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# Brighter Boroughbridge

## Striving to make a Difference



The judges' comment after the Yorkshire in Bloom Spring judging arrived at the end of May. They have awarded us Silver gilt, just one step below gold!

Everyone who helped should be delighted and the town should be proud of them.

Since the judging we have had a seat installed beside the memorial rose garden and it was sponsored by Charlton's of Boroughbridge. (Now

has its brass plaque in place since the photo was taken). New wooden flowers, from Jennyruth Workshop, have been erected in the circles at Stump Cross, each bearing a bee which is Brighter Boroughbridge's theme for this year.

Now it is time to try for that elusive gold award in the Summer but we will need help to do this. We were hoping to show the Millennium Garden in the grounds of the Primary school and we have been weeding and planting. We are also working towards a wild meadow area to be finished by the end of June. Our work in that garden is constantly being vandalised, rubbish, concrete blocks, wooden pallets and a chair have had to be removed. This garden is very large and everyone should enjoy it. So we ask the youths that are doing this to please build their dens away from the gate and area we are trying to improve.

If you are able to help, please send an e-mail to John, [john@gossonline.co.uk](mailto:john@gossonline.co.uk) or telephone him on 01423 323123

**What a result! KJ (Pugh) met his target!!!** See next month's LUN for the full story of KJ's fund raising cycle ride





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for Voluntary Service**

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## Queen's Award for PhysioNet

Local charitable organisation PhysioNet has been selected as a recipient for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2017. This award was created by The Queen in 2002 to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee, recognising excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community. It is the MBE for volunteer groups.

PhysioNet provides disabled people in developing countries with vital equipment they cannot find or afford, supplying a wide range of disability aids with life-transforming effects. PhysioNet is based in Lower Dunsforth, and has support centres in East Anglia, Lancashire, South East and the West Country. It was established in 2005 with the aim of providing physiotherapy and mobility equipment for the disabled in developing countries. During the last few years, the organisation has sent 46 forty foot shipping containers, or the truck equivalent, packed with aids for the disabled, to 21 countries around the world.

The work of Physionet was very much admired by the independent Assessment Committee, chaired by Sir Martyn Lewis CBE, and represents a tremendous achievement. The organisation's details will be included in a special edition of The London Gazette and they will be presented with a signed certificate from Her Majesty The Queen by the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire. It also means, by using the QAVS logo, that Physionet can hopefully attract significant funding from the large charitable trusts to help expand the operation.

David Kaye, Chairman, said "I am extremely proud of us receiving this award and thank all those volunteers who work quietly in the background to help us achieve so much, packing at the depot, travelling the length and breadth of Britain collecting equipment, loading containers and giving presentations to voluntary and support organisations.

Thanks also to the Trustees, past and present, for guiding PhysioNet to where it is today, to our supporters for choosing us as a worthy cause for their donations and to healthcare professionals around the country who find time in their busy lives to make sure their redundant

equipment comes to us and not the scrap man. Lastly, and by no means not least, thanks go to Peter Thompson whose persistence and perseverance has resulted in his

**PhysioNet**   
**Helping the disabled overseas**

concept achieving this great honour.

There were eleven awards across the whole of Yorkshire. Of these, PhysioNet is the only "International" charity, as all of its beneficiaries are overseas.

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Tel: 01423 322736.

# Milby Island Improvement Project – Episode 2

If you go down to the locks today...



You're in for a nice surprise! The footpath down the riverbank to Milby Lock has never looked better. This is all thanks to the 'Milby Island Improvement Project', led by Charlie Merson, a resident of Milby. The project has the backing of local parish councils, the Canal and River Trust and Newby Hall,

owners of the land.

