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To  
  
 You  
 Our  
 Readers

## Another Local Hero - Improving Accessibility

**Most of us take for granted** the fact we can go about our daily lives without any barriers put in front of us. We are fortunate we don't have to worry about simple things, like entering a shop. But there are many in our community whose life is more of a challenge.

**We would like to introduce you to a wonderful lady**, who would like to improve the lives of the disabled and all people with mobility issues. She has lived in Boston spa all her 42 years. She is a charity fundraiser and volunteer with 26 years experience, raising over £65,000 for various charities.

**Her name is Claire Wiggins** and she has 4 types of arthritis and fibromyalgia and other chronic health problems. She lives in pain 24/7 and lives on a cocktail of medication to help with it.

**She would like to share her story** and raise awareness of what some disabled and elderly people have to go through, living in an old village that is not always disabled-friendly. It's 2022 and she says that things need to change.



Claire Wiggins

Over to Claire:



**"Hello everyone.** I am one of many people in Boston Spa who are disabled or elderly, with mobility problems and need to use a wheelchair or sticks. I would like to share with you one of the issues I am trying to improve.

### The Boston Spa Doorbell Campaign

**Boston Spa is a Georgian village** and has lots of old buildings which are listed and cannot be changed or adapted. Those that can be, can cost a lot of money! So there are many buildings

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# Accuracy of Weather Forecasts and the Gritting Process



Sat 5 Feb 22 - Leeds City Council Gritters spreading on Fri night. Why?



Temps are the overall night minimum, not those at 5am or 6am

In Issue 12 we showed a difference of 4 degrees in the ITV and BBC temperature forecasts in York (and 3 in Leeds). When we put another image on social media, see left, it caused quite a stir. There are 2 separate issues here.

**Firstly, why are the two local TV forecasts often so different, and which is more accurate?**

Paul Hudson and Jon Mitchell were kind enough to respond to our emails. They told us the temperatures shown are the overall night time minimum, not those at 5am or 6am. ITV uses model data from the Met Office whilst the BBC uses the European weather model via Meteogroup, a European based company. We are grateful for their explanations. We expressed our view that they should convey the uncertainty more than they do ie more 'I think' or 'we believe' and less 'it will'. Perhaps a statement at the bottom saying confidence levels of plus or minus x degrees would help too. It is not surprising perhaps that they would not share their accuracy data. But one of them must be more accurate than the other. We'll never know unless there's an amateur meteorologist out there who can give us an informed guess.

**Secondly, how do Leeds City Council decide when they grit roads, and how often are they wrong? Gritting costs money and can damage vehicles.**

Cllrs Lamb & Harrington were helpful in finding the answer to the first part of the question. It is reassuring to know that there is a thorough procedure to follow before gritting is authorised. Ground temperatures can be a few degrees lower than those on the tv charts, as can temps in rural places compared to built up ones. Leeds City Council (LCC) employ a forecasting company which uses the same data as the BBC. LCC receive a forecast at 11am and an update around 4pm with anticipated temperatures. Further updates are sent if the forecast changes (mainly for the worse). A decision is made by the Senior Duty Officer as to what action to take. LCC have a duty of care to ensure the safety of road users. Because of the time taken to grit a route (approx 2.5 - 3 hours), the gritters are deployed at least 3 hours before the lowest temperature is forecast.

*It would be interesting to know how often our roads are gritted unnecessarily ie when the forecast LCC is given is inaccurate. We can only hope they are using the most accurate model, otherwise money is being wasted.*

## Leeds North East - West Yorkshire Police

Email: [nel.npt@westyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:nel.npt@westyorkshire.police.uk) Twitter: [WYP\\_LeedsNE](https://twitter.com/WYP_LeedsNE)

### Facebook & Twitter Messages relating to Wetherby

4 Feb - 16 Feb

*There were no posts / tweets about Wetherby. No report on the PACT mtg on 1 Feb.*

### Website Neighbourhood Priorities for Wetherby (5 Jan)

**Public Priority - Road Safety** – speeding has been raised as a concern across the ward. We are currently working with colleagues from Safer Roads, in an initiative funded by local Councillors, and are conducting dedicated days of action targeting excess speed. The local NPT will conduct high visibility patrols and use both the Pro-Laser and a speed indicator device to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding. We will work with the local authority to seek post implementation reviews of 20mph zones to assess the effectiveness of these areas in reducing speed.

