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Otley Courthouse Tenth Birthday!

2014 is a significant year for the Courthouse as we celebrate our 10th anniversary in May

Come along and help us celebrate! Regular visitor? Check out our Anniversary programme of special events. Never been to the Courthouse? Call in and see what's on offer – visit the cells, admire the art work, visit the Cafe, relax and join in!

The celebrations will include a bumper month of activities, events, exhibitions and workshops, highlighting the very best of what we deliver. We'll be looking back over the last 10 years in recognition and celebration, as well as looking to the future and new ways in which we can develop. We will be recognising the dedication and varied talents of the many volunteers without whom the Courthouse could not run and highlighting the extraordinary range of user groups and activities which run at the Courthouse. There will be opportunities for participation and feedback from people who use the Courthouse and from those who have yet to discover what it can offer. The events will reflect the range of film, theatre, music, dance and comedy that are programmed year round by local freelance programmer Annie Latham.

What began in 1996 as the germ of an idea for an Arts Centre for Otley has been realised thanks to the hard work and dedication of many local people. Not only has a building of historic importance to the town been saved for the community, but a vibrant cultural and social hub has been created, which brings people to Otley from a wide area and enhances the reputation of the town.

Housed in a 19th century magistrates' court, Otley's arts centre has broken free of its sombre origins to become a venue noted for its warm and welcoming atmosphere. This intimate

space presents an abundance of national and international talent throughout the year. Providing a platform to diverse performances has always been important to the Courthouse team and it has a reputation for attracting an astonishing variety of artists. Last year the Centre welcomed established artists such as: Mark Steel and Cerys Matthews and this year the programme includes Jo Caulfield, North Country Theatre and Mark Thomas, to name but a few. The Courthouse also encourages new local and emerging artists, to ensure that Otley audiences can see a wide variety of quality performances at affordable prices.

What is remarkable is that Otley Courthouse is mainly held together by people who give their time for free. The work of over 100 volunteers demonstrates that local spirit can create and maintain a flourishing arts venue. Volunteers welcome you at the door, take your tickets and serve a great cup of coffee in the cafe. Look up from your seat and you might see one of the volunteers in the lighting box or a steward ready to tell you a story of the building's penitentiary past.

As well as being a performance venue, Otley Courthouse is a magnet for local groups. Monday to Saturday the centre is filled with brass bands, creative writers and choirs. The Centre Manager, Chloe Perry and the Courthouse Board are always looking for ways to encourage more members of the community to visit. As well as a community cafe there is a small multimedia room with photocopying and printing facilities and free use of PC's and even free basic computing lessons for the over 55's.

Pop into the Courthouse and pick up a brochure or log on to our website to find out more about this fantastic local resource www.otleycourthouse.org.uk



OTLEY WORD FEAST 2014 CELEBRATION WEEKEND

The second Otley Word Feast celebration weekend 28-30th March has an exciting programme of events for all the community. The Grand Opening Feast will be at Korks Wine Bar at 7.00pm on Friday 28th March. The event includes the Town Mayor's prize-giving for the adult winner of the 'Market' writing competition, performances by local writers, music and a delicious supper. Children's prizes will be awarded in Otley Library on Saturday 29th March.

Saturday's programme has something for everyone, from breakfast time. With creative writing workshops for all levels of experience, speakers, family activities, free events, an Open Mic session, a poetry Slam for young people, the Return of the Despicable Liars, to Sonnets and Scones and afternoon tea with James Nash.

On Sunday, there is a Walk with Words and Otley Word Feast Press will launch its anthology 'Spokes' celebrating all things cycling and the Tour de France Grand Depart through Otley.

Pick up the programme around town, check www.otleywordfeast.org.uk, for full details.

Tickets for all events, are available at Otley Courthouse and online at www.otleycourthouse.org.uk

Otley Word Feast thanks: Otley Town Council, Leeds City Council, Leeds Inspired, the Co-operative Community Fund and Otley Town Partnership for their sponsorship.



VOICE YOUR CHOICE CREATE A LEGACY! OTLEY THE ROAD TO PARIS

Otley Town Council is again inviting residents to spend a portion of its budget through the Voice Your Choice initiative.

This year a fund of **£5,000** is available to be spent on **legacy projects from this year's Tour de France**. The Council is now calling for any project/event ideas that residents would like to see delivered in the town to mark this one-off experience.

The public ballot, where Otley residents vote for the winning projects will take place in early June.

Anyone who would like to put forward any ideas should complete the simple online form at www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or alternatively via e-mail to community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or write to Otley Town Council, Unit 11 Orchard Gate, Otley, LS21 3NX.

The deadline for ideas is **5pm on Friday 28th of March**.

COMPETITION

Children aged 16 years and under are invited to design a T-shirt to celebrate the Tour de France coming to Otley on Saturday 5th July.

The prize for the winning entry is to see their design made up onto a T-shirt and a goody bag of 'Otley - The Road to Paris' merchandise.

All entries must include name, age and contact telephone number/e-mail address of a guardian and must be received by Otley Town Council, Unit 11, Orchard Gate, Otley, LS21 3NX by Friday 25th April, 2014.



www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

28-30 Otley Word Feast
30 Otley Farmers Market
30 Designer Craft Fair
30 Chippendale Indoor Market

April

5 Otley Green Fair
27 Otley Farmers Market
27 Designer Craft Fair
27 Chippendale Indoor Market

May

10-11 Otley Families Festival
17 Otley Show
17 Otley Sportiva
25 LS21 LIVE
25 Otley Farmers Market
25 Designer Craft Fair
25 Chippendale Indoor Market

** Otley Market Days
held every Tuesday,
Friday and Saturday*

THE ROAD TO PARIS VIA OTLEY



Otley's Tour de France Steering Group continue with planning for the arrival of the race as it heads to Otley on Saturday 5th July 2014. The build-up will include a 2 week Cycling Festival and the annual Otley Road Race on Wednesday 2nd July, as well as many other planned events and activities.

On the day of the race the town centre will house a large tv screen, a local food, drink and craft market, fairground and on-street entertainment. More details on all events planned can be found on our website www.otleytdf.co.uk.

Plans are also underway to make available infrastructure you would associate with such a large scale event, such as temporary car parking and campsites. The website will provide essential information for residents and visitors regarding road closures, accommodation and parking, as and when it becomes available.

Information on the Tour passing through Otley is gathering pace. We now know that the publicity caravan will arrive at 10.13, with the cyclists following at 12.12. It is estimated that over 20,000 people will watch the race pass through Otley. The roads along the route are expected to be closed from 7am and be closed for a minimum of eight hours to allow for preparation of the race route, the handover to the Tour de France organisers, access for the publicity caravan, the race itself, the removal of race infrastructure and the safe dispersal of spectators. It is expected that the town centre will be closed to traffic until at least 6pm.

OTLEY FILM SOCIETY STILL A CHANCE TO CATCH THE 2013-14 SEASON

Only 6 films left this season – that's 6 more chances to see what you've been missing, and whether you want to become a member in September. And what a range of films!

