



COME TOGETHER IN OTLEY FOR A WHITE CHRISTMAS

Otley's Christmas celebrations for 2019 are set to be bigger and better than ever this year – and those pining for a White Christmas, may just see their dreams come true.



The town is set to jettison its traditional multi-coloured festive lighting scheme for this year's celebrations and replace it with an ice-white lighting display that will burn above the town's streets.

The new lighting scheme will be extended to 50 motifs that will decorate Otley's main thoroughfares, while several areas of the town that were previously unlit at Christmas will benefit from the addition of festive lighting this year.

The new festive look will be accompanied by Otley's usual packed festive events programme with many free of charge, as well as the chance to shop in the town's independent and national stores.

Events will kick off with the **Christmas Lights Switch-On** on Monday 25th November (5.30-7pm, free). The evening will feature the likes of local talent Emeli Mumford, Joseph O'Brien and the Otley Brass Band, as well as fairground rides, an appearance by Santa and street performances. Please note that there is firework display at 7pm.

Sunday 1st December (noon-6pm) sees the return of the town's **Victorian Fayre** (victorianfayre.co.uk) for its 34th year. The fayre will include street entertainment, food stalls

and shopping outlets, as well as fairground rides and popular games stalls such as hook-a-duck.

From Wednesday 11th December, celebrations move to Otley Parish Church for the annual **Otley Christmas Tree Festival** (otleychristmastreefestival.co.uk) launch from noon-6pm. The festival, which then takes place daily from 10am-6pm until Saturday 14th December, sees 40 beautiful trees decorated by local societies and charities, as well as performances by local choirs and artists in the beautiful setting of the historic church. Entry is free to the festival but visitors are encouraged to throw a few coins in the fundraising buckets of their favourite tree.



Throughout the town, from 1st - 22nd December there will be a **Snowman Trail** (otleysnowmantrail.weebly.com). Visitors can follow a special map to find the hidden location of snowmen and help raise funds for local charity Hang On To A Dream. The free snowman trail booklet will be available across a number of outlets in the town.

Popular arts venue Otley Courthouse (otleycourthouse.org.uk) will have a week-long family Christmas show for the first time this year. Held from Tuesday 17th December to Sunday 22nd December, **Jack Frost – A Joyful Christmas Adventure** is a co-production between Fidget Theatre and the Little

Mighty Theatre Company with shows at 10.30am on weekdays and 10.30am and 3pm on weekends. Tickets cost £9 for adults and £7 for children age 4+.

Those looking for stocking fillers, meanwhile, will delight at the range of shopping options in Otley. The town's cobbled streets are lined with gift shops, artisan food stores, and wine and beer merchants, while three independent butchers are the perfect place to pick up turkey, beef and other meats, mostly raised on local farms. What's more, the town's historic market will be open as usual on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (8.30am-3.30pm) in the run up to Christmas, while Otley Farmers' Market, from 9am-1pm on Sunday 22nd December, will see a range of artisanal stalls with produce from the surrounding region.

As an extra gift for shoppers, Leeds City Council car parks in the town will once again be free of charge up to Christmas on Saturdays from 30th November... so Visit Otley this Christmas – we've got it all wrapped up.



Otley Parish Scout and Guide Christmas Post Service



The Otley Parish Church Scouts and Guides Parents' Association is running its Otley Christmas Card delivery service, for the thirtieth year. Each year they deliver over 8,000 cards, providing a valued community service. Income from this service helps with the yearly running costs of the Scouts and Guides Buras Lane headquarters. Stamps are priced at a budget-beating 30p, with stamps going on sale on 2nd December and post collection and deliveries starting from Friday 6th December. Last post is the morning of Friday 20th December. The Association is grateful to the shops and local businesses who support the service. Please remember that the service is for the town of Otley only. Also, please be sure not to post cards with Scout/Guide stamps on in the general post boxes. Look out for posters in the participating outlets, some of which include:

BONDGATE BAKERY – Bondgate
CHEVIN HEALTH FOOD STORES - Boroughgate
COHENS CHEMIST - Kirkgate
COTTAGE STORES - Newall Carr Road
DODGSHONS - Manor Square
GORDON LARKIN COURT
LIONS BOOKSHOP - Mercury Row
LONDIS - Weston Lane
PATELS - Weston Drive
PETWISE - Orchard Gate
OTLEY CORE (Council Office) – Orchard Gate
OTLEY GOLF CLUB - West Busk Lane
WESTBOURNE CONVENIENCE STORES - Bradford Road
WRENBECK STORES - Wrenbeck Drive

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 1-22 Otley Snowman Trail
- 1 Otley Victorian Fayre
- 11-14 Otley Christmas Tree Festival
- 14 Otley Designer Craft Fair
- 22 Otley Christmas Farmers' Market
- 26 Chevin Chase

January

- 1 New Year's Day Wharfemeadows Park Swim
- 26 Otley Farmers' Market
- 26 Otley Designer Craft Fair

February

- 23 Otley Farmers' Market
- 23 Otley Designer Craft Fair

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

Otley Chamber Orchestra



The Otley Chamber Orchestra enters its eleventh season in fine fettle following its well received concert in May. It is now 10 years since the founding of the Orchestra by four local amateur musicians. Since these small beginnings, the Orchestra has gone from strength to strength with its current membership of 50 regular players. Whilst playing music of various levels of complexity and periods from the Baroque to the present, the emphasis is always on enjoying playing music together. Currently the orchestra is rehearsing works by Brahms, Dvorak, Suppe and Tchaikovsky giving challenges to all sections of the orchestra.

The orchestra comes under the umbrella of the Otley Courthouse Project and very much reflects the philosophy of the project. It rehearses fortnightly on Sunday evenings in the former redundant nineteenth-century magistrate court which was brought back to life by the local community.

