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OTLEY: CYCLING CAPITAL OF THE UK

Perfectly placed midway between the Yorkshire Dales and cosmopolitan Leeds, Otley is a cyclist's dream destination. With rolling hills, farmers' fields and dense woods, the countryside around Otley offers some of the best cycling routes in the country, which is why, when an international cycling event comes to Yorkshire, it inevitably passes through or around our historic market town.

There are several cycling events taking place in Otley in late June and early July.




Photo: Stephen Tonkin



OTLEY CYCLE RACES - Wednesday 26th June

The annual Otley Cycle Races will take place on Wednesday 26th June. If you haven't been before, it's a great opportunity to watch some of our country's greatest cyclists race around the streets of Otley and the best news is, you can do that for free. These races are the most prestigious and long-standing in the British racing calendar. Past local winners include: Lizzy Deignan, Scott Thwaites and Tour de France 2022 stage winner Tom Pidcock.

The evening racing is sponsored by many local businesses, and will kick off at 5.30pm. The evening culminates in our headline events, with the Women's Grand Prix and Men's Grand Prix events. The speed of the peloton in these races is so impressive.

Without our generous sponsors, and a team of loyal volunteers, the 2024 LOGCO Otley Cycle Races would not be possible. We also receive much appreciated support from Otley Fire Station, Otley Town Council and residents and businesses.

The organisers do their best to keep inconvenience to a minimum; however, some is unavoidable. Some roads (Bondgate, Burras Lane, Birdcage Walk and Gay Lane) will be closed to vehicles from 5.15pm to 10.00pm on event day. Should you need any further information or assistance please see the website www.otleycycleraces.com

We hope to see you all on the night. Local food and drink outlets will be open so you can enjoy a bite to eat and a drink whilst you watch the racing.

FAMILY FUN CYCLING - Sunday 30th June

The Family Fun Cycling event is from 10.00am to 3.00pm on Sunday 30th June at Garnetts Field, close to the River Wharfe.

This FREE event is organised by Otley Town Council with partners Otley Cycling Club and Chevin Cycles.

Children 3-12 years old can test their skills on the specially designed cyclocross grass course, safely away from roads. Parents can try out E-bikes on an easy route across the flat field. There are also short, guided rides on quiet safer cycling routes around Otley in small groups.



Plus an activity tent making models using 'wotsits' - so fun for all ages! As well as police bike marking, ice cream van, stalls and free merchandise. So, come and join in this family fun event!



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS SINCE THE 2014 TOUR DE FRANCE GRAND DÉPART

Sunday 7th July - Roundhay Park, Leeds

Join us to retrace the original Tour de France Grand Départ route ridden by the professional riders back in 2014, as we celebrate Yorkshire cycling at its best. While hardcore cyclists are invited to test their fitness over the full 230 km ride, there's 120 km and 70 km route options that will treat every aspiring rider to the best of God's Own County by bike.

For more information, visit: www.ridethestruggle.com/pages/legacy-ride For more information about cycling in Otley, please visit: www.visitotley.co.uk/otley-cycling-hub/ or if you're interested in joining Otley Cycle Club, visit www.otleycycleclub.co.uk



UPCOMING EVENTS

May/June

31-9	Otley Music Festival
2	D-Day Film – Saving Private Ryan
6	D-Day Film – The Longest Day
15	Otley Carnival
22-30	Otley Walking Festival
23	Summer Bands in the Park – Otley Brass Band
26	Otley Cycle Race
30	Otley Cycling Family Fun Day
30	Otley Farmers Market

July

5-7	Otley Live (Music Event)
7	Legacy Ride Sportive (Tour de France Grand Départ 10th Anniversary)
21	Summer Bands in the Park – Bradford Concert Band
28	Otley Farmers Market

August

1	Yorkshire Day
7-28	Kids Free Fun Zone (Wednesday only)
25	Otley Farmers Market

**Otley Market days held every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday*

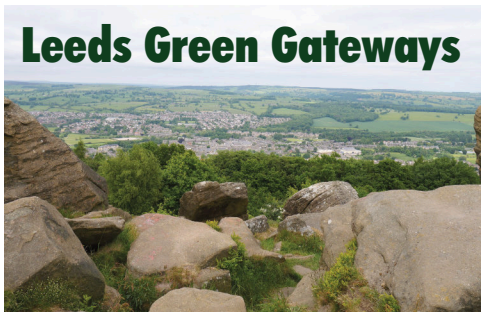


Otley Walking Festival

The Otley Walking Festival – our twenty-third – is back again! Otley's community-led Walking Festival runs from Saturday 22nd June – Sunday 30th June.

With a choice of 55 walks and events there is something for everyone! Short town-based walks, themed walks, woodland walks, strenuous moorland hikes, plus an evening programme of entertaining themed events. Roots and Journey's Poetry Walk, Forest Treasure Hunt, Hidden Castles of Wharfedale, Moorland, Field and Reservoir Wildlife Walk, Wildlife Friendly Gardens Walk, Children of the Mill, Alleys and Snickets of Otley, Old Maps in The Library, Yeadon's WW2 History, From Puritan to Pub, and many more! A great opportunity to enjoy all that Otley and the wonderful Wharfedale environment have to offer – with a warm welcome from our walk leaders, too.

Festival programmes are available at Bondgate Bakery, the Core, Otley Courthouse, Otley Library, Tourist Information Centres, many local businesses and online at www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk



Leeds Green Gateways

Walkers are Welcome Otley are launching a new walking route: Leeds Green Gateways.

Building on an earlier Leeds City Council leaflet, Walkers are Welcome (on the initiative of Cllr Ryk Downes) described and mapped this 43-mile circular route. It passes through the astonishing number of North-West Leeds parks: Chevin Forest, Yeadon Tarn, Horsforth Hall, Hunger Hills, Hawksworth Wood, Kirkstall Abbey Park, Woodhouse Moor, Meanwood Park, Scotland and Adel Wood, Golden Acre, Gallows Hill, Wharfe Meadows and many more! And then all the green spaces in between, the valleys of Wharfe and Aire, hills and meadow land, woods, lakes and wetlands.

