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& Lascelles Hall

What a Generous Community!

Have you visited The Old School Tea Room in the Community Centre, on Fields Rise in Kirkheaton? Conveniently located just across the corridor from the library, it is open during various times in the week. It is staffed by a wonderful team of 22 happy and helpful volunteers, who generously support the Centre and our wider community, by offering their time and talents, as well as their baking skills! The team recently participated in a Food Hygiene course, to ensure they maintain their 5 star Health & Hygiene rating. Their commitment, along with the support of customers, enabled over £5,400 funds to be raised during 2023.



A HUGE “Thank You” goes out to all our Tea Room volunteers, which includes our servers, furniture movers and bakers. Perhaps you would like to join the team, and help out too. If so, Lesley Ingleby, our coordinator, would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact her via admin@yettontogether.org or telephone 07399 758295.

The Tea Room is open as follows:

- Wednesday 2.30 – 4.00pm, hosting “Warm Hub” for free refreshments and a safe space to meet.
- Thursday 2.00 – 4.00pm, alongside a “knit and natter” group (there’s plenty of natter, but it seems knitting is not essential).
- Friday afternoon 3.30 – 4.30pm, whilst the after-school Lego club is on.
- Saturday 10.30am – 12.30pm, a busy, bright and friendly time; come and join us.

We currently ask £1.10 for a cup of tea, and £1.25 for a good quality cup of coffee. Our delicious homemade cakes and biscuits range from 50p to £1.50.

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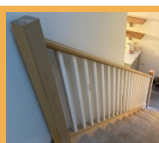
Young Volunteers

At Kirkheaton Primary School, we encourage our children to be active members of our community because we strongly feel this instils a sense of leadership, connection and awareness. There are a lot of opportunities to practise this throughout the school day, through groups such as School Council, play leaders and Eco Club. The children who participate in these activities experience a high level of responsibility and are directly involved in decision-making and problem-solving to help make sure our school is the best it possibly can be.



Erin Play leader, and Eco Club

"At lunch time I do play leading, this is where 5-6 older children volunteer to go to the younger children's playground and play with them. We help them make up new games, and make sure everyone is OK. I like doing this because I enjoy helping people, it's something different and you can make new friends."



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Scarlett Play leader, and Eco Club

"I am a play leader, I do it to play games that other children don't always have enough people to play with. I like that all of the children are included and they all have fun."



Imogen School Council and Eco Club

"I love Eco Club because we get to help the environment and we do fun activities. I love being part of School Council because I get to represent my class and tell Mr Coates what they like about the school."

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Beavers - Ages 6-8

Cubs - Ages 8-10.5

Scouts - Ages 10.5-14

Explorers - Ages 14-18

VOLUNTEER TODAY

To find out more about joining us as a volunteer or for a young person to join one of our sections please message us via Facebook



Squirrels

Beavers

Cubs

Scouts

EXPLORERS

Iris

School Council

"We go to meetings and have to wear a badge. We get to decide important things like get a pet. That's why we got the chicks."



A Challenging Year...

...but it was worth it! January 2023 I decided I'd challenge myself to raise money each month, no matter how large an amount or small, for Dementia UK, particularly towards funding Admiral Nurses.



So, I set off thinking of ways to do this, which was a challenge in itself, but various ideas came to mind. To begin with I sold some jewellery, which belonged to my Mum who had lived with dementia. I'm sure she'd be delighted it was going to a good cause. Then, doing a couple of Maker's Markets, hosting a Dementia UK 'Time for a Cuppa', and vote counting for Kirklees, were among a few of the other challenges. But, the two biggest money-making and challenging things I did were organising an Entertainments Evening, and compiling and publishing a Recipe Book.



The Entertainment Evening last November was a huge success, raising £900, and the profit from the sale of my recipe books will have made over £400. I still have some remaining for sale if anyone would like one. The Recipe Book was something I'd never tackled before, but enjoyed doing it and compiled it from all the baking recipes kindly provided by the bakers amongst our Dementia Home from Home Friendship Group, which takes place on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month.



None of this, however, would have been possible without the help and support from the various groups I attend at the Community Centre, plus family and friends, as I needed to be able to spread my target group for the funds.

Because of their generosity I have been able to present to our local Dementia UK Ambassadors, Jean and Maureen, a cheque for £3,600.00

It was a wonderful challenging year. Thank you all for your support.

Irene Heatherill

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What does Volunteering mean to me?

I am currently a Trustee of Yetton Together, which runs and manages Kirkheaton Community Centre, and I hold the position of Secretary and Fundraiser. I am also a member of the Management Committee.

