

# YETTON NEWS

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Houses Hill, Wellhouse  
& Lascelles Hall

## "I didn't know that!"

These words of surprise and delight could be heard all around Kirkheaton on a fine warm Thursday evening in July when about 40 people enjoyed Kirkheaton History Group's guided walk around some of the historical parts of the village. We split up into groups, with about eight of us in each, and were ably guided and entertained by our wonderful History Group guides. It was also lovely to hear informative (and often rather funny) stories from some fellow walkers who reminisced about old times, and shared memories of their antics around the village when they were young.

There were so many places to see and stories to hear. A few examples were:

- the Grade II listed eighteenth century pinfold tucked away at the bottom of Cockley Hill Lane;
- the Spangled Bull, one of the oldest buildings in the village, built as a farm in 1740;
- Field Head Co-Op, possibly the oldest co-op in the country (established ten years before that of the Rochdale Pioneers);
- the little cottage where Miss Taylor sold sweets & tobacco out of her front door (you can still spot the faint lettering over the door "Licensed to sell sweets and tobacco");
- the site of the cucking stool at the end of Orchard Road where offending villagers were jeered at & ducked in the pond in the 1700s;
- and tales of characters such as Squire Pexton who had a blacksmith's shop on Bankfield Lane and terrified the locals by getting drunk and galloping around the village on a stagecoach.

And so much more!



Back at the Community Centre for refreshments, there was chance to pore over some old pictures and swap stories of village life. Donations of £107 were generously donated by the walkers for Cancer Research.

If you want to know more about old Kirkheaton there is lots of information available on the History group's website [www.kirkheatonhistorygroup.co.uk](http://www.kirkheatonhistorygroup.co.uk)

They also meet regularly at the Kirkheaton Community Centre; every Thursday at 6.00 pm.

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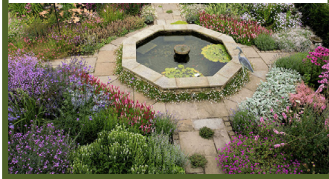
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# Art Workshops at Community Centre

For the last six months art-minded people have enjoyed creative workshops, using various media, run by local artist tutor Diane Barker of 'Artish Huddersfield CiC', which is a newly formed creative organisation.

During the six months they have covered subjects including: still life/perspective; Zentangle; pen and ink; gouache; the colour wheel, and drawing from a photo.

Due to popular demand, Diane will continue to provide a further three months' tuition at the Community Centre, on the 3rd Monday in the month.

Huge thanks  
are owed to the  
funding provided  
by Third Sector  
Leaders via  
Yetton Together.



The Art Group runs  
every Monday at the  
Community Centre  
2 pm – 4 pm.

# ‘Time for a Cuppa’, and ‘Lockdown’



The Home from Home Friendship Group was busy during May and July hosting ‘Time for a Cuppa’ and welcoming the Blue Light Theatre Company who presented their new play ‘Lockdown’.

‘Time for a Cuppa’ is a Dementia UK initiative raising money towards funding their Admiral Nurses who provide vital support to families facing living with dementia. Supporters make cakes and refreshments to share in exchange for donations. The Home from Home group hosted this to help Irene Heatherill, one of the team, who is challenging herself to a task every month of 2023 to raise money for Dementia UK, and May’s event was ‘Time for a Cuppa’. The Community Centre was full of chatter from people enjoying refreshments and that all important piece of cake. A marvellous £630 was raised for Dementia UK. A big “Thank You” goes out to all who were involved in any way. Irene has so far raised over £1,500 and hopes to achieve more before the year end.

York-based Blue Light Theatre Company performed their new play entitled “Lockdown”. They are a mix of people from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and local performers who decided to do a fundraising event, when one of their colleagues became ill with Motor Neurone disease, so they could purchase an Eyegaze computer to help her. After her death, they continued to fundraise and decided to do a “one-off” pantomime,

but it proved so popular they chose to keep going – hence Blue Light Theatre was formed.

The play was written by Perri Ann (one of the actors) and the Home from Home Friendship Group was the first to see it. Set in a cafe, three sets of customers were seated, each with their own problems, and served by attentive but very observant staff. The first long established married couple, with a difference of opinion on about nearly everything, squabbled over the price of bacon butties. At the second table, was a budding actor who thought he was being stalked, but had also attracted the attention of one of the waiters who wanted to go into acting. The third couple weren’t really engaging in much conversation with one another, only to find out later about their incompatibility and a secret. I won’t give the ending away in case we ask them to return for a re-run! The play brought much amusement to the audience with a bit of melancholy too, and (despite the title) had nothing to do with Covid!

After a break, and of course refreshments with cake, the company entertained us with a very enjoyable variety of songs, encouraging us to join in.







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# Wanted: Young(er) Blood!

