

THE BATTLE OF OTLEY

The weekend of July 2nd and 3rd will see Otley invaded by English Civil War enthusiasts, re-enacting a famous episode in Otley's history.

In 1644, Roundhead troops were on their way to the siege of York, when they camped in the Wharfe Valley. Cromwell and his officers held a conference at the house of Charles Fairfax in Menston, while his troops descended on the nearby market town of Otley to find food – and drink! On the day before the decisive battle of Marston Moor, no doubt to keep up their spirits, as well as realising this might be their last chance of a pint for a while, those troops visited The Black Bull. And the rest, as they say, is history! They drank the pub dry and that fact is still commemorated on a plaque outside the pub itself.

Last year the celebrity chefs, The Hairy Bikers, filmed an episode of their series "Pubs That Built Britain" in The Black Bull, precisely because of that story (aired on BBC2 in April). Otley Pub Club later arranged a photoshoot in the pub with members of the Roundhead Association. They were so impressed by the story, the pub and Otley itself, they wanted to come back in bigger numbers to recreate the historic event. Otley Pub Club have put arrangements in place for them to do just that, and so Roundheads will once again be in town at the beginning of July.

The focus of the weekend will be a re-enactment of a small Civil War battle. Not a full-blown affair like Marston Moor itself, which included large numbers of cavalry, but still with cannons, muskets and lines of pikemen. There will be the authentic sights, sounds and smells of a 17th century 'skirmish' and it will all take place on both Saturday

and Sunday afternoons at 2pm in Wharfemeadows Park. Entry will be completely free and the skirmish isn't all that will be on show. Alongside the battle will be a number of stalls showing authentic arts, crafts, tools, costumes, weapons, food and more from the mid 17th century.

With the Civil War being part of the national history curriculum, this will be a perfect opportunity for students to get up close to 'living history' and see just what it was like at first hand. The stalls will be open from noon to 4pm, but even that won't be all. Some of the troops and drummers will be in Market Place on Sunday morning, drilling and forming up to march around the town. It's hoped that other entertainers will join in, both in the town and by the river over the whole weekend, and there's no doubt the enjoyment will last well into the evenings in Otley's fine pubs. Whether any of them will once again be drunk dry, we'll just have to wait and see!

For more information please visit:

<http://secretary741.wix.com/roadtomarstonmoor>



OTLEY COMMUNITY DAY

Year 10 students from Prince Henry's Grammar School are spending their Timanyane (Global Citizenship) Day on Thursday 9th June working with a range of community organisations in Otley. The day, organised in partnership with Otley Town Council, will see students working on community projects such as: dry stone walling, maintenance in the parks and Chevin, getting ready for the Otley in Bloom judging and working with the Talking Newspaper, Library, Otley Courthouse, All Saints Parish Church, Otley Lions and Otley Children's Centre.

"Our links with the community are very important to us and we are very excited about this new initiative. Many of our students already volunteer locally and this will really help us develop their sense of citizenship, both with a local and global context. It will also give our students the opportunity to learn more about the place in which they live and the people they share it with, as well as building their skills and confidence whilst trying something new," said Georgina Anson, International Co-Ordinator.

Otley Walking Festival

It's back again! Get your boots ready for Otley Walking Festival 2016. This year's Walking Festival opens on Saturday 25th June and runs until Sunday 3rd July with walks and events every day and evening of the Festival. With a choice of 53 walks and events, there really is something for everyone!

Short town-based walks, themed walks, woodland walks, strenuous moorland hikes plus a full evening programme of entertaining themed events. A great opportunity to enjoy all that Otley and the wonderful Wharfedale environment has to

offer. You can be sure of a warm welcome from our Walk Leaders and the chance to meet other friendly folk.

Otley Walking Festival 2016 programmes are available now at Otley Library, Otley Core, Otley Courthouse, Tourist Information Centres, local businesses and the Festival Office based at Chevin Trek.

Also online at:

www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk and www.chevintrek.co.uk



UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 5 Sport Chevin Family Activity Day
- 9 Otley Community Day
- 18 Otley Carnival
- 19 Summer Bands in the Park – Yorkshire Brass Quintet
- 25 Otley Walking Festival (runs through to 3 July)
- 25 Otley Duck Race
- 25 An Evening of Brass
- 26 Otley Farmers Market
- 26 Otley Designer Craft Fair
- 29 Otley Cycle Race

July

- 2-3 English Civil War Re-enactment
- 17 Otley Food & Drink Festival
- 31 Summer Bands in the Park – Drighlington Brass Band
- 31 Otley Farmers Market
- 31 Otley Designer Craft Fair

August

- 6 Courthouse Antiques, Vintage and Collectors Fair
- 28 Otley Farmers Market
- 28 Otley Designer Craft Fair

* Otley Market Days held every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

OTLEY CYCLE RACES

The Otley Town Centre Cycle Races remains one of the most prestigious events on the British racing calendar, with past winners including Mark Cavendish, Jeremy Hunt, Adam Blythe, Jonny Clay and Chris Walker.

Now in its 31st year, Otley Cycle Races unique mixture of tough, twisting town-centre circuit and big race, big crowd atmosphere has always been a favourite with the pro riders. The status of this almost guarantees an all-star turnout from the UK's elite men and women professional cyclists.

This free event will held on the evening of Wednesday 29th June, with road closures commencing at approximately 5pm.

To find out more, including entry information for riders, visit www.otleycycleraces.co.uk or follow Otley town centre cycle race on Facebook.



AN EVENING OF BRASS



Otley Brass Band Association is looking forward to its first concert of 2016 which will see all three of its bands (Otley Brass Band, Wharfe Brass and Stepping Stones) playing together. The concert will be held on Saturday 25th June in Otley Parish Church and will start at 7.00 pm. This will be the

first time any of the bands have played at the Church since its significant refurbishment. This should be a great evening of entertainment with a wide variety of music.

Tickets will be available on the door.

COMING SOON NEAR YOU THE NEW 'WELCOME WAY'

After more than a year of planning, Otley along with the communities of Burley, Baildon and Bingley, will officially launch a new 28-mile circular walk that traverses three local authorities and offers access to the natural beauty and history encompassed within these Walkers are Welcome communities.

The 'Welcome Way' is made up of three continuous sections of 11, 10 and 7 miles respectively, each with its own distinctive character and public transport connections. The route passes through stunning moorland landscapes, alongside rivers and reservoirs, across farmland, through woodland and local communities, affording you the experience of an area of outstanding natural beauty.

A 48-page guidebook, with maps and descriptions, is now available from local outlets.

