



Allerton Bywater Parish Council

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Planning Applications from September 2011 to date

Leeds City Council have approved planning permission for following:-

P/11/03297/FU 76 Brigshaw Drive, Allerton Bywater

Two storey and single storey side extension

P/11/03184/FU 9 Manor Park Avenue, Allerton Bywater

Porch Extension

P/11/02732/FU 38 Preston Lane, Allerton Bywater

Change of use and alterations of church to four

bedroom house

P/11/02189/LA Ninevah lane Sports Fields, Ninevah Lane

Temporary detached single storey canteen to

recreation ground

P/11/01623/FU Miners Memorial, Beeston Way, Allerton Bywater

Extension of time period application for memorial

sculpture

The Parish Council have also received applications for:-

P/11/04592/FU 22 Manor Park Avenue, Allerton Bywater

Two storey front extension

P/11/04157/FU 35 Brigshaw Lane, Allerton Bywater

Demolish existing rear steps, rebuild rear steps with a

supporting wall

P/11/03842/DEM Brigshaw House Residential Home, 2 Brigshaw Drive

Determination for demolition of residential home

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UPDATE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Leeds City Council compliance services have provided the Parish Council with the following update on the traveller site on Ninevah Lane:

An enforcement notice accompanied by a Stop Notice was issued yesterday (10/11) in respect of the above unauthorised development which I will be serving on the owners today (11/11).

The Stop Notice continues the effect of the Temporary Stop Notice (TSN), served 13th October 2011, to prevent an intensification of the current use of the land. The Stop Notice is directed against further caravans being brought to the site for human habitation, additional buildings being erected or other construction work taking place and other business activities being undertaken on the site. The TSN expires on Saturday and the law does not permit the Council to serve another one.

The enforcement notice alleges the change of use of the land for the purposes of the stationing of caravans for human habitation, the creation of a hard standing by the deposit of hardcore, the erection of fencing and gates, timber sheds and generator housing and the parking of private motor vehicles ancillary to the residential use of the land and commercial vehicles used in connection with the business of the owner/occupier of the land.

The notice will come into effect on 10th December 2011, unless an appeal is made against it before that date. The notice requires the use to cease within four months of the date the notice comes into effect; all hard surfaces, building and other structures, including the tall close boarded fencing to be removed in five months and the hard surfaced areas restored to grass.

I will keep you informed of any developments and advise you and local residents of the receipt of any appeal against the enforcement notice.

I can also advise that our records show the planning application submitted on behalf of the occupier, Mr Doran, (ref 11/04310/FU received on 12th October 2011) for use of land for siting of mobile homes with associated works and retention of chicken shed, 2 single stable and dog pen remains invalid due to lack of the planning application fee and other necessary information.

MEMORIES

The Resources Group still have copies of their book of photographic memories available at a cost of £6.00 each.

These are available from the Youth & Adult Centre or from Mrs Brenda Smith 49 Preston Lane {telephone 0113 2871799} also from Great Preston Post Office.

Perhaps you would like to buy someone one for a Christmas Present?

5 St Mary's Court, Allerton Bywater Two storey side extension with chimney

The application for a traveller's site on Ninevah Lane has at the time we go to print has still not been submitted to the LCC Planning Department for Consideration. Until the plans are submitted no one can make any official objections. LCC are well aware of the Parish Council and resident's objections to the site and once LCC officially inform us of any progress on this matter we will inform the residents and take any action that is necessary to resolve this situation.

The Parish Council have always opposed all applications to build on Green Belt Sites and will continue to do so.

Other Activities

Councillors have held meetings with Leeds City Councillors, Leeds City Council Highways, and the Police. The Parish Council wishes to thank Councillors Wakefield, Parker and Lewis for their ongoing support and assistance.

The Parish Council are currently developing a website to hold all Parish Council papers, previous editions of The Allertoner, details of village in bloom projects and the history of the village. The website is still under construction but can be viewed at:

http://www.allertonbywaterparishcouncil.co.uk

We would like to hear from anyone with old photographs or any old records relating to the village please call Ken on 01197 550705

The Parish Council wishes to thank Councillor Ken Asprey for all his work in establishing and maintaining the website.

