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Allerton Bywater Parish Council

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**MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 7:00pm AT ST MARY THE LESS**

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 September 2011 to date

Leeds City Council have approved planning permission for following:-

P/12/02007/FU	46A Leeds Road Allerton Bywater First floor extension and conservatory to rear
12/03782/FU	13 Hirst Street Allerton Bywater Conservatory to rear
12/03229/FU	Hollins Grove Allerton Bywater Addition of new canopy; enlarged area of hardstanding and reconfiguration of parking layout to front

Leeds City Council have refused planning permission for following:-

P/12/02948/FU	70 Hollins Grove Allerton Bywater One detached house to garden
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The Parish Council have also received applications for:-

12/04458/FU	35 Back Lane Allerton Bywater Two storey extension and conservatory to rear
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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.

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/>

The Parish Council would like to thank the Ward Councillors Keith Wakefield, James Lewis and Mary Harland for their help and support during 2012. We would also like to thank our local MP Alec Shelbrooke for his assistance during the recent flooding problems.

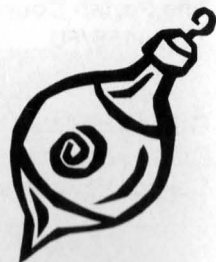
In addition, we would like to thank all of those who have provided articles and advertisements for the Allertoner during 2012. We received many positive comments about the content of the magazine from residents and from those outside of the village. If you have an article or advertisement for the Allertoner during 2013 the deadlines for submission are:

March Edition	31 January 2013
June Edition	30 April 2013
September Edition	31 July 2013
December Edition	31 October 2013

The Parish Council wish to thank our village caretakers Geoff Bird and John Robshaw for their continued hard work in keeping the village tidy. We are sure that all residents appreciate their efforts!

And finally, the Parish Council wishes all residents

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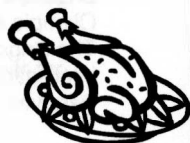
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Another Golden Year ahead for Brigshaw students

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Since September Brigshaw has continued to be inspired by the 2012 Olympics and is seeking to 'Go for Gold' in everything we do. Our new Year 7 pupils have fitted in superbly to this drive for excellence. The wonderful work the Brigshaw Co-operative Trust primary schools and other local schools, along with our superb transition work, mean that pupils come to Brigshaw ready and hungry to learn. Brigshaw teachers are very skilled at making sure the learning begins from where the pupils are, which enables our pupils to make rapid progress.

2012/13 promises to be another exciting year for Brigshaw. We are celebrating the school having been opened 40 years ago and our whole community will be involved once again in an international project led by Brigshaw students. We have developed our student leadership systems and have an effective Student Leadership Team who work alongside others such as the Eco-team and the Olympic Legacy committee to ensure our pupils get every opportunity to be involved in making Brigshaw outstanding.

At Brigshaw we are really proud of our curriculum offer which enables pupils to develop a broad range of skills and gradually grow their passion and expertise for different subjects leading to specialist knowledge at Post 16.

Brigshaw is a community school and this year it knows it needs community support more than ever. Our partnership with Temple Moor High School goes from strength to strength as does our work as a member of the Brigshaw Co-operative Trust. Co-operative Trust status enables us to involve our community in how their children's education should be shaped. We are working hard this year to involve the Trust in

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helping us shape tomorrow's adults with co-operative values of solidarity, equity, equality, democracy, self-help and self responsibility.

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Surrounds are not permitted in the new section, and gravel is not allowed in any part of the churchyard.

This is mostly for health and safety reasons.

Complaints are have also been received from people who do stick to the rules.

After all, having a loved one buried there indicates agreement to the regulations.



This year, Christmas wreaths will be removed at the start of Lent, in February.

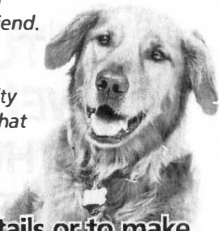
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Members of the Parish of Kippax with Allerton Bywater
wish all readers a happy and holy Christmas, and
peace and blessings for 2013.