The official launch takes place at the Otley Walking Festival at 9am on Saturday 25th June at the Otley Parish Church. The Welcome Way starts here!



NEW BAREFOOT WALKING CLUB IN OTLEY!

Wild Goose Wellbeing are running a new monthly Barefoot Walking Club on Otley Chevin throughout the summer.

Hayley Gillard, Founder of Wild Goose Wellbeing gives you 5 reasons why you should go barefoot this summer!

1. It's physically better. We're using our body the way nature intended.
2. You feel free and your senses are heightened making you more responsive and receptive.
3. It feels silly and gives you a great laugh.
4. You develop great relationships – People are intrigued when someone is barefoot! People are either flabbergasted that you are barefoot when it's cold/muddy/raining/on your own or they are seriously impressed and wish they could join you!
5. It reduces stress – You have lots of acupressure points on your feet which are linked to anxiety, stress and mental wellbeing and walking on your bare soles stimulates all of these.

Find out more and book your place (£5) at www.wildgooseec.co.uk/workshops/barefoot-club/



Brighten up the summer with music in Wharfemeadows Park



This summer, Wharfemeadows Park will host two brass band concerts as part of Leeds International Concert Season's Summer Bands in Leeds Parks series. Firstly, the Yorkshire Brass Quintet will perform popular favourites on Sunday 19th June and the Drighlington Brass Band will perform brass band classics on Sunday 31st July. Both concerts are on Sundays from 2.30pm to 4.30pm and are absolutely free.

Dig out your picnic rugs and sunhats for a perfect way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon. For a free leaflet with full listings of Summer Bands in Leeds Parks call 0113 247 8336, email: music@leeds.gov.uk or visit www.leedsconcertseason.com

These two concerts are very kindly sponsored by Outer North West Community Committee and Otley Town Council.

Otley Mini Flyers

Otley Cycle Club juniors, the Mini-Flyers, had a very successful appearance at the British Schools Cycling Association (BSCA) Regional Roller Racing Championships recently. Two of the team emerged as Yorkshire Champions and there were three second places.

The Mini-Flyers can be seen regularly on Saturday mornings cycling the roads of Wharfedale no matter what the weather throws at them. They are very proud to wear Boels Dolmans team kit which was given to them by the Club Patron Lizzie Armitstead and were delighted to receive messages of support and congratulations from Team Boels Dolmans on social media.

The results were:
U7 girls: 1st Hannah Luxton (Yorkshire Champion)
U7 boys: 2nd Daniel Middlebrooke
U9 boys: 2nd Jack Wilks
U11 girls: 1st Emily Middlebrooke (Yorkshire Champion); 2nd Isobel Wilks; 5th Poppy Peacock
U11 boys: 4th James Luxton



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

We were delighted to support the International Women's Event in Otley in March, one message clearly being that too many people wish they had been able to ask for help as children, when living in an abusive home. Many go on to accept abuse as the 'norm' or indeed to be abusive; there is a growing incidence of young people being abusive to their parents and being abusive in their early relationships. Now, Aliens don't feature regularly in our work, supporting victims of domestic violence and abuse across Leeds, but over the last 12 months, they have. Over 1,500 children have taught 'Alien' about Healthy Relationships (and what makes them unhealthy); sadly, this is a discussion many families forget, or are unable, to have. We found the children really valued the opportunity to teach Alien ... and learn how to enjoy, and expect, healthy relationships. Can you have that conversation?



Behind Closed Doors, P O Box 275, Leeds, LS19 9BN Tel: 0113 222 4562
e-mail: info@behind-closed-doors.org.uk www.behind-closed-doors.org.uk

Celebrate with a ring of bells!

Do you have a special birthday, wedding anniversary or new birth in the family this year? Why not mark the occasion with a ring of bells in the town.

Bells have been rung at Otley All Saints Parish church probably since the tower was erected in the 13th century, to bring worshippers to church and for weddings and funerals, coronations and national celebrations. More recently the bells have marked the progress of the Tour de France and the completion of building work in the church.



If future generations are to continue hearing the bells ringing over Otley significant restoration now needs to be undertaken for which £30,000 is required.

Keep a look out for fundraising events in and around the town over the next year or so which will include opportunities to come and see what happens in the belfry!

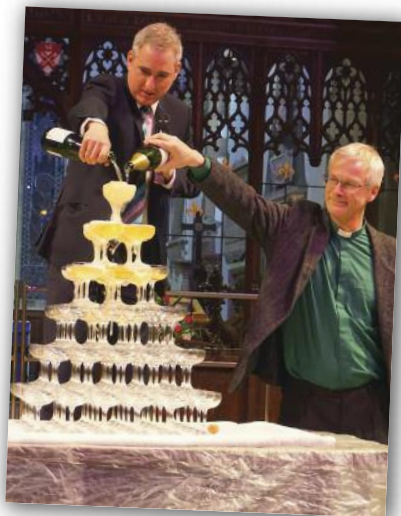
If you would like the bells to celebrate a special occasion or if you, your workplace or a group to which you belong would like to 'sponsor a bell' or another part of the bell foundations please contact Meg Morton (Tower Captain) on meg.morton@icloud.com or telephone 07963908440.

OTLEY PARISH CHURCH

A champagne fountain, a pair of bishops and Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' were just some of the highlights over a special weekend of activities to herald the completion of the £600,000 refurbishment of Otley Parish Church at the end of February.

After a frantic few days of completing work the church doors were finally thrown open on Saturday 27th February for an open day.

The official opening was done by local MP Greg Mulholland, who (somewhat reluctantly!) poured a champagne fountain. With canapes and wine, entertainment from the All Saints orchestra and the Prince Henry School choir, and a fanfare of Zadok the Priest from the Otley Choral Society, this proved to be a memorable occasion.



On the Sunday there was a Civic Service of Dedication for the new church led by Diocesan Bishop, Nick Baines. A packed congregation enjoyed a blend of traditional and contemporary worship and were challenged to do everything we could to make Otley Parish a thriving community hub.

OTLEY CARNIVAL CHOOSES 2016 CARNIVAL QUEEN



In April, Otley Carnival Committee chose the new Carnival Queen for 2016. As always the decision was tough and we would like to thank all those who applied for the various roles.

We are pleased to announce that Olivia Bradford will be our new Carnival Queen and will be crowned on Carnival Day on June 18th. Olivia attends Ashfield School and I am sure she will enjoy her year in her new role.

The Carnival also selected its first male carnival consort. Noah Dockar attends The Whartons School and we welcome him into his new role and for making Carnival history.

