



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL *Newsletter*

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COUNCIL OFFICES CLOCK REPAIRED

Local residents may have noticed that after several years of not moving, the clock on the Council Building in Skelmanthorpe now works! Sinclair Harding (UK) Ltd from Emley have worked hard cleaning, fixing and gold-leafing the dial, hands and motion works and on the 16th August they re-fitted the clock to the wall.



'PLEASE SLOW DOWN' INITIATIVE

The council voted to support a road safety initiative by Cllrs Janet Depledge and Paula Kemp involving schools in the Denby Dale Parish Council area. The idea would be based around the title 'Please Slow Down' inviting our First Schools to produce their own light hearted road safety song, which would be performed at school assemblies open to parents, to promote the message that speeding is a danger to both children and the wider community.

For students in Middle and High School the idea of creating a short road safety video would further the technology skills and creativity of relevant age groups.

We are delighted that RoSPA have given the initiative their backing and are keen to promote the idea nationally. *(Cllr Kemp)*

FACEBOOK PAGE FOR EMLEY

A new Emley / Emley Moor Facebook page is up and running, called . . . EMLEY MATTERS!

The idea is that it will be a general page for the area. At present we all tend to post village items and issues on a variety of other social media pages - which actually sometimes are not relevant to the group the page is set up for. So from here on in the new EMLEY MATTERS! page could contain all and any general postings on subjects as diverse as Neighbourhood Watch warnings, social & environment, traffic & foot / bridle paths, groups, meetings, events, lost and found, wants and sales, rubbish dumping, broadband speeds, - the topics are endless. It can also link to other specific group pages such as the Millennium Green, Youth Club / Community Centre, Brass Band, Church, Football Club etc. etc.

There is also to be an EMLEY MATTERS village noticeboard funded by the Parish Council which will be in place shortly at the top of Church Street which will help those not on social media to learn of events and groups etc. in the village. So please type EMLEY MATTERS into your Facebook search box, like join and share the page and let's get posting!! *(Cllr Wood)*

COUNTRYSIDE OFFICER'S UPDATE

As summer recedes into the distance we can reflect on a busy season in the countryside in and around Denby Dale.

Among many highlights was a bat walk around Denby Delf and the neighbouring village of Upper Denby. The allotments continue to thrive at Churchfield, as does the wider site, marred only by the need to remove some diseased trees recently for safety reasons. However, the Friends of Churchfield, allotment holders and myself look forward to replacing them as the tree planting season approaches. Now that the polytunnel and shed are up on the community allotment plot, we will be looking to engage more groups for next year, for example schools.

Work with schools developed significantly as both Scissett First and Middle got involved in the Yellow Fish river pollution project and 2 achieved the prestigious Eco-School Bronze Award for their environmental work in and around school (Upper Denby and Emley First).

As anticipated in the summer newsletter, we tried to keep on top of the invasive Himalayan Balsam along the

river with several 'balsam bashes' for volunteers and we also helped to keep many paths clear for walkers. Talking of which, Dave led 2 events as part of the Walking Festival in June and looks forward to welcoming more walkers and cyclists next year.



East Woods tennis court area was scythed and made more accessible, with paths resurfaced, a picnic bench installed and the perimeter stone walls repaired with the help of Cummins volunteers. We look forward to similar work in Wither Wood in partnership with the Woodland Trust who are also supplying us with some of the trees which will be planted this Autumn/Winter in Churchfield and Clayton West Millennium Green. Also in Clayton West, there is soon to be a Great Crested Newt sculpture at the Kirklees Light Railway, to celebrate the habitat created for them along the train route by 10 Villages volunteers and KLR.

Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust (DDPET) continues to thrive and we'd encourage those interested to look at the soon to be refreshed DDPET website or contact Dave for details of future events/projects on 07939 446581 or countryside@denbydale.com (Dave Wilde)

SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS ~ Apply online, apply on time!!!

- If your child is starting Primary School (Reception) in September 2018 you must apply online between 1 September 2017 and 15 January 2018
- (for children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014)
- If your child is starting Secondary School in September 2018 you must apply online between 1 September 2017 and 31 October 2017
- If your child is starting Junior or Middle School in September 2018 you must apply online between 1 September 2017 and 15 January 2018

You are strongly advised to name three preference schools on your application, including your catchment school. If you apply late, your application will NOT be considered until all on time applicants have been allocated school places. Applying late can severely reduce your chances of getting a school place at any of your preferred schools. Offers of a school place are sent by email on National Offer Day to the email address you have used. You will also be able to see your offer of a school place by logging into your Kirklees Parent Portal account.

Apply online, apply on time. Don't miss out...

- Go to www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions
- Read the relevant Admissions Guide for Parents.
- Click on 'Apply online'. You will be taken to the Kirklees Parent Portal.
- If this is your first visit, click on 'create an account'.
- Enter your details and follow the link to verify your account.
- Login to add your child's details and preferred schools.
- Check and submit your application.

(Cllr Turner)

SKELMANTHORPE TEXTILE HERITAGE CENTRE

The Friends of Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre now have a new website with some fascinating content: <https://fosthc.wixsite.com/skeltexheritage>. Some years ago the Parish Council produced 2 DVDs (available in local libraries) filmed at the Centre featuring the late Leslie Robinson & Skelmanthorpe historian Stanley Sheead. Clips from these can be seen on YouTube (www.youtube.com); search "Skelmanthorpe Weaver's Cottage". (Cllr Brook)



INCIDENTS OF FIRE

Over the summer there have been a number of fire incidents in several of our publicly accessible woodlands that have caused damage - damage that could have been worse without the swift action of walkers! Please try to impress on people that, even though the woodland floor may appear damp, at this time of year the floor can be exceedingly dry and fires can spread quickly. It is also not just mammals and birds that are affected, but important components like fungi, lichen and invertebrates - they may be the bottom of the food chain, but those higher up depend on them! So please, no fires. (Cllr Denby)

