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Kirkheaton Library under threat – AGAIN

The Friends of Kirkheaton Library need your support to petition Kirklees Council to maintain the current level of staffing and funding for Kirkheaton Library.

As part of another cost cutting exercise, Kirklees Council are proposing the transfer of Kirkheaton Library to a model that is “Community Managed”. The “community” would then become responsible for running and managing the library whilst Kirklees Council would withdraw all financial support and any responsibility for staffing.

Kirkheaton Library is primarily staffed by volunteers (might you be able to join us?) from Friends of Kirkheaton Library, but we do have the support of five hours per week from a paid member of staff. This may not seem a lot, but the support provides essential skills and expertise plus, more importantly, a crucial link to the wider library network and services across Kirklees.

Withdrawal of staff support and funding will have a huge impact. At present Kirklees Council pays a rent to Yetton Together for its presence in the building and the loss of this revenue could make

the Community Centre less sustainable in the long term.

Please help the Friends of Kirkheaton Library urge Kirklees Council to maintain their current level of support by signing our petition at <https://chnng.it/8dWhwKbhDk> or using the QR code. Paper copies are also available at the Community Centre and various locations throughout the village.



The library is an integral part of Kirkheaton Community Centre. Its loss would leave a large “hole” to fill, not just financially but as an essential part of a well-rounded village amenity in the centre, which offers a wide range of groups and classes from yoga to board games, local history to Italian, art to knitting, a dementia friendly café and much, much more.

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What about all of the following?

- support in finding and ordering books by your favourite author or interest
- easy access to a PC, printer, or photocopier
- finding help to access Kirklees services
- supporting our local school with visits and projects
- bringing children to Lego club
- reading newspapers and magazines online – from Good Housekeeping to Top Gear
- researching your personal ancestry
- having a coffee or cake in the community centre cafe
- meeting people, having a chat, and making friends
- somewhere cosy to bring the children



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In April, Yetton Together, along with Friends of Kirkheaton Library (FoKL) volunteers, manned a stall at Morrisons supermarket at Waterloo, to spread the word about Kirkheaton Community Centre and Library, and the threat the library is under. People visiting the store were asked to sign a petition supporting the retention of the current level of staffing and funding for Kirkheaton Library.

Our thanks go to Morrisons for supporting us in allowing us to use their store as a platform to spread our message.

Friends of Kirkheaton Library

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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



OnTrak Bike Giveaway

On Saturday 29th June at 10.00am, Kirkheaton Community Centre will host OnTrak Bike Shed, a charity which restores bicycles, with up to 300 recycled and safety-checked bikes to give away (all subject to availability). They are NOT for adults. Tickets will be given out on the day: 1 ticket = 1 bike per child up to 16 years old. There will be staff/volunteers helping to match the correct size bike with the child. All children MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Kirkheaton Senior Citizens Club - (Seniors)

Kirkheaton Old Folks Club (as it was called then; its name changed in 1989) was founded on 25th April 1949 for entertainment and social purposes.

The idea has always been for people to meet with friends old and new in the village; after all there are no strangers here, only friends with whom we may not yet be well acquainted.

In early years, there were raffle prizes consisting of packets of tea and sugar, as these were difficult to obtain and folk hadn't much to spare. The tradition of a raffle continues today, although the prizes are now typically chocolate biscuits (luxury rather than basic necessity), and entry charge is now £4, rather than the original 6d.

75 Years (Not So) Old !

On 24th April we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the club with "Tea @ 5", and as a "thank you" to the committee for the many years of service put into making the club such a success, with caterers providing a delicious array of savoury and sweet treats. Rather than exercising our bodies (the suggestion of doing a Conga was politely declined), we gave our brains a workout by deciphering anagrams of cake names and answering general knowledge questions kindly prepared by Ken.

How About a Hundred?

Notes reveal that the Club was formed by people who had previously been in charge of galas, which had stopped due to lack of interest. Then, as now, village traditions were evolving.

We have seen lots of changes here over the 75 years. As a lifelong

Yettoner, I love to see new life coming to the village and its activities. But life has changed drastically since the pandemic, with the effects of lockdown still resulting in social isolation for many.

