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140 years of service to the community

Exactly 140 years and 1 day after the foundation stone of St John's School was laid by the Earl of Dartmouth on 7th October 1882, the opening ceremony of an exhibition celebrating the building's 140 years of service to the local community took place on 8th October 2022. John Brooke, the last headteacher of the school and author of 'The Three Schools' - a history of education in Kirkheaton, opened the proceedings at the now named Kirkheaton Community Centre.

The exhibition was the result of a collaboration between Kirkheaton Local History group and Yetton Together, the leasees of the centre.

The building's history falls into 3 neat time zones which was reflected in the exhibition.

1. 1882 - 1982 as an infant school
2. 1982 - 2015 as a library, youth club, playgroup etc
3. 2015 - as the Community Centre and Library

There were many photos and school artefacts from the Victorian and later eras on display. The star exhibit was the old school bell which for nearly 100 years had summoned the children to the school but then languished forgotten in the cellar for nearly 50 years.

The weekend saw a steady stream of visitors - memories were triggered as older residents remembered their time there and reminisced with fellow ex-pupils about outside toilets, frozen milk and daytime naps! 'Younger' visitors remembered their nights at the youth club and dances. A rock group even practised there! Some visitors also recognised their younger selves attending the play group.

A real trip down Memory Lane for many who came!

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The two valuers present were : Alison Gillett specialising in Antiques & Collectables and Sarah Clark an expert in Silver, Jewellery & Watches.

The day was such a success that Sheffield Auctions will be returning on an approximately bi-monthly basis. Their next visit is due Monday 21st November so get in that attic and dust down those treasures – you never know they might be worth thousands!

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Watch this space!

Over the next few months residents will see the beginnings of a transformation of the roundabout in front of the doctors' surgery. Due to climate change and the need to be more sustainable there will no longer be a mass planting of bedding plants twice a year. Watering the plants during the drought this year has been almost impossible and has enforced the need for a different approach. Instead over the next year, the area will be planted with more drought-resistant perennial plants which will be chosen to provide year-round interest.



Michael Bowyer and Keith Durkin were the Yetton Together volunteers who established the roundabout and also planted out the numerous troughs and tubs around the village. Due to personal circumstances both have now hung up their spades and passed on the responsibility to Julie Mander, who has lots of new ideas and who is ably supported by Sandra Wimpenny. Already Julie has asked volunteers who in the past have just watered the tubs, to now plant them out as well. She has also established the Kirkheaton Garden Gang (see their Facebook page) and put a seed box library in the Community Centre where gardeners can exchange seeds etc.

A very big THANK YOU goes to Michael and Keith for all the planting, mowing, strimming etc they have done for the community over the last decade.



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Return of Arts Festival

It was wonderful to see the return of the Arts Festival to Kirkheaton Parish Church after having a break for a few years due to Covid-19. So many varied pieces of art work were displayed by 46 local artists, from painting to pottery and glass to needlework. Some



350+ visitors enjoyed the display accompanied by live music. Hearts and Hands Gospel Choir, a recorder group, Grange Moor Junior Youth band, Kirklees Pop Choir and U3A Ukulele group were amongst some of the talented people entertaining the crowds. Thank you to everyone who made the event a possibility. We hope that for 2023 the Arts Festival will return once more to its usual timing of May Spring Bank.

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Irene's mini hobby!

Even though Irene Heatherill is busy as a YT and 'Home From Home' Dementia group volunteer, she still finds time for her fascinating hobby. She writes:

"I'd always wanted a dolls house, but it wasn't until my 50th birthday when I got not just one, but two! That's how it all started. Furniture etc was very expensive to buy so I joined the Huddersfield Dolls House and Miniatures Club to learn to make my own. Many years later, I'm still enjoying the miniature projects the club organises and making



small sized everyday items from card, wood, clay, and beads - anything your imagination can use to turn them into tiny household/outside objects. A normal dolls house scale is one 12th i.e. one inch = one foot but we have been using 24th scale more recently for storage purposes. The club does a Summer project, sometimes exhibited, and this year's topic was Farmers' Market/Country Fayre, when we did a miniature scene inside a teacup. There is also a yearly Christmas competition when we can let our imagination go wild and create an item or scene from whatever topic given. Last year's was to make a "book nook". I love getting lost in making miniatures as your concentration is so intense on what you are doing that any other troubles and problems just get forgotten for a while. The club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the United Reform Church, Moldgreen and is always happy to welcome new enthusiasts. Come along or call me on 01484 537056 if you'd like to escape into our 'tiny' world for an evening. You don't have to be an expert, I'm not!"

The photos shown are my beach hut project piece and a collection of tiny individual items.



Change of use for former nursery site

Kirklees Council has approved the change of use of Happy Days Nursery, Fields Rise, Kirkheaton from a nursery facility to a special school.

