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OTLEY WALKING FESTIVAL

Otley Walking Festival is back again and it's brilliant! Get your boots ready for the twelfth Otley Walking Festival. Otley Walking Festival 2012 opens with a choice of 7 events on Saturday 23 June and runs to Sunday 1 July with events and walks each day and evening.

With a choice of 51 walks and events, this year's Walking Festival is the biggest yet. Ruth Blackwell, Chair of Otley Walking Festival, says: "This is the biggest programme since we started as a one-off Millennium Event in the year 2000. It's a really varied programme with something for everyone. Along with old favourites, like the Red Kite Walk and the Nidderdale Noodle, there are lots of new themed walks. It says a great deal for the reputation of Otley Walking Festival that each year new leaders are keen to offer their favourite walks and to give their time voluntarily. The Festival's success is really down to the great team of volunteers".

There are walks for all ages and abilities – from short town-based walks to strenuous moorland hikes and everything in-between! People can be sure of a warm welcome from Walk Leaders and the chance to meet friendly folk.

Special features of Otley Walking Festival 2012 are the themed day and evening walks. Leave your reality chip at home on the Despicable Liars evening stroll. The Toddlers' Treasure Trail is a must for those with young children. Saunter with our very own Strolling Minstrel, Eddie Lawler. Look out for fossils on the Chevin.

Seek out Cups and Rings on Ilkley Moor. Combine walking with the Arts. Be an Early Bird on the Chevin. Walk, don't stagger, on the Brewery Walk. Take up the challenge of the Six Dales Trail. Follow in the steps of a Timble Man. Visit the Lost Hamlets of Baildon Moor. Stride over Limestone Country. Take a life-challenging journey 'Into the Wild' from the safety of your seat at Otley Courthouse. Walk away those post-walk blues with the After-Work Stress Buster. Bop at the Festival Frolic. Otley Walking Festival 2012 draws to a well-earned close with its Grand Finale on Sunday 1 July. **And this is merely a sample of what's on offer - see the free programme for the full list of themed walks and events!**

Otley Walking Festival 2012 programmes are available at libraries, Tourist Information Centres and local businesses.

The programme can also be accessed at our own website: www.otleywalkingfestival@btck.co.uk and at www.chevintrek.co.uk



Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Otley

The Diamond Jubilee marks 60 years since The Queen came to the throne and represents a magnificent anniversary not only for her majesty, but for the whole country – a once in a lifetime event. Only one other British monarch, Queen Victoria, has ever celebrated a Diamond Jubilee and that was back in 1897. To mark this special occasion Otley Town Council has a series of exciting events planned to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Sunday 17th June
Commemorative plaque unveiling on the Jubilee Clock
Kindly sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Otley & Otley Chevin. Following the Mayor's Civic Service a commemorative plaque celebrating the Diamond Jubilee will be unveiled on the Jubilee Clock.

Monday 25th June
Wharfemeadows Park Jubilee Sculpture 11.45am
Sponsored by Sinclairs, Mone Brothers, Houldsworth's of Otley and Graham Kirkland, the unveiling by the Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire of the Wharfedale Press and the 3R's sculpture designed and carved by Shane Green. This represents the only commemorative jubilee sculpture in West Yorkshire.

Wednesday 18th July
Jubilee Tea Party with the Mayor and Deputy Lord Lieutenant
If you are a couple living in Otley, Guiseley, Rawdon or Yeadon celebrating your Diamond Wedding Anniversary between 31st December 2011 and 28th February 2013 or were born in Otley in June 1952 and still live in the area – then you are invited to attend the Jubilee Tea Party.

Please contact Otley Town Council on 01943 466335 or e-mail admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk by Friday 8th June as numbers are limited.

Otley Carnival

The Diamond Jubilee Parade on Saturday 16 June

This year's Carnival coincides with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the annual parade promises to be one of the largest ever. Many local organisations, schools and clubs have decided to enter a float or walking tableau to support both the Diamond Jubilee and the local carnival celebrations and to have a great day out in the town and in the showground field. At the last count there will be at least 30 entries in the parade including many adult groups which have not entered in the past. This year's beneficiaries are Otley Town Football Club and friends of Ashfield School.

Window Dressing

In addition, the usual Carnival Window dressing competition will be held over the Jubilee weekend and all shops, businesses or other premises are being encouraged to decorate their windows to add to the carnival atmosphere throughout the town.

On Monday 4th June judges will be touring the town to decide on the best decorations and Shields will be presented to the winners on the Tuesday.



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Otley Cycling Festival 8th July 2012

Wharfedale plays host to an exciting new event this summer with the first Otley Cycling Festival on the 8th July 2012. The action-packed all day festival brings Otley together and will open at Otley Cycle Club. There is no admission charge.

The day includes a series of events across the town and throughout Wharfedale. Altogether, there will be seven organised cycle rides designed for anyone no matter what their age or ability, from novice to experienced cyclists. The seven rides all depart Otley Cycle Club at 9.15am and include a cross country mountain bike ride, a woman only ride, rides for all the family, as well as social leisure rides and faster road rides. Later in the day, Joseph Cullen will also be leading a Discover Otley by cycle path ride.

For those who want to pedal, but not go anywhere, Otley Cycle Club will be holding another of its successful Roller Racing competition as riders take on each other in adrenalin pumped racing on stationery bikes. Free bike checks and basic repairs, children's games, Olympic cycling art, a display by Otley Museum and the world famous Ron Kitching cycling memorabilia library will also be on offer. Refreshments will be available in a pay bar and BBQ held at the Otley Cycling Clubhouse.

