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Editorial

Last month I suspended payments from the Bill & Bloss Community Fund but the following case deserved to be an exception. Writing about the senseless destruction of a significant strip of stone walling on Westfield Lane, which has stood for generations, I mentioned that remedial work had begun; it is now complete. Community really does matter.

It is not the first time witless morons have caused damage to the wall and a longer-term solution was needed. Cementing in the top stones was the only option and the Bill & Bloss Fund contributed £250 towards the £1,150 cost.

There is more to do because a strip of walling remains open to abuse; so, if there is anybody out there with a spare few quid please get in touch. Finally, to Tony who almost single-handedly rebuilt the wall with much appreciated help too, a big thank you. A true community hero.

Inside is another article from our friends at the Tyke Taverner re the growth of lower strength beers. Whilst this appears a nod towards healthier lifestyles, I sense it is not quite so. The taxation on qualifying beers is lower and should be reflected in the price of a pint. I am not sure I see this happening. It seems to me this is just brewers preserving margins.

Back to Westfield Lane, the area's longest speed track where hatchback clowns regularly test the sound barrier. The recent closure brought to mind a suggestion by the late Cllr Sunderland that the road should be blocked off - somewhere around the two bends - and effectively made one-way. Would this work to curtail the dopes? What do you think?

Hold your breath too that our new council wins a vote in September to make changes to the current absurd car parking charges impacting places like Idle village. The main proposal is to grant a free first hour for those wishing to "pop and shop". It is a sensible and pragmatic compromise but those qualities are rare beasts within local authorities.

An interesting piece inside that affects us all by Tony Gough re social care and the various ways to actually pay for it. We know that nothing in life is free. Let me know what you think.

Finally, post my article last month regarding lawlessness is it really beyond the combined might of West Yorkshire Police to tackle a few kids on e-bikes who nightly stick two fingers up at the rest of us as they fly up and down with their doubtless illegal packages. Or are they just delivering soup to poor grandma?

The Wall

Dave Manning

Before I begin, I would like to say that I do not see myself as a fully paid-up member of the grumpy old man brigade, although my confusion over certain aspects of modern culture have pushed me in that direction on the odd occasion.

Nor, I hope, do I take any opportunity to malign the local youth, assigning to them all the ills of the world, those of Idle and Thackley in particular.

In fact, having taught groups of young people from Reception to Post 19 for the past x number of years, I feel privileged to have been able to spend so much time in their company, learning so much from them along the way.

Consequently, I hope this does not come across as a “kids are not like they used to be” rant. My targets are the feckless very small minority.

I use the term feckless in place of other adjectives in the understanding that this is a family magazine; the words I have in mind could not appear in print.

Either knowingly, or unknowingly, this group of youngsters have recently blighted the lives of people who call this neighbourhood home. Many years ago, a barrister appointed to represent our beloved council during a planning enquiry hit the nail on the head.

“People want to be in this area,” he said, “because it’s a decent place to live.” He was right, and 30 years later I still concur with his observation; it is a decent place to live.

But that can all change quickly if we allow it. The selfish and destructive actions of a small group of vandals reached a peak over the last few weeks with the capping stones and part of the dry-stone wall on Westfield Lane opposite the cricket ground being deliberately knocked down, covering 70 metres either side of the historic Quaker graveyard.

This is not something new, but it is unprecedented by the size and scale of the damage. I was invited early on after moving into the area to give up my gym membership and to get my workout by joining the dry-stone wall repair club.

It has been a pleasure working as part of a team with similar like-minded individuals, some sadly no longer with us, ensuring that the wall remains a wall, and does not become a pile of stones and rubble decorating Farmer Robert’s field. Such activities, sadly, do not become easier with age.

How on earth the junior members of the destroy the wall society have managed to push some of the stones off is beyond me.

Considering the size and weight of the larger stones it is no mean feat. Replacing them from the field side, is in my mind, though, even more of an accomplishment.

Oh, that such time and effort could be used for something constructive.

It is only through the efforts of one or two locals, Andy and Tony in particular, that the wall is still there, enabling us to make more permanent repairs.

Thanks to donations from The Trumpit and one or two civic minded citizens, plus support from the cricket club, we raised the funds to go ahead, cementing the capping stones in place and hopefully keeping Idle and Thackley, not just for the present, but for those who will come after us in the future, a decent place to live.



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Tony Gough

You work hard all your life...then?

It's time to retire and you begin to think about the home you bought fifty years ago. Perhaps you paid off the mortgage twenty years ago and because you don't have to pay rent, you now live a more comfortable life, enjoying holidays and help your children and grandchildren financially.

Now you have to think about what will happen as you become older and if you need to be in a care home. The average value of a three bedroom semi in England is £300,000. Care home fees are between £1,000 and £1,500 a week in Bradford, so the value of your home will cover your costs for about 5 years.

In effect the home you bought and paid for has to be sold because public funding won't cover the cost of caring for you when you need it most. The cost of care will reduce your assets to £23,500 before local authority funding begins to pay your fees.

Individuals now pay over £12 billion a year for social care usually by selling the family home. About 40,000 homes are sold each year to pay care home fees.

However if an elderly person needs nursing care instead of social care the state pays for that.

We therefore have a grossly unfair system; if you have assets – usually a home or savings – you have to pay for care.

If you rented a home and have no assets the state pays for your care.

Some important points to consider here under current rules. Firstly, if you need social care the state will pay for 12 weeks without charging you.

If your partner or a dependant relative lives in your home the state may claim for half the homes value but not all of it.

Finally, putting your home into a trust is not guaranteed to prevent the loss of your home. The local authority may decide you've deliberately hidden your assets.

The statement below was recently made by Andy Burnham, the new Prime Minister.

"A fairer more universal state system would mean the risk of huge individual care bills would be shared across the population as a whole rather than falling on individuals and families."

At last, it seems that politicians intend to resolve this anomaly, but how to?

The total cost of older adult social care is £27 billion of which £14 billion is contributed by private individuals. Increasing national insurance for working people and their employer by 3% would contribute £7.5 billion.

Another £4 billion is provided by utilising care home residents' pensions and state benefits such as attendance allowance.

Finally, one suggestion has been a fixed charge of 10% could be levied on homes that are sold to close a deceased estate with 40,000 homes sold this way each year – £1.2 billion would be contributed.

