

25th Otley Folk Festival 16th-18th September, 2016

Twenty six years ago there was the first meeting to see if we could organise a folk weekend in Otley. The third weekend in September was chosen because it did not seem to clash with anything else. We had around eighteen months to prepare the first Otley Folk Festival. Learning as we went along we somehow managed to produce a very enjoyable festival. The general feeling was that Otley was made for it and that all of the venues and sites were well placed given they were a few minutes walking distance from each other.

In 1992, the venues were the RAOB Club (now a doctor's surgery), St Joseph's school, The Civic Centre (now closed), The Red Lion upstairs room plus sessions in The Rose and Crown and The Manor. Dancers performed at Safeways (now Waitrose), The Woolpack Pub (now an arts centre), the Bowling Green, The Bay Horse, the Rose and Crown and The Yeoman (now Tate Oil offices). The whole weekend was on a much smaller scale but the final concert on Sunday evening at The Red Lion was so oversubscribed that the artists had to perform twice, once upstairs and then downstairs in reverse order to avoid much blood-letting from the howling throng. Twenty six acts, six dance sides and Bobbo the Clown made up that first folk festival, a far cry from today's folk weekend.

The Otley Folk Festival has grown and developed into a renowned event and has really helped to put Otley on the map. The festival continues to be run by a volunteer team of folk heroes and we are constantly looking for people to steward and help in any way they can. With eight venues, the festival office, street entertainment and the campsite we actually need a small army of helpers.

For the **25th Otley Folk Festival** the headline acts include: **Du Temps Antan**, a French Canadian trio and first timers at the Festival; Brittany based **Churchfitters**, an absolutely superb multi-instrumental trio also making their first trip to the Festival; **Lucy Ward**, winner of the BBC2 Radio 2 Horizon award for best newcomer will be bringing her singer song writing skills to Otley Court-house on the Friday evening; superstars of the future **Grannys Attic**, a brilliant trio who are far too good for their age plus flying the flag for humour; as well as Otley favourites **Vin Garbutt** and **Les Barker**. Add to this a long list of other local talent, there must be something for everyone. Make sure you come and support the 25th Otley Folk Festival.

If you would like to get involved please email: otleyff@hotmail.com or to book tickets please visit www.otleyfolkfestival.com,



Otley launches the WELCOME WAY

In June, after a year of planning, Walkers are Welcome Otley hosted the opening of a new 28 mile circular walk, which can be covered in separate sections of 7, 11 and 10 miles.



Kate Ashbrook, Secretary of the Open Spaces Society and Vice President of the Ramblers formally inaugurated the walk, saying "it's a great collaboration between the four Walkers are Welcome communities of Otley, Burley, Baildon and Bingley. They have worked together to produce an outstanding scenic route that not just goes through lovely countryside and each of these communities, but also demonstrates that walking is good for health and the local economy."

An attractive and easy to follow Guidebook has been published providing full details of the route, together with maps and descriptions, as well as information on the easily accessible public transport links between each of the sections. The book is available for purchase locally from Chevin Trek, Mounseys, Browse Time, Just books, Stephen H. Smiths and the Otley CORE or can be ordered at www.welcomeway.org.uk

Otley Christmas Lights & Fireworks

This year's Christmas lights switch-on combines charity stalls, fireworks, funfair, Santa on his sleigh, stage and street performers.

The traditional countdown to Christmas will be held in Otley Market Place on Monday 28th November commencing at 5.30pm.

The town centre Christmas lights will be switched on at 7pm by the Town Mayor and Carnival Queen, followed by a **firework finale**.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 8-11 Otley Heritage Days**
- 11 Otley Sportive**
- 11 Otley Vintage Transport Extravaganza**
- 16-18 Otley Black Sheep Folk Festival**
- 25 Otley Farmers Market**
- 25 Otley Designer Craft Fair**

October

- 15 Otley Autumn Fayre**
- 30 Otley Farmers Market**
- 30 Otley Designer Craft Fair**

November

- 7-12 Otley Science Festival**
- 13 Remembrance Sunday Parade**
- 18-19 Otley Beer Festival**
- 27 Otley Farmers Market**
- 27 Otley Designer Craft Fair**
- 28 Otley Festive Lights Switch-on (with fireworks display)**

December

- 4 Otley Victorian Fayre**
 - 7-10 Otley Christmas Tree Festival**
 - 18 Otley Christmas Farmers Market**
 - 26 Otley Chevin Chase**
- * Otley Market Days held every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday*

OTLEY CARNIVAL

Another successful Otley Carnival has been and gone.

This year's Carnival procession was delayed due to the high standard of floats and the judges found it difficult to choose the winners. The parade was led by Otley Bellman Terry Ford with the crowds entertained by the City of Leeds Pipe Band, Foxwood Steel Bandits, Otley Town Brass Band, Drums Agogo, Westgate Cheerleaders, Tewit Youth Band and Slick Stick Sambastic with the Honley Samba Band.

The overall prize winner was Westgate School whose theme was the English Country Garden.

The Carnival Committee would like to thank all the entries, our parade judges and Cooper Transport, Colin Pitt, David Cooper, Edward Johnson, Houldsworth Builders and Robert Midgley for providing lorries/vehicles and Gary Stead and Dr Nick Allen for providing their cars for the parade.

The beneficiaries for 2016 were: Behind Closed Doors, Yorkshire Cancer Research and Wheatfields Hospice.

Planning now starts for the 2017 Carnival.



Otley Choral Society

Almost everyone has heard extracts from Faure's wonderful Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine at some point in their lives, and has enjoyed the beautiful melodies; they are often used for TV themes or adverts (including World Cup football!) Otley Choral Society will be performing both of these pieces in November as part of their Autumn programme, and are inviting new members to come and join them.