- Shakespearean tragedy acted by inmates of a high-security prison in Italy.
- Black comedy about a caravan trip round the North of England.
- A very different WWII film, set in an area of the Western Front under German occupation.
- Complex French/Iranian love triangle family drama! With Bérénice Bejo.
- A small boy believes a Japanese bullet train can create a miracle.
- And a mystery film - which is usually an Oscar winner or nominee.

13 March - Caesar Must Die

27 March - Sightseers

10 April - In The Fog

24 April - The Past

8 May - I Wish

22 May - Mystery Film

GUEST TICKETS ARE STILL ONLY £4.

THURSDAY NIGHTS @ 19:45 AT OTLEY COURTHOUSE,
BAR FROM 19:00, DRINKS CAN BE TAKEN INTO THE FILM.

Find out more about the films on our website,
www.otleyfilmsociety.org.uk

And follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Otley Camera Club

Want to develop your photography in a group of friendly, enthusiastic people who share your hobby? Otley Camera Club might just be right for you. Membership is open to photographers of all abilities. Members meet each Thursday at 7.15pm in the Otley Town Partnership Rooms in Mercury Row. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

Our spring programme includes competitions on Landscape and Pictorial photos judged by experienced external judges and club evenings where members present items of interest. We are also looking forward to a presentation by David and Sheila Coates entitled "Pictures all Around Us". David and Sheila are well qualified and experienced photographers and this should be a good evening. Our Annual Exhibition will be held in September at the Otley Courthouse.

For further details, visit our website at www.otleycameraclub.co.uk

Schools work together on Online Safety



Parents of children at all Otley Primary Schools attended a training course at Prince Henry's Grammar School, dealing with the issue of safety online. The course was arranged by the Otley Pool and Bramhope Extended Services Cluster in response to parents asking for further help with the issue in surveys conducted by the primary schools.

The event, delivered by the Leeds City Council's Child Protection Team, was set up to help parents regulate their child's internet use. Questions covered during the session included: *How do I talk to my child about what they are doing online? What risks might my child face? What tools are there to keep my child safe?*

Phil Temple, Assistant Headteacher at Prince Henry's Grammar School and Cluster Manager said "This is the perfect example of how the partnership between all the local schools, through the Cluster and Family of Schools, works to help all the families across Otley."



The Creative Otley Group (C.O.G.) is here to promote collaboration within Otley's creative community.

C.O.G. is a diverse and friendly blend of artists, who support, motivate and encourage one another. Our aim is to celebrate creativity, and inspire inventive and expressive people, whose talents may otherwise lay unrecognised.

We will be holding a stall under the Buttercross in Otley, on Saturday April 5th from 10am 'til 2pm. Why not come along and have a chat with us? Maybe you'd like to join the Creative Otley Group? We will be selling bric-a-brac, books, clothing, toys, and baked goods - raising funds to support future plans of holding a 'Festival of Creativity', here in Otley.

Find out more at www.creative-otley.co.uk

GALA DINNER

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Members of Soroptimist International of Aireborough invite you to join us in supporting this entertaining charity event

Friday 4th April 2014

**Hawthorn Suite, Hollins Hall Hotel,
Baildon BD17 7QW**

7pm for 7.30pm

**£26 per person
(reduction for tables of 8 or 10)**

A caricaturist will be working live during the evening.

Alternatively please bring photographs of your favourite people or pets.

Telephone 0113 250 6590 for further information and bookings

BIG IN JAPAN

Two members from Otley Parish Scouts have been selected to represent West Yorkshire at the next World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015.

With only 36 places available, Explorer Scout Tom Paxton and Scout Megan Barker had to go through an intense selection process to ensure their place at the Jamboree. The World Scout Jamboree is held every four years at locations around the world. Over 50,000 Scouts aged between 14 and 17 years old will be attending in Japan.

For Tom and Megan this represents the opportunity of a lifetime. They will get the chance to meet other Scouts from all over the world and share their knowledge and experiences. The Jamboree also offers them the chance to acquire new skills that they can use in other aspects of their life.

The big challenge now for Tom and Megan is to raise £3,400 each to fund the trip.



Otley Parish Scouts are planning a variety of events to support Tom and Megan including a 24 hour table tennis marathon and a Harry Potter film night.

If you would like to support Tom and Megan please contact any of the leaders at Otley Parish Scouts at otleyparishscouts@hotmail.co.uk

OTLEY CARNIVAL

Saturday 21st June

As we come to the end of the long dreary days of winter, Otley Carnival committee hopes that minds are turning to summer events and particularly our annual Carnival on June 21st.

Bands and entertainment have been booked and we will soon be choosing the young lady who will have a very special day as she takes centre stage as Carnival Queen. Our judges will be hunting for the perfect picture to grace the front cover of this year's Carnival programme.

For all the effort that the Carnival committee can put into organising this big day in the town's calendar, most of its continued success is attributable to the involvement of so many other local organisations who enter their colourful floats and walking groups in the Parade or bring their own fundraising stalls to add to the fun and variety on the Carnival field. We love to see old friends who have taken part in many previous Carnivals, but we would be delighted to welcome new participants - in a year when we welcome the Tour



de France to the town and World Cup football frenzy grips. There should be no lack of inspiration for those planning to take part so why not join in and enter a float or a walking group or book a stall to make money for your own good cause.

Every year we donate as much as possible to our beneficiaries and this depends on the efforts of those who join the Parade as collectors – could you take a tin or a bucket and help to support this year's beneficiaries – Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Otley Action for Older People and Otley Children's Centre.

Contacts

Enquiries about taking part in the Parade -
Diana Allen (01943 462498; nick_diana_allen@hotmail.com)

To book a stall or be a collector during the Parade –
Ann Steval (01943 466995;
steval@btinternet.com)



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Join the Friends of Gallows Hill



The Friends of Gallows Hill community group was set up in 1995 to assist with the management and maintenance of the Gallows Hill Nature Area in Otley. The site is now approaching maturity and provides a rich environment for various types of wildlife.

Our continued aim is to protect, enhance and conserve Gallows Hill, its habitats and wildlife. Alongside we are seeking to develop the educational and recreational potential of the site, by increasing the involvement of the local community.

If you are interested in being involved in this important Otley green space please contact: Mike Blackwell, Chair of Friends of Gallows Hill on 07906 084148.

OTLEY GREEN FAIR SAT 5th APRIL 2014

This year's Green Fair takes place at Otley Courthouse, on Saturday 5th April from 10am to 4pm. Entrance is free.

There will be a variety of stalls - charities, crafts, local and national campaigns and environmental groups, and taster sessions in alternative therapies. In the afternoon there will be a children's art workshop, from 1 - 3pm.



The cafe will serve Fairtrade snacks and drinks as well as a delicious selection of locally produced food from Bondgate Bakery.

OTLEY CHAMBER OF TRADE GOOD SERVICE AWARD

The Chamber's award for Good Service for the year 2013 is awarded to Wydale Framing, Otley Market.



