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Local school becomes an academy

On 1st February Kirkheaton Primary School was granted academy status by the Secretary of State for Education. It has joined ten other primary and secondary schools which make up South Pennine Academies Trust established in 2012. In 2017 the school had applied to become an academy and join the King James's Multi-Academy Trust. Due to changes in the application process this proved impossible.

Mrs Sam Gallant, Headteacher writes:

This means the school is now governed and controlled by South Pennine Academy Trust and not Kirklees local authority. The benefits are:

- *more specific and bespoke support*
- *increased opportunities for staff training and development*
- *more opportunities to work with partner schools to improve teaching and learning*
- *the ability to work together to make savings when purchasing goods and services.*

The school has been working closely with the Trust since February last year. We have already seen huge benefits from the targeted support available from the central team. The support received from the CEO, Jane Acklam, has been incredible. Jane held weekly meetings over zoom for the whole of the lockdown period and beyond, directing our planning and preparing us for the response to the pandemic. Staff training which we have already undertaken alongside South Pennine Trust has had a huge impact on our teaching staff. Our policy and procedures are constantly improving with the support of South Pennine who are very driven and organised and up to date with statutory requirements.



Looking to the future, the school will be extremely well supported and continue to flourish. Children will benefit from the continuous development of the staff team. We are very much looking forward to a new partnership which will support and drive our journey.

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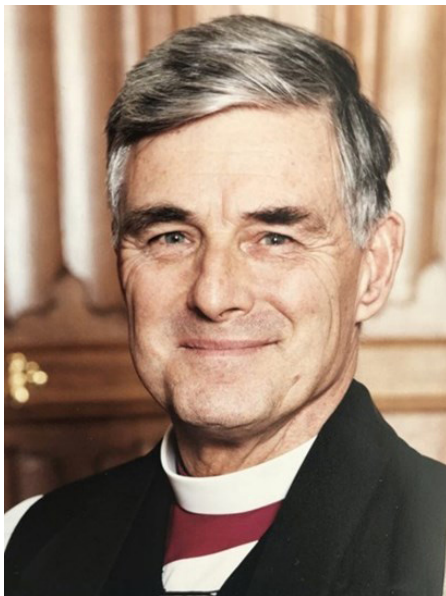
1934 - 2020

Many people in Kirkheaton will have fond memories of Patrick (Pat) Harris who died in December 2020. He was Rector of Kirkheaton from 1980 to 1985 after spending a number of years as Bishop of Northern Argentina. There he learned the language and gained the love of the Wichi people who gave him the affectionate name "Kahyentes", meaning "Encourager."

Pat oversaw significant changes at St John's church. He will be remembered by his former congregation for his love of people and his irrepressible humour. Soon after arrival in the village, a little old lady, a member of the congregation, looked up and down his six-foot figure and pronounced, "Thou'lt do," to which Pat replied, "Thou'lt do, too."

After leaving Kirkheaton he became Bishop of Southwell in 1988 and later served as Assistant Bishop in Wakefield, Oxford, Lincoln, Gloucester and Europe.

People will remember him fondly as a wonderful pastor, unfailingly kind and attentive, developing the gifts of others and nurturing the faith of new Christians.



Beaumont Arms' helping hand

Dave Robertson, landlord of the Beaumont Arms, and his wife, Alison have been busy since the start of the pandemic helping vulnerable residents and supporting key workers. They and their staff have been providing discounted takeaway meals to NHS staff and other key workers and have delivered many free meals to others in need. Customers and suppliers have also helped with donations of money and food. Like many people Dave was shocked at the inadequacy of government provided meals which were designed to replace free school meals so has provided many local families with much welcomed takeaway meals. In January he raised £1200 towards the cost of the children's meals by holding an online auction of biking merchandise donated by



Dave preparing the distribution of meals with Samantha, Coordinator [Kirklees Council]

Tom Sykes. Another fund raising event was the online sponsored headshaving of Bar Manager Antony (Ant) Sykes.

In January Ant also agreed to be sponsored to 'dive' into the temporary lake that had appeared in the field next to the pub but was thwarted when it disappeared before he could take the plunge! *A big thankyou to all at the Beaumont for all their efforts.*

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20% for Wildlife is an exciting initiative by 'Kirkheaton Environment Trust' (KET) where residents and landowners are being asked to get involved directly with nature by setting aside 20% of their land for the benefit of other creatures, great and small. The good news is that everyone in the village and its surrounding areas can get involved, from the youngest to the oldest. Not only does this result in benefits to birds, animals, amphibians and insects, but also it benefits our well being through our interactions with the natural world.