The Trustees of Yetton Together are not getting any younger! Most of them have been involved for over 13 years and we are now looking for some younger, community-minded volunteers.

Being a Trustee is a rewarding job. We have seen the Community Centre and Library go from strength to strength and become a vital part of Kirkheaton. The village environment has been enhanced by the hanging baskets financed by the 200 Club, the Community Orchard and the tubs planted and nurtured by our brilliant volunteers. Also the establishment of our community magazine, Yetton News, and the website [www.yettontogether.org](http://www.yettontogether.org)

We have met lots of lovely, willing people who make Kirkheaton a good place to live in.

The job of a Trustee is varied - usually as decision maker and project manager and ensuring our 80+ volunteers are safe and valued. Each Trustee has an area of responsibility in the organisation such as finance, Health and Safety etc and we employ an administrator who deals with the day to day running of the CC.

The most important qualification for the role is an enthusiasm to serve our community and being able to work in a team. We would provide training and support.

To find out more contact our Chair - Trish Mellor:  
[trish.mellor@yettontogether.org](mailto:trish.mellor@yettontogether.org) or 07858 223854

## Come on in - It's warm inside!

**Kirkheaton Community Centre will be open on  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm  
starting on 7th November. Come and socialise in a  
warm, friendly environment. Enjoy free drinks and  
snacks as you meet with friends or find new ones!**

# Blooming Fantastic!

Yetton Together's "Tub Team" volunteers generously plant up and maintain the colourful flower tubs around the village, usually looking after ones near their homes. We now have two tubs that need adopting by new helpers, so if you might be willing to help please contact Julie on 07951 140162.

In spring this year, other volunteers helped create a drought tolerant gravel garden at the roundabout outside the doctors' surgery which requires no watering. It has bloomed well and is now getting nicely established. In its first summer it has had over 30 flower varieties, some self-seeded, and has attracted lots of bees.

There is a Seed Bank (a rather grand description for a decorated cardboard box with a lid!) in the Community Centre which has proven popular. It is located on the windowsill in the library and accessible any time the centre is open. It's free for anyone to use. Any seeds can be donated, even half packets, or seeds that you have collected from your garden. If you do donate some, please seal up any packet with some tape, and have a label identifying what they are. Anyone is free to take seeds; there is no need to give any to get any!

There are also plenty of other gardening opportunities for people willing to help organisations in our community, which would be very much welcomed by Kirkheaton Primary School, St John's Parish Church, and the new Fields Rise School. Contact [admin@yettontogogether.org](mailto:admin@yettontogogether.org) if you might be able to help.



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# Messing About on the Water

*Karen Wise writes...*

The day started well for Kirkheaton Community Centre's Chair Exercise Group day trip on Saturday 22 July, travelling to Shepley Bridge Marina, Mirfield, from where the award-winning Safe Anchor Trust charity runs enjoyable and safe canal boat trips for local community groups. The two boats we had booked were accessible, with a lift, so those of us who have difficulty with steps could get on board safely. Refreshments were provided, and we took our own picnics plus some fizz and ready-mixed cocktails.

The weather was rather disappointing with a torrential downpour but nevertheless we were under cover on-board so we still enjoyed the slower pace of life on the canal and were able to watch the wildlife.



We set off towards Dewsbury in tandem, with both boats safely navigating the lock and turning circles in the canal basin. On the way back, the crew realised that the smaller boat could only go backwards and had lost forward thrust on the engine. There was a brief dilemma, wondering if we might need to abandon ship and scramble up the banking but in the end we transferred passengers from one boat to the other so that at least the first boatload would be back in time. So we had a bit of an adventure going up on deck in the pouring rain to hop across from one boat to the other. This in itself made the day for some of us, being assisted by the strong arms of a handsome young man!

The larger boat set off (too cloudy and rainy for any sunset!), then the remaining mixed bunch of us got back to the marina around 2.30pm. After more refreshments in the café, safely back on dry land, we were able to head home.

The stretch of waterway included both canal and



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navigable river, so this quote from A.A. Milne seems apt: "Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day".

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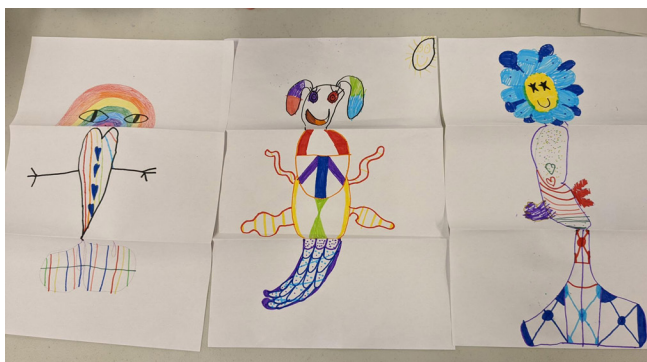
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# Illustration Workshop

Stephen Waterhouse has been illustrating since 1998, creating pictures for books, posters, cards, jigsaws, maps, advent calendars, packaging, and magazines.

