

The Tang Hall Local History Group

Presents

**Looking Back at
Heworth & Tang Hall**

Glen Gardens



Located off East Parade in Heworth, these Gardens were part of the former Glen Estate

The site can be found on OS maps dating back to 1852

It was opened in June 1915 by the then Lord Mayor J B Morell

There was always a children's play area here and new swings and sides were added in the 1980's



Heworth Hall



With 11 bedrooms, Heworth Hall was one of the largest villa's that sprung up in Heworth following the enclosure awards in the early 19th century

Built in about 1830 by Mrs. Lucy Willey and her husband Jocelyn, curate of St Cuthbert's

The house was a conservative classical style.

In 1859 Lady Milburn lived there and later in the closing years of the century it was occupied by Thomas Brogden

In 1928 the house and its 12 acres of grounds were sold by auction

New semi detached houses were built and gradually advanced up the drive.

The house was eventually demolished in 1934

The Tang Hall



Tang Hall Hotel, Fourth Avenue, 1950



The Tang Hall was first mentioned in the 13th Century however it was James Barbers house of 1830 that elevated it to the status of a gentleman's villa. Typical of York it had deep overhanging eaves which suggests that Atkinsons were the architects. James Barber a Silversmith and Coach House owner from Coney Street sold the property and estate to Captain Edward and Lady Starkey, Starkey sadly died following a coach crash near the minster but his wife Evelyn living there until old age, she was known for shooting trespassers with grapeshot. Evelyn died in 1925 and the estate was purchased by York Corporation with the land developed for housing as part of the Tang Hall Estate. The house survived and was run as a pub with leisure gardens. The original house was demolished and replaced by a modern public house however this in turn was demolished in the 1980's and replaced by a housing.

Wood Street



Wood Street looking towards Heworth Green, the street runs from the behind the Co-op on East Parade and links to Heworth Green. The Kidd family lived at the far right of the photograph and there was a gate down the side of the house which led to an orchard. The whole area here was demolished and replaced with Council properties

Pear Tree Cottage



Pear Tree Cottage on Heworth Road on the right hand side looking towards the Church
The property dates back to 1831 though this photograph dates from much later judging by the old fashioned television aerial on the roof

Chestnut Avenue



Chestnut Avenue was built in 1905, it was developed by two York Solicitors Peters and Martin. At time of construction none of the properties had garages as there was no demand for these at the time. Mrs. V Hunter ran the prep school here in the 1930's

Harcourt Street Corner



London's



The original London's shop was opened in the first world war, the bigger premises on the corner of Mill Lane were opened in the 1930's The photograph bottom left shows the demolition starting after the shop closed, it is now flats

