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

Councillor S Murray Chairman
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Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor A M Jabin

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

Planning Applications from September 2011 to date

Leeds City Council have approved planning permission for following:-

P/12/01961/FU	89 Park Avenue Allerton Bywater Single Storey extension
P/12/02018/FU	42 Preston Lane Allerton Bywater First floor extension and conservatory to rear, new first floor windows to side
P/12/01696/FU	76 Preston Lane Allerton Bywater Single storey and first floor rear extension including new pitched roof to existing rear extension
P12/01139/FU	6 Providence Place Allerton Bywater Single storey rear extension; new balcony at second floor level to side
P/12/02353/FU	64 Preston Lane Allerton Bywater Single storey side and rear extension, new porch to front and dormer window to side and rear

The Parish Council have also received applications for:-

P/12/02007/FU	46A Leeds Road Allerton Bywater First floor extension and conservatory to rear
P/12/02948/FU	70 Hollins Grove Allerton Bywater One detached house to garden

Other Activities

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

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

Village in Bloom judging has now been completed. The Parish Council wish to pass on their thanks to all of Allerton in Blooms members for their hard work in making the village look lovely all summer!

The Parish Council's website includes information about the Parish Council, Village in Bloom, The Allertoner, local businesses and the history of Allerton Bywater. You can visit the website at <http://www.allertonbywaterparishcouncil.co.uk/>

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Crisps



ALLERTON BYWATER COLLIERY MINERS MEMORIAL

PARADE AND DEDICATION CEREMONY

SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2012

Inside of this issue of the Allertoner you should have an insert, the Order of Service for the Dedication Ceremony of the Memorial. If you cannot attend please pass the insert to a friend or relative or neighbour who will be attending

Official car parking for the parade and ceremony will be at Brigshaw College, Edward V11 WMC and Vicars Court. You are advised not to park on Station Road and Beeston Way adjacent to the Memorial as this area will be closed for a two hour period.

The afternoon will start at Brigshaw College, where those wishing to participate in the parade are advised to arrive no later than 12.30pm. The parade has to form up and leave at 1.00pm promptly as required by the traffic closure notice. The parade will proceed up Brigshaw Lane, along Brigshaw Drive, down Preston Lane, into Leeds Road, Station Road and left into Beeston Way. The duration is about forty minutes. Children should be kept on the flanks of the parade. All participants should be aware of speed humps and ramps along the route a possible stumbling hazard!!! You are advised to have a small bottle of water with you.

Anyone wishing to join the parade en-route should do so by joining at the rear, do not join by walking in, as this can cause bunching, tripping and stumbling by those already parading. A First Aider/s will be at the rear of the parade, any one in distress should leave the parade immediately and they will be attended to.

Many of you may wish to lay a flower or flowers; you will be invited to do this after the flower laying by Distinguished Guests and Groups. It would be nice if relatives of the deceased could be given priority. Please contact Clive Cowell or Robin Tomlinson if you would like this facility.

The laying of flowers will conclude formal proceedings; however, while flowers are being laid the Band will continue playing. Please feel free to circulate by moving away from the memorial after laying your flowers, making way for others.

First Aid, Lost Children/s point and toilet facilities will be provided on site. Unfortunately seating cannot be provided. By all means bring your own.

On behalf of the Miners Memorial Committee we hope everyone attending will have a safe and pleasant afternoon, a lasting memory of an occasion which will become part of our Village history.

We thank all who have contributed to and supported this noble project.

Robin Tomlinson. Chairman.

Pit Canteen



From Left to Right Winni Revis whose husband Jimmy worked down the pit from leaving school at 13 until retiring at age 65 , Evie Riley John Riley her husband worked in the wages office, Gladys Gledhill Horace Gledhill her husband worked as a coal leader delivering coal from the colliery to people's houses and Mrs Doreen Richards a resident of Robinson Street.

Plenty of Pork pies for sale?

UPDATE ON FLOODING PROBLEMS

There are two areas of flooding which the Council have been working on for quite a while, one is Leeds Road/Manor Park Avenue and the other is Main Street/Victoria Street area.

Main Street/Victoria Street.

When the last flood occurred the Council contacted both Keith Wakefield and James Lewis who were on site within one hour.

They contacted the emergency team within Leeds City Council and asked for urgent assistance because it was obvious the water level was getting worse and that it was coming from the river.

