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Planning Applications from December 2011 to date

Leeds City Council have approved planning permission for following:-

| | |
|----------------|--|
| P/11/03842/DEM | Brigshaw House Residential Home, 2 Brigshaw Drive Determination for demolition of residential |
| P/11/04157/FU | 35 Brigshaw Lane, Allerton Bywater Demolish existing rear steps, rebuild rear steps with a supporting wall |

Leeds City Council have refused planning permission for following:-

| | |
|----------------|---|
| P/11/04592/FU | 22 Manor Park Avenue, Allerton Bywater Two storey front extension |
| P/ 11/04973/FU | 16 Carlton View Allerton Bywater First floor extension to both sides and increased roof height; detached garage to rear |

The Parish Council have also received applications for:-

| | |
|---------------|--|
| P/11/03475/FU | 5 St Mary's Court, Allerton Bywater Two storey side extension with chimney |
| P/11/04310/FU | Caravan At The Stables Ninevah Lane Use of land for siting of mobile home with associated works and retention of chicken shed, 2 single stable and dog pen |
| P/12/00009/FU | 40 Preston Lane Allerton Bywater First floor and single storey rear extension; new pitched roof to existing rear extension; increase in height to part of roof to main house; new window to side at first floor |

The application for a traveller's site on Ninevah Lane (P/11/04310/FU) is currently pending consideration by Leeds City Council. A significant number of objections have been received by Leeds City Council to the planning application.

Other Activities

Councillors have held meetings with Leeds City Councillors and the Police.

The Parish Council website holds 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>

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As part of this exhilarating, fun-packed week is an attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Record's current record for the largest Zumba class (18 June) and we are busily preparing for this event. Students across all 9 schools and our international partner schools are working together on Zumba routines and aim to smash the current record of 2,012 participants. The Zumba World Record attempt will be led by Charlotte and Peyton Martin from *Dance Zumba*, together with Brigshaw teachers Kerry Waterworth and Hayley Kibble. You too can get involved in making history... visit 'Dance Zumba - Charlotte Martin' on Facebook for details of local classes and our World Record attempt or get in touch with Liz Merriman.

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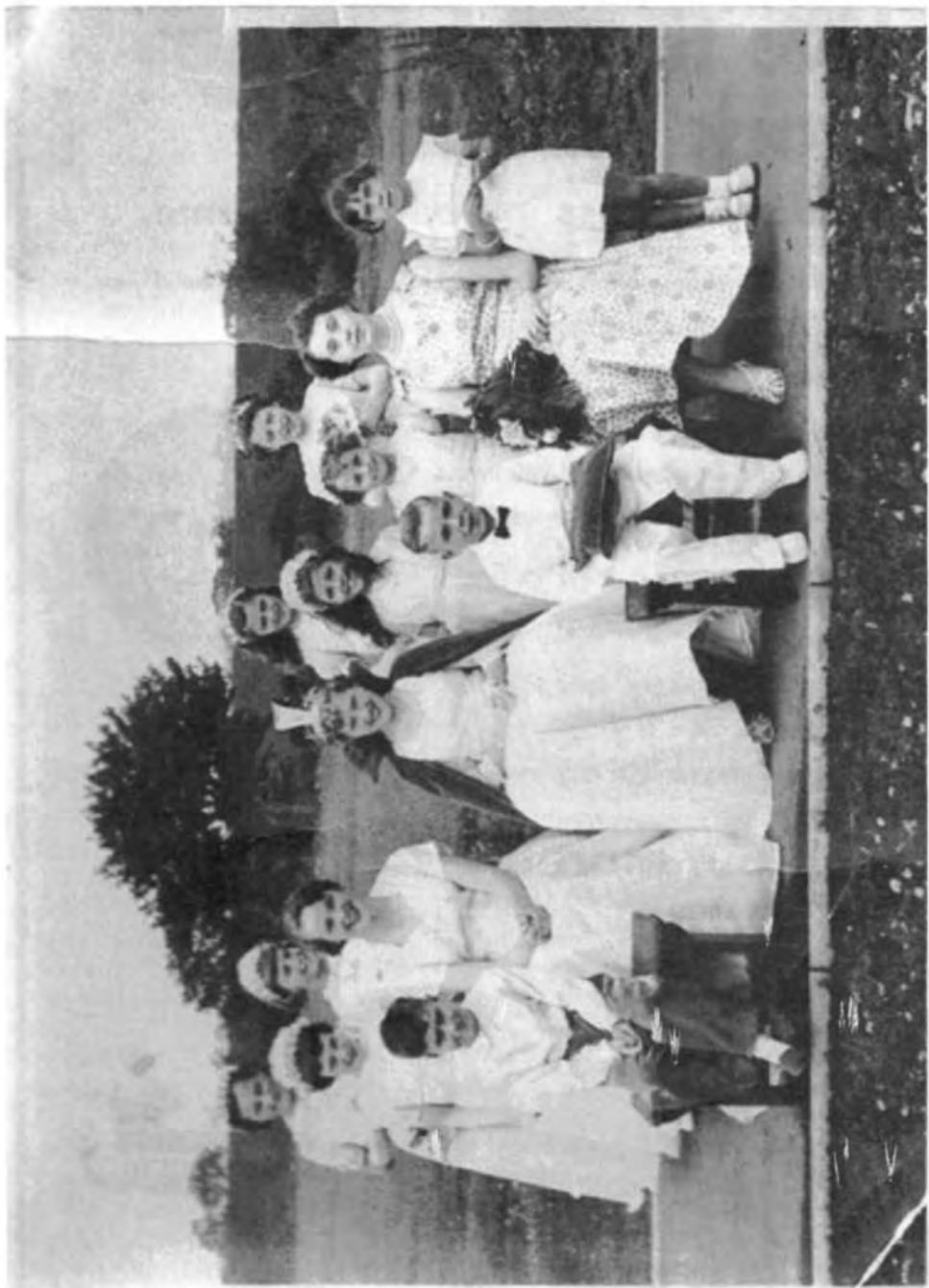
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As 2012 gets underway we will be reviewing our groups and activities - please don't miss an opportunity to feedback your thoughts.