Everyone is welcome to join us for any or all of the services at St Mary's Allerton Bywater over the Festive season.

The 9 lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday 16th December at 3pm

The Crib Service will start at 4pm on Christmas Eve, 24th December

The first Eucharist of Christmas will be celebrated at 8.00pm on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day Eucharist will be celebrated at 9.00 am on Christmas Day.

Other services in the Parish will be:

First Eucharist of Christmas at St Mary's Kippax. 6.00pm on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day Eucharist at St Mary's Kippax, 10.30 am

Traditional Midnight Mass at St Mary's Swillington, 11.15pm Christmas Eve

Christmas Day Eucharist at St Mary's Swillington, 10.00 am



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Evenings

ST ALBAN

St Alban was the first British Christian Martyr, Along with his fellow saints Julius and Aeron. Alban is one of three martyrs remembered from Roman Britain. Alban is listed in the Church of England calendar for 22nd of June and he continues to be venerated in the Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox Communions.

St Alban is mentioned in "Acta Martyrum" and also by Constantius of Lyon in his Life of St Germanus of Auxerre, written about 480. He also appears in Gilda's 6th century polemic *De Excidio et Conquestu Britanniae* and Bedes *Historia Ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum*.

In 2006 some Church of England Clergy suggested that St Alban should replace St George as the patron St of England. There have also been claims that he should be patron saint of Britain as a whole.

According to Bede's Ecclesiastical History of the English People, Alban was a Pagan living at Verulamium (now St Albans) who converted to Christianity, and was executed by decapitation on a hill above the roman settlement of Verulamium. Saint Albans Abbey was later founded near this site.

The date of Albans Execution has never been firmly established. The Anglo Saxon Chronicles lists the year 283. But the year 304 has also been suggested.

In 1968 the English historian John Morris suggested the martyrdom took place during 209. But other accounts suggest 251-59 as more likely.

Alban sheltered a a Christian Priest in his home and was converted and baptised by him. When Roman soldiers were sent to his house to look for the priest, Alban exchanged cloaks with him and was arrested. He was taken before a Magistrate who was furious about the deception and ordered Alban be given the punishment due to the priest, if he had indeed become a Christian. Alban declared, "I worship and adore the true and living God who created all things" These words are still used in prayer at St Albans Abbey. Alban was eventually sacrificed to the Roman Gods and condemned to death. He was taken out of the town across the river Ver. owing to the bridge being blocked with people, helped by God he parted the river to cross he then proceeded to the top of the hill opposite. The reputed place of his beheading is where St Albans Cathedral now stands. Although this also is disputed this is Bedes version of events.

Allerton Bywater Church Events December 2012 onwards



The church is preparing an exciting programme of Social events for the coming months. Please mark them on your calander or diary. All held in St Mary's Church, Vicar's Terrace, Allerton Bywater

First Saturday of Every Month

Coffee morning 10 till 12. This includes the Parish and Ward Council surgeries. The **Bookstall** will also be open.

Sunday December 9th 3pm Micklefield Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert

This has now become a popular annual event. There is not just good, entertaining music, but also comedy spots to make you laugh. Admission £5 including seasonal refreshments.

Sunday December 16th 3pm 9 lessons and Carols.

This is a traditional Advent service, celebrating Christmas. Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge.

Saturday afternoon 2nd February 2013 An Afternoon with David Newbould

£2.50 including refreshments

Tuesday 12th February 2013 from 5.30pm to 7.30 Pancake Pop In

This is an event to prepare for Lent and gives people a chance to enjoy pancakes at a social evening

£2 with 1st Pancake and tea or coffee, Children free Extra pancakes £1

31st March Easter Sunday 9 am Easter Eucharist

With complimentary Easter Breakfast

April 2013

Fashion Show

May 2013

Beetle Drive

Sunday afternoon 23rd June 2013

Church Lunchtime Barbecue

June 2013

Strawberry Fair

Friday 6th September

Pudding night. Lots of delicious puddings and plenty of fun

October 2013

Antiques Evening

Saturday 7th December 2013

Christmas Fun and Crafts day. Free admission, but food will be available at a reasonable charge. Also games for children, (including big kids) ones, and the opportunity to buy some special hand made gifts.

