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ALLERTON BYWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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2011-2012

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ALLERTON BYWATER PARISH COUNCIL

4 ST MARY'S COURT

ALLERTON BYWATER

CASTLEFORD

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The Parish Council along with the Village In Bloom Group [who are a sub-committee of the Parish Council] have been very busy throughout the year working on projects to improve the village and the outstanding results are there for all to see. The village with the new planters and flower displays is a credit to all who have worked on them and the results have been commented on by both residents and outside bodies.

Work commenced on April 16th 2012 on the building of the Miners Memorial situated at the entrance to the Millennium Village which is built on the site of the former Allerton Bywater Colliery. The memorial commemorates the miners who lost their lives through accidents during the working life of the mine. The work is due to be completed in September when there will be an official parade and opening ceremony on September 8th 2012 at 1.00pm. Congratulations to the Miners Memorial Committee who have raised the required funding to make this happen, a really magnificent achievement by all concerned.

Once completed the Parish Council and the In Bloom Group will look after the Memorial grounds and flower displays in future years.

The Parish Council web site is now up and running [allertonbywaterparishcouncil.co.uk] and contains information about the village and current activities by different groups within the village. It is regularly updated by Councillor Ken Asprey who has received many favourable comments about the site.

We remain in a strong financial position and have once again worked within our budget.

ALLERTON BYWATER PARISH COUNCIL

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2012

	2011-2012		2011-2012
Clerk's Salary	£ 5,006.64	Precept	£27,000.00
Clerk's expenses	£ 419.88	Other income	
General admin	£ 6,674.87		
Insurance	£ 982.37	Advertising in newsletter	£ 1,715.00
Financial Donations (Section 137)	£ 11,840.61	VAT reclaimed	£ 1,636.10
VAT for council	£ 2,189.47	St Mary the Less	£ 890.00
VAT for AIB	£ 108.68	Community Initiative Sub Group	£ 4,959.80
Stationery	£ 171.11	Allerton in Bloom	£ 307.00
Postage	£ 22.37		
Chairman's expenses	£ 56.70		
Annual subscriptions	£ 804.00		
District Auditor/Internal Auditor	£ 380.00		
Parish Council Petty cash	£ 375.00	Interest received	
Allerton in Bloom (parish Council)	£ 8,771.15	Current account	
Allerton in Bloom	£ 1,559.05	Instant access account	£ 8.53
Unpresented cheques	£ 140.00	High Interest Account	£ 1.76
		Allerton in Bloom donations	£ 470.00
total	£ 39,501.90	total	£36,988.19
Balance: Excess income over expenditure		Balance: Excess expenditure over income	£ 2,513.71
Totals	£ 39,501.90	Totals	£39,501.90

Listed is a detailed account of work undertaken by your Councillors in the last year.

IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT

- New planters and flower beds within the village
- Pumping Station at Manor Park Avenue Leeds Road brought into commission
- Working to ensure the St Aidan's site flood defences are brought into use as soon as possible
- Working with the Environment Agency on projects to replant new hedgerows on the river bank to replace ones we had to remove owing to on-going costs, safety and vermin problems
- Leeds Road where the pasture was removed has been levelled by the In Bloom Group and has been seeded along its length with wild meadow flower seed mix. This should give a good display when it grows and be beneficial to the bees, insects and wildlife
- We employ two village caretakers who do an outstanding job collecting litter within the village and performing other tasks as required
- Improvements to the verges within the village, birds beak fencing has been installed in various places to prevent motorists parking on them.
- A new Diamond Jubilee hedgerow has been planted at Park Avenue verge on Park Lane to replace the one removed.
- The verges within the village are all maintained by LCC and it is an offence to park on them, tyre marks etc. are an unsightly mess and action will be taken against anyone parking on the verges.
- More volunteers are needed to assist with the village in bloom projects and we hope more residents will join the group and give up a little of their time to assist in future projects now they can see what a difference the group is making within the village.

IMPROVING ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

- The involvement with the village in bloom competition has a knock on effect in the overall standard and cleanliness within the village as we now qualify for extra road sweeping and grass cutting and along with the efforts of the group and the village caretakers weeds have been cleared and sprayed along the edges of the pavements.
- Along with our Ward Councillors repairs have been carried as required wherever possible

HELPING RESIDENTS

Throughout the year we have dealt with various complaints from residents about.