**Antisocial behaviour** – we will conduct intelligence led, high profile patrols to deter antisocial behaviour and instances of damage and will be focusing on Wetherby and Stables Lane.

**Police Priority - Residential Burglary** - In the residential communities in Wetherby itself and the villages of Boston Spa, Clifford and Bramham. Day time offences of opportunity, e.g. sneak in burglaries. We will tackle this through crime prevention to target harden and intelligence led patrols at the key times to disrupt and deter offences.

**Got something to say? 2 Write to us and we'll print it**



..... that are not accessible and have steps that we struggle to climb. And some that are totally inaccessible.

**I learnt about the doorbell scheme** when I was a member of a disability action group in Tadcaster. The doorbell finally came into action there in 2020. We worked alongside the Purple Pound, an organisation that helps businesses become more accessible for disabled people. We spoke to businesses and explained the scheme, and as a group we talked about the pros and cons.

**The idea of the scheme** is if someone in a wheelchair or a disabled person could not access a business or shop due to steps, narrow doorways etc a doorbell would be in place and we would ring it for assistance. A staff member would come and assist us with our enquiry or shopping.

**Of course, there are going to be some businesses** who may not want to join and that's fine. The outcome and feedback from the scheme in Tadcaster was fantastic and a lot of businesses took part. The business owner can purchase a doorbell (wireless) quite reasonably off Amazon and they are easy to assemble and set up. A sticker is placed in the window so people can see they are part of the scheme. It's been used in various towns and villages in North Yorkshire and all over the country, and I thought it would be amazing to do it in Boston Spa too.

**I have designed a leaflet and sticker** to place in the shop windows. It can be used in village halls, churches, cafes, shops, pubs and other businesses. I think this would be amazing for the village (and if not, maybe there are some other options that could be put in place - all will be revealed). I have written to Boston Spa Parish Council, Leeds City Council, Cllrs Lamb and Harrington, and Alec Shelbrooke, MP. Feedback has been very encouraging and I have a meeting with Cllr Lamb and our MP in the next few weeks. I wanted to get advice and feedback from them before approaching businesses and shops.

**I will be visiting Boston Spa businesses** in my wheelchair with my mum in the next few weeks and handing out leaflets and getting their thoughts. I am doing this on my own, not part of a charity. The doorbells can be purchased quite cheaply from Amazon but I am happy to fundraise and help business owners in any way I can. All the information will be in the leaflet provided.

**One business in Boston Spa** already has a doorbell by their own initiative. Rebecca Russell of The Boston Tea Party runs an ice cream parlour / cafe and could not have any further adaptations done to her premises. So she said it seemed the right thing to do for her and her customers.

**The doorbell only took minutes to install.** She has also placed a plaque in the window so people can get her attention if they need anything. She thinks my idea is brilliant and has offered her help and support. St Mary's Church, the Methodist church, the library, village hall, Stew & Oyster and the Crown are all now accessible for those with mobility problems. St Gemma's and Martin House charity shops also have wheelchair ramps. I am also very grateful to the staff in Cohen's chemist and Londis, who have always helped me. A big thank you to everyone."

**Claire also hopes to make Wetherby more accessible for all with this scheme.** She will be contacting Wetherby Town Council to see if they would be interested in helping her. Meanwhile, if you are interested in joining the scheme, please contact Claire:

01937 520535 or 07510 986 590

clairescharitywork@gmail.com



## Pub News



The Scotts Arms in Sicklinghall has produced sheets for 7 circular walks around the area. Fantastic idea encouraging us to get more exercise.

