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# £Millions pass by every year

## Why are we letting all that business fly past?

We've all seen vehicles queuing up to get into Wetherby Services. Just imagine if a fraction of those people visited Wetherby instead.



### Our hospitality businesses would do a roaring trade!

For Wetherby to prosper, this town needs to do much more to attract motorists. What about having 2 big signs on the A1, one in each direction? Look at the M62 where there are dozens of signs all along it on farmer's land, see page 2. Large ads would be very effective, especially when highlighting the large difference in fuel prices. See example below.

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**Wetherby Town** **P FREE**

**Save on FUEL**

Shell Logo      Morrisons Logo

Wetherby Whaler Logo      A Baker's Logo

**Food & Drink 35 Outlets**

A Pub / Restaurant      A Café's Logo

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The next is a 2 Page promotion for the full issue online

# A1 Sign Campaign



**Wetherby is in the perfect position** to be a rest stop for the thousands of vehicles that use the A1 every day.

**The A1 is one of the busiest roads in the UK**, one of only two going up to Scotland. Exactly half way between London & Edinburgh, it's no wonder Wetherby Services is so popular.

**Motorists need a simple reminder** that they can easily save £20 minimum if they fill up and have some refreshment in the town, instead of the Services. Other businesses would benefit too from the increased footfall.

**So why hasn't this been done before?** Maybe the Town Council or Wetherby Business Association can tell us. There may be good reasons.

*The M62 now has many advertisements on the sides of lorries from Lofthouse to the Pennines*



## Bad Idea?

**There are disadvantages to everything.** Perhaps you don't want the extra traffic and full car parks. It could lead to more accidents on the hazardous mini-roundabouts in Wetherby. More litter, more anti-social behaviour, maybe?

**We think the benefits would outweigh any harm it might do.** A thriving town can only be achieved with successful local businesses. If more money is spent in our cafes, pubs, restaurants and shops, this should eventually filter down and result in better town facilities. Tell us what you think.

**We will ask Wetherby Business Association, Better Wetherby Partnership Ltd, Welcome to Wetherby, all 15 Councillors and MP Alec Shelbrooke what they think about this campaign.**

**It's local shops and businesses who will benefit most, so please get involved. The main questions are: 'Who should fund it?' and 'Who should organise it?'** Email: [WetherbyFreePress@PM.me](mailto:WetherbyFreePress@PM.me)



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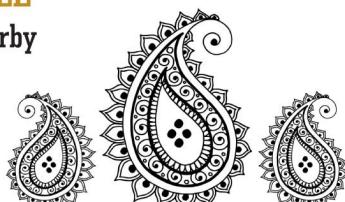
Read our reviews on TripAdvisor and follow us on Instagram and Facebook: [@mangowetherby](#)



## INTERESTED IN INDIAN COOKING?

Join one of our Masterclasses this year, taught by Chef Rekha. We have a range of classes available from Beginners, Advanced to Dosa, Diwali and Christmas Specials.

**Opening times:** Wednesday to Saturday. Lunchtime Service: 12pm - 3pm.  
Evening Service: 5pm till late (last booking at 8:30pm).



**MANGO RESTAURANT**

ESTABLISHED WETHERBY 2008

12-14 Bank Street,  
Wetherby LS22 6NQ

01937 585755

[www.mangovegetarian.co.uk](http://www.mangovegetarian.co.uk)

# TRANSPORT NEWS

Fuel prices for Unleaded: Correct on 12 Apr to nearest penny

Morrisons £1.63      Shell £1.68      Seacroft Tesco £1.57



## Changes to Harrogate Bus Company times for route 7 to Leeds / Harrogate

Driver shortages have forced H'gate Bus Co to cut half their half-hourly service on Saturdays to hourly from 10 April. They say: "The Saturday timetable will change to run every hour with first and last journey times remaining the same. Monday to Friday and Sunday times will remain similar to now."

