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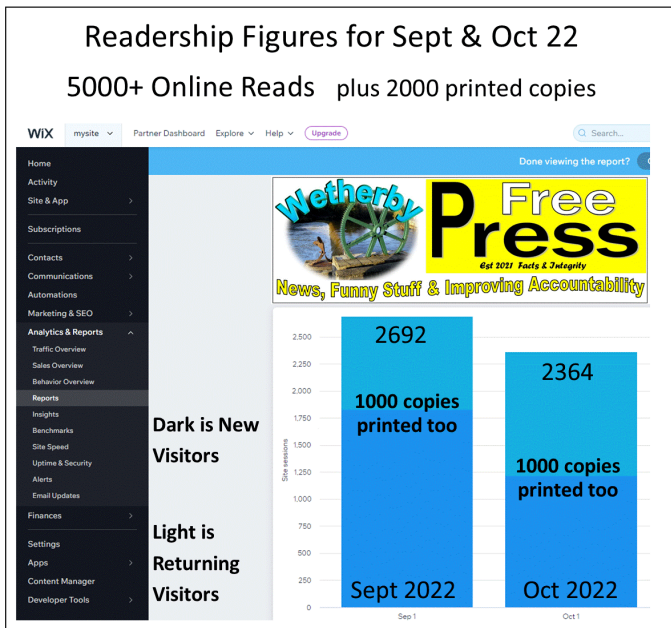
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Your 'Marxist Rag'



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Thank you for making our little organ of free speech such a success. The 1000s of online views prove that people do want to know what is going on. We are the only publication that is independent and allows people to say whatever they want. As well as trying to make you smile and give you important information, we try to shine a light on:

- Laziness * Stupidity * Incompetence * Low Standards
- Unaccountability * How Our Money is Spent
- Hypocrisy * The Ridiculousness of Life

You can be assured that all those in senior positions in this town read it, too. So don't be afraid to tell them what you think. Some would prefer us not to exist because they don't want embarrassing facts or opposing opinions to be publicised. Censorship is what happens in authoritarian states, like Russia and North Korea. Surely no one wants that. (Reason for September's high figures: Wetherspoons)

We expect criticism, it's normal. We love free speech and critics can say the newsletter is rubbish, and that's fine - it's just an opinion. We've printed such views



Marxism

[märk-si-zəm]

A social, political, and economic philosophy named after Karl Marx. It examines the effect of capitalism on labor, productivity, and economic development and argues for a worker revolution to overturn capitalism in favor of communism.

before on our front page! But when critics say something specific, they need to back it up with some evidence. Recently, we were called a 'Marxist rag' on a Facebook post (started by Wetherby Ward Cllrs). Once we'd stopped laughing, we asked the person to explain this bizarre remark. We haven't done a degree in politics and have no idea what Marxism is, or what they think it is. We're pretty sure the comment was meant as an insult, though. Just one example of Marxism from our newsletter may have clarified matters, but our critic did not reply. We offered them free space to explain, without any editing or comment by us. Nothing sent.

We are not in the business of embarrassing people so we will not name the person. They work at one of Cllr Lamb's businesses which may or may not have some bearing on the matter, who knows.

Speaking generally, many people think they can say what they want with no consequence. They should be careful if they have no evidence to back up what they say. They will simply look foolish.

Bit of advice - never post in anger, leave it a few hours at least.



Very Interesting Nov Town Council Mtg - Minutes only made available evening before publication. Full details in next WFP. http://www.wetherby.co.uk/_UserFiles/Files/_Other/152740-WTC_Combined_Meeting_Documents_-



The at risk 412 Wetherby York bus will run until 31 March '23

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TRANSPORT NEWS

Cost of Unleaded Correct on Thurs 8 Dec to nearest penny

Shell £1.65 Morrisons £1.62 Morrisons H'gate £1.56
 Difference b/w Shell & H'gate to fill av tank of 55 litres
 is **£4.95**



Strong Words by Cllr but what progress?

Cllr Linda Richards has described bus provision in Wetherby as 'appalling'. A strong word and a generalisation covering all 3 bus companies and every service. What if the WFP was to say Leeds City Councillors are appalling. Some, no doubt, are but the conscientious, hard-working, competent ones would feel rightly aggrieved at tarring them all with the same brush.