When refurbished it will open as a private school for a maximum of 16 children with special educational needs from care homes (10) or living with parents (6). These are children from the ages of 11 to 16 with individual education plans who have come from challenging or vulnerable situations and who require additional support outside mainstream education. The aim is to prepare them for when they leave school or care to make their own way in the world. The applicant, Hexagon Care, is committed to working with Kirklees Council Education Partners to educate local children wherever possible.

Hexagon Care provides specialist care and education across the country at 50 different locations, of which 10 are school sites. It aims to provide opportunities for children to realise their potential in a safe and supportive environment.

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There are no external or internal changes proposed to the existing building.

There was only one objection to the planning application which was approved on 13th September.



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Win Win Situation

Despite the unprecedented hot weather this summer, the hanging baskets provided a lovely splash of colour to our village environment. YT financed 22 of the baskets at the cost of £1,300 through the generosity of members of the 200 Club where half of their subscriptions go towards their purchase. (The other half provides the draws' prize money.) So individuals win money and we all get to enjoy the baskets! A true WIN WIN situation.

It's never too late to join and help finance the baskets as well as giving you 4 chances of winning a cash prize of up to £50 per month. Just fill in the application form on line at yettontogether.org or collect a form from the Community Centre.

Yetton Together 200 Club Prize winners 2021 - 22

Date	1st prize			2nd Prize			3rd Prize			4th Prize		
	No	E	Name	No	E	Name	No	E	Name	No	E	Name
Sept 64	50		Julie Waring	211	30	Robert Tandy	72	20	Helen Aust			
Oct 78	50		Lorna Idle	125	30	Monica Pickersgill	1	20	Michael Bowyer			
Nov 77	50		Brenda Fisher	46	30	Bey Burns	45	20	Andrea Wood			
Dec 159	50		Debra Maybury	86	30	Gwen Schofield	177	20	Mr & Mrs Holden			
Jan 58	50		Kath Clarkin	150	30	R Leach	59	20	Sheila McAlpine			
Feb 43	50		Margaret Farrell	112	30	Elizabeth Rose	165	20	Eric Simpson	7	15	Neil Richardson
Mar 37	50		Sandra Lum	120	30	E Schofield	137	20	Mary Ryan	28	15	Diane Hardcastle
April 151	50		K Oxley	18	30	Dawn Tipady	121	20	Jane Davies	146	15	J Bedingfield
May 133	50		Monica Pickersgill	90	30	Susan Collins	65	20	Pam Turner	128	15	Andrea Pember
June 51	50		Marlene Hawkins	126	30	Eve Williams	22	20	Sheila Firth	174	15	Howard Senior
July 391	50		Florence Holt	12	30	Gwen Stocks	13	20	S & J Booth	79	15	Eve Williams
Aug 236	50		Laura Wilson	54	30	Ann Hopkinson	215	20	Shaun Lopez	213	15	Ann Sherratt

Where is my nearest Defibrillator?

Knowing where defibrillators are located in our area is very important as it can be the difference between life and death. They are sited at:

- Kirkheaton Community Centre, Fields Rise, HD5 0LZ - available 24/7 outside the centre
- Doctor' Surgery, Heaton Moor Road HD5 – only available when the Surgery is open
- St John's Parish Centre, Church Lane HD5 0BH – only available when the Centre is being used
- Kirkheaton Cricket Club – Bankfield Lane HD5 - only available when the Club is in use

Your first step is always to ring 999 and they will give you the code to open the box. The system inside then tells you step by step what to do.

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About five years ago, I was sitting in my neighbour's garden when a beautiful bird glided along the field and then disappeared. It took me completely by surprise because this was the only time I have seen a red kite in the Kirkheaton area. I was reminded of that occasion recently when someone told me one had been seen at Lepton and another at Grange Moor. I wondered how many there are here and whether I was just not looking hard enough.



There's a website called 'Yorkshire Red Kites' with a map of sightings reported over past years. There are hundreds in just about all parts of Yorkshire. But there are only four sightings within shouting distance of here, at Waterloo, Upper Hopton and two at Lepton.

Until 1999, you had to go to mid-Wales to see a kite.

Then a re-introduction

programme brought them to Harewood House. The programme was a considerable success story and now there are more than 10,000 kites across the UK. I can't think why we shouldn't have our fair share here because we have suitable habitat for their scavenging lifestyle and plenty of trees for nesting.

It's only a matter of time before a red kite sighting in Kirkheaton is a daily occurrence as birds look for a new home. But are they already here? I'm going to keep my eyes peeled because there's nothing like the sight of a colourful kite and its breathtaking aerial manoeuvres - with no strings attached.

Ray Brown

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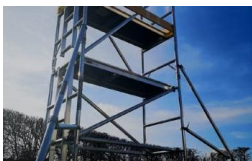
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Belated Celebrations for Yetton Together

In September, after a delay of two years due to Covid restrictions, Yetton Together was finally able to celebrate its 10th year anniversary [now 12th] of its beginnings and the 5th anniversary [now 7th] of its being granted charity status.