The Trust has all kinds of ideas from planting wildflower verges, creating hedgehog highways, holding nest box building days, having wildlife photo competitions for children and advising on the creation of wildlife friendly gardens.

Creating a wildlife friendly garden is easy and the rewards are amazing. Everybody can do it. Before long you will have all kinds of visitors to keep you amused through those long Covid days! And it doesn't matter whether you have a half acre of beautiful landscape or a tiny postage stamp plot. People have gardened for wildlife with a window box.

There are lots of websites which give advice. For instance, the RSPB shows simple ways to create homes for nature, improve habitats, and provide shelter and food.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/creating-a-wildlife-friendly-garden/>

Follow us on Facebook search Kirkheaton 20% for Wildlife or contact Clare at clare.walters@absolute-specialists.co.uk for more information

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What a brilliant idea!

To help families feed themselves during these troubling times Dalton Together have been offering simple low cost one pot family meal cooking sessions on line. There will be 6 online video sessions over a 12 week period. All the ingredients are FREE for each session and delivered to the family. A FREE slow cooker was included for the first session in mid February. About 30 families have been involved in the initiative.

It's never too late to ... Move House!

Bob and Barbara Taylor moved from Birkby to Kirkheaton in January 2020 after living in their previous home for 50 years.

Barbara writes:-

'It was a difficult decision to move in our 80s, but Bob had become prone to falls and was really struggling with the stairs. After much persuasion, we agreed we needed to live on one level, and our daughter Beverly found us an ideal bungalow in the village just half a mile from her home, which made things much easier as we no longer drive.

All our neighbours have made us feel so welcome. We go to St. John's Church, and find the people there so friendly and helpful.

I have also learned my Grandfather (and several generations before him) lived and went to school here as a child.

Since moving here, Bob has had some serious health problems. The NHS, Paramedics, Occ Therapist, Kirkheaton Doctors and staff have been fabulous with him and helped him pull through. He is now able to enjoy life again, albeit indoors for now.

We look forward to better times when we will be able to venture out again and continue to get to know this lovely village and the people who live here. The move was the best thing we could have done!'



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Christmas cheer for struggling families

Covid-19 is continuing to have a profound impact on us all and Christmas 2020 saw lots more families in our area finding themselves living in poverty, struggling to heat their homes, feed their children and buy presents. The Greenfields Family Centre, (based on Dalton Green Lane) in partnership with Dalton Together, delivered luxury Christmas hampers and a seven-day essential food and hygiene package to some of the most vulnerable families within our community.

Lesley Stephenson, Development Manager at the centre said

"What we wanted to do was ensure that our most vulnerable neighbours were able to enjoy some Christmas food and gifts. Working closely with partner organisations across the Dalton Ward we were able to identify over 100 families who we helped relieve some of the stress associated with Christmas. Families who were dreading the festive season woke up on Christmas morning to gifts for all the family and those little extras that make Christmas special."

The family hampers, which reached nearly 500 recipients, have been made possible by the generosity of the local community. Individuals, families, businesses, community groups, a junior football club, churches and schools have all contributed. In addition, Greenfields Family Centre provided food

and hygiene parcels from the foodbank based at the Centre, using funding that they secured from The Third Sector Leaders Supporting Communities Fund.

A further £2,000 has been contributed from our local Ward councillors' Covid budget.

Each donation was matched to the appropriate family or individual and, with the help of volunteers, over 90 Christmas hampers, which included individual presents as well as Christmas goodies, were delivered within the Dalton Ward area.

Following the deliveries, the centre received lots of heartfelt messages from recipients saying it had 'made their Christmas' and 'what a wonderful end to a horrible year.' One mum cried at people's generosity because she hadn't enough money to buy many presents for her children.





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Bring back scurryfunging!

SB writes:

In December 2019, courtesy of the Radio Times' Dictionary Corner, I added a new word to my vocabulary- scurryfunge. I discovered that I and many others, were actually scurryfungers and had been for years without knowing! So I decided to spread the word and inserted it into my conversations as often as possible. But then disaster struck – the Coronavirus pandemic! Self Isolating! Social Distancing! The need to scurryfunge totally disappeared – indeed it was deemed anti social and even illegal and banned in many places around the world!



My campaign to help reinstate this 13th century word came to an abrupt halt.