Organisers hope the event will become a regular date in the calendar and will encourage more people to take up cycling and enjoy Wharfedale's beautiful countryside on two wheels. In the longer term, the festival aims to promote cycling as alternative to short car journeys. More immediately, the day-long celebration of cycling provides a unique opportunity to celebrate cycling in what is sure to be a massive year for cycling at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

Find out more at the Otley Cycling Festival webpage: otleycyclingfestival.com

Contact Stephen Gallagher at sjgallagher67@gmail.com



Community Choirs

A rare opportunity to see two of the regions finest community choirs - Otley Singers and Moornotes - together for the first time. A unique evening of acapella and accompanied singing from folk and world music to rock and gospel. Enjoy the choirs spirit of fun and love of singing as they explore the themes of 'Journeys' and 'Home' directed by their conductor, singer/song writer Beccy Owen. Both are fund raising events on behalf of: 'Singing for the Brain', a new monthly group (in collaboration with the Alzheimers Society) for people with dementia (based at the Otley Courthouse) and 'Oasis Cafe', Leeds Road, Ilkley which is run by people with learning disabilities. This money will help keep this venture going.

Venues:

1st June, 7.30 at The Sanctuary, Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley LS29 9LW.

Contact Kate Burns, Tel: 01943 604003 for tickets.

15th June, 7.30 at The Otley Courthouse. Tickets from The Otley Courthouse

All tickets £7/ £6 concession

Chevin Division of Trefoil Guild

We are the Chevin Division Guild and meet the first Monday of each month, alternating between the Guide Headquarters in Guiseley and the Bridge Street Church in Otley, unless we are out and about.

This year our programme includes: talks/presentations, an outing, a charity coffee evening, a summer walk and supper and of course a Christmas celebration. We also have social and games evenings. We welcome new members and if anyone would like to join us for fun and friendship please contact our chairman Mrs Judith Johns or e-mail: neetrefoil@gmail.com



12 members from the Chevin Division Guild recently travelled to Holland to visit Floriade 2012, the World Horticultural Exhibition in the Netherlands and also the famous Keukenhof Gardens where the spring bulbs created magnificent carpets of colour.

Otley Country Markets

Otley Country Markets are moving and will be trading from St John's Ambulance Hall on Gay Lane Otley on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month between 9.30 to 11.30.

OTLEY WORD FEAST!



Otley Word Feast's first celebration of the written and spoken word was a great success. Held over the weekend of 9-11 March it welcomed writers, performers, readers and audiences, to various venues around town.

The popular writing competitions on the theme of "Diamond" with categories for adults and children, gave judges a difficult task. An anthology of the winning and highly commended entries will be published to coincide with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, thanks to a grant from the Diamond Jubilee Fund.

The Feast Committee was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of the local community and are grateful for the support, sponsorship and funding which enabled successful workshops, author events, competitions, performances and a literary walk to take place.

The next Otley Word Feast "Celebration Weekend" will be in March 2014, but keep checking www.otleywordfeast.org.uk and local press for events in the intervening months.

GROVE HILL TENNIS CLUB

The tennis season is now in full swing at Grove Hill Tennis Club – we are situated in Grove Hill Park and anyone passing through the park will see games in action on most days. We have excellent facilities – recently refurbished courts and floodlights, with 6 teams in the Wharfedale and Leeds leagues, both mixed and mens.

We also have great opportunities for juniors with coaching sessions with our professional coach. We have recently been awarded a grant by Otley Town Council to help promote tennis for juniors.

We welcome players of all abilities and ages, we are very sociable and friendly and enjoy various social events throughout the year. Anyone is welcome to come along and join in one of our social sessions which take place on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

So pick up your racket and come along and join us at Grove Hill.



OTLEY LIONS

Otley Lions Club raises money for worthwhile causes and participates in valuable activities.

Sources of income include: the Lions Bookshop; the Santa sleigh rides; Easter egg tombola and the pot shy at Otley Show and Carnival. So raising money can be great fun! Recently the Original Factory Shop made the Lions their "Charity of the Year."

Donations are made to local, national and international causes, e.g. the Leeds Children's Heart Fund, Support Dogs and "Behind Closed Doors." As part of the Lions International network, help has often been given in the wake of natural disasters.

Otley Lions help with a Disabled Sports Day, holidays for young disabled people and hosting Chelsea Pensioners for the Remembrance Day commemorations.

We meet on alternate Mondays in the Horse and Farrier. Anyone interested may contact the Secretary David McDowell (01943 467551; brantwoodconsult@aol.com) or the Membership Secretary, Patrick McCauley (01943 466917; pg.mcatkins.co.uk)



Support After Rape & Sexual Violence Leeds (SARSVL) supports women and girls who have been affected by sexual violence at any time in their lives, promotes their needs and works towards the elimination of sexual violence.

Early in 2012 SARSVL received Ministry of Justice funding which means they can now employ staff, secure a permanent base – they currently run their vital helpline from a borrowed room – and extend the hours of the helpline as well as provide additional services.

The SARSVL helpline is independent and confidential and all their services are run by women for all women and girls affected by sexual violence of any kind, at any time, regardless of whether or not they choose to report.

The SARSVL helpline number is 0113 202 1844 and its current opening hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 6pm – 8pm. An answer phone system is in operation at other times and all calls are followed up if requested.



Otley Badminton Club

Otley Badminton Club has had a very successful season, with teams attaining higher positions than expected.

The first Team have been promoted as Champions of Division 2 of the Harrogate League. The Leeds Mixed played in the final of the Fryer Hallam Trophy and were runners up despite winning on points on the night to Farsley C who were given a 105.5 handicap over the original margin of 65 that Otley had achieved over them.

The Men's B exited the Anchor Trophy against Ilkley but managed to get to the semi finals. The Men's A consolidated their newly promoted place in Division 3 of the Leeds League. The Ripon team and the Harrogate B Mixed also had enjoyable seasons.

