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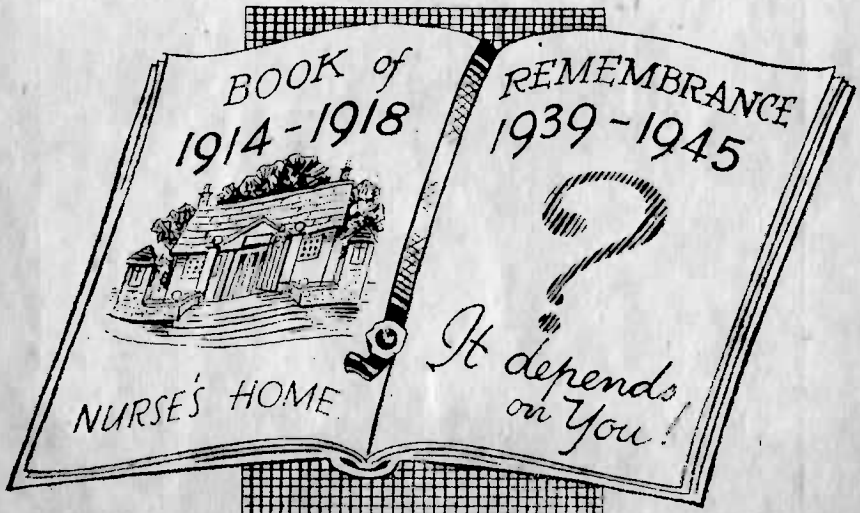
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PREFACE

In presenting this Handbook for the War Memorial Week of 1948, the object has been to give a brief Historical survey of Baildon and its places.

The Committee take the opportunity to point out that they were given a mandate from a Town's meeting to raise monies for a Memorial to those who lost their lives in the 1939-45 War.

It is appreciated that in view of the present economic state of the country, this can only be attained over a period of years, and then, only by the co-operation and enthusiasm of the people of Baildon.

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FOREWORD

Before the making of bridges and the introduction of road transport, Baildon was almost inaccessible in winter.

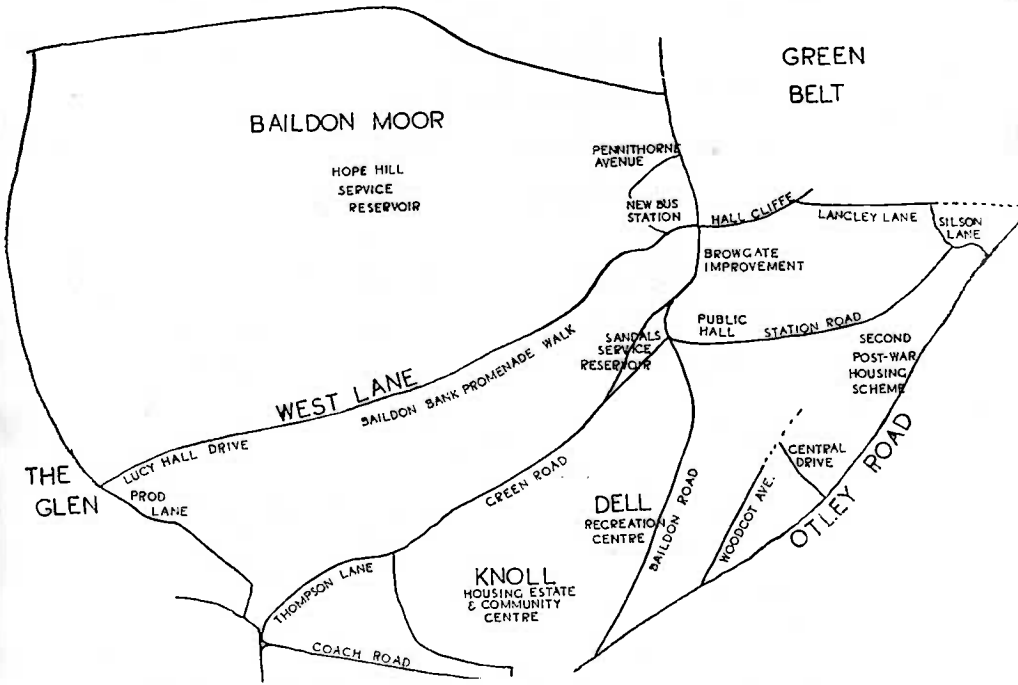
There were fords and stepping stones over the Aire but with the river in flood these were practically useless. On the Otley and Bingley sides, too, communication was very difficult in consequence of the wild moors and swollen becks.

