

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NEWS

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HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY BRADFORD!

The University of Bradford was granted its Charter in October 1966, although its origins lie much farther back in the Bradford Technical College and later the Bradford Institute of Technology. The University Archive, one of the largest of the Special Collections, documents the many changes over the 40 years.

Watch out for our images at the many events being planned to celebrate the birthday!

For further news about the celebrations:
<http://www.bradford.ac.uk/40/>



A BRIGHT DAY IN ILKLEY

1946 was a remarkable year for J.B. Priestley, including the first English production of his best-known play "An Inspector Calls" and the publication of "Bright Day", many people's favourite of his novels and his own favourite for many years. It draws upon his memories of growing up in Bradford and his feelings on looking back to that time. The Ilkley Literature Festival 2006 will commemorate Priestley's work of this year with a Priestley season, in association with the J.B. Priestley Society and Special Collections, home of the J.B. Priestley Archive.

The Festival will run from September 29th - October 15th. More details of the Priestley season and other events will be available nearer the time from the Festival web site: <http://www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk/>

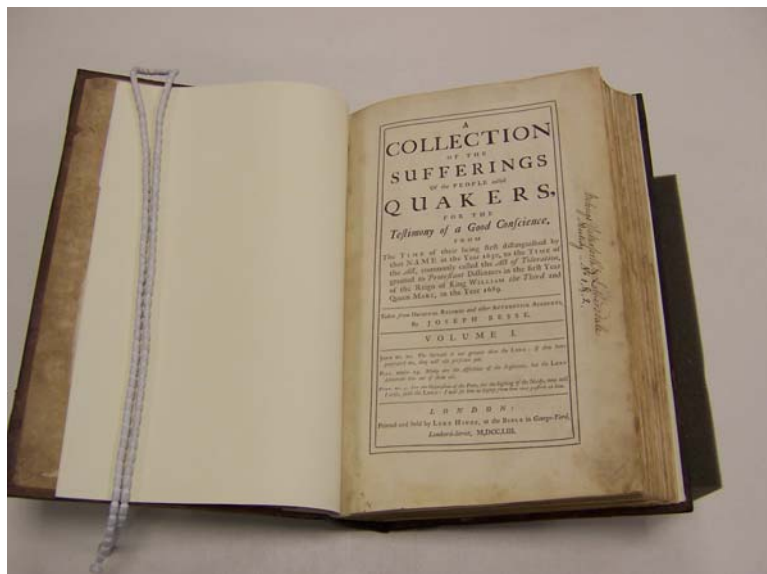
CONNECTIONS IN THE DALES

The famous Dales scenery around Settle has delighted and inspired many artists and writers. The Museum of North Craven Life in Settle is holding an exhibition "Connections: artists and writers in North Craven", which explores the links between these creators and the area, from Turner and Ruskin in the 19th century to the present day. Several items from the archive of former editor of the Dalesman magazine, Bill Mitchell, are on loan to the event, which features a display about the magazine. Display web site:

http://www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly/exhibitions/temporary_exhibitions.htm

To this:

The restored volume, retaining the annotations and marks of its busy life but repaired so it can be safely handled by readers.



Conservation work requires many hours of work by a skilled conservator. The transformation shown here was made possible by a generous donation. If you'd like to help to conserve the many other materials in Special Collections in need of such care, please contact us at the address below.

NEW ARCHIVES!

The Ted Edwards Archive.

Dr Edwards was the first Vice-Chancellor of the University. A scientist by background, his belief in the importance of applying science to human welfare encouraged the development of the unique ethos of the University, epitomised in the expansion of standard wording of a University Charter "the advancement of learning and knowledge," to read "and the application of knowledge to human welfare."

The Fred Singleton Archive

Papers of the founder of Yugoslav Studies in the University. Thanks to the help of Tom Ellen, a library school placement student from Aberdeen, who joined us over Easter vacation this year, cataloguing is well in hand and we hope to make the collection available soon. Also of interest for Yorkshire and Finland.

Archive web page: <http://www.brad.ac.uk/library/special/singleton.php>

The Adam Curle Library and Archive

Published books and other writings by Professor Curle, the first Professor of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford. Professor Curle has worked as a peace maker around the world and has published extensively on peace education, research and conflict resolution.

Archive web page: <http://www.brad.ac.uk/library/special/curle.php>

NEW BOOKS!

Our collection of Quaker books has grown considerably lately, thanks to large donations of historic volumes from local meeting houses, such as Airton (below). We are also currently adding large new batches of books on local history and, in particular, the history of dyeing and wool textile production. Many thanks to all these donors! The new works will be added to the catalogue as soon as possible.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Special Collections at the University of Bradford: nearly a kilometre of rare books and archives, from 17th-century printed books to modern University papers, and even J.B. Priestley's pipes. We are open to all: if you'd like to visit, please contact us to arrange an appointment.

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