Hopefully in the coming months the need to scurryfunge will be gradually reinstated as the country gets back to normal! Personally I can't wait- even though scurryfunging was never my favourite pastime I will at least be able to spread the word once more.

Oh sorry – I nearly forgot! The meaning of scurryfunge?

It's the need to rush around tidying up the house before guests arrive!

I never thought I would have embraced the thought of plumping up cushions and dusting the furniture with such anticipation!

Nice to know though that people in the Middle Ages were also scurrying around their houses putting fresh rushes on the floor before the neighbours popped in! Somethings never change!

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Today the pandemic has touched us all. We are living with restrictions that affect all aspects of our daily lives in a way that is unparalleled in modern times. It is without doubt something that will live with us long after we have all had the vaccine and are able to engage in some form of 'normal' living.

Whilst some people have wonderful support around them and are coping reasonably well, sadly that is not true for everyone. Even those with good effective practical support are struggling with the emotional turmoil that the pandemic has caused.

A small local group has been thinking about the effect on the mental health and well-being of those we live alongside. The group is dedicated to ensuring that anyone who needs help has a way of accessing avenues to it. The flyer see opposite outlines some of the ways that help is available.

In these troubled times do not suffer in silence - make the call. The group wants everyone to know that in whatever ways this pandemic is affecting you, help is close at hand.

If you are unable to make a call then put a note, with your contact details, through the letterbox at the community centre addressed to Steve, Julie, Trish or Sue and it will get to us.

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financial support



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Information on
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Signposting to
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We continue to be extremely busy especially with the recent roll out of the COVID vaccinations. However we remain fully committed to providing a high standard of patient care alongside the important vaccination programme to ensure the health and safety of all our staff and patients.

To support with the current workload within the surgeries, I am pleased to confirm the appointment of two salaried GPs, Dr Paula Alba and Dr Krishna Isukapalli, who joined the Practice in January. They both have a vast amount of general practice experience. We also have Jeet Vadadoria who joined the Practice in August 2020 and is currently undertaking his Advanced Clinical Practitioner training at the practice, supported by Dr Mani.

Our Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Sam Mellor, leaves at the end of January 2021. Her new role will involve working with vulnerable and homeless individuals within the community. We wish her well.

Our longstanding Practice Nurse, Jayne Whitehead retired in December 2020 and Jess Shaw is her replacement. We wish Jayne well in her retirement but you will still see her for the next few months as she will act as a mentor to Jess.

Flu vaccinations – we had a great uptake this year with our flu campaign. We still have vaccinations available and should you still require a vaccination, please contact the

surgery for an appointment.

We are working to vaccinate our patient population as soon as possible. This is a huge undertaking and we are currently doing very well with the programme. Vaccinations are currently being offered in line with national priority groups. We hope to have vaccinated all patients over 70 by mid Feb 2021* depending on supply.

There is information available about the vaccination programme on our website which is updated regularly. You can also check the NHS website which has a frequently asked questions section where you may find more information. We would appreciate patients not contacting the practice regarding the vaccine or to ask for an appointment as all patients will be contacted in due course.

COVID-19 infection rates remain high and local health services are incredibly busy. The best thing we can all do to protect ourselves our families and our community is to remember - Hands, Face, Space.

We are providing as many of our services as it is safe to do so whilst adhering to the ongoing requirement for social distancing and cleaning of a room after any face to face consultation. We will continue to utilise telephone consultations to maintain the provision of patient care and

clinically assess a patient's needs prior to inviting them in for a face to face appointment.

Please only enter the surgery if you have a booked appointment, also wear a mask and sanitise your hands on arrival, and most importantly if you do have a face to face appointment, notify us if you develop any symptoms and do not attend the surgery.

We encourage our patients to utilise the E-consult service where appropriate. Find out more and download the NHS App at www.nhs.uk/app This service allows a patient to provide information about their need for a consultation with a clinician. On reviewing the information, the clinician will advise if they need to speak to the patient by the end of the next working day, and a member of our team will then contact the patient and offer the next available appointment, which may be on the same day or the following day. This avoids the patient having to call first thing in a morning to try and secure an appointment on the day.

The next surgery closures for Practice Protected Time (PPT) is Tuesday 16th March 2020. The surgery will close at 1.00pm but if you require a GP in an emergency please ring the usual surgery number or 111.