While Charlie continues to spend a huge amount of his own time and effort on clearing the undergrowth and flood debris, using his tractor and 'topper', he occasionally organises days when volunteers can come along to help. Saturday 3 June was one such day and the turnout of volunteers was very heartening, showing just how much this riverside walk is appreciated by local people. It is one of the greatest assets of the Boroughbridge area and needs maintaining. Its long-term maintenance is what the project is all about and one of its principal objectives is to reverse the spread of Himalayan balsam. This highly invasive plant (plant photo B) grows to eight feet in height by midsummer, obliterating all other indigenous plant life as well as the views across the river. As a result of the work by Charlie and the volunteers last week new vistas have opened up down to the riverside and across to the other bank and whole swathes of the Himalayan balsam have been cut back or pulled out. But this sort of work needs to be done on a fairly regular basis to prevent the balsam from re-growing and then seeding, so one problem facing the project is how to keep up the momentum. The photo shows some of last Saturday's enthusiastic volunteers toiling in the heat, but enjoying every minute!

Any one of you can help, however, by just pulling up a few balsam plants by the root as you walk along the riverbank. It comes up very easily if you pull steadily and slowly by clutching the stem near ground level. Just discard it to one side and it will rot away nicely.

**Do not confuse the invasive Himalayan balsam with the even taller Giant Hogweed (plant photo A). By late summer the latter can reach twelve feet in height. Please see the photos to help you identify the plants.** On Milby Island the Canal and River Trust are taking steps to eradicate this dangerous plant but it is important that anyone

coming across it does not touch it since the resulting skin rash can be extremely severe. The giant hogweed is a greater problem on the opposite river bank (the Aldborough side) where it appears to be spreading unchecked.

If you would like to get involved with this project in any way please email Charlie at [martlets.fas@outlook.com](mailto:martlets.fas@outlook.com)

The date of the next volunteers' workday will be advertised on notices at either end of the Milby Island walk. Martin Rae, Kirby Hill and District Parish Council (322886)



**A - Giant Hogweed (DO NOT TOUCH!!)**



**B - Himalayan Balsam (PULL IT OUT!!)**



**A new shape of lawyer**

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# Events Diary

JUL

**2**

Sun

## **Minskip Midsummer Family Fete @ Minskip Lodge**

Jul 2 @ 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Come and join us for a great family afternoon at Minskip Midsummer Family Fete! In aid of St John's Church, Minskip. Lunch – Barbecue, Salads & Pudding. Children's Games, Auction of promises, Live Music from The Palm Court Dance Orchestra, Treasure Hunt, Stalls & Bar. Children's Fancy Dress – Prizes! Tombola. Old photos of Minskip on display. Adults £10, Children £5 (Under 5's free). Family of 4 £25. For tickets, call 01423 323939 or 01423 322712.

JUL

**5**

Wed

## **Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club**

Jul 5 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

For children & young people aged 9-14. £1.50 including drink & snack. 07881 797716

## **Aldborough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Jul 5 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Gardening Quiz: A visual quiz with Debbie and Tish. 01423 325013

JUL

**9**

Sun

## **All Saints Active8 @ All Saints Church, Kirby Hill**

Jul 9 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

For children of all ages, craft activities, story and prayer. Parents stay to chat/take part. Coffee/tea for parents. [www.allsaintskirbyhill.org.uk](http://www.allsaintskirbyhill.org.uk)

JUL

**12**

Wed

## **Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club**

Jul 12 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

For children & young people aged 9-14. £1.50 including drink & snack. 07881 797716

JUL

**14**

Fri

## **Friends of Roman Aldborough @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Jul 14 @ 7:30 pm

John Clayton, the Man who saves Hadrian's Wall. Frances McIntosh, Curator of Roman Collections, English Heritage, Corbridge. Admission £5, FORA members free. 01423 325808.

## **Roecliffe WI @ Cooking Fantastic**

Jul 14 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Visit to Cooking Fantastic. 01423 322335.

JUL

**15**

Sat

## **Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Jul 15 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Horsefair, B'bridge YO51 9AH. All welcome.

