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## Coop Lies to a Prominent Resident about Us

Last year a prominent Wetherby resident wrote to the Coop and asked them to reconsider their decision to stop displaying the Wetherby Free Press. She wrote that she regularly shops at the Ainsty Road store "and like so many local residents I am very disappointed that this store can no longer provide us with copies of the Free Press." She continued: "Being approximately 1 mile walk from the Town Centre many of us in North Wetherby are unable to walk this far."

Head Office replied that they stopped displaying it because the WFP had "published an article slandering one of the local charities we support." They go on to call us a "slandering publication" and that is why the decision would not be reversed.

Their statement is untrue. The WFP has never slandered or libelled anybody. Earlier this year we wrote to the Chief Executive of the Coop, copying in the Chair and said: "For your company to spread such a lie is an absolute disgrace. Your employee meant 'libel' not slander". We said the story they referred to contained facts and reasonable opinions based on those facts and that nobody has sued us for defamation, or even threatened to. We showed them the good work we do for the community and requested an apology and compensation.

The same person who wrote the offensive email responded. They said they are "deeply sorry for any upset this matter has caused, it was not our intention to cause any offence or distress." But they will not reverse the decision or support the WFP in any way, despite saying "the good work you do for your community sounds very positive".

We sent a further complaint to the Chief Exec, Ms Khoury-Haq about the way this complaint was handled, as we had no evidence that this employee had passed our complaint to his superiors (it was in that person's interest to keep this quiet). No response.



Shirine Khoury-Haq, CEO of Coop


### Comment

This case just shows that the ordinary person has no redress to justice. Anyone can tell a serious lie with impunity, unless the victim has deep pockets for a lawyer or the knowledge and contacts to take the transgressor on.  
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## Coronation Event cost £4500+

**What could our £4500 been spent on instead?**

Something permanent that improves things for more people?  
eg Plants for *Wetherby in Bloom* to win awards for the town  
Quality literature promoting the town eg food & drink



Richmond & Otley

Play equipment for children in our parks  
Or something for the less fortunate - how much food would £4500 buy for *Wetherby Foodbank*?

This is another example of our Town Council spending our money willy-nilly. Disagree? Write to us and we'll print it.



Sun 11 Jun Strata  
Sat 17 Jun Rockingham  
Sun 18 Jun Unite  
Sun 25 Jun Stannington  
2.30 - 4.30

Drighlington Band May 23



**Lucky Ducky Duck Food**  
at **CANCER RESEARCH shop**  
on **Sundays** **£1**

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**SPORT**

No Magic Result



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The Wetherby Business Association has not addressed any of the issues in our article last week. It appears that Chairman Jamie Hullah, wishes to have nothing to do with us (again). More unanswered questions in our secretive, silent town on page 7. Only story about the Wetherby area in the 8 June's so-called Wetherby News (£2) is about Walton.



Which type of insects are the best for renting out your room and how many? Tenants.

What do you call a place that makes products that are just good enough? Satisfactory!



One for the Over-50s

I'm only familiar with 25 letters in the English language. I don't know why.

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?

In case he gets a hole in one!



What's better than Ted Danson? Ted singing and Danson!

The Chairmanships of ALL committees except one were decided upon. *This seems suspicious. Was it to avoid a co-opted Independent being in charge of a committee? The same Conservatives in control as before means it is likely that standards will remain low, and non-cooperation with us will remain. The new Independent Councillor Ager-Mills is not chair of any of the 11 committees.*



This screen at Coronation Event cost us £1000+. See page 8

'Paths Maintenance' is to be a standing agenda item. *Why not buses, library, leisure centre, toilets, waste bins etc?*

There is an obvious error on item 26 23-24 *Why wasn't it spotted?*

No mention of the new £27K+ Communications Officer. *Why? Interviews should have taken place.*

The Town Council's 2022/23 Annual Report has still not been published online despite being printed over 3 weeks ago. *Why?*

Wetherby Town Council Mtg - May

There was no explanation or apology by the Town Clerk for why the minutes of April's meeting were put online so late.

Cllr Dawn Payne was elected as Chair of the Council to serve as Mayor of Wetherby. Cllr Mulhall is vice-Chair & Deputy Mayor.

