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# Editorial

As if to confirm their application for Most Inept Council of the Year, you may or may not know that Bradford Council had recently offered a modest concession to local campaigners re the Idle village carpark. Their imposition of parking charges has turned it into a mini desert and the lack of cars populating it suggested this was not doing much to dent the council's enormous debt pile.

So the bright sparks at City Hall finally cottoned that something was not quite working and announced they were to introduce five short-stay free-parking spots. These were designed to help people nip in and out and, whilst far from a reversal of the initial dumb idea, represented a clear sign that they really do know it was a dumb idea.

Yet within an instant came yet another U-turn from the U-Turn Party and down came the signs. It can be no surprise that the council finances are in such a dire state when they cannot even get small stuff like this correct; how can they run a multi-million pound annual budget?

Despite this the village party went ahead and, thanks to the efforts of local businesses and volunteers was another sign that the village is enjoying a very positive renaissance. Having lived in Idle for almost forty years I cannot recall it ever being so vibrant.

This part of Bradford overall has a fierce independent streak sitting in the parliamentary constituency of Bradford East, made up of the following wards; Bolton and Undercliffe, Bowling and Barkerend, Bradford Moor, Eccleshill, Idle and Thackley and Little Horton. At local council level we are a Lib Dem stronghold and yet our MP is likely to be wearing a red rose forever and a day.

Increasingly there are several distinct parts of Bradford; the centre which most avoid; an inner ring of villages where people struggle to have any connection with the centre; and the wider district where those able to do so have long since decamped to.

Finally, on to far more positive things. The front cover is from last year's Pink Ladies Lunch, an event close to my heart as a great pal of mine, sadly no longer with us, was involved. It is a superb fun afternoon out - so I am told - and at least one reason to go into Bradford centre. See page 34 for details and book your tickets now please.

# The Thackley Trumpit

The Trumpit was born in 1987 by Alvin Blossom, landlord of the long gone Shoulder of Mutton pub in Thackley. "Bloss", an ex-Radio Leeds DJ, developed what was originally known as The Thackley Trumpit as a bar top A4 flyer. It took a "sabbatical" from 1992 until it re-appeared in December 2000 with the late Bill Craven as co-editor. Bill started with the Shipley Times & Express as a sixteen-year-old.

Copies were sold for 10p eventually rising to 25p. This page is dedicated to the two of them and all who have contributed during the years to 2018...and beyond. The 2000-2018 archive is on the website - [www.thetrumpit.com](http://www.thetrumpit.com)

This month here are some extracts from edition 259 (August 2002). The front cover suggests that little has changed in almost a quarter of a century - same old, same old.

One of the longest established offerings in the area also featured - you can still find them at Idle Con Club - great for kids.

News too of football success for The Great Northern 5-a-side team. How many of these guys are still around?

As always the jokes were there to tickle Trumpit readers.

**R**ecently the Thackley Shotokan Tigers Karate club undertook a grading session. A grading is where members are assessed on their achievements in the club so far and, if their efforts prove sufficient they are rewarded with a certificate and coloured belt. Sensei Tony Cheetham Hudson was presiding, whilst Stuart Gregory (senior student and instructor) helped to organize the event while the Sensei attended to admin duties. All the students, many of them young, were keyed up for the grading having taken their training very seriously over the past few months

## TEAM SPIRIT ... ... of The North

Three cheers, and bars of chocolate for; Tony Shearer, Andy Hird, Chris Brown, brothers Ritch and Jason Longley, Jamie Wood and Chris Wilkin. They travelled to Gateshead on Sat. July 27<sup>th</sup> to represent 'The Great Northern' in a 5-a-side football competition against teams from as far a-field as Liverpool and Aberdeen. They won ... 'The Trophy' and £200. What's more they've done it before, and will be playing again, in Birmingham, for higher spoils in the future.

And finally, this is well worth seeking out the archive copy to read the full piece. Enjoy!

## LESSONS IN LIFE ... True Stories The Obstacle in Our Path

**I**n ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a road-way. He then hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along

## LAUGH...

*I nearly passed my sweets round.*  
by Joe King

Policeman to householder ...  
"I've received a complaint about your dog chasing a man on a bicycle"  
"Nonsense", replied the man, "Rover's 12 years old. He can hardly walk, let alone ride a bike".

Businessman to colleague ...  
"My wife's found me a new secretary"  
"Blonde or brunette?"  
"Don't know ... he's bald".

Woman selling raffle tickets in the pub ...  
Customer asks "What is it for?"  
"Sadly, the licensee died last week. It's for his wife and kids"  
"No thanks", he replied, "I've got a wife and kids at home".

Vegetarians coming to dinner?  
Simply serve them a nice bit of steak or veal. Since they're always going on about how tofu, quorn, meat substitute etc tastes exactly like the real thing, they won't notice the difference.

## THRASH THE TRASH

**I**t would seem the Thackley Crime Wave is in full swing. Following our reports last month on the block heads who steal stone blocks, balls and paving stones, even more have been reported to 'The Trumpit'. In one instance a whole pavement was removed, this would require a large truck to take it away, another lady reports that while on holiday some low down piece of scum removed two apple trees and a pear tree from her garden. So watch your turtle-doves and milkmaids they are obviously getting ready for Christmas.

Sneak stealing is also on the increase. Three other ladies in Thackley have had their handbags stolen complete with amounts of cash, credit cards and cheque books. One was taken from a table by the front door while the lady turned her back for a few seconds. The thief would have had to cover thirty yards or more each way, in broad daylight, to cover the garden path and they were still not spotted. The second lady left her handbag on the passenger seat of her locked car for a matter of seconds while collecting something from her business premises. The car window was smashed and the handbag stolen. The third was almost a carbon copy, while collecting her child from school at Idle Primary School, the window was smashed and the handbag removed. The 'brass neck' of these thieves is almost unbelievable.





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As usual we've been busy in Gambia 2024/25 distributing the equipment sent in the October container; schools are already benefitting from the books, exercise books, paper, pens, pencils, tables and chairs and are extremely grateful for all these things.