Further information about all these events will be included in future editions of the Allertoner, in the Castleford and Pontefract Express What's On column, and on posters around the village. Everyone is welcome. At some events, profits made will go towards the upkeep of the Church, so we can keep one in the village. On other occasions, the events are held to raise money for Charities.

Please contact Lynne Tomlinson on 01977554285 or Jean Baldwin on 01977557981 for tickets



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The Christian Season of Advent



Most people know about Lent and the preparation for Easter, but Advent is also very important in the Christian Calendar. Advent is the start of Church Year beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30.

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The Spirit of Advent is celebrated as a

a season of joy and happiness, as we prepare and await the coming of the Jesus. It symbolizes the spiritual journey of Christians throughout the world. Even non-believers may enjoy looking forward to Christmas, even if only for good food, parties and gifts.

The Colours of Advent and the Advent Wreath

The main colour used in church for Advent is Purple. This is the colour of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. If you come into St Mary's in Advent, you will see that the pulpit fall and Bible ribbons are purple, and the priest will wear purple vestments instead of the more common green.

There are no flowers in church during Advent, but there is a wreath of evergreen foliage such as holly, ivy and laurel, with five candles.

The circle of the wreath reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The greenery reflects the hope that we have of newness, renewal, and eternal life. Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. These are three purple candles and one pink candle, with a white candle in the middle. The four outer candles stand for the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent. A new purple candle is lit each week from the first Sunday in Advent, and then on the third Sunday a pink candle is lit to show that it is a Sunday of Joy because the waiting is almost over.

The climax is when we light the central white "Christ candle" at Christmas representing Jesus arrival into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope.

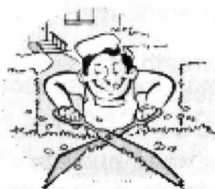
Celebrating Advent

Some families decorate the house for the beginning of Advent, or bake special treats. They may hang an evergreen Advent wreath on the front door to show it is a Christian household, and that people will be welcome there in His name. No need to use the stable!

Advent Calendars keep children involved in the entire season and the countdown to Christmas.

Everyone is welcome to the Advent group. This will meet at St Mary's Allerton Bywater on Tuesday 4th Dec.; Kippax Lower Hall Tuesday 11th Dec: and Swillington Church meeting Room on 18th Dec starting with refreshments at 7pm.

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Father Joseph Mohr sat at the old organ, his fingers stretched over the keys forming the notes of a chord. He took a deep breath and pressed down. NOTHING, he tried again. Silence echoed through the Church.

He shook his head, it was no use. The pipes were rusted, the bellows mildewed. The organ had been becoming quiter for months and he had hoped it would last until the organ builder arrived to repair it in the spring.

But now on December 23rd 1818 it had finally given out. St Nicholas Church would have no music for Christmas.

Father Joseph sighed and went outside for a brisk walk. Moonlight twinkled off the snow covered trees and the houses in the village of Oberndorf. Far above the village in the mountains he watched the Salzach River ripple past St Nicholas Church. In the spring melting snow flowed down the mountain and the river swelled its banks, then water lapped at the foundations of the church it was the moisture from the flooding that had caused the organ to mildew and rust.

Father Joseph looked out over the Austrian Alps as Stars shone above in the still and silent night.

It was at this point he realised how to bring music to the church by using Silent night a poem he had written a few years ago.

The next morning he set off to a friend's house namely Franz Gruber the organist for the church. Franz was surprised to see the priest so far from home on Christmas Eve and was even more surprised when he handed him the poem.