A total of £12.7 billion would be raised against a current expenditure gap of £13 billion. Nobody likes paying tax but proposals like these would end the unfair system where property owners pay billions while others contribute nothing.

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Ultimately, we're all looking for the same thing. To feel better.

Often we chase things out there, believing the new car, house, job or relationship will bring that better feeling to us.

But have you noticed that the good feeling is usually short-lived?

So off we go, chasing the next thing, still with that underlying sense of dissatisfaction.

There's a simple reason for that. The thing we're looking for is the thing we're looking with.

That feeling - peace, stillness, joy, love - isn't out there.

It's within you.

And the only thing that gets in the way of experiencing it is all the thinking you're caught up in.

Think about a moment of awe and wonder. A shooting star, a beautiful sunset, or simply gazing at someone you love.

In that moment, you're experiencing the very feeling you've been searching for.

If you'd like to experience that more often, practise being present.

Whatever you're doing, come back to now.

Let the thinking fall away.

And there you are.

It really is that simple.

As always, if you'd like help with that, let me know.

From my heart to yours.

Jane



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The Thackley Chef

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The potato was first found cultivated in and around the Andes region about four centuries ago. It soon became the world's fourth largest crop, following rice, wheat and maize. First cultivated in modern day Peru and Bolivia, it is now become a staple crop in many countries.

The Spanish introduced them to Europe. Then, so history says, Sir Walter Raleigh first brought the humble potato to Ireland and is said to have planted an Irish Estate at Myrtle Grove near Cork. He then presented the potatoes to Queen Victoria who held a banquet with potatoes on each course.

However, the inexperienced cooks cooked all the potato - the leaves and stems are poisonous - and poisoned the gentry. Soon after potatoes were banned. In 1845 a unknown disease known as blight rapidly spread through Ireland's and crop failure led to the great famine.

The potato is part of the tuber family including yams, sweet potatoes plus Jerusalem artichokes. Familiar in the UK are:

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Desiree and Cara are also versatile:

Jersey Royals and Charlottes are excellent early salad crops.

Here is a great way to enjoy your main crop potatoes well into autumn and winter.

Stuffed jackets with corn beef hash, a side of fried eggs and cheese - Serves 4.

Pre-set oven to 200C/400F/Gas6. You will need a baking tray, silicone/grease proof paper and a baking dish.

Ingredients: 4 large baking potatoes washed and pricked lightly; 3-4 tbsp olive/rapeseed oil; 340g tin corn beef; medium onion peeled & sliced; 100g butter; 4-5 dashes of Worcester Sauce or Henderson Relish; 100g grated cheese; salt & peppermill; 50ml full fat milk or cream; 2tbsp parsley and 4 large eggs.

Method:

1. Cut the kitchen paper to the size of your baking sheet. With a little oil rub over the potatoes and season.

2. Place in the oven and cook for around an hour. Allow to cool.

3. Place a frying pan on to a medium heat and add 1-2 tbsp. of oil and 25g butter. Add the onions cooking gently until soft; keep to one side once cooked.

4. Remove the corn beef from the fridge, slice & dice 1-2 cm chunks and keep until needed.

5. Slice cooled potatoes into halves. Scoop out the potato into a bowl. Place halves into a lightly oiled/ buttered dish. Make sure they fit neatly into the dish and lightly season the shells.

6. Mash the potato until smooth and add rest of the butter plus cream/milk mixing well. Season.

7. Place onions back on to a medium heat, adding a little of oil if needed. Add the mashed potatoes, sauce/relish and corn beef. Mix carefully not to break up.

8. Once all mixed add the chopped parsley keeping a little back to finish. Mix and remove from the heat. Taste and correct if needed.

9. Spoon hash into empty shells filling well then top with the grated cheese and place back into the oven. Reduce heat to 180C/350F/Gas5). Bake for around 20 - 30 minutes until golden and bubbling.

10. While the potatoes are cooking place a frying pan on to a medium heat and then add the rest of the oil ready for cooking the eggs.

To serve your dish place two halves on to a warm plate and add the fried eggs.

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It took a "sabbatical" from 1992 until it re-appeared in December 2000 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.

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

This month here are some extracts from edition 272 September 2003. The lead story - The Half Monty - revealed plans for a local calendar along the lines of those now emulated on a regular basis.

Doubtless we will find out in future editions just how this went. Maybe you were involved or even featured in the calendar. Get in touch please if you read this.

On Sunday August 10th, a local lass, a 'mother hen' hatched a cracker of a story! Sitting outside 'The Northern', with a large Sanatogen (in the company of an off duty 'Trumpit' reporter) Avis Ward, thinking aloud, came up with this... "Why don't we do something that'll be good fun, involve local people and simultaneously raise cash for a good cause?" The days of shakin' collection tins under folks noses are long gone... but what, exactly, did Avis have in mind? She took another long swig of Sanatogen.

"Look at the Women's Institute in Uppderinglithwaite, or wherever, in North Yorkshire. The W.I. no less, a group of staid middle aged women stripped off for a calendar, to raise money for charity and it became international news! I think they're going to make a film about it! We could do that!"

There was a short pause, and then Avis ordered more drink and Tetley stationery (peeled beer mats). The nutty notion started to take shape. Avis wanted a calendar, with twelve local men (obviously!) in their 'next to nowts'. Each photo would feature a 'Thackley Thick'ead' with a paragraph about the subject and it would be all done 'in the best possible taste'.

Doubts about finding enough 'volunteers' were soon confounded. Within half an hour Avis was 'over subscribed' and had even found herself a photographer! The Great Northern football team offered to pose for the front cover, and the back page would feature all those who had failed the medical! Marvellous stuff, Sanatogen!

That's covered the fun and frivolity, what about the fund raising? Avis' nominated good cause is the **McMillan Nurses... all in favour? Carried!**

There were also significant changes to the boundaries of local wards with the creation of what we know now as Idle & Thackley ward.

Inside Readers' Letters is devoted to a great tale by Mike Smith which I urge you to read. It is marvellous.

Dear Sirs,
Re 'No Otley Mondays'.
Reading Alvin's article in your July issue, caused me to recall the following true anecdote.

Back in 1951, J & J. Obank Ltd., of Thackley, were one of the largest building contractors in Bradford and district, and as such often advertised for building trade operatives.