I started my volunteering back in 1996 whilst I lived in Mirfield, as part of the Management Committee of Mirfield Community Centre. Being part of the Committee saw me involved in public speaking, putting on events, fundraising and negotiating – all skills which are transferable to a work situation but also very useful to a Management Team.



My previous career involved working for Inland Revenue, Kirklees Council, an advertising agency, and an insurance broker. I ran a bridal business and also did on-line trading. All these work opportunities resulted in knowledge that I am able to draw on for the good of the community.

Besides assisting in day to day running of the Community Centre, I am involved in the "Chair Exercise" groups held each Monday and Wednesday and "Home-from-Home", a friendship group for people living with dementia, carers, or those who are experiencing loneliness or isolation (held twice each month on Fridays).

My sister was one of the Parisian Bluebell Girls dance troupe, and she tried, on several occasions, to get me to become a dancer like herself but, being only 5' 2" tall, I believed I was a little short for a chorus-girl! I felt happier being more settled and 'working 9-to-5' as the song goes.

Volunteering is a two-way thing - you give lots of yourself to help others but you also get back double fold.

Lorna Idle

Uniform Exchange Encourages Recycling

Uniform Exchange was set up as a community project in 2011 to make sure every child in Kirklees could have a free school uniform if they needed it. That need has never been greater than it is now. Over 2023, they supported more than 10,000 children – 71% more than the previous year. It's impossible to overestimate how important school uniform is to make a young person feel a part of their school community, doing wonders for their self-esteem and sense of wellbeing.

We need to all make a positive impact on the environment so please do your bit by simply giving your old school uniform. There are donation points in the Community Centre, in Kirkheaton Primary School and many more listed on their website uniform-exchange.org.



Uniform Exchange actively champions sustainable practices through their clothing project 'Sustainable Exchange' and organises pop-up give-aways within schools including Kirkheaton Primary School.

The charity, based in Lockwood, needs volunteers to sort and fold clothes, pick and pack them to go out to families, drivers to pick up and deliver the donations, people to help out in our charity shop and Uniform Exchange ambassadors to spread the message.

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Community Centre Plans

Yetton Together are looking to develop the outside area around the Community Centre into a more usable space, to include things like raised beds for plants, decking/outdoor seating areas, a reinforced access route for vehicles, a storage building, and event space/car park. The plan shows what it could look like. More information is available at the Community Centre. We would like your comments and thoughts, to feed into our future planning.

Please phone 07858 223854 or e-mail trish.mellor@yettontotogether.org



YT Annual General Meeting

Yetton Together held its AGM on Tuesday 28th November, with a comprehensive review of the year and recognition of its many achievements. It started out with a heartfelt “thank you” to all the amazing people who volunteer and give their time willingly to helping Yetton Together and the Community Centre provide various activities for the community.

It was well attended by representatives of Community groups, two of our Ward Councillors, the Mayor of Kirklees,

representatives from Kirkburton Parish Council, and a number of residents. We also welcomed Richard Coates, Principal of Kirkheaton Primary School, and were pleased to present him with food vouchers from the Household Support Fund (Government funding) provided via the One Community Charity, and also a cheque from YT to support their whole school Pantomime Trip to see Cinderella. There was even a Christmas hamper kindly donated by Morrisons to hand over for the school staff.

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Workshops: Jewellery Making

Four jewellery making workshops took place in the Community Centre during November and December, funded by support from TSL Kirklees.

The first session was to make earrings, and it saw 11 people attending, including one who had only just arrived from the USA!



Workshops: Creative Writing

There was a warm and welcoming atmosphere as ten of us sat round the table in the Community Centre room on Monday 22 January, to develop our confidence in writing creatively. The guest of honour was Tia who came with course leader Sonia Zoref. Tia is a rescue dog, originating overseas, so she is well travelled. She was also a calming influence when appropriate, or made herself scarce under the table when comfort was not required.

A topic which proved a good ice breaker was to describe what sort of bird or animal you would come back as, in another lifetime. A couple of us chose cats as our animal, as we felt that they have a life of leisure with lots of sunbathing, being fed by

several households, and having plenty of time to doze. The end of the session came round very quickly and we left feeling that we had made new friends and cemented bonds with casual acquaintances, all accompanied by the usual refreshments, which are always a good place to start in making people feel welcome.

Karen Wise

Watch out for some more chances to enjoy Creative Writing; a six-week course starts on Thursday 14th March. Please see What's On on the back page. Other short courses / workshops are being considered too.

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Yetton Together is compiling a register of “One-Off Volunteers”; community-minded people who would be willing to help with little jobs locally, on a one-off basis (perhaps just for a couple of hours or so, to suit). You choose when, what and where. Naturally, it’s a volunteering thing, so there would be no payment involved, but, if necessary, any materials needed would be provided or funded.