Additionally we have built new classrooms at Conte Kunda, re-built the kitchen at Kerr Ndong as well as carrying out extensive repairs to the main roof; at least the children will stay dry during their lessons! New toilets were also built at Kerr Ndong.

We are currently collecting materials at our store in Low Moor for shipment in October and at this rate of donations we'll need a larger store before too long!

Thank you for your support, your contribution is much appreciated.

**David Oldfield**

**The Gambian Schools Trust**

*Now a response to last month's Lee Report.*

Re Lee's piece on Thunberg et al, nicely written. When was the last time Thunberg etc. went moaning to Russia & Belarus, Iran, North Korea, China inc. Hong Kong? If they'd ever bothered going to these type of countries, instead of disrespecting the 'Useful Idiots' in the West, I would have some respect for them.

I'll continue to accept being mugged by Bradford Council for rates and Westminster for income tax, to which most of Thunberg's cronies probably haven't paid a penny, but will be drawing thousands a year in benefits.

**Peter Lansdell**

I've seen your recent advertisement for the Immanuel Fayre featuring Danny Tetley. As you may know, he is a convicted sex offender. I'm very concerned that promoting this could mislead families and damage trust in your publication. Please consider reviewing this advert and whether it's appropriate to continue running it.

**Joanne Mitchell**

*The "advert" was on the archive page from July 2002. I confess to missing Tetley's inclusion on the old extract so apologise for any offence caused. It was not an advert. Ed*

Can any reader tell me if the following local anecdote is true? When the Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII, visited Bradford in 1929 he was seated next to the Lord Mayor. There were long gaps in the conversation. Finally the Mayor turned to the Prince and said "How's thi fattha keeping?" **Elaine Neale**



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As I started this piece, June had just ended with a mini heatwave and July was about to get one too. Sandwiched in between were a few bouts of heavy rain that delight us gardeners, not least from allowing a few days off the watering regime.

At this time of year the announcement by water companies of imminent restrictions are as predictable as the bonus pots of the respective CEO's of these bloated monopolies. So, having your own water "farm" is a good idea; it may not make you self-sufficient but not far off.

Although I have not benefitted from my Dad's engineering genes, I am quite proud of my three water butts that, as I type away, are now full to the top. For the statos that is approximately 450 litres or 45 watering cans. Of course this is far less about saving a quid or two, much more about a valuable resource.



On the plot, with the hard graft of Spring a distant memory, it really is time to enjoy the fruits of your labours. And, as few of us can consume all that we grow, share the true taste of home grown food with friends and family.

The early peas have been picked or, in truth, scoffed as we sat there podding them.

Looking good too are broad beans which, mercifully, appear to have escaped the dreaded black fly this year. These can also be picked and frozen for use over the winter months. The techniques for preparation and blanching of beans and peas are broadly similar. French beans start late and bloom later too but the principles are the same.

I mentioned last month about savouring the crop of salad potatoes and am now about to re-use the vacant space with another attempt at broccoli. I say another because recent years have been disastrous. Despite using enough netting for a young offenders institute to ward off the butterflies, caterpillars seemed to have thrived on successive crops.

My thinking is to plant the pot bound crops a bit later this year and see if this makes a difference; it should certainly help resist bolting – time will tell.

If you do wish to plant crops into vacated space, feeding the soil to replenish it with something like fish and bone meal or chicken manure pellets is a good idea. Happy growing!

**Eccleshill Horticultural Society's 106th Annual Vegetable, Flower & Craft Show** is at Eccleshill Mechanics Institute on Saturday August 30th. Doors are open 12noon to 3.30pm with £1 admission for adults and children free.

**Thackley's community gardening swap shop** meets the last Sunday of the month. If you can, join the Facebook page *Thackley and Idle Gardening Swap Shop* to keep up to date.

They meet in Thackley Cricket Club's car park 10.30am till 11.30am, with gates opening at 10.15am for those setting up.

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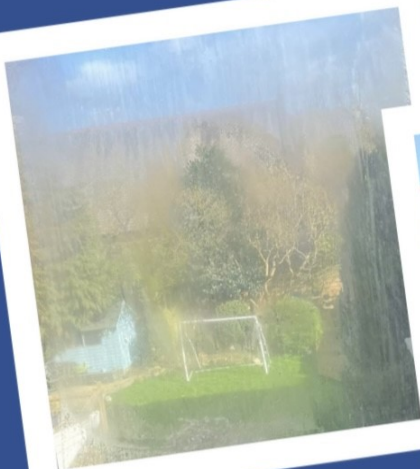
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# The Thackley Chef

Richard Aveyard – ACIEH

This month is a seasonal one with the first new potatoes of the summer now in abundance. Here are a selection of recipes.

These recipes are for two people with 250-300g of new potatoes the staple ingredient so please adjust all ingredients as required. Oven temperatures are the same for all three.

## Potatoes a l'alsacienne

Pre-heat oven: 200C/400F/Gas 6

**Ingredients:** salt & pepper; 2tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil; 25g butter; 2 rashers of streaky bacon cut into lardons; 8-10 baby onions or 1 medium onion diced fine; 1-2 sprigs of fresh thyme & rosemary; 1tsp chopped parsley & chives.

### Method:

1. Place a heavy sauté or frying pan onto a moderate heat and add a little oil. Add the bacon, fry until golden, then remove and allow to drain. Add the onions cooking gently then add to bacon; keep to one side until needed.

2. Add well-washed, dry potatoes to same pan and keep moving to add colour. Add more oil if needed. Season lightly.

3. Place into oven with the sprigs of herbs and check after 10-15 mins.

4. Once potatoes are tender remove from oven and carefully drain any surplus oil off. Place back on the heat adding the bacon and onions. Finally, add the butter to toss together; season if needed.