Whatever the content of the advertisement it always concluded with the two lines "No Otley Mondays", "No City Dogs".

This always intrigued me, and one day, whilst working at Jack Obank's house in Town Lane, I asked him if it had any special relevance.

His reply regarding Otley Mondays was the same as given in Alvin's article, but the question about "City Dogs" almost caused him to choke.

In other news there was a plan in its infancy - it never came to anything - to create a cycle-way following the old railway line from Shipley to Laisterdyke.

And finally...

Margaret Thatcher died, and a few days later the Devil dragged her by the hair to the pearly gates.

God asked him, "What do you think you're doing? I don't want her."

"Oh come on, do me a favour," replied the Devil, "I've only had her three days and she's already closed down four furnaces."

An elderly couple is shown from the chest up, smiling and looking at each other. The man on the left is wearing a light pink cable-knit sweater over a light blue collared shirt. The woman on the right has short, wavy grey hair and is wearing a dark blue patterned top. They are outdoors with green foliage in the background.

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Your Say

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Your latest edition talked about the Retired Men's Forum that used to meet at Thackley Methodist Church Hall. I am pleased to inform you that the Forum is still in existence. It amalgamated with Eccleshill Retired Men's Forum some years ago.

The Forum meets every Wednesday morning in the basement of Bolton Methodist Church, close to Bolton Junction traffic lights on Bolton Road.

We have tea and biscuits from around 10.00 and each week's talk begins at 10.30 and lasts for an hour. We welcome new members and if anyone is interested in joining the group you need only turn up on the day and you will be most welcome to join us.

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Walks in Yorkshire

Centuries Old Ilkley Mystery

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.

If walking is your pleasure, Ilkley is a marvellous place. It's also not a bad spot for those with an interest in curiosities.

Small wonder that the Victorians who were outdoors fanatics and revelled in unexplained mysteries, used to like the town.

It still has a lot to offer, not least a great variety of footpaths which head across meadows, through woodland or across moors.

This walk begins in the valley and ends up on the moorland fringe with marvellous views up Wharfedale.

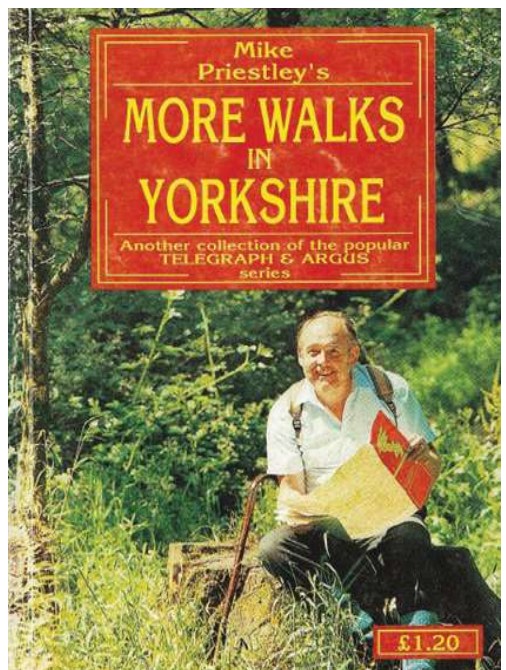
We drove through the top end of the town, heading along The Grove towards Grove Avenue and the small parking space at the bottom of the steep, semi-landscaped area of woodland surrounding Heber's Ghyll.

We walked along the road, between the trees, until at the bend the view to the North-West opened up the gentle, wide valley of Wharfedale with the Dales fells in the distance.

It was a view which was going to get better and better as the walk progressed.

We veered left here, following the footpath sign to a wooden gate with a stile beside it.

Over this, and just before we reached the houses, we forked left on to a grassy path just past an old-fashioned lamp-post, following the direction indicated by a sign showing the way to Addingham Moorside.



Keeping along the wall side, we soon came to a stone stile beside a gate and carried on across the field though slightly to the left, to a gate gap. Carrying on across the next field in the same direction to a gap stile in the wall and then across another field we came to another gap stile next to a gate gap.

The logical thing would have been to have used the gap rather than clambering over the stile, but a very large cow was in the way and declined to move even though asked politely.

As soon as we descended at the other side of the stile, it lumbered out of the way. Our path veered slightly left now, between a fence on the left and some trees.

When the fence met a wall corner, we continued with the wall now to our left until we came to a stile which led to an area dotted with clumps of long grasses and rushes.

Picking our way across this, we arrived at a stile beside the gate of Hardwick House Farm.

The path led past the front of the farm, joining a track which soon took us past another farm and barn and eventually to a wall corner where the track swung sharply right to a gate leading to a farm.

We turned sharp left here, following first wall then fence to our right as we headed up towards the moor, with the angular face of Addingham Crag up to the right.

Just before we reached the stile leading onto moorland, the path passed through rather odd earthworks: a brace of deep ditches with a ridge running down the middle.

Not far beyond the stile, as we followed the path climbing half-left towards a jumble of rocks on the hilltop, was another mystery.

In a shallow, wide ditch running to the right of the path was an assortment of rusting old buckets and a giant iron dome which could have been anything from an up-turned cauldron to an unexplained bomb.

But at the top of the path we came across a much older puzzle: a flat, overhanging rock pitted with those baffling cup and ring markings for which Ilkley Moor is famous, created long ago by a people whose motives and lifestyles we can only guess at.

Just past this rock cluster the climbing path met the one which runs along the ridge. We turned left here, over the stile and into a landscape glowing with heather in full bloom.

With that slightly before us and the green panorama of Wharfedale to our left, it was tempting to linger and look around.

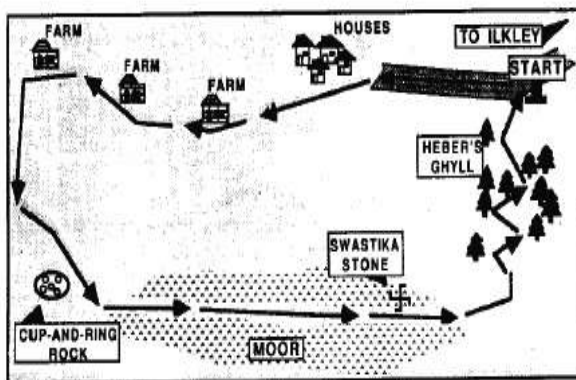
But there was a sharp breeze blowing from the west so we kept moving along the clearly defined path, over a succession of stiles and through gaps in walls.