For more information please contact either Children's Centre

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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St Mary's the Less is pleased to let you know that in April we will be welcoming Reverend Canon Rosemarie Hayes as Rector to the Parish of Kippax with Allerton Bywater.

Reverend Hayes was ordained in 1991 at Ripon cathedral, and served her curacy at St James the Great Manston. She comes from St Margaret's Horsforth and St Stephen's Kirkstall in the Abbeylands Team Ministry at Horsforth in Leeds, where she leads the Team Ministry. She was made a Canon of Ripon Cathedral in 2011

We are very lucky to have Rev Hayes joining us, because of her experience in working in a Team. She will also act as Priest in Charge St Mary's Swillington as the parishes work towards becoming a new team.

We will tell you more about her later, and we are sure that she will be looking forward to meeting people in the Parish as much as we are to getting to know her. I am sure she will soon be seen around the village.

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You can access our timetable on our website:

www.kippaxchildrenscentre.com

www.villageseastchildrenscentre.com

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.

Children's Centre News!

Happy New Year!! 2011 has been such a busy year for our Children's Centres. We've met so many new families through our clinics, groups and new birth visits and have delivered many exciting activities which we hope you've enjoyed too! We have been very busy planning for 2012.

January will see another 'New year, new job' workshop. These are monthly sessions delivered by our Job Centre Plus Advisor (Simon) during which you can search for employment opportunities and create or improve your CV. If your new year's resolution is to find a job, book your place now!

We are also running a parenting course at the start of 2012. This will focus on developing your parenting skills and learning ideas and solutions from others. These two courses are at the Brighshaw Trust Headquarters, Vicars Court at Allerton Bywater. Keep a look out for more information!

Both these groups have a crèche but you'll need to book as places are extremely limited!

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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.

There are various tasks and jobs around the village that will help us greatly in the competition if you could spare some time.

You will have noticed great changes around the village and we would like you to join in and become a part of that.

We are now supporting St Mary the less who have kindly offered us a table at the council surgery once a month on the first Saturday of the month 10am-12pm.

This is a friendly coffee morning where you can come along and see pictures and profiles of what we have been doing and hopefully inspire you to come along and join our group.

