

Lower Ure News

Local News for Boroughbridge and The Lower Ure Valley



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Victorian Picnic Concert



Thursday, July 7

6pm – 9pm

**Aldborough Museum
Grounds**

**– including a guided tour
by Andrew Lawson-
Tancred**

See P4 for more details

Boroughbridge Freeman honoured



Geoff Craggs received the British Empire Medal in the Queen's 90th Birthday Honours List

**'for voluntary service to the
community of Boroughbridge
over a long period'**

See more on P5

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From the Editor:

This month the emphasis is on Boroughbridge is the safest place to live.

Coincidentally John Helliwell has written about our local Safer Neighbourhood Group while NY Trading Standards are calling on households they feel are at risk.

If there are new features you would like included in LUN, please let us know. Would you like a Puzzle Corner, Children's Section, Small Ads ?

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WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS

North Yorkshire Trading Standards have formed a new multi-agency safeguarding team whose primary role is to protect vulnerable adults from financial abuse.

Financial abuse can take many forms but this team is tasked primarily with investigating:

- Doorstep crime
- Distraction burglary
- Scam mail, including prize draw & lottery scams and clairvoyant scams.
- Telephone scams, including investment frauds.
- Investment frauds
- Romance frauds
- Land banking frauds
- Internet frauds targeted at older adults & the vulnerable
- Fraud against vulnerable adults by family and carers

There are simple steps residents can take to protect themselves:

1. Do not engage with cold callers. Politely tell them you are not interested and close the door
2. NEVER give your bank details to anyone calling you on the phone. Your bank or the police will never ask you for account or PIN numbers
3. Ensure your computer has some form of Internet security installed (for example Norton or McAfee) to reduce the likelihood of you falling for an internet scam
4. If you are cold called on the telephone, do not engage with the caller, just put the phone down
5. If in doubt, contact the police on 101

Remember North Yorkshire is a very safe place to live and was recently classed as **the safest place to live in England**. By taking a few careful steps and by looking out for the less able in our community, we can make it safer still.

Andy Fox, Divisional Officer, North Yorkshire Trading Standards

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BOROUGHBRIDGE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Football for all Juniors

Boroughbridge Junior Football Club is starting a disabled team for the coming season and have 11 players and their parents interested so far. For more information, please contact Nigel Charlesworth bjfc2014@gmail.com A wonderful opportunity for those kids have not had the opportunity to play football and be coached before.

Victorian Picnic Concert

Gates open at 6pm
6.15 Guided Tour
7.30 Concert
8.30 Concert Ends
9.00 Gates Close

Tickets are £15 (including entry to the Museum Site)
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FRIENDS OF
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ALDBOROUGH

Roman Costume in Northern England

Alex Croom, Tyne and Wear Museums

Saturday 9th July 2.00pm - Aldborough Village Hall



Alex looks after the archaeology collections of four museums within Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums. "As we look after two Roman Forts, much of the material is Roman in date, but the rest covers everything from Ancient Egypt to industrial archaeology of the late nineteenth century! Needless to say, I am particularly interested in the Romans and love trying to find

out more about their everyday lives."

Author of "Roman Clothing and Fashion" which describes the range and style of clothing worn throughout the Roman Empire, Alex is currently acknowledged as one of the experts on this subject in the country. Her talk will explain the variety of costume that was worn in Northern England and will help to bring the everyday world of the Roman Empire to life.

Cost: Visitors £5.00 (Friends of Roman Aldborough members free)

Geoff Craggs

So much to say – so little space! Geoff was born in Minskip, Boroughbridge on 6 January 1932. He has lived in Boroughbridge all his life apart from 2 years in the RAF as a radar mechanic from 1950 – 1952.

In 1963 he set up his own TV and Electrical company in Boroughbridge and this business, together with 2 other branches in Ripon and Easingwold, is now in the hands of his two sons, John and Stephen, and is still thriving today.

Geoff was awarded the Freedom of Boroughbridge in 2012 for services to the community.

Helped in his many and varied activities by his wife Betty and numerous other people and friends, Geoff is currently President of the BB Branch of the British Legion.

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Events Diary

JUL

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Mon

BCC Minibus Trip @ Windermere/Bowness

Jul 4 @ 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

£12, 01423 324504

JUL

6

Wed

Walking for Health @ Boroughbridge

Jul 6 @ 9:30 am

Join one of our free and friendly short walks today. Every Wednesday meeting outside Boroughbridge library.
www.boroughbridgewalks.org.uk

Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club

Jul 6 @ 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 6 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

'Now Let's Sail to Turkey' More maritime adventures with Tish Hall-Wilkinson. (Please note date!) 01423 325013

JUL

7

Thu

BCC Minibus Trip @ Redcar/Saltburn

Jul 7 @ 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

£9, 01423 324504

Victorian Picnic Concert @ Aldborough Museum

Jul 7 @ 6:00 pm

Bring your own picnic! Entertainment by Hautbois Heritage – Victorian instruments and music, and The Rallentando Trio.
Tour of museum and grounds. Tickets £15, 01423 325808

JUL

8

Fri

Roecliffe WI @ Roecliffe School

Jul 8 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

The Good Life with Maureen Sutcliffe, 01423 322335.