Dales Lane Corner



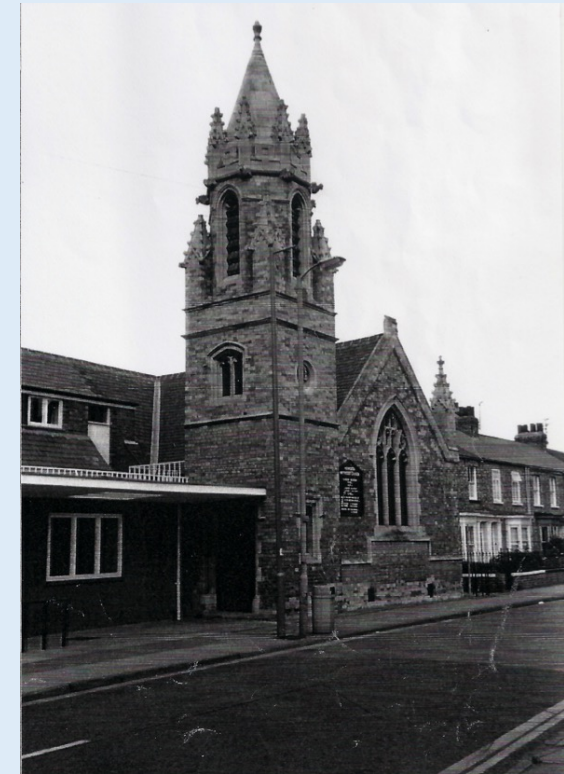
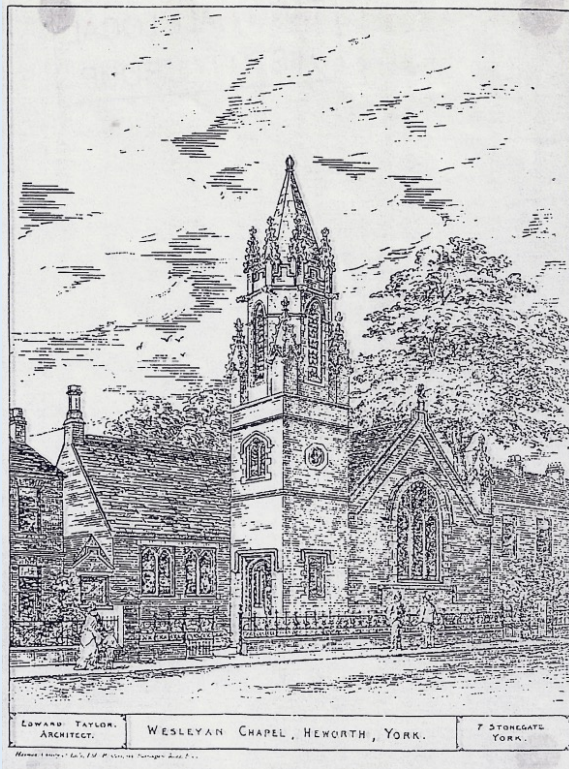
Pictured around 1959 and with
virtually no traffic
Notice the lack of traffic lights and
street signs

Heworth Church Crossroads



Two views looking towards Heworth Village, the one of the left is circa 1935, it gives a totally peaceful aura of a small village. The photograph on the right taken in 1980 shows the introduction of traffic lights and bollards in the road and a gradual widening of the road. More recently following a revamp of the junction the bollards were removed but the lights remain.

