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The Parachuting Parson!

In December 2022 our local rector, the Revd Ian Jones of Kirkheaton Parish Church and St Bartholomew's, Grange Moor, appeared on The Chase, a game show hosted by Bradley Walsh on ITV!

When asked how he managed to get on this popular programme, Ian confessed that Helen, his wife, had asked him many times to apply, but his answer was always NO. However Helen took things into her own hands and applied without him knowing, and the rest is history.

The first step was getting through the audition via Zoom, which took place in the summer of 2021 and then filming started in the November.

They filmed 3 episodes per day and contestants were put up in a hotel near the studios in Borehamwood near Watford. The first time Ian met the other 3 contestants in his team was at 7 a.m. on the day of the filming.

They were taken through the game show's rules, and then the wardrobe person chose their outfits from a selection each one was asked to bring.

It took around 1.5 hrs to film their show. Ann, 'The Governess' as she is known, was their opponent. Ian says he was lucky to find himself in a good team and together they ended up winning £24,000 to share between them!

When Bradley asked what Ian was going to spend his winnings on, Ian told him he would tithe it (i.e. give 10% of it to the church), and the rest would be used to buy a skydiving rig!

Skydiving is Ian's main hobby and he regularly goes to 'Skydive Hibaldstow' in Lincolnshire.

Jumping from a height of 3 miles or 15,000 feet, skydivers free-fall at around 120 miles per hour for about 1 minute, before opening their main parachute (they also carry a reserve parachute) and they then slowly descend the remaining 4,000 feet at a gentle 12 miles per hour – in all taking around 4 minutes to reach the ground.

Having gained his 'A' and 'B' Licences, Ian is now working towards his C Licence, having done 93 jumps of the 200 required for C Licence.

Putting his church hat back on after his sky diving helmet, Ian says that every visitor who comes along to church receives a warm welcome, friendly people, and importantly – a warm building! The church holds an 'All Age' service on the first Sunday of every month at 10.45 a.m. So, the next few are 5th March, 2nd April (Palm Sunday) and 7th May – for your diaries! The church's website is: www.kirkheatonchurch.org.uk

Go to yettontogogether.org to read a longer version of this interview.



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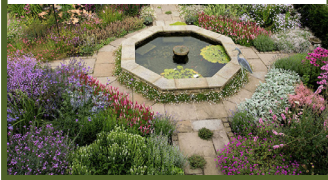
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Laneside Quarry update

The Laneside Trust met on 26th January to discuss progress at the quarry. The quarry is still in the preparation stage with the focus being on lining the base and walls. Some newt ponds have been drained to remove and relocate fish which had colonised them.

Crompton's have now cleared the footpath in Laneside, which had overgrown with ivy opposite The Dene. There remains around 10 metres to clear from the cemetery wall, which the council officer is looking into. Concerns were raised about the state of the footpath through the wooded valley within the quarry boundary. Agreement has been reached between the council and Crompton's to repair and make safe the steps up from the stream and a part of the path which has been eroded by water.

Crompton's have submitted a 2022/23 site management plan to Kirklees but this has not yet been approved. There was discussion about an area of land above the wooded valley and alongside the haul road which has been scraped to form agricultural land, and whether this work was consistent with the aim to preserve land for nature. This will be subject to review by Crompton's and Kirklees before any such similar work is continued.

There is a need to increase community representation on the Trust and anyone with an interest should please contact the chairman. Meetings are held every 6-8 weeks at Kirkheaton Community Centre.

Ray Brown (Chair)

e: raybrownuk@yahoo.co.uk

Kirkheaton Future Update

Steve Booth, Chair writes:

Kirkheaton Future had its AGM in January and all current officers were re-elected. A recent meeting with Kirkburton Parish Council resulted in one of the councillors joining the steering group.

We hope to finalise our thinking on the allocation of sites within the plan in the next few weeks. We will also be meeting with Kirklees to discuss the latest version of the plan we submitted some time ago.