5. Finish with the soft herbs.

## Provençal

**Ingredients:** salt & pepper; 1-2 cloves of garlic chopped fine; 1 med onion chopped fine; 1tbsp mixed soft herbs (chives, parsley); 1 sprig of fresh thyme; 2-3tbsp oil (your choice); 1tbsp olive oil; 1-2tbsp breadcrumbs.

### Method:

1. Add potatoes to cold salted water.

2. Place on a high heat and bring up to a rapid boil; reduce to a simmer and cook until tender (10- 15 minutes).

3. When cooked drain and keep to one side.

4. Place a saucepan or heavy frying pan on a moderate heat. Add a little oil then the onions cooking until soft; add garlic and cook slowly with the thyme.

5. Add rest of oil if needed then add the potatoes mixing together and cook for 2-3 minutes more.

6. Mix breadcrumbs and soft herbs in a bowl, season and scatter over potatoes. Finish in the oven or carefully under the grill until golden brown.

## Warm Potato Salad

**Ingredients:** salt & pepper; 1 small onion sliced thinly.

**Dressing:** This is a basic recipe and you may need to increase your amounts depending on volume of potatoes; 4tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil; 2tbsp vinegar (your choice); 1tsp Dijon mustard; a pinch of sugar; salt & pepper; 1tsp chopped parsley.

### Method:

1. Prepare potatoes then add to a pan of cold salted water and place on a high heat. Bring to a rapid boil, then reduce to a simmer.

2. While potatoes are cooking make the dressing. Combine all ingredients together and whisk well in a bowl to emulsify - taste and season.

**Chef's Tip** - if dressing is too sharp add the sugar plus a little more oil. If using all olive oil be aware when you refrigerate the dressing will set so it needs to be taken out well before use. Or use half and half.

3. Once potatoes are cooked, turn off the heat, drain and decant to a bowl adding the onions and the dressing to mix well, Cover with cling film and shake so the dressing can flavour the potatoes.

Finish with parsley and/or dill.





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# Tony Gough

## Tweedledum and Tweedledee...

...agreed to have a battle.

A strange start to an article I know, but the above lines from Alice Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll could easily be about Donald Trump and Elon Musk. Two men with gigantic egos and apparently friends but now enemies, falling out like kids in a playground. Their dispute seems to be about Trump's insistence on revitalising America's traditional heavy industries such as coal and steel while Musk insists on looking to future high tech industries.

Musk is the richest man on the planet with a fortune estimated at £409bn. His wealth initially came from his part ownership of Zip 2, an internet website similar to Yellow Pages, which he sold for \$27m. This was followed by earning \$175m from the sale of x.com, later named PayPal, to eBay.

Musk is a South African and attributes his slightly odd behaviour to being born with a form of autism. However, just to talk about his immense wealth doesn't really give a true picture of what he's achieved.

His latest and most astonishing company is Neuralink. The company is developing a computer chip that is inserted into a human brain and connected with brain neurons. So far 7 people have had the procedure which

allows people who have had a severe spinal cord injury to operate computers and robotic arms by simply thinking about what they want to do. It will be possible in the near future to store human memories in the same chip so forgetfulness in old age will be a thing of the past and it may be possible to delay the effects of Alzheimer's too.

A little more mundane is the computer technology his companies are applying to the Tesla range of cars, which may soon be powered by sodium ion batteries rather than lithium ion batteries making batteries much cheaper. Tesla cars will also be self driving. You enter the postcode of where you want to go and the car will take you there; perhaps taxis will be better value than a private car?

Tesla are currently testing the self driving facility from their headquarters in Austin, Texas. The intention is that when a buyer orders a new car it will be programmed to deliver itself from regional distribution points. Replacement parts for Tesla cars are now being made by other manufacturers, making ownership cheaper too.

Finally, The SpaceX corporation was formed in 2002 with the intention of building reusable space rockets, now at the production stage including the Big Falcon rocket capable of carrying 80 tons of cargo into space. Via its subsidiary Starlink, it now has 7500 telecoms satellites in orbit launched using reusable rockets. The only conclusion is that Musk isn't the clown he sometimes comes across as.



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# Bookworm

## A Windhill Wanderer

The Last Dance by Mark Billingham marks the beginning of a brand new series from Mark Billingham, an author best known for his long-running and successful Tom Thorne novels.

I must admit that I have never read anything by Billingham before, but I am aware of the popularity of the Thorne series and when I was gifted The Last Dance by a friend I decided to sample his work.

The hero is Detective Declan Miller, a unique and quirky protagonist with a love of ballroom dancing, dry humour and an unorthodox investigative style.

In many ways Miller is the same as all the other lone wolf detectives – Morse, Rebus, Hole et al – they are all loveable rogues who do things their own way, usually combined with a drink problem and a hole in their life where the love of it used to reside but she's no longer available.

To be fair to Miller, whilst he likes his beer he doesn't seem to have a problem with it and often drinks tea – heaven forbid that inspector Morse would ever sink so low.

The story is set in Blackpool, where Miller is returning to work only six weeks after the death of his wife. He is paired with a new partner, DS Sara Xiu, and the two of them are quickly thrown into a double homicide investigation.

The case spirals into something more complex and dangerous than at first appears mixing organised crime, local corruption and deeply personal stakes.

This is when you realise that Miller isn't the same as all the other fictional detectives. He is surprisingly light-hearted for someone steeped in personal tragedy. His love of dancing, while initially seeming like a gimmick becomes a touching and meaningful layer to his character.

His relationship with Xiu adds balance and brings a grounded, competent energy to the team dynamic.

Their chemistry develops as the story unfolds and whilst they exasperate each other there is a mutual respect that doesn't fall into cliché.

There is a tenderness to the novel and it has emotional weight, yet there is a lot of humour. Miller likes to be a funny man, he constantly tries to play for laughs – often to relieve the embarrassment his colleagues face when dealing with Miller's recent bereavement.

It humanizes the characters and keeps the pacing lively. Blackpool, with its kitsch charm and gritty undercurrent, is vividly drawn and serves as more than just a backdrop – it is a character in its own right.