JUL  
**19**  
Wed

**Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club**

Jul 19 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

For children & young people aged 9-14. £1.50 including drink & snack. 07881 797716

JUL  
**28**  
Fri

**Folk Night @ St Wilfrid's Community Centre, Ripon**

Jul 28 @ 8:00 pm

An evening of live music at St Wilfrid's Community Centre, Trinity Lane, Ripon. £3 on the door.

New performers welcome or just come along and listen. Every last Friday of each month. Contact Tish on tishhw@waitrose.com

JUL  
**29**  
Sat

**Village Fun Day @ Roecliffe Village Green**

Jul 29 @ 3:00 pm

Bring your own BBQ food and picnic. The village will provide tables, chairs, BBQs (from 5pm), salad, etc. Games, rounders, treasure hunt, tug of war, tombola, Bake Off (Adults Pavlova, Kids Traybake). Proceeds for the cost of trees in the village which need to be felled. 07824 557253

AUG  
**5**  
Sat

**Yorkshire Day Lunch @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Aug 5 @ 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Horsefair, B'bridge YO51 9AH. All welcome.

AUG  
**8**  
Tue

**Skelton-on-Ure WI @ Skelton Village Hall**

Aug 8 @ 7:30 pm

A whale of a Tale with Jenny Stacey. 01845 501848

AUG  
**13**  
Sun

**Secret Gardens of Boroughbridge**

Aug 13 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

A selection of Gardens of Boroughbridge will open their gates for you to see them in all their glory!

Tickets will be available in advance or on the day.

Gardens open from 10am-4.30pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/BrighterBBD>

SEP  
**2**  
Sat

**FORA Open Days @ Aldborough Museum**

Sep 2 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

'Heuristics' will bring Aldborough Roman Museum to life with their hands-on approach to Roman inventions.

SEP  
**3**  
Sun

**FORA Open Days @ Aldborough Museum**

Sep 3 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

'Heuristics' will bring Aldborough Roman Museum to life with their hands-on approach to Roman inventions.

SEP  
**8**  
Fri

**Roeccliffe WI @ Roeccliffe School**

Sep 8 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

The Role of the Hand Knitting Designer with Wendy Knight. 01423 322335.

SEP  
**12**  
Tue

**Boroughbridge Historical Society @ The Jubilee Room**

Sep 12 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

"Local Musicians". A look at the history of the Brass Band movement. With Gavin Holman. All welcome – guests £3, members free. The talk will be followed by tea and biscuits.

**Skelton-on-Ure WI @ Skelton Village Hall**

Sep 12 @ 7:30 pm

Food and Health over the last Century with A Halliday. 01845 501848

SEP  
**13**  
Wed

**Aldborough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Sep 13 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Designing Hand Knits: Wendy Knight gives a talk about her career in textile design. Competition: a knitting pattern. 01423 325013

SEP  
**16**  
Sat

**Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Sep 16 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Horsefair, B'bridge YO51 9AH. All welcome.

SEP  
**20**  
Wed

**Friends of Roman Aldborough @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Sep 20 @ 7:30 pm

Surveying Pompeii and other Roman sites. Dr Sophie Hay, Southampton University. Admission £5, FORA members free. 01423 325808.

SEP  
**22**  
Fri

**Friends of Roman Aldborough @ St Andrew's Church, Aldborough**

Sep 22 @ 7:30 pm

Cambridge University Survey Report Presentation. Martin Millett & Rose Ferraby. Admission £5, FORA members free. 01423 325808.

SEP  
**23**  
Sat

**Chamber Music Concert @ St James' Church, Boroughbridge**

Sep 23 @ 7:30 pm

Concert by The Hallgate Chamber Ensemble from Doncaster, with Carey Williams (Baritone). Proceeds for St James' Church. Refreshments available. Admission £8. [www.boroughbridgechurches.uk](http://www.boroughbridgechurches.uk)

SEP  
**29**  
Fri

**Music for Macmillan @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Sep 29 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Come along and support local singers & instrumentalists in raising funds for Macmillan. All welcome. Refreshments available. 01423 324276

OCT

1

Sun

**Harvest Festival/Lunch @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Oct 1 @ 10:30 am

Harvest festival in church at 10.30am followed by Harvest lunch.