She says she is in almost daily contact with Transdev boss, Alex Hornby. Alex continues to write a column in the Harrogate (Wetherby News) but does not inform WFP about what he is doing to address reliability problems here.

There is still no report on any meetings our councillors have had with the Mayor of West Yorkshire (responsible for transport) or senior Metro / WYCA staff, all of whom have a responsibility to listen and take all views into account.

If anyone hears of any concrete developments, please inform us.



Why no mtg with Tracy Brabin?

Shelter Repaired

Credit to Metro, the Transport Authority for quickly clearing the glass from the vandalised bus shelter on Hallfield Lane. And we



are pleased to report they replaced the glass within a couple of weeks too.



More X98/99 Trips to Estate

Transdev changed the timetable of the X98/99 to Leeds on 20 Nov.

The new one actually improves the service! Who knew? Weekdays there are 4 more buses going from Wetherby to Deighton Bar weekdays, 2 more on Saturdays and 1 on Sunday.

The printed timetable more detail on the map, informing us that there's a 1.2 mile walk to the racecourse and a 7 minute walk to St James hospital.

They have also added Oakwood Clock as a timing point.

We are pleased to inform you of these improvements, though bemused as to why Transdev did not inform passengers themselves.

Timetables available at the library & Leeds bus station.



The X98 on its way to the Ainsty Road / Aire Road estate

Blast from Past - Card sent to First Buses by Editor in 2005



Christmas Eve, Sat 24 Dec

Saturday service - gradually reduced from 1800 with no services after 2000.

Christmas Day, Sun 25 Dec

None except Black Prince X51 (Morley - Leeds - St James's University Hospital)

Boxing Day, Mon 26 Dec (introduced thanks to the Editor 's campaign in 2014)

Special timetable for X98. See right

Bank Holiday Tues 27 Dec Sunday service

Wed 28 to Fri 30 Dec Saturday service

New Year's Eve, Sat 31 Dec

Saturday service - gradually reduced from 1800 with no services after 2000.

New Year's Day, Sun 1 Jan 2023

None except Black Prince 87 (White Rose Centre - Morley)

Bank Holiday, Mon 2 Jan 2023 Sunday service

Boxing Day:

- Wetherby bus station
- Collingham Old Star Garage
- Red Hall Red Hall Lane
- Leeds rail station stand D

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- Oakwood Gledhow Wood
- Red Hall Red Hall Lane
- Collingham Old Star Garage
- Wetherby bus station

X98	X98	X98	X98	X98	X98	X98	X98	X98	X98
0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1705	
0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	
0924	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	1524	1624	1724	
0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755	

X98	X98	X98	X98	X98	X98	X98	X98	X98	X98
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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR BUS TIMES



Local Democracy Pages - Our MP & Councillors

Alec Shelbrooke has been our Conservative MP for 12 years since May 2010. His basic salary is £84K (£2K rise in Apr '22).

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.

Space for Alec

Unedited (max 400 words)

alec.shelbrooke.mp@parliament.uk

Nothing received



Alec often seen on a minority news channel

In Issue 32 we told you that Alec prefers to talk to minority news channels instead of his constituents who read the WFP. Private Eye (£2.99) told us why that might be. He is one of 5 MPs who have earned between them more than £23,000 for appearing on Talk TV. A nice little extra earner in these tough times.



Since Rishi Sunak became PM, Alec has not tweeted anything about Wetherby (to 8 Dec).

Since our last Issue 2 weeks ago, he has tweeted 3 times to his 17,000+ Twitter followers (to 8 Dec).

He tweeted more than 250 times his support of Liz Truss in a 2-month period this year.

A very inconsistent use of Twitter by our MP.



Cllr Linda Richards

Cllr Alan Lamb

Cllr Norma Harrington

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norma.harrington@leeds.gov.uk

Space for Cllrs Richards, Lamb & Harrington (& other Cllrs or their Supporters)

Unedited (max 400 words)

Nothing received

Town Council & All Councillors Continue to Ignore Reasonable Questions

Following our last issue, we asked our local representatives and Iona Taylor, Town Clerk questions, including:

