



Sinclairs celebrates its 175th Anniversary

One of Otley's oldest businesses, Sinclairs, this year celebrates its 175th Anniversary having begun business in 1837.

Following his apprenticeship to William Walker on Kirkgate, Otley man, William Sinclair set up his own business as a stationer in Wetherby, presumably to avoid any conflict with Walker's business. He returned to Otley in 1854, using premises in Westgate, now occupied by the Toymaster shop.

The business continued to grow and in 1884 William's two sons erected a new factory on land at Low Lycks. This factory, although greatly expanded, remains the home of Sinclairs to this day, supplemented by warehousing at Bremner Works.

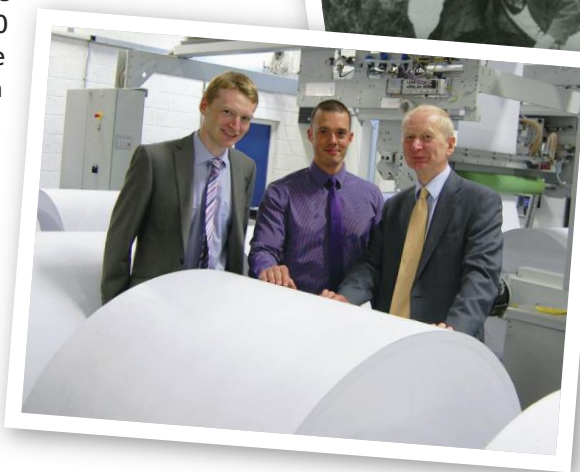
In those early years handmade ledgers would have been the mainstay of their production and family tradition has it that Sinclairs supplied Marks & Spencer when they were still on a stall in Leeds Market. Woolworths were supplied before they came to the UK and Mr F W Woolworth toured the Sinclair operation in Otley, smoking his cigar!

The present day business is the only large stationery manufacturer left in the UK, converting paper into stationery such as refill pads & exercise books. Sinclairs convert 90,000 miles of paper per annum (enough to go round the equator 11 times)

And each day produces a pile of books higher than Ben Nevis. Although many people remember the red Silvine exercise book with the tables on the back and the red pocket notebooks, both of which are still in demand, the current product range has many new attractive designs.

The company is still very much a family company, owned & managed by the 5th & 6th generations of the Sinclair family. The company employs about 120 people, many of whom have their own family links with Sinclairs.

Sinclairs remain proud of its history and loyal to Otley and is keen to demonstrate that manufacturing in Britain is still possible. Sinclairs remain committed to continuing to invest in the business and Otley.



250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Otley

The 16th of August 2012 marks the 250th anniversary of Freemasonry in Otley. The first freemasons lodge was warranted in 1762 at the Half Moon Inn, Westgate, now a retail shop. It is now generally accepted that Freemasonry had its origins in the operative mason's Guilds who travelled throughout the country in the construction of major ecclesiastic and civic buildings. This Lodge ceased to exist in 1769.

The consecration of the 'Wharfedale Lodge' in 1866 coincided with the industrial revolution and the coming of the railway to Otley in 1865. The Lodge first met in the Fleece Hotel, in Westgate, subsequently moving to premises in Boroughgate.

At the end of World War II, when the troops returned home, recruitment into Freemasonry led to two more Lodges being formed 'Harewood' and 'Chevin Lodge'. In 1959 the Otley Lodges purchased and moved into Westbourne House and were subsequently joined by two Leeds Lodges, 'Alfred' and 'Leodiensis' and more recently 'Horsford Lodge'.



Freemasonry is essentially a way of life devoted to making good men better and supporting the community in general. It is reputed to be the second largest Charity in the UK next to the National Lottery and has assisted many local and national charities, in addition to giving major grants to disasters throughout the world.

A recent independent report concluded that Freemasonry is as relevant today as it ever was and it is good to see the Otley Lodges still thriving after 250 years in Otley.



Royal British Legion

Otley Branch 90th Anniversary

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we have held two events that have both been a great success despite the weather! The Buttercross stall raised over £200 even though it was not a typical summer's morning. The concert by Otley Brass Band held in the Parish Church was well attended, even though it was one of the wettest days of the summer. We thank everyone who supported us.

The remaining two events are both to be held on Saturday 10th November. There will be a stall at the Buttercross (9am-noon) that will be manned by the Army Cadets. On the same evening at 6.30pm there will be a concert performance by the Yorkshire fellowship Band of the Salvation Army in the Wesley Hall (adjacent to the Methodist Church). All profits from these two events will be added to the Otley Poppy Appeal Fund. We thank you for your continued support.

Otley's Lizzie wins Olympic Silver



Well done to Lizzie Armitstead in securing the first medal for Great Britain at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Lizzie claimed Silver in the Olympic Women's Cycling Road Race. Following 3 hours and 35 minutes of competition in heavy rain at times, it came down to a nail biting sprint along the Mall to the finish, with Lizzie beaten to the line by Marianne Vos of the Netherlands. 23 year old Lizzie was educated at the Whartons Primary School and Prince Henry's Grammar School. Otley is so proud of her achievement and the commitment, dedication and devotion of Lizzie to take part in the Olympics and ultimately her success in finishing second.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 8 Heritage Days
Otley Courthouse & The White House – Otley Chevin
- 9 Otley Vintage Transport Extravaganza
- 20-23 Otley Black Sheep Folk Festival
- 22 Folkin' Reservoir Ramble
- 30 Otley Farmers Market
- 30 Designer Craft Fair

October

- 28 Otley Farmers Market
- 28 Designer Craft Fair

November

- 11 Remembrance Sunday Parade
- 12-17 Otley Science Festival
- 16-17 Otley Beer Festival
- 25 Otley Farmers Market
- 25 Designer Craft Fair
- Christmas Lights Switch-on

December

- 9 Victorian Fayre
- 23 Otley Farmers Market

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

OTLEY CYCLING FESTIVAL

Otley's first ever cycling festival was held on Sunday 8th July. Over 100 cyclists gathered to tackle a variety of routes which ranged from four miles to 80 miles before enjoying a social event which included displays at Otley Museum, a show of cycling art at the Courthouse and also a barbeque.

Mary Vickers, Otley Town Mayor, commented: "It was a pleasure to see so many people of all ages out on their bikes. What was impressive was the range of rides available offered by Otley Cycle Club. They cater for anyone new to cycling to the most experienced road cyclists. There are also opportunities for families to cycle safely together."



OTLEY VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA

The 15th Otley Vintage Transport Extravaganza will once again be held at Knotford Nook, Pool Road, Otley, on Sunday 9th September 2012. With a record number of entries of almost 500, it promises to be one of the largest vehicle gatherings ever to be held in Otley, with most classes looking like being up on last year, and even at this stage it looks like we will have an event that the whole town can enjoy.

The list of attractions is growing by the day and there will be a number of bands and entertainers on the field as well as a fairground and Punch and Judy for the youngsters. Trampolines will provide a sky lift and when you come down to earth you can play on the children's party fire engine! We will once again be having the very popular Bernese Mountain Dogs and also for the older people we have the Knaresborough Accordion and Fiddle Band and the Hall Royd brass band and the City of Leeds Pipe Band.

The steam railway will return to Otley, be it for one day and model scale, along with this we shall have a number of full size steamers and scale model steamers as well. For the bargain hunters there will be auto jumble stalls and various charity and Community stalls.

The 'real stars' of any vintage transport show are the vehicles themselves. With many of them traveling from all over Yorkshire and Lancashire to be here and some from even further afield! They range from large artic units to cars from the twenties, from vintage bicycles to state of the art Rolls Royce. Static engines and tractors will keep the local farmers happy.