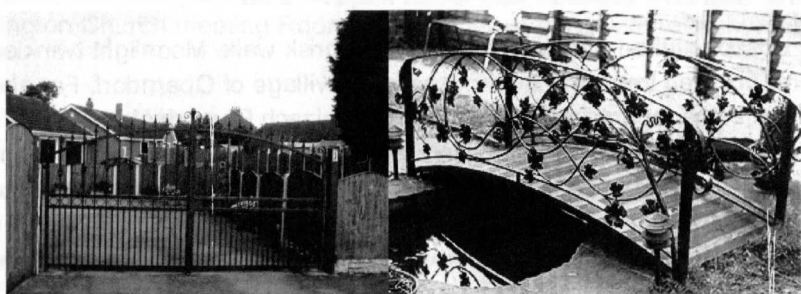
That night Father Joseph and Franz stood at the altar of St Nicholas Church. Father Joseph held his guitar. The congregation were giving each other puzzled looks. They had not heard a guitar in church before and certainly not at midnight mass on Christmas Eve. Father Joseph began to play and Franz Gruber began to sing, their two voices rang out, joined by the church choir on the chorus. When the last notes faded the congregation began to clap their hand, applause filled the church the villagers loved the song.

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ALLERTON BYWATER COLLIERY MINERS MEMORIAL FUND

UPDATE

There is still much to be done.

- 1 Clive Cowell had forty-six recorded fatalities at the Colliery, fortunately he questioned this. Extensive research done by him, taking many many hours, reveal another forty. Sadly since the unveiling ceremony another five names have been disclosed; four authenticated, the fifth one still being researched. Clive could not have been more thorough. A separate plaque will now be fastened to the Memorial with these names on it and sufficient space left should any more be discovered.
- 2 The Fund will gradually be wound up. A full statement of Audited Accounts will be presented in a future edition of 'The Allertoner'.
- 3 A list of all the Agencies we dealt with, along with sponsors will be published in a future edition of 'The Allertoner'.
- 4 Details of how and when the Memorial will be handed into the care and ownership of the Parish Council will be published.
- 5 The Memorial Book and Book of Dedications are to be housed in a glass case; along with an original Water Painting of the Colliery set above it, perhaps with a Miners Lamp permanently lit. The location within the Village to be agreed. Reasonable Public access will be paramount.

Robin Tomlinson
Chairman.

**ALLERTON BYWATER COLLIERY MINERS MEMORIAL FUND
MINERS MEMORIAL PARADE & DEDICATION CEREMONY
SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2012**

And went the day well, and it did just that. We all awoke to beautiful sunshine and it held up for the whole day, in fact it got seriously warm!

There was a flurry of activity in the morning on the Memorial field, gazebo erected, chairs set out, cordons put up, stage draped and the Memorial veiled up.

Those wishing to be at the start of the Parade assembled at Brigshaw College, Union Banners were unfurled and displayed in true tradition; Kippax Brass Band were to lead the Parade, everybody was brought to order and we were off. What a sight, what emotion and what joy, people lining the route and many joining on the way. The Band played on and the Banners looked magnificent. The Parade got bigger and bigger, a fine tribute to those we were remembering and to the community spirit of all ages taking part.

The crowd assembled at the field was so large we wondered whether the Parade was going to get through!

The ceremony started with a welcome and guests made speeches, hymns were sung, names of those we were remembering read out, a bell chimed for each one, The 'Last Post' played and 'Fanfare to the Common Man'.

The Memorial was unveiled, much to everyone's relief the drapes fell away without a hitch. Flowers were laid to the accompaniment of 'Nimrod' and yes tears started flowing. A truly wonderful occasion, history in the making.

Many photographs have been taken and a DVD made of the event. Some photographs are on the Website. We hope to have a preview evening for the DVD as soon as possible.