If you have ever wanted to sing in a large choir, have some knowledge of reading music and have enjoyed these pieces, and other choral works,

come along on Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at Newall Hall on Newall Carr Road (just up from Prince Henrys). Rehearsals start on Tuesday 6th September and anyone interested is welcome to come for a free taster session.

To find out more about the choir, visit our website www.otleychoral.org.uk or on facebook @otleychoral.



Otley flooding research

A £50,000 study into the causes of flooding in Otley will begin shortly and will run for eight months. This research follows a successful joint funding bid by Otley Town Council and Oxford University for a flood prevention research project.

Otley was one of the worst affected towns in Wharfedale during the autumn and Boxing Day floods in 2015. The River Wharfe burst its banks on a number of occasions and many riverside homes were flooded.

The project will involve local, trained volunteers working with academic experts to create a model of flooding in Otley. The resulting report and its recommendations will then be presented to Leeds City Council and the Environment Agency to inform on the causes of the flooding and identify possible alleviation measures for the future.

As a result of the project, Otley will also feature as a case study for a new, web-based community modelling toolkit, which will help other towns carry out similar work.



After a lull in activity, it's now full steam ahead for the Otley Neighbourhood Plan! Consultants have been appointed and are busy turning last year's Policy Intentions Document into a first draft plan, taking on board the community's consultation comments.

The 4 task groups (Housing, Transport, Environment and Community Services) are fully engaged in supporting this process and would now welcome new blood to assist over the next 12 months. And we now need YOUR

local knowledge to help put some detail on the plan's emerging policy bones. Specifically, we need your suggestions under the following headings:



If you have suggestions on any of the above that you think need protection in Otley please e-mail eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or via post to: Executive Officer, Otley Town Council, Unit 11 Orchard Gate, Otley, LS21 3NX

If you would like to help with the future development of the Neighbourhood Plan please call Suzanne Kidger on 01943 466335 for an informal discussion.



WHARFEDALE GARDENERS' GROUP

www.wharfedalegardeners.co.uk

In 2017 we are proudly celebrating our 70th Anniversary. Amongst our special events we will be having a celebratory lecture by Chris Beardshaw in April and in June some of our members will be opening their gardens for other members to enjoy.

Our programme of lectures runs from September to April, with our annual plant auction in May. Lectures take place at the Methodist Church in Boroughgate on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. Group visits to gardens are arranged over the summer.

If you are interested in joining the group contact Thelma Harrison, on 0113 2256405, or come

along to our first meeting as a guest and see if you like us. We cater for all levels of gardeners - so don't feel daunted if you are a beginner. Annual subscriptions are £14, £3 for guests.

Our first lectures of the season are:

September 13th:
Gill Hodgson - Flowers from the Farm

October 11th:
Harriet Rycroft - Containers for Winter Interest and Spring Joy

November 8th:
Paul Cook - RHS Harlow Carr

OTLEY VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA 2016

On Sunday 11th September 2016 the Otley Vintage Transport Extravaganza takes place at Knotford Nook on Pool Road, from 10.00am till 4.00pm. This is one of the biggest transport events in the Wharfe Valley and promises to be a great family day out.

The rally started in 1996, and has over the years grown into the spectacular that we have today, with over 500 vehicles from the smallest push bike to the largest waggon, from steam engines to super cars, from motor bikes to mini vans. You can see them all!

Along with the vehicles there is a full programme of arena events, Punch and Judy, Mountain Dogs, Children's small animal corner, brass

bands, fairground organs, charity stalls and trade stands, the City of Leeds Pipe Band, Auto jumble, fairground, food stands and just about everything else you can think of.

Cllr Nigel Francis who runs the show commented, "I have always said that this is one of the best family days in Otley with something for everyone. When we first staged the show we visited other shows and soon realised that many of them had very little for the children and the ladies, so we went out of our way to make this a family show with something for everyone."

For more information please visit our web-site: www.ovte.co.uk



CHEVIN PICNIC AREA

A team of drystone walling enthusiasts has been putting the finishing touches to their latest creation, a picnic area on the Chevin between the White House and Sinclair's Field.

Volunteers from the Otley & Yorkshire Dales Branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association have been meeting each Thursday for about a year to build the shelter, which is made from locally sourced stone.

The picnic area has seating as well as a stone slab table, and is square in shape with a circular entrance abutting it. All the stone was donated by Leeds City Council's Parks & Countryside department and has been retrieved from various places within the Chevin.

Bill Davis from the group said: "It was started mainly as a training exercise and has various features that gave us more experience of detailing that we hadn't done before such as corners, circles and slopes. This project has progressed in between repairing and maintaining drystone walls across the Chevin and the results are really pleasing".



Grove Hill Park

Friday 1st July 2016 saw the installation of the much needed notice board at the main gate of Grove Hill Park.

The smart looking sign in black with gold lettering highlighting facilities in the park was jointly sponsored by Otley Town Council and Leeds City Council Parks Department.

Set in a very attractive park with tennis courts, children's play area and bowling green that offers something for everyone to enjoy.

So why not come and join us for a game of bowls.
Contact 01943 461241.



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OTLEY SPORTIVE



The Otley Sportive cycle ride is back for its sixth year. The organisers true cycling have kept the two route options the same following feedback from participants.

The 72 mile route takes on 6,000ft of climbing, including the infamous Greenhow Hill. Heading out from Otley to Almscliffe Cragg, Beckwithshaw, Ripley, Masham, before heading back to Pateley Bridge and then up to Appletreewick, Bolton Bridge and returning to Otley.

The medium route includes 3,500ft of climbing, heading out on the same route to Ripley, before

heading over to Sawley, then Greenhow Village before coming back to Appletreewick, Bolton Bridge and returning to Otley.