We are always trying to improve our customer service. If you have had positive experiences at your surgery please leave a comment on the NHS choices website. www.nhs.uk

**Article written at the end of January.*

Kirkheaton Future Update

Work on the neighbourhood plan continues. The required additions and amendments are being carefully added to the original version. This is a lengthy process and is taking quite a while longer than we thought it would. It is vital that the wording is accurate as I am sure all would agree, so we ask that you be patient with us. As soon as we can, we will call a public meeting to discuss the new revised version. In

the meantime, please keep an eye out for the date of our AGM. This will have to be via 'zoom' or some other virtual platform as we cannot meet together and probably won't be able to do so for a few weeks yet. If you have any questions or concerns then please let me know and we will be only too happy to tackle them for you.

Steve Booth - on behalf of Kirkheaton Future steve49@live.com

Careful where you walk!

During lockdown many more of us have grown to appreciate the wonderful countryside right on our doorstep. We have been able to spend time exploring the amazing network of paths and bye ways round the village.

However we need to be aware of our impact on the countryside. Please keep to the rights of way and keep your dogs on leads over farmland. At this time of the year there are many ground nesting birds such as lapwings and larks building their nests in the fields who need to be left undisturbed if they are to rear their chicks successfully. Also grass is a crop used for animal feed during the winter and therefore should not be contaminated by dog waste etc

Please respect private property and help to look after our wildlife. There are plenty of walks around our area to enjoy without trespassing. Check out the walks on our website yettontogether.org



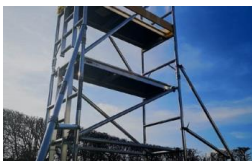
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A plus side of lockdown!

They say that every cloud has a silver lining so I was looking very carefully to find it when we found ourselves locked down due to Covid 19 early last year. I didn't have to look very far.

For someone who is used to travelling in search of interesting wildlife to photograph I wasn't sure how I would cope with being restricted to Kirkheaton. As it turned out I had the absolute pleasure of watching my tawny owl nest box occupied again by the same owl who fledged from there almost 2 years previously.

I've been feeding this young male owl since he left the nest and it was great to watch him dropping his prey into the nest box for his own mate. By March, it was clear that there were chicks at home. The baby tawny owls have this squeaky little call which is unmistakable and both parents were now hunting to feed hungry mouths. On 8th May, a fluffy but rather large chick appeared in the door to the box and within a few days he or she was joined by another.

Before they can fly, young tawny owls climb out of the nest and find a perch in the tree, a practice known as 'branching'. Once they have left, they rarely return to the nest so we were now able to watch the parents deliver prey to the chick in the tree and then witness the youngsters battle with the task of swallowing it whole or tearing it into more manageable pieces. We felt blessed having the two chicks and knew exactly where they were branching so, one afternoon, we were a little nonplussed to find another smaller face peering from the box. So then there were three!

The youngsters are now gone but I still feed my owl every night. He sits in the apple tree waiting for me at dusk.

Lockdown had its silver lining after all. Being forced to stay home paid unexpected dividends as I was able to watch this special activity in my own garden.



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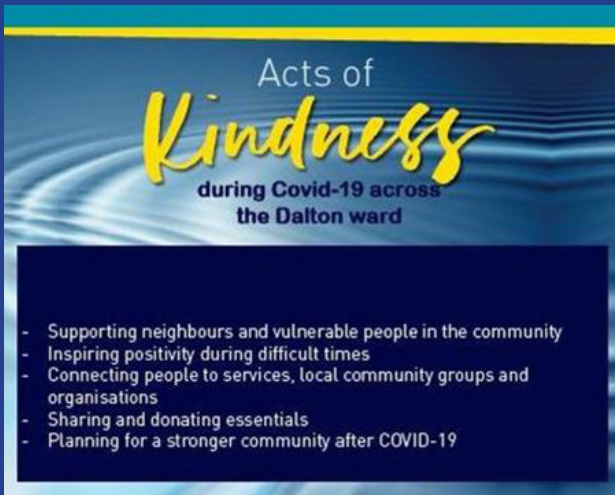
To read a longer version go to yettontotogether.org//a-plus-of-lockdown/

Rewarding Acts of Kindness

In November our Dalton ward councillors launched an initiative to find and celebrate people who have shown 'Acts of Kindness' to others

in our communities during the Covid crisis. Nominations closed at the beginning of February and nominees will be receiving a gift of appreciation. When possible, Councillors are also hoping to have an event to bring everyone together.

