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Parish Clerk:

Claire Murray
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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 June 2011 to date

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

✓ P/11/01623/FU Beeston Way, Allerton Bywater
Extension of time period application 08/01475/FU for
memorial sculpture
P/11/01174/FU 20 Hirst Street, Allerton Bywater
Two storey rear extension
P/11/01186/FU 22 Manor Park Avenue, Allerton Bywater
Two storey front extension

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

P/10/04035/FU 8 The Meadows Allerton Bywater
Two storey side extension
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.
P/11/02189/LA Ninevah Lane Sports Field, Allerton Bywater
Temporary detached single storey canteen to
recreation ground

The Parish Council have also received applications for:-

P/11/01713/RM	Land South of Queen Street, Woodend, Allerton Bywater 120 Houses with Landscaping
P/11/0187/FU	Queen Street, Allerton Bywater Detached Electricity Sub-station
P/11/02732/FU	36 Preston Lane, Allerton Bywater Change of use and alterations of church to four bedroom house
P/11/02944/FU	12 Westfield Grove, Allerton Bywater Single storey rear extension
P/11/03184/FU	9 Manor Park Avenue, Allerton Bywater Porch Extension
P/11/03297/FU	76 Brigshaw Drive, Allerton Bywater Two storey and single storey side extension

Other Activities

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

Council Surgeries are held at St Mary the Less 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.

Jujitsu Classes/Self Defence

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Parish Council Accounts 2010/2011

The following are the Parish Council accounts for 2010-2011

ALLERTON BYWATER PARISH COUNCIL RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2011

Income		Outgoing	
Balance b/f current a/c	£ 7,783.23	Seminars (YLCA)	£ -
Balance b/f instant a/c	£ 1,623.49	Clerk's Salary	£ 5,039.04
Balance b/f 14 day a/c	£ 249.38	Clerk's expenses	£ 419.88
petty cash b/f 2010	£ 98.18	Clerk's training	£ -
Precept	£ 26,000.00	General admin	£ 6,973.49
VAT reclaimed	£ 2,628.52	Insurance	£ 883.72
		Financial Donations (Section 137)	£ 11,605.42
Interest received		VAT	£ 1,400.67
Current Account	£ -	Stationery	£ 139.57
Instant Access			
Account	£ 8.30	Postage	£ 25.15
14 Day Notice Account	£ 1.40	Chairman's expenses	£ 149.37
		Annual subscriptions	£ 777.00
		District Auditor/Internal Auditor	£ 380.00
		Members expenses	£ -
		Bank Charges	£ -
		Petty cash	£ 371.65
		Total	£ 28,164.96
Petty cash	£ 371.65	balances carried forward 11/12	
Advertising Newsletter	£ 2,986.26	Current Account	£ 3,331.14
Grantscape	£ -	Instant Access Account	£ 1,757.68
St Mary the Less	£ 1,040.00	High Interest Account	£ 10,413.15
CISG	£ 934.90	Petty cash in hand	£ 58.38
		Total	£ 15,560.35
Total	£ 43,725.31	Total	£43,725.31

Claire Murray
Clerk to the Council
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VICARS' COURT NEWS

The formal opening of the new ABC Child Daycare and O-Zone Out of School Club building will take place at Vicars' Court (formerly the Old School) on Saturday 3rd September from 10am to 12noon. The Opening Ceremony will be undertaken by the Leader of Leeds City Council Councillor Keith Wakefield at 10.30am.

This is an open invitation to the local community to visit this purpose-built and air conditioned childcare facility, and to see the ongoing changes to the existing building and grounds. Members of the Brigshaw Co-operative Trust will be in attendance and pleased to explain the range of services which they will be delivering at the site.

The improvements to the site as whole are still 'work in progress' and the Allerton Bywater Community Partnership and the Brigshaw Co-operative Trust are keen to see Vicars' Court continue to develop as a hub for community activity in the area.

There will be refreshments and an opportunity for visitors to ask questions and put forward suggestions for developing the community role of the building.

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Allerton Bywater Wesleyan Chapel.

As the years rolled by it was decided that a new Chapel should be built. The land on which the Chapel and later on a Sunday school was to be erected originally belonged to Mrs. Crowther who sold it to Mr. George Prince. Purchase of the land was made and a further piece of land (now the car park) was bought from Mrs. Nellie Tinker who made the original purchase from the same George Prince. (It is worth noting that at least 1yard of land surrounds the building at its narrowest point.)