Upon finishing the event you can return to the Rugby Club for Tea, Coffee, Cake and a BBQ. This year the event will be raising money for Otley Bridge Church Scout Group, World Bicycle Relief and further investment into cycling.

Otley Sportive is highly regarded locally and is becoming firmly established within the cycling calendar. To find out more information visit www.true-cycling.com

Fun in the Forest

Come on an adventure with Chevin Forest School!



Our founder Amanda Newham is an experienced primary school teacher and opened Chevin Forest School after becoming convinced of the merits of child-centred learning outdoors.

We aim to help children explore nature and enjoy the beauty of our local countryside. Outdoor learning boosts self-esteem and confidence in risk-assessment and decision making, as well as providing a fun and exciting day out away from the TV and computer screens!

At Chevin Forest School, Otley's own Chevin Woods are our classroom. We work with families and children aged 4-11, hosting a range of activities including flower printing, whittling, using maps and cooking on fires.

This autumn we are also hosting a taster session for teenagers and a Sensory Forest Adventure for mums and babies.

Find us on Facebook or checkout our website at www.chevinforestschool.co.uk for more information, and come along and join the fun!

OTLEY ARTS CLUB

OTLEY ARTS CLUB opens its Autumn Term doors once more at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th September at the People's Welfare Centre on Crossgate.

We extend a warm welcome to new members of any ability and interest, including beginners and our first meeting is a discussion group.

Each person brings along examples of one of their favourite artists to show and discuss. This results in a wide range of media and styles to consider and can often span centuries of art history too.

A programme of our year's events will be available at this meeting.



Introductory evenings are free of charge, after which we ask membership fees of £20 for a 9 week term or £50 for the 3-term year.

Non-members can attend an evening with a visiting tutor, lecturer or model for £5 per session.

For further details please contact either Phil on 01943 467029 or Susan on 01943 851413.

Challenge, reward, best job...

Leeds City Council is on the look-out for people who have the right skills, time and space, to make a real difference to children and young people in Leeds.

The council is looking to recruit a variety of foster carers, specifically for young people aged 11 and over, large sibling groups and children with complex needs.

Could you foster a teenager? Fostering a teenager can be a challenging but extremely rewarding thing to do. Many people can make successful foster carers for teenagers, including single people, couples, and gay and lesbian carers. What is important is that they share a genuine enjoyment in working with teenagers and a commitment to promoting their welfare and helping them become independent adults.

Leeds City Council is the second largest local authority in England, we arrange care and

support for around 1,250 children and young people who have been separated from their birth families. Some of our children and young people will have experienced significant neglect or abuse. They need love, safety, security and stable homes where they can stay for a few days, weeks, months, years or longer as part of a family.

We don't have enough local authority foster carers to meet the needs of all these children, so we really need to hear from you if you might be able to provide a home or a place to stay for a child, whether that be through short or long-term fostering.

Would you like to know more? Contact Leeds Fostering Department on: 0113 247 7443

Email: ss.fostering.and.adoption@leeds.gov.uk (please include your phone number)

Website: www.foster4leeds.co.uk

Otley Chamber Orchestra (OCO)



OCO is delighted to announce the appointment of their new Musical Director, Chris Pelly. Chris, a graduate of Leeds University Music Department, has been associated with the orchestra for a while and played the stunning trumpet solos in Carmen in their recent concert in Wesley Hall.

OCO meets twice a month on Sunday

evenings from 7-9 pm at the Otley Courthouse. New members are welcome especially strings and brass. Next rehearsals are on: September 11th and 25th, October 9th and 23rd.

Contact the Administrator Helen Thornton at otleychamberorchestra@gmail.com or 01943 463099 for more details.

New Health Project at Otley Action for Older People

Otley Action for Older People is running a new project called Healthy Together, which has been funded by Leeds North Clinical Commissioning Group.

Supported by local GP surgeries, "The aim of the project is to enable local people to live healthier lives by supporting those with long-term health conditions and encouraging people to be active in their community" said Nikki Sloper, Health Impact Worker.

We provide a listening ear and advice on health-care matters, the opportunity to be included in our befriending and car transport schemes and the option to take part in the many year round activities we have on offer.

We have various volunteering opportunities for this project and for all of the other services we provide. If you would like to be involved or to arrange a home visit assessment contact the office on 01943 463 965 or email: nikkioap@hotmail.com

OTLEY PUB CLUB

Free beer for visitors kept Otley Pub Club busy at this year's Food and Drink Festival. The Club was there to promote the attractions of the range and variety of Otley's pubs to visitors who included people from all over the country as well as Germany and South Africa. The club recruited around 20 new members and distributed free samples of beer from the local Wharfebank Brewery.



Club secretary Bob Brook said: "The festival was a great success for us. Many visitors had good things to say about Otley. We are grateful to Wharfebank Brewery for supplying free beer and to the support of Otley Town Partnership and thanks also to David Sheen of the British Beer and Pub Association for the presence of Pinty."

OTLEY PARISH SCOUTS WIN TORCH RACE

Otley Parish Scouts recently won the Wharfedale Scout Torch Race.

The relay race which runs from Station Road up to Surprise View is an annual event in which all the Scout Troops in the Wharfedale District compete.

Otley Parish Scouts running with a young team had not won the event for a good few years and were delighted with the win.

The team will now receive a Fish and Chip supper as a reward for their efforts.

Otley Author's New Novel

If you like the Great British seaside and the Variety shows that play there, "*The End of the Pier*" by James C. Lee is the book for you.

Growing up as the son of Maurice Lee from legendary comedy group The Grumbleweeds, Otley resident James spent a childhood backstage in theatres across the land. He came to know the artistes, the musicians and the stagehands and observed how such productions are staged. Based on this rich experience James has written a novel. It's gripping and full of recognisable characters, but it's not all gags and good-old-days as there are moments of darkness and seriousness - in fact his Dad says "it reeks of comedy and tragedy on every page."