This year we had nominations for 34 businesses as diverse as cafes, opticians and an Equestrian Centre. Our independent Mystery Shopper took the challenge of contacting all those businesses who had been nominated by members of the public during December and judged them on customer service, helpfulness, politeness and, of course, the knowledge of their products and services.

The nominated businesses all deserve recognition with at least one member of the public having felt that they deserved putting forward. The Chamber received hundreds of nomination forms, each containing a different reason or positive experience and we would like to thank all those who took the time to fill in a nomination form.

A competition like this only goes to show how much people in our community value the service that shops and businesses in Otley offer.

In joint second place were Bead Monster, BEKs, Chevin Cycles, Gifted Angel, Gloucesters, Middlemiss and Simon & Becky (fruit & veg).

Once again, congratulations to Wydale Framing and a big thank you to the people of Otley for making this all possible.

THE WOOLPACK STUDIOS music & arts

Local community arts company The Big Hoo-Ha Co continues to build on the myriad of music (and other) projects and activities for young people and adults developed at The Woolpack Studios over the past 2 ½ years, as well as the peripatetic projects which it has been running since 1998. The Studios have education rooms for music technology or film work, workshop space, a recording studio (including sound proof rooms) and an arts studio, as well as a variety of musical instruments and equipment, and are run by multi-instrumentalists skilled in working with people of all ages and abilities.

Regular music activities, courses and projects include: studio recording; music technology courses (Cubase, Ableton, Home Studio recording); Otley Ukulele Orchestra; Otley A Capella; Saturday and after-school music sessions for young people; projects for school groups; birthday recording parties and much more! Our regular mosaic courses also continue to be popular, as does our knitting group.

For more information on any of the above, please visit the website www.bighooa.co.uk, email info@bighooa.co.uk or call 07956 205151

MOSAIC COURSES AT THE WOOLPACK STUDIOS

Why not learn a new skill, and learn how to make beautiful original works of art for your home and garden?

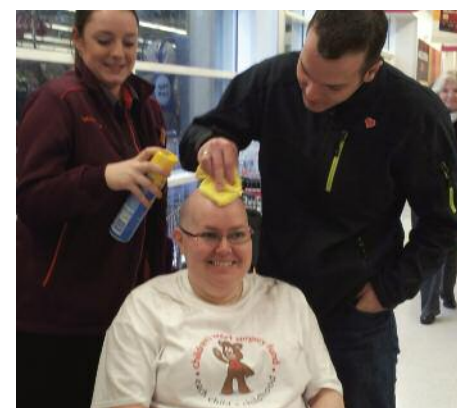
Courses for beginners and for experienced mosaic-ers. The next courses are on 23 March, 20 April and 18 May. Please check the website for up to date information.

Gift vouchers are available.



Community mosaics, in schools and community groups, and private commissions are also available. Ccontact Frances Taylor 07984 424897 frances@bighooa.co.uk www.bighooa.co.uk

Sainsbury's Otley



The day started with a hair-raising show on Saturday 4th January at Sainsbury's Otley, where daring checkout operator Kate Hobson had her head shaved for charity. Kate now dons a bright pink hat to keep her head warm thanks to Scissor Master Suzanne Sutcliffe who took great joy in shaving her fellow employee's head. All monies raised will go to the Children's Heart Surgery Unit at the LGI, in memory of their colleague Hannah Reynard's daughter Ella Louise Newton-Smith who spent much of her short life supported by the Heart Unit. Kate is also donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity which provides real hair wigs to youngsters who have lost their own hair to cancer treatment.

Further donations are still being accepted, if you wish to get involved, head over to www.justgiving.com/crazy-kate

ORCHARD GATE TOILETS

As previously reported Otley Town Council made the decision to renovate Orchard Gate public toilets and take over their running from December 2013.

Here the leader of the Council John Eveleigh answers some of your questions with regards to the refurbishment.

Otley Council have chosen to renovate Orchard Gate toilets and not close them as other councils have chosen to do – what was the reasoning behind this decision?

We are very aware of the cost of running public toilets and that we were going against the trend of other local authorities who have chosen to close many of their public toilet facilities. In fact 1 in 7 public toilets have closed in the last three years as councils seek to cut costs.

However, we believe that the benefits to our residents, local businesses and visitors far outweigh the costs. For example, visitors appreciate and often judge their visit to our Town on the quality of the facilities on offer and this will be particularly highlighted when the Tour de France comes to Otley in July 2014.

Age UK have found that public toilets are vital for many older people, enabling them to get out and about to access essential services and prevent people becoming house bound. Many people take in to account access to facilities when planning a day out.

In what way did accessibility feature in the design of the toilets?

We as a Council are very committed to making our facilities accessible to all. We approached the design and refurbishment of the toilets in the same way as we approached the development of the Core Resource Centre. Extensive signage has been chosen to ensure information is clear for all people including those with visual impairment. Signs with pictures have been included to help make the facilities dementia friendly. Colours have been chosen to provide good contrast between adjoining spaces for example, walls, doors, floors etc again to help people with visual impairment.

Why did the Council decide to operate a fully attended Service?

As a Council, we were conscious of the need to protect the toilets from vandalism which has been a problem in the past. Also with an attendant on duty the toilets can be maintained to the highest standard. Also, visitors to the town can benefit from someone being available to answer general questions about the Town re directions to places of interest etc.

Why is it 30p to go to the loo?

Unfortunately as much as we would have liked to offer this service free of charge we were unable to do so. As I have previously mentioned a number of local authorities have made the difficult decision to close many of their public toilet facilities due to the operating costs. This fee is necessary to ensure that the toilets can be fully attended and maintained to the highest standard. There are however, no charges for the use of the baby changing and the accessible toilet facilities, the latter being accessible via the national radar key scheme.

What are ambulant toilets?

Ambulant toilets have a cubicle that is wider than a standard cubicle and has the benefit of additional handrails and an outward opening door. The signage is of a person on crutches. The benefit of the ambulant toilet is that some people, who may need additional cubicle space, may prefer to use a single sex facility so there is one in the male and one in the female toilets. Also the wider cubicle is useful for people with luggage or bags and offers an alternative facility for customers with children.

A Big Thank You

The project was delivered to a high standard and on time and the Council would like to express their thanks to: Basil Houldsworth & Sons, Wise Electrical Services, Jamie Crombie Plumbers, North Tile and Stone Centre, Linden Signs Ltd and Valley Signs for their hard work and quality services.



Town Mayor, Cllr Pam Gill officially opening the toilets on 2nd December 2013

Entrance Foyer showing Dementia, tactile & braille signage & Otley facts.

Wash facilities with economical high speed hand dryers

Ambulant toilet, one in each male & female toilets



LEEDS CITY CREDIT UNION COMES TO OTLEY

Leeds City Credit Union launched an information point within Otley Library on Monday 3rd February 2014.

