



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL Newsletter

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Citizens advice

CAB SERVICE RE-INSTATED

Further to our last newsletter, the Parish Council is pleased to announce that the new Citizens Advice Service is now up and running in the Skelmanthorpe Community Building on the first floor. The service started on the 7th of November, and is available on the first and third Thursday of every month, from 10.00am til 1.30pm. no appointment is necessary.

IN PRAISE OF LOCAL LIBRARIES

The Parish Council has been keen to support Denby Dale and Skelmanthorpe Libraries. If you are not already a member, why not consider joining?

What your library can offer:

FREE EBOOKS Thousands of Ebooks and E-audio books, including recent releases are available to download to your device for FREE.

FREE MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS ANYTIME, ANYWHERE ON YOUR TABLET, PHONE OR PC Over 7,000 regional, national and international titles.

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FREE ACCESS TO ANCESTRY Researching your family tree? We subscribe to the Ancestry Genealogy site which you can use at the library free of charge. We also hold **monthly Family History sessions** please call the library for the date of the next session.

FREE WIFI We have Wi-Fi on site, plus public computers and copying and printing facilities (small charge applies)

BOOKS! A changing selection of fact and fiction, old and new.

EMLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, MINERS WELFARE GROUND, UPPER LANE, EMLEY

Some years ago Denby Dale Parish Council significantly contributed towards the Emley Moor Miners Recreation Ground & Institute application to fund the refurbishment of a derelict building formerly the football club changing areas and tea-room.



The ground Trustees recognised that the derelict and vandalised building presented an eyesore and danger, with the options being to either demolish or re-furbish - if sufficient funding could be found.

In due course plans, funding and construction work finally took place and today the building successfully provides an excellent Community Centre for Emley and surrounding areas.

Providing a catalyst to form a very active residents group, "Emley & Emley Moor Community Group (EMLEY MATTERS!) they now run the building and encourage greater social interaction & local environment improvements.

To date this has seen the formation of a village Youth Club, weekly Chair Yoga sessions, a Wednesday Community Cafe with book / DVD exchange, Mums & Babies exercise group plus a weekly dementia activity group in conjunction with the Denby Dale Centre.

The Parish Council more recently contributed a grant towards projection equipment and 2019 saw the introduction of a monthly "Mast Movie" group with regular screenings of top films to suit a variety of age groups which are always a sell-out.

Other bookings include hospice fund raiser events, planning & pothole resident concern meetings, coffee mornings, & litter pick base to name but a few.

If you would like to visit the Centre, attend any events or discuss holding an event please contact EMLEY MATTERS! Chairman Mike Wood on 07773846032 or email mikew040@gmail.com

Countryside Officer's Report

Late summer began with another successful picnic. We have also been tidying up the community plot in anticipation of more groups using it this year. Another well supported event was Light Up The Woods in Cliffe Woods and talking of woods, involvement in this year's Woollen Woods at East Hill is being encouraged. See right. The East Hill group have also been busy path laying and sowing wildflower seed.

Wildflower projects are also developing in Clayton West and as part of Skelmanthorpe park's refurbishment, where St Aidan's and Skelmanthorpe Academies also worked together on bulb planting just before Christmas. This will help them in their Eco-School work, which Cumberworth First School has also embarked on recently.



The Countryside project, and in particular the 10 Village Conservation Group, have welcomed some new young volunteers, for example Adam Johnson, who is using the volunteer hours towards his Duke of Edinburgh Award. The group have recently been working on maintenance of their adopted new ponds (along with Cummins Turbo Technologies) but took some time off that task in December to plant trees at Skelmanthorpe Academy and Bluehills, as part of the national Tree Charter celebrations. The project also gave a well-received talk to Emley Church Breakfast Club.

Significant Public Rights of Way works have been undertaken this winter in partnership with Walkers Are Welcome (WAW), in particular stile and bridge repairs. The project has also supported WAW to develop several new walk leaflets and a litter picking rural walk is planned for March 24th.

Other exciting projects done or in the offing have been the creation of an artificial Badger sett in collaboration with the West and South Yorkshire Badger Protection Groups, support for the growing project at St Augustines, and possible future development of Park Mill, including the bike track and tree planting.

Many of the above projects have or could benefit from funding from Denby Parish Environment Trust, so please go to <http://ddpet.co.uk/>, if you think you have an eligible project.

WOOLLEN WOODS 2020

Denby Dale Craft Group are looking to run Woollen Woods again this year in East Hill Woods. The exhibition will run for 9 days from Saturday 30th May until Sunday 7th June. It will be called **Woollen Woods PLUS** to encourage the use of other recycled/natural materials as well as textiles. We are very keen to welcome other groups in the area who would like to be involved, especially our younger citizens.

We would like your exhibit to reflect an environmental issue. This could be about, for example, endangered species, plastic pollution or use of pesticides.

Would your group like to be involved?

We would need to have an expression of interest registered with us and at a later date an indication of what you would be producing so that we know it is suitable and will be able to be displayed in the area available. **Please let us know by 1st March if you are interested. Please remember that all displays will be outdoors & will need to withstand the weather.** We meet in Denby Dale library every Thursday, 2-4pm or you can contact us by email at:- k8tunstall@gmail.com.



Village Art is an enterprise initiated by The Friends of Skelmanthorpe Community Library, generously supported and aided by Denby Dale Parish Council. Exhibitions are mounted throughout the Parish Council/Library building and can be viewed during library opening hours. 'Major' exhibitions will also be open on Tuesdays when the library is closed.

Coming soon...

Shelley Art Group

Saturday February 8th to Saturday March 7th - early spring exhibition featuring the works of around a dozen artists with a wide variety of subjects. There will be a coffee morning opening from 10am - 12 noon on February 8th.

Nigel Hoyle

Saturday Feb. 29th to Saturday March 28th
Coffee morning opening 10am - 12 noon February 29th
A stunning exhibition of 2 and 3 dimensional ceramics. With a variety of influences Nigel produces beautiful works which are attracting attention from a Paris gallery.

Jane Middleton

Saturday March 14th to Saturday April 11th
Coffee morning opening 10am March 14th
Jane's current works are figurative pieces, humorous and abstract, using watercolours, pencils, inks and bleach.

'Springtime in Yorkshire'

Saturday April 18th to May 16th
Village Art's second 'major' exhibition, celebrating the season with a variety of contributions in a variety of media.



TBC Artists Open Day Tuesday March 24th

An opportunity for artists to view Village Art's exhibition spaces, meet other artists and discuss future exhibition possibilities with the Arts Management Group.



OVER THE BORDER

Over the Border is the latest (and 16th) walk trail devised by members of Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group. The 10 mile circular walk starts in Clayton West Millennium Green, proceeds to Yorkshire Sculpture Park, then over fields and woods to Cawthorne and Cannon Hall Country Park, returning to Clayton West via Deffer Wood and Cliffe Woods.

All 16 trails can now be downloaded from www.denbydalewalkersarewelcome.org.uk. Printed copies (funded via a Parish Council grant) are available from Denby Dale and Skelmanthorpe Libraries and various supporting businesses.