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**MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 7:00pm IN THE OLD SCHOOL, VICARS TERRACE**

Councillor S Murray Chairman
Councillor K Asprey
Councillor J Taylor
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor A M Jabin

Councillor S Bassett
Councillor L Tomlinson
Councillor M Weaver
Councillor J A Coe

Planning Applications from December 2010 to date

Leeds City Council have refused planning permission for the following:-

P/10/04821/FU	16 Carlton View, Allerton Bywater First floor extension to both sides and detached garage to rear
P/10/04957/FU	Waj's 94 Leeds Road, Allerton Bywater Variation of condition no.5 of planning approval 33/53/03/FU hours of opening to be 10am to 1am Sunday to Thursday, 10am to 2am Friday and Saturday

Leeds City Council have approved planning permission for following:-

P/10/03982/FU	Land North Of The Bungalow Ninevah Lane Detached Stable Block
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The Parish Council have also received applications for:-

P/10/04035/FU	8 The Meadows Allerton Bywater Two storey side extension
P/10/05683/FU	22 Manor Park Avenue, Allerton Bywater Two storey front extension, with balustrade to front and cantilevered bay to side at first floor
P/11/00064/FU/E	Land adjacent to 5 Brigshaw Drive, Allerton Bywater Two Semi Detached Houses and one Detached House to church hall car park.

On Appeal the Inspector has ruled in favour of the developers for 120 properties to be built on land opposite Hollinshurst.

Other Activities

Councillors have held meetings with Leeds City Councillors, Leeds City Council Highways, and the Police.

Work will begin in February on re-surfacing Leeds Road along with the footpaths also work will begin on the new pumping station at Manor Park Avenue. This has been designed in order to try and prevent Leeds Road becoming flooded at this point in future years. Two pumps will be installed one as a back up pump should the first pump be out of order.

Council Surgeries are held at the Methodist Church on the first Saturday of each month. Surgeries are an opportunity for residents to meet councillors to discuss any problems. A ward councillor is also present to discuss any issues you may want to raise with them.

The Parish Council wish George Parkinson all the best and a speedy recovery to his recent illness.

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Annual General Meeting

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Monday 9th May 2011 at 6.30pm

Agenda

Minutes of last AGM
Chairmans Report
Treasurers Report
Resignation of Committee
Election of Committee

Nominations are required for Officers and Committee Members.

Applications for these positions are to be made in writing and
received before Monday 18th April stating which position you are
applying for and why you think you would be suitable.

Applications to:

Mr A Rosser
Acting Chair
28 Hollins Grove
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or

Mrs J Hutchinson
8 Hollins Grove
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or E:Mail us at: abcacommittee@tiscali.co.uk with any
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COUNCILLOR TAYLOR WITH UNCOLLECTED RUBBISH IN WESTFIELDS

The Parish Council wish to apologise to the residents within the village who are suffering from the re-organisation of Leeds City Councils refuse collections even though we had no control over what is occurring.

Councillor Taylor has sent over 30 emails to respective departments as well as our Ward Councillors complaining about the backlog of litter within the area.



The problem has arisen owing to the limited access and the lack of smaller vehicles which are required to access these particular areas. We understand that prior to the re-organisation there were more vehicles available of this type and now along with any breakdowns to existing vehicles this leads to collections being delayed.

Also the routes of the previous crews have in some cases been changed and the crews being sent into the areas have very little knowledge of where the collection round is.

Councillor Murray did in fact speak to a supervisor, who sent a wagon out straight away, but it was late in the day and nothing got collected because the crew sent could not find the area?

After further contact the following day the area was partially cleaned up resulting in further telephone conversations with heads of departments before finally all the areas were eventually cleared.

Many thanks to Ray Johnson L.C.C. for helping to resolve the initial problem.

Councillor Taylor is monitoring the situation on an ongoing basis in this area and the Parish Council need to be made aware of any problems residents are having in any other areas.



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Evenings

ALLERTON BYWATER VICTORIA A.C.

It is believed the earliest types of fishing reels and Roach Poles were developed in China. Early paintings and drawings seem to depict Chinese anglers using reels and poles as far back as 1195.