Hazel Berry will be available each Monday from 10am – 12 pm to offer friendly and uncomplicated financial services to the residents of Otley. Call in for a chat and find out what is on offer (prior appointments can be made).

Contact Hazel on: 07860 505039,
email: hberry@leedscitycreditunion.co.uk

Alternatively contact our Head Office on 0113 423343 or visit our web site: www.leedscitycreditunion.co.uk

For Loans, For Savings, For Budgeting, For Business, For You

New Year New You

Haven't set a New Year's Resolution yet? Why not join one of your local Marie Curie Cancer Care Fundraising Groups.

Your local Fundraising Group is looking for members and helpers to support them with their fundraising during the Great Daffodil Appeal this spring. Do you have a spare couple of hours every few weeks?

Hannah Saxon, local Community Fundraiser for the charity, said 'The charity is so fortunate to have the support from our local volunteers in our Fundraising Groups, without them the charity would not be able to reach as many patients and give them the choice to die in their own home. If you can spare a few hours to help out in your local community please get in touch.'

It costs the charity £20 an hour to have a Marie Curie Nurse in a patients home so you can see how valuable your support is.

For more information about your local Marie Curie Fundraising Group please visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/en-GB/fundraising-volunteering or contact Katie on 01274 386190



Happy Plotters and the Owl of Otley

It was a chilly January evening. Most sober citizens of Otley were home toasting their toes by the fire. From her chimney-pot roost at Courtyard Planters Hedgewig the owl caught the echo of voices. Sounds of laughter followed excited discussion.

'Meet in the morning...put it in bags...where's the key?...yellow flowers...two here, three there and one hanging on the wall.' What plans were being hatched? Hedgewig scratched her head with a feathery claw. Yellow flowers on a freezing January night? Of course!

The Otley in Bloomers. These people gardened and watered and planted and picked litter whatever the weather. In November, Hedgewig had seen them planting daffodil bulbs along verges on the edges of town. Something new was in the air...what could it be?

Visit Otley in Bloom on Facebook or our website:
www.otleyinbloom.co.uk



OLD OTLIENSIANS RUGBY CLUB



'Ensians can look back on probably the most successful start to a season in the history of the Club with the 1st XV being undefeated up to mid-January and at that stage lying ten points clear at the top of Yorkshire League 4.

Unfortunately, a serious setback in January was a bad knee injury to skipper Ieuan Cranswick, but since then his regular support from the touchline has encouraged the team to maintain the same team spirit and positive frame of mind.

Over the winter months with funding help from the RFU, Club members have worked hard to construct a new building - housing a gym, an equipment store and a garage for the Club tractor. Plans are also being developed for the Club's role in the prestigious "Grand Depart" in early July.

HAREWOOD LODGE

A very pleasing evening at Westbourne House on the 18th January saw the Harewood Lodge Worshipful Master Bernard Towers, present a £1,000 cheque to Otley AC Juniors coach Hugh Pearson. Accompanied by members and families Hugh explained the valuable facility Otley AC Juniors is to the young of our town. Based at Prince Henry's School the money would be used to supply secure storage for much needed equipment. The Club embraces not only the Otley juniors but whole family's encouraging healthy exercise and involvement. Hugh also thanked Philip J Harris for his support in achieving the donation and the wider Harewood Lodge membership with the Worshipful Master for this generous and much needed contribution.

The Worshipful Master explained that any local Charity or voluntary organisation is welcome to approach the Freemasons of Otley for support. It is our purpose and pleasure to help and encourage service and voluntary contribution to our communities.



Time to get serious about getting fit with Otley AC's beginners running group

Otley Athletic Club is appealing to would-be runners to come and join their free beginners group to help make sure they stay on target to get fit in 2014.

The Absolute Beginners group meets every Tuesday at 6:15pm at Otley Cricket Club, adjacent to Otley Rugby Club, in Cross Green and sees two groups run or run/walk for around 30-minutes.

The Group is coordinated by Billy Rayner, a qualified Leader in Running Fitness, and everyone is welcome regardless of ability, including accompanied children over the age of 11.

Billy said: "Absolute Beginners is about helping anyone, male or female, with a desire to get fit through running but who may have doubts about their ability, or how to even start running. The emphasis is very much on how to enjoy it and we cater for anyone; and even if you can only run 100-metres we can help you improve and reach whatever target you wish. The group launched around 12-months ago and has been a great success with several members making the move to the full club, and even taking part in local races."

If anyone has any questions Billy can be contacted via run@otleyac.org.uk and there is also an Absolute Beginners Facebook page.



Otley Brass

After an extremely busy Christmas period for Otley Brass Band and Wharfe Brass, which even included a few members of Otley Band appearing in the Christmas Eve episode of Emmerdale, the engagement diary is just starting to fill up for the year ahead. The young members of Wharfe Brass will be spending a weekend together with guest tutors from several top brass bands, and, very importantly, having fun at Nell Bank, let's hope the weather holds out for them. Otley Band will be giving a concert at Bolton Priory on Friday 16th May, and alongside Wharfe Brass, will be performing at St Margaret's Church, Ilkley for a fundraising concert in aid of Candlelighters on Sat 14th June. Details of these and other engagements can be found on the website www.otleybrassband.co.uk



Otley Cycle Fest 2014

Otley Cycle Fest is a partnership, led by Otley Cycle Club, welcoming everyone to our festival events taking place 22 June - 5 July in Otley on the route of the Tour de France. The festival aims to showcase some of what Otley Cycle Club offers. Otley is famed as a cycling town and only a few minutes ride takes you into the beautiful Yorkshire countryside. The festival provides opportunities for everyone to join cycle rides and social events with others who enjoy cycling. From gentle cycle path rides of just a few miles to rides over more challenging distances: 10 miles, 50 miles or whatever you like. *Join us for a ride!*



Olympic legacy sports scheme aims for Tour de France launch

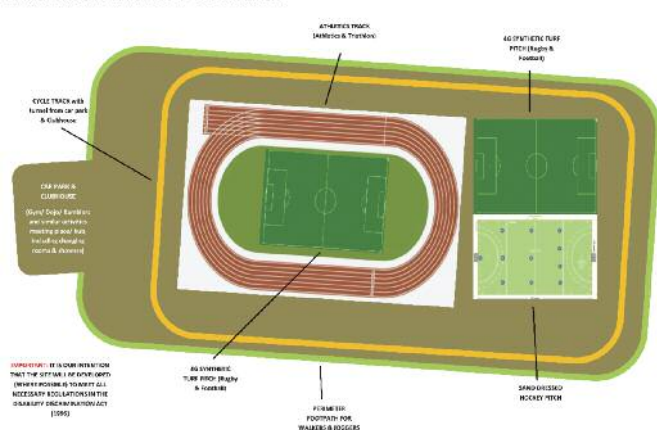
The team behind plans to build a sports complex in Otley are aiming to submit a planning application to coincide with the Tour de France visiting the town.