## Comparison of Costs - Petrol Car & Bus

	miles	Petrol only Car Cost	Bus Cost
Leeds return	25	£4.52	£4
York return	26	£4.70	£7
Harrogate return	18	£3.26	£4* £4.70**

Car cost is calculated with average size car & average fuel consumption, petrol at 1.63p per litre

**Factors to bear in mind:** Car insurance, servicing, tax etc not included. Car parking difficulty and charges. More than one person travelling will make the car cheaper in most cases but there is a variety of bus tickets aimed at families, and tickets at the weekend in West Yorkshire are very competitive. No drink-driving when using the bus. Convenience & speed of car. Bus helps the planet!

\* Connexions  
\*\* Harrogate Bus Co



Each Trip just £1 after 7pm on First Leeds buses



Route X98/99

Mon - Fri

Sat

Sun

W'by Bus Sta to Lds

19.04, 20.10 ...

19.07, 20.07 ...

19.10, 20.09 ...

Leeds to W'by

21.03, 22.03

21.03, 22.03, 23.03

21.03, 22.03

*This is not an ad - we receive no payment from First*



Leeds North East - West Yorkshire Police

nel.npt@westyorkshire.police.uk

One Tweet from @WYP\_LeedsNE related specifically to Wetherby: 1 Apr - Wetherby PACT mtg on 5 Apr (4 days notice)

### Comparing Two Chief Constable's Use of Twitter

John Robins QPM DL

974 Tweets

Chief Constable of @WestYorksPolice. Please don't report crimes or incidents via twitter. Call 101 or 999 in an emergency.

© West Yorkshire westyorkshire.police.uk/node/37233 Joined May 2016

1,073 Following 4,998 Followers

Nick Adderley

22,7K Tweets

Chief Constable for Northamptonshire Police. Please do not use Twitter to report crimes or incidents. Use 101 for non emergency calls or 999 in an emergency.

...efconstnickadderley.wordpress.com Joined August 2011

9,022 Following 38.2K Followers

	John Robins - West Yorks	Nick Adderley - Northants
Followers	5,000	38,200
Original Tweets since 1 Mar	4	52
Responses to Jo Public since 1 Mar	0	16

Nick Adderley @NorthantsChief · Apr 8  
 Why thank you.

Martin Smith @SpursGrumpy · Apr 8  
 Replying to @NorthantsChief  
 What a knob!

We will ask Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorks for her views and how West Yorks Police can improve their communication by Twitter & Facebook to be more accountable to the public

A Contactable Chief Constable with a sense of humour!

# The Alec Shelbrooke Page

Alec.shelbrooke.mp  
@parliament.uk



Alec Shelbrooke, 46, has been our Conservative MP for more than 10 years. His basic salary is £84K. In the last election in 2019 he got 58% of our vote beating Labour by over 17,000 votes. He was a Remainer. From Dec '19 to Nov '21 he has voted 357 times (out of 392) and has never rebelled against his party whip.

Space on this page for Alec to inform us of anything he wants, unedited. Nothing sent.

Alec's Recent Tweets. He has 16,100 followers - No Tweets about Wetherby since 12 March



- 1 Apr - Retweet from Leeds East Conservatives, see right
- 8 Apr - Visited Garforth company
- 4 Retweets about Ukraine
- 10 Apr - In Athens representing UK at NATO meeting

We wonder if the Tweet of 1 April is anything to be proud of. Doesn't it show that more residents of Leeds are in poverty, if they need to use a Household Support Fund?

*After months of fence-sitting, Alec has at last informed his Twitter followers what he thinks about his leader and the Chancellor breaking the law. He does not say whether Boris Johnson has his full support. He says he 'won't defend the indefensible' but he thinks Boris should carry on.*

**MPs received a £2,200 pay rise on 1 April**



## Leeds City Council - Increase in Officers receiving Salaries over £100,000

The Taxpayers Alliance put in a Freedom of Information request and found that staff with salaries over £100,000 increased by nearly 50% between 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. The number receiving more than our MPs basic salary is 26. Meanwhile, £28M of services were cut from the budget that year.

