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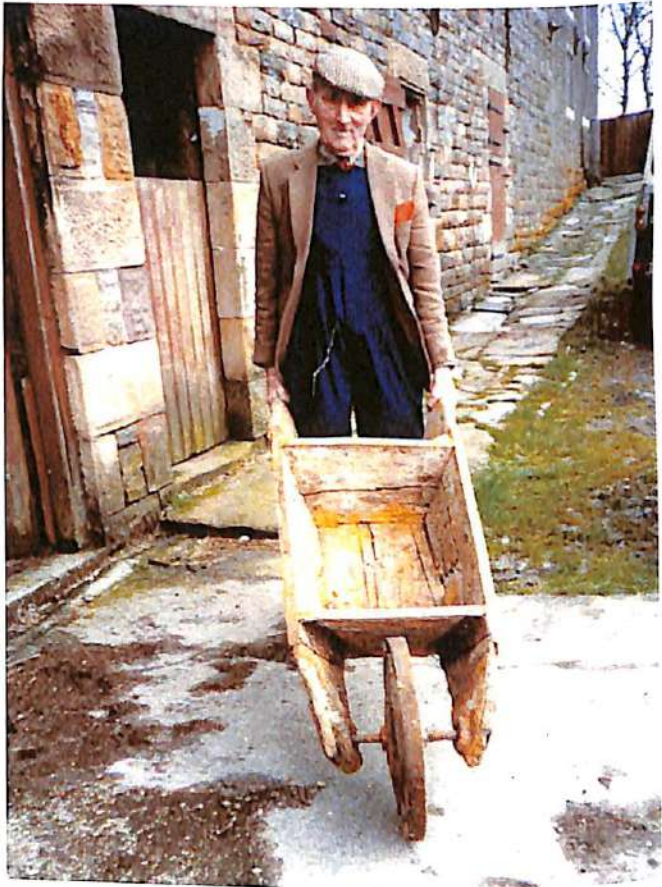
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pulled out of prospective mining activities at Grindon and in 1836 a Mr Badnall took the mine off his hands. From this point on, ownership changed frequently, production was intermittent, share-owning linked the mines with others in the Moorlands and the general picture is one of speculation and inefficient management.

From 1849, the fortunes of Roylegde were linked with those of New York. The lease of Roylegde was bought by John Williams, a Cornish miner, with Richard Niness described as "Master" and Thomas Forster as "Pursar". Williams sublet to New York Mining Company and went to live in one half of New York farm until 1855 - the