Latest costs for the Chevin Olympic Park put it at around £5 million for a two-storey clubhouse, a 400-metre athletics track, a full-size artificial football and rugby pitch, an outdoor cycle route, an athletics throw area and a full-size artificial hockey pitch.

The steering committee driving the scheme is at an advanced stage of writing the business plan, with the intention of applying for funding from a variety of national sporting bodies.

Outline talks have been held at the, as yet unnamed site, with planners from Leeds City Council and it is hoped a formal announcement can be made in time for the Tour de France passing through the town.

CHEVIN OLYMPIC PARK - GENERAL LAYOUT - V2a - November 2013



New Monday Memory Club

In 2013 Otley Action for Older People won funding from Otley Town Council in the Voice Your Choice ballot, thank you to all who voted for us! The money will be used to support our Memory Café and to allow us to run another monthly group, which means that we will have two monthly groups dedicated to supporting people with Dementia or memory problems. The current Memory Lane Café is held at the rugby club on the fourth Thursday of the month and is a social group centred on socialising and musical entertainment. We always welcome newcomers!

The new monthly group will run on the second Monday of the month from 1:30pm - 3:30pm at Otley Methodist Church. The first event was on Monday the 10th February.

If you have memory problems and would like to come along to our new group then please call OAOP on 01943 463965 and speak to Catherine or Sue.



Otley Walking Festival 2014

It's back again! Get your boots ready for the fourteenth Otley Walking Festival. Opening with a choice of events on Saturday 21 June and running right through until Sunday 29 June with events and walks each day and evening.

With a choice of over 50 walks and events, there really is something for everyone! You can be sure of a warm welcome from all our Walk Leaders and the chance to meet other friendly folk.

As always, there are walks for all ages and abilities - short town-based walks, themed walks, waterside walks, strenuous moorland hikes plus a full evening programme of themed events.

Otley Walking Festival 2014 programmes will be available from Easter time at Otley Courthouse, Otley Core, libraries, Tourist Information Centres, local businesses, and the Festival Office which is based at Chevin Trek.

The programme will also be available online at www.chevintrek.co.uk and www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk

Ruth Blackwell,
Chair, Otley Walking Festival Organising Committee



LEGACIES OF WAR : UNTOLD OTLEY STORIES OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Family stories, memorabilia and photographs are still being brought into the museum following our introductory displays. Thanks to all contributors.

Radio Leeds will feature our piece which focuses on the nine families in Albion Street who lost sons or husbands during the First World War. The broadcast will be part of its on-going programme for this Centenary year.

Good news also on the request in the letter from Mr Ronnie Duncan, recently published in The Wharfedale. He asked for information on two framed photographs, taken by his grandfather of the 10th W.R. Howitzer Battery, Otley Territorials as they marched out of town in 1914. The photographs have been returned and will now be part of our exhibition.

For ongoing information keep in touch at -
Otley Museum: Tel 01943 468181.
Email otleymuseum@btconnect.com
www.otleymuseum.org



10th Battery Gun Drill, Otley Drill Field

Choral Societies present Brahms

Under the baton of Barry Jordan, Otley and Ilkley Choral societies are preparing a programme of music by Johannes Brahms to be held in Otley Parish Church on the evening of Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm. They will be performing Brahms' German Requiem. Centred on the tender setting of Psalm 84 'How lovely are Thy dwellings fair' the 'Requiem' distinguishes itself by concentrating on words of reassurance, hope and peacefulness in the world to come. The music is amongst his most tender and uplifting and remains one of his most well-loved works. Soloists for this work will come from the Royal Northern College of Music and they will also perform some solo songs. The organist for the evening is the societies' Musical Director, Alan Horsey who will also play Brahms' 'Prelude and Fugue in G Minor' and 'Est ist Ein Ros'.

Ticket prices are £12.00 with accompanied school children free. Tickets are available from members of the society, the ticket secretary ticketsecretary@otleychoral.org.uk and Brown's Gallery, Otley.

More information about the concert can be found at www.otleychoral.org.uk



Otley Families Festival 10-11th May, 2014

In April last year the first ever Otley Families Festival took place. A weekend long event made up of many mini events, all happening in Otley, showcasing what we do best in our fabulous community. O.F.F was designed to give families, groups and individuals the chance to do things that they normally wouldn't do, or not have the opportunity to do. A chance to pick up new skills whilst having fun and meet new people.

Whilst helping raise awareness and funds for sick and pre mature baby charity Bliss.

The event was a roaring success with people of all ages and abilities taking part in various activities. Highlights included the family bike ride and Mr Tiff's madness and mayhem circus skills show.

The O.F.F received a lot of positive feedback, however we would still like to hear your thoughts and suggestions on anything that should be added or omitted for the event in May this year. Please contact Rachel Michael bayhorsecourtete@hotmail.co.uk



Otley Science Festival was another success with events for all ages attracting big audiences.

Silly Science for the under 5s gave many youngsters their first taste of Science with lots of fun experiments and the chance to meet a snake and a chameleon. An older audience enjoyed the Science Lunch whilst finding out about the Northern Lights. Robot Building with Wall-E and the Schools Events were also much appreciated.

Despite the terrible weather, the free Science Fair again proved enormously successful with many visitors travelling from far and wide. Otley is well and truly on the Science World Map and this year the Science Festival has attracted many followers on Twitter!

Our Science Café Programme continues on March 20th at Otley Courthouse and this year we are having a special Tour de France themed Café on June 26th and another Café on September 18th.

Look out for Otley Science Festival 2014, November 10th – 15th.

www.otleysciencefestival.co.uk | www.facebook.com/otleyscience | www.twitter.com/otleyscience



OTLEY LIONS

The Lions would like to thank all who supported their fundraising in 2013. Donations have been made to a wide range of causes - local, national and international.

Local initiatives included - wheelchairs for two disabled children; equipment for the Beehive group; food bins for Otley's Food Bank; help for a local family stranded in Spain following an unexpected birth; financing heating for the Beamsley disabled holidays project; a book-token prize for local university students; donations to "Breath Easy;" support for the local "Bliss" group.

National support included - the Harrogate Eye Clinic; research on Motor Neurone Disease, Diabetes and Liver Disease; the Lions' Disabled Sports Day.

International causes included - German exchange holidays for disabled people; a Yorkshire holiday for socially disadvantaged French youngsters; children's books for Sri Lanka; the Gates' "One-shot-One-Life" campaign; the disaster in the Philippines; Christian Blind Mission's cataract operations campaign; Yorkshire holidays for Belarus children affected by Chernobyl.

OTLEY SHOW

**SATURDAY
17th MAY
2014**



Otley Show still remains one of the highlights in the town's calendar, and features traditional livestock classes - cattle, sheep, horses, goats, poultry, rabbits, hamsters and dogs, supported by classes showcasing the best of local produce, handicrafts and floral art. Schedules are now available for these classes and can be obtained by downloading them from www.otleyshow.org.uk

This year, the Poultry and Pigeon section are appealing for volunteers to help run it, and unless they find some, this part of the show may be unable to continue.