The guidebook for the route (sponsored by Otley Town Council, and available from local outlets) will be presented on 22nd June, at the opening of the Otley Walking Festival. The whole route will then be walked over four days as a part of the Festival.

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND



New Otley Wildlife Guide is praised

Local charity Wildlife Friendly Otley have produced a new leaflet highlighting the amazing wildlife to be discovered in and around Otley. Produced with the help of a grant from Otley Town Council, this amazing little guide, with a fold-open map, will help people locate different hotspots.

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Copies of the guide are freely available at many outlets around town including the library, the Core, shops, cafes, and pubs. It can also be downloaded from the group's website www.wildlifefriendlyotley.org.uk. The idea is to bring more people to the town to enjoy and appreciate the wildlife and benefit local businesses. Wildlife Friendly Otley patron, Dr George McGavin, said, "Everyone should love the wildlife where they live. By being wildlife friendly, you can ensure the long-term health of your natural environment and your community."

The charity is always looking for more volunteers and support so if you can help in any way then feel free to contact us via email at wildlifefriendlyotley@gmail.com



This summer, Wharfemeadows Park will host two concerts as part of the Leeds International Concert Season's Summer Bands in Leeds Parks series. Firstly, Otley Brass Band will perform popular favourites on Sunday 23rd June and Bradford Concert Band will perform lively tunes on Sunday 21st July. Both concerts are on Sundays from 2.30pm to 4.30pm and are absolutely free.

Dig out your picnic rugs and sunhats for a perfect way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon. For a free leaflet with full listings of Summer Bands in Leeds Parks call 0113 378 6600, email music@leeds.gov.uk or visit www.leedsconcertseason.co.uk.

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

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37th Otley Victorian Fayre

Sunday 1st December 2024 Noon - 6pm

A team, including both old and new volunteers, has been successfully recruited. The background work is all in hand; however, there is still need for a few more volunteers on the actual day.

Follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with a few new features. If you would like to discuss further, please contact enquiries@victorianfayre.co.uk

OTLEY CARNIVAL

Saturday 15th June is the date for this year's Carnival. As usual the roads along the route will shut at 12.30pm and re-open after the carnival finishes at 1.30pm.

As usual the carnival parade will start at the Leeds Road entrance from the Cattle Market and the route will follow – Leeds Road, Gay Lane, Bondgate, Kirkgate, Manor Square, Bridge Street, and finish at the Bridge End. Once at the Bridge End visitors can visit our carnival field where all types of stalls will be found, along with a variety of entertainment.

As in previous years the parade will consist of walking entries and others on wagons. There will also be bands playing in the parade to give the carnival flavour.

Otley Carnival is a free event and does not receive any funding from Leeds City Council and this event would not be able to happen if it were not down to generous carnival goers giving their loose change and buying raffle tickets. We would also like to thank sponsors: Otley Garden Centre (Formerly Stephen Smith's) who have sponsored our Carnival Stars programme and Dacre, Son & Hartley who have sponsored our Poster competition. We would also like to thank Otley Town Council for their continued support.

Finally, the Carnival Committee would like to dedicate this year's event to our much loved and missed committee member Sarah Jackson. We tragically lost Sarah in 2023. Sarah was the person tasked to help implement our new Carnival Stars programme, which has been a success, where we invite both boys and girls to get involved in community events. They have been involved in activities with Otley 2030, Otley Town Council litter picks, delivering homeless hampers in Leeds and helping at Easter parties for Otley Action for Older People.

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80-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024, Otley Town Council, in partnership with Otley Film Society and Otley Courthouse, have arranged the showing of two films to mark this landmark anniversary.

Saving Private Ryan will be shown on Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 2.00pm and ***The Longest Day*** will be shown on Thursday 6th June 2024 at 7.00pm.

Tickets (priced £6) are available from The Courthouse, Courthouse Street, Otley, LS21 3AN, online @ www.otleycourthouse.org.uk or by calling 01943 467466.

The Town Council would like to thank The Courthouse and Otley Film Society for their help in facilitating these events.

In addition, the Council will be planting a commemorative tree later in the year.



Glittering Ceremony Recognises the Best of Otley Business

Now in their 10th year and organised by Otley's Chamber of Trade, the Otley Business Awards 2024 were fiercely contested thanks to an extensive judging process that include nominations from the public and mystery shopper visits from industry experts brought in from outside the Otley community. The results were announced at a gala dinner held at Otley Golf Club in February. The main sponsors of the event are Otley BID and Otley Town Council.

Otley Business Awards 2024 winners in full:

- Best Eatery: Milk Bar
- Best Newcomer: Janet Francis - The Home Movement
- Best Professional Services: Althams Travel
- Best Health, Beauty & Wellness: Joey Sports Massage Therapy
- Best Retail: Underground Bakery
- Best Pub/Bar: The Rose & Crown
- Outstanding Tradesperson: Neil Stringwell Tarmacadam
- Eco Friendly Business: Like Nana Did
- Rising Star: Jade Brabiner of Puffin Pottery
- Team Of The Year: Classic Car Lab
- Community Award: Shadow Brewing
- Outstanding Contribution To The Business Community: Rachel Michael

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Friends of Weston Woods

Now that Weston Woods is in community ownership, local group Friends of Weston Woods (FoWW) is looking after it for nature and for people.

Since the start of 2024, they have organised a community birdwatch and a litter pick; there has been Forest School for children and a day repairing dry stone walls around the perimeter - both in collaboration with Get Out More CIC. The Dry Stone Walling Association - Otley and Yorkshire Dales branch - is waiting to start work too. The woodland has also been featured in the Sunday Times!

The group continues to fundraise to pay off the philanthropic loan from We Have The Power and to begin habitat surveys and woodland maintenance. You can sponsor a 3mx3m square of the woodland for £25 (and receive a certificate) here: www.mant.org.uk/sponsored-squares/ or sign up to donate at: www.mant.org.uk/east-wood-acquisition/

The group are often looking for volunteers for various jobs and activities in the woodland. Please email: foww@mant.org.uk if you are interested.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion (RBL) Otley branch hold regular monthly meetings on the last Monday of each month starting at 7.00pm. The venue for the meetings is Otley Social Club, Hollin Gate, Otley, LS21 2DP. The branch holds various events throughout the year, the next being the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, on 25th May at the Buttercross, where various merchandise will be for sale, with all proceeds going to the RBL.

