



HISTORY OF KIRKBY GROUP

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“CELEBRATIONS”



Co-op Jubilee in 1912—commemorating 50 years of the Co-op in Kirkby

KIRKBY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

The Co-operative Society was formed in 1861 by ‘two or three quarry fellows and a blacksmith’ - so says Moses Pepper in his reminiscences in the book, ‘History of Co-operation in Kirkby-in-Furness’ written in 1912. The small band of pioneers endured some aggression and indignation from private traders, who were very numerous at that time. The society started off in a cottage in Sandside, now known as “Kilmore”. In 1863 the Society acquired a piece of land to build larger premises at a cost of approximately £300. The new shop was opened for business in 1864.

(Phyllis Tyson)



SOCIETY'S FIRST PREMISES, 1862.

CORONATION

OF HIS MAJESTY

King George V.

Celebration at Kirkby-in-Furness, June 22nd, 1911.

PROGRAMME.

11-30 a.m. **Public Procession**, headed by School Children, starting from Kirkby Hall, through Marshside, Head Cragg, Railway Station, Sandside, Soutergate, Beckside, to the Church.

1-0 p.m.—Service at the Parish Church.

1-30 p.m.—Procession to Burlington Schools, where the National Anthem will be sung.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King,
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

The richest gift is man,
On him is placed no more,
Let us only be wiser,
May he defend our laws,
And ever live as ours,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

2-30 p.m.—Children's Tea in the Schools. Children must bring their own mugs.

3-30 to 5-30 p.m.—Public Tea. Free to all Residents in Kirkby.

Sports will be held in a field adjoining the Schools (kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. W. B. Winder) commencing at 3 p.m.

9-0 p.m.—A Public Dance will be held in the schools, when a charge of 6d. per head will be made to defray expenses.

As a Memento of the Coronation, a Mug will be presented to each Child, 14 years of age and under. Due notice of the day will be given when the Mugs are ready.

HENRY D. DEASON, Hon. Sec.

H. Kibble, Printer and Stationer, Market Street, Ulverston.

KING GEORGE V - SILVER JUBILEE - 1936

The chestnut and copper beech trees on the 'Back Lonning' were planted to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V. Mr. Hartley Relph planted the trees.

There is some conjecture about who gave the money for the trees. Here are some suggestions we have had. Do you agree?

Mrs. Dickinson of "Soutergate House" bought the chestnut trees
Mrs. Dickinson bought all of the trees.

Mrs. Cartwright of "Morden", Soutergate bought all of the trees

Poster courtesy of Barrow Records Office.

ROBERT RAWLINSON 1859-1941

Courtesy of Mr. N. Rawlinson and Mrs. E. Farish

Some Kirkby people remember Robert Rawlinson. He lived at Stone Arthur for part of his life and he never married. Robert may have witnessed some of the events that are recorded in this leaflet. There were five monarchs in his lifetime.

He is remembered as a very kind and genuine person, was a member of the Church of Christ, and on one occasion set off to walk from Kirkby to Glasgow in order to attend the Glasgow Convention. He was picked up on Dunmail Raise by Dr. William Robinson and taken the rest of the journey by car.

Some people may remember him for walking backwards up Askew Gate Hill. He explained that it was easier to walk up hills backwards than the other way round.

It seems that his kindness was legendary and he only had to see some poor person coming along the road and would rush out with food or a pair of boots for him to wear. He also bought and distributed the 'Sunbeam' magazine to all the children in the village.

His life is celebrated by the epitaph on his grave stone which says:

In Memory of Robert Rawlinson
A Lifelong Member of this Church
Died August 12th 1941
Aged 84 yrs.

He was a good man
He was pure in heart - he saw God
He loved the Church Militant
He has joined the Church Triumphant.

Erected by the Church.

The Epitaph was written by Dr. William Robinson, who was born at Paradise and became a Captain in the army, had a degree in mathematics, and became a Doctor of Divinity. He also became head of Overdale College, Selleyoak, Birmingham.

CORONATION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II JUNE 2ND, 1953

(From the Log Book of Burlington School.)

'The school closed for the Whitsuntide holiday plus June 1st, 2nd and 3rd to celebrate the Coronation of our Gracious Queen Elizabeth II.'

(From the Log Book of Grizebeck School)

'Coronation Mugs were distributed and the school broke up for a week's holiday plus three days for the Coronation.'

Note - Sports were held at Grizebeck on the "Meadows".

SILVER JUBILEE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II - KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS 1977

This was to be the week that Kirkby got B.B.C.2 and COLOUR T.V, but, much to everyone's disappointment, Kirkby had to watch the celebrations in black and white as the new mast was not to be ready until June 17th. It seems that one village resident travelled every day for about two weeks to the site of the mast near Thwaites to see how things were progressing!