Attractions will include The Sheep Show, The Stampede Stunt Show, Birds of Prey, plus much more. We pride ourselves that Otley Show is still an agricultural event for all the family.

Membership which includes three tickets to the show, car parking and access to the exclusive members marquee is available for just £23.

Pastels at the ready



Otley Arts Club meets each Wednesday at 7.30pm in the People's Welfare Centre on Crossgate, providing an opportunity for artists of any age to work creatively in a sociable environment and in a wide choice of media.

Spring Term began with portrayals of our Otley Town Mayor and continued with workshops, one led by an eminent visiting artist and a visit to Horsforth Art Society who invited us for a joint picture review.

On March 5th we have a life drawing session and our AGM follows on the 12th. A textural graphics evening and miniature painting studies complete the term on April 2nd.

The Summer Term leads to our Annual Exhibition shown at Otley Courthouse throughout July.

Please call in to any club night to collect a programme - your first evening is free of charge, thereafter £3 per session or £15 per term. Alternatively, ring (01943) 467029 for further information.

ST JOSEPH'S OTLEY TOPIC WEEK - 'SPACE'

We have a topic week each half term at St Joseph's, as chosen by the children, through the School Council. All classes recently learnt about Space.

Reception made rockets, alien masks and even their own rocket—taking them to Space! Year One were busy learning about the planets with some great songs. Year Two made fantastic information Space Books, colourful papermache planets and clay aliens. Year Three made models of rockets and discussed air pressure and propulsion when they set them off. Year Four designed from mod-roc what a new alien might look like and wrote alien poems. Year Five created small worlds based on space. Year Six focused on the Moon, learning about the Moon Landings and a day in the life of an astronaut.

At the end of the week there was a Planetarium set up in the hall and each class received a fabulous presentation; parents were invited to our showcase event where they looked around all the classes and also had an opportunity to visit the Planetarium.

Rotary Way

On the 24th November 2013, the Leeds Town Mayor and mayoress, the Rotary District Governor, Otley Town Mayor, the President of Otley Chevin Rotary Club, President elect of Otley Rotary Club and Chairman of Otley in Bloom officially unveiled the signs to announce the renaming of the Otley By-pass as Rotary Way, in recognition of the work of the Rotary Clubs in keeping this area clean and tidy. The cost of the signs were shared between the two Otley Rotary Clubs.



A week earlier Otley Chevin Rotary Club planted 400 trees in Otley Chevin Forest Park with the help of 2nd Otley scouts, leaders and their families.



THE CHEVIN CROSS

The cross on the Chevin, which was installed for the first time in 1969, has become a well-known and loved Easter symbol of hope for the past 45 years. The cross, which was replaced after 31 years for the new millennium, was the brainchild of the Otley Council of Christian Churches and is a fine example of a co-operative initiative, which has become a source of comfort and inspiration to many people.

At least 50 people are needed to pull the cross into place at Surprise View above Otley (Grid Ref. SE 203442) where it then remains for four weeks throughout the Easter celebrations. This year it is being erected on Saturday April 5th at 09:30am. We need helpers, if you are interested in assisting - all helpers need to be at Surprise View opposite The Royalty at around 09:15am.

For any further details please contact John Burland on 07725434036.



THE OTLEY PARISH SCOUTS AND GUIDES PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION LAUNCH THEIR NEW WEBSITE AND ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM!

Booking this well equipped and spacious Scout hut has never been easier!



Disabled access is available and the facilities include toilets, a well equipped kitchen, tables, chairs and plenty of room in the main hall to cater for children's parties, exercise classes and much more!

As the hut is situated along Burras Lane the proximity to Otley town could not be better. The low cost of renting the hut, for as little as £10 per hour, makes it incredibly competitive and very reasonable.

For more information please see our website, www.thescouthut.org or contact a committee member on 01943 466905.

U3A NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

Are you retired, unwaged, or a part-time worker with time on your hands and are looking for something new to do? Look no further - the Ilkley and District U3A has something for you.

If you want to learn a different skill, explore a new hobby, or just socialise, then U3A can help. With 90 activities currently on offer there is plenty to choose from. There is something for everyone - young and old, active or less active, both indoors and out. The activities range widely from leisurely ones like photography to the more active such as racketball. No previous experience is necessary, just a will to take part and enjoy what's on offer.

Ilkley and District U3A is open to anyone living in Otley. Find out more about the activities on offer, including details about how to join and who to contact from our website www.ilkleyu3a.org



WESTON LANE JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB

Weston Lane Juniors Football Club was set up as a Sports and Social club in the 1950s and is still a thriving club with great links to the local community. We are an FA Charter Standard club with FA qualified coaches and teams in the under 13, under 10 and under 8 categories. Lots of time and investment in the clubhouse over recent years is now paying off and we provide a base for many community groups in the area.

Thanks to funding from Otley Town Council we also run a Wednesday evening session at PHGS for older players. We have also recently received £300 for a new line marking machine from Otley Lions. Interested players or parents can come along and take a look at Saturday morning training or check out our lively Facebook page to keep up to date with events.



Otley Sportive Cycling Organisation is proud to announce a Women Only Sportive on the 17th May 2014.

This is one of the first events of its kind across Yorkshire, and with the Tour de France announcing a womens race on the final stage in Paris this year the profile of Women's Cycling has never been higher.

The Otley Sportiva event has two rides for all to take part in. One medium length ride (40km) which will head out from Pool across to Armscliff Cragg, heading out towards Harrogate before returning via Wetherby.



The new www.otleylovescyclists.com website, a joint venture between Otley Town Council and Otley Sportive will be launched on the 27th March, corresponding with day 1 of the 100 day countdown to the Tour de France. This initiative forms part of the 'Do You Ride' Cycling Strategy for Otley. The scheme is intended to promote Otley as an outstanding and attractive destination for cyclists of all abilities. The website includes details on the huge number of cycling activities and events that are taking place in Otley. It outlines the many cyclist friendly cafes, pubs and accommodation in Otley. It also provides maps on where cycle parking can be found around the town and numerous cycling routes (easy to hard, short to long) but all start and finish in Otley.



Victorian Fayre



The weather is always a gamble when holding any outdoor event, however, it did not stop the crowds from enjoying a fabulous day.

One of the highlights of the 2013 Fayre was how our cafe's, shops and pubs entered into the spirit of the event by dressing in wonderful Victorian costumes. It is important to remember that the Fayre is not just a fabulous day out for the many thousands of visitors from far and wide; it also serves as a welcome boost to Otley's businesses in these difficult economic times.

New in 2013 was the involvement of our local Army Cadets who sold programmes all afternoon. This group of youngsters really showed that serving the community can be worthwhile and enjoyable. My thanks go out to them as they were a delight to work with and they sold over 400 programmes for us.

Thank you to my team of volunteers.

Steph Lee (Chair)



Physical and Sensory Impairment (PSI)

The Physical and Sensory Impairment (PSI) Network supports third sector organisations that work to improve the lives of disabled people in Leeds.