Otley Badminton Club now has teams competing at all levels and are looking to recruit new members over the summer, when they are running a series of open nights. If you are interested in attending (sessions are at Prince Henry's Grammar School) you would be most welcome as a visitor and the timings are as follows:

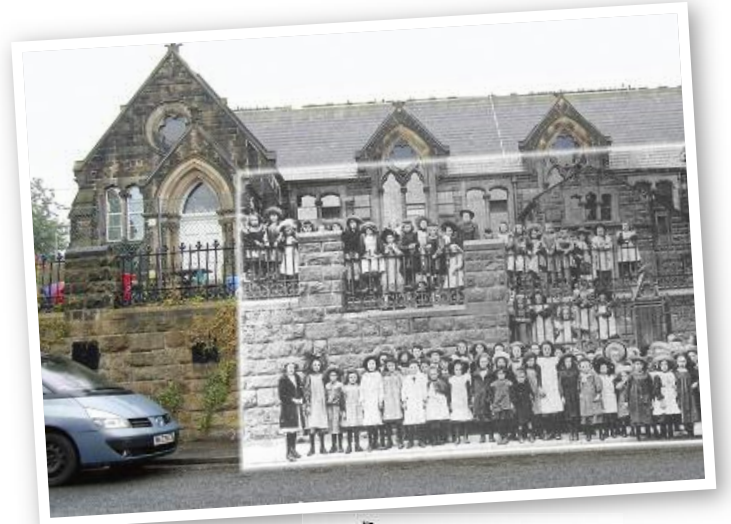
Monday nights 7.30-9.30
Friday nights 7.00-9.00

Otley also run a very succesful junior coaching session on Saturday mornings at Prince Henry's Grammar School, 10.00am-12.00am. Joining details for this can be obtained by email at info@otleybadmintonclub.co.uk

WESTGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

I've been back at Westgate Primary School as head teacher since September and it has been a pleasure to return. Westgate really epitomises what a community school is. Recently we received a letter from a former pupil which made me think, in the current times of rapid change in education, what is really important has not changed that much. Having attended the school some 50 years ago, she wrote with great fondness and appreciation of the staff here at that time who had supported her and believed in her in a period of great personal difficulty, enabling her to go on to achieve her potential. She enclosed a small donation in memory of the head teacher, Mr Birch. The school logbook of the time records an inspection report detailing the staff's commitment to the welfare of the children and its desire to provide the best education possible for those in its care. Hopefully we can say that this is as true here today as then - and it feels good to be connected to our past in this way.

Ms Helen Carpenter, Head Teacher



Leeds
CITY COUNCIL



We are eager to ensure people in and around Otley know about our service. Situated in Leeds City Centre, the team at Volunteer Centre Leeds is committed to helping volunteers find placements and organisations recruit volunteers wherever they might be based in the Leeds area.

Our outreach programme last year taught us that a number of voluntary organisations in Otley require assistance so if you are interested in volunteering why not see what's available in your local area? Most, if not all, of the charity shops in Otley are eager to meet reliable volunteers whilst Otley Action for Older People, Otley Courthouse and Otley Museum Trust are also currently promoting volunteer roles via our service.

As Communications Worker for Leeds Environment Forum, I would also like to add there are many volunteer roles to do with the environment available across Leeds. This might be lending a hand in one of the many parks or green spaces or perhaps helping to look after Leeds' waterways.

We have hundreds of different roles on our database so please call or email us if you wish to find out more. If you belong to an organisation wishing to recruit volunteers then we are also very keen to hear from you.

Volunteer Centre Leeds
Enterprise House, 12 St Paul's Street, Leeds LS1 2LE
Phone: 0113 395 0405
Email: volunteering@val.org.uk

MACMILLAN NEEDS YOU!

Have you ever wanted to get involved in fundraising, make new friends and spend some of your spare time making a real difference to people's lives affected by cancer? Then this really is the perfect opportunity for you!

The Otley and Wharfedale Fundraising Committee for Macmillan Cancer Support are looking for new volunteers. The group have organised a wide variety of exciting and wonderful events for the last two years including a pamper evening, an antique valuation event, fashion shows and of course lots of coffee mornings! However, a few extra pairs of hands would enable the group to build on the huge local impact they have already made and help raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Macmillan's Otley Fundraising Manager, Hayley Cooke, says "This dedicated committee have a fully packed year of events and would welcome the help of more local volunteers. Please help us raise funds (and a smile) for people affected by cancer by helping this group continue with their fundraising efforts. We are all affected by cancer and we can all help."

Macmillan's primary goal is to reach and improve the lives of everyone living with cancer but as they get less than 3% of their income from the government, they simply cannot do this without the support of people like you.

So what are you waiting for? Please pick up the phone and contact Hayley Cooke on 07894 936 353 or email hcooke@macmillan.org.uk for more information.

Weston Lane Junior Sports and Social Club



Weston Lane Junior Sports & Social Club has been reflecting on its past after hearing stories from former members. The original Weston Lane JS&SC pavilion was built in August 1959 at a cost of £3,000 and paid for by residents of the Weston Lane estate through sales of weekly football cards etc. The original minutes paint a picture of a thriving community all centred around the pavilion, pulling together to provide a range of activities such as junior sports, fishing licences, excursions for children, galas, bazaars, dancing, bingo, garden parties, concerts, snooker, darts and card tables.

Chris Lawson, ex-chairman and long serving member, writes: "The pavilion was already built when I first became a member nearly 50 years ago. Founded in 1957/58 by three Weston Estate residents: Len Wetherill, Dick Hay and Harry Dorling. Eric Shaw, synonymous

with the club joined the committee two years later and along with Mr and Mrs Dorling, were the longest serving members, giving a lifetime of commitment to the community".

Michael O'Halloran played junior football for Weston Lane at around the same time as Chris Lawson and both remember these times. "At the time the big names were the Beatles and the Mersey sound. Liverpool, Manchester United and Leeds United were all the top teams and many of the players were guests on our cup final day. Big Jack [Charlton] was a regular on training nights in that infamous 1966 year". Star appearances were common, at one of the sports days, Dorothy Hyman, arguably Britain's best ever female sprinter, was in attendance and Nat Lofthouse of Bolton Wanderers and England presented trophies at the club. Other big names were regular visitors including: Willie Bell, Albert Johanneson, Norman Hunter, Paul Madeley and local lad Dave Thompson, who played for Southampton at the time.