The early reels had no handles and were spoke wheels used in much the same way as a centre pin reel using the fingers to spool out the line and brake the spool. This reel was a drum less wheel and the line rested on what can best be described as bone or whatever material was used shaped like small catapult sticks each went back to the centre spindle making what looked like a miniature rimless bicycle wheel, the line when wound onto the reel rested in the crooks of the aperture [where the uprights are to fit the elastic if it had been a catapult] these reels were used mainly for ledgering or bottom fishing, the roach poles were used for float fishing and were generally about 20 foot long. A special butt ring had to be used when fishing the spoke wheel this was whipped onto the rod 15 inches from the reel axle, the ring had a 2 1/2 inch leg with a porcelain 1/8 inch ring centre. This ring was angled slightly towards the rest of the rod rings to prevent the line dragging on the cast and aid line recovery.

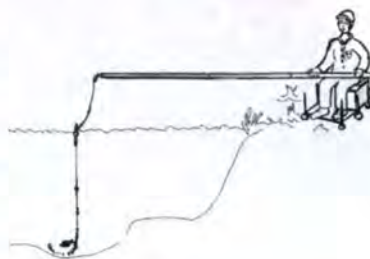


As the years progressed the reels continued to be developed mainly by anglers for their own use.

From 1850 onwards Nottingham anglers developed free running centre pin reels these were made mostly of varnished wood designed to deliver heavy floats on the fast flowing river Trent.

In 1896 the first ultra-light drum reel was developed by Henry Coxon which was marketed by Allcock's as Coxon -Aerial later as the Allcock-Aerial the most famous centre pin reel of all time.

Most anglers now use the roach poles on canals and Carp ponds these are now made of modern materials which allow them to remain very light and strong at long lengths up to 16m plus and still be used with relative ease. Although this technology does not come cheap with the top poles costing 2 to 4 thousand pounds prior to obtaining what discounts you can from your dealer.



Mother: what did daddy say when he lost that big fish? Son: Shall I leave out the swearwords? Mother: Yes. Son: In that case he said nothing.

Rededication of St Mary's the Less

Over a hundred people attended St Mary's church when the Bishop John of Ripon came to give thanks for and rededicate the church in December. Another eighty visitors called in to see the changes the next day.

Only a very few people have made negative comments, the majority either love it all, or love parts of it.

It has been a very exciting time, with lots of old features found as the work progressed. The old spiral staircase has been cleared, and the upper gallery reinstated.

Church members were sad when the old church hall became unsafe, in the 1980s, but the new facilities and parish rooms on the back of church are very welcome additions.

This includes a pleasant room to hold about 40 people and a small kitchen.

It is hoped that the new annexe will be well used by the village. Please contact church if you want to hire the room.



Altar Server Kate Purchon looking into the church from the reinstated gallery.

The wind cannot read

There are several dustbins around St Mary's Churchyard, for the use of people who are unable to take their dead flowers and wrapping paper away with them. There are no rubbish dumps and no compost heaps.

Unfortunately, the wind cannot read. As a result, several piles of leaves were blown up to the church wall. People visiting graves then just threw dead flowers, milk bottles, wrapping paper and other general rubbish on top, to create rubbish dumps. Some of this litter was also thrown at the back of the shed.

Again, the church committee would like to appeal to visitors to help to keep the churchyard tidy by using the bins provided. Ideally, people would take their rubbish home with them.

This will also help with the maintenance of the church, because damp strikes into the building when rubbish is piled up. It is also very unpleasant for others to remove.

Special thanks go to Len and Betty Shakespeare who took on this horrible job recently and moved all the piles of smelly rotten flowers, complete with the slugs and beetles that had taken up residence there.

Christmas Wreaths

As visitors know, these should be moved in January. The Church Committee apologises that they have been unable to remove the ones that have been left, due partly to the bad weather. This will be done as soon as possible.

It is really the responsibility of the people who put the Christmas wreaths on graves. The committee would like to thank all those who have removed them themselves, but we appreciate that some people only visit graves at Christmas. Taking away old flowers and wreaths helps to keep the churchyard tidy, which we are all trying to do.

George Harrison

Not the one of Beatles fame, the one who was a key worker in the life of St Mary's Church!

The present Churchwarden has a small brass plaque to George's memory, which was in the church. It commemorates 25 years service as a churchwarden. If any of his descendants would like this plaque, please contact Lynne Tomlinson on 01977554285.

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NETTLES

The Stinging Nettle plant can reach up to five feet in height and grows throughout the British Isles on wasteland, grassland and in woods. It bears tiny green white flowers from June onwards.