Indeed in 1548 an ecclesiastical commission urged that the retention of Baildon Chapel as a place of worship was necessary because "the waters betwene Bayldon and Otley be so troublesome in wynter that the inhabitants there can not passe."

This comparative isolation no doubt accounts in a large measure for the reputation for insularity which the Baildoners bear amongst their neighbours.

During the last forty years, with the infusion of new blood into the district and the passing through two World Wars, this phase of the typical Baildoner's character has diminished, but the complementary traits of sturdy independence, dry humour and rugged strength of character have strongly persisted throughout the passing years. It is a curious fact that the Baildon traditions and outlook are quickly and eagerly absorbed by those who adopt the "Village on the Hill" as their home.

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Baildon is an Urban District, and is managed by a Council of 12, three for each of the four Wards, one councillor retiring from each Ward every year.

The rateable value of the Township in 1947 was £65,956. The total rates in 1927 were 8/4 in the £1, and the rateable value £56,007.

The area of Baildon is 2,830 acres, and it has 770 acres of open moorland, the highest point being Hope Hill, on High Plain: 927 feet above sea level.

The population at the last census, 1931, was 7,794, and at present it is estimated at 11,000, and, there are just over 3,350 houses.

The number of Electors according to the Register of Electors 1945, was 7,605.

The Council own the large impounding Reservoir and several plots of land at Weecher, in the Parish of Bingley, own considerable water rights and own the three service Reservoirs on Baildon Moor and Springs at Birch Close.

There are on record no fewer than 64 documentary forms of spelling Baildon, differing from Baldune (1087) to Baaldon (1707).

There is some doubt as to the derivation of the name of the village, some authorities asserting that it is connected with the worship of the God Baal, others that it is derived from its nearness to the one-time ford (bel) over the Aire at Baildon Bridge. The road, after leaving the ford, wound up the hill (dune) to the Celtic encampment on the common.

The late W. Paley Baildon, in his "Baildon and the Baildons" advances the theory that Baildon means "the hill of pits or mines," and that the actual working of these mines was done by the Ancient Britons under the Romans, and the Britons naturally named the workings in their own tongue.

Though no Roman remains have ever been found in Baildon, there was a Roman camp at Ilkley. Evidence has been found to support the assertion of historians that not only was the use of coal known to the Greeks and Romans, but that the Romans used it in Britain. As surface coal could be easily worked on Hope Hill, and was in fact until some 60 years ago, it is probable that there is much truth in Paley Baildon's conclusions.

Baildon is mentioned four times in Domesday Book, and this seems to be the earliest document relating to Baildon.

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The Market Cross at Baildon, as it stands to-day, can claim very little degree of antiquity, for it is said that the original Cross was destroyed either after the Reformation or by Puritan soldiers during the Civil War. The well-worn steps certainly look medieval, and it is thought that the steps are all that is left of the original Cross. In the Eighteenth Century one of the Butlers, who at that time were an important Baildon family, "caused a new shaft to be erected on the old site," and, years later, one of the same family had a gas lamp placed on top. The remains of this lamp came to a sorry end in 1928, when a removal van knocked off the top of the Cross and in the repair no attempt was made to copy the original design.

THE STOCKS

Little can be discovered about the Village Stocks, except that they were removed from the Town Gate in the middle of the Eighteenth Century. Eventually they were found built into the wall of Acre Hill Reservoir, and in 1904, through the good services of the late Mr. Geo. E. Robinson, J.P., then owner of Baildon Mill, they were put back in their former place. Since that time they have received much ill treatment and now only one of the original uprights remain.