- * *Would you consider promoting the town with the best fed ducks in the world? Eg display boards with information about birds. Educational and interesting. Page 1 & 5*
- * *Will you support the 'Wetherby Deserves Better' campaign?*
- * *Will the Ward Cllrs inform us about their meetings with WYCA/Metro regarding buses? Will they also put it on their @WetherbyCllrs Twitter feed?*
- * *Why did Cllrs vote against the river pollution motion (page 3)?*
- * *Why Cllrs dont use the @WetherbyCllrs Twitter feed to inform residents, instead of their own?*
- * *Why Cllrs / Town Council have not explained anywhere the reason for advertising town hall posts internally only? This is a very serious issue of transparency.*
- * *Will Town Council / Welcome to Wetherby take any action on making empty shops look attractive, as suggested in P5 article?*



No response. They continue to be totally unaccountable to a resident of 30+ years and readers of this newsletter ie you. They also fail in their duty to record accurately the correspondence they receive in the minutes of the Town Council mtgs. If this ignorance continues, we will have no choice but to make an official complaint against Wetherby Town Council.

VERY Interesting Minutes of Nov's 3 Council mtg - Read in Next WFP

Democracy Extra !

Proposed Parliamentary Constituency of "Wetherby and Easingwold"

Who knew? We are grateful to resident Sue Turner, who informed us of this major change a few days before the Final Consultation ended on Mon 5 Dec.

The area would change from all West Yorkshire to mostly North Yorkshire in area and population. This means the MP would have to deal with 2 Councils, 2 hospital areas etc etc with constituents' problems instead of just one.

- * Why have we heard nothing about this recently from the professional media?
- * Why have we heard nothing about this from our Conservative MP or Councillors?

A cynic might say it was because North Yorkshire is mainly conservative and the party would benefit.

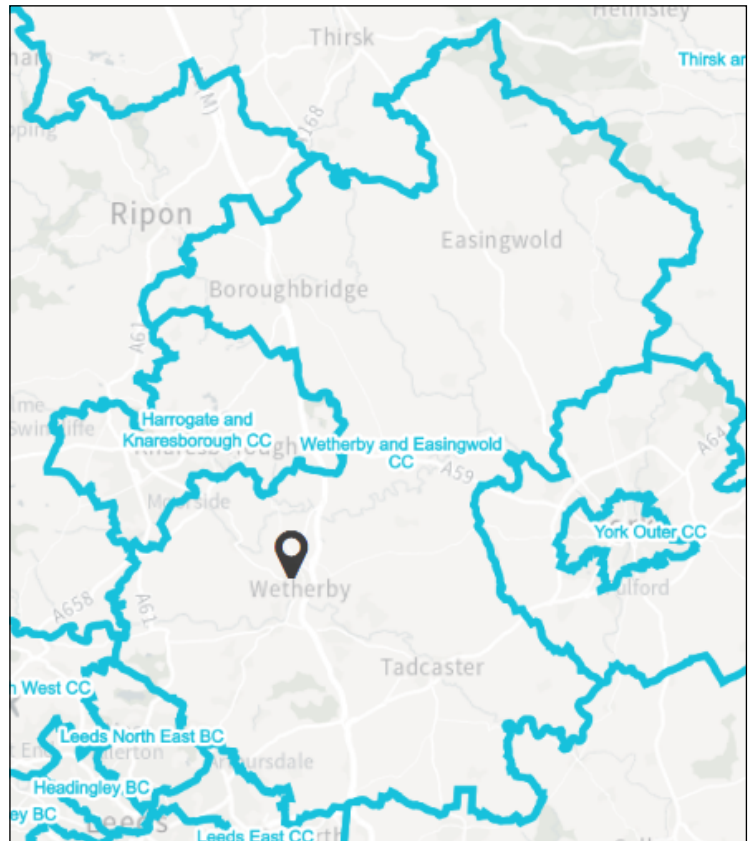
We informed residents of this important proposal on social media groups. One helpful resident informed us that West Yorkshire (Wetherby and Harewood) would contain 44% of the voters in the proposed new constituency.

It is interesting to note there would be exactly the same number of constituencies in Yorkshire & the Humber - 54.

It would be useful if the Boundary Commission had provided a useful timetable of what happens next on their website:

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

But it doesn't.



A larger area for the next MP to cover

Conservative Newspaper delivered to Wetherby residents

The Party has spent £1000s on a publication at the end of a disastrous year for the government and country. Surely nobody can deny that? (please send us your views if you disagree). We welcome this paper which should inform us what our elected representatives are thinking and doing.