Look out for the list of nominees on daltontgether.co.uk



- Supporting neighbours and vulnerable people in the community
- Inspiring positivity during difficult times
- Connecting people to services, local community groups and organisations
- Sharing and donating essentials
- Planning for a stronger community after COVID-19



Laneside Landfill Site Update

The Laneside landfill site [accessed via the Grange Moor Road] has recently been purchased by Thomas Crompton's - a Bradford based, family run business specialising in demolition and clearing old industrial sites. They are wanting to use it for recycling building rubble and have been working with Kirklees Council planners to start work as soon as possible. Rubble will be brought onto the site and graded. We believe that the intention is for some waste eg soils etc

to be dumped on site and the rest will be recycled to form materials to be used for road /building etc. A crusher/grader will be installed on site.

Crompton's are keen to work with the village to protect the wildlife and are happy to resume public liaison meetings with residents. The first of these will probably be held in early 2021, Covid permitting.





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Defibrillator proves its worth

The defibrillator was only commissioned outside the Community Centre in September 2020 so it's good to know that it has been useful on three occasions since. No details of the incidents are available. – we've just been told that it has been used.



Surprise Christmas Visitor

Kirkheaton had a very welcome visitor on the Sunday before Christmas – Father Christmas himself! He wanted to reassure children that he would still be able to visit them on Christmas Eve despite Covid restrictions. Accompanied by two of his elf helpers, he toured the village in an open topped car, distributing sweets and waving to all the children who had turned out to see him.

Thanks go to Jeanette and Dick Cartwright for arranging his visit and allowing him the use of one of their cars for the occasion – he didn't want to tire his reindeer before the big day!



HOUSES HILL NEW CHAPEL



This is a rare photograph of the new Wesleyan chapel taken in 1908 as it nears completion. Two newspaper reports give an insight into why this was built adjacent to the old chapel.

Huddersfield Chronicle 16th Nov 1894

..... I enter their chapel and find it a veritable birdcage. Two houses have had their insides taken out and a pulpit, loft and a few pews put in. The floor space has movable forms and the whole is used as a school and chapel combined. They also have an organ and are proud of it.....

Huddersfield District Examiner 15th July 1907

.... Stone laying ceremony for the new Wesleyan Church (part of the Fartown circuit). For nearly 20 years the friends of Houses Hill have felt they should

raise funds to modernise their chapel. Their efforts were rewarded and they then decided to build a new chapel adjoining the old building.

It was built to accommodate 180 people at a cost of £750 and was opened in 1908.

It is interesting that Houses Hill had its own brass band who often gave concerts there.

With a falling congregation in more recent time it was closed and converted to a private dwelling. There will be other reports but as yet later newspapers have not been digitised.

John Taylor KFHG

Editor's Note: The private house is High Cross [see below and compare] and the older chapel behind has been demolished.



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Thursday

Tots UC, 9.30–11.30am

Dru Yoga CC, 9.30–10.30am, £6, Call Sarah on
07792 319788

Knit & Natter CC, 2–4pm just come along and join in
'The Health Walk' (~1 hour) meet at the PC Car Park
at 2pm followed by tea & cake in the church until
4pm

T@2 KPC, 2pm – a hot drink and a piece of
homemade cake

Friday

Krash Kids KPC, (activities and fun, term time only),
5–11 yr olds, 6.30pm–7.45pm. With games and
activities. Why not bring a friend?

ReGen KPC, (fun & activities for secondary aged
children, term time only) from 7.45pm

Saturday

Creative Crafts CC, 10.30 – 12.30 learning and
sharing crafting skills. (Contact Trish 07858 223854)

Monthly

1st Tuesday CC, Flower Arranging, 7pm £6. Call
Diane on 07946 400240

1st Thursday KPC, Young at Heart (activities &
discussion), from 1.30pm. Call Claire on 01484
531449 if you need a lift

1st Thursday CC, Firm Roots, A group for anyone
affected by cancer, including family and friends,
professionals etc 6.30–8pm. Everyone welcome.
Contact helen.jones@firmroots.co.uk

2nd Wednesday KPC, Mother's Union (with guest
speaker), at 2pm. Call Jan Miller on 01484 322441
for more info

3rd Thursday KPC, Young at Heart Club (home
cooked meal), from 10.30pm £4. Afternoon session
1.30pm £2 includes light refreshments. Call Claire on
01484 531449 for more information

3rd Saturday KPC, Bible Breakfast Club (for families)
– toast and cereals followed by a shared story and
crafts, 9.30–10.30

4th Tuesday CC, Yetton Together Forum meeting &
200 Club draw, 7.30pm

Last Monday CC, Kirkheaton Bookworms 7.15–
8.30pm – reading group in Library. Contact Judith
01484 302198

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