Firstly they got the fire brigade to send pumps it soon became obvious that they could do very little to help. Within hours two large water pumps were brought on site with a third one arriving shortly after. These pumps were left running all night and the water was pumped back into the river now that its level had fallen.

The next day the roads in the area were covered in silt, once again Keith Wakefield was contacted and asked if he could get machines in to clean the area, this was done about two hours later.

The Parish Council who were in attendance spoke to residents who expressed their concerns, we decided that this situation needed to be escalated to a higher level as the responsibility for the flooding was being passed from pillar to post.

We therefore decided to contact the local press and asked them to run a story on the problem, which they did and also to contact our M.P. Alec Shellbrooke and ask for him to use his powers to bring pressure on the relevant people, which he did.

At an Environment Agency meeting held in January 2012 in Lock Lane to give local people a chance to comment on their flood plans for this area which was attended by a member of the Parish Council, Tim Cobb was asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the five flap valves in our area, two into the river and three into the Pasture Pond, he told us that they were the

responsibility of the Environment Agency at last someone had taken responsibility!

He was told that they were not being maintained properly and that they were in a bad state of repair some being seized open, he promised to sort this out and get them put into the maintenance program.

When the floods hit us again Tim Cobb was immediately contacted and sent photos of the devastation and asked why nothing had been done, he apologised and said "he would get them sorted out".

Over the last three days the Environment Agency has had men working on the valves in the village and they report the two at the river are now working correctly and that the three at the Pasture Pond were working but one needs replacing, this will be done as soon as possible.

Leeds Road/Manor Park Avenue Junction

As you are aware a pumping station was installed at this junction to stop the road flooding, this is now in working order.

In June 2012 this road flooded again, at this moment nobody knows if the pumps worked correctly, the only thing we can say for sure it was an unprecedented downfall of rain that caused the flood and not water coming back from the Pasture Pond, this is still under investigation by Leeds City Council and they are working hard with us to find a solution.

Then we got the floods which devastated Main Street and Victoria Street, the river overflowed into the Pasture Pond and filled it with flood water to a high level.

At this time the road was completely dry! But a Parish Councillor on his way to the floods noticed that the pumps were running pumping water into the Pasture Pond, on investigation he noticed a large amount of water pouring from under the road into one of the gullies, this is what was causing the pumps to be running.

A meeting on site was arranged with the engineer who designed the system and he was shocked at the amount of water that was pouring into the gullies. He has

now gone away to arrange further investigations as to where this water is coming from.

He did confirm that when Leeds City Council were called out to a collapsing pavement at this junction the repair team had found a collapsed surface water drain under the pavement and into the road, which has been reported to Yorkshire Water who have done nothing to repair it!, this may be the source of all the underground water.

Once again the Parish Council have asked our M.P to contact Yorkshire Water and asked to put this problem right, this he has agreed to do.

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Update from Ward Councillors

As we all know the language of flood defence for a serious flood every 100 years is well out of date. On 23rd & 24th June, local Councillors Mary Harland, James Lewis & I spent time helping to coordinate the emergency services, to make sure that residents did not have their homes flooded.

Sadly, the Victoria pub and some residents in the area were flooded. The Fire Services were magnificent and so were officers from the Council and Aire Valley Homes. Along with the Parish Councillors, residents and volunteers really worked hard all through Saturday and Sunday to avoid an even bigger disaster. On behalf of your local Councillors, I would like to thank all those people who worked so hard on behalf of the community. It's times like these when we appreciate those public service workers who showed real passion and commitment to the people of Allerton Bywater.

Keith Wakefield
Councillor for Kippax & Methley

Flooding – Numbers to Call

Flooding from	Contact organisation	Telephone No.
Main river	Environment Agency	0845 9881188
Ordinary Watercourse	Leeds City Council, Flood Risk Management	0113 3950298
Culverted (i.e. piped) Watercourse	Leeds City Council, Flood Risk Management	0113 3950298
Clean water supply mains	Yorkshire Water	0845 124 2424
Public sewer	Yorkshire Water	0845 124 2429
Private sewers and drains	Leeds City Council, Environmental Health	0113 222 4406
The highway	Leeds City Council, Highway Services	0113 222 4407
Run-off from higher land	Individual land owner	
Water in cellars	Leeds City Council, Environmental Health	0113 222 4406
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An Outstanding Olympics event

Children and young people across the Brigshaw Co-operative Trust enjoyed an epic Olympic odyssey which involved hosting more than 200 international students from Europe, Asia and Africa; a successful challenge to the World Record for the largest Zumba class; a Civic Reception with the Lord Mayor of Leeds; Paralympic and Olympic games which were opened by Brigshaw dancers and a Torch bearer.