As a spin-off from the orchestra, a smaller group has started visiting local primary schools, at their request, in the hope of encouraging the musicians of the future! This is an area of its activity which the orchestra is keen to develop.

The programme for the next concert in April has yet to be decided. But to be sure, it will reflect the views of members, for amateur playing has to be for enjoyment of all involved. If you are a closet musician in need of a friendly environment in which to develop your talents, then the orchestra is always looking out for new members, particularly string and brass players.

If you are interested in finding out more check out the website:

www.otleychamberorchestra.com
or contact Helen Thornton at
otleychamberorchestra@gmail.com



OTLEY CHORAL SOCIETY

Otley Choral Society enjoyed a spectacular performance of Haydn's Creation on 23rd November in Otley Parish Church. Once again there was a strong audience (sacrificing an evening watching Strictly!) and they were rewarded with some enthusiastic choral singing accompanied by the amazing Tom Moore (Organist at Wakefield Cathedral).

Their special guest conductor, Tom Newall, engaged the choir totally as they worked hard to give clarity of diction to the text and sensitivity to the well known story of the creation. The soloists also added to the emotion of the

evening with some stunning performances of many of the wonderful arias.

The choir are excitedly looking forward to starting rehearsals in January for their next concert under the guidance of their new musical director. The choir rehearse at Prince Henry's Grammar School every Tuesday evening and new members are always warmly welcomed. See our website for further details.



OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY FUND

CHIPPENDALE SINGERS CELEBRATE

On the evening of 13th December, the Chippendale Singers, with pupils from Westgate Primary School, will celebrate the Christmas Tree Festival with a concert in the Parish Church.

Starting as an offshoot of Otley Methodist Church's Gilbert and Sullivan Society, the Chippendale Singers, Otley's Chamber Choir, has now reached its thirtieth year. Society members, who wanted to sing when they were not rehearsing for a production, approached Margaret Smith, then head of Music at Leeds Girls' High School, to form a choir. The choir was accompanied initially by the late Margaret Bent and then by Bob Walker, previous head of Music at Prince Henry's.

To celebrate the event the choir and past conductors will attend a dinner at Pease Hill Restaurant, Guiseley and hold a concert in the Parish Church on Saturday 6th June 2020 when choristers will sing music that reflects their past thirty years.

OTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM - 20th FEBRUARY 2020

Voters in Otley will soon be going to the polls to answer the YES/NO question: "Do you want Leeds City Council to use the Otley Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

This referendum is the final stage of more than five years of work led by the Town Council to create a Neighbourhood Plan. The development of the plan has been spearheaded by councillors and volunteer residents with the advice of a professional planner.

The plan started life in 2014 with the formation of a Steering Group and the circulation of an initial household survey. The results led to the formation of working groups to look at specific areas in detail and in total around 50 volunteers were involved in drafting the plan.

Further consultation took place in 2015, 2016 and 2017 with the publication of our emerging policies, including community drop-in events. The aim has always been to inject a community voice into the planning system.

An approved Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory planning document – applications will be expected to comply with its policies and Leeds City Council must use the plan to make its decisions. The town is set to expand over the next decade and whilst the Neighbourhood Plan cannot prevent this growth, it seeks to ensure that the development will be in keeping with and meet the needs of Otley. An example of this can be seen in the section on the East of Otley. Development will take place, but the Neighbourhood Plan lists a large number of requirements it wants to see implemented to

ensure that the site is developed in a way which minimises impact upon the existing town and community, whilst maximising benefits for both current and future residents.

The Neighbourhood Plan does not promote any additional loss of green belt or development on our green spaces.

The referendum is like an election – it's a YES/NO question and decided by a simple majority. If the majority vote **YES**, the plan is immediately brought into force. If the majority vote is NO the Town Council and community representatives will have to go back to the drawing board.

The plan contains policies covering all aspects of the town: Environment (both Built and Green), Housing, Employment, Community Facilities and Services and Transport and Travel.

The referendum date has been set for **20th February 2020** so look out for the notices around town and use your vote positively to ensure that Otley's voice can be heard.



OTLEY WALKING FESTIVAL



With 55 walks and events during the 2019 Otley Walking Festival, there's been something for everyone. Favourites like the Six Dales Trail, Cakes and Ale, Otley in Bloom. New themed walks – Tunnel Vision, Micronavigation on the Chevin, Afternoon Tea Stroll, Chevin Historical Trail, Railway Pioneers at Bramhope – too many to mention!

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

Thanks to the great team of volunteer walk leaders who give their time and expertise; our financial sponsors - Bondgate Bakery, Leeds City Council, Otley Town Council, Yorkshire Water and local

businesses for their generous raffle donations.

Next year Otley Walking Festival will be 20 years old! Not bad for something that started as a one-off Millennium event. Planning for Otley Walking Festival 2020 is starting - if you want to get involved contact us at: otleywalkingfestival@mail.com

Date for your diary: Otley Walking Festival 2020: 27th June – 5th July
(www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk)



OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY FUND

OTLEY SIGNS

After several years of campaigning by the Otley Conservation Task Force, the Victorian cast-iron street signs in Otley town centre and outlying areas are gradually being restored to their original pristine condition.

The humble street sign plays a vital role in guiding emergency services and visitors in town and sadly heavy rusting had made several illegible. There was also a danger they could fall off and be lost for ever. The signs are being renovated by a local contractor who takes them back to his workshop to blast away accumulated layers of paint and rust to reveal the sharpness and definition of the original raised lettering.

So far about twenty signs have been restored in a rolling programme funded by Otley Town Partnership, Otley Town Council and Otley BID along with local businesses. Delighted homeowners have also chipped in to this worthwhile project that enhances Otley's conservation area.



Once restored these Victorian street signs, most probably cast in an Otley foundry over a hundred years ago, will look good for many years and out live their modern plastic counterpart that requires frequent maintenance and replacement.

