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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Our old friends and closest; Otley.

Nobut a stone's throw away are our nearest and dearest rivals, Otley.

Many thanks to Sheffield last week who contributed to a superb weekend of rugby. What a good month. Three wins out of four; third in the table or as a certain Scottish Sage has said elsewhere "we are top of the 'proper' rugby clubs, with only the financially incontinent Leeds and Rotherham above us".

We don't need a Christmas Derby to get geared up to play Otley and we are not going to get one. The "Powers that be" have decided that Wharfedale are closer to Rotherham than Otley!

Last season Otley won both fixtures with Wharfedale. They won both matches by a single point. Both games were highly entertaining. This was the season when Dale seemed to be losing games because of the ref's interpretation of the law and giving the opposition penalty kicks in front of the posts to allow them to win! The match at the Avenue was well won after a hard fought encounter; at Cross Green a Dale victory was taken away from them by decisions. All we want is a fair and honest playing field, consistency and good communication from officials to players and spectators.

Last week's results included wins for the newly promoted sides although neither side scored a try. Lymm beat Fylde 15-14 despite conceding two tries. Today's opponents lost to Billingham 10 points to 12. Otley scored the only try of the game but Billingham got the ball over the bar 4 times to win!

Otley, apart from the Billingham affair, have been involved in high scoring matches with an average of 7.5 tries per game, Dale's matches have averaged 6.6 tries per match. It promises to be a ding-dong affair with some cracking open rugby.

NB. A lot of comments at the Avenue last weekend – Who can remember the last time we beat Fylde being the basis for the comments. Our memories are not that good as the records show that we won at the Avenue in September 2018.

From the match report "It still took a moment of magic to break down the Fylde defence. Oli Cicognini's dance through and round tackles would have brought admiration on Strictly and he touched down under the posts. The Cico two-step took him past six Fylde players with hardly anybody able to grab hold of him. Blakeney-Edwards slotted the easiest of conversions to put Dale back into the lead at half time by one point". The second-half was a hard-fought pointless affair so Dale won 14-13.



James Coulton crashing through 3 tacklers to secure the victory last week against Sheffield

Opinion warning:

Readers should be aware that this organ may contain something which resembles an opinion. The Wharfedale club wishes to point out that it is the view of this week's editor, **Ed Williams** and not necessarily that of the club itself.

Cover photo:

Another excellent Gaudie break.

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A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out over last weekend's centenary celebration (including those not photographed).

Despite some horrendous weather, a great weekend was had by all with some fantastic rugby on display over the two days. Along with a fantastic, if nail biting, first team exhibition, it was great to see the limelight being shared by our other teams with some exciting sport on show in every game played.



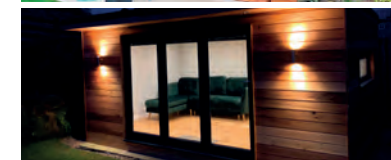
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Moore Family Law is the brainchild of Fiona Moore who started the firm in 2013, having worked in Skipton for many years before. Perfectly located round the corner from the Court and at the end of the High Street Car Park, the side wall is used as a canvas to display the brand. Fortunately, Fiona's Dad's sign writing background came in handy to push the size of the sign to its limits!

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Wharfedale holds a special place in Fiona's heart, growing up just down the valley in Bolton Abbey. Fiona and family have many fond memories of watching family and friends playing at Wharfedale and son Struan, having played at Skipton (booo), Otley and Leeds Carnegie. Struan had a short stint at Wharfedale but seems to have hung up his boots for the foreseeable. Fiona blames the male family members' funny looks, bumps, scars, and wonky limbs on rugby but is sure they would not have it any other way!

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Well, I've been given the honour of coaching this year's U7's.

This year we only have 8 kids in U7's, many of whom had never touched a rugby ball before they started a month ago, but they are already showing great potential, some even running in the right direction, as anyone who has had the honour of coaching U7's will know, some days it's like herding cats!

Fortunately, this year, as numbers are on the low side, we have been training with the U8's and this has been great for the U7's, as they not only get helped along by the U8's but also get Rob Baldwin leading the coaching rather than me!

I'm looking forward to our first game tomorrow, which is against Keighley here at Wharfedale and seeing how they grow and develop through the season.

Simon Butcher



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As promised an article regarding our walkie talkie sponsors but first and just as important we are sponsoring Simon Borrill!