The End of the Pier by James C. Lee is out now on Matador and is available from Just Books.

OTLEY IN BLOOM'S COMMUNITY LINKS



As well as keeping the town looking great for Yorkshire in Bloom judging, Otley in Bloom members have been working with others in the community. In June, on Timanyane (Global Citizenship) Day, Year 10 students from Prince Henry's Grammar School visited to learn about what we do. They were shown the nectar bed in Wharfemeadows Park and other projects in town, learned about careers in horticulture, saw how plants are grown in a commercial poly tunnel and planted up floral arrangements for sixty lamp post planters. A good day for all!

The UK spends £1 billion every year picking up thirty million tons of rubbish. Volunteer groups who litter pick are a growing community nationwide. It can be sociable outdoor exercise and good fun. Otley in Bloom welcomes new members. Join for an hour or two to pick or plant and improve our town.

THE COURTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Courthouse Community Choir is a joyful, friendly singing group led by Dave Stewart. We have enjoyed singing together and having fun for nearly 8 years. We sing a wide variety of songs from folk traditions around the world. These range from simple 1 part songs and rounds to 4 part harmonies.

All are welcome - no singing experience required, no auditions. Songs are taught by "ear" so there is no need to read music. Just come along with the voice you were born with and the more you sing, the more you will be able to sing.

We meet at the Otley Courthouse on Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30 (term time) starting again on 4th October. £5 a session. There is a short break so you can have refreshments from the Courthouse cafe.



To find out more contact: Dave or Liz Stewart 01943 461971, info@singout.me.uk and look at our website www.singout.me.uk



OTLEY LIONS

Otley Lions are proud to announce that Gareth Dibble is their new President taking over the post at a glorious Summer BBQ. Gareth has announced that the Friends of Otley LIDO will be his Presidential Fundraising Project.

The Lions have been prominent at Otley Show and Otley Carnival and we had a smashing time with our popular Pot Shy Stall. Our friendly Lion Chip was seen out and about at both events.

During the summer Otley Lions will be playing host to the German Disabled Exchange, providing a day at Lightwater Valley for Belarussians and host families from the Chernobyl Children's Project and will be taking by coach guests to the Disabled Fun & Sport day in Doncaster.

So far in 2016 we've welcomed several new Lions and our Bookshop has gone from strength to strength enabling us to provide more services to the local and wider community.

MARIE CURIE THANKS VOLUNTEERS FOR RAISING FUNDS IN OTLEY

Marie Curie would like to thank everyone who has volunteered and supported their local fundraising group over the past few months.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of the Boogie Nights event, held at the Black Horse Hotel in Otley on Saturday 7th May. It raised £485.87, which will fund over 24 hours of Marie Curie nursing care in Leeds.

A special thanks to the Black Horse Hotel, Otta's Leah and Positive Changes in Otley, Avanti Coffee House in Ilkley and Julie Davies Mobile Hairdressing for their generous vouchers.

Marie Curie recently held a 'Blooming Great Tea Party' at Clitheroe House on 24th June which raised a further £221.82.

Jen Aspinall, Community Fundraiser for Marie Curie in Leeds, said: "We are looking for more volunteers to help with fundraising activities in Otley. If you are interested please contact me on 01274 386190 or e-mail jennifer.aspinall@mariecurie.org.uk"



Otley Autumn Fayre 2016

An Autumn Fayre is to be held in Otley at the grounds of St Joseph's School and the Parish Centre of Our Lady and All Saints R.C. Church on Saturday 15th October 2016 from 10.00am till 4.00pm.

This will be a chance for people to come along and enjoy a delightful day. There will be stalls with Christmas gifts to buy, as well as tombola's, Punch & Judy, Magic shows, craft stalls, a book and music stall, live music, children's entertainment, dancers, bottle stall, refreshments, bell orchestra and a host of other exciting things to see and do.

Admission to the Autumn Fayre is free of charge and open to all.

For more information or to book a stall, please contact Nigel Francis on 01943 463467 or email: nigelfrancis@btinternet.com

Otley Bridge Church

A special service billed as "Sing through the Church year" on the lines of the very popular Songs of Praise was held on July 24th and led by Church Secretary Susan Richardson. We all like a good sing at the Bridge and it was well received by a good congregation.

Our Teas on the Lawn event on Carnival Day has become an annual one and this year it exceeded all expectations and raised £680 for the Edge Project, our charity for the past two years. A target of £15,000 has been set and we hope to reach that when the proceeds of a Murder Mystery evening in July and the Harvest Supper on October 8th are added to the pot.

The Harvest Festival weekend ends with a traditional service of thanksgiving at 10-30am on Sunday, October 9th. Everyone is most welcome as they are any Sunday.

Otley Badminton Club

The new season commences for Otley Badminton Club on Monday 5th September at Prince Henry's Grammar School, playing every Monday and Friday evenings during term time. Visitors and prospective members would be made very welcome. With four courts we have plenty of room for both social and match games on the same evening. For further information please contact us through www.otleybadminton.co.uk

Saturday morning Junior coaching sessions commence on 17th September, where our resident coach James will instruct your children and encourage them in the pleasures of playing badminton. For further information please contact: juniors@otleybadminton.co.uk



Otley Camera Club

Otley Camera Club's weekly programme begins again on Thursday 1st September with a social evening talking about what we have photographed on our summer break from formal club activities. Many members have taken part in the Out and About group which visits various locations around Yorkshire, enjoying a social time with friendly help and advice on how to get the best out of the camera in a very practical way.