The new Chapel was sited at the top of Main Street, Allerton Bywater and its opening on the 8th February 1915. The architects were Garside and Pennington of Castleford and Pontefract. And the total cost of the Chapel and Vestry was £6250. The building is of red brick with internal white pointing and the furnishings, pews and pulpit are of Oak. At the time of building it will be realised that the First World War was in progress so its achievement was most gratifying. (Mrs. Annie Haywood recalled how one workman fell breaking his leg during the building work.)



The chapel was registered for worship on 1st February 1916 and became registered for weddings on 22nd December 1916, Mr. George Haywood and Miss Annie Tinker had the distinction of being the first couple to be married there. To the right of the rostrum is an alcove which prior to housing an organ was used to accommodate a raised platform for the use of scholars on Anniversary Day. Prior to the installation of the organ music was provided by a pedal harmonium, piano or on special events by a small string orchestra. During this period the old Sunday school in Victoria Street was kept in use for quite some time and incidentally was used as a soup kitchen during the miners strike of the late 1920's early 1930's period.

The pipe organ was eventually installed into the alcove by Nelson and Co. Durham and was officially opened on the 23rd March 1920, at this time it was hand pumped but was later changed to electric driven. This electrification of the organ took place on the 2nd July 1938 and on this day Mr. Matthew played for the wedding of



Mr. Walter Cockerham to Miss Mavis Firth. The organ has a double manual keyboard and carries coping numerous voice stops which together with a foot pedal keyboard, coupling pedals and swell pedal makes it a grand instrument quite capable of coping with the work it has to do.

Another important step in the Chapel History was the building of the new Sunday school, the idea of which was first mooted on the 2nd February 1922 when the Trustees decided that money should be raised for that purpose and Mr. William Street and Mr. Samuel Haywood (senior) were appointed joint treasures. Two years later on 7th February 1924 it was resolved "that there be a new Sunday school built and the money in the hands of Mr. Street viz. £197. 11s. 4d. Be called the New Sunday school Building Fund." Mr. J.A. Prince was appointed secretary and Mr. W. Street treasurer for the fund.

The Chapel and scholars worked hard organising many and various efforts in order to raise money and the funds were substantially helped by five separate gifts of £50 by Mr. Samuel Haywood (senior). In February 1926 the Trustees decided that the old Chapel and Sunday school in Victoria Street



should be offered for sale. The years were slipping away and the young people becoming impatient of the delay appointed a deputation to meet Reverend Alan Holt after which, in February 1930, the Trustees decided the work should begin with a cost not to exceed £2,000.

The committee consisting of Rev. E.A. Prince (president), Rev. Alan Holt (treasurer), Mr. W. Street and Mr. J.W. Simpson (joint treasures, Messrs F. Prince, G.H. Linley, and G. Clark, and B. Jones were appointed and accepted tenders to the total of £1794. 11s. 9d. for the works. The Sunday school was completed and opened on 17th March 1931 and its first Superintendent was Mr. William Street with Mr. William Beecham (junior) as secretary and Mr. Bernard Jones treasurer. In 1932 the Sunday school used to pay £6 rent and insurance to the Trustees but the practice has since ended.

N.B. The original plans for the Sunday school shows a building at right angles to the chapel but the idea was abandoned and the building was built in parallel with the chapel instead. If the original plan had been followed the Sunday school would have been smaller than it is.

S. Jones. Church Steward.

I would like to thank the family of the late Mr S. Jones, and also Edgar Pickles, past editor of the Kippax Chronicle for permitting me to publish the above,

George Parkinson.

Photographs were taken on the last Saturday coffee morning prior to the chapels closure.



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ALLERTON BYWATER METHODIST CHURCH FINAL SERVICE

The final service took place at the Methodist Church at 3pm on Sunday 24th July, the theme of which was a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of Methodist Witness in Allerton Bywater.

Whilst it was a sad occasion for the current church members, it was seen as an opportunity to celebrate the life of the church over the past 96 years, which has played a key role in the community life of the village over those years.

The congregation of around 300 included representatives from other Methodist churches in the area, other denomination churches, past church members and friends from the surrounding area. It ensured a rousing send-off, accompanied by church organist Joe Tonks and the Yorkshire Evening Post Brass (who have been based at the church over the past 10 years). The service was led by the Rev John Santry who was Minister at the Church from 1999-2007.