The RBL is a really great place to meet like-minded people, have lots of fun and meet new friends. You do not need to be ex-forces to join, and it is a great way of giving something back to the community we all love and support. So come along and see if you are willing to enjoy the camaraderie of this well established and greatly loved organisation.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

OTLEY BID SUMMER UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that this Summer our **Kids Free Funzone** will again be taking place in the Market Place, every Wednesday throughout the August Summer holidays. Full details of the activities are yet to be confirmed; however, we are hoping that the ever-popular bouncy castle and climbing wall will feature, along with the usual collaboration with local businesses to keep children aged 2-13 years old entertained throughout the school holidays.



DID YOU KNOW . . .

Otley businesses, via Otley BID, fund, or co-fund, many initiatives around the town that otherwise would not happen such as the Otley Caretaker, floral displays across the town, free audits and grants to help businesses improve accessibility for customers with disabilities; and, a new map to help visitors on Coach Tours explore the whole town and discover all our fabulous independent businesses.

OtleyBid Funded by Otley Businesses

Please continue to #supportlocal wherever you can by making the Buy In Otley website your go-to Otley business directory: www.buyinotley.co.uk

THE BRIDGE CHURCH

The Bridge Church will be open for refreshments with our annual *'Teas on the Lawn'* on Carnival Day, Saturday 15th June, serving drinks, sandwiches and cakes. Proceeds from the event will go to our charity, which this year is the Hollybush Project, which supports adults with a learning disability from its base at The Conservation Volunteers in Kirkstall.

On Saturday 13th July we are delighted to be hosting the Hebden Bridge Brass Band for an evening concert – further details and tickets will be available nearer the time – keep an eye out on the church website, Facebook page and noticeboards. The scarecrows will also make a welcome and popular return to the church garden in July and will remain in place throughout the school summer holidays so that visitors can enjoy visiting them.

See www.otleybridgechurch.org.uk for more details about these events and our other activities, or visit our Facebook page: Otley Bridge Church.

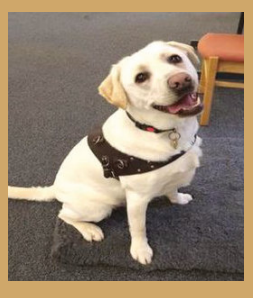
The Bridge Church
THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH IN OTLEY

GUIDE DOG URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEER FOSTERERS!

Have you ever thought you would love to have a dog but work full time? Would you like to make a real difference to the lives of people living with sight loss? Then this could be the perfect opportunity for you.

Guide dogs are looking for volunteer fosterers where your role is to take the dog to 'school' for training in the mornings and collect them before 5.00pm during the working week – so it fits in perfectly. At the weekends we spend time doing 'normal' dog activities like walks, free runs and lots of play!

You are not expected to do much training with the dog, merely encourage and maintain behaviours they are working on in school, such as loose lead walking, crossing the road or walking up and down stairs. Andrea Petch said "As a fosterer myself I would urge people to get involved in fostering. You'll get all the benefits of having a loving pet at home, without the financial commitments and other burdens that can come with having your own dog. Guide Dogs provide everything when the dog moves in - food, bedding, lead, and vets' bills are also covered, and they're always on hand to support you. If you want to go away on holiday the team will arrange for holiday cover too. At the end of the process the dog will leave to start their next chapter."



Search 'volunteer dog fosterer' at www.guidedogs.org.uk



Serious Planting

We have been given permission and support from Leeds City Council to expand the orchard by a massive 1000 square metres. It's a strip of land in Sinclair's Field immediately above the existing orchard and adjoining the wildflower meadow. There are plans afoot to fill the area with a variety of trees and to plant up with hedging too. As you can see it is definitely work in progress and (eventually) it's going to be a fantastic addition to the biodiversity of the Chevin. But it's going to be one heck of a lot of work. So, keep an eye on our Facebook page for the call to spades. Have a look on our Facebook page @otleychevinorchardproject to keep abreast of any upcoming events. Or email us on chevinorchard@gmail.com if you have any questions.

HELP HEDGEHOGS BEAT THE HEAT



During the summer, our rescue experiences its highest influx of patients, typically ranging between 50 to 70 individuals. In 2023, our numbers peaked at 72, each requiring feeding, medical treatments, and sometimes round-the-clock care, including hand-rearing hoglets with feeds every two hours from 6.00am until way past bedtime.

Summer isn't always smooth sailing for hedgehogs as they encounter numerous challenges. Being insectivores, one might assume hedgehogs have an abundance of natural food during peak bug season in gardens. However, this isn't the reality anymore. The drastic decline in insect populations, even during summer, makes it increasingly difficult for hedgehogs to find sufficient nourishment. Man-made barriers, such as roads, walls and fences makes feeding difficult. A hedgehog typically needs to roan around a mile each night to find the food they need.

We're experiencing more and more heatwaves in the UK and it can be a problem for hedgehogs, as most of our patients come in suffering from dehydration, unable to find water sources. Providing water dishes in gardens is beneficial for all wildlife, but remember, never offer milk, as hedgehogs are lactose intolerant. As the ground bakes hard during heatwaves, making grubs and worms inaccessible, food becomes scarce. Hence, supplementing hedgehogs' diets with wet dog or cat food, along with cat biscuits, becomes essential during these periods. If you want to feed hedgehogs but not the local cats, then serving dinner in a feeding station will help to ensure the food gets to the right diners. You can find instructions for creating your own feeding station on our website or purchase one of our simple designs.

If you want any more information about the rescue, how to help hedgehogs, and us, please go to our website, www.pricklypigs.co.uk or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

Prickly Pigs Hedgehog Rescue

OTLEY CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS



Otley Cemetery Volunteers have worked with Leeds City Council to help look after the cemetery on Pool Road, Otley for the past two years. They meet several times throughout the year to carry out tasks such as clearing paths, maintaining shrubs and trees and generally improving the cemetery for visitors.

One of the key aims of the group is to make improvements to the site which benefit wildlife. This has included putting up bird boxes, introducing wildflower beds, increasing habitat areas and planting native plants and trees.