- Vandalism
- Street Lighting
- Pot Holes in the roads and pavements
- Tree Removal
- Flooding
- Noisy Neighbours
- Planning issues
- Travellers
- Motorcycles on the Lines Walkway
- Funded local groups and activities
- Parking issues

GRANTS

- Grants have been made to support sports and activities within the village

CHURCHYARD

The Parish Council and the caretakers continue to maintain the churchyard cutting the grass on a regular basis along with assistance from the Probation Service Payback Scheme workers.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

We work very closely with our three Ward Councillors Keith Wakefield, James Lewis and Keith Parker to resolve resident's problems and complaints. I would like to thank them on behalf of the Parish Council for all their work on behalf of the community.

Also after many years of serving as our Ward Councillor Keith Parker will be standing down and not running as a candidate in the elections.

Keith has had an outstanding career in local politics with Leeds Council being a former Mayor and chair of many committees. He has dedicated a good percentage of his life to his local areas and has always been approachable and had a good ear for anybody with any problems. He will be a very hard act to follow owing to his understanding of the system and the number of contacts he has made over many years.

We wish him well in the future and thank him for all the help he has given us in the past. Although we understand his sound knowledge and judgement will not be lost

altogether to the community as he will still retain some public activity including involvement with Grantscape who provide landfill grant funding.

SURGERIES

Council Surgeries and Council Meetings are now held in St Mary the Less Church Annexe

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7.00pm

Council Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of the Month at 10.00am to 11.00am A Ward Councillor and a Parish Councillor will be in attendance.

Coffee, Tea, cakes and biscuits are available to purchase to aid Church Funds

The In Bloom Group will also be in attendance for new and present members to attend and discuss membership and future projects.

ON A SADDER ISSUE

It is totally disgusting that after all the hard work our volunteers are doing to make the village look better planting up all our displays and planters that we have people who are quite prepared to damage, steal plants from them and take Daffodils planted by children in the village.

Councillor S Murray

Chairman

Allerton Bywater Parish Council

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WEDDINGS - FUNERALS - BIRTHDAYS

Sample Menu

(this menu £4.50 per head)

Chicken Drumsticks	Black Forest Gateau	Sliced Roast Beef
Ham Sandwiches	Strawberry Gateau	Pork Pies
Cheese Sandwiches	Fresh Cream	Salad
Tuna Sandwiches	Sausage Rolls	Coleslaw
Homemade Quiche	Pickled Onions	Chopped Celery & Carrots
Nuts		



Allerton Bywater Parish Council

Chair:

Councillor Stephen Murray
4 St Mary's Court
Allerton Bywater
Castleford
West Yorkshire
WF10 2AZ

Parish Clerk:

Claire Murray
4 St Mary's Court
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**MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 7:00pm IN THE ANNEXE AT ST MARY THE LESS CHURCH**

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 March 2012 to date**Leeds City Council have approved planning permission for following:-**

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
P/ 12/01010/FU	Lyndhurst 22 Woodside Street Allerton Bywater Infill extension to rear

Leeds City Council have refused planning permission for following:-

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

The Parish Council have also received applications for:-

P/12/02018/FU	42 Preston Lane Allerton Bywater First floor extension and conservatory to rear, new first floor window to side
P/ 12/02007/FU	46A Leeds Road Allerton Bywater First floor extension and conservatory to rear

P/ 12/01961/FU

89 Park Avenue Allerton Bywater
Single storey side extension

P/ 12/01696/FU

76 Preston Lane Allerton Bywater
Single storey and first floor rear extension including new
pitched roof to existing rear extension

P/ 12/01139/FU

6 Providence Place Allerton Bywater
Single storey rear extension; new balcony at second floor
level to side

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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ALLERTON BYWATER MINERS' MEMORIAL

On Saturday 8th September 2012 Allerton Bywater Colliery Miners' Memorial will be unveiled and a day of celebrations are being planned. The event will commence with a march from Brigshaw High School at 13.00hrs. The march will be led by Kippax Brass Band and will be inclusive of several NUM Banners. The route of the march will proceed up Brigshaw Lane, down Brigshaw Drive and then down Leeds Road, onto Main Street from the Park Lane junction to the junction with Vicars Terrace and then on Station Road to the Junction of Beeston Way, which is the main entrance to the Millennium Community. In order to facilitate this the committee will have to complete a Leeds City Council Road Closure Application form at least 6 weeks before the event.