## Wetherby Town Council - Spotlight on Cllr Galan Moss

We sent our questions (listed in Issue 12) to Conservative Cllr Moss and got no response.

The relevant details of his profile on the Town Council website are:

He moved to Wetherby in 1971. His daughters attended Crossley Street Primary School. He was part of Yorkshire Electricity Board's legal team. Gardening, walking and golf are his hobbies.

He helped with the working parties to renovate and reconstruct the weir and, in a separate project, the Wetherby St. James Scout Hut. He has also been a waterer for Wetherby in Bloom, served as a Governor at St James' CE Primary School for 5 years, played cricket for Kirk Deighton club and helped at Wetherby Athletic AFC.

He has been a Cllr since 2009. He currently sits on the Budgets, Finance & General Purposes, Planning, Property, Community Paths, Markets, Neighbourhood Planning and Community Infrastructure Levy Committees and is a Town Council representative to Wetherby Twinning Association and Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WISE).

He has disclosed no interests in the Register of Interests.

*The information above may be well incorrect (out-of-date), like other info we've found on the Council website. It is stated he is a rep for WISE when in fact he has not been for years.*

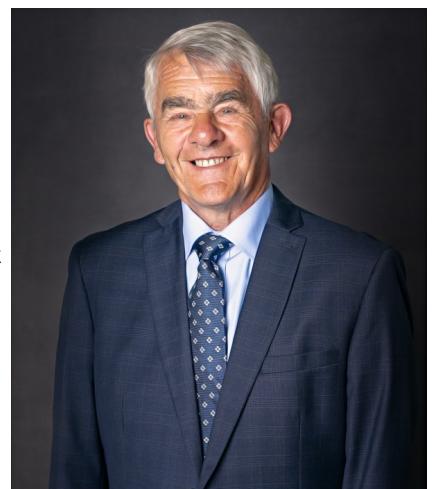


Image from Town Council website



Welcome to WETHERBY Town Council

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Town Council

Wetherby Town Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. A schedule of meetings for 2021 can be viewed [here](#).

A Dynamic Attractive Website Promoting Wetherby? Browser says it's 'not secure'

We're into Month 4 of 2022 and the Council website only shows a schedule for 2021 meetings.

This is an example of the low standards our councillors seem to accept. The website is constantly out-of-date. Who is responsible? For monitoring it too?

**General Town Council meetings** are monthly (2nd Tues)

**The last meeting** was on 12 April. No Agenda for this meeting was on the Council's website on 11 April.

**The next meeting is on Tues 10 May at 7pm**



**READING ROOTS**  
INDEPENDENT BOOKSHOP

As featured in  
The Sunday Times



## A Book Club with the Author!

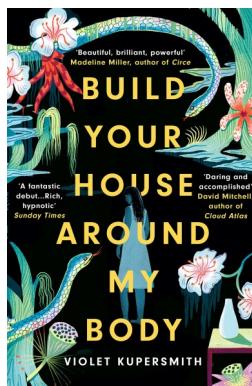
Reading Roots Bookshop runs a monthly book club (join in-person & online) where the author joins the conversation too!

Next meeting: Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> April, 7pm

### Build Your House Around My Body by Violet Kupersmith

Recently been longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction 2022

Simply buy the book from the bookshop (with a 15% discount) and get added to the list!



Market Place, Wetherby

01937 918140 [www.readingroots.co.uk](http://www.readingroots.co.uk)

## Wetherby Churches on the March Once More

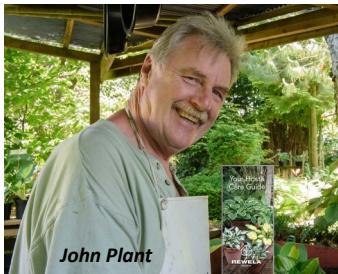
**Council Offices off Westgate at 11am.** This follows two years during which the event was prevented due to Covid-19 restrictions.