Why not join us in this beautiful Victorian cemetery as we aim to make improvements for visitors and wildlife. Please bring something to eat and drink and wear old clothes and sturdy footwear.

Action days are Saturday 17th August, Sunday 6th October and Saturday 16th November 2024.

Anyone interested in joining the group should please contact Nicholas.Denman@leeds.gov.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to the group!

Leeds CITY COUNCIL



NEW YOUTH THEATRE PROJECT IN OTLEY!

In September, a new youth theatre project will be launched in Otley. For a period of 12 weeks, young people will work alongside researchers at the University of Leeds and Otley 2030 to create a performance focused on young people's ideas and actions in relation to climate action. The work has been developed by Matthew Elliott and Martina Ricci (University of Leeds) with Andrew Howarth and Claire Blindell (Otley 2030) to ensure that youth voices are heard and acknowledged in wider discussions on the climate crisis and its local impacts in Otley. Between May and August, the project will be looking to recruit young people to begin the project in September. If you are a young person or an organisation who works with young people and want to find out more, please email Otley 2030 at hello@otley2030.com.

HELP FUND A SHORT FILM FOR SCHOOLS



Newly formed We Are Different CIC aims to help children better understand and express themselves and be sure of their place in today's diverse, multicultural society.

Based in Otley, the Community Interest Group will provide interactive creative stimulus material, including a short, animated film, based on an original short story by Mark Currie called The Man Who Was Different, which has already been piloted in several UK schools. The story is a reminder that we should be proud of our differences, no matter who we are or what we look or sound like.

We Are Different CIC are looking for support funding to help complete their creative resources and have started a crowdfunding campaign. A small donation of £25 ensures your name in The Man Who Was Different film credits! See **www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-man-who-was-different**

Once complete, the resources will be delivered **free of charge** to those schools and communities that need them the most.

WE ARE DIFFERENT

PRINCE HENRY'S BAND NIGHT 2024



The PHGS Bands' Night took place at Otley Courthouse on the last day of term before the Easter holidays. A record nine bands in the school played to a sell-out audience, with professional sound engineers making sure the bands sounded fantastic, and the evening was also filmed as part of the 20th birthday celebrations of the Courthouse.

This year, the bands were: Lights Out, Wanderlust, Lilly & Izzy, FEJA, Gazelles, Robin & Charlie, Nameless, the school Jazz Band (featuring 12 members and a brass section!) and the PHGS staff band, the Manic Creep Teachers. It was a superb evening with all profits donated to Martin House Hospice.

Otley Town Council, through their community development grant, generously provided £250 towards the cost of this year's event. The school is thankful for their support in providing this opportunity to local young musicians, continuing to strengthen the links between the Council and the school.



HISTORY OF THE CIVIC CENTRE

The Otley Conservation Taskforce are a local community group currently compiling a history of the Otley Civic Centre from its very beginnings up to its closure. We are particularly interested to hear from individuals and groups who used the centre regularly down the years. Humorous stories and anecdotes are most welcome.

We want to hear from you, so please email us at otleytaskforce@gmail.com



Prince Henry's Grammar School

Students and staff at Prince Henry's Grammar School are celebrating after the school was named as one of the top 5% of state schools for sport in School Sport Magazine and was again nominated for the Leeds Sports Awards.

Among other successes this year, the U12 Girls' and U13 Girls' Netball Teams won their Leeds School Sports Netball Leagues, at the end of fiercely contested season. The U12 Boys' Rugby Team won the plate competition at St Peter's 7s, beating several other teams. Four of the school's rugby teams (including boys' and girls' teams) reached the final of their age groups' Yorkshire Cup - the U14 and U16 boys' rugby teams won their finals, becoming Yorkshire Cup Champions.

"We are really proud of everyone who takes part in sport at school – both for these fantastic results and because of the huge number of students and staff involved. Sports on offer include both boys' and girls' football and rugby, netball, badminton, swimming and many more" said Dave Curtis, Faculty Leader for PE.



Scouting in Otley is getting bigger!

Due to the increased interest in Explorer Scouts (boys and girls aged 14 to 17), the Otley Bridge Explorers has launched. Opening our unit has meant that even more young people can access fun and adventure and develop skills for life.

Since opening, some of the activities the Explorers have been involved with include rock climbing, mountain biking, electronics evenings and even night photography! Activities planned for 2024 include Banff Film Festival UK Tour, survival skills and scuba driving.

Gavin, Lead Volunteer, said, "Explorers provides both young people and adult volunteers with opportunities to take part in activities that might not normally be available to them. It broadens their horizons and helps them to develop self-confidence. As a volunteer, I've loved seeing our Explorers master a new skill, or overcome a fear."

In a recent poll 94% of Scouts said they had developed useful skills. Scouts offers over 200 activities from abseiling and coding to drama and water-zorbing.

For further information about Otley Bridge Explorers, or better, to try it for yourself, please contact Gavin on otleyexp@wharfedalescouts.org.uk

Wharfedale Gardeners' Group



At our AGM we said goodbye to our long-standing officials, Gillian Spencer (Chair) and Steven Rollinson (Treasurer) and thanked them for their stalwart service over the years. They will continue to support us on the committee. We welcomed our new Chair, Anni Allsuch, assisted by Sam Roberts. Christine Good took up the reins of Treasurer. Our last two speakers of the season were Jonathan Moseley "Making Flowers Last Longer" and Michael Myers "Woodland Plants", with the final event in our calendar the popular Plant Sale at the Otley Buttercross in May. Wharfedale Gardeners meet at Beech Hill Church on the second Tuesday of the month from September to May, at 7.30pm. If you would like to join or visit as a guest, please contact Christine Good (Membership Secretary) via our website or email wharfedalegardeners@gmail.com

Askwith Primary School Welcomes You

We invite you to visit our Ofsted-graded 'Outstanding' Village School.