Starting at 10am until 4pm, the admission price is only £3.00 for adults, concessions £2.50 and children under 14 accompanied by an adult free.

Further details can be obtained from Councillor Nigel Francis on 01943 463467 or email: nigelfrancis@btinternet.com or visit our web site: otleyvintagetransportextravaganza.vpweb.co.uk
The profit from this years event goes to the Charity, Hang on to a Dream, which raises money for terminally ill and seriously ill children in Yorkshire to make there dreams come true.



Otley Science Festival

ideas go BANG!

Mon 12th - Sat 17th Nov 2012

Otley Science Festival will be back with a week of fantastic, fun events for all ages with a chance to meet some very well-known scientists, discover new ideas and take part in exciting activities.

This year's programme includes Silly Science Toddler Time for the under 5s, a new show from our own Marty Jopson, a Science Lunch, Science Café, Film, Book Club, shows from Dr Allan McRobie and the BBC's Prof. Jim Al-Khalili and of course our FREE, Fun Family Event, Otley Science Fair.

Definitely something for everyone.

There will also be special Schools Events taking place. Most events take place at Otley Courthouse, please see website www.otleycourthouse.org.uk For further information please ring the Box Office on 01943 467466 or visit the Courthouse Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm.

Look out for the Science Festival brochure, available from October!

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



OTLEY & DISTRICT MEN'S FORUM

"Fraternity and Enlightenment" is our slogan and our members benefit is their enjoyment.

For over forty years we have provided a programme of twenty talks from early September to mid June the following year. The last meeting of the 2011-2012 programme was the 846th.

We meet every two weeks on a Thursday morning from 10am to 11am in the Main Hall of Otley Methodist Church, and start the 2012-2013 programme on 6th September 2012.

The entertaining quality of the talks has increased over the years, but our membership has diminished causing us to look for new members. If you have an hour to spare on a Thursday morning every other week please come along to the Otley Methodist Church Hall on 6th September and enjoy the conviviality of our members and the humorous and

serious talks in our programme. Membership is free but there is a charge for coffee and biscuits.

We start on 6th September with a talk by Alan Stutard that he calls "Did I See Marilyn?" This title raises many thoughts on who she could be. Why not come along and find out?

This is then followed on 20th September with a talk by Betty Smithson about the history of the Leeds Medical Appliance Manufacturer Thackray's and their Medical Museum.

In October, intriguingly, the next two talks are :-
October 4th *Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll (3,000 yrs of the Olympics)* by Nichola Down.

October 18th *How to Tell a Joke (not for ladies, prudes & vicars)* by John Hay.

For further information please contact Otley 463639.

21st Otley Black Sheep Folk Festival 20th - 23rd Sept 2012



This year marks our 21st Birthday and the Black Sheep Brewery's 20th Birthday. Our joint party celebrations start on Thursday 20th September with a concert at Korks Wine Bar and festivities at the Cricket Club. This year we are hoping to re-instate our Craft Market and kitchen which we have been without since the demise of the Civic Centre. The Black Horse, Horse & Farrier and The Fleece all have new management and are looking forward to the weekend.



Our line-up of artists include...

Belshazzars Feast (Sat) • Kris Drever Trio (Sat) • Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman (Sun) • Cathryn Craig & Brian Willoughby (Sun) • Les Barker • Flossie Malavalle (Fri) • Lucy Ward (Fri) • JigJaw (Sat) • Duncan McFarlane Band • Patsy Matheson & Becky Mills • Grace Notes • Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer • Something Nasty In The Woodshed • Robin Garside • Gavin Davenport • Pilgrims Way • Luigi ana da Boys • Jon Palmer Band • Anna Shannon • Phil Langran Band • Hall Brothers • Gerry McNeice • Dave Vermond • Blackwater • Hall Brothers • In No Particular Order • Gloria • Phil Snell & Gerry Cooper • Philip Cockerham & Dave Bowey • Lime Scurvy • Plum/Hall • Luke Hirst & Sarah Smout...
...Plus Lots More

For more information, ticket prices and booking details check out our website: www.otleyfolkfestival.com

We hope very much to see you at our twenty first!!

OTLEY CHORAL SOCIETY

Otley Choral Society was founded in 1943 in the drawing room of Farnley Hall by members of Otley Music Society. The first meeting was on Tuesday 19th October in the Congregational Hall where interested people met to rehearse 'Messiah'.

The choir has survived difficult times, largely through the enthusiasm of members and particularly through the dedication of Charles Bainbridge, the Musical Director from 1946 to 1980. He also encouraged the formation of Ilkley Choral society and now the two societies have a history of 'joining forces' for major concerts.

The present Musical Director, Alan Horsey will conduct Handel's 'Judas Maccabeus' at St. Margaret's Church, Queens Road, Ilkley on November 17th 2012. Handel's 'Messiah' will be performed in Otley on 8th December at 7.30pm.

If anyone is interested in joining, the Society meets on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Newall Church Hall, Newall Carr Road, Otley and more information can be found at www.otley.co.uk/ocs/index





Heritage Open Day at Otley Courthouse

Saturday 8th September 2012

There will be guided tours of the former Victorian police station, cells and magistrates' courts throughout the day. The building dates from the mid 1850's and fascinating details about life at the police station and cases from the Petty Sessions will be revealed!

A variety of Victorian children's games (cost £1 per child for materials) will be available in the foyer for children aged 8-12.

The Courthouse café will be open from 10am to 3pm for light refreshments.

For further information please contact the Courthouse on 01943 467466 or visit the website www.otleycourthouse.org.uk

Folkin' Reservoir Ramble



A new outdoors event is set to make its debut in the Otley events calendar. The inaugural Folkin' Reservoir Ramble on Saturday 22nd September and will take in parts of the Six Dales Trail and the Washburn Valley.

The walking and running event will see competitors head in a clockwise direction from Prince Henry's Grammar School via Clifton, Dob Park and the three reservoirs of Fewston, Swinsty and Lindley Wood before returning back to Otley via Farnley and Clifton.

Two distances are available; a longer 20-mile route and a shorter version of 14-miles, and everyone who takes part will get pie and peas at the end, along with a goody bag.

Event co-organiser Liam Dunn said: "There's nothing like this type of event taking place in Otley and I'm really hoping it will help with the overall promotion of this great town."

For full details of the event go to www.runalong.net

WHARFEDALE GARDENERS

The Club starts its new season on Tuesday 11th September with "An Evening with Christine Walkden", Horticulturalist, BBC Gardeners Question Time and The One Show. She will be talking about "Climbing and Wall Plants" and is sure to be her usual entertaining and enthusiastic self.

We have a very varied programme coming up and any new members will be made most welcome. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Methodist Church Hall, Pool Road, Otley at 7.30 pm. Further information on the new syllabus or tickets for Christine please telephone Alan Wilson on Otley 01943 463197.



It's Autumn and that means it's the busiest Courthouse programme of the year! Coming up between now and Christmas is the usual eclectic mix of music, theatre, comedy, science and more.

Look out for returns to the Courthouse from King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys, Tom McConville and The Hall Brothers, as well as new visitors including bite-size tasters from four popular operas in Opera Appetizers. It's also Courthouse Festival season, with Otley Science Festival, Otley Folk Festival and Ilkley Literature Festival, as well as a new addition Mini Mountain Fest in December.

Other highlights include North Country Theatre, Sarfraz Manzoor on how Springsteen changed his life, plus festive performances from Hope and Social, Belshazzar's Feast and The Magic Hatter in December.

All the information is available in our Autumn Brochure, available from the Courthouse and various other locations around town and on our web site at www.otleycourthouse.org.uk.