Eight residents stayed after the Annual meeting for this one.

Cllr Chapman was the only councillor not present.

The Staffing Committee, and its members, were reappointed for a 4-year term from May 2023.

*Why did they not wait until they had a full council of 15 members before agreeing this? This is the committee that approved the massive expenditure on staff resulting in a massive 80% increase in our Council Tax precept.*



Wetherby's New Mayor, Cllr Dawn Payne, Conservative  
*Image may be 5+ years old as it's taken from Council website. According to the 'Register of Interests' Cllr Payne does not work. There is no information about work for the community or her interests, experience or skills on the Council website.*



Wetherby's New Deputy Mayor, Cllr Connor Mulhall, Conservative  
*He is Chair of 3 Town Council Committees including Planning! He seems very young to have much experience to carry out such an important role. He works in Telecommunications.*

**Artists Around Wetherby  
2023**  
24th and 25th June  
1st and 2nd July  
10am-5pm

Artists, designers and makers  
in Wetherby and nearby villages  
throw open their  
studios to the public

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

[www.instagram.com/artists\\_around\\_wetherby](https://www.instagram.com/artists_around_wetherby)

[www.facebook.com/artistsaroundwetherby](https://www.facebook.com/artistsaroundwetherby)



Visit our website  
Download the map  
plan your visit to see  
art in the making  
( available from May)

Artists Around Wetherby began in 2014 and was so popular that it was decided to make it an annual event. It is 2 weekends of art for the public to meet the artists and see them at work in their own studios.

**Wetherby  
Drovers Day**

Free Family Event

My LEEDS Summer  
Wetherby

Saturday 1 July  
Town Hall 11am - 5pm  
Bandstand 4pm -9pm



**Wetherby  
'The  
Drovers'**

**WETHERBY THE DROVERS**

**BRASS BAND MARCHING CONTEST**

Saturday 1st July 2023. 4pm 'till dark

Wetherby 'The Drovers' Brass Band Marching Contest, Saturday 1st July from 16:00 - All new to Wetherby in 2023. Your Hosts are ready to bring a Brass Band Marching Contest to the town for the first time. From 4pm around 16 bands are signed up and ready to compete and entertain the thousands of visitors. In the style of Lancashire's famous Whit Friday Marches we will bring you closed street marching, in a Yorkshire riot of Colour and up-beat sound along the length of Wetherby High Street and then down to Wetherby Bandstand for two further 'stood' tunes.

That's not all. The town's market square is closed for the food, drink, music and crafty exhibitions and sales for the whole afternoon. The theme is the Cattle Droving cultural history which brought, over the course of 200 years, helped to bring the developing markets town its prosperity and notable position mid route between Edinburgh and London on the Great North Road - You can read more about this on their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/events/3097359673895465/permalink/3097359693895463>

**Brass Band  
Marching  
Contest**

This year 30+ artists and makers will be taking part in the event which takes place on

- \* Sat 24 June & Sun 25 June
- \* Sat 1 July & Sun 2 July

Paintings, prints and cards will be on sale, as well as other items from members.

This year all studios provide refreshments for a donation to their chosen charity which this year is St George's Crypt in Leeds.



*"Our artists are supporting St George's Crypt - an award-winning charity that has been helping the homeless, the vulnerable and those suffering with addiction since 1930"*

# TRANSPORT NEWS



**Bramham Horse Trials** has started and it ends on Sun 11 June. Traffic queues and delays to bus no. 7 are possible.

**Cost of Unleaded** *Correct on Thurs 8 June to nearest p*

Shell £1.47 Morrisons £1.45

Sainsbury's Harrogate £1.42

Diff b/w Shell & H'gate to fill av tank is £2.75



## Enjoy the Best Views of the Dales from a Bus

Sundays & Bank Hols 874 direct to Ilkley, Bolton Abbey, Grassington, Kettlewell & Buckden until 22 Oct '23



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**Rover Ticket £10**

**Family £18**

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[www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org)  
TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR THE YORKSHIRE DALES