Grief, resilience and the search for identity in the aftermath of loss are central themes to the story.

Miller's journey is not just about solving crime – it is about staying afloat, finding purpose and keeping a connection to the things that made him feel alive.

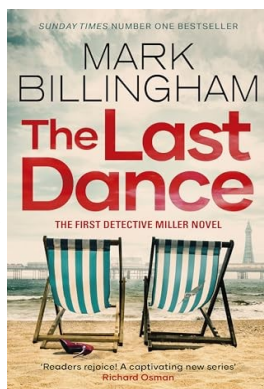
The Last Dance is a strong, stylish and emotionally resonant series debut.

It blends the traditional crime thriller elements with fresh character work and subtle humour making it both gripping and genuinely moving.

It also makes a great holiday read, as whilst it is a decent sized book (390 pages), the chapters are short making it perfect for dipping in and out of.

I found plenty in it to admire and a plot twist involving a homeless girl threw me completely.

I didn't see it coming at all and cannot wait to read the next in the series (The Wrong Hands) to find out more about it.





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# Tales From The Scruffy



It was a steaming end to June which meant plenty of room inside where the thick old walls provided a cooler atmosphere for us old thick 'eds to enjoy a pint or two. On the last weekend of the month, several veterans of non-league football were out and about topping up their tans, ever hopeful of another day in the mud with the studs on. In their midst sat a man who has featured here before.

Between 1983-93, local lad Tony "Baresi" Brown was a professional footballer plucked from non-league obscurity in 1983 to spend two years at Leeds United playing 24 games. His professional career then included the likes of Doncaster, Scunthorpe and Rochdale before ending around 15 years ago wallowing in the mud of Bradford Council's slagheaps.

Forty-years on, Leeds await the start of Premier League football and their players wages that Baresi could only have imagined. That said, the old boy was not bitter as I "interviewed" him in the Gents. Indeed, I was extremely fortunate to have played in the same team - clearly his career had gone into freefall - for a glorious few years.

It was some twenty years ago when he received a call from another local football legend, Steve "Dayks" Daykin. Dayks simply said: "Do you want to play with some young boys?" Initially aghast, Baresi was happier when Dayks quickly clarified that a youth team - Prospect FC - were entering the Sunday morning football Cloggers League. They needed some protection, so to speak.

He was recruiting a few old lags to look after them. Unbelievably, the third "signing" was myself. What had he been smoking?

To play alongside Baresi - and Dayks, who should also have made it as a pro - was an absolute pleasure. Even though Baresi was in his football dotage, he still had pace to make himself look like a Ferrari and myself a Polski Fiat (who can remember them?). But beneath the genial exterior lay a steely edge.

One Sunday morning typified this and would automatically discount him from the Fair Play League. We were up against a feisty, spotty young lad who seemed to be annoyed that he was being marked by two lads with a combined age approaching a century. The verbals soon started.

"You two should be in a care home!" he sneered. There was more: "I slept with your wife last night!" Poor Mrs Brown we thought!

It continued until enough was enough. It was then that Baresi began his "response" from What I Learnt As A Dirty Old Pro Footballer.

At a corner kick Spotty Chops was making a nuisance of himself until Baresi, out of view of the referee, calmly stood on the lad's Achilles heel causing him to shriek in agony. It was done so quickly that nobody had a clue bar Baresi, Spotty and myself. I nearly wet myself.

You would have thought that Spotty Chops would have learned his lesson, feigned a hamstring injury and avoided Baresi for the rest of his life. Not so - the abuse continued.

If he had had a semblance of brain matter, the next corner would have seen him sat in his own penalty box - sadly, stupid is, as stupid does. He was back again, backing in to Baresi, it could only end one way.

Once again the referee seemed miles away, most likely wanting to clobber Spotty himself. We waited for the corner to be delivered, all eyes on the ball, as suddenly Spotty collapsed in a heap. Was it an SAS sniper or a cunning old fox? Who cared...peace at last!

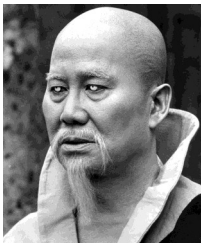
It had been a long week with the Trades Union Congress as the Grand Design neared its end and the house began to return to a semblance of normality. The various trades had vanished to all parts clutching their loot. Friday called and where better to soothe the pressures of a long week than your local.

I was sat chewing on my pint when I sensed a dark cloud looming as Doomsday Dave sidled up to me. He'd nipped out for a loaf and a pint of milk three hours ago and was still making his way home. Idle's very own Shakin' Stevens lookalike placed his old school satchel down, took up a stool and stared into his pint as if expecting to be told the great secrets of the world.

Fortunately we were in the presence of greatness as Gentleman John, the Idle Barber, joined us to impart the wisdom of the oldest man in the village. For two pints we hung onto his every word and Doomsday almost smiled at least once, thoughts of getting the weekly shop home long since vanished, another pint on its way.

Back from the sunshine was Big Al after almost three weeks single-handedly resurrecting the Greek economy with a timely boost for their bar trade. In he strolled sporting a pair of shorts that looked as if he had been wearing them for just as long.

I resolved to have a word with Luckless Linda as to the benefits of washing powder although it was likely we would have to cut the shorts off surgically as he slept. No mean feat for a man that snores louder than a Boeing 737. He offered a regal wave to the peasants and found his seat amongst the Golf Committee as each quietly shifted down the benches.



In between recent heatwaves, outside a monsoon raged and way in the distance we could hear Greenfingers wailing in thanks to the rain Gods on the allotment.

This year's crop looked good and would soon be exchanged for John Smith's Smooth tokens. No selling the Big Issue this year.

Meanwhile, it was a fond farewell to one of our industrious young bar staff as Bright Eyes left for a life in the clouds, where most of her customers at The Scruffy live daily. She has landed a job with Mr O'Leary's Ryan Air and we wish her well.