AIRECENTRE PACERS



Airecentre Pacers is a long established running club based at Airebrough Leisure Centre. Each year on Boxing Day the club has organised the Chevin Chase, which attracts 900 runners including famous international runners such as World Cup Marathon winner Richard Nerurkar and Olympic triathlon medal winners Alistair and Jonathan Brownlee as well as many club and fun runners.

The club welcomes runners of all abilities and enters competitions such as the West Yorkshire Peco cross country series and many local races such as the Guiseley Gallop and Leeds Half Marathon. Apart from running, the club has a strong social element with regular meals out and other fun events organised by the social secretary.

The club meets twice a week on Wednesdays at 7pm and on Sundays at 9.15am with runs and training to suit all abilities. Fast or slow and young or old are welcome.

Please contact Matthew.tupling@btinternet.com or just turn up on a Wednesday or Sunday.

U3A University of the Third Age

The University of the Third Age (U3As) are self-help, self-managed lifelong learning co-operatives for older people no longer in full time work, providing opportunities for their members to share learning experiences in a wide range of interest groups and to pursue learning not for qualifications, but for fun.

U3A is an international organisation whose aims are the education of retired members of the community - those in the 'third age' of life. The organisation offers an opportunity to learn at leisure, find new interests and make new friends. Nationally, the U3A was founded in 1982 and has grown steadily since then. There are over 750 U3A's throughout the UK and our local one - Ilkley & District - has over 900 members.

The group is run entirely by volunteers and relies on its members to make things happen - nobody, including the group leaders are paid for what they do. This helps to keep costs for members to a minimum. You can browse through the huge number of interest groups offered at the Ilkley U3A by visiting our website at www.ilkleyu3a.org and following the link at A-Z Groups Menu online.

We hold monthly 'Drop In' sessions so that any new or potential members can come along to meet some of the local committee members in an informal setting to chat about the U3A; what we are about, how we operate and how to get involved and join one of our many Interest Groups. The next Drop-In session will be held at the Otley Courthouse on Thursday 6th September. Pop in for details about next season's groups and events or just for a chat and you can also renew your membership there and then (£13.50 per person, cash or cheque).

If anyone would like further information about the U3A, please phone 01943 465059 or e-mail info@ilkleyu3a.org



Otley Chamber of Trade - Antiques Fair

Saturday 3rd November 10am - 4pm at the Otley Courthouse

All proceeds to support the Otley Christmas Lights 2012.

Note: There will be a valuation Service available on the day.

OTLEY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Town look forward to a new season at all levels, from the juniors through to the 1st team and training has already started.

We would welcome new players at all levels and are very keen to rekindle interest in the under 7's, 8's and 9's.

We also need coaches to run such teams and they need to be FA Grade 1 qualified or alternatively the club would pay for volunteers to become qualified. So if you or your boy or girl are interested then please get in touch by contacting the Chairman, Richard Askham on askers@live.co.uk

The Club have also been fortunate enough to gain some significant funding via the West North West Area Support Team and the ONW Wellbeing initiative - for which we are most grateful and improvements will be made to our facilities throughout the coming 12 months. This will help make the Club more accessible, more attractive to users and visitors, within a safe environment.

We have invested a few thousand into the closed season maintenance of the pitches, in order to retain the standard that people have come to expect. We no doubt offer the best paying surface, week in week out for local football and we intend to bring the other elements of the facility up to that sort of level.

Otley Parish Cubs



Otley Parish Cubs have been working hard to fund raise enough money to purchase another ShelterBox. This brings the total number of boxes bought by the Otley Parish Scout Group to three. The previous boxes were despatched soon after they were purchased and are currently in use in Kenya. ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people made homeless by disaster worldwide.

The Cubs, who were supported by some members of other sections organised a bag pack at their local Asda supermarket. They raised a substantial amount of money, but not enough for a ShelterBox. So on a very cold, wet and windy Saturday morning, they held a homemade cake stall in the local market square and managed to raise the balance needed.

The Cubs would like to thank everyone who supported them with their fundraising events and were very proud to present their cheque to David Henderson who came to the Scout Hut to receive it on behalf of ShelterBox.

For more information on ShelterBox visit their website at www.ShelterBox.org

For more information on Otley Parish Cubs then please contact Kevin Bumby on 01943 462454.

OTLEY LIONS

Otley Lions have been very busy of late. Money was raised at the Otley Show and Otley Carnival through the Lions' traditional pot-shy and book sales. Several good causes, local and international, have been supported. Locally, the Lions have supported two girls suffering from cerebral palsy – financing one with a specially designed walking frame and the other by paying for the airfares to travel for an operation in St. Louis Missouri.

On the international front the Lions have continued to support St. Mary's High School's partnership with a school in an impoverished region of KwaZulu Natal. Recently the Lions have contributed to the "One Shot One Life" measles vaccination project in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Lions' Bookshop in Mercury Row is open on market days and Thursdays, when you are invited to browse the books and, if you wish, contribute to "One Shot One Life" – knowing that anything they donate will be increased by a further 50% from the Gates Foundation.

On Sunday, 24th June, Otley Lions held their annual "Changeover Barbecue" where the standing Lions President, Ian Cragg, handed over the chains of office to the incoming President George Chapman. The event was enjoyed by all and the guest of honour was the Otley Town Mayor, Councillor Mary Vickers.



The photograph shows George (left) and Ian with the Town Mayor.

Keep Warm, Keep Well & Keep Costs Low!

That's the aim of the latest 'Fuel Plus' project being launched by Otley Citizens Advice Bureau (part of Leeds CAB). Running on Tuesdays 9.30am – 12noon and 1.30pm – 2.30pm from 18th September until 11th December you can call in at Otley CAB to find out about fuel tariffs, check you are on the right deal for your usage or find out about other heating, insulation and fuel related schemes. Even if you just want to sort out your finances to help you to keep up with the bills or to see if you qualify for any other financial support we're here to help.

Otley Town Council have funded this 13 week project which is open to all Otley residents following the success of a similar initiative run earlier in the year. 46% of the clients who used the service were referred to schemes offering insulation advice. 15% gained a reduction in tariff on monthly payments and 23% discovered they were already on the right tariff. A further 16% went on to get money advice and information and support on applying for benefits. If you want to know more please drop in or call us on 01943 465351.

Otley CAB Opening Times: Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Leeds CAB Advice Line 0844 477 4788 and for online advice see www.adviceguide.org.uk For all other services of Leeds CAB please see www.leedscab.org.uk



Otley Community Choir



Members of the Otley Courthouse Community Choir entertain the Courthouse Volunteers at the Otley Courthouse volunteers' Art Exhibition, 25th June 2012.

The Courthouse Community Choir meets on Tuesdays 1.30 -3.30pm at the Courthouse during term time. New members are always welcome, especially men! No auditions, just a love of singing.

Dave also organizes singing workshops and singing holidays. Contact 01943 461971 or dave@singout.me.uk or visit www.singout.me.uk

RICKSHAW CHALLENGE TO RAISE FUNDS



Two Otley Scout explorers have been chosen for an expedition of a life time to India and are now taking part in a number of gruelling challenges to raise funds to enable them to take part.

Jamie Thomas (15) and Oliver Bumby (15) from Otley Parish Scout Group have been selected to join an expedition of 41 Explorers travelling to India in the Summer of 2013, organised by the West Yorkshire County Scouting Association.

As part of their Expedition experience they both have to raise £2,500 to enable them to go on the trip. As part of their push to raise funds they will be tackling an 80 mile rickshaw ride from Scarborough to Otley. A local company has purchased the rickshaw from Northern Ireland and PO Ferries sponsored its transportation. The two scouts are now in training and it is hoped that local businesses and people will sponsor the boys on their challenge which will be taking place in late September.