A recent photo opportunity came from the day when the Roundheads met the Cavaliers in Otley and Diane Murrell took this photograph.



Our Annual Exhibition will be at Otley Courthouse from 22nd August until 2nd October, so please come along to see some of our members' work, and for more information about the Club, visit www.otleycameraclub.co.uk

Otley Chamber Choir



On 7th May at St Mary's Church, Burley-in-Wharfedale, The Chippendale Singers, performed to a full house conducted by its musical director, Alex Woodrow and accompanied by Richard Wilson. £1,000 was donated to the Yorkshire Cancer Centre.

The next event takes place on Saturday 15th October at Otley Methodist Church when the choir and guest conductor, Ben Crick, will invite singers to 'Come and Sing' The Fauré Requiem and the Choral Suite from The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins. Registration begins at 1.00pm and the rehearsal at 1.30pm. After refreshments the performance will take place in the church around 4.00pm when an audience will be welcome.

The cost to singers will be £8.00 and scores will be provided on the day. The cost to listen will be £4.00. More details about this event will be available nearer the time from choir members and the choir's website: www.chippendalesingers.co.uk



What's on at Otley Courthouse

Friday 9th September, 8pm

FYSA Theatre presents: The 56

At 3.40pm on May 11th 1985, a small fire broke out in the main stand at Valley Parade football ground during the final match of the season. This unique theatrical experience provides a truthful retelling of stories of those involved in the Bradford City Fire. Adapted from real-life testimonies and interviews with witnesses this is a powerful piece of documentary theatre.

Tickets are £11/£9



Friday 7th October, 8pm

Beth Vyse: As Funny as Cancer

As seen on "Loose Women" and heard on BBC Radio 4 and BBC Scotland, Beth arrives at the Courthouse with her extraordinary look at her battle with breast cancer. Expect plenty of laughter and tears as she talks about her Stoke-on-Trent family; The Waltons on alcohol, thieving at the Royal Shakespeare company, settling down with Michael Jackson and finding cancer, all before the age of 30!

Tickets are £10 Age 14+

Monday 24th October, 2pm

Molly's Marvellous Moustache

Molly wants to be just like grown-ups. So her mummy makes her a moustache. With her moustache she can go anywhere and do anything she likes. But being a grown-up isn't all fun. Featuring an original music score, and lots of laughs, this is a new theatrical adaptation of the original storybook written by Andrea Heaton and illustrated by Talya Baldwin.

Tickets are £8 adults / £6 children Age 3+

Saturday 5th November, 8pm

Southern Tenant Folk Union

These guys are an Edinburgh based Americana string band, and are past winners of Americana Artists of the Year. Their thrilling live show engages the audience, talks and tells stories, discusses issues, is informal, and also one that displays the fully eclectic and interesting music from across the band's career to date.

Tickets are £13

Friday 18th November, 8pm

Beverley Craven

Brit award winner Beverley Craven is back on the road performing her latest album "Change of Heart". Performing her new songs alongside timeless classics such as "Promise me", "Holding on" and "Woman to Woman", her witty narrative and unforgettable melodies will leave you with a warm glow of nostalgia.

Tickets are £20

WORLD ROUND-UP FREESTYLE SKATEBOARDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Local boy Denham Hill was recently invited to compete in the World Round-Up Freestyle Skateboarding Championships in Cloverdale, Canada.

The Round-Up is the biggest and most publicised Freestyle Skateboarding competition in the world, with 50 top competitors from 14 countries competing for a share of the \$10,000 prize money. The UK was represented by three skaters including Denham, the first Brits to have competed in the competition since it began 5 years ago.

The competition included best trick, spin off, best handstand trick and the coveted worst trick competition, however, the competition itself is more of a celebration of the worldwide freestyle community and a reunion among old friends from thousands of miles away.

Denham finished twentieth in the Freestyle Skateboarding, after making it through to the finals and surpassing his own expectations. He hopes to push into the top ten next year.



OTLEY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE



While the Museum continues to look for new premises, our documentary and photographic archive remains available to the public at our rooms in Otley Cycle Club on Wellcroft, where we are available for research on anything to do with Otley and the surrounding area.

We have a changing display in the Council's Core Centre – currently one on Law and Order. Items were also recently supplied for the Parish Church's exhibition for the Queen's birthday. In partnership with Otley Walking Festival, their walkers on the Otley Printing Machine Industry walk were able to see the museum's early Wharfedale Press, currently in store.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers and if you are able to offer a couple of hours help we would love to see you. Please call in at the museum or email: otleymuseum@btconnect.com. Help us preserve Otley's heritage! See us on Facebook too.

Otley Parish Church



Since its refurbishment, Otley Parish Church has hosted numerous diverse events, from Jesus Christ Superstar to a Charity Fashion Show. Otley Choral Society, Otley Brass Band Association and four local choirs have all performed, as have the King's Men from Cambridge.

The replacement of the Victorian pews means the space within the church is now far more flexible, as enjoyed at the latest Messy Church event and an evening of Sacred Circle Dancing.

Looking ahead, the Parish Church is to be a main venue for Otley Folk Festival in September and then in November, Otley residents will be invited to consider the extraordinary power of forgiveness. An exhibition in Church will illustrate true stories of people who have been victims of heinous crimes, yet found an alternative to bitterness or revenge, through the power of forgiveness.

You can find more information on this website: theforgivenessproject.com and church details at: www.otleyparishchurch.org

CHURCHES TOGETHER OTLEY

Churches Together Otley are starting a community group looking at the support the town can give to asylum seekers and refugees. Already this group has arranged a party in the town in partnership with RETAS (Refugee Education, Training and Advisory Service). Some families in Otley have also organised respite activities based around walking and offering hospitality. People attending have felt the cultural exchange has benefited everyone involved.

