

Langcliffe School  
CONCERT  
Friday October 18th 1946  
Programme

Song. **The Dashing White Sergeant** arr. from Gaelic by H.S. Robertson  
Folk Dance

Percussion Band: **"Soldiers March"** Schumann.

Drums: Terence Walker, Brian Jackman

Cymbals: June Fitchett, Allen McLernon

Triangles: Sylvia Benson, Patricia Hartley, Pamela Fox

Tambourines: Geoffrey Gibson, David Ashurst

Conductor: Jean West.

Play. **"Trouble in Toyland"**

Mary ..... Olive Segger                      Teddy Bear.....Roger Walton

Mother.....Hilda Fox                              Sambo the Golliwog....Allen Middleton

Belinda....Freda Cokell                              Crusoe the Dog.....Mark Forster

The Queen of Toyland....Karen Tinker

Selina (a fairy doll).....Jean West

Peter Rabbit .....Jennifer Hoggarth

Announcer..... Pamela Fox

Songs. **"Where'er you walk"** words - Alexander Pope  
music - Handel

**"The Piper of Dundee"** Traditional.

Play. **"The Wise Woman of Gotham"** Old Tradition

Biddy, an old woman of Gotham.....Anne Towler

William....George Thomson                      Hodge.....Geoffrey Fox

A soldier...Hannah Middleton                      A young woman.....Pamela Walker

A short husband....Winifred McLelland

His tall wife....Bernice Marshall                      King John...Audrey Walker

An old man....Harold Middleton                      Little girl....Elizabeth Booth

Little girl...Marjorie Benson                      Little boy.... Ruth Moore

Workmen.....Sylvia Clark, Robin Walton, Mavis Middleton.

Prompter.....Miriam Yates

Stage Manager...Harold Middleton

Song **"Picnics"** Words...Barbara Todd, Music J. Frederick Bridge.

Play. **"Riders to the Sea"** - an Irish tragedy. by J.M. Synge

Maurya, an old woman.....Patricia Ashurst

Hartley, her son.....Leonard Redfern

Cathleen, her daughter.....Peggy Marklew

Nora, a younger daughter...Jean Robinson

Neighbours...Monica Robinson, Mary Worthington

Old Man....John Worthington                      Another Man....John Fox

Stage Managers.....Frank Middleton, Edgar Moore

Prompter.....Eva Jackman

Lighting.....Harry Middleton, Dennis McLernon

Curtain.....Jean Segger

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## Langcliffe School Entertainments



These are the scholars who performed in Synge's play "Riders to the Sea" (see programme) in October 1946.

These photographs include:-

Pat Ashurst, Geoffrey Craven, John Fox, Eva Jackson,  
 Peggy Marklew, Dennis McKernon, Frank Middleton,  
 Edgar Moore, Leonard Redfern, Jean Robinson  
 Monica Robinson, Jean Seeger, John Worthington,  
 Mary Worthington.



### **Yorkshire Gumption.**

(A letter published in the Dalesman,  
from Lilian Burroughs of West View Langcliffe. Probably c. 1942/3)

A friend of mine and her small nephew were taking a walk near the wood behind Langcliffe, one Sunday evening, when they saw smoke rising from a tree. Drawing nearer they saw it had been set alight, apparently by a picnic party. It was blazing for quite a distance up the trunk.

As they stood wondering what to do, two boys, about 13 years of age, ran up to see what was the matter. Quick as thought Jack\* picked up a couple of handfuls of horse manure and beat down the lower flames. But there were flames too high to reach.

Off Jack scampered to a nearby hen hut, crawled through the window and returned with a bucket, which he filled at a well in the field, and a piece of old sacking.

There was no ladder, and water was heavy to carry, so brains again came to the rescue.

Jack, who is still the hero, wet his bit of sack, threw it up to the smouldering patch, time after time, until every spark was extinguished.

As the party came down from the hill they met the farmer and his man carrying a saw, in order to cut the tree down, but it was not necessary to go further.

The younger generation of Yorkshiremen evidently has a bit of gumption too.

\*This was Jack Middleton of Langcliffe.

### Miss Brennand Retires

After forty years at Langcliffe School, (1905 to 1945) Miss Brennand, the much-loved Infant teacher, retired, having taught the grandchildren, perhaps even the great-grandchildren of her first pupils. Langcliffe village gathered to show a real appreciation of her long service to the community.