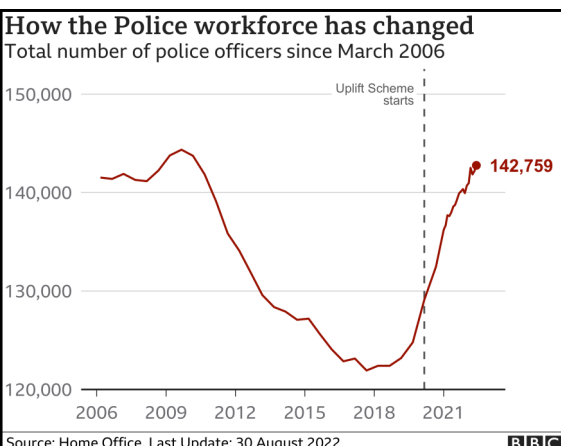
Alec's main priorities since he was elected has been on 2 health issues (dementia & endometriosis) and the defence of the nation. Both are worthy causes, of course.

His health work is strongly highlighted but his MoD / NATO work is not mentioned once.

The Tories claim to be the party of Law & Order. Alec gives 1/4 of the paper to the subject.

It focuses on anti-social use of quad-bikes and motorbikes. We keep a close eye on social media and have not noticed any complaints about this in Wetherby.

Alec is proud that West Yorkshire has recruited 774 police officers. He neglects to mention this is necessary because of large-scale cuts by his colleagues, see image. After 12 years of Conservatives in charge, it is disappointing to see no figures on crime itself. Is burglary,



assault, car crime, vandalism up or down in Wetherby? No information.

Labour & Conservatives both have incentive to keep quiet about increasing crime figures, as our Labour Mayor, Tracy Brabin is responsible for crime too.

There is a paragraph about buses with no detail. We would like to know exactly what Alec would like to see, if he thinks the situation is so bad.

There is space given to Cllr Richards but not Cllrs Lamb or Harrington, and no mention at all about all-Tory Wetherby Town Council.

It's also disappointing to see no humility in this newspaper, no admission that things went badly wrong for his party resulting in the farce of a prime minister he strongly supported being in post for less than 2 months. There's no hint of regret or of taking any responsibility for the distress caused at state of the country.

Nor is there any mention of his Ministerial post and why he left it.



Want to Write an Opinion Piece?

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Please Send It To Us

Missing Stalls at Market in 'thriving, vibrant' Wetherby

We have noticed missing stalls recently on our sojourns into Wetherby on market day but blamed the weather.

But on Thursday 1 Dec in good weather we found this, when you would expect every stall place to be taken, especially with just a few weeks until Christmas. A week later on a sunny 8 Dec at 10.30 exactly the same thing.

There used to be stalls by the town hall in the image, and all along the road by Barclays. We would guess a quarter to a third of the stalls are no longer there.

This has implications for the town's other businesses if shoppers are going to Knaresborough or Otley markets instead. Otley can sustain 3 market days a week!

Better Wetherby Partnership Ltd has claimed that Wetherby is a 'thriving, vibrant place' but we keep finding examples where this doesn't seem to be true (and another bank, HSBC is closing in our 'Golden Triangle' town on 11 July 2023).

Two questions arise:

- ◇ Why are stallholders not coming to Wetherby any more?
- ◇ What is being done by the Council / Welcome to Wetherby, and the other business organisations to attract stallholders?

We hope these reasonable questions will be answered instead of ignoring us or distracting people by shooting the messenger.



SERENADE RADIO

THE BEST IN EASY LISTENING

BBC Radio 2 used to be a staple of good tunes and entertaining DJs. Apart from some notable exceptions (like Liza Tarbuck & Tony Blackburn) the station has become a bore-fest of the dulllest non-characters you could ever hope not to meet, playing the same old same old. But good news for fans of easy-listening music with minimum DJ inane chatter and NO ADVERTS! Serenade radio is Fantastic! Available on t'internet and smartspeakers (Alexa etc). Enjoy! For the rockers amongst you, there's some real music on Radio Caroline, too.

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Leeds North East - West Yorkshire Police

nel.npt@westyorkshire.police.uk



Mayor Tracy Brabin has announced on Twitter that Chief Constable Robin's contract has been extended from 2024 to 2027, an extra 3 years. She claimed that West Yorkshire has 'become one of the best performing forces'. There was a link to a press release.

It stated that WYP has "been graded as both 'outstanding' and 'good' by HMICFRS in November 2021.

