Radio Lancashire are running the "BBC Zone" to introduce as many people as possible to computers and information technology. The scheme is aimed at reaching parts of the Lancashire community who would not normally have the opportunity to air their views about community issues on radio and also tell the county what makes their neighbourhood tick. It also affords an opportunity to those perhaps more mature



residents who haven't had the chance or inclination to use computers to get some hands on experience of information technology.

The BBC bus was parked for the day at New Road Community Centre and five ten minute periods of air time were allocated to local people or

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groups to discuss subjects close to their hearts. Earby and District Local History Society was allocated one of the on air slots.

Others who took part were Pat Spencley talking about the Earby Development committee and its plans to improve the image of the town and attract people to visit the area and generally to regenerate some of the community spirit which used to exist.

Our member Maurice Horsfield, gave an excellent account of the Mines Museum with reporter Bob Walmsley, talking about the origins of the museum and the work that the Earby Mines Research Group has carried out. Matt Lunney and members of the Youth Club talked about the club's activities including their involvement with Burnley Youth Theatre.

The lunch time discussion centred on the controversial issue of the proposed Youth Shelter and where it should be sited. Parish Council Chairman, Vic Marsh, Youth Leader, Matt Lunney, and Tim Haigh, Chairman of the West Craven Safety Working Group took part in the debate which included discussions about activities for the young people of the town.

In the afternoon Bob Abel and Squire Firth representing the History Society and Kevin Spencer who runs the **seeitlocal.com** web site discussed Earby's history and the state of the town and its future, Squire recalling the days of his youth when there was much more community spirit. The afternoon was completed with Pat Spencley and Joyce Myers discussing, with Jo Wilson of Radio Lancashire, the work and hopes of the Earby Development Group to put Earby "on the map". "A special thanks goes to Treasurer, Helen Horner, who sat glued to the radio to record the Earby items. A copy of the tape will be kept in the Society's audio archive."

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The Secretary writes: The programme is now ready for the next year. The speakers / visits are held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Community Centre starting at 7.30 p.m. The next ones are:

April 17 th	Coaching in Craven Speaker Mr. Nick Harding.
May 15 th	The humorous side of clerical life. Speaker Rev. A. Reed.
June 19 th	Visit to Pendle Hippodrome.
July 17 th	Visit - Guided tour of Hebden
Aug 21 st	Origins of Surnames speaker Mr. Peter Watson.

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Sept. 18 th	C.P.R.E. at work speaker Mr. John Nairne.
Oct. 16 th	The early days of weaving speaker Mrs. Fishwick
Nov. 20 th	A Dales Odyssey speaker Mr. Dennis Carins.
Dec. 18 th	Videos of Earby Mr. Michael Crewdson.

Membership fees are due at the end of December these are £3.00 for local members £5.00 for out of town members and £9.00 for overseas members, this is to cover the cost of postage. The membership also includes 4 editions of the Earby Chronicles, the society's magazine.

Admission to monthly meetings costs £1.00 members £1.50 for non-members, great value I'm sure that you will agree. To join please contact the treasurer Helen Horner 843850, or just turn up at the next meeting.

Do you have any amusing or interesting anecdotes especially on the War years. If so, then please contact Mr. Squire Firth on 817126 or write to me Margaret Brown, the secretary, at 69 Red Lion St. Earby BB18 6RJ. We would be very pleased to hear from you.

Tree Planting at Anne's Wood



Helpers getting dug-in at Anne's Wood

On 25th November 2000 a very wet day, around 20 people arrived through almost knee deep mud (wellies were not an optional extra) to plant the first trees of Anne's Wood. Named in memory on Anne Duffield, late wife of Alan Duffield Earby's first tree warden, the instigator of the idea to plant a community wood.

The History Society was invited to take photos of the first planting and to record the growth of the wood over the years.

The field originally belonged to the Lawson family, and to mark the occasion two of the descendants a Mrs. Smith from Barnoldswick and Mr. Lawson from Grange

over

Sands came to plant trees, both now in their seventies. They felt that they had to come as they both had happy memories of playing and taking picnics in the field as children. The youngest “planters” were James and Richard Cumpstey who helped their mum plant trees.

Trees planted were Alder, Ash, Willow, Vebernaum, and Yew, Oaks will be planted later to fill in the gaps left. In a good few years it should be a pleasant woodland for the people of Earby to enjoy so go along and have a look but don't forget your wellies.

Memories of an Earby G.P.

The article in the Winter Edition of Chronicles on Dr. Dick's house at the crossings has brought back other memories too.

Trevor Tattersall writes: it brought back painful memories of a visit to that side door soon after the end of the Second World War when, as a result of some youthful escapade, I developed a severely infected index finger – a whitlow it was called at the time. After a worried family conference, it was decided that the situation justified an out-of-hours visit to the doctor and I was hurriedly dressed and rushed down the road to “The Crossing”, then the home of the Drs. Morrison. We were admitted by Dr. Kim, who was not practising at the time, Dr. Arthur was out on a call likely to be quite lengthy so she dealt with me. The offending finger was exposed and cleaned. She poised a scalpel over the site and said “This won't hurt – much !” It did ! I shall always remember those words.

Dorothy Aker of Hampton Wick, sister of Ian Crowther and granddaughter of Dr. Falconer writes: The speaking tube, I remember well my grandfather using it by his bed. When the phone was installed the operator usually knew where the doctor was and could divert calls to him!. The waiting room brings back memories, as a small girl I watched Grandad making medicines as he called it and after all the morning calls were done and he had lunch, he then dispensed the medicines and each was beautifully wrapped in white paper with sealing wax and placed on the mantelpiece in the waiting room, to be collected.

I also recall him carrying, in his car, a small bottle of illicitly distilled whisky, which he would give to any tramps found on a cold winters day who the doctor was called to attend!.

Originally his visits were made on horseback if the patient was in an outlying area.

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THE SOCIETY

Meets at the Community Centre, New Road, EARBY on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. (except for outside visits).

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This was his first practice after he qualified in Aberdeen. He met my grandmother who was a nurse at Burnley Victoria around 1895 or so!.

Ted Welsh from Newark, who we were pleased to see at the AGM this year, has also written.

Ted remembers it as Harrington House. As a child I was intrigued with the speaking apparatus. I never used it, but certainly used the door-bell. I

remember Dr. Falconer's surgery as a child in the early 1930s.

There were rarely more than five or six patients in the waiting room. After the consultation he would disappear into the dispensary re-emerging with the necessary medication, usual charge one shilling. He was no mean surgeon and over the years carried out minor procedures on various members of our extended family.

One Sunday morning just before the War, Jack Cross and I set off on a cycle ride and near to the Punch Bowl I got too near him, with the result that my cycle's front tyre came in contact with his rear tyre and I was deposited, chin first, on the road. I went straight to Harrington House, rang the door-bell and within 10 minutes, was on my way home with three 'clips' in my chin, bike ride abandoned.

Dr. Falconer often admired the Salkeld family bureau when visiting my great grandmother and, she bequeathed it to him. On his retirement the Doctor was a close neighbour of my sister at Thornton and ensured that it was returned to her on his death.

Dr. Falconer was the Earby LMS Railway Ambulance Class

AND FINALLY A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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

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