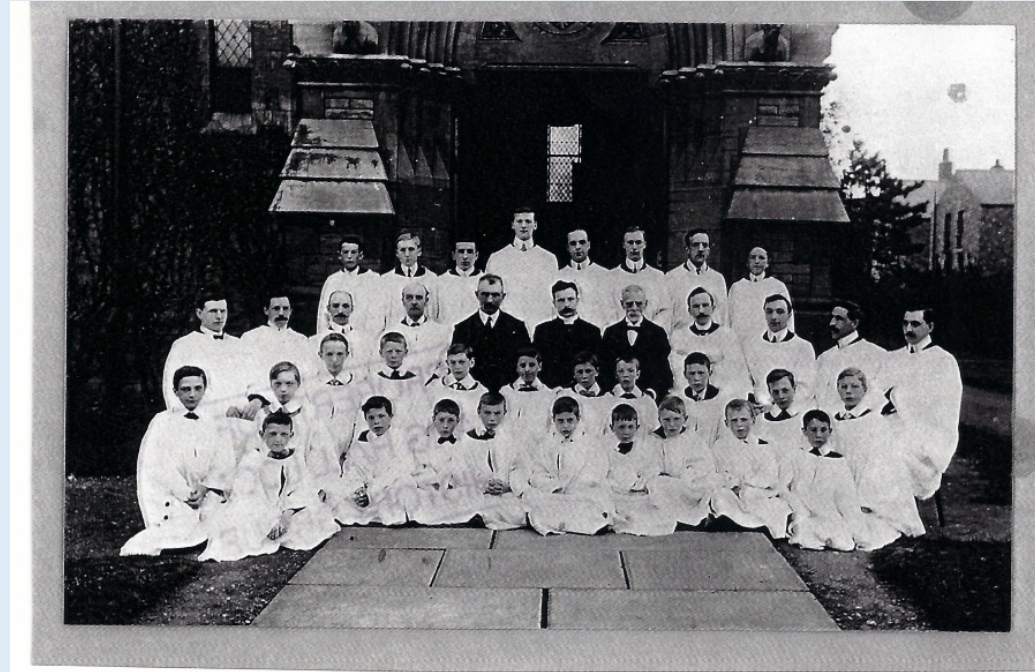
Heworth Methodist Church



A Wesleyan Methodist chapel was built at Heworth in 1826. It remained in use until 1889 when it was demolished and replaced by a new and larger chapel and schoolroom on the adjacent site of Heworth House. The new chapel, which opened in 1890, was largely funded by the gift of Hannah Crampton Leak in memory of her late husband, William, a prominent York Methodist.

The building was designed by Edward Taylor in gothic style and could seat 220 people. A Sunday School was set up by William Camidge soon after the new chapel opened and a new schoolroom was later added in 1930 to accommodate a growing congregation as Heworth underwent a period of significant expansion. By the 1930s the Chapel also had a choir, a Wesley Guild and a Women's Meeting.

Holy Trinity Church



1870-

The church of Holy Trinity, Heworth was consecrated in 1869, and 1870 separated from the parish of York, St Saviour in 1870 to form the modern parish of York, Holy Trinity Heworth.

In 1936 parts of Huntington, Osbaldwick and York, St Cuthbert were added to the parish., and a mission chapel in the western part of the parish was dedicated to St Wulfstan in 1941. The parish also included Christ Church on Stockton Lane from 1964 until 1998 when it separated to form an independent parish. The church is built in the Early English style by architect George Fowler Jones and contains a large wooden reredos made in the Bavarian town of Oberammergau.

Shoulder of Mutton Inn



Public Transport



Top left what is now the flower shop at the bottom of Monk Stray was originally the bus terminus and charging point

Top Right a more modern passenger bus in East Parade
Bottom left and old East Yorkshire motor services coach turning into Lawrence Street

Bottom right a Trolley Bus running down East Parade

Views of East Parade



Heworth Green



Heworth Village



Again notice the difference between the above tranquil scene in the village and the more commercial view to the right looking towards Chapmans Garage and the many parked cars



Britannia Inn



A view of the house which used to be the Britannia Inn up to about 1968
The house is opposite the Walnut Tree which took over being the village pub when the licence was transferred
The house is still owned by Mrs. Evans who with her late husband ran many of the Launderette shops in the area