The Force was also one of only five in the country to achieve 'Outstanding' for crime-recording accuracy."

Mr Robin's salary is £180,000+, which is more than the PM.

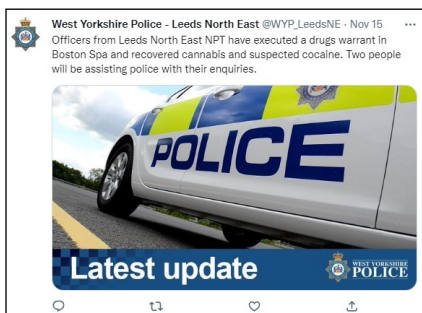
So apart from excelling in one area of admin (a department that the Editor used to work in!), we wondered what had justified the Mayor's action. There were no details of exactly

what the force was 'Good' at. Self-promotion, perhaps. Or perhaps closing helpdesks and stations - the image shows 12 were closed in just 4 years.

What about the actual job of policing - preventing crime, solving crime, reducing fear of crime, dealing with crime victims? There was no mention of these. No figures.

We asked them what they were 'good' at, and what the situation was with Wetherby Police Station, as there is scaffolding outside it. No response. Local Labour & Conservative politicians have no incentive to tell us about poor performing areas, as they are all responsible for the current state of law and order.

Year	Station
2016	Weetwood Helpdesk
	Killingbeck Helpdesk
	Morley Helpdesk
	Eccleshill Helpdesk
	ShIPLEY Helpdesk
2017	Castleford Helpdesk
	Sowerby Bridge Police Station
2018	Bingley Police Station
2019	Elland Police Station
2020	Batley Police Station
	Killingbeck Police Station
	Weetwood Police Station



Leeds North East Tweets in November 2022

They have 3,000+ Twitter followers at @WYP_LeedsNE

17 Tweets in total

1 related specifically to Wetherby / Boston Spa

"Officers from Leeds North East NPT have executed a drugs warrant in Boston Spa and recovered cannabis and suspected cocaine. Two people will be assisting police with their enquiries."

Still no photo of Inspector Richard Horn, responsible for our area





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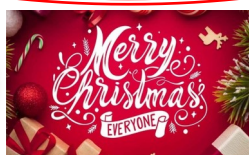
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St James' Church
AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Charity Carol Service
Wetherby & District
in support of **foodbank**

Monday 12th December
7.30pm

St James' Church, Wetherby
Tickets £5.00 (including light refreshments) available from
The Parish Office, Church Street
Wetherby - Tel: (01937) 583074

PARISH CHURCH OF WETHERBY WITH LINTON
www.stjameswetherby.org.uk

Collingham Christmas Craft Market

Collingham Memorial Hall

Sunday 18th December

10am-4pm
Free Entry

See-Crafty Markets

Dickensian Christmas Market & Craft Fayre Sun 11th December 2022



The Banshees of Inisherin
Rating: 15 Length: 1hr 54mins

Avatar: The Way of Water
Rating: 12A Length: 3hrs 12mins

www.wetherbycinema.com

Wetherby Choral Society
Music Director: John Dunford
Registered Charity 510264

Bach

Christmas Oratorio

Saturday December 17
7.30pm

Jane Burnell (Soprano)
Lara Rebekah Harvey (Alto)
Austin Gunn (Tenor)
Billy Kyle (Bass)

Wetherby Pro Musica
conducted by John Dunford

Tickets: £18 (under-18s: free) from:
• Nicolla Florist, 1 Bank Street, Wetherby (01937 585233)
• Ticket Manager: 07443 466254
• E-mail: tickets@wetherbychoral.org.uk or on the door:
wetherbychoral.org.uk

What's On in December - Compare Wetherby & Otley

Otley - 26 Events

www.VisitOtley.co.uk

DEC 8 Thu

Otley Christmas Tree Festival 2022 - Day 2 @ Otley Parish Church
Dec 8 @ 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

After two years without a festival there will once again be a Christmas Tree Festival in Otley this year. The dates will be 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th December 2022.

Previous festivals were organised by Helen and Tim Wilkinson but this year will be transitional. Helen and Tim will be organising the festival in tandem with a team from Otley Parish Church with the intention that the Parish Church team will take on the festival in the future.

The festival has always been a favourite with Otley people and visitors to the town and, hopefully, reviving it will benefit the town and its businesses after two very difficult years. The festival will also be an opportunity for local charities to dress a tree and raise funds and for local musicians to show off their talents!