The road closure is planned to commence at 12.45hrs. and the march will reach the Memorial site at approximately 13.40hrs. The road closure will be managed on a rolling programme and so any closure or diversion will be taken off as the March passes each road junction until we reach the memorial site. A short section of Station Road will remain closed for the duration of the Unveiling Ceremony. However, all areas of the village will be accessible via the diversions put in place by our Traffic Management Company after the March has passed Church Corner. The arrangements do mean that bus services will be interrupted during the first hour and once the Unveiling Ceremony has commenced buses will be routed via Park Lane. Metro and Arriva will facilitate the bus routes during the proceedings.

This notice gives you, as a resident, the opportunity to make comment on our plans. All comments need to be submitted before Saturday 30th June 2012 to enable us to complete the Road Closure Application within the time scale given to us by Leeds City Council. You can telephone or write to:

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Evenings



What's on at St Mary's

An exciting programme of events has been planned for the summer, at St Mary's Church, Vicar's Terrace, over the coming months. Everyone is invited to come and support your local church, and have some fun at the same time.

Micklefield Male Voice Choir will stage a **Jubilee Concert** at 7.30pm on **Saturday 23rd June**. The Choir's events are fast becoming highlights in the year, both for the choir's singing, but also for the appearances of the Two Ms. If you have not been to one, you would be in for a real treat. Get your tickets from church members and enjoy a summer evening's entertainment, £5 adults, £2 Children. Refreshments will be served at the interval.

On Saturday 30th June, the church will be celebrating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee with a **Jubilee Tea** between **2pm and -4pm**. Admission **£3 (and £1.50 for children) incl tea**. There will be various stalls and games, and an important feature will be the planting of a tree, as part of the celebrations. Come and join the partying.

There is no date set yet for the **Church Barbecue**, but look out for posters.

The Annual Pudding Night September will take place on Friday **7th September**. If you enjoy a pudding, this is a must, with lots of different sweets and desserts to try. Come along, bring a good appetite and be prepared to join in quizzes and games. Admission £4 (£2 for children)

There will be **Holiday Cheese and wine party on Saturday 20th October**. This will help us to remember what we and our friends have done in the summer, while enjoying the snacks of holiday destinations. Holiday Attire is optional, so you can wear your sari from India, that galabeya from Egypt or a poncho from Mexico. If you are really brave you could give the bikini an airing, and there will be a prize for the best holiday outfit.

On Saturday November 10th there will be a Forties Event. There will be the opportunity to enjoy the war years nostalgia, when everyone pulled together. Look out for further details of what time it will be. Again, 40s dress is optional.

The Church Book stall is held at the monthly Coffee morning. This takes place at 10 am on the first Saturday of every month. Ward and Parish councillors hold their residents' surgeries there. You can find out more about Allerton in Bloom's plans and projects at the group's table. Have a coffee with your neighbours, air your concerns about the village, or pick up a bargain book.

All of these events will be in the Church or Annexe or the churchyard. Everyone is welcome to any or all of them, not forgetting every Sunday morning, at 9 am, or Wednesday evening (at 7pm) for the services.

You can get your tickets from members of the church or call Lynne on 01977554285 or Jean on 01977 557981.

Come and join the fun.



Reverend Canon Rosemarie Hayes.

Many of the St Mary's Allerton Bywater congregation went up the hill to Kippax in April to witness the Licensing of Rev Canon Rosemarie Hayes as Rector of the Parish. This was conducted by Bishop James Bell and the Archdeacon of Leeds. Several of the congregation took part in the service, giving her symbols of the church's faith, such as a Bible and Chalice, and of the church's service, such as food. This represented the Luncheon Club and support for St George's Crypt which cares for Leeds homeless people and other charities. Members of the council, education and other organisations participated by welcoming Rev Rosemarie to the Parish.

It was a happy joyful occasion. Everyone said that it was a lovely service. Now her hard work begins. The members of the church have looked forward to her appointment and are very lucky that she felt called to join us. You will not doubt see her round the village, but will certainly meet her if you make a point of coming to church events. Nice to see you, Rev Rosemarie!