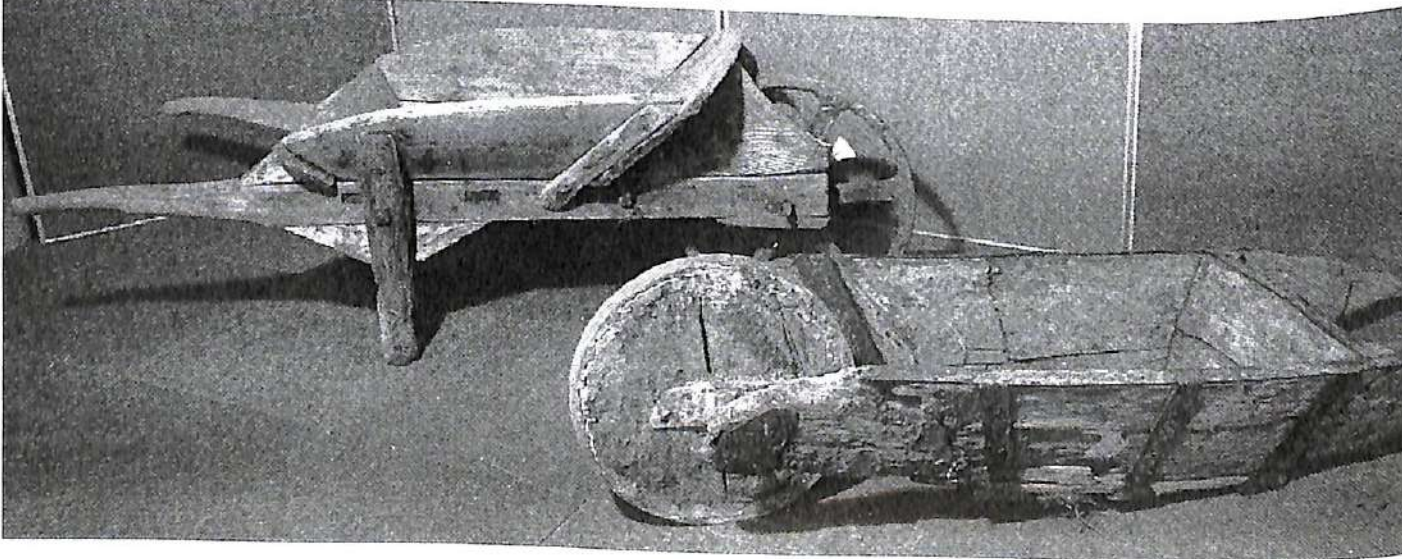


1993: The ladderway at Roylegde/New York Mine

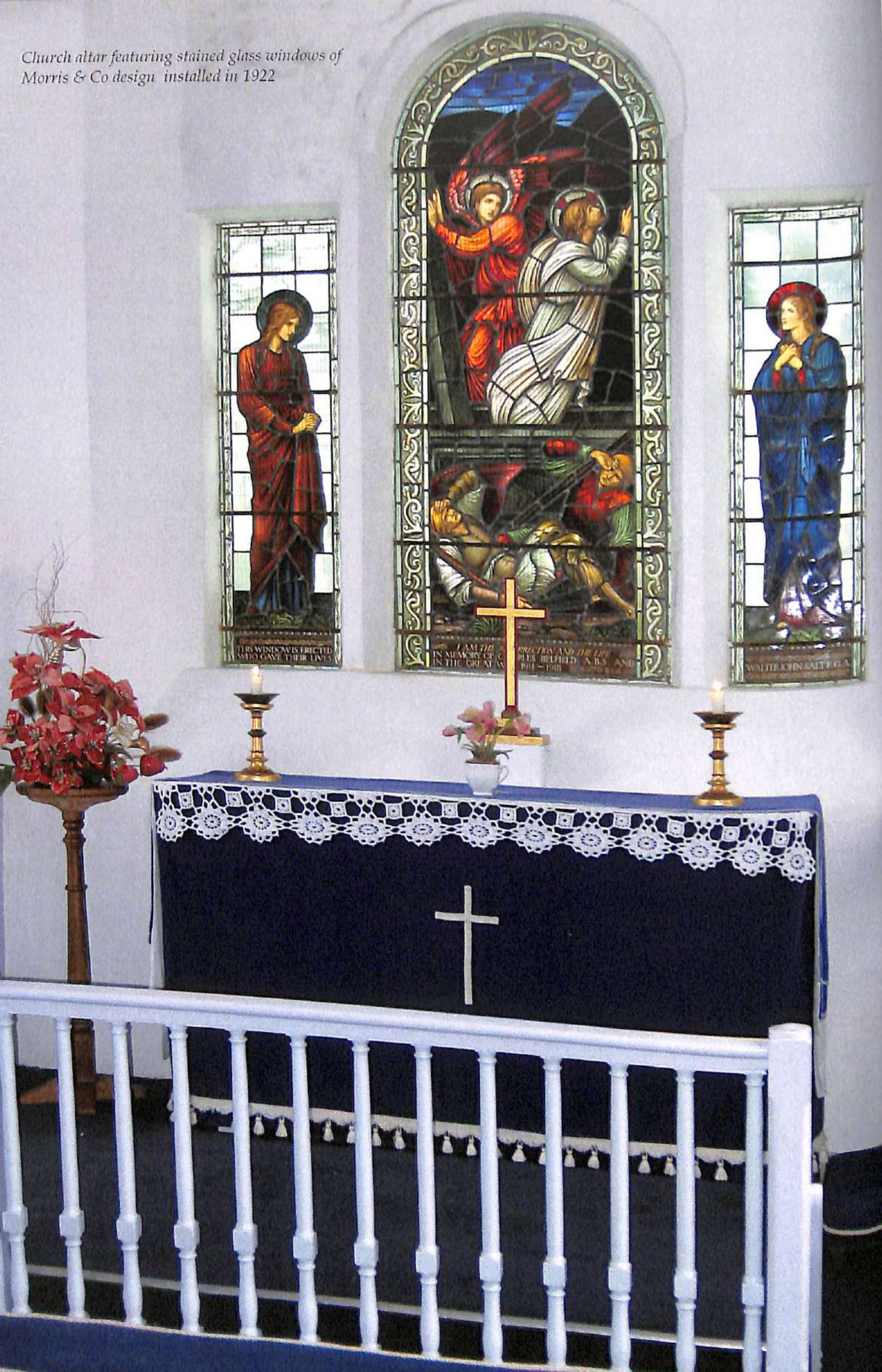


Tom Buxton with a miner's barrow recovered from Roylegde Mine

Barrows from the Roylegde/ New York Mine in Matlock Mining Museum



Church altar featuring stained glass windows of Morris & Co design installed in 1922