Wednesday 19th June
Early years & KS1 creativity exhibition from 3pm

Wednesday 26th June
KS2 Art Exhibition from 3pm

Tuesday 2nd July
Open Day

Wednesday 3rdJuly
3 years & under Come and Play session

Thursday 4th July
Open Day

Everyone is welcome to join us at these events but, if you are unable to, please contact the office on 01943 462896 or email askwith@ycatschools.co.uk



We are a village school near Otley and Ilkley with a core purpose of providing excellence for all within a happy, calm and caring environment. Our strong family ethos is reflected in how our pupils show care and concern for each other. Our pupils make a strong start to their education, which they build upon as they move through the school; expectations and standards are high for all pupils. Not surprisingly, our school has been consistently judged 'outstanding' by OFSTED.

Why choose Askwith Primary School for your child? Countryside location, with a great emphasis on outdoor education, small year groups, strong family ethos, and highly qualified staff with fantastic wrap-around care 7.30am to 6.00pm.



Otley Townwomen's Guild have raised £1,000 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance this year by holding a Tombola and cake sale outside The Core, selling raffle tickets, taking part in two sponsored walks and decorating a tree for the Christmas Tree festival at the Parish Church. The cheque was collected at our Guild meeting by Helen from Yorkshire Air Ambulance. She told us that it costs £19,000 a day to keep the two Yorkshire helicopters flying, and they can reach anywhere in Yorkshire in 30 minutes!

The Guild would love to welcome new members. Come to our Guild meeting on the first Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm at Beech Hill Church, Westgate, Otley, or telephone 01943 602429 or email marglock42@gmail.com for information about our interest groups ranging from gardening to walking and a lunch club.

OTLEY FOLK FESTIVAL

This year's Otley Folk Festival is planned to be over the weekend of 20th – 22nd September. Concerts at the Parish Church, Black Horse Hotel and Labour Club plus a family folk day at St Joseph's school, street entertainment, sessions and singing rounds make up the weekend's entertainment.

Artists booked so far include Nancy Kerr & James Fagan, Sean Lakeman & Cathryn Roberts, Jez Lowe, PlumHall, Paul Martin & Ian McKeown, The Heathen Kings and Sherburn, Bartley & Sanders and Tony Wilson. Add to them a whole host of our local talent and we have the makings of another great weekend. More artists will be added to this list as they confirm; you can keep up with folk festival information at www.otleyfolkfestival.com

OTLEY FOLK CLUB

Every Wednesday at the Black Horse Hotel, the folk club continues to be popular and well attended. Artists booked this year include Tom McConville, PlumHall, Chris Manners, Phil Cockerham, Angelo Palladino, Lewis Pugh, Cathryn Craig & Brian Willoughby, Bob Fox and local favourite Tony Wright.

Guest nights alternate with singer's nights. We start at 7.45pm and everyone is welcome. More information can be found at www.otleyfolkclub.net



Active in Otley for over 40 years, Otley Lions Club is committed to supporting the local community and helping those in need. From funding much needed bedding for one individual to donating £2,000 for the Otley Community Larder, the Lions are always there to be of help. Currently we are sponsoring runners in the Rob Burrow Marathon raising vital funds for the fight against MND.

We raise funds for this work by running a bookshop. If you have walked along Mercury Row, opposite the Parish Church, you will have seen the Otley Lions Bookshop and perhaps stopped to look at the window displays. The vast selection of books in the bookshop have all been donated to us and the shop is staffed totally by volunteers - even the shop manager is a volunteer. Thus every penny raised goes to help those in need in the Otley area. Our sincere thanks to all those who donate their books, to all our customers and to those who give some of their time to volunteer in the bookshop.

We welcome more members and more volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Stevie Bellerby, President and Bookshop Manager, on 07940 370586.



Ilkley & District u3a Blues Appreciation Group meets at 2.00pm on the first Monday of each month, upstairs in the Black Horse. It is a lively and welcoming group, focussing on listening to, and discussing, all aspects of blues, and blues-related, music.

Two members of the group each give a short talk on a blues-related subject - their favourite blues song, artist, album, sub-genre, book or whatever takes their fancy. We play some music related to the subject and then discuss, agree, disagree and politely argue about the merits of what we have just listened to. As we have a number of musicians in the group, we sometimes have some live performances. No previous blues experience is necessary - you are not required to go down to the crossroads at midnight and sell your soul to the Devil, or to wake up in the morning looking around for your walking shoes . . .

Ilkley & District u3a runs a host of other interest groups and activities for those no longer in full time work or semi-retired. Groups include Country Dance, Patchwork and Quilting, Photography, Reading for Pleasure and Bridge, all based in Otley. Or maybe you have a hobby or interest you'd like to share with others?

Discover what's on offer at Ilkley & District u3a by chatting to our members at either our Drop-In sessions at The Core or one of our coffee mornings. You will be warmly welcomed.

More information can be found at www.ilkleyu3a.org or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Wharfedale Male Voice Choir

This term has seen our choir working hard on our repertoire. The early months of the year were dedicated to polishing our core concert programme and since Easter we have been revising many old favourites so that we are in a position to perform at any event if we are invited.

We have sung in Retirement Homes to great acclaim and we look forward to our end-of-term celebratory lunch with our partners when we will surprise the diners at the Wetherby Whaler by bursting into song before our Fish and Chips!

After our summer break we look forward to an autumn full of entertaining concerts and working towards an appetising Christmas programme.

For more information about our Monday afternoon rehearsals please contact Secretary, Peter Roberts, on 01943 463456.

Otley Community Larder Continues to Grow



Following the award of a National Lottery Community Grant in late 2023, Otley 2030 has now employed a volunteer coordinator to run day-to-day activities at the Larder. Otley resident, Jade Harris, will work for two days at the Larder, whilst also working for Meanwood Valley Urban Farm. As well as continuing to receive surplus food from local retailers, Jade will be looking to put her growing skills into use in the new planters built for the Larder by Wharfedale Men's Shed.

Otley 2030 are always looking for new volunteers to help at the Larder in various roles. If you're interested in getting involved, visit www.otley2030.com/larder

Otley Community Larder is situated at the Otley Social Club on Hollin Gate. Opening times are:

- Tuesday: 2:15pm-3:15pm
- Thursday: 6:15pm-7:15pm
- Saturdays: Coming soon

Volunteers Needed for Local Community-Based Charity



Do you have a few spare hours a week and would you like to give something back to our older community and make a difference to their lives?

We are always recruiting volunteers; however, in particular, we are looking for people willing to drive their own cars or our minibuses.