We paid Alex Howarth £180 (inc VAT) for The Car Parkers to sponsor Simon Borrill. I hasten to add this is £30 from each of the 6 strong car parking team and not from takings collected on Saturday before the gatemmen arrived!! Alex will testify to that!!

I am not sure if you are aware but Bob Kendall, Mick Egan and myself (Rob Charlton) are all on Grassington Parish Council. The other car parkers are:- David Pye, David Budd and Ian Moulding. Those 3 along with myself also help Adrian out on a Friday morning with grass cutting, white lining etc.

You will be aware that filming has taken place for the last 4 years of All Creatures Great and Small as chairman of the PC I have been in close contact with Deborah Morgan the main producer of the last series. It transpired that her husband Andrew is Managing Director of AudioLink, a radio communication company. They are the largest

provider of walkie talkies in the UK. Via Deborah I contacted Andrew and he has agreed to loan us 4 walkie talkies for the season. This is free of charge and an amazing loan as they are very expensive pieces of equipment.

Rob Charlton

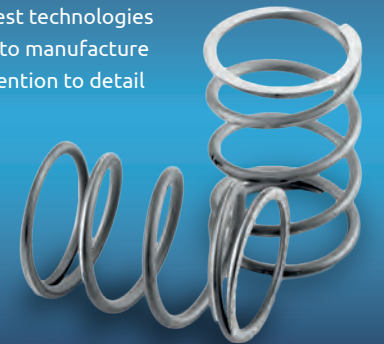


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THE RUGBY WORLD CUP

Many of the Faithful know that your regular scribe was absent from duty for most of September. Many thanks to John Clark and Simon Ravens for stepping in and doing an excellent job. I was indeed donning my Welsh colours, siarad Cymraeg and dragging Brenda (willingly) to the group stages. I was asked by the Yorkshire Times to do some reporting and they actually gave me the title of "International Rugby Correspondent" (My pay was quadrupled ie £0x4).

The following are extracts from what was published – all the articles and photos can be viewed online at yorkshiretimes.co.uk. They have covered our matches for some years now and do a superb

job with pictures and quotes.

9th September Faith and Quinell in Bordeaux

I am writing this in my hotel in Bordeaux having flown over Friday morning with a group of fellow Welshmen. The mood was moderately confident without being jubilant.

We are in Bordeaux for the Wales game against Fiji on Sunday night. The mood picked up quite considerably when quite a few of the gang met up at a nearby bar to meet up with Scott Quinell. Scott raised the spirits considerably. In the same hotel are Georgians and Irish supporters and we will be gathering at the Sports Bar again tonight to watch France vs New

Zealand.



Ed Williams meeting Scott Quinell

The World Cup as far as the other teams go is an open affair. Most supporters here are saying that there are three main teams in the running to be champions - Ireland,

France and South Africa. Many differing opinions on which of the three will triumph.

Scotland are probably the strongest of the other home nations but have a very tough group to get out of; they could do it. England need to get some shape but should be able to make progress from a tame group. A loss to Argentina could still mean that they could qualify. Wales's ambition to reach the quarter-finals could be halted by any of three other teams in their group; Fiji, Australia and Georgia. If Wales don't beat Portugal your scribe has promised to have his hair bleached.

Never, of course, write off the All Blacks, with Argentina and Australia capable of creating waves.

17th September It's nice in Nice

Having watched Fiji dismantle Australia yesterday which made the next game for Wales a must, must win, we were treated to an inspired English performance.

I can say that because we were at an event with Jamie Roberts and Ross Harries on the beach and only watched the second half of England vs Japan. Never take things for granted but I think England are in the quarters; Wales however still have work to do.

If you believe in the domino effect ie Wales beat Fiji x Fiji beat Australia = Wales must beat Australia. Nice in theory but we won't be in Nice for the game we shall be in Lyon!

We spent some time at the Rugby Village before our 'Sundowner'

event and bumped into the Gaudie family

The photo is Will Gaudie (brother of Nat 2's Greatest Scrum-half who plays for Wharfedale) with a Japanese fan. The Japanese were in Nice in good numbers and good spirits and, as always, very polite – really good to see them.



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Lyon 25th September
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A tired but elated group of Welsh supporters survived the journey back to the hotel. Local transport closed down leaving many people facing a long walk but nobody cared. The Aussies were tucked up in bed having left the stadium in droves as the humiliation was heaped upon them.