Not far beyond a mighty, gnarled boulder and a cluster of flat-topped, stunted pine trees, we spotted the enclosure protecting the Swastika Stone.

This enigmatic relic, so well weathered now that a copy stands in front of it to demonstrate what it once looked like, is protected by metal railings and barbed wire.

Even so, someone has managed to chalk on it the news that : "Adolph Hitler Was Here".

I doubt it.



But W. Long certainly was there, in 1877, and carved his name into the rock's face.

Further along from the Swastika Stone where the land fell slightly and the wind eased, we took a sandwich break sitting on a large, flat boulder and gazing across the wide valley as those fresh-air loving Victorians must also have done as they pondered the meaning of that strange swirling embellishment on a remote moor-edge stone.

The path forked not far ahead, by a rowan tree. We headed leftwards, dropping down the rough path towards the woodland and coming soon to a rusty single gate leading into it.

A right turn through this took us to a stone shelter and on to the well-worn steps and footpath which winds its way down to the bottom of Heber's Ghyll, criss-crossing the stream via a series of footbridges until we arrived back at the car.

Time: 1 hours 45 minutes

This is a superb walk and always good to end with a few pints in The Flying Duck - Ed.

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Tales From The Scruffy



August saw a changing of the guard of sorts at The Scruffy, like a football team churning a squad before a new season. We said a sad goodbye to some impressive young people who had blossomed under the tutelage of Fagin and The Voice of Reason.

As one who benefited in much the same way many moons ago, working behind a bar is a superb grounding for later life. If you can handle a Nob Ed or two the world is your oyster.

Good wishes to our departing youngsters with new lives ahead at university having passed the ultimate schooling. Soon, fresh faces will arrive and have to battle with the vagaries of pulling the perfect pint and dealing with everything the human race represents.

One returning was Wonderland back from university to another dreamland...of sorts. Along with Bright Eyes and the effervescent Kiwi, they were doing a great job as Fagin turned pop promoter and The Scruffy became festival land if only for a day.

The week before, Suntan and I had enjoyed the inimitable Tom Jones and now it was Jack O'Malley - a bit cheaper - complete with his Ross Kemp lookalike bouncer come roadie - dad - and legions of loyal fans thankfully not chucking outsized knickers at him.

After a day at Thirsk races, The Voice of Reason was a bit croaky as she pitched in behind the bar to help, with Fagin decamped outside "networking" with the Nob Eds. It would be a long, long day for our landlady.

We were sat with our favourite old gimmer - The Bank - as Suntan, having taken on his wardrobe revamp, now sought to play matchmaker for the reclusive tycoon.

With young Jack blasting out "What's New Pussycat" to his adoring fans, it soon became clear that there was not a lot new in the garden for this old tomcat.



Once again the excellent By the Slice were in the car park dispensing pizzas faster than the three backing singers behind the bar could dispense pints. The pussycat had the crowd in raptures; surely Glastonbury next year?

It was a day for all sorts as the reclusive Cybil arrived with her son and heir in close attendance, sniffing a free afternoon on his mum's debit card like a lion sniffs blood.

Inside the agoraphobic Timberlake - a dislike of crowds especially those that block access to a bar - was in his favourite corner viewing the comings and goings with some amusement.

Back outside Tipper the Stripper had chosen a pair of Levi shorts that can only have had their roots in the Village People heyday. He eyed the young crooner's Ray Bans with obvious admiration still persisting with his knock-off John Street Market pair.

Soon young Jack was packing up but the backing singers would not be going anywhere as there were still pints to pull and punters to soothe. He was off up the hill to another rock and roll hot spot - Calverley, to be precise.

It had been a marvellous afternoon, something for all the family and further reassuring proof that the great British local is alive and singing too.

Almost on the point of collapse, our knackered landlady could not believe her bad fortune as in wandered Big Al for his Sunday quota. It would be a late one...again.



A week on and after a day in flashy Leeds, it was good to return to the green, green grass of home and a Sunday with the usual rogues' gallery. However, there was a shock in store.

Doubtless humbled by writings here, the Jurassic Planter, a horticultural disaster in the making, had been weeded for the first time in living memory. Fortunately, no bodies were found amongst the undergrowth but Fagin had resisted the offer from Trumpit correspondent Doug Deepley to plant Christmas potatoes.



It looked as barren as the rest of the garden as people queued to see the devastation; some were in tears. It was deforestation at its worst; Greta Thunberg was on her way.

Meanwhile, despite rumours of a lucrative new contract in the Saudi Sunday Old Cloggers League, retired Coach Garty was pictured with his new touchline vehicle although rumours of a bung from FIFA were hotly denied. No linesman would be safe now.



Celebrations were in order as Big Al toasted his sixty-eighth birthday with the lovely Luckless Linda. It was not long before the old soak abandoned her to vanish to a stool at the bar no doubt to discuss the ups and downs of another day on the golfing fairways of Baildon Moor. Who said romance was dead?

There was another trip to the races for a few of us - this time it was Ripon - and further proof that this would be a clear route to bankruptcy if it ever became a habit.

My method of picking horses is akin to sticking a pin in blindfold. I choose a name and pray

After selecting two no-hopers, come the third race I was in despair as, at the bookies, I discovered my hot tip was 100-1. Imagine the disbelief when the field clattered down the home straight only for my red-jerseyed horse to be out at the front.

I punched the air deliriously - okay it would only be £167.50 - but a win! As I got ready to leap the fence and kiss the jockey, Timberland put a damper on proceedings. Yes, a horse in red had won but not mine. It was still lumbering down the final furlong looking ready for a future career with a rag and bone man.

And that was pretty much how another day at the races rolled on with our mini-syndicate saved by Suntan and the luck of the Irish. The only sure bet of the day - odds-on was that my bladder would not make it back to The Scruffy although I was in good company.

As is now tradition the coach made a stop at the Esso garage in Pool and several desperate men sprung out like skydivers. For some it was simply all too much; all that was left were sweet dreams.





The heatwave this summer has caused many problems for vegetable gardeners up and down the country with conditions many of us have never experienced. As a result, several crops have struggled but, in the longer run, lessons can be learned.