@DalesBus

**Wetherby Bus Sta. 8.35**  
**Rigton Bank 8.41**  
**New Inn, Scarcroft 8.44**

Or catch 7 to Harrogate at 9.44 then 24 to Pateley Bridge at 10.20 then 822 to Grassington (double-decker) at 11.15 or 821 to Scar House Res. at 11.15



Timetables Onboard & Library

**££ Single Bus Fares £2 on most buses until 31 Oct 33**

## Chaos Coming to Wetherby? Harewood Bridge closing

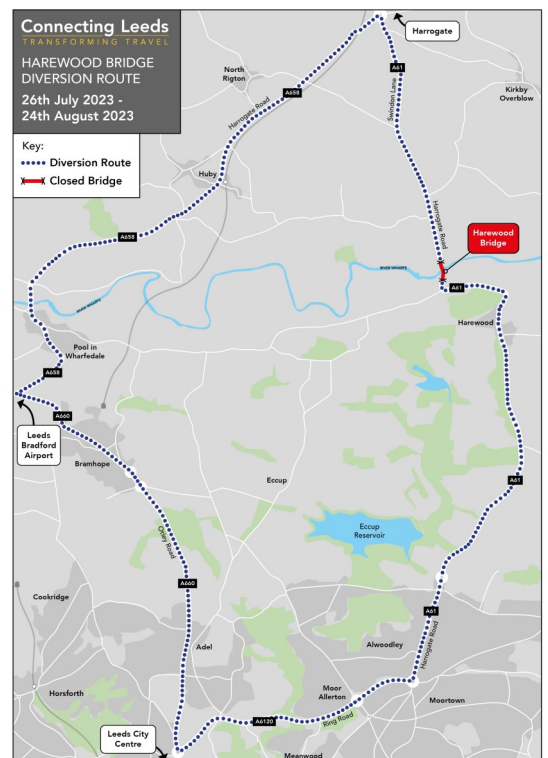
Leeds City Council: "The historic Grade II\* listed Harewood Bridge carries the A61 Leeds to Harrogate road across the River Wharfe at Harewood. The important crossing sees 17,000 vehicles use it each day. The closure and works are planned to coincide with the school summer holidays, with reduced levels of traffic. The council will carry out waterproofing, resurfacing and footpath repair works. The previous work carried out temporary repair patches to extend the longevity of the carriageway, but now unfortunately these repairs can no longer continue without fixing the underlying problem."

These works will take exactly 4 weeks - Wed 26 July to Thurs 24 Aug.

*The City Council can't spell Wharfe correctly.*

*Why do they think motorists will take that long diversion route? Surely they are more likely to go through Wetherby to get to Harrogate or Leeds.*

*The least we can expect is more fun and games at Wetherby bridge mini-roundabout.*



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## Councillor Criticises Council

Cllr Norma Harrington, right, Conservative, has criticised Leeds City Council (Labour) for 'not being transparent and not involving the local community'.

*We nearly choked on our cornflakes with this one. Should it come under*



*we wondered?*

*The irony of this statement is astounding, when Cllr Harrington is a member of one of the most unaccountable and non-consulting councils in the country - Wetherby Town Council.*

*In almost every issue of the Free Press, including this one, we have asked simple, reasonable questions because the answers are not in minutes of meetings, official publications, or on their incomplete and unattractive website.*

*Cllr Harrington, her colleagues and Town Council staff have ignored most of the questions and provided robotic unhelpful answers to the rest.*

*At least Cllr Harrington knows the frustration of being ignored and when there's no transparency. She may now feel more inclined to address the serious issues of openness and accountability closer to home.*



Got an opposing view? Tell us, we'll print it unedited.