Stephen joined Kirklees Libraries over the summer to run six family art workshops as part of the Summer Reading Challenge 2023. At Kirkheaton Library, nine children and six parents enjoyed his art demonstration and interactive workshop.

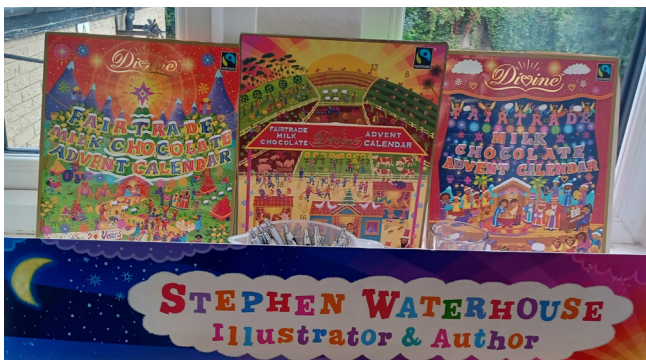


Here are some comments from participants:

"Lovely interactive session with the kids. Lovely showcase of work, and shows kids how they use their imagination as a grown up."

"Excellent session, very good illustrator. Would like to do it again."

"Really enjoyed the art session, would love to see more of these to further inspire young children."





# Generous Knitters

Did you know, there are estimated to be over 6 million people in the UK who like to knit?

Kirkheaton and Dalton Knit and Natter groups joined together to create a selection of baby blankets, cardigans and hats for those in need at New Hall Prison. The project was initiated by St James Church, Rawthorpe. They were delighted to present nine blankets, a hand-made quilt, 30 assorted knitted cardigans and six hats to Paula, a nurse at New Hall, for distribution. The groups have previously also donated selections of baby blankets, knitted tops, and teddies.

Kirkheaton Knit and Natter meets at the Community Centre each Thursday afternoon at 2.00 pm. Dalton Knit and Natter meets at Rawthorpe & Dalton Library.



**School Links** - The Knit And Natter group and Craft groups based at the Community Centre joined together with Year 2 children at Kirkheaton Primary School in "Learn to Knit" sessions held as part of the school's Summer Technology project. Together they produced a wonderful blanket which is now displayed in the school. The children were keen and enthusiastic and all enjoyed the experience.

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# News from K.P.S. Principal, Richard Coates

It seems like only yesterday that Kirkheaton Primary School entered its next stage of development - the huge change from a new Principal heading up the establishment seems still so fresh in the mind. What a year it has been and how much has changed!

The year began with a clear new focus on offering students a brand new after-school programme, in response to their desire to take part in extra-curricular activities. A wealth of clubs is accessible, ranging from mountain biking, football, netball, choir, cross-stitch, dance, tennis and many more.

Encouragement for the children to be even more excited about school than before has been achieved through the planning and developing of a brand-new curriculum. This is built sequentially, with a strong text at the heart of the delivery, and has been supplemented with some incredibly adventurous excursions off site. The curriculum, layered on British events and worldwide dates, has inspired pupils across the school to take their learning beyond our walls.



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*One of our brilliant Learning Walls*

A key value of our school, now, is to be proud of Kirkheaton. With this in mind our staff and students have engaged with local community groups. From attendance at Yetton Together, to supporting the local cricket team at their finals day, we have worked in collaboration to show what we can do when we work as a partnership. Our students will now often be seen around the village as they get to know more about their local area and why they should be proud to be part of the Kirkheaton family.

A lot has changed inside the school building too! Not just what we teach the students but where; our learning environments have completely changed! We have our overall curriculum design mapped out on one huge wall, and our gorgeous “Learning Walls” help our students to remember key facts about their curriculum.

*Our wonderful School Council, in front of our Curriculum Map*



The final cherry on the cake - or you could say “crowning glory” - was a visit from the Channel 5 news team who produced a national news piece on our coronation events; it was a brilliant reflection of the fantastic pupils we have at school.

After our first year, we have not stood still and we are still seeking volunteers and support from the community to help achieve the goals we have for our pupils and so help Kirkheaton to continue to be a jewel in Huddersfield’s crown. Our aim is to create citizens who love their area, who are proud of their village and who want to improve their community for all of their lives.

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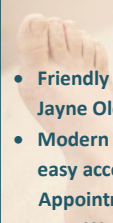
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| Event, Information & Contact                                                                                                                                                     | Where | When             | Event, Information & Contact                                                                                                                                                                                     | Where | When              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| <b>October</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |       |                  | <b>Saturday 16th. Christmas Quiz Night.</b><br>Tickets available Sat. mornings at the CC.                                                                                                                        |       |                   |
| <b>Saturday 28th. Halloween Disco.</b><br>£2. Family fun, open to all. Refreshments.                                                                                             | SH    | 6.30 - 9.30pm    | <b>Sunday 17th. Carols by Candlelight</b> at the Parish Church.                                                                                                                                                  | KPC   | 6.00 - 7.30pm     |
| <b>Tuesday 31st. Light Party.</b> Super Hero fun for Primary aged children & their families.                                                                                     | KPC   | 5.00 - 6.30pm    | <b>Friday 22nd. Community Carols</b> at the Beaumont Arms.                                                                                                                                                       | BA    | to be confirmed   |
| <b>November</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |       |                  | <b>Sunday 24th. Christmas Eve. Make Your Own Christingle and other crafts.</b> Family fun. Christingles will be lit at 4pm.                                                                                      | UC    | 3.00pm            |
| <b>Saturday 4th. Bonfire Party.</b> £5 adults / £2 children (pre-school free). Tickets from 01484 531 449 or on the gate.                                                        | KPCe  | 6.30pm           | <b>Sunday 24th. Christmas Eve. Christingle Service</b> at the Parish Church.                                                                                                                                     | KPC   | 3.00pm and 5.00pm |
| <b>Monday 6th. History Group AGM</b>                                                                                                                                             | SB    | 2.00pm           | <b>Sunday 24th. Christmas Eve. Traditional Carol Service</b> - with electric candles for everyone. Beautiful Christmas atmosphere.                                                                               | UC    | 6.00pm            |
| <b>Saturday 11th. Christmas Fayre.</b> Great Christmas gifts at reasonable prices.                                                                                               | UC    | 10.00am - 1.00pm | <b>Sunday 24th. Christmas Eve. Holy Communion Service</b> at the Parish Church.                                                                                                                                  | KPC   | 11.00pm           |
| <b>Saturday 11th. Murder Mystery Night.</b> "A Fête Worse Than Death" £15 inc food. Tickets available Sat. mornings at the CC.                                                   | CC    | 7.15pm           | <b>Monday 25th. Christmas Day. Holy Communion Service</b> at the Parish Church.                                                                                                                                  | KPC   | 8.30am            |
| <b>Sunday 12th. Thanksgiving Remembrance Service</b> for those who have passed away in the last year.                                                                            | KPC   | 3.00pm           | <b>Monday 25th. Christmas Day. Family Communion Service</b> at the Parish Church.                                                                                                                                | KPC   | 10.30am           |
| <b>Tuesday 14th. History Group talk.</b> £3 including refreshments. 'The Top Road' - a history of the Grange Moor Road.                                                          | CC    | 7.30pm           | <b>Sunday 31st. Morning Service.</b> A perfect way to reflect on 2023. All welcome at the United Church, come and enjoy.                                                                                         | UC    | 10.45am           |
| <b>Sunday 19th. Makers' Market and Pre-Loved Sale.</b> Local handmade presents. Refreshments available. FREE entry.                                                              | CC    | 12.30 - 3.30pm   | <b>January</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |       |                   |
| <b>Sunday 26th. Christmas Fayre.</b> Santa's grotto. Refreshments. Raffle. Gifts. Funds raised in aid of Kirkheaton Scout Group.                                                 | SH    | 11.00am - 3.00pm | <b>Tuesday 9th. History Group talk</b> by John Lindop. £3 including refreshments.                                                                                                                                | CC    | 7.30pm            |
| <b>Tuesday 28th. Yetton Together AGM</b><br>Mulled wine and mince pies at conclusion                                                                                             | CC    | 7.00pm           | <b>February</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |       |                   |
| <b>December</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |       |                  | <b>Wednesday 14th. Valentine's Day theme Family Fun morning</b> during half term.<br>Messy Church at the United Church. Come and make Valentine cards and gifts for your loved ones on the big day itself. Free. | UC    | 10.00 - 11.30am   |
| <b>Sunday 3rd. Pre-Christmas (Advent Sunday) Communion Service.</b> Everyone invited, all ages, at the United Church.                                                            | UC    | 10.45am          | <b>Location Key:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |                   |
| <b>Saturday 9th &amp; Sunday 10th. Christmas Tree Festival.</b> Local groups/businesses can display their own tree. For details on how to participate please phone 01484 531 449 | KPC   | 11.00am - 5.00pm | KPCe: Kirkheaton Parish Church Centre<br>CC: Community Centre UC: United Church<br>SH: Scout Hut KPC: Kirkheaton Parish Church<br>BA: Beaumont Arms SB: Spangled Bull                                            |       |                   |

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