

Kildwick & Farnhill's Jubilee Celebrations 1977

Memories of being Jubilee Queen

In 1977 the villages of Kildwick and Farnhill celebrated the Queen's Silver Jubilee with a programme of events commencing on Sunday 5th June with a service at St Andrew's Church. On Tuesday 7th June there was a full day of activities starting with the judging of children's artwork at the institute, followed by a procession and sports in the afternoon with prize giving and a free silver medallion draw. There was also a tug of war across the canal which ended up with all participants either falling or being pushed into the water including the Vicar in full regalia! The day was rounded off with a fancy dress disco in the evening at the Institute and older residents could look forward to a canal cruise arranged for later in the summer. A copy of the programme and a Craven Herald report on the events including names of competition winners can be found at the end of this article.



In the procession was 13 year old Helen Crossley who recalls the excitement of being Jubilee Queen on Farnhill Methodist Sunday School's float.

"I was really delighted to dress up as a Jubilee Queen. I wore a bright turquoise crimplene gown that my mum had made from my sister's bridesmaid dress and was considered very fashionable then. Our theme was "Roses grow on you" and we dressed up as different characters with a Roses chocolate box on the end of an arm – just like the television advert which was popular at the time and had a jingle that went:

*They say that Roses grow on you
They are so nice it must be true
They say that Roses grow on you
Roses grow on you.*

The float was covered in paper roses and in the days leading up to the celebration our house turned into a hive of activity making them out of pink toilet paper. When relatives called by they got roped in too. Jubilee day was bright and sunny and everyone was in good spirits. The procession started from Spout House, High Farnhill and then wound its way down Middleton. There was a good turnout of villagers in the parade and plenty of people watching and waving too.



Above left: Farnhill Methodist Sunday School's Float: L. to R. Andrew Horner (footballer), Helen Crossley (jubilee queen), Sarah Richardson (hiker), ? Above right: members of the Law family in fancy dress.

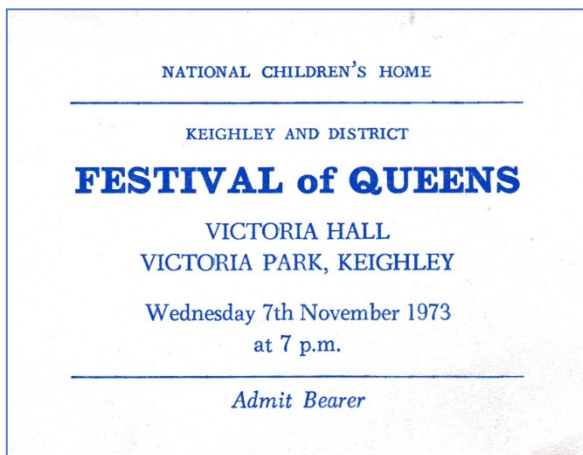
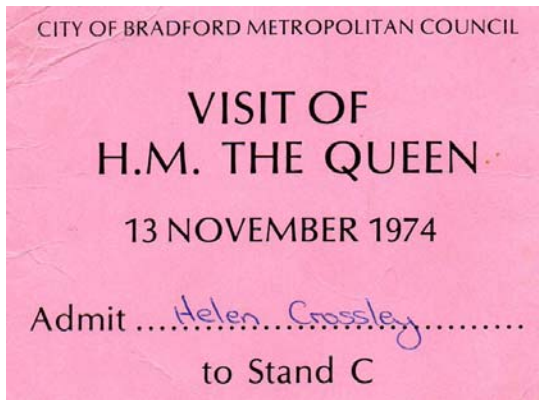


The Main Street by the Institute looked very festive with bunting across the road. It was rather breezy and Norris Webb our Sunday School teacher and my mum, Gladys Crossley kept having to fasten things back on the float as they were blowing off as can be seen in the photo on the left.

The procession finished at the recreation ground in Kildwick where there were sports and activities but I don't remember much about this. The excitement of preparing the float and riding on it is what made my day, especially as a few years earlier I had been fortunate enough to see the Queen when she opened the new civic precinct in Bradford on 13 November 1974. My name had been pulled out of a hat to represent Kildwick School which was in the Bradford district then.

In 1973 I had also taken part in a Festival of Queens at Victoria Hall, Keighley, representing Farnhill Methodist Sunday School. So to be Queen for the day on her Jubilee a few years later was the icing on the cake to a young girl of 13.

Thirty five years on these activities seem rather quaint and no doubt very different to what I would want to do if I was a teenager today!"



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Can you help ?