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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 and hold a session at Villages East on Thursday morning for children from birth to walking. These sessions are free and there is no need to book.

Drop in sessions run on a weekly basis throughout the year with some cancellations during school holidays and for staff training, for which notice will be given



Beach Party Fun!

During May half term, to celebrate National Family Week, each centre hosted a summer Beach Party.

We invited families within our reach areas to come along and join in the outdoor fun! Children of all ages (and adults of course) enjoyed sand & water play, hook a duck, parachute games and arts & crafts - to name but a few!

At our Kippax centre, staff had created an enchanted garden area where children could enjoy role play as king or queen, whilst our trio - Emma & Miffy Shields & Lindsey Nicholl sang some of those famous summer classics!

At our Villages East centre, families enjoyed the beach party in our newly developed garden area!

Staff helped children in planting shrubs & tending to the garden, whilst one man band Luke Shields entertained us with his steel pans!

Whilst those that wanted a quiet moment used our beautiful willow dome to hide away.

During the Beach Party fun, we asked families to help us name our newly developed garden area at Villages East. Our favorite, 'Willow Wood', was suggested by Ella Bostock and mum!

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The original Allerton Bywater in bloom group has reformed with funding, backing and full support from the Parish Council and we need your help.

Work has already started on new projects and there are lots more forthcoming so if you have some time to spare no matter how much you can offer please get in touch we would love to have you on board. Likewise if you have any ideas for projects in your area please contact me

For residents who live closest to the Planters and Barrels your help in ensuring these are kept watered would be appreciated these planters etc; are placed there to enhance the village and for everyone to enjoy don't let them die on your own doorstep simply through a lack of water.

If you have a business that you would like to advertise through various advertising schemes that we have please call me.

If you are a keen gardener and would like to show off your skills on any of our remaining areas around the village or would like to assist in helping to maintain our planted areas, I would love to hear from you.

Please ring for any further information on future meetings and projects you may be interested in

Bridget Mitchell: 01977 553747
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ALLERTON BYWATER IN BLOOM

We would like to say a big thank you to all the businesses and people for their help.



- The Parish Council for their funding and support
- To the people who have joined our group we could not manage without you
- GHM Services for making the Planters around the village and the show garden at the allotments on Leeds Road roundabout.
- Bramwell Road Allotments Society Park Lane for planting the War Memorial and flower beds
- RH Services for work at the Lines Entrance near the Fish Shop on Highfield Hill. Also extensive work on Park Lane to the verge and hedgerow from Park Avenue to the Traffic Lights.
- Renato Boi Tree Surgeon for work and garden areas on Park Lane and Leeds Road hedge from Doctors Lane to Bywater Lodge.
- Dream Scape for taking over and maintaining the full corner from Barnsdale Road into Station Road at the Traffic Light area.
- Gail Vickers for maintaining Lloyds Chemist's roadside garden.
- Mr Waite for planting up and maintaining the Wheel on Highfield's Hill.
- Plus all the residents who have taken time to water the displays.

**WE HOPE YOU LIKE THE CHANGES AND IF YOU
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ALLERTON BYWATER VICTORIA A.C.

Does anyone know where the missing pallets have gone?

The angling club obtained twelve yellow pallets to undertake replacement work on the Tackle Stands on the Lowther Lake. In between the work commencing six of the pallets have been removed. The pallets are quite distinctive as they are coloured Yellow and made of plastic.

If you know where these pallets are please ring us on 01977 517519 or 01977 559022.

Fish thefts on the Aire & Calder Navigation.

Recently an angler was caught stealing fish on the canal thanks to the vigilance of other anglers. His car number was recorded and the police and the Environment Agency informed. The police are understandably not too concerned with these types of incidents and do not treat them as serious in the context of their everyday duties. But they fail to understand that it is not the initial removal of a few fish that is the problem, it is the fact that we are losing fish that are our breeding stock that have the potential to save the club thousands of pounds in having to purchase fish to restock the venues in future years

Fortunately the Environment Agency do take these issues far more seriously and they are following up this incident. The angler in question on this occasion was foreign but did possess a fishing licence although he had no permit for our waters. He spoke very little English and needed a translator, quite possibly he did not understand he was not allowed to take fish and probably the best we can hope for is once he gets a warning and is made to realise the seriousness of his actions that he spreads the word within his community and friends and helps to get the message across.