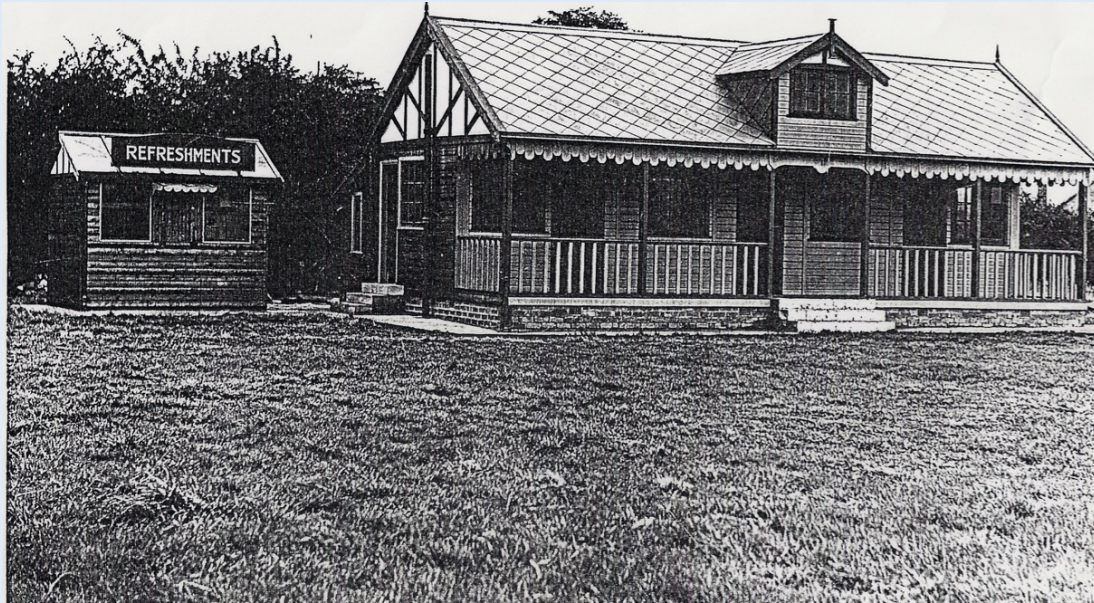
Bowerman's



A view of Bowerman's shop on the corner of Dales Lane
The left hand side of the shop sold Fish and the right hand side was a local grocers

To the left is Les Lees Drapers shop which later became Quartz Travel

Meadow Way



Hidden away on land between Westland's Grove and Monk Stray was a delightful Cricket Club, the pictures show the Pavilion

It was originally opened by the Princess Royal for pupils of Bluecoats and Greycoats schools. It was later rented by Heworth Cricket Club before they moved to Elm Park Way

Meadow Way



After Heworth CC left the site it was taken over by Ben Johnsons on a rental basis but as with many sites eventually succumbed to being sold for Building
The article on the left shows Geoff Boycott opening the new housing estate and comments about the objections to the development

Boycott hits back

by Sarah Dahlgren

BATTING hero Geoff Boycott hit his critics for six when he opened a housing development built on a York cricket pitch.

He declared the ground they had battled hard to save had not been worth the bother.

"It's too small. Even a ten-year-old could have scored a six on it," he said.

The former England batsman was braving the wrath of fans to promote an exclusive 13-house estate built on the former home of printing firm Ben Johnson's cricket club.

The former pitch's supporters said they were disgusted by Boycott's comments.

"The late Yorkshire bowler John Wardle played there and Freddie Trueman lived nearby. They both liked the ground," said Mr John Jubb, club chairman.

"If he was never on the ground when the pitch was being used, then Geoff Boycott is talking nonsense."

The batsman was opening Pilcher Homes' Boundary Park Development, off Meadow Way, in a ceremony planned to celebrate the scheme's cricketering roots.

But Mr Jubb said he was still bitter about the losing the ground - even though the club can now use British Sugar land on Millfield Lane.

"It had bad drainage but we finished every season we had," he said.

"The club is still bitter about losing the pitch because now



Geoff Boycott, who opened the Boundary Park housing development in Heworth on Saturday. Picture: Martin Oates.

we have no home ground."

The opening of the estate's show-home attracted dozens of visitors even though prices start at £200,000.

Pilcher Homes' managing

director, Mr Robert Pilcher, said the homes had been built on land owned by a children's charity and hired out to the cricket club.

He said the charity had made

£250,000 out of its sale and all the money had been spent on children in the York area.

Drainage at the ground was so poor that Heworth Cricket Club, which was once based

there, had had to move to Elm Park Way because of the problem.

The firm had also given £25,000 to help the Ben Johnson club relocate, he said.

Tang Hall Floods



Tang Hall was subject to many floods over the years, before the Foss Barrier was built the River Foss would back up and much of the excess water would flood the Tang Hall & Osbaldwick becks which flow through the area