Our next aim is to consider whether Otley should become a Town of Sanctuary. More information can be found at: www.cityofsanctuary.org

We would like others to become involved in this initiative in the following ways:

Walk with Refugees

Contact Peter Wilkinson on peterwilkinson2237@yahoo.co.uk if you would be able to provide food, a venue or company for the walk.

Become part of the group

Contact Ruth Davison at ruth.davison2@btinternet.com



Otley Film Society

Now in its 18th year Otley Film Society will again offer a diverse range of films from around the world this season. Membership is £35 for all 18 films (£30 for early birds and those in full time education), and £4 guest tickets are available on the night of each film (Thursdays at 7.45pm at Otley Courthouse). The Courthouse bar is open before each film.

Full details of the films can be found on www.otleycourthouse.org.uk and www.otleyfilmsociety.org.uk

Films until Christmas:

Sept 8: Slow West

Sept 29: Ex Machina

Oct 6: The Second Mother

Oct 20: Spotlight

Nov 3: Me and Earl and the Dying Girl

Nov 17: Bastards

Dec 8: Tangerines

Dec 22: The Brand New Testament



OTLEY WALKING FESTIVAL

Once again the Otley Walking Festival has been fantastic!



With 52 walks and events, there was something for everyone. Favourites like the Wayzgoose Weave, Cakes and Ale, Otley in Bloom. New themed walks – the Welcome Way, Castley Viaduct, Otley Print Round, Otley Listening Walk, Lost Industry of Upper Washburn, Gallows Hill Circular – too many to mention!

All the walks had interesting features – especially the cakes eaten and ale drunk!

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

Otley Walking Festival 2017 planning starts in October – if you want to get involved contact us at otleywalkingfestival@mail.com or the Festival Office, Chevin Trek, Gay Lane, Otley (01943 851166).

Dates for the diary - Otley Walking Festival 2017 is planned for 24th June – 2nd July
www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk



OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL
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Otley Science Festival

ideas go
BANG!

Otley Science Festival returns for a week of fantastic, fun events for all ages from Monday 7th November to Saturday 12th November. A chance to meet well-known scientists and take part in exciting activities.

This year's programme includes:

Silly Science Toddler Time, The Science of Everyday Life from our own Marty Jopson, a **Science Lunch and Café, Prank Science** from Steve Mould, **What We Cannot Know** from Marcus de Sautoy, **Stuff Matters** from Mark Miodownik and a guided reading of **Written in the Flesh**.

Something for everyone - Special Schools Events are also 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.

Many events sell out. **BOOK IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

Look out for the Science Festival brochure, available soon.

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



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FRIENDS OF NIDDERDALE AONB

The Friends of Nidderdale AONB have secured £42,000 of funding from Biffa Award to provide new and improved pollinator habitat in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and at Otley Wetland Nature Reserve. Working in partnership with local farmers, Nidderdale AONB staff and volunteers, Buglife, Otley Wetland Nature Reserve Trust and the Coronation Meadows team, The Friends will use the funding to create a new 'pollinator pathway' to link fragments of habitat together along a 10km corridor and connect into Buglife's B-Line network.

This flower rich pathway will support Harrogate District Biodiversity Action Plan species of conservation concern and will give invertebrates and other wildlife an opportunity to move around the countryside. The two year project will restore 43.5 hectares of lowland meadow at carefully selected locations using seed and hay collected from local donor sites wherever possible.



Otley and District Talking Newspaper

We have been having a fun few months. In April we held the AGM with a twist. Attended by the committee, volunteers and representatives from Otley Town Council, two listeners who also stand as committee members gave extremely beneficial talks on their experience about loss of sight and guide dogs. Following this we had a tea party but there was no cake allowed for Homer the guide dog who has been told to lose weight.

In June we connected with Prince Henry's Grammar School for Timanyane Day. They produced, edited and recorded their own articles which we put in a special magazine called PHAM (Prince Henry's Audio Magazine) which was thoroughly enjoyed by our listeners.

If you are interested in volunteering with our charity or know someone that would benefit from our recordings please contact Mandy Thompson on 07753237756 or John Barker on 07816768626.



OTLEY WORD FEAST PRESS

Following the success of their book of poems about Otley, called 'Surprise View', Otley Word Feast Press are delighted to announce that their latest poetry collection - **Half Moon: poems about pubs** - will be launched on the evening of National Poetry Day. On Thursday 6th October an event hosted by Otley Town Poet, Matthew Hedley Stoppard, will take place at the Horse and Farrier on Bridge Street, starting at 7pm. Music to help celebrate the launch of the book will be provided by Otley band Summencross (themselves named after a local pub which is sadly now closed) and other local bands.

Some of the poets whose work is featured in the collection will also be reading their poems live on stage. And coming soon - watch out for individual poems from the collection appearing on beermats in local pubs!



STAYING IN TUNE

(WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS)

Like most clubs around the country, attendance during the summer months can prove to be uncertain, as members fulfill their holiday commitments and take care of their family's during the school holidays.

With this in mind, The Wharfedale Male Voice Choir opted to search around for a smaller and more convenient rehearsal space within the local community - which proved to be more of a challenge than we thought, until Stuart and Sharon Carr heard of our plight and came to our rescue.

The Carr's and their staff successfully manage the Red Lion in Burley-in-Wharfedale, and immediately offered to support us with luncheons as required and the use of their Conference and Concert Room for as long as we needed until the choir re-convened in September.

This offer was gratefully welcomed by the "summer singers", who have really appreciated the help and hospitality openly offered to us.

In the Autumn, with numbers back to normal,



the choir will return to its usual venue at St. John Fisher & Thomas Moore Church on Bradford Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Monday afternoons. For those who would care to join us, please contact: Terry Williams on 01943 466806 or take a look at www.WharfedaleMVC.wordpress.com. There are no auditions, but an ability to read music may help.