The Club is an essential meeting place for people who are young at heart, to enjoy live entertainment, a hot drink, biscuits and a free raffle for the princely sum of £4.00. The spirit and goodwill that started years ago still exists today.

Will the club survive to celebrate its centenary? We really hope so but, whilst club funds are healthy, some of our committee members are becoming less so, and not as mobile or able to put out the chairs or distribute cups of tea. Our core group of people have long been busy doing their best for everyone with a cheerful smile and helping hand; I only hope that others will joyfully step into these roles so that new life is breathed into this traditional weekly gathering.

May I urge you to join in friendship and fun with other over fifty-fives? Let us build on the foresight established by the Club's founders, sustaining a place where there is always a welcome and a chance to have a natter with friends, long after the present committee have hung up their aprons.

Come along on **Wednesday evenings at 7 pm**; check the programme on the noticeboard outside the United Church on New Road to see what is scheduled.

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A Bright Future for Kirkheaton Cricketers

Local cricketers will probably already know that there has been a cricket club in Kirkheaton since at least 1880. And during its history it has managed to produce two of England's best cricketers, Wilfred Rhodes and George Herbert Hirst. But who knows what future talent is being nurtured right now?

Kirkheaton Cricket & Bowling Club are extremely proud to congratulate some of their current junior players.



Simon Dawson, Jacob Senior and Esme Beaumont have each been selected into Yorkshire Pathways! A big "well done" to Jacob and Simon for their hard work on being selected again for their West Yorkshire age groups; top effort boys. And an equally big "well done" to Esme on being the first girl in Kirkheaton history to have been selected for County Age Group cricket; a brilliant achievement at just 8 years old.



Also, massive congratulations to brothers Rory and Rowan McLaughlin who have both been selected to represent Huddersfield again this season; well done to Rory on his captaincy for the u 13's, we wish you great success for the season ahead.

The future is indeed looking bright for KC&BC !

Mad as it Sounds!

“Bizarre” might be a description which comes to mind when you first hear the words “**Underwater Hockey**”. However, as well as this being a surprisingly popular sport in various countries around the world (e.g. Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand and South Africa), it seems that Yorkshire has some rather skilled players, including Kirkheaton’s own Harry Walker.



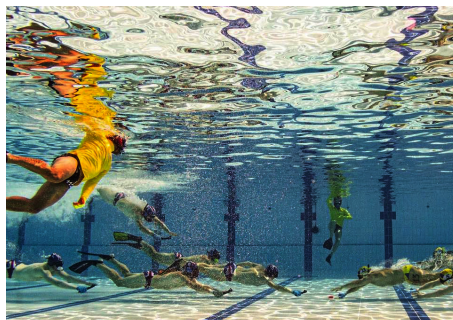
In January, Harry was selected to represent Great Britain as part of the Men’s Under 19 Underwater Hockey team. As one of the team of 48 young men and women (ten of whom are from the Yorkshire Underwater Hockey Club), Harry will be attending the CMAS 6th Underwater Hockey Age Group World Championship in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in July 2024.

Bake Sale in a Good Cause: Sat 29 June

As you can imagine, the cost of sending these athletes to Malaysia is incredibly high, and, because Underwater Hockey is a minority sport, no funding is available from the Government to cover any of the costs involved. As a result, the team players have been organising various fund raising activities.

To help with this, Harry has decided to have a **Bake Sale** outside Walker’s Garage on New Road, on the morning of **Saturday 29th June (10.30 am to 12.30)**. There will be various yummy goodies for sale and a small raffle.

Do pop in to buy something, or just to find out about the sport of Underwater Hockey! Who knows, you might like to try it out for yourself.



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A Kirkheaton Riddle

Q: What links a famous French couturier, a US president and Kirkheaton?

A: Fine worsted cloth!

A remark by a friend returning from a trip to London led me scurrying to the internet to find out more. She had visited the Victoria and Albert Museum and been amazed to see Kirkheaton mentioned there! It was in the "**Gabrielle Chanel. Fashion Manifesto**" exhibition, which ran until 10th March.