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towards the top end, bell heather and spotted orchids. Along a track off Stoneyfold Lane,

Ragged Robin in Lower Elkstone, June 2015



the rare plant bog bean can also be found. One autumn Cliff found the seed-head of a bog asphodel near the crossroads. Five Lane Ends, where Stoneyfold Lane meets the other roads, is an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). The Highways Department agreed to mow the verges only in September each year, after the flowers have dropped their seeds.

Coming uphill out of Upper Elkstone, the late summer brings field roses and tormentil, and along the banks near Hob Hay Farm, harebells, germander and heath speedwell, not to mention the wild bilberry, the fruit of which has ended up in many an Elkstonian pie.

Come winter, we all look forward to spring again. Spring in the eastern end of Elkstone woods





Charlie and Margaret Wentworth walking along the lane at Lower Elkstone to feed their sheep, 14th February 1979



January 2010: Furlong Farm, Underhill, Hill House and Hillside Farm from Lower Elkstones

Neighbours and Homes

Elkstones Houses and their Inhabitants

The residents and homes of Elkstones are featured in this chapter. The property details that appear in the table are taken largely from house deeds, the graveyard catalogue, parish register and other documents, along with memory and hear-say. A picture of multi-

ownership and absentee landlords begins to emerge, as do many changes over the years to the village buildings .

More descriptions and photographs would be welcomed for the website. There you will also find the property listing which we hope to continually update by researching the ten-yearly UK census records and by adding details supplied by local people.

2000: Cliff and Veronica Lawrenson of Grove House



John and Annie Alcock of Townhead outside the church



1998: Overdale's Frank Deaville



a few of the people we miss . . .



Graham Wood of Averillside



Edna Ash of Rose Cottage



1993: Hillside's Frank Kirkham



Mrs Ada Wood of Bagshaw Cottage who lived to be 100 years old

The Village Shop

Mention is made in Book 1 of the competing cobbler businesses at Chapel House and Sycamore Farm, and that produce was also sold from Grove House at one point. However the main shop and post office was situated at Hob Hay Cottage. Doris Wentworth recalls that Mrs Bowden would say, "If you canna see it, I've got it. I've got stuff in here that Woolworths don't stock!" It was her great pride that one of her customers had tried without success to get something from Woolworths in Leek, but Elkstones shop was able to supply it! "The shop was all choc-a-bloc and scrambled up, you couldn't see *what* she'd got She had a counter that opened on hinges.

*Amy Bowden in her shop
at Hob Hay Cottage*

She had Midlands County ice cream that you had between two wafers and Champion bread. When it came it smelt beautiful. She sold paraffin

2015 Flower Festival: 'The Village Shop' arrangement by Elizabeth Buxton (Amy Bowden's great grand-daughter)



The Leek Post advert for Coopers' minibus in the 1970s

used his lorry to cart coal by day, then added a bus body in order to take people to the pictures in Leek on a Tuesday evening. Shirley Cooper remembers those trips well, when the bus was so full that there were two people to a single seat after it had called at all the local villages. In

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1983: Shirley Cooper en route to Blackpool Illuminations

the 1950s, the Coopers took on buses, perhaps having seen from the popularity of the cinema outings, that there was a market for a local bus company. Roy was too young to drive when he began work, the age limit being 21, so Bernard Sutton took over the business. However, not to be discouraged, Roy took on a mini-bus while working in Leek, then went on to build up his fleet to eight buses, running a successful company until retirement when the business was sold to Robin Hood. Even so, for a few years afterwards, Roy and Shirley could still be seen



February 1986: Coopers' coach battles Newtown snowdrifts



2003: Dressing up race



2003: Andrew Gregory in disguise



1993: typical prize table



Sports Day 1993: Eileen Lovatt presents Graham Wood with the prize for Men's Bowling

2003: Sandra Wood plays the beanbag and ladder game with Arthur Walsh and his grandson watching