## Wildlife of Wetherby

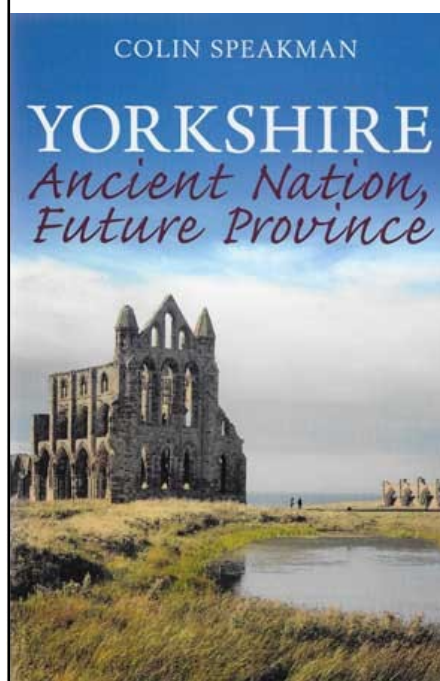


**Tortoiseshell**

*Paul Kirby*

*Sadly not seen many butterflies so far. This one is among the most well-known in Britain. The striking and attractive patterning and its appearance at almost any time of the year in urban areas have made it a familiar species. It is one of the first butterflies to be seen in spring and in the autumn it often visits garden flowers in large numbers. It is one of our most widespread species. Source: [www.butterfly-conservation.org/](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org/)*

## Book of the Month



Local Author, Colin Speakman, has produced



THE book for all Yorkshire Lovers, as well as those who are simply interested in the largest county in England. It's simply a darned good read and a few common-sense opinions are put forward for good measure. Colin sees the need for improved infrastructure and transport, as populations outside the big cities increase (in towns like Wetherby).

Available now  
in  
**Reading Roots  
Bookshop**



# Annual Town Council Meeting



The Town Clerk, Iona Taylor, has not yet apologised for the wrong time for this meeting on their website calendar. Nor has she responded to our other points made in the last issue.

## Zero Interest Last Year - More This Year

Last year no residents attended and the meeting started at 7.30pm. This year it was better attended, about 10. *Not surprising after an 80% increase in Council Tax precept this year.*

A Reader (AR) who attended has written to us with their experience.

## Unfriendly and No Introductions

Arriving at the meeting, AR says they were rather anxious seeing so many people there and "Nobody said hello, I didn't know where to sit, it was not a friendly atmosphere. The room was laid out with tables and chairs in a square with further tables around the room. When I saw this arrangement through the door, my stomach dropped and I nearly left. The Agenda and the Annual Report 2023 were on some seats and there was pile on the table. They did not provide the minutes for the last Annual Town Meeting. Nobody spoke to each other. We all sat in silence until the Mayor opened the meeting."

AR says "None of the Councillors introduced themselves. Many did not speak either". *This is what needs to change. Being a Councillor is a responsible role and it seems many are not even willing to introduce themselves, let alone tell us their opinions or provide us with useful information. It all sounds very amateurish and unprofessional.*

## AR says Questions from Residents were about:

- how they would measure whether the new Facilities and Communication posts were value for money
- why residents were not informed that the Mercure Hotel was going to be housing Afghan refugees
- why many businesses are closing down or moving out of Wetherby

## Workshops with Public? Suggestion from Cllr Mulhall

Cllr Mulhall suggested that the Annual Meeting was held more regularly. AR says: "When there was no response, he offered to hold workshops with residents to help understand their issues and to discuss the matters that arose further. How he will contact the residents to arrange these workshops, I don't know."

Cllr Harrington joined the meeting at 45 minutes after it started. AR says "I smiled at her but she glared at me and we've never met. She spoke a few things to clarify a few points. She's used to public speaking."



Cllr Mulhall -  
Offer of Workshops

## Every Single Wetherby Request Rejected by Leeds?

Cllr Harrington said that every year each Leeds City Councillor is asked to provide a list of objectives for funding and each time they are refused. She says she gave them 50 objectives last year and each one was refused. AR wondered if this list is published anywhere, and whether LCC have a complaints process where Councillors or residents could lodge a complaint. It was implied that this is because Leeds City Council is led by Labour. *This list should be released to the public by Cllr Harrington so that we can judge whether it contains the priorities of residents or those of councillors, and whether they were rejected for good reason. It is hard to believe that politics play such a large part in Wetherby getting less funding, if indeed we do get less funding (fact or popular myth?)*

## Minutes Published in a Year!!

AR says "It is ridiculous that this meeting is only held annually. You don't find out the outcome of any actions from the meeting until the following year." *We agree, it is absurd to wait a year before the 99.9% of Wetherby non-attending residents can find out what was discussed and agreed at the meeting. Who benefits from such a long time? Not residents, that's for sure. But that's democracy for you, folks.*

## Un-professionalism, non-communication, unhelpfulness ...

Finally, AR says "There are so many people who prefer to stick their head in the sand and others who will moan a bucketful but don't do anything. There are so many people not doing their jobs properly in so many areas; un-professionalism, non-communication, unhelpfulness, unkindness, hiding behind processes and procedure..."