To mark the occasion all the group's volunteers were invited to the party at the Community Centre –all 80 plus of them! They include gardeners, bakers, magazine distributors, café personnel, social event organisers etc etc. Their commitment varies from a few hours occasionally to many hours a month.

We value them all – Without their support Yetton Together wouldn't exist so it was lovely to see nearly 50 of them were able to join us. For the first time volunteers were able to meet up with and chat with others who support the charity. It was good to put faces to names of people we don't usually meet up with but who do a variety of things on our behalf eg our 20 plus magazine distributors.

A good time was had by all! Here's to the next 10 years! Cheers!

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In early October the Laneside Community Trust met to discuss plans for the on-going Laneside quarry works. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 'open day' did not take place in August/September and is now re-scheduled for next year. Work on the quarry includes the construction of two lagoons to accept clean and dirty water. During the winter months when there is no newt activity, fish, which were found in one of the ponds, will be removed.

Following reports of overgrown vegetation in Lane Side, Crompton's have cut back hedges to improve the flow of vehicular traffic and access to the footpath. Members of the public are not permitted inside the working perimeter of the quarry but can still access the public footpaths around the area.

To comply with their planning permission and Natural England licences, the company has submitted a site management plan which details work done this year and priorities for work during 2022/23. Briefly, the aims are to maintain the area in a safe and visually attractive condition and to improve the ecological value of the site. These proposals include work to maintain and improve habitats for newts and other protected and priority species, maintenance of fences, hedgerows and footpaths, control of overgrown bramble and self-seeded trees, and the installation of bird and bat boxes.

Any comments or queries can be directed to Ray Brown at raybrownuk@yahoo.co.uk.

Quiz Night at the CC

About 40 + people enjoyed a night out quizzing in early September at the Community Centre. Yetton Together's Social group organised it and the quiz was in the very good hands of Duggie – the husband of one of our volunteers. A light supper was provided and everyone brought their own drinks. The quizzing was very light hearted and much fun was had by all despite one section of 20 questions devoted purely to God's Own Country! Some of us not lucky enough to have been born in Yorkshire were at a distinct disadvantage!!!!!! The group raised £250 to help support the Centre. A big thank you to them all. Roll on the next one [possibly around Christmas] and this time I will be prepared for all things Yorkshire!!!! Look out for info on social media nearer the time if you want to quiz!

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KPCe – Kirkheaton Parish Centre, **UC** – United Church,
SH –Scout Hall

November

Friday 4th UC pm Dementia play 'Wishes Fulfilled' Details nearer the time. Info: l.idle@virginmedia.com

Saturday 5th Parish Centre Field Kirkheaton, HD5 0BH 6:30pm Bonfire and Fireworks evening £5 adults, £2 for those in education (pre-schoolers free). Price includes refreshments. Come along for a fabulous evening. Tickets on the gate

Saturday 12th UC 10am til 1pm Annual Christmas Fayre (lots of bargains)

Sunday 13th KPC 10.45am Remembrance Day Service all are welcome

Friday 18th Home from Home, CC, a friendship group for people living with Dementia, their carers and people who are lonely or isolated. Contact Jean Broscombe 07982 233 460

Sunday 20th CC Makers' Market
Thurs 24th CC History Talk 7.30pm £3

December

Saturday 3rd UC 7.15pm Sundown Swingband concert
Tickets £8 from David 01484 302768

Saturday 10th UC 10:30 – 11.30am Breakfast with Santa £3
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Sat 10th & Sun 11th PC 11am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival
We invite local groups & businesses to bring along a tree to advertise their group/activity/business. Everyone is welcome and it is a free way of advertising what you do and to be part of a lovely community event. For further details of how to participate please contact 01484 531449

Sunday 11th KPC 10.45am Christmas Family Carols

Sunday 18th UC Crafts & Christingles 3pm till 4.30pm (children to be accompanied by an adult please)

Sunday 18th KPC 7pm Carols By Candlelight

Saturday 24th UC Carol Service 6pm

Saturday 24th KPC 4pm & 6pm Christingle Christmas Eve

Saturday 24th Holy Communion 11pm

Sunday 25th KPC 8.30am Christmas Day Holy Communion
10.30am Christmas Day Family Communion

Dates for your diary 2023

February 23

Tuesday 21st CC 7.30pm Tuesday Talk: Ray Brown wildlife talk with stunning photographs £3

April 23

Tuesday 11th CC 7.30pm Tuesday Talk 'Saitaire -World Heritage Site' by Maria Glot £3

May 23

Saturday 27th KPC Possible start of Arts Festival

Sunday 28th Kirkheaton Cricket Field Kirkfields Music Festival is back 12 noon to 8pm

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