We have all encountered Stinging Nettles at some time or another inadvertently getting stung on the hands or the legs and feeling the discomfort as the poison from them enters the skin and causes irritation.



But in years gone by it was regarded as a valuable plant not as now cursed by gardeners, Nettle Beer was made from the young tops of the plant, which can also be boiled and eaten as a vegetable which tastes like Spinach.

The dried leaves can still be bought for making Nettle Tea.

Before Cotton was imported, the fibres in the stems were spun and made into cloth used for Sheets and Tablecloths.

Cattle browse on stinging nettles as they are immune to the stinging hairs on the plant.

Annual Nettle is a smaller variety growing to twenty four inches in height usually found in arable fields. Flowering with inconspicuous flowers from June to September, it is just as painful to touch.

The stinging hairs have a pointed single cell above a bulbous base which holds the poisonous liquid, the hairs are brittle and break off when touched allowing the poison to enter the wound causing the irritation felt after contact with them.

NETTLE SOUP

25g butter, 1 medium onion finely chopped, 2 garlic cloves crushed, 400g potatoes peeled and finely chopped, 450g freshly picked nettle tops, 1 litre of vegetable stock, freshly grated nutmeg and 150ml of double cream.



Melt butter in a saucepan add the onion and garlic then cook/simmer gently for 10 minutes, without browning.

Add nettles and potatoes and cook for 2 minutes

Add the stock bring to the boil cover and simmer for 15 minutes, remove from the heat and blend until smooth

Place the mixture into a clean saucepan, stir in the cream, then season with grated nutmeg add salt and pepper to taste, reheat gently then serve.

ALLERTON BYWATER COLLIERY MINERS MEMORIAL FUND

The following is a summary as to where we are with getting the proposed Memorial built and the fundraising activities.

The site has been obtained and the legalities for the handover are being finalised.

A Contractor has been commissioned to supply and fit an electrical distribution box for the lighting of the Memorial.

A local builder has successfully tendered to build the Memorial and will start the work as soon as possible.

A local Artist/Sculptor with a national reputation, Mr Harry Malkin has been commissioned to start the art work for the Memorial.

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES APACE:

The " Sponsor a Brick & receive a Pin" Plus acknowledgement in the book continues to be very popular.

A Concert in the Edward V11 Club on 4th February 2011 was a sell out.

Sale of framed Limited Edition Watercolour [100 only] of Allerton Bywater Colliery.

Sale of Fleece Jackets & Tee Shirts with Miners Lamp Logo- Allerton Bywater Colliery Miners Memorial.

Thanks for Support from:

Allerton Bywater Parish Council, Leeds City Council, Miller Group Ltd, Allerton Bywater C1SG, Allerton Bywater Methodist Church for use of the church hall free of charge for meetings.

Any one wishing to join the committee please contact

Clive Cowell 01132 861642 or Robin Tomlinson 01132 865842. you will be made welcome.

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Or why not drop in to one of our free Stay and Play sessions? We run a session at Kippax Children's Centre for 0-5 years on Monday morning between 9:30 and 11:30 and hold a session at Villages East on Thursday morning for children from birth to walking from 9:30 until 11:00am. These sessions are free and there is no need to book.

We have a few places left on some of our new groups including Baby Massage, Healthy Eating and Let's Talk Money. Some of our courses have crèche places available. If you would like to join one of our courses please call the centre on the above number to book your place.

We look forward to seeing you!

All the staff at the Children's Centre

Launch of the Brigshaw Co-operative Trust and Immersion

Day – Co-operative Values

Brigshaw High School and Language College hosted an Immersion Day where more than one thousand two hundred pupils from Brigshaw and local primary schools explored the values of the newly formed Brigshaw Co-operative Trust.

The Brigshaw Federation of schools (Allerton Bywater Primary, Brigshaw High School and Language College, Great Preston CofE Primary, Kippax Ash Tree Primary, Kippax Greenfield Primary, Kippax North Junior, Infants and Nursery, Lady Elizabeth Hastings CofE Primary and Swillington Primary Schools) achieved Trust status in April 2010. The Trust was officially launched at an exciting and innovative immersion day recently and representatives from the Trust's partners also attended and enjoyed working with our young people and children.