For more Information or to sponsor the boys please contact Kevin Bumby on: 01943 462454 or 07831 230749.

Nordic Walking fitness & exercise classes - effective, affordable & good for everyone

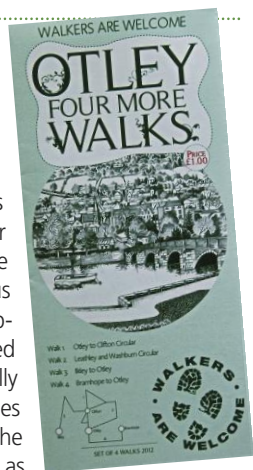


Walkit Yorkshire has been promoting Nordic walking as a great way to get fit, meet new people and enjoy outside exercise for over 3 years in and around Yorkshire. This fitness exercise is enjoyed by millions of people around the world and is designed for people of all ages and abilities. Nordic walking classes and walking groups from Walkit Yorkshire offers you the opportunity to become more active, improve your fitness levels, lose weight and overcome medical conditions such as heart disease and strokes, high blood pressure and stress with the added enjoyment of being outdoors, meeting new people and having fun!

Nordic Walking is a whole body exercise that burns more calories by using 90% of your muscles, and working your upper and lower body at the same time. It strengthens your back, legs and arms, and reduces neck and shoulder tension - all this whilst improving the health of your heart and lungs. Combining exercise with nature is proven to boost mood and emotional well-being and you can enjoy Nordic Walking whatever the weather or time of year. Walkit Yorkshire continues to support local initiatives on getting fit and staying healthy and is offering readers of Otley Matters free Nordic Walking taster sessions. Contact Kirkstall Leisure centre or see www.walkityorkshire.co.uk for further details on classes near you. Contact us now to get started today on a new fitness regime!

WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Do you enjoy walking? The Otley Walkers Are Welcome group is a great resource for walking opportunities from Otley. Since Otley gained Walkers Are Welcome status in 2008 the group has devised and published a range of self-guided walks centred on Otley. The longest is the now nationally acclaimed Six Dales Trail, covering 38 miles from Otley to Middleham. This is among the best 50 walking holidays in Great Britain as voted by The Independent. At the other end of the scale are two strolls from Cock Pit Farm in Weston and The Honey House in Braythorne. There really is a walk for everyone! Otley FOUR MORE Walks is the most recent publication with details and maps of four attractive walks of up to 8 miles. This leaflet follows on from the highly successful first leaflet Otley FOUR walks published a couple of years ago. All the pamphlets are available from several outlets in Otley including Chevin Trek, Just Books, Browse Time and Otley Library. Full information about the group's activities can be found at www.waw-otley.org and the group can also be contacted by emailing wawotley@mail.com



Chevin Division Trefoil Guild

The Chevin Division Trefoil Guild held their July meeting at the Guide Headquarters, Guiseley. We had an enjoyable Member's evening playing games and generally having a good old chat. Our August meeting involved our summer evening walk and meal and included a stroll in Golden Acre Park followed by a meal at the Lawnwood Arms. Our September meeting is to be held at Bridge Church, Otley where Mrs Twentyman will be telling us about Judy Woods.

If anyone would like to join our Trefoil Guild you would be most welcome. Please email neetrefoil@gmail.com

Otley Runner's Polish Challenge

As you eat your breakfast on Saturday 8 September, spare a thought for Otley runner Chris Carver who will be in southern Poland about to start the 24-Hour World Championship race.

The ultra-runner will be swapping his Otley Athletic Club vest for that of Great Britain for this prestigious event, where he expects to cover at least 140 miles.

But even he started out as a club runner only really wanting to complete a 10k race, but the more he improved the more he wanted to run longer events.

He said: "I see so many people out running on their own when I'm training who really should join their local club, not only because it's far more pleasant running with others, but you're surrounded by people willing to pass on help and advice, and you don't have to be world class to fit in."

Full details of the club can be found at otleyac.org.uk



Sainsbury's Otley New Local Charity Partner

Otley Action for Older People have been announced as Sainsbury's Otley new Local Charity partner for 2012/2013. The announcement comes after the store asked Otley customers to vote for their favourite local charity. The store launched the partnership by holding a cake stall at Otley Carnival.

Last years Charity was Wheatfield's Hospice and thanks to customers and colleagues the store handed over £3,100 to the hospice.

During the next 12 months, colleagues will be providing fundraising support for Otley Action for Older People and raising awareness of the charity with the local community.

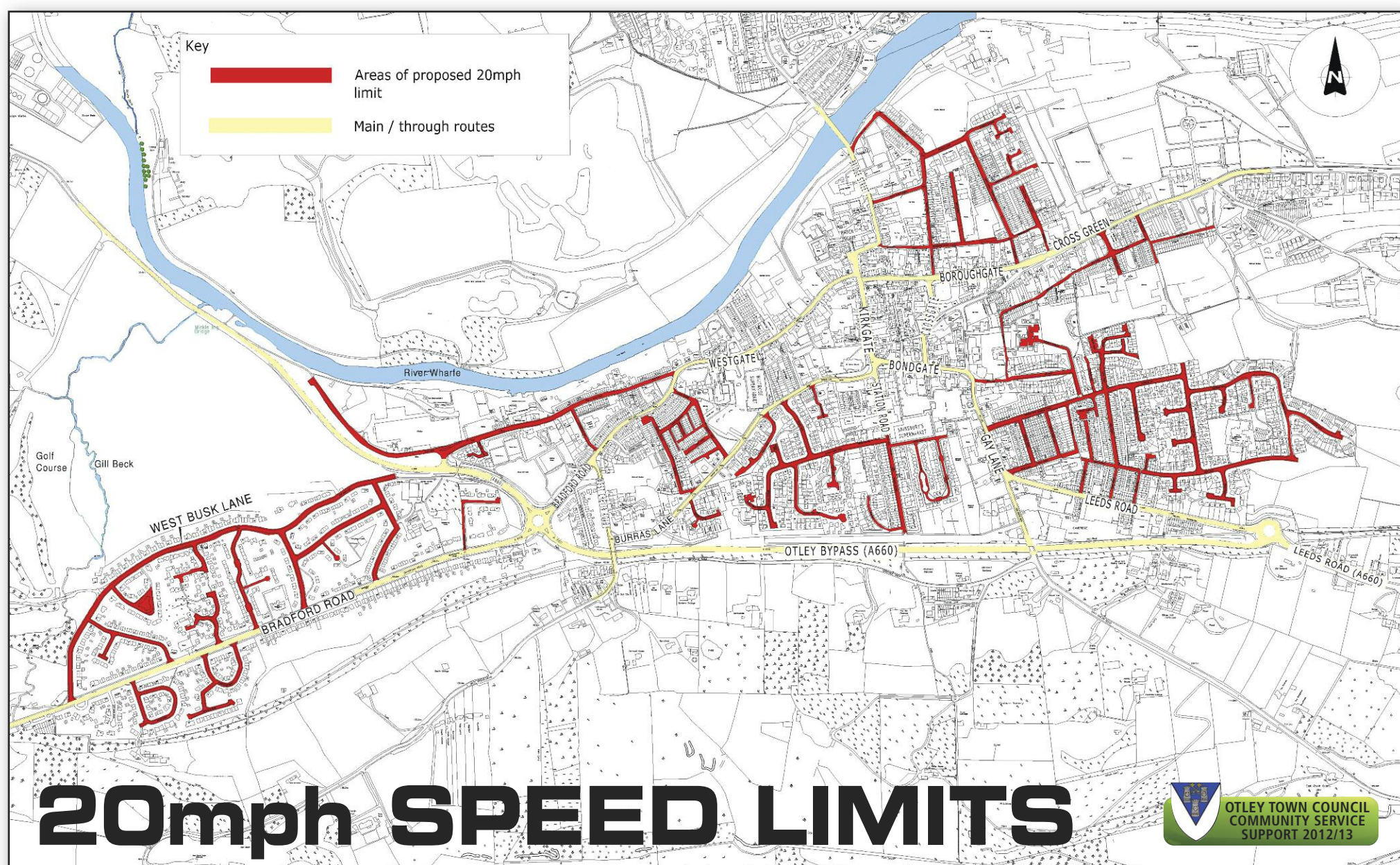
Sainsburys Otley store Manager Paul Loughran said "Otley Action for the Older People is such a worthy local cause and we're pleased and proud to be supporting it over the next 12 months. We'll be letting our customers know of our fundraising plans in-store and we hope they can join our colleagues in helping support them".