Weston Lane continued to provide junior football up until the end of the last century but was dealt a severe blow when an arson attack demolished the old clubhouse in 2000. However, thanks to the foresight of the then treasurer Michael Wain the insurance premium on the clubhouse had been updated a few years earlier. This provided the capital to build a new clubhouse and allow Weston Lane JS&SC to pick up and continue where it left off.

Weston Lane JS&SC has been a F.A. Charter Standard club for some time now with a club welfare officer and trained coaches on site. We provide junior football for a range of ages, some starting as young as 5. If you have children interested in playing football in the 2012/13 season or have been involved with the club in the past and would like to share your experiences, please e-mail Mike Barton on Michael.barton@virgin.net



Got a bike, but not getting out on it as much as you'd like to?

Put off by the hills in this area?

Need some company to ride with and encourage you?

Think that cycling clubs are only for super-fit enthusiasts?

THINK AGAIN!

OTLEY CYCLE CLUB has started a LEISURE GROUP which rides moderate distances at a gentle pace for novice, returning and other not-very-fast riders.

You don't need any particular type of bicycle but do make sure it is roadworthy. You don't need special cycling clothes but do make sure you are comfortable and reasonably waterproof. We plan routes and distances to account for all abilities and experience (or lack of), and no-one is left behind. The pace is leisurely, not fast. If you want to get off and push on the hills, don't worry – we do too! Sunday rides incorporate a tea and cake stop, so bring some money.

Sunday Mornings

Rides are scheduled throughout the year, on average every fortnight. We either start from Otley Town Centre at the Buttercross next to the clock tower, or from easy to reach locations such as Harrogate or Bolton Abbey by sharing transport. Check our website for dates of rides, departure times and locations.

Wednesday Evenings, April to End of September

We depart 7.00 pm (prompt) from Otley Town Centre at the Buttercross and return to Otley by 9.30 pm.

If you'd like more information before joining a ride please feel free to call us.

David Parker 07778 115110

davidp@paragonfinancial.co.uk

Stephen Gallagher 07402 720944

sjgallagher67@gmail.com

otleycycleclub.co.uk

Otley Spanish Conversation Group

This group has been meeting once a fortnight for the past year for 90 minutes of Spanish conversation. We would welcome new members who already speak some Spanish and would like to practice their skills. It is not a formal class and there is no charge. The venue rotates around the houses of some of the group members, mainly in Otley and occasionally in north Leeds.

To find out more call Barbara Mellor on (01943) 461983 or Denis O'Connor on (01943) 465107.

Otley Poets



Otley Poets is a well-established group that recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. We are friendly, informal and gather at 8pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Piano Bar of Korcs Wine Bar. Anyone who enjoys poetry is welcome and if you write poetry which you would like to share, you will find an attentive audience that enjoys and appreciates poetry in all its forms.

Our evenings usually consist of one or two read-arounds (depending on numbers) and there is no charge unless we have a guest poet, when we pass round the hat to cover expenses. Recent guests have included Pat Borthwick, Nina Boyd, Julia Deakin and Char March.

For further information contact Sandra on 01943 465372.

What a busy year we are having at Otley Pub Club

Otley Carnival will be sandwiched between the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games and what better way for Otley to show its fantastic community spirit than by taking part in the celebrations.

The Queens Diamond jubilee will be the weekend of the 3rd to 5th June so Otley Pub Club will be giving a kick start by once again changing all the Pubs names in Otley to Queen Elizabeth. We shall be supporting the Town Council, Otley Town Partnership and Chamber of Trade in events they have planned for the weekend.

We ask all licensed premises to take advantage and celebrate this monumental occasion by letting us know what you are doing over the weekend so we can publicise the pubs not only on our website and weekly membership emails but to the press and media nationally.

Following this fantastic weekend we then have the Otley Carnival on the 16th June. This year Otley Pub Club will be participating with a float, we have a provisional agreement with a well-known local band to join us and provide music on the float. This is a great opportunity for the pubs to attract visitors, enjoy good food and fine ales and to have some entertainment in the pubs after the carnival finishes.

We then have the Olympics from 27th July to 12th August. Otley Pub Club is preparing an Otley Charity Olympics Quiz. We are looking to have teams of four to participate each evening in a Quiz Competition with the day of the 12th August as the awards ceremony. Our aim is to have four teams per pub from 12th July to 11th August, each team will be representing a country. The country with the most points earned will receive Gold and so on to bronze.

To enter we are requesting £5.00 per person entry fee, the total amount collected in entry fees will be donated to a local charity. We are also looking for a sponsor to cover the cost of the medals ie 4 Gold 4 Silver & 4 Bronze.

The presentation will be performed by a local celebrity to be nominated from the Otley Community. Any resident of Otley can email us with a nomination and reason why they think this person should be selected.

Entry to the Quiz is open nationally and not just focused on Otley people, anyone wishing to participate or assist with sponsorship should first make contact by email to chair@otleypubclub.co.uk or telephone our Chairman Peter Jackson on 07799 465070.

The Butterfly Gap



In early summer, about May and June, our most brilliant butterflies vanish only to re-emerge in July looking brighter than ever. These are the ones that appeared the earliest in spring. This year, in our Otley garden, they first showed during the unseasonal warm spell at the end of March, first a Small Tortoiseshell then Peacock, Comma and Brimstone, the latter a beautiful yellow butterfly feeding on a succession of daffodils and an uncommon species in Wharfedale. These emerge first because they have hibernated as adults whereas most species overwinter either as a chrysalis or as a caterpillar.