The student-led event included lots of activities including 'It is a Knockout' where everyone had fun getting to know each other as they wrestled with the Breeze inflatables and took part in a giant tug of war game.



This was followed by an impressive challenge to become the latest entry in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest Zumba class. Excitement was high as 3,302 children, young people and adults joined together to successfully smash the previous record of 3,105 held by an Australian Zumba group.

The Paralympics event was run by Leeds Spiders Basketball star (and Brigshaw student), Josh Gardener, who coached young people enabling them to take part in a 'friendly' wheelchair basketball competition. International guests, accompanied by their hosts, also visited primary schools to take part in Olympic themed activities organised by younger Olympic Ambassadors. The evening saw a spectacular cabaret which involved international visitors, Brigshaw students and primary school children presenting a stunning array of dance, theatre and song – it was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all.

Cabaret night performance



A Civic Reception was held at Leeds Civic Hall where student ambassadors and international visitors met with the Lord Mayor of Leeds and enjoyed guided tours of the City Museum, Art Gallery and Library led by Brigshaw's Student Ambassadors.

Torch bearer Jemma Aylesbury at the Opening Ceremony.



On Friday a visit by Olympic Torch bearer Jemma Aylesbury accompanied by the Brigshaw dance troupe created a stunning Opening Ceremony which was

followed by a wide range of Olympic sporting activities. Medals were awarded at the Awards Ceremony and everyone involved in the project received a Trust Olympic T-shirt, generously funded by the Outer East Leeds Area Committee and the Leeds Community Foundation.

Saturday's Community Gala Day was fantastic and everyone had lots of fun despite the rain! Families were treated to a day of music from the Ben Manning Foundation Stage, falconry, karate and so much more.



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Olympic achievement



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Our Lovely Churchyard

When visitors come to the church, for occasional services, to visit graves or perhaps to ask for help in compiling a family tree, most of them remark on how lovely the churchyard is.

They often comment on what a lot of work it must take. And it does!

The problem is, the church itself is only obliged to keep the *footpaths* in a "reasonable state of repair" and "to enforce churchyard regulations".

Which means, the church is NOT required to provide dustbins, clear away dead flowers, or cut the grass.

If *all* the church's money was spent on maintaining the churchyard, then the church itself would fall into disrepair and eventually, would be unfit to hold services in. So a compromise has been found.

For several years the church has given the money it previously spent on maintaining the churchyard to Allerton Bywater Parish Council, along with any other money such as War Graves maintenance grants. The Parish council then add more funding towards maintaining the churchyard. When we can secure their time, Community Payback also helps. But that is just a fraction of what is needed.

So how does the churchyard come to look so good?

Quite simply, because most of the work is done by **unpaid volunteers**. The sad thing is that these volunteers often receive abuse and criticism for the work they do for nothing.

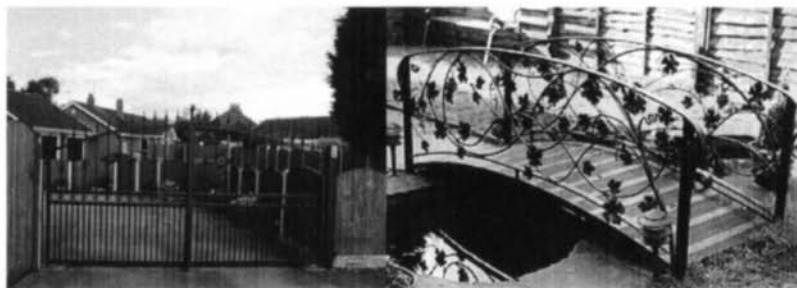
On behalf of those who **do** appreciate what is done on the village's behalf, the Churchwardens would like to thank the Parish Council volunteers, members of Village in Bloom and all those people who tidy their loved one's graves and go a little further to adjacent graves.

What we do ask, though, is that instead of telling all these people what they should be doing and criticising them, a cheerful "thank you" and a word of encouragement would be far more effective.

So, Volunteers. From the church congregation. "Thank you!"