*Please write to Councillors or the Town Clerk if you want change.*



**Still no images of any Town Hall staff on their awful website, even in the "Who Does What?" part.**

*Why the anonymity when councils like Otley have had their staff details on their website for years?*

**Still no party allegiance or individual councillor email addresses either.**

*This lack of basic information is disgraceful.*



*Let's hope our new Town Councillors can raise standards!*

The town's public servants who work for us and are paid out of our taxes are: Iona Taylor - Town Clerk, Barry Riley - Deputy Town Clerk, Stephen Cohen - Facilities Manager, Burials Manager - Margaret Holmes (ex Deputy Clerk), Operations Manager - ? Communications Officer - ?

# Local Democracy Page - Our MP & Councillors

**Alec Shelbrooke has been our Conservative MP for 13 years since May 2010.**

*In the last election in 2019 he won 58% of our vote beating Labour by over 17,000 votes. He was a Remainer. From Dec '19 to May '22 he has voted 467 times out of 560 (83%) and has rebelled once against the party whip (Mar '22). He refused to inform his constituents whether or not he supported Boris Johnson in the No-Confidence Vote. He was a strong supporter of Liz Truss in the Leadership Battle. She promoted him to an MoD Ministerial post in Sep '22, which he then quit / was sacked within 2 months.*



Very Old Photo Alec still uses on Facebook

## Space for Alec

**Nothing received**

**Unedited (max 400 words)**

**alec.shelbrooke.mp@parliament.uk**



Penny at Leeds Civic Hall

Penny Stables is our new Green Party Leeds City Councillor having beaten Conservative Linda Richards by 1000 votes in the recent election. She has sent us a list of her priorities:

- \* Trying to prevent a 5G telecoms mast from being sited at the top of Spofforth Hill outside a residents house
- \* Examining the Lidl proposal & the Church Street development, Boston Spa
- \* New Accessibility Group for Boston Spa
- \* The future of the Wetherby to Knaresborough bus
- \* Bus reliability and frequency
- \* Resident parking issues on Westwood Way & Lee Avenue, Boston Spa
- \* Grass cutting regimes

- \* Housing issues
- \* Bins not collected & over-flowing
- \* Ladies toilets in the Shambles - I have asked for repairs and a deep clean - should be happening imminently, if not done yet.

Penny says she is also trying to help improve the lives of the Afghan Refugees currently in the Mercure Hotel, by helping them to access items such as bikes, sewing machines, laptops, and link them up with community groups.

*We wish Penny well and will report her progress.*

If Cllrs Lamb & Harrington want to send us their lists, we will gladly publish them.



Overflowing Bin opp Leisure Centre this June

## Silent Wetherby - A Town of Unanswered Questions



*Residents deserve to know the answers to these questions so we will keep asking them.*

*Residents can also put pressure on those who (should) know the answers to tell us (in brackets)*



- 1 What was the cause of the Market Place Bus Crash in July 2021?** (Harrogate Bus Company, Town Councillors, MP)
- 2 Why aren't important public facilities, like the Library, Buses, Leisure Centre, Bins & Bin Collections & Toilets regular agenda items at Wetherby Town Council meetings?** (Wetherby Town Councillors)
- 3 Why has nothing been done about vehicles blocking the bus station exit since Dec 21?** (Leeds City Councillors, Metro/WYCA)
- 4 Why has our dull, grey Town Council website ([www.wetherby.co.uk](http://www.wetherby.co.uk)), which lacks basic information, not been updated or improved for many years?** (Wetherby Town Clerk / Councillors)
- 5 Why have the majority of our Conservative Town Councillors refused to tell us about their relevant interests, experience & abilities, and about their actual work as a Councillor since WFP began?** (Wetherby Town Councillors)
- 6 Why is the Inspector of our North East division of West Yorkshire Police, Richard Horn, totally anonymous without a photo available of himself online?** (Chief Constable John Robins & Mayor of West Yorkshire Tracy Brabin)
- 7 Why doesn't Inspector Horn respond to residents' crime issues raised in Wetherby's comprehensive news source, WFP?** (Chief Constable John Robins & Mayor of West Yorkshire Tracy Brabin)