In addition, the following were chosen as attendants – Maggie May Porter who attends Ashfield, Rosie Barraclough who attends All Saints, Evie Manson who attends The Whartons and this year's crown bearer will be Jessica Jones.

We wish them all well for the coming year.



Sainsbury's stores celebrate fundraising

Sainsbury's Otley and Rawdon celebrate having raised over £4,000 for Sport Relief. Otley Store Manager Paul Mitchell said "we have had a fantastic time raising money for such a worthwhile charity,

from tombolas, bake sale and a bike ride." Paul would like to thank all Sainsbury's customers for supporting the fundraising effort.

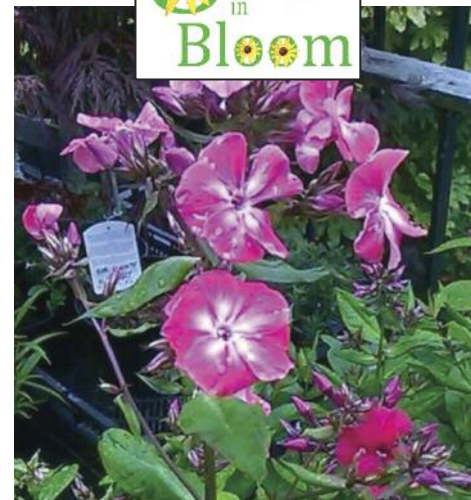
Can you name this flower?

This plant is special to Otley. It's one of five varieties of phlox which Otley in Bloom and local nursery Courtyard Planters are working together to re-introduce. The phlox are mildew-resistant garden flowers, providing late summer colour.

Otley in Bloom will be giving some phlox to the Leeds City Council parks team for display in Wharfemeadows Park and also for the Temple Newsam national collection.

Fred Simpson, a local horticulturalist, developed the Otley phlox varieties and soon we hope his grand-daughter will help us share some fascinating family stories. Courtyard Planters will be selling some phlox plants next year, a percentage of the sale price will help support the work of Otley in Bloom.

Meanwhile the summer judging for Yorkshire in Bloom will take place on July 12th. To get in touch, please phone Katie on 01943 462390, or visit our website or Facebook page.



Developing Otley Talent



Across the UK nearly a million young people are out of work, education or training, with 13% of these young people in Yorkshire and Humber. In West Yorkshire a number of organisations are working together through a Big Lottery funded programme called Talent Match to offer real support and job opportunities to young people seeking work.

Talent Match is targeting young people who are aged 18-24 and have not been in employment or education for more than a year. In the first two years more than a 1,000 young people have been helped and 198 secured some form of employment.

Over 50 organisations across West Yorkshire have got involved offering Big Lottery funded six month job creations to young people giving them the chance of work experience. This is an opportunity for business to expand and benefit from local young talent, at no cost to the employer.

For more information on Talent Match see www.doinggoodleeds.org.uk/talent-match-leeds-city-region.html

OTLEY WORK CLUB

The Otley Work Club, which runs two Thursday's a month, is now visible on social networks with its Twitter account @otleyworkclub where we share all the local vacancies we are aware of. The club is also in the process of developing its Facebook presence. More information on that development will follow.



Step into the Otley Core reception area to view the new Jobs Board the club has developed. We still need local businesses to inform us of their recruitment requirements so that our clients can pursue those opportunities.

Our clients continue to find work in good numbers and we receive very encouraging comments from clients we are able to help. Recently client Brian emailed 'Thanks for all your help and support. I've gone from getting nowhere with my applications to being offered 3 jobs this week. I'm starting work next Monday.'

And Chris a skilled tradesman said 'I am grateful to you for your support- I got offered the job yesterday that we discussed recently and I have accepted it.'

Client Pam said 'Thanks for the help with my CV and making that job application. I accepted another job offer but thanks to you all for your help'.

If you have some spare time to volunteer and some relevant experience please ring Kevin Cooney on 01943 465917 to discuss.



Otley Town Partnership has again committed to being a major sponsor of the Science Festival with a £2,000 contribution towards the cost of this exciting event. The cheque was presented to Dr Marty Jopson of the Science Festival team by Partnership Directors Lawrence Ross and David Wilkinson.

The Partnership feels that science needs to be made interesting and available to people of all ages, especially for younger visitors and the Festival does this admirably.

The ability to sponsor the Festival means that the Partnership, amongst other things, has to raise significant amounts of money. It does this through its running of monthly Farmers' Markets, Otley Victorian Fayre and the annual Food and Drink Festival.

If you would like to be involved in helping to raise money for the Partnership, please contact David Wilkinson on info@otleytownpartnership.org

Otley Arts Club

OTLEY ARTS CLUB is a friendly local arts club with a long history. Established in 1947 we host a varied programme of guest speakers, tutorials, demonstrations, life drawing and portrait evenings, plus workshop sessions where you can continue your own projects in a relaxed environment.

We meet on Wednesday evenings 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm at the Welfare Centre on Crossgate.

Our Annual Summer Exhibition will be on show throughout July at the Courthouse and on Saturday 4th June we are holding a fundraising sale at the Buttercross.

It's a friendly, informal group and we encourage new members so please call in whatever your age, ability or creative interest.

Membership fees are £15 per term or £40 for the year. Alternatively drop in for £3 per session or £5 if we host a tutor - your introductory evening is free.

Contact - Phil: 01943 467029; Susan: 01943 851413 or Evelyn: 07772613082 for more details.



LAST CHANCE TO GET DUCK RACE TICKETS!

Award winning developer, Adlington are sponsoring the first Grand Charity Duck Race on Saturday 25th June on the River Wharfe in Otley.

Starting at 11.00 am on the river bank, next to the new Bridge Street development, families will be able to watch hundreds of rubber ducks float down the river along with our giant duck who will be leading the way!

Come and cheer your duck on to victory in the hope of winning one of our great prizes. The owner of the first duck to cross the finish line will receive £100 worth of Amazon vouchers, with second and third receiving £50 and £25 worth of vouchers respectively.

All proceeds from the race will be donated to charity. They will be split equally between Otley Carnival Beneficiaries and Otley Action for Older People.

If you haven't already bought your duck, to enter, you will find them at Adlington's Marketing Suite on Bridge Street or pop along to Adlington's Stand at this month's Otley Carnival!

Otley Town Poet

Over the next 12 months, Matthew Hedley Stoppard has been nominated as your Town Poet - the first of its kind. This role involves engaging people in verse and representing Otley around the country when invited to work in other towns. One of his first duties was to give poetry a presence at Stage 2 of the Tour de Yorkshire. Below is the start of, what Matthew hopes will be, a long poem inspired by Otley, its townsfolk and its goings-on.