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## FORTY YEARS AT LANGCLIFFE

### Teacher's Retirement

Miss M. M. Brennand, of Settle, for over 40 years a teacher at the Langcliffe Council School, retired last week, after spending the whole of her teaching career in the Settle district. She commenced her career under the late Mr. Stephen Parker at Giggleswick Council School, and on May 1, 1905, was appointed on the staff of Langcliffe Council School, where, during the 1914-1918 war, she took over the head teacher's duties in his absence on active service.

Pleasing ceremonies, to mark Miss Brennand's retirement, took place in the school on Thursday week, afternoon and evening. Jack Harrison (a scholar), was chairman in the afternoon for a presentation from the children and staff, and supporting the head teacher (Mr. H. H. Bland) and staff were Mr. W. W. Thornber (vice-chairman of the Local Education Sub-Committee), Mr. John Ingham, J.P. (chairman of the School Managers), the Rev. F. A. R. Hervey, Vicar of Langcliffe-with-Stainforth (a school manager), Mr. E. J. W. Douglas (Divisional Officer for Education), and Mr. A. Burroughs (representing Langcliffe Methodist Church). Many tributes were paid to Miss Brennand for her lengthy service in the school, and a letter of good wishes from Mr. Woodhead (H.M. Inspector of Schools and a former head teacher and colleague of Miss Brennand's at Langcliffe) was read by the chairman.

Three scholars making the presentation on behalf of the school were John Clark, Bernice Marshall and Patricia Hartley, in turn handing Miss Brennand a pair of glass vases, a biscuit barrel and book tokens, and expressing their good wishes for her long and happy retirement. A bouquet was presented by Dennis Middleton.

Preceding the presentation, Miss Brennand gave out the awards for the Bird and Tree Protection Society, which was formed in the school last year. They were as follows: Medals for two best essays—Geoffrey Harrison and Joan Eccleston; books, to Doreen Fox, Barbara Whattes, Brenda Mercer and Jack Middleton; folders to Peggy Marklew, Eva Jackman and Dennis Middleton. Pictures of birds were given to all members for 1944.

A "social" in the school in the evening was made the occasion for a presentation to Miss Brennand, from old scholars, parents and friends. Mr. George Newhouse, presiding, said the village had gathered to show a real appreciation of her services. Miss Brennand had left a deep impression, for she had successfully combined a deep sense of humour with courage, firmness and abundant patience. Those qualities, so necessary to the successful teacher of youth, could be easily found in her.

#### VILLAGE'S BEST WISHES

Mr. John Ingham (chairman of the School Managers) said the esteem held for Miss Brennand was evidenced by the large gathering. Her 40 years in the school was a test of good fellowship with other members of the staff who had always had her loyalty and co-operation. Both he and Mrs. Ingham wished her the best of happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

Speaking on behalf of the Local Education Sub-Committee, Mr. W. W. Thornber (vice-chairman), said he could not speak too highly of Miss Brennand's services. Her reports were always excellent, and he joined with the chairman and Mrs. Ingham in praise of Miss Brennand's work for education in the district.

Mr. E. J. W. Douglas (Divisional Officer for Education), who spoke on behalf of the County Authority, referred to the excellent work achieved by Miss Brennand in taking over the headship of the school during the last war. Many years had passed since then, and Miss Brennand had now finished her life's work on the highest possible note.

Two former scholars of Langcliffe School, Mrs. Riley (representing the mothers and children), and Dvr. John Tomlinson, R.C.S. (an ex-prisoner of war, who represented the men and boys) made the presentation. Mrs. Riley said she appreciated the honour of being called upon to present the tributes. Dvr. Tomlinson said that as a Langcliffe born man, serving with the Forces, he had been asked to take part in the presentation on behalf of the men and boys of the village. He considered it a great honour, for as a former scholar in the school, Miss Brennand was his teacher, and he wished her an enjoyable retirement, carrying with it, happy remembrances of the school with which she had been associated so long.

The gifts received by Miss Brennand were a tea and coffee service, large silver candlesticks and small silver and shell candlesticks, a case of silver teaspoons, a silver condiment set, and a canteen of 26 pieces.