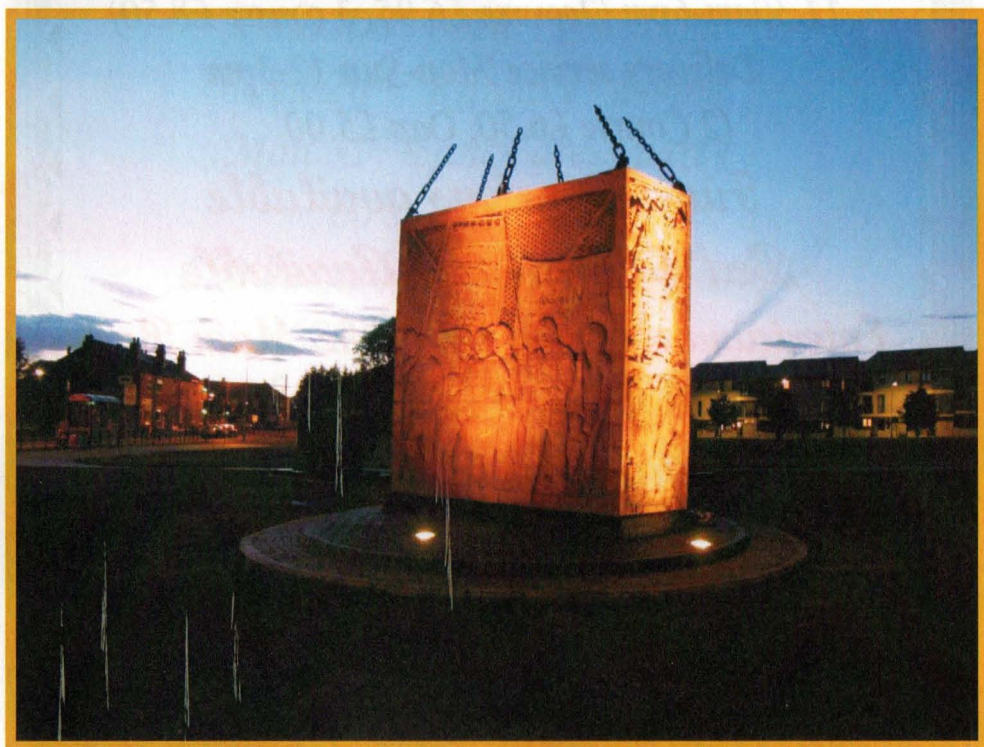
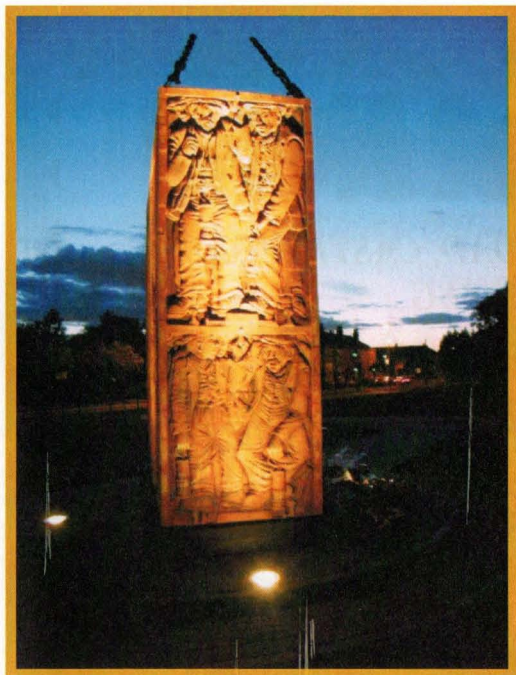
A social event took place at Edward V11 WMC, which was a great success and a nice finish to the day.

On behalf of the Officers and Committee of the Memorial Fund I thank all of you for your support in getting the Memorial built, your support on the day and all the kind comments we have received since the event. Well done.

Robin Tomlinson.
Chairman.

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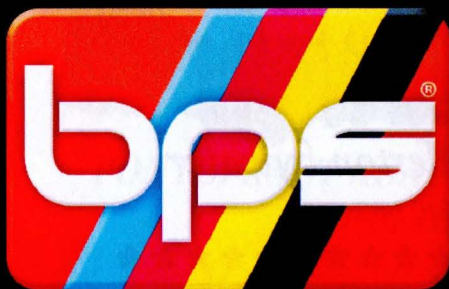
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Thank you to all the sponsors of the flower tub's as they do this not just for their advertising but also to support us in making this village a nicer place.

