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Emily Walker (right) and her attendant Gracie Calam

Hi, I'm Emily Walker, this year's Gala Queen. I'm in year 6 at St. Michael and All Angels Primary School which makes me 10 years old, turning 11 in July. I am a member of Halifax Hockey Club and Sandra Whiteley's Dance School. I have lived in Shelf since I was born with my parents and older sister, Laura.

My Attendant, Gracie Calam is my best friend who is also 10 and goes to St. Michael and All Angels School too. Gracie enjoys playing the piano and lives in Shelf with her parents and her older brother, George.

We both attend Shelf Girl Guides and like to play Rugby and Netball. We are both really looking forward to this year's Shelf Gala, we just hope that the weather doesn't spoil our dresses and our big day!!

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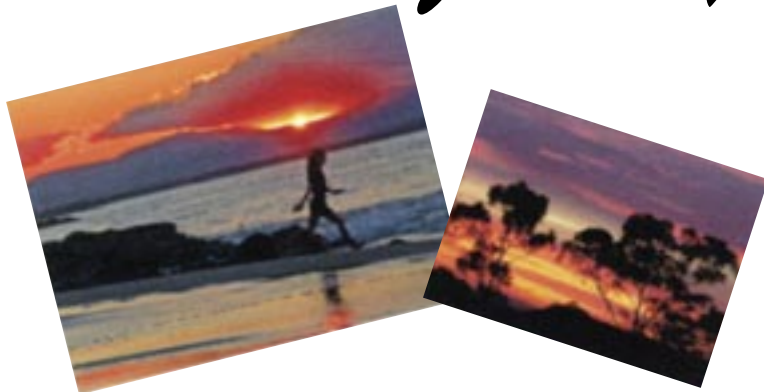
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Hi everyone,

Every year the Gala seems to come around faster but this year it is as late as we can hold Shelf Gala, the first Saturday in July which this year is the 7th and so in theory we have had another week with the preparation, but it doesn't seem that way.

At the time of writing the weather is awful – we had a magnificent March, an abysmal April (the wettest for over a century) and a miserable May. On the 12th May I ran a Boys' Brigade camp at Settle, it was -2°C through the night and there was frost on the tents in the morning. The same was predicted for the 20th May, hopefully the weather will have changed its mind by the 7th July.

Whatever happens we can't complain about the weather on Gala day for the past three years. Fine weather helps us greatly to make a successful gala and consequently the local organisations and charities benefit – so here's hoping for another fine day.

At the time of writing, not only are we having bad weather we are warned of a double dip recession, Euro Crisis, Phone Hacking saga, Politicians not behaving themselves, wars in many parts of the world, the list of doom and gloom seems endless so for half a day here in Shelf, let's forget about all the troubles and have a really good time here at Shelf Gala.

To help with having a good time in the arena we have a return visit of the Mellin Family from Keighley with their Sheepdog, Duck & Geese Display. The Qaws-e-Khuzah Belly Dancers (I hope the announcer has her best set of teeth in to say that!). The Ryburn 3 Step song, music, longsword and dance and The Dancestars coupled with live music on the stage.

Outside the arena we have all the usual attractions: Tea Tent, Beer Tent, Fairground, Food outlets, Stalls, Football Competition, Painting Competition and new for this year in the painting tent, *The Roaming Jamsters* playing folk music coupled with *The Odd Sock Peep Show* – all in all something for everyone. Please support all the stalls and activities and help us, the committee, make this a gala to remember while raising enough monies to contribute to the local charities and organisations.

As chairman of the 2012 Shelf Gala Committee I would like to thank the sponsors of this Gala: Corel Windows, Interface, Blackshaw Holdings and Robinsons Farm Shop. A big thank you to all the advertisers in our programme who support us year after year. Please support these people and use the services they offer. I would like to thank the gala committee, both old and new, past and present which without these people the gala would not exist and also, as chairman, for not giving me such a hard time at meetings. Finally, to all the people who have helped us in any way to set up this gala and very important, clear it all away for another year and leave Shelf Hall Park as though no one had been there in the afternoon.

I could probably ramble on for another page or two but space is limited in this programme so I will end my ramble here. Have a great day.

TREVOR PRIESTLEY (Chairman, Shelf Gala Committee 2012)



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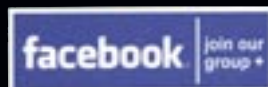
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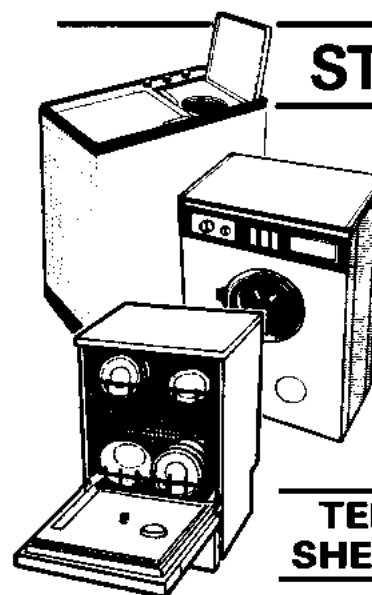
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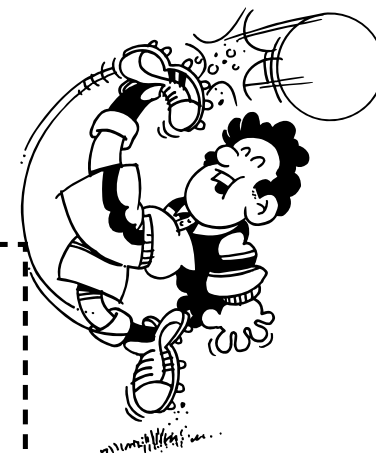
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2.15	ST. MICHAELS	v. SALTERLEE V.
2.30	NORTHOWRAM	v. FARFIELD V.
2.45	SALTERLEE	v. SHELF J & I V.
3.00	FARFIELD	v. ST. MICHAELS V.
3.15	SHELF J & I	v. NORTHOWRAM V.
3.30	SALTERLEE	v. FARFIELD V.
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Programme of Events

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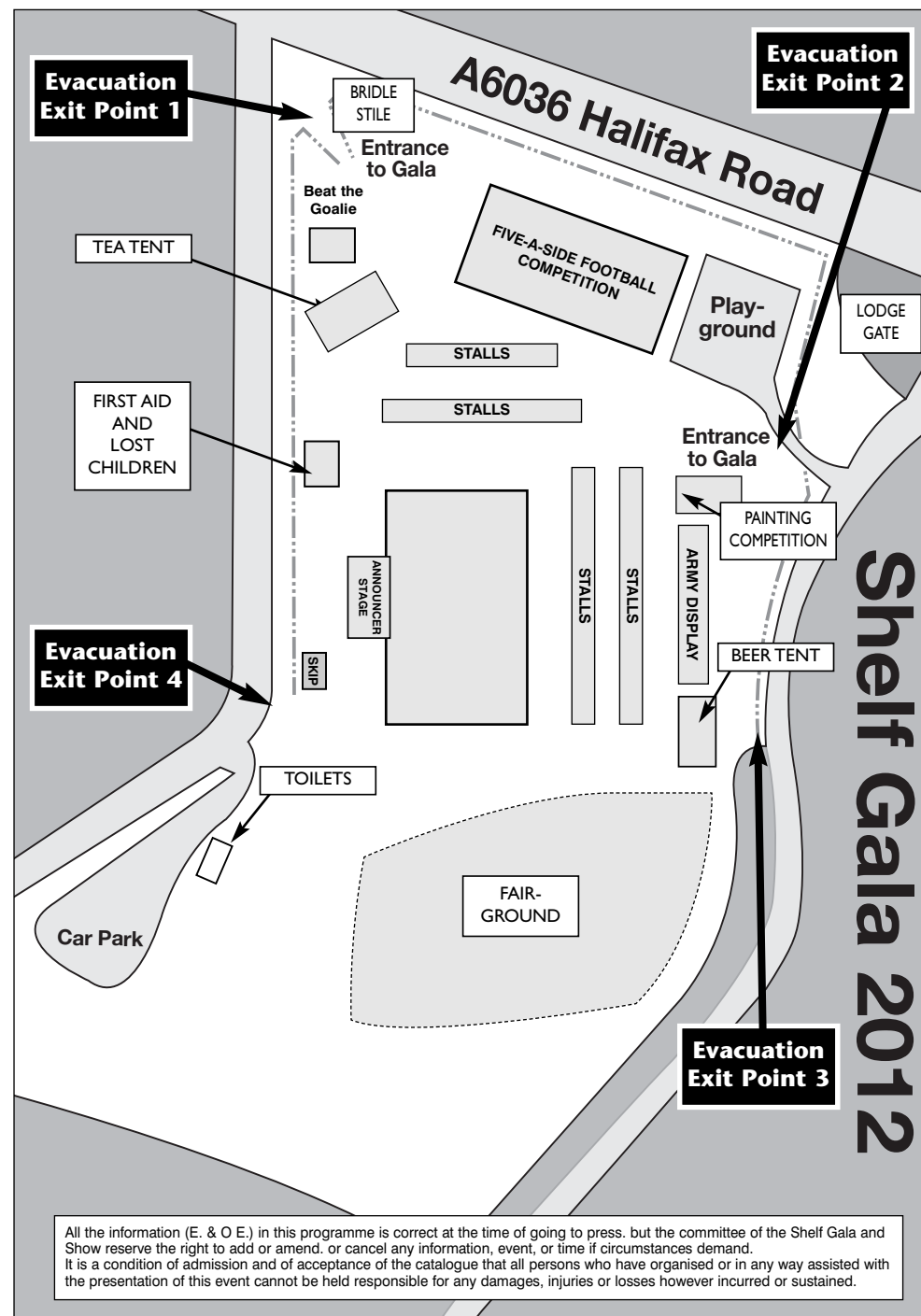
ARENA EVENTS

- 1.20 PROCESSION ENTERS ARENA
- 1.30 Introduction by TREVOR PRIESTLEY,
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- CROWNING OF GALA QUEEN, Miss Emily Walker
by the retiring Queen, Miss Emma Senior
- OFFICIAL OPENING OF SHELF GALA
- PRESENTATION OF FLOAT PRIZES BY THE GALA QUEEN
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- 1.45 SCOTT CONRAD – The man of many voices
- 2.00 QAWS-E-KHUZAH (Rainbow in Arabic) BELLY DANCERS
- 2.10 RYBURN 3 STEP – Song, Music, Longsword & Dance
- 2.20 MELLIN FAMILY – Sheep, Dog, Duck & Geese Display
- 2.40 DANCESTARS
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- 4.20 MUSIC ON STAGE
- 4.40 FOOTBALL MEDAL PRESENTATION

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5-a-SIDE FOOTBALL - SEE PAGE 25

Have fun - but please try to keep the park tidy - Thank you
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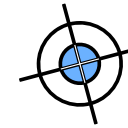
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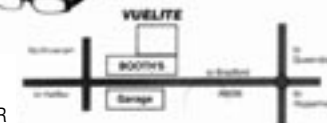
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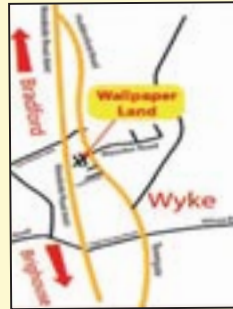
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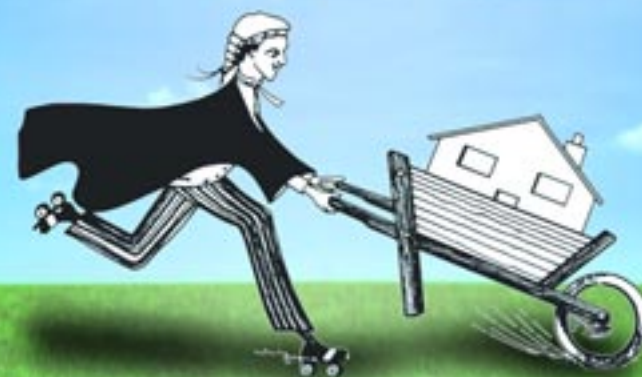


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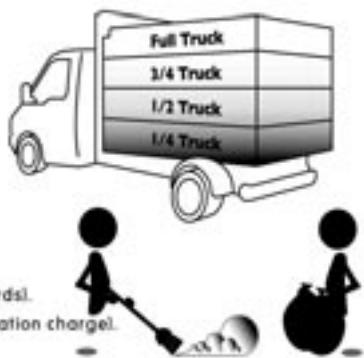
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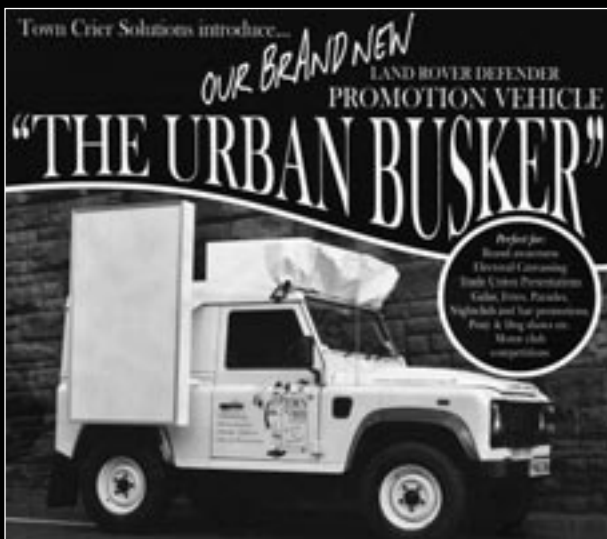
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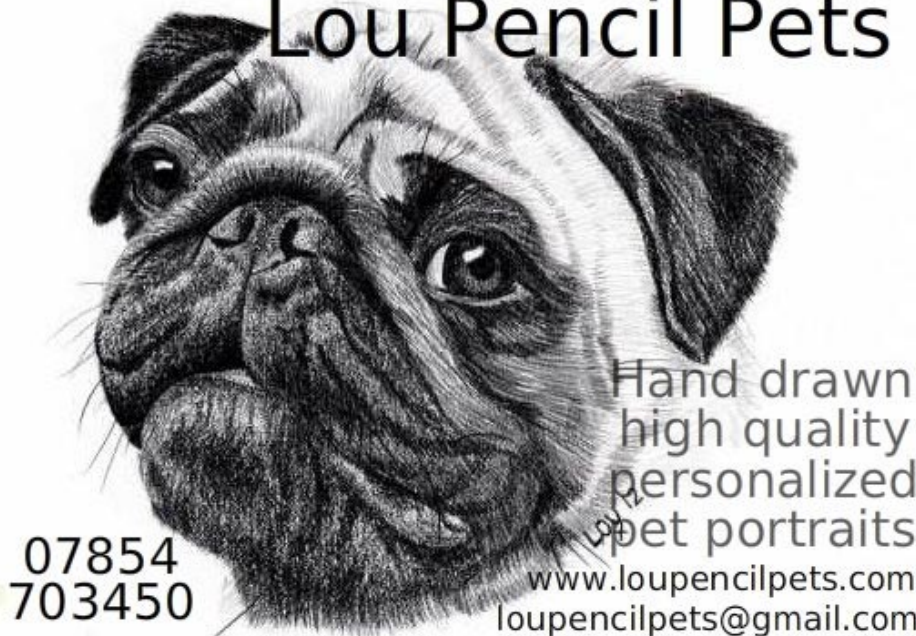


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The Three Ages of Shelf

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The second age was the industrial age starting in the late 18th century. The population escalated at an alarming rate and were housed in hundreds of one and two storey, very simple, stone houses and cottages. These houses can be seen all over Shelf usually in the vicinity of a derelict or working mill around Clough Mills.

The third age, the new age, the residential age. Many acres of Shelf farmland have been covered with concrete and Tarmac. New people have arrived to inject new life into the village and changes, some great, some small, have been made within the village of Shelf.

Shelf is a pleasant place to live. It is due to the numerous volunteers within the community that so many organisations abound within the village ranging from church and youth to education through to the numerous sporting groups. Let's hope these continue well into the future.

Shelf is a walkers paradise just turn left or right and countryside abounds in all directions. There are waterfalls, woods, meadows and valleys as lovely as anywhere. It is there for the taking. You only need to explore.

When you go exploring look out for:

1. The Stocks
2. The Pinfold
3. The Stone Chair
4. The Stables of the Old Shelf Hall
5. The Tower Buildings
6. The site of the old Shelf Windmill
7. High Bentley
8. Grove Mills
9. The Lion Gates

I hope this will interest you all and perhaps give you the visitors to our Gala a new interest and feeling for the village.

Oh! By the way a famous footballer was born in Shelf and we also have a Lord of the Manor of Shelf. Both living and breathing?!

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