BAILDON HALL

It is recorded that Baildon Hall was built in 1553 for the Baildon family, but it has not been used as a family seat for over a century.

During the last hundred years it has been successively, a farm house, a deserted house, the N.F.S. Club, and is at the present time the Baildon Club.

The South wing was made into cottages early in the Eighteenth Century, and the North wing has entirely disappeared. The Hall was occupied by the Roundheads during the Civil War and the North wing is said to have been badly damaged during that time, for there was much fighting round about Baildon.

There still remains in the Hall, a fine stucco ceiling, some excellent panelling, and oak Elizabethan staircase and several old oak livery cupboards.

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The ancient name for what is now known as the Old Hall was "Hall Garth," and the name is first mentioned in 1602, when it was let by Gervase Fitzwilliam to one William Stead. The house seems to have been built during the reign of Charles I., and although there appears over both the back and front doors "J.B. 1715, J.B. 1717," the dates have nothing to do with the building of the house. It was the custom in those days for the initials of man and wife to be placed over the doorway, and it is quite likely that these initials refer to some of the Butler family.

An old sundial, dated 1690, can be seen in one of the gables.

BAILDON GLEN (Shipleigh Glen)

The name Baidon Glen is probably unfamiliar to most people, but it is a fact that it was not known as Shipleigh Glen in the Boundary Survey of 1854. It is supposed to have got the misnomer between 1831 and 1847, when the Rev. Peter Scott, Shipleigh Baptist Minister, repeatedly drew public attention to its natural beauties. Nevertheless, even with its popular name of Shipleigh Glen, it is within the Urban Area of Baidon, and pays rates to that authority, no part of it being within a mile of the township of Shipleigh.

TONG PARK

Tong Park is the only hamlet of Baidon which has existed for any length of time. It can be traced back to 1469, when William Tong had lands held of Ralph Fitzwilliam. It is supposed to have been a deerpark for the Hawksworths when they lived at Hawksworth Hall.

Apart from its beautiful setting, the chief feature of Tong Park is the mill, owned by Messrs. Wm. Denby & Sons Ltd.

Its original name was Gill Mill, and it is recorded that in 1790 there was a steam engine erected for propelling the machinery, because for several years the industry had not been able to depend on the water supply for driving the mill. It is believed that this engine was the first to be used for propelling machinery, either in Bradford or anywhere else in the district.

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BAILDON GREEN

This is now a considerable village, and although most of the houses are comparatively modern, there still remains Midgeley Farm, which dates back to the early Seventeenth Century.

During the 18th and 19th Centuries, two parts of the cliff were known as "Cuckoo Crag" and "Water Rock"; these names have now almost dropped into disuse. At one time a streamlet fell from the cliff on to "Water Rock," but this was diverted over 50 years ago and used at the mill. There are two masses of rock at the cliff bottom; one of them has at sometime fallen from the cliff, and was known as "Cloven Crag" on account of it being split vertically. The other group, known as "Robin Hood's House," seems to be a pre-historic cromlech (stone of bowing or worship), for round the rock are smaller stones, which have undoubtedly been placed there by man. The unearthing of a Bronze Celt (axe) many years ago near Sandles Pond indicates that Baildon Green was occupied at some time during the Bronze Age.

WOODBOTTOM

In the Ordnance Map of 1852, no buildings are shown as being in existence at Woodbottom. Under other names the area can be traced back to "Dauhurst" in 1339, and "Dawhurst" in 1368. During that period it was a dense wood, and the inference is that "Dawhurst" was derived from the colony of daws there: but through the ages with felling of trees and the entire disappearance of the wood during the past 20 years, the daws have lost their nesting places. From 1622—1744, the present Woodbottom and Ferniehurst occurs as Day Hurst Wood, and early in the 19th Century it was known as Baildon Wood.

CHARLESTOWN

Charlestown as we see it now is a thickly-populated district, but there is no record of any house being there prior to 1830, when Charles Turner built the first house in that district. It is an oral tradition that Charlestown took its name from this pioneer builder.