If you want to know more about how to have a tree for your charity, or if you lead a music group that would be interested in performing at the festival, please contact allanboddy@gmail.com

CATEGORIES: CHRISTMAS FAIRS AND FESTIVALS [Read more](#)

Movie Matinee: West-Side Story (2021) @ Otley Courthouse
Dec 8 @ 2:00 pm

An adaptation of the 1957 musical, West Side Story explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds.

Director: Steven Spielberg
Stars: Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler & Ariana DeBos

CATEGORIES: FILM [Read more](#)

Horse & Farrier open mic night @ Horse & Farrier
Dec 8 @ 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Otley brewer and music aficionado Paul Biscoe brings back his popular open mic night to the Horse & Farrier after an absence of several years. A welcome return!

CATEGORIES: MUSIC [Read more](#)

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Wetherby - 2 Events

www.Wetherby.co.uk still insecure

To have your event included:

- E-mail details to admin@wetherby.co.uk - we're happy to receive posters and other publicity materials in image or pdf file formats.
- Drop the details in to our offices in the Town Hall. We can put posters up on our noticeboards, as well as distributing them electronically.
- Post on our Facebook page (@wetherbycouncil) or tag us on Twitter (@wetherbytc).

Charity Carol Service	Shoe Sale	Shoe Sale	Bach's Christmas Oratorio
St James Church 12 Dec 22 - 19:30 In support of Wetherby & District Foodbank	Wetherby Town Hall 15 Dec 22 - 09:00 to 17:00 Featuring popular ladies' and men's styles and brands, at great prices.	Wetherby Town Hall 17 Dec 22 - 09:00 to 17:00 Featuring popular ladies' and men's styles and brands, at great prices.	St James Church, Wetherby 17 Dec 22 - 19:30
Craft Market	Indoor Market	Indoor Market	Indoor Market
Wetherby Town Hall 14 Jan 23 - 10:00 to 16:00 Over 20 Craft Stalls - Free Entry.	Wetherby Town Hall 4 Mar 23 - 10:00 to 15:30 Over 20 stalls - Free Entry	Wetherby Town Hall 1 Apr 23 - 10:00 to 15:30 Over 20 stalls - Free Entry	Wetherby Town Hall 6 May 23 - 10:00 to 15:30 Over 20 stalls - Free Entry
Indoor Market	Indoor Market		
Wetherby Town Hall 3 Jun 23 - 10:00 to 15:30 Over 20 stalls - Free Entry	Wetherby Town Hall 1 Jul 23 - 10:00 to 15:30 Over 20 stalls - Free Entry		
New Heading Text			
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Screenshot taken 6 Dec

WETHERBY DESERVES BETTER

Just look at the two. Otley's guide is far superior. Wetherby's website is less attractive, less user-friendly and has a lot less information than Otley's. We have shown this in past issues and nothing has improved. Cllrs Harrington & Lamb are keen to tell us about their other wonderful work on social media - why aren't they doing something about the basics, like this?

Say you lived in Leeds or Harrogate and fancied going somewhere different - would you go to Otley or Wetherby? The answer is obvious. This Town Council is continuing to let the town's businesses and residents down with their poor website.

Nothing improves without people making their voice heard - just one email could help



Best Present I ever got was a broken drum kit. You just couldn't beat it.

Why has Santa been banned from sooty chimneys? Carbon footprints.



Is this the chap who started the Wetherby people pointing craze?

(Giant's Mascot)



"We had to take out the words 'Merry' and 'Prosperous'"

I've decided to release my own Christmas single called 'Duvet know it's Christmas' It's a cover version.



How did King Charles III sign his Christmas cards to his family? The Artist Formerly Known As Prince.

What do people heating their homes and wrapping paper have in common this Christmas? Both of them are getting ripped off.

Wetherby on Telly



All Saints' Church in Kirk Deighton was featured on the 6pm Calendar local news. The item was about attracting new blood to be bell-ringers. There is a national shortage and one of contributors said it would be very sad if it were to die out. Keen campanologist, 14-year-old Isobel was interviewed too and said it was not that difficult once you get the hang of it, like riding a bike.



We saw the bells of the church which date back to the 1300s. There is some cost in time and money in cleaning, checking and preserving them.