Thank you to all site sponsors that have done fantastic with their areas and their displays, it is a credit to you all.

We would like to thank all volunteers and people who helped us when we were been judged as it showed how supportive our village is.

We are always looking for new volunteers however we are really lacking in people coming forward which is such a shame as had more people come forward I have no doubt that we would have won gold.

We need people to help just tidy up areas ready for next year or if you could simply just help with planting two times a year it would not be such a big task if we all did a bit and it would be such a help.

Please do not think our group is just about winning competitions, what we do we do for the good of the village so it looks nice all year round but been part of the in bloom competition means we get extra grass cutting, litter picking and road sweeping per year and if we win anything it's just an added bonus..

Our coffee mornings are on hold now till April but please go along to the council surgery to support them and the church and the work they do.

Please contact me for details of projects we need help with and general help as we do need you.

Bridget Mitchell: 01977 553747/ 07853153814.

HIDDEN MEANING

Half a pound of tuppenny rice, half a pound of treacle

That's the way the money goes, pop goes the weasel

Up and down the city road, in and out the Eagle

That's the way the money goes pop goes the Weasel

Pop goes the weasel never made any sense, except to visualise a furry little creature exploding for some unknown reason.

But when you realise it was written in cockney rhyming slang about the East End of London it makes far more sense.

Pop was another name for pawn; Stoat [Weasel member of the Stoat family] rhyming slang for Coat.

So the translation was that a coat was taken to the pawn shop to get some extra money. The Eagle was a much visited local pub.

Read the rhyme again and it is a comment on money being wasted on drink in the local pub after they had pawned a coat to obtain it.

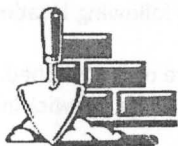
It is more than likely it was written by someone involved and owing to the poverty which existed in these times, would much rather have spent the cash on food.



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The phrase "A dog is a man's best friend ", originated in Warrensburg Missouri. In 1870 a farmer shot a neighbour's dog and in the subsequent court case where the owner sued for damages, the Lawyer George Graham Vest gave a tear jerking speech that became known as the Eulogy to a Dog.

"Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where wintery winds blow, and the snow drives fiercely, if only he can be at his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and, reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens"-and so on...

A statue of the dog which was named Old Drum stands outside of the town's courtroom. Sadly for the Warrensburg Tourist Board Senator Vest didn't originate the phrase, he may have read his speech in a newspaper as it appeared fifty years earlier in 1821 in the New York Literary Journal.

The Faithful dog-why should I strive

To speak his merits, while they live

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Sadly, for St Mary's but gladly for Rev Jean, she will be retiring in January. The church congregation have decided to throw her a party on her birthday on Saturday 19th January.

Everyone is invited to drop in at the church some time between 3pm and 7 pm. Food will be by a faith tea.

Her last celebration of the Eucharist will be the following day, at 9 am on Sunday the 20th. Everyone is welcome to that as well. Anyone wishing to contribute to her leaving gift can contact any member of the congregation or the Churchwardens.

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Fishy Stories

TRUE STORY

Joan Higgins aged 66 had been selling pets and fishing tackle from her shop in Sale Manchester for years, when one day a trading standards officer decided to trick her into selling a goldfish to an underage customer. The first point is it does not seem unreasonable to sell a goldfish to a 14 year old boy. You can understand operations costing £20,000 being set up to prevent sales of drink and cigarettes, but why trap shopkeepers selling goldfish?

But it gets worse the Magistrates fined Mrs Higgins £1000.00 presumably as an example to other shopkeepers. Unbelievable?, well we have not finished yet 66 year old Mrs Higgins was made to wear an electronic tag and was made the subject of a curfew order.