You can purchase tea, coffee, cakes and buns.

Next meeting: sat 3rd march 10am-12pm.

Future meetings: April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd same venue.

In the new church extension at the back of St Marys the less.

To find out more about us and please come along or ring me on:

Bridget Mitchell: 01977 553747/ 07853153814.

ALLERTON BYWATER COLLIERY
MINERS MEMORIAL

The Miners Memorial Committee are pleased to announce the Memorial will be unveiled/blessed on Saturday 8th of September 2012, commencing about 1400 hours [2 o'clock] at the Memorial site Beeston Way, Allerton Bywater [opposite the top of Robinson Street]

A parade will take place and will start at 1300 hours [1 o'clock] at Brigshaw College car park, move up Brigshaw Lane, along Brigshaw Drive into Preston Lane ,Leeds Road, Station Road and Beeston Way.

The parade will be headed by Kippax Brass Band and NUM Banners, subject to availability will be paraded and displayed on this occasion.

There will be various joining points along the route and we hope as many people as possible, of all ages, groups and occupations, whether or not associated at one time in the Mining industry will take part.

This event will be one of the biggest events to take place in Allerton Bywater for a long time and will be of historical significance.

The Memorial Committee are asking for volunteers to assist them on this occasion with various small tasks and also to listen to any ideas they have which could help on the day.

We want this to be an enjoyable occasion for everybody who wishes to participate, not forgetting there will be a sombre aspect to it.

A good turnout would be a great and fitting tribute to the men and boys who died in the Colliery and those who suffered ill health as a consequence of working there.

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We're looking forward to welcoming you and our international guests to our exciting event in June. You can follow our Ambassadors' progress and to find out dates of family fun events by visiting www.brigshaw.com or by contacting Liz Merriman at Brigshaw – T: 0113 336 8100, email: merrimea01@leedslearning.net

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Coronation Images

For the June Edition of the Allertoner we'd be interested in hearing from anyone with photographs of street parties or other celebrations for the Queen's Coronation. If you have any please contact the Allertoner (Allertoner@tiscali.co.uk).

The photos below were taken in Leeds and show decorations from the Queens and Edward VII coronation.



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ALLERTON BYWATER VICTORIA A.C.

The angling club has just recently stocked the Lowther with Carp as part of their on-going stocking program. The fish stocked were all over the 5lb weight mark up to 9lb maximum. Obviously if you are purchasing quality fish of this nature with limited funding you don't get a lot of fish for your money. The fish are priced by weight at £7.00 per pound hence one fish at 9lb costs £63.00 with one 5lb fish costing £35.00. We spent in the region of £3000.00 and received approximately 76 quality adult fish.

With the Cormorant problems affecting venues larger fish are more likely to survive any attacks that may occur. But the prices highlight the need to watch for poachers who fish to catch and eat the fish not realising what they are doing as regards the costs to the angling clubs or the implications to the future in removing potential breeding stock fish. We rely on the fish to spawn to maintain the fish stocks at a reasonable level. After spawning nature and the predators such as pike and perch control what fry actually survive and compared with the vast amounts you begin with the fish that grow on to maturity are very few. But that is the way that nature works and some years are far more productive than others, hot summers and higher water temperatures can cause the fish to spawn on more than one occasion which is a bonus for the fishery owners.

You always get the arguments about there being too many Pike and Perch predatory fish being in fisheries and ours is no exception. But nature also controls the actions of these fish and if you took it to the ultimate scenario whereby only they survived they would eat one another and the whole cycle would start again from spawn transferred into the water by birds etc.; It is well known that being predators they already eat the smaller species of their own kind larger pike will quite happily feed on the smaller jack pike, they are also the equivalent of our waste disposal units feeding on all the fish that die naturally and preventing them being left to rot and decay on the bottom of the lakes and ponds.

It must also be remembered that anglers purchase permits simply to fish for specimen predatory fish like Pike and Perch it is a sport with a large following in its own right just like Carp fishing. With many anglers setting up Bivies [Small tents] at the waterside and spending many days trying to catch specimen fish. So the angling clubs try to keep a balance of fish within a mixed fishery like Lowther Lake to allow the majority to follow their type of angling in peace in tranquil surroundings

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This problem has been overcome by gardeners now tending to plant the weeping silver-leaved lime a variety of eastern European ancestry, which is immune from aphid attacks.