Most disappointing of all has been my broad bean crop but I am most likely at fault having simply not watered enough because of time limitations. I also grew these in pots to transplant and next year will revert to planting from seed in March as this is a hardy crop able to withstand the early spring chill.

Because they are planted deeper, early crops of potatoes have been very good – Charlottes are my go-to – but the main crop has yet to be unearthed. Having been planted later and, therefore, exposed to the dust bowl far longer, I am not confident. Several potato farmers have been on the news suggesting my pessimism could be well founded.

As usual when the stems and leaves begin to die off and wilt cut these off at ground level and leave for two weeks at least before digging up, giving them a good soak as and when you can. Dig up on a sunny day to assist drying. I may leave mine in longer in the hope of some rain.

If storing over winter, don't wash them but simply bag up and keep in a cool dark place preferably in sacks which can be bought cheaply and will offer ventilation. Check your bags periodically as some will deteriorate and can impact the rest of the harvest.

This year I have planted my broccoli and winter greens late – July – hoping to avoid serial issues such as white butterfly and plants bolting. Planting in a dust bowl was not part of the plan but so far, so good; in other words, at the time of writing they were still upright.

Another crop to take a battering from the conditions has been my tomatoes. Like many, as I have discovered following the excellent Gardener's World Facebook page, this is nationwide. However, such are the challenges of allotment growing, there are numerous theories as to cause, effect and potential remedies; just put it down to experience.

A couple of plots are now vacant and so I am taking the opportunity to sow green manure rather than sheet the spaces for the off-season. The idea here is that you produce attractive coverings which also nourish the soil, prevent weeds and attract whatever pollinators are left at this time of year.

Once this begins to die off, usually at the turn of the year, simply dig in for free compost. Alternatively you could obtain a load of well rotted horse manure from your local stables who will doubtless be pleased to get rid for a small donation.

Now is also the time to get rid of accumulated allotment junk. It is also not a bad time to approach the local garden centres who may well be either disposing or selling cheaply pots used during the season.

Eccleshill Horticultural Society is based on Harrogate Road. Membership is a modest £3 annually. The society shop now reverts to opening on Saturday mornings only from 10-12 until next March. It is great value.

Thackley's community gardening swap shop meet at Thackley Cricket Club on the last Sunday in the month with this month the last meeting this year.

As the group breaks for the autumn/winter season, Helen would like to thank everyone for their continued support and also to the cricket club for the use of their facilities.

The group will be back in April 2027 for another summer of gardening swaps.

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The Impact of Artificial Intelligence

Tahira Ali - Hanson Academy

What is artificial intelligence (Ai)?

In recent years, society has seen the rapid development of Ai which allows computers to perform tasks that require human intelligence. For example, solving problems, image tools and smart assistants.

Currently we see a large number of individuals using chatGpt, and Ai powered social media features.

As a Gen Z myself, I use Chatgpt on a daily basis to ask questions about what a statement means or simply asking what hairstyle suits me better. I know a lot of my family and peers use it for similar purposes.

Ai allows complex learning topics to be broken down into simpler language which can help students understand better and learn more quickly and effectively.

As Ai becomes more and more popular, it also helps the economy as there are new labour markets with changes in roles.

This allows wider career opportunities for society and reduces the unemployment statistic. However, there are major drawbacks for Ai; for example over reliance.

Many students depend on Ai rather than developing their own skills such as researching and problem solving.

This could affect their critical thinking skills as they are allowing Ai to do all the work.

As well as changing the labour market by introducing new roles Ai can also reduce jobs.

For example, customer support, data entry clerks and graphic design jobs are all considered under threat.

This will make it difficult for individuals around the world to find jobs as their skills will not be needed.

Another concern associated with Ai is privacy. As everyone can access Ai, they do not understand the amount of data they are sharing online as Ai can process large amounts of personal information.

Overall, Ai has its advantages and disadvantages for wider society but it relies on individuals themselves on how much they depend on it and the amount of power they give it.

Individuals should limit their use so they do not affect developing their own skills. Businesses should not let Ai take over human jobs and they should consider the impact of automation on workers and ensure Ai is used responsibly.

An interesting challenge for current and future generations - Ed



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Joe King

An Irish painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist. Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over

Ireland were coming to the town of Doolin in County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses. One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude.

This being the first time anyone had made such a request he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; in fact, she was willing to pay up to £10,000.

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife. In a few minutes he returned.

"T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said. "The wife says it's okay. I'll paint you in the nude all right; but I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me paint brush!"

Little Johnny was sitting in class doing math problems when his teacher picked him to answer a question.

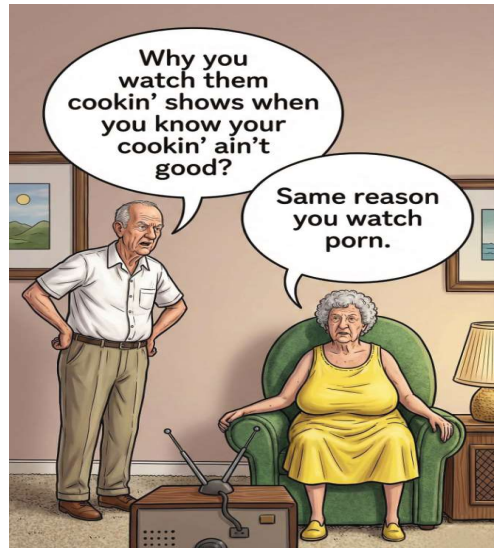
"Johnny, if there were five birds sitting on a fence and you shot one with your gun how many would be left?"

"None," replied Johnny "Cause the rest would fly away." "Well, the answer is four," said the teacher, "But I like the way you are thinking."

Little Johnny says, "I have a question for you now. If there were three women eating ice cream cones in a shop: one was licking her cone, the second was biting the cone, and the third was sucking the cone, which one is married?"

"Well," said the teacher nervously, "I guess the one sucking the cone?"

"No," said Little Johnny, "The one with the wedding ring on her finger, but I like the way you are thinking."



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A Slice of Tradition

More than flour and water – The Story Every Loaf Tells

There are few foods as simple as bread. Flour, water, salt and time. Four humble ingredients that, for thousands of years, have found their way onto tables across the world. Long before supermarkets and sliced loaves, families would gather around bread that had been mixed by hand, left to rise patiently and baked in the warmth of an oven that often heated the whole home.