The village (and pub) is also a perfect destination for bike rides using the many bridleways between Wetherby & Sicklinghall.



## TRANSPORT NEWS

**Strike action by TransPennine Express staff went ahead on Sun 13 Feb.**

**Services may be disrupted on Sundays 20 & 27 Feb & 6 Mar.**

Check: [www.tpexpress.co.uk/travel-updates/strike](http://www.tpexpress.co.uk/travel-updates/strike)



White & Yellow Lines Repainted on Castle Gate but not where they are most needed.

They are most needed a few metres away near Wetherby bus station exit, where buses are frequently blocked. Next to and opposite Moji's Pizzeria.

This was highlighted in Issues 7 & 8 of WFP

**Fuel prices for Unleaded:** Correct on Thurs 17 Feb to nearest penny

Morrisons £1.51 Shell £1.55

Up 3p & 5p resp from 4 weeks ago

Morrisons Harrogate £1.464

Difference b/w Supermarkets to fill av. tank is £2.50



**Fares on Harrogate Bus Co still only £1 after 7pm until 31 Mar**

# The Alec Shelbrooke Page

Alec Shelbrooke is 45 and been our Conservative MP for 11 years. In the last election he got 58% of our vote beating Labour by over 17,000 votes. He campaigned to remain in Europe. His basic salary is £82K. Alec.shelbrooke.mp@parliament.uk is his email. From Dec '19 to Nov '21 he has voted 357 times (out of 392) and has never rebelled against his party whip.

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

Alec's Recent Tweets. He has 15,900 followers

- 3 Feb - Levelling-Up White Paper
- 3 Feb - Link to his survey on local and national issues
- 4 Feb - Congrats newly-elected Tory MP
- 4 Feb - Three Retweets on Alec's surgical mesh work
- 5 Feb - Visit to Aberford Primary School
- 5 Feb - Search for home to Great British Railways
- 6 Feb - 70th anniversary of Queen's accession to throne
- 8 Feb - Alec's appearance on GB News about endometriosis and workplace illness taboo with video



GB News @GBNEWS

'If you were to say the names of women who suffer from Endometriosis for 24 hours a day it would take you over 20 days.'

Tory MP Alec Shelbrooke discusses Endometriosis and how to end taboos around medical issues in the workplace.

Freeview 236, Sky 515, Virgin 626  
DAB+

A small video thumbnail showing Alec Shelbrooke on a GB News broadcast, with a blue and white graphic overlay.

Why did Alec not inform his constituents and followers on Twitter of this interview **before** it happened so we could tune in? His appearances on the media are rare and we would like to see him perform live whenever we can. The 3 minute clip released by GB News may not have been the whole interview - we don't know. Twitter is a very useful communication tool and Alec is not using it to its full potential.

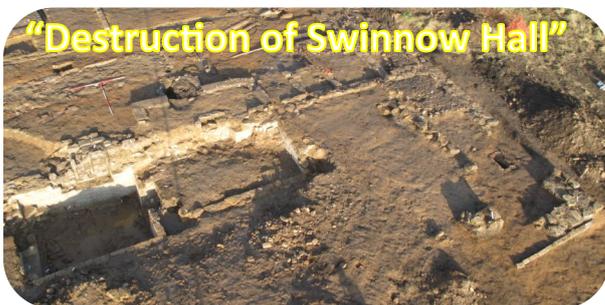
9 Feb to 16 Feb No Tweets

In Oct 2021 we asked for opinions on Alec. We shall print all of them in order received. We remove anything inappropriate eg personal insults.

"I am chair of a local Parish Council and apolitical. Alec has been extremely helpful in sorting out some personal issues with Government departments where we were consistently given incorrect and very tardy information. He has also quickly resolved an issue regarding Openreach locally where the Council had not managed to get an answer for months."