The launch coincided with an Immersion Day at Brigshaw where our pupils and young children from the seven primary schools took part in a series of workshops to explore co-operative values including: self help and self responsibility, equality, equity, and democracy. They chose from twenty eight different workshops which included tasks such as: design challenges, being roving reporters and photographers, popular culture, identity, history and creative tasks to help everyone develop skills, knowledge and understanding.

Peter Laurence, Trust Development Director said: "The schools in our area set up a charitable trust to secure and sustain our very strong partnership working for children, young people and families. We chose to become a co-operative trust because we believe strongly in co-operative values. We also want to encourage our

pupils, parents and staff to have a much greater say in how we can achieve the very best for the children, young people and families of our communities by learning and working with each other and for each other."

The next stage is to invite children, young people and their families, staff and members of local community groups to become members of the Trust. This means that as a member they will be able to take an active part in deciding how the Trust should work and they will be able to benefit from special 'members only' activities and incentives. If you would like to become a member of the Co-operative Trust just complete the application form circulated with the schools' Action magazine and return it to your local school. Pupils gave the trust visitors a tour of the school and interviewed them as part of their roving reporter's workshop.



Pictured L-R Julie Thorpe, The co-operative College, James Johnson, post16 and Phil Cook Governor Front Callum Grainger, Courtney Bray and Katie Sanderson year eight pupils.

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- Liberty is God's gift. Liberties the Devils
- Speaking comes by nature, silence by understanding
- He who seeks to be his own teacher has a fool for a pupil
- A miser and a liar bargain quickly
- If you steal something small you are a petty thief, but if you steal millions you are a gentleman of society
- Time heals old pains while it creates new ones
- Marriages are all happy its having breakfast together that causes all the trouble
- It's no good carrying an umbrella if your shoes are leaking
- The rich never have to seek out their relatives
- Public money is like holy water everyone helps himself to it
- I felt sorry for myself because I had no shoes then I met a man who had no feet
- Locks keep out only the honest
- What you do not see with your eyes do not witness with your mouth
- An empty purse and a new house make a man wise, but too late
- The rich would have to eat money if the poor did not provide food
- If God lived on earth people would break his windows
- If the doctor cures the sun sees it, if he kills the earth hides it.
- Never marry for money, you'll borrow it cheaper
- A wise man changes his mind. A fool never will
- He who marries for money – earns it
- Some people are electrifying. They light up a room when they leave.
- If the rich could hire other people to die for them, the poor could make a wonderful living
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The Cuckoo is one of the best known birds in Britain with its distinctive call, but also one of the least seen. The call of the male Cuckoo in April and May signals the beginning of spring. The females bubbling call and angry coughing noises of both the male and female are far less known.



Cuckoos are rarely heard or seen after the end of June, but they are still present until July and early August when the adults return to Africa for the winter. Cuckoos are medium sized birds about 13" long with pointed wings and long tails, the bodies are blue- grey with white under parts boldly striped with grey. Some females are similar to the Sparrow hawk and barred brown all over.

Cuckoos eat insects and caterpillars along with spiders and worms. They are renowned for not building nests, instead they wait while other birds begin to lay their eggs then nip onto the nest when the unsuspecting foster parent is away to lay their own egg.

The Cuckoo lays about twelve eggs but only lays one egg in each donor nest.

Cuckoo eggs have been found in the nests of over fifty different species of birds. Although individual Cuckoos tend to nest in one particular type of birds nest.

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The young Cuckoo hatches out after about twelve and a half days and promptly starts to dispense with all the other occupants, pushing both fledglings and eggs out of the nest. The young bird then has access to all the food been brought to nest and grows very rapidly from 1/4oz to fifty times its birth weight in three weeks. It remains in Britain until September, and then using its inborn skills migrates alone to its winter quarters.



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2011 - Chinese Year of the Rabbit or Hare

Previous years of the Rabbit were: 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011



The Rabbit is the fourth year of the Chinese Zodiac. The Rabbit symbolizes such character traits as creativity, compassion, and sensitivity. Rabbits are friendly, outgoing and prefer the company of others. They also prefer to avoid conflict. In confrontational situations, Rabbits approach calmly and with consideration for the other party. Rabbits believe strongly in friends and family and lacking such bonds can lead to emotional issues.

Their serene nature keeps Rabbits from becoming visibly upset. Because they're serene animals, Rabbits are easily taken advantage of. Their sensitive nature makes them shy away from aggressive or competitive situations. They're overall conservative and not interested in taking risks.