Anyone wishing to support the project can contact the coordinator by email at p.heald@ntlworld.com

Restart a Heart in Otley



Students at Prince Henry's Grammar School joined more than 200,000 young people across the UK and the world learning CPR, as part of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service Restart a Heart Day.

It is the sixth year that Yorkshire Ambulance Service has organised the event in partnership with the British Heart Foundation, British Red Cross, the Resuscitation Council (UK) and St John Ambulance. Prince Henry's has taken part every year, alongside other regular programmes in school.

"We are always looking for ways to educate our young people in their responsibilities as part of the wider community. It's great to think that, with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and their volunteers, we have trained over 1500 young people in our school alone." said Phil Temple, Assistant Headteacher – Learning Support.

The students were supported by volunteers from the local Ambulance Service, Harrogate Hospital, the Fire Service and West Yorkshire Police. The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the County of West Yorkshire, Tim Hare, also attended the event.

Otley Women Together 2020

Thanks to a grant from Otley Town Council and with support from Otley Courthouse, Otley Labour Rooms and Otley Film Society, Otley Women Together are organising five events in 2020.

The first event is on Wednesday 29th January at Otley Courthouse at 7.30pm. It is a free 'Carers' Café' (in the same format as the Courthouse Science Café). Speakers from relevant organisations including Carers Leeds and the Alzheimers Society will give short presentations and answer questions from the audience. There will be a bar and café and a chance to exchange views and experiences. The event is for all those caring for dependants, with special emphasis on the 'sandwich' generation, who have responsibilities for both older and younger people. Donations towards the cost of room hire are welcome.

Around the time of International Women's Day there will be three events, two at Otley Courthouse and one at Otley Labour Rooms. On Thursday 5th March Otley Film Society will show the film 'Wild Rose' (Cert 15) at 7.45pm. On Friday 6th March at 7.30pm, Certain Curtain Theatre present a one-woman show

about Edith Rigby, a little known suffragette. Ticket prices will be available in early February.

On Sunday 8th March, International Women's Day itself, there will be a light-hearted quiz on the subject of women at Otley Labour Rooms from 3 – 4.30pm. The title of this event is 'Quiz and Fizz' and there will be cake and refreshments. This is a free event but, to make catering easier, please contact judith.wilson1953@gmail.com if you would like to come.

Finally, on 1st May at 7.30pm Otley Courthouse hosts 'Unsung', four women will highlight the under-representation of women in history and at large in an exciting piece of drama, full of humour and pathos.

All these events are open to everyone (please note the film is Cert 15).

Any queries please contact Hazel Costello hazel@lisker.plus.com



Boxing Day Barbarians Return!

Otley RUFC are hosting the fourth annual Prince Henry's Barbarians vs Otley Invitational match at Cross Green on **Boxing Day, kick off 2pm**, supported by Otlensians RUFC. Everyone is welcome for what should be another entertaining game on and off the pitch. Gates open at 11:30am for the curtain-raiser at noon, PHGS U13s vs. Club Barbarian U13s!

The PHGS Barbarians side will once again be coached by ex-PHGS legend Pete Latham, MBE. Anyone interested in finding out more, or taking part, please email Chris Smith at ce.smith@princehenrys.co.uk

Entry will be £5 on the day (under 18s free), with 50% going to charity and the remainder towards new drainage for the PHGS 1st XV pitch. Last year, with a crowd of over 500,

£3,000 was raised in total, half of which went towards a charity to support rugby players with mental health issues.

The charity being supported by this year's game is the Otley Town Mayor's appeal. This appeal aims to raise money for a community minibus, to be used by the Otley family of schools and expand opportunities for primary school students in the town.

We have had some exceptional prizes donated for the raffle – including 2 tickets to watch England play at Twickenham, and a £300 Brook Taverner clothing voucher, along with many other prizes. It promises to be a fantastic day.

Follow us on FaceBook 'PHGS Barbarians vs. Otley' to keep in touch with developments.

Otley Talking Newspapers

Otley Talking Newspaper is now available online. If you search for Otley Talking News you should find our website: <https://otleytalkingnews.org.uk/>

AND courtesy of the British Wireless for the Blind Fund, BWBF, there is a new free app called "Talking Newspaper" for your Smart phone, so you can listen to any Talking Newspaper anywhere.

When you open it, you use the "edit" button at the top right and then simply select the geographical region, then tap on the TN you to which wish to listen.



Otley Parish Church

This year, Otley's Victorian Fayre falls on Advent Sunday and Otley Parish Church will be open from 2-4pm with a special café and festive music by the Choir, followed at 6pm by a short Holy Communion Service, to which everyone is welcome, to pause and reflect at the start of the Advent season.

From 11th to 14th December, the church will be bustling with the ever-popular Christmas Tree Festival, followed by a number of other special services as we approach Christmas and the celebration of our Saviour's birth.

Sunday 15th December: 10am Nativity Service; **4pm** Christmas Tree Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December: 4pm Carols by Candlelight, with choir, traditional carols and readings

Tuesday 24th December: 12 noon & 4pm Christingle Services in aid of The Children's Society; **11.30pm** Midnight Communion Service

Wednesday 25th December: 8am BCP Holy Communion; **10am** Christmas Celebration for all ages (including Holy Communion)

For more information, contact the church office on 01943 465927

info@otleyparishchurch.org

www.otleyparishchurch.org

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

Twitter: [@otleyallsaints](https://twitter.com/otleyallsaints)

Otley Chevin Orchard Project



down on last year's bumper crop but that does not seem to have deterred many of our supporters. Many of our previous year's visitors have returned and the word definitely appears to be spreading.

The aim of the project is to continue development of the orchard and surrounds, and to encourage as many people as possible to make use of the resource. Another emphasis is to encourage people to use their surplus fruit to make juice rather than it going to waste, whilst also providing expertise on fruit tree care.