JUL

9

Sat

Friends of Roman Aldborough @ Aldborough Village Hall

Jul 9 @ 2:00 pm

Roman Costume in Northern England – Alex Croom, 01423 325808

JUL

10

Sun

Green Hammerton Country Fayre @ Green Hammerton

Jul 10 @ 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

A spectacular day of entertainment for all the family! Adults £8, children £5, www.greenhammertoncountryfayre.co.uk

JUL

11

Mon

BCC Minibus Trip @ Scarborough

Jul 11 @ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

£9, 01423 324504

JUL

13

Wed

Walking for Health @ Boroughbridge

Jul 13 @ 9:30 am

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Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club

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JUL

18

Mon

BCC Minibus Trip @ Holy Island

Jul 18 @ 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

£12, 01423 324504

JUL

20

Wed

Friends of Roman Aldborough Trip @ Brodsworth Hall

Jul 20 @ 9:00 am

Visit to Brodsworth Hall & Garden Tour – Dan Hale. Minibus available from Aldborough, but please check departure time with the organisers. 01423 325808

Walking for Health @ Boroughbridge

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Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club

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JUL

21

Thu

BCC Minibus Trip @ Bridlington

Jul 21 @ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

£9, 01423 324504

JUL

24

Sun

Aldborough & Boroughbridge Agricultural Show @ Dishforth Airfield

Jul 24 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

A great day out for all the family! Free local bus service from selected villages. Dog classes, equine classes, sheep & cattle, craft tent, ice cream, hog roast, trade stands, family races, boucy castle, vintage parade and much more.
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JUL
27
Wed

Walking for Health @ Boroughbridge

Jul 27 @ 9:30 am

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JUL
28
Thu

BCC Minibus Trip @ Whitby

Jul 28 @ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

£9. 01423 324504

AUG
2
Tue

Kirby Hill WI @ The Coronation Hall

Aug 2 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

'The 8 Limbs of Yoga', Brenda McLaughlin, 01423 320745

AUG
3
Wed

Walking for Health @ Boroughbridge

Aug 3 @ 9:30 am

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AUG
4
Thu

BCC Minibus Trip @ Stockton River Cruise

Aug 4 @ 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

£20, includes 2 course lunch. 01423 324504

AUG
9
Tue

BCC Minibus Trip @ Bridlington

Aug 9 @ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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AUG
10
Wed

Walking for Health @ Boroughbridge

Aug 10 @ 9:30 am

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AUG
14
Sun

Secret Gardens of Boroughbridge

Aug 14 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Single Ticket for entry to all gardens £5. Tickets available on the day from Hall Square, Boroughbridge.

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AUG

15

Mon

BCC Minibus Trip @ Whitby

Aug 15 @ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

£9, 01423 324504

AUG

16

Tue

BCC Minibus Trip @ Burnaby Gardens/Pocklington

Aug 16 @ 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

£11, includes cost of entry. 01423 324504

AUG

17

Wed

Walking for Health @ Boroughbridge

Aug 17 @ 9:30 am

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AUG

23

Tue

BCC Minibus Trip @ Scarborough

Aug 23 @ 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

£9, 01423 324504

AUG

24

Wed

Walking for Health @ Boroughbridge

Aug 24 @ 9:30 am

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AUG

26

Fri

BCC Minibus Trip @ Blyth, Tall Ships

Aug 26 @ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

£9, 01423 324504

AUG

31

Wed

Walking for Health @ Boroughbridge

Aug 31 @ 9:30 am

Join one of our free and friendly short walks today. Every Wednesday meeting outside Boroughbridge library.
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SEP

3

Sat

FORA Open Days @ Aldborough Museum

Sep 3 @ 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tours of the site, led by Friends of Roman Aldborough members. Continues on Sunday 4th. 01423 325808

SEP

6

Tue

Kirby Hill WI @ The Coronation Hall

Sep 6 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

'History of Scarves & Modern Scarf-flying Techniques', GIGI. Harvest & Homemade stall. 01423 320745

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New Project for Historical Society

With the Dog Kennel Lane project completed, Boroughbridge and District Historical Society is now looking at an ambitious new venture, the writing of a book on the history of Boroughbridge. This is something that members have expressed an interest in, and the society would now like local residents to come forward if they would like to be involved in the writing, or if they have any resources that they feel would help with the writing (e.g. old photos, family recollections etc.). Mike Tasker has drawn up a list of possible areas to research and he has agreed to lead on the project. More information is available on the society's website at www.boroughbridgehistory.co.uk

If you feel you would like to investigate any aspect of the history of our town or could be involved in any way, please do get in touch. You do not have to be a member of the society. We must stress that you do not need to be an experienced writer or professional historian to be involved! This is an inclusive venture and anyone with enthusiasm is welcome. For more information, or to get involved, please contact secretary.boroughbridgehistory@gmail.com or 01423 322862.

