WARDLEY AND THE LEAM

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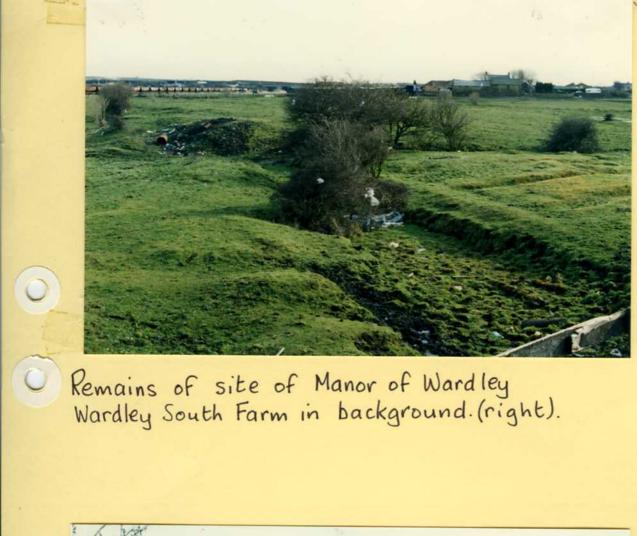
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Site of Wardley Manor. Moat and fishponds on Southern edge.



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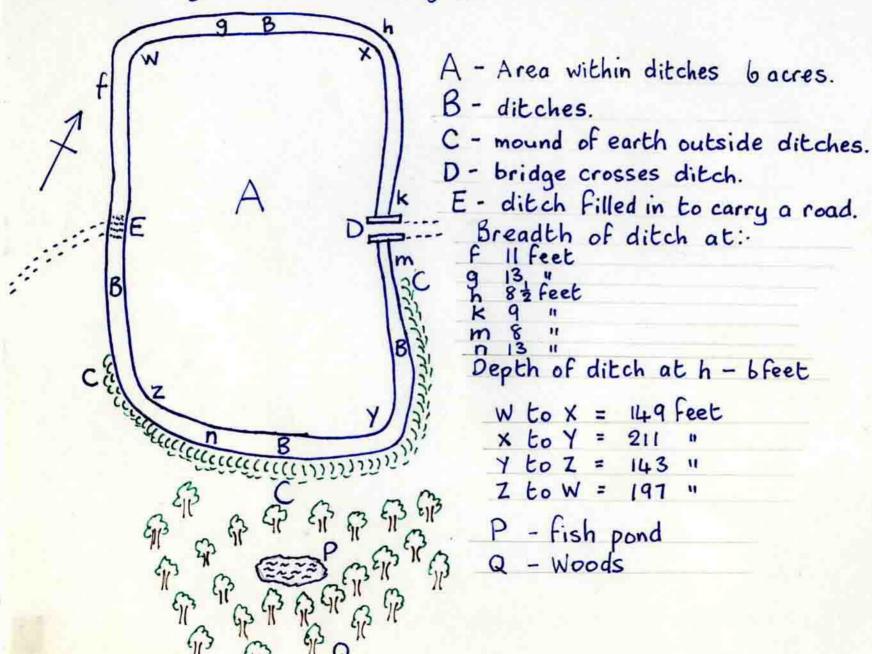
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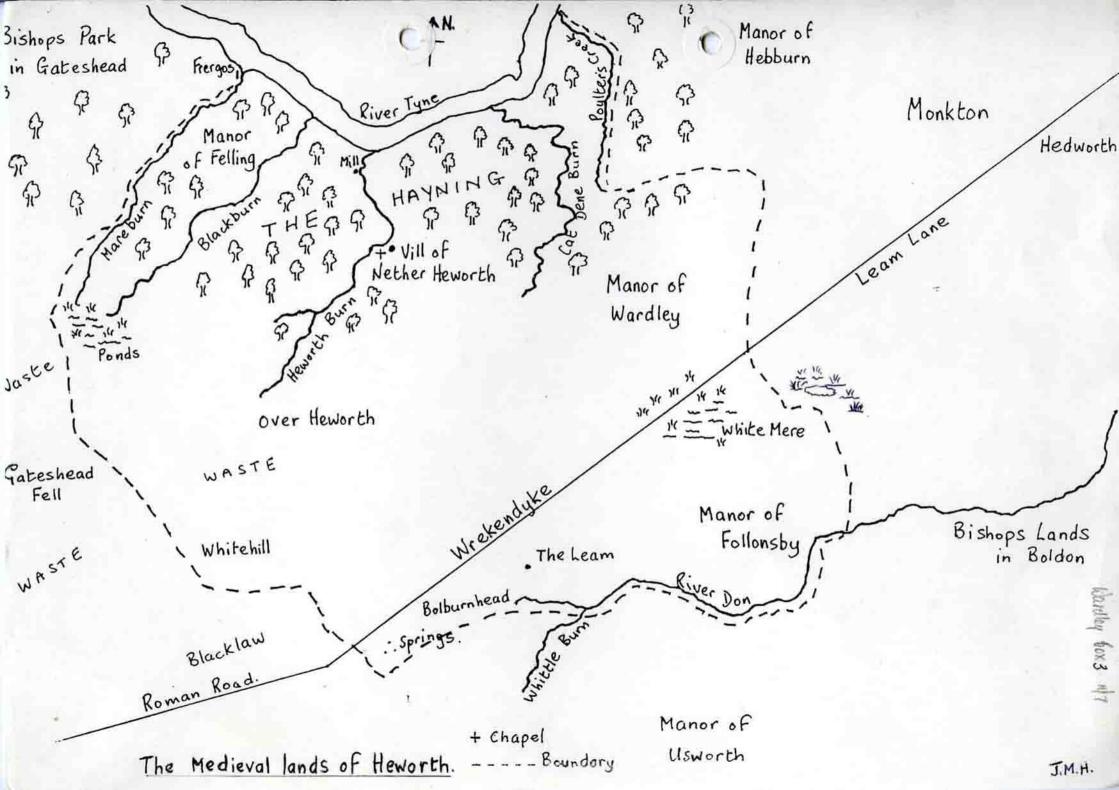
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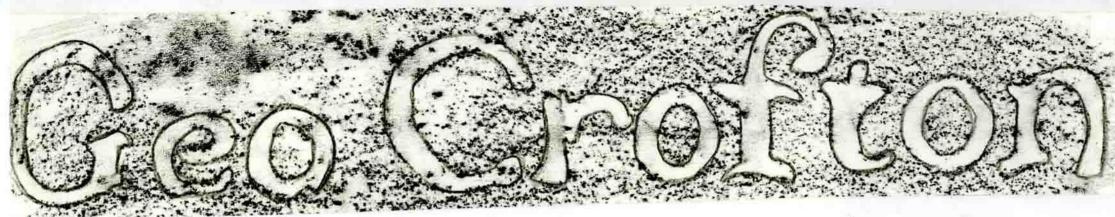


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Plan of the site of Wardley Manor in 1815 drawn by the Rev. John Hodgson.







RUBBING OF GRAVESTONE IN NORTH-EAST ANGLE OF HEWORTH CHURCH
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	Lingey House
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	"Waggous" (roughly where
	Kirkwood gans & Broadland
	meet)
1	Scots House on Boldon Common.
	Laverck Hall.
	White Mere Pool House (where Pub is) Cross and Boundary Stone. (See over page)
	Goss and Boundary Stone. (See over page)
	South Wardley Farm
	South Wardley Farm ( John & George Robinson Lessees)
	Thistley House Farm
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LOCOS 9 AND 23 AT FOLLONSBY WITH SPINKY JEFFERSON



The junction of the Follonsby branch at Wardley, with colour light signal and disused wa ank, on 29th April 1966

### JAGEN A NOVERX



Awaiting scrap at Follonsby Colliery in 1946 - No.8, No.7 and No.5 (collection L.G. Charlton)



Wardley marshalling yard, looking north from the top of the separation plant, about 1950 (courtesy NCB)

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The first trains from York and London travelled over a route we would think strange. The trains did not pass through Durham City and Birtley but travelled through Shincliffe and Washington to a bleak place near Boldon Colliery called Brockley Whins. The trains then came into Gateshead through Felling on the old Brandling Junction Railway. In 1850 a new line was opened to passenger trains from Washington through Wardley and Pelaw cutting out the extra ride to Brockley Whins. Because the line from Shincliffe to Washington and Pelaw was the early route to the south, railwaymen still call it 'the old main line'. It lost its passenger service many years ago but main line passenger trains still use the line when the present main line through the Team Valley is closed for repairs. The picture on this page shows a tank engine passing Wardley with a passenger train from Washington in 1952.

### FOLLONSBY



The yard of the former Wardley No.1 Colliery (Follonsby) looking north in January 1975, with the new wagon shop left of centre and wooden wagons awaiting preservation (R. Mason)

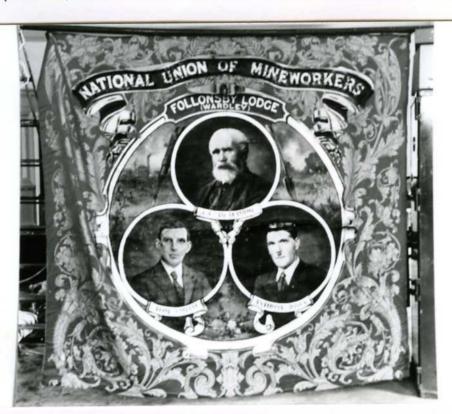
wooden 10-ton wagons, 327 13-ton wagons (three had been scrapped), 334 14-ton wagons (one scrapped), 188 21-ton wagons, twelve "bogies", one loco coal wagon, one van, the "Reel Wagon" and the two Kibblesworth "Drift Bogies". Representatives from each type of wooden wagon were selected to be included in the Tyne & Wear County Council's preservation scheme, while six others were purchased by the Stephenson & Hawthorn Locomotive Trust (see Appendix E). The remaining 544 10-ton hopper wagons were assembled in the yards at Wardley and Follonsby and cut up during the summer of 1975.

The end of working from Kibblesworth also meant the end for the Springwell Wagon Shop, for it was situated on a section of line no longer required. So the Railway took over some of the former colliery workshops at Follonsby and adjacent to them built a new shop large enough to handle two wagons on a single road. This came into operation with a staff of six in November 1974, whereupon the Springwell Shop was closed, although it was later to be included in the Tyne & Wear preservation plan (see Chapter 7). With so many steel wagons left, the Wardley Wagon Shop, as it is termed, will have no shortage of work, and the Railway's long tradition will be continued.

\* So far as I know, the wooden waggons never were "preserved".



FOLLONSBY PIT. (WARDLEY NO 2.) 1912-1974. PHOTO: G. STRIDIRON.



FOLLONSBY LODGE BANNER WITH PORTRAITS OF KEIR HARDIE AND LOCAL POLITICAL FIGURES TOM SMITH AND ANTHONY JOYCE.

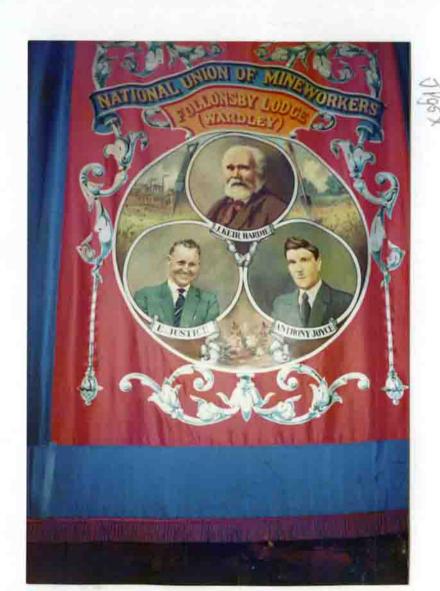


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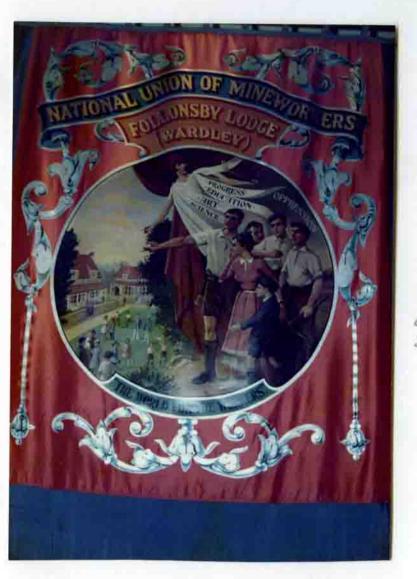
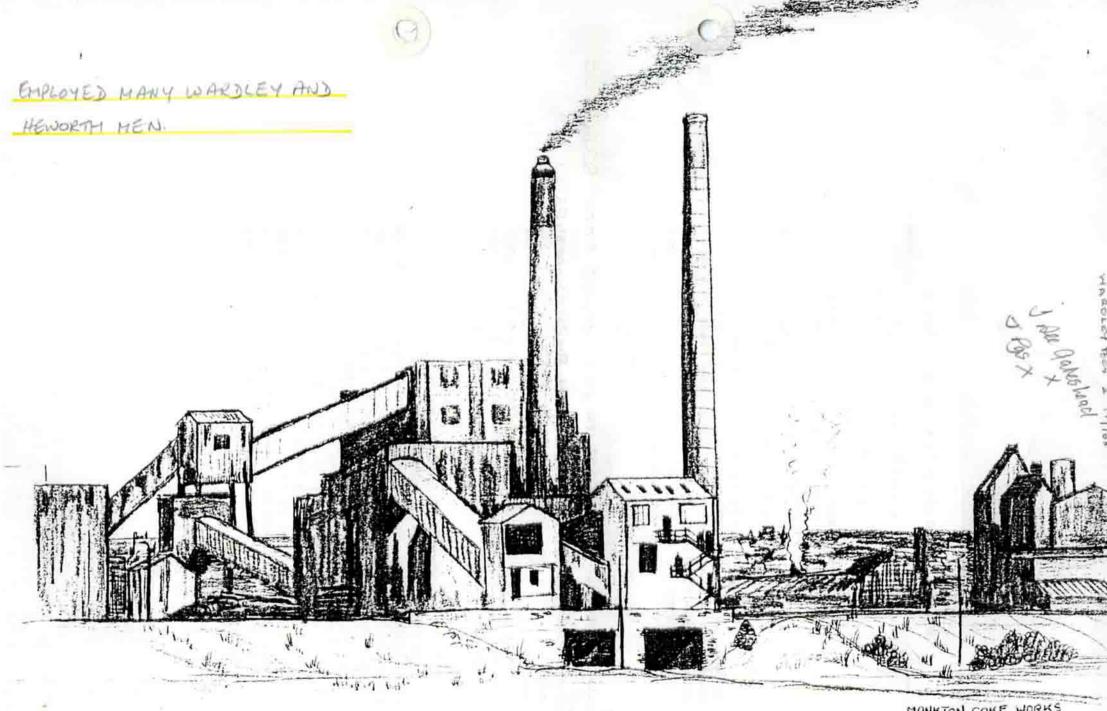


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### MONKTON

The imminent closure of Monkton Coke Works, just announced by British Coal, will please many people who have protested for years about its pollution of their atmosphere. It is a hideous landmark, and only the loss of 200 jobs there lessens the pleasure of its eventual disappearance.

But to be fair to British Coal, they were right when they said that in 1937, when the plant opened, and for long afterwards, there were open fields all round it and scarcely any population to be affected by it. The main reason for its siting there, more than 50 years ago however, was the close proximity of several big collieries - Boldon, Hebburn, Wardley, Springwell and High Heworth, and the Pontop-Jarrow mineral railway.

Monkton, an Anglo-Saxon name, meaning, as you might guess, 'the homestead of the monks', was part of the lands given to the monastery of Jarrow St Paul, by Ecgfrith, King of Northumbria, in the 7th century, and was reputed to have been the birthplace of the Venerable Bede (though some prefer Monkwearmouth). In the middle ages the monks farmed the manor lands of Monkton from their grange, or monastery farm, as they did in the nearby manors of Hedworth, Wardley, Hebburn and Heworth.

After the closure of Jarrow Monastery in 1539, the Dean and Chapter of Durham leased Monkton to various Andlords, but the powerful Ellisons of Hebburn purchased much of its freehold in the early 18th century, to add to their manors of Hebburn and Wardley.

The historian Eneas McKenzie wrote in 1834, "Bede's Well still exists in Monkton, and is reputed as a bath for the recovery of infirm and diseased children. Formly, a large concourse of people resorted to the sacred spot on Midsummer-Eve, to celebrate with music, dancing and other rural sports, but these merry customs have long been discontinued" (!!)

Benefactions mentioned in Jarrow Church records include:
1747: William Brunton left £20 for the Poor of Monkton and
Hedworth, the interest to be distributed on St Thomas Day.
1785 - The Will of Richard Walker left £60 to the poor,
directing the churchwardens to dispose of the yearly interest
as follows: " Among the Poor attending the Sacrament at Jarrow Church
on Christmas and Easter Days, the sum of 5 shillings and 2s 6d on each of the
said days amongst the Poor attending Heworth Chapel, and to apply the
remainder of such interest towards educating poor widows' children within
the constablery of Monkton" Joan Hewitt

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RUBBING FROM TONE FAMILY TOMESTONE IN HEWORTH OLD CHURCHYARD

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A VULCAN BOMBER AT HYLTON AIRFIELD JUST OVER THE BOUNDARY FROM FOLLONSBY. LATE 1970'S.

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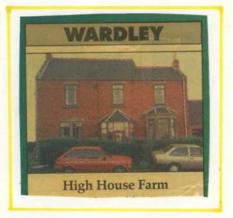


The steadings of South Follonsby farm.



USWORTH HALL. IN 1882 MR ALFRED PALMER CAME

HERE FROM WARDLEY HALL.





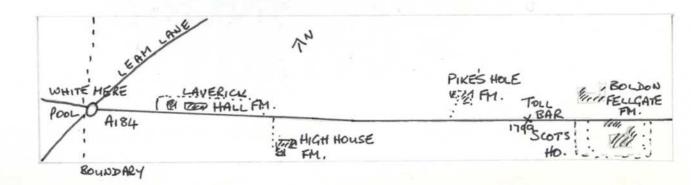
FROM SALE ADVERT 1994 PRICE F. 155,800. "WITH LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM, KITCHENS, UTILITY, FOUR LARGE BEDROOMS, BATHROOM, DOUBLE GARAGE, CENTRAL HEATING, WITH SURROUNDING LAND IN PRODUCTIVE USE."



LAVERICK HALL, 1996. PHOTO. P. STRIDIRON. FRONT VIEW.



LAVERICK HALL. 1996. PHOTO G.STRIDIRON. REAR VIEW.



Laverick Hall on the road to West Boldon from White Here Pool was on the Heworth - Boldon Parish Boundary opposite Siets House Toll-Bar.



SCOT'S HOUSE ON BOLDON ROAD. 1996. PHOTO. G. STRIDIRON.



SCOT'S HOUSE ON BOLDON ROAD. 1996. PHOTO. G. STRIDIRON.



SCOTS HOUSE. BOLDON FELL. LOOKING FROM HOUSE DOWN DRIVE TO THE LODGE. 1996. PHOTO. G. STRIDIRON.

