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NEWS FROM BOLSTER MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2020

Introducing the Litter Bandits

Pam Sychalski

We are a group of like minded people who regularly litter pick around the areas of Bolster Moor, Scapegoat Hill and Outlane. We were all doing our own individual litter picks but realised that some areas were too difficult for one person to undertake on their own.



I asked on Facebook if anyone fancied joining me and funnily enough a girl who I hadn't seen in 43 years, since we left Outlane Junior school, said she and her sister would be interested in helping out. Coincidentally, we now live in her old house! It's a scarily small world isn't it?

We now have a WhatsApp group of about 12 and try to meet up about once a fortnight, volunteers turn up as and when they can. Last year we tackled Copley Bank which was pretty bad; it took us two Saturday mornings and we filled about 30 bags and retrieved an old fridge and other fly tipping. Once collected we leave our litter pickings in a prominent place and the council usually collect it promptly.

This year we have been down Round Ings Road and we cleared some of the woods. We found an old cannabis farm that had been dumped, it was a daunting prospect to clear, but three of us managed and the council came and picked it up within 24 hours. We have also been out cleaning some of the grubby road signs too.

We are delighted to have been presented with an award from Pride in Linthwaite for all our efforts. Moving forward we are hoping to make the Litter Bandits a social group too and have some nights out! If anyone would like to join us or if you see an area that needs attention please contact Pam on 07954581305.

Badgers in Bolster Moor?

We're not sure if anyone has seen a badger in Bolster Moor, but we have it on good authority that there are definitely badgers in the Colne Valley. Sue Shaw from Marsden has sent us this information about the work of the Badger Protection Group:

The Kirklees Badger Protection Group was formed in 1988. 30 years later, the aims of the group remain the same:

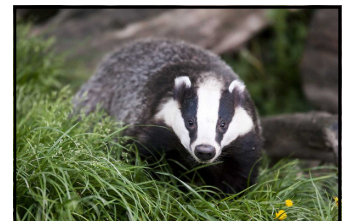


- To encourage the understanding and study of badgers.
- To promote measures which will enhance their welfare.
- To encourage tolerance, appreciation and respect for all wildlife and their habitat.

Our range of activities is wide. These consist of protecting badger setts at risk, building artificial setts, and fundraising in order to continue our work. We hold regular meetings at Brockholes where members are updated about any ongoing projects.

Anyone with any concerns about badgers, or if you find a deceased badger by the road, please ring our helpline on 07745378039. Also contact us on this number if you are interested in helping badgers, or would like us to come and give a talk.

We always welcome new members!



Golcar Lily Day

Saturday May 9th, 10am - 4pm

This year's event coincides with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The village centre will be decked out in red, white and blue banners and bunting. This year the procession will be leaving the Rose and Crown in Golcar at 2pm, and everyone is invited to join in! Find a flag, banner, or just wear red, white and blue. Sue Starr and her team are looking for old banners which may have belonged to Churches, Chapels and other organisations. Do get in touch if you know the whereabouts of any of these.

The actual programme of events is not yet finalised, but will appear on the Golcar Lily Day website nearer the time. As always, there will be lots of music and dancing to suit a variety of tastes, and events around the village which will have a real nostalgic feel this year. www.golcarlilyday.co.uk



Holly Brewster wins Gold at the prestigious Yorkshire Athletic Association Cross Country finals



On January 4 2020 I joined athletes from all over Yorkshire at Lightwater Valley in Ripon to compete to earn a Yorkshire vest and represent the county at national level in the team inter county competition in March.

In a field of 55 U15 girls I was in the top 2 for the majority of the race, I ran with my team mate from Sheffield and we were neck to neck until the final 200m. This is where I put in a burst and managed to open a gap on Annie and come away with the gold medal.

Next up is the Northern Cross Country Championships in Beadale followed by Schools Cross Country where I will represent Kirkees and Colne Valley High school in Leeds. I will then head the U15 Yorkshire team in Loughborough on the 7th March followed by the finals for the English Schools XC in Liverpool later in the month—this is where I will hopefully represent West Yorkshire.

My passion for running started at Clough Head school in year 5 (2016) where I was entered for the local schools cross country. I came first and went on to represent West Yorkshire in Loughborough. At that point I joined Longwood Harriers running club and I am still a member of the club training every Tuesday and Thursday. Since April this year however, I have been training with a coach in Sheffield twice a week where I benefit from more intense and structured training along with a personal training plan which involves additional runs and exercise at home (you may have seen me jogging around Bolster Moor or Scamonden res!) I continue to represent Colne Valley and I am also a sports prefect, helping to coach junior school children who attend school sports competitions.

Running has helped me make new friends from other areas and I train in Sheffield with a friend who attends Salendine Nook High School. A hip injury in September did place doubt about my fitness for this seasons Cross Country, but with lots of physio & encouragement from my coach I bounced back and I'm back in great shape.

In June 2019 I qualified to represent West Yorkshire at the English Schools Championships in Birmingham in the 800m, this was another milestone for me and helped to raise my profile at national level. Narrowly missing the national final, I achieved a personal best of 2.18 mins and that ranked me 59th in the UK. I have been selected to run in the London Marathon this year (6 athletes from Yorkshire & Humberside have been selected in my age group). Its called the mini marathon, which for talented/ young athletes from all over the UK; we will run the last 3 miles of the course before the main event starts - I may be on the telly!



English Schools West Yorkshire Team, Birmingham 2019 – 800m

We are always delighted to hear about the achievements of young people in our community, so many congratulations to Holly for her hard work and dedication, resulting in winning gold!