Limes have heart shaped leaves, the twigs contain buds which are often crimson. Yellowish-green flowers appear in July rich in nectar they attract hive bees.

Dried flowers make a pleasantly flavoured tea. Hard grey single seeded fruits are produced in September. Lime can be easily pruned and trained and can be made into interwoven hedges, arbours and shady walks.

The bark is very smooth grey and stringy and the birds sometimes strip it when building their nests. Many years ago the strong bark fibres were used by gardeners for tying up bundles.

The creamy white timber is very firm and can be used for carving, it is also used for piano keys, shoe trees and hat blocks.

Britain has two rare native wild limes, the broad leaved lime and the small leaved lime; both arise from seedlings with strange hand-shaped seed leaves. The stems of the small leaved variety are attractive to Woodpeckers which suck the sap through holes they punch into the bark.

In Duncombe Park in Helmsley North Yorkshire there is a 150ft high lime Britain's largest broad- leaved tree. The normal life span of a lime is 150years.

A large diseased tree is being cut down in Allerton Bywater Churchyard and LCC have suggested a Lime tree be planted to replace it.

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The dragon, the only mythical creature among the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac, is regarded as a symbol of might and intelligence. In ancient China, the dragon was associated with the emperor.



Those with the dragon as their sign are lively people who are straight to the point, proud, full of enthusiasm and have great passion for life. They are dynamic and stand out in a crowd as they are flamboyant and tend to leave a blazing trail behind them, igniting passion in some but also scorching others. Dragons are profoundly loyal to family and friends. They are prepared to do anything to protect their brood. They are sincere and honest but are known to act first, think later and suffer in leisure.

While Dragons frequently help others, they rarely ask for help. Others are attracted to Dragons, especially their colorful personalities, but deep down, Dragons prefer to be alone. Perhaps that is because they're most successful when working alone. Their preference to be alone can come across as arrogance or conceitedness, but these qualities aren't applicable. Dragons have tempers that can flare fast!

Considering their hard-working nature, Dragons are healthy overall. They do get stressed and suffer from periodic tension/headaches, likely because they take so many risks. Dragons could benefit from incorporating mild activity into their lives. Yoga or walking would be good as these activities can work both their minds and their bodies.

Dragons prefer leading to being led. Jobs that allow them to express their creativity are good choices. Some good careers include: inventor, manager, computer analyst, lawyer, engineer, architect, broker, and sales person.

Dragons will give into love, but won't give up their independence. Because they have quick, sometimes vengeful tempers, their partners need to be tough-skinned. Dragons enjoy others who are intriguing, and when they find the right partners, they'll usually commit to that person for life.

Boys born in the year of the dragon, are said to be destined to be successful and wealthy. Due to this it is expected that there will be a boom in babies born during the next twelve months in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Allerton Bywater in Bloom.

Our route has now been decided and many people are showing their support these are Allerton Bywater Primary school, Brigshaw trust, bramwell road allotment society and St Mary the less among others.

We would like to thank all our major site sponsors and local businesses who have sponsored our flower planters.

Thank you to all volunteers who help us and make this possible.

One of our main projects Ticklecock Bridge on park lane will also enter the competition; this site is sponsored by Renato Boi the local tree surgeon, and has undergone a huge transformation! This was massively supported by Barrett Homes of the new millennium village who donated tons upon tons of top soil and reconstructed a new stone pathway and we would like to say thank you to them and their site manager Mr Phil Woods for their generosity and thank you to Renato Boi himself for his massive work commitment not only on his site but all his work he has kindly done throughout the village.

We enter the competition in mid April and would appreciate any help you could give us in tidying the village ready for the event, I know people have little time on their hands but any time you could offer even just to sweep and tidy would be massively appreciated!

Please come along to our meetings we would love to meet you and talk more about our project.

Together we can make this village a winning entry.

Bridget Mitchell: 01977 553747/ 07853153814

A printed card means nothing except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world. And candy! You take a box to Mother—and then eat most of it yourself. A pretty sentiment.