FROM PEVSNER'S BUILDINGS OF GUNTY DURHAM: -

"SCOT'S HOUSE - 12 MILES WEST OF BOLDON. A DISTINGUISHED BUILDING, ITS FRONT OF 1798, (RAINWATER HEAD). ASHLAR, FIVE BAYS WIDE, TWO STOREYS, WITH AN OPEN THREE BAY PEDIMENT AND A SIMILAR PEDIMENT ON TUSCAN COLUMNS FOR PORCH.

INSIDE SOME NEO-CLASSICAL PLASTERWORK IN ROOM TO R. OF ENTRANCE, ON CHIMNEY PIECES, STAIRCASE AND IN ONE ROOM WITH REMAINS ALSO OF TROMPE L'OEIL PAINTED OAK PANELLING.

AT THE BACK FAR-PROJECTING WINGS, PROBABLY OLDER IN THEIR STRUCTURE THAN THE EARLY 18TH C. STABLES TO THE WEST. THESE, WITH A TALLER PEDIMENTED CENTRE AND FLANKING WINGS, HAVE PLASTERED SURROUNDS TO THE LOFT OPENINGS.

THERE ARE REMAINS OF A WATER GARDEN NORTH OF THE HOUSE.

A GATE HOUSE OF THE LATE 19TH C., A LA CHARLECOTE, FACES THE ROAD.

\* TROMPE L'OEIL - DECORATION GIVING AN EFFECT WHICH IS THREE-DIMENSIONAL. LITERALLY 'DECEPTION OF THE EYE.

SCOT'S HOUSE WAS THE RESIDENCE OF HUGH LEE PATTINSON, OWNER OF FELLING CHEMICAL WORKS, FOR A PERIOD ROUGHLY BETWEEN 1884 AND HIS DEATH IN 1858.



Stunning:
The east wing
of Scots House,
a well-restored
Grade II Listed
building in
West Boldon,
set within acres
of beautiful
grounds.

## Historic home full of period features

HE east wing of a Grade II Listed property is available for sale.
Dating from the 17th Century,
Scots House, in West Boldon, is a period home set within several acres of grounds including paddocks, stables, gardens and a lake.

Despite its rural location, the property is close to Sunderland and Newcastle.

The wing is a spacious character home which has been sympathetically restored. There is a large reception hall with high

### dream homes

vaulted ceiling and galleried landing, leading to a drawing room with French windows

The lounge has a marble period fireplace, cornicing and French windows to the conservatory.

There is a well-fitted kitchen/dining

room, study, utility room and sauna with shower room.

Upstairs there are four double bedrooms, three with en-suite facilities, and a large family bathroom.

Access is via remote controlled gates at the Lodge House or a sweeping tree lined drive passing a paddock, copse and lake. The East Wing, Scots House, is for sale from J W Wood, Chester-le-Street, with offers in the region of £395,000, tel (0191) 388-7245.

### **WARDLEY** Follingsby Drive

Spacious detached house which rarely become available onto the open market. With double glazing and gas central heating comprises: two spacious reception rooms, quality refitted maple style kitchen, ground floor wc, four bedrooms and bathroom/wc. Garage, car port and pleasant garden.

£172,500

### HOUSE PRICES IN WARDLEY IN 2003.



accommodation. With gas central heating comprises: dining room with open access to kitchen, lounge with patio doors opening onto rear garden. First floor: modern bathroom/wc and three bedrooms. Externally there are gardens to the front and rear.

Offers in excess of £99,950

### WARDLEY



We are delighted to offer for sale this semi detached house in this residential and popular estate, the accommodation comprises: entrance hallway, lounge with double doors leading to the separate dining room, breakfasting kitchen, rear lobby, door to garage, first floor landing, three bedrooms and bathroom/wc. There are gardens to front with driveway to the side and enclosed to the rear. Viewing essential to appreciate.

Low Fell 0191 4876850 Offers in excess of £115,000





### WARDLEY

A well extended detached house on detached house on this popular residential estate offering family sized accommodation comprising entrance porch, hallway, lounge walk through to dining room, study/bedroom 4 breakfasting kitchen first floor landing, three bedrooms and bathroom/wc., bathroom/wc., gardens to front with pedestrian access and enclosed to rear, garage with driveway. viewing essential to appreciate

Sundridge Drive

0191 4876850

### £165,000



### WARDLEY



Meadowbrook Drive

Kitchen/dining room Bathroom/wc Utility room Single garage Gas central heating Double glazing Cavity wall insulation Gardens front and rear

Internal inspection advised

£156,000/offers

An opportunity to acquire a three bedroom defached house with many features including double glazing, gas central heating and alarm system. Comprising entrance hall, downstairs wo. floor: three bedrooms and bathroom/wo Gardens and garage. Viewing is essential

**WARDLEY** Parklands

Offers in excess of £154,950

### WARDLEY

Pleasantly situated on this residential estate this semi detached bungalow is well presented and comprises entrance lobby, lounge/dining room, kitchen, rear lobby, two bedrooms and bathroom/wc. There are gardens to the front and driveway to the side of the property with gates leading up to the single garage and rear garden, viewing essential to appreciate.

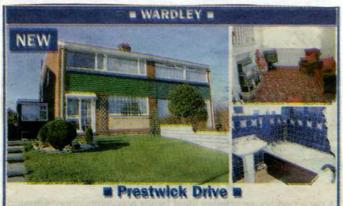


Low Fell (0191) 4876850 Offers in excess of £110,000



Within a desirable location we are delighted to offer for sale a well detached bungalow offering affordable accommodation. Features include double glazing and gas central heating and comprises entrance hallway, lounge, spacious kitchen with breakfasting room, bathroom/wc, and two bedrooms. Gardens and garage. Viewing is essential

£155,000



Three bedroom semi detached house on this popular estate, briefly comprising of entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining area, kitchen with wall and base units, three bedrooms and bathroom/wc with electric shower. Outside there are gardens to the front and rear and attached garage. Viewing is highly recommended.

Offers in the region of £159,950









### Offers in the region of £139,000



### OLD SUNDERLAND ROAD

- **Ellison House**
- · Sought after location
- Private detached property
- · Five bedrooms
- Large living area
- Double garage
- · Patio to rear

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### KEIR HARDIE AVENUE WARDLEY offers over £115,000



Upgraded three bedroom semi on large plot with no further chain involved. further benefits includes two reception rooms, combi ch, upvc double glazing and conservatory, recently fitted kitchen and bathroom. Viewing essential.

### WARDLEY

- Semi detached house
   Three bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
   Kitchen
- · Bathroom/wc
- Gas central heating system
- · Upvc double glazing
- · Gardens front & rear
- Single garage
   Internal viewing recommended

Offers over £125,000



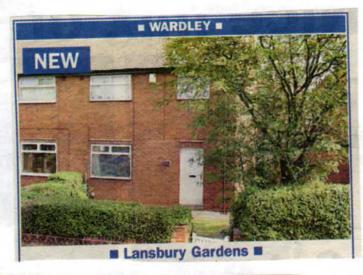






### ■ Carnoustie Court ■

Rare to the market!!! Modern purpose built ground floor flat overlooking common green to the front. This nicely presented home with own direct access, own gardens and a brick built garage in block. Gas centrally heated complemented by upve double glazing, comprising: entrance obby, impressive living room with feature fireplace, open aspect to both the front and rear, inner hallway, superb aspect to both the total data lear, with classified successions of the state of the cabinets with complementary part ceramic tiled walls and built in oven, hob and extractor, two bedrooms with built in furniture, betribroom/we with white suite. Outside there is a brick built garage, small rear garden and front garden. Offers around £84,950





### WARDLEY

- Detached bungalow
  2 bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining room Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Bathroom/wc
   Gas central heating
   Double glazing
   Gardens front and rear
   Garage

£179,950



Rosemount Avenue

### WARDLEY PARK

- Detached house Three bedrooms

- Lounge Dining room Kitchen

- Kitchen
   Utility area
   Bathroom/wc
   Gas central heating
   Gardens front and rear
   Double glazing
   Detached garage

Offers over £149,950



Two bedroom bungalow, briefly comprising of: hallway, lounge with feature fire surround, kitchen with fitted wall and base units, utility room, two bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes) and bathroom/wc with electric shower. Outside there are gardens to the front and rear and driveway. Benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. Viewing is highly recommended.

Offers in region of £145,000



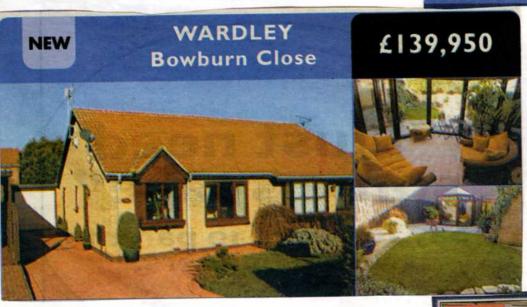
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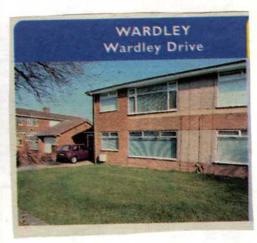
### WARDLEY

- Well presented detached house
   Five bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
   Breakfasting kitchen
- Conservatory
   Bathroom/wc

- Gardens front & rear
   Gas central heating
   Double glazing
   Single garage
   Internal inspection highly recommended

£189,950







### WARDLEY

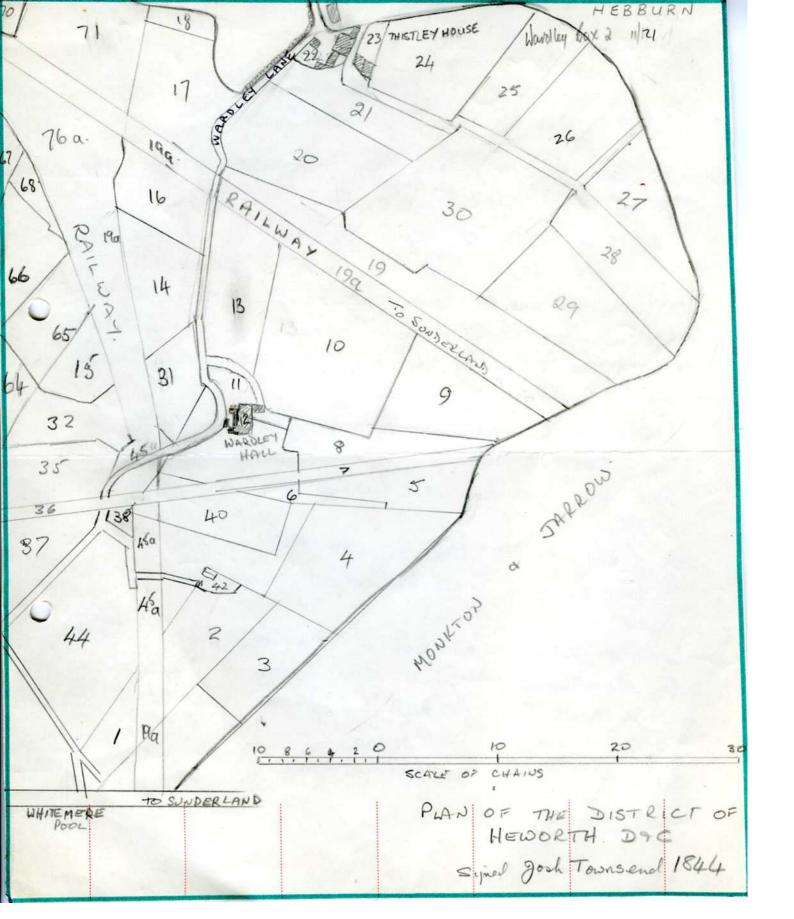
- · Three bedroom mid link
- Lounge
- · Dining room
- Kitchen Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Gardens Garage in block
- Viewing highly recommended
  - £97,950



THISTLEY HOUSE FARM. PHOTO 1972 BY K. HEWITT. TYPICAL EARY 19TH C. IN THIS AREA. 1974

Wardley Box 2 11/20 Thistley House Farm. Information from Hr. Walter Harsh - (1975) St. authberts Drive. (1975) A relative of Mr. George Gallon, who was from Sheriff Hill before Thistley Ho. Had one daughter hear Sallon. " two sons Walter and William William joined Royal Navy, I married the daughter of the Italian Consul in Hong Kong. where the family visited them several times by long sea voyages. Their mother i.e. His George Sallon died in All the family were living on the farm in Hong Kong: He (ie. Mr Marsh) thuiks wm fallon, by then a ship's Captain was killed at sea in the Great Walter Gallon farmed at thistley and retired.

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### IMAN MOUSE

# RUBBINGS FROM TOMB. STONES IN HEWORTH OLD CHURCH YARD

leading fox 3 11/15

### Wardley/Red Barns Creating a Country Park

Gateshead Council has prepared a draft strategy to create a country park here. The proposals are shown on the plan on the back of this leaflet.



We want to improve this part of our countryside for people and wildlife. The country park would consist of woodlands, wetlands and wildflower meadows, linked by a network of paths providing access for all. We recognise the importance of this area of countryside, because of its position close to the communities of Wardley, Hebburn and Bill Quay.

However, it owes its existence as open land partly to its history of brick shale, clay extraction and coal mining. What we are left with is a mixture – some parts, like Pelaw Quarry Pond, are now restored, while other areas remain in poor condition. The whole area lacks any real identity and suffers from the all too familiar problems of fly tipping and vandalism.



The draft strategy sets out our priorities. We hope it will also serve as a funding tool to attract the money needed to carry out some of the work.

Our priorities are as follows:

- Designate Pelaw Quarry Pond as a Local Nature Reserve and include it in the Council's Next to Nature Project. This will help to protect the pond and make more money available to look after it.
- Install signs and complete 'missing links' to create a path network as shown on the site plan.
- Tidy up the area and remove or renovate dilapidated and derelict buildings, which spoil parts of the site.
- Create wildflower meadows and wetland in the large field shown on the map, for the benefit of wildlife.
- In the long term, seek to secure funding for a ranger on site, in partnership with South Tyneside Council, to help to tackle problems of misuse.
- Agree a name for the country park, to give the area an identity and enable signs to be put up.

This is a long-term project – to achieve the big improvements we want to see will take time and require funds, which in some cases have not yet been raised.

WARDLEY BOX 3 11/15 TO KEELMAN'S WAY & BILL QUAY CITY FARM Possible area for wildflower meadows and wetland Wardley Colliery currently being restored

TO PELAW **METRO STATION** 

KEY

Proposed Country Park Boundary

Existing bridleways (for horse riders, cyclists and walkers)

Proposed future bridleways

Existing footpath (walkers only)

Pelaw Quarry Pond Proposed Local Nature Reserve

Gateshead

Development and Enterprise Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street Gateshead NES 1HH Tel. 0191 433 3000 Fax. 0191 478 3491

WARDLEY / RED BARNS PROPOSED COUNTRY PARK

1:8500

October 2002

Red Barns

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LINGEY LANE IN THE SEVERE WINTER OF 1947. LOOKING SOUTH TO WASHINGTON

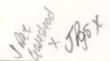
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LEFT BACKGROUND AT GINGLING GATE CROSS ROADS. BEYOND 5 TELEGRAPH POLES

IS THE LEVEL CROSSING CARRYING BOWES RAILWAY (PONTOP TO JARROW LINE) FROM

THE LEAM AND SPRINGWELL TREES PLANTED C. 1920 WHEN THE LANE WAS RELAID

BY FELLING U.D. COUNCIL. PHOTO-MR. GED. HESP.





LINGEY HOUSE - LAST HOUSE OF LINGEY HOUSE FARM. A MEDIEVAL FARMSTEAD
BELONGING TO THE MANOR OF WARDLEY. CEASED FARMING IN 1960'S WHEN
FELLING U.D.C. BUILT LEAM LANE ESTATE. LAST FARMER CHARLES GILHESPIE.

WASH POND & HIGH 12 38 CLOSE SAUF TURNPIKE CLOVER, 36 CLOSE 37 HIGH SQUARE FLETCHING FIELD 1880 FIELD 29 LESSEE CLOSE BUTCHER ROAD 35 ROAD A CT CLOSE WARDLEY 23 FIELD LINGEY NORTH 34 SUNDERLAND HOUSE 0.7 TO 114 100 LINGEY INTACK 32 FIELD 16 WELL WHEAT WELL FIELD 22 GARTH EAST CLOSE 26 CLOSE , LINGEY SOUTH LINGEY THORNEY FIELD 67 18 FIELD CLOSE BAREX WEST , MOOR CLOSE W FIELD 33 CLOSE 21 25 19 19 JINGLING THISTLEY GATE 22/M/ CLOSE MR. BROAD WHITE MERE OR LEAMING LANE CLOSE POOL HOUSE CLOSE White the 3 miles FROM A PLAN DRAWN BY 1783. WRACKENDICKE RICHARD RICHARDSON FOR THE 20 THE DEAN & CHAPTER ESTATES. INTACK JINGLING GATE 20. SCALE OF CHAINS

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Lingey House Farm

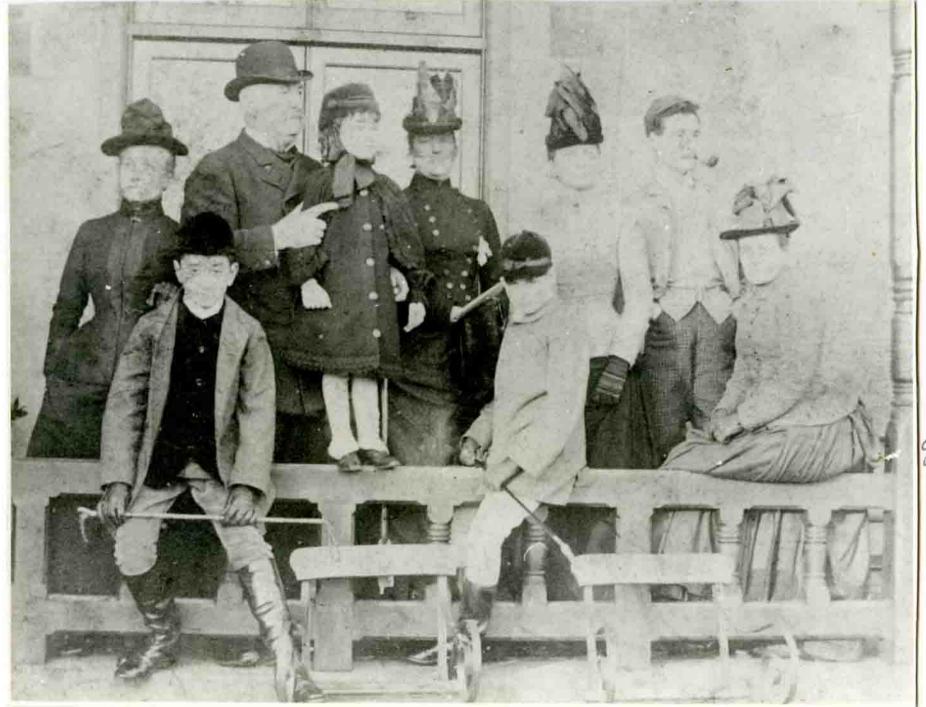
General Ellison-Second Farm.

Henry French - Subtenant.

