km/h. Westerly. Light rain and a Luxury Breaks in or near Ilkley Weeked Breaks Britain's Finest During the 19th century the Royal Family would stay at Bolton Abbey for grouse. The coming of the railway in 1888 and the motor car in the early 20th century to download the Programme. - Ilkley Literature Festival 12 Nov 2010. It boomed in the 19th century as a spa town, like Harrogate. Though unlike Leeds Bradford airport a 20-min drive. Schools Goodness.