The Village in Bloom continue to make improvements across the village. The removal of overgrown and poorly maintained trees at two sites Park Lane has opened up long forgotten views for residents and visitors. These projects have already received praise from the organisers of the competition and we look forward to seeing these when they are completed. The Parish Council wishes to thank all those involved but particular the chairperson of the Village in Bloom group Bridget Mitchell and her husband Steve Mitchell who have provided the ideas, time and labour to make these initial projects such a success. We are sure that these projects will greatly enhance the village and make it a more pleasant place to live.

We also wish to thank our two village caretakers Geoff Bird and John Robshaw for all the effort they put in throughout the year keeping the village tidy.

And finally, the Parish Council wishes all residents

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year

Allerton Bywater in Bloom



Urgently needs volunteers.

It is with great excitement we can announce that we are going to enter the Yorkshire in bloom competition this coming April but we need your help to prepare for the event.

We appreciate people do not have lots of spare time but we are hoping that by allocating you a task in your area to suit your time and capabilities you could offer your time for us, you could adopt a task/area or even undertaking a small job will make a big difference and be very appreciated and without the commitment of weekly gardening parties and monthly meeting s we hope to make joining our team much more enjoyable for everyone involved.

You will see by the projects been done around the village the difference we are making but we need all the help we can get to help make Allerton Bywater a nicer place to live.

To offer your time now and find out more please don't hesitate to contact me now and I will gladly talk to you about our projects and aims.

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Allerton Bywater in Bloom.



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Many thanks to: Barkers fencing, Miller Homes, R.H. services, Renato Boi, J.P.garden services, G.H.M home and maintenance, Stephen Mitchell and Stuart Bland Ground works.

Not only have these people shown great commitment to their own projects and me but have also forged friendships with each other and offered their help and skill's to one another and we are grateful to have them all on board.

If now you can see the difference we are making and would like to advertise your business please contact me ASAP.

We now need keen gardeners to help us.

If you have any ideas for future projects in mind that we could do or ideas you could offer us for improvements around the village I would love to hear them.

Bridget Mitchell: 01977 553747/ 07853153814.

All Change for the Labour Team

Keith Parker is retiring at next May's election after 26 years representing Kippax on the City Council. Our Labour candidate will be Mary Harland who is well know to many as a local resident.

Contact us:

Councillor James Lewis. Email james.lewis@leeds.gov.uk. Tel 0113 286 9647 Councillor Keith Parker. Email keith.parker@leeds.gov.uk Tel 0113 336 8941 Councillor Keith Wakefield. Email keith.wakefield@leeds.gov.uk. Tel 0113 247 4163

The Councillors hold advice sessions on the first Saturday of each month. 9:00 to 9:45 Hollinsgrove Social Room and 10:00 to 11:00 at the St Mary's Church Vicars Terrace. Either Keith, Keith or James attend on a rota basis.

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Update from our City Councillors James Lewis, Keith Parker and Keith Wakefield.

New Nursery building for the O-Zone

Councillor Keith Wakefield recently opened the new purpose-built nursery building in the grounds of the Old School, now known as Vicars Court. This is a great facility for families in the village and is due in no small part to the work of many local volunteers who have driven the project. We were pleased to support O-Zone and the Community Partnership for this project.

Planning update

We continue to deal with lots of local issues in Allerton. Regretfully, a Government planning inspector has allowed a Greenfield site on Queen Street, near Hollinsgrove, to go forward for housing development, despite Cllr James Lewis speaking on behalf of those local resident opposed to the development and a Public Inquiry. We are well aware that local residents feel strongly about the unauthorised development on Ninevah Lane. The process the Council has to follow by law is to allow a planning application to be received and determined before further steps can be taken, we recognise the frustration people feel because of this.

Looking at the broader picture we are under no illusions that the current government's drive to encourage development, subject to much criticism from the Daily Telegraph and National Trust, as part of a new National Planning Policy Framework will make it often impossible to prevent further house-building round Allerton in future years, if developers wish to proceed.

Brigshaw Lane

We are pleased that our lobbying has paid off and Brigshaw Lane has been resurfaced from end-to-end, with improvement to the drainage to help alleviate some flooding. Despite cuts to Government grants for local transport plan road maintenance funding of 50%, this £178,000 scheme is nearing completion.

Grants for local community groups.