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LINGEY HOUSE FARM - VALUATION OF CROPS FOR RENTAL AND TITHES. FOR DEAN AND CHAPTER OF DURHAM. 1783.

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MAJOR ALFRED SEPTIMUS PALMER AND HIS FAMILY AT HOME AT WARDLEY HALL.

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WARDLEY METHODIST CHURCH THORNE AVE. REPLACED COLLIERY CHAPEL

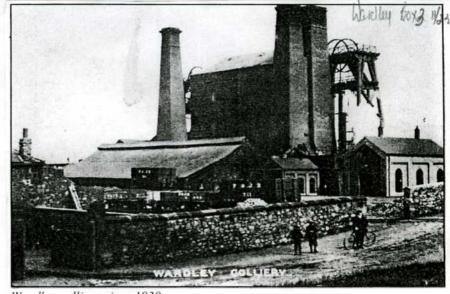


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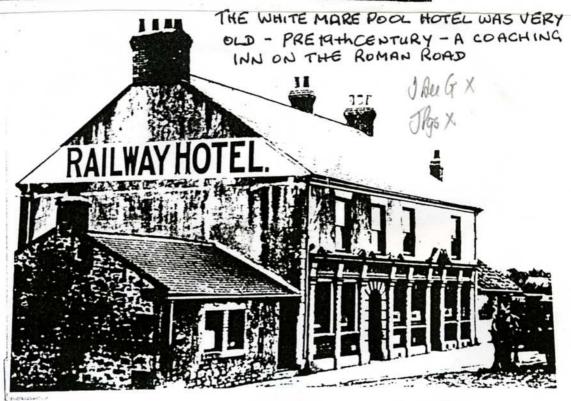
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Wardley colliery circa 1930





The Railway Hotel with its Temperance Bar on the left. It was demolished about 1968 when Felling By-Pass was built through Wardley.

Launch of John Bowes September 1852

"In von screw-steamer, the John Bowes, constructed by Messis Palmer Brothers, at Jarrow, and the first vessel of that description, which had been built for the London Coal trade, was launched in the presence of a numerous and influential concourse of spectators. It the conclusion of the ceremony, about three hundred badies and gentlemen partook of an elegant lunche on provided by the builders.

C. Palmer Esq. presided, supported by the Mayors of Newcastle, Sunderland, Shields and Gates Read, and several principal mechants of the district. The whole proceedings concluded with a ball, which was led off

by the Hayovess of Devrastle, and Hr. C. Palmet. The John Bowes was of 465 tons register, was calculated to carry thirty keels of coals, and to make therty trips per annum between New astle and London. The was ballasted in water under a recent patent of D1. White of New astle.

On July 29th the vessel sailed from the Type with her first cargo of coals, arrived in the Thames on the 31st, and completed her seturn Voyage to the north on the 3rd of tugust.

from The Historical Register of Remarkable Events by John Latimer pub. 1857.

## Sir Charles Mark Palmer.

[BY JOHN OXBERRY.] 14:12:1906

I was reared in an atmosphere of political disquietude, and one of my earliest recollections of public events is the excitement caused by the General Election of November, 1868, when Mr., afterwards Sir George Elliot first became a member of Parliament for the Northern Division of the County of Durham, and when Mr., afterwards Sir Charles Mark Palmer tried to win his way into the House of Commons as the representative of the folks of

Shields and failed in the attempt.

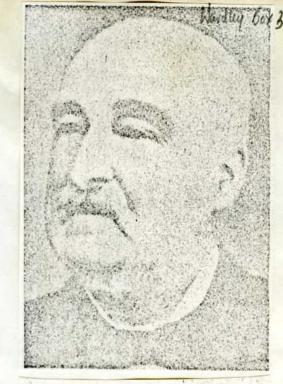
The franchise was then a very restricted one and few working men had votes. We often place a false value on things we long for and see very little prospect of attaining. years ago men marched in their thousands for miles with banners flying and bands playing, to demand the right to vote, a right that thousands of their sons, nowadays, will not go to the trouble of walking a hundred yards to exercise. Perhaps we ought not to be surprised at this. as it affords us merely one more illustration of the well known experience that realization often disillusions us and is seldom equal to the

anticipations we have cherished.

Before the next election for North Durham five years were to elapse. In the meantime events had occurred which made the election of February, 1874, a still more exciting and passionate struggle than that of 1868. Messrs. Palmer and Bell championed the one side and Messrs. Eliiot and Pemberton the other. need not refer to it here, nor to the petition and trial and unseating of the victors, and the second election which followed, further than to say that the election of February, 1874, saw the commencement of Sir Charles Mark Palmer's association with the district of Felling, an association that has happily existed since without intermission, and that at a little later period, as we all know, became still closer when the colliery at Felling, which the Brandlings had begun, passed into the hands of a celebrated firm of coal owners known as John Bowes and Partners, but whose presiding genius, from the formation of the company in 1845, has been Sir Charles Mark Falmer.

Nearly thirty-three years of political, industrial, and we may add family connection with the parish of Heworth, give the inhabitants many reasons to regard with interest the career of Sir Charles, and justify us in devoting a little of our time to a consideration of the achievements of one of the greatest of our north country captains of industry. Samuel Smiles in his "Self Help" told the story of how men had won fame and fortune by their own efforts, how men had risen from the humblest position to the highest by their own unremitt-ing endeavours. Sir Charles had not so lowly an origin as the most of Mr. Smiles's heroes, but he is not therefore, less deserving of a prominent place in the roll of those men who have benefitted the world by their enterprising

At the beginning of last century the Tyne possessed a fleet of Greenland whalers, manned by seaman whose hardiness and skill won wide recognition. One of the most famous whaling vessels of that period was the "Cove of Cork," a Sunderland built ship, owned, and for many years commanded by Captain George Palmer, whose fourth son was christened Charles Mark and is the subject of our sketch. Captain Palmer's seventh son, Alfred Septimus, became a mining engineer and his name and presence are even more familiar to Felling and Wardley people than that of his older and more cele-brated brother.



# Charles Palmer

Built the first steam collier

CHARLES MARK PALMER was a remarkable man. He created industries and even a town with ruthless efficiency.

In 1845 he joined John Bowes and became manager and part owner of a small coal mine near Gateshead. A few years later North-East coal hit a slump.

Palmer found the solution. Ignoring the ridicule of cynics he proceeded to plan and build a screw-driven, ironbuilt steam collier at the tiny Tyneside hamlet of Jarrow.

It was a resounding success. Jarrow began to expand.

But Palmer had not finished. During the Crimean War he built his first warship and started the British armour plating industry in the

He built up a complete construction

process, producing everything he needed from iron to copper and glass. Just 20 years after the launching of his first collier, he was employing 10,000 men.

In 1886 he was created a barenet for his services to his country. Charles Palmer died in London in 1907 at the ripe old age of 84. He must have been a satisfied man.

### INFORMATION ABOUT WARDLEY AND FOLLOWSBY PITS

Interviws with Lewis Hall: He was at Follonsby when the last car of coal was drawn on Thursday 8th. August 1974 its number was 703 which went to the surface at 11.30am. The last shaft deputy was Billy Miller. It then closed as a coal drawing shaft. After salvage, the pit closed about 3 weeks later. The 1260 was the Beumont Seam and the pumping station was in the Low main. Tom Carney was killed in the Low Main Seam when he was crushed by a fall of stone. John Bone died when he walked back into a seam where they were shot firing. Sam Knapper was caught when the wedge on a pit prop flew out and hit him on the lower part of his body and it killed him. His was a marvellous funeral with four black horses with plums on their heads and a traditional hurse with the colliery band in attendence. A lad called Smith who was the manager's son got killed by a fall of stone and a pit pony was trapped on top of him. The men at Wardley used to go down No. 2 (1260) shaft, there were two deck level's in the cage each holding 20 men. No.3 shaft was the "smokey shaf" for ventilating the mine and also used as an emergancy shaft with a cage that held 10 men at a time. The last man to operate No 3 shaft was Joe Tindal. Jimmy Stridiron was on the weighbridge. The tubs were 27 cwt emty and 26 ton of coal was put into them. 80 tubs an hour would be weighed. In later years Wardley only worked the Maudline Seam. The 1480 Brockley Seam was a disappointment to the management. It was not safe and was eventually abandoned. The water ponds behind Wardley pit was used for supplying water to the fireholes (the boilers) for the steam driven cage before they were changed. The last coal to come out of Follonsby was from Usworth. All the tubs were left down the pit. There were about 6 loco's an 500 cars left below. We would bring out 80 tubs an hour in the 2 cages. each having 2 tubs in them. It took  $\overline{45}$  seconds to get the cage to bank, beneath us was 36 ft. to the sump. Jack Brown was the last horsekeeper. When I started there in the early 50's there were about 8 ponies but they stopped using them about 1957/8, one was called Nelson - it only had one eye. On the day the last tub was sent up that part of the pit was flooded two feet deep.

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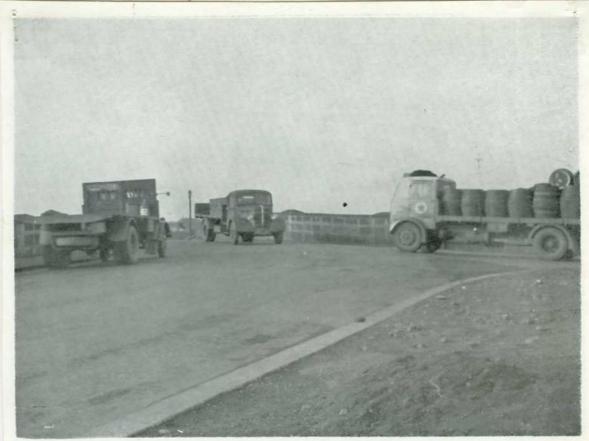
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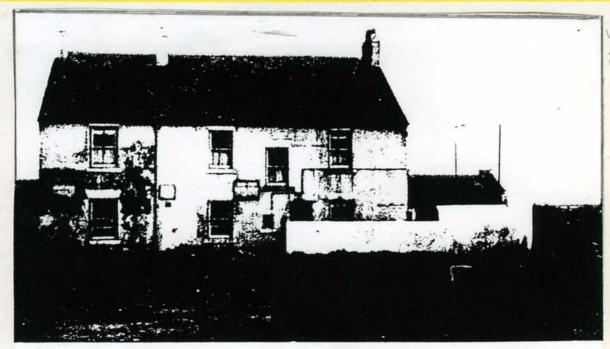
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Junction of Trunk Road A.184 and Road 1055 at White Mare Pool. The new road from Trunk Road A.1 will link with these roads at a roundabout.

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EARLY PLANS FOR PROPOSED FELLING-BY-PASS. (DURHAM C.C.) THIS JUNCTION PICTURED WAS KNOWN AS 'POOL BRIDGE'. FIRST MADE 1799 TO CARRY SUNDERLAND TO NEWCASTLE TURNPIKE OVER MARSHES.



The Railway INN.
WHITE MARE ROOL

## Newcastle Chronicle March 21st 1867.

White Mare Pool.

"To be let by Proposal, and entered upon at
May Next, all that capital and well-accustomed
Inn, at the white Mare Pool, now in the
occupation of Mr. Brack Shorter, situated at the
Tumpike Road from Newcastle to Sunderland,
and nearly at equal distance from each place,
on which road there is an improving trade, by
the increase of Stage-Coaches, etc.

The tenant if required, may be accommodated
with two fields, containing from 2 to 10
acres; and a Blacksmith's and Carturight's
Shop and forge may also be attached.

\* Proposals will be received by Mr. W" Hodson
at followsby."

N.B. \* Proposals means tenders.

When Mr. Mitchell was landloved of the white blase Pool Inn, the Smithy adjoining, for rather, alongside) became a Transport Cofé between (roughly) 1946 and 1952. A mug of ten and a fried egg sandwich was 6d. Wilf Mitchell his son was one of our friends at Heworth St Mary's.

## The Airport that Never Was

On September 14, 1930, Felling Urban District Council met to consider the feasibility of a plan to build an airport at White Mare Pool. Not just any tuppence ha'penny airfield, but an INTERNATIONAL airport to serve the whole North East.

The Air Ministry started it, persuading the already depressed Northern region (after the General Strike of 1926, it was seething with discontent too), to take a giant leap forward into future prosperity through air travel.

Several sites were mulled over in 1929 and White Mare Pool won, wholeheartedly supported by the councils of Felling, Washington, Boldon, Jarrow and South Shields, and given guarded approval by Gateshead, Sunderland and Newcastle.

The chosen spot was that triangle of land between Leam Lane, Follonsby Lane and the Leamside Loop Railway Line, over 200 acres, holding two farms and Heworth Golf Course.

The Felling councillors must have felt a bit jittery when they looked at all the implications, such as dispossessing two farmers and the golfers, building new roads, including a super highway to serve the airport, and lead on to a proposed new Pelaw High Level Bridge to cross the Tyne to Walker.

There were other problems - the land was subject to mining subsidence, it was marshy, and nearby in a circle, the pit - head gear of Follonsby, Usworth and Springwell collieries stuck up like sore thumbs - not aircraft friendly!

The development costs were daunting to poor town councils, at least 25,000 initially but much more to follow. One aircraft hangar would cost 3,000 and a passenger terminal the same.

But it didn't matter in the end. Sunderland withdrew first, announcing that it preferred to promote Usworth airfield as its future town airport. (Usworth was a left-over from the Great War which survived until Nissan arrived).

Newcastle went next. A Captain Irving, as its spokesman, announced that business-men who wished to fly, lived in Gosforth and would not care to travel first to White Mare Pool, and he added, that in any case, the "atmosphere there is always thick, the last thing you want for an airport."

Durham County Council tried to bully them all into line, but in vain. The wrangling over the project went on until 1939, when the outbreak of war put paid to the scheme at last.

But two legacies remain from the White Mare Pool plan. The north-eastern councils got together again after the 1939 - 1945 war and did succeed in launching a partnership owned airport at Woolsington in the late 1950's, which became Newcastle International Airport and has been a profit maker for those councils - Gateshead included.

And when Felling Council built Fisherwell Road in Pelaw, the road was made very wide, in case it should still be needed as the approach road to the Pelaw High Level Bridge.

Joan Hewitt

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POOL BRIDGE, DATING FROM TIME OF SUNDERLAND TO NEWCASTLE TURNAKE (1799), BUILT TO TAKE ROAD OVER MARSHES (WHITE HERE) HERE AT ITS END C1959 FOR BUILDING OF THE FELLING BY PASS A 184.



THE ROAD AT POOL BRIDGE (LEFT TOP) BEFORE BY-PASS WAS BUILT BUT PREPARATIONS ALREADY UNDERWAY. LOOKING TOWARDS WARDLEY.



DEMOLITION OF POOL BRIDGE C1959-60 TO REPLACE IT WITH CONCRETE FLY. OUER FOR A184 OUER LEAT LANE.



CONSTRUCTION OF FLY-DUER UNDER WAY C1960. LOOKING TOWARDS FOLLONSBY WITH FOLLONSBY TERRACE ON LEFT.

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#### WARDLEY VILLAGE.

## Its Past, Present—and Future.

Newcastle 4:1:1912

### Closing of the Colliery.

(From a Correspondent.)

The village of Wardley Colliery, half a mile south-east of Pelaw, between the Shields and Sunderland turnpikes, after an existence in obscurity for half a century, has, by force of circumstances, been thrust into an unenviable notoriety. It owes its existence to the opening of the colliery there at the period mentioned, and has grown up round it depending wholly upon it for the employment of its inhabitants, and now that the fortnight's notice has expired regarding its closing—the motive power shut off and the ponies brought to bank—the villagers just feel as if the bottom had dropped out of the universe. There are fully 400 families of them, or rather were, for since last Saturday many houses have been emptied and the occupants scattered to new employment, and in search of it. Of the great majority still remaining, some are hoping against hope that the mine will be reopened again after a short time, and others are looking to the opening of the new shaft at Fallonsby, in the same district, by the same owners. Bowes and Partners, but at best that cannot be in the near future.

The visitor to Wardley finds it a depressing place, under the irrumstances, and it is a matter of thankfulness that it has never been a great trading centre, the people being mostly demonder to remaining challenges that the same of the same and the same agent trading centre, the people being mostly demonder to remaining the same contents.

place, under the circumstances, and it is a matter of thankfulness that it has never been a great trading centre, the people being mostly dependent on business premises in the neighbouring communities of Bill Quay and Pelaw, where, from the point of view of employment, the inhabitants, unlike those of Wardley, have not got all their ergs in one basket. The local pessimist is prophesying the extinction of Wardley as a community after its half century of existence, but one hesitates to subscribe to that, knowing the demand for dwelling houses in any district within easy, or for the matter of that, uneasy reach, of the growing mining population.

If the local pessinist is wrong about the cading of Wardley, he is also most certainly wrong abouts its beginning, for the antiquarian knows that it has a history reaching well back into the centuries. In the chronicles of Simeon of Durham, A. D. 995, we find that at Waredelaw, or Weredelaw, the corpse of St. Cuthbert became immovable, and the wandering monks were directed to its resting place at Durham.

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manor house in former times.

The Scots are said to have destroyed the Prior's House in one of their raids, and on its site was built the Manor House of Wardley, near the old village of Wardley, which we find on 17th and 18th century maps, but which, like so many of the old agricultural centres, disappeared or was merged in the new mining centre of the 19th century. Here resided the Brandling family, as also at the old hall adjoining Felling Station, just recently taken down.

of registration with the local sessions, and referred to a meeting place for the descendants of the followers of the ejected Presbyterian vicar in 1662 from the parent church at Jarrow, Francis Batty. We find the same congregation again in 1729 in "Evan's Lists of Dissenting Chapels" as at Heworth in the same parish, with Alexander Creighton, M.A., a graduate of Glasgow, as their minister; traces of them later in another part of the parish at the beginning of the 19th century, developing into what has been since 1830 the Independent Church at Felling, and again revived a few years ago as the Pelaw Presbyterian Church.

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The Lord Rutherford mentioned in the licence is an interesting man. We find from the "Scottish Peerage" that he was one of the Ruthertords of Hunthill, N.B., the head of the house. He had evidently lived not wisely but too well, made over the estates to another branch of the family, and settled in England. We find him at the old Manor House at Wardley in 1700, and at Ashington Hail in 1709, with burnal registers of members of his family in the parish registers of Bothal, Morpeth, and Elsdon. He was a Presbytorian himself, and a patron of the cause wherever he resided, hence the licence at Wardley. At the present Wardley Hall on the Sunderland turnpike are traces of the old moat.

There are some interesting things about the

There are some interesting things about the parish church also. It is at Heworth, and was, until 1821, a chapeiry of Jarrow. "Almost as ancient as the church there" it has been several times rebuilt. A coin of the Saxon King Egfrid was found in the churchyard. In Cromwell's time the stone altar was thrown out of the east window. In the "Life of Ambrose Barnes" we find: "Ordered by the Rectarned the Iwenty-Four that the little Bell now in the Belfry of Gateshead be presented to Rob. Ellison, Feg., for the use of Heworth Chapel (where it still remains) in the of arrows for the Billy Quarrey Spring.