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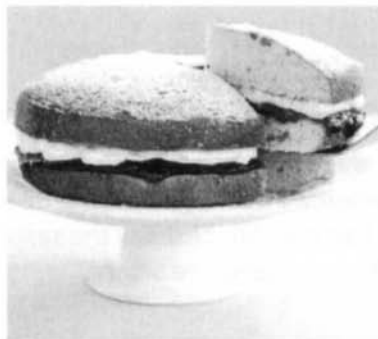
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Cooking Time 20 Minutes

Ingredients

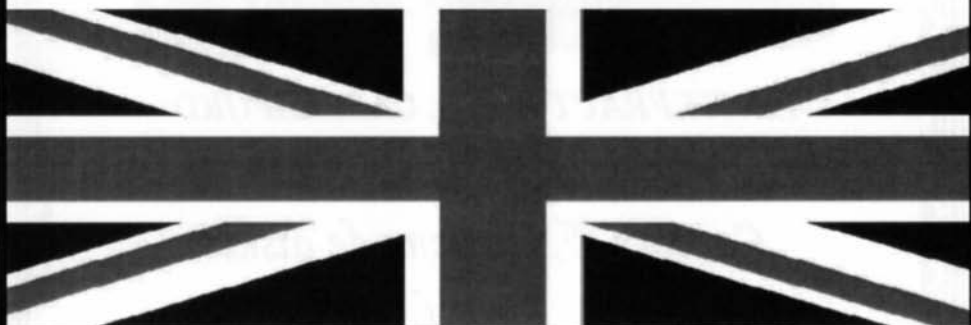
- 175g Butter, softened plus extra for greasing
- 175g Caster Sugar
- 3 Eggs Beaten
- 175g Self raising Flour sifted
- Filling
- 85g Butter softened
- Icing Sugar to dust
- 175g Icing Sugar sifted
- Few drops of Vanilla essence
- 2 tablespoons of Raspberry Jam
- Fresh Raspberries optional



METHOD Heat oven to 180c/Gas 4 Butter two 20cm sandwich tins and line with greaseproof paper. Beat together butter and sugar until the mixture is pale and fluffy, gradually add the beaten eggs beating well between each addition, then fold in the flour. Divide the mixture between the two tins put in the oven bake for twenty minutes. Allow to cool on a wire rack.

For the filling beat butter until creamy add icing sugar in three lots beating after each addition, add vanilla essence and stir. Spread one flat side of your sponge with jam and fresh raspberries if required, the other with Buttercream, place one on top of the other filling innermost press down gently. Complete by dusting the top with icing sugar

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Allerton Bywater in Bloom.

We have gained a new big sponsor for the corner of station road to Castleford so massive thanks to THE VICTORIA HOTEL!!!!

Malcolm and Michelle have been working very hard on the corner and it looks great and will be a great asset to the judging in July.

We would like to thank all our major site sponsors and local businesses that have sponsored our flower planters the judges were very impressed at our local support.

Thank you to all volunteers who help us and make this possible but big thank you to Peter Waite who puts in countless hours on the Edward hill, many people are commenting on the major commitment he shows to us and that area and it looks fantastic!!! You are a star!!!

If you feel you could commit to an area like peter has it makes such a difference and we would love more people like him on board.

We really need your support right now so please can you assist us with watering, picking up litter when you see some, weeding, sweeping.

Unfortunately we have had a small problem with theft of plants so if anyone sees any activity like this can you please pass any information on to us and we will follow this up and prosecute.

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.

Allerton Bywater in Bloom.

Urgently needs volunteers.

We had our first judging in April and it went fantastic!

Massive thanks to everyone who has helped us towards our goal.

If anyone has time on their hands to help in any way before the second judging in July please come forward to help we really need you.

We are in need of any perennial plants that you may be thinning out in your gardens at this time of year for a project we are doing.

We have just put a new bench in at the Edward and hope to put another one in the village soon.

Please come along to our next coffee morning.

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 2nd June 10am-12pm.

Future meetings: July 7th, Aug 4th and Sep 1st 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.

Olympic Torch Visits Castleford

The Olympic Torch will be passing through Wakefield Castleford and Pontefract on the 25 June.

The torch relay arrives in Castleford at 11:49 and sets off from close by the Castleford ASDA. It will then travel along Leeds Road, Front Street and Park Road before heading off towards Pontefract.



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Didn't they do well?

The Village was visited in April and judged in the Villages in Bloom competition. The consensus of opinion seems to be that Allerton Bywater has never looked better and is so much prettier for all the floral displays throughout the village. But all the residents' hard work has been marred by those people who think that flowers would look nicer in their gardens or even in a vase on the sideboard.



The police have told us that it really is stealing when people have gone around picking the daffodils and tulips or snaffling a few plants from the beds and boxes. The bulbs may have been planted by members of the public, but they remain their property. If you see people picking the flowers, please remind them that they were planted for your enjoyment, not for them to save a few coppers.