The Car Scheme drivers provide transport to our members to various medical and personal appointments, and occasionally shopping too. Any fuel costs incurred are reimbursed.

Our minibuses are on the road almost every day with a dedicated team of volunteer drivers at the wheel. Our drivers go through a one-day driving course (MIDAS) before taking to the road. Working with a volunteer passenger escort, they pick up those who would otherwise not be able to get out and take them to lunch clubs, day trips, exercise class, and social events.

If you would like to join OAOP as a volunteer car or minibus driver, please contact the office on 01943 463965 or email info@otleyactionforolderpeople.org.uk

Otley Action for Older People



The Sarah Jackson Community Wish has now launched in Otley, embodying the spirit and legacy of a beloved community member, Sarah Jackson. Established in January 2024 it seeks to continue Sarah's legacy of kindness, compassion, and community service following her tragic passing in August 2023.

Sarah Jackson was more than just a member of the Otley community; she touched the lives of those around her with her warmth and generosity. In her memory, the charity has been created to carry forward her legacy.

The mission of the Sarah Jackson Community Wish is simple: to support and uplift the Otley community through acts of kindness, charitable giving, and community engagement. Whether it's supporting individuals, families, or organisations in need, the charity stands ready to lend a helping hand and give a little love.

Since its inception, the Sarah Jackson Community Wish has wasted no time in making a meaningful impact on the Otley community. From delivering Easter eggs and over £300 of essential items to the Otley Larder, Fish & Chips to the Otley Action for Older People Lunch Clubs, £1000 to the Otley Bereavement Group and £600 to replace vital equipment for Public Access Defibrillators in the town, the charity has already touched countless lives.

For more information and how to get involved, please visit sarahjacksoncommunitywish.co.uk or follow us on social media.



Royal Wharfedale Lodge

We are a Masonic Lodge, founded in1866, and meet at Westbourne House in Otley. We are just one of thousands of Lodges in the UK and across the world.

Freemasonry is a charitable organisation which has thrived for over 300 years and regularly pays out many donations to local and national charities every year.

Like all Masonic Lodges we encourage diversity in our membership, having members of all ages, walks of life and ethnic origins. We maintain strong traditions which encourage our members to participate in charitable events and to be tolerant and respectful to others.

We also love our social occasions and enjoy dining together in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, whilst developing lifelong friendships with laughter, loyalty, and dedication at the heart of our Freemasonry.

We are always looking for new members so, if you would like to learn more about us, please contact our Secretary at royalwharfedale1108@gmx.co.uk

WHAT'S ON AT OTLEY COURTHOUSE?



Saturday 8th June: **Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri** *(Tickets: £24)*

For over twenty-five years now Kiki Dee and Carmelo Luggeri have been touring their spellbinding acoustic live show across the UK and Europe. Join Kiki and Carmelo for an acoustic journey through their songs and stories.

Sunday 9th June: **The Not So Big Bad Wolf** *(Tickets: £9 Child, £11 Adult, £35 Family)*

Meet Little Red; adventurer, heroine and world-renowned "True Grimm" podcaster on a mission to debunk the myths around her nemesis 'The Big Bad Wolf'. Age Guidance: 4+

Sunday 9th June: **An Audience with John Sergeant** *(Tickets: £23)*

John Sergeant, the former Chief Political Correspondent for the BBC and ITN Political Editor, is widely regarded as one of Britain's most esteemed broadcasters and authors. Expect a witty and fascinating account of his life in politics.

Thursday 13th June: **Mark Thomas: Gaffa Tapes: Warm Up** *(Tickets: £16)*

In his time, Mark Thomas has won awards, forced a politician to resign and become Guinness Book of Records World record holder for the number of protests in 24 hours.

Saturday 15th June: **A Night of Queen - Performed by Killer Rhapsody** *(Tickets: £19)*

The Greatest Hits Tour. For over a decade, Killer Rhapsody have been blowing people's minds with the hottest and most riveting tribute to Freddie Mercury and Queen.

Thursday 20th June: **Science Café** *(Tickets: £6)*

At our Science Cafe, each speaker has a quarter of an hour to talk, then you, the audience, take over. Whether it's counting to infinity, curing tinnitus, or predicting the weather in space, no topic is off limits!

Saturday 22nd June: **Patrick Monahan: Exclusively** *(Tickets: £15)*

High-energy comedy meets hilarious material. Patrick works the room, makes an effortless connection and becomes everybody's favourite comedian!

Saturday 29th June: **The Searchers & Hollies Experience** *(Tickets: £24)*

The Searchers & Hollies Experience -`The Best of Both Worlds` - brings to the stage the magical hits of two of the biggest bands in the 60s and 70s era and features an incredible back catalogue of over 30 hit songs.

Sunday 21st July: **Sospiri Wind Quintet - 'The Brontes, A Musical Portrait'** *(Tickets: £14)*

The Sospiri Wind Quintet collaborates with composer Philip Henderson, known for works like The Far Pavilions and Giacomo's Muse. They're joined by opera soprano Valentina Diaz for the premiere of 'The Brontes – a Musical Portrait'.

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Dr Brighid Webster has lived in Otley for several years. For fifteen years before that she lived and travelled throughout Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Central Africa and Lebanon. Her book ***Paradise Square*** uses Walkergate Car Park in Otley as a launchpad, by which means she travels back in memory and imagination to these countries. This book of poetry draws parallels with these aforesaid lands and the car park - also detailing events happening within Otley. A launch of ***Paradise Square*** will take place in The Bookshop on the Square in early summer.

SUMMER FILMS AT OTLEY COURTHOUSE

Although Otley Film Society take a summer break, other films will continue.

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Movie Matinees

These (increasingly popular) films are screened on Thursday at 2.00pm - but turn up early and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit on us.



13th June (2.00pm): **The Great Escaper**

11th July (2.00pm): **Priscilla**

15th August (2.00pm): **Barbie**



Films for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day

In collaboration with Otley Town Council we are screening two films:

2nd June (2.00pm): **Saving Private Ryan**

6th June (7.00pm): **The Longest Day**

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National Theatre Live

Keep an eye on the Courthouse website, or put yourself on the mailing list for information about the National Theatre Live screenings that will take place over the summer.