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In the churchyard is the remainable tembstane of a raman kable man—the Rev. Richard Dawes, M.A.—Grecian Dawes, the author of Mascellanea Critica," and a sometime master (1738-50) of the Newcastle Grammar School, ite was bern at North Shields, and, after being pensioned, settled in a cottage at Heworth Shore, where he died. Like more than one of his successors, he had a quarrel with his governors the Carporation, and took revenge upon them by teaching the Boys, often with indictions results, to translate the Latin "Asinus" as "Alderman." His book was seared in five editions between 1745 and 1821, but never translated into English from the original Latin. His tombstone, just within the gates opening on the Shields turnpike, is a huge slab of unaresed freestone, lying level and the ground, with an inscription on a brass tabilt. Just across the way is the old vicarager where, as head tradition has it, both Dack as and Thacketay have stretched their legs under the hospitable managany of a former vicar.

### The "Hope of Wardley".

One of the members of Felling Local History Society, Mr. Gordon Stridiron, has found this gem of social history when researching in Wardley. It appears in a regular news-sheet of The Independent Order of Rechabites in 1907, along with a report about a treat for the "Hope of Wardley" juvenile Rechabites of the "Thomas Hall Tent", who had been on a summer excursion to Roker.

About I20 children accompanied by 30 or so adults went by train to Monkwearmouth, (from Pelaw Station I would guess), and then to the sea-front by tramcar, where they spent a whole day, well looked after by Superintendents, Robinson, Reay, Kelly and Hearne.

All well and good, but much more intriguing is the charming vignette which appeared with the report of the day trip. A Band of Hope Alphabet to be learned for recitation by the children so sweetly depicted in a half circle, all ready to chant together.

However amusing it seems to us, for them it was a very serious piece of work. They were doing their bit to slay the 'Demon Drink'. They had signed the Pledge and wore the blue rosette. They would grow up to be total abstainers from alcohol, - teetotallers. We have forgotten what despair and degredation was wrought in Victorian England by the drunkards - 'Oh father, dear father, when will you come home, the clock in the steeple chimes One'... Out of the misery was born the Temperance Movement. The brewers and publicans were made to toe some lines, licensing laws passed, non-alcoholic drinks promoted and non-alcoholic hotels opened.

The greatest success of all was winning over the children through the joys of membership of the Band of Hope in every corner of the land. I consider this Alphabet song to be a splendid piece of propaganda - to do what it was meant to - indoctrinate children.

Happy Christmas!
Joan Hewitt.



#### A SHORT HISTORY OF WARDLEY COLLIERY

It was on the 17th. June 1871 that Wardley Colliery commenced to draw coal but it has a far older history going further back than the early 13th. century and the ancient Manor House of Wardley which was built by Prior Hugh de Darlington and occupied as a summer retreat by the monks of Jarrow.

In 995, it is supposed by some, that Wardley is where the corpse of St. Cuthbert became immovable and the wondering monks received the revelation that directed them to Durham. When the ecclesiasticals fled Durham in 1069 with the body of St. Cuthbert they again visted the area on the way to Lindisfarne.

During the early 1300's the Scotts destroyed the Prior House and on the site was built the Manor House of Wardley which was enclosed by a deep fosse with an earthern mount on the outer side. On the six acre site were fish ponds and gardens.

The Brandling family came into possession of the Manor by 1530. Mrs. Ursula Brandling, who died on Sept. 9th. 1593, bequethed to her son Richard "varies impliments of husbandry, corn etc at Wardley." By 1660 Robert Ellison (the family are remembered by Gateshead's Ellison Street where Tesco's now stands) owned the Manor. By 1730. Cuthbert Ellison held the Manor which was divided into five farms; Thisley House, Ling House, Cowper Lane, South Wardley and Wardley Manor House Farm. The older generation of Wardley people today would know them as belonging to Gallon, Gillesbie and Amos. The last tenant of Manor House Farm was Nick Bambling, although by then it had long since ceased to be a farm as had Cowper Lane Farm at Felaw.

A Scotsman, Lord Rutherford, resided as a tenant of Wardley Manor House in 1700 where it was set apart as a "desenting meeting house" for the followers of the rejected Presbyterian vicar Frances Batty of Jarrow.

On a 1723 Dean and Chapter Estate map, a wooden waggonway is shown. It brought coal from Washington pits to Bill Quay staiths. It travelled north from Jingling Gate and passed behind Lingey Farm house (Gillesbie's) and crossed the Sunderland Turnpike Road where Priestley Gardens is today and had stood the Washington Waggonway House for the gatekeeper. It then crossed over where Kirkwood Gardens now stands and onto Station Road and down to Bill Quay staiths.

The great land and pit owners known as "The Grand Allies" in 1821 investigated the cost of building a railway from their colliery at Stanley to Jarrow n Tyne, passing through Wardley. George Stevenson's plan was accepted and the line opened on the 17th. January 1826. At Springwell the waggons were transfered to a self acting, gravity incline to Springwell Bank Foot at Jingling Gate. The next 4½ miles were worked by locomotives through Wardley to Jarrow.

This era saw the growth of the trade union movement and it was at Boldon Fell, the land behind Wardley's White Mare Pool, that ten's of thousands of miners with their banners came to hear Thomas Hepburn and others speak on

the 3rd March 1832 in defence of better working conditions. A similar mass meeting took place in 1844 and "The Fell" continued to facilitate such activity till the end of the century as a convenient assembly point for trade unionists from South Shields, Sunderland, Springwell and Gateshead.

The Brandling Railway to South Shields and Wearmouth was opened in 1839. For many years this must have been the most convenient, if not the only means of transport for Wardley people, especially when Pelaw Station was much further to the East than it is today and nearly in Wardley itself.

Felling Coal Company started sinking the shaft at Wardley in 1854 but it was abandoned two years later when they hit water. In the colliery accounts for 1855 the Sinkers Lodge was built at a cost of £28 1s 9d and Sinkers Row, what later became part of First Street, was built. The pit was completed by what had then become "John Bowes and Partners" and producing coal in June 1871. Alfred Septimus Palmer, was the manager and agent. His home "Wardley Hall" was built in 1874 and is now the British Legion Club

By the late 1870's, First, Second, Third Street, Reservoir Street and Quality Terrace were built on the North side of the Colliery, Waggonway Street, Sunderland Terrace and Pump Row on the South. Wardley Colliery Board School was opened in 1878 for the education of the growing number of local children.

News of a great disaster at Seaham Colliery in 1880 brought another miners demonstration on "The Fell". Joseph Hopper, remembered by Windy Nooks Joseph Hopper Homes, who at that time lived at 12 Palmers Row (which later became Third Street) and worked at Wardley Colliery, urged better ventilations and inspection of the mines and a resolution condemning night shift work as an "unnatural system" was passed.

As did other mining villages, Wardley built it's Primitive Methodist Chapel; next to the school in 1884 and was very popular among the pit folk, more so than the New Connection Methodist Chapel located in a house at 12 Second Street and which went on to build the Robert Clayton Memorial Chapel near the Miners Velfare Hall and was to become in later years St. Aiden's, an outreach of St. Mary's Church at Heworth.

Beside the pit bridge, over the Leamside railway line, stands a large brick building which has inscribed on a stoneplaque in its wall "Woodbine House 1888". It is remembered by Wardleyites as the Post Office and paper shop, which it was from 1911 till 1939. John Wraith, who's family for four generations have worked at Wardley Colliery Post Office, tells me it was originally built as a public house and it has since been discovered that it was indeed the short lived "Colliery Inn" who's Landlord in 1894 was William Gilchrist. Wardley's other pubs, the White Mare Pool, "The Green" pub and restaurant is now on the site, and the Railway Hotel were well known to later day ex pitmen.

Over 600 people attended when the Reverend Jas. Steel opened the two story Miners Hall and Reading Room in August 1889. The building was burned down in January 1938 and was rebuilt the following year as a single floored welfare hall and has only recently been completely demolished.

Morgan Robinson, the sinker and under-manager of Wardley pit for 17 years died in 1888 aged 73 years. He had been a pitman from a boy and saw the first ten ton of coal brought to the surface which rose to 1,200 tons a day. He and his wife were held in high regard by the colliery people who erected at High Usworth cemetery a headstone to his wife Ann with the inscription "This monument was erected by the workmen of Wardley Colliery and other friends as a token of their esteem for her, and also to record their great regard and sincere sympathy for her bereaved husband" The inscription say's of Morgan hat he was "For 17 years viewer of Wardley Colliery, much and deservedly respected".

In 1905 a deputation of miners attended a meeting of Felling U.D.C. to object to the conditions they lived in; smokey chimney's, insufficient accommodation and insanitary conditions. The threat of council closing orders by the local medical officer on the houses resulted in the owners (John Bowes and Partners) building a kitchen on the back of the homes in Vaggonway Street, leading the water tapes inside the houses and an improvement to roads and approached to the school.

It was at this time that Wardley Rovers Cycling Club had its headquarters at "Woodbine House", there was a cricket club with a wooden pavilion on the Wardley Lane ground and two football teams, Wardley Athletic and Wardley United. The Wardley branch of St. Johns Ambulance Association had a thriving uniform section, which was encouraged by the colliery management, and the Independant Order of Rachabites had an active childrens group called "The Hope of Wardley".

The sinking of nearby Follonsby Colliery started in 1908 and the pit was in operation by June 1912. Sadly, Wardley had closed on 30th December, stunning the local comminity which depended on it for a living. Luckily, many were to find work six months later at Follonsby which in later years became known as Wardley No.1 pit.

There is an inscription on the Methodist Chapel organ in Thorn Avenue which is a dedication to the 37 men....."of this Church and village who fell and served in the Great War 1914-1918". They included Richard Harker, Thomas Laing and George Dale, surnames which would be recognised around the Wardley area today.

About 1912, George Harvey arrived at Wardley from Pelton Fell and quickley became the checkweighman and union representitive of the workmen. He was an ardent supporter of the 1917 Russian revolution and, I am told, upstairs in the Miners Hall the walls were decorated in classical revolutionary socialist murals. It was upon Harvey's and the Lodges suggestion in 1922 that May Day in the area would be celebrated with processions and meetings. A radical figure of the time, the communist M.P. for North Battersea, the Indian Shapurji Saklatvala, was invited to speak at one of their open air public meetings. It was at this time, along with a number of other mining communities in the area, that Wardley earned the nickname "Little Moscow".

Using scrap from a local shippard and with what could be salvaged from the pit yard, an "Ivy Leaf Club" was built after the Great War by the "Wardley Branch of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers and Sailors" beside the school and close to the reservoir. Shortly after it became the British

Legion. One of its founders was Llewellyn Green and he remained its secretary for over 25 years. The Legion moved to "Woodbine House" after the Post Office moved in 1939 and then again in 1955 to Wardley Hall (known locally as Palmers Hall).

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The Co-operative store was opened in 1922 next to St. Aidens Chapel, its manager was Arthur Charlton. Prior to its arrival, Wardley had a fair number of "house shops" and wooden constructions such as Simpson's in Reservior Street, Peter Bland's and a fish shop opposite the school, Tommy Moore's butchers shop, Halliday's chip shop and Arthur Jemma's were at the bottom of Waggonway Street. Ashman's fish and chip shop was opposite Pump Row behind Ellison's shop which Jimmy Ellison has built in 1911. Across the road near "The Pool" was Sally Youngs sweet shop.

Due to the lack of accomodation for large families it was decided to make big homes from the back to back houses in Second Street by knocking down the dividing wall. New accomodation was built in 1922 which was named West Crescent to temporarily rehouse the tenants while alterations took place. After this "The Crescent" was considered a place where the pit officials lived.

On the morning of January 5th 1938 a fire destroyed the Miners Welfare Hall and House. Only the furious barking of George and Jean Harvey's two dogs saved their lives. The building was gutted and all the Lodge books and the Lenin banner were lost. The banner was one of considerable distinction, unfurled in 1927 by A.J. Cook, the miners leader, and it bore the portraits of Lenin, Keir Hardie, James Connolly, A.J. Cook and George Harvey. In addition Mr. Harvey lost his life time collection of first edition books, antiques, fossils and what was considered the finest collection of books on the mining community in the North of England.

Follonsby Colliery closed in October 1938 and the miners leader George Harvey, his wife Jean, the goats and other pets, moved to a new home at Castle Street, Fatfield, where George found employment at Harraton Colliery. He died late one night in the pit office, a fitting end for a much respected man who had dedicated his life to the welfare of those who worked and lived in the mining community. He is remembered in Wardley by Harvey Crescent which runs between Thorn and Cripps Avenue.

Clearance Orders were proposed for much of Wardley in 1936. First, Second, Third and Reservoir Street and Sunderland Terrace, the odd numbers of Waggonway Street (Smokey Row) as well as the ten white cottages at the White Mare Pool were sheduled for demolition and most were gone by 1939. The majority of the residents were rehoused close by on new council estates.

At the beginning of World War Two Wardley and Follonsby Colleries were reopened by the Washington Coal Company, although old Wardley pit's new lease of life must have been short lived as it is recorded as being opened again in 1947.

In 1956, the old Methodist Chapel closed and moved to Thorn Avenue and Waggonway Street, still with its dry ash middens, and Quality Terrace were demolished the following year. The Colliery Band, after having produced

many excellent performances under the conductorship of Tom Pickering and Newton Lisgo, was disbanded around 1961. After 81 years of educating the pit children, Wardley Colliery School taught its last class in 1968 and Wardley pit closed a year later, followed by Follonsby in 1974.

There are a few of Wardley's old building's which can still be seen. Wardley Hall (1874), now the British Legion Club, Woodbine House (1888), now converted into two flats and next to it is Lodge House (1939). Ellisons shop now stands as a pretty white house at the entrance to Wardley Lane.

Gordon Stridion 1996.

Talks 1. Interview with Bob Young, 52 High Lanes Bungalows, 2nd. August 95.

He was born in 1909 in Portland Street, Pelaw, but had lived in the White Mere Pool Cottages from a young boy.

"One of my teachers was Miss Cowen who taught me raffia (basket weaving). I used to catch a lift on the back of steam waggons going up Palmers Bank. One day Sgt. Mitchem was at the top of the bank and another at the bottom and we were caught, someone had been raiding the waggons as they slowly went up the bank and throwing the coal off and stealing it. Snowdens Cottage, which was opposite where the Black Bull stands now, was empty and completely destroyed when a tree fell on it. As a boy I remember going there with a man to chop the tree up for firewood. Bob (Bagnal) Bainbridge was a Banksman at the pit, his Mam had a fancy for Dr. Davies. She had a crimplin machine and always dressed smartly when he was there. Prouds Farm and the West Pastures were behind Follonsby Colliery. Some of the men in the Wardley Rovers Cycling Club were Billy Pringle, George Langstaff, Armstrong and Mr. Hunter who went to Australia and came back. My Uncle, Jack Harker, was Captain of the Club. Jimmy Nunn lived in Ivy Cottage at one time (other side of "The Pool") and next door was the blacksmiths shop and Jimmy would work the bellows when a lad. We lived at No.1 The Pool Cottages and my Uncle lived next door, Joe Raffle was at No.3, Mrs. Skimmings, Harry Hallidays (who was a poacher), Shorts and Byfields. Taylor Cowell was a Master Shifter. He would go in at night and tidy up everything ready for the next day shift. Wilkinson's probably had the fish shop before the Halliday's at the bottom of Waggonway Street. There was a Drydon in the Buffs, I was in it myself. We also raced pidgeons from Scott's House, opposite Lawsons Farm back to the Pool bridge. The pit surveyor painted a white line on the road for us. We used the Railway Hotel as our meeting place, some of the men were John Gage, Davy Ball, Matt Noble, Ralph Botcherby and Dick Coulson. Uncle Jack Harker sent to Bristol at one time for 3 pidgeons but one arrived dead. Mansie Noble was a special constable during the war and Herbert Ball was the pit cashier. About 1935/7 the pit manager came from Wallsend pit. Joe Elliot was manager when the pit closed in 1938, he was a Wardley man".

Interview Bob Young 20th. March 95.

"I started work at 14% years old at Follonsby pit on the screens, 8% hours a day, 48 hours a week for 14s. I was told Alfred Palmer came along on horse back one day and saw Uncle Bobby getting around using his hands (he had no legs and used to be taken to school in a "barra") and arranged for him to work in the lamp cabin at the pit, he was there 45 years. The Vardley womens football team raised  $\pounds22$  at one of their games for the 1935 strikers. My uncle, Dick Harker played for Harts Midlothian about 1907. During the Great War there was an army training ground up the Leam Road. When I was about 14 I remember three elephants coming up from South Shields and were kept overnight in a barn behind the Railway Hotel. They must have been on the way to a circus in Newcastle. At one time the Pool cottages came under Houghton-le-Spring. We had to go to Boldon if we were out of work or on strike and wanted relief. The area in front of the Pool used to be always full of "brakes". A lot of them came down from Peacocks stable at Wrekenton. There were 10 white cottages at the Pool, we were at No.1. All the horses knew where to come to when they got to the Pool, my Mam had a 3

gill bottle full of warm water and ginger for them when they were exhausted. The Fell used to belong to a man called Arthur Brundle. My brother Dick (he became manager of Carlisle United) and me learned to play football down at "Spuggies Bridge" near Fellgate Farm. I kept him going but I got kicked by a cow on Amos's farm in the knee when I was trying to milk it. I was never right after that. At the bottom of the street was a road that went to Liddle's farm, he turned out to be masty. Charlie Gillesbie had the farm beside the Black Bull and his brother Billy had the one beside Follonby pit. Jack Gillesbie had another one down Sunderland Road. Scotts House used to have a field full of tents during the war. When Uncle Dick came back from playing football in Scotland he looked a real gentleman. About that time six Wardley and Newcastle lads would not sign for Newcastle, even the trainer Peter McWilliams went away to Middlesbrough. The six lads went onto form Crystal Palace football Club. The last time I saw my Uncle Dick he was marching up the Leam Road from the pub to the army training grounds at the top. At Gingling Gate there were people called Wilkin and Chambers. I married a Wardley girl called Short. The family were good cricketers, especially Ted and Bill. When I was on the screens at the pit at 14s a week, the coal hewers wage was 6s 6%p a day but they never made more than 8s a shift. Wardley was called "Little Moscow" and in the miners hall were big pictures of Russian's, Lenin and so on. At one time there was hellon about it, some did'nt like it - too much Russian! At one time my Uncle Jack Harker was Chairman of the Lodge before Harvey and the others came in. The early football team was nick named the Wardley Bone Eaters, they were the Wardley Blue Star football team and Uncle Jack was the captain. Wardley had a crack cycling time and they all had Rover bikes and Uncle Jack was in that as well. He was Chairman of the Lodge when Wardley closed in 1911. He and the union lads were blacklisted and he had to move to Easington. At the back of Pump Row was an open stream from the golf field over the road. Old Edwards had a railway carriage in the allotments opposite Sunderland Terrace that he lived in. Me and Billy Short drew moe coal in a day than anyone else there. That record will still be kept at Milburn House down on the Quayside. There was a time when Follonsby cage was damaged and the men had to come from the Baumont seam up 15 flights of ladders and walk a mile through the old pit. Billy Denny was a blacksmith at the pit. He was painting near the shaft one day and had to throw himself backover to get out the way of a tub but he broke his skull. I was finished at the pit in 1938 when 1200 men and boys were told they were out of work. Some of the seams were only 19inches. If you were a fat bloke you had to get a change. It got that mow you had to bend your banjo's (shovels) to get them in. All the soldiers used to come frm Scotts House to Elijah Ashmans fish and chip shop behind Ellison's. Billy Brown who played for Middlesbrough for 18 years used to play football with me, he died up at Stanningth some time back.. He married a girl called Ena Patterson who lived at the top of Waggonway Street. There was somebody called Wilkinson at "The Pool" at one time and they had a fish shop in an old army hut near Amos's farm. Jack Smith used to play for Wardley. His mam and dad used to be fruiters down the High Street. When we lived in 14 Waggonway Street I used to go to Frances Brown's in First Street for piano lessons, she was only 14 but my teacher.. Her dad was an engine driverbut died of meningitis. Mrs Wells came to Wardley school when she was 12 and had a sister. We saw them coming through the school gates, her dad was the new school caretaker (He was caretaker for 30 years and retired in 1948):

#### THE NEW CONNECTION CHAPEL AND ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH

Methodism flourished among the 19th Century mining communities and Wardley was no exception with two Methodist denominations.