When the Council's budget has been set we have been keen to make sure that the small grants available to support local groups and volunteers are kept as we know how important they are. Recently, we have helped out Hollins Grove Luncheon Club; and Allerton Bywater Cricket Club, and supported an Older People's event. If you think we can support a group you're involved with please contact us using the details below.



October 2011

1. The hills are alive with the sound of ... Brigshaw!

Brigshaw's very own Von Trapp family flew to Salzburg recently to immerse themselves into the language and culture of Austria.

Our Year 11 German Fast
Track group and sixth form
students discovered the
delights of this beautiful city,
including the birth place of
Mozart, Hellbrunn palace and
trick fountains, and many
locations from the famous film
- The Sound of Music.



As well as trying local delicacies, singing 'doh-ray-me' and undertaking an epic journey to reach an ice cave, we were very impressed by our students' constant enthusiasm and efforts to speak German. Ein fantastisches Wochenende!

2. Making a Disneyland dream come true

Brigshaw Lifeskills pupils are excitedly planning a dream visit to Disneyland, Paris as part of their learning curriculum. The children who live with learning difficulties and disabilities have been busy raising money to help fund their 'trip of a lifetime'. In addition to researching their trip, making plans and organising they planned a table top sale and enjoyed creating colourful candle holders.

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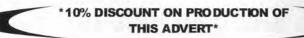
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Josh attended O2 recently to deliver a training session to staff and to take part in interviews about his career ambitions in basketball. He was also guest speaker on BBC Leeds in the run up to the Olympics.

Josh is one of our Olympic Ambassadors at Brigshaw and is involved in The Brigshaw Co-operative Trust Olympic project which will be held between 16-25 June 2012. It will build on the 2012 Olympics by uniting our local community with approximately three hundred and fifty young people from our partner schools in sixteen countries. Exciting aspects of our project include an attempt for a Zumba World Record, a Community Gala Day and a huge Olympics and Paralympics event. If you would like to find out more or also help make our project a success, please contact merrimea01@leedslearning.net
Josh is excited about the prospect of one day being a member of the GB team, representing the UK in his beloved sport. With such a positive attitude and love of sport, don't be surprised if you hear a lot more about Josh Gardner in years to come.

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scented lavender sachets and small textiles such as purses and bags to raise money for their trip.

Everyone is really looking forward to the trip to Disneyland and the project



will provides our Lifeskills pupils with an opportunity to learn new skills through experience, gives a chance for them to be independent and broadens their awareness of other cultures and places. They have also enjoyed getting involved in planning, organising and fundraising activities which promotes healthy attitudes towards work and personal responsibility. We're looking forward to making this dream come true.

3. Brigshaw Olympic Ambassador's sporting success

The future is promising to be very bright for Brigshaw pupil Josh Gardner, who loves playing for the Leeds Spiders Wheelchair Basketball Club. The rising wheelchair basketball star has received a succession of awards this year, has been nominated to carry the Olympic flame and, along with his team mates, raised funds as part of an O2 project enabling them to run roadshows across the region to encourage young people to take part in training sessions.



The Book that Changed the World

Until the 16th century, only scholars who could read ancient languages, such as Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic or Latin, could read the Bible. Then the Tyndale New Testament was published in English in 1526. In 1604, King James I of England authorized that a new translation of the Bible into English be started. It was finished in 1611. The Authorized Version, or King James Version, quickly became the standard for English-speaking Protestants.

2011 is the 400th anniversary of this publication and the King James Bible has impacted on millions of people, influenced culture, and transcended numerous generations. With more than 6 billion copies published, the Bible is the most popular book in the world, and the King James Bible is the most published Bible translation. Its inspired words have brought peace, joy, and hope to millions of people and it is regarded today as one of the most accurate translations.

It is possible to find a reading plan on line, which will allow you to read the bible in only a year. It is full of lust and love stories, politics and war, and amazing feats to match anything you can read in popular novels. In addition, many authors have found inspiration within its pages, and many blockbuster films have been based on Bible stories or referring to them.

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Christmas Concert

Micklefield Male Voice Choir will again be entertaining friends old and new, in a special Christmas Concert, in St Mary's Church, Vicars Terrace, Allerton Bywater. Get into the Spirit of Christmas at 3pm on Sunday 3rd December, and tickets are only £5 including seasonal refreshments during the interval. Get your tickets from Church members, or ring Lynne Tomlinson, 01977554285 to book them.