One more example of a shy young kid with a great work ethic blossoming under Fagin's tutelage. If there is a better way to gain life and job experience for young people than working behind a bar, I cannot think of one. When you can cope with a Nob Ed or two the world is your oyster. Good luck up there!

However, life goes on and the following Sunday Fagin's latest recruit, Alice, was taking stock of the inhabitants of her new Wonderland. What she made of The Chuckle Brothers one could only wonder but these two prime examples of Royal Mail's decline were in fine form sat on their usual stools at the bar like a pissed version of Punch and Judy.

Outside the rains had come again so there was little incentive to walk home even if one were needed. Greenfingers came in soaked to the skin and handed a cucumber to Sweet Caroline of epic proportions. Maybe Amazon could do a Greenfingers' Farm?

Speaking of Mr Clarkson, in walked Malcolm X without a Clarkson book tucked under his arm for the first time anyone could remember. Had he read them all or was he out on the pull? In a flash this local Lone Ranger was off again down into the bad lands of the village.

Quietly, sat with his usual granite-like grin, the man with hands bigger than a JCB shovel - King Kurt - observed the comings and goings. Another week approached if we could ever escape through the monsoon.







*With increased awareness about local planning issues, this month I investigate why some developers are now favouring a move to brownfield (and greyfield) sites and the benefits (and pitfalls) associated with these.*

As the UK continues to face challenges related to housing shortages, brownfield sites have become a central focus in planning policy development. These sites, previously developed land and now derelict or underused, offer both promise and complexity.

While building on brownfield sites can contribute to economic, environmental, and social goals, it also presents significant planning and technical challenges.

We are also currently seeing some local authorities (including our own rudderless ship!) shifting their focus from brownfield to greyfield sites due to the growing limitations and complexities associated with redeveloping previously heavily contaminated industrial land.

In the UK, a greyfield site is typically defined as previously developed urban land that is economically underutilised or outdated, such as disused retail parks, empty office buildings, or ageing commercial estates.

Unlike brownfield sites, greyfield sites do not suffer from significant environmental contamination, making them easier and cheaper to redevelop. These sites often lie in already built-up areas with existing infrastructure and good transport links, making them attractive for regeneration into housing or mixed-use developments as part of urban densification and sustainability goals.

### **Benefits of Building on Brownfield Sites**

#### **1. Efficient Land Use and Urban Regeneration**

Brownfield redevelopment aligns with the UK's goal of reducing urban sprawl and protecting greenbelt land. Reusing previously developed land promotes efficient use of existing infrastructure, such as roads, public transport, and utilities.

This not only reduces the environmental footprint of new developments but also helps revitalize declining urban areas by breathing new life into abandoned or underused spaces.

#### **2. Environmental Benefits**

Contrary to perception, brownfield development can support sustainability goals. By focusing growth on areas already impacted by human activity, developers help conserve rural landscapes and ecosystems. In addition, many brownfield projects involve land remediation, cleaning up contaminants and improving soil quality, which enhances environmental quality and public health in surrounding areas.

#### **3. Economic Development and Job Creation**

Developing brownfield sites often acts as a catalyst for broader economic regeneration. New housing, commercial spaces, and community facilities can attract investment, increase property values, and create jobs during and after construction. Especially in post-industrial towns and cities, such projects can play a key role in reversing economic decline.

#### **4. Policy and Funding Support**

The UK government and local authorities often prioritise brownfield developments in planning frameworks. Incentives such as grants, tax breaks, or streamlined planning permission can support developers willing to tackle these more challenging sites. For example, initiatives like the Brownfield Land Release Fund help unlock small-scale sites for housing projects.

### **Pitfalls of Building on Brownfield Sites**

#### **1. Contamination and Remediation Costs**

One of the most significant hurdles to brownfield development is contamination. Former industrial, commercial, or transport uses often leave behind hazardous materials such as heavy metals, hydrocarbons, or asbestos. Before construction can begin, developers must assess and, where necessary, remediate the site, an expensive and time-consuming process. For smaller developers, these costs can render a project financially unviable.

## **2. Complex Planning and Legal Constraints**

Brownfield sites frequently come with complex ownership, legal, and planning issues. Multiple stakeholders, unclear land titles, or restrictive covenants can delay development. Additionally, planning authorities may impose conditions to mitigate environmental risks or preserve heritage features, which can add to the cost.

## **3. Infrastructure Limitations**

Although many brownfield sites are in urban areas, existing infrastructure may be outdated or insufficient. Developers may face unexpected costs to upgrade water supply, drainage systems, roads, or utilities. In some cases, surrounding social infrastructure—such as schools or healthcare services—may also be under strain.

## **4. Market Viability**

Not all brownfield sites are in high-demand locations. In struggling post-industrial regions, the costs of cleanup and construction may exceed the potential return on investment. Even with subsidies or grants, some sites may remain undeveloped simply because the market does

not support their regeneration without ongoing public intervention.

## **5. Community Resistance**

While brownfield developments are generally seen as more acceptable than building on greenfield land, local opposition can still arise. Concerns about increased traffic, loss of informal green spaces, or changes to neighbourhood character can derail projects. Effective community engagement is critical.

## **Conclusion**

Building on brownfield or greyfield sites offers clear advantages, from environmental stewardship and urban regeneration to alignment with national planning priorities. However, it is not without its challenges. Contamination, remediation costs, and legal complexity can make development a risky endeavour, particularly for smaller developers.

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So, less than 24 hours later, I took it back to the same store and asked if I could get a refund. The cashier told me "No" even though I still had the receipt. I asked if I could get a replacement instead, again she told me "No."

I asked to talk to a manager now as I was really not happy explained that I had just bought the item, had got it home and it didn't work. The manager just smiled and told me to straight to my face that I was "Out of luck."

No refund...No free replacement!

I'll tell you what...I am never buying another lottery ticket from there again.

**Two couples were playing poker one** evening. Jim accidentally dropped some cards on the floor. When he bent down under the table to pick them up, he noticed Lee's wife, Sue, wasn't wearing any underwear. Upon trying to sit back up again, Jim hit his head on the table and emerged red-faced.