Was Mr Iain Vetch head of public protection at Trafford Council just having a bad day? When he said "Let this conviction send out a message that we will not tolerate those who cause unnecessary suffering to animals? The council will always try to support pet and business owners so that they are able to care for their animals properly, but where they continually ignore the advice they are given we will not hesitate to use our statutory powers.

No animals were hurt in this true story. The goldfish was adopted by an animal welfare officer.

Trevor had terrible day fishing on the lake so on his way home he called at the local fishmongers and ordered four Rainbow Trout. He told the fishmonger pick four large ones and throw them at me will you.

"Why should I do that?" asked the shopkeeper, "so I can tell my wife in all honesty that I caught them all" said Trevor.

"Okay said the Fishmonger but I suggest you take the Salmon, "Why's that "said Trevor?" because your wife came in earlier and said if you called I should tell you to take the Salmon. That's what she wants for supper said the fishmonger with a grin.

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As anglers we may individually prefer our own type of fishing to another, but we should always respect another person's method if it serves to catch/capture a good fish in a proper sporting manner.

In older age our habits tend to get set but the majority remain all round anglers recognising most branches of the sport even if not participating in them.

But at times more so with the dedicated Fly Fishermen they consider it the ultimate in terms of sportsmanship, casting their varieties of Flies to tempt the fish to bite. Lots of them still regard coarse anglers and their type of fishing as really coarse and still question the use of maggots and bait to capture game fish. Clearly all types of legal angling are of merit whether you catch with bait a lure or a fly.

The majority of angling is watercraft learnt over many years and it is no surprise to many that some people who spend a lifetime at the sport remain forever duffers never getting any better whilst others newcomers to the sport seek advice and very quickly become accomplished anglers.

However whilst all methods have equal merit all tackles and rigs used do not. Line that is too heavy and line that is too light cause problems to the fish. A fish may ignore a heavy thick line but break a light line leaving it to swim away with a hook lodged in its throat or lip and have line trailing behind it. The skill is to know which rig is best in the prevailing conditions. The bad angler brings the sport into disrepute and leaves all anglers to face the criticism from the anti-angling fraternity.

The opening of The St Aidan's Country Park and the involvement of The RSPB and its members walking around the Lowther Lake will exert extra pressure on the anglers using this facility. The good anglers will have to supervise any bad ones they encounter and ensure no litter or discarded tackle is left on the banks. Although this has always been the angling clubs policy and is clearly stated in the clubs permits LEAVE LITTER LEAVE THE CLUB. We also operate a policy whereby on club angling matches you are not allowed to weigh any fish in if there is litter in your peg, regardless of whether you have caused it or not you are responsible for cleaning it up. But problems may occur with pleasure anglers when there are no club officials present and youths camping at weekends leaving litter and sometimes even the tents.

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Mr Peter Haywood has asked for help in tracing his family.

He is looking for any information regarding the Haywood family in particular George Haywood who served in the Royal Navy during the First World War. His parents John and Hannah lived at number one Robinson Street.

John was a colliery pumping engineman, George was a pony driver and two other sons Samuel and Joseph Edgar were coal face hewers. There were fourteen children in the family in total.

George Parkinson writes: After investigating I have found that four of the children died in infancy. I have contacted Peter and told him what I have found out and provided him with the contact details of the person who provided me with the information for him to contact them. I will let him know of any further information I receive. He would be most grateful for any further information and ends; Many Thanks Peter Haywood.

If anyone can furnish any further information please inform me, I'm not expecting anyone who knew him [George] to come forward as they would have to be at least one hundred and fourteen years old at least!!!

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George Parkinson October MMX1

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I'm terribly sorry but I've lost my book which contained all the writings of Walter Cockerham. At first I thought of the cabin boy who asked the captain "can anything be lost if the person lost it knows where it is?" The captain answered, "Certainly not." "Good" said the cabin boy, "I've just lost the tea pot overboard." Well I know where this book is, but can I find it? NO!! but it must be in my study somewhere. But I am going to carry on with my own style of writing, at the same time I'm going to find Walters writings and start where I finished.