Whilst celebration of Mothering Sunday was becoming big business in the US, by 1935 Mothering Sunday was only infrequently celebrated in Europe. It wasn't revived until US World War II soldiers brought the Mother's Day celebrations to the UK, and it was merged with the Mothering Sunday traditions still celebrated in the Church of England. By the 1950s it had become popular in the whole of the UK, thanks to the efforts of UK merchants, who saw in the festival a great commercial opportunity. People from Ireland and UK started celebrating Mother's Day on the fourth Sunday of Lent, the same day on which Mothering Sunday had been celebrated for centuries. Some Mothering Sunday traditions were revived, such as the tradition of eating cake on that day, although they now eat simnel cake instead of the cakes that were traditionally prepared at that time. The traditions of the two celebrations have now been mixed up, and many people think that they are the same thing.



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Mother's Day is a celebration honouring mothers and celebrating motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Celebrations of mothers and motherhood occur throughout the world; many of these can be traced back to ancient festivals, like the Greek cult to Cybele or the Roman festival of Hilaria.



In the United Kingdom and Ireland, there was a celebration called Mothering Sunday, which fell on the fourth Sunday of Lent (18 March 2012). Most historians believe that it originated from the 16th century Christian practice of visiting one's mother church annually on Laetere Sunday, which meant that most mothers would be reunited with their children on this day when young apprentices and young women in service were released by their masters that weekend. As a result of secularization, it was then principally used to show appreciation to one's mother, although it is still recognized in the historical sense by some churches, with attention paid to Mary the mother of Jesus Christ as well as the traditional concept 'Mother Church'.

In the United States one of the ear "Mother's Day Proclamation" by Julia Ward Howe. Written in 1870, it was a pacifist reaction to the carnage of the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War. The Proclamation was tied to Howe's feminist belief that women had a responsibility to shape their societies at the political level. In the years after the Mother's Day Proclamation, Ann Jarvis founded five Mothers' Day Work Clubs to improve sanitary and health conditions. In 1907, two years after Ann Jarvis' death, her daughter Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother and began a campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the US. Although she was successful in 1914, she was already disappointed with its commercialization by the 1920s. According to her *New York Times* obituary, Jarvis became embittered because too many people sent their mothers a printed greeting card. As she said,

Advent and Christmas events

Advent saw the end of the first full year since the reordering and the opening of the new Annex at St Mary's the Less. It is an important season in the Christian calendar, so Advent and Christmas were very busy.

The season started off with a splendid concert by Micklefield Male Voice Choir, assisted by the 2 Ms (Margaret and Muriel). The choir sang a selection of popular songs and led the audience in some Christmas carols too. The 2 Ms cameo spots had the audience in stitches, as they lamented that "No one loves a fairy when she's 40!" and that they were always the bridesmaid and never the bride. This was the second concert of the year, and was enjoyed by many villagers, some of whom are already asking when the next one will be? Look out for posters and the What's On in the Express.



To move on the spiritual side of the festivities, there was a celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, with a presentation of the ever popular "9 Lessons and Carols".

The church's Nativity set had long been past its best, with the Shepherd's and King's heads glued back on after several mishaps over the years. The renovation of the church seemed the ideal time to get some new Nativity figures but they are very expensive and the church really could not afford them. Solution? the regular congregation clubbed together to buy a beautiful new set. (Special thanks to Rev Jean for making up the shortfall). These were used for the first time at the Christingle service on Christmas Eve. It was Standing Room only for some, as the church was packed with almost 200 people coming to see the Sunday School's Nativity play, with the children proudly recreating the scene, as they brought their figures to the stable. Of course, we cheated a little bit by letting the three kings arrive on Christmas Eve, then letting them come back again at Epiphany. It was a lovely occasion, with a few tears from adults other than proud parents. A collection was made for the Children's Society, which raised £252.



The next season coming up will be Lent and Easter and there will be more exciting things to celebrate, when the Sunday School creates their Easter Garden. Look out for information about special services.