WHARFEDALE NATURALISTS SOCIETY

Interested in local wildlife? Wharfedale Naturalists is one of the biggest and most active wildlife societies in the country with 450 members and a wide variety of activities.

The winter programme of illustrated talks begins in September at Christchurch, the Grove, Ilkley,



with topics covered before Christmas as diverse as Golden Eagles, Butterflies, Limestone Pavements, Botany, the Wildlife of Scilly and the Dales Haytime Project.

The same period includes four birding trips as far afield as Salthome as well as a Fungus Foray to Middleton Woods and a coach trip to Martin Mere.

For active conservationists the society organises regular working parties at four Wharfedale reserves including Otley Wetland.

Membership fees are £12.50 for adults, £5 for full-time students and £1 for under-eighteens.

For more information visit the website at www.wharfedale-nats.org.uk and for details of how to join contact the Membership Secretary on 01756-6753614 or at rliley1@live.co.uk



Reporting Litter, Dog Fouling, Street Cleaning Issues

Report in Person to the Otley Core Team

- Call in to the Otley Town Council Offices at 'Otley Core'
- or telephone 01943 466335

Report On-line

Go to our Otley Town Council's website www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk and click the 'Do it on Line' button at the top of the home page. A sub menu will drop down click the option 'Leeds City Council Service Links' - see below. Click the appropriate link which will then take you to the appropriate page on the Leeds City Council website.

Leeds City Council Service Links

Leeds City Council Home Page
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Litter, Street Cleaning and Dog Fouling
Parking, Roads and Travel
Schools and Learning



or alternatively please copy the link below into your search bar which will take you directly to the above links
<http://www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk/council/leeds-city-council-service-links/>

Community Land Trust Otley

On 6th July, local residents met with city and town councillors and members of established community groups to explore community ownership in Otley - coming together to collectively own and redevelop unused land and buildings for the benefit of the local community.

This first meeting was a success. From the discussion it became clear that there's a strong desire in Otley for new affordable and environmentally sustainable homes that really meet the needs of residents.

Those present felt that this can be achieved by designing a new community-led housing development. To do this the group are exploring how establishing a Community Land Trust could ensure that the homes remain affordable in perpetuity, while additionally providing benefits to the wider Otley community by enabling further projects to be financed.

Everyone is welcome to get involved. The group can be contacted at meeting6716@gmail.com

Shaman II.

Ellar Ghyll, he comes
to silence your bottlebanks
and fill the gully with squawk;
disrupt summer
leaning on Murphy's chimney
while some weasel slips
under bilberry like a half-yard
of ale swallowed in one.
Ellar Ghyll, hear tiny songs
and heavy breathing;
he stumbles downhill,
along rows of skips,
over nearside Vauxhall doors
in the scrapyard.
The jogger with a box
of music strapped to the bicep,
he longs to watch her squat
in steam behind a bush,
feel its dew twinkling in his whiskers.
Ellar Ghyll, console him
when she flees down Bradford road
leaving him to weep inside
a written-off hatchback -
love rejected and crumbling
like gypsum at The Tip.

Matthew Hedley Stoppard
Otley Town Poet

OTLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Otley Methodist Church are to hold a Christmas Fayre on Saturday November 26th from 10.00am till 4.30 pm at The Wesley Hall.

The aim is to have fun, with games and stalls something for everyone. There will be a cafe where light lunches and snacks will be available.

Do come along and join the fun. Any profits will be donated to a worthy charity.

TUESDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL AT PRINCE HENRY'S



Calling all budding footballers! If you love football, are keen to get a bit fitter and free on Tuesday evenings why not come along and join us for a friendly kick about indoors at Prince Henry's Academy sports hall - 8 til 9 pm during term times.

Our friendly five a side football club has now been going for over 10 years - we are a mixed age and ability group (must be 18 or over) and we are keen to recruit new members who want to play a bit of football once a week in a friendly, relaxed environment.

This year we hope to develop the social side of things a bit more, with more regular pub and quiz nights.

There is no fee to join - all you need to bring is a bit of enthusiasm, suitable shoes and clothing plus £4 a week for subs or £2 for students.

For more information contact:
Phil Gardner - 01943 464 587 Plr.sgardner1@tiscali.co.uk
Martin Ewing martinje@hotmail.co.uk or Steve Rimmer - 07533 418247

New Honorary Citizen



Honorary citizenship is the highest acknowledgement that the town can award to those who perform exceptional, committed service to the community over a period of many years. The list of Otley's Honorary Citizens, both past and present, is distinguished and only those who have provided exemplary service achieve such status. A recent addition to the Honorary Citizen roll call is Mrs Peggy Sykes.

A resident in Otley for over 33 years, 91 year old Mrs Sykes has been a Director at Otley Action for Older People and committee member for the Bridge Street Doctors surgery and the Broadwalk Residents Committee, as well as being involved with the Neighbourhood Watch. Many residents will know that Mrs Sykes is renowned for her baking! Mrs Sykes received the title of Honorary Citizen of Otley at the Town Council Annual General Meeting in May from newly elected Town Mayor Ian Jackson.

TOWN MAYOR'S NEWS

Having been born in Otley, I grew up with my parents Rachel and Clifford, my brothers, Allan, Colin, Keith and my lovely sister Anne. I went to school in Otley and worked as an apprentice at local butchers George Middlemiss, where my time behind the counter and on the delivery bike meant I got to know many Otley residents. Since my retirement my main hobbies are photography and riding my motor bike. I am also in my second stint as a member of the Town Council and becoming Town Mayor is to me an unbelievable accolade.