9 Lessons and Carols

This traditional service will take place in St Mary's Church, Allerton Bywater, at 3pm on Sunday 11th December. The service will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, by using the traditional readings. Everyone is very welcome, and are invited into the Annex after the service for refreshments.

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A new Rector for Kippax with Allerton Bywater

Since Rev Bruce Carlin left earlier in the year, the PCC has been working hard preparing for the recruitment of a new Rector. The Parochial Church Council has met several times to prepare what is called a 'Parish Statement'. This describes the churches and the life of the community. The PCC has also had meetings with the Area Dean, the Archdeacon of Leeds, and Bishop James Bell. The most recent meeting was with Swillington PCC to look at how the new Rector might lead a Team Ministry responsible for Swillington St Mary's too. It is hoped that interviews will be held early in December, and that a suitable person can be appointed as Rector. Hopefully, he or she would take up the post in the spring of 2012.

When someone has been appointed, the PCC look forward to letting the Parish know all about him or her in the Allertoner. Watch this space



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In the first half of the 17th century Christmas was an important religious festival and a time when the English population would indulge in a variety of traditional pastimes. The 25th December was a public holiday, during which all places of work closed and people attended special church services. The next eleven days included masses, businesses open less frequently and for shorter hours. During the twelve days of Christmas, buildings were dressed with rosemary, holly and ivy and families attended Christmas Day mass. There was also non-stop dancing, singing, drinking, exchanging of presents and stage plays. The population indulged in feasts of roast beef, plum porridge, minced pies and special ale. Twelfth Night, the final day of celebration, often saw a fresh bout of feasting and carnivals. It's no surprise that the daily celebrations often led to drunkenness, gambling and other forms of excess.

In 1644 Oliver Cromwell enforced an Act of Parliament banning Christmas celebrations. Christmas was regarded by the Puritans as a wasteful festival that threatened core Christian beliefs. Consequently, all activities relating to Christmas, including attending mass, were forbidden. Not surprisingly, the ban was hugely unpopular and many people continued to celebrate Christmas secretly.

The ban on Christmas lasted until 1660. Under the Commonwealth, mince pies, holly and other popular customs fell victim to the spirited Puritan attempt to eradicate every last remnant of merrymaking during the Christmas period.

The Puritans believed that you would be welcomed in to heaven as long as you worked hard in your lifetime, thus, enjoyment for enjoyments sake was highly disapproved of. Cromwell ordered for inns and playhouses to be shut down, most sports were banned and those caught swearing would receive a fine. Women caught working on the Sabbath could be put in the stocks. They had to wear a long black dress, a white apron, a white headdress and no makeup. The men had an equally sober appearance, dressed head to toe in black and sporting short hair.

All shops and markets were to stay open throughout the 25th December and anyone caught holding or attending a special Christmas church service would suffer a penalty. In London, soldiers were ordered to patrol the streets and seize any food they discovered was being prepared for a Christmas celebration.

Despite the threat of fines and punishment many people continued to celebrate Christmas clandestinely. The ban had never been popular and many people still held mass on the 25th December to mark Christ's nativity also marked the day as a secular holiday. In the late 1640s Cromwell tried to put a stop to these public

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This ended when Charles II was restored to the throne in 1661, all legislation banning Christmas -- enforced from 1642 to 1660 -- was dropped and the common people were once again allowed to mark the Twelve Days of Christmas. Old traditions were revived with renewed enthusiasm and Christmas was celebrated throughout the country as both a religious and secular festival.

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HALLOWEEN

A pupil at Allerton Bywater Primary School, Jack Jarrett attended the Parish and Ward council surgeries in November to raise concerns had has about the effect of Halloween on all residents but particularly on the elder. He spoke to Councillor Keith Wakefield and to the members of the Parish Council present. Below is the letter which he first presented to the Headmaster of his school.

Dear Mr Cairns.

I am 9 years old and have not been trick or treating before because it's not fair on senior citizens that can't afford sweets for other children. I have an idea to spread fairness throughout Allerton Bywater that I wondered if you could help me with. A lot of senior citizens around where I live turn off their lights to pretend they are not in on Halloween.