Seemingly, Gabrielle ("Coco") Chanel, the French haute couture designer, had been so taken by the quality of British cloth seen at the 1932 British Industries Fair that she organised a fashion show of 130 designs made with British textiles, and established **British Chanel Ltd** to enable her to work with companies more closely. One of these was Broadhead and Graves at Kirkheaton, which so impressed her that she went into partnership with them to establish **Chanel Broadhead Fabrics Ltd** to produce cloth to her designs. Chanel herself visited the mill, and the company's site was extended to increase capacity for her complex patterned woollen jersey fabrics. She even installed her nephew and family nearby to oversee production.

As a result, cloth originating in Kirkheaton has been displayed on the Parisian catwalks as well as being worn by many famous people.

More information can be found online here:

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/articles/chanel-in-britain>



What about the US President?

At his inauguration ceremony as the 35th president of the USA in 1960, John Fitzgerald Kennedy wore a black herringbone top coat made from cloth designed and woven at Broadhead's mill. The original sample of fabric is kept at the JFK Library and Museum! No record of the design now exists, as a severe fire at the mill in 1964 destroyed the firm's pattern and design records.



The mill itself ceased trading in 2004 and its premises were demolished in 2009 leaving a huge empty space at the heart of the village, and for many of its residents.

PS. There was also a Royal visit to the mill in 1932:

<https://kirkheatonhistorygroup.co.uk/royal-visit-1932/>

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Have You Heard About Our New Toy Library?

Kirkheaton Parish Church is delighted to be the host of a new Toy Library that is open to any member of the local (or not so local) community. So what is a Toy Library and why is there one in Kirkheaton?

When our daughter was at school they ran a Toy Library and I can remember the excitement of choosing a new toy each week. It had the added benefit of only costing a minimal amount and if she decided she didn't like it we hadn't spent a large amount on something that just sat in the corner. It also meant that she could have something new to play with each week.



Our daughter is now in her 30s but I thought that this might be a good idea now, particularly with a cost of living crisis impacting on so many of us. We approached the Parochial Church Council and asked if this was something that they felt they would be able to support and were delighted when they said "Yes".

We now have over 100 toys and are looking to continue to build our catalogue and add new activities and resources including craft packs.



We are running the project out of the new Portacabin which is situated next to the Parish Centre (opposite the church and adjacent to the Beaumont Arms). Families are welcome to come along and borrow one or more of the toys.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of 50p per item to cover replacing batteries and other consumables.

Our Toy Library Opening Times are:

- Wednesday (term time) 11 am – 12 noon
- 1st Saturday of the month 10 am – 11 am
- 3rd Saturday of the month 10.30 am – 11 am

If you have any questions or would like to visit at another time, please do contact Ian Atkinson 07821 759802 or ianatkinson_wrkk@hotmail.com

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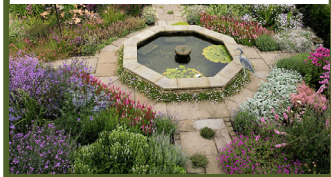
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Heritage Open Day

Richard Horton, a well-known local historian, has kindly agreed to join the Kirkheaton History Group's team at St John's Church for a Heritage Open Day event taking place there between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on **Saturday 7th September**. The Group will be on hand to talk about information and pictures they will have on display.

www.kirkheatonhistorygroup.co.uk

Richard also has a free online resource with detailed information on burials at St John's and other local churchyards etc. Baptism and wedding information is also available. This can help with research into local family history.

www.kirkheaton.info

Yetton Together Receives Kirklees Award

One of the last public engagements of outgoing Kirklees mayor, Cllr Cahal Burke, was to host an evening celebrating volunteers across Kirklees. The mayor's Recognition for Volunteering Awards 2024 were held on the 18th April at Huddersfield Town Hall. Volunteer groups nominated by local councillors from all 23 wards were present.



Yetton Together were there having been nominated by Councillor Mussarat Khan (Dalton Ward) for its service to the local community. Chair Trish Mellor and Secretary Lorna Idle were there to represent all the 80+ volunteers of the group. They were presented with an engraved plaque and certificate. Trish remarked "This is for the whole of the community. We have a great team and a wonderful supportive Community."



Imagined by children, created by Libraries

Library Adventures is launching this summer. It is a free, year-round reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11.