Later, Jim went to the kitchen to get some refreshments. Lee's wife, Sue, followed and asked "Did you see anything that you like under there?" Surprised by her boldness, Jim admitted that he did.

Sue said "Well, you can have it but it will cost you £500." Jim confirmed that he was very interested. Sue told him that since her husband Lee played golf Friday afternoons and Jim didn't, Jim should be at her house around 2 p.m. Friday afternoon.

When Friday rolled around, Jim showed up at Lee's house at 2 p.m. sharp and after paying Sue the agreed sum, they went to the

bedroom, and Sue gave him a great time. Jim quickly dressed and left.

As usual, Lee came home from golf at 6 p.m. and upon arriving, asked his wife "Did Jim come by the house this afternoon?"

With a lump in her throat Sue answered, "Why yes, he did stop by for a few minutes this afternoon." Her heart nearly skipped a beat when her husband curtly asked, "Did he give you £500?" Sue, using her best poker face, replied, "Well, yes, in fact he did."

Lee, with a satisfied look on his face, continued, "Good. He came by the golf club this morning and borrowed £500 from me. He promised he'd stop by this afternoon and pay it back."

Now that is how poker should be played.

**While shopping for holiday clothes a middle** aged couple passed a display of women's clothes. It had been around ten years since she even considered buying swimwear.

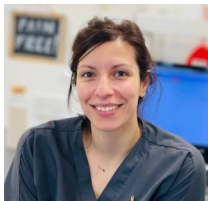
"What do you think?" she asked, "should I get a bikini or an all in one?"

"Better get a bikini," he replied, "you'd never get it all in one."

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# The Lee Report

## The Young and the Media

As less and less people now pick up a newspaper – I bought my first only this year – more people get their news from online sources. It made me wonder how young people are changing the media landscape. In today's rapidly evolving digital world, young people are not just consuming media, they are actively shaping it.

Armed with smartphones, social media platforms, and a deep understanding of internet culture, Gen Z and even younger generations are redefining what media looks like, how it's produced, and who gets to participate.

One of the most significant shifts is the move from passive consumption to active creation. Platforms like TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitch have empowered millions of young people to become content creators in their own right.

With minimal equipment, they are producing videos, commentary, music, and news that reach global audiences. This democratisation of media production means that anyone can build a following and influence, regardless of background or resources.

If you were to ask any young child what their ambitions are for the future, one of the most common answers would be a YouTuber or influencer. Surprising, right?

This shift also means that traditional gatekeepers such as television networks, publishers, and record labels are no longer the sole authorities in deciding what content is worthy. Instead, the audience decides, often through likes, shares, and comments. Viral content today is often driven by peer-to-peer sharing rather than top-down promotion.

Young people are also changing how news is delivered and consumed. Increasingly, they turn to platforms like TikTok, Instagram Reels, or YouTube Shorts to get their information rather than traditional news sources.

Big media conglomerates like the BBC and The Guardian have social media platforms whereby many Gen Z's access news products, as well as small creators who combine both entertainment

and factual information for those with dwindling attention spans.

While this can raise concerns about misinformation, it also shows how the traditional news format no longer meets the needs of younger audiences. They want news that is fast, relevant, visual, and crucially authentic.

Perhaps one of the most profound impacts of youth-driven media is the expansion of representation. Marginalised communities are finding platforms and communities where they can speak for themselves.

Social media movements such as #BlackLivesMatter and #MeToo, were driven in large part by young people leveraging media tools to bring about social change. Internet and media theorist Henry Jenkins explores this idea further and argues that these create "everyday communities of practice" where like-minded people can come together and spark change.

He also argues that with the help of the internet media producers and the public have converged in a way that even the everyday person can shape the media landscape.

As digital natives, young people bring a fluency to media that older generations often struggle to grasp. Media companies, educators, and policymakers who hope to stay relevant must listen closely to what young people are saying.

While physical media sadly is becoming a thing of the past and many people my age may never pick up a newspaper or magazine, there is a great deal of importance around physical media. Physical media is important because it provides a tangible, lasting way to access and preserve information, art, and culture without relying on internet access, digital rights management, or the policies of streaming platforms.

Unlike digital formats, physical media such as books, CDs, vinyl records, DVDs, and Blu-rays, cannot be altered or removed remotely, offering a sense of ownership. For collectors, archivists, and enthusiasts, physical media is a safeguard against the loss of cultural heritage in an increasingly ephemeral digital world.

Many young people including myself, value physical media by buying a newspaper every so often and listening to albums on a record player. There is still a need for traditional media.

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Busy minds seem to be the norm these days. Worrying has become something we almost expect, but just because it's common doesn't mean it's natural.

Just like your body knows how to heal a cut or fight off a cold, your mind has a natural drive too, one that gently steers you back towards balance and wellbeing.

So when you notice worry bubbling up, it's not a sign that something's wrong with you or your life. It's simply a nudge to let you know that your mind could use a little rest.

A gentle signal that you're out of your natural flow.

My dear old mum used to say, "I can't help how I think." Maybe you've felt that way too.

But what I've come to see is this: while we can't control the thoughts that pop up, we can change our relationship with them, and we can choose where we place our focus.

The first step is simple: awareness. When we start to notice our thinking, without judgment, we create a little space.

In that space, we get to choose: do we tumble further down the rabbit hole of worry, or do we pause and appreciate the wonder of being gifted with the ability to think?

So here's my invitation for this month: tune in to the conversation happening in your head. Not to add more to it, but to observe it, like you might overhear a chat in the coffee shop.

You don't have to join in or fix it. Just notice it. Be curious.

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From my heart to yours – Jane

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our 25th anniversary – and we're celebrating with SNOOP Fest 2025, an unforgettable day of family fun, live music, over 30 community stalls, and a summer ball in the evening.

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With hundreds of attendees expected, SNOOP Fest will be fully inclusive, giving children and young adults with learning disabilities and autism an opportunity to experience the joy of a music festival, in a safe environment where they are truly welcome.

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6th meeting in the carpark between Cleckheaton Town Hall and traffic lights at the cross roads (free after 6pm but if arrive before you do get 2 hours free but need to go to the machine, press the green button and display your ticket in your car). The small car park behind the Town Hall has different rules - contact David 07796 222949;

14th in the car park, Woodhouse Grove School Sports Facility, A658 Harrogate Road / Apperley Lane - Kevin 07505 206452;

20th just past the railway bridge on Station Road off Tanhouse Hill, Hipperholme - Philip 07938 804915;

28th bottom left in Raggalds carpark, Brighouse and Denholme Rd, Queensbury - Tony 07482 222528.

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The George: 2nd Rum Ham 9pm; 16th Rock Steady 9pm; 17th Adam Larnar 6.30pm; 23rd Macmillan Darts Marathon 12pm; 31st Face The Strange 6.30pm

Silence are playing The Bridge Tavern, Bradford on 2nd and The Corn Dolly, Bradford 23rd which is the bands 40th anniversary gig. Congratulations to them.

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We've all played before but wanted a shift of focus to bring it back to the beginning, learn to love the game again with the essence of fun and friendship being our themes. You'll learn at your own pace with like-minded ladies who support and encourage each other. Ages range from 20s to late 50s and we train every Wednesday from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

Come along and join in the fun regardless of your fitness level.

There's no pressure and you train to your own ability. It's not about how good you are it's about how much fun you have!!! If you enjoyed rounders at school, you'll love our sessions!!! Please check out our Facebook page – Thackley Phoenix Rounders Club.

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# Walks in Yorkshire

## Holme Wood – Brush With The Birds

Mike Priestley

*Many readers will remember Mike Priestley as a journalist for the Bradford T&A. His regular walking columns were a treat. A local lad, Mike has kindly given The Trumpit permission to reproduce walks from the five books he wrote dating back to the 1980s. I have remained faithful to the original text but some routes may have changed given the passage of time so please be aware. This is his second book.*

Walking is a relaxing pastime. But for those of us with a nervous disposition it can bring moments of high anxiety. Animals are the cause of most of them.

Encounters with sheep are no threat – although I was once menaced by a ram on Ilkley Moor. Cows keep themselves to themselves, only approach out of curiosity and go away of stared at.

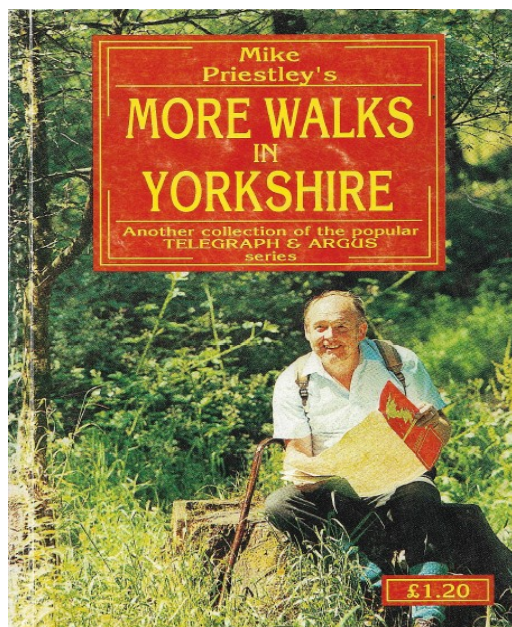
But bulls and horses are a different matter. And so is the distant and approaching sound of something which, imagined by the depth of its bark, could be marginally larger than a lion.

There was no shortage of livestock of the potentially threatening variety on the walk I took up the Tong Valley. But I survived to tell the tale and rather enjoyed the outing despite a few hairy moments.

The walk began on the fringes of the Holme Wood estate, where I left my car on the small parking area by the bus turnaround at the bottom of Heysham Drive.

I walked back up to Holme Lane, turned right to pass Holme Farm and just beyond the entrance to Holme Farm Cottage turned left through a gap stile which soon led to another and a field with the wide-open green spaces of the Tong Valley beyond.

There were horses galore in this field, and



two creatures of the bovine variety grazing uncomfortably close to the path which led straight ahead alongside the fence.

One of these creatures had no horns, but the other sported a magnificent widespread set of the type more usually seen sticking out of one of Desperate Dan's cow pies – the type rodeo artists grasp to wrestle steer to the ground.

A quick glance down the anatomy of these animals confirmed they were not cows but bulls. I kept as close as I could to the fence, calculating that if this horned beast decided to relieve the boredom of the day with a spot of goring, I could scramble to safety before it reached me.

It stared hard at me for quite a while as I passed it, but when I dodged behind a tree a little further on, and peeped back at it, it had its head down and was munching the grass again.

I stayed behind the tree for a while, though because there was a mighty thunder of hooves as half a dozen or so horses galloped past on a frisky circuit of the field.

When they'd gone, I continued to the stile

which was situated to the right of the gate at the far side of the field, and beyond that headed down the next field on the left-hand bank of a dried up stream.

A stile in the fence straight ahead led to the bank of Holme Beck/ I turned right and walked along through occasional mud to a footbridge, crossed it, and followed the path along the far bank of the beck. There was a strong pong of hen-muck.

The stream opened out into a large pond. At the far end of this my path led up a bank and into sight of Maythorne Farm. At the farm gate, I dropped down steeply to climb the fence next to the bridge and find myself in the very rural setting of Scholebrook Lane.

A left turn here took me past Scholebrook Farm and through the farm buildings, from which came the smell of hens and the sound of much clucking.

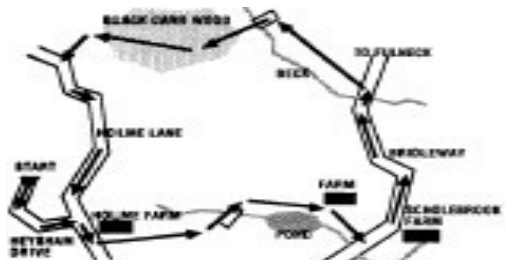
Straight ahead was a gate leading to a broad bridleway. I headed along it, between fields of grazing sheep.. In all direction were fields and woodland as far as the eye could see. There was not a hint that we were in the middle of an industrial conurbation.

As the track dropped down into the valley bottom, deep woofings came from the hillside beyond, where the land rose up to Fulneck. Thankfully, I didn't have to pass that way to discover whether or not the beast was penned or tethered.

Across the bridge over Pudsey Beck I soon turned left through a gap stile and walked upstream through a meadow filled with buttercups, between trees oozing the perfume of hawthorn blossom.

Eventually a bridge took the path across the beck and straight ahead of me lay the entrance to Black Carr Wood. A jay flew off as I began to walk up the well-gravelled track. Such a surface is splendid to walk on but not so good if you want to sneak up on wildlife.

Soon at a fork, I took the path up the wide stepped path to the left and slogged up



through broadleaved woodland with a large proportion of oaks.

As the path levelled out, I found myself in the middle of a rowdy flock of starlings. They were all around, fluttering and shrieking. It was like a scene from Hitchcock's *The Birds*.

Surely I hadn't avoided being gored by a bull, trampled by horses and mauled by the Hound of the Baskervilles on to be savaged to death by starlings! Eventually I was through them and at a point where a minor path forked down to the right. I ignored this and continued along the left-hand path, heading soon out of the wood and through a gate stile to the left of a five-barred gate.

A little further along the lane was a metal-gate set back on the left-hand side with a fence-stile beside it. The map said that was the way my path should go, up a field side. But the half-dozen horses standing by the gate, and four others which came cantering over the hilltop to join them in a startling display of mane-tossing and high-kicking, made me decide to abandon that route.

Instead of taking this cross-country short-cut I continued along the track until it joined Ned Lane which, with a left turn, soon became Holme Lane and led me back to the start.

Time: 1 & 1/2 hours

*Sincere thanks to Nigel Burton, Editor of the Bradford T&A, for allowing The Trumpit to publish Mike's wonderful walks.*





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However, Jamie has managed to add a few experienced players to the squad. These include Paul Walker, who lists both Emley and Bradford Park Avenue amongst his previous clubs; Kam Basi (Albion); Phillip Conteh (Goole); Keanan Mannings (Frickley) and Hass Gorji (Albion/Eccleshill) - all have NCEL experience. Dec Parker, Nathan Hunt and Owen Murphy are ex-Thackley players that have returned. An interesting blend of experience and youthful enthusiasm.

With this turnaround of players, pre-season has been much more hectic than usual, with most playing alongside their teammates for the first time. In the four pre-season friendlies - Selby Town, South Liverpool, South Leeds and Ilkley Town - supporters have seen the squad improve with every game.

Thackley's first competitive game is on the final Saturday of July at home to newly promoted Wombwell Town. Somehow, Thackley always seem to be matched against the division's newcomers for their opening game.

The 'Wellers' gained automatic promotion from the First Division last season, finishing in second place with 94 points from 42 games. So, I suspect, a difficult opener given the close season changes.

The following weekend, Thackley make the trip to Salford to play Irlam in the opening round of the FA Cup. They play at the same level as Thackley in the North West Counties League and finished in seventh position in the table last season. A win, will bring the winners of the Chadderton v Stockport Town game to Dennyfield.

Thackley's record in the FA Cup is not that impressive, however, last season they did record victories over Frickley Athletic and Golcar before being knocked out by Warrington Rylands. A similar run in the competition this season would be a bonus.

The draw has also been made for the FA Vase, with Thackley given a bye in the opening round. They then have to travel to Harrogate Railway (also progressing courtesy of a bye). This tie has bad omens, since Harrogate knocked them out of the competition at a similar stage five years ago.

The new season brings new opportunities to sponsor the club in some way. Match, match ball and player sponsorship start at £50. Other advertising opportunities are available and all the information is on the Thackley website. Season tickets are also good value for money for anyone looking to attend most games, they also give a discounted entry into the Thackley 100 club draw.

### **Thackley AFC August 2025 Fixtures**

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Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Aug Rossington Main v Thackley KO 7.45pm

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Aug Thackley v Horbury Town KO 3.00pm

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Aug Frickley Athletic v Thackley KO 3.00pm

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Aug Thackley v Knaresborough Town KO 7.45pm

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug Barton Town v Thackley KO 3.00pm

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Aug Thackley v Albion Sports KO 3.00pm

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept Thackley v Bottesford Town KO 7.45pm

Please note some fixtures are subject change due to cup competitions.

# THACKLEY AFC A VIEW FROM MUPPET HILL



I took a certain amount of criticism from some of my Thackley friends regarding the content of last month's Muppet Hill; the complaint was too much information about their rivals Eccleshill United and very little about what was going on at Dennyfield. This month will be exclusively about the happenings up Ainsbury Avenue.

Other than to say how sad I am that Farsley Celtic have had to withdraw from the league and will not be fielding a team; their previous owner Paul Barthorpe has a lot to answer for. Let us hope the name of Farsley Celtic is not lost forever. I think I speak for all the local grass roots community in wishing them well.

One of the reasons for last month's lack of information about Thackley was that at the time of writing, other than new manager Jamie Price working his socks off trying to recruit a completely new squad for the season, there was little to report.

I am writing this the week before the season starts and Jamie has been able to recruit at least 20 players, only two of who donned the Thackley shirt last season. The departure of last season's manager Danny Forrest to Liversedge, has seen all but Alfie Gibbons, leave for pastures new.



Ready for the start of the season, a drink before or after the game make it a perfect afternoon out.

Six have followed Forrest to Liversedge and seven have crossed the city to join local rivals Campion. Both clubs are rumoured to have a more than healthy player's budget for this coming season. That's football I suppose, money talks, even at grass roots level.

Thackley's new squad contains quite a number of what can be referred to as 'up and coming players' with limited experience playing at step 5 level.

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