After opening prayers and meditation, the participants, who are from all the churches in the area, move to the Market Place to reflect on the events of Good Friday, before moving on to the Bridgefoot Gardens, where a final act of worship and remembrance takes place.



For more information, see the CTiW website at [www.ctiw.org](http://www.ctiw.org), or contact Chris Bishop on 01937 520424

## Boston Spa Gardening Society



A reminder for the talk by John Plant of Rewela Hostas,

a specialist Hosta grower

**on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April at the Deepdale Centre, Boston Spa**

**Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start**

The talk will cover how to grow and care for these unique plants including what to do about slugs! And there will be plenty of lovely plants for sale straight from his nursery in Skewsby.

New members, guests and old friends always welcome. For more details please see their Facebook Page or Nextdoor Forum. Contact Hazel Wicks on 01937 845954

# Spring Clean Your Path

## See the Difference!

Only

£1

per slab

Bleach used so  
weeds are killed  
and water not  
wasted



## Let's Make Wetherby a Brighter Place!

Call 07840 862861 or email [tourtowtrip@gmail.com](mailto:tourtowtrip@gmail.com)

20p per mile charged outside Wetherby



Churches Together in Wetherby & District (CTiW) are delighted to once again be holding a United Walk of Witness through Wetherby on **Good Friday (April 15)**. The walk starts at the old

After the walk, people from the different churches will share together in a simple soup-and-bread lunch at Wetherby Methodist Church on Bank Street. Donations in aid of the Ukraine Appeal will be invited.

A spokesman for CTiW, Chris Bishop, said, "Good Friday is one of the most significant and sombre dates in the Christian calendar worldwide: it celebrates the cruel crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died to redeem us from our sins. It is followed by the joy of Easter Sunday, when Jesus was miraculously resurrected by God and appeared to his disciples, signifying His triumph over sin and death and the gift of eternal life to all who believe."

Do you have a problematic pooch?  
Are you struggling with your dog's behaviour?  
Would you like help to overcome your dog's issues?

A brand new prime time Channel 4 series is looking for misbehaving dogs and their owners.

From small quirks to life impacting behaviour, we've assembled a team of the very best trainers in Britain to help you transform your dog once and for all.

To apply, please email: [gocademy@fivemilefilms.co.uk](mailto:gocademy@fivemilefilms.co.uk)



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around and the shop is based in one of the most iconic buildings in town. The façade proudly adds to Wetherby's market town heritage, and has been widely photographed and filmed over the years."

## Consumer Corner

### Shopping from the Internet, Phone or Publication

You can cancel the ordered item up to 14 days after you have received it. No reason is needed. After you have told the seller you are cancelling, you have 14 days to return it.

If the item does not arrive at the location agreed, you can ask for a re-delivery. Or you are entitled to a refund within 30 days of buying it.

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

### Misleading Special Offers

You bought a new car because it's a time-limited special offer. If it was a significant factor in your decision to buy but turned out not to be 'special' at all, then you may have a strong case. If the time element pressured you to buy, or the offer has been on for longer than the full price, then you should collect evidence and inform the retailer in a letter. West Yorkshire Trading Standards should be interested and may be able to help.

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No local law firm has so far come forward to write or sponsor this item, so Private Eye's favourite Messrs Sue, Grabbit & Runne are helping out!

Send us your experiences or queries to [WetherbyFreePress@pm.me](mailto:WetherbyFreePress@pm.me)



## Focus on a Local Business

### Ace Cards and Castlegate Stationery

Husband & wife team Nish & Liz Kanabar own both of these popular businesses located in Wetherby Market Place. Both stores are run by local people for local people. They have served the community for 13 years, having taken over Castlegate Stationery in 2009.