By the end of May, their colours faded and their wings tattered, their lives are over but their eggs are laid. Their offspring emerge in fresh, stunning colours from July onwards to feed throughout the late summer and autumn before hibernating in their turn.

Otley limbers up for annual 10-mile running race



More than 300 runners will be in Otley on 13 June to take part in the annual 10-mile road race that this year celebrates its 23rd birthday.

The Wednesday evening event, which is organised by Otley Athletic Club, starts on Gallows Hill at 7.30pm with the top runners expected to complete the course in just under an hour.

From Gallows Hill runners head to Pool in Wharfedale and Leathley before passing through Lindley and Farnley, ahead of the finish at Otley Cricket Club.

Records for the course have not been broken since 1989 when Colin Moor from Bingley Harriers romped home in 50 minutes, 56 seconds for the men, and Veronique Marot (Leeds City) in 57:50.

Last year's winner was Eritrean runner Tsegezeab Woldemickael who completed the course in 52:05, almost six minutes ahead of second placed Owen Beilby. Will any records be broken this year?

Further details are at www.otleyac.org.uk

Wharfemeadows Bowling Club are looking for new members

Crown Green Bowling is a great way of enjoying gentle and pleasurable exercise, discovering new skills, and making many friends from the Wharfedale area, in the magnificent surroundings of Otley Wharfemeadows Park alongside the River Wharfe. Bowling is a pastime that is suitable for all ages, young or old, some of our members are over 80 years old and are still enjoying the game and keeping fit.

If you would like to take up Crown Green bowling or at least find out more, we will set up a meeting at the Club and you can come and have a short session on the green with one of our members.

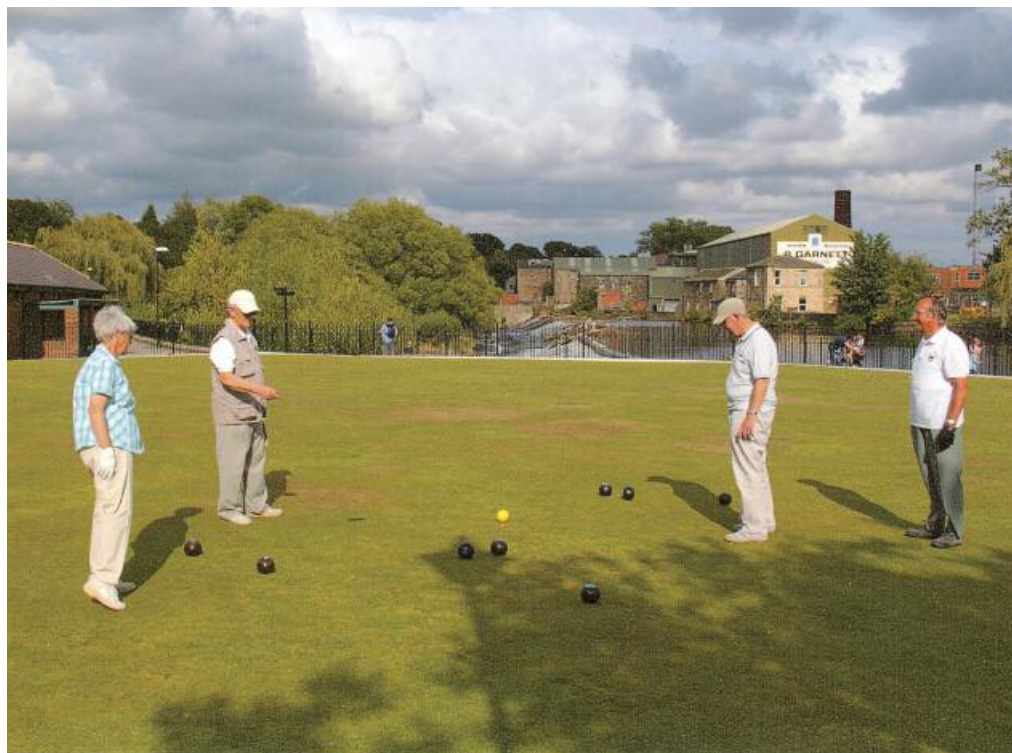
If you decide to join us, you will have a key and access to the green whenever you like from April to September - except when organised games are being played.

Ideally we would encourage you to play socially and join in with the many games and competitions staged throughout the year. As your skills improve there is the opportunity of playing more competitively in one or more of the Wharfedale and Airedale league teams.

The Club stages many events and currently organises a popular holiday trip to Scarborough for five days, bowling throughout the week. Where else could you get so much from a subscription of £12 a season, £10 for the more senior of us!

We know it is not easy to take the first step to take up bowling, but a single phone call could start you on a very enjoyable and healthy pastime.

Just phone John Barraclough 01943 465904 or Sylvia Richardson on 01943 463898.



Summer Bands in Wharfemeadows Park, Otley 2012

Entertainment from the region's brass, jazz and concert bands
Sundays at 2.30pm

Free Admission no ticket required

Sunday 24th June – Yorkshire Brass Quintet

Sunday 22nd July – Otley Brass Band

Singing for the Brain For People with Dementia and their Carers

A new, fun, relaxed, friendly singing session led by a trained facilitator.

All Welcome, just turn up!

Second Monday of every month

1.30pm to 3.30pm at Otley Courthouse Arts Centre, Courthouse Street, Otley LS21 3AN.

Fully accessible with drop off point in Courtyard and pay and display car park next door

Cost: £1 per person, per session includes tea and biscuits.

2012 Dates:

Mon 11 June, Mon 9 July, Mon 13 Aug,

Mon 10 Sept, Mon 8 Oct, Mon 12 Nov, Mon 10 Dec

For more information please contact:

Rachel Feldberg on 01943 462826

Plus: Music for a Summer Evening

Saturday 7th July at 7.30pm at Otley Courthouse.