How it works:

1. You register your interest in an area or areas where you would be willing to get involved.
2. When a specific task request comes to our attention, YT will e-mail those who registered an interest in that area with a description of what the job entails.
3. If you are interested in the job you reply to the e-mail.
4. YT then contacts you individually to make any arrangements needed.

That sounds like a good idea doesn’t it? Simple and straightforward too.

JUST ONE THING

Could YOU be a one off volunteer?



Interested?

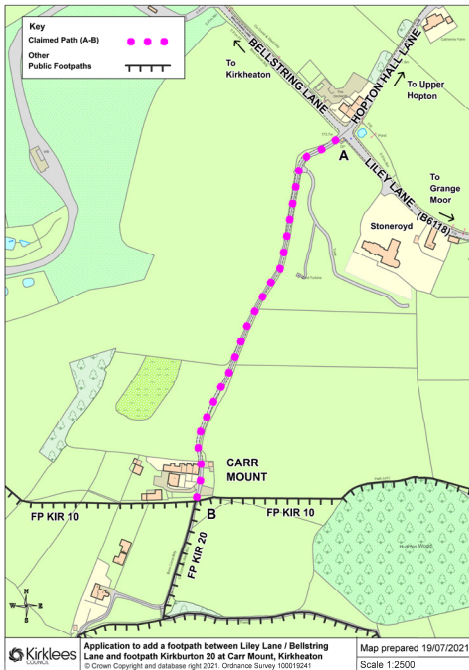
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Local Footpath Decision

On 25 January 2024, Kirklees Council decided to approve recommendations that a Definitive Map Modification Order be made, to record a Public Footpath completing a connection from Laneside to the Grange Moor road by way of Long Tongue Scrog and Carr Mount. It joins the Grange Moor road near its junction with Hopton Hall Lane.



This followed formal investigations since 2017 into the status of the route, and an application to record it as a public footpath. Local people submitted over 60 pieces of evidence supporting the claim that it is used as a public path.

The Council determined that “The quantity and quality of the user evidence is sufficient to demonstrate public use and enjoyment of Part A of the application route on foot, as of right without interruption during the relevant period 1994 to 2014 ...”

However, they also determined that “... the available documentary or historical evidence does not indicate public bridleway rights or public vehicular rights”

The outcome of the recommendations will take effect on ‘confirmation’ of the Definitive Map Modification Order.

There is a well-used network of footpaths in the Kirkheaton area which can be used to form a number of circular walks centred on the village. Details of a selection are available at: <https://yettontotogether.org/walks-in-and-around-kirkheaton>

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A Mysterious Night

One Saturday night last November, "MURDER" came to Kirkheaton Community Centre! It transpired that a local Councillor had been bludgeoned to death by a giant marrow! Diners at the Community Centre were invited to muster their detective prowess and help the police to identify the killer...

But fear not, it was all part of an elaborate plan perpetrated by The Emley Players – a group of amateur actors who raise money for their community by holding Murder Mystery Evenings. Alas, our diners didn't prove to be very good sleuths and only a few suspected the real "murderer", but a good time was had by all.

Thanks go to YT's Social Group volunteers, who organised the event, along with December's popular Quiz Night. Watch out for more activities soon.



Laneside Quarry Liaison Group

Items discussed at January's update meeting:

- Residents' concerns about the condition of the B6118 road and pavements. These are still deteriorating, including recently completed repairs. Some drains have been cleared but others were still reported blocked.
- Once tipping starts "Section 106" comes into force. This means funds will be forwarded from the owners to Council/Highways to contribute to repairs. The number of Crompton's lorries is monitored and wheel washing is in place.
- The footpath across the site through the valley (Public Right of Way PROW 10) has become dangerous due to heavy rain and is awaiting dry weather before reopening. A temporary diverted path has been constructed around the top of the site but this had not been on the official diversion route. The path at the southern end of the site linking the back of the cemetery to Laneside (PROW 170) was diverted by the previous owners and is not on the approved diversion route.

The Kirklees Footpath Officer stated that footpaths come under Highways and must adhere to the same procedures and laws.

- A planning application for a barn is to be submitted, for provision of shelter for livestock.

Since the meeting, Cromptons have met with planners and agreed a way forward with the planning permission and will look again at the management plans and footpath diversions. Site arrangements will continue in accordance with the Natural England Great Crested Newt Licence requirements.

For further information about this group, contact: Ray Brown
raybrownuk@yahoo.co.uk

Volunteers Wanted

This edition of Yetton News focuses on people volunteering in our community.