Womens Institute

This is a photograph showing some of the ladies of the Otley Women's Institute enjoying their celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We all tried to wear something reflecting the red, white and blue theme. Our talents in cooking and baking vary greatly but as you can see some are very clever (as many of you who visit the Otley and District Country Markets held every other Friday at the Parish Church Scout Hut 9.30 -11 am will know). We enjoyed a veritable feast with red, white and blue candles, plates and serviettes followed by a "Royal Quiz".



The W.I. is a great organisation worth joining. It promotes friendship on several levels. You can be a casual member, just visiting your local W.I. once a month to enjoy a variety of entertainment from talks, to quizzes, games and learning / sharing hobbies plus the usual refreshments. On a larger scale the County Federation (based at Rodley) provides a focal point for all the W.I.'s in West Yorkshire and organises day schools and social events. So ladies, please come and visit us at Cross Green Community Centre, Otley at 7.15 pm on the second Wednesday in every month, or you can ring our new President on 01943 464773. We'd love to see you.



Local city and town councillors are leading an initiative to introduce 20mph speed limits on residential roads in Otley. This initiative is part of the desire to promote safer roads in Otley and is in line with national wishes to keep traffic speeds low in areas where people live.

Research shows that lower speeds help to reduce accident numbers. Lower speeds also reduce the risk of serious or fatal injuries. There can also be improvements in the local environment and quality of life. As a result of these benefits, the Department of Transport are encouraging local authorities, over time, to introduce 20mph schemes onto roads which are mainly residential. The aim is to make drivers more aware of their behaviour and to make Otley a safer and more enjoyable place to live.

In the Leeds City Council area, schools are the focus for new schemes. A small number of schemes were introduced in 2011 and more are now being progressed. However, with over 250 schools in the LCC area it will take some years to role out the scheme to all. We do acknowledge that introducing 20mph schemes over a wider area has greater benefits than keeping to the immediate vicinity of a school. Current schemes are taking that into account.

Highways have been asked to move the concept of 20mph schemes forward in Otley. The city and town councillors have secured the funding required to allow that to happen. The Traffic Management team at Leeds City Council have arranged for traffic surveys to be carried out across the town and have identified those areas suitable for a 20mph speed

limit as phase 1 of the initiative. The plan above indicates the areas to be included in phase 1, covering most of the residential streets south of the River Wharfe. The areas north of the river will form phase 2 of the work. Additional survey work is to be carried out to assess this area.

(Larger copies of the plan can be viewed at the Town Council Offices in Bay Horse Court or electronic copies are available on request via highways@leeds.gov.uk).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What changes will there be to the appearance of the road?

A. There will be new 20mph speed limit signs at each point where you drive into a residential area off the more major roads. Where appropriate there will also be a '20' marking on the road as well. Within the area there will be smaller 20mph repeater signs on lighting columns.

Q. Will there be any speed bumps?

A. No new speed bumps will be included as part of this work. Where a 20mph speed limit is introduced, it is controlled by signs only. Any existing speed bumps will be left in place.

Q. Why have the residential roads north of the river been left out?

A. The extents of this phase of the work were decided by the available funds. The Town Council have agreed that this proposal forms phase 1 and further work is to follow on the streets north of the river as phase 2. Further funding is being sought to allow this to happen and further consultation will take place.

Q. Driving at 30mph is not dangerous. Won't lowering the speed limit cause delays to motorists?

A. The nature of Otley's residential roads is that due to their narrowness and dense parking it is neither safe nor appropriate for vehicles to travel at speeds greater than 20mph. This is borne out by the speed surveys which show that in almost all cases the existing average speed is in the range of 13-24mph on the chosen roads. The main through routes do not form part of this proposal.

Q. How will the 20mph scheme be enforced?

A. National guidelines are that 20mph schemes should be self-enforcing. Our surveys show that most drivers are already travelling at lower speeds on the roads affected. The new lower limit is likely to further reduce the average speed of traffic. It is not expected that further enforcement will be required. The police will continue to monitor driver behaviour as they currently do and will take action where appropriate.

Q. What happens next?

A. If you wish to comment on the proposals or require any further information please write to:

highways@leeds.gov.uk or

Leeds City Council, Traffic Management, Dept of Highways & Transportation, 30 Ring Road Middleton, Leeds, LS10 4AX

If there is general support for the proposals then the Traffic team will seek authorisation to advertise the legal order for a 20mph limit. Once this procedure has been followed through then we would be able to put the signs up.

OTLEY SHOP HEROES

6. The Otley Apothecary

16 Bondgate, Otley,
West Yorkshire,
LS21 3AB
Tel: 01943 465544



6th in a series of 12

To step within the Apothecary enchants the senses as both the eyes and nose are greeted with the heady aroma of herbal potions and the many gorgeous natural health and beauty products on offer.

Originally set up in 2005 by practising herbalist, Bel Charlesworth to provide her patients with the very best in herbs, wholefoods, natural remedies and chemical-free skincare without sending them into the city centre, the Apothecary's range has gradually expanded to include make-up, kids stuff and celebrity-favourite Dr Hauschka Skincare.

Next came a busy complementary therapy centre upstairs where Bel and other fully qualified practitioners offer everything from acupuncture and chiropractic to massage and reiki and more. Passionate about introducing others to the joys and benefits of modern natural living, Bel runs regular workshops and summer herb walks on the Chevin. In store, Bel and her friendly staff offer practical advice and health tips which has won them regular customers from across the region. Being featured on BBC2's All Over the Shop in November 2008 and receiving expert help from retail guru Geoff Burch was a real pick-me-up, says Bel, 'It gave us the confidence and motivation to move forwards with new ideas such as our own product range and online shop which otherwise may have never left the drawing board. It seems everyone needs a guru sometimes!'

OTLEY CAMERA CLUB

The Otley Camera Annual Exhibition will run throughout September in the Courthouse in Otley and marks the beginning of the new season for the Club. It showcases the best work from the club in seven categories.

The Camera Club have now moved venue to new premises on Mercury Row in Otley and will meet on Thursday evenings at 7pm September to May and fortnightly through June to August. Whether you are an experienced photographer, or just purchased your first digital camera, new members are always welcome.

Further details of Otley Camera Club and to contact us, please visit www.otleycameraclub.co.uk

OPEN WORDS

Writers/Story-tellers/
Poets/Songwriters/
Bookworms/Organisers/
Enthusiasts/Volunteers



Otle Word Feast
needs you...

After the successful 2012 Otle Word Feast Celebration Weekend and "Diamond" Writing Competition the Committee is looking for ideas and help with planning the next Feast Weekend in March 2014.