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It is much pleasanter for everyone else if you carry a few bags and pick it up. It is also safer, because of the diseases that can be spread. You do not have to spend money on doggy bags, although they are very cheap, almost any carrier bag or packaging is suitable.

Dogs have to poo. But not in public places! Please clean up after your dog, or be prepared to pay the fine. The Parish Council will support any Dog Wardens or Enforcement Officers applying these regulations

By the way, the answer to the question is, **ONLY** in your own back yard.



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A hot two course meal is served at 12.00 noon cost £4.50 followed by raffles and bingo.

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help and advise on issues such as childcare, parenting, training and education, employment, finance and housing to name but a few! We also have a Relate counsellor and can offer outreach services, helping families in the home.

You can access our timetable on our websites:

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!

We are now attending the Baby Clinic at Methley Health Centre on Tuesday mornings to share information about the services available at the Children's Centres.

You may also bump into us whilst we are out and about in the village, promoting our outreach services in the area. We will be calling to people's homes to enquire if they would like to hear about the support available to families.

If you would like us to visit you at home to share this information, please give us a telephone call to arrange a visit.

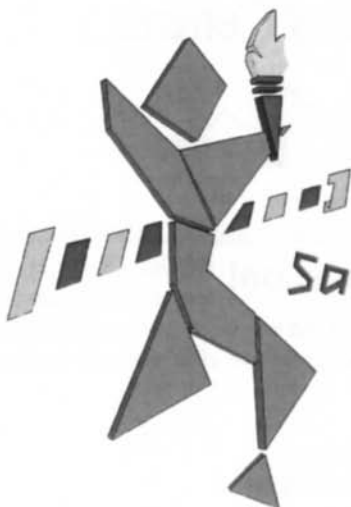
In February we added a new Senior Family Outreach Worker to our team, Joanna Goodall. Joanna has worked in other Children's Centres in Bedfordshire and Dewsbury and has lots of experience in working with families.

Keep a look out for our new 2012 timetable! If you would like a copy, please give us a call; alternatively visit either of our websites (addresses above).

For more information please contact either Children's Centre:

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Brigshaw pupils get set for the 2012 Olympic Games

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A competition was held across the Brigshaw Co-operative Trust schools inviting young people to create a logo for the Trust's Olympic event. We received lots of entries and Year 7 pupil Matthew Charleston's logo design was chosen for the commemorative T-shirt. In addition to designing the T-shirt, the young people have been involved in fundraising and sponsorship activities. They contacted local businesses seeking support for their raffle and were overwhelmed by the response from big-hearted benefactors.

From 16-25 June more than 220 students from 16 partner schools, in 14 countries across Europe, Asia and Africa (including China, Zimbabwe, South Korea) will be visiting the

Brigshaw Trust schools, and Methley Primary School, where they will be staying with host families and participating in a week of sporting and cultural activities, designed to promote multi-cultural understanding and reinforce co-operative, Olympic and Paralympic values. This promises to be an exhilarating and fun-packed week for all involved.

Brigshaw is also opening its doors to the local community and is thrilled to be able to invite members of our community to get involved in an attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Record's current record for the largest Zumba class on Monday 18 June and also to our Community Gala Day on Saturday 23 June.



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Allerton Bywater Victoria A.C.

The Aire and Calder Navigation is continuing to give excellent sport to anglers. Matches are being well attended and you are advised to ring the match secretary Barrie Wright to book on before Thursday on the week of the match, telephone numbers in the permit.

It is at present taking 20lb plus to win the matches with Bream showing along the canal back up weights are also very good and the canal is once again proving to be one of the best match venues in the area.

A recent Charity Match on the venue to raise funds for The Noah Woolford Appeal to raise money for a disabled child to have a operation which may enable him to walk raised over £2000.00. Thanks to all the anglers who took part for their involvement and generosity.

The day started with Breakfast and the draw at the Victoria Hotel in Allerton Bywater before proceeding to the Canal. After the match anglers returned to the Victoria for the result and Pie & Peas many thanks to Michelle the Landlady, also to Jeff Cains for donating trophies along with prizes which included an all-expenses paid holiday in Ireland for two people, anglers had to bid for this with the highest bid securing the holiday.

A Night Fishing Match is being organised for Lowther Lake on Friday 22nd of June details from Ian Wright.

The introduction of Carp into Lowther Lake has created further interest in the venue and quality specimen fish are being caught with night fishing proving to be popular amongst the members. Members are reminded no Carp can be retained except in Bone Fide Matches.