Nish says "We are passionate about our customer service in store and online, carrying over 15,000 products in store, including general stationery, books, computer ink, craft supplies and artist materials. We also have a framing service, and have framed 100's of treasured artworks, sports shirts, and pretty much anything that customers want to display."

He adds "Our stores are like stores used to be - friendly and welcoming, and most importantly 'Service with a Smile'."

The couple took over Ace Cards with style in May 2016. It is a Heritage business in the town, established in 1974 stocking greeting cards, social stationery and helium balloons for that special occasion. Liz says "We have the best range for miles

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# Hmmm! Is that true?

A sceptical resident, NM, doubted our claim to have 'thousands of readers' every month. It's good that people query anything written in these pages and we encourage it.

**Here is our explanation.** Each month we have 2 issues, one of which is the full printout of 1000. We hate wasting paper (and money) and would not order that many if it wasn't necessary.

**But let's say only half read it** (a minimum surely) and show it to one other person, that's a thousand. Plus there's the online readers for that issue.

**We know exactly how many people access the newsletter online** because the website host company provides those figures. It was well over a thousand for the Issues 14 & 15. So there's 2000+, hence our claim of 'thousands'.

**Readers and advertisers** can come and look at the figures themselves on the Editor's computer, if they don't believe us. Please get in touch.



**Wouldn't it be great if other publications**, like the Wetherby News (£1.90) were as open and told us how many people buy their paper every week? They must know these figures. This would help our MP Alec Shelbrooke and Wetherby organisations to know exactly how many people read their press releases. Perhaps other publications are not as influential as they think - readership of local papers has collapsed in recent times. You just have to see the lack of letters in the Wetherby News from Wetherby residents to see evidence of this.

**Many Wetherby organisations don't send us their press releases.** That's their decision but why would they not want free publicity? Could it be because we don't just accept what they say and will question it, especially if it involves public money.

Sadly, there are few papers that carry out proper investigative journalism nowadays. They can't afford it.

**All reasons for having an alternative, the Wetherby Free Press.** Disagree? Please tell us why.

**One thing we're pretty sure of** - the good, the bad and the ugly of this town do read our newsletter. Just to see if they are in it and anything libellous is printed!



## What's On

**Wetherby Racecourse Car Boot Sale** Easter Sunday & every Sunday, weather permitting. £1 entrance from 7am



**Wetherby Film Theatre**

[www.wetherbyfilmtheatre.com](http://www.wetherbyfilmtheatre.com)

### Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore



**Rating:** 12A

**Duration:**

2hrs 15mins

Professor Albus Dumbledore knows the powerful, dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald is moving to seize control of the wizarding world. Unable to stop him alone, he entrusts magizoologist Newt Scamander to lead an intrepid team of wizards and witches. They soon encounter an array of old and new beasts as they clash with Grindelwald's growing legion of followers.



**Operation Mincemeat**

**Rating:** 12A

**Duration:**

2hrs 8mins

It's 1943. The Allies are determined to break Hitler's grip on occupied Europe, and plan an all-out assault on Sicily; but they face an impossible challenge -- how to protect a massive invasion force from potential massacre. It falls to two remarkable intelligence officers, Ewen Montagu (Colin Firth) and Charles Cholmondeley (Matthew Macfadyen) to dream the most inspired and improbable disinformation strategy of the war -- centred on the most unlikely of secret agents: a dead man. Operation Mincemeat is the extraordinary and true story of an idea that hoped to alter the course of the war -- defying logic, risking countless thousands of lives, and testing the nerves of its creators to breaking point

# Happy Easter

Our Thoughts are with Ukraine



Got something to say?

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Write to us and we'll print it

# Sport

Leeds are looking a lot safer after a decisive 3 - 0 victory away at Watford. They have 33 points going into the Easter period, 9 points above the team at the top of the relegation zone but they have played two games more than Burnley.