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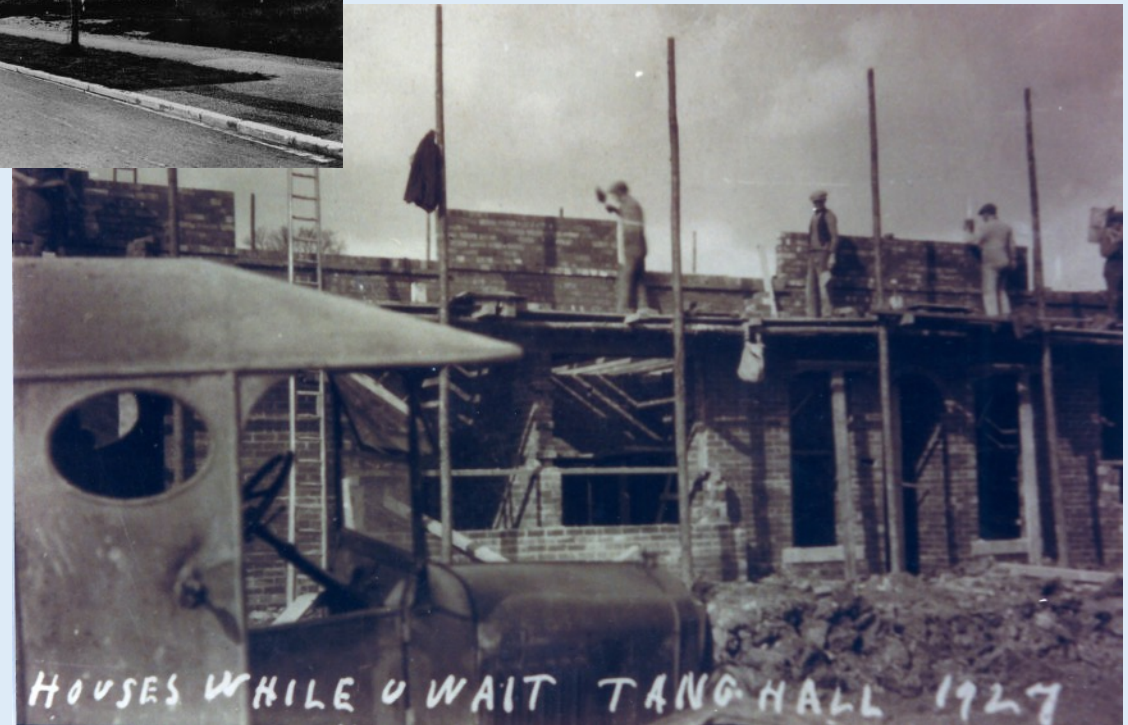


Regular flooding occurred in the area of the Derwent Valley Railway, Melrosegate, Tang Hall Bridge and Heworth Holme between Tang Hall Lane & Burnholme Drive. Even after the Foss Barrier was completed flooding has still occurred in the area

Building Tang Hall Estate



One of the largest construction sites of its time, a huge investment in Council Housing stock and built over many years starting in 1920