Classy, sophisticated, expressive, well-mannered and stylish, those born under the Sign of the Rabbit enjoy learning about cultural issues and learning about people from other countries. Rabbits are most comfortable being home, and their homes are always neat and organized. Home is also where Rabbits prefer to entertain. Rabbits are conservative in their decorating tastes.

Rabbits should work at building more self-confidence and self-worth so they can feel more secure. The desire for remaining in safe, comfortable environments keeps Rabbits from taking risks which sometimes causes them to miss out on good opportunities.

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THE HEDGEHOG

The Hedgehog is usually found in hedgerows, fields, open woods and gardens throughout Britain. It hides by day and comes out at night to feed. Mostly it feeds on insects, slugs, snails, worms and fallen fruit.

It will overturn stones to find lizards and will attack mice, rats, frogs and even snakes. It attacks the adder by biting it as it is immune to its poison. The snake continually attacks the hedgehog until it uses up all its venom at which point the hedgehog then kills it.



Hedgehogs mate between March and July they make nests of grass or leaves they have one or two litters of three to seven young. The young are pale, blind and covered in soft hair, which after about eighteen days start to become spines. The spines grow at an angle just above their roots and lie flat they are erected at times of danger when the animal rolls into a ball. Owing to the spines being angled they are not driven into the hedgehogs body if it should fall from any height The mother suckles the young for about a month before they start hunting for their own food. They will usually grow to about nine inches long in adulthood.

Hedgehogs hibernate between October and early April, they build larger nests than when they rear their young and cover them with leaves and moss to keep the rain out and maintain an even temperature.

Their natural enemies are Foxes and Badgers. The fox will kill them by placing them in water where they then have to uncurl to swim at which point the fox will strike at the head. Badgers somehow find a way through the spines and attack the belly. The natural instinct of the Hedgehog is to roll up at the sound of any danger, hence it becomes a victim on many of our roads as it rolls up at the sound of the approaching traffic. If it can survive it usually lives for about six years.

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**Menus from
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ALLERTON BYWATER CRICKET CLUB



The club had a mixed season in 2010 with both the first and second elevens finishing in the lower halves of their divisions 3 & 7 of the Pontefract Leagues.

They competed well in most games but had a few bad results, although they managed to beat teams at the top of their divisions.

The first eleven batting was led by Mathew Longdon with 365 runs at an average of 22.8, closely followed by Michael Wade who only joined us from Methley half way through the season 269 runs average 22.41. Neil Norton and youngster Tom Greenwood had 299 and 298 respectively.

Mathew Weaver won the bowling averages with 31 wickets at 10.64 and also took 15 wickets for the second team, this earned him the player of the year award which is richly deserved as he travels from Bradford for each game. Scott Taylor 35 wickets Richard Lamb and Mark Swales all gave good support in the bowling.

In the field Longdon, Wade and Holmes set a good lead and Neal Patel was outstanding on the boundary taking some match winning catches.

In the Second team Tony Harrison led the batting with 350 runs average 26 whilst Jonathan Ding 235 runs average 18 gave good support. Harrison also took 22 catches and 2 run outs whilst keeping wicket.

Skipper Chris Thickett was the outstanding bowler with 43 wickets ave 14 supported by Ben Solly, Ding, Jack Robshaw and Matt Thompson.

Allerton joined the Tuesday night league and had some excellent games. They beat Fairburn on the last ball of the 20 over match, but lost to champions Streethouse on the last ball despite scoring 170. They ended up second in the league.

Thanks to Terry & Keely at the Anchor for their generous hospitality and sponsorship,

Also thanks to Barbara and Ian Lloyd {family of the late Cliff former Captain and President of the club} for their generous support, thanks also to Damian Lyons and Michael Bosworth for match ball sponsorship.