For up-to-date information on all our activities check out our Facebook page

[@otleychevinorchardproject](https://www.facebook.com/otleychevinorchardproject)



By the time you're reading this we will have finished for the year – cleaned and packed away all our equipment and started to think about our plans for next year. An AGM will take place early next year to plan for the year ahead.

A number of juicing weekends have been held, producing around 1,000 litres of juice. The apple harvest generally appears to be

Whartons Wins Gold



The Whartons Primary School gained a gold award from the Woodland Trust for getting involved in green activities. The Green Tree Schools initiative offers the opportunity to bring the great outdoors, wildlife and green issues into the classroom.

Schools win awards for participating in a range of green activities. The Whartons has planted new trees in their school grounds, visited local woods, reduced their carbon emissions, started recycling and joined in various other Woodland Trust activities.

Mrs Dickson, Headteacher, said: "Working towards Green Tree School Gold status has been the perfect vehicle to support our school mission of taking learning outdoors, engaging children's curiosity in the world around them. The children have loved exploring woodlands through forest schools activities and identifying how to improve their environment. We are looking forward to tackling more complex challenges and contributing towards more sustainable environments, whilst working towards Platinum Award status."

Otley Neighbourhood Watch

Otley had an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme for years but its committee issued a warning several years ago that it might have to fold due to falling numbers.

The group has been inactive for the last couple of years but Peter Jackson is hoping to change all that and has agreed to take on the role of Coordinator for the Otley and District Neighbourhood Watch.

The aim is to look for people to join the scheme which covers the whole of the LS21 district. Anyone interested can register by visiting the Neighbourhood Watch UK website and entering their postcode. Regular meetings will be held at Otley Police Station and be open to any member. It is hoped that the volunteers will be a point of contact for their area and provide support to the police.

Otley Carnival Beneficiaries

We are delighted to announce our 2020 beneficiaries are Otley Community Allotment, Otley Maker Space and Otley Old People's Welfare Centre.

Otley Community Allotment was set up in 2018. It is a place for local people to grow food and learn new skills together. Our large site is on Birdcage Walk and the group are working hard to develop it, so that it is accessible to all members of the local community.

Otley Maker Space is an accessible community workspace that opened in January 2019. At present it is an unincorporated association operating from premises within Otley Courthouse. We are building a maker community in order to strengthen local ties, share skills, boost community spirit, reduce social isolation, promote self-sufficiency and foster small businesses, innovation and enterprise.

Otley Old People's Welfare Centre has been run for the benefit of the older citizens of the town since opening in 1962. The main users are the Otley Over 60's Club. Otley Action for Older People has run a lunch club for a number of years on a Tuesday and a variety of other bodies have used the centre over the years.

Our fundraising starts now so please come and support us at the Victorian Fayre on 1st December and give generously.



WY Community Alert

The Neighbourhood Alert system provides an advanced community messaging system solution for police forces, local authorities and Neighbourhood Watch and has been designed and constructed by VISAV Limited (VISAV), based in Sherwood, Nottingham. Neighbourhood Alert enables police forces to engage with their local communities via two-way email keeping the public safe and up to date with the latest news in their area.

The system delivers over seven million targeted, relevant, secure messages a month on behalf of over 12,000 Police and public-sector users to over 650,000 members. Alert hosts and provides unique, seamless integration with the official national Neighbourhood Watch Register.

In addition to Neighbourhood Alert, Rapport provides mobile-friendly, quick access to all regular tasks and key data. It can be used from a PC screen, tablet or smart phone. The Rapport system connects securely to the alert database and enables a large array of information to be delivered to and from front line officers in real time and based on their geographical position. It also enables digital media teams to take control and manage activity across multiple social media accounts, leading to effective community engagement.

To sign up to neighbourhood alert please visit:
<https://www.wypcommunityalert.co.uk/>



together to achieve this aim. Through a decade of bold actions, we hope to work with local residents to turn our town into a sustainable, resilient and healthier place to live. Alongside increasing the well being of local people, we aim to improve biodiversity, creating a wildlife-friendly town.

Working groups are looking at ways to reduce our carbon footprint by 20% each year. These groups include: transport, energy, food, education, climate resilience and waste. You can contact the group to find out more ways to cut your own carbon footprint and to get involved:

Mailing List: tinyurl.com/otley2030
Email: otley2030@gmail.com
Facebook: [Otley 2030](#) • Twitter: [@Otley2030](#)

OTLEY TOWN CRIER COMPETITION 2019



The second Otley Town Crier Competition was a great success. The event was hosted by the award-winning Otley Bellman, Terry Ford, supported by Otley Town Council and Otley BID. Otley Town Council would like to thank all the Town Criers who travelled to Otley to take part in the competition and to the judges who volunteered on the day.

Thank you to all the businesses who sponsored the event or donated to the goody bag including: Shoecraft, Print Crew and Lunds of Otley.

The Council would also like to thank Casa Vitae for opening up and hosting the lunch on the day.

Results of the competition:

Overall Winner: John Griffiths - *Sleaford Town Crier*
2nd Place: Devlin Hobson - *Middlewich Town Crier*
3rd Place: Elizabeth Anderson-Watson - *Barnoldswick Town Crier*
Best Ambassador: Hilary McGrath - *Garstang Town Crier*
Best Dressed Crier: Devlin Hobson - *Middlewich Town Crier*
Best Dressed Consort: Jenny Hobson - *Middlewich Town Crier's Consort*



Thursday 5th December 8pm

Arthur Smith – Laughs, stories, a song and a poem

Join comedian, writer, broadcaster and all-round British Institution Arthur Smith for an evening of laughter, off-the-wall humour, short stories and one or two songs.

Tickets are £12 Ages 12+

Friday 6th December 7.30pm

Colin Speakman: 50 years of The Dales Way

Colin will tell the fascinating story behind the "People's Path" and the continuing success and appeal of what is now one of Britain's most popular distance walks.