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D - dinghy, doolally, dungarees

G - guru, gymkhana

H - hullabaloo

J - jodhpur, jungle, juggernaut, jute

K - khaki, kedgeriee

L - loot

N - nirvana

P - pariah, pashmina, polo, pukka, pundit, purdah, pyjamas

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Allerton Bywater in Bloom.

We had our last judging in July and it went fantastic!

Massive thanks to everyone who has helped us towards our goal.
We find out what marks we receive in September and will let everyone know as soon as we can.

Just because the judging has finished does not mean we do not need your help anymore, what our group does is for the good of the village and not just the competition and we would like our work to carry on.

However due to the loss of the chairpersons mum and the fact that she will be moving home she may be resigning in the near future.

This obviously is a cause for concern as many people have commented on how the village looks since the in bloom group has formed so if you would like the village to remain the way it does your support and help and this time are needed more than ever and would be very much appreciated if not just to enable tasks to be delegated.

Please come along to the church 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.

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1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda	

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7oz icing sugar	grated chocolate to decorate

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Grease and baseline 2 eight inch sandwich tins.

Put the chocolate, milk and 3oz of the sugar into a pan and heat gently to melt, then allow to cool. Cream the butter and remaining sugar into a bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs, vanilla essence and milk mixture. Sift together the flour, cocoa powder and bicarbonate of soda and gently fold in, incorporating as much air as possible. Put into the tins and bake for 30 to 35 minutes. Turn out and cool.

For the icing: melt the chocolate in a bowl over hot water and stir in the milk. Meantime beat together the butter and sugar in a bowl then mix in the melted chocolate. Sandwich the cakes together with a layer of icing and coat the top and sides with the remainder.

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Dear Villagers

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Sunday School will be held in the Annex at 9am, and children will show their work to the congregation after the service

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St Mary's The Less Jubilee Tree.

In the high winds and storms of January 2012, one of the sycamore trees in the churchyard was found to be very unsafe and at risk of falling on the church. Renato Boi kindly removed this from the site and saved the PCC a lot of worry.



In June, the sycamore was replaced by a fragrant weeping lime. This was planted near to the site of the old tree, on the orders of Leeds City Council. The Sunday School children had a lovely day despite the terrible weather, and managed to plant the tree in one of the rare sunny spells. Hopefully, the children will watch the tree grow, and remember that it was dedicated to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II diamond Jubilee, and planted at the Village Jubilee Tree Party.

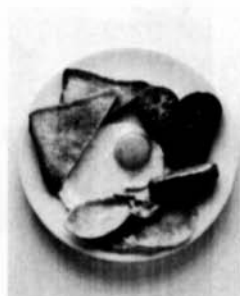
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Kippax & Villages East Children's Centres



Children's Centre News

After a very busy year staff will be taking a well deserved break over the summer holidays. Although we won't have a full staff team, we are still managing to run some stay and Play sessions as well as all baby clinics.

The Stay and Play sessions are as follows:

Tuesday 31st July at Villages East.

Thursday 9th August at Kippax Children's Centre.

(Please note these sessions are for children under 5 years only).

For details of the baby clinics, please contact either centre.

Don't forget you can also visit the www.thefamilyhubleeds.org to find out what activities are happening in an area near you!

A key part of our role over the summer will be to provide individual support for families both in the centre and at home. Outreach workers at the centre are on hand to help and advise on issues such as employment, training and education, childcare, parenting, finance and housing...to name but a few!

We offer support to families living in:

Kippax, Swillington, Allerton Bywater, Great Preston, Ledston,
Ledsham and Methley

If you would like to find out more, please contact either centre!

Joanna Goodall, our Senior Family Outreach worker is moving onto pastures new. Following her wedding in September, she will be going to live in Melbourne Australia. She will be there for a minimum of 2 years, supporting her husband Tom, in his new career. We wish her every success and thank her for all her dedication and hard work.

Look out for our September timetable...coming soon!

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The experiment with allowing night fishing on Lowther Lake is proving very popular with those anglers prepared to face the elements.

As darkness falls and the temperatures drop owing to its quiet and tranquil setting the lake has been described as being very eerie more so when the mists descend and you cannot see what you are doing. Never the less quite a few anglers are still prepared to go and those that have are being rewarded by catching specimen fish. Double figure Carp, Tench and Bream have been caught.