Fundraising concert in support of Singing for the Brain by Otley Chamber Orchestra and friends

Tickets: £6 from Otley Courthouse

Tel: 01943 467466 www.otleycourthouse.org.uk

Ciao! ¡Hola! Bonjour!

The new brochure for the next season of Community Education courses at Prince Henry's Grammar School comes out in July. From courses in 10 languages to African Drumming, guitar, patchwork and yoga, there will be something for everyone. Languages include: French, Spanish, German and Italian, as well as Polish, Turkish and Portuguese - and new courses are added every year. If you would like to join the mailing list and receive a brochure, call Pippa McPherson, Community Education Co-ordinator on 01943 463524 or email mcpherp01@leedslearning.net

Otley Camera Club

The winter is over, and thoughts turn to long summer evenings, which deserve to be captured in a photograph, but often the results are disappointing. Otley Camera Club has attracted many new members with the intention of improving results from their camera. Members gather each week in term time in Prince Henry's School to learn more about photography techniques and to gain inspiration for new photographs from each other and from visiting speakers. The atmosphere is relaxed, friendly and always welcoming to new members. During the summer advantage is taken of the longer evenings to visit local spots and take photographs.

For more information visit www.otleycameraclub.co.uk



The Rotary Club of Otley

Charity Song and Dance Evening
Saturday 23rd June at
Weston Lane Social Club, Otley
7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)



Come along and enjoy an evening of Ballroom, Latin American and Sequence dancing. Liz Frankland - Soloist and Ann Clark - Pianist, will also be performing a selection of songs from popular musicals.

Dress to impress and dance the night away, all in aid of charity.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from Patisserie Viennoise, 34 Westgate, Otley.

There will be competitions, quizzes, games, a complimentary gift of champagne truffles and a finger buffet.

Admission by ticket only.

For further details please phone 01943 467927 and speak to Trevor or Janet.



At **Otley Courthouse** we're looking forward to our busiest summer yet, with hugely popular acts such as comedian **Mark Steel** and pioneering Scottish band **Shooglenifty**.

Saturday 9th June sees diverse musical influences combine, as **Gypsy Fire** perform classical, jazz, rock and blues pieces on guitar, double bass and jazz violin! This breathtaking 4-piece will introduce you to a world of music and leave you begging for more!

The following Friday 15th June has a much more local feel, with acclaimed community choir groups **Otley Singers** and **Moornotes** exploring the themes of 'Journeys' and 'Home' in **'Journeys Home'**. The singers' infectious enthusiasm is known to get audiences involved, so be prepared to join in as you get swept up in this unique evening of acappella and accompanied singing. This concert is to raise money for the Courthouse's new Singing for the Brain group, a monthly singing group for people with Dementia and their carers.





HELP YOUR FOOTBALL CLUB BOND LAUNCH 2012

TO THE COMMUNITIES OF OTLEY AND SURROUNDING AREAS,
ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND VALUED SUPPORTERS

What do you know about Otley Town FC and the facility it provides for the young people of your community?

Otley Town is a well established Club, a Community Sports Club – non profit making Amateur Club; which runs teams from under 7 through to under 17, an Academy and Senior sides.

The pitches are excellent and maintained by volunteers – finals are often held here reflecting their quality. The hundreds of young people who enjoy this facility do so at negligible cost (£50pa) and with no major sponsor the Committee raises money every way it can – sign boards, kit sponsors, dinners, raffles etc and the major event which is the annual 6 a sides competition. This

takes place in June over 3 days, with some 60 teams attending EACH day, from across the north of England. This enables the Club to stay in the black but we now need to invest in the clubhouse and changing facilities – not only to maintain our “position” on the FA ladder but to add to our “attraction” of new players and to make it safer for all to participate – including the officials. We need to provide separate dressing/showering facilities for home and away teams, with direct access to a toilet and the referees room/s also needs to provide for female officials.

This capital expenditure needs to be financed and we need your help!

- We would like all friends, members and parents to consider buying a BOND (a £250 loan) and/or

display your companies business card (go to the web site for full details:

<http://www.clubbz.com/club/33995/otley/otley-town-afc> or through the facebook page at

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Otley-Town-Football-Club/206693149375997>)

- We need to raise £30,000 to improve the facilities, comply with FA requirements and Health & Safety AND improve our ability to increase revenue from more use of the clubhouse and facilities etc.

If you want Otley Town to continue and to remain a key activity in our community, one which you are proud to be a member of and wish to help then please contact any committee member or manager ASAP or alternatively e-mail askers@live.co.uk

Reaching Out

Lesley Noble here! The "Reaching Out" group would just like to let people know what we did with the 'Stars' from the Christmas Tree Festival last December. We were very happy that so many people filled in the names of loved ones and put them on our "Memory Tree". When they were taken down, they were not discarded, we counted 153 stars, each representing a loved one, and decided to gather on the allotment to say a short prayer of remembrance. The stars were then cremated and the ashes scattered around the daffodils and the apple tree. This was a pleasant day and quite moving. We are hoping to be able to have a tree again this year and are planning to do the same. The group is doing very well and as always, new members are more than welcome.

For details on Reaching Out please contact Lesley on 07931 892747

NO COLD CALLING CONTROL ZONES

After 12 months preparation Otley Neighbourhood Watch are now in the process of making Neighbourhood Watch Areas Cold Calling Control Zones where unsolicited doorstep trading is banned.

Each month from now until August signs will be going up in and around Otley where they have neighbourhood watch informing traders they are not welcome. Residents will be receiving information and stickers for their doors which will be delivered by co-ordinators over the next few months.

Pauline Hanson said that without the help of funding by Otley Town Council, Adele, John and the team of co-ordinators for their support in delivering leaflets and the advice from Sally Dodgson of West Yorkshire Trading Standards then this initiative would not have run so smoothly.

If you want to find out more about Neighbourhood Watch you can contact Pauline Hanson on 01943 465608 or Adele Carr on 01943 465878.