Tickets £10 Adults, £8 Concessions

Saturday 7th December 8pm

Jackie Oates: Christmas Show

An evening of English folk music, from traditional ballads to eerie lullabies and rich contemporary songs.

Tickets £12

Friday 10th January 8pm

Paul Lamb and the King Snakes

Back by popular demand Paul Lamb is a British Blues harmonica player known for working alongside Mark Knopfler, The Who and Rod Stewart.

Tickets £14

Saturday 11th January 7.30pm

Julian Dutton in.... Do You Think That's Wise? The Life and Times of John Le Mesurier

In this affectionate tribute to one of Britain's best-loved comedy stars, leading impressionist Julian Dutton brings to life the man behind the wry smile!

Tickets £14

Friday 31st January 8pm

The Sandy Denny Project

A sublime evening of music at its very best paying tribute to Sandy Denny herself from Sally Barker (The Poozies), Anna Ryder (Fairport Convention), Mat Davies and Mark Stevens (Little Johnny England).

Tickets £14 Ages 14+

Saturday 1st February 8pm

Mitch Benn: Ten Songs to Save the World

In his latest stand-up show, award-winning Benn spreads laughs and insight in equal measure as he identifies the world's problems and proposes (semi-serious) solutions.

Tickets £15 Ages 14+

Friday 14th February 8pm

Eduardo Niebla

After a sell-out performance in 2016 Eduardo is back. Come along for a night of unparalleled flamenco and jazz guitar playing.

Tickets £14

Saturday 22nd February 2.30pm

Fideri Fidera present: Ogg 'n' Ugg and the World's first "Dogg"

Can you imagine a life without dogs? No? Well no worries because Ogg 'n' Ugg are here to save us from a life of doglessness. Join our two intrepid Yorkshire hunter-gatherer heroes as they finally get to pat the world's first "Dogg".

Tickets £9 Adults, £7 Children Age 3+ and their families



FILM AT OTLEY COURTHOUSE

A wide variety of films is on offer at Otley Courthouse - from old favourites, to international award winners, to screenings of theatre, plays and music events.

Otley Film Society - 7.45pm - £5 for a guest ticket

EATEN BY LIONS
- Thursday 12th December

BLACKKKLANSMAN
- Thursday 9th January

THE GUILTY (Den Skyldige)
- Thursday 23rd January

IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK
- Thursday 6th February

BORDER
- Thursday 20th February



Movie Matinees 2pm - £5 - tea and biscuits from 1.30pm

HEARTS BEAT LOUD - Thursday 5th December

FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS - Thursday 9th January

EATEN BY LIONS - Thursday 23rd January

INSTANT FAMILY - Thursday 6th February

THE WHITE CROW - Thursday 20th February

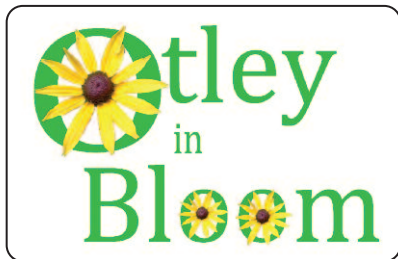
Other Screenings - Prices Vary

Cinderella - The Australian Ballet
- Sunday 8th December 3pm

Light Side - A journey with David Prowse (Darth Vader)
- Thursday 16th January 7pm

Present Laughter: National Theatre Encore screening
- Thursday 30th January 7pm

The Merry Wives of Windsor: Globe Theatre Encore screening
- Friday 28th February 7pm



The Yorkshire in Bloom awards ceremony took place on Tuesday 10th September in the grand surroundings of York Racecourse. The town was delighted to be given a Silver Gilt award.

Katie Burnett, chair, said "it is always a pleasure to take the judges on a tour around the town and show them all the great projects that the people of Otley are involved in which enhance the green spaces in the town. The judges are always very impressed by how many different volunteer groups the town has that are all working towards the same goals, the involvement of the local businesses through Otley BID and the environmental credentials of Otley Town Council."

The judges were impressed with our emphasis on sustainable planting and wildlife-friendly planting rather than just bedding plant displays. We are proud our practices reflect how the community benefits from great green spaces.

The group would like to thank all the residents, businesses and groups who contribute to the Yorkshire in Bloom effort and particularly thank Neil Wilson and the Leeds City Council Parks team who continue to do an incredible job with ever dwindling resources.

Otley in Bloom is a group of volunteers who love gardens and gardening. For more information contact us at: www.otleyinbloom.co.uk or via our Facebook page *Otley in Bloom*.



WHARFEDALE GARDENERS' GROUP
www.wharfedalegardeners.co.uk

Wharfedale Gardeners meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Otley Methodist Church, Boroughgate at 7.30pm. Contact our membership secretary on 0113 225 6405 for more information.

By now many of you will have come along for a free sample talk to try us out and we invite others to do the same.

Our December event is our Christmas party on **10th December** at Otley Rugby Club, when we have the folk group Summercross to entertain us. On **14th January** we welcome Steve Halliwell, talking about Gresgarth Hall Gardens, home of garden designer, Arabella Lennox-Boyd. On **11th February** Peter Skeggs-Gooch is giving us a complete guide to Clematis. **10th March** Richard and Vicky Fox will show us how to get the best from Heuchera, Heucherella and Tiarella. **14th April** brings us Anna Pavord whose talk is entitled "*The Curious Gardener*". **12th May** is our plant auction.



THE FRIENDS OF CHEVIN FOREST

Do you enjoy discovering the Chevin? Do you have an interest in the great outdoors? Do you want to learn new skills and meet new people? Do you enjoy drinking tea and eating biscuits?

If any of the above apply to you, then why not volunteer with The Friends of Chevin Forest? We meet on the second Sunday of the month to carry out site and habitat management tasks. No experience is necessary as training is given 'on the job'. All tools and equipment are provided so all you need to bring is yourself, some clothes you don't mind getting dirty and sturdy footwear. And of course, you will be rewarded for your efforts with free tea and biscuits!