We are moving ahead and exploring how we can generate a web site so that the inspection process of the plan can be easily undertaken.

The process is a slow one and is proving frustrating for us all but I can assure the village that the steering group is resolute in moving forward to complete the plan on your behalf.

If anyone would like more information or to get involved, then please contact us. We remain grateful for the ongoing support of Yetton Together and its members.

New Principal at KPS – Richard Coates

Richard Coates was appointed head teacher at Kirkheaton Primary School in September 2022. Previously he was a Vice Principal at Beaumont Academy and before that the Senior Lead for 8 years at The Heights Federation.

After being inspired to teach by his Year 6 teacher whilst at primary school, Mr Coates trained at Bangor University in Wales.

He is from Huddersfield and has strong pride in his local area and has always wanted to make a difference to people's lives. As a teenager he did a mixture of volunteering and also worked at Dewsbury and Huddersfield Markets as a greengrocer.

He has many interests - managing and playing in a football team, running, walking and reading are some of them. His secret talent is his ability to speak Welsh – which he learnt while studying at Bangor!

He believes that Kirkheaton Primary has a great staff group, supportive parents and great children. His priority is to instil in the children a sense of pride in their community – to become better citizens, better educated and to encourage a healthy lifestyle. He believes an active lifestyle helps with an active mind and to achieve this the school offers a wide range of extra curriculum activities – football, rugby, Eco Club, cross stitch, cheer leading, dance, netball, art and even has a qualified tennis coach who is also one of the teachers.

He writes:

My wish is to engage more with the community and local businesses.

We have an active PTA (Parent and Teacher Association) which is not restricted just to parents of pupils at the school.

We also have a vacancy for a School Governor from the local community- who

currently does not have a pupil attending the school.

There are also a wide range of volunteer opportunities within the school – reading, craft, gardening etc

To find out more contact him at office@kirkheatonprimary.com

He thanked Yetton Together for accessing the Cost-of-Living Grant of £4,500 from Kirklees One Community to support families and £525 donated by groups within Kirkheaton Community Centre which enabled the school to purchase a Christmas gift for every pupil.

He is looking forward to working with Yetton Together and the wider community in the future.

Go to yettontogether.org to read a longer version of this interview.



Principal Richard Coates with Lorna Idle, Trustee of Yetton Together, receiving gift vouchers from Kirklees One Community and a hamper donated by Morrisons at Waterloo.



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New YT Trustees

YT welcomes two new Trustees, Tyler Hawkins and John Senior, who were appointed at our Annual General meeting in November 2022, bringing the total number of Trustees to eight.



John Senior writes:

"I was born in Huddersfield in 1963 and I went to Almondbury High School. I started working for the GPO in 1980 as an apprentice. I worked all over the country as a senior engineer for BT and Openreach dealing with major banks and businesses installing private network links and more recently computer links. I have a good feel for things technical and enjoy computer games.

I have been volunteering at the community centre for over 12 months in various caretaking capacities and as a member of the Management team."



Tyler Hawkins writes:

"I'm Huddersfield born and bred and have lived in the area for the past 5 years. I work for an engineering company during the day and volunteer in the community in the evening, having been elected the local district Councillor in 2022.

I've been supportive of the great Yetton Together team over the past few years and delighted to now be part of it and support more great work in the village."

Kirkheaton Lionesses have arrived!

For the first time in the Club's history, and encouraged by the roaring success of our women's Euro 2022 win, Kirkheaton Youth Football club have established a girls' team - the Kirkheaton Lionesses! Set up last year we currently have around 17 girls aged between 10 to 16 years old playing football. Our aim is to inspire, engage and provide a safe, fun, and nurturing environment for all girls to develop a love and passion for football, irrespective of ability

The team continues to grow and in December we were invited to the Kirkburton Wildcats where they had an afternoon of football skills and games together with prizes and goal shoot outs.