WESTON LANE JUNIOR SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB



Weston Lane Junior Sports & Social Club would like to thank our kit sponsors during the past season: Tate Oil, Dorling Engineering, Don Whitley Scientific and R&C Cooper Transport. We would also like to thank the West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd, for it's donation of £1,000 to complete essential electrical work on its clubhouse and is now in a position to offer the clubhouse facilities to community groups who are looking for a base north of the river.

This is a significant milestone for the club and offers community groups a real chance to get involved and share the clubhouse facilities. The building itself is fully insulated with central heating and provides a function room, kitchen area, toilets and storage area.

Anyone interested in hiring out the building should contact Vanessa James on 07968378261.



FRAUD IN THE CHARITABLE SECTOR

It is shocking to realise that the National Fraud Authority concludes that there is significant potential for fraud in the charitable sector. Charities rely heavily on altruism, trust and honesty. Sadly, there are opportunists and unscrupulous people who will take advantage of the perceived respectability of charities and voluntary organisations. It is crucial therefore that trustees and management committees take steps to reduce the risk of fraud.

The Charity Commission has produced a Compliance toolkit: 'Protecting Charities from Harm' and chapter 3 is devoted to fraud and financial crime. You can download this document by following these steps:

1. Go to www.charitycommission.gov.uk
2. Hover on charity requirements and guidance
3. Click on view all guidance
4. Click on protecting charities from harm
5. Click on protecting charities from harm (again!)
6. Click on chapter 3 Fraud and Financial Crime
7. I would recommend that you read the whole document not just the summary.

I think some of you will be particularly interested to learn what money laundering means? Funders take a variety of measures to ensure that this won't happen to charities they fund. Perhaps, it is almost reassuring that so many people don't know what money laundering is!

There are other types of fraud detailed in this document and you need to be vigilant and confident that you have procedures in place to protect your charity.

Kathy Faulks

Voluntary Action-Leeds

YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM JUDGES DODGE RAIN IN OTLEY

Spring judging for Otley in Bloom was about to get really wet, when suddenly a small window of sunshine opened. A successful tour with the judges went past a variety of places including the spruced up corner of Bremner Street, a revamped old Gas Works corner and the great sights of The Whartons Primary School where they met pupils hard at work in their garden and school allotment.

Finishing with lunch provided by Waitrose, members of the group were able to expand on some of the projects they had been working on in the past year.

The image shows Mary Vickers, Otley mayor elect, handing an Otley in Bloom certificate to Peter Gibbs, Branch Manager of Waitrose with Rod Cam President of Rotary of Otley Chevin, for their contribution to last year's achievement of a Silver Gilt Award.



The second part of the Yorkshire in Bloom competition, the Summer judging, will take place on Thursday 12th July, 9.30am – 12 noon.

In the meantime, the group is taking part in the Otley Walking Festival, for which they have put together a walk. The walk will follow some of the judging route for Otley's entry into the Yorkshire In Bloom 2012 competition. Meet us on 29th June at the Jubilee clock at 7pm.

If you'd like to get involved in the teams exciting activities, contact our Secretary Mary Klemm on 07718 073 839, visit our website for background information or go to our facebook page for the latest news and upcoming events and activities:

www.facebook.com/pages/otley-in-bloom.

Have Your Say about the Future of Otley

Otley Town Council has been asked to produce a Neighbourhood Plan in line with recent legislation, which has given local councils greater freedom in planning for their areas.

Why are they doing this?

The Government wants local councils to get plans in place that will reflect the development needs of their area. These must be based on up-to-date evidence which will provide a framework for the future.

How will they do this?

Otley Town Council will take the lead in producing a local plan, and will ensure that it links in with the strategic policies of the existing plan for the Leeds area.

We will work closely with Leeds planners who will advise and assist us. We also need to talk to Otley residents, the local business community and those who work in the voluntary sector. We will also invite local schools to design models of the "Otley of the future."

Haven't we done this already?

Yes, but only partly. We are already working closely with Otley Town Partnership so that the existing work that went into the Community Plan can be taken into

account. However, we need your views on how Otley should look in the future, taking into account public transport, roads and traffic flows, and education, as well as the need for economic prosperity and a cleaner environment.

What is the timescale for this?

Three years.

What will happen after that?

There will either be a referendum or an examination to ensure the plan is sound. If we get agreement to the plan then it will become a very important document in shaping the future development of Otley.

How will my views be taken into account?

We will ask for your views by sending out questionnaires, through local newspapers and the Town Council website. We will also run workshops so that we can get your ideas and hear your views before drawing up the plan.



Otley Town Council

ORGANISING ROYAL CELEBRATIONS

In 1889 Otley townspeople agreed to erect a Cottage Hospital to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. A committee was formed to raise funds and organise the project. Unhappily that Committee's Minute Book tells a sorry tale as the expected public money did not materialise and Otley ended up with a Jubilee Clock but no hospital!

We can imagine the Committee's anxieties as they recorded the need to pay for 'Tea and Entertainment of the Poor and Aged' and 'Jubilee Medals for children', to say nothing of the one shilling to be given to 'each old person unable through sickness or decrepitude to attend a public tea'.

Then owing to 'great dissatisfaction in the town' more tickets for the Tea had to be printed and 300 extra medals ordered. There was also further vexation on finding the Fire Brigade organising their own torchlight procession instead of supervising the Chevin bonfire! Nevertheless a good time was had by all!

Photographs extracted from Otley Museum Documentary and Photographic Archive. To view or research more material on royal occasions – or on Otley's heritage – make an appointment: otleymuseum@btconnect.com or telephone 01943 468181

Right: From the Jubilee Edition of The Illustrated London News June 1897

Below: The Royal Family on Otley Chevin sometime during WW2 taken by local photographer LA Pickles
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GROVE HILL CROWN GREEN BOWLS

Grove Hill Crown Green Bowling Club is situated in an attractive park off Bradford Road, Otley. We have members of all ages ranging from twenty to ninety years young.



