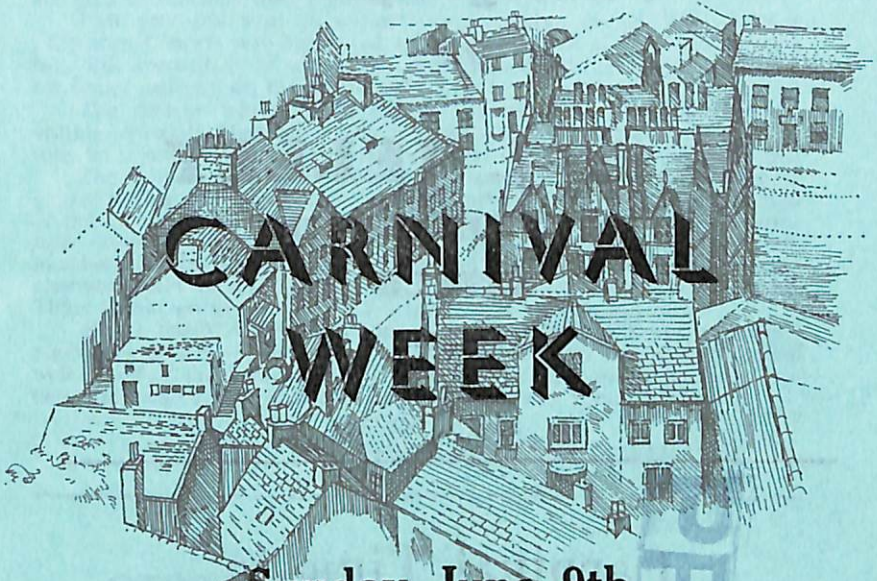


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Number N^o 1058

Settle Area Community Council



Sunday June 9th
to
Saturday June 15th, 1974

"Nothing great was achieved without enthusiasm"

Your Programme admits you to the field (Not Transferable)

ADULTS 20p

CHILDREN 10p

(Children in Fancy Dress, Free)

Any person attending this Carnival does so at his or her own risk and the Organisers hereby give notice that they will not be responsible for any injury or damage to spectators arising therefrom

1923

Obituary

"Old Mick" Death of noted Craven character.

The death took place at Beech-Towers County Home, Staincliffe, Dewsbury, last week, of a well known Settle character, Mr Joseph Davidson Rowan, known throughout the dales as "Old Mick".

His tall figure, dressed in a smock, and often wearing clogs, would be seen regularly on market days in Settle assisting with the erection of stalls, will be much missed by many Settle folk.

Not many of his friends throughout the dales knew his name, and only a few intimates could identify him by other than the name which established him in their affection.

Shortly before his death, his true identity came to light in his 72nd year.

Mick was the son of the late Mr James Rowan, a physician and surgeon of Gargay, Castle-Wellan, County Down, and was born on July 27th 1881.

He lived in a small cottage in Chapel Street, although over three score years and ten, his skin was a little wrinkled, but time had not taken the youthful sparkle from his blue eyes.

Since the days of his youth in Carlisle, Michael had led a nomadic life, and he was well accustomed to the rigours which accompanied it.

He was well known throughout the dales among the farming community, for Mick was a cattle drover of some repute, and just after the first World War, he used to stand with cattle in the open street working with the Irish dealers, or take cattle into the Country, if there was no sales in Settle, he would drive them to Bentham or even Kirkby Lonsdale.

Old Mick's droving days ceased owing to the increase of modern transport facilities, despite this and increasing years, his love to be among cattle never dwindled, and up to recently he was still a familiar figure giving a helping hand at the local auction marts.

Mick was no idler, for when not at an auction mart, or helping on Settle Market on Tuesdays, he found plenty to do as an odd-job man for local people, either in their gardens or else-where.

In the Summer he was a very busy man assisting with the hay-time, and it was there that strangers in the "Local" on a Summer evening had a surprise, why, you may wonder!, well, Mick had the reputation of being able to drink "twelve pints to twelve strokes of the Town-Hall clock, with ease!.