Although Poland and Britain have their own culinary traditions, they have always shared one important belief – **bread deserves respect.**

In Poland, a fresh loaf was never treated as something ordinary. Children were taught not to waste it, and many homes welcomed guests with bread and salt as a symbol of hospitality and goodwill. Baking day was an event in itself. The aroma of fresh bread drifting through the house meant that family would soon gather around the table.

Britain has its own rich baking heritage. Every county developed its own recipes and local specialities, shaped by the grains available, the seasons and the people who baked them. Village bakeries were once at the heart of communities, where neighbours met while collecting their daily loaf and exchanged the latest local news.

Perhaps that is why bakeries still hold a special place in so many people's memories.

Many of us remember walking home with a warm loaf tucked under one arm, or being sent to the bakery with a few coins carefully counted out in our hand. The paper bag would become warm before we reached home, and it was always difficult to resist breaking off the end crust before anyone noticed.

Times have changed. Today we have more choice than ever before, yet many people tell us they are looking for something familiar – the flavour they remember, the smell of fresh baking, or simply the pleasure of buying food that has been made with care.

That is something we understand well.

Although our bakery proudly celebrates Polish baking traditions, it has also become a place where British favourites sit comfortably alongside them. A traditional Polish cheesecake may share the display with a freshly baked brownie. Sweet yeast buns stand beside buttery scones. A crusty sourdough loaf can be found not far from a handmade sausage roll.

Different traditions, perhaps, but built on the same values: good ingredients, skilled hands and recipes that have stood the test of time.

We often say that every loaf has a story. Not because bread can speak, but because it carries something of the people who made it and of the traditions that inspired it. Whether those traditions began in a Polish village or an English market town, they remind us that good baking has always been about more than feeding people. It brings families together, welcomes neighbours and turns ordinary moments into lasting memories.

As autumn begins and the evenings grow a little cooler, perhaps there is no better time to put the kettle on, cut a thick slice of fresh bread and enjoy one of life's simplest pleasures.

The best bread is never just made with flour and water. It is made with time, care and tradition.

From Our Oven to Your Table

Every month our ovens produce familiar favourites alongside seasonal creations that reflect our love of traditional baking. Here are a few highlights you'll find in the bakery this month.

Star of the Week – Artisan Sourdough

3.09 to 5.09 – Chilli & Cheese Sourdough A rich mature cheese with a gentle warmth from chilli, creating a perfectly balanced loaf with a little kick.

9.09 to 12.09 – Olives & Feta Sourdough A Mediterranean favourite combining juicy olives and creamy feta for a wonderfully savoury flavour.

16.09 to 19.09 – Roasted Garlic & Cheese Sourdough – slow-roasted garlic brings a delicate sweetness, perfectly matched with mature cheese.

23.09 – 26.09 – Caramelised Onion & Mature Cheddar Sourdough – sweet caramelised onions and mature Cheddar create a comforting loaf full of rich autumn flavour.

Scone Star of the Month – Maple & Pecan Scone – light, buttery and gently sweet, made with maple syrup and crunchy pecans – delicious served warm with your favourite tea or coffee.

From the Baker's Bench: Why do artisan loaves never look exactly the same?

Because every loaf is shaped by hand. Small differences in shape, colour and crust are a sign of traditional baking, where each loaf develops its own character during fermentation and baking. No two loaves are ever completely identical – and that's exactly how traditional baking should be.

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We will be launching a competition to help a local business with a free website, advertising in The Trumpit and free business cards paid for by the Bill & Bloss Community Fund. The idea is very much in its infancy but, as they say, watch this space...or wherever I put it next month! If you are thinking or starting a new business this could be for you.



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Boom Time For Lower Strength Beer

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Alcohol duty regime change has led to a boom in lower-strength pint sales, new research has revealed. The British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA), which commissioned the research from Oxford Economics with the Brewers of Europe, said: "The results are proof that when government supports business, business can boost the economy and help people choose lower strength options."

In the Alcohol Duty Review (ADR) in August 2023, drinks of 3.4 per cent ABV and under were granted a lower tax rate, along with a new draught duty relief to support pubs. Since this came into effect, 200m units of alcohol have been removed every year up until 2025.

Sales of lower strength beers – classed as between 1.3 per cent and 3.4 per cent – have boomed since the ADR, with brewers investing in a new range of products, the BBPA said.

The subsector was only 0.4 per cent of the market – the equivalent of 35m pints – in 2022 but, since the tax changes, this has grown rapidly to more than 12 per cent of the market or 912m pints, the trade body said.

BBPA chief executive Emma McClarkin said: "It is clear that a progressive alcohol duty regime that incentivises lower-strength products can help grow the economy, give people more options, and support public health goals.

"Beer is already a low-strength alcohol beverage, but brewers have come up with an incredible choice of lower-strength products, which means more people than ever before can moderate and pubs can give people a great choice.

"However, UK beer drinkers continue to pay among the highest duty rates in Europe and

brewers and pubs face eye-watering increases in the cost of doing business. This is why we need to go further and cut beer duty to support our brewers and pubs, ensure a pint remains affordable for all, and help give consumers more choice."

The analysis said the changes to the duty regime have helped businesses make firm progress towards meeting the key objectives the government set out. It pointed to significant innovation through the reformulation of products to below 3.5 per cent and increased consumption of lower-strength alcohol drinks.

The research, which looked at sales up until the end of 2025, said academic literature suggests a reduction in alcohol units consumed of this scale would result in health benefits at a population level.

CAMRA chairman Ash Corbett-Collins said: "Ensuring lower-strength beers are served on the bar is essential so consumers have more choice, however, that doesn't mean consumers want brewers to lower the ABVs of their existing beers. Global brewers are changing the recipes of their brands, not for customer choice, but for lower tax – charging pubgoers the same price for watered-down beer. Alcohol duties rose across the bar in February, so some breweries have had to lower the ABV in beers to make ends meet.

"The UK has incredible independent breweries that make a variety of quality beer styles with varying levels of alcohol. But they barely stand a chance against global brewers who have a stranglehold over bars in pubs. The government must cut alcohol duties, so consumers have better, quality choice and use their recent independent Access to Market Review to make room for beers by independent, local producers."