Kirkheaton Scouts are looking for people to join as volunteers to help with their different groups for our young people. Please see their advert on page 2.



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Event, Information & Contact	Where	When	Event, Information & Contact	Where	When
March			April		
Sunday 3rd. Open Afternoon - Kirkheaton Scouts. Come & see what Scouting is about. Variety of activities for boys & girls aged 4+. All children must have an adult with them.	SH	1.00 - 4.00pm	Thursday 4th Creative Writing Course. See info above from Thursday 14 th March.	CC	1.00 - 3.00pm
Monday 11th. Valuation Day. Bring along your family treasures to be valued by experts free of charge.	CC	10.00am - 2.00pm	Sunday 7th Café Style Easter Praise Service.	UC	10.45am
Tuesday 12th. History Group talk. £3 including refreshments. 'Have I Roman Heritage?' A talk by Colin Beaver. 15 years of research to find out why his grandfather couldn't read or write.	CC	7.30pm	Tuesday 9th. Tuesday Talk "Taking Nature" by local wildlife photographer Ray Brown. Stories and a selection of favourite wildlife images. £3 including refreshments.	CC	7.30pm
Thursday 14th. Creative Writing Course. FREE. The first of six weekly sessions to learn new writing skills and improve your storytelling techniques. To book please contact: admin@yettontogogether.org or lidle1@virginmedia.com or 07905 073 982	CC	1.00 - 3.00pm	Thursday 11th Creative Writing Course. See info above from Thursday 14 th March.	CC	1.00 - 3.00pm
Friday 15th. Cheltenham Day showing the day's races.	CON	12.30pm	Thursday 18th Creative Writing Course. See info above from Thursday 14 th March.	CC	1.00 - 3.00pm
Friday 15th. Alexandra Carlos, singer.	CON	6.30pm	Saturday 20th. Back to the 80's Party	CBC	
Saturday 16th. Coffee Morning and launch of a new venture: a Toy Library.	KPCe	10.45am - noon	May		
Saturday 16th. Northern Soul Night	CBC		Tuesday 14th. History Group talk. £3 including refreshments. Details TBC.	CC	7.30pm
Thursday 21st Creative Writing Course. See info above from Thursday 14 th March.	CC	1.00 - 3.00pm	Sunday 26th. Kirkfields - Family Festival. Musical extravaganza with DJs, live music, food, drink, stalls, attractions and activities.	CBC	11.00am - 9.00pm
Thursday 21st Creative Writing Course. See info above from Thursday 14 th March.	CC	1.00 - 3.00pm	June		
Thursday 28th. Maundy Thursday. Quiet reflection for Holy Week with Holy Communion. At the United Church.	UC	7.00pm	Saturday 15th. Huddersfield Tractor Fest Charity fun day, supporting Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Kirkwood Hospice. Vehicles, attractions, entertainment, refreshments. Adults £10, U-16 free (cash only please). More info on Facebook page and at https://huddersfieldtractorfest.co.uk/	NML	10.00am
Thursday 28th. Maundy Thursday. Communion Service at the Parish Church.	KPC	7.30pm	Tuesday 11th. Tuesday Talk. Details TBC £3 including refreshments.	CC	7.30pm
Friday 29th. Good Friday Service at the Parish Church.	KPC	10.30am	Saturday 22nd. 9Lives rock band.	CBC	
Friday 29th. Good Friday. "Hour at the Cross" service at the Parish Church.	KPC	2.00pm	July		
Sunday 31st. Easter Sunday. Sunrise Service at the Parish Church.	KPC	7.00am	Saturday 13th. Kirkheaton Primary School PTA's Summer Fayre. Everybody welcome. More info on Facebook (search "PTA Kirkheaton Primary School")	PS	11.00am - 3.00pm
Sunday 31st. Easter Sunday. Family Communion Service at the Parish Church.	KPC	10.45am	Saturday 20th. JimDam Covers Duo. Energetic singalong covers duo playing crowd-pleasers and mainstream classics.	CBC	
Sunday 31st. Easter Sunday. Celebration Service at the United Church.	UC	10.45am	Wednesday 31st. Kirkheaton on Sea Family Fun Day. Free event, bring a picnic.	UC	10.30am - 1.30pm
Sunday 31st. Easter Sunday. Iona Holy Communion Service in the Parish Centre.	KPCe	6.00pm	Location Key: KPCe: Kirkheaton Parish Church Centre CC: Community Centre UC: United Church SH: Scout Hut KPC: Kirkheaton Parish Church CON: Conservative Club CBC: Cricket and Bowling Club NML: North Moor Lane PS: Kirkheaton Primary School		



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