The club are running a winter net at Brigshaw High on Wednesdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm before resuming at the ground in April on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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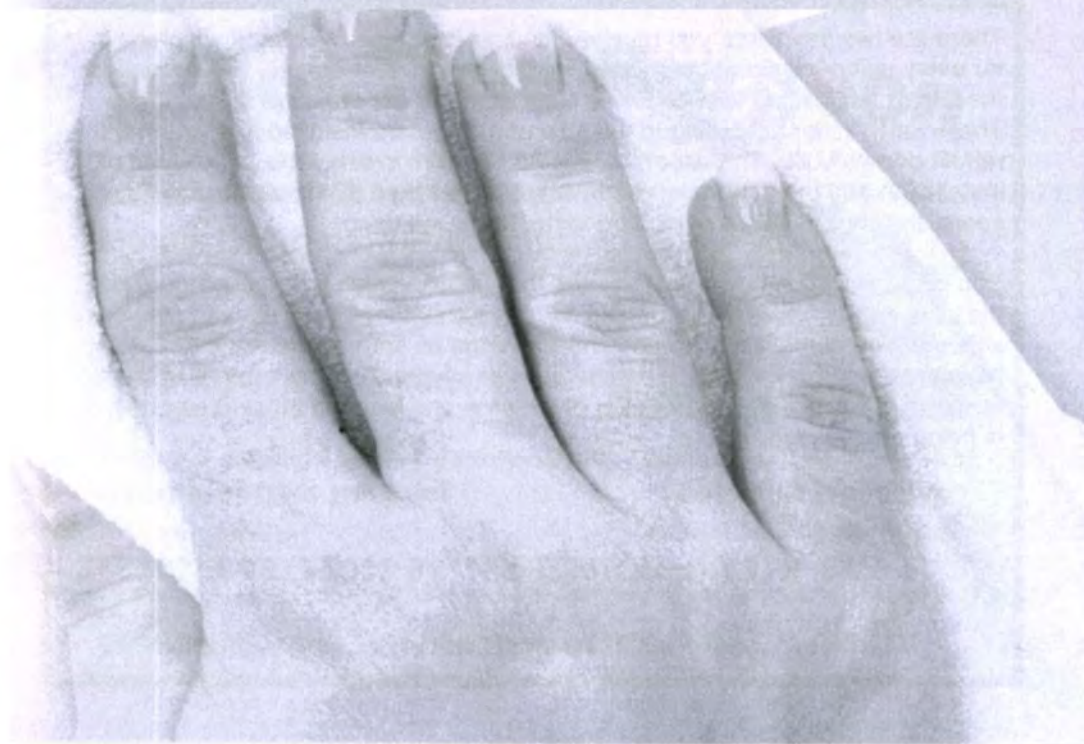
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There are two payments you receive, the first is a generation tariff which pays for every unit of electricity produced [whether you use it or not]. The second is the export tariff which applies to the electricity you generate but do not use. These tariffs differ according to the size of the system installed and whether it is retrofit or new build. The export tariff is 3p per kWh irrespective of the type of installation and the generation tariff varies up to about 40p plus payable for 25 years, the first £1000.00 of income is tax free each year.

You can if your property is suitable get the panels installed free of charge. But the installer then benefits by getting the payments for all your unused electricity although you can still make substantial savings on your own electricity payments as you use what you generate free of charge. This is more of an advantage if you are at home most of the time and take full advantage of what is being produced.

GIVE US AN HOUR
Local Cancer Charity Appeals for
Your Time



Marie Curie Cancer Care is asking everyone to donate something a little different this March by appealing for an hour or two of your time.

Ann Hodgson, Community Fundraiser said "We are seeking individuals who are willing to collect during our Great Daffodil Appeal in March. Collecting couldn't be easier. We'll supply everything you need and help you choose a time and place that suits you. Your contribution will make a huge difference to terminally ill people and their families in the local area."

Marie Curie Cancer Care provides high quality nursing care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses, in their own homes. This service is provided free of charge and every £20 raised pays for 1 hour of nursing care in West Yorkshire.

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ALLERTON ANTHOLOGY No 68

I'm going to tell you about things that go bump in the night Ghosts are no longer frightening, maybe because everything is well lit nowadays. But they are still very active, you only need to be in the right place at the right time. Remember don't waste it if you see one report what you have seen as far as the unknown goes always treat it with the greatest respect.

I'm going to write about Temple Newsam which must be amongst the most haunted houses in England. It has numerous ghosts most of them well authenticated, others not so well known but all very strange and mysterious.



The three main apparitions are.

- A Lady clothed in White
- A Lady clothed in Blue
- A Serving Man dressed in 18th century clothes.
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The ghost of the White Lady is that of Lady Jane Dudley a ward of the Countess of Lennox. She was in love with Lord Darnley who married Mary Queen of Scots, when she heard of the betrothal she hanged herself with her girdle.