If you would like to be involved come along to **Otle Courthouse on Monday 24 September at 8pm** to discuss and share ideas. This is your chance to be part of Otle Word Feast.

Light refreshments provided (bar open), PLUS a chance to win one of the signed novels/poetry books kindly donated to Otle Word Feast by the following writers/poets:

Justine Cartwright, Vickie Feaver, Milly Johnson, Andrew McMillan, Crysse Morrison, Daljit Nagra, Edward Thomas, Barbara Trapido, Sarah Waters.

FREE EVENT but book your place by email to: blah@otleywordfeast.org.uk (Over 18's)

To keep up to date with all Otle Word Feast's events go to www.otleywordfeast.org.uk



Voluntary Action Leeds is working with the Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust to promote membership of the NHS Community Foundation Trust.

About Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust
Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust (LCHT) aims to deliver the best possible care in every community in Leeds. Between October and December 2011 they undertook a public consultation exercise as part of the journey in applying to become an NHS Community Foundation Trust.

By becoming an NHS Community Foundation Trust the trust believes it will be able to further improve services. This will be achieved by tailoring services to meet the needs of the population of Leeds. LCHT provides a range of community services for adults and children including: community nursing, health visiting, physiotherapy, community dentistry, primary care mental health, smoking cessation and sexual health services.

As a Foundation Trust they hope to have closer links with patients, staff and the local community. The people of Leeds are now being invited to become members of the NHS Community Foundation Trust so they can have a greater say in what services it delivers and where they are delivered.

Become a Member

- Membership is free. As a member you will:
- Receive information about what the Trust is doing
 - Have the opportunity to attend events & seminars
 - Be invited to take part in focus groups or complete surveys
 - Be able to vote for members to join the Council of Governors
 - Be able to stand for election as a governor

Fill in our online form to become a member of the NHS Community Foundation Trust - it only takes a minute and it's completely FREE.

Why Join?

If you care about NHS healthcare services and you feel it's important that services stay in the community, closer to peoples' homes, then please support the plans.

You may use community healthcare services now, or know someone who does. You never know when you might need them in the future, so this is a great opportunity to find out more now. Health needs are constantly changing, so it's important that everyone helps community healthcare services in Leeds to meet the needs of people across the city.

More Information

If you have any questions or want to know more please contact Donna Cremin at Voluntary Action Leeds.

Call 0113 297 7920 Email donna.cremin@val.org.uk

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event



Being part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning is a piece of cake. Macmillan Cancer Support would like to invite all readers to take part in our World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 28. Macmillan encourages people across the UK to enjoy a cup of coffee and piece of cake on the last Friday in September where donations on the day are made to Macmillan. This fundraising event is the perfect opportunity to get every

part of the local community and businesses involved as coffee mornings can be held in homes, work places or local communities.

The money raised will help Macmillan fund specialist nurses, new cancer centres and grants to support people living with cancer who have financial problems.

Everyone who signs up will get a fundraising pack and lots of ideas on how to make their event a success, but whether you choose to have a coffee morning on the official event day, a cocktail evening at the weekend or a quiz event the week after is up to you!

All we want is for people to do something they enjoy with people they want to spend time with while raising some money for Macmillan so that we can be there for people with cancer when they need us most.

For more information or to register visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 070 1315.

Otle Action for Older People

On the 2nd June 2012 Otle Action for Older People held a Jubilee Party at the Otle Courthouse. Over sixty of its members were in attendance, with the event funded by AGEUK and supported by Otle Film Society and Otle Museum.

The attendees were served a traditional 1950's buffet with coronation chicken, bread and dripping and corned beef pies.

Otle Film Society provided Pathe news reel and Rachel Feldberg played the piano whilst everyone had a jolly good sing song. Otle Museum provided original photographs of the Coronation street parties held in Otle in 1953.

The Queen from the Duncan Avenue street party in 1953 was invited and we were pleased that she was able to join us in 2012 for a right royal knee's up.



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Otle/Leeds Speakability Group



Speakability provides a regular get-together for people who live with 'aphasia'. Aphasia is usually caused by a stroke or head injury and leads to people having problems communicating - be it speaking, reading or writing.

Our group enables members to decide what they want to do at each get-together over a tea or coffee (carers can come too!). The group get involved in a range of activities including: number and word games; computer work; we may arrange a visit or outing; invite a guest speaker; or just spend time enjoying each other's company, having a laugh.

The Otle/Leeds Speakability Group meets at 11am to 1pm on the third Thursday of every month at St Andrew's United Reform Church in Roundhay.

Do you know someone who might want to join? It might even be you! If so, please contact Margaret Grimbley on (0113) 2672347.

Otle Past, Present & Future

Otle has had an amazing history! Recorded in the Domesday Book as Othelia in 1086, the Archbishops of York had a manor house here from 1226 and Prince Henry's Grammar School was founded in 1607.

In 1977, to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee, a team of volunteers led by local resident John Morgan produced a book 'Otle - Past, Present and Future', telling the Otle story. Updated during the Millennium year with everything that had happened since 1977, money raised from sales of the book helped to provide a new traditional Maypole and dance area, which is much enjoyed by the town.

To celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, the Otle Past, Present & Future team plans to install a plaque in the town showing some of the highlights of our history.

Copies of the book are on sale at Just Books, 28 Market Place, at a reduced price. All proceeds will go towards the plaque.

Behind Closed Doors



Domestic Abuse Support for Women in Leeds

Behind Closed Doors is a local community organisation, originally established in Otle in 1997. Over the years the organisation has grown significantly and has developed a reputation for delivering a high quality, city wide service across Leeds to women and men whose lives and families have been affected by domestic abuse. We are now looking for new members to join our small, but active and highly committed, Board of Trustees

The Behind Closed Doors Board of Trustees is responsible for the planning, strategic development and governance of the service. Trustees have, and must accept, ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the charity, for ensuring that it is solvent and well-run and that it delivers the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public, for whom it has been set up.

Membership of the committee is a **voluntary position**, but travel and carers expenses will be paid.

Trustees are expected to prepare for and attend monthly Board meetings and to undertake follow up tasks, as required. Trustees are also asked to allow the equivalent of an additional 2 days a year for business planning and development.

We would also hope that potential and existing Trustees would adopt a pro-active approach to the organisation, offering analytical skills and generating ideas for growth.

Trustee Board Requirements/Desirables

Previous experience of being a member of a Board of Trustees is not required, however Behind Closed Doors would welcome enquiries from women or men who possess skills, knowledge and/or experience in some of the following areas:

- Business background
- Chairing experience
- Customer care
- Education/Health
- Financial knowledge
- Fundraising
- Human resources
- Legal knowledge (client and business base)
- Local knowledge
- Project management
- Sales/marketing
- Statistics/monitoring/evaluation
- Strategic planning
- Voluntary sector knowledge

Individuals with experience of working with client group representatives - users and/or family members - would also be particularly welcome.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact info@behind-closed-doors.org.uk or telephone Orlaith on 0113 391 1917.



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Cancer charity appeals for two volunteering roles to be filled...

Marie Curie Cancer Care has two volunteering roles available and is appealing for Otle residents to register their support.

Supermarket Collection Co-ordinator -

This involves helping us with local supermarket and street collections by helping to organise collection rotas, recruit local collectors, brief volunteers, distribute the materials to the collections and then help count up and bank the money afterwards.

Volunteer Box Collector -

This involves maintaining our collecting cans in the local area throughout the year, place cans at new sites and additionally count & bank the monies from the cans.

Claire Priestwood, Community Fundraiser for the charity said 'The money raised from both of the volunteering opportunities will help to support the local Marie Curie Nursing Service in Leeds to provide care to people terminally ill with cancer and other illnesses.'