But we must stress it is not only the canal where this is happening quite recently a weighted down keep net containing fish was found on the Ox Bow Lake cut off section of the River Aire at the back of Lowther Lake. Quite obviously someone was intending to return later to collect them.

This Ox Bow is leased by the Angling Club and it would seem a lot of local anglers seem to think it is free fishing which is not the case. Permits are required before fishing and Environment Agency Licences are required before fishing any waters if you are over ten years of age.

Anglers on all venues are reminded to take their litter home with them and not to light any fires or cause any hindrance as far as possible to other people walking or using the facilities. Many people walking or riding bicycles do not appreciate the cost of equipment and show little respect for the anglers who may not be able to respond immediately owing to possibly at the time landing or unhooking a fish and conflict does occur at times. But we ask our members to show restraint and not get involved with these people who have not got a minute to spare and think of nobody except themselves.

BATTLE OF FERRYBRIDGE



During the period known as the War of the Roses there was a small encounter between the houses of Lancaster and York at Ferrybridge on March 28th 1461 prior to the Battle of Towton.

Edward IV had proclaimed himself King and mustered a large force then marched north.

A small part of the Lancastrian army was stationed behind the River Aire. The Earl of Warwick leading an advance guard reached the bridge at Ferrybridge on the 27th March and when completing repairs to the damaged bridge whilst coming under fire from the Lancastrians who had damaged it. Many men were lost both to the freezing waters of the Aire and the Lancastrian archers, camp was set up on the north side of the river until the repairs were complete. Early the following day Warwick and his men were ambushed by a large party of the Lancastrian army led by Sir John Clifford and suffered severe losses.

In the confusion Lord FitzWalter Warwick's second in command was wounded [he died from his wounds a week later]. Warwick's half brother The Bastard of Salisbury was killed while retreating. Warwick himself was also injured struck in the leg by an arrow.

After the Battle King Edward IV arrived with the main army and joined up with the remains of Warwick's troops and returned to Ferrybridge, there they found the bridge in ruins.

Warwick then deployed his uncle Lord Fauconberg leading a cavalry regiment upstream to cross the river at the ford at Castleford from where they pursued the Lancastrian force which was defeated after a fierce battle. Lord Clifford died in the conflict killed by an arrow in the throat.

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The Julian calendar was used up to 1753 in Britain it was based on the solar year, the time it takes for the earth to rotate round the Sun, and thus was less accurate than the Gregorian calendar.

The Julian calendar was 365.25 days long, which was fractionally too long, and the calendar over time fell out with the seasons in 1752 Britain decide to correct this by abandoning the Julian calendar in favour of the Gregorian. By doing so the **3rd of September instantly became the 14th September, and as a result nothing whatsoever happened in British History between the 3rd and 13th September 1752.**

Many people thought their lives would be shortened and they protested in the streets to demand they were given their 11 days back.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY SEPTEMBER

1. "Mary had a Little lamb" was first published [1830]
2. The Great Fire of London is started [1666]
3. Germany invades Poland starting World War 11 [1939]
4. Russian Czar Peter The Great imposes a tax on beards [1698]
5. Star Trek premiered on television[1966]
6. The Beatles recorded their first single "Love Me Do" [1962]
7. Future president John F Kennedy married Jacqueline Bouvier [1953]
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At the end of July, the phrase "ants in your pants" could be taken literally as the air filled with ants. Anglers on the Aire & Calder at Woodlesford were plagued with them and many had to pack the tackle away and go home. Similar occurrences were reported all over the region.

The sudden emergence of the black garden ants - known as *Lasius Niger* - is the insects' annual mating ritual.



The annual flight is described as "the biggest one night stand in the UK".

The males will have been waiting for some weeks for the queens to emerge as days lengthen and weather conditions are just right. "There had been a rise in temperature and humidity over the past days. It has been humid and muggy - like it is pre-thunder - which is perfect,

As ants from thousands of colonies take to the skies at once, the number could be millions of millions. But why all swarm at the same time? It helps maximise the chances of reproducing. But it is also a self-defence mechanism.

"A swarm keeps predators away - birds tend to eat about one in 10 of the ants." After mating, the females lose their wings and go in search of somewhere to hibernate until they lay eggs and set up a new colony.

"Only a few queens are successful," "The majority won't find anywhere available and if they try to join an existing colony, they will be killed." Once a queen has mated, she will be fertile for the rest of her life, never needing to engage in this ritual again.