Angling Humour

Two Women were talking after going to the gym. "I thought I saw your Trevor fishing on the river on my way here".

"Had he caught anything?" "Yes a couple of fish"

"Oh! It couldn't have been him then."

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A further transcript of down Memory Lane. By Walter Cockerham.

Carry on walking past the Pit Yard until you come to the crossroads, and Robinson's garage was the next building, there were no houses in Park Avenue then and it was only after they started building the houses that Robinson added a little wooden shop. In the summer Goodall's used to have an Ice-Cream and Pop stall across the road. Carry on walking to the right and you come to Ledston Station, and in my young days, it was always full of activity.

All large parcels had to be fetched from there, so had boxes of fish, and we had to meet the train for Evening papers, in fact nearly everything you used in those days came by rail, can you remember when we could go by train, evening specials to Bridlington, Scarborough and Blackpool, for two Shillings and Sixpence return? Those were the days, now we come to Station Road.

The first house we come to is Dr Hargreaves', and at the other end of the same row, Smith Sunderland had a shop, he was one of the first people to operate a bus in Allerton Bywater. He also had a coal business, was a coal leader and did Lime quarry haulage. Also in Station Road, Tommy Hemsworth used to make cattle feed, and you would go there for your bran, sharps, corn and Indian corn. Can you remember putting Indian corn in the oven and making Popcorn? Well I think this has taken us for a walk around the village, some 70 years back, but it's not the end of my story, for there is quite a lot to say about life in the village as it was, in what we called, the good old days.

Family life seemed to be fuller, I remember my mother making Jerseys out of legs of old pit stockings, you may remember the Purple ones, and I can remember Mam making Sailor suits for the birthday out of patches she bought from Castleford Market. Dad made Clogs for us out of old boot tops and being a large family most of our clothes were handed down, and believe me if you were going to a party or somewhere very special, first up that morning, would get the best clothes and boots to wear.

Our Sunday tea time treat would be a tin of Salmon mixed into crushed toasted bread. Breakfast, jam and bread on Nestlé's milk, Dinners, Sheep's head broth, Teas anything that was going, then bed at 6 30am, we had errands and little jobs to do for money for my mother, to help keep us. I once worked a full day filling Batty's Cart to dump into the river, for Two Shillings, but then we got by. My first weeks wage was Seven shillings for Six days, at 8 and a half hour a day at Allerton Pit. It was while I was working at the pit some 60 years ago, when there was a Pit explosion. There was 5 men killed and those killed were A. Richards, John Allen, Mr W. Townsend, Albany Taylor and Deputy George Paley. I saw one come out of the Pit on a stretcher, it happened on March 10th 1930.

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On July 4th a year later, Hickson's explosion happened, the blast shook Allerton Bywater, and I think there were 3 killed. Anyway, so much for gloom, Bonfire Night was a great event, we had one big bonfire in the middle of the yard, Robinson street had one and one in the triangle and the whole family used to go, we would have roast potatoes, mushy peas, treacle toffee and a great time was had by all.

Entertainment in the village was varied, there used to be a circus coming in Robinson's Field, I think it was 2pence to go in but it was well worth going to see. Another form of entertainment was a magic lantern show in the church; it was 1 1/2pence to see it, and the reverend James Bell made sure you paid. He had a rope across, so that you could only come in one at a time.

Besides the usual games, Mr Blagden used to entertain us with his phonograph, you know the thing I mean, it was like an old fashioned gramophone, but instead of old records they were cylinders, mostly they were people singing, like Harry Lauder, Rob Roy, Tessie O'Shay and so on. Mr Blagden also had a magic lantern that he used to entertain us with. We also had some good concerts at the chapel.

We once put on a concert in the Sunday school when we raised money for the Platform Fund. It was a men's concert, we decided to give it three days before we put it on, and we started our show off with a chorus, when we put a table on the centre stage with a large table cloth over. F. Taylor sat on it with Dick Jones sitting on his knee, Fred was a ventriloquist, Dick was the dummy, but he never spoke a word, it was Bill Beacham under the table that did all the talking. Bernard Jones and I took Norman Evans off. Tommy Gladman sang a few songs, what fun we all had in giving it.

I would like to Thank Jack Cockerham of Brigshaw.
The late Stan Jones for keeping Walt's printed work in good condition.
And my Grandson Jack who typed the above.

George Parkinson - 5th March MMXII

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