## Comment on "Partygate"

It must be very uncomfortable for Alec to sit on the fence about his party leader for so long. He has still not expressed any view. Surely his constituents deserve to know whether he has full confidence in Boris Johnson. Other Conservative MPs have commented on the PMs behaviour and criticised his comment about Jimmy Savile, a subject far too close to home.



The image shows the remains of a Romano-British earthwork enclosure and the stone foundations of Swinnow Hall. Wetherby Civic Society has asked that the foundations should be covered and form part of a small grassed area planned for that section of the development. They suggested that the site should be grassed and that the footprint of the foundations should be marked with a gravel pathway. Along with a notice board explaining the history of the Hall, this would commemorate and preserve these foundations for future generations.

However, builders Taylor Wimpey has refused this request and will instead dig out the Hall's foundations to build 3 houses on the site and will commemorate Swinnow Hall with a notice board and some of the foundation stones on the adjacent small grassed area.

A spokesman for WCS commented "It is disappointing that Taylor Wimpey has refused our request and should place the profits from the sale of 3 houses above preserving the heritage of Wetherby. It is ironic that they should be calling the development Swinnow Park since they plan to destroy the remains of Swinnow Hall after which the Park was named."

## Wetherby on Telly



The main 6.30 program of BBC Look North featured a course in Wetherby aimed at men over 50 who lack basic cooking skills. Lesley Titchmarsh, pictured, Course Leader of *Man with a Pan*, seemed to have great fun with the enthusiastic participants in the Church Rooms of St James. Many of the men were interviewed by reporter Cathy Killick.

## Town Cllr Resigns

Cllr Tom Smith has resigned as Town Councillor in the West Ward of Wetherby. The vacancy will be filled by election if any ten local government electors for the said area submit a written request, and if no such request is made the vacancy will be filled by the Town Council. The reason given for Cllr Smith's resignation was health.

Any request for an election to be held to fill the vacancy must be in writing and must reach the Returning Officer, Leeds City Council, Electoral Services, Civic Hall, Calverley Street, LS1 1UR by **no later than 28 February 2022.**

Details at Town Hall, 583584 or email [admin@wetherby.co.uk](mailto:admin@wetherby.co.uk)

# What's On

Engine Shed: [www.engineshedwetherby.co.uk](http://www.engineshedwetherby.co.uk)

Wetherby Film Theatre

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



**DEATH ON THE NILE**

**Rating:** 12A  
**Duration:** 2 hrs 7mins  
 Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot's Egyptian vacation aboard a glamorous river steamer turns into a terrifying search for a murderer when a picture-perfect couple's idyllic honeymoon is tragically cut short. Set against an epic landscape of sweeping desert vistas and the majestic Giza pyramids, this tale of unbridled passion and incapacitating jealousy features a cosmopolitan group of impeccably dressed travellers, and enough wicked twists and turns to leave audiences guessing until the final, shocking denouement.



**SING 2**

**Rating:** U     **Duration:** 1 hr 50mins  
 This holiday season, the new chapter in Illumination's smash animated franchise arrives with big dreams and spectacular hit songs as the ever-optimistic koala, Buster Moon, and his all-star cast of performers prepare to launch their most dazzling stage extravaganza yet... all in the glittering entertainment capital of the world. There's just one hitch: They first have to persuade the world's most reclusive rock star (played by global music icon Bono in his animated film debut) to join them.

Mental Health First Aid Course - 7 & 8 March  
 Risk Assessment Workshop - 2 March & 6 April  
 Details at [www.sheqworx.co.uk/](http://www.sheqworx.co.uk/)



## Closures & Openings



The barbers in the Shambles has closed. There are 2 notices up. One says the business had to be closed due to unforeseen circumstances and Jade, Holly & Vivien would

like to thank everyone for their support over the last 3.5 years. The other notice says they hope to re-open as soon as possible. Metres away is another barbers that has been in Wetherby for many years and has closed, Kings Barber. Men still have a choice of 4 other hairdressers in the town.



