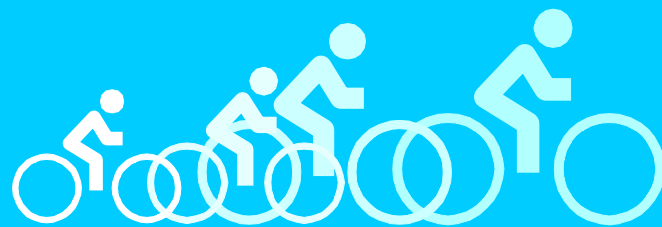


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Summer Events Programme

As always the summer promises to be a busy time for WDCF. Our Nostell Holiday Wednesdays continue over the summer holidays and we have been invited to attend a number of village events from Outwood to Crofton.

Volunteers are needed for all these events. See inside for more details.

Cycle Forum Half-Year Meeting
Thursday 18th October
Wakefield Town Hall
6.45 pm

Our October meeting will give you the chance to catch up on the work of the Forum and have your say about how we should progress. Come along and join in.

News Roundup

Bike Doctor drop in sessions

Bike Doctor drop-in sessions continue on the third Sunday of the month. (None in August or December)

The coming sessions are:

Sunday 16th September, Anglers Country Park, 11 am till 1 pm

Sunday 14th October, Anglers Country Park, 11 am till 1 pm

Sunday 18th November, Anglers Country Park, 11 am till 1 pm

Booking is not required for these sessions.



Basic Bike Maintenance Class

Our last maintenance class this year will take place:

Sunday 14th October, 1 till 3 pm, Anglers Country Park

Booking is required for this Class. To book email info@cycling-wakefield.org.uk

John Harvey Ride



The inaugural ride in memory of our greatest of volunteers, John Harvey, turned out to be a roaring success. Over 30 riders turned up at Castleford Mill to remember him at his favourite venue.

The ride was led by John's long-time collaborator at Cas Mill, David Leigh, and it was one of his legendary rides to Temple Newsam. The photo on our front page was taken when the merry crowd of riders stopped there and it is obvious that they were having a good time.



Anglers Barriers

Our last newsletter reported the erection of barriers at the Stantingley Lane entrance to Anglers Country Park. Unfortunately, despite many people sending in protest emails the erection went ahead. The photo shows the finished project.

If you have good bike skills and a suitable mountain bike you are unlikely to be deterred by the horse step-over and it certainly will not deter off-road motorbikes or quad bikes.



Unfortunately they are proving a barrier to the unfit, aged and those with special needs.

Workday Report

In our last newsletter we reported the work we were doing on laying a new path through the woods on the Nostell Estate near the Brickworks in Nostell. That work is now complete, and we have to thank our friends at Open Country for coming along for one of our days to help us finish the task. The ageing volunteers of the cycle forum usually only work for around 2 to 2 ½ hours before retiring to the café for an all-day breakfast. The 'youngsters' from Open Country, however, think a day consists of more than this and so we had to carry on till 3.30 in the afternoon. Fortunately, none of the Forum volunteer suffered serious consequences from the 'long' day.

The photo shows some of our volunteers with Ella Dixon, Open Country's 'Wild about Wakefield' Project Officer.

The new path has been a little bit of a victim of the hot weather which seems to have stopped the surface from properly firming up. In fact there are a number of paths which seem to be suffering and where the surface has become a little loose. So be careful out there.

The workgroup has also completed its annual clean-up on the 'cut-through' path between B&Q and the railway in Glasshoughton. This is a really handy wee path which is now easy to navigate.



If you want to come and help us in our work to improve the cycling infrastructure in Wakefield District email us at info@cyclling-wakefield.org.uk



Castleford to Wakefield Greenway

In the last couple of newsletters we have reported the progress being made on the Castleford to Wakefield Greenway which had its most exciting addition in March with the fabulous Methley Bridge to Fairies Hill section.

Unfortunately the section at the Wakefield end between Chantry Bridge and Fall Ings Locks (The red line in the photo) remains unsurfaced and almost impassable at some times in the year.

We hope we can put this right next month with a mega workday, organised in conjunction with Wakefield Council.



We need all the volunteers we can muster as this is a long stretch to do with volunteers.

The Big Workday
10 am Saturday 8th September
Chantry Bridge, Wakefield

There will be a follow-up day with volunteers from Open Country:

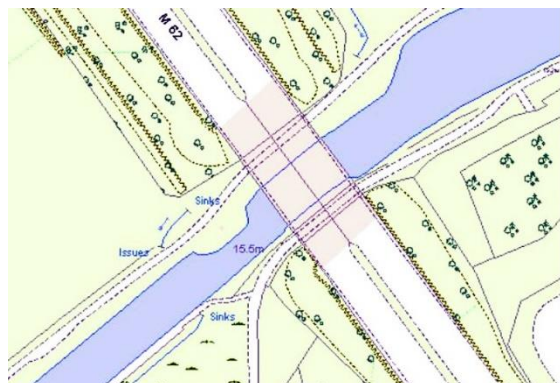
Open Country Workday
10.00 am Tuesday 11th September
Chantry Bridge, Wakefield

If you can help on either of these days let us know at info@cyclings-wakefield.org.uk

To follow on from these workdays we will be working on other sections of the Greenway to make improvements where the track has become damaged. The first of these will be:

Monday 20th August 2018, 10am till 1pm.

End of Lock Lane of Church Road Altofts (parking on site available)



Summer Cycle Events

Our cycle skills course and short rides round the grounds continue to be attractions for families visiting Nostell during the school holidays.

Nostell Holiday Wednesdays (set up from 10 am)

Every Wednesday during the school holidays

Wednesday 1st August 11 till 3

Wednesday 8th August 11 till 3

Wednesday 15th August 11 till 3

Wednesday 22nd August 11 till 3

Wednesday 29th August 11 till 3



Village Fundays (set up from 10am)

We will be taking our skills course to a number of events at communities across the district during August.



Thursday 2nd August 11 till 3 Outwood Park Funday, off Ledger Lane Outwood. Car parking available.

Thursday 9th August 11 till 3 Crofton Family Fun Day The Sidings off B6378 Shay Lane Crofton. Car parking available.

Thursday 16th August 11 till 3 Outwood Park Funday, off Ledger Lane Outwood. Car parking available.

Tuesday 28th August 11 till 3 Havercroft and Ryhill Family Fun Day Community Centre, Mulberry Place, off B6428. Car Parking available.

Volunteers are needed for all of these events. Why not come along and help. Get in touch at info@cyclling-wakefield.org.uk