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Before the first bus queue forms
he comes tumbling downhill
into the Chevin-shadowed town
like a knackered ram with a flock
of conquests in his wake.
Eyes peering out between flatcap
and thick black beard, he hears
churchbells ringing in foxgloves
falling flat on his back drunk,
on Wharfe water; clears his throat
for the crows, then takes a drag
on a roll-up, unzips his overalls
to release a brace of pheasants,
bats and mice crawling past
the tobacco in his pocket -
if you look close enough you'll
see the beard covering half his face
is actually a crow, wings spread
from ear to ear.

CHAPTER ONE CHILDCARE

Chapter One Childcare is excited to announce that their Farnley nursery is moving from its current location to the former Farnley C of E school premises.

Expansion into the former school building will increase the nursery size from 19 to approximately 40 places. Farnley nursery is unique in the outdoor opportunities it can offer children, the preschool have access to their own private woodland and the younger children have a large, secure garden to explore, as well as the surrounding school grounds.



DRY STONE WALLING TRAINING COURSES



The Dry Stone Walling Association is a charity devoted to the preservation of the ancient craft of building in dry stone. The Otley & Yorkshire Dales Branch is the largest in the UK and gives its expertise free to other local charities like the National Trust, the RSPB and the Dales National Park.

For further details see: www.otleyyorksdalesdswa.org

Facebook – [Otleyyorksdalesdswa](https://www.facebook.com/Otleyyorksdalesdswa)

Otley Food and Drink Festival

The annual Otley Food and Drink Festival will take place on Sunday 17th July, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

With **FREE ENTRY** this event is a must for all food lovers.

In addition to an array of stalls selling good quality, locally produced food and drink, there will also be a wide variety of Street Food. To add to the party atmosphere there will be lots of music and free children's entertainment.

The cookery theatre, featuring demonstrations by chefs from Otley and the Farmers' Market, will be hosted by local chef Stephanie Moon.

Steph has travelled the world with her job as a chef and her television appearances include: BBC1s 'Chefs Put Your Menu Where Your Mouth Is' and BBC2s 'Great British Menu'.

Don't miss this exciting, tasty, fun-filled Otley day!!

Full details can be found on the Visit Otley website: www.visitotley.co.uk



THE 25th OTLEY FOLK FESTIVAL



and musicality of **The Churchfitters**, Otley stalwart and humourmeister **Vin Garbutt**, poet supreme **Les Barker**, a welcome return for singer/songwriter **Lucy Ward**, stars of the future **Grannys Attic** plus a host of locally grown talent.

“Happy Birthday”



Otley Action for Older People is celebrating 20 years of supporting older people this year. To commemorate the anniversary the charity is holding an event at the Bridge Church on Friday 29th July. The event will showcase the work of the charity with demonstrations, stalls and activities. A buffet lunch will be served between noon – 1.00 pm and there will be an opportunity later in the day to catch up with team members old and new.

The charity based in Bay Horse Court has been helping older people to live independently in their own homes by providing practical and emotional support over the years.

Otley Action would like to offer 50 places to any older people in the LS21 postcode area who would like to be part of the celebration. If you would like to book a place please contact the office on 01943 463965. Transport is available on request.



Otley Choral Society

Rehearsals have now ended for the summer break but what a successful season it has been for the choir under the inspirational and professional guidance of their musical director, Barry Jordan.

In November 2015, the choir performed several famous opera classics in a successful concert at Trinity church Horsforth, followed, on a wet and stormy evening just before Christmas, by their annual performance of Handel's Messiah at St Margaret's church, Ilkley. These concerts were then followed by two exciting challenges for the choir that included, in March, Haydn's Nelson Mass, and finally, in April, a rousing and very patriotic evening of wonderful English music on St George's day at Otley All Saints Church.

The new choral season starts in September and new members are always welcome. Details of forthcoming music and rehearsal information is on our website:

www.otleychoral.org.uk

or go to our Facebook page.



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KEEP YOUR BRAIN HEALTHY

PART TWO: KEEP ACTIVE

Let's talk about
Dementia

Otley Dementia Champion Dr Rosie Connell offers some tips for a healthy brain

Although dementia is age-related, not everyone who is old has dementia. Increasingly, scientists have evidence suggesting that many dementia cases could be prevented by lifestyle changes. In the last issue we thought about eating and drinking for a healthy brain. What else can we do to keep our brains working well?

The 'Your Brain Matters' programme active in Australia recommends in addition to following a healthy diet:

- **BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE**
- **MENTALLY CHALLENGE YOUR BRAIN**
- **ENJOY SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

Today we look at the evidence behind this advice and consider some top tips.

Get Moving: It's good for our hearts and bones and helps control our weight but exercise is good for our minds too. A study by Kings College, London (2013) of over 9000 individuals found that intensive lifelong exercise as a child and adult improves our thinking abilities at the age of 50. The earlier you begin, the greater the protection for the brain, but **exercise improves the brain function at any age.**

How much and what type?

150 mins moderate exercise or 75 mins vigorous exercise across a week which you can break into 10/15 minute periods if this suits you. Walking, swimming and cycling are good. So are competitive games, dancing and tai chi because you challenge your brain while you move.

As well as increasing blood flow to the brain, scientists in America and the UK have found that aerobic exercise like a brisk walk increases brain volume especially in areas responsible for memory and planning, and may reduce by 50% the likelihood of getting dementia.

Get added benefit by exercising **outdoors** because spending time in natural surroundings like the Chevin or Gallows Hill has been found to improve attention and memory and reduce anxiety. If you're lucky and the sun shines you can **top up your vitamin D** at the same time. This is especially important for older people because low vitamin D levels have been found to more than double the risk of dementia. Also, remember to drink plenty when you exercise. The brain is 75% water and when you become dehydrated your brain shrinks. This can increase fatigue and confusion and lower levels of alertness so **drink yourself clever.**

Keep thinking

Do **puzzles, crosswords or brain training games** help keep our brains up to speed? Whilst there has been some scepticism, recent evidence published in the journal Neurology reports that those with a genetic predisposition to develop Alzheimers can benefit from keeping their brains active in middle age. A study of 7000 over 50's who took part in a 6 month programme of brain training games found that there was a significant improvement in reasoning and verbal learning amongst the 50+ while the over 60's were more able to carry out daily tasks such as using public transport, shopping and managing personal finances.

Mentally stimulating activities probably build up a 'cognitive reserve' of new brain cells and new connections which off-set age-related deterioration. For example, silver surfers in their 70's were found to be 42% less likely to develop mental decline. Similarly, learning another language even a short intensive course can delay cognitive decline.