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Money problems in Church

In these difficult financial times St Mary's also faces money challenges. This year the church will have to find 10% more money to pay the diocese each month. St Mary's Allerton Bywater's share towards running the diocese is nearly £1,500 per month. On top of this are the day to day expenses such as heating, maintenance and insurance etc. These costs are being met by the regular congregation, the majority of whom are pensioners.

There has been a Christian presence in Allerton Bywater for over 150 years. Recently we have lost St Johns and the Methodist Chapel, so only St Mary's and Bowers Row Mission remain. We don't want to lose any more places of worship. Contrary to popular opinion we do not receive any money from government taxes or the Church of England who are struggling themselves to find money for clergy stipends and pensions.

If you think St Mary's is important in the village and want it to stay open, please help us by supporting in any way you can. We have events and activities through the year (watch out for posters and listings in the Pontefract and Castleford Express and church magazine). There is a Coffee Morning with books and stalls on the first Saturday in the month in the Annexe, between 10am and 12 noon. Sunday school is held at the same time as the Family Eucharist at 9am every Sunday. The pre school group First Steps for children and carers meets at 10 am in church on the first and third Thursdays every month. Better still, join us at 9am every Sunday and enjoy a coffee afterwards.

The Annexe can be booked at reasonable rates for small parties and meetings, so please spread the word. The congregation are working hard to keep St Mary's alive, but do need help.

Church Treasurer

Station Announcements

The following are announcements made at railway and underground stations

- Announcement at Bournemouth station: "The train now arriving on platform one is on fire. Passengers are advised not to board this train."
- To a platform of passengers waiting for the train from Woking to Waterloo. Delays were caused because somebody had climbed on to the signals near Weybridge and was taking pot shots at passing trains.
- Tannoy message on Connex South East: 'We apologise for the cancellation of the Ashford train. The driver's cab is infested with fleas.'
- Waterloo station announcement: 'We wish to apologise for the late running of the 17.05. This was due to staff incompetence.'
- 'There will be a short delay as your driver is currently in a taxi near Watford'
- 'Ladies and gentlemen, we apologise for the delay. This is due to the driver's cab being in reverse to the direction of travel'
- There was a 40-minute delay on the Cardiff to Birmingham line because a driver had to announce he was lost and needed to be guided for the last seven miles into majestic New Street.
- The late arrival of the 08.05 Beeston to St Pancras is due to "too many people boarding the train"
- Great North-Eastern Railway announcer who pleaded: 'Would passengers please not hang around King's Cross because it's a bit dodgy'
- On a packed train, with many standing for the full journey from Newcastle to London, the conductor apologised that the overcrowding was caused by "too many passengers".
- Heard at a London Underground station: "We apologise for the delay to customers on platform one. This is due to a delay in the actual service."
- The 17.30 from Exeter St David's to Paignton has been cancelled as the conductor will not wear his regulation tie
- The train has been delayed as the train driver has been viciously attacked by a seagull.
- Announcement on a train stopped between two stations stations. "There is no driver for this train and we will have to wait until a driver arrives"
- 'Please note that begging is not permitted in any part of London Underground. However, to the gentleman busking away happily next to the escalators, please carry on and enjoy yourself. The transport police have been called and should be with you shortly...'
- 'Beggars are operating on this train, please do NOT encourage these professional beggars, if you have any spare change, please give it to a registered charity, failing that, give it to me!'
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And further travels in Allerton Bywater by Walter Cockerham.

Before I forget the boats that travelled up the river had cargoes of fruit, nuts, wood, pit props and coal.

Leaving Boat Lane, we now make our way to Robinson Street. First we come to Maltkin Terrace, that's where I was born. First there was the fish shop which was kept by Billy Burns. Before Billy took over, it was a wooden hut fish shop, and was kept by a chap called Bradshaw. Anyway Maltkin Terrace is now Robinson Street; the fish shop Main Street. As children we always thought Robinson Street was names thus, because Bill Robinson lived at the top near Ramsdens, and Street's lived at the bottom. Street's had a boots shop, then Wm Haywood sold green groceries, and a story I must relate here is, I was once going to Kippax Mill for some turnips with Mr Haywood, on his cart, when we picked up a swan which was laid in the middle of the road. We put it on the cart and I sat holding it and when we got to the Mill, it suddenly decided to take off, with me hold of it. It was an experience I shall never forget.