Kirkheaton Lionesses are also working with the Huddersfield Junior Football league to establish a girls' local league to play matches and tournaments. This season they are also taking part in the HJFC indoor festival commencing this January at 5Score, Waterloo.

If any girls aged between 6-13 years old are interested in taking part, come along for a free taster session; these are run by a qualified FA coach and all abilities are welcome.



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Wishes Fulfilled

After their earlier success with their previous two dementia-related plays, Az2B Theatre Company were back in Kirkheaton in November to complete the trilogy. The final play – “Wishes Fulfilled” explored issues around end of life palliative care in a hospice setting. It de-mystified the death process exploring what a “good death” can be. We don’t tend to talk about dying and death, yet our mortality is as certain as taxes and

this thought-provoking play offered an honest, raw and humorous way to show us we can have the death that we choose. There were three ‘happy’ deaths during the performance, Nana whose favourite horse crossed the winning line as she passed away, an explosion of music and silliness as another slipped away, and even the children were involved in making sure that their nan died in Blackpool, as she had expressed, by decorating her room with lights, photos, ‘kiss me quick hats’ and music to dance away to be with her Ronnie.



The audience experienced a rollercoaster of emotions throughout. It was funny, moving, informative, and profound all rolled into one act. Congratulations to the three actors with the help of their magnificent full and small size puppets who brought it all to life.

“An excellent performance! The skill the actors showed to cover an often delicate and difficult subject was incredible. The ability to be factually accurate with a humorous touch was refreshing and well worth a watch,” was one of many comments by an appreciative audience.

Thanks also go Dalton Together and One 17 Design for funding the play.

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Vandals target Kirkheaton C & BC –again!

In late January Kirkheaton Cricket & Bowling Club was broken into and vandalised yet again. This was the latest in a string of targeted events in recent months.

Access was gained by removing part of the roof and ceiling of the clubhouse. The club now needs to raise money to cover the cost of the urgent repairs which

include roofing repairs, new ceilings and windows. But initially they need to raise money for a CCTV system and signage to secure the premises.

This is a facility used by all ages in the village for the last 150 years and the Club is heartened by the number of donations and messages of support they have received since the break in.

To donate to the restorations please go to [gofundme.com/f/kirkheaton-cricket-and-bowling-club](https://www.gofundme.com/f/kirkheaton-cricket-and-bowling-club).



Did you know that...

... there's a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k park run for juniors (4 to 14 year olds) held at Ravensknowle Park HD5 8DJ every Sunday at 9 am? Children can walk, jog or run around the course

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Giving nature a chance!

Clare Walters writes:

The 20% for wildlife project is hoping that eventually everyone in Kirkheaton will leave 20% of their land/ garden/doorstep for wildlife. If even some of us can do this by planting wildflowers, leaving a corner of lawn uncut to let the dandelions flower or making a pond, we can create a web of habitat for birds, bees and butterflies throughout the village - a safe haven where wildlife can flourish.

Perhaps the single best thing we can do is to make our gardens pesticide free.

Of course there are challenges to this! The biggest two – are weeds and SLUGS! But there are things we can do, and alternatives to the dreaded slug pellets which kill hedgehogs and some birds, and weedkillers which are really bad for insects. It is all in the planning!

So this year I am going to put slug traps out a week before I plant out my seedlings. I will use a network of ramekin style pots and put a little beer in each. I will sink them in to the soil but leave a rim above as this stops some insects accidentally falling in, and pop a long, slim stick in each so any that do fall in can climb out. Slugs are quite happy to stay and die a happy (I hope) death.

And I am going to start weeding early and regularly hoeing, to keep the soil clear.

Join our Facebook group for a tip a month to keep you garden poison free. You can find us at Kirkheaton 20% for wildlife project.



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Library Chatter

Catching them young! - Encouraging new readers

Kirkheaton Library in conjunction with Kirkheaton Primary School, are encouraging children to visit and join their local library.