For the male ants, the picture is less rosy. Having fulfilled their function, they die.

While the bugs - one of about 50 species of ants in the UK - might annoy, they are harmless and pose no threat to humans, other than the odd nip. ants pollinate flowers and feed on other insects that plague gardens. Even dead ants and discarded wings quickly disappear, eaten by swifts and swallows. The annual event tends to takes place in the UK in mid or late summer, usually towards the end of July.

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Clergy on the move

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Many people will remember a previous "interregnum". This really means "between the reigns". However, this is not an interregnum, but a "vacancy" because the parish has been left in the capable hands of team vicar, Reverend Jean Sykes.

The parish now must go through a lengthy process to fill the vacancy of Team Rector, whilst keeping up with the administration of the parish. This includes the Parochial Church Council meeting to examine the nature of the parish and what kind of minister would be suited to the community. The Area Dean will meet the PCC to prepare information to be passed on to the Archdeacon. Later, another meeting will be held with the Bishop, to ensure everyone is in agreement. After that the Diocese will advertise the vacancy and the recruitment process will become the same as in business or industry. Priests can apply, a shortlist will be prepared, and interviews held. Hopefully, a new Rector will then be appointed, possibly joining the parish in spring 2012

Obviously, this is quite a long process, but it is designed to try to get a good match between the parish and our next rector. In the meantime little will change: services will be held week on week, babies will be baptised, couples married and funerals performed. Everyone will always be welcome to join in worship and social events at St Mary's the Less. The main difference will be that Rev Jean will be trying to do much more work, and the congregation will be helping wherever possible.

The Parish wishes both Rev Bruce and Rev Mandy well in their continued ministry.

When is a Beetle not a Beetle?

When it is 7pm on Friday 16th September !

Everybody knows about Beetle Drives, when you throw dice and draw a beetle, according to the number you throw. St Mary's Church, Allerton Bywater will be holding a Holy Church Drive, played in the same way, except players will draw churches to win. So come along for a fun night with a difference! (especially good if you do not like Beetles ☺)

Do not forget that September 25th is Back to Church Sunday

This is the largest single local-church invitational initiative in the world. We want to spread the news to everyone in the Parish of Kippax with Allerton Bywater that they can be sure of an especially warm welcome both church in the parish. This will be the same whether you used to come to St Mary's, or one of the other Churches, possibly one that has sadly closed due to re-organisation or because of financial problems. You are invited to St Mary's the Less with St Aidan's, Vicar's Terrace, Allerton Bywater on this special Sunday, or any other day of worship. The sung Family Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 9 am.

During the family Eucharist, the Sunday School children meet in the hall then join the main congregation to share Holy Communion, and to show their work to the rest of the church family. Later, there is an opportunity to chat with the rest of the congregation over a cup of tea or coffee. On Back to Church Sunday, there will be a special Breakfast treat, so come and find out what it is!

If you used to come to church as a child, or at one of those important milestones in your life, come along and see if it is just the same or has changed. You can be sure of a warm welcome and friendship.

"Sunday School" on a *Thursday*?

First Steps is a special fortnightly event for pre school children and their parents, grandparents and carers.

It is held at 10 am on the first and third Thursday of the month, in St Mary's the Less, Vicar's Terrace, Allerton Bywater. After a short informal session in church, children can play together in the annex whilst the adults enjoy refreshments together. There is no charge.

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Allerton Bywater Young People's Presentation Evening

On Wed 13th July we held a presentation evening at Allerton Bywater Youth and Adult Centre, to celebrate the young people's achievements in their participation in the local youth provision, and for participating in the 2011 AB Football League.

A small group of young people received a gift voucher to recognise their important contribution to making the youth provision a success. They helped apply for £1500 funding through the CISG group for resources for the youth club. Through this fund they received a new PS3, TV, cooking equipment, TT, I pod among other things. They also successfully applied for a £250 bid through the i11 funding. This was to hire a sports coach for the summer holiday programme.



A large group of young participated in a small football league for 8 weeks from May- July 2011. They were involved in picking the teams, making the rules, refereeing the games, and setting up the equipment. Twenty young people received certificates for their participation. They also nominated their peers for the Fair Play award, Player of the Tournament, and Most Improved Player. Over 30 young people attended the presentation evening and a number of them helped out to organise it.