Since my investiture, the role has been interesting and extremely busy - meeting so many fascinating people is terrific. Some of the events attended include:

Otley Carnival - without doubt Otley's biggest community event, with a record breaking 2016 for monies raised. All credit must go to the schools and other youth and adult organisations for joining in the community spirit which our town is renowned for.

Otley Rhythmic Gymnastics Annual Display was very enjoyable - I would have loved to join in, alas, in my case the spirit is willing, the flesh is weak.

Otley Charity Duck Race - what a treat to see so many families lining the riverside with eager children each willing their bright yellow duck to be first over the finish line. Yes, I did invest my pocket money on a few ducks.

Otley in Bloom Summer Judging - the judges are guided around the town to view floral displays and community environmental activities. It is a warming sight to see all the flower displays in and around the town, a sterling job is done by Otley in Bloom, Leeds City Council Parks and participating businesses to make our town bright and cheerful.

Teal Beck Care Home Open Day - I was introduced to many of the delightful residents, not forgetting to promote their book of imaginative stories.

Otley Walking Festival - I attended the Allotments walk with over 30 other like-minded souls. We proceeded on a very enjoyable 3 hour, 3 mile walk around the town's allotments. It was a pleasure to see the abundance of produce that the allotment holders have grown and nurtured. Plus some lovely allotment holders invited us to sample their crop of loganberries and very nice they were too!

Otley Arts Club Exhibition - I have been pleased to see the work created. This is a talented and resourceful club, should you be a "crafty" person, then pop along and view the Arts club work, you just may have yours on display next year!

There have been numerous other events and I have been warmly received at them all, so apologies to those not mentioned on this occasion.

The Mayor's Charities for 2016-2017 are the NSPCC and Alzheimer's Society and I am looking forward to raising funds for these worthwhile charities.

CLlr Ian Jackson Otley Town Mayor



OTLEY COMMUNITY FUND

Otley groups are invited to apply for funding from the town council. The council has replaced its previous grants system and introduced a new consolidated Community Fund totalling £23,000.

Youth, community and voluntary organisations seeking financial assistance are urged to apply as early as possible. In the event of the all the monies being allocated it will be announced that the Fund has closed for the year.

Groups are eligible if they are delivering projects, activities or events that will benefit Otley residents. Grants are expected to range between £250 and £750 but are not limited.

Applications can only be received from constituted groups with at least three officers and a bank account. Applications will not be considered from individuals, groups and organisations with a religious or political aim, profit making businesses or private organisations, pressure groups including those formed by residents and national/international charities.

Any group/organisation can only make one application in any financial year (April to March) and grant support will not be made retrospectively.

Support will not be provided to fund groups/organisations running costs and salaries, but typically is available to support: venue and equipment hire; publicity such as printing costs; assistance towards costs for staging an event or festival; and enabling groups to run a community initiative such as equipment/materials, publicity materials, training costs.

Application forms are via e-mail from community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or download at www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk/community

SAINSBURY'S STORES RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITY

Three local Sainsbury's stores have raised £9,545 for Otley and District Riding for the Disabled. This charity was chosen by the stores in Otley, Rawdon and Yeadon and throughout the year the colleagues were busy fundraising.

Chairman Judy Olby said "Sainsbury's have been amazing and the amount raised will make such a difference to us. It is going to help us employ an instructor to teach on a Sunday. It's been a fantastic partnership with Sainsbury's and we are so grateful."

Colleagues at the three supermarkets held collections and fundraising activities, including helping at the charity's barbecue events. The store managers: Paul Mitchell (Otley), Patrick Morris (Rawdon) and Rob Haywood (Yeadon) stated: "This is the first time stores have joined together to support a local charity and it has been a success. The £9,545 will make a great difference to a small charity."

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL MESSAGE BOARD

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
*Please note that charges may apply to your room booking.

OTLEY FOOD BANK

The 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.

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.

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 larger 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.

COMMUNITY FUND GRANT AWARDS

- **Otley Grove Hill Tennis Club** (awarded £500) towards club house replacement works;
- **Behind Closed Doors** (awarded £750) for the Prevention and Recovery Service;
- **The Big Hoo-Ha Co** (awarded £450) for the Making Musical Memories project;
- **Otley All Saints Bell Restoration Fund** (awarded £1,000) towards the restoration of the church bells;
- **Otley Pub Club** (awarded £1,000) for the Civil War Re-enactment event.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE 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



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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

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OTLEY TOWN COUNCILLOR DROP-IN SURGERY

Date: Saturday 17th September 2016

Time: 10am to 12 noon

Venue: Otley Core Resource Centre, Orchard Gate

Please drop in if you have any concerns that you would like to talk to your Otley Town Councillors about.

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL WARD LITTER CLEAN UP SESSIONS

September / October 2016

Following on from the successful initiative to undertake a mass tidy-up in Otley in preparation for the Tour de Yorkshire in April this year, the Town Council are planning to hold a number of similar sessions on an Otley ward basis.

It is hoped the sessions will be made up of volunteers from Otley residents and Otley Town Councillors.

The dates for the ward clean-up sessions are currently being scheduled and will take place in September/October. The dates for the sessions, once agreed, will be advertised as follows:

- the town Council's website www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk
- OtleyCouncil twitter
- On the Town Council's notice board in the Market Place
- Otley Core

We hope you will be able to join us in this worthwhile initiative.

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 SEPT 2016 - DEC 2016

Policy & Resources Full Council	12th Sept 2016
Planning Audit	19th Sept 2016
Environment & Sustainability	10th Oct 2016
Planning Community Development	17th Oct 2016
Trade & Tourism	7th Nov 2016
Policy & Resources Full Council	14th Nov 2016
Human Resources Planning	21st Nov 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 December Edition please contact Jason Knowles for editorial dates on 01943 466335 or email community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk