



Heroes of Wharfedale

Mr Earl is a site manager. He stated that without his colleague Mr Holmes he wouldn't be able to do his job. We asked this unseen hero what he does at Upper Wharfedale School; he said he does all repairs, breakages, anything electrical and keeps everything in order. He has done this for five years. In a typical day, the first thing he does is check the swimming pool to make sure it's in order. He walks around the school to attend to all the small jobs to be done. We asked him if he could improve anything in school, what would he improve? He said he wishes the school had more money to spend on projects.

We found **Mrs Willets** busy working on activities week in the sports hall with our year nines, eights and sevens, where she was extremely busy and could only answer a few questions. The first question was: 'what is your role at Upper Wharfedale School?' And she stated that she's the P.E teacher. She said that she has taught over 3,500 students including primary school pupils and all the students who study at Upper Wharfedale School. One of her greatest moments at this school was when she and a handful of year elevens won the White Rose Series Competition. Winning this rugby competition was 'one of the biggest achievements' of her career. Mrs Willets stated that she is going to miss 'certain' children and groups.

Next we interviewed Mrs Stoker about her time at Upper Wharfedale...

Q. What's your new school called?

A. West Craven High School and Colne Primet Academy. I am Director of Learning for both.

Q. What's your most embarrassing moment at school?

A. I fell on a pupil in drama class. I was doing body blocking and mock fighting. I accidentally straddled and then fell on a pupil! It was a poor yr. 10 boy. He was never the same afterwards!

Q. Will you miss this school and why?

A. I will really miss this school. I have learned as much as I have taught at this school. It was a new experience for me, new culture, new accent, new traditions and most importantly a new friends. Before I came to this school I had never met a farmer or knew what shooting was. I hadn't really thought about how we got food before.

Q. In leaving the school which pupils have meant the most to you and what do you wish for the future?

A. When I first came to this school I taught a group of Yr 11 boys and they were hard to control and manage. When I did it made me feel good about myself. Also I have enjoyed teaching my current Yr 8s and watching them grow with confidence and skill. I wish the school all the best for the future. However it would be good if the teachers introduced Ecosia and scrapped Google. If we let students know a bit more about it, it will be a lot better for the environment.

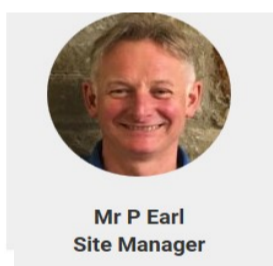
Q. What has boosted your career the most?

A. Probably working with children with special needs. I had never done quite so much before, so it has given me confidence & experience.

We interviewed the head teacher of Upper Wharfedale School, **Mr Taylor**, who took time out of his busy schedule to talk to us. We asked him how does he feel about the school getting outstanding in all areas and what message would he give to the students. He responded that he is delighted! He said that the school has been outstanding for a while and I know that it is difficult to show the inspectors in two days to show how good a school we are. Ofsted saw that. He stated how proud he is of his students.

The plans he has for the future of the school is that we are going to continue to focus on progress and that I want all pupils to come out as well rounded young people. We continued to ask about the changes in the near future. He said that this year we had over 180 applications and 71 new people are starting in September and if this carries on in 5 years' time there will be an extra 60 new students. Thanks to the whole school community; we celebrate this great achievement!

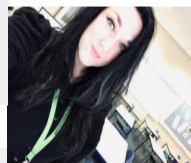
The last interview was with **Mrs Baker**, who has worked at our school for twelve-thirteen years. We asked her how she feels about the school getting outstanding in our Ofsted report and she feels proud: the school deserves it. She has had several best moments such as being a part of Activities Week and when she used to meet students in the working place.



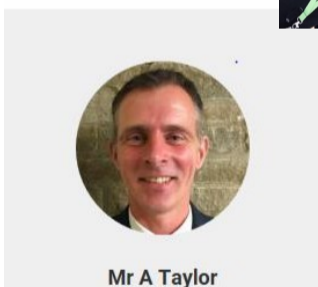
Mr P Earl
Site Manager



Mrs L Baker



Mrs J Willets



Mr A Taylor

Answers: 1) Nothing I have to go back tomorrow. 2)The library because it has the most stories. 3) By using a ruler. 4) Don't look I'm about to change. 5) It wanted to be a smartie.! Riddle answers: A coffin, A stamp, A candle, Paper.

Ofsted inspection appreciated!

Last Month, Ofsted inspected the school and judged it Outstanding. The verdict was very positive and was made possible with the tremendous support and enthusiasm shown by the students and teachers alike.

"The head teacher, supported by governors, leaders and staff, has developed an exceptional learning culture within the school, where effort and endeavour are highly valued"

"Teachers use their excellent subject knowledge to plan learning that will challenge pupils, capture their interests and meet their differing learning needs. They use questioning skilfully to check pupils' understanding and deepen their learning."

Sad to see you go!

In September 2019, three of our privileged teachers will be leaving us and to say farewell to them, our news team have written a few words!

Mrs Willets: On a trampoline, she soars like dancing birds, When we think of her, 'patient' and 'calm' are the words that spring to mind. What a teacher! - Helpful and Kind

Mrs Baker: Mrs Baker, Helpful and fair, Typing, Dashing, Tapping. Absolutely the best teacher.

Mrs Stoker: Clad in leopard print and black, A dark sense of humour that others lack, Killer heels and Essex voice, Mrs Stoker's a brilliant choice.

