

Lady Bingley

After a brief illness lasting only a few days, Lady Bingley, widow of Lord Bingley, died yesterday at Bramham Park, near Boston Spa. It was her 85th birthday.

She leaves four daughters—the Hon. Mrs. Marcia Agnes Mary Lane-Fox, wife of Lieut.-Colonel Francis Lane-Fox; Lady Bridgeman, wife of the second Viscount Bridgeman; Lady Parkinson, wife of Sir Kenneth Parkinson; and the Hon. Mrs. Margaret Pecke.

The late Lord Bingley died at Bramham Park in December, 1947, only four days short of his 77th birthday. With no sons, the title became extinct. The Lane-Fox line goes back four centuries through one of the most ancient stocks in Yorkshire to William Fox, who lived in the reign of Edward IV.

The husband of the eldest daughter, Marcia, assumed the name of Lane-Fox by deed poll in 1937.

VISIT LAST WEEK

Lady Bridgeman lives at Minsterley, Shropshire, but during last week visited her mother and her sisters at Bramham Park. Lady Parkinson lives at nearby Follifoot.

Although Lady Bingley retired from her official duties 10 years ago, she remained remarkably active. Even last Tuesday she was seen walking round the gardens of her beloved Bramham Park.

An outstanding horsewoman in her younger years, Lady Bingley often led the field with the Bramham Moor Hunt until well past her sixties. Throughout the crisis year of the First World War she kept the Hunt intact. The then Colonel George Richard Lane-Fox was MFH, but it was his wife who shouldered the responsibility, becoming accepted as Assistant Master.

Lady Bingley was the daughter of the second Viscount Halifax, and married Colonel Lane-Fox in 1903. Her brother, the late Lord Halifax, sold Temple Newsam mansion to the city of Leeds on very generous terms.

In 1934 Lady Bingley became a magistrate for the West Riding. Her unceasing efforts during the restless '30s to help the unemployed of the West Riding won her a vast new circle of friends. For several years she was president of the Barkston Ash Womens' Conservative Association and president of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Association's Womens Advisory Committee (Yorkshire Provincial Area).

RESPECTED VIGOUR

During the war she served with respected vigour on the West Riding War Agricultural Executive Committee, and as chairman of the West Riding Women's Land Army her views carried decided weight.

As Colonel Lane Fox, the late Lord Bingley, who was raised to the peerage in 1933, represented the Barkston Ash Division in Parliament from 1906 to 1931. When Mr. Bonar Law succeeded Mr. Lloyd George as Prime Minister in 1922 he appointed Colonel Lane Fox his Secretary for Mines, in which capacity he was head of an important department of the Board of Trade.

The funeral will be at All Saints', Bramham, on Thursday, at 11 a.m. At Lady Bingley's express wish, there should be no flowers.

FORMER LOCAL MINISTER DIES IN TASMANIA

MANY residents throughout the Tadcaster and Wetherby districts will learn with regret of the death in Tasmania of Canon Francis Wm. Hicks, who will be remembered as Vicar of Bramham from 1925 to 1939.

Keenly interested in the Scout movement Canon Hicks ran his own troop at Bramham and also served for five years as District Commissioner for the Wetherby Area Boy Scouts' Association. He played cricket with Bramham C.C. and was also interested in the Bramham Drama Players.

Canon Hicks was well liked and respected not only at Bramham but throughout the area and many folk were happy to see him again when he re-visited his former parish last autumn.

Fr Frank Mitchell, Vicar of Bramham, is to hold a requiem for Canon Hicks at All Saints' Church, on Saturday, February 6, at 7.30 a.m. with a memorial service the next day, Sunday, at 6.30 p.m.

Canon Hicks left Bramham to go to the living at Eglingham, Northumberland, and in 1944 he went out to Malta to be Chancellor and Senior Canon of St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Valletta.

Ordained at Ripon in 1909 he became curate at St. Aidan's, Leeds, for three years and then went out to Canada until 1915 when he became a chaplain with the Royal Navy. He returned to Canada until 1921 when he came back to England for four years as curate at Helmsley.

THE DUKE'S FRIEND

FRIENDS are predicting an early engagement between Janet Hamilton, 23-year-old daughter of Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, and Mr Richard Lane-Fox, son of Lieut.-Colonel Francis Lane-Fox, of Bramham Park, near Tadcaster, Yorks.

"But," says Mr Lane-Fox's sister Marcia: "It is not meant to be known yet."