Barclays Bank opened for the last time on Fri 18 Feb. Other banks in the town have reported they are welcoming many new customers from Barclays.



The Paper Shop by Wetherby Whaler has delayed their re-opening until Mon 21 / Tues 22 Feb after a horrific bus crash 6 months ago. It was very fortunate nobody was injured (see Issue 1 of WFP).



Deepdale Community Centre in Boston Spa is now fully open again and ready to take bookings. It is hired out to local community groups for various, mainly, leisure activities. A year after a devastating flood the beech room is now fully available for letting on a short and long term basis for local groups.



**Festival 2022 will start on Fri 30 Sept** spread over a week. In the programme they hope to have a Literary Lunch with speakers brought by Reading Roots bookshop. Robert Haskins, Festival Chair welcomes more ideas and further volunteer support, so please get involved if you can. They have a specific position for membership secretary. Details on Facebook @WetherbyFestival.



**Leeds Rhinos Multi Sports Camp at Wetherby High School**  
**Mon 21st Feb – Thurs 24th Feb 4 Days for £15**  
 It will take place during the February half term holidays and is aimed at children aged 7 - 14.

There is 100 places available at each camp and these will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must live in an **LS22** postcode to attend, or live in the areas of Wetherby, Boston Spa, Clifford, Bramham, Thorp Arch or Walton. To book your child's place on the camp please visit [tickets.therhinos.co.uk](http://tickets.therhinos.co.uk) and click on 'camps' in the top right hand corner. Or call 0371 423 1315.



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Owner Keira Andrews,  
 recently featured in The Sunday Times

**A Book Club with the Author!**

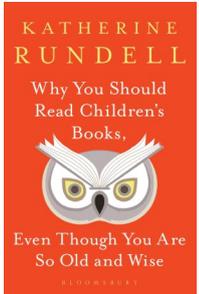
Reading Roots Bookshop runs a monthly book club (in-person & online) where the author joins the conversation too!

Next meeting: Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm



**The Last Bear** by Hannah Gold

**Why You Should Read Children's Books (Even though you are so old and wise) by Katherine Rundell**



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

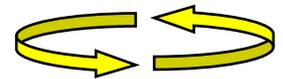
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**ON THE BUSES**

**A Round Trip Around Yorkshire**



**A reader describes a recent trip to Garforth, Selby & York**

My first bus was the Arriva 174 to Garforth at 9.00. I knew the ticket I needed was the Arriva Yorkshire Day Ticket. I clearly ask the driver for it, adding I'm going to Selby and York. Despite this he gives me a West Yorkshire ticket, which thankfully I noticed. With no apology, he gives me the right ticket costing £6, which will get me to York on Arriva buses.

After a quick coffee in Garforth, the 164 to Selby arrives on time. I am pleased to see it's a double-decker so I can enjoy the best views of the Yorkshire countryside and its towns and villages. Just a shame the driver is so miserable – no response to any 'Hi's as people board or 'Thank you's as they get off.

It takes an hour to reach Selby passing through Sherburn, South Milford and Monk Fryston. Interesting to see new housing developments going up, contrasting with the thatched cottages in the old villages. Disappointing to see most of the bus stops and shelters in such a poor state in North Yorkshire. It's never been a priority for the council there. Will Boris's £3 Billion make a difference, I wonder.

After a pleasant walk by the river Ouse in Selby I catch the 415 bus to York. They are every 15 minutes and this driver was friendly. Another comfortable hi-spec double-decker but Arriva's Wifi is useless for loading social media. After a walk round York, I catch the 412 Connexions bus to Wetherby at 1.30. A single costs £4.50. Great to see my third and final double-decker on this route but for that money I expect to be able to see through the windows. The windows were filthy but it was well driven and we arrived back in Wetherby on time.

We asked Connexions and Arriva Yorkshire for their comments. Craig Temple of Connexions claimed they wash their buses every day. Patrick Sibley, Arriva Yorkshire Managing Director, did not make any comment. Arriva has always been the worst for responding of all the 4 local bus companies. Even to compliments!