Keep Connected

Loneliness and social isolation are sources of unhappiness and stress. An American study this year found that those taking part in social activities were less likely to develop memory problems, and a study tracking 400 English retirees noted that there were fewer deaths in the first 5 years of retirement amongst those who took part in social groups such as book clubs or church groups.

Top Tips

- As you grow older see yourself as capable, wise, vibrant and interesting
- Make fun a priority and keep up your social connections
- Get moving
- Learn something new like a language or musical instrument
- Read, talk and exercise your creative side
- Challenge yourself with puzzles, crosswords and games
- Be a silver surfer
- Enjoy the outdoors
- Laugh and sing

If you need advice or support in coping with your own or others' dementia, please contact the Alzheimer's Society on 01132 311727

If you would like to become a Dementia Friend and help make Otley a Dementia Friendly community contact Rosie, Fiona or Gwen via the Core Resource Centre.



OTLEY LIONS

We were delighted to receive a cheque for £1,000 in March, from sales of the Otley Charity Calendar.

Our Easter Egg tombolas were well supported and has furthered efforts to increase the number of defibrillators in town.

Throughout April, our exhibition at Otley Courthouse was well received and offered opportunities for prospective members to meet us. We were delighted that the Town Mayor and his Deputy were able to attend the viewing evening.

The Town Mayor, also accepted our invitation



to the Band Concert, presented by Otley Brass Band and this year sponsored by Otley Town Council.

Chip the Lion attended the Otley Show and will be at the upcoming Carnival. He rose from his winter hibernation early, so that Look North's Harry and Paul could meet him on their 3-county, 3-legged walk!

Otley Women's Forum



OTLEY WOMENS FORUM meets fortnightly at 10.00 am on Thursday mornings in Room 2 of the Methodist Church Hall in Otley. An interesting variety of Speakers are invited to our meetings and the morning concludes informally with time for members to chat and enjoy coffee and biscuits. There is no annual subscription, just a meeting fee of £2.

The Annual Programme runs from September through to May, but during the summer break the group gets together for two popular 'Coffee and Chat' mornings. On these occasions a general theme is chosen for discussion and those members

who wish to do so are invited to bring along items of interest and share relevant stories and anecdotes. On the 23rd June, the subject is GARDENS and we have invited a representative from the staff of 'Horticap' to join us – Horticap being our charity for this year. The topic on the 4th August is to be CLOTHES & FASHION.

The 2016-2017 Programme commences on 8th September with a talk entitled 'WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?' to be given by Mrs Margaret Thompson.

For further details, please contact the Chairman on 01943 462130.

Marie Curie Fundraising Team - Otley

The Otley Fundraising Group have raised over £3,800 since they formed in March 2015. This will fund 190 hours of Marie Curie nursing care for people living with terminal illness in Leeds.

In March this year the Great Daffodil Appeal alone raised over £700 in Otley. Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal by volunteering, donating and wearing your daffodil.

If you are enthusiastic, passionate and have some spare time to volunteer or join our fundraising group we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact Jen Aspinall, Community Fundraiser on 01274 386190 or email: Jennifer.aspinall@mariecurie.org.uk



Otley Martial Arts Club Welcomes Beginners

The Otley Karate Centre is setting up a new beginners class in Otley and is keen to welcome new members. The club was opened in 1971 by one of the country's top black belt karate masters, Ken Gee 9th dan shihan who has over 45 years experience in teaching top level karate.

The beginners class is open to all ages and abilities, and aims to improve participants' fitness, flexibility, confidence and self-esteem, as well as teaching them self-defence.

The club is now firmly established as one of the country's top karate clubs and boasts a centre of excellence dedicated to students who show a special gift for the art. The centre of excellence has coached many students who have gone on to represent their country on the England, Great Britain, European and World stages.

Sensei Gee said: "As one of the top karate schools in England we pride ourselves on the

quality of our tuition at all levels, from beginner to black belt. We have tailor made classes for all age groups, including one specifically designed for 6 -11 year olds. Our new beginners class is about helping anyone with a desire to get fit through karate but who may have doubts about their ability, or how to even start.

The emphasis is very much on how to enjoy it and we cater for everyone. So come along and join us for a four week introductory course for beginners. All lessons are held at the URC Bridge Street Church Hall in Otley every Friday and start at 6.30 pm."

Sensei Gee welcomes enquiries from anyone interested in learning this fascinating Japanese martial art. For more information about the new beginners class please send an email to kenggee7@hotmail.co.uk or call 0113 2557565 or 07870 432707.

YORKSHIRE BLUE BADGE TOUR GUIDES VISIT OTLEY



Local Otley based tour guide Dudley Parker led a training day for ten Yorkshire Blue Badge Tour Guides in Otley on Thursday 17th March.

They visited a number of sites including: All Saints Parish church; the riverside in Wharfemeadows Park; and Patisserie Viennoise where a chocolate demonstration by Trevor Backhouse was the highlight of the visit.

Dudley Parker, Yorkshire Independent Tour Guides has developed his own Otley trail and was recently invited to contribute to the development of the emerging Otley Tourism Strategy.

OTLEY CAMERA CLUB

Otley Camera Club's weekly programme is varied, with competitions, either judged in-house or by professional judges, tutorial nights on subjects suggested by members to improve their photographic experience, and talks by professional photographers who inspire us with their work. Many members take part in the Out and About group which visits various locations around Yorkshire, enjoying a social time with friendly help and advice during the day on how to get the best out of the camera in a very practical way.

During the meeting dedicated to processing images, Sue Bains took the opportunity to explore using colour post-production, so don't expect to see these swans anywhere except on this page!

For more information, especially the dates of the forthcoming annual Exhibition in Otley Courthouse please visit: www.otleycameraclub.co.uk





June at Otley Courthouse

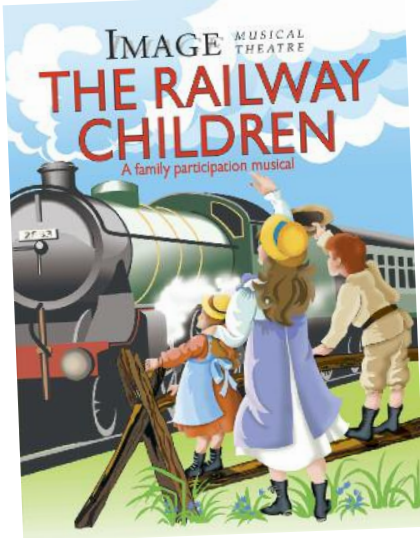
Friday 3rd June, 2pm

Image Musical Theatre presents: **The Railway Children**

A musical adaptation of the classic children's story, *The Railway Children*. Concentrating on classic and modern children's literature, Image Musical Theatre bring stories to life in a participatory musical format that gives the whole audience the chance to join in; family entertainment at its best.