Over the last few months each year group have visited the library to find out more about what is on offer there. Library volunteer Janet Forde says "Getting children into the building is very important as for some this is their first ever visit to a library. Here they have discovered that they can borrow books, use a computer, have a quiet space to do their homework and even attend Lego club (includes a biscuit and drink) all for free! We want to get them into the habit of using the library so we also have Reception year children coming on a weekly basis to look at books and listen to a story".

Friends of Kirkheaton Library also have storytime/craft sessions for the under-fives on Fridays at 2:15pm (only in term time).

Update on Kirkheaton Cemetery

The Spring/Summer of 2023 will see the expansion of burial plots at Laneside Cemetery, Kirkheaton. Kirklees Council plans to develop the remaining land previously occupied by allotments [adjacent to the road] for the burial of babies [only] and for the cremated remains of adults. Much of the designated land has already been cleared in preparation for the commencement of the work.



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Feel the Warmth!

Like many other community spaces in Kirklees this winter, Yetton Together at Kirkheaton Community Centre is providing a warm place where people can meet up.

'Warm Hub' is open on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons between 2:30 and 4:30pm for people to socialise or just sit quietly reading etc. – it's up to you! Magazines and games are also on offer. Volunteers provide free drinks and snacks. All welcome.

The library also welcomes people in on Monday afternoons 2-5pm where you can sit quietly reading some of the books on offer.

The Old School Tea Room is also open on Thursdays 2- 4pm and Fridays 3:15 to 4:30pm when refreshments are available. Another warm space in the village is Kirkheaton Parish Church

which opens its doors on Thursday 2:30 -4:30pm. All are welcome to enjoy free drinks, cakes and a warm snack.



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Christmas Tree Festival

Every year local people, voluntary groups and businesses are invited to decorate Christmas trees that in some way represent themselves, their group or business, for display at the Parish Church. This year saw even more imaginative and colourful offerings. Some were done by groups that are based at Kirkheaton Community Centre - the Local History group, Home from Home (the dementia-friendly care group) and Kirkheaton library volunteers as well as local businesses.

The Local History group's offering was 'Kirkheaton in the Snow' – a tree decorated with photos showing local views and landmarks in the snow.



What's On Regulars

Weekly

Monday

Chair Yoga CC 10.30 - 12noon. Exercise for the less agile
Contact Marie-Claire Cossey 07789285381

Art Group CC 2pm - 4pm Contact Trevor 07792 656 729

Rainbows UC 6-7pm [term time only]

Mindfulness Meditation Sessions CC, 7.30 - 9pm. Call Tim on 07837 128 611

Tuesday

Dru Yoga CC 9.30 - 10.30am, £6 Call Sarah on 0795 1076828

Beavers SHQ 5.30 - 6.30pm 6-8 years [term time only]

Cubs SHQ 6.45 - 8pm 8 - 10.5 years [term time only]

FREE TEA AND TOAST breakfast UC 8.50am until 10.30am

Everyone welcome - just call in!

Wednesday

Kingdom Tots KPCe 9.30am-11.30am (term time only). For babies, toddlers and their carers.

Chair Exercise CC (all ages and abilities welcome) 2 - 3.30pm. £3. Call Lorna 07905 073982

Senior Citizens Club UC 7pm

Thursday

Tots UC 9.30 - 11.30am

Dru Yoga CC 9.30 - 10.30am, £6, Call Sarah on 0795 1076828

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 -4pm come along for cake and conversation

Local History Group CC Library from 6-7pm Local and Family History research

Coffee Shop CC 2 - 4pm Homemade cakes etc

Friday

Children's Story Time CC Library 2.15pm

Lego Club CC 3.15 - 4.30pm FREE! with a free drink and biscuit

Krash Kids KPC (time only) 5-11 yr olds, 5.30pm - 6.30pm. With games and activities. Why not bring a friend?

Squirrels SHQ 6-7pm [4 -6 years]

Scouts SHQ 7.30 - 8pm [10.5 - 14 years]

ReGen KPC (fun & activities for secondary aged children, term time only) from 7.30pm

Coffee Shop CC 3.15 - 4.30pm Homemade cakes etc

Saturday

Coffee Shop CC 10.30am - 12.30pm Homemade cakes etc

Creative Crafts CC 10.30 - 12.30 learning and sharing crafting skills. Contact Trish 07858 223 854

Fortnightly

Fridays Home from Home CC a friendship group for people living with Dementia, their carers and people who are lonely or isolated. Usually 1st & 3rd Fridays 10 - 12 noon. Contact Jean Broscombe 07982 233 460

Monthly

1st Thursday KPC Young at Heart (activities & discussion), from 1.30pm. Refreshments, quizzes conversation Contact 01484 531449

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

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

3rd Thursday KPC Lunch Club from 12.30, home cooked meal and conversation. Contact KPC 01484 531449
Transport may be available

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, 7pm

Last Monday CC Kirkheaton Bookworms 7 - 8pm Reading group in Library. Contact June 07958 269 651

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What's On

Venues:

CC – Community Centre, **KPC**– Kirkheaton Parish Church,
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SH – Scout Hall

March

Sunday 19th UC 10.45am Mothering Sunday Service – an informal café style service suitable for all ages with refreshments

Sunday 26th CC Makers' Market 12:30 -3:30pm

Thursday 30th CC 7:30pm 'The Story of Tolson Museum' A Local History talk £3 - pay at the door. Light refreshments included

April

Saturday 1st CC 2- 3.30 pm Kirkheaton 20% for Wildlife Festival. What could you do in your garden? Inspiring slide show by Ray Brown plus lots of give-aways, activities for children and an opportunity to share what you doing already - bring photos!

Sunday 2nd Palm Sunday KPC 9.00 am Holy Communion service; 10.45 All Age Praise

Thursday 6th Maundy Thursday UC 11am – a Communion Service for Holy Week followed by lunch – everyone welcome. KPC 7.30pm Holy Communion service

Friday 7th Good Friday KPC 10.45 Morning Praise. 2.00 Hour at the Cross

Sunday 9th Easter Sunday

KPC 6.30 am Sunrise service 9.00 Holy Communion service 10.45 Family Communion. 6.00 Evening praise
UC 10.45am Service of Celebration for Easter Day - suitable for all ages

Tuesday 11th CC 7:30pm Tuesday Talk 'Historical Saltaire Village – a World Heritage Site.' A not to be missed talk by Maria Gott resident & guide. £3 - pay at the door. Light refreshments included

May

Saturday 6th KPC (time TBC) Showing of the King's Coronation on a large screen

Sunday 7th CC Proposed date for 'Coronation Picnic on the Field' More details later

Sunday 14th UC 10.45am A special service to celebrate the King's Coronation with refreshments afterwards

Sunday 21st CC Makers' Market 12:30 -3:30pm

Thursday 25th CC 7:30pm A History of the Canals - £3 pay at the door. Light refreshments included

Saturday 27th KPC 11am- 5.00pm Annual Arts Festival

Sunday 28th KPC 12.30pm -5.00pm Annual Arts Festival

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

June

Tuesday 13th CC 7.30pm Tuesday Talk - More details later

July

Saturday 22nd Kirkheaton HD5 OPZ Annual Tractor Fest
More details later

Did you know that ... Kirkheaton History Group now has its own website?

Check it out for articles about local places and people – The Brown Cow Inn and the Old Kirk Stile, history of the Cricket club, Spring Grove Pleasure Gardens, the dangerous Lodge Mill Colliery, and the lost hamlet of Lees Head, are just some examples. New information is being added all the time, so make a point of looking regularly to discover things you never knew about the place where you live. Go to www.kirkheatonhistorygroup.co.uk

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