How many of you remember the 4 cinemas in Castleford? There was the Picture House, the Albion, the Queens and the New Star.

I think the Picture House was the best; it was the only cinema in Castleford which was built as a cinema. If a fire started in the projection room a large metal sheet dropped between the projectors and the auditorium.

Projection fires were common in the 1940s and 50s. The film was very inflammable. I used to collect paper money for Cliff Goodall round the top pit and one of the projectionists used to live in one of the houses and he was badly burned around the face and head.

The managers name was Mr Laycock he was a very nice gentleman. He was small and stout and well dressed, and after every performance he would be waiting for the cinema goers to ask them what they thought about the performance. How many managers do that today? They used to play the best music at the Picture House prior to the film starting and between adverts and the supporting film. The only thing wrong with the Picture House was that the projection box was above the people queuing to get in. You could hear the soundtrack of the film currently showing, most of the queue knew what the end of the film was before they went in the cinema. They also, I think paid to see the best films, at the back row they also had double seats for courting couples.

The Albion Cinema was at the top of Carlton Street. I remember going to the Albion to see a film during the miners strike of 1972. I walked up to the pay box and the lady asked me if I wanted to go into the cinema, because it was cold. I asked her if it was colder than it was out side and she said that she didn't think so, so I went in and enjoyed the film.

The Queens cinema used to be the Queens theatre; some big stars used to be on in those days, some of the stars used to do their act at the Queens, then run up Carlton St and appear at the Theatre Royal, well money was tight in those days.

Because it had been a theatre it had a circle and gods. It was cheaper in the gods because the seating was wooden forms or planks as they are better

known. The people who paid to go up into the gods were usually a little unruly, so a man was employed to keep them under control. His name was Mr Atack and he used a stick to make the unruly ones behave. You could hear the stick being banged on the forms in various places in the cinema.

The Queens used to show Westerns and Gangster films. A man once told me that they had to clean up the horse muck after the western had been shown. I don't know what the manager was called but he dressed in a certain way. He wore a trilby with the front rim turned down, covering his eyes, and his coat collar turned up. He would stand at the head of the queue at every performance. The screen was nearly square but all four corners were rounded, you know similar to the early 9 inch TV sets.

At the New Star Cinema on Aire St they used to have a Saturday matinee, boys and girls used to attend matinees but adults were allowed to attend so an oath was spoken by all the children present. It was as follows: "I do faithfully promise that I shall not leave my seat during any part of the performance, so that the ladies and gentleman can both see and hear". What would the children of today think of that?

As I stated the Star was on Aire St and on occasion the floods occurred. It used to flood the first six rows of the cinema. Of course the toilets-gents and ladies, were under water, anyone needing the toilet would have to use the ones in the circle. OH! And when you left the cinema you got your feet wet in the street, because Aire St would be flooded too.

At one time Mr Roberts, the manager, was noted for frequently calling in at the Golden Lion public house.

The only manager I recall was Brus Atkinson, one time rugby player for Castleford. .

Today all but two of the cinemas have been demolished.

Pause for thought.



THE PATTERN OF LIFE

We met, we married, a long time ago.
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But we had coal on the fire and we didn't lock doors!
Our children arrived, no pills in those days.
And we brought them up without any state aid.
They were quite safe to "go and play in the park".
And the old folk could go for a walk in the dark.
No Valium, no drugs and no LSD.
WE cured most of our ills with a nice cup of tea!
But if you were sick you were treated at once.
Not fill out forms and come back in six months!
No vandals, no mugging, there was nothing to rob.
And we were quite rich on a couple of "bob"!
People were happy in those far of days.
Kind and caring in so many ways.
Milkmen and paper boys used to whistle and sing.
A night at the pictures was our mad fling!
We all got our share of trouble and strife.
And we just had to face it "the pattern of life"!
I remember the blessings-our home and our love.
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George Parkinson

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