Old & New Housing



# Democracy in Action - Spotlight on Cllr Alan Lamb

**We are introducing you to all our local councillors in alphabetical order. Two reasons for this item:**

1 Inform residents who our councillors are, their particular interests, what they do and how much time it takes up.

2 Encourage others of all backgrounds, opinions and talents to apply to be a Councillor. The town deserves the best candidates with independent minds, high standards of communication and a proactive attitude. It is a fact that the majority of our Councillors are male, over 60 and of the same political party. Nothing wrong with that in itself, but more diversity would not do the council any harm.

**The second reason is all the more important as Cllr Tom Smith has resigned and there is a vacancy for a Town Councillor - see Page 4 for applic'n details.**

Only our Councillors who are both Town and Leeds City Councillors have given us an idea of how many hours a week on average their two roles takes up. That is disappointing. A potential candidate will have no idea what time commitment they will have to make as a Town Councillor.

**We are grateful for all the Councillors' responses** so far but no one has yet expressed an interest in specific areas of our public services, such as the library, the buses, the leisure centre and parking. There are no regular agenda items for these issues at the monthly Town Council meetings. Yes, they are all City Council issues but surely a councillor who uses these important services can report to the meeting on it. We need to ask ourselves why other towns like Otley has superior services, like their library.

**We thank Cllr Lamb for his email below. We hope people read it because it has some interesting facts and figures.**

"I've been a Wetherby Town Councillor for 15 years and served as Town Mayor for two. The role of a Town Councillor is effectively voluntary with no remuneration or expenses. The only caveat is on the very rare occasions that a Cllr might go to represent the town out of the area, they can claim back mileage.

The nature of a town and parish council is that decisions are made in the regular public meetings with no Cllr having any specific powers or executive functions. There are various sub-committees which at look at certain issues in more detail and report back to the full council for decisions. The main areas the Town Council has responsibility for are;

The Market \* The Cemetery \* Property in the ownership of the Town Council \* The Green Spaces that belong to the council

\* The council is a consultee in planning matters but is not a decision maker \* It also looks to promote The Town by organising and supporting events

## £300,000 Budget for Wetherby Town Council

The mechanism for residents to raise issues is to come to the council meetings or contact the clerk or individual Cllr's. In each case the issue will then be brought to the full council for discussion and action where appropriate. The Town Council has a budget of approximately £300,000 per year with 15 Cllr's to oversee it and set priorities and a small team of paid staff who then deliver the priorities and services on behalf of the council and the people of Wetherby.

## £3 Billion Budget for Leeds City Council

If you contrast that to my role as a City Councillor, for which I do receive an allowance, there are 99 Cllr's overseeing a budget of nearly £3 billion a year. Leeds is the second largest council in the country after Birmingham. I've been representing the Wetherby Ward which also includes Boston Spa, Bramham, Clifford, Thorp Arch and Walton since 2007. I have a city-wide role as Chair of the Children and Families Scrutiny Board.

I don't keep an exact track of the time spent on the 2 council roles I have but I spend roughly 40-60 hours per week across the 2. The majority of this is on local casework, trying to help and support constituents with issues they have.

I appreciate that I haven't answered your questions as set out. To be honest, I don't think they fairly reflect the voluntary nature of a Town Councillor's role. I would be very happy to meet with you in person and answer any and every question you have as it relates to my roles as Town Councillor and City Councillor. I'd be pleased to meet at a mutually convenient time and location for as long as necessary to answer all the questions you have on the understanding that you will publish the questions and responses in full."