Please note that under-16s MUST be accompanied by an adult.

For more information call 0113 3367552 or email jonathan.dunster@leeds.gov.uk www.chevinforest.co.uk

Congratulations!

The Otley Family of Schools has been awarded The Investing in Children Membership Award™. This scheme recognises examples of imaginative and inclusive practice with children and young people.

Pupils met in June 2018 for an Agenda Day which focussed on pupils' views of the implementation of the Family of Schools' Equality & Diversity Charter. The schools each had a year then to implement the children's recommendations. In July 2019, Investing in Children staff returned to collect evidence; to assess if the children's recommendations had been acted upon.

"We place such importance on equality and diversity for our children and community. We are immensely proud and, indeed, delighted to have been recognised for our work investing in children," said Mrs Dickson, Headteacher, at The Whartons Primary School.

Otley Welcomes 'working for a community for all' were very grateful to receive funding from Otley Town Council for such a great opportunity, as their aims chime with those expressed in the Equality and Diversity charter.



New Guide to Otley's Wildlife

A new guide to discovering Otley's wildlife has been published by Wildlife Friendly Otley, which campaigns for Otley to be a wildlife-friendly town. It highlights the Chevin Forest, Gallows Hill nature area, the town parks and riverside as sites to see a rich variety of wildlife; birds, animals, insects and wildflowers.

Otley-born Carey Davies, the editor of The Great Outdoors magazine and nature writer for The Guardian, and Otley Town Mayor Councillor Peter Jackson were guest speakers at the launch event.

Carey Davies said: "I feel passionate about this Wildlife Friendly Otley group because even though Otley is a small place, the world is made up of small places and if we all do our bit - it makes a big difference. People in Otley really do have empathy for the wildlife they share their town with. When the countryside isn't the safe place for wildlife it could be, places like Otley can be a refuge."

The guide is available free from Otley Library, Otley Courthouse, the Core and many outlets around town.

Further information at wildlifefriendlyotley.org.uk



OTLEY WELCOMES

Otley Welcomes was formed when a small group of people, all concerned about the rise in racism, xenophobia and hate crime wanted to share the positive message that "Everyone is welcome in Otley".

The first event, almost 3 years ago, was held at the Buttercross to enable all those who live in, work in or visit Otley to come together and "put their hands up" to symbolise the message that "all are welcome" by making a hand print, or drawing round their hand, displaying their handprint and signing their name to show their support. The Buttercross was a perfect venue for this launch event as it is close to the plaque on which Belgian refugees from the 1914-18 war thank the people of Otley for their hospitality.

Since that first event the group have organised community lunches and refugee walks, as well as staffing stalls at local events. Other events included "*The Great Get-Together*" community picnic in memory and celebration of Jo Cox; a showing of the film "*Human Flow*" by the Chinese artist Ai Weiwei; a verbatim theatre piece, "*Refugee Monologues*" at the Courthouse and a series of events with local schools including a living books project which explored global life stories drawing on the autobiographies of local people.

Future events to look out for are a sponsored book-sharing scheme in which the book, "*All are Welcome Here*", by Alexandra Penfold, will be placed in community sites around Otley. The group are also working on a "Welcome Charter" which they hope the people of Otley will sign up to.

The steering group meets once a month; it is a secular, non-party-political group and all are welcome to attend.

For more information go to <https://en-gb.facebook.com/OtleyWelcomes/>



Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion Otley Branch are pleased to report that we are still obtaining new members as the evening meetings are proving a success. We recently held our Annual General meeting and all officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman Mr Emmitt; Secretary Mrs Gagen; Treasurer Mrs Vincent.

We have been preparing for this year's Poppy Appeal which will be over before this issue goes to print but we are hopeful of exceeding last year's total.

At the beginning of October we hired a minibus and several members went to the Remembrance Service at Eden Camp, with our standard Bearer, Mr Waites, joining the 80-strong parade that marched on to the Parade Ground. The parade was followed by a large number of Veterans and Cadets, with 5 Veterans there from World War II, one of whom was 100 years old. It was a very good day and we have decided to go again next year.

The branch has also obtained a new Standard thanks to Otley Town Council and Leeds City Council and this will be in use once it has been dedicated at an upcoming service. The old standard had been in use since the 1970s and was very heavy.

May we wish everyone a Merry Christmas from all our members.



The Bridge United Reformed Church

There is lots going on over the Christmas period at the Bridge Church and we look forward to seeing you at any of our events over the festive period – you will be made very welcome if you do join us.

Saturday 14th December
Otley Brass Band Concert at 7pm

Sunday 15th & 22nd December
Outdoor Nativity at 3pm

Monday 23rd December
Carol Service at 7pm

Christmas Eve
Crib Service at 4pm
Midnight Communion at 11.30pm

Christmas Day
Family Service at 10am

We will also be Carol Singing at the Victorian Fayre towards the end of the afternoon and also entertaining people at Teal Beck House Care Home and Adlington House Retirement Complex in the lead-up to Christmas.



The Otley and Wharfedale fundraising group for Macmillan Cancer Support are celebrating their 10th anniversary this year! Since forming they have raised over £150,000 for the charity.

New members are always welcome to come along to support and help the group who meet regularly at The Core in Otley on the first Thursday of the month.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the group at any of their many varied fundraising events over the years and we look forward to continuing to raise money for this very worthwhile charity.

OTLEY TOWN POET

The second Otley Town Crier Competition kept me quiet as I listened to the loud proclamations of the contenders who had travelled from different parts of the country. Once again, I was the judge responsible for diction and inflection, monitoring the monotony and drama in the delivery of each crier. Well done to our own Bellman Terry Ford and the Town Council for such a unique experience that tied in with Car-Free Day.