Through the PSI Network organisations can access opportunities that will allow their voice to be heard, help shape policy and keep up to date with developments in services.

Physical and Sensory Impairment (PSI)

The PSI Network promotes the Social Model of Disability which says that disability is caused by the way society is organised, rather than by a person's impairment or difference. It looks at ways of removing barriers that restrict life choices for disabled people. When barriers are removed, disabled people can be independent and equal in society, with choice and control over their own lives.

Disabled people developed the social model of disability because the traditional medical model did not explain their personal experience of disability or help to develop more inclusive ways of living. Organisations that support people with either a physical or sensory impairment are members of the network.

The PSI Network offers access to:

Involvement - Opportunities to be involved in discussion and planning at a strategic level.

Events - Themed events for networking, information and discussion.

Information - Provided through newsletters and bulletins.

If you need more information about the Network email ann.crossland@val.org.uk or call her on 0113 2977942

OTLEY SWIMMERS MAKE USE OF 'LEEDS LETS GET ACTIVE'

This initiative from Leeds City Council to encourage people to exercise in the pool or in the gym, has had a great response at the Chippindale swimming pool in Otley, where full use is being made of the free daily sessions on offer.

Times are as follows :

Monday 8pm-9pm
Tuesday 12.45pm-1.30pm
Wednesday 8.15-9.00 pm
Thursday 7.00-8.00 pm
Friday 12.30-1.15
Saturday 7.45-8.45am
Sunday 3.00-4.00pm

Why not join in and make use of the local pool?

For more details and registration see www.leeds.gov.uk or telephone the pool on 01943 466852.

WHARFEDALE SPEAKERS CELEBRATE 35 YEARS IN OTLEY

This local communication group will be marking its momentous 35th anniversary later in the year in the form of a dinner when past and present members will meet up to recall the highlights of their achievements.

The Wharfedale Speakers Club has had more than its share of success with two individuals holding the prime position of National President and other members winning countrywide acclaim in specific speaking competitions.

Members and visitors meet at the Cross Green Community Centre in Pool Road Otley and newcomers are always welcome to attend.

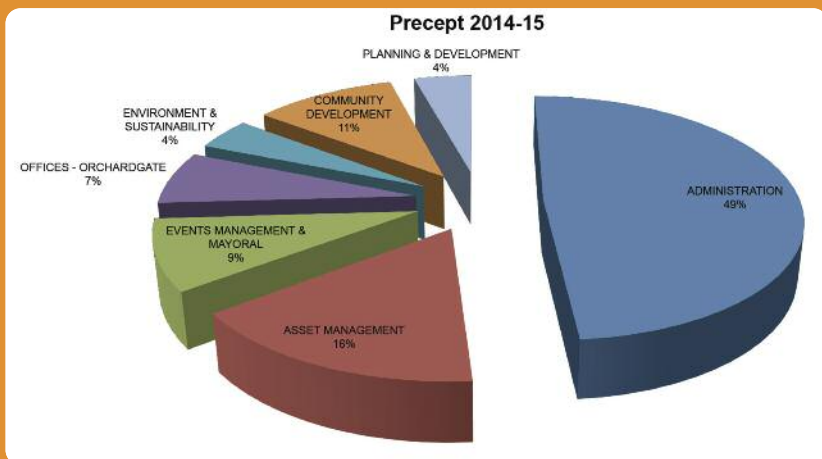
The next meeting dates are: 5th and 19th of March, the 2nd and the 16th of April and the 7th and the 21st of May. They are allowed to have 3 months off in the Summer!

Club meetings resume on Wednesday the 3rd September.

Need more information please contact: Derek on 01943 607872 or Christine on 01274 560461

COUNCIL PRECEPT

Otley Town Council set its budget for 2014/15 on Monday 20th January. The precept for the coming year will be £265,000 (a 17.1% reduction on 2013/14) and equates to £57.98 on a Band D property or £1.12 per week. The chart below shows in broad-brush terms how the Council proposes to use its funds across the Council Committees.



Anybody who wishes to know more about the detail of the Council's finances and budget please contact Suzanne Kidger on 01943 466335 or by email at eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Otley Neighbourhood Plan

Don't forget to fill in the form that should be dropping through your letterbox any time now.

Have your say and help shape the future development of the town.

Post your form back to us in one of the black boxes around the town or drop it into the Otley Core in Orchard Gate.



TOWN MAYOR'S NEWS

December is a busy month for many and that includes the Town Mayor. Below is a flavour of a week in the life of the Town Mayor.

2nd December - The Carnival Queen and I switched on the Christmas Lights.

3rd December - attended the Mothers Union Advent Service at the Parish Church.

4th December - I went with Dudley Parker a member of the Victorian Committee judging the shop windows.

6th December - collecting with other members of the Food Bank Committee at Sainsbury's.

8th December - opening the Victorian Fayre and had a good time looking around the stalls. In the evening we went to the Otley Choral Society and Otley Brass Bands Carol Concert.

The Mayors Charities for 2013-14 are:

Otley Action for Older People - supporting older people in Otley, Pool and Arthington. They run the dementia cafe' once a month and many more activities such as organised trips, holidays and exercise classes.

Behind Closed Doors - this organisation helps men and women in abusive relationships and assists them to get back on their feet.

The Salvation Army - they do so much hard work helping anyone in need. They have a lunch club, coffee morning and fellowship.

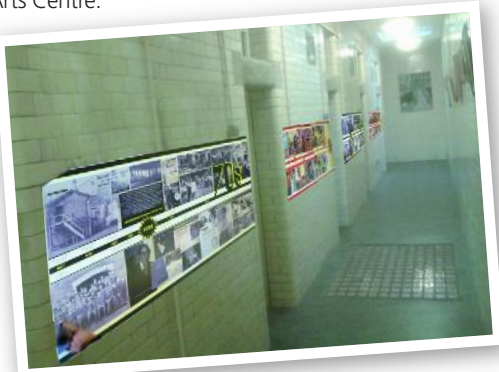


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OTLEY COURTHOUSE MEMORIES GROUP

To coincide with the tenth anniversary since its transformation into an Arts Centre, the Otley Courthouse Memories Group has been successful in their application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to create a Timeline which will be a permanent historical record of Otley Courthouse and its changing role in the town through the years. Built in 1856, the building has undergone numerous changes both structurally and in its use. The Timeline will record its functions as Otley's Fire Station, Police Headquarters, Magistrates Court and as a place for holding prisoners in the cell block. The building ceased being a court in 1997 and the Timeline will also mark the past decade since its transformation as an Arts Centre.

The Timeline will be completed by 1st May 2014 when display boards will be mounted in the cell block showing a factual and pictorial history of the building and significant events. The information will include people's memories, archive records, newspaper reports, photographs etc.



The Memories Group would welcome any further contributions by way of photographs and memorabilia connected with Otley Courthouse. Contact: Jean Crawford Tel: 07951788909

Otley Bridge Church

The Head of our neighbouring Church in Bridge Street has called for the year 2014 to be one of hope and tolerance and we at the Bridge can happily echo that.