Otley Film Society

Will be back in September with 18 great film on Thursday evenings at 7.45pm. Email: otleyfilmsociety@gmail.com to put yourself on their mailing list - and get all the latest information about how to sign up for next season.

Otley Choral Society Reflects on a Year of Changes and Success!



Otley Choral Society is just completing its season with a final concert at St Margaret's Church, Ilkley of the Great Mass in C Minor by Mozart.

The choir has worked on a wide range of material throughout the year; from Ethel Smyth's Mass in D to celebrating 300 years since Bach's St John Passion was first performed. The choir also said farewell to their director Jennifer Sterling but have been delighted to welcome Alex Kyle as their new Music Director, who has very quickly got to grips with conducting a large choral group through a fantastic performance of the Passion in March.

The choir would like to thank all their sponsors and advertisers who support the choir throughout the season, and to Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley Parish Church and The Bridge Church who have all provided a home for the choir for concerts or rehearsals.

The choir is proud of its strong links to the local community and is looking forward to the new season when rehearsals will start once again at Prince Henry's Grammar School on Tuesday 3rd September. New members are all very welcome to come and try us out!

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND

OTLEY CHORAL SOCIETY

100 Swift Nest Sites and Counting

Otley Swift Watch

It's Summer and our Swifts are back with us until early August. Keep eyes to the skies and ears tuned to their cries (nearly got that to sound good!). You may also see Otley Swift Watch volunteers patrolling Otley's streets, monitoring known nest sites and looking for new ones. So far, we have identified 100 buildings in our town that have nesting Swifts. If you have nesting Swifts and think we may not already know about them – or if you want to get involved in being a Swift Watch volunteer - please contact richardmarsh25@yahoo.co.uk

WHARFEDALE TALKING NEWS

Otley Talking News is growing. As Ilkley Talking News numbers have reduced, they have decided with regret to close, so rather than their remaining listeners losing their service, we have broadened our service to include them.

Now, as Wharfedale Talking News, we read both the Wharfedale Observer and the Ilkley Gazette, and make it available online and on memory sticks for all our visually impaired listeners.

We are delighted that some of the former Ilkley Talking News volunteers have continued to read and so we can now provide a monthly magazine, as well as our weekly Talking News. In addition, we send a selection of radio listings and of audio-described television programme and national stories from the Talking News Federation.

We would like to have more listeners and volunteers, especially 'recorders'. So, if you are interested contact us via email at info@otleytalkingnews.org.uk Or for more information see our website www.otleytalkingnews.org.uk

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HERITAGE DAY
AT OTLEY COURTHOUSE

Saturday 7th September 10.00am to 4.00pm

The theme for this year's national Heritage Open Day is 'Routes, Networks and Connections'.

Otley Courthouse and Otley Museum will present ***'Otley Connected and Disconnected'*** displaying a collection of photographs, documents and artefacts. The Museum volunteers hope to show the progress in Otley from pack-horse routes and cart tracks to Turnpikes and Toll Houses. The Victorians developed train lines, along with the "modern" internal combustion engine. The power of the horse became the power of steam and electricity benefitting the population with changes in agriculture and industry.



The newfound freedom of travel was due to the coming of the humble bicycle, charabancs, the omnibus, buses, trams and trains connecting Otley to all parts of the country and overseas.

The Museum exhibition will be open from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Otley Players will give two afternoon performances of a specially written play in the courtyard.

Courthouse volunteers will look at how the bridge and river flooding have affected the town by both connecting it to the area north of the river and being disconnected from it when the river is in flood. Pictures and recorded memories will bring this topic to life.

There will also be guided tours of the building every hour from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Booking is advised for these popular tours.

Back by popular demand is the 'Beat Walk', created by volunteers in 2018. Find out what it was like to walk a day and a night town beat in Otley between the years 1956 to 1968. Using memories from the Courthouse oral history project, walk round some of the beat and find out how local police worked before and after the introduction of radios. The Walk lasts one hour, and the distance is 1½ miles. The Walk will start at 1.00pm and group size is limited to 15. Booking is essential.

www.otleycourthouse.org.uk



OTLEY TOWN MAYOR'S NEWS

Otley Town Mayor Cllr Ray Smith has attended various events over the past few months including:

February

Prince Henry's Grammar School Annual Technology Exhibition
Reception for the Turin Shroud Exhibition at the Otley Bridge Church
The Official opening of the 3G sports pitch at Prince Henry's Grammar School
Prince Henry's Grammar School Sixth Form Art Exhibition

March

Otley and Ilkley Choral Society performance of Bach's St John Passion at Otley Parish Church
RAF Menwith Hill Spring Reception
Otley Business Awards evening
Plough Sunday Service at Ripon Cathedral

The Mayor's Charity for the year has been Otley Food Bank and the Mayor would like to thank everyone who has donated food to support local people in crisis and encourages you to continue to make donations. There are Food Bank donation points across Otley including, at Otley Core. A shopping list is available at collection points but items with a long shelf life are encouraged.

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

Otley Town Council run a Community Grant Fund to support community groups that are delivering projects, activities and events that benefit all or some of the residents within Otley. These are one-off grants made to organisations or groups that operate in Otley and have a significant number of Otley beneficiaries.

The Community Development Committee have allocated the annual budget for the next financial year and grant applications are now invited. Funding is limited in terms of available resource, so, even if your project is planned for later in the financial year, you are encouraged to apply as early as possible. The Community Grant Fund has no limit on how large a grant your group can apply for and larger amounts will be allocated for worthwhile projects. In the event of all the monies being allocated it will be announced that the Fund has closed.

Applications will be considered at the Community Development Committee on Mondays on the following dates:

8th July

11th November

10th February

All applications must be received at least one-week prior to the meeting. Please make sure you read the Application Criteria, Terms and Conditions before you apply. All application forms received that do not meet the criteria will not be considered by the Community Development Committee. If you require any assistance or guidance, please feel free to contact Nicola Woodward, Deputy Clerk at The Core on 01943 466335. Alternatively, email deputyclerk@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Casual Washroom Attendant £12.00 per hour

The Role

This is a casual role to fill in for holidays and absence of permanent staff members. On a cover basis you will undertake a range of cleaning activities to a set specification to ensure that Orchard Gate Public Toilets are maintained to a high standard.