Suitable for ages 5+

Tickets are £8 adults, £6 children



Saturday 4th June, 8pm

Josienne Clarke and Ben Walker

Winners in the Best Duo category at the BBC Folk Awards, Josienne Clarke and Ben Walker have performed at high-profile locations around the UK including the Cambridge Folk Festival and the National Theatre. Offset by refreshingly self-deprecating humour, the pair's captivating sound contains an extraordinary depth of feeling, beautifully accentuated by skilful musicianship.

Tickets are £12 / £10

Friday 10th June, 8pm

The Jeremiahs

One of Irish music's most exciting new line-ups, The Jeremiahs are a talented four-piece who play traditional music on dual flute/whistle, fiddle, guitar/bouzouki & vocal with a distinctly contemporary edge. Winners of the Best Vocal & Instrumental Album at the 2015 Live Ireland awards.

Tickets are £12.50 / £11

Friday 17th June, 7:30pm

Dan Cruickshank: A History of Architecture in 100 Buildings

Join well-known television presenter and renowned architectural historian Dan Cruickshank as he journeys through time and place in an exploration of some of the world's most inspirational and characterful buildings. His selection includes some of history's most iconic monuments, as well as some hidden treasures, all of which have shaped architecture's fascinating story.

Tickets are £15

Saturday 18th June, 8pm

Kieran Hodgson: Lance

Otley's very own Kieran Hodgson returns to his home town with his smash-hit comedy show. Lance is a cycling-themed story of growing up, betrayal by professional athletes, and redemption, and arrives in Otley just in time for Tour de France fever to take hold. The show was nominated for Best Show at the Edinburgh Comedy Awards and had a four week sell-out run in London's West End.

Tickets are £10

Films at Otley Courthouse

Movie Matinees on Thursdays at 2pm, free tea/coffee available from 1.30pm. Tickets: £4

Thursday 9th June

The Intern (2015) 12A, 121 min, comedy with Robert De Niro as a 70 year old widower who discovers that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Thursday 7th July

Suffragette (2015) 12A, 106 min, drama with Carey Mulligan and Anne-Marie Duff. A second screening about the fight for equality of the early feminist movement as the first was sold out!

Thursday 4th August Specials for Yorkshire Week

2pm Dad's Army (2016) PG, 100 mins, comedy with roles now taken by Catherine Zeta-Jones, Daniel Mays, Bill Nighy and filmed mainly in Bridlington.

7.45pm The Full Monty (1997) 15, 91 mins, comedy, drama with Robert Carlyle and Tom Wilkinson. An appropriate Sheffield based film at this time of crisis in the steel industry.

Otley Film Society season starts in September - see www.otleyfilmsociety.org.uk for full details of forthcoming films on Thursdays at 7.45pm.

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

Otley Courthouse are very proud to announce that we will now be screening live and recorded productions and performances as part of National Theatre Live.

Our first recorded screening was during May and the next showing will be on Thursday 23rd June at 7.30pm when we will be showing a recording of *"The Audience"*.

Winner of three Tony Awards® and two Olivier Awards, *"The Audience"* returns to cinemas in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday and includes an exclusive Q&A with Helen Mirren and director Stephen Daldry.

For sixty years, Queen Elizabeth II has met with each of her twelve Prime Ministers in a private weekly meeting. This meeting is known as The Audience.

Tickets are £12



OTLEY RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CLUB

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a combination of gymnastics and dance using rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. It is a great way to develop coordination, flexibility, strength, balance, increasing confidence and self-esteem all whilst having fun.

Otley RGC is a registered British Gymnastics Club and is Gym-Mark accredited. The club currently has vacancies for girls aged 4-17 years. Classes are held in Otley, Rawdon and Bradford. Free trial sessions are available.

On Saturday 9th July Otley RGC will hold their annual club display in the sports hall at Prince Henry's Grammar School. Performances will be at 2.00pm and at 6.00pm. All are welcome.

BRIDGE CHURCH

After over three years without a Minister, the Bridge Church has welcomed its new Minister, Jason McCullagh with a sigh of relief and a degree of delight. He is fitting in very well and making himself known to all the various groups of young and old within the Church.

The Bridge Church chosen charity for the past 18 months has been "The Edge", a small charity set up to help vulnerable youngsters living on the Bradford Holmewood Estate. A combination of fund raising efforts has realised over £9,000 to date.

The next event will be "Teas on the Lawn" on Carnival Day. Refreshments and a superb view of the Carnival procession will be available from noon onwards - everyone is most welcome.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

A weekend of events at Otley Courthouse to celebrate International Women's Day raised more than £200 for Loving Humanity, a charity working to improve the health and well-being of female Syrian refugees. Prizes donated included a cycling shirt from Lizzie Armitstead and a copy of cartoonist Jacky Fleming's new book *'The Trouble with Women'*.

The talks, demonstrations, discussions, craft sales and a showcase of local women's organisations was set up and run by Otley Women Together and was supported by a Community Development grant from Otley Town Council. Speakers included: MP Naz Shah and MEP Linda McAvan as well as representatives from organisations such as Behind Closed Doors and Bradford Immigration and Asylum Support and Advice Network.

There were demonstrations from local yoga, karate, ju-jitsu and pilates groups, a children's art workshop and a mosaic workshop for adults. Visitors also enjoyed a wide range of evening entertainment at the Courthouse and Otley Labour Rooms.



Wharfedale Male Voice Choir



Following a recent recruitment and publicity drive, Wharfedale Male Voice Choir successfully enrolled a number of new members to sing with them each week at Burley-in-Wharfedale.

The Choir was formed in the 1980's, at a time when concerts for charity were very much in vogue, and their current schedule continues this tradition. The singers are fortunate to have the services of a very experienced musical director in Mrs Blanche Woollin and two wonderful accompanists in Brenda Cromwell and Lindsey Hurst.

Seen here are the choir chairman Terry Williams and the librarian Mike Hughes, presenting our current music portfolio to new members, Martin Rix, Graham Lake, Derek Archer, Richard Currie, Alan Butcher and Bob Saunders.

Wharfedale Male Voice Choir invite anyone who may be interested in singing for pleasure, to join them each Monday afternoon from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the church hall at St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More on Bradford Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale. No previous experience is required, and although an ability to read music is a benefit, it is not a prerequisite - so, if this applies to you, why not contact Terry Williams on 01943-466806 for further details.