Having been as a Church "in vacancy" for more than a year one of our greatest hopes is that we will see positive signs of getting a new Minister. The unfortunate fact is that a considerable number of retirements have created a situation where demand considerably exceeds supply. Having said that we are very hopeful that someone will come to realise what a lovely place Otley is, to say nothing of the Bridge Church members and that our vacancy will be filled before too long.

Meanwhile the Church continues to thrive with our members pulling together under the strong leadership of the Elders. We are still hopeful that our 9 o'clock service, held on the first and third Sundays in each month, will attract a few more young families because the informal worship is aimed primarily at them. A light breakfast is provided from 8:30 am onwards and the service usually finishes before 9:45 am.

Tolerance in a troubled world is harder than hope but we will do our best.

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL MESSAGE BOARD

Voluntary Action Leeds Training Courses

Two upcoming training courses for all community and voluntary organisations to be held at the Otley Core Resource Centre:

- 17th March - 9.45am - 12.45pm
Applying for small grants
- 21st March - 10am - 1pm
Recruiting and attracting volunteers

To book your place please visit www.val.org.uk and go to the training tab.

Market Square Christmas Tree 2013

Otley Town Council would like to thank Basil Houldsworth & Sons, Otley for donating the large Christmas Tree in the Market Square for 2013.

SPACE FOR HIRE

The Otley Core Resource Centre has available rooms and windows for hire:

Should you wish to enquire about any of our facilities or to make a booking, please contact a member of the Core liaison staff on 01943 466335 or e-mail admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

*Please note that charges may apply to your booking.

Buttercross Charity Stall Hire

The newly refurbished Buttercross is available for hire, free of charge, to all charitable organisations on Fridays and Saturdays.

Anyone interested contact: Geraldine Crosby on 01943 466335 or email admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

OTLEY FOOD BANK

The Otley Core Resource Centre is a donation point for the Otley Food Bank.

Please help local people in crisis by donating items of food which have a long shelf life.

A shopping list is available at the collection point. We thank you for your support.

Volunteer Wanted

Are you interested in volunteering to support a work club? We are looking for a volunteer to act as a regular work club leader. Training and support will be provided. For further information please contact Cllr Kevin Cooney on 01943 465917.

YORKSHIRE WEEK 2014

To celebrate Yorkshire Day (August 1st), Otley Town Council will be promoting a week-long series of events from Friday 1st to Sunday 10th August. The Town Council are looking for local groups to run events and activities in and around town. If any group would like to contribute please contact Jason Knowles on 01943 466335 or email community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Scope House-to-House Collection dates

All residents please note that Scope will be conducting house-to-house collections over the period 31st March to 20th April, 2014.

Brass Bands in the Park

Two dates for your diary:
Sunday 29th June - Yorkshire Brass Quintet
Sunday 27th July - Summerbridge & Dacre Silver Band
All concerts start 2.30pm.

Police Drop-in

Police contact point at the Otley Core Resource Centre every Wednesday (11am - noon) and Friday (2pm - 3pm).

Grants Awarded this Quarter

- **Otley Methodist Brownies (Awarded £300)** to support transport costs to the Leeds County Girl Guiding Celebrations, part of the Big Brownie birthday..

If you require funding support from the Town Council, please contact Jason Knowles for a copy of our funding criteria and an application form on 01943 466335 or email community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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Back row left to right: Terry Ford (Bellman); Cllr. James Spencer; Cllr. Dr Pauline Spencer; Cllr. Linda Bradley; Cllr. John Flinn; Cllr. Sandy Lay; Cllr. Philip Bye; Cllr. Austin Kelly; Cllr. Colin Campbell; Cllr. Nigel Francis; Cllr. Michael Evans; Cllr. Lisa Atkin; Jason Knowles (Community Development Officer)
 Front row left to right: Cllr. Carl Morris; Cllr. Beryl Patton; Cllr. Mary Vickers; Cllr. John Eveleigh (Council Leader); Suzanne Kidger (Executive Officer); Cllr. Pamela Gill (Town Mayor); Cllr. Nigel Gill (deputy Town Mayor); Cllr. Raymond Gill; Cllr. Kevin Cooney; Cllr. Neville Birch

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ALLOTMENT NEWS

I am pleased to say that the water charges for 2013 were lower than in 2012 and this was reflected in the reduction in allotment bills for 2014. Whilst some of the decrease in water usage can be attributed to the improved weather in 2013, it is hoped that part of the reduction is due to improved water conservation of allotment holders.

The Allotment Working Group is scheduled to meet in early March to discuss the second stage of the allotment maintenance programme. Updates on the discussions from these meetings are available from your site representative or the Otley Core team.

OTLEY MATTERS ARTICLES

To have your organisation or group included in Otley Matters June Edition please contact Jason Knowles for editorial dates on 01943 466335 or email community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

LEEDS CITY COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

FIRST SATURDAY IN THE MONTH
 9.30 to 10.30AM - OTLEY LIBRARY
THIRD SATURDAY IN THE MONTH
 9.30 to 10.30AM - YEADON TOWN HALL
 If inconvenient please ring to organise a meeting on 07973521547 or email colin.campbell@leeds.gov.uk

GREG MULHOLLAND MP's SURGERIES

FIRST FRIDAY - APPOINTMENTS
 OTLEY LIBRARY, OTLEY
 4 - 5PM
FIRST SATURDAY - DROP-IN
 ASDA STORES, HOLT PARK
 11AM - 12 NOON
 SAINSBURY'S, ARNDALE CENTRE
 HEADINGLEY
 12.30 - 1.30PM
THIRD FRIDAY - APPOINTMENTS
 HEADINGLEY CARDIGAN CENTRE
 1 - 2PM
 ROBERT CRAVEN HALL, BRAMHOPE
 4 - 5PM
THIRD SATURDAY - DROP-IN
 SAINSBURYS, OTLEY
 11AM - 12 NOON
 MORRISONS, YEADON
 12.30 - 1.30PM

Constituents who would like to book an appointment should call the office on 0113 22 66 519 or email info@gregmulholland.org

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS MARCH TO MAY 2014

Environment & Sustainability 3rd March 2014

Planning 10th March 2014

Event Management

Assets Management 17th March 2014

Policy & Resources 24th March 2014

Full Council

Planning 7th April 2014

Audit

Community Development 14th April 2014

Annual General Meeting 12th May 2014

(To be held at the United Reformed Church, Bridge Street)

All Town Council meetings are held at the Otley Core Resource Centre, 11 Orchard Gate, Otley. All meetings usually commence at 7pm but times are subject to change.

Please check www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or the windows at the Otley Core Resource Centre for meeting times.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

By prior arrangement with the Executive Officer members of the public may arrange to address a Committee or council meeting before it starts its agenda.

Please contact the Executive Officer on 01943 466335 or by email eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk for further details. Please note that the Audit and Human Resources meetings are not open to the public.