New Connection Methodists were in Wardley at it's inception in 1871. Thomas Hunter joined that year at 16 years of age when he lived at Wardley. The congregation grew as the streets of houses were build to accommodate the increasing population, as did it's need for chapel premises. By the late 1870's the pit manager and agent, Alfred Palmer, allowed 12 Second Street (then known as 12 Double Row West) to be used for this purpose. The Felling Gazette wrote on Nov. 26th 1880 that they "....have lately been holding revival services which have been conducted for three weeks by a young lady named Miss Saddle of Dunston, a singing evangelist. The attendance has been large and the room hetherto used as a place of worship has been entirely inadequate to the demand made upon it. A deputation was appointed to wait upon Mr. Alfred S. Palmer requesting him to give them permission to make use of the upper rooms as a gallery, as the place occupied is the property of the firm and they have kindly allowed the society to use it as a chapel. Mr. Palmer agreed". The houses were back to back premises and it can be assumed that the partition wall between the two rows of houses was knocked down and the enlarged downstairs room used to seat the congregation.

In August 1880, Mr. Nicholas Greener officiated as chairman of a meeting held in the preaching room to a very large and appreciative audience to "revive the old Good Templar Lodge, and so far the efforts made by the friends of temperance bid fair to become successful". A few days earlier, at an evening meeting, officers were appointed for the Wardley "City of Refuge" Independent Order of Good Templars and the following officers were elected: Joseph Hopper, Sister M. Watson, M. Fergusan, M. Greener, J. Morton, W. Watson, Sister A. Watson, L. Welch and John Grey.

During a successful tea and entertainment concert at the chapel in December 1880, a presentation of a "cork" leg was made to an unfortunate Mr. J. Errington who had lost a limb. He said it was a great improvement on the ordinary wood "peg" as he had already had the opportunity to wear it for a few day's and that it was proving a faithful friend and thanked the people of Wardley for it. He added that "If he was never able to give a munificient gift, he would always be ready to do all in his power to further any object for the welfare of the inhabitants of Wardley". On New Year's Eve a supper was held at the chapel with a watch service afterwards.

They also had regular outing and in July 1888 they had a day trip to Tynemouth, leaving Bill Quay boat landing at 10 am.

By 1891 the chapel no longer used 12 Second Street, it had reverted back to a family home and was occupied by Joseph and Isabella Atkinson and their six children. Probably not much later than this the new chapel premises was built near the Miners Welfare Hall. It became known as the "tin chapel" as much of it was made of corrugated sheets. The back end of it was mainly brickwork and, although it chapel and church day's had long since ended, the building lasted until about the late 1960's.

Born at Windy Nook in 1834, Robert H. Clayton worked and lived at Wardley Colliery and was a regular attender at the chapel. He had become widely known and respected as a bone-setter in the area. He left the pits in 1877/8 to take it up as a profession. He also "...help to establish a timber trade business of considerable dimensions and had erected a good many houses at Windy Nook and elsewhere for working class tenants. His new home was in Durham Road, near Low Fell". He regularly treat Wardley's aged and permanently disabled miners and their wives to outings. In August 1907, 85 people were invited to a treat and the tickets were distributed by Mr. Thomas Hunter and Mr. Thomas Griffiths. The chapel was later to be known as the "Robert Clayton Memorial Chapel" in his memory.

In 1907 three of the smaller Methodist groups, Bible Christians, United Methodist Free Churches and the New Connection, came together as the United Methodist Church. Wardley's congregation joined the United Methodists.

Thomas Hunter died in October 1912 aged 57 years. He was born at South Shields but moved to Wardley in 1871. He was for 29 years a deputy overman at the pit. His death caused a vacancy at the U.M. Chapel where he held the position on society steward, Supt. of the Sunday School, choir master and organist.

At the anniversary service held in June 1915 at the Clayton Memorial Methodist Chapel, Mr. Robert West conducted the singing, whilst Mrs. Moore and Miss Smailes accompanied at the harmonium. Solo's were also rendered by Miss Hilton, Miss Moore, Mrs. West and Miss Glendinning. On the 22nd July Edith Glendinning who lived in Second Street passed away after a brief illness and the U. M. Chapel "....lost a sincere and devout worker. Floral tributes were from the Sunday School and friends Mr. and Mrs. Noble and family, Wardley Cricket Club, Mrs. Foster and family and many others.

Before 1919, the chapel had closed and the building had become St. Aidan's Mission under the guardianship of St. Mary's Church at Heworth and it's minister the Rev. C.L.Gwilliams. He also set up "Mission's" at Bill Quay (St. Oswalds) and High Heworth (St. Cuthberts).

In 1922, the curate in charge of Wardley and Bill Quay was the Rev. A. Friend of 7 Dene Gardens, Bill Quay, and the Churchwardens were Mr. Guy (who was the Colliery manager) of Manor House, Mr. Ed. Stout, 14 the Square (which was also known as Pump Row) and Mr. Mordue of Follonsby. Other St. Aidan stalwards were Mr. Charlton of The Square, Mr. Batchelor, 2 Quality Terrace, Mrs. Bland, 26 First Street, Mrs. Plews, 64 Reservoir Street, Mr. and Mrs. Stout, 14 The Square, Miss Wise, 8 Follonsby Terrace, Mrs. Wallace, 45 Reservior Street, Mr. Potts, Laverick Hall Gardens, Mr. Nicholson, 32 Watermill Lane and Mr. Robert Wray Smith, D. C. M., 6 Quality Terrace. The church organist was Miss Ramshaw of 1 Richmond Terrace, Felling. Distributors of the church magazine were Mr. T. and Miss A. Barry, 37 Second Street and Mrs. Armstrong of 31 Waggonway Street.

Robert Wray Smith D.C.M. was born in Reservoir Street in 1876 and was a man of some distinction. His father, Thomas, had passed away when he was a young boy and was reputed to be the only man to fall 90 fathoms down the pit shaft into water and live to tell the tale. Few people in our district

appear to know that he was one of the founders of the Scout Movement. In 1916 Colonel R. S. Baden Powell wrote to Mr. Smith congratulating him on his military successes and thanking him for what he had done in the early day's of the Scout Movement, when he had formed a troup of boys with the title B. P. Guides. On another occasion he wrote "I am glad to think that when shut up in Mafeking, someone in England was thinking along the same lines as myself for the boy's of England". That "someone" was Robert Wray Smith. When 9 or 10 years of age he was raised in Canada by his Uncle of the same name, the Rev. Robert Wray Smith, a Wesleyan Methodist preacher. He trained for the Methodist ministry himself but did not continue that career and returned home in 1896. After a short time in Woodskinners shippard at Bill Quay he again in 1900 returned with a group of miners to the coal fields of Virginia, USA. He did not settle and came back to the ship yards. He had always wanted to be a doctor and began to study and practice First Aid. It's here he found his true vocation and he obtained all the certificates and distinctions St. Johns Ambulance Brigade could award him. When war was declared on July 4th. 1914 he volunteered his services and after 4 years had been promoted to company Sargeant-Major and was awarded medals for Distinguished Conduct in the Field and the Military Medal for conspicious gallantry and devotion to wounded men while under fire. After the war he found employment in charge of the First Aid post established at Follonsby pit and lived at 1 West Crescent where he erected a large flag pole in the garden and flew the Union Jack on special occasions. He also represented the Wardley people as a Progressive between 1931-33 on Durham County Council.

In St. Aidan's latter years, it's only use was for meeting rooms for the Boy Scouts organised by Bobby Tennent, Ronnie Luke and other Wardley boys and the Girl Guides with Mrs. Moreham from Bevan Gardens.

The building was demolished about the late 1960's.

#### THE PRIMITVE METHODIST CHAPEL

Primitive Methodism originated n Staffordshire in 1807/8 and spread rapidly, especially in Northern England among the poorer classes. In Wardley, services were performed before the building of the Chapel and Christmastide 1881 was observed by Wardley's Primitive Methodists with "a Saturday tea in the school room. Tables were presided over by Miss Lovely, Robson, Hoy's and Vasey. A Christmas sale raised £3 10s. There was also a midnight service "at which a very regrettable incident occurred. The congregation were startled by a smashing by one of the panes of glass and on Mr. Clayton, bone-setter, going to learn the causes, he was attacked by 2 unknown men who dealt with him rather severely. The ruffians got away".

An amiable relationship existed between the two Methodist denominations. On a Sunday afternoon in July 1882, teachers and children of the Primitive Methodist's and New Connection Sunday School's, numbering upward of 400, walked in procession through Wardley to Wardley Hall where they were entertained by Mrs. A. S. Palmer. They were conducted by Messers Mathew Short and A. Lamb.

A site for the new Primitive Mehodist Chapel was chosen near Wardley Infant School and the foundation stone was laid one Monday afternoon in April 1884. At 1.30 pm, the members, friends and singers assembled at the colliery office and marched singing through the principle streets. A large number of people had assembled when they arrived at the place where the Chapel was to be built. The meeting chairman was the Rev. J. Taylor of South Shields. In the absence of Mrs. A. S. Palmer, the laying of the foundation stone was performed by Miss Curry of Usworth. Corner stones were laid by Miss Robinson and Mr. S. H. Hedley of Wardley and Mr. Coverdale of Felling. At the close of the ceremony a tea was held in a spacious marque in the Board school yard at which a large number sat down. Tables were given by Messers Wraith, Soloman, Vasey, Robson, Short, Stephenson, Brown, Thompson, Greenwell, Askine and Edwards.

The opening service was held on a Saturday early in August 1884. It was a neat, well light building, accommodating 250 persons. In the evening a public meeting was held which raised £22 for the building fund.

Like other Chapels, regular outing's were arranged. In June 1888, a trip to South Shields took place, leaving Bill Quay boat landing at 9 am prompt.

During August and September 1907, Mr. Knott, the building contractor of Pelaw, did extensive alterations and renovations to the Chapel. Mrs. G. Harle of Wardley re-opened the building at the dedication service.

The Chapel at this time had a well attended "Married Peoples Choir". Some of its members were Mr. George Harle, Mrs. W. Winlow, Mrs. M. Brown, Mr. Thomas Davis and Mr. W. M. Winlow the conductor. The choir gave a service of song entitled "Old Davie" on Saturday, May 8th 1909 and afterwards had a "Faith Supper". The tables were attended by Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Short and Misses C. Baldry, M. A. Hardy, B. Barker and E. Stirling. The proceeds were in aid of Church funds. A cantata entitled "The Little old Lady who lived in a Shoe" was given in the Miners Hall on December 13th. Miss Elizabeth Ellison and Mrs. Charlotte Baldry were responsible for the production. Eliz. Ellison (Dame Durdan) sang "Someones Child" and Dora Bell "Give me a ticket to Heaven".

A "Woman's Own" was formed this year and at it's first anniversary on Saturday Nov. 25th 1910, an excellent tea was provided. In the afternoon solo's were given by Miss Baldry and Miss Robson and duets by Miss Shields and Mrs Burn, Mrs. Clough and Mrs. Davis and a reading by Mrs. Charlton.

At the meeting on August 28th, 1915, of the Juvenile District Council of the Independent Order of Rachabites held at Prince Concert Road Church, Gateshead,, the "Hope of Wardley" Juvenile tent won the Challenge Shield for the longest increase in 6 months, an increase of 128 members.

The Chapel organ was made by Nelson and Company of Durham and was originally operated by bellows. It commemorates Wardley's men who died in World War One. Affixed on a brass plaque is the inscription "To the Glory of God and in memory of the menof this Church and Village who fell and served in the Great War 1914-1918". Listed are the names of:

Frederick Knaggs

Thomas Brown

John Kennedy Thomas Lowe Thomas Laing Joseph McGrowther Robert Moore John Knee William Pace Ernest Priest John H. Ramsey James Richardson James B. Sheffer Thomas Sheffer Frederick Stanners James Stavers William Thompson Edward Thompson Thomas W. Wilson

Wilfred Boynes Luke Chapman John Carlow Robert Clough John Cowen William Dunnett John Dixon David Davidson George Plews George Dale Thomas Davidson John Etherington William Felton Frank Foster Joseph Foster Robert Foster Richard Harker John H. Houldsworth

Another two smaller plaques acknowledge the work of Mrs J. Burn for services rendered and William Davis for 40 years devoted service as organist and choirmaster, October 1943.

Considerable damage was caused by fire to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson who lived behind the Chapel at 6 Reservoir Street on May 3rd 1930. The Chapel members decided to make a house to house collection in the village to help sustain the loss which raised £16 10s 0%d. Felling Male Voice Choir also gave a concert which brought the total to £20 13s 9%d for which the family expressed sincere thanks to all those who assisted in their distress.

In 7 weeks St. Oswalds Mission Hall, close to Davidson's Farm and adjoining Bill Quay school, was pulled down and built up again next to the Methodist Chapel at Wardley. All the work was voluntary. Deputies, waggonway men, shifters, hewers, putters, bricklayers, clerks, winding engineers, shipyard painters, night watchmen and retired men undertook the task. It was opened on October 15th 1932 and would comfortably seat 250 people. In the evening, musical items were given by the choir under the conductorship of Mr. William Davis and by the Wardley Male Voice Choir under the conductorship of W.F.Foster. The new Church Hall was bigger than the Chapel and was to be used as a Sunday School, for tea's, socials etc.

Some of the more active Chapel members immediately put the Hall to use. Tangles, an operetta, was performed there for 5 nights on Nov. 7-11th. The players were Mr. J. Wilkinson (King of Lollipopland), Mr. E. Barker (Prince Faithful), Miss Doris Brown (Princess Pansy), Miss N. Houldsworth (Dame Mouldy), Mr. G. Preston (Lord Humbug), other players were H. Taylor, J. Burn, F. Wilkinson, T. Michael, Miss M. Bell, Mr. G. Preston, Mr. J. Michael, and Mrs. F. Burn. There were well attended concerts performed, another was a production the following November 7th of the opera "Les Cloche de Corneville" (the Church of Corneville). Principle performers were Miss Doris Slowther, Tom Michael, Miss D. Brown and Harry Taylor.

One of the worlds biggest parishes in 1935 was Alice Springs in Australia. It's Methodist Minister was the Rev. Henry Griffiths who was formally a fireman at Wardley Colliery. Another great loss for the Chapel was the passing of Miss Jenny Barker after a brief illness in December 1937. Held in high regard, the service was filled to its utmost capacity.

The Chapel held it's 64th "Birthday Party" and social evening on April 10th 1948. At the concert, the choir rendered solo and choral items and then the youth club lads started with a couple of sketches on the theme of "Have a Go". The youth club performance came to an end with a marvellous performance display of ballet dancing by the Wardley "Corps de Ballett"! Over £28 was raised for Chapel funds.

By February 1950 the Wardley Chapel was looking for an alternative site. The Felling Clerk submitted a communication to the town council from the Rev. Albert Wilson and the Secretary of the Trustee's stating that they were "anxious to secure a site for the erection of a new Church premises within the present Wardley housing area or adjacent thereto so that Methodism might continue to serve the people of Wardley. The Church premises were now so remote from the people.....from a casual survey of the area it appeared that there was a vacant space near the bungalows (at Thorn Avenue) which might be possibly and usefully used".

The application was successful and the new Church held it's stone laying day on the 7th April 1956. Stones were laid by James Hapwood (York), David Stubbs (Jarrow) and Wardley's Edward Short. Hymns were sung and Lord Lawson of Beamish presided at the ceremony. The last service at the old Chapel was held on Sunday 2nd September, the Morning Service was conducted by Mr. J. White and the Evening Service by Mr. J. F. Fairless. Among the congregation were Ted Short and his son Emmerson, Jim Clark, Maggie Baldry, Grace and Billy Trotter. The new Chapel was opened on September 8th, 1956 by the Rev. J. W. Soulsby.

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It is possible - and on several accounts desirable - to get to Wardley without troubling the N.E. Railway, but if the rail route be adopted it will be necessary to observe extraordinary caution in passing from the Pelaw Station, to the colliery village. Expresses to and from Sunderland, Shields, and York, mineral or other trains to and from everywhere - not to mention occasional engines scampering up and down the several lines, apparently in training for a running match, cross and re-cross the pathway to the village at all hours of the day. Once over the network of iron, however, the road is tolerably good for pedestrians, and easy to find - for the good reason that there is no other thereabouts. Travellers by any of the lines mentioned would never guess that a great and populous village was so close to them, because the lines run in cuttings hereabouts. A walk of a few minutes reveals an extensive collection of pit rows of no very attractive exterior, and a huge double-shafted, double-engined, double-boilered and double-chimnied pit heap.

Proceeding in the first place to the massive buildings of the colliery itself, we a struck with the evidence of recent extension, still in complete. Little more than a dozen years ago, when the pit was the property of Mr George Elliot, only the Bensham seam was worked, but since the pit passed into the hands of Messrs. John Bowes and Partners, the Hutton seam has been opened out, at a depth of two hundred and seventy-five fathoms. The excellence of the coal obtained for gas-making purposes has won for it a ready market and an incessant demand. The inexperienced stranger would hardly imagine this from a superficial glance at the tremendous hill of shining black diamonds projecting from the shaft of the Hutton seam. But closer inspection would show him that this brilliant mineral is not coal, but jet. Perhaps very little if any of it can be regarded as up to the Whitby standard, though some pieces presented a fracture as smooth and radiant as glass. It is fuel, and in these days of fuel-famine this rubbish sells at three half-crowns for a small cart. It burns, to be sure, but it leaves cinders as big as itself, and twice as hard. Of the really good coal, there is little enough to be seen, except while in transit from cage to waggon. If we might hazard a criticism, founded upon a comparison with other establishments belonging to the same distinguished firm, we should say that the platform on to which the coals are delivered on reaching bank is neither so large as it ought to be, nor so well arranged as it might be. But, alas, we have learned by humbling experience that there is some very sufficient, if not very obvious, justification for what strike us as faults in colliery management. Possibly this humbling experience may follow up when we come to the dwellings provided for the six hundred and thirty two people employed on this great pit.