If you think you have a few hours spare and would like to get involved with either of the roles, please contact Claire on 01274 386191 or email claire.priestwood@mariecurie.org.uk

OTLEY WALKING FESTIVAL

Otle Walking Festival 2012 has been the biggest yet!

With 51 walks and events, there's been something for everyone. Favourites like Red Kites, Timble Man, Despicable Liars, and Yorkshire Heritage Way. New themed walks - Cakes and Ale, Lost Hamlets, Limestone and Lead Mines, Otle in Bloom, Walking into the Sunset - too many to mention!

All walks had interesting features - the most unusual being a tree carried the whole seven miles back to Otle!

Thanks to the great team of walk leaders who give their time and expertise voluntarily for the Festival. Thanks to our main financial sponsors - Otle Town Council and Chevin Trek - and to local businesses for their generous donations to

the raffle. Planning for next year's Walking Festival starts in October - email us otleywalkingfestival@mail.com or contact Stuart Fildes, Festival Office, Chevin Trek, Gay Lane, Otle (01943 851166).

Watch the website www.otleywalkingfestival.btck.co.uk for news of next year's Festival.

Ruth Blackwell (Chair, Otle Walking Festival Organising Committee)



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Chippindale

Swimming Pool

SWIMMING TIMES - Mar 2012

Monday	16.00 – 18.15	Swimming Lessons (Juniors)
	18.30 – 20.00	General Swimming
	20.00 – 21.00	General Swimming (Adults)
Tuesday	07.30 – 09.00	General Swim
	12.45 – 13.30	General Swim
	16.00 – 18.15	Swimming Lessons (Juniors)
	18.30 – 20.30	Otley Swimming Club
Wednesday	16.00 – 18.15	Swimming Lessons (Juniors)
	19.00 – 20.00	Tri Club/Adult Lane Swimming (w/ Tri Club Coaching)
	20.00 – 21.00	General Swimming (Adults)
Thursday	16.00 – 18.15	Swimming Lessons (Juniors)
	18.30 – 20.00	General Swimming
	20.00 – 20.45	Aqua Aerobics
Friday	07.30 – 09.00	General Swimming
	12.30 – 13.15	General Swimming
	16.00 – 18.15	Swimming Lessons (Juniors)
	18.30 – 20.00	General Swimming
Saturday	07.45 – 08.45	General Swimming
	08.45 – 12.15	Swimming Lessons (Juniors)
Sunday	09.00 – 12.00	General Swimming
	12.00 – 13.00	Swimming Lessons (one to one)
	13.00 – 16.00	General Swim

Under 5yrs always swim free.

All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult (16+) with a maximum of two under 8's per adult.

A general swim session provides space for recreational swimming and also lane swimming, dependent on the number/types of swimmer in the pool.

R = Restricted space, during these sessions not all the pool is available for public use.

If bather capacity is reached on either pool, it will be necessary to close entry to that pool until sufficient people leave and the bather load drops below the maximum number allowed.

Chippindale Swimming Pool, Prince Henry's Grammar School, Off Newell Car Road, Otley, LS21 2BH
Tel: 01943 466852

Training in Otley



Awards for All is a Big Lottery funded grant and if your community group, voluntary organisation, community interest company or charity has never applied for funding from this grant to fund a project then you should really consider doing so!

- You can apply for between £300 and £10,000
- Your project must be completed within a year
- Your project should not be arts, sport or heritage-there are separate programmes for these types of projects.
- You must be able to meet at least one of the Awards for All outcomes which are: people having better chances in life; stronger communities; improved rural and urban environments; healthier and more active people and communities

To obtain an application pack phone 0845 41020 30
We are currently delivering a course every 6 weeks at Voluntary Action Leeds giving full details of how to apply to Awards for All.

However, if we had half a dozen groups in Otley interested in attending a course in Otley then we would happily deliver!

If you are interested please contact your Community Development Officer, Jason Knowles on 01943 466335

If you have any ideas about other courses that you would like Voluntary Action Leeds to deliver in Otley please contact me in the first instance.

Kath Faulks, Voluntary Action Leeds (0113) 297 7943

Otley Neighbourhood Watch ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 7.00PM AT THE OTLEY AGED PERSONS WELFARE CENTRE (BY THE BUS STATION), CROSSGATE, OTLEY

On the agenda will be Cold Calling Control Zones. Cold calling leaflets have now been delivered and signs erected in the Control Zones of Neighbourhood Watch. Otley Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank all those who helped with delivery and putting up signs.

Sally Dodgson from West Yorkshire Trading Standards will be attending the meeting for feedback. So if you have any thoughts or problems to do with Cold Calling please come to the meeting.

Has Neighbourhood Watch got a future in Otley? We are looking for new committee members to help with ideas and plans for the future.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting so please come along and support us.

PAULINE HANSON Neighbourhood Watch Committee Member



Mayor's Diary May - July 2012



The new Town Mayor Cllr Mary Vickers took up her post on Monday 14th May. The Town Mayor's Charities for this year are:

Breast Cancer

Supporting the specialist Breast Cancer Unit at the LGL to assist the funding of the salaries of 2 Research Registrars working on the causes and treatments for cancer.

Sylvia Wright

Support to a lady from Leeds who went to India over 30 years ago to look after and care for vulnerable children and adults. In this time she has built hospitals, schools and community facilities. The support will assist in helping to pay for a surgeon in the hospital.

Cleft Palate

To support the Cleft Palate Unit at St James Hospital for children born with cleft palates and facial disfigurements – the monies raised will help towards research into developing improved treatments.

Since the investiture the Town Mayor has represented Otley at various events including:

Mayor's Charity Dinner

Otley Civic Service

Diamond Jubilee Service at All Saints Parish Church

Opening of the Otley Jubilee Street Party

Diamond Jubilee Beacon lighting on the Otley Chevin

Jubilee Sculpture Unveiling in Wharfemeadows Park

Jubilee Tea Party for residents married over 60 years

Otley Pub Club Name Changing ceremony for the Diamond Jubilee

Otley Cycle Race

Otley Cycling Festival

Otley 10 Mile race

Otley Art Club Exhibition opening

Visits to Ashfield, St Joseph's and Peter and Paul's (Yeadon) Primary School (Years 1-6)

Welcome to Otley to Spanish students

School Road Safety Quiz

Mayors Briefing/Mayoral Dinner/4th July Celebrations at RAF Menwith Hill

Walking Festival

Otley Lions President Changeover

Various Tree Plantings

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NEW HONORARY CITIZENS



Three women who have made outstanding contributions to the town have been made Honorary Citizens of Otley.

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Elsie Hendry has worked tirelessly for Otley serving the WRVS and Meals on Wheels, pushing the 'comforts' trolley around wards at Wharfedale Hospital for many years and helping at Otley Action for Older People and a senior citizens lunch club.

Susan Pullan has been honoured for her 40 years of service with the Guiding movement, during which time she has trained hundreds of Brownies and for her work for Churches Together in Otley, youth work and visits to local retirement homes.

Carol Newbould received the honour for her work in training many children to dance at her Newall School of Dancing over the past 50 years, along with arranging many Charity fundraising shows.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



Despite cold and wet conditions on Sunday 3rd June the mood and enthusiasm at the Diamond Jubilee Party in Market Place Otley was not dampened. Both Otley Town Council and Otley Town Partnership were very pleased that the event had been a success with the traditional children's party followed by live music in the Market Place marking this special occasion. Both organisations would like to thank all the volunteers at the event, Mick Turner for his sound engineering expertise in difficult weather conditions and the excellent performances of the Otley Brass Band, Sally's Army Choir, soloist Liz Frankland and pianist Ann Clark, The Rough N' Ready Boyz, GMC jazz and young rock band Safe House, as well as those people who came out to support and celebrate the Jubilee.