Thackley Ladies Rounders 2026 Squad

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A photograph of a middle-aged couple smiling. The man is holding a large bouquet of white orchids. In the background, there is a colorful floral wall mural. A green banner in the top right corner reads "PRIVATE PRACTICE OF THE YEAR 2025" with "Dentistry WINNER" repeated three times. Below the banner is a QR code with the text "SCAN TO BOOK".

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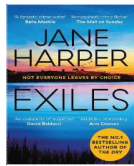
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Bookworm

A Windhill Wanderer



Jane Harper's *Exiles* is a beautifully crafted mystery that brings a perfect close to one of the best contemporary crime trilogies in modern fiction. Best known for her explosive debut *The Dry* and its intense follow-up *Force of Nature* (both of which I reviewed some time ago), Harper returns to the brilliant mind of Federal Investigator Aaron Falk. In this third and final instalment, she swaps the cracked, drought-ridden outback and dense forests of her previous books for the deceptively lush, sun-drenched valleys of South Australian wine country.

The story kicks off with a haunting premise. During the busy Marralee Valley Annual Food and Wine Festival, a thirty-nine-year-old mother named Kim Gillespie vanishes into the crowds on a warm spring night. She leaves behind her six-week-old baby daughter asleep in a pram.

A year later, Kim's absence still casts a long shadow over the tight-knit community. Falk arrives in town for a long-overdue vacation to act as godfather at the christening of his old friend Greg Raco's baby (an event delayed by Kim's original disappearance). However, when Kim's teenage daughter makes a public plea for answers, Falk and Raco find themselves pulled into a maze of old resentments and tightly held secrets.

What makes *Exiles* stand out from standard, fast-paced page-turners is Harper's signature style. She does not rely on cheap scares, gory details, or erratic action sequences. Instead, the book relies entirely on a slow-burn, atmospheric tension. Harper is an expert at treating the setting as a living character. The vibrant, wine-soaked valley feels warm and inviting on the surface, but underneath lies a claustrophobic reality where everyone knows everyone, and nobody wants to stir up trouble.

The pacing is deliberate and "talky" in the best way possible. Falk uncovers clues not through high-tech laboratory forensics or dramatic car chases, but through casual conversations over glasses of wine. He notices the subtle shifts in eye contact and spots the tiny details that locals have trained themselves to ignore.

As the third book in a trilogy, *Exiles* carries an emotional weight that gives it an entirely different tone from its predecessors. In *The Dry*, we met a young Aaron Falk who was running from his past. In *Force of Nature*, we saw him laser-focused on a brutal corporate investigation.

Here, Falk is older, world-weary, and standing at a personal crossroads. He has spent his entire life looking over his shoulder or burying himself in work, sacrificing his personal relationships along the way. Surrounded by Raco's warm, loving family, Falk is forced to confront what he wants his own future to look like. The investigation into Kim's disappearance, along with an older hit-and-run case that resurfaces, mirrors Falk's internal journey of figuring out what it means to truly belong somewhere.

For readers who are new to Jane Harper's work, *Exiles* can technically be read as a standalone mystery because the main plot resolves itself completely.

However, you will get a much richer, more emotional experience if you have followed Falk from the very beginning. Seeing characters like Raco return creates a wonderful sense of continuity and warmth. The book serves less as an explosive, action-packed finale and more as a gentle, deeply satisfying sunset for a beloved character.

Exiles is an outstanding crime novel because it values people over plots. It is an exploration of domestic grief, old friendships, and the heavy burdens of small-town loyalty. It is a character-driven mystery that values deep psychology and rich atmosphere over breakneck speed.

Jane Harper has delivered a masterful conclusion to Falk's journey, I suspect it will leave readers thoroughly satisfied to see him finally find his way home.

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Think of your brain health like a pension - the small steps you take today can help protect your future!

6 simple ways to reduce your risk of dementia

- ✓ Be more active
- ✓ Don't smoke and drink less alcohol
- ✓ Eat a healthy, balanced diet
- ✓ Look after your hearing and vision
- ✓ Stay socially and mentally active
- ✓ Manage your health



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Trumpit Money

Buying A Second Property

If you've recently stayed in a UK holiday cottage and wondered about owning one yourself, it may be closer within reach than you think. Just make sure you know precisely what you're taking on financially.

There was a time when buying a second property, whether for work, family, or holiday indulgence, was a relatively straightforward decision. That landscape has shifted dramatically, and successive governments have made the path to owning a second or holiday property far harder than it needs to be.

Take a typical Yorkshire scenario: someone living in Leeds who needs a small flat in London three days a week for work. That's no longer a simple financial decision, thanks to the additional Stamp Duty surcharge on second properties, raised to 5% in late 2024. For many, that extra charge has, to some extent, killed off the second property market.

Upfront costs are significantly higher, and unlike a decade ago, there's no guarantee that property prices will keep rising, particularly in a volatile southern England market. The old assumption that a second home would pay for itself through capital growth no longer holds. That said, it still works for people, and lenders remain willing, provided the income supports it.

There are legitimate ways around the barriers posed by the Stamp Duty surcharge, but they require proper advice. Families buying a property in a university town for their children, for instance, can sometimes use a Joint Borrower Sole Proprietor (JBSP) arrangement. This is where one person is on the deeds but two are on the mortgage, meaning a first time buyer avoids the surcharge altogether.

Holiday homes are where we're seeing real momentum. With more people holidaying in the UK thanks to warmer weather, there's a strong market available. Lenders will consider these properties differently depending on intended use.

You could buy one purely for personal use and it's assessed like a traditional mortgage, on your income. Alternatively, if you use the property partly for yourself and let it out for the rest of the time, specialist lenders will treat it as a holiday-let mortgage, assessing potential rental income rather than personal earnings. Some products even allow six weeks of personal occupancy alongside letting. The key is understanding, from the outset, what you're actually buying it for.

This is where it gets complicated. Alongside the 5% Stamp Duty surcharge, many local authorities, in areas such as the Lake District, Peak District, Cotswolds and parts of Wales, now charge significantly more council tax on holiday properties. It's a deliberate attempt to protect housing stock for local people being priced out of their own communities, and is a genuine additional cost to factor in.

Despite this, if a holiday rental is something you're keen on pursuing, don't let the prospect of these extra costs put you off entirely. If rented out for seven to 10 days at a time, they typically deliver far better returns than a standard buy-to-let on a six-month tenancy. Lenders have got their heads around the Airbnb model too, factoring in nightly rates and shorter lets, though changeover and cleaning costs will need weighing against those higher returns.