The old main line of the North-Eastern Railway divides the village into two parts. Two bridges furnish communication between them; one purposely and exclusively - the other with a view to the accommodation of persons proceeding from the further village to the railway station, in the division nearest to the pit are to be found the nearest buildings- indeed, at least one long row is still incomplete. The row running parallel with the railway and facing it is apparently made up of substantial houses, but being build of unselected stone and roughly finished in the matter of plaster, it has a sordid appearance which would pass well enough for old age and decay. There is no spouting along the front, and this serious lack allows the rain, charged with abominable fumes from the Felling, to work its own not very sweet will on the outer coating of the fabric. It is not the venerable and poetic moss of pure dampness, but a base fungus of an over the face of the comparatively new building. Inquiring for the garden plots, so usual in country colliery groups, our attention was directed to the fine, far- stretching swamp between this row and the railway. This spacious area bears manifold traces of some

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disastrous bomb-sight explosion, or some natural convulsion in bygone ages. Partially fossilised cats, macerated dogs, cabbage stalks (both headless and heartless), bricks, stones, little puddles of mortar, and big eyesore ones filled with stagnant water, taken together, do not present a spectacle on which either peer or pitman could gaze with unmingled satisfaction and delight. Still the houses themselves are of a good sort, and having all necessary conveniences within a yard wall, and the yard being a fair size, it makes a visitor wonder much why proprietors capable of entertaining such large hearted designs for the comfort of their workpeople should be so remiss in carrying out those designs to a decent conclusion. Perhaps when they have finished the houses in course of erection they will give orders for the cleaning away of the unsightly rubbish which now disfigures their property, and devote also some much needed attention to one or two matters not generally in these days set down as secondary. For example, the lonnen between the two rows running parallel with the railway is so ruffed and lumbered that a passage for carts or for the "poor feet" of ordinary mortals is by no means so smoothed or so agreeable as it might be. In fact, these rows stand on ground which is so imperfectly drained that it would be pretty near the mark to describe it as undrained. Many of the houses are exceedingly damp, and even those concerning with no special complaint is heard look mouldy. But faulty as this part of the village undoubtedly is, we regret to say that it is a modified Paradise compared with the other half over the railway. As we pass along to this "dismal swamp" we notice a short row as neat and clean as school children on Easter Sunday. True, even this nice row-close to the pit an running east and west-has no garden ground, as it easily might have; but the houses look and are so good that we could only suppose that they were intended to be by and by. If such is the fact - if this analyty No little model row is indeed the standard the rest are to work up to, there is a precious lot of lea-way to make up, and it is high time South Wardley made a start in this direction.

Soon after crossing the railway we find that we have to slide down a squashy bank to get to the level of the houses. Here are many pools of exceedingly doubtful contents; and of this be so at a period unexampled drought, we can readily believe that for a considerable distance those who have occasion to pass from the colliery to the house must often have to wade through two feet of water, and if the water were clean it would not so much matter, but this in the nature of twigs is impossible. Looking southwards along a side of the land which skirts the back of a cross-row, we observe a highly objectionable ditch. It is strange to say a positive boon to the people living in this row, they have neither back windows, back doors, nor a through ventilation of any kind. But the families living in the long rows-more than a hundred of them-are not so fortunate. They have an aggregation of troubles. Each house has its privy or rather each couple of houses has a pair of privies, with an ashpit for every for houses; but these are arranged midway between the two rows, and do not constitute a very edifying or refreshing substitute for gardens. Nor are as easily approached as such places ought to be, if cleanly and decent habits are to be fostered. Right athwart the approach runs an open saver inches wide, full of reeking filth, of the consistency of thick gruel or thin porridge. There is a theoretic outfall for this abomination at its eastern extremity, but practically there is seldom any outlet for the water, and its for the filthy sediment, it may be supposed that when a good rain fall happens it spreads all over the neighbourhood in readiness for such fermentation as bright sunshine can effect. Here again the dwellings are good, with only the serious drawback with having no back door, and no through ventilation. Until the sewer is rectified, however, it is perhaps a mercy that the putrid vapours cannot well get a free passage into every cranny of the dwellings on each side of it. Getting out of this long lane at its western termination, we bend our steps a short distance southward, as if intending to visit the White Mere Pool- an ancient village to white the Wardley ites are under the necessity of resorting when pressed

with a need of desire for immediate alcoholics refreshments, there being no institution for the dispensing of such refreshments in the colliery village proper. This is an excellent thing-at least it would be so if there were any water fit for drinking obtainable in the village. We are now going to visit the sole source of supply for the whole South of Wardley. It stands in the centre of a very spacious triangle bounded by Smoky Rows, -one of the two rows just alluded to, and two others of unequal lengths, one of which abuts on the high road to Sunderland.

This great unused area is a veritable waste, howling wilderness, of ever there was one. It is not much more lively, by reason of two of the rows having their backs turned upon it; nor is it made more pleasant or more healthy by the third row having its middens and pig styes scattered up and down. In the centre - in a gentle hollow, to admit of a thorough drainage of the pig- crays and midden- steads into it stands the village Well. It is big enough for a pit shaft; and it is said to be deep enough for anything in the mining way, except the Hutton seam. Across it are laid four big balks of wood, and on this scaffolding rests the pumping machinery. at which we observed a tiny maiden working painfully and with small results. The well is by no means covered in. There is on one side a great gap through which a small baby could scramble down to destruction, and bigger babies occasionally use it for the purpose that may be more easily imagined than described, using it, of cause, under an erroneous impression as to the objects of it existence. All things considered, it is absurd to complain- as some of the discontented ones did to us in no measured terms- that the water is dirty, yellow and full of sediment, and generally revolting. It would be a miracle if it were otherwise, but it will be a still greater miracle if something be not done, and that right speedily, to supply the pining children and sickly-looking parents of the village with water fit to drink and air fit to breathe . Some excuse may be allowed on the ground of the immense development that has manifestly taken place, but all this development ought to be regarded as a pledge that as soon as possible the place to which such large numbers of people have been brought to work shall be made as healthy and agreeable as the situation of ground admits

At present, if any drinkable water is obtained, it is by sending here and there to the mouths of field drains; but water that has percolated through well manured soil is by no means sure of being free from ammonia. We observed a magnificent range of building on the rising ground, and thought it might be a fever hospital, or a small workhouse, or a sumptuous lunatic asylum, but on being told that it was intended as the new residence of the manager, we were greatly comforted, for we felt sure that this was the beginning of better days for Wardley. Masters first, of course, that's all fair enough, but the men come next.

There was a drill-shed near the pit and when we have mentioned this shed, we have exhausted the catalogue of the public institutions of Wardley. It is a eminently useful institution. It serves as a day-school - though it is eminently unsuitable for the purpose. It serves as a lecture and entertainment hall on week nights: and on Sundays it serves the turn of two or three sorts of Methodists. The bulk of the people are supposed to go to Heworth Church, a mile away; but it is doubtful whether many of them go more than three times in their lives, to be christened, to be married, and to be buried.

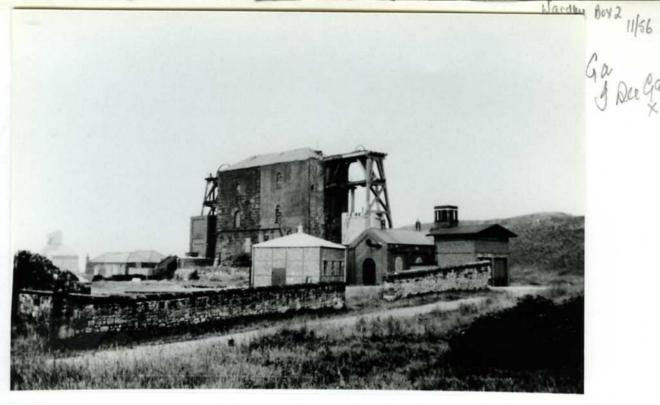
Since the above was in type our attention has been called to a report presented to the Heworth Local Board by its medical officer, Dr. Cresswell on the state of matters at Wardley. This document confirms every statement we have made in our account. The language of the faithful and outspoken doctor is stronger than any we have ventured to use. It appears that the Local Board have been addressed on the subject at least once before, but as one of them put it, "not wishing to carry matters with a high hand," the

Board have done next to nothing. Now they have written to the owners peremptorily ordering them to put the place into a sanitary state, within twenty eight days. If this be not done, the local authorities must, without further delay, put the village right and charge the owners with the expense.

J.Bowes collection cottage 3/1874
See also Heworth Local Board 3/1874
Gateshead Observer page 406 3/8/1872
Heworth Ratepayers Association
also 1/6/1878 Heworth Shore meeting, page 203

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WARDLEY COLLIERY. C. 1950'S. (NO 1. PIT)



WARDLEY BRIDGE AND QUALITY TERRACE (BEPUTIES'ROW). WARDLEY BRIDGE WAS OFTEN CALLED THE 'POLICE BRIDGE', AS THE VILLAGE POLICEMAN LIVED IN NO 1. QUALITY TOE. G. STRIDIRON.



ELLISON'S SHOP. WARDLEY. G. STRIDIRON.



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ELLISON'S SHOP ON RIGHT.

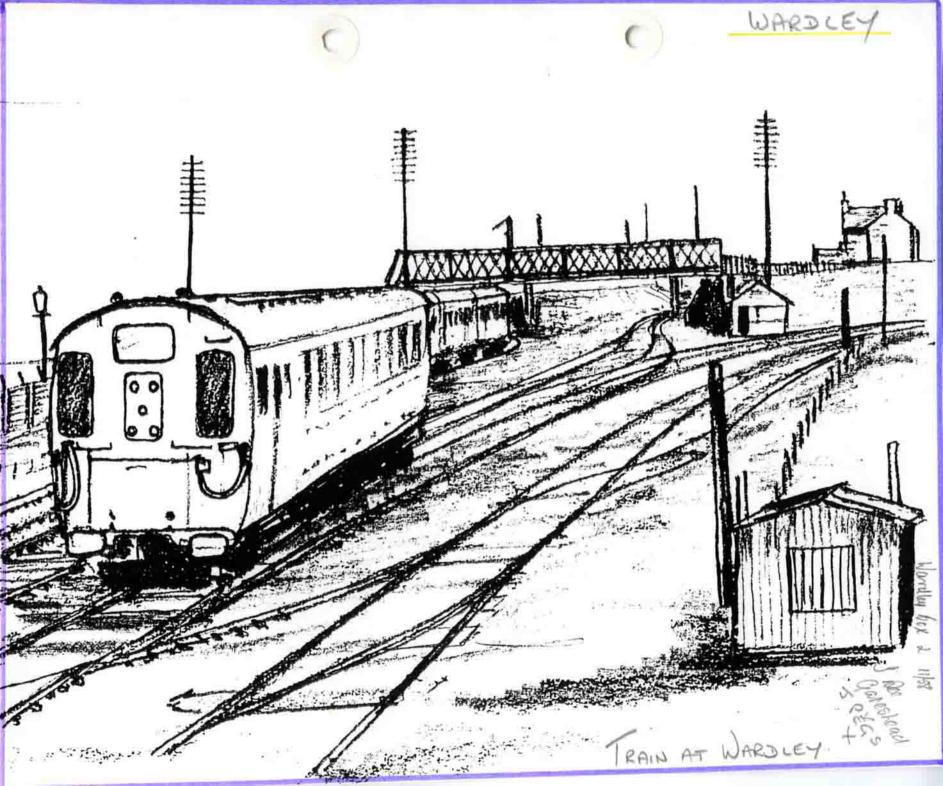
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HIS WIDOW CARRIED ON THE BUSINESS FOR HANY HORE YEARS AND BROUGHT UP THEIRDAUGHTER (WELLIE) WHO BECAME A FELLING TEACHER AND WIFE OF JACK SHITH HEAD TEACHER AT BILL QUAY SCHOOL AND A FELLING U.D. COUNCILLOR.

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MRS ELLISONS NAME SUSANNAH WAS ABOVE THE ENTRANCE TO FOR MANY YEARS. THE FAMILY MOVED TO HEWORTH ABOUT \$ 1954. HRS NELLIE SMITH DIED IN 1995 AT HER HOME \$ 17 SUNDERLAND ROAD VILLAS.

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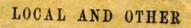
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## SONGS, RECITATIONS,

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Local Tale, &c.

## WILLIAM DUNBAR,

WARDLEY COLLIERY,

WHO DIED FEBRUARY 23, 1874, AGED 21 YEARS.



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4 th. Feb. 1992.

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Les v I much you every encess in your research in our area.

Jours sweely, Kelene Staward

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THE WARDLEY BAND" BY WM. DUNBAR OF WARDLEY.

(WRITTEN TO BE SUNG AT A GONCERT IN AID OF WARDLEY COLLIERY BAND

JANUARY. 1874).

An Syun began a-dreamin!

(ha thorot, as plain as broad day-leet

fall things just then wore seemin!

An dreamt about such funny things;

Wey man, ha dreamt that ha had wrings.

As thorot that ha and easily flee

te fortin countries ower the sea.

Noo such a thing quite strange may seem,

But what de ye think? Ha had a dream

about the Wardley Band, man.

An dreamt that Aa was wakened up
one morn, wi' such a clatter!
An' then I popped the window up
Te see what was the matter.
The bairns wor runnin' here and there.
They haddent time to comb that hair.
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They ran at such an aawful rate
Bigguns o' little uns waddent wait.
Says Aa, "what's up? what's this about?"
A wife who spied me give a shoot—
"Howay! An' see the Band, man!"

Wi'hurry then, Aa dressed mesel;
At least, Aa put me claes on!
Me "blacks" were popped, the truth to tell,
An' so, I put me "greys" on.
Wi'spirits anythin' but dull,
Aa tramped away towards "the P'yul. (the Pool)
Ye see, Aa pitched upon that spot,
As bein' the likhest o' the lot.
An, just as Aa did thus surmise,
Without a doot, afore me eyes,
There stud, the Wardley Band, man.

They played 'The Keel Row' an' sum main,
An' then they formed a square man.
An' then they struck up some grand air,
An' marched away from there, man.
But not afore they got a cheer!

Wardley box 2 11/63

An not afore they had some beer! But still, they wornit drunk, ye knaa. They, wvory one and give a blaa!

An' though I got among the crood,

An' got reet squeezed, Ha still felt prood,

Te hear the wardley Band, man.

Ha though the roads was ankle deep In nasty slush and clarts, man. But still, the music made us keep well up wor bits o' harts, man. his of dat demolition An thour the crowd that the theu saw, Stretched from the Pit to Smokey Raw, An' rivory tune the band did play. The folks all shooted, "Hip - Hooray." An' when they played at Palmer's hoose, Ha thout the Gov'her'd cooked their goose When he hold the Wardley Band, man.

papped the wounder Ha'm sure that Mr. Clemitson had dun his very best man, Te make the Band a forst Class one, (forst-Class) Aye, one to stand the test, man. Ha thout they played as clivvor te, Is onny other band and de; But, dash me buttons, sunthin queer, At once knocked all things out o'gear, And just as things all wrang did seem, Aa watered up and stopped me dream, Aboot the Wardley Band, man.

Noo, Aa'm ganna tell ye sumthin queer, So gwe me yor attenshun. Its queer, tho' its the truth, I'll swear what Aa'm noo gan to mention. \* This nut, ye varry syun will crack. If ye gan doon the wardley Pit, Inte the Maudlin Seam a bit, An' if you look hard at the Seam, Then just as Ha did in me dream, ye'll see the Wardley Band, man

\* The last reference to the Wardley Band - last line - is the "next to crack". He means there a band or layer of stone among the Coal seams.

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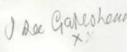
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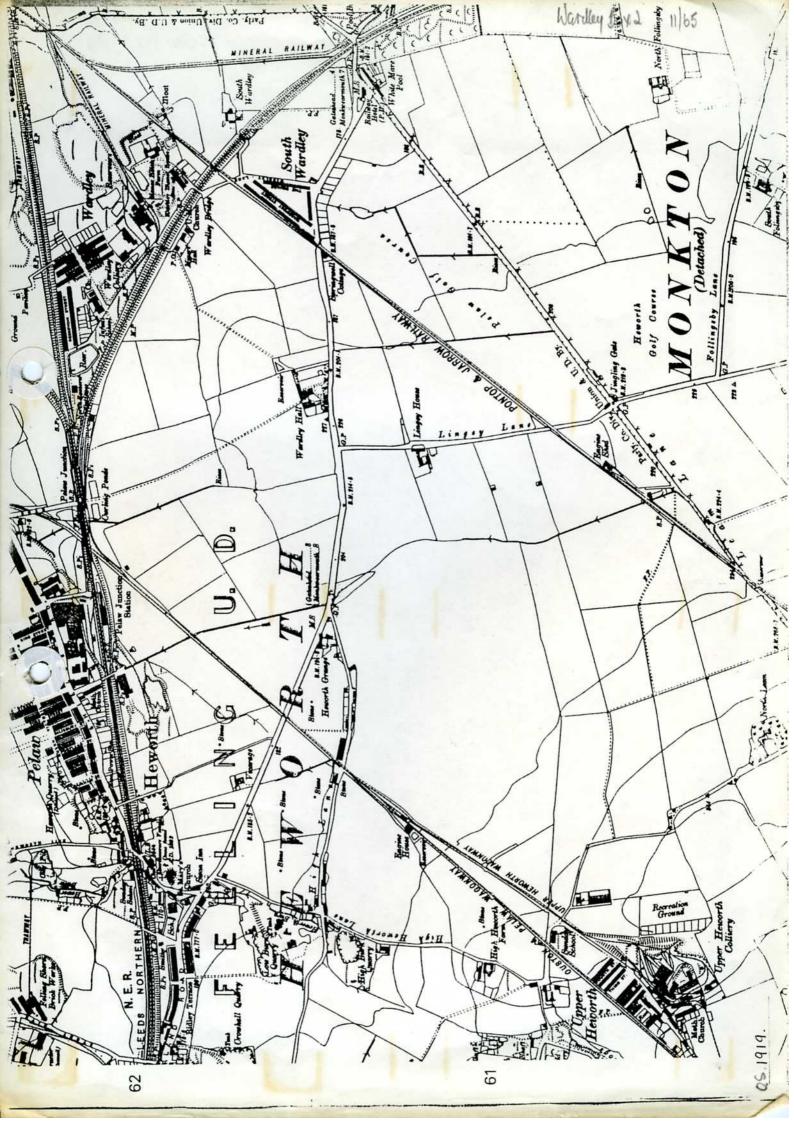




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WARDLEY COLLIERY SCHOOL. A CLASS ABOUT 1910. INFANTS OPENED 1878. JUNIORS OPENED 1893. MORE GIRLS THAN BOYS! PHOTO. K. HEWITT (ACOPY)

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CLASSY KIDS: These bright young kids are members of a class of Wardley Colliery Council School, Felling, in 1928



GEORGE AMOS AND HIS SON FOHN WITH A CART CSOUTH WARDLEY FARM) AND YOUNG PARTICIPANTS IN A MAY DAY CARNIVAL, READY TO SET OFF FROM WHITE HARE POOL 1920'S?

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VERY LEFT-WING SOCIALIST ATTITUDES.

WARDLEY IN WAR-TIME.



SALLY YOUNG LEADING A CART LOAD OF HAY.
PROBABLY ON WARDLEY SOUTH FARM.