The Kildwick and Farnhill History Group would like to hear from anyone with their memories of the 1935 Silver Jubilee, the 1937 Coronation, the 1953 Coronation or the 1977 Silver Jubilee. Do you have any recollections or photographs of these or other village events that you would be willing share? Please email admin@farnhill.co.uk

KILDWICK AND FARNHILL SILVER JUBILEE

CELEBRATION PROGRAMME

JUNE 7TH, 1977



Over £150 in Prizes and Draw for a Valuable
Solid Silver Medallion

Village Disco Party in Institute with
Fancy Dress Prizes

Motor Cruise for Older Villagers

FREE FREE FREE



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday June 5th at 3.00 p.m. Silver Jubilee Service at
St. Andrews Church,
Kildwick.

Tuesday June 7th at 10.30 a.m. Childrens Painting Competition,
Wild Flower Arrangements,
Miniature Garden Competition.

All Entries to be received Kildwick and Farnhill Institute
By 9.30 a.m. Tuesday

Tuesday June 7th at 2.00 p.m. Start of Procession at
Spout House.
Including Entrants To:
Fancy Dress Competition
Decorated Wagon Competition
Decorated Prams and Bikes
Competition.

Proceed Through Villages via Main Street to Priest Bank
and Sports Field (Hagars Field)

Tuesday June 7th at 3.00 p.m. Sports Start.

Including Following Childrens Events With Cash Prizes

100 yards Dash	Tombola
Sack Race	Hoop-La
Potato Race	Apple Ducking
3 Legged Race	Pony Rides
Wellie Throwing	Merry Go Round
Tug-O-War	Hot Dog Stall
Slow Bike Race	Ice Cream

Special Adult Competitions

Farnhill V Kildwick Tug-O-War Over Canal,
" " Slippery Poll Over Canal,

Tuesday June 7th at 5.00 p.m. Presentation of Silver Jubilee Crowns.
(All Children Under 16 Years From Both Villages).
Draw for Solid Silver Medallion.
Sports Prize Giving.
Fancy Dress Prizes.
Painting and Flower Arranging Prizes.

Tuesday June 7th at 8.00 p.m. Free Village Disco Carnival Party.
Fancy Dress Prizes.
Bar.

To Be Held in Kildwick and Farnhill Institute

All Villagers Welcome With A Partner



This Programme Must Be Produced For Entry To Village Disco Party Celebration At Institute, Also Required For Free Silver Medallion Draw Number.

AUGUST 6TH, 1977

Free Celebration Motor Cruise in Passenger Vessel "Cobbydale"
for the Older People of the Villages

Including Pie and Peas Snack and Piped Music

Passing through some of the most beautiful Waterways
in the Yorkshire Dales,

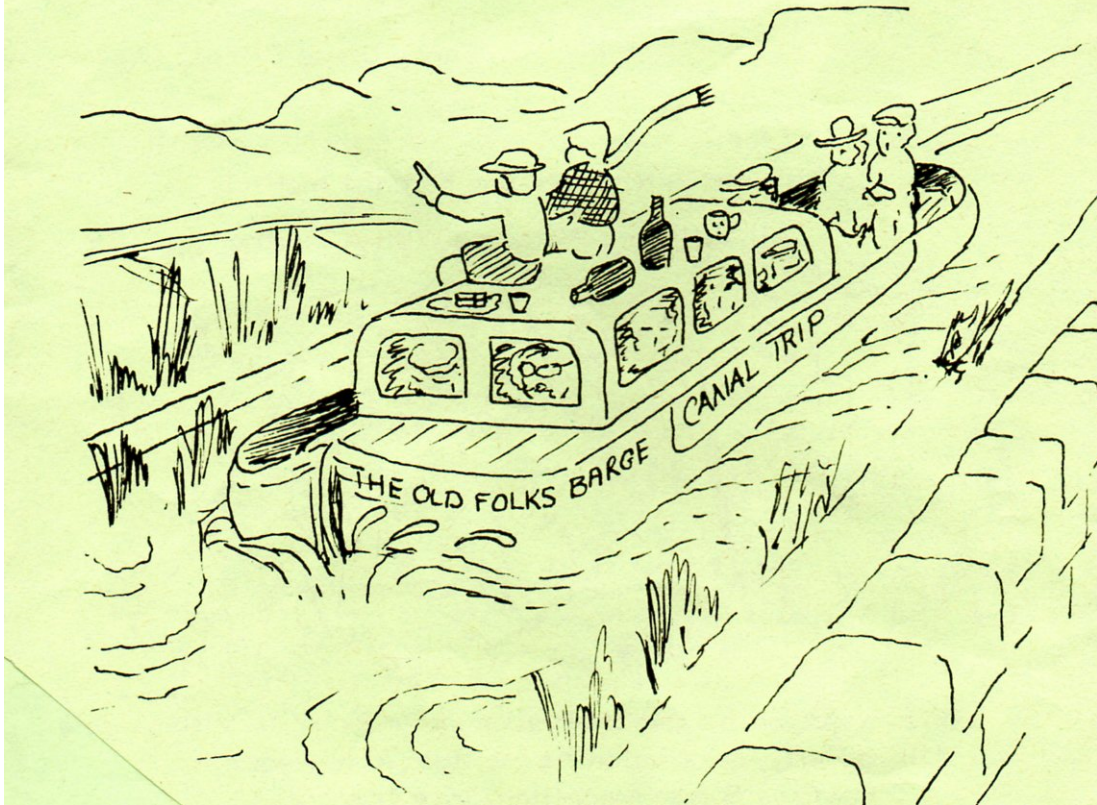
In the stylish comfort of this all weather craft
Built especially for this purpose.