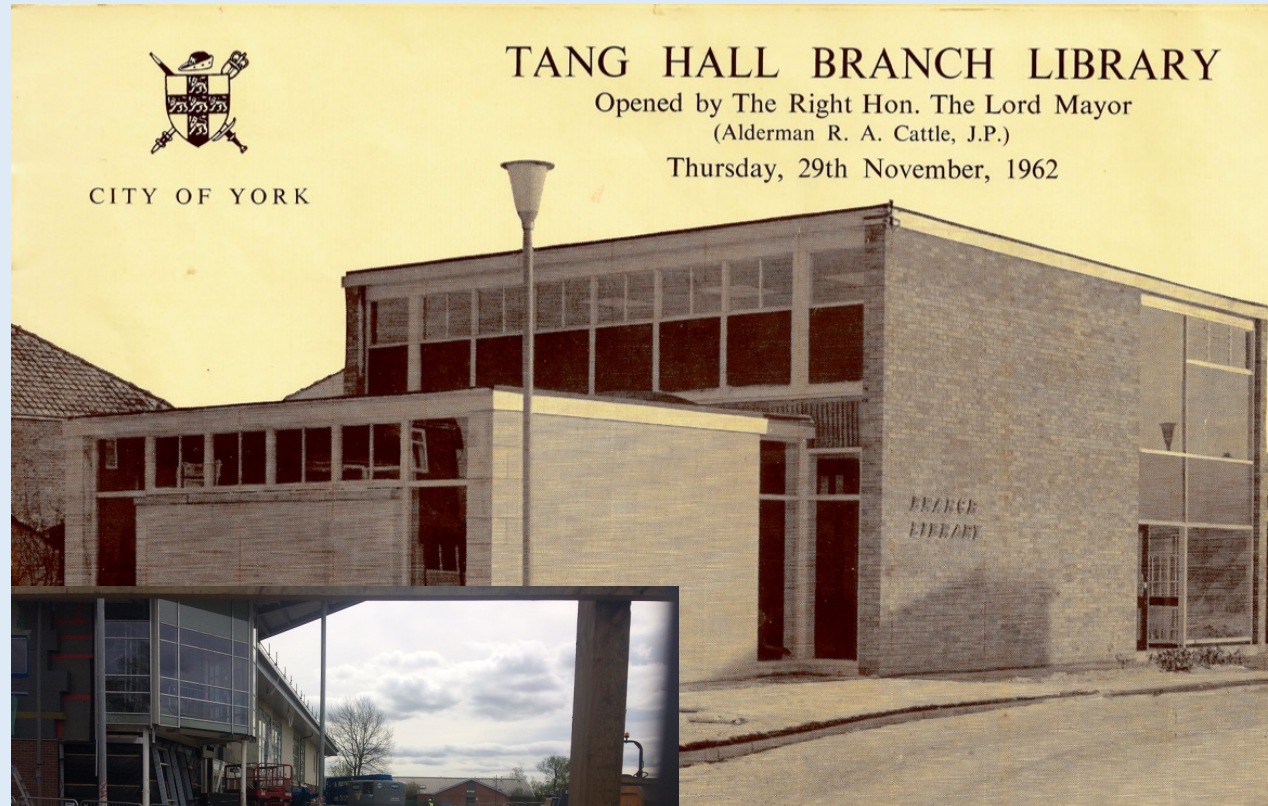


Tang Hall Park – Flaxman Avenue

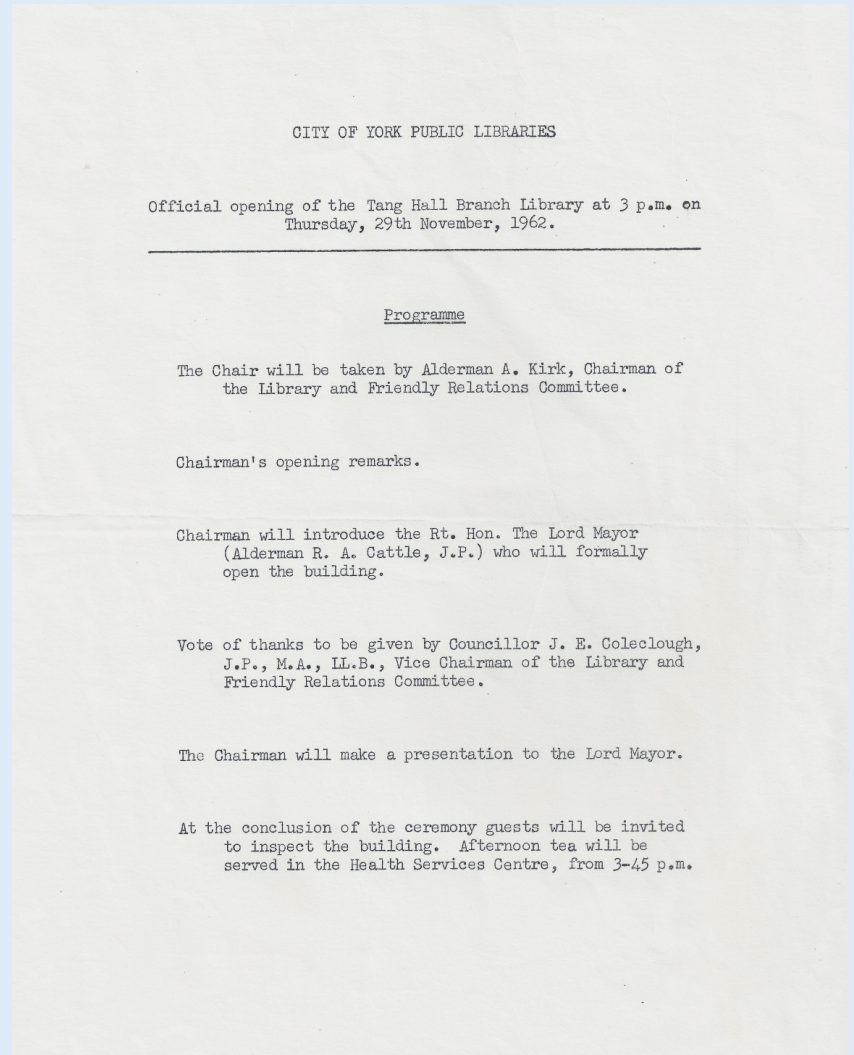


The picture above shows Tang Hall Park (some people call it Hull Road Park) which was developed and opened in the late 1920's
The pictures on the right are of the Pavilion in Flaxman Avenue (known as the Pav) which over looks the park, this used be used for weddings and parties and also used as a gardening club where residents could buy garden products at reduced prices
The pavilion was eventually demolished and replaced by a respite care home

Tang Hall Library



Tang Hall Library in Fifth Avenue which opened in 1962, The opening ceremony is shown on the right
Left is the renovation of Burnholme School into the new Explore Library



Tang Hall Bridge



G HALL BRIDGE
Circa. 1900s

Millfield Lane



This is the grocers shop run by Mrs. Elliot though it was thought to be owned by her brother The shop was later sold to the Grocers Gallons Ltd

Tang Hall Working Men's Club

In Two Years Tang Hall Club

Was Too Small

BY D. HARDISTY

TANG HALL is an excellent example of the working men's club in the city suburb—a cheerful up-to-date establishment with a strong local flavour among its 620 members.

The development of building estates between the Hull and Malton roads during the 20's increased the demand for a club in that district, and on November 16, 1928, the 87 prospective members attended Tang Hall W.M.C.'s inaugural meeting in St. Lawrence Club. A month later, just in good time for Christmas, the new premises at the corner of McRosegate and Hull Road were opened. They were formerly known as Talbot House.

The members took over the mortgage on the property in 1931 and made the final payment in 1939. On Christmas Day, 1945, they purchased the bungalow behind the club as steward's accommodation.