OCT

7

Sat

**Friends of Roman Aldborough @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Oct 7 @ 2:30 pm

Pottery Uncovered: What we have learnt from recent Roman finds in Yorkshire. Anne Jenner, Pottery Analyst, York Archaeology Trust. Admission £5, FORA members free. 01423 325808.

OCT

10

Tue

**Boroughbridge Historical Society @ The Jubilee Room**

Oct 10 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

AGM & Members' Evening. All welcome – guests £3, members free. Followed by refreshments.

**Skelton-on-Ure WI @ Skelton Village Hall**

Oct 10 @ 7:30 pm

Why a Will Might Not Be Enough with Robin Allen. 01845 501848

OCT

11

Wed

**Aldborough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Oct 11 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Something Crafty: Hands on session with Mavis Smailes. Competition: the best effort. 01423 325013

OCT

14

Sat

**Roecliffe WI @ Roecliffe School**

Oct 14 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

In the Footsteps of Eleanor of Aquitaine with Jan Bell & Margaret Merral . 01423 322335.

OCT

21

Sat

**Autumn Fair & Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Oct 21 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Horsefair, B'bridge YO51 9AH. All welcome.

NOV

8

Wed

**Aldborough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Nov 8 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Yorkshire Heart Vineyard: Chris & Gillian Spakouskas talk about their local vineyard, with wine tasting to follow. Competition: anything made from cork. 01423 325013

NOV

9

Thu

**Games Afternoon @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Nov 9 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Refreshments available. All welcome.

NOV

10

Fri

**Roecliffe WI @ Roecliffe School**

Nov 10 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

AGM & Trash to Pleasure with Chris Powell. 01423 322335.

## Snippets

### Roecliffe Village Fun Day

Roecliffe are hosting a Village Fun Day on Saturday 29th July, 3pm until late. Bring your own BBQ food and picnic. The village will provide tables, chairs, BBQs (from 5pm), salad, etc.

There will be games, rounders, treasure hunt, tug of war, tombola and a Bake Off (Adults Pavlova, Kids Traybake)

All proceeds will go to the cost of trees in the village which need to be felled.

Donations for the tombola should be given to Lisa Daniell.

### Events at Boroughbridge Methodist Church

All events in the Methodist Church Hall

- 15th July - Coffee morning. 10am to 12 noon
  - 5th August - Yorkshire Day lunch 12 to 1.30 pm
  - 16th September - Coffee morning 10am to 12 noon
  - 1st October - Harvest festival in church at 10.30am followed by Harvest lunch
  - 21st October - Autumn fair and coffee morning 10am to 12 noon
  - 9th November - Games afternoon including refreshments 2pm to 4pm
  - 18th November - Coffee morning 10am to 12 noon
- 16th December - Christmas coffee morning 10am to 12 noon



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**Frances McIntosh**

Curator of Roman Collections, English Heritage, Corbridge

**Friday 14 July at 7.30pm in Aldborough Village Hall**

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### BCC Coffee Mornings

Drop-in coffee morning every Friday in the room upstairs at Boroughbridge Library. 10am to 12noon.

Tea/coffee/hot chocolate and biscuits for £1 – refills free. All welcome!

## Folk Evenings

An evening of live music is held on the last Friday of each month at St Wilfrid's Community Centre, Trinity Lane, Ripon. New performers are welcome or just come along and listen. £3 on the door. The next sessions will be on Friday 28th July. Contact Tish on [tishhw@waitrose.com](mailto:tishhw@waitrose.com)

## Matinee Film Club

Would you be interested in a matinee film club at Coronation Hall? There has been a suggestion that we should show some 'old' films in the afternoon. Tea and cakes will be available!