When the ghost has been sighted she has been wearing a white robe, a lace cap and a small ruff, she is said to walk in the part of the house built in the 16th century. She was seen frequently in the 18th century, once in 1735 she startled a servant so severely that it took several hours before the convulsions which had overtook her ceased and she could describe what she saw and it coincided with a description given by someone 140 years previously.

The Blue Lady has been seen on many occasions; she was one of the family and lived in the time of Charles the Second. She was Miss Ingram and a portrait of her by Van Dyck hangs in the Mansion today.

In the early part of her life she was robbed of all her valuables by thieves who dragged her from her carriage as she returned home after visiting friends. She was so shocked by this that she developed an obsession in the form of hiding things valuable to herself around the house. The obsession remained with her all her life it is said she never rested for long periods because of her fear.

When sighted she is seen wearing a costume of Blue material and a long flowing scarf.

In 1926 a Gentleman interested in psychic matters visited the house and although he knew nothing about the blue lady, he gave a detailed description of a lady dressed in a blue costume standing by a doorway in the house. An

interesting feature of the blue lady mentioned by all who have seen her is a scar near the right eye. This is not mentioned in any records and is not visible on her portrait, although slight the scar is quite noticeable according to those who have seen her.

The apparition of the serving man is believed to be connected with a murder in the house which took place in the 18th century. The servant William Collinson seems to have been in love with a serving maid Phoebe Gray. On the night of the murder a large bonfire was burning in the grounds to celebrate the victory of the Duke of Marlborough at the Battle of Blenheim in 1704.

Around the fire were assembled a great number of people family, friends, estate workers and visitors, all partaking of the free food, wine and beer.

Phoebe was confined to bed owing to some disposition which we are not clear about. William Collinson suddenly made an appearance and what passed between them is unknown, but he strangled her and threw her body down a well in the house where it remained for several days before being discovered fully clothed at the bottom of the well.

Suspicion fell on William who had been observed by another servant in the vicinity of the girl's bedroom on the night of the murder. Eventually he confessed to murdering her and was hanged on the gallows at York.

There is an interesting and rare pamphlet described as the last dying speech and confession of William Collinson a man servant of Temple Newsam Yorkshire seat of Viscount Irwin who was hanged for the murder of Phoebe Gray a maid servant at Temple Newsam.

Visitors who have stayed at the house and have slept in the next room to where the murder took place have described curious tapping's as though the body of a woman wearing shoes was being dragged backwards across the floor, this was always accompanied by the sound of shuffling footsteps.

The fourth apparition sometimes mentioned is that of a Monk dressed in a brown robe and a cowl, but nothing is known about this one. It is thought it could be something to do when Temple Newsam belonged to the Knights of St John. In the nineteen sixties I worked for Sir Lindsay Parkinson's at Temple Newsam and a man called Jim Brayshaw told me a story that I have never seen mentioned in print or related to by anyone since.



He told me that when he was courting him and his girl friend who later became his wife were sitting on a seat near the house on a summers evening the time was around 8.30pm. They were alone most other people having left the vicinity as they sat there in the stillness they both heard the sound of what they took to be a choir singing, the sound at first was faint but grew louder as it neared them. It seemed as if the noise of footsteps on the gravel mingled with the singing, these sounds passed close to them then faded as it passed into the distance. They saw nothing and to this day can think of no explanation for this event.

A few years ago I spoke to one of the custodians of at the mansion, who told me he had never seen anything, but along with others who worked there all had heard sounds mostly of footsteps that could not be explained.

George Parkinson
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END PIECE

In this issue I am going to tell you all how I am getting along.

As many of you will know I suffered two mini strokes in the middle of December, which for 36 hours affected my left hand and arm as well as my left leg and foot. But the morning after I went into St James Hospital I was right as a bobbin, I could walk alright and grip with my left hand in fact I walked round my bed. Some people I have talked to say this could be a warning, others say I was lucky. I agree with both of these statements, but I'm not quite certain The only thing that's wrong with me is that my memory is worse now than it was before. But I'm fighting it reading a lot and doing code-word puzzles, in other words exercising the brain.

I look forward to meeting you and talking a little to you – as the advert used to say "It's good to talk and even better to smile". The main thing is I'm happy and contented and hope to see you all soon.

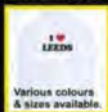
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