The first election proper was held in 1929. The late Henry Lewis was elected president and stayed in office until 1935. Tom Machen was secretary for the first seven years; his assistant from 1932 was Harry Barker, who took over in 1936 and has been secretary ever since.

Harry was a member of the first committee and has served on the management throughout the club's history

Next Week: Fulford Road

—in fact, he is the only member to have done so. I think I can safely say that the club owes more to him than to any other of its officials.

The membership increased so quickly that extensions had to be made in 1930. A special concert celebrated their completion, and A. E. Phillip, who was concert secretary at the time, told me that he had the pleasure of leading the first song in the new clubroom.

A billiards table was installed that year and the club soon took its place in all branch activities. The bowls and angling sections were formed soon after the club's formation.

E. Schrimshire did good work for many years as secretary of the bowls section, a post now held by Ted Pattison, while Percy Stubbs led the team for eight years. And I must not forget George Stirk, who was the first secretary.

The bowlers have had several successes in the branch competitions, among them the winning outright of the league trophy, and the winning of the Williamson Cup.

They also have a contest for a cup presented to the club by one of its members, Tom Martin.

It is open to all comers, but is at present held by a Tang Hall

bowler, Maurice Pattison, the secretary's brother.

Maurice and J. Davidson, representing Hull Road Park Bowling Club, won the county pairs championship last season.

Tom Martin presented another cup to the club for the winner of the angling section's annual aggregate competition. Runner-up in this receives a cup presented in memory of the late Len Horsley, a Tang Hall angler known to anglers all over the North.