Going further up Robinson Street, Taylor's had a grocery shop. Tinker's had a drapery shop, A Prince was a barber, and on the opposite side of the road Wiltshaw's opened a sweet shop. But later on Jones' had a shop that sold tobacco etc. Mrs Dibb used to bake and sell buns, Walt Lunn's had a shop, then the co-op had a shop and at the side of the co-op was the old engine house which used to pump water out of the pit through pipes which ran down to the sump, then through to the river which came out against the ferry.

We now go under the bridge which was at the time a wooden one*. Over the crossing we come to Joe Prince's fish and chip shop. Now to me Joe Prince put his Christianity into good deeds, I remember that during the pit strike in 1926; Joe Prince gave every child free of charge fish and chips one Saturday.

Next we come to Fred Simister's shop, and the other side of the road was Cobbler Judd's**, and if you walk down to the cart road, into the gardens we come to the duck hut, which was owned by Mr. W Beecham Senior. This hut was a rather large and you would pay Sixpence a year for membership, and you could spend your nights out of the cold playing dominoes, darts, cards and other games.

It was also the headquarters of the very successful football team, J Taylor, J A Bullough, E Tinker, J Church, G Barrett, Roland Harding, Ralph Crossland, Pete Wright, and Cheeky Mosbey were some of the local players at that time. Let us now make our way down Victoria Street, Sam Mosbey, ran a shop in Victoria Street. Then we come to 'Dickies' Anchor Inn. At the side of this were the Old Chapel and Sunday school were. This was a well used building along time after the new Church was built for it was still our Sunday school and Institute, over the pulpit used to be 'GOD IS LOVE', inscribed on the wall.

There was 2 full sized Billiards tables, and games room and outside was outbuildings, one had a large set pot where water was boiled for making Tea and washing up. It was largely used as a soup kitchen in the 1926 strike.

Leaving the Chapel we now come to the Post Office. Herbert Wilson kept it then. Flour was loose and you could buy a quarter of stone that would be 3 ½ lbs, but I couldn't tell you the weight in metric. Sugar was weighed and put into blue paper bags, treacle was loose, and so you had to take a jar or basin with you. Lentils, split peas, dried peas and cereals were weighed up whilst you were in the shop.

The other side of the road was Robert Shaw's drapery, just around the corner was Skelton's boot shop, and at the opposite side of the road, Robinson's started their first Motor repair shop. Opposite the Post Office were stables for Boat horses and a Blacksmith's shop.

We now journey our way up Main Street and come to Maskill's shop. This shop was noted for selling delicious Roast Pork and Boiled Ham, but best of all, we children could buy our Monkey Nuts, Tiger Nuts, Locust Nuts and Spanish there. There was the Victoria Hotel and it was managed by Bert Atkinson and it was very popular in those days. Private functions were held there, and travellers and boatmen used to stay there for the night. There was a shed with a long trough were travellers and boatmen used to hitch their horses for night. I remember when a man used to come along with a van loaded with second hand clothes and furniture to auction them off.

Then across the way was Robinson's Farm. One thing I shall always remember about this farm is when it had foot and mouth disease. They had to kill all the cattle, then burn them into a hole built into the Pasture field, for anyone walking up and down Main Street had to step into a bath of disinfectant.

A little bit further up Main Street was Tubby Whiteley's sweet shop, and if you took your tatie peelings here you would get some sweets for them, usually (Fishes)boiled sweets then there was a butchers shop, I think it was one of the Prince's. Then there was Batty's Farm.

I can't leave Main Street without mentioning the floods. The worst I can remember was when in G.H.Linley's old house, our Colin was a baby and one night I got up to fetch his milk from downstairs, but I was barred from getting down the stairs for flood water, and that morning Parson Bell served our breakfasts, standing up in a rowing boat, and handing it to us through the bedroom window. ***

In fact, Allerton Bywater was put on the map, by photographs on the front pages of the morning papers, of children setting off to school in the water sitting in Peggy Tubs. At the church corner was Walter Shuttleworth's General store, and going up Vicars Terrace was Tamer Mills' where we could buy aniseed balls, and canes for the teachers to cane us with. I was only caned once at school. I was

caned by Mrs Haywood and I was in standard 2. Previously I had been at George Rhodes' Farm, and I was watching the Threshing machine, and was bitten by a mouse, and it began to fester. Anyway, when Mrs Haywood caned me, she burst it and in my own way, I was glad of the punishment, we still remained good friends, for that same day, I found her handkerchief, she had lost it and it had a letter embroidered in one corner, so I gave it to her, she thanked me and gave me sixpence, so all was well and ended well.