Otley Chevin Rotary

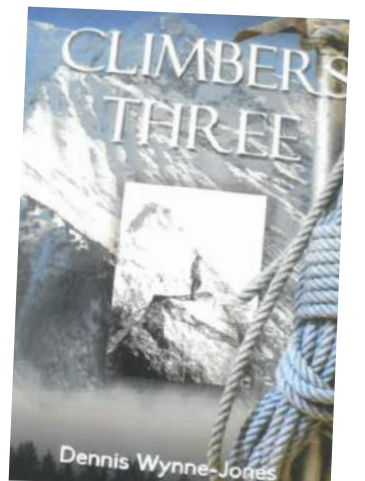


To commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday the Rotary Club of Otley Chevin recently planted 420 wild woodland trees at Chippindale Ride in the Otley Chevin Country Park. The trees were awarded by The Woodland Trust and are the second batch of trees the club have planted.

WAS THE VICAR OF OTLEY WHARFEDALE'S FIRST MOUNTAINEER?

That's the question posed in a new paperback book by local author Dennis Wynne-Jones, who taught in Otley for 25 years. The book called *"Climbers Three"* and published by Fisher King Publishing of Pool-in-Wharfedale, tells the story of the three Wells sisters from nearby Denton, who became pioneer mountaineers of the early twentieth century.

However, in 1787, the book reveals, the Rev. James Bailey, Vicar of Otley, set off to climb Britain's highest peak, Ben Nevis, and successfully reached the summit. After a seven-hour ascent, he celebrated with food and drink and by rolling boulders over the cliffs! The ascent is described in detail in an early chapter. Copies of the book are available nationwide and signed copies can be obtained from the author on 01535 631599.





The introduction of the Localism Act provided exciting new powers for residents to shape and influence their communities. This is your opportunity to have your say on the future of your town.

Thank you to everyone who returned a response form to the Policy Intentions Document (PID). Staff at the Town Council have been working hard inputting all the information received ready for the next phase.

A consultant has been appointed to help us move the Neighbourhood Plan towards completion. The next step is the production of a draft plan. Keep a look out for the document dropping through your door.

This plan is important for everyone. You, as residents must vote at a referendum to adopt it. If you vote in favour, it will then become a legal document and any decisions on future planning applications will be required to be made in accordance with your Neighbourhood Plan.

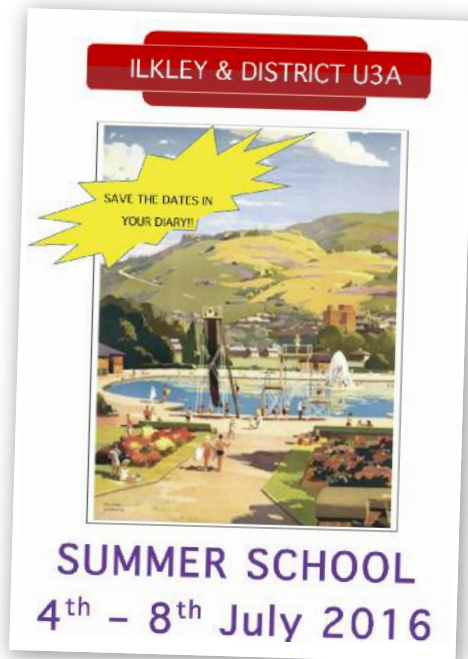
U3A SUMMER SCHOOL BECKONS

If you are an active retired person then your local branch of the Third Age Trust is the Ilkley and District U3A, part of a national and international organisation with over 1,300 members locally.

In addition to over 120 Interest Groups, the Ilkley & District U3A offers a Summer School from 4th – 8th July when all members can enjoy a wide range of activities, usually free of charge. This is the chance to try something new; sometimes just for fun but also as a way into an activity to take up later. With nearly 40 sessions there is something for everyone. They include sports, walks, talks and practical sessions.

If you are interested in the Third Age Trust and would like more information, contact <http://ilkleyu3a.org/> or phone 01934 465059.

Drop-In sessions for potential members are held from 10.30am until noon on the first Friday of each month at Clarke Foley Centre, Ilkley.



TOWN MAYOR'S NEWS



Photograph by Winpenny Photography Otley

As you read this my year as Mayor will be over and the new Mayor will have taken over. I wish them well and have every confidence they will do a superb job.

What a year it has been for me, from my first engagement, starting the Otley Athletics 10 mile road race to my last duty with the Buttercross Belles on May Day.

The memories I will take with me have all been wonderful, in particular, meeting so many fantastic people clearly far too many to mention. Certain highlights do stick out such as visits to Menwith Hill where the hospitality was outstanding, through to accompanying Lizzie Armistead around some of Otley's primary schools and seeing her lead off the women's race of the Tour de Yorkshire in her own town and lastly seeing the work of Otley Lions a truly outstanding organisation.

At this point I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all the staff at Otley Town Council for all their hard work without which none of this would have been possible and the support given to me by my fellow councillors throughout the year.

I would also like to thank everybody who donated to the Mayors charity, Pancreatic Cancer Research for which I raised in excess of £3,000.

Finally, I would like to say what an honour and privilege it has been to serve as Town Mayor of this fine town of Otley.

Cllr Philip Bye

WHARFEDALE SPECIAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FUND

The Wharfedale Hospital Special Equipment Fund set up in 1980 and which has raised over £550,000 over the last 35 years is now being dissolved. This fund, a Registered Charity, became a follow-on to the Special Instrument Fund launched by a group of porters to purchase a sigmoidoscope.

A range of more than 60 special items of medical equipment from weighing scales costing £600 to £42,000 for an osteoporosis scanner have been purchased over the years. In many instances having these items at Otley Hospital has saved patients from making the journey into Leeds for tests or treatments.

In 2005, the objectives of the trust were altered, with the agreement of the Charity Commission, and became the Wharfedale Special Medical Equipment Fund. It then became possible to donate items to G.P. practices, Health Centres and Clinics, and items were in fact also purchased for Otley First Responders and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

The Trustees would like to give special thanks to all those who over the years have given to the fund by way of bequests, in lieu of flowers, sponsored events etc. Importantly the Trustees would especially request that any intending donor having left a legacy in a Will - they should make the necessary arrangements to have this revoked.



WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

West Yorkshire Police Outer North West has secured funding for a 241 lock scheme. These have been offered to residents in the area who have been victims of burglary and also those living in streets that have had burglaries before. The idea of the scheme is that people have been able to upgrade locks to a higher standard thus making their properties harder to be attacked.