Libraries across Kirklees will host six exciting themes chosen by the children of Kirklees. Library Adventurers will collect their very own Adventure Pack, which contains fun for every child. They will journey through exploring, discovering, creating and reading. Children can obtain themed collectibles throughout their reading adventures.

Find out more soon.

Volunteers Wanted... to help with gardening in St John's Parish Church grounds each Monday (weather permitting) 10.30-12.30 and 2.00-4.00. Just turn up on the day, or contact office@kirkheatonchurch.org.uk or on 01484 531449.

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Update: Kirkheaton Future

As a brief reminder, the village has a small (but committed) steering group called "Kirkheaton Future" which is working with - and on behalf of - Kirkburton Parish Council, on a Neighbourhood Plan for Kirkheaton (which is, of course, part of Kirkburton Civil Parish).

We are a local group made up of a cross-section from the village. Many people have already contributed by completing questionnaires and attending various events in the village over the past few years.



The group continues to work on creating the Neighbourhood Plan, which will then be used by Kirklees in the processing of planning applications. The contents of the Plan can influence the decision-making process for the type and location of housing developments. It cannot fundamentally change the planning process but is the mechanism for the village to have a say in what goes on. For example, it can influence the protection of the existing green spaces. The group reports to Kirkburton Parish Council (KBPC) in the first instance, and it is KBPC that will submit the finalised Neighbourhood Plan for consideration to Kirklees. It will be subject to an independent examination at the right time before being passed off. The Plan is an important document and provides the opportunity for us all to have as big a say as we can in the developments planned for our village.

We have had more feedback from Kirklees and Kirkburton Parish Council, on Version 16 of the draft Plan, and are now working on the required revisions to create Version 17 !

We remain thankful for the support from our local councillors and their keen interest in the work.

Steve Booth, Chair, Kirkheaton Future

Chair Exercises – and More!

I joined the Kirkheaton Chair Exercise class on a Wednesday afternoon and get such a lot out of it. We do a variety of exercises, starting from the top of our head and going right down to our feet, via eyes, neck, shoulders, arms, hands, waist, knees and ankles. Some of the exercises are to music, which is great fun.

Then we exercise our brains with quizzes, questions and numbers, which really get you thinking. After we have exercised our minds and bodies we have a cup of tea, and a biscuit or cake. We have leaders taking different exercises which they have been on courses for. When I leave the class I feel invigorated in both mind and body.

We go on trips too. Last year we had a boat on the canal in Mirfield with a lovely picnic lunch. We also went for a fish and chip lunch in Ossett (yummy!!).

I also join the Knit and Natter class on a Thursday, Creative Crafts on a Saturday and go to the monthly Bingo. These are all very enjoyable and I meet lots of local folk.

Sandra

Community Centre Hire

The Community Centre is a great venue for a children's party, meetings and one-off events but we also have availability for regular groups to meet here too. The building is accessible, and there is plenty of nearby roadside parking.

If you would like to hire the Community Centre as a venue, it is available at the following rates:

- Community Hall – holds approximately 60 people: £12 per hour
- Community Room – holds approximately 30 people: £9.00 per hour

To book, please visit the website:

<https://yettontotogether.org/your-community-centre/how-to-book/>

Alternatively, you can contact our Administrator, Carol Wright, on 07399 758 295 or email admin@yettontotogether.org to arrange a look around, make a booking, or if you have any questions.