The Jubilee celebrations began on Monday 6th June with the lighting of a beacon on Burney Fell which had been built by the scouts, under the direction of Charles Rowntree. Tuesday 7th June began with a service of Thanksgiving at St. Cuthbert's Church and then 'Fun and Games' at the Community Centre culminating with twenty five rockets being set off by Mr. Henry Hicks of "The Nook", Soutergate.



Courtesy of Barrow Records Office



Silver Jubilee 1977
Denise Wilkinson, Andrew Rigg, Terry Dixon,
David Rowntree and David Woods

DICK PRICKETT AND TREETOPS

Dick Prickett was born at 'Woodcroft' and attended the Burlington School. He had various jobs in this country and served in Europe and Africa during the second world war. He held a number of posts in Kenya including one as senior hunter at "Treetops". We do not know if he was there when Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II in 1952, but was there when the Queen and Prince Philip returned in 1983.

Every time Dick returns to the U.K. he writes to the Queen who invites him to the Palace for tea and a chat about "Treetops" and the animal life there.

S. Cuthbert, Kirkby Ireleth.

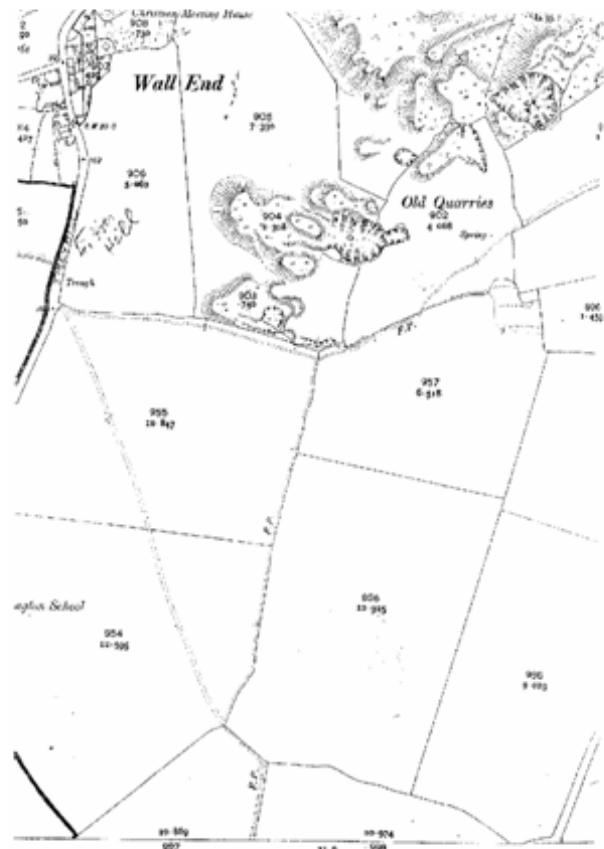
JULY 1897

The Celebration of the Queen's Jubilee at Kirkby Ireleth

The above took place in this parish on Tuesday, the 22nd June, and was successful in every way. The proceedings commenced with a procession of Children from the Burlington Schools, to which the Scholars from Grizebeck were added, the whole numbering about 400. The children left the school at a quarter past 11 (accompanied by Mr. Lewis and the staff of Teachers), carrying numerous banners and flags, kindly lent to them for the occasion by Mr. Eddy, who also had most generously presented each child, as well as all the Teachers, with handsome medals. On arriving in front of the Railway Station, the children were photographed by the Station Master, Mr. Hudson, and then proceeded round the parish, giving hearty cheers at different centres. At Low Hall a triumphal arch was erected. The Church was reached at half-past 12, and every seat and space was crowded. A short, hearty Jubilee Service was held, concluding with the National Anthem, which was well taken up by all present, after which the procession was reformed and proceeded to the Burlington Schools. The children were provided with their tea first, to which they did ample justice after their long perambulation. Each child had a Diamond Jubilee Mug presented from the Committee. The Children's Tea was followed by that for the Adults, the whole parish having been invited. Some hundreds partook of it between 2-30 and 4-30. The Sports were held during the afternoon, in a field kindly lent for the occasion by Miss. Benson and Mr. Winder, when some exciting and interesting races were run, the winners receiving handsome and useful prizes. The band from the Steel Works, Barrow, which performed during the afternoon, greatly enlivened the large gathering by their spirited music. This continued until seven, when the Band was obliged to leave, their place being supplied by an Amateur String Band belonging to

Kirkby. Dancing was kept up until 10-30, all expressing themselves heartily pleased with such a bright and happy day. Our most hearty thanks are due – first, to the Committee, who worked indefatigably and harmoniously throughout; next to the kind presiders and their assistants at the trays, and to those who worked assiduously and cheerfully at their hard task of making the Tea and cutting up the provisions. A noticeable feature of the whole Festivities was the kindly spirit which was shewn by all, no matter what their denomination or station might be. Such a glorious Diamond Jubilee I am sure we shall never forget, and our prayers will still be, **“God bless our noble Queen.”**

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Do you know which is Jubilee Field and why it is so called?