If anyone feels inspired after reading this article, you can find out more by going to Longwood Harrier's website, longwoodhac.org.uk. Training for all age groups, juniors and seniors, takes place each week at the Leeds Road Sports Complex.

*We look forward to more updates from Holly, and would like to offer our best wishes for further success in the future.
Andi Butler, on behalf of the BMCA*



Centurion Racing - A Very Successful Conclusion

Back in November 2018, we featured an article from Laurence Vines of Harts Hole. Laurence described how his team entered the F1 STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Maths) challenge for schools. Despite a limited budget, the team enjoyed many notable achievements.

Last November, the team managed to secure enough funding to get to the Schools World Finals, held over six days in Abu Dhabi. A record 55 teams from 22 countries were competing to become World Champion. The competition was very stiff, even before racing began. All aspects of design and engineering were scrutinised, as well as the design portfolio.

The Aflex Hose Centurion Racing Team put in a strong performance and scored highly, winning three of the four awards they were nominated for. They were also the first team in four years to gain a perfect score in Research and Development. Overall, the team came in third place, with the distinction of being the first ever team from the North of England to gain a podium position. They were also proud to be the first mixed gender team on the podium.

Centurion Racing has been the first team from Rishworth School to compete in the F1 Challenge, and would like to thank everyone who supported them for making this success possible. Although Centurion Racing will not be competing again, they hope their story might inspire others to take part.

We are delighted to report that team manager and design engineer Laurence Vines has gained a place on the Unilever Williams Engineering Academy, and was awarded a bursary covering tuition fees to study Mechanical Engineering at University College London.



Bolster Moor Buddies

Helping to make our community stronger

With the worrying news about the increasing risks of Coronavirus and knowing that it is significantly more dangerous to our older neighbours and those whose immunities are compromised, we want to remind people of our Bolster Moor Buddies support system that we utilise in poor weather.

We have more volunteers who are available for anyone needing help.

Please go to Bolster Moor Community Facebook page, or our website www.bolstermoor.org.uk for more details of what we are doing to support our community.

Jan Lloyd	07976584266
Andi Butler	648023 or 07980179457
Westwood Centre Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 9am-1pm	845042
Hilary Pape (evenings and weekends)	847199 or 07981412469
Di Mayo	656509 or 07815814141
Nina Pollard (Tue, Wed & Fridays)	07985526847

If you know anyone who might benefit from the help Buddies is offering, please cut out and pass on



2020 Tour has been POSTPONED due to COVID 19

Welcome to Yorkshire, ASO and British Cycling are working with the UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) to find alternative dates in the international cycling calendar for the race to take place. The Tour was due to pass through Bolster Moor on May 2.

Peter Box CBE, Chair of Welcome to Yorkshire said: "The race is a great spectacle, but we all know that the health and well-being of everyone across the region, and the country, is frankly more important than a sporting event. Our attention now turns to supporting those tourism businesses across the region, many still reeling from the floods, during this unprecedented crisis." For a full explanation and further details visit <https://letour.yorkshire.com>



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Our page is regularly updated with
events and village news.
We would welcome your contributions
on the page with positive news stories,
events and village images



The 'Snack and Chat' is a chance to socialise with other people in the area which otherwise you may not get the chance to see on a regular basis. All are welcome to come along, whether it's for a coffee, a bar snack or a drink. We meet every 2nd Wednesday from 12.30pm onwards in the Golcar Lily

The dates of the next Community Meetings are :

Tuesday 07 April 2020

Tuesday 05 May 2020

Tuesday 02 June 2020

Tuesday 07 July 2020

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

All meetings begin at 8pm at the Golcar Lily, everyone is welcome to come along.

Please visit our newly updated BMCA website at www.bolstermoor.org.uk

We welcome any items of local news, events, or articles suitable for inclusion on the website from members of the community.

WE'RE ON THE WEB! www.bolstermoor.org.uk

Say Cheese!

Cheese making has made a return to the Colne Valley - in fact, right here in Bolster Moor, at Heath House Mill. Back in the day, cheeses would have been made on small farms up and down the valley. Here, Frances Wardley describes how she started off making cheese which would have been similar to cheeses made many years ago in this area:

I started making cheese about 10 years ago, when I picked up a little book on home cheese making in a bookshop. My first attempt was a disaster, but I fell in love with the magical process of turning milk into cheese. I went on a course at Ribblesdale Cheese in Wensleydale, and carried on making cheese at home, learning as I went along. I finally perfected the recipe for my signature cheese, which I have called "Weaversdale."



Meanwhile, after a 30-year career doing various managerial and office-based jobs, I felt it was time for a complete change. I'd been thinking about setting up my own business for a while, and finally decided to hand in my notice and go for it! I did a professional cheese-making course at the School of Artisan Food in Worksop, and in September last year, signed a lease on a small industrial unit at Heath House Mill in Golcar. My partner and I then spent a whole year turning what was part of a former textile mill into a cheese dairy. Cheese-making requires the highest standards of food hygiene so there was a lot to do!

I'm finally now in production, and I'm pleased to say that Weaversdale is now on sale at the Green Valley Grocer in Slaithwaite. Weaversdale is available in a standard version, aged for around four weeks, and a mature version, aged for around 10 weeks. Both have a creamy flavour with a little sharpness. Weaversdale Mature has a slightly richer flavour.



For more information, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hilltopcheese/ or visit the website at www.hilltopcheese.co.uk/.



We would love to hear from anyone who has stories to share about their parents or grandparents making cheese, or from someone who might even have an old family cheese recipe.