Orchard Gate Toilets Opening Hours

- Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 4.30pm
- Market Days: Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 8am to 5pm.
- Farmers Market (last Sunday in the month) 8am to 1.30pm.

Hours of Work

- You will be required to cover shifts of up to five hours, as required, between the hours of 8am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday and occasional Sundays between 8am to 2pm.
- Flexibility will be required to occasionally cover for members of the team and for extended opening times for special events.

Benefits

- Full paid training will be given.
- Hourly rate of pay £12.00.
- Holiday pay pro rata to the number of hours worked.
- In the event of a permanent vacancy priority will be given to Casual Washroom Attendants.

Requirements

Whilst some experience of commercial cleaning would be an advantage this is not essential as full training will be given.

How to Apply

Application forms are available online at www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or via email admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone: 01943 466335.



Swim Splash Learn

Adult ONLY lane swimming every Friday evening at the Chippindale Swimming Pool, Otley (7.00-8.00pm). Cost: £6 per adult (cash only).

Also on Friday evening, adult only swimming lessons 7.00-8.00pm. We also run child swimming lessons from age 4+ between 5.30-7.00pm. To find out more, email swimsplashlearn@gmail.com or telephone 07734 424531.

YOUR OTLEY IMAGES

This feature 'Your Images of Otley' is intended to present your favourite photographs and images of Otley, be it past or present, landmarks or views, nature or wildlife or those little known places. If you would like to contribute to the feature, please send your photographs and name for credit to otleymatters@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk and we will endeavour to feature as many as possible over the upcoming editions.


'Chevin Maze' by Evie Sells


'Ginnel' by James Grimmitt

OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL MESSAGE BOARD

Joint Otley Town Council & Community Police Surgeries

Otley Town Councillors and the Community Police hold a joint Surgery every second Wednesday in the month at 11.00am until noon at Otley Core.

If you have any queries or issues you would like to discuss in a friendly and relaxed environment, why not call in for a chat? No appointment is necessary.



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.

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 on Fridays.

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 email admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Book the Box!



Otley Council takes bookings for the red telephone box in Market Place. Applications to use the space could be for engaging with residents, for promoting local community projects, for information giving or displaying items of interest and requests are welcomed from schools, local charities, or recognised community groups.

Applications supporting the arts, such as local artists creating a pop-up art gallery, or commercial organisations will also be considered. To find out more and details of how to book, please visit www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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



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-sized poster to admin@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk and we will display it 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 make a booking.

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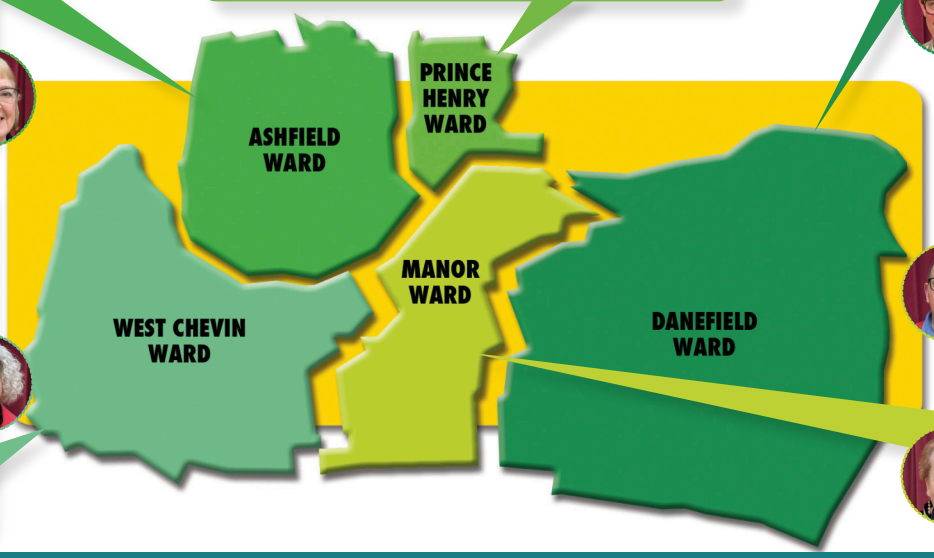
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Front row left to right: Cllr Sarah Hughes, Cllr Sylvia Thomson, Cllr Ray Smith (Town Mayor), Cllr Richard Hughes (Chair of Council), Cllr Penny Robinson (Deputy Town Mayor), Cllr Nigel Gill, Cllr Sue Stepan. Apologies given: Cllr Colin Campbell.

All councillors work in a voluntary capacity

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OTLEY TOWN COUNCIL LITTER PICK DATES

Date	Ward	Meeting Point
Saturday 8th June	Manor	Maypole, Manchester Square
Wednesday 19th June	West Chevin	Grove Hill car park, Ilkley Road
Wednesday 3rd July	Ashfield	Outside shops, The Parade, Weston Drive
Saturday 20th July	Prince Henry	Outside cafe, Wharfemeadows Park

All meeting times are 10.00am with the session lasting until noon.



TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS
June 2024 - August 2024

Policy & Resources Full Council	**3rd June 2024**
Planning	**10th June 2024**
Traffic & Transport Neighbourhood Plan	**24th June 2024**
Planning Community Development	**8th July 2024**
Audit Human Resources	**15th July 2024**
Policy & Resources Full Council	**22nd July 2024**

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.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK



Otley Town Council's *Otley Matters* community newsletter has been delivered to all households in the LS21 area since 1996. This quarterly publication arrives in March, June, September and December and provides local people with news and information on community groups, events and activities in the area.

Otley Matters is also available to pick up in locations around Otley and to read online at *www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk/community/otley-matters/*

Let us know what you think about your *Otley Matters*, and leave your ideas about features, topics and groups that you would like to read about in future editions. Please email: *oteymatters@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk*



ARTICLES FOR NEXT EDITION

To have your organisation, group or event included in the ***Otley Matters*** September 2024 edition please contact Jason Knowles for the editorial date in early July on 01943 466335 or email *otleymatters@otleytowncouncil.gov.uk*

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