*There are many more unanswered questions we will ask in future issues.*

*If you know any of the answers, please inform us.*



**Two police vehicles in Wetherby at same time on 6 June!**





# We dare to Say What We See!

SEE IT. SAY IT. SORTED.

Thank you for your photos.



Wetherby



Wrexham  
Towns with Imagination & Pride



When will the Town Council (Welcome to Wetherby), Wetherby Business Association (with 10s of £1000s in the bank), Property Agents & Owners get together and make this town look more attractive?



Harrogate

There are creative people in the town who would, no doubt, love to use these public spaces. *Artists Around Wetherby* (on page 3), for example. There's *Wetherby Camera Club* too. And any would-be Banksys, like the blue tit artist underneath the A1(M). The examples above give a poor impression and let us all down, especially volunteers like those in *Wetherby in Bloom* who put so much time and effort into making the town look lovely and welcoming.

## Coronation Event cost £4500+

### The Facts

The Council's own image showing 200 people max at peak period



- ◆ No Consultation - with Residents
- ◆ No Discussion - about Value for Money afterwards
- ◆ Poor Attendance - a tiny percentage of W'by taxpayers
- ◆ Failure of *Welcome to Wetherby* - to "arrange a fancy dress event" because "the organisations contacted did not submit any proposals"
- ◆ Context - this Conservative Council forced through an 80% increase in Council Tax precept in a cost-of-living crisis

Comment on Coop cont'd

Apparently saying someone has libelled/slandered somebody when they haven't is not automatic defamation itself!

An apology from a junior employee who doesn't know the difference between 'libel' and 'slander' is not good enough. **The Coop should be ashamed** of the way they have treated the Editor & the Free Press. They have made a false judgement without even contacting us to check the facts first. Disgraceful.

**Before this incident we had always held the Coop in high regard** and thought they were very much part of the community. Their actions here suggest otherwise. The Wetherby shop staff were very supportive and have nothing to do with their management's decisions.

This is an example of the country we live in, folks. Civil law does not exist to help ordinary people, like us. It is there to let those in authority or with money carry on with little fear of penalty. We still have our Freedom of Expression though (but only just!).

**If anything derogatory is said about us, please check with us for the facts. Defamation is a serious offence, even if our only redress is to expose liars in these pages.**

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# Beer Festival

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Chocolate fudge brownie stout.



JOLLY YORKSHIRE PALE ALE  
JOLLY BOYS BREWERY  
4.8% ABV

Crafted with Mass Otter Pale malt, Light Crystal malt to add colour and caramel, butterscotch notes. Hops - Chinook - west coast US - citrusy clean bittering hops. Cascade - Citrusy, zesty flavouring aroma. Simcoe - Citrusy, zesty flavouring and aroma. Columbus dry hopped for flavor and aroma. A well balanced (malt and hop work well together). US west coast style Pale Ale.



MYSTIC MEG  
WILDE CHILD BREWING COMPANY  
3.7% ABV

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CROWN BEST BITTER  
STOCKPORT BREWING COMPANY  
4.2% ABV

Amber - Fruity - Smooth



THE EAGLE HAS LANDED  
EAGLES CRAG BREWERY  
4.8% ABV

Amber coloured bitter brewed with Cascade, Chinook and Simcoe American hops. Pilsner and floral hop flavours with excellent balanced malts.



CUTTING EDGE  
STOCKPORT BREWING COMPANY  
3.8% ABV

Copper - Malty - Bitter



THE GOLDEN EAGLE  
EAGLES CRAG BREWERY  
5.0% ABV

A golden IPA with citrus hop flavours from Centennial, Columbus, Cascade and Citra, giving a refreshing citrus aroma and flavour profile perfectly balanced by the malts.