Provision has been made to stock another 600 bream in the 8" to 10" range in December after the first frosts ,this is part of the angling clubs on going stocking policy for the lake. The costs are pretty high now and this stocking will cost in the region of £3000.00 this along with £8000.00 spent in the last three years stocking the lake with Carp in the 8lb range constitutes the clubs commitment to providing the members with a decent venue. Many of the Carp stocked are now into double figures and the growth rates are substantial underlining the fact that there is a wealth of natural food available.

The recent break in the weather and a few hot days has seen the fish in the lake go into spawning mode and anyone watching the massive shoals which abound within the water would be led to wonder why we are spending any money at all on stock fish, but mid- range fish are required to bridge the gap while fish reach maturity.

Meanwhile the Aire & Calder Navigation at Fleet Lane continues to give good sport for pleasure anglers and match men, the matches are well attended with double figure weights being required to win.



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Evenings

ALLERTON ANTHOLOGY NUMBER 74 – SEPTEMBER MMXII

A further transcription from Down Memory Lane. By Walter Cockerham.

We formed a young people's choir, we gave "Blind Billy", William Beecham choir master, Jessie Prince narrator and Dick Jones organist. The young ladies were Annie Jones, Winnie Blagden, Alice Thackray, Connie Balance, Alice Hemsworth, Marie Wardle, Joyce Bratt, Agnes Jones, Annie Taylor, Ivey Webster, and Bill Beecham's wife. The men were Bill Hinchliffe, Tom Ramsden, Albert Hambleton, William Smails, Alf Monks, Dick Cheesebro' and myself. It was a good service of songs and we were asked to give it to Cutsyke. Everything was going fine until four men were to sing in a quartet, W. Hinchliffe, D. Cheesebro', W. Smails and myself. We got up to sing when Billy Hinchliffe said "I can't sing when that lass in front there with an onion bag over her face is gauping at us", well I got the giggles, and how we got through that quartet is beyond me.

By the way, can you remember we went to Billy Smails' sister to have our practises, her husband was Lee Tenner, and we used to give some good passion plays in them day's. I remember one that we gave I forget what we called it but the girl who was taking Christ was so good, that the congregation said that it looked almost real, little did they know that the girl had actually fainted. Another one we gave was 30 pieces of silver that was very moving. Annie Taylor was the producer of the plays and they were well patronized of course. Good Friday was a public holiday then was a public holiday then, the passion plays were usually followed by a faith tea, silver collection. The first pantomime was Dick Whittington. It was produced by William Beecham, Harry Wiltshire was the pianist, Dick Cheesebro was the cat, and I was to say, "ah pussycat they've got our Dicky' but of course I made a bloomer and said, "ah Dicky they've got our pussy". Another thing we did in those days was to help out in the Messiah, Bradley Street, Castleford.

Each village had there own characters and customs, in Allerton Bywater was Bill Charlton, the lamp lighter, Tom Webster, Boxer, he was a professional mourner complete with top hat and brown boots, he could tell you which funeral had the best ham tea. There was Jack Webster who used to sit on the back seat of the chapel and go to sleep during the sermons. Bob Webster used to be called sticker because he was the man who killed all the pigs, there was little Jacky Muscroft who used to come in to Sunday School drunk but he was harmless.

Mrs Moss was the midwife of the village, another well known character in the village was Mr. Milner the butcher who always raised his hat to people he met in the street.

There was Pop Oyl Dick, Mr Goodhall who had a hut where he sold cigs and bacca and made ice cream, and in the hut was a hole, behind which there was a candle lit, and if you bought a cig, you could light it through the hole, a cig cost halfpenny, most people had nicknames in those days, Golden Albert (Albert Muscroft), Happy Jack (Jack Atkinson), Lazarus Lad (George Prince), Bouncing Bill (Bill Simpson), these are some of them, for example, all chapel go'ers.

Now we come to things we very rarely see, or they are never really made, I'm sure you'll remember them.

Visit your local butcher's shop, how many of you see a pig's head, or a sheep's head, a cow's tail or tongue, or cow heel or pigs trotters displayed in the shop window, not many I guess.

How many people do you see wearing clogs these days?

It was a common sight amongst miners 60 years ago, again, how many children do you see going to school in polished shoes; they all seem to be wearing trainers these days. Hair Ribbons aren't very popular either, how many women do you see wearing hats unless for weddings or funerals. Stiff collars and shirt fronts no longer exist for men. Collar studs and tie pins are very hard to come by for men.