Please contact Jane Barber on 01423 325 808 or e-mail [chair@yorevision.org.uk](mailto:chair@yorevision.org.uk) if you are interested.



## Yore Film Society

### URGENT – do you want a Film Club?

Unless we get some volunteers, there will be no Film Club in the autumn

**Act now if you want the Film Club to continue**

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Lower Ure News?

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Thurs 20 July	Port Sunlight	7.45am	6.00pm	12
Tues 25 July	Scarborough	9.00am	6.00pm	10
Mon 31 July	Preston Park & Museum	9.30am	5.00pm	10
Thurs 3 Aug	Bridlington	9.00am	5.00pm	10
Mon 7 Aug	Whitby	9.00am	5.00pm	10
Thurs 10 Aug	Langlands Garden Centre, Pocklington	10.00am	4.00pm	10
Tues 15 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival/Skipton	9.00am	5.00pm	10
Thurs 17 Aug	Stockton River Cruise	10.00am	5.00pm	25
Mon 21 Aug	Whitby	9.00am	5.00pm	10
Thurs 24 Aug	Bridlington	9.00am	5.00pm	10
Tues 29 Aug	Scarborough	9.00am	5.00pm	10
Mon 4 Sep	Skipton	10.00am	4.00pm	10
Thurs 7 Sep	3 Peaks via Hawes & Settle	9.00am	4.00pm	10
Mon 11 Sep	Whitby	9.00am	5.00pm	10
Thurs 14 Sep	Doncaster Wildlife Park	9.00am	5.00pm	20
Tues 19 Sep	Hexham – Scenic Ride	9.00am	5.00pm	10
Thurs 28 Sep	Blackpool & Illuminations	2.00pm	10.00pm	20
Mon 2 Oct	Boundary Mills, Colne	9.00am	5.00pm	10
Tues 10 OCT	Helmsley/Pickering	10.00am	4.30pm	10
MON 23 OCT	Beverley	9.00am		
TUES 31 OCT	White Rose Shopping Centre, Leeds	10.00am		
Thurs 9 NOV	Metro Centre, Newcastle	10am		

Tues 21 NOV	Monks Cross Shopping	10am		
Sun 3 DEC	Skipton Market	9.30am		
Fri 8 DEC	Lincoln Christmas Market	8am		

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A ONE DAY EVENT EXPLORING THE USE OF STONE AT THE  
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THERE WILL BE **DEMONSTRATIONS OF STONE MASONRY, CARVING AND LETTERING** BY DR DAVID PATON (MASON AND SPECIALIST,) AND DR ROSE FERRABY (CO-DIRECTOR OF THE ALDBOROUGH ROMAN TOWN PROJECT).

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE:

- HOW DIFFERENT STONES AND TOOLS CAN LEAD TO CERTAIN MARKS, EFFECTS OR FINISHES
- HOW STONE MIGHT HAVE BEEN QUARRIED AND WORKED ON SITE TO CREATE THE WALLS OF THE BUILDINGS AND DEFENCES OF THE SITE
- THE SORTS OF SIGHTS AND SOUNDS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PART OF A STONE YARD AT THE ROMAN TOWN.

**FREE TOURS** WILL BE RUNNING AROUND THE SITE THROUGHOUT THE DAY, EXPLORING SOME OF THE RESEARCH INTO STONE AROUND THE VISIBLE REMAINS AS WELL AS THE ARCHAEOLOGY MORE GENERALLY.

THE STONE DEMONSTRATION AND TOURS WILL BE TAKING PLACE AT THE **ENGLISH HERITAGE ALDBOROUGH MUSEUM SITE**. TICKET PRICES FOR THE MUSEUM WILL APPLY. FOR INFORMATION ON DIRECTIONS AND PRICES PLEASE SEE THEIR WEBSITE <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/aldborough-roman-site/>



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