T. Massam holds the Martin Cup this year, and Joe Clough the Horsley Cup.

Percy Heley combines the offices of club vice-president and angling secretary. He has run the angling section for 13 years now, following Bob Seymour and T. Richardson, while F. Bowers has been the anglers' president for 10 years.

Every week Mr. Heley sends a copy of the "Yorkshire Herald" and a batch of "Evening Presses" to his daughter in Canada and his son-in-law in Australia. Mr. Stubbs keeps his daughter in Australia in touch with news of home in the same way.

The cribbage players have brought a cup to the club to stay, for they won the York C. and I. trophy for five years in succession, from 1941 to 1945.

Tang Hall has been actively connected with walking since 1932, when their first match was held. Most famous of all their walkers is the "evergreen" Jack Lund. He has

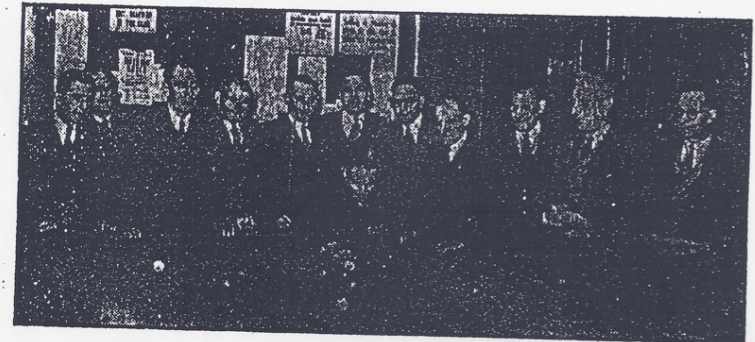
taken part in, and won, matches all over the North.

The strangest thing about his achievements is that, although he has competed in his own club's match 11 times, he did not win it until last year, the probable reason being that he is usually scratch man.

Other walkers who have represented Tang Hall are "Con" Leadley, Arthur Morgan, veteran A. Daniels and Dave Whitehead, known as the "Sheik of Araby" after the song which he is so fond of singing in the club.

The most attractive aspect of walking matches is that everyone who enters, no matter what his age or experience, stands a chance of winning by reason of the handicap system.

There was a good illustration of this in the Tang Hall walk of 1946, which was won by a member, "Pop" Wallis, at the age of 66. There are two cups, by the way—the Shear-smith Trophy for the in-



Interlude for snooker at Tang Hall W.M.C. Left to right are G. Toes, R. Torevell, A. E. Phillip, J. W. Morgan, H. Schofield, T. P. Heley (in play), H. Barker, J. B. Key, E. Bowers, J. Winterbourn, P. Stubbs and J. E. Holmes.

the late F. Ryder, George Atkinson, Bill Berry, Tom Richardson and Alec Foy. Others who have given good service are W. Gill (president from 1936 to 1939) and J. S. Key (president since 1947).

The Toes family holds what may be a rather novel record, for Mr. Toes and his five sons are all members of Tang Hall. That even rarer award, the club management diploma, entailing many hours of study, has been gained by three members, Messrs. Barker, Aspinall and "Tosh" Holmes.

Another academic distinction was won by president Key in 1930, when he won an essay prize at Ruskin College, Oxford.

In World War II, 151 Tang Hall members served in the Forces. They were not forgotten by the club, which sent them gifts twice a year throughout their service.

And, no doubt, among the things they looked forward to on "demob" was a visit to their club—a game of billiards, darts or dominoes, or perhaps just a chat with old friends in the "Piggery."



dividual winner, and the Hobson Trophy for the winning team.

The club's present team, Jack Lund, J. Daniels and J. W. Harrison, hold the Joe Miller team cup, which they won in the Clarence Club walk last year.

From sport we now move to service. Last year no fewer than 13 members of the club received the C. and I. certificate of merit for service on the committee. They included seven present officials—Mr. Barker, Mr. Heley, R. Torevell (treasurer) and committeemen H. Schofield, G. Toes, A. E. Phillip and J. Winterburn.

Former committeemen to receive this honour were Fred Aspinall (president, 1939-47),

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