So on with the journey, there was Bullough's shop, J A Prince 'Butcher' who also had a shop at Brigshaw, and there was Paley's, in between the chapel and Jack Hudson's, the undertaker. There were two or three houses built where Hewitt's live, and the water tap was outside on our way to school. We used to stop and have a drink on a hot summer's day.

Anyway, these houses were pulled down, and Walter Robinson Jnr.**** built a pork Butcher shop, which is now the Paper shop, and Mr Milner had a wooden shop where he was a Butcher, and that later became Mr Goodall's shop, of course Scott had that Butchers shop C Prince has and today it is Rodney's Butcher shop now.

Hamelin's opened up a Fish shop over the road, and I think some of you may remember Mr Robinson selling papers. He used to sit on a chair wearing a bowler hat.

We now continue to Nova Scotia, passing Robinson's garage where you could buy yourself a bike, or petrol, or have your car repaired. The first shop you came to was Lazarus lads (Fred Prince) then there were Uncle Fred, Prince's Farm, Maud's husband own that now. Winnie went to live in this house afterwards and G Prince lived next door, which he left and Bob Prince opened it up as a Fish shop. Later on, it was to become the home of Walt Prince. There was a row of houses on the front; Annie lived in one, Wall's in another, Whitehead's, Monk's and Rushmonds.

There was a side row where Jack Hester lived, before Bland's, Westfield's and Highfields, the next house was the 'White House' (Angel Inn) which belonged to Fred Phillips and I have a few good memories of this place.

Whitehouse Football team was one of the best in Yorkshire, and I was mascot for this team. One Saturday, they were playing Altofts in the final of the West Riding Cup. It was a very cold day and the referee took his coat off and put it round me. Anyway, during the match, something went wrong, and the referees name was Mud. When he blew his whistle, I set off towards the dressing room, I was with my dad, and he took the coat off and threw it in a tub of water where the players washed. Fighting broke out but I was too scared to stop and see what it was all about.

Another thing that the 'White House' had was its comic band, Billy Murray, was the conductor and another thing I remember was the fire in the stack yard. The

Fire Engine came from Castleford and was pulled by two black horses. They pulled the Fire Engine down to the river, and left it there, and then the horses had to hurry back to Castleford, be put them in harness and backed into a cab for they were needed to take people to a funeral. They came back for the Fire Engine the next day. I got a bottle of tea, a cheese sandwich and 2/6 for helping.

If you are tired of walking, just get on the bus and get off at the church, then start walking towards the old school and along Park Lane. We come to the iron railway bridge****. Now under this bridge, some of the toughest fighting took place since the war of the roses. For it was here that the best fighters, or the cock of the school as we used to call it, took place. In my school days E Firth who had that honour.

- As a youngster the bridge was a metal one which like the wooden one of Walter's time, it carried tubs of coal from the pit to the Staithes. It was steel rope haulage and one day this rope snapped and cut down a wooden pole which carried the telegraph wire from the pit to the Staithes.
- Some days my mam would say to me, take these boots to Cobbler Judd's. He would tell me to call on the way home from school the next day. When the Cobbler saw me through the door, he would pick my order up from umpteen pairs of boots, and there must have been a hundred pairs of footwear, I don't know how he always got the right ones.
- The boat would have been loaned from Pontefract Park.
- The paper shop was next on the left on what is now Short back and Sid's (a wooden hut)
- The railway bridge was destroyed in the 1990's because it was thought to be unsafe. The space now forms the lines footpath.

I would like to thank the following people for their help.

Mr Jack Cockerham of Brigshaw Drive.

The Late Stan Jones for giving me the writings.

My Grandson Jack for typing the above.

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