I mentioned in my last update that I was involved in the Leeds/Dortmund50 (www.leedsdortmund50.com), a project celebrating the twinning of the two cities by pairing poets and writers with counterparts in Germany. I read the results of my collaboration with Thomas Kade on Chapel FM on 3rd October (National Poetry Day), which celebrates waking up early on my street in Otley over the summer to discover so many of my neighbours awake, too. It was also fascinating to hear the poem translated into German by academic Harry Toye. The event can be heard again at www.chapelfm.co.uk.



In October, a group of Otley poets and I performed *Town Below the Steps*, our collaborative play-in-verse, at the Church House for Ilkley Literature Festival Fringe. I compered at the third Navvies Memorial event held at the Otley Courthouse, featuring my poem *Three Navigators, 1846*. I held a poetry workshop for children at Leeds City Museum on celebrating the installation of the their pilot whale, and was commissioned to write a poem for Remembrance Sunday focusing on the Normandy Landings.

You can follow the Otley Town Poet on Twitter at @MHStoppard and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/matthew.hedleystoppard



OTLEY ACTION THANKS VOLUNTEERS

Otley Action provide support and services to the older people of the town throughout the year all with the help of the dynamic volunteer workforce. The charity has over 100 volunteers engaged in a variety of roles and activities. The work undertaken can often be challenging and demanding but at the same time very rewarding. From a recent consultation Otley Action were able to gain valuable feedback from existing volunteers. 'I really enjoy my time volunteering and feel it is very worthwhile. The older people seem to really appreciate the time we spend with them.' Another volunteer said 'Contact with Otley Action customers is a source of optimism and inspiration.'

To thank our volunteers we will be having a Christmas buffet lunch at the Older People's Welfare Centre on Friday 6th December at 1pm. If anyone would like to drop in to chat with our friendly team of volunteers and partake of a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine you are most welcome.

Contact Otley Action on 01943 463965 for information on volunteering opportunities.



OTLEY'S PUBS GO INTERNATIONAL

At the end of September, when the UCI World Road Cycling Championships elite races came through town, Otley's pubs put on an international show for the riders and visitors alike. All the pubs were 'twinned' with a different cycling nation, with the national flag and bunting displayed outside alongside the pub's name translated into the national language.

Otley Pub Club had been in touch with as many foreign Embassies and Tourist Boards as possible, and had received messages of support and advice on national food and drink, as well as tourist brochures, posters and giveaways for some of the pubs. Some publicans even put on national dress for the occasion. The Curious Hop had a German Oktoberfest event and North Bar Social welcomed a famous Belgian cycling ex-world champion. A group of American visitors enjoyed the US ambience at The Stew & Oyster and the Colombian Cycling Team were spotted in The Bowling Green (although Colombia was twinned with The Royalty).



Charity Fun Day

In August, the Acrecliffe Equestrian Centre in Otley held a fun event and raised nearly £1,600 for Motor Neuron Disease.



Otley Methodist Scouts

Otley Methodist Scouts undertook a litter pick around Otley, despite the torrential rain, as part of their environmental conservation badge. They have now completed this task and 19 scouts will be awarded their badge later this term.



SWIM TIMETABLE

AS OF MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Day	Time	Session
Monday	4.00pm – 7.00pm 7.30pm – 8.30pm 8.30pm – 9.30pm	Swimming Lessons (Juniors) General Lane Session Let's Get Active
Tuesday	7.00am – 8.30am 1.15pm – 2.00pm 4.00pm – 6.15pm 6.30pm – 8.00pm 8.15pm – 9.15pm	General Lane Session Let's Get Active Swimming Lessons (Juniors) Otley Swimming Club General Swimming
Wednesday	4.00pm – 6.15pm 7.00pm – 8.00pm 8.15pm – 9.15pm	Swimming Lessons (Juniors) Leeds & Bradford Triathlon Training Club Let's Get Active
Thursday	4.00pm – 7.00pm 7.15pm – 8.00pm	Swimming Lessons (Juniors) Let's Get Active
Friday	7.00am – 8.30am 9.00am – 12.00pm 12.15pm – 1.00pm 1.30pm – 2.30pm 4.00pm – 7.00pm 7.30pm – 8.30pm	General Lane Session School Swimming Let's Get Active School Swimming Swimming Lessons (Juniors) General Swimming/ General Lane Session (R)
Saturday	7.00am – 7.45am 8.00am – 12.15pm	Let's Get Active Swimming Lessons (Juniors)
Sunday	8.00am – 9.00am 9.15am – 10.45am 11.00am – 12.00pm 12.15pm – 1.15pm 1.30pm – 2.30pm	General Lane Session General Swimming Let's Get Active Adult Lane Session General Swimming

R= Restricted. The advertised session has restricted space i.e. not all of the pool is available.
Additional Information: Children under 8 yrs old must be accompanied in the pool by a responsible adult (16+ at a ratio of no more than 2 children to 1 adult).

Otley Ambassadors

A WORLD champion cyclist, an historical weapons expert, an award winning Bellman and a TV scientist are among the sixteen Honorary Otley Ambassadors. Each of the Ambassadors come from a wide and varied background including the arts, music, sport, science, business and politics – but one thing they have in common is a shared passion for Otley which they hope to share with others.

This initiative was introduced in 2017 and it recognises people who come from Otley or have a strong association with the town and who have helped put us on the map by their personal achievements. This initiative is also part of a

wider project that aims to help promote Otley in an ever-more competitive world and help celebrate Otley's unique charm, great outdoors and fabulous independent shops with the wider world.

The Ambassadors will be meeting up pre-Christmas to share their experiences over the past year.

The list of Otley Ambassadors include: Jen Birch, Judith Blake, Dudley Parker, Terry Ford, Ray Georgeson, Matthew Hedley Stoppard, Malcolm Hills, Sally Hinchcliffe, Paul Howard, Dr Marty Jopson, Greg Mulholland, Rob Woosnam-Savage, Danielle Bailey, Georgia Coates, Lizzie Deignan, Chloe Tear.