As a group of supporters, we set off just over two weeks ago in hope, with little expectation. Now the buzz is the Quarter Finals and even beyond. Gatland has worked wonders; nearly everything that Wales tried worked whereas Australia were woeful – even Barnes couldn't help them and he soon became a bit player in a drama of almost total Welsh dominance.



2 wallabies!

Hats off to the Aussie supporters who stayed until the end, they got the warm embrace of rugby folk as the winners and losers faced each other in respect. The ones who left early were waved away as if being dismissed as naughty children.

England, Ireland and now Wales seem to have booked their places in the knock-out stage and there is still a chance that Scotland could join them. So much for the experts who have said that the Northern Hemisphere teams will not stand a chance.

And now the flight home and dreams of joining up again in Paris!

Back home now and basking in Wharfedale's success. Looking at how to get tickets for the Final; dreaming that Wales might, just might, go all the way! Dreaming is all that might happen even if they do make it; Flights, Leeds to Paris – no problem; Hotel – our favourite hotel on the rue de Rivoli – no problem; Tickets – only package I could find was a hospitality package costing £3,900 each!!!!

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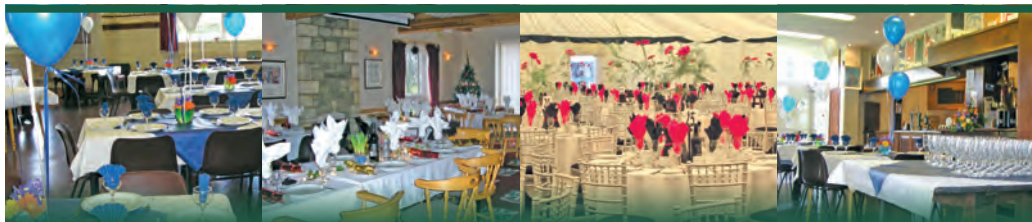
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19 Aug 23	Chester	Friendly	Home	L	12 - 14
26 Aug 23	Blackburn	Friendly	Away	W	24 - 33
02 Sep 23	Lymm	N2N	Away	W	21 - 22
09 Sep 23	Rotherham	N2N	Home	L	19 - 34
16 Sep 23	Tynedale	N2N	Away	W	22 - 24
23 Sep 23	Fylde	N2N	Home	W	27 - 26
30 Sep 23	Sheffield	N2N	Home	W	33 - 25
07 Oct 23	Otley	N2N	Home	-	-
14 Oct 23	Hull Ionians	N2N	Away	-	-
21 Oct 23	TBC			-	-
28 Oct 23	TBC			-	-
04 Nov 23	Hull	N2N	Home	-	-
11 Nov 23	Leeds Tykes	N2N	Away	-	-
18 Nov 23	Sheffield Tigers	N2N	Home	-	-
25 Nov 23	Preston Grass'	N2N	Away	-	-
02 Dec 23	Billingham	N2N	Home	-	-
09 Dec 23	Huddersfield	N2N	Away	-	-
16 Dec 23	Rotherham	N2N	Away	-	-
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30 Mar 24	TBC			-	-
06 Apr 24	Billingham	N2N	Away	-	-
13 Apr 24	Huddersfield	N2N	Home	-	-
20 Apr 24	TBC			-	-
27 Apr 24	Lymm	N2N	Home	-	-

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2 Rotherham	5	5	0	0	195	87	23
3 Wharfedale	5	4	0	1	125	128	18
4 Fylde	5	2	1	2	139	121	16
5 Hull	5	3	0	2	141	128	15
6 Sheffield Tigers	5	2	1	2	152	111	15
7 Billingham	5	3	0	2	98	125	14
8 Sheffield	5	2	0	3	142	131	13
9 Lymm	5	2	0	3	120	143	12
10 Hull Ionians	5	2	0	3	123	173	11
11 Preston Grass'	5	2	0	3	129	171	10
12 Otley	5	1	0	4	120	132	9
13 Huddersfield	5	1	0	4	116	224	6
14 Tynedale	5	0	0	5	122	153	6

Today's Fixtures National League Division Two North

Billingham	v	Hull Ionians
Lymm	v	Sheffield
Preston Grass'	v	Hull
Rotherham	v	Fylde
Sheffield Tigers	v	Leeds Tykes
Tynedale	v	Huddersfield
Wharfedale	v	Otley