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No.10 with train of empties from Jarrow passing Sunderland Road level crossing, (collection L.G. Charlton)
Wardley, on 22nd April 1939

THE PONTOP-JARROW MINERAL RAILWAY. NOTE END OF WEST CRESCENT, LEFT, AND WAGGONWAY STREET, RIGHT.

### (g) radio - telephone

With the increasing amount of traffic being handled on the section between Springwell Bank Foot and Jarrow the N.C.B. decided in 1957 to equip all locomotives working from Springwell Bank Foot shed with radio-telephone apparatus. This enabled more flexibility in locomotive working and meant that locomotives could be made available quickly if, for instance, wagons loaded with a certain type of coal and stored in the marshalling yard at Wardley were needed urgently at Jarrow. As a result Pye apparatus was fitted to the engines, the receivers being placed in the cab and the hattery and aerial being fixed to the front of the engine on the off-side. Operations were controlled from the weigh cabin between Wardley and Monkton. The apparatus proved very useful, but needed constant maintenance, until on some engines it failed to function. But with the arrival of the final batch of diesels in 1965 plans were put in hand to re-equip all the Springwell engines with new apparatus.

A similar scheme was not considered necessary for the locomotives at Marley Hill as the traffic movements were less complex and locomotive working was not required to be so flexible.

### (h) locomotive working

In concluding this chapter, perhaps a few notes on locomotive working on the Railway during 1965 might be useful. At the western end four locomotives were out during the week. Of these Area No.28 was the regular locomotive on the run between Burnopfield Colliery and the large marshalling yard south of Marley Hill Colliery which was opened in 1963. The second of the shed's "Austerities", No.85, worked the section between the yard and the top of the Birkheads incline, and also carried out shunting at Blackburn Fell Drift and at the Birkheads Wagon Painting Shop, the latter only necessary about once a week. One of the four-coupled engines shunted Burnopfield Colliery, while at the marshalling yard and at Marley Hill Colliery either No.22 or No.23 (or the other four-coupled engine) was used. The locomotive roster for a typical week in December 1965 may be seen in Appendix C.

The more complicated working from Springwell Bank Foot may best be described by an account of an actual journey which can be regarded as typical. On 3rd December 1965 the author joined Sentinel diesel No.10h at Springwell Bank Foot. At 11.10am we set off with a load of 36 full wagons, of which the first six were carrying coal from Burnopfield Colliery destined for Jarrow and the remainder contained gas blend coal from Kibblesworth for treatment at Monkton Washery. The line rises very slightly after leaving the Bank Foot, but once the last wagon had passed over the Jingling Gate level crossing we stepped in order that the brakes on the first wix wagons might be pinned down, as the gradient falls all the way from here to Jarrow. This job done, we continued on past the old Wardley landsale depot and over the Sunderland Road crossing until we reached the south end of the Wardley marshalling yard, where we stepped to detach the last thirty wagons. These were taken into the charge of the

wagon shunters at this end of the yard to be sorted by gravity into the various sidings. Meanwhile we went on to the water tower at the end of the Follousby brauch, where we stopped while the driver telephoned from the room in the base to the Wardley control room for instructions. (No.104 was one of the locomotices on which the radio-telephone was out of action.) The result of this conversation was that we were held while No.500 came out of the Follousby branch destined for Jarrow with 31 full wagons. When No. 500 had gone we went into the Follonsby sidings ourselves and attached our six to 28 more wagons. This done we too set out for Jarrow, passing No.503 shunting at the south end of Monkton Coke Ovens and No. 504 parked at the north end. On arriving at the end of Monkton Siding, however, we found the signal against us, as No.300 was to be allowed to come up from Jarrow before we were to go down. Time was now the crucial factor. It was 11.50am, and at 12 noon the gates at the Albert Road crossing are closed to the Railway for fifteen minutes to allow the dinner-time rush hour road traffic to travel over unimpeded; longer periods are in force for the rush hours in the morning and evening. Here we were unlucky, as No. 500 did not get away from Jarrow until after 12 noon. While we waited we looked at the old Monkton shaft, the top of which can still be seen a little to the west of the Railway at this point; it was sunk about 1923, but during the sinking a vast amount of water was encountered and so the shaft was abandoned.

At last No. 700 appeared, and with her out of the way we were able to continue. On passing the old slag heap, now being quarried as hard core for new roads, we looked back down the train to see an all too familiar sight — a child from a house nearby banging on the last wagon. Trespassing on the Railway has become worse since these particular houses were built, and some people have been taken to Court. At last we approached Albert Road crossing, with the former larrow landsale depot just to the south of it. Once the last wagon

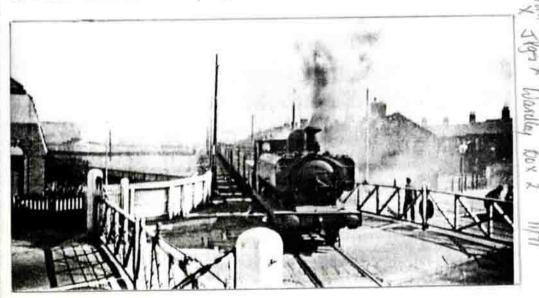
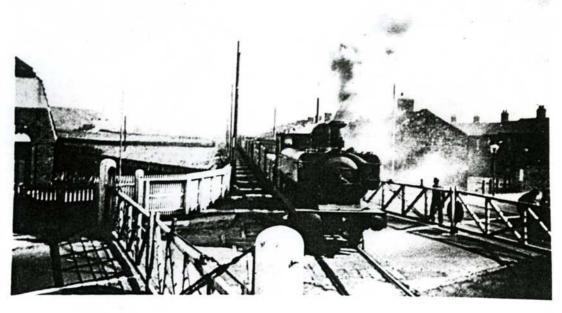


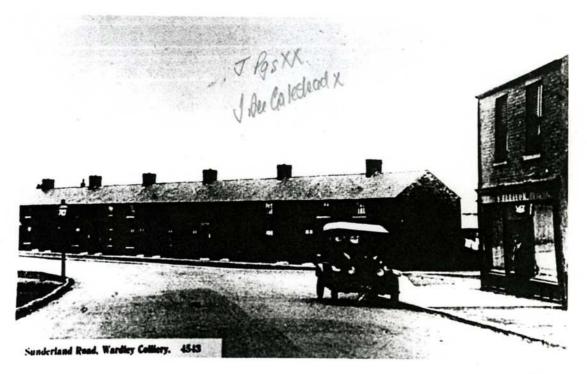
Fig. 78 - No.10 NHL 16628/1905 passing over Wardley Crossing with a load of empties from Jarrow, July 1939.

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No.10 with train of empties from Jarrow passing Sunderland Road level crossing, Wardley, on 22nd April 1939 (collection L.G. Charlton)

Wardley crossing at Sunderland Road on 22<sup>nd</sup> 1938 April just prior to the demolition of the odd numbers of Waggonway Street near the line. Bob Anderson, the gatekeeper, can be seen at work. The home of Robert Wray Smith, No. 1 West Crescent, who was the Scout Master, first aid man and councillor, can be seen with a flag pole in the garden.



Jimmy Ellison is standing at the entrance of his shop which was built in 1911. The Ford "Model T" motor car was driven by his wife Susannah. At the gable end of Sunderland Terrace lived Elijah Ashman whose fish and chip shop was behind Ellison's. When a boy, Mr. Ellison lost an arm on the Pelaw Main waggonway and died in an explosion in his garage in 1926.

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THE VISTA THAT OPEN"

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nd wages weren't too

Sewood Thing Street.

A SQUARE or blackened soil with a few trickles of water here and there. A chapel in one corner. Two or three streets—named First, Second, Third Street—running aimlessly off in different directions. Some washing on a line doing its utmost to get dry without getting filthy again. This is a mining village.

Walk along the broken, muddy roads. As they get worse and you cross the railway line, jumping for the dry bits in between the puddles, you look out over a few muddy fields—or what will be fields when summer comes again. That is the countryside.

Back in the village you go into the houses. Most of them were built about sixty years ago. Many of them have no running water and no bathrooms. There are lavatories, of a sort, out in the yard. The men, if they were working, would be working in the pit. At present anything up to 70 per cent. of them are unemployed.

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THE WEEKLY PROBLEM-HOW TO MAKE ENDS THE

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#### GETTING HIS LAMP

At the age of fourteen the boy starts work. His pay for an 8t-hour day works out at about 12s. a week.

## PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN

There's not much room in the home where Mother's busy working—the street is their park and playing-field.

of fifteen are paid about 2s. 3d. a shift. Itess deductions, their wages work out at about 12s. a week, increasing a few pence a day until they reach the age of twenty-one and are entitled to full pay. In this country, though the school-leaving age will shortly be raised to fifteen, thousands of boys of fourteen and fifteen at present work underground. This is not the case in a great many foreign countries. In France, Russia, Turkey, Greece, Peru, Poland, Bulgaria, Chile, Cuba, Esthonia,

Finland, Rumania and many states in the

U.S., no boy of less than eighteen may be sent below ground. In another large group of countries, which includes Germany, Italy, Japan and one or two countries, usually regarded as backward in social legislation the age limit is sixteen.

The pictures on these pages were taken by a special Weekly Illustrated cameraman living for several days in one of the mining areas of County Durham. They have a particular topical interest in view of the efforts now being made to secure an improvement in wages for the miners.



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Learner.

Mancy Williams

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

All the children go to Sunday school. Sunday school is imost the only activity carried on on Sunday afternoons, when recreation grounds, institutes and so on are all closed.

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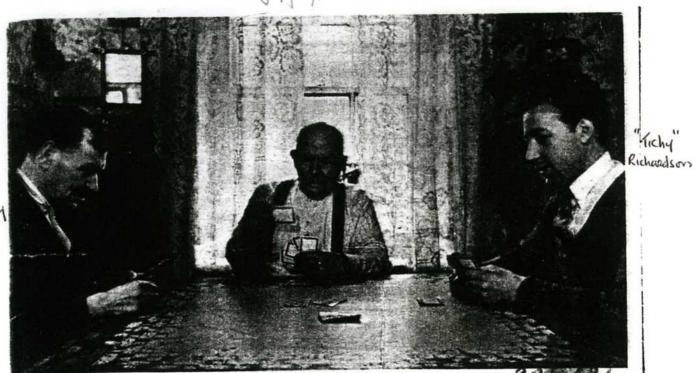


THEIR DANCE HALL

Dancing is very popular with the younger men and girls. Admittance is 3d. for girls or men. The profits are given to a Distress Fund.

Dauce in Wampled Minero Welfore HALL (Ulstains)

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"JOHNLEY FORTIE" Richardson

THREE GENERATIONS AT WHIST

Whise is still a favourite game, and whist drives common. The older man at the read of the table did 64 years in the pit—from the age of 8 to 72. He is now 83. Playing with him are his son and grandson.

THE RICHARDSON FAMILY UPSTAIRS in the Wandley Miners Welfore HALL JRGS All 10 NCar.

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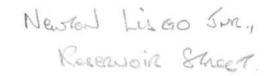
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in the old days a miner was hardly complete without his whippet. Now there are few of them to be seen.

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#### WATCHING UNDER COVER

It was a cold day and they were glad of any shelter. The field was a stretch of soaking wet soil. Welfare schemes supported by most of the collieries have made it possible for many teams to acquire grounds of their own.

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## SPRINGOUTING

this picture of the Wardley Colliery Methodist Church Choir was taken in a trip to Scarborough in May 1937. It was sent in by Ida Temple, of Eastfields, Stanley, Co Durham. Send your old photos to Opinions now.

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#### FRIDAY NIGHT

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Beside The School in 1939.
Moved to "Locodome Movoe" in 1939.



VILLAGE CRIER

No bell, bus a rattle-with it he rouses the people when there is any special news-which isn't often.

TOMMY CHISHOLM

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"... THE OLD VILLAGE CHOIR"

Singing in the chapel—and they can sing, too. All forms of communal activity are very highly developed in mining villages. Working together has taught them how to amuse themselves together.

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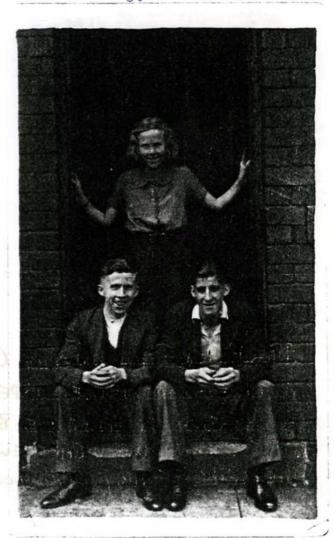
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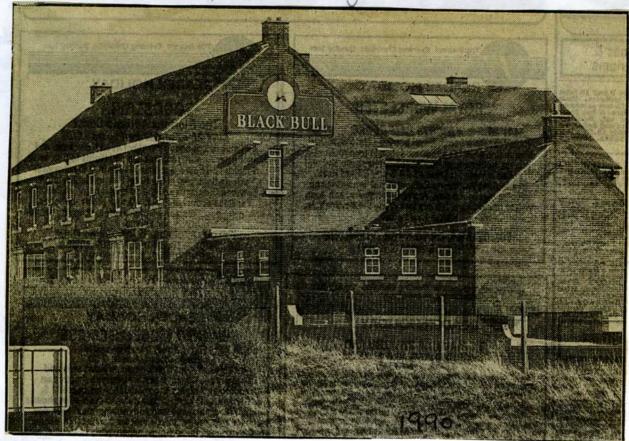
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THOUSANDS of Tyneside commuters regularly pass the Black Bull at Wardley, which stands in an imposing position high above the Felling by-pass, but how many of them have ever actually called in to see what it offers?

Well, the Black Bull may have to look to its laurels, because on closer inspection a lot of things need looking at.

It is a big pub in every sense of the word. There are two enormous rooms on the ground floor, a bar and a lounge, with a first floor restaurant.

The menu included good old favourites such as steak and kidney pie (£2.25), toad in the hole (£1.95)

liver and onions (£1.75) and mince and onions at £1.75.

The steak and kidney pie, served with chips and carrots or peas, was a man-size plateful, but the beef curry was one of the blandest I have ever tasted – definitely in need of an extra shake or two of curry powder.

The bar staff, even though one of them tried to drown me with orange juice – an accident for which she apologised most profusely – were excellent, and went out of their way to make everyone welcome.

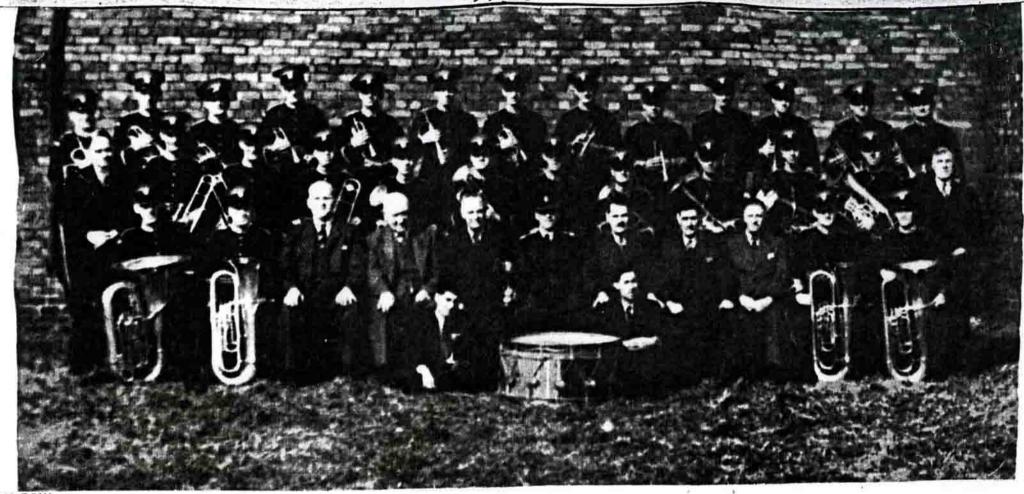
And similar can also be said for the meals staff, whose friendly approach made ordering a meal a pleasure.

The Black Bull obviously caters for a large number of local people from neighbouring estates, including Leam Lane and Wardley Park, and offers Newcastle Scotch at 96p a pint, Exhibition at 98p and lager over £1.

THE BLACK BULL ON THE CORNER OF LINGEY LANE
A TYPICAL ROAD HOUSE TYPE OF PUB. IT WAS A
RE-LOCATION BY NEWCASTLE BREWERIES OF AN OLD INN
ON THE LOW LANE NEAR HEWORTH SHORE, OF WHICH
THE LENDOX FAMILY WERE LONG LANDLORDS.

## WARDLEY COLLIERY SILVER BAND

1950



BACK ROW-

A. CULLEN: E. LANGSTON: N. LISGO: M. FENWICK: S. ROBSON: W. MARTINDALE: T. LISGO: G. GAGE, G. REID: H. WHITTLE: T. STEARMAN: H. CUSACK: J. LAMB. (Treasurer).

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Mr. BUCKLEY: J. DIXON: R. CULLEN, Mr. JOYCE: L, CUMMING: W. H. CUSACK: Mr. HARRISON: Mr. PRESTON: Mr. RUSHFORD: N. LISGO: Mr. LUDKIN: (Conductor). (Vice-President). (Lodge Secretary). (Vice-President). (Chairman). (President). (Secretary). (Vice-President). (Vice-President). R. JOHNSON.

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## The 'Hope of Wardley'

One of the members of Felling Local History Society, Mr. Gordon Stridiron, has found this gem of social history when researching in Wardley. It appears in a regular new-sheet of The Independent Order of Rechabites in 1907, along with a report about a treat for the "Hope of Wardley" juvenile Rechabites of the "Thomas Hall Tent", who had been on a summer excursion to Roker.

About 120 children accompanied by 30 or so adults went by train to Monkwearmouth, (from Pelaw Station I would guess), and then to the seafront by tramcar, where they spent a whole day, well looked after by Superintendents, Robinson, Reay, Kelly and Hearne.

All well and good, but much more intriguing is the charming vignette which appeared with the report of the day trip. A Band of Hope Alphabet to be learned for recitation by the children so sweetly depicted in a half circle, all ready to chant together.

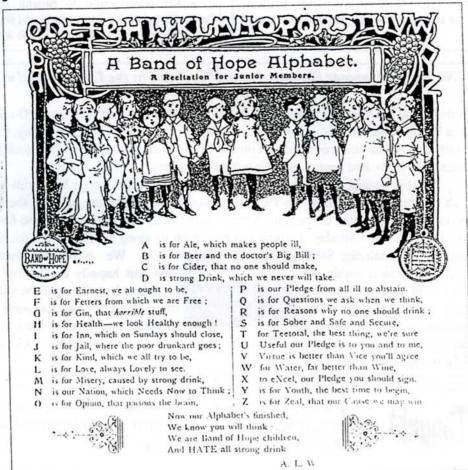
However amusing it seems to us, for them it was

a very serious piece of work. They were doing their bit to slay the 'Demon Drink'. They had signed the Pledge and wore the blue rosette. They would grow up to be total abstainers from alcohol – teetotallers. We have forgotten what despair and degradation was wrought in Victorian England by the drunkards – 'Oh father, dear father, when will you come home, the clock in the steeple chimes One...' Out of the misery was born the Temperance Movement. The brewers and publicans were made to toe some lines, licensing laws passed, non-alcoholic drinks promoted and non-alcoholic hotels opened.