OTLEY CHRISTMAS CARD

An Otley Festive Card is now on sale at the Otley Core. The cards have been designed in conjunction with the Otley Neighbourhood Policing team by PCSO Rob Powell.

MY OTLEY MERCHANDISE

Public concern regarding single-use disposable items, especially plastics, is on the increase. Otley Town Council has launched its own initiative to encourage re-use and reduce plastic waste.

Otley Town Council offers the following products as part of their campaign:

- Re-useable jute bag available in a range of coloured trims priced at £4;
- Re-useable refill bottles, available in two styles priced at either £20 (hot or cold liquids) or £4 (cold liquids).

Otley Achievement Awards

The Otley Annual Achievement Award showcases the work of hardworking individuals within the town by recognising both a young person and an adult who have achieved something outstanding – be it academically, musically, sporting or artistic – overcome some form of adversity or helped to make a difference in the local community.

If you know of anyone who has achieved something outstanding or made a significant contribution to our town during the year 2019 then we would like to hear from you, by nominating them now for the 2019 Otley Achievement Award.

This award celebrates achievements made during the year with the winner recognised with a cash prize and a certificate. To nominate someone please complete and return the simple form available online or pick up a nomination form in the Otley Core.

The deadline for nominations is Friday 14th March 2019.

Please return all nominations to Jason Knowles or e-mail: community@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

YOUR OTLEY CARETAKER



Otley Town Council and Otley Bid are committed to making sure that Otley residents and visitors enjoy clean and litter-free streets. With this in mind they have appointed Ken Jarvis as our part-time Otley Town Caretaker. Ken will supplement the work undertaken by Leeds City Council to keep our streets to the highest standards possible.

Have you seen Ken around the town? Ken is a very jovial and hard-working individual and is really enjoying his role. You may have noticed the excellent job he recently volunteered to do – cleaning the Buttercross on a Sunday morning starting at 6.30am!

TOWN MAYOR'S NEWS



Photograph by Wimpenny Photography

It has been some six months since I was elected Mayor. During this time, I have carried out some 60 Mayoral appearances at community groups and events. I have met some wonderful people who give their time freely. Some highlights for me have been the Crowning of the Carnival Queen, attending Harrogate Army Foundation College to see local teenagers graduate, witnessing the Otley Courthouse receive the Queens Award for Voluntary Services and attending the Navvies Memorial event and rededication service.

I have also been privileged to welcome visitors from other nations for the cycling events that have passed through our town. There have been so many memorable events that I have been lucky to attend.

I do hope that my final six months remain busy and I urge any community group that wish me to attend your event to contact Tom Shortall on 01943 466335 or alternatively email admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

I will continue to promote our wonderful town and its community and would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas!

HONORARY CITIZENS

Otley Town Mayor Cllr Peter Jackson is pleased to issue a call to the townsfolk of Otley to nominate candidates for Honorary Citizenship.

The Mayor said "Honorary Citizenship is the highest acknowledgement that the town can give to those who have performed exceptional, committed service to the community for a period of many years. The list of Honorary Citizens is distinguished and only those who have provided exemplary service achieve such status".

There is no form to fill in; nominations should be made as a supporting letter and sent to the Executive Officer, Otley Town Council, Otley Core Resource Centre, Unit 11 Orchard Gate, Otley, LS21 3NX not later than midday on Friday 14th March 2020.

If there are any queries please contact the Executive Officer at the above address or by telephone 01943 466335 or email: eo@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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.

Take a 3D tour of our facilities by visiting our website www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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

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.



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

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.



CONTACTING YOUR COUNCILLORS

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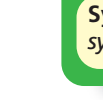
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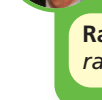


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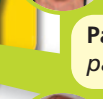


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Back row left to right: Terry Ford (Bellman); Cllr Gareth Dibble; Cllr Paul Carter; Cllr Richard Hughes; Cllr Linda Hoare; Cllr Jo Allen; Cllr Mick Bradley; Cllr Ray Smith; Dr Jason Knowles (Community Development Officer)

Front row left to right: Cllr Kim Holmes; Cllr Sylvia Thomson (Deputy Town Mayor); Cllr Ray Georgeson (Chair of Council); Cllr Peter Jackson (Town Mayor); Suzanne Kidger (Executive Officer); Cllr Penny Robinson; Cllr Mary Vickers

Apologies given: Cllr Colin Campbell; Cllr Nigel Francis

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All councillors work in a voluntary capacity

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL WARD SURGERIES

Otley Town Council hold Councillor Surgeries at Otley Core Resource Centre for residents who would like to meet a councillor and discuss any local issues or raise any problems or concerns relating to the work and responsibilities of the Council. Upcoming Surgery dates are:

Saturday 25th January
Saturday 29th February

All surgeries are from 10am until noon,
no appointment needed.

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

At the time of going to press a General Election has
been called, scheduled for Thursday 12th December
2019. Contact us for details of Surgery dates and
times for your new MP after the election.

OTLEY MATTERS ARTICLES

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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS DEC 2019 - FEB 2020

Planning 2nd December 2019

Trade & Tourism

Planning 13th January 2020

Environment & Sustainability

Policy & Resources 27th January 2020

Full Council

Planning 10th February 2020

Community Development

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

ALLOTMENT NOTICES

Rental bills for 2020 will be posted in late December and we would appreciate all bills being paid by 31st January 2020.

If you have decided not to renew your tenancy for 2020 will you please inform Karen Smith, Allotment Manager, as soon as possible on 01943 466335 or admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk to avoid being billed for the coming year.

We hope you have enjoyed another successful year of digging and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Greetings
Otley Town Council would like to wish everyone a
Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2020!