Bar Service Available

Also Toilets

Embark 1.30 p.m. Kildwick Quay for 2.00 p.m. Departure

Disembark Kildwick Quay Approx. 5.00 p.m.



Joint Celebrations like Good Old Days

Much forethought and planning by the villagers of Farnhill and Kildwick made their joint Jubilee procession on Tuesday one of the most colourful and imaginative.

Led by the winning decorated wagon, which featured ten members of the Over 60's in City Varieties costumes to depict the "Good Old Days", the parade made its way from Spout House in Farnhill to Kildwick's recreation ground.

The route was lined with many spectators who marvelled at the originality of the fancy dress ideas and at the hard work that had gone into the decoration of prams, bikes and Farnhill Methodist Sunday School's wagon "Roses Grow on You" which featured scores of handmade paper flowers. Adding to the jollification were District Coun. Tony Law and his brother, Christopher, who, on their float were comically dressed as "the Kildwick and Farnhill Jubilee Queens".

The recreation ground provided the ideal venue for the afternoon's sports, sideshows and judging of contests. The entries in the children's painting competition, wild flower arrangements and miniature garden competitions had been displayed and judged during the morning at Kildwick and Farnhill Institute. Mrs Roberts judged the flower arrangements and miniature gardens.

Judges of the children's paintings were Messrs. M Reid and C Long of Kildwick Hall who also selected the winners of the fancy dress, decorated wagon, pram and bike contests. The ten participants of the winning senior citizen's float were awarded a bonus prize and invited to have lunch at Kildwick Hall.

The afternoon ended with the presentation of Silver Jubilee Crowns by the Chairman of Kildwick Parish Meeting, Mr. Keith Midgley and Mrs Z Smith, to all the children under 16 from both villages the draw for the Solid Silver Medallion and the sports prize giving.

The revelries continued for the adults during the evening at a free disco Carnival party at the Institute where those present were provided with free ale and wine.

The Silver Jubilee celebrations of both parishes had begun on Sunday with a special service at St Andrew's Church Kildwick. Clergy from churches throughout the area took part including Father Peter Ward, the Rev Peter barker, the Rev Edward Lewis, and the Rev. Michael Rose. The service was led by the vicar of Kildwick, the Rev. Ian Busby. Among the 200 people present were representatives of the Kildwick and Farnhill Jubilee Committee and the Cross Hills and Glusburn jubilee Committee.

Competition Winners were: Children's paintings: Up to 8 Mrs Armstrong's class (Kildwick School); 8-11 years Gavin Stronach; 11 and over Jonathan Law. Wild Flowers and miniature gardens: Up to 10 Sarah Kaye; over 10 Sandra Jackson; Adult Class Mrs Ruth Jackson. Collag: David Painter. Fancy Dress: Under 11, Pinnochio; Senior Section, Tramp. Decorated wagon: "The Good Old Days". Prams and bikes: Orange submarine.

Sports Events winners were: Welly throwing: up to 11 C Hagar; 11 and over P Wass; Adults David Tankard. 80 yard dash: up to 11 D Baldwin; 11 and over S Baldwin. Slow bicycle race: D Midgley. Three legged race: up to 11 D and E Akrigg; 11 and over I Stronach and partner. Potato race: up to 11 Michael Holmes; 11 and over P Law. Sack race: up to 11 V Law; 11 and over P Lamb. Tug of War: up to 11, and over 11, Farnhill. Farnhill supplied winning girl's team, leader Mrs Barbara Law. Treasure Hunt J M Sharpe, Silver Medallion ticket no. 36. Both Kildwick and Farnhill Teams in the Tug of War over the canal were successfully ducked.