Replying, Miss Brennand said she was sincerely grateful for all the help they had given her since she first came to Langcliffe School. She would treasure the gifts and the happy memories of that time.

Afterwards, Miss Brennand received the good wishes of teacher colleagues in the district, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social activities and dancing.

**Langcliffe Council School No 50.**

Accommodation:

M. 155

Ic 56

Average attendance 65

REPORT OF MISS W. BIGGS, H.M.I.  
INSPECTED ON THE 31ST MAY 1938

Under the direction of the present Head Teacher this school is doing remarkably interesting work, The two assistants co-operate well with him, thus ensuring continuous development of body and mind throughout the school course. The Head Teacher is particularly successful with difficult children and there is not a single boy or girl in the school who fails to make good in one direction or another.

He has original ideas and runs his own class something on the lines of a workshop community with marked success, in spite of the restricted space and very inadequate storage accommodation. He is giving the children a real education. They are vigorous and confident and all their work shows a lively individuality

The Infants teacher has been here 33 years. Time has neither damped her enthusiasm nor dulled her vision. The children are handled with delightful ease and understanding; they make rapid progress in all directions.

The transition to the Junior stage is effected naturally because the teacher understands how to blend freedom with training in technique.

The school occupies rented premises, and although the offices have been modernised recently and a hot water supply provided in the cloakroom, further improvements are required, such as electric light, a new floor in the main room and interior decoration. The attempts which have been made to remedy drainage defects do not appear to have been entirely successful since the floor of the room occupied by the Juniors still shows signs of damp.

**LANGCLIFFE "FIELD DAY"**  
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**Varied Entertainment For Young and Old**

Langcliffe held its first annual "field day" on Saturday, and the event—reminiscent of last year's Jubilee celebrations—proved a success and was enjoyed by old and young alike. The doubtful weather of the morning cleared sufficiently to allow the excellent programme arranged by the committee to be carried out.

The proceedings opened with a procession. Formed in the village, and headed by the Giggleswick Prize Silver Band, conducted by Mr. W. G. Brown, it paraded the village before returning to the Green.

In the earlier part of the afternoon sports were held for the younger children, before the entire company, numbering nearly 300, retired to the Council School, where an excellent tea was provided to the school children, old age pensioners and friends who had assisted the committee in any way. Tea was efficiently served by the following ladies: Mesdames R. J. Sutton, J. Jackman, G. Newhouse, R. Middleton, W. Bradley, W. Venn, Redfern, J. W. Thistlethwaite, H. H. Bland, T. Bullock, Misses R. West, W. West, A. Sutton, P. Bullock, L. Potter, L. Benson, K. Kitchener and M. E. Bowen.

Sports for the elder children and the adults were continued after tea until nearly dusk and provided much keen competition.

Selections were played by the Giggleswick Prize Silver Band.

A dance was held in the Village Institute in the evening, and it was largely attended. The music was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. R. Kirkbride, at the piano. Mr. G. Newhouse was an efficient M.C. Supper was served during the evening by the lady members of the committee.

The following assisted at the sports and throughout the day: Mr. Fox (starter); Mr. J. Ingham and Mr. J. B. Worthington (judges); Mr. J. W. Thistlethwaite and Mr. R. Monk (handicappers); Mrs. H. H. Bland (registrar); Mr. H. H. Bland (recorder); Messrs. R. Middleton, J. F. M. Peel, M. Johnson, H. Mercer, J. Marklew, McLelland, E. Saones, G. Newhouse, J. W. Jackman, J. Tomlinson.

The officials of the Field Day Committee were: Mr. J. F. M. Peel, chairman; Mr. H. H. Bland, secretary, and Mr. G. Newhouse, treasurer.

The results of the sports events, the prizes for which were presented by Mrs. R. C. Pumphrey, are appended:—

Flat races, boys under 6—1 William Eccleston, 2 Derrick Soanes; girls under 6—1 Pat McLelland, 2 Mary McLernou; girls, 6 to 8—1 Marjorie Marchbank and Patricia Craven (dead heat); boys, 9 to 11—1 William Whaites, 2 William McLernou; girls, 9 to 11—1 Jean Capstick, 2 Margaret Cardus, 3 Dorothy Eccleston.