The celebrations in Otley continued on Monday 4th June with the Town Council hosting the Lord Mayor of Leeds in lighting 9 beacons on the Otley Chevin as part of the national chain. Councillor Mary Vickers

the Town Mayor of Otley said "I am sure you will agree that the Beacon lighting was an impressive display that will have really got Otley on the map."

Otley Town Council commissioned, Shane Green, Head of Art at Prince Henry's Grammar School to design and sculpt a piece to remain in situ for many years and have resonance with the history of the town. The completed piece named 'The 3Rs – Homage to the Wharfedale Press' was sculpted from Yorkshire Sandstone. This sculpture depicts the importance of the invention of the printing press to the development of Otley, with 3 pages on the top of the sculpture representing the '3Rs' of reading, writing and arithmetic, with reference to the continued importance of education to the future prosperity of the town. The sculpture was unveiled on Monday 25th June by the Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire, Dr Ingrid Roscoe alongside the Town Mayor Cllr Mary Vickers.

To round off the celebrations, the Town Mayor and Deputy Lord Lieutenant hosted a Jubilee Tea Party at Lady Close with local couples who are celebrating either their Diamond Wedding Anniversary or longer during this historic year.

The Town Mayor comments that she has been "Extremely proud of the way Otley has marked the Diamond Jubilee with the Street Party, Beacon lighting, Tea Party and the '3Rs - Homage to the Wharfedale Press' sculpture in Wharfemeadows Park fitting for this historic occasion." Otley Town Council would like to thank everyone who has been involved.

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Waitrose Community Matters

Waitrose Supermarkets have always supported local Charities and Organisations and early in 2008 the company decided to try a new format, to enable local communities, to be able to nominate and support local Charities and Organisations. This ensured that decisions were now made locally and no longer from head office. The name "Community Matters" was chosen to show that, as a company, we do appreciate the community of which we are a part. After a successful trial in a number of our stores, "Community Matters" was introduced across Waitrose branches. In September 2012, the charity committee and partners of the Otley Branch of Waitrose Supermarkets will be celebrating their fourth anniversary of Community Matters.

The way the scheme works is that every month £1,000 is donated by Otley Waitrose, to be divided between 3 Charities or Organisations, all of which have been nominated by Waitrose customers. After each transaction, Waitrose customers receive a token, which they then place into one of three containers which has the name of the Charity they wish to support above it. At the end of each month, the tokens are counted and the £1,000 divided between the three Charities according to the number of tokens in each container. Up to June 2012 £42,000 will have been shared between 126 local Charities and Organisations.

Waitrose also helps others in the Community, for example, by doing Sponsored Walks and Sponsored Runs, helping Otley in Bloom, joining in the Carnival and by partners supporting Charities and Organisations independently.

Partner Volunteering

Waitrose now have a new incentive called Partner Volunteering, where partners will be able to help nominated local causes, not only with manual labour, but also for an agreed amount of hours and weeks.

Nomination forms for Community Matters and also Partner Volunteering are available at the Welcome Desk in store at the Otley Branch of Waitrose.

For further information, please contact Irene Campbell-Bird on 01943 468467

'YOUR TOWN, YOUR SAY'

Over the coming months, Otley Town Council will be seeking to progress two key projects in conjunction with you.

Neighbourhood Plan - Otley Town Council will be looking to talk to Otley residents, the local business community, voluntary/community sector, schools and any other key stakeholders to influence the future of Otley. We will be seeking your views to develop our Neighbourhood Plan to shape the future growth and development of our town.

'Voice Your Choice' - As part of its introduction of participatory budgeting (now called Voice Your Choice), Otley Town Council are seeking suggestions for projects that you would like to see delivered in the community. This could be anything from a bandstand in the park to the refurbishment of a community building. All you have to do is email your idea to Jason Knowles at community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or write it down and post it/hand it in to Otley Town Council at 7 Bay Horse Court, Otley, LS21 1SB. The only criteria is that the project has to be deliverable by Otley Town Council and that it will benefit the community. The best ideas will be put forward to a public ballot and once a winner is chosen, Otley Town Council will get started delivering the project. It's your chance to make a difference and have a say on how the council spends your money. So go on, put forward your ideas and voice your choice. All ideas must be received by Friday 19th October.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Otley Town Council marked the retirement of Julia Johnson by presenting Julia with her very own copy of 'Julia Matters' following producing 59 editions of the publication. Everyone at the Council and all the groups and residents who have come into contact and worked with Julia over the past 17 years would like to wish her a very happy and healthy retirement.



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Front row left to right: Cllr. Raymond Gill; Cllr. Nigel Gill; Cllr. John Eveleigh (Council Leader); Cllr. Pamela Gill (deputy Town Mayor); Cllr. Mary Vickers (Town Mayor); Mrs Sylvia Thomson (Mayor's Consort); Suzanne Kidger (Executive Officer); Cllr. Lisa Atkin; Cllr. Neville Birch; Cllr. Beryl Patton; Cllr. Linda Bradley (apologies given)

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New Council Officers



Hi everyone. I'm Suzanne Kidger the new Executive Officer here at the Town Council.

I started in mid-June after spending 11 years up in the Lake District working in the planning field. It's been a hectic few weeks dashing around familiarising myself with the town and meeting lots of enthusiastic people. I'm from Yorkshire originally and I'm delighted to be back and really excited to be here

in Otley to take on new opportunities and challenges. One of my first major projects is to start preparation on the Neighbourhood Plan - a real chance for Otley residents to shape their future environment. I'm hoping you're all going to be as excited about this opportunity as I am.

I'm looking forward to working with you all in making Otley an even better place to grow, live, work and invest.

To contact me my telephone number is 01943 466335 or e-mail: eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Hello everyone, my name is Jason Knowles and I started my role as Community Development Officer in May.

I plan to continue the excellent work of my predecessor Julia Johnson in working with the groups, organisations, facilities, clubs, businesses and residents of Otley to meet the needs of our community. My aim is to ensure that residents and visitors to Otley have a wide range of amenities and recreation/leisure facilities, provided by a multitude of organisations and groups, meeting your needs and making Otley a vibrant town for all.

I want to hear from you! If you are a group, organisation, club in Otley and would like to tell me more about you. If you have an upcoming event that you would like to tell us about. If you would like an article on your organisation/group in Otley Matters. If you are looking to set up a new club or organisation. Are seeking support on community grants/sponsorship. Or have any thoughts or good ideas on how you think we could improve our community then please do not hesitate to contact me on 01943 466335 or email: community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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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
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

OTLEY MATTERS ARTICLES

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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2012

Planning	3rd September 2012
Events Management	
Policy and Resources	10th September 2012
Full Council	
Asset Management	17th September 2012
Planning	24th September 2012
Community Development	1st October 2012
Human Resources	8th October 2012
Planning	15th October 2012
Events Management	22nd October 2012
Planning	5th November 2012
Environment and Sustainability	
Policy and Resources	26th November 2012
Full Council	

PLEASE NOTE: From September 2012, all Town Council meetings are to be held at the Old People's Community Centre, Crossgate, Otley.

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

OTLEY BUTTERCROSS CHARITY STALL

The Buttercross is available for hire, free of charge, to all charitable organisations on Fridays and Saturdays (8am to noon).

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

What is happening in Otley?

Any news from Otley Town Council can be found on our website www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Information with regards to upcoming events can be found on our supported website www.visitotley.co.uk and on the Otley Town Council Information Board located in the Market Square.