Steve Murray (Chairman and Cllr of the AB Parish Council) and Ken Asprey (Chair of the CISG group, and AB Parish Cllr) came down and showed their support for the local youth provision. They handed the young people their medals, certificates and gift vouchers. The presentation evening was also attended by Principal Youth Officer Jean Davey., and Youth Work Manager Adrian Lee.



Well done to all the young people, youth workers (Parvez Aziz & Sakiander Ali), and volunteers (Anam Kaur & John Watson) involved.

Report done by Parvez Aziz (Senior Youth Worker, Kippax and Methley Ward)

Facing Africa with Noma Monday September 26th

Some Allerton Bywater ladies are members of Soroptimist International of Garforth Elmet. Besides working for the advancement of women, the group works for charities. This year these have included the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, and a less well known charity called Facing Africa.

Young children in Africa are often afflicted by mouth ulcers which causes severe facial deformities. Children usually need operating on before they are 6 years old, but to bring a child to England for surgery costs over £40,000. Facing Africa is a British charity which has plastic surgeons giving their time, free of charge, to go to Africa with anaesthetists and nurses, to perform the operations there. After Care is provided by Cheshire homes and the whole care costs about £600.

A representative of Facing Africa will be visiting the Soroptimists on Monday 26th September at 7.30pm to explain about the work. This will be at Garforth Country Club. Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge for admission. A raffle will be held, towards the funds.

Charity Race Night, Friday 21st October

Soroptimist International of Garforth Elmet will be holding a Charity Race night in St Mary's Hall Kippax, at 7.30pm on Friday 21st October. Admission is £10 and includes a hot meal. Please ring Lynne on 01977554285 to book your tickets, or for further information

THE RISE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESLEYAN CHAPEL, ALLERTON BYWATER

Lady Elizabeth Hastings (1682 – 1739) although basically an Anglican had contact with Catholicism from her female friends at Kippax Park. According to some remarks made by Thomas Bernard Lady Betty, as Lady Elizabeth was better known “Lady Betty was a Methodist many years before Methodism had either a name or being among us.” Nevertheless it is to Lady Elizabeth’s consistent and unswerving Piety that the conversion of her half sisters to Methodism may be fairly attributed. It seems to me that Lady Elizabeth knew more about the popular religions of the day than we do at the present time.

Was it a fact of religious fervour or was it a fact that the Aristocratic people in our area had put down a firm foundation for religion that caused a great upsurge of different faiths to emerge among the ordinary people in the 1800’s?

In Kippax Anglican church included within her Parish the villages of Great Preston and Allerton Bywater, which entailed quite a bit of walking to worship for its Parishioners. The building of the places of for the convenience of the Great Preston and Allerton Bywater people became imperative. A new church was built at Allerton Bywater with the name of St. Mary the Less and the buildings were consecrated for worship in 1865.

Great Preston not to be outdone set up a mission meeting in 1880 in the old Great Preston Hall with a seating for 180 people. When the hall became unsafe for worship a new church was built to provide continuity of the community under the name of St. Aidan’s. The nearest Catholic Church for the people of that Faith was at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Castleford, built in 1877. A large influx of people invaded the locality to work in the flourishing mining industry, many were Irish and predominantly Catholic. After spending many a long walk to Castleford, to worship’ plans were submitted and a local church was built adopting the name of St John the Evangelist, the new Roman Catholic Church was opened in 1916 much to the delight of the local people.

In the tiny village of Bower’s Row, Mr. J. W. Blackburn formulated the idea of House Meetings and under his leadership mixed denominational meetings were held from 1882. Because of the lack of space the Sunday Services were held in the Day School. Unfortunately the Day School was governed by the Anglican Church authority and in due course the society were told to vacate the premises The Colliery Manager and Mr. Lowther stepped in, Mr. Lowther providing the plot of land and the Colliery Manager the materials so that the Mission Hall could be built. This was

wood frame building covered with corrugated iron sheeting, it became Bowers Allerton Mission Hall and was opened on the 29th October 1896. The Iron Church as it became known did valuable service for 31 year when a new building was erected and opened on Good Friday 1927.

Methodism was introduced into Allerton Bywater during the same period in time with an estimated date of 1860. Mr John Robinson (Grandfather of the late Mrs. Annie Haywood) came to Allerton Bywater from Bradley Street Castleford and was soon organising house meetings. These meetings were eventually transferred into chapel buildings and registered for worship 28th September 1870, the original chapel and Sunday schools at the lower end of Victoria Street. Built of brick these premises were registered for marriages on the 26th June 1869.