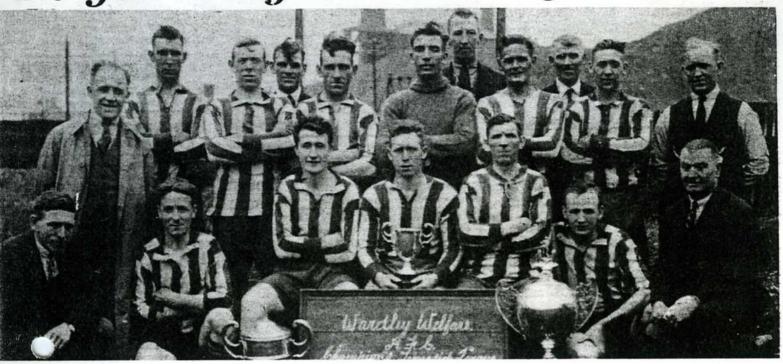
The greatest success of all was winning over the children through the joys of membership of the Band of Hope in every corner of the land. I consider this Alphabet song (below) to be a splendid piece of propaganda – to do what it was meant to – indoctrinate children.

Happy Christmas!

Joan Hewitt.



# Do you recognise Wardley players?



HIS old photo-graph of Wardley Colliery's football team was kindly loaned to me by Mr Joe Durham of The

Avenue, Felling.

The photograph was taken at the end of the 1932-33 season when the team had won every competition they entered.

The plaque in front of the players records the fact that

they were champions of the Tyneside League, winners of the Hebburn Aged Miners' Cup and the Heworth Nursing Cup.

Pictured on the left of the front row is Mr Roger Lambert, the father of Mr Durhain's wife, Winifred.

Mrs Durham said that her father was a keen cricketer but was also on the committee of the football club.

The only name the couple

could remember for the team was a player called John Hold-sworth, but neither of them could pick him out.

Perhaps other people in the area can recognise some of the faces on the Wardley team.

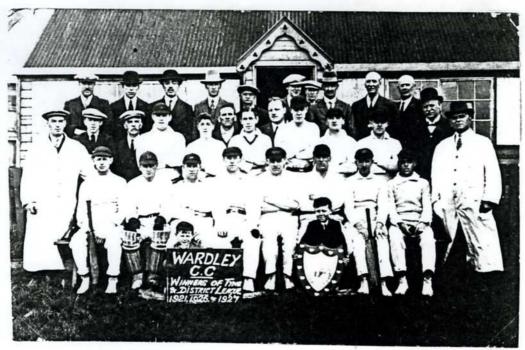


Sadie Simpson and cousin Freddie Seago outside Simpsono shop in Reservoir Street.



C. Brown. Bolton Wanderers F.C.

Lived in Reservoir Street Brother Billy played for Middlesbrough.



MR CLENNEL. MR RORSON. MR. HUTCHINSON, JOE NOBLE & SON. MR. WILKIN. MR. DIVON, MR. OLD & SON, MC SELKELD. MR. TAYLOR & 25055. BENNY MASSELL, BENNY WELLS, TOPPER SIMPSON, BILLY GASE, GEOLGE HUSTER.

## JARDLEY COLLIERY CRICKET CLUB:



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WARDLEY COUNTY INFANT SCHOOL KEIR HARDIE AVENUE 1971.
TEACHER ON LEFT MRS OLIVETHOMPSON DAUGHTER OF COUNCILLOR OLIVER HENDERSON. ON RIGHT, HEAD TEACHER MRS CONNIE IRELAND, FORMERLY ON STAFF OF HEWORTH COUNTY J.M. D.T. RETIRED 1981.



WARDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL 1994. TEACHING STAFF.

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In the older census records it was not unusual to find that no two children of a large family were born in the same pit village. Families did'nt have much and if the pit closed, was on strike, or they wanted something better, it was easy to put everything they owned onto a horse and cart and move elsewhere. By the 1880's it was to people's advantage to settle in a community. The Education Act had been passed and schools were being built, a growing trade union movement was gaining strength to improve conditions for its members. "Reading Rooms", welfare halls and recreation grounds and chapel life in the pit villages was flourishing. Some of the pupils who obtained prizes at the school in September 1882 remained in Wardley all their lives, as did their children until most of the pit village disappeared in 1939. In standard 1 were : Thomas Carlow, Margaret Greener, Sophia Starling, Alice Kerridge, Mary Dixon, and Annie Summerson. Six year old infants : Henry Barkass, Thomas Maddison, Jas. Ovington, Thomas Clayton, Elizabeth Alger, Elizabeth Muncaster, Sarah West, Ann Brown, Jane Edwards, Catherine Greener, Mary Baldry, Isabella Moralee. Five year old infants: Richard Greenwell, Robert West, Peter Donnelly, George Dowd, Annie Johnson, Mary Wilkin, Mary Clark, Ella Bland, Eleanor Young, Barbara Short. Four year olds : Thomas Pearson, Jas. Carlow, John Simpson, William Davis, Isabella Ovington. Wardley's senior members would remember all these surnames.

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During the national strike of 1926 the pit heap was removed by local workman and their families who riddled the heap for small coal to make "duff balls" which they used to sell as fuel or for use in their own homes. The children would help with this work and Nora Dixon, who was eight years of age at the time, remembers singing the ditty "Duff balls, duff balls, mak'in all the day, we'll hire a barra ta take 'em ta Jarra to pass the time away". It was discoved how dangerous it was to have pit heaps close to school buildings after the Aberfan disaster when many local school children died after the colliery waste tragically slide onto the school with disastrous consequences

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Wardley Colliery closed on December 30th. 1911 and suffered a double blow when a national coal strike was called in February 1912. It was reported in the local press that "much distress is being felt in the district....it is gratifying to know that the school children may be provided with a meal in which to start the day. The provision of meals at school is one of the modern safeguards for the protection of child life". John Taylor, who was in charge of the sinking operations at the new Follonby pit, also won the "respect and esteem of all those who came in contact with him" when he formed a fund for a soup kitchen to help unemployed Wardley workmen and their "poor bairns". In later years the Miners Welfare Hall would provide meals for the children of striking miners, a breakfast before school and a meal at dinner times.

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Nellie Ellison, the daughter of Jimmy and Sussanah Ellison who had the shop at the corner of Wardley Lane and Sunderland Road (now a pretty white house) was educated at the colliery school and went on to teacher training and in 1926 taught at the school until 1937 when she married another local teacher, Jack Smith. In those day's married women had to leave the profession and she had to leave her teaching career. Some of the other teachers at this time were Bella Forsyth, Florrie Clark, Miss Robson and Miss Thompson who's family had a butcher's shop at Felling. Due to many men joining the armed forces, married women were brought back into teaching during the Second World War when this rule was permanently changed and Nellie, along with many others, returned to teaching.

It was at this time that young Wardley footballers were building a successfull football team at Bill Quay school. Some of those on the team were the Dryden brothers, Tommy Ions, Tom Pickering, Lewis Felton, Billy Wealans, B. Goldsworthy, B. Gray and Dick Young who went on to have a very successfull professional football career with Sheffield United and Lincoln City and retired as manager of Carlisle United.

During the 1935 pit strike, when 1300 men and boys were given notice and the management implemented a grading system objected to by the union to reemploy 400 men, the school children were found to be rushing out of the school at home time to join the strikers and their wife's jeering and "tinpanning" a number of local blacklegs who were guarded by dozens of police constables on their way home from Follonsby pit. When this was discovered the children were kept at school until this daily event had passed.

When war broke out in September 1939 air raid shelters were built everywhere. Trenches and shelters were dug in front of Wardley school in October to accommodate 222 people at an estimated cost of £621 12s 0d. Luckily, they were never used and, as the drainage in them was never satisfactorily completed, they were always flooded and in bad condition.

During this time both the boy's and girls were completing their education at Wardley. The headmaster was Mr.R.Foster, who had previously been a teacher at Bill Quay. Around 1956, the school again reverted to Infants and Juniors only with the children who were over 11 years of age attending Bill Quay or Grammar school.

As most of Wardley Colliery was demolished by late 1939, the school and the chapel, which was the only other building left standing, were becoming isolated from the community which was moving onto new council estates. The Chapel was relocated to Thorn Avenue and a new Wardley Infants School was built at Kier Hardie Avenue on the Ellen Wilkinson Estate. It must have been of some concern to Miss Barepark, the first year infant's teacher, as every night she would say to the class "Goodnight children, go straight home and keep to the path" and the children would reply in unison "Goodnight Miss Barepark, we'll go straight home and keep to the path!".

The new infant school was opened on the 21st. December 1956 and it's head teacher was Miss Jenny Harland (retired in 1965 and Mrs Connie Ireland appointed). The Colliery school continued as a Junior's only school until 1968 when the new Junior School was opened next to the Infants. The headmaster was Joe Nelson (his mother was Maggie Mallory who had also been a teacher at Wardley, he passed away in early 1996), the pupils and the caretaker, John Forsyth, were transferred to the new building. The old colliery board school had taught the pit children for 81 years but was demolished shortly after it was vacated.

The new infant school opened a Nursery Unit in September 1979. It had been converted from a classroom and was staffed by Miss Jo-Anna Diaz (teacher), Miss Alisan Foster (Nursery Nurse) and Mrs. Jean Milburn (Nursery Assistant).

In 1981 the Infant and Junior schools were amalgamated with Brian Howard as Headmaster and Morris Robinson as Deputy. In January 1990 John Anderson became Head, Mrs. Anne Munro was Deputy Head. By 1994 the teaching staff consisted of Mr. Anderson (Head), Ian McAleer, Anne Walsh, Brian Dixon, Maureen Hodgson, David Penn, Alison Foster, Sylvia Carter, Terry Husnu, Ann Oliphant, Julie Ridley, June James, Sarah Watson, Carole Hunter, Judith Donovan, Kath Pearce, Gillian Tomlinson and Lesley Newton.

An attempt was made in April 1995 to take the school out of local council control and become a grant maintained school with control over it's own budget. Campaigner Trica Potts said: "The school will be able to manage its money by itself and will be able to cut out the middle man and cut out bureaucracy". A ballot was held by the parents of the 329 pupils, only 19 parents approved and the rest overwhelmingly rejected the idea. Earlier, a secret ballot among the staff voted 14 to 1 against the move. The school's chairman of governors, Councillor Bernard McWilliam, said he was delighted with the result "which shows that the majority of parents have faith in the local education authority and are happy that the school is being properly managed for the benefit of their children's education".

To protect the premises from vandalism and theft and make it safe and secure for children and staff, security gates, fences and doors were installed at the school in late 1995 at a cost of £10,000.

With the development of private housing estates; South Wardley, the Broadlands Estate at Kirkwood Gardens and the Fishers Estate in the 1960's, overcrowding at Wardley and Lingey House School's had to be avoided and a third school was built in 1979. It was named White Mere Primary and located next to the old Pontop to Jarrow railway line at Gingling Gate. Its first intake were pupils transferred from Lingey House School. Since then hundreds of private homes have been built in front of the school on a Fairways Estate, bringing the number of pupils at the school to 222 with a staff of eight. After many years at Bill Quay Miss Nancy Simpson became its first Head Teacher. She was succeed in September 1985 by James Dolan who had previously taught at Marley Hill. Other members of the staff in 1996 were Janet Stevenson, Irene Wandless. Lindsey Ramsey, Helen Roberts, David Skelbeck, Joanne Malley, Christine Gibson and Shelly Metcalf.

It was of concern to school Govenor's and staff when a waste disposal incinerator was to be built by Northumbrian Environmental Management (NEM) at nearby Follonsby Lane. Over 18,000 people signed a petition opposing the development which, it was claimed, would be a health risk. By July 1995, the campaign had been successful and a safe and heathier environment was secured for local people and their children.

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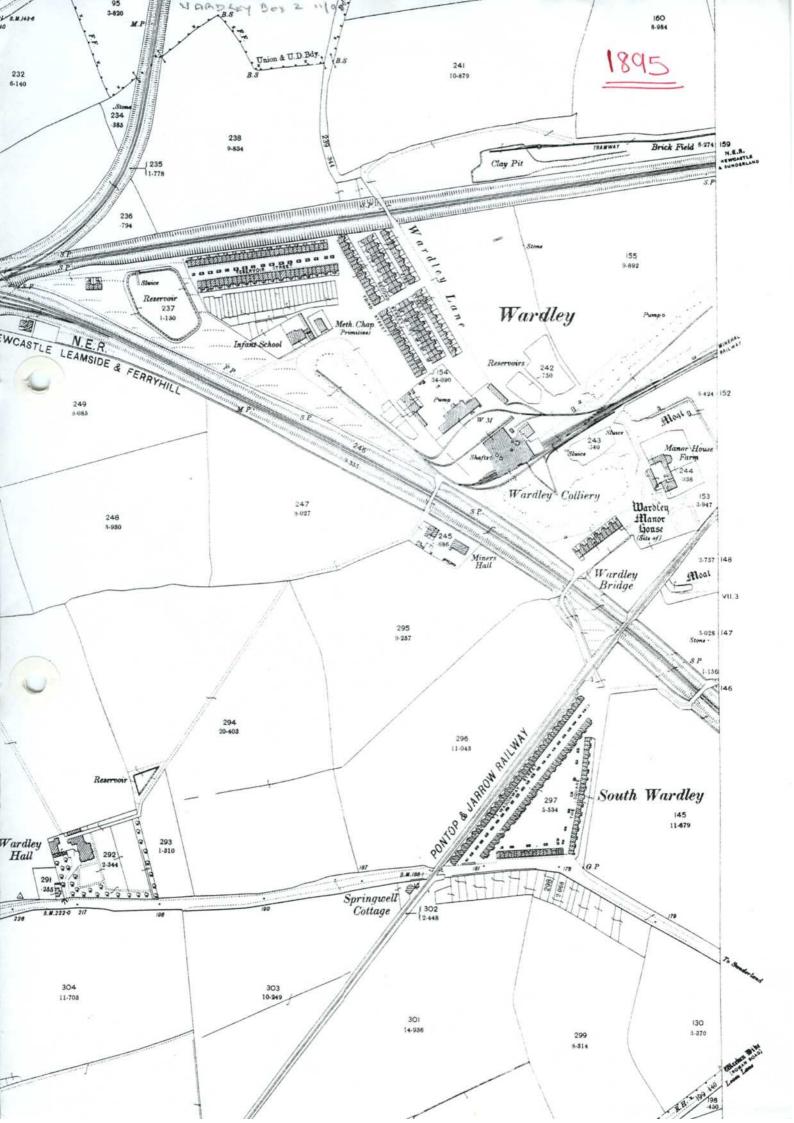


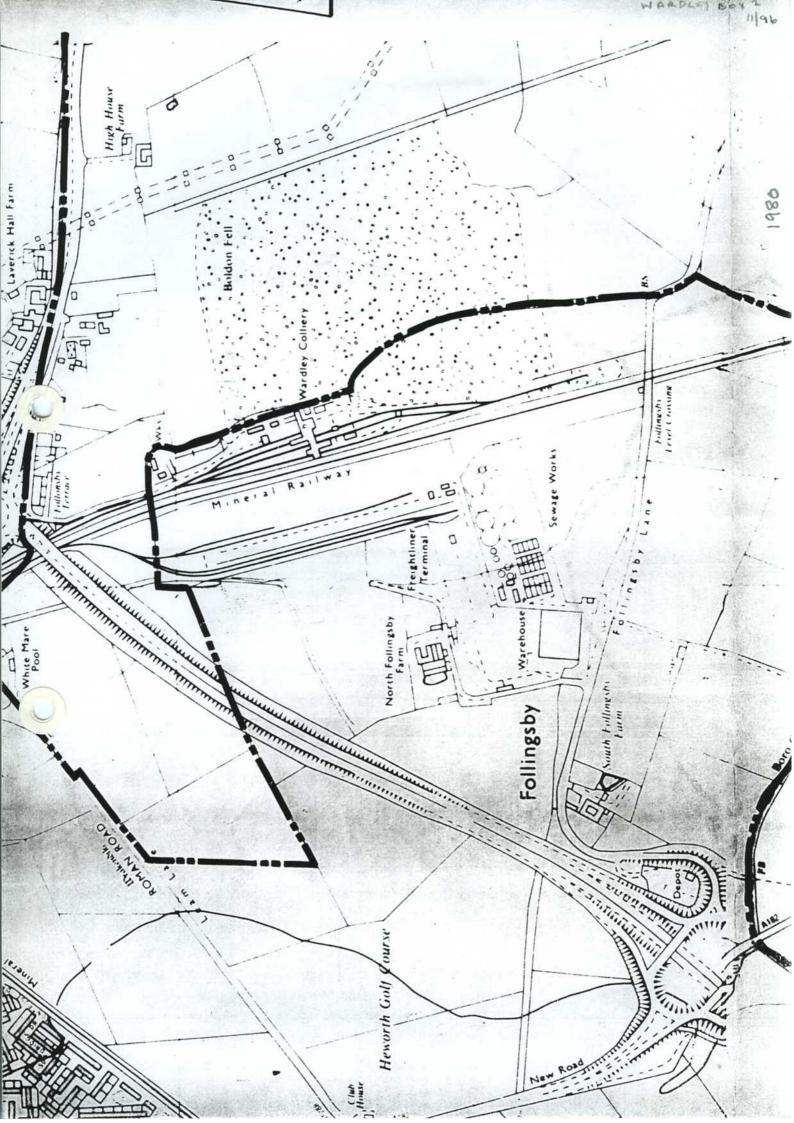


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"Examination of "by" named places (suffix) in relation to the geology and soils of the landscape, demonstrates that many of the colonists came as settlers developing virgin land and establishing new settlements where there was no existing Emglish village. It is likely that much of this settlement took place in the first wave of colonisation in the late 9th century.

Many of the "by" sites are close to main Roman roads and ancient trackways. This suggests the importance of lines of communication for settle-

ment. They also tend to lie in valleys of tributaries and small streams whereas the older English villages lie on the main rivers. So for their settlement the Vikings opted for the unused land in secondary areas. In fact, a feature of the "by" village sites is that their founders tended to prefer sandy or gravelly lands.

## THIS IS GOOD EVIDENCE FOR FOLLOWSBY AS A NORSE SETTLEMENT.

The regular Danish word for a farm or village round a farm-stead was "by". This corresponds to the English "tun" or "ton", and just as "ton" is the commonest English ending, so "by" is the commonest Danish ending.

This ending has become modern usage in the word bye\_ laws, which are the local laws of the town.

Other Danish place names are:

Thorpe- Another word for a farm, often a small one.

Thwaite- Acclearing to make a meadow.

Garth- An enclosed place- a garden.

Dale- A river valley.

Fell- A hill.

Force- A waterfall.

Gill- A ravine or deep valley.

Holm- A flat-topped island.

Kirk- A church. Kirkby was often shortened to Kirby, and means the village with a church. e.g. Kirby Lonsdale means "the village with a church in the valley of the River Lune."

Danelaw, which includes Morthumbria, Cumbria, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, the Fast Midlands, and East Anglia. It is easy to see where there were concentrations of Scandinavian settlers by looking at a map for placenames ending in the above suffixes.

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