INNS

According to Parson's Yorkshire Directory of 1823, there were at that time five inns at Baildon, the Angel, the Bay Horse, the Cross Keys, the Malt Shovel and the Roebuck. Earlier than this, however, there were others; one in Chapel

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The only inn to-day of antiquarian interest is the Malt Shovel, an old 17th Century house. The huge chimney breast and the projection of the door are very interesting; the elliptical window in the wall, above the right-hand side of the door, was made so that the bedridden wife of one of the tenants could watch the doings of the villagers.

An interesting discovery was made during alterations carried out some 20 years ago. The plaster was being removed from the ceiling just above the kitchen door when some curiously-wrought plaster panelling was brought to light. This panelling, which is apparently about 300 years old, is very similar in design to plaster work which is to be found in the ceiling of Hawksworth Hall, and the obvious inference is that the Italian workmen who decorated the interior of Hawksworth Hall also carried out the plaster work on part of the ceiling at the Malt Shovel. It is very probable that this work was done in payment for ale, as it was a common practice at that time for craftsmen to work off a reckoning in this way.

The old Bull's Head Inn in Westgate was rebuilt in 1896. This was a 17th Century house and over the fireplace in one of the upper rooms, was the Royal Arms, dated 1661, worked in plaster, but unfortunately this was destroyed during the re-building.

A shocking murder was committed in one of the village inns about 300 years ago. A work published in 1636 describes the tragedy as follows:—

“Two of them sitting at drink, late in the night, fell out, and being parted, the one, a little after, finding his fellow sitting by the fire with his backe towards him, comes behind him, and with a hatchet chines him downe the backe, so that his bowells felle out—the murtherer, flying immediatly and being hotly pursued, lept into a river and drowned himselfe.

O feafull fruits of carnall liberty.”

BAILDON CHURCH

Baildon was formed into an ecclesiastical parish and vicarage in 1869, having been before that time a Parochial Chapelry in the Otley Parish. Although there is no documentary evidence of the foundation of the old chapel, there is in the

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Church, a board stating: "This Church was founded by one Dame Alice Quintain in the 12th Century." Nothing is known about this Dame, who has not been identified by historians.

There is, in the Churchyard, a short square pillar, recorded to have been originally in the porch of the old chapel. This is probably the remains of the cross used to mark the preaching station at Baildon before there was any Church.

There are several mural tablets in the Church; one on the South side of the Chancel arch, erected to the memory of Paul Meyer, a young army officer, who died in 1763, at the age of 28, records that his weak constitution was "impaired by constant attention to the service in the severity of winter campaigns in Germany." The old Church was demolished for re-building in 1847, gunpowder having to be used to destroy the walls. In the demolition, whether by design or accident, the Norman arched entrance, the only part of the original building remaining at that time, was destroyed. The present Church was consecrated on February 29th, 1848, by the Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Longley).

It is interesting to note that the Church plate consists of a Chalice, a Flagon and a Paten. Recently a Ciborium was given in memory of a former communicant.

The Chalice is silver, the year letter and the maker's mark identifying it with Walter Shute, 1636-37, and it is inscribed in large italic letters, "Baldon." The Flagon and the Paten are pewter, but their history has not been traced; they were perhaps originally intended for domestic use.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL

The first meetings of the Wesleyans were held in a house in Browgate about 1740. Some years later a small chapel was built in Binn's Well Fold, and then a larger one in Westgate in 1808. The present chapel was erected on the same site in 1890.

John Wesley visited Baildon in 1748, and again in 1766. On his first visit he preached from the windows of a house in Bowgate which is now used as a studio. He records in his journal: Tuesday, August 23rd, 1748. "About one I preached at Baildon and in the evening at Bradford, where none behaved indecently but the curate of the parish."

William Darney, the noted Yorkshire Wesleyan preacher, published in 1751 a hymnal. Several of the verses are curious—one in particular, entitled: "A hymn first made for little societies in the North of Yorkshire." Many verses of this refer to places in the West Riding; one verse reads:—

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MORAVIAN CHURCH

The first Moravian settlement in Yorkshire was established at Lightcliffe in 1742. About two years later Fulneck, the present principal settlement, was established, and Baildon was one of its earliest off-shoots. At Baildon a preaching room was licensed in May, 1749, under the Bank near Lane Ends. Later another room was licensed in the village, and a third one at a house in Westgate.