We enjoy social bowling and also have 'friendly' pairs competitions against various local teams on Tuesday afternoons throughout the summer.

For the serious bowler we compete in the Aire and Wharfedale league competitions. Our ladies also play in the top division of the Leeds Ladies League.

On Sundays we play our own club competitions so we have a full diary from April to September.

In the winter we have a small group who play dominoes on Wednesday afternoons. Many members of the club continue to bowl throughout the winter at all weather greens in the area as well as on indoor rinks until the new season starts again in April.

We always give a warm welcome to new members and can give lessons to anyone wishing to take up the game for the first time.

Anyone wishing to join the club or for further information please contact Judith Highcock on 01943 462963

What's the problem with locks on uPVC doors?

There is a design weakness in Euro Profile Cylinder locks that are commonly used on UPVC doors.

Burglars use a simple tool to smash the lock in a technique well known among criminals, this is called lock snapping.

One-in-four burglaries in West Yorkshire involve the vulnerable Euro Profile locks.

CASAC (Community Action and Support Against Crime) have worked with West Yorkshire Police for over 11 years to reduce burglary in the region.

Call us on 0845 519 2122 (local rate call) to book your free, no obligation home security assessment to check if your locks are secure, or visit www.casac.org.uk for more information.

CASAC not only make sure that your locks are secure and can check all aspects of home security. From Alarms and Garages, to Sheds and Fencing - we will increase security and make you feel safe in your home.



Public Consultation Event regarding Land North of Rumples Croft, Otley

A public consultation event is to be held by Taylor Wimpey to share with the community their proposals for the development of this land for housing off Meagill Rise.

The site is a longstanding housing allocation with an expected start date in 2012.

This community consultation event is designed to inform you of Taylor Wimpey's draft proposals for developing the site and to ask for your views before a planning application is submitted.

The event will take place at:

Otley Social Club, Hollin Gate, Weston Drive, Otley LS21 2DP
On Thursday 14th June 2012 between 4.30pm - 7.30pm

People from the project team will be on hand to answer any questions, concerns and aspirations for the area.

Should you have any immediate questions, please contact: Julie Johnson at Community Consulting Ltd on 07799 644 946 or at info@communityconsulting.co.uk



Free events in and around Otley

Do make a note on your calendar! Heritage Open Days will take place between Thursday 6th and Sunday 9th September throughout the Leeds area. We expect Otley to be well represented with some special activities all with free access.

At the time of going to press, it's too early to say what events are being planned but there's a good chance volunteers at Otley Museum, the Courthouse, All Saints Church, the Conservation Task Force and the Methodist Church will be gearing up to offer visitors an interesting experience. Hopefully, up in Bramhope, the Puritan Chapel will be open too. So, lots of events to choose from, - why not make some time to visit?

Heritage Open Days is co-ordinated by Leeds Civic Trust with support from Leeds City Council. Leaflets with details of opening times etc will be in the Library, Museum and the Courthouse with details of all participants listed at www.heritageopendays.org.uk from mid-July.



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Goodbye from Julia

Well I am sorry to say this is my last Otley Matters. As many of you know I am retiring. I am however, pleased to hand over the reins to Jason Knowles my replacement.

Jason will now be your contact for all Otley Town Council related community issues including grants and advice.

He can be contacted on **01943 466335**

or via email community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Jason brings with him a wealth of experience having worked throughout the UK in community economic development and regeneration and holds a PhD. Some of you may already know Jason as he lives in Otley and runs Ballroom, Latin and Sequence dance classes in the town. I feel sure that I am leaving you all in safe hands.

On a personal note I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here in Otley since I joined the Town Council on a secondment basis from Leeds City Council in 1985. Over the years I have seen many changes and new initiatives introduced and some of my highlights have been:

- Introducing and producing and developing Otley Matters;
- managing community grants;
- supporting community groups often from inception for example Space to Grow, Behind Closed Doors and Walkers are Welcome to name but a few.

It was a hard decision to retire but I am now looking forward to playing more golf, holidaying, hiking and pursuing the many interests I have, those of you who know me well will know that sitting still does not come easy to me!

Finally, I would like to wish Jason well and to say goodbye and thank you to all my colleagues, Otley Town Councillors past and present, friends and contacts within Otley who have made my role so enjoyable.

I will miss you all.



LEEDS CITY COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

FIRST SATURDAY AND THIRD THURSDAY IN THE MONTH - 10AM - OTLEY LIBRARY

FIRST THURSDAY 10AM AND THIRD FRIDAY 2PM YEADON TOWN HALL

If inconvenient please ring to organise a meeting on 0797352154 or email colincampbell@leeds.gov.uk

GREG MULHOLLAND MP's SURGERIES 0113 2266519

FIRST FRIDAY - APPOINTMENTS
 MEANWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE
 1 - 2PM
 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
 SAINSBURY'S, OTLEY
 11AM - 12 NOON
 MORRISONS, YEADON, OTLEY
 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 JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2012

Planning	11th June 2012
Environment and Sustainability	18th June 2012
Planning	2nd July 2012
Community Development	
Events Management	9th July 2012
Policy and Resources	16th July 2012
Full Council	
Planning	23rd July 2012
Planning	3rd Sept 2012
Events Management	
Policy and Resources	10th Sept 2012
Full Council	
Asset Management	17th Sept 2012
Planning	24th Sept 2012

All Town Council meetings are held at St Josephs RC Primary School, Otley.

Members of the public are encourage to attend .

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

Please contact the Town Clerk on **01943 466335** or by email townclerk@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk for further details

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TO HAVE YOUR ORGANISATION OR GROUP INCLUDED IN OTLEY MATTERS SEPTEMBER EDITION PLEASE CONTACT JASON KNOWLES FOR EDITORIAL DATES ON **01943 466335** or email community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk