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Editorial

A reader was asking recently if I could publish more copies as she was struggling to get one. Her copy is well-travelled starting in Bradford travelling on to her mum in Birmingham and then to Derby before ending in Buxton. So, I am upping the circulation by another hundred to 1300; when we relaunched in 2018 the circulation was 300. Once again, ad rates will remain unchanged.

Inside, a look at the shambolic situation re Idle village car park, created by our inept, grasping council, some sixteen months on. An open letter is signed by almost thirty businesses. Compare the damage done here for diddly squat so far as the revenue generated by charges and fines. They attempt to justify this as "standardising" parking charges and policies which is a joke when you consider the parking anarchy in other areas across Bradford.

Contrast too the buffoons considering committing another £2m to One City White Elephant just to try get someone to lease this glass monument to a decade of failure under the current leader of the council.

Last month the ruling Labour group serenely voted for another 5.11% increase in council tax after the 10% last year. Ask yourself what can you see getting better for your money. On May 7th you get the chance to vote-please do.

The search for next year's young writer is now on again through Immanuel College - or somewhere else - so if you know anyone with aspirations to write please get in touch. This is a great opportunity for a young person. The Bill & Bloss Fund is pleased to be a sponsor of the college's show.

Recently I've been doing some fill-in driving and reliant on the radio to keep the day rolling. I have to say that the rubbish trotted out by a legion of "experts" on all manner of subjects leaves me flabbergasted. So too, their reliance on current, on-trend words and phrases.

What on Earth does "off ramp" mean? Another favourite is "reset". Or "we need to consider the optics" which, in my teenage days was where Pernod dripped from. The daily favourite though for those trying to appear as if they had a paid-for education has to be "existential" - what???

As if there was not enough proof that humans are getting dumber and lazier, some 10% of books sold on Amazon are now AI generated. I promise you The Trumpit, as long as I edit it, will always be written by real people.

An Open Letter

To Bradford Council

We are writing as business owners in Idle Village regarding the parking charges introduced at Butt Lane car park October 2024.

Since their introduction, businesses have reported reduced footfall and turnover, and the car park's underuse has led to unsafe parking on surrounding streets, creating congestion and hazards for all.

With regard to the National Planning Policy Framework (Dec 2024) planning policies should support the vitality and viability of town and local centres. Vitality refers to the level of activity and attractiveness of the centre; viability refers to the ability of businesses to operate sustainably.

And within Bradford's Local Plan (Policy EC4), Idle is defined as a local centre, which should be supported to meet residents' day-to-day needs.

The parking charges are reducing accessibility, particularly as Idle has no bus route or train station, meaning most customers rely on cars; many are elderly too.

The Statement of Reason for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) re the car park charges states the purpose: "To promote orderly and safe parking within the car park...promoting, maintaining and/or improving the car park." By emptying it?

However, the car park was already safe and orderly prior to the introduction of charges. Since the charges were introduced, unsafe parking has appeared on nearby streets, creating dangerous levels of congestion – the opposite of the stated purpose.

While the council may argue that charges help "maintain or improve the car park," this cannot be a primary justification under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

This requires TROs to be introduced for traffic management, safety, or accessibility

purposes. No programme of improvements or additional maintenance has been provided since.

The car park was previously maintained through general council funding and no evidence has been presented that its maintenance costs have increased. Therefore evidence shows the current charges fail this legal requirement.

The council has confirmed that the charges were approved as part of the budget setting process for 2024/25, intended to standardise parking charges across district car parks, on-street, and permit locations. This indicates that the primary purpose was financial rather than traffic management, safety, or accessibility.

By including the charges in the budget process, they could not be called into the scrutiny meeting, preventing proper assessment of their impact on Idle Village's accessibility, vitality, and viability.

We therefore respectfully request:

1. A formal review of the impact of parking charges on Idle Village, including footfall, safety, and accessibility.
2. Consideration of mitigation measures such as short-term free parking i.e. 30–60 minutes.

Such actions would align council policy with both national guidance and the Local Plan, and help preserve Idle Village as a safe, accessible, and thriving local centre.

We would be happy to provide further evidence or discuss practical solutions.

Signed in alphabetical order: Footsteps, Funky & Fresh, Go Local, Idle Bakery & Café, Idle Butcher, Idle Coffee Lounge, Idle Draper, Idle Gift & Cards, Idle Greengrocers, Idle Post Office, Khyber, Lincoln Classic Barbers, Little Wax Hut, Miss Butterfingers, New Inn, Paper Haven, Pizza Napolena, Sowing Seeds Tuition, Spanish Supplies, Stage 84, Symposium, The Trumpit, Tom the Barber, Top Knot, True You, White Swan and WW Estates.

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The Thackley Trumpit

The Trumpit was established 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 in a multi-page format with Bill Craven as co-editor. Bill started work with the Shipley Times & Express as a sixteen-year-old. Copies were sold for 10p eventually rising to 25p. At its peak it had a circulation of 300 copies.

This page is dedicated to the two of them and all who have contributed during the years to 2018...and beyond. The full 2000-2018 archive is on the website - www.thetrumpit.com

This month here are some extracts from edition 267 (April 2003).

The editorial team led this month with the beginnings of a story that eventually led to the new Upper Chapel United Reform Church. Fortunately the proposed 100 new homes at the bottom of Westfield Lane never happened but a fascinating piece, nonetheless, at least so far as how much land the church actually owns and the origins of that land too.

The Commercial had its usual ad in and was advertising A Night With Alvin Blossom. Reader's Letters contained the usual forthright aka bang on the money views from several regular contributors.

There was also news of a change at The Scruffy...it seems like another age when Pam took over.

And, as ever, the jokes were in good supply.

He took her hand in his, and gazed proudly at the engagement ring he had placed on her finger, just three days earlier.
"Did your friends admire it?" he asked,
"Admire it", she replied, "Two of them recognised it!"

READER'S LETTERS



Dear Sirs

Whilst sampling a few 'Sherberts' with life long friends in 'The Comic' the other evening, the conversation turned to Alex Robinson's 'Old Codgers' item in February's 'Trumpit'. Immediately we began to compile a list of characters, of our mutual acquaintance, who have sadly passed away.

High on our list was Mick Peiko, who was of Polish extraction, and settled in the village at the end of World War II.

As a youth of sixteen, Mick fought with the Polish Army against the invading Germans, and when his country collapsed he set off to walk around Europe, and eventually reached Italy. After a while he enlisted in the Italian Army and once again fought against the Germans until Italy capitulated in 1943.

SYMPTOMS OF BEING OVER 25 (... this is worrying!)

1. You leave clubs before the end, to "beat the rush."
2. You get more excited about having a roast on a Sunday than going clubbing.
3. You stop dreaming of becoming a professional footballer and dream of having a son who might instead.
4. Before throwing the local paper away, you look through the property section.
5. You prefer 'Later with Jools Holland' than 'Top of the Pops'.
6. All of a sudden, Tony Blair is not 46, he's only 46.
7. Before going out anywhere, you ask what the parking is like.

After a spell of interment in a British 'Assessment' camp, he was released and joined the British Eighth Army for his third crack at his life long enemy, and on 'Demob', settled amongst us.

We think Mick passed away about 13 years ago, and at the time I provided the 'Mick Peiko Trophy'. This was contested for on a monthly basis by pool teams from The Shoulder of Mutton and The Great Northern, two establishments with which Mick was more than familiar.

The matches used to create great rivalry, and were contested for quite a few years. However, landlords move on, pubs change and sadly the 'Peiko Trophy' is now lost.

Perhaps one of your readers may have some knowledge of its whereabouts, and who knows, perhaps one day the competition might be resurrected, this time embracing The Commercial, which happily is once again a truly village pub.

Mike Smith,
Thacidey

The German soldiers must have been thinking, "... Mein Gott not him again! Ve hav no vey of making him stop" - Ed

Dear Sir

I can't understand the logic of these anti war protesters. I've just

We hold our hands up ... Pam and Bip moved into this popular local 'just before Christmas, and 'The Trumpit' hasn't breathed a word of welcome. This is totally out of order (... mind you, there's been a lot of ironing to be done bwixt then and now!)

We wish them every success ... and it looks as though they are well on the way to achieving this. Our reporter, Terry Graff, tried to interview Pam on Tuesday April 1st, she said, "Sorry cock sparra ... can't talk now, it's Blossom's Quiz Night tonight and I've got to get the beef 'int oven - oops, remind me to defrost the prawns - we like to feed the contestants !!!"

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I have just opened my copy of the March edition of The Trumpit. The first thing I did was to say WOW! It took me at least ten minutes to open the pages of the magazine, simply because I was mesmerized by the beauty and skill of the subject in the (cover) picture.

This I promise you is certainly not like me. As a nature lover I love outdoor pictures. What a superb choice of picture. I certainly would love to have an enlargement of the picture. I will contact Cathryn and try to purchase a copy of it. Once again many thanks for your front page cover. Stunning! **Dave.**

The talented Ms Bell will be overjoyed.

Have just read your latest Trumpit; one thing I would like to say, in the piece about things going on, there is no mention of the amount of work Thackley Cricket Club are doing to try and promote their brilliant local club.

I know you played cricket, and I had the pleasure of playing at Thackley as a junior nearly 50 years ago, so to see this brilliant facility still providing sport to all the lucky children of Thackley and beyond is amazing. Could you not share this. **John**

In November I devoted a whole page to TCCC and I try to promote all local community groups-free-but am dependent on them to provide me with their news. Happy to support TCCC where I can - good luck for the season.

I appreciated Kevin Russell's memories of Alvin Blossom. I got to know Alvin quite well back in the days when he lived just round the corner from us in Thackley and we both patronised The Commercial and the Shoulder of Mutton.

I was then working for the T&A and on several occasions was asked to appear on Bloss's Radio Leeds show, chatting to him between my choice of records. For one of these shows we decided to invite readers and listeners to send us their favourite misinterpretations of song lyrics.

One, who in her childhood had been a big fan of the Toytown stories in Children's Hour on the radio, had for many years believed that the lyrics of the Skye Boat Song included "Larry the Lamb was born to be king..." Our favourite was the listener who pointed out the double entendre in the Dr Hook hit "If you're in love with a beautiful woman, it's hard..."

One year we formed a joint Radio Leeds/T&A team taking part in the Oxenhope Straw Race, lugging a bale of straw between half a dozen or so pubs in the village, supping a pint at each one, to raise funds for Manorlands.

It was great fun, sponsors were generous and we garnered a few much-needed bob for the hospice. I still have a photograph of the two of us in training, leaning on a gate up Ainsbury Avenue with straw in our hair and pints in our hands. We didn't win the race, possibly because we took the supping part of the training rather more seriously than the running! He was a good lad! **Mike Priestley**

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Having said that, there's plenty of room for more people to come and enjoy a good evening out listening to a live 17 piece band, plus a selection of songs performed by our regular vocalist Michaela Smith.

There's also a raffle at the interval, with a selection of prizes for those wishing to have a flutter. **David**



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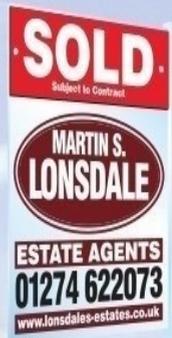
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During a recent coaching session, my client reminded me of a metaphor I often use to describe how we experience life; the see-saw.

We get caught up in whether the see-saw is up or down. We tend to prefer one over the other - the thrill of rising high or the heavy thump as we hit the ground.

So we get busy, trying to control it. Trying to stay up. Trying to avoid the drop. But life has other ideas.

The see-saw moves. And there's something we often miss.

The steady point in the middle.

That's who we really are. The place within us that isn't thrown by the ups or the downs. The place that quietly knows, even in the middle of it all, that we're okay.

It's where peace lives. Where clarity returns. Where we can pause, breathe, and see things differently. The see-saw will keep moving, that's life. But we don't have to ride it all the way to the extremes.

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From my heart to yours - Jane.

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Tony Gough

Should We Blame Randy Andy?

I don't think we can underestimate the damage Andrew Windsor has done to the British royal family. By involving himself with young women and disreputable characters he has brought the royal family to a new low.

However, he's not the first in his family to live a hedonistic lifestyle. Andrew's mother's uncle, Prince George of Kent, was born in 1902 at York House on the Sandringham estate and set new standards for depravity.

Prince George's later life was shaped by his upbringing. Traditionally, male royal family members spent their formative years in either the navy or army; a life that simply didn't suit Prince George.

Being fourth in line to the throne meant he had no expectations of being King, so he was allowed to avoid the worst rigours of military life and indulge his artistic leanings.

He was a gifted scholar, spoke five languages and was an enthusiastic musician. Finally, in 1929 he was released from active duty in the navy and joined the civil service in London. This move allowed him to indulge in his real passions including dancing with the wealthy set in London's West End, attending two or three parties a week, drinking to excess and occasionally using cocaine.

Women were drawn to him partly by his title and easy going fun personality and by his good looks.

Rumours were rife of his affairs with Gloria Swanson, Tallulah Bankhead and various other actresses.

Aged 21, Prince George met Noel Coward at the opening of his play *Private Lives* which led to a lengthy love affair between the two.

He became bisexual and indulged in cross dressing as part of his new life with Coward. All of which were illegal in the 1930s.

With the arrogance of his position, George openly flaunted his affairs, which led to several blackmail attempts and the involvement of Britain's Secret Service who recovered incriminating items and threatened the individuals involved.

An addiction to morphine (heroin) followed that was resolved by his brother Edward taking control of George's life. Fortunately, Edward's involvement got George back on a less controversial track and in 1934 he married the beautiful but penniless Princess Marina of Greece.

The couple had three children in a happy marriage, which sadly ended after 8 years in 1942 when George died in mysterious circumstances while flying from Scotland to Iceland as part of the war effort.

The plane was off course and flying too low and of the fifteen men on board only the rear gunner survived.

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The Thackley Chef

Richard Aveyard – ACIEH

This month it is fish with a few pointers before the recipe. When buying fresh eyes should be bright and bulging, not sunken and dull. Gills, should be a vibrant and a bright red/pink. The texture and skin should be firm not mushy with scales shiny, metallic and firm. There should not be empty patches due to loss of scale plus it should have a thin layer of clean, clear slime which is an indication of freshness. Finally, fish should have a slightly sea smell not a fishy or sour odour.

Seabass - before cooking this should be descaled with gills and guts removed. Fins and tail should be trimmed. If you require fillets, they should be pin boned—ask your fishmonger. We also have a good mobile local fish supplier in Nigel Ellis who delivers to Thackley and surrounding areas regularly.

Seabass is part of the round white fish family and yields two fillets per fish. This serves 4.

Ingredients: 8 fillets of seabass based on 2 each; 1tbsp plain flour; 1tsp smoked paprika; salt 'n' peppermill; 1tbsp parsley/chives; medium onion peeled, and chopped fine; green and yellow pepper de-seeded and diced approx. 1cm; clove of garlic peeled and chopped fine; 1- 2 sprigs of thyme and oregano; 50/100ml white wine (optional); 1tsp tomato puree; 1-2 beefsteak tomatoes washed and chopped coarsely; vegetable or sun-flour oil for cooking; olive oil to finish the dish; 1-2 tbsp white bread crumbs; 500g new potatoes; 1-2 bunches of new season asparagus; 50g butter.

Method: Pre-heat oven (200C/400F/Gas6). Use a thick bottomed casserole dish and a frying pan large enough for 8 fillets.

1. Heat casserole dish on a medium heat, add frying oil to the dish then the onions and the peppers. Keep ingredients moving and add the garlic.

2. Add the tomato puree and cook for 1-2 minutes then add the aromatics plus wine. Add the chopped tomatoes, stir well and season lightly—keep stirring.

3. Place into the oven lid on.

4. In a bowl add the white crumbs and the soft herbs mixing well and lightly season; keep to one side until needed.

5. Parboil your new potatoes (cooked just firm when tested). Remove from the heat, drain and allow to cool enough to slice.

6. Remove your casserole dish from the oven and stir ingredients together; taste then add your sliced potatoes and arrange around the dish. Keep to one side until needed.

7. Add the flour and paprika seasoning lightly and mix in a bowl. Decant on to a tray then dip you fillets into the flour. Dust off excess and place onto a clean tray.

8. Place your frying pan on high heat add the cooking oil and when pan is hot add the fillets skin side down. Cook for a minute to achieve a slight colour of the fish then remove and repeat for all. Only cook one side.

9. Carefully place fillets on top of your pepper & tomato mixture and add a little olive oil to the seasoned herb crumb mix well. You may need more and should have a moist green mixture. Spoon mixture on to each fillets and place back into the oven for 4-5 minutes or until your crumb is coloured before serving.

10. Drizzle rest of the olive oil over your dish.

Serve with buttered asparagus trimming the base of the stems and lunge into salted boiling water until tender. Drain then swirl in butter and season while still warm with the buttered new potatoes.

As ever serve with your favourite tippel!

If you would like your favourite preparing by the Thackley Chef please contact the Editor - details on page 3.





Celebrating 80 years as Leeds' oldest independent furniture retailer

In a world where high-street giants come and go and online shopping increasingly dominates the retail landscape, few family businesses can proudly say they have served their community for eight decades. Kettley's, the cherished family-owned furniture store in Yeadon, Leeds, is doing just that.

This year, the business celebrates an extraordinary milestone: 80 years of trading, making it Leeds' oldest independent furniture retailer and a true Yorkshire institution.

What's the secret to such longevity? For Kettley's, the answer is simple: a commitment to genuine customer care, a deep understanding of comfort, and a belief that quality furniture should be personal.

Stepping inside Kettley's spacious Yeadon showroom feels less like entering a shop and more like walking into a home. Filled with beautifully displayed three-piece suites, fireside chairs, recliners, beds, mobility beds, bedroom furniture, carpets, lamps, wall art and more, the space has

been carefully curated to show customers exactly how their furniture might look and feel in real life.

That attention to detail is no accident. Even after 80 years, the team continually update and refresh the showroom to make the shopping experience as welcoming and enjoyable as possible. Every display is thoughtfully arranged to give customers ideas and inspiration — whether they're furnishing an entire home or simply searching for the perfect chair.

Kettley's has earned a reputation across Yorkshire as the North's leading seating specialist, and it's a title they carry with pride. Many customers come to them specifically for their exceptional selection of

chairs and recliners — and they return again and again because of the expertise behind the range.

Their trained staff understand that comfort is personal. They take into consideration each customer's height, build, mobility needs, and lifestyle before recommending the right chair. In a world of one-size-fits-all products, this tailored approach is refreshing.

"Quite frankly, if you can't get comfy at Kettley's," they like to say, "you probably won't get comfy anywhere." It's a line delivered with humour, but backed up by decades of knowledge.

One of the most valued services Kettley's offers is their free, no-obligation shop-at-home service, designed especially for those with mobility issues or who simply find travelling difficult. With a quick call customers can arrange a visit to their own home, where staff will bring selected chairs or furniture options and offer personalised advice without pressure.

For those who can visit the Yeadon showroom, there is ample free parking, level access, and a friendly team always ready to help. And the service doesn't stop once customers choose their furniture. Delivery is completely free, the items are placed exactly where the customer wants them, and the team will even remove old furniture at no extra cost — a gesture that means a great deal to many families.

Over the years, Kettley's has become more than a furniture store. It is a local landmark, a trusted name, and a family-run business built on kindness, reliability, and pride in what they do. Their customers — many of whom have been returning for decades — are at the heart of every decision.

As the business marks 80 years, Kettley's remains committed to the values that have carried them through generations. Quality furniture. Honest advice. Exceptional service. And above all, a passion for helping people create comfortable homes.

So whether you need a new suite, a supportive recliner, a mobility bed, or simply a touch of inspiration, a visit to Kettley's might be just what your home has been waiting for. After all, few places understand comfort quite like they do.

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Tales From The Scruffy



No sooner had we landed back with a bump from sun-kissed Tenerife than global traveller of the year, Fagin, was off on his first trip of the year. But this raised an issue; who would be looking after The Scruffy in the absence of Fagin and The Voice of Reason?

Step forward the multi-talented Don Corleone Jnr who was now in residence for a week. Things would be different round these parts for a while. Back home up the hill, Princess Prosecco sat abandoned with only her Cava cellar to console her.

Clad all in black and stood at the end of the bar, The Scruffy had the air of a Speakeasy as Don established his presence. He prowled the pub as the punters wondered at this brand new world. Eventually, he actually pulled a pint and all was good in Nob Ed Korn. Applause!!!

As Fagin and family settled in for a week in the sun, changes were afoot as Don surveyed his new empire. Come Monday evening and a moment of sheer panto.

Out from the bar stepped Don with a cloth and spray gun. The regular Monday Nob Eds looked on quizzically as Don moved like a prowling cat across to the table known as the Railway Carriage and began spraying the empty table.

"Woah there!" cried Happy Days "what are you doing...we don't get cleaned until summer!" Don studiously ignored him and gave the table a generous spray before gently wiping it down as if it were Princess Prosecco's shoulders and a bottle of Ambre Solaire.

Content with his work he stood back, folded his arms, glared at a young kid sat spewing crisps nearby, and after what seemed an eternity, walked slowly back to the bar, his work done...for now. Thousands of miles away Fagin snoozed contentedly.



As his temporary reign came to an end a farewell tour ensued as Don sought souvenir pics with the locals. Keen as ever to get in the limelight, the debonair Trowel beckoned him across with Suntan and Jiving June seeking their dose of fame too.

Meanwhile, Fagin returned to a crisis of Mandelson proportions - the supply of Black Sheep had dried up as the business went into its second change of ownership in a matter of years. Had Putin disrupted supplies in an effort to crush British spirits?

At least several of us had the prospect of our quarterly excursion into the wilds ahead, a test not exactly of Bear Grylls proportions but enough for a bunch of sixty-odd year-olds. Assuming we survive, we usually enjoy a triumphant return to The Scruffy, muddied and knackered. Big Al and Patch had again failed fitness tests missing the cut-gratefully!

This trip saw us walk the Roman Road trail from Skipton to Ilkley; as expected the rains found us again. The walks starts with a lung-busting climb out of Skipton but, being tight, a few of us had "warmed up" by walking from Idle to Shipley Station to save two quid. Almost as we alighted the 10.38, the sun vanished and waterproofs were hurriedly searched for.

Soon the usual topics were flowing: the state of the nation; the female of the species and dodgy prostrates were all keenly debated as we ploughed slowly up the ancient road. The old Roman generals would surely have tossed a few of us to the sides for a nasty end, not worth wasting bread at our rate of progress.

Eventually we reached the brow of the hill and the view would have had a house builder salivating. Suddenly reality bit; our resident accountant had just become a grandad again and he was needed faraway at Harrogate General.

Unable to summon the air ambulance, it was Uber to the rescue as we found three sodden benches in the middle of Addingham for lunch, waving goodbye and good luck. The remaining six of us tucked into our lunches with the gusto of a new born.

Our IT genius, a pal of nearly half a century, wiped his favourite cheese and brown sauce current teacake across his face oblivious to looks of wonderment and humour. It was good to know his carer (wife) awaited in Ilkley.

As hypothermia threatened, the pace picked up following the river which looked ominously high. We skidded and sloshed through treacherous mud which soon claimed a victim, the youngest of our party, sat on his arse with a bewildered but happy grin.

Soon we found Ilkley, home now to several of the party, ex-pats but not free from the lunacy of City Hall in Bradford, another world back down the valley. We arrived at the magnificent Flying Duck, our usual seats awaiting tired bodies with a great selection of beers.

After a few hours, home called and, as the ex-pats bid us farewell, it was back to The Scruffy. As usual the sight of, by now just two of us, shedding back-packs and muddy gear caused mild amusement. The Guvnor seemed to sum up the general consensus as I told him of our trip; "You daft old buggers!"

News came soon from Harrogate; Uber had delivered grandad to grandma and mum and a proud dad were all well. A great day indeed!

With the world in a state of chaos, there was something for hard-pressed travellers to find cheer in with a Tripadvisor rating confirmed for Nob Ed Korna.

The review stated: *A finer gathering of Knob Heads you will not find anywhere. Stimulating conversation such as "it's raining outside" and "pass he peanuts" flows. They all seem to know their place and society could learn much from this orderly gathering. Woe betide anybody who sits where the Fat Lad rests.*

As most of you know so many good things happen in pubs and, a few days later, a lovely gesture from a lady who had knitted mini ducks stuffed with a Cadbury's Crème Egg. The proceeds were going to Marie Curie, a charity many will know. Heartwarming stuff indeed.

Finally, a welcome visit from Baildon exile, Old Feisty who brought her usual rowdy crowd of OAP drunks down from the hill to liven up a Sunday night at The Scruffy.

Any hopes Fagin had of an early night went out of the window as the old gals hit the Chateau de Scruffy and pork scratchings with typical zest. The care home would be nursing a few hangovers the following day.



Community News



If you are free on a Wednesday or Thursday evening why not join a friendly local group exploring Bradford for a 2-hour mid-week walk? All walks are approx. 4 to 5 miles starting at 7pm. April walks are as follows:

8th meeting in the Hirst Woods carpark at the bottom of Hirst Lane, Saltaire – contact 07981 106470; 16th by Northcliffe Park gates – contact Philip 07938 804915; 22nd approx. 100yds past St Mark’s Church, Huddersfield Road, Low Moor – contact 07981 106470; 30th Hirst Woods carpark – contact Stuart Crawford 01274 731 733.

A monthly community social group at Thackley Cricket Club starts again soon. It runs April to September on the second Monday of the month from 6.30pm to 8pm and is called the Thackley Creative and Social Group.

We provide a selection of games and basic art materials but will also offer additional themed crafts too. We have a Facebook page if anyone wants further information.

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The Commercial

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Lots going on at Thackley Cricket Club as they bring the ladies rounders team into the fold plus the launch of Karen' Sunday lunches - more next month.



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Bookworm

A Windhill Wanderer

This month I read *The Greatest Story Ever Told* by Bear Grylls. The title caught my attention, I remembered the film of the same name made back in the sixties and wondered what on earth that had to do with Bear Grylls.

I presume that like me, when most people hear his name, they think of wild landscapes, survival challenges, and the gritty determination that made him famous on television. In *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, Grylls turns from physical survival to something deeper: spiritual survival.

This book is his retelling of the life of Jesus, written not as a theological textbook but as a gripping, accessible narrative. It surprised me, firstly because I had no idea that Grylls is a devout Christian and secondly because a book that essentially rewrites the Gospels is a Sunday Times bestseller.

Grylls isn't trying to impress scholars or debate doctrine. Instead, he writes like someone sitting across the table from you, sharing a story that has shaped his own life. He presents the story of Jesus in straightforward language, breaking it into short, punchy chapters that keep things moving. For readers who may have found the Bible intimidating or hard to follow, this structure makes the story feel fresh and surprisingly easy to read.

One of the book's biggest strengths is its clarity. Grylls walks through the familiar events: Jesus' birth, his teachings, his miracles, his betrayal, crucifixion, and resurrection and doesn't assume prior knowledge. Nor does he get bogged down in complex theology or historical arguments.

Instead, he focuses on the heart of the message: love, forgiveness, courage, sacrifice, and hope. In doing so, he helps readers see why this story has resonated for over two thousand years. Grylls also weaves in reflections from his own life. He's open about his struggles, doubts, and moments of fear. For him, faith is not about pretending to be strong all the time; it's about finding strength when you feel weakest.

That honesty gives the book warmth. You don't feel preached at. You feel invited to consider what this story might mean for you personally. The tone is conversational and encouraging.

Grylls often emphasises themes that will feel familiar to fans of his survival adventures: endurance, resilience, and hope in the face of overwhelming odds. He draws parallels between physical survival and spiritual survival, suggesting that just as we need food and water to live physically, we need faith and purpose to live fully.

For readers who enjoy motivational writing, this blend works well. That said, readers looking for deep historical analysis or scholarly debate may find the book too simple. It isn't a big book (288 pages) and Grylls is not trying to explore every theological nuance or address every skeptical question. His aim is to retell the story of Jesus in a way that is engaging and personal.

Another strength of the book is its pacing. The chapters are short and often end with reflective thoughts or challenges. This makes it easy to read in small chunks — ideal for busy people who may only have a few minutes at a time — the complete opposite of the book I recommended in February, that needed time and focus to follow the different threads.

It would also work well as a group read for a book club, sparking discussion about faith, purpose, and courage. The book builds toward the events of the crucifixion and resurrection with a sense of gravity and hope.

Grylls writes these sections with obvious reverence, but avoids overly dramatic language. He keeps the focus on what he believes is the central claim of Christianity: that Jesus' life and sacrifice were acts of extraordinary love. Whether or not you share that belief, it's hard not to sense the sincerity behind his words. What makes the book stand out is Grylls himself.

His public persona — adventurer, risk-taker, survivor — adds an interesting layer. When someone known for climbing mountains and braving deserts speaks about vulnerability and faith, it catches your attention. It never feels like a sermon, more like a heartfelt recommendation from a friend who knows a thing or two about facing life's toughest challenges.

What's On

The Commercial-free bar snacks Friday to Sunday plus lots going on here.

Idle WMC-Thursday's quiz (8.45pm) and bingo night (7.15pm).

The George- no listings at the time of going to print but always plenty of live music on offer here. Check out their Facebook page for latest acts.

Silence are playing 11th @ The Junction in Otley.

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Eccleshill Horticultural Society is based on Harrogate Road membership is a modest £3 annually. The society shop opens on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 10-12.

One of the benefits of membership is access to the Dobies seed catalogue and a 50% discount on packet seeds. Obviously there is a postage charge which can work against the more bulky items like seed potatoes. But it is well worth a look here.

Thackley's community gardening swap shop will start up again in April. As usual it'll be at Thackley Cricket Club on the last Sunday in the month until the last one in September, and is an opportunity for local residents to come together to swap, sell or buy any surplus plants, seeds, equipment etc.

Now, down on the plot, April can throw up four seasons on any one day. The soil will also most likely still be too cool to allow direct sowing most seeds so best to keep juggling from windowsill to greenhouse with a growing collection of young seedlings.

One of the main things I would like to write about this month is time management; don't worry this will not be an exercise in middle management! However, maintaining an allotment is a huge commitment and many people are wholly unprepared for the realities.

If you are retired and have no time constraints then bypass this. But if you have to fit the allotment into a busy week, then think about growing crops that are relatively low maintenance and don't require constant watering.

By low maintenance I mean crops that can largely grow in the ground without need of a drink every day. Many actually overdo the watering; even in dry periods the soil usually retains sufficient moisture for a week or two.

Crops that I will be focused on this summer are all reasonably easy to maintain. These include beans (broad and French), beetroot, broccoli, carrots, kale, potatoes (earlies and main crop), onions, peas, spring greens and sweet corn. By May, when most outdoor planting is done and dusted, you should be able to relax in the garden chair and enjoy.

Basic maintenance should only necessitate keeping on top of weeding—weekly will make it easy—and watering perhaps once or twice a week depending on conditions. Water either at the start of a day or the end and avoid peak sunshine for best use of your time and a valuable resource.

If you are growing in a greenhouse, purchasing large trays to fill with water in tandem with plant pots sat in them and drilled at the bases, will allow you more flexibility; even in the peak of last summer watering was only really required twice a week.

Think also about companion planting of which there is a mountain of information available. This is a match-making service for crops; for instance here are just a few matches made in the mud!

Beetroot likes broccoli, beans, cabbage, lettuce, onions and brassicas.

Carrots like leeks, onions and tomatoes.

Garlic grows well with lettuce, celery, peas, potatoes, and cucumbers.

Flowers are also key to protect against bugs both airborne and land based.

What to sow in April:

Indoors - broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, chillies, cucumbers, leeks, peppers, runner beans, squashes, tomatoes and sweetcorn.

Outdoors (undercover initially) - beetroot, carrots, lettuces, radishes, salad crops, spring onions and turnips.



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Walks in Yorkshire

Green and peaceful village life

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.

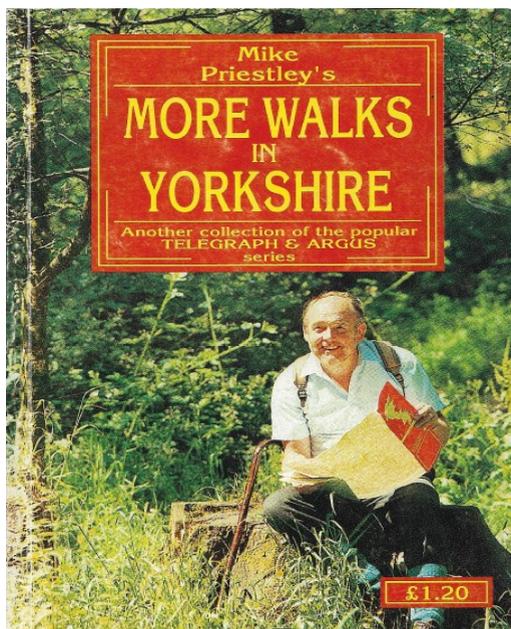
Long summer evenings lend themselves to pleasant strolls. The undemanding outing takes in the canal towpath, quiet foot paths, and one of the nicest villages in the Aire Valley

We parked at Crossflatts at the top of Canal Road, a residential road which leads up to the canal opposite the Airedale Boat Club moorings, and walked up to turn left on the towpath.

It was Saturday and there was no shortage of activity. The towpath there is not just used by the boat people and dog walkers. It's a thoroughfare into Bingley for people heading for a night out. It beats walking alongside the busy main road.

First pause was at Micklethwaite's power-operated bridge, which was open to let a couple of boats through. Road traffic was building up on the both the Crossflatts and Micklethwaite sides, but such delays are surely a small privilege of living in such a pleasant spot.

We watched the bridge swing shut and dodged across the road just before the barriers were lifted and the cars started to move again, to continue our walk along the towpath, the back gardens of houses to our left and, across the canal, the green fields stretching up to the houses and farms of Micklethwaite.



Just before the next bridge, we paused to admire, across the water, the imaginative conversion of what was not so long ago a derelict barn and is now a des res standing end-on to the canal.

Across the bridge and briefly up the road, we turned right through a gap-stile in the wall. So narrow is this gap that you need to pass through it sideways, breathing in as you do. Stout walkers, and those wearing backpacks, could find themselves wedged if they're not careful.

We were now on a path which led between fences across a field and soon rose—with eth conifer hedge of a large house to the left and nettles to the right—to a stile beside the charred, hollowed hole of what was once a massive tree.

Now its used as a litter bin.

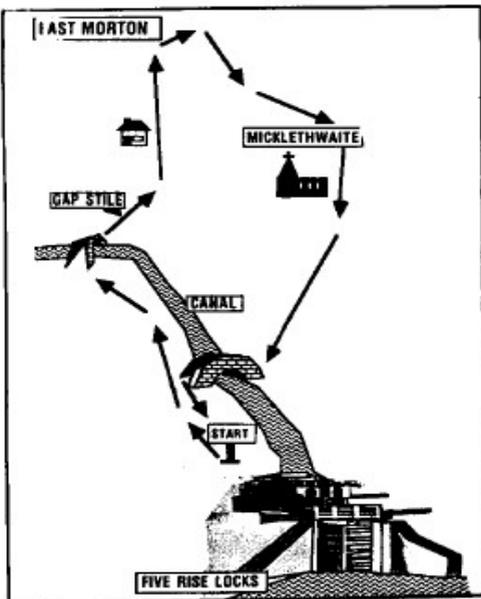
The path ahead led towards two ancient gateposts standing in the middle of nowhere and continued along the ridge. Down below us, toward the mill which has been converted into flats and cottages, sheep grazed and a goat nibbled at a dog-rose

Two full-grown lambs set off at a scamper towards one of the shorn sheep, obviously their long-suffering mother, and thrust their heads beneath its udder for a drink, nearly lifting the poor creature off the ground as they did so.

The path led to a stile beside a gate at the end of the field, near a large house. There was a temptation to turn left and head up into East Morton for a drink at the Busfeild Arms. We resisted it. It was too pleasant an evening to be wasted indoors.

Instead we took the road to the right, passing the rear wall of a large house and heading briefly down Cliffe Mill Fold before turning right just past the first building, a barn with a black door, down a narrow path leading to the stream side.

The path, with a meadow to its right, crossed an iron bridge and then rose between wall and elder hedge to dog-leg its way eventually into Micklethwaite next to the Methodist Church and opposite a delightful row of cottages with rose-filled gardens among which nestled what must be one of the best-kept telephone boxes in the country.



ROUTE IN BRIEF

● Park at top of Canal Road, Crossflatts, and walk up to canal towpath. Turn left.

Take road to right, head briefly down Cliffe Mill Fold, and soon turn right down snicket past barn with black door.

● Follow towpath to second bridge. Cross bridge, then soon right turn through gap stile in wall and follow path between fences, past conifer hedge or house on left, to stile beside hollow tree bole.

● Cross bridge and follow path up past houses and farm to Micklethwaite village. Turn right by Methodist church and follow road back down to canal bridge. Cross bridge and turn left on to towpath to return to start.

● Follow path past stone posts and on to stile at end of field near house.

Going: firm underfoot.

TIME: ONE HOUR

We turned right and sauntered down the pavement, past homes ancient and modern.

What a lovely, quiet place to live. Micklethwaite might not have shops or a pub, but it does now have its own restaurant down by the canal bridge. (*Is this still there? Ed*)

Across the bridge we turned left on to the canal bank and retraced our steps to where we had begun.

Reluctant to return to the car yet, we strolled on to the top of Five Rise Locks, and peered down that spectacular, well-kept canal staircase.

Small wonder they come from miles away to see it.

Time: 1 hour approximately.

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

T&A

Trumpit Money

AI and the mortgage process



Mortgage Advice Bureau

Buying a home is one of life's biggest milestones – and one that brings a mix of excitement and exasperation. After the initial thrill of finding your dream property, you can be met with drawn-out waits, repeated requests for paperwork, and nagging uncertainty while you wonder when, or if, your mortgage offer will land.

It's a process that has long tested the patience of even the calmest buyer.

However, this is beginning to change, with an estimated 75 percent of UK financial firms now using AI to speed up processing and improve efficiency.¹ Artificial intelligence is steadily reshaping the mortgage journey, and for homebuyers across Yorkshire and beyond, the shift is a positive one.

For homebuyers, the most noticeable impact of AI is simple: speed. Anyone who has been through the mortgage process will know the back-and-forth all too well – sending bank statements, providing proof of income, waiting for documents to be checked.

As with any application-based process, each manual aspect brings the risk of delay or human error, but AI is helping to strip away much of that friction. In some cases, lenders can now issue a mortgage offer within 24 hours, with technology reviewing information and flagging potential issues almost instantly.

Rather than relying solely on paper documents, AI can securely access existing data, including open banking information, to verify income, identity and spending patterns in real time. Electronic ID checks can also be completed in minutes, meaning fewer forms to fill in, fewer documents to upload and far less waiting.

The benefits of AI in the mortgage world aren't just felt by homebuyers – lenders are seeing the upside too. For years, underwriting has been based on a snapshot of borrowers' finances, but these are rarely static.

AI allows lenders to look at the bigger picture, analysing patterns over time to build a more rounded understanding of someone's circumstances.

Take employment history. On paper, frequent job changes might once have raised a red flag, but context matters.

A retail worker may move roles every year because that's common in the sector, while a nurse is more likely to show longer-term stability linked to specialist training and a structured career path. AI can recognise these trends rather than applying a one-size-fits-all rule, resulting in underwriting that feels more accurate and fairer.

Fraud detection is another area where technology is making a big difference. Instead of relying solely on manual checks, AI can scan for patterns and spot inconsistencies in seconds. Small discrepancies in income figures, altered documents or unusual behaviour can be flagged automatically before they become bigger issues.

Perhaps most importantly, AI is taking care of much of the unseen heavy lifting behind every mortgage application. The repetitive tasks like checking documents, keying in data and cross-referencing information are essential, but can be a very time-consuming part of the process to sort manually.

By automating this administrative workload, technology frees advisers to concentrate on what really adds value: providing tailored guidance based on an individual's circumstances.

This human element remains vital. For most people, a mortgage represents the biggest financial commitment of their lives. While many customers arrive armed with research they've done online, there's still a natural hesitation before pressing ahead. Borrowers want reassurance.

Above all, they want to ask: "Am I doing the right thing?". That conversation with an adviser – grounded in experience, judgement and empathy – is something technology cannot replicate.

Securing a mortgage offer quickly can mean the difference between landing a dream property and watching it slip from your grasp.

By cutting waiting times and removing unnecessary paperwork, AI brings greater certainty and momentum to the mortgage process – helping buyers move into their new home sooner.

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She gets the procedure and is delighted with the results for several years, giving the key a little turn every so often to maintain her youthful appearance.

However, after about fifteen years, she rushes back to the doctor's office with a complaint:

"Doctor," she says, "everything was great, but now I have these terrible bags under my eyes, and no amount of turning the key will get rid of them!"

The doctor examines her and says, "Ma'am, those aren't bags under your eyes... those are your breasts."

"Oh!" she replies, shocked. "In that case, I suppose there's no point asking about the beard, is there?"

A young family moved into a house next door to an empty plot. One day, a gang of building workers turned up to start building on the plot.

The young family's 5-year-old daughter naturally took an interest in all the activity going on next door and started talking with the workers.

She hung around and eventually the builders, all with hearts of gold, more or less adopted the little girl as a sort... of project mascot.

They chatted with her, let her sit with them while they had tea and lunch breaks, and gave her little jobs to do here and there to make her feel important.

They even gave the child her very own hard hat and gloves, which thrilled her immensely.

At the end of the first week, the smiling builders presented her with a pay envelope - containing two pounds in 10p coins.

The little girl took her 'pay' home to her mother who suggested that they take the money to the bank the next day to open a savings account.

At the bank, the female cashier was tickled pink listening to the little girl telling her about her 'work' on the building site and the fact she had a 'pay packet'.

'You must have worked very hard to earn all this,' said the cashier.

The little girl proudly replied, 'Yes, I worked every day with Steve and Wayne and Mike. We're building a big house.'

'My goodness gracious,' said the cashier, 'And will you be working on the house again next week?'

The child thought for a moment. Then she said seriously:

'I think so. Provided those wankers at Jewsons deliver the damn bricks on time!

Thanks to reader Dave Illingworth for this one

1. In the 1400s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb.

Hence we have 'the rule of thumb.'

2. Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...

Ladies Forbidden'... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

3. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David,

Hearts - Charlemagne,

Clubs - Alexander the Great,

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

4. In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on.

Hence the phrase..... 'goodnight, sleep tight.'

5. It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink.

Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

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Eccleshill United, who themselves are in a precarious position, are the visitors to Dennyfield in this season's final game and Thackley will know by that time how crucial that game will be. Rumours abound, that it could be the final game for Eccleshill United as we know them. At a recent home game, spectators were asked about renaming the club considering their move to Keighley. If it happens, it will be a sad day for a club founded in 1948 with a proud Bradford history.

However, things pan out for Thackley this season, following the loss of their manager and all their players during the close season, this year was always going to present challenges.

For Thackley, the chance of securing their place in the division is testament to the outstanding work of manager Jamie Price, his staff and the players. They have shown resilience, commitment and a real togetherness, often in difficult circumstances, and they deserve enormous credit for that. Thackley are pleased to announce that Jamie and his assistant Josh Walsh have agreed to staying at Thackley next season.

Liversedge can now add NCEL League Champions for 2025/26 season to their list of honours. With five games still to play, they were crowned champions after their 3-0 win at Parkgate. The 'Sedge' have spent just one season in the NCEL and will be returning to the Northern Premier League, after being relegated last season. Rumoured to have one of the league's highest player budgets, they have not been beaten at their home Clayborn Ground to date and have lost just two league games all season.

West Riding County Womens Football League Premier Division (20/3/26)							
		P	W	D	GD	Pts	
1	Thackley	14	13	0	1	46	39
2	Wyke Wanderers	14	8	3	3	20	27
3	Knaresborough Town	11	8	2	1	20	26
4	Leeds Medics & Dentists	13	7	2	4	18	23
5	Sherburn White Rose	14	6	3	5	8	21
6	Silsden	14	7	2	5	11	20*
7	Harrogate Railway	11	4	2	5	7	14
8	Golcar United	12	4	1	7	-23	13
9	Forge Way	15	1	3	11	-42	3*
10	Skipton	18	0	2	16	-65	-1*

* Adjustment made
Top two teams promoted
Bottom team relegated

Although not officially League Champions yet, Thackley Ladies have secured one of the two promotion places in the West Riding County Women's League, with still four league games still to play. Promotion will mean they will be playing in the North East Regional Women's League (South) next season.

To date they have won all but one of their games this season, that was against Knaresborough Town in September. They are through to the League Cup Final, which is against Knaresborough on the 3rd May, at a venue yet to be confirmed. However, their greatest achievement this season is their run in the West Riding County Cup. This competition includes the likes of Leeds United Ladies, who play in a league three levels higher than Thackley. They have made it to the semi final in which they play Bradford City Ladies on Sunday 19th April at Dennyfield, 2.00pm kick off. This is some achievement for the team and especially for player manager Yasmin Senior in her first year in charge of the team. Thackley are pleased to announce that Yasmin has agreed to stay on as manager next season when Thackley step up to play at their highest ever level.

Remaining Thackley Games + Bradford & District Games at Dennyfield				
Date	Match	H/A	KO	Competition
4/4	Thackley v Eccleshill United	H	3.00pm	NCEL
12/4	Thackley Ladies v Wyke Wanderers	H	2.00pm	WRCWFL
15/4	Bradford & District Cup Final		7.30pm	B&D Final
19/4	Bradford & District Junior Cup Final		9.45am	B&D Final
19/4	Thackley Ladies v Bradford City	H	2.00pm	CC Semi Final
26/4	Knaresborough Town v Thackley Ladies	A	2.00pm	WRCWFL
3/5	Thackley Ladies v Knaresborough Town		2.00pm	LC Final



We are now approaching the business end of the season and Thackley play their last game on the first Saturday of April. Which, considering previous years, is a ridiculously early time to complete the season's fixtures.

The League Fixture Secretary cites the play offs as the reason that games have to be completed this early. At the time of writing, Thackley have just two games left to play- Beverley Town away and Eccleshill United at home- and their boast of being the only club to retain their Premier Division status in the Northern Counties East League (NCEL) since it was formed in 1982 is in danger.

Two clubs are relegated at the end of the season, and bottom club Wombwell Town have already booked one of those places, returning to the First Division after just one season at the higher level. Currently, Thackley occupy sixteenth place in the table with thirty-eight points from their thirty-six games.

They have just a three-point lead over second from bottom club Rossington Main who have two games in hand. In the past, teams have been safe from relegation with forty points and it looks like clubs will need to hit that figure if they want to survive.

Toolstation NCEL Premier Division League Table 2025/26
(21/03/26)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS	+/-
1	Liversedge	34	26	6	2	81	26	84	+55
2	Beverley Town	35	21	6	8	70	43	69	+27
3	Sheffield	34	20	8	6	84	36	68	+48
4	Barton Town	36	20	6	10	65	41	66	+24
5	Tadcaster Albion	36	19	8	9	64	44	65	+20
6	Campion	36	18	9	9	79	51	63	+28
7	Handsworth	36	19	4	13	64	54	61	+10
8	Pickering Town	34	16	5	13	60	57	53	+3
9	Parkgate	36	11	13	12	56	70	46	-14
10	Knaresborough Town	33	11	10	12	61	53	43	+8
11	Golcar United	35	10	11	14	62	56	41	+6
12	Frickley Athletic	35	12	5	18	43	67	41	-24
13	Penistone Church	36	9	12	15	51	78	39	-25
14	Eccleshill United	35	11	5	19	34	56	38	-22
15	Albion Sports	35	11	5	19	64	91	38	-27
16	Thackley	36	10	8	18	36	63	38	-27
17	Bottesford Town	36	10	6	20	54	79	36	-25
18	Horbury Town	36	8	11	17	54	60	35	-6
19	Rossington Main	34	9	8	17	51	58	35	-7
20	Wombwell Town	34	3	8	23	30	82	17	-52

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