In 1806 the Moravian following had grown to such an extent that it was decided to build a Church, the Foundation Stone was laid on March 28th, 1806, and the dedication followed on September 24th of the same year. Four years later a resident minister was appointed, and in 1816 Baildon was, as distinct from the Society of Fulneck, settled as a regular congregation.

At Baildon Woodbottom, Wellfield school—chapel and house were built in 1864. The present Moravian Church was built on the site of the old one in 1868.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL

In 1821, the Primitive Methodists first held meetings at a house in Kelcliff. The first chapel was built at Bank End in 1824. The last chapel, built in 1864, half-way up Browgate, has not been used as a place of worship since before the War.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Aidan's Church occupies a commanding position in Baildon Road. The Foundation Stone was laid in 1932 by the late Right Reverend J. R. Cowgill, D.D., Bishop of Leeds, who, in the following year solemnly blessed the Church. The Church, erected in Yorkshire stone, contains a High Altar and two side Altars.

A pleasing feature of the interior (which has sitting room for 300) is a " Crown-of-Thorns " design. This design incorporated in the windows, is shown also in the Altars, altar-rails, pulpit and Baptismal Font. The war prevented the carrying out of a scheme for seating, the existing benches being temporary. The Church and adjacent Presbytery and the Parochial Hall are free of debt. St. Aidan's is a separate Parish, with its own Rector, and embraces the Baildon Urban District.

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- SATURDAY** DANCE in St. Aidan's Hall at 7-45 p.m.
- SUNDAY** DEDICATORY SERVICE in the Baildon Parish Church, at 3 p.m. (Details page 21)
- MONDAY** VARIETY CONCERT in the Towngate, at 7-45 p.m. (Details page 23)
- TUESDAY** VARIETY CONCERT in the Towngate, at 7-45 p.m. (Details page 25)
WHIST DRIVE in the Moravian Schools at 2-30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY** VARIETY CONCERT in the Towngate, at 7-45 p.m. (Details page 27)
CRICKET MATCH, Blythwick Playing Fields, at 7-0 p.m.
WHIST DRIVE, St. James' School, at 7-30 p.m.
- FRIDAY** "MERRIE ENGLAND" in the Moravian Schools, at 7-30 p.m. (Details page 31)
MODEL RAILWAY in the Show Field, from 7-0 p.m.
- SATURDAY** GARDEN PARTY in the Fair Ground, at 2-30 p.m. (Details page 33)
GRAND CONCERT—Brass and Voice, by Butterfield's Silver Prize Band, Conductor, J. W. Sykes, Esq.; and Baildon Musical Society. Conductor, J. D. SYKES, Esq.
GOLF COMPETITIONS. Details page 29
DANCE in St. Aidan's Hall, 7-45 p.m.
- SUNDAY** DRUM HEAD SERVICE in the Show Field, at 2-15 p.m. (Details page 35)
CRICKET MATCH, Baildon Green Cricket Ground, at 3-30 p.m.
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Wednesday, June 16th, in St. James' Church School, Otley Road, at 7--30 p.m. Tickets 1/- (Refreshments at moderate charges). Organised by St. James' Church.

DANCES

Saturday, June 12th, at 7-45 p.m. to 11-45 p.m., at St. Aidan's Hall. Tickets 2/-. Organised by members of St. Aidan's Church Social Committee.

Saturday, June 19th. (As above).

GOLF COMPETITIONS

Saturday, June 19th. Organised by Baildon Golf Club. Special Prizes are being given by various members.

Four Ball Bogey Competition for the Gentlemen.

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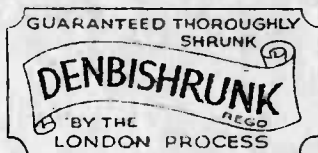
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