BYB - BEST YORKSHIRE BITTER  
CRAVER BREW CO  
3.8% ABV

A well balanced Yorkshire session bitter brewed using a blend of the finest traditional malts.



RED GEM  
PENNING BREWING CO  
4.1% ABV

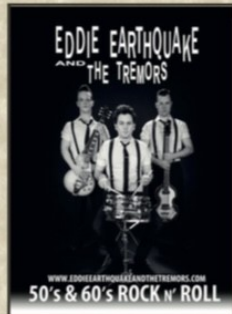
Strawberry Ruby. This Gem of a beer is brewed to produce characteristic of strawberry, blackberry for a real fruit experience.

Friday

7.00PM



9.00PM



Saturday

9.00PM



Saturday

2.00PM

Open Mic



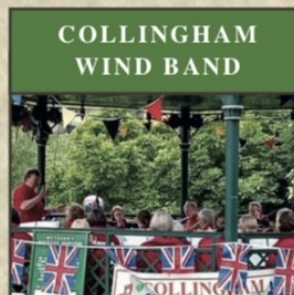
with the  
Shedheads

7.00PM



Sunday

1.00PM



4.00PM





It wasn't to be. After only 3 years in the Premier League, Leeds United were relegated.

They lost 4 - 1 at home to Spurs and went down with Leicester. Tiny Luton Town take their place with a ground holding only 10,000.

It perplexes the Editor how a team with such a large,

devoted fanbase, excellent training facilities and a glorious history cannot stay in the top league. And they are the only team in the city - others like Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham & Nottingham can



sustain two. Why does success currently elude them? The area needs the prestige of a premier team doing well but maybe the city itself bear some responsibility, with its lack of imagination and basic modern transport infrastructure ie a tram network.

Sadly, big name footballers in Wetherby will be a rarer sight now.

**The Magic Weekend at St James Park, Newcastle was a superb festival of rugby league but mostly ignored by TV news, local and national.** You wonder what the RFL pay their press/marketing team for.

37,000 attended the first day.



*Opherts in Strange Kit*

Leeds were paired with Castleford Tigers and hit the ground running with an easy try after 5 minutes. A see-saw tussle saw Leeds stretch their lead to 8 points soon after the break. But the Tigers, second-from bottom of Super League weren't

done yet. A great passing movement gave them the lead for the first time which they managed to keep along with the 2 points. Leeds lost 24 - 26.



*Happy Tigers Fans*

Wakefield v Rhinos on Sun 11 June at 15.00

Rhinos v Huddersfield Giants on Fri 23 June at 20.00 **sky sports**

Warrington Wolves v Rhinos on Thurs 29 June at 20.00 **sky sports**

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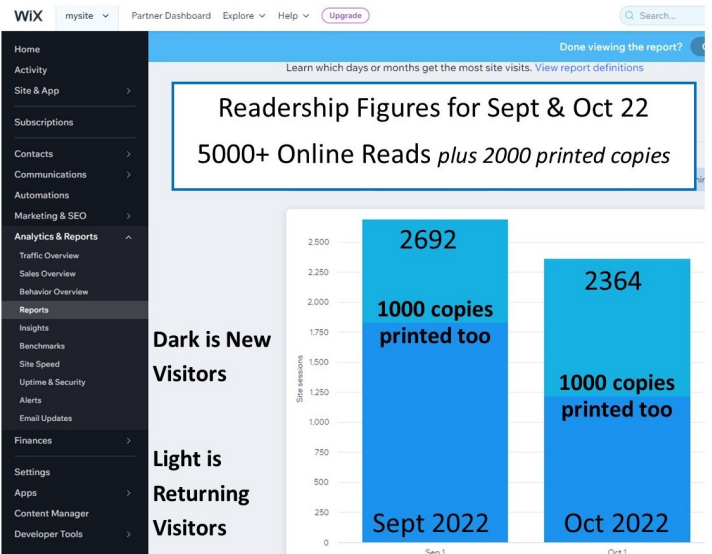
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