Euro cylinder locks are present on most UPVC doors and we are aware that some offenders have developed a method of overcoming them to gain access into a home. Care and repair have carried the works out on properties on our behalf hopefully making residents feel reassured and safer in their homes.

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL MESSAGE BOARD

OTLEY CORE OPENING TIMES

From April, the opening times for Otley Core are

- Monday - Thursday 10am - 4pm
- Friday 10am - 3pm

ROOMS FOR HIRE

Otley Core Resource Centre has rooms and exhibition space available for hire. The exhibition space is also available for use by charitable organisations as an indoor venue free of charge.

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

GRANTS

Grants awarded this quarter:

- Otley Children Centre Fun Events Programme (awarded £500)

If your group or organisation require grant support from the Town Council, please contact Jason Knowles for an application form on 01943 466335 or email community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Sponsorships 2016

Otley Town Council will be supporting the following events in the coming year:

Otley Carnival; Otley Walking Festival; Otley Cycling Festival; Otley Mini-Mountain Series; Otley Folk Festival; Otley Science Festival; Otley Choral Society Concert Series; and Otley Cycle Races.

JOB ADVERTISEMENTS

Do you have a job vacancy that you would like to advertise free of charge? A job vacancy display area has now been set up at the Otley Core in Orchard Gate.

If you would like to advertise your job please email admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk with your poster advertising the position.

OTLEY FOOD BANK

Otley Core is a donation point for the Otley Food Bank. Please help local people in crisis by donating items of food which have a long shelf life. A shopping list is available at the collection point. We thank you for your support.

Advertise your event at Otley Core

If you are a voluntary, youth, community or charitable organisation in Otley and would like to advertise an upcoming event, please send an A4 poster to admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk and we will display in the windows of the Otley Core. There is also a large window space available to advertise your activities and events – please contact a member of the Core Liaison team on 01943 466335 for more details and to make a booking free of charge.



Police Drop-in

Police contact point at the Otley Core every Wednesday (11am - 12am) and Friday (2pm - 3pm)

Buttercross Charity Stall Hire

The Buttercross in Market Place is available for hire, free of charge, to all charitable organisations on Fridays and Saturdays. Anyone interested please contact a member of the Core liaison staff on 01943 466335 or email admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Keep up to date on the activities of your Town Council via our website www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or via twitter @otleycouncil

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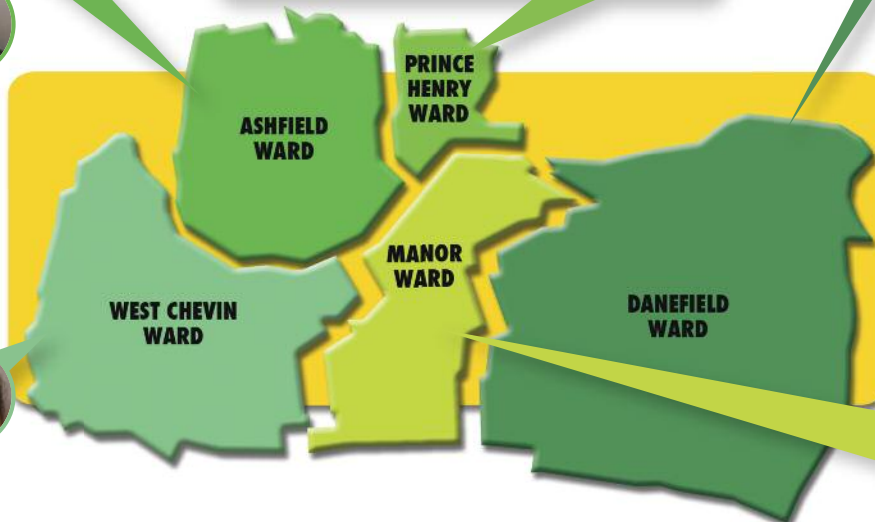
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Front row left to right: Cllr Mary Vickers; Cllr Kate Whelan; Cllr Nigel Francis (Deputy Town Mayor); Suzanne Kidger (Executive Officer); Cllr Ian Jackson (Town Mayor); Cllr Ray Georgeson (Chair of Council); Cllr Sylvia Thomson; Cllr Jackie Brown; Cllr Savanna Dabill; Cllr Peter Brown (apologies given); Cllr Wendy Brown (apologies given)

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OTLEY ALLOTMENTS

Plot holders on Whitebridge allotments have received the all clear and are able to work their plots once more after the site was finally declared free of contamination and safe to use.

Last year a preliminary report suggested that the allotment land could have issues with asbestos, lead and dibenzo anthracene.

The Town Council immediately commissioned further, more in depth tests to be carried out to see if there was any threat to human health. The report from consultants LQM was received by the Town Council in March. Some suspected asbestos sheeting – more than likely from former sheds was identified and an asbestos clearing exercise to have it removed is being organised.

The Allotment Working Group is scheduled to meet within the next two months to discuss the next stage of the allotment maintenance programme.

LEEDS CITY COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

To speak with Cllr Colin Campbell; Cllr Ryk Downes or Cllr Sandy Lay

Drop-in surgeries are held on:

First Saturday in the month at Otley Library (9.30 to 10.30am)

Third Saturday in the month at Yeadon Town Hall (9.30 to 10.30am)

If inconvenient please ring to organise a meeting on 07973521547 or email colin.campbell@leeds.gov.uk

MP SURGERIES

To speak with Greg Mulholland MP

Appointment - First Friday in the month Otley Library (4-5pm)

Drop-in - Third Saturday in the month at Otley Sainsbury's (11am to noon) and Morrison's Yeadon (12.30-1.30pm)

For a 10 minute appointment, contact the office on 01132266519 or e-mail info@gregmulholland.org

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS JUNE 2016 - AUGUST 2016

Policy & Resources Full Council	13th June 2016
Planning	20th June 2016
Community Development	4th July 2016
Environment & Sustainability	11th July 2016
Policy & Resources Full Council	18th July 2016
Human Resources Trade & Tourism	25th July 2016

All Town Council meetings are held at the Otley Core Resource Centre, 11 Orchard Gate, Otley. All meetings usually commence at 7pm but times are subject to change. Please check www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or the windows at the Otley Core Resource Centre for meeting times.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend. By prior arrangement with the Executive Officer members of the public may arrange to address a Committee or council meeting before it starts its agenda. Please contact the Executive Officer on 01943 466335 or by email eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk for further details.

Please note that the Audit and Human Resources meetings are not open to the public.

OTLEY MATTERS ARTICLES

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