



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL *Newsletter*

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OPEN DAY FOR THE COUNCIL COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Parish Council will be holding an open day at the Skelmanthorpe Council offices on Saturday 12 November 11am – 3pm. Please come along and take a look around, all rooms (except the library) can be hired out via the Clerk for community groups/events or by small businesses etc... we are happy to discuss any ideas for use of the building too so please get in touch with the Clerk or your local councillor!



Churchfield – A day in the life *(Lorraine Fletcher)*

The Friends of Churchfield project, which came about as a result of a collaboration with the parish council's provision of allotments, is mainly financed using a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, but our plans for a disabled/buggy access to Churchfield proved a real challenge due to the building work required...we had a worrying shortfall not only of materials but of labour. Then some amazing things happened. The directors of Z Hinchliffe of Hartcliffe Mills donated some local stone. Councillor Billy Jewitt, Chairman of Denby Dale Parish Council and retired builder, gave hours of planning, design, manual labour and professional advice.



Fellow councillor John Cook delivered water to the site, Kirklees Officer Andy Wickham and Denby Dale Parish Council's Dave Wilde worked as facilitators. A convoy of volunteers from Cummins Turbo Technologies, given a day off with pay to assist with community projects, arrived. This is what was achieved on one very special day at Churchfields.

This day was particularly special, but there is still lots of work to do, and we are always looking for volunteers. We would love to hear from anyone who could spare a few hours to help make Churchfield beautiful. Please ring Dave Wilde for details on 07939 446581



Dearne River Clean Up/Balsam Bash at Scissett

This summer, in partnership with the Dearne Catchment Rivers Trust (DCRT), the Wild Trout Trust (WTT) and Friend of the Dearne, Phil Slater, Denby Dale Parish Council organised a clean-up of the Dearne between Tesco Local and the main road through Scissett.

20 volunteers spent 2 hours on a hot morning on Tuesday August 16th to clear a short stretch of the river and make it more attractive to wildlife, especially trout. This was, along with other hard work, aided by the cutting down of invasive, non-native Himalayan Balsam.

Thanks are especially due to Phil, Rachel from DCRT and Dr Paul Gaskell from WTT, ably abetted by Scissett Litter Pickers, Ten Villages Conservation Group and Made in Clayton West. Good links were also made with local Environment Agency representatives and it was particularly encouraging to note that many young volunteers from the Upper Dearne Valley Navigators were prepared to give up their school holiday time...there is hope yet for the future stewardship of the environment!



In future, further awareness will be raised on the importance of keeping the river free of pollution by community involvement in the 'Yellow Fish' project in

partnership with Kirklees Council. Again, young people are at the forefront of this, with pupils from Kayes First and Nursery School already engaged in marking drains that go directly to the river with painted yellow fish.

Dave Wilde – Countryside Officer

Volunteering at the Library

As a recent beginner at volunteering in Skelmanthorpe library I can recommend the experience. We are all learning on the job and are well supported by June the librarian, in the weekday mornings; and by experienced volunteers in the afternoons and Saturday mornings. As this is a new system we ask for the public to be patient as we learn. It also helps if you bring your library card. We do most of the tasks associated with the library. This includes shelving books, supporting users borrowing or returning books but also assisting them to use the computers or photocopier. We also sort books as they come and go between the other Kirklees libraries. Several groups meet at the library, for example the Craft Group and Rhyme time parents and children. If you value books and enjoy meeting people and helping them, then this is for you! You can also join the Friends of the Library, who meet once a month in the same building. This group support the library and hopes to encourage use and develop activities there. Also some fund raising to be done of course. The group welcomes your participation to help meet the future needs of the local community.

By Julie Dansey-Wright

NEW LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Monday 10:00am to 5.00pm
Tuesday CLOSED
Wednesday 10:00am to 6:00pm
Thursday 10:00am to 5:00pm
Friday 10:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am to 12:00noon

Emley Village Youth Club & Community Centre

Situated within the football and cricket grounds area at the centre of the village, this building was originally team changing rooms and later became a tea room.

The grounds as a whole are managed in trust by the Emley Moor Miners Recreation Ground and Institute. During the 1990's this building became unused and derelict and the Trustees decided that rather than be demolished, it could be put to good use as a community facility both for young people and any other groups and individuals who could benefit from it. Initial development funding was obtained from a variety of sources including Denby Dale Parish Council and Kirklees and work was slowly commenced.

Sadly, funds dried up somewhat before building works were completed and for a while the development work stood partially finished but in the last two years the Trustees managed to pull together some fantastic donations and the work was completed by late 2015. A youth club now meets once a week and is well attended with brilliant committee and volunteer support, though additional helpers would be most welcome. The Trustees would now like to see more involvement and use of the premises from the wider village community.

A library type book exchange (and perhaps tea meeting) once a week is nearly ready but needs helpers, and anyone with ideas or groups needing a meeting are definitely needed!

The newest facility to be added is a computer room with broadband connection.

If you are interested in helping in any way to make this building a great asset for the village and surrounding areas, please feel free to contact Mike Wood either by telephone on 07773846032 or email mikew040@gmail.com or Mike Liddiard on 07717056101 or email mliddiard@aol.com

Help with Planning Applications

As there seems to have been a rash of recent planning applications for both big and small developments in and around our area it might be useful to outline what steps you can take both to find out what is being planned and to make any objections should you wish to. Details of planning numbers and how to object are always contained on the notices posted adjacent to sites, but you can also find any planning applications for your area by going to the Kirklees website at www.kirklees.gov.uk or just use the search term 'Kirklees planning'. Go to 'search for planning applications' and enter either an address or a postcode – the more complete the address or postcode, the fewer applications will appear. So, for example, inputting 'HD8' brings up 683 pages of planning applications; inputting HD8 8RX just five pages. Applications are listed in date order, starting with the most recent.

Planning covers everything from the installation of solar panels on a roof to the building of an entire housing estate and the site will tell you whether the application has been approved or is undecided and whether the period for comments is still open. By clicking on the application in which you are interested, you can view it on a map along with the application plan itself and any consultation responses (such as environmental surveys or flood risk assessments).

There is also an online chat facility. Of course, you can always contact Kirklees Planning directly by telephone (01484 414746) as long as you have the appropriate information (postcode, address or planning application number) for the application you wish to discuss.

(Cllr Neil Denby)