Miss Hamilton is a friend of the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra, who has often stayed at her parents' home near Guildford. She has been a member of the duke's skiing parties.

The duke is also known to Mr Lane-Fox who was in his house at Eton and has since served with the Royal Horse Guards.

He is a grandson of the late Lord Bingley. His father changed his name from Jackson to Lane-Fox to prevent the Bingley family name from dying out.

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Bramham,
Boston Spa.

1970's

Bramham Park is backcloth for new Dickens TV serial

By Ronald Wilkinson

"This is my second home and I'm glad to be back again," said actor John Carson, who cut his professional teeth in repertory at Sheffield.

He was standing on the terrace at Bramham Park, near Wetherby, gazing across a misty autumnal setting which is to form part of the background of B.B.C.-1's new teatime classic serial "Dombey and Son."

An elegant landau and pair followed by a brougham (both from a Bradford collection of antique carriages) were poised ready for action under the direction of Joan Craft, who has already contributed notably to the field of Dickens on the small screen.

"I've got twins like my friend Norman Yardley," said John Carson in a brisk aside before resuming the shooting of the serial. "They were born in Sheffield and are eligible to play cricket for Yorkshire, which I hope they'll do."

VILLAINOUS

John Carson has played in a Dickens B.B.C. TV serial before—"Oliver Twist."

"It's good to get back to Dickens after some of the modern series I've done recently," he said.

"Dickens is so rich. He gives one a chance to step out." He admits to getting a lot of villainous parts. "I share a vocal affinity with James Mason," he said. "It's the voice which always sounds sinister."

Bramham Park, one of Yorkshire's classic Queen Anne Mansions, was today seething with extras from Harrogate amateur groups. The Bramham setting is meant to represent the elegant surroundings at Leamington.

Other Yorkshire locations to be used are Clifford, with its Norman church, which will represent a French village and Newby, another French village.

Soon the action will move to

Studley Royal, Ridding Park and Oakworth Station, near Keighley. The Worth Valley Railway, later in the serial, will stage a spectacular crash.

Today's episode depicted the meeting of Dombey (John Carson) and Edith Granger, played by Sally Home.

BATHCHAIR

One of the principals, Marian Spencer, who plays Mrs. Skewton, was being continually wheeled around in a bathchair to "take the waters."

Dickens began to write Dombey and Son in 1846 while on holiday in Switzerland. It is the story of a father who wanted a son more than anything in the world, and forgot that he had a daughter who loved him.

The novel has been dramatised by Hugh Leonard, one of the television's most talented writers, who is also accomplished in the film and theatre world.

This is his third Dickens serial, following "Great Expectations" and "Nicholas Nickleby." Producer is Campbell Logan, who is in charge of all classic serials on BBC-1.

Janet Baker to sing for the Minster

One of Yorkshire's loveliest stately homes, Bramham Park, will be the scene of a glittering concert on the evening of Friday, May 24.

Col. and the Hon. Mrs. Lane Fox are arranging the concert in the long gallery of their home to aid the York Minster Appeal.

Janet Baker, one of the most sought-after singers of the day, is returning to her native Yorkshire to give the concert.

"I was delighted, indeed thrilled, to extend my aid for the cathedral I hold so dear," she said. Miss Baker was educated in York.

EARL MAY ATTEND

Her audience will probably include the Earl and Countess of Scarborough, Viscountess Bridgeman, Viscount and Viscountess Ingleby, Lady de Vesci, Lady Patricia Milns-Coates, Lt.-Col. Sir John Dunnington-Jefferson, Lord Savile, Sir Roger and Lady Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Burton and Brig. Kenneth Hargreaves.

A feature of the evening will be the supper prepared by distinguished Yorkshire cooks, the Hon. Mrs. C. Packe, the Hon. Mrs. M. Roper-Curzon, the Hon. Mrs. Richard Lane Fox, Mrs. C. Thompson-Royds, Mrs. John Dent, Mrs. E. Lapish and Mrs. M. Avison.

The menu will include salmon, turkey, risottos, souffles, mousses and compote of fresh fruit.

Tickets for the concert are going very well indeed, says Committee Secretary Mrs. Joan Grant.



THE Last Post is sounded by Chris Shaw as the standards are lowered at the village war memorial in Bramham. (I.M.)

Arthurs Tindall & Leslie Young in white carrocks.
Elizabeth Sanderson lowers a flag.