Boys' potato race, 8 to 11—1 William Whaites, 2 Dennis Mercer, 3 Jack Middleton. Girls' egg and spoon race, 8 to 11—1 Agnes McLernou, 2 Jean Capstick, 3 Ruby Whaites. Boys' flat race, 12 to 14—1 Allan Cokell, 2 Robert Monk, 3 Arthur Thistlethwaite. Girls' flat race, 11 to 14—1 Nancy Dixon, 2 Olive Whaites, 3 Mary Lambert.

Boys' sack race, open—1 Allan Cokell, 2 Robert Monk, 3 Eric Robinson. Girls' sack race, open—1 Nellie Marchbank, 2 Margaret Whaites, 3 Mary Lambert. Boys' obstacle race, open—1 Allan Cokell, 2 Robert Monk, 3 William Whaites. Girls' obstacle race, open—1 Mary Lambert, 2 Agnes McLernou, 3 Carrie McLernou.

Boys' wheelbarrow race, open—1 R. Monk and J. Parrington, 2 J. Towler and James Middleton, 3 William King and Joe Brown. Girls' three-legged race, open—1 Mary Lambert and Margaret Whaites, 2 Carrie McLernou and Olive Whaites, 3 Ruby Whaites and Marie Marchbank.

Fell race to top of Bluer and back, open—1 Robert Monk, 2 W. King, 3 Ralph West (consolation prizes to the other runners in this race were kindly provided by Mrs. Fox, of Mount Pleasant).

Quitting—1 Mr. J. Tomlinson, 2 Mr. R. Middleton. Boys' tug-of-war—1 R. Newhouse's team (R. Newhouse, E. Kitchener, J. Towler, R. Frankland, J. Middleton, E. Robinson, A. Thistlethwaite, J. Middleton); 2, R. Monk's team (R. Monk, W. King, J. Parrington, J. Brown, A. Hocking, K. Middleton, J. Venn, D. Mercer).

Tug-of-war, open—1, Mr. Tinker's team; 2, Mr. R. Monk's team.

Young ladies' race, open—1, Miss P. Bullock; 2, Miss W. West; 3, Miss A. Benson. Young men's race—1, R. Marsden; 2, F. Dixon; 3, R. Monk. Married men's race—1, Mr. E. Soanes; 2, Mr. Tinker;

Two "Oddments"!

I have included the report of the 1936 "Field" Day, because it includes a lot of names of people in the village

This report of a lecture by Dr. Raistrick tells something about the people who for a while took refuge from the Romans in Victoria Cave.

**C.H. 15 p. 64**  
**RHEUMATISM'S TOLL IN PRE-HISTORIC CRAVEN**

"Settle and district from earliest times" was the subject of an absorbing lecture delivered to a crowded audience on Saturday evening in the St. John's Church Hall, Settle.

The lecturer, Dr. A. Raistrick, M.Sc., Ph.D., who formerly held the chair of geology at Armstrong College, Newcastle (Durham University), is well known in the Craven district, and possesses a unique knowledge of its geological history. He was introduced by Mrs. L. M. Bland (chairman of the W.E.A., Ribblesdale branch), under whose auspices the lecture was arranged.

Although no written records existed concerning the period of which he would speak, said Dr. Raistrick, abundant material had been found in the district to build up a fair picture of pre-historic man and the conditions in which he lived.

Dr. Raistrick gave an account of Neolithic man and the bronze age, saying that many fine examples of their weapons and ornaments could be seen in the Settle Pig Yard Museum. In the later life of Great Britain, the Settle and Skipton districts had played a great part, for in these areas lived the Brigantes, a people who were never subdued by the Romans. They were an unconquered race, occupying their time in mining, farming, hunting and fishing, but changing climatic conditions were their undoing, for they were eventually conquered by rheumatism.

Sir Arthur Keith, who had examined many human skeletons and bones unearthed by the members of the Settle Pig Yard Club, had found distinct traces of rheumatoid arthritis among these people who ultimately died out.

The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides (operated by Mr. B. J. Gee), showing maps and diagrams of the area, and interesting specimens of weapons and brooches, most of which can be viewed in the Pig Yard Museum. A vote of thanks to the lecturer, on the proposition of Mr. B. J. Gee, was seconded by Mr. H. H. Bland.

In the afternoon Dr. Raistrick was the leader for a ramble to Scalber and Atermire.

Fell race