League Fixtures/Results 2023/2024 National League Division Two North



	Billingham	Fylde	Huddersfield	Hull	Hull Ionians	Leeds Tykes	Lymm	Otley	Preston Grasshoppers	Rotherham	Sheffield	Sheffield Tigers	Tynedale	Wharfedale
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Fylde	32-26	-	04 Nov	02 Dec	23 Mar	13 Apr	14-15	18 Nov	16 Dec	10 Feb	09 Mar	26-26	14 Oct	20 Jan
Huddersfield	25 Nov	24 Feb	-	12-49	31-39	10-52	16 Dec	06 Apr	11 Nov	20 Jan	16 Mar	14 Oct	10 Feb	09 Dec
Hull	14 Oct	06 Apr	13 Jan	-	25-30	20 Jan	11 Nov	27 Apr	10 Feb	16 Mar	09 Dec	24-18	25 Nov	24 Feb
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Leeds Tykes	24 Feb	21 Oct	27 Jan	41-11	13 Jan	-	16 Mar	31-18	14 Oct	25 Nov	27 Apr	10 Feb	06 Apr	11 Nov
Lymm	13 Apr	27 Jan	41-48	09 Mar	04 Nov	18 Nov	-	17 Feb	02 Dec	13 Jan	07 Oct	23 Mar	33-26	21-22
Otley	10-12	16 Mar	02 Dec	27-32	13 Apr	16 Dec	14 Oct	-	20 Jan	24 Feb	25 Nov	24-31	11 Nov	10 Feb
Preston Grasshoppers	16 Mar	27-41	09 Mar	07 Oct	27 Jan	17 Feb	06 Apr	26-41	-	09 Dec	13 Jan	04 Nov	27 Apr	25 Nov
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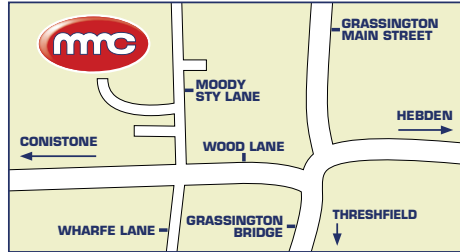


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Date	Opponents	Comp	Venue	W/L	Results
12 Aug 23					
19 Aug 23	Chester	Friendly	H		Cancelled
26 Aug 23					
02 Sep 23					
09 Sep 23	Scunthorpe	Merit	H	W	50 - 10
16 Sep 23	Tynedale	Merit	A	L	54 - 12
23 Sep 23					
30 Sep 23	Sheffield	Merit	H	L	17 - 21
07 Oct 23					
14 Oct 23					
21 Oct 23	Driffield	League	H		
28 Oct 23	Hull Ionians	Friendly	A		
04 Nov 23					
11 Nov 23	Heath	Merit	H		
18 Nov 23	Sheffield Tigers	Merit	H		
25 Nov 23	Preston Grass'	Friendly	A		
02 Dec 23	Billingham	Merit	H		
09 Dec 23	Heath	Merit	A		
16 Dec 23					
26 Dec 23	North Ribblesdale	Friendly	H		
30 Dec 23					
06 Jan 24					
13 Jan 24	Tynedale	Merit	H		
20 Jan 24	Fylde	Friendly	A		
27 Jan 24	Sheffield	Merit	A		
03 Feb 24	Driffield	Merit	A		
10 Feb 24					
17 Feb 24	Hull Ionians	Friendly	H		
24 Feb 24	Clitheroe 1st XV	Friendly	A		
02 Mar 24					
09 Mar 24					
16 Mar 24	Sheffield Tigers	Merit	A		
23 Mar 24	Scunthorpe	Merit	A		
30 Mar 24					
06 Apr 24	Billingham	Merit	A		
13 Apr 24	Huddersfield	Friendly	H		
20 Apr 24	League Semi-Final	Merit	TBA		
29 Apr 24	League Final	Merit	TBA		

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Yorkshire League Merit Tables

Premiership 2023-2024

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Billingham 2	2	2	0	0	56	36	10
2 Alnwick 2	2	2	0	0	29	10	10
3 Sandal 2	3	3	0	0	110	68	12
4 Driffield 2	3	2	0	1	106	103	12
5 Sheffield 2	4	3	0	1	89	68	15
6 Heath 2	3	2	0	1	83	60	11
7 Tynedale Raiders 2	2	1	0	1	78	44	7
8 Wharfedale 2	3	1	0	2	79	85	8
9 Sheffield Tigers 2	3	0	0	3	75	95	7
10 Ilkley 2	4	1	0	3	47	102	7
11 Scunthorpe 2	3	0	0	3	30	97	4
12 York 2	2	0	0	2	24	38	-1