Riddles

Who makes it, has no need of it. Who buys it, has no use for it. Who uses it, can neither see nor feel it. What is it?

What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

You can drop me from the tallest building and I'll be fine. But if you drop me in water I die. What am I?

Jokes

What did you learn in school today?

What is the world's tallest building?

How do you get straight As?

What did the traffic light say to the cars.?

Why did the M & M go to school?

Ecosia is a free browser which may just blow your mind.

Every 45 searches, a tree is planted. This increases massively every day. Right now there are over 60 million trees planted by the engine. It also keeps a search record and a tree-plant count up. We want to make this the default school browser, as it would greatly help the environment. In the making of this paper, the whole crew has used Ecosia for the search engine specifically.

The Wharfedaily Gazette uses Ecosia to research its information for all our stories.



We used this because the more things you search, the more trees you plant. We planted about 3 trees.

Wild Water Week!

This week 44 students and 4 members of staff travelled 24 hours to Ardeche. The students paid £800 to take part in water sport activities in the scorching sun. Some of the water sport activities, included Banana boating, Paddle boarding, Joy boats, a waterpark and kayaking.

After the exhausting and gossip filled journey, the students were relaxing in their rooms and soaking up the overwhelming feeling of the exciting action packed schedule that was yet to come. Kicking their inclusive holiday off to a start, the students and teachers didn't hesitate to get in their rooms and look at the gorgeous view outside of their balcony.

"The weather has been extremely hot and our only objective is not to lose any children and to have fun!" said Miss Kidd.

Students will be exploring the landscape and travelling up and down the river on a kayak. The staff were in high spirits and took any opportunity to tease Mr Heaviside.

We look forward to welcoming back the staff and students in 8 days time!

Students Delve Into The Unknown

A group of students from One night, when Tom Lee Upper Wharfedale School was drunk, he confessed his strolled up to Grass Woods, crimes to his servant. Tom to discover more about the Lee's servant told the haunting tale of Tom Lee. authorities everything and Lee had to hide in a near-by cave. This cave is now called Tom Lee's Cave.

Although the journey was wet, it was an educational one all the same. The story of Tom Lee still remains one of the lesser known legends of the Dale.

He was put in the dungeons of Skipton Castle and eventually hanged.

The story is that in 1766, Tom Lee was out betting in the middle of the night in the near village of Kettlewell. It is believed that Grassington's welcome sign marks the spot of the hanging.

In those days, betting was frowned upon. The bet was on cock-fighting, and Doctor Petty, who Lee was betting against, won a lot of money.

Petty was buried in Burnsall churchyard.

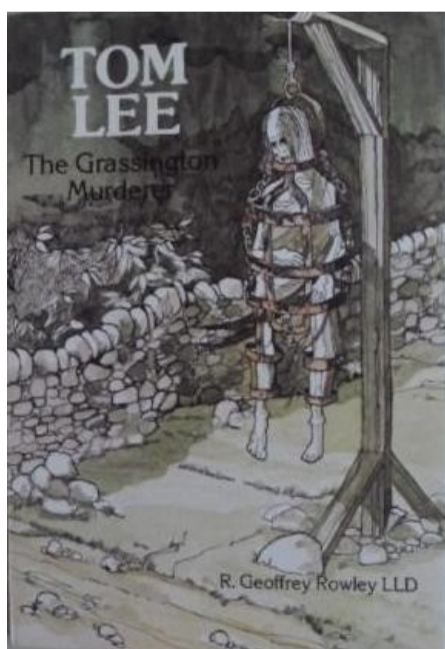
He was already rich at the time from his job and earned more than he needed.

After the bet, Lee was angry and murdered Petty. He dumped the body in Grass Woods and quickly and quietly buried it.

Petty was declared missing and life went on. Later, Lee was arrested but set free because of the lack of evidence.

Over a two year period, Lee got scared, so him and his wife dug up the body and threw it in the river.

Unfortunately for them, the body washed up in another village, called Burnsall, and the Vicar found it.



The journey of UWS' Walk!

A handful of students went for a walk to Tom Lee's cave. As they were on their journey, they stopped and decided to stack rocks. This represented them marking their place. Some people said it was like all the different lies that have been told about Tom Lee. Others said it was like the journey of Tom Lee's life.

Later in the day, the students went to Grassington Woods and placed a plastic tube in two different places. This was done to represent that the students were walking in Tom Lee's footsteps.

The students also went and saw Doctor Petty's bath. The reason this is called The Doctor's bath because it is believed that Doctor Petty's body had floated in this part of the river. Doctor Petty's



bath is a plunge pool; it is dangerous because that part of the river is ice cold and can send your heart into shock.



High points of the year.... So far

Legally Blonde - We'd like to thank everyone who took part in the latest school musical, which was the most ambitious one the school has ever done! The play was very successful and the rehearsals certainly paid off. Many thanks to all the actors involved, especially the year 11s who have left now, to Miss Kidd who made the musical possible, and all the other members of staff who gave up their free time for the musical.

DofE - This year some of the year 9s and 10s are getting their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. This entails partaking in either 3 or 6 months of voluntary work, skills and physical work. After students have done these sections they go out into the local area to do a one night expedition, on which they'll navigate, cook, walk and set up camp on their own. Good luck to any students on their expedition this month.

Ofsted Outstanding - A few weeks ago we successfully passed an Ofsted inspection with an outstanding review! We were reviewed on progress, presentation, teaching skills, behaviour and a few more things.

Special thanks to all the team and interviewees of the Wharfedaily Gazette.

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