So here at the end of the 1800's the locality was well supplied with all the popular denominations and all the churches and there Sunday schools bursting at the seams.

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ALLERTON ANTHOLOGY No 70 SEPTEMBER MMXI

I forget which day in March it was when Mrs. Watkinson phoned me, but near the end of the conversation she mentioned that three of her near relatives who lived in Filey during the Second World War had left for the fishing grounds when they were attacked by a Heinkel III Aircraft, and one of the Watkinson's shot it down. I told her that I would be interested in that event, as I am interested in historical happenings concerning the Second World War, and she told me that she would let me have a copy of the account.

So here it is;----- on the morning of Wednesday 3rd April 1940 the FILEY Drifter 'SILVERLINE' with a crew of eight aboard was on her way to the fishing grounds, with a Lewis gun, and yet still a "civilian" Fishing Craft and had survived enemy action previously when she had been bombed and machine gunned. As they went on their way they had seen some Spitfires circling around and heard the sound of bombing and machine gun fire in the distance. They saw a Spitfire in the distance and a Heinkel in combat; the two planes broke off the exchange going in opposite directions.

Suddenly the Heinkel was swooping down out of the sky towards them. The crew thought the enemy was diving to attack. Tom Watkinson was the first to get to the Lewis Gun, which had been installed on the ship's deck. When the aircraft was within range he pressed the trigger and a tracer of bullets hit the Heinkel which caused the plane to swerve wildly and crash into the sea a short distance away.

The boat's crew watched, and saw the aircraft's crew of five crawl out of the cockpit of the slowly sinking plane, move to the tail and hold up their arms in a gesture of surrender. SILVERLINE proceeded to the wrecked plane and as it got closer it struck one of the wings causing the plane to sink faster. The crew of the SILVERLINE reacted with haste and got ropes over the side of the boat and hauled the aircraft's crew aboard, one of whom, the Navigator, had been wounded.

Once they were aboard, the pilot who could speak excellent English told the ship's crew that they had lost the use of one of their engines, and the other had been damaged in the battle with the Spitfire. The Spitfire had

broken off the battle when it had been damaged itself. The bullets from the Lewis Gun completed the job as far as they were concerned, and the bullets had also punctured the life raft. The aircrew would therefore, have drowned if the SILVERLINE had not rescued them.

There was three Watkinson's on board the SILVERLINE (all brothers) and during the journey back conversations took place during which the Germans gave Bob Watkinson a gold signet ring and Tom Watkinson a wrist watch, presumably in appreciation of their rescue. When the German Pilot was approached about attacking Fishing Boats, he said that he had done no such thing, and that he was after bigger things, like Merchant Ships in Convoys. He would say that wouldn't he! It does not alter the fact that several Fishing vessels had been attacked at the same time that day, and in the same vicinity.

The Skipper had radioed details of their encounter back to port and when they disembarked the airmen were handed over to the authorities, and they spent the rest of the war in captivity.

Bob Watkinson died in 1965 and in the 1980s his son, also called Bob decided to track down the ring, given to his father, his father always expected the German to return after the war. Eventually the ring was returned in 1988 to its rightful owner, Rudolph Burnisch; Herr Burnisch had been given the ring by his father who had never expected to see it again.

When it was returned to him, he told Bob that he remembers the third of April every year as his second birthday, the day when eight ordinary Filey men saved him and his crew's lives somewhere off the Yorkshire coast

It was believed locally; that the captured crew of the Heinkel had been sent to Canada as POWs, and had been aboard a vessel sunk by a German U Boat and all had been lost. IT was not until 1987 that Bob was aware that the pilot had survived the war. In fact a reporter preparing an article about the SILVERLINE/HEINKEL incident for an aviation magazine, and had tracked down the pilot, and later arranged for him to visit Filey.

This story has been passed down by successive generations of Filey folk. The experiences of the crew of the SILVERLINE had widespread attention at the time, and widespread coverage from the press.

The crew of the SILVRLINE were:-

Bill Watkinson(known as BILLY BUTTER),
Tom and Bob Watkinson,
Charlie Hunter,
Ted Robinson,
and three none Filey men, A.J.Barley,
Walter Cole and Douglas Holmes.

For permission to write this story I would like to thank Mrs. Watkinson of Allerton Bywater, for allowing me to print the above description.

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