My idea is that you can only Trick or Treat at a house if they have a decoration like a pumpkin or a sticker in their window. This lets the children and their parents know that this house welcomes visitors to Trick or Treat and any house without a decoration does not want you to call. There are a few houses that put up decorations but not very many, so knowing who likes Halloween and who doesn't isn't clear. I think this rule allows the people in Allerton Bywater to have a choice and it's a very simple thing to do.

I wondered if you could please send out a letter asking parents and carers to make sure their children follow this rule as well as themselves. I also wondered if Mrs Jones would take this letter to Brigshaw Trust Community to spread the word around other schools.

Do you have any suggestions on how we can send this message to the people in the area who don't have children in the local Schools? So they can also display a decoration on Halloween. If nearly everyone does this my mum will take me and my brothers and sister Trick and Treating next year.

Thank You Mr Cairns for listening to my proposal.

Jack Jarrett 4JA

Editors Comments;

Thank you for caring about the elderly residents Jack and we are happy to support you by printing your letter, thereby getting your message across to all the residents of the village as the Allertoner is delivered to all the properties within the village.



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The Bevin boys were given six weeks training four off site and two on before working in the mines.

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ALLERTON BYWATER VICTORIA A.C.

At the Annual General Meeting of the angling club three new committee were elected to the general purpose committee Mark Salmon, Andrew Woolford and Paul Geary the rest of the committee remain the same Chairman William Pearson, Vice Chairman Colin Street, Secretary Steve Murray, Treasurer Keith Hambleton, Match Secretary Barrie Wright, Assistant Match Secretary Ian Wright.

The club have had a sound financial year and a rise in membership, which has allowed us once again not to raise membership fees for the coming year.

They remain at Adult £16.00, O.A.P. £8.00, Juvenile £6.00

We shall be stocking the Lowther Lake with further Carp during the year, owing to the previous stocking proving very successful with the stocked fish growing very rapidly with some fish already having reached double figures. The introduction of the Carp to the lake has created more interest from anglers wishing to fish the venue and the rapid growth rates should create even more interest in the future.

The Ox Bow Lakes at the back of Lowther Lake continue to give excellent sport with lots of fish being caught throughout the year. Unfortunately many anglers are under the impression that this is free fishing, but it is controlled by the angling club and is part of the Lowther Lake Lease, Permits and an Environment Licence are required before fishing any club waters.

The Aire & Calder Navigation at Fleet Lane Woodlesford once again provided excellent sport through the year both to pleasure anglers and matchmen alike, the club matches have once again been well attended and the results excellent for canal fishing the venue remains one of the best in the region.

The Angling Club has open membership and permits are available from most local tackle shops.

team, including a Hat – Trick v Syke house and also took 23 wickets for the second team.

Both captains Richard Lamb and Kris Thickett deserve a huge amount of praise for keeping the teams spirits up when times were hard and this team spirit ensured a good finish to the end of the season which augers well for next season.

The club would to thank Terry and Keely at the Anchor for their hospitality and financial support and sponsoring the teams shirts.

Also Cryer & Stott for their sponsorship of playing shirts.

Barbara and Ian Lloyd for match ball sponsorship.

The Parish Council for a grant towards equipment.

Councillor James Lewis for a grant towards Trophies.

John Lyons

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Allerton Bywater Cricket Club 2011

After losing four first team players from the previous season it was always going to be a struggle to achieve any success.

Along with the absence of batsman Michael Wade [injury] and Mathew Weaver [unavailable] only two wins came the first teams way in fourteen matches. However the return of these two and two new players Jack Bridges and Andy Kunkle saw seven victories from eight games at the end of the season. Highlight of the season was a score of 361-4 v Normanton with a stand of 232 between the ex Methley duo Wade 107 and Bridges 200 not out. Record scores at Allerton as far as I know?

Wade topped the batting with 471 runs average 39 whilst Bridges 407 and Paul Wadsworth gave good support. Jonathon Ding in his first full season in the first eleven scored 299 runs and took 23 wickets. Skipper Richard Lamb topped 200 runs and took 34 wickets, but the bowling averages were won by Mathew Weaver with 28 wickets average 11.5 in only 10 games.

The second eleven overcame an early season struggle to finish a very creditable fourth in division seven and also won their way to a cup final. Losing in the final to Askern by fourteen runs they put up an excellent effort and were well supported on the day.