Whatever type of property you're considering, remember that you remain responsible for the mortgage as the borrower regardless of circumstances – and if you let it out but have no tenants, affordability is assessed on your finances alone.

Whether you're considering an additional property for work, elderly parents, a child at university, or a holiday home to call your own, the message is the same: understand exactly what you want the property to do before you buy it, and go in with your eyes open. It's why speaking to a mortgage adviser who understands this end of the market properly is worth its weight in gold.

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What's On

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Thackley CC



It's been a **long, hot summer**, with plenty happening at Thackley Cricket Club – and the good news is, **there's still plenty more to come!**

Thackley Cricket Club is the perfect place to enjoy **live sport, great entertainment and a friendly community atmosphere**. With **Sky Sports and TNT Sports**, you can join us throughout the football season to watch all the biggest games live on our screens. Grab a drink, bring your friends and enjoy the action at your local club.

Our **pool table** is proving popular too, and September sees the launch of our new **pool team**. New players of all abilities are welcome, so if you fancy getting involved, come along and speak to us at the club.

And we've got some fantastic nights coming up!

Get ready to dig out the leg warmers, neon and shoulder pads for our **MEGA 80s PARTY NIGHT!** on Saturday 26th September 🎵🕺 Tickets are just **£3**, so get yours early and join us for a brilliant night packed with 80s favourites and plenty of fun.

Then, as October approaches, things are going to get spooky at TCC! 🎃👻 Our **Halloween Spectacular** on Saturday 31st October will feature the fabulous drag artist **Syren**, promising an unforgettable night of entertainment.

Get your **spookiest costumes** ready and prepare for a Halloween party with a difference!

There's always something happening at Thackley Cricket Club, from live sport and entertainment to regular events and community activities.

The Trumpit is available in numerous local businesses and is also delivered to care homes, community centres, and churches as part of the commitment to the whole community.

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If you would like copies, please contact the Editor.

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Idle - Age Concern, Idle Bakery, Idle Coffee Lounge, Co-op, Idle Draper, EGS Motors, Funky & Fresh, The George, Go Local, Idle Fish Shop, Idle Greetings, Holy Trinity Church, John's Hair, Miss Butterfingers, New Inn, Pastiche Hair, Post Office, Idle Sandwich, Style Counsel, Symposium, Taylored Dental, Towngate Fisheries, United Reformed Church, White Bear, White Swan & Idle WMC.	Thackley - Ainsbury, Black Rat, Carole's Hair, Commercial, Community Centre, Crompton's Butchers, Drake's Newsagents, Elliott's Delicatessen, Great Northern, Harlequin Café, Jo-Jo's Hair, Lavender Spa, Lonsdale Estate Agents, Mad Barber, Matisse, Nisa, Snoops, Thackley CC, Thackley Pharmacy, Thackley Football Club, and The Cube	Elsewhere - Birkhill Dental Day's Confectioners @ Five Lane Ends Idle Travel @ Morrisons Kent's Fitness @ Bolton Junction The Highfield Greengates - Biz Space (reception and Josie's Hair), Cracker Barrel, Revive Beauty & The New Line

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Vauxhall play in the Northern Premier League and have had a good start to the season, only losing once with two draws and a win.

Both teams will fancy their chances, but if the 90 minutes are up and it's all square, there will be a replay back in Bradford the following week.

Thackley women's pre-season began at the start of August and they have had a good off-season retaining 16 players.

The DennyGirls have played Leeds United reserves, Huddersfield Town Development, and Wyke Wanderers, losing out to Leeds and Wyke and drawing against Huddersfield, but gaining valuable minutes in the legs ahead of the new season.

Thackley AFC Fixtures

Tues 1st September Retford v Thackley KO 7.45pm

Sat 5th September Thackley v Campion KO 3.00pm

Tues 8th September Dearne & District v Thackley KO 7.45pm

Wed 16th September Thackley v Parkgate KO 7.45pm

Sat 19th September Albion Sports v Thackley KO 3.00pm

Sat 26th September Frickley Athletic v Thackley KO 3.00pm

Wed 30th September Thackley v Bottesford Town KO 7.45pm

Sat 3rd October Retford United v Thackley KO 3.00pm

Thackley AFC Women's Fixtures

Sun 6th September Rossington Main v Thackley KO 2.00pm

Sun 13th September Thackley v Bottesford Town KO 2.00pm

Sun 20th September Knaresborough Town v Thackley KO 2.00pm

Sun 27th September Thackley v Altofts KO 2.00pm

Sun 4th October Evolution v Thackley KO 2.00pm

THACKLEY AFC

SEASON TICKET PRICES

2026/2027

		SEASON	PRICE PER GAME
	ADULT	£99	£8
	CONCESSIONS	£60	£5
	UNDER 16S	FREE	FREE

* Please note that Thackley AFC reserve the right to request proof of age and / or student ID

** Season ticket entitles you to entry to all NCEL Premier Division matches. Cup matches excluded.

*** U16s are free when accompanied by a paying adult



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THACKLEY AFC

A VIEW FROM MUPPET HILL



By Harry Baxendale

Last time writing, the season was upon Thackley. After a fairly strong pre-season, the Thackley faithful had some buzz around the new season.

Most of the players had re-signed, which is a massive improvement compared to last year when the Dennyboys were left with one player from the previous season's squad.

Knaresborough Town were up first at the Meridian Stadium at Dennyfield and after a strong 85 minutes, it came crumbling down for the Dennyboys who conceded twice late on to lose four goals to two against the North Yorkshire side.

With it being summer and the luxury of having daylight till late in the evening, the league had scheduled a busy month of football.

Two draws in the league and a win in the extra preliminary round of the Emirates FA Cup followed the loss, and it looked like Thackley were going to crack on with the season and really push on.

However, back-to-back losses against Penistone in the NCEL and Yarm & Eaglescliffe in the FA Vase have put a halt on the hopes of the Thackley faithful.



Even though the league isn't going to plan, Thackley do find themselves in the next round of the FA Cup, where they play Vauxhall Motors in an away trip to the West Coast.

The boys in red and white have only qualified once in the last 10 years past this round, whereas for Vauxhall Motors it would be the first time in 13 years.



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