The Editor declined meeting Cllr Lamb for the following reason:

*"there is no point in an interview where I try to do the impossible job of summarising what you say. That is a journalistic skill I do not possess. The chances of you being happy with the end result are slim. A newsletter is the written word and we quote people because that is what they said. No comeback. No disagreement. It's so much easier."*

*Also typing every word Cllr Lamb says would be a tiresome chore and longer responses will not be printed for space reasons. Few would read long responses.*

*Incidentally, I am willing to meet Alec Shelbrooke, MP purely to find out what sort of a man he is. I would not record or write anything about the meeting, no quotes, nothing, for the reasons above.*

**General WTC meetings** are monthly (2nd Tues) with 7pm start

**The last meeting** where minutes are available is 12 Oct 21

**No minutes yet** for the meetings in Nov '21 or Jan '22

**An agenda was available** for the 8 Feb meeting

**The next meeting is 8 Mar - no documents available** 16 Feb

# Sports



After a 2.5 week break, Leeds United had an entertaining encounter at Aston Villa. They scored first but were 3 - 1 down in the second half. Credit to them for scoring two more goals to gain a point from the match. Another 3 goals were scored against them in their next game at Everton. Utd hit the post twice but were well beaten. Leeds are 6 points above the relegation zone. Three big games next within 7 days!

Utd v Man Utd on Sun 20 Feb at 14.00



Liverpool v Utd on Wed 23 Feb at 19.45

Utd v Spurs on Sat 26 Feb at 12.30



Don Revie Statue at Elland Rd

Paul Kirby



Town were winning 3 - 1 at Rochdale but lost the lead and came away with a point. In their next game history repeated itself with Town taking a 3 - 1 lead but this time losing 4 - 3. They dropped to the bottom half of League 2.

Town v Leyton Orient on Sat 19 Feb at 15.00

Bradford City v Town on Tues 22 Feb at 19.45

Barrow v Town on Sat 26 Feb at 15.00

Town v Port Vale on Tues 1 Mar at 19.45



York City have won their last 3 matches after beating AFC Telford Utd on 15 Feb. The victory took them to the mid-table position in National League North.

Kettering Town v City on Sat 19 Feb at 15.00

Chorley v City on Tues 22 Feb at 19.45

City v Guiseley on Sat 26 Feb at 15.00

AFC Fylde v City on Tues 1 Mar at 19.45



Channel 4 aired the first Super League match on terrestrial TV on Sat 12 Feb and they picked a cracker. The omens at Headingley were not good when Bentley was sent off after 15 mins. But Warrington did not take advantage and Leeds went in ahead at half time. More great play saw Leeds winning with just 8 minutes to play. But the Wolves scored and edged ahead 22 - 20. A highly entertaining match which will hopefully attract many more TV viewers. Channel 4 coverage was better than expected. Their commentary was good and main presenter, Adam Hills of Last Leg fame, clearly loves the game and speaks for the average fan. Rhinos next 3 games are all on Sky.

Rhinos v Wigan Warriors on Fri 18 Feb at 20.00

Rhinos v Catalan Dragons on Thurs 24 Feb at 20.00

Wakefield Trinity v Rhinos on Thurs 3 Mar at 20.00

Wetherby Races No Race meetings before next issue on 4 Mar



Are people born with a photographic memory or does it develop over time?

Steve Wright, Radio 2

What constitutes "showing off" in Britain:

- Laughing too much
- Smiling
- Giving a correct answer
- Possessing a fresh haircut
- Wearing a new jacket
- Feeling great
- Wearing sunglasses
- A firm handshake

Cannabis :



Cocaine :



Gas and electric bill :



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All people mentioned in the WFP have a right to reply. The reply will be published, usually unedited unless it is too long.

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.

## Useful Contact Info

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Facebook: [wetherbycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/wetherbycouncil) Twitter: [wetherbytc](https://twitter.com/wetherbytc)

Leeds City Council: 0113 222 4444 [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk)

Facebook: [Leedscouncil](https://www.facebook.com/Leedscouncil) Twitter: [LeedsCC\\_Help](https://twitter.com/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 22,200 members

W'by Foodbank: [info@wetherbyanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@wetherbyanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

Twitter: [WBYFoodbank](https://twitter.com/WBYFoodbank)

If anyone asks you not to deal with us, please ask them why and tell us