Cath Harrison Trophy 2023-24

	P	W	D	L	F	A	%
1 1st XV	8	5	0	3	189	207	62.50
2 Foresters	3	1	0	1	79	85	33.33
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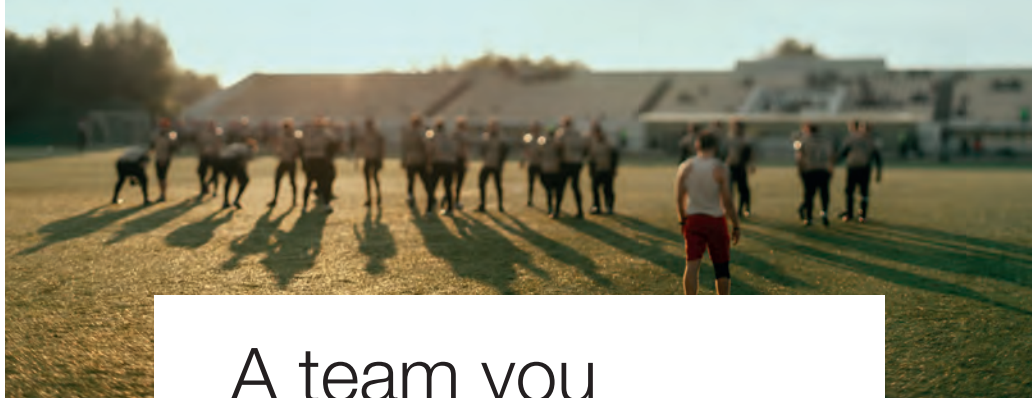
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	£20	139	John Sykes
	£10	144	Bob Davis
August	£40	2	John Spencer
	£20	30	Karen Greenwood
	£10	152	Gordon Brown
September	£100	103	Bob Mavir
	£40	116	Janet Fewster
	£20	52	Peter Aram
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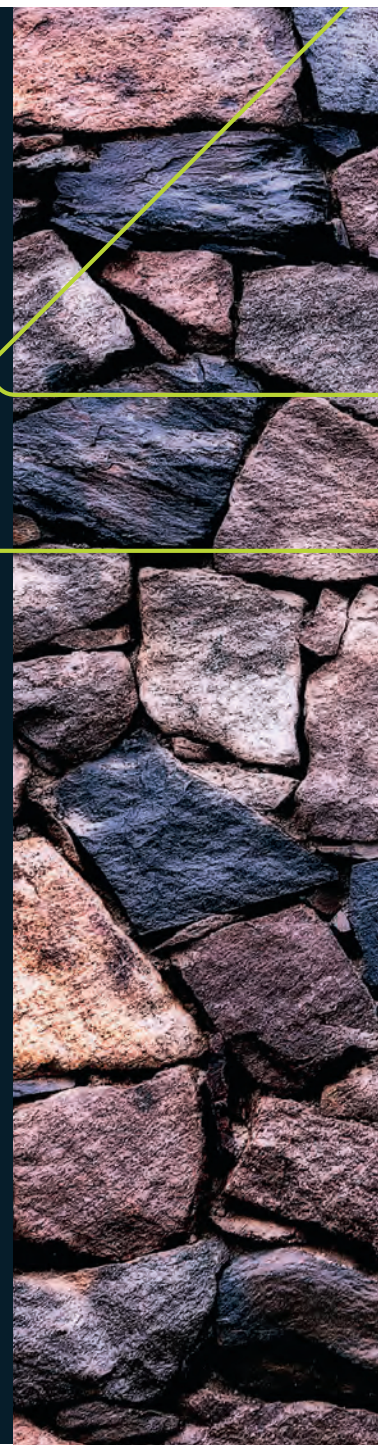
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Llyr was rapidly in demand at both home and abroad and has refereed numerous Premiership matches on Sky Sports and ESPN. He also refereed in the Women's Six Nations Tournament, including Wales v Spain, and France v Scotland, but says his biggest games involved being appointed as reserve referee for some of England's full internationals. These included England v Samoa, and England v South Africa.

He has refereed several times at Twickenham, which he claims was a 'fantastic experience,' and appeared in front of the notorious "Shed" at Gloucester. He now appears in front of the "shed" down the Avenue!



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