Tony Harrison won the batting averages with 334 runs average 22 with Ushman Baashir 255 runs Dale Johnson 217 Ben Solly 212 giving good support. Skipper Kris Thickett won the bowling with 41 wickets at an average of 11.5 whilst Bashir 34 wickets Matt Thompson 33 wickets Solly 23 wickets played their part. Youngsters Tom Greenwood and Neil Patel topped 250 runs playing in the first and second teams. Bowler Scott Taylor took 24 wickets for the first

Allerton Anthology, number 71, Christmas, MMX1

I am about to embark on something I've never attempted before. I will attempt to transcribe some of Mr Walter Cockerham's memories. I hope you will enjoy reading them.

He was born on 9th March 1914, he started his writings sometime in the 1980s

he would then be in his seventies.

He died on the 14th April 1993 at the age of 79.

I feel it a great honour to write these memories of his, and I'm indebted to Mr Jack Cockerham of Brigshaw, for permitting me put these memories into print. I will also thank the late Stan Jones for safeguarding those papers before giving them to me.

I believe that Walter Cockerham wrote one of the most interesting Social History accounts that I have witnessed.

ENJOY.

It will take years at one Anthology a quarter, but I will do my Best.

George Parkinson

A trip down Memory Lane - Walter Cockerham

The earliest recollection of my life was when I was four years old, I was playing with Teddy Rowley, Faith Rowley's son, and I went into their house, and his mother was cleaning a big pan of mussels, after watching her do this, I vowed, although I was only a child, I would never eat any myself.

Another thing that sticks in my memory was the policemen of that day there was Bobby Webster, who lived next door to Batty's farm and Bobby Taylor who lived at Woodend. They were part of the community and respected by young and old, you could always spot them during the dark nights because they wore a thick leather belt and an oil lamp lit in the middle, and if you were doing anything wrong your punishment was a swipe across the neck with the Bobby's cape, and if you went home crying and told your parents what had happened, you got a second helping of punishment from them.

Another well known character in the village was a man called 'Little Patsie' who lived in a caravan in Rhodes Farm yard. (This farm was situated at the bottom of Back Street). He would often sit down with us and tell us some great stories.

Now I would like to take you on a walk around the village, Starting first at Boat Lane, that's if you can stand the smell of Sunny Huddlestone's muck boat, to the Boat Inn (The Boat Inn is the oldest Pub in Allerton Bywater) it was very popular for Boatmen and people walking to and from Castleford through the fields. The landlord was Frank Prime, he was a Fireman and was also in the buffs, there daughter Betty used to go to our Sunday School and this turned

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out to be a good money-spinner when we went to sing our anniversary hymns. At the bottom of their garden was a daisy field, and it was notable for growing rhubarb. There was also a fresh water spring where we used to go with our bucket and cans, when our taps ran dry at home.

The next field was called Long Field. You had to open then close two gates to get into this field, but it was important to close the gates to ensure no animals in the field would get out. There was also two gates at the side of the river bank for the same purpose, well we found this to be a great advantage because cyclists going to and from Castleford had to get off there cycles and open the gate, and so had the men leading there horses from the boat. So what we used to do was tie one gate back with a piece of rope and open the other so the cyclists or the horsemen had a clear way through, usually it cost a cyclist 1d, and the horsemen 2d. I think you would call that private enterprise these days.

I would also like to add that a team of six men used to pull the boats down the river. They did this by means of a harness attached to their bodies. Opposite The Boat Inn was the ferry; which used to take the horses and men across the river, it used to be 1d for men and sixpence for horses. If you were working at the pit and you were going to and from work, then you could have it stopped off your wages at the colliery.

The boat was pulled across the river by means of chains and they called the boat Betty, I supposed after Betty Prime, the boatmen's daughter.

Anyway, one Saturday night, a party of us young men from the chapel went to some social event to Methley, and as the ferrymen finished work at 10pm at that time it was Mr Maltby. He left the boat at the Methley side of the river for us to bring back ourselves; the party was Fred Taylor, William.Beecham, Albert Ambleton, George Blagden, Alf Monks, Bill Hinchliffe and me. As we were pulling the rope over the river, the chain broke, and we were drifting towards Lock lane before we were able to get out of the boat, however, a good time was had by all.

Well that's all for this time and I would like to thank my Grandson Jack for typing the above. I would also like to wish every Allertoner on the planet a very Happy Christmas!

George Parkinson – 25th October 2011



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