Jack Harrison, left, scored the third against Watford

## All Remaining Fixtures

Crystal Palace v **Utd** on Mon 25 Apr at 20.00

**Utd** v Man City on Sat 30 Apr at 17.30 [sky sports](#)

Arsenal v **Utd** on Sun 8 May at 14.00 [sky sports](#)

**Utd** v Chelsea on Wed 11 May at 19.30 [sky sports](#)

**Utd** v Brighton on Sun 15 May at 14.00

Brentford v **Utd** on Sun 22 May at 16.00



**Harrogate** are 17th in League 2. Five games left.

**Town** v Swindon on Good Fri 15 Apr at 15.00

**Northampton v Town** on Bank Hol Mon 18 Apr

at 15.00

**Town** v Carlisle on Sat 23 Apr at 15.00



**York City** missed out on a trip to Wembley losing 3 - 1 to Bromley in the FA Trophy semi-final. So they can concentrate on winning promotion to the National League, one league below the Football League! They drew 2 - 2 at Chorley on 12 April and are still in the promotion zone. Seven games left.

**City** v Spennymoor on Good Fri 15 Apr at 15.00

Alfreton v **City** on Bank Hol Mon 18 Apr at 15.00

**City** v Gloucester City on Sat 23 Apr at 15.00

Chester v **City** on Tues 26 Apr at 19.45



The Rhinos need more players like Kevin Sinfield to dig in and win some matches. They lost a half-time lead against Huddersfield on 14 April and it ended 20-20

The Rhinos are second from bottom of Super League with 3 points

## April's Games

Castleford v **Rhinos** on Bank Hol Mon 18 Apr at 15.00 [sky sports arena](#)

**Rhinos** v Toulouse on Fri 22 Apr at 20.00

**Rhinos** v Hull KR on Fri 29 Apr at 20.00



## **Wetherby Races Next Meet**

Sun 24 Apr First Race 14.20  
[www.wetherbyracing.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyracing.co.uk)



## **Last Page Limerick**

There was a firefighter called Gerry  
Who came across smoke on a ferry  
With his expertise  
He doused it with ease  
With a bladder full of whisky & sherry



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If facts are wrong, we will apologise publicly and correct the error.

We quote directly to avoid any misunderstandings. We don't do spoken interviews – summarising what people say is a difficult skill and the interviewee will often not be happy with the result.

We encourage everyone to write to us with their views, whatever they are. People have died for our Freedom of Expression so never be afraid to use it. You, nor ourselves, can be sued for libel as long as what you say is

## **The Truth or Honest Opinion or in the Public Interest**

*People should think very carefully about these defences before sending unjustifiable threats to us. Trying to intimidate us without justification is bullying behaviour and will not be tolerated. Unjustifiable threats of legal action that are made more than once could be used in a criminal case of harassment.*

**the truth will win**

## **Useful Contact Info**

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Leeds City Council: 0113 222 4444 [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk)  
Facebook: Leedscouncil Twitter: LeedsCC\_Help

W'by Library: 583144 [libraryenquiries@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:libraryenquiries@leeds.gov.uk)

W'by Tourist Info: inside library 582151

W'by Leisure Centre: 0113 378 1265 [wetherby.lc@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:wetherby.lc@leeds.gov.uk)

W'by Health Centres: Hallfield Lane 585669  
Crossley St 543200

Buses: Connexions: 01423 339600 [www.connexionsbuses.com](http://www.connexionsbuses.com)

First Leeds: 0345 646 0707 [www.firstbus.co.uk/leeds](http://www.firstbus.co.uk/leeds)

Harrogate Bus Co: 01423 56 60 61 [www.transdevbus.co.uk/harrogate/](http://www.transdevbus.co.uk/harrogate/)

Metro: For all West Yorkshire bus times & all issues with bus stops, shelters and stations 0113 245 7676 [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)

W'by Social Media: Facebook: Wetherby Grumbler 22,600 members

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