Let's hope the feature encourages people to try it and the bells will continue to ring out for a good few more Christmas Days to come.



Weir Area Cleaned Up

We noticed that the steps down to the new bench by the weir were covered in leaves making it inaccessible to many.

That was a great shame, we thought, as the leaves are off the trees and the view of the river from the new bench is clear. Our plea for the unloved area to be made more attractive had fallen on deaf ears, it seemed. We expressed our disappointment on the Wetherby Grumbler Facebook group (25,000 members) whilst praising the new bench.

Within a few days the path had been cleaned professionally by a company called Aquablasters. The steps are now safe and look great. Most people can now enjoy a peaceful rest on the other side of the river, away from the crowds.

It doesn't really matter whether the cleaning had been done because of the Editor's post or not - the job was done. (If it hadn't, the leaves would have been cleared and path bleached by the Editor himself anyway, as promised).

But one individual was not happy and sent a very critical post about the Editor to Wetherby Grumbler. He gave his opinion about one aspect which is fair enough, that's his opinion. But then he generalised and said that the Editor had denigrated every volunteer in every Wetherby organisation, and that he would not volunteer again. We pointed out the fact we have praised and promoted many voluntary organisations and people in this newsletter. See next issue for exact figures.

He appeared to detest the Free Press and everything we stand for; so much so that he will not be a customer at any business that supports us.

That, and giving up volunteering is up to him but it is a bit disturbing that there are people who go to such extremes because they focus on one thing and ignore all the positive things we report on and actually achieve.

Incidentally, if the organisations involved in this story had communicated with us, situations like this may not arise. We have no option but to say what we see, like in 'Catchphrase'. Please tell us your plans.



Sign still needs replacing - Editor willing to make one



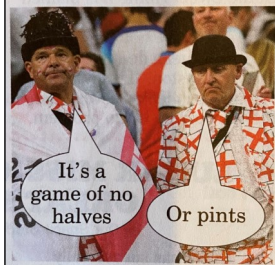


England reached the quarter-final stage without too much trouble and should progress further. But inconsistent performances make you doubt they can beat the likes of Portugal, France or Brazil. Let's hope they do.

Come on Engerland!

Final on Sun 18 Dec at 15.00

WORLD CUP BOOZE BAN



Utd v Man City on Wed 28 Dec at 20.00

Two days after Wetherby resident Simon Weaver, Manager of Harrogate Town switched our Christmas Lights on, he had an early present from his team: a superb 4 - 1 victory at Rochdale.

Town v Northampton on Sat 10 Dec at 13.00

Doncaster v Town on Sat 17 Dec at 15.00

Town v Grimsby on Mon 26 Dec at 13.30

Bradford City v Town on Thurs 29 Dec at 19.45



Change of Chairman

Chairman, Roger Taylor, stood down at the AGM in October. The Society



owes a great debt to Roger for his ten years as Chairman and he has guided them through troubling times, especially the Covid Lockdowns, which severely disrupted activities. However, he has agreed to become the new Vice Chairman.

The new Chairman is Peter Catton, left, previously Vice Chairman. Peter has been a member for many years and has been active in fighting and now trying to improve the planned housing off Racecourse Approach. He has been investigating the vanished Swinnow Hall and has in the past organised visits and talks. He is the Society's representative on the Better Wetherby Partnership Ltd group. The Committee decided that it would be better to hold the AGM at their Spring Talk as this will allow the accounts to be properly completed and audited, before being approved by members. So there will be no AGM next October, the 2022-3 AGM will be held in March 2024. However, the Autumn Talk will be the opportunity for members who do not pay by Standing Order to pay their subscriptions.

Membership fees for 2022/23 are now due (other than for the new members who have joined in the last few months). Fees remain at £12 for an individual or £20 for a couple. Payment details are available in the Winter newsletter.

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Thanks to the Free Press, a large company on the Sandbeck Estate has been in touch with charity fundraiser Claire Wiggins, who is producing care packages for the less fortunate.

She says: "They saw my story and are helping me buy having collection points in their canteens for employees to drop off items. They offered contributions themselves too".

Paul Swales of Smurfit Kappa / Display UK contacted her directly and are helping until 16th December when Claire will go in to meet them all and collect the donations. She adds "I am overwhelmed at how fantastic people like this have been. I'm so grateful for everyone's help".

If anyone else has donations, contact Claire on 0751 098 6590.



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