Thoughts on “Safer Neighbourhoods”



From the point of view of living in safety, the Boroughbridge area is one of the safest in the UK: our crime rate is exceptionally low. There’s a humorous, local view that it’s all down to PC Neil Waite, our popular and well-respected guardian of law and order (who is not far from retirement, by the way!); but that’s only true in part....

No one knows why Boroughbridge is a haven of peace and tranquillity compared with many other towns.

One contributory factor is perhaps an effective Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG).

“What’s SNG?” It’s a group of people, including representatives of the police, fire service, neighbourhood watch and the local councils, who meet twice a year to mull over issues of law and order. The SNG is currently chaired by County Councillor, Nick Brown, strongly backed by secretary, Jim Bolland, and meets in the Jubilee Room

You may take the view that merely talking about crime is unlikely to deter local, would-be criminals (there *are* some, by the way; but they tend to maintain a low profile). However, support for the police and getting together to discuss “issues” of law and order is a significant factor in a community which, for most of the time, is law-abiding *by consent*

The key, current priorities of North Yorkshire Police are:

- Rural crime – combatting crime which affects farms; mainly theft of machinery and stock
- Technology – which focuses on use of cameras (yes, drivers *hate* them, but it works!)
- Vulnerability – safeguarding children from abuse; not what one might expect, perhaps, but a comment on a serious social problem which also includes cybercrime, all too obvious from reports in the media

Police numbers are on the *increase*. The police were expecting 40% “cuts” but, since the Paris terrorist attacks, there has been considerable investment in recruiting. There are, for example, nationally many more armed officers, especially in London; but even in North Yorkshire there are now eight officers who are fire-arms specialists

A final point: *anyone* can attend the meetings of the SNG; you don’t have to be a police officer or local councillor. If you are concerned about any issue which touches on safety or law and order, please feel free to attend and have your say; you’d be most welcome

John Helliwell



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‘Transports of Delight’ by Sylvia Foxton

Local author, Sylvia Foxton, has seen the sun rise over Machu Picchu and set over the Himalayas; set foot on Easter Island -- the Falklands (twice), and visited the cell where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated. Accommodation has included a grim basement in Berlin last occupied by the Gestapo, and a tent in the bush when the only protection from any marauding lion or straying hippopotamus seemed to be an Askari warrior with a bow and arrow!

The book costs £10. P&P £3 extra. For more details, please contact

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The Red Kite

After an absence of many decades The Red Kite is now seen frequently in the skies over many parts of Yorkshire. It's an elegant bird, soaring on long wings with its long forked tail twisting as it changes direction.



Both Buzzards and Red Kites are raptors which use their broad wings for soaring and as such are not immediately distinguishable if only seen occasionally. Red Kites are larger than Buzzards with longer wings and the characteristic long forked tail that makes them so agile in flight. Apart from the

usual weight difference the sexes are similar. **John Harding's photograph** shows a Red Kite from below – the most common view we get!

Adult red kites are sedentary birds, and each nesting territory can contain up to five nest sites. Both males and females build the nest using twigs with a lining of grass or other vegetation. They typically add sheep's wool, which they collect along with other unusual items such as pieces of plastic and sometimes even items of clothing: they are true kleptomaniacs! These plastic pieces can have dire consequences though, as they can form a waterproof membrane in the nest, causing pooling of water and failure of eggs or death of the young.

Red kites eat mainly carrion, being too weak-footed to kill any prey much bigger than a small rabbit. They also feed on chicks, small mammals and invertebrates such as beetles and earthworms, particularly in spring. They hunt by flying low over open country, using their forked tails to steer. Live prey is usually caught by surprise rather than speed, although they do sometimes make fast, twisting chases.

Red kites are the closest bird we have to a vulture in Britain, and as scavengers, are particularly susceptible to poisoning. Illegal poison baits set for foxes or crows are indiscriminate and kill protected birds and other animals.

Red Kites were shot and poisoned until, by the end of the 19th century, they had disappeared from England and Scotland.

The very successful Yorkshire Red Kite Project was the fifth in the sequence and began at Harewood Estate in 1999 with 68 birds from the Chilterns being relocated. Keep your eyes peeled, report sightings on Birdtrack in the British Trust for Ornithology's website, or via the Yorkshire Red Kite website? Mike Gray



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