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Event, Information & Contact	Where	When	Event, Information & Contact	Where	When
June			August		
Thursday 6th. Creative Writing Course. FREE. Continuing a programme to learn new writing skills and improve storytelling. More info: 07905 073 982 or lornaidle@gmail.com or admin@yettonttogether.org	CC	1.00 - 3.00pm	Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Summer Bible Breakfast with stories and crafts for under-5s and their families.	KPC	9.30 – 10.30am
Thursday 6th. Special Commemorative Service for the 80th anniversary of D-Day.	KPC	7.30pm	Saturday 3rd. Emley Show. Agricultural show, at Factory Farm, Emley Moor. Adult Advance Tickets - £18.00. Adult Tickets - £20.00 at the gate. Accompanied under-16 s - FREE. For details: https://emleyshow.co.uk		9.00am – 5.30pm (last entry 3.30 pm)
Tuesday 11th. Tuesday Talk. 10 ways to improve your enjoyment of wine! £3 including refreshments.	CC	7.30pm	Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th. Holiday Club. For 5 - 11 year olds. Pre-registration required. Parent/carer drop-off time 10.15 - 10.30am, and pick-up time 12.15 - 12.30pm. Further info from the church office, 01484 531 449 or office@kirkheatonchurch.org.uk	KPC	10.15 – 12.30pm
Thursday 13th. Creative Writing Course. See info above from Thursday 6th June.	CC	1.00 - 3.00pm	Sunday 18th. Holiday Club Family Event. Followed by free lunch.	KPC	10.30am
Saturday 15th. Huddersfield Tractor Fest Charity fun day, supporting Kirkwood Hospice and Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Adults £10, U-16 free (cash only please). More info on Facebook page and https://huddersfieldtractorfest.co.uk	NML	10.00am	Sunday 18th. Mirfield Show. Agricultural show & family fun day at the Showground, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield. Adult Advance Tickets - £6.00. Adult Tickets - £10.00 at the gate. Accompanied under-16s - FREE. For details: https://mirfieldshow.com		10.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday 22nd. 9Lives rock band.	CBC		Saturday 24th. Jagged Edge. Live music	CON	
Thursday 27th. Creative Writing Course. See info above from Thursday 6th June.	CC	1.00 - 3.00pm	September		
Saturday 29th. OnTrak Bike Giveaway. Free (subject to availability). For under-16s accompanied by responsible adult. By ticket only on the day.	CC	10.00am – noon	Saturday 7th. St John's Church open for Heritage Open Day with Kirkheaton History Group plus Richard Horton.	KPC	10.00 – 4.00pm
Saturday 29th. Harry Walker's Bake Sale Outside Walker's Garage, on New Road.		10.30-12.30pm	Tuesday 10th. History Group Movie Night. Selection of films from Huddersfield Film Makers Club looking back at the district over the years. £3 including refreshments.	CC	7.30pm
Saturday 29th. VagaBond. Live music	CON		Saturday 21st. Quiz Night Fun. Details TBA.	KPC	
Sunday 30th. Ravensknowle Gala. No charge for admission. At Ravensknowle Park. https://www.ravensknowlegala.org.uk		noon – 6.00pm	Sunday 22nd. Makers' Market and Pre-Loved Sale. Including local handmade crafts. Refreshments available. FREE entry.	CC	12.30 - 3.30pm
July			October		
Tuesday 9th. History Group talk. Highwaymen. 17th Century "Gentlemen of the Road". £3 including refreshments.	CC	7.30pm	Saturday 5th. Talent Show. An evening of local talent (no prizes!). FREE, but donations for Kirkwood Hospice welcome. If you would like to contribute and can sing, play, dance or perform magic, please contact the parish church office, on 01484 531 449 or office@kirkheatonchurch.org.uk , or message 07710 844 509. More details TBA.	KPC	7.00pm
Saturday 13th. Kirkheaton Primary School PTA's Summer Fayre. Everybody welcome. More info on Facebook (search "PTA Kirkheaton Primary School").	PS	11.00 - 3.00pm	Tuesday 8th. Tuesday Talk. Details TBA £3 including refreshments.	CC	7.30pm
Saturday 13th. Honley Ladies Choir. "Singing to Save Lives". Celebrating 200 years of the RLNI. Fundraising tickets £10 for Choir members, or 07704 882 350, or at the door (subject to seats remaining available).	KPC	7.30pm	Location Key: KPC: Kirkheaton Parish Church Centre CC: Community Centre SH: Scout Hut CON: Conservative Club NML: North Moor Lane		
Sunday 14th. Makers' Market and Pre-Loved Sale. Including local handmade crafts. Refreshments available. FREE entry.	CC	12.30 - 3.30pm	UC: United Church KPC: Kirkheaton Parish Church CBC: Cricket and Bowling Club PS: Kirkheaton Primary School		
Saturday 20th. JimDam Covers Duo. Energetic singalong covers duo.	CBC	8.45pm			
Saturday 20th. Motives. Live music	CON				
Wednesday 31st. Kirkheaton- on-Sea Family Fun Day. Free event. Bring a picnic.	UC	10.30am - 1.30pm			

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