Michael had traveled far and wide both in England and abroad, he had visited Tasmania and spent three years with the army in India, he served in France and Belgium during the first World-War, and in South Africa during the Boer-War in addition to extensive sea journeys while working on Merchantmen, he had been into most Counties in England, and knew Scotland and Wales well.

Despite his meagre dress and some-what rough appearance, Michael was a good hearted fellow and would give anyone a helping hand, he was thought of a lot in Settle and had a host of friends, he in turn appreciated this friendship, and often at the funeral of some local inhabitant, rich or poor, Michael would be

there to pay his respects to one who had been his friend.

Unfortunately owing to failing health and defective eyesight, Michael had to leave Settle some six months ago, the place he dearly loved, and was admitted into Beech Towers County Home at Staincliffe, where he died.

During this six months, he was greatly missed in the Town of Settle, but his pals were kept fully informed as to how he was getting on, for a Settle friend used to visit him regularly.

To this friend, he expressed a desire, that on his death, he would like to be buried in Giggleswick Church-yard, where, as he said, "the birds seem to sing all day".

This friend promised him, that if this were possible, his wish would be carried out, and so it has, for through the kind generosity of the friend in question and other local pals, his body was interred in Giggleswick Church-yard.

A large congregation of friends assembled to pay thier respects, on the way to the Church the coffin was taken by a route through Upper Settle, then through the Market Place, where Michael had spent so many happy hours, he would have been so proud.

The Service was conducted by the Vicar of Giggleswick, the Rev. H. M. Foyle and Mr. E. H. Partridge, Head Master of Giggleswick School, Mr Partridge in his address, which he took from the text, "The Prodigal Son", spoke highly of Michael, commenting on what a good living man he had been, and of the very many happy hours he'd spent chatting to him both in the Village and in the surrounding Country-side, now he rests in the place he loved, where the birds seem to sing all day.

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A view down Chapel Street (part of the Folly may just be seen in the background), showing the higgledy-piggledy appearance which gives Settle so much colour and variety
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AND →

MRS ANDREWS





Cragdale, now a police station, was built towards the end of the 18th century by John Peart, a solicitor. The site had previously been occupied by a farmhouse. Peart was one of the first partners in the Craven Bank. The part of Cragdale illustrated above was for a time the Curlew Cafe. A story is told that when the farmer at Stockdale collected some sheep from Settle station and began to drive them to his farm, a number broke away and entered the cafe, causing consternation.



No. 16. PERCY M. RALPH
(Settle Division)

Mr. Ralph, who resides at High Hill, Settle, can surely claim to be one of the senior members of the West Riding Special Constabulary, having joined in 1908. It was in the same year also that Mr. Ralph was first called upon to perform active duty, this being in connection with the coal strike which prevailed at that time.

He was appointed Section Commander in 1934, Deputy Divisional Commander in 1937, and was promoted to Divisional Commander a year later.

Mr. Ralph, who is an auctioneer and valuer by profession, takes an active interest in all public matters in the district, being a member of both the Settle Rural District Council and the Settle Parish Council. During the Great War he was Chairman of the Settle Parish Council, and served on numerous war committees.

Being the Commander of a scattered Division entails much work and the interest which Mr. Ralph has always displayed in his personnel, both in the matter of recruiting and efficiency has resulted in the Division being one of the best organised in the county.

He holds the Special Constabulary Long Service Medal and Bar.



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BACK ROW L/R.

S. BONNASS, J. PARKER, SGT. WEAVERILL, ?

E. BROWN, E. SOAMES, F. CLARK, J. PARKER, A. HESLOP, F. STORK,
J. TINKER ? F. H. ELLIS.

MIDDLE ROW

FRANKLAND, M. BENTHAM, V. PITTS, J. O'NEILL, J. SPARLING, K. PEACY ? C. LAWSON

T. HARBREAVES, J. ATKINSON, J. CLAYTON. ?

FRONT ROW

E. SARGINSON. ?

? P. E. ROBERTS, Supt. EASTHAM, P. M. RALPH, J. WALLACE, T. FAULKNER
R. HAMILTON, B. WOOLERTON, A. WARREN

MEMBERS OF SETTLE CONSTABULARY WHO ATTENDED CHURCH PARADE 22/9/40 J. KIDMAN