How many sweet shops can you go into them and find aniseed balls, liquid rice sticks, tiger nuts, gobstoppers, lucky taties and kalye bags and coloured crystal. We used to make drinks with them.

Cherry lips and old mans bacca, this was flaky coconut in tubes.

You could get fish and chips 2d, ice-cream cornets were 1/2d and 1d. I have gone round selling pies, apple, gooseberry, lemon curd and custards; saucer size for 3d. Rabbit's were 6d each, bananas 6d a bunch, boot polish 1d a tin, black lead 1d a tin, all these things are of the past, if you could get them now, they would cost the earth.

Clean hands club, Hudsons soap we used to collect match box lids, and cig packets to play snap cards with, then of course we used to collect cigarette cards. Can you buy buttonhooks these days or bachelor buttons?

Scouring for your doorsteps, we used to use red rud, we got it from the pannel. Another thing we don't see now is blinds, they used to be paper, and if you were rich, you were able to get one that was green. Nearly every house had an aspidistra plant in their window and again if you were rich, you placed it in the front window in a swan plant pot.

Cage birds were popular, yes all these things are in the past, but isn't it wonderful to think about them.

Another well known man was Joe Wood, Rat Catcher, then there was the knife grinder, the window pane man, tripe man, hot peas and pies man, hokey pokey man and the kid catcher. Remember them, we had some well known sportsmen in Allerton, there was Dennis Bullough, the 5 minute mile runner. C Eastwood who played football in the 2nd Division, Reg Barker who played Cricket for the Yorkshire Colts, George Marsh who played Cricket for Lancashire, and even Herbert Sutcliffe played Cricket for Allerton, he was a Weighman at Allerton Pit, and he stayed at the Victoria Hotel, Walter Robinson was a JP and so it goes, Dick Mills was the grave digger most of us remember, Gaffa Brown, Daddy Brookes, Sammy Thornton, Wilson Berry, Aggy Downs, Miss Mills, Mrs Bullough, Miss Oates, Eva Street, all were teachers at Allerton School. Allerton Bywater had one of the best knur and spell teams in Yorkshire, we also could boast at having a Dog Track at Ninevah, this was managed by Freddy Harving during the miners depression. You had to listen for the Pit buzzer on the Tuesday which told you there were to be no work for the next Three days. Another superstition amongst the miners that if you saw a woman outside on the morning shift, they would turn back and go home, they thought to see a woman at 5am denoted bad luck. To be a member of the Methodist Church, you had to attend a class meeting, or you had to pay pew rent. The class leaders were G Linley, Bill Street and later Sam Monks. Prayer meetings were held every Sunday night after the Evening service. William Street had the first wireless in Allerton Bywater to have a loud speaker. Before then it was Crystal sets. Banjo's became a craze. Percy Dibb, Harry Flatters and Norman Hodgeson formed a Banjo Band. Mouth Organ playing was popular and I think Bill Sibrary was the finest I ever heard play.

Motorcycling became an expensive hobby, George Haywod, Mr Bell, Joe Haywood, Herbert Prince, Willy Street, Norman Hodgeson and Cilas Prince were all well known for Motorcycling.

Can you remember the small pox epidemic in the village? Harry Taylor, Reg Longley were suspects and we all had red armbands to remind folk we had all been vaccinated. About this time, there was Scarlet Fever and Ella and Flo Street caught it and were taken away to Acton fever Hospital.

Transport came more widely known, and Sammy Ramsden who had a wagonette who lived near where the top club is now, packed up his business and started midding emptying. Batty had a chara, and there was also smaller means of transport. These people during the day would have work such as coal leading, and then in the evening would convert there vehicles into passenger transport. These operators were Stockwells, Smith Sunderland, Gledhill's and Stevenson's. Then came the buses and the first double decker

bus to operate from Castleford to Allerton was Tommy Hopton, Castleford. Other bus operators were Guy's, Bob Sherburn, Mosbey's, Crawley's, Naylor's, Robinson's, J.Elsworth, Stockwells, Hargreaves, Bratt's, Newton and Ward's, Fox transport and West Riding. These buses ran between Castleford and Allerton Bywater, Bowers and Kippax. Then later the West Riding ran through to Leeds. Fares were 1 1/2d from Allerton to Cas, and 11d return from Allerton to Leeds.

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