

# YETTON NEWS

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SUMMER 2025

## Community Centre Celebrations

**KIRKHEATON  
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12.00 till 4.00**

This is the 10th year of Yetton Together as a registered charity. It is 15 years since Yetton Together took on the lease of Kirkheaton Community Centre.

To help celebrate and recognise these milestones, there will be an Open Day on the afternoon of Sunday 6 July.

The building has been at the heart of the village, as a school, library and community centre. Over the past 15 years, YT Trustees and hundreds of local volunteers have improved and enhanced the building itself and brought it to life with an amazing variety of activities and user groups.

Come along to the Centre on 6 July to celebrate what has been achieved over 15 years and to see how you might join in and be part of the story for the years to come.

*See page 11 to read a message from the  
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Yorkshire played LHCC to celebrate the club's 150th anniversary in 1975. On that occasion, Yorkshire was victorious; John Hampshire (acting captain in Boycott's absence) scored a quick 50 and Geoff Cope took 6-50.

The Club faced a difficult period from 2010 with break-ins and an arson attack that destroyed the pavilion and much of its treasured memorabilia. Rebuilding efforts and plans to acquire nearby land were delayed for a decade due to ongoing funding challenges. There were more set-backs from further thefts and another arson attack on the scoreboard and equipment.

In 2018, LHCC re-applied for pavilion regeneration, and gained planning permission in May 2020. The new pavilion aims to mark the club's 200th year and support its future as Kirklees' oldest cricket club. The revitalised facility will accommodate more supporters, cricketers, and community groups.



The new pavilion building is well underway, with a grand opening planned for 13th July, featuring an exhibition match against a Yorkshire XI. A game against an MCC side will be promoted soon.

The Club remains busy, running ten teams over the summer, including five junior teams (Under 9 to Under 17), a women's softball side, and four open-age teams.

Updates and news can be found via the club's social media.

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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

# Noisy and Competitive!

Contrary to popular belief, Crown Green bowls is far removed from a genteel quiet game. Today it can be very competitive, noisy, and played by a wide range of people, male and female, young and old. A famous and historic game, it has a long association with Kirkheaton.

John Ingleby writes:

*My dad loved bowls and taught me how to bowl. It has been a lifelong interest for me. I have a large collection of specialist books about bowling, and 565 old postcards of nationwide bowling greens! I have read all of the books and have filed all the postcards.*

*Did you know that Kirkheaton has two bowling greens? There is a small green at the back of the Conservative Club and another one at the far end of the Cricket Club. Both of these greens were opened around 1903. The green at the Con club is the smallest in Yorkshire (at 38 x 28 yards).*

*Kirkheaton and the surrounding area has a proud history of bowling. Back in 1840 Kirkheaton had another bowling green at the bottom of Jagger*



*Lane next to the earlier Black Horse Inn. When the Inn was rebuilt further back on Nettleton Road (where it stands now) it was complete with a green there too (the old Inn was pulled down in 1950).*

*James Kaye of Kirkheaton was a champion bowler for Yorkshire for a long time in the late 19th century. He was very well known, and his funeral at Kirkheaton church in March 1898 attracted a large crowd, and merited a detailed article in the Yorkshire Evening Post.*



*The two bowling greens in Kirkheaton both have a 12" crown; this means the centre of the green is higher than the edge of the green by 12 inches, making the game even more challenging.*

If you would like to try your hand at crown green bowling, local contact details are as follows:

Con Club: Dave Fox on 07545 928994

KCBC: John on 07853 267141 or Nick on 07980 353196. They hold a 'welcome' session each Saturday, 10.00am 'til noon.

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# Kirkheaton Wednesday Club

For over 75 years, Kirkheaton Senior Citizens Club has provided a venue for local people to meet socially. Despite a few name changes over the years, the club has remained true to the principles of promoting fellowship and social activities. The prime feature since its inception has been the provision of live entertainment.



A new committee was elected this year. There was consensus for a change of name for the club, to provide a new outlook and identity. Following consultation, the membership voted in favour of renaming the club "**Kirkheaton Wednesday Club**".

The Club holds its meeting most Wednesdays throughout the year, at the United Church, New Road, from 6.45 to 8.30 pm, with an entry fee of just £4. A first introductory visit to the Club is free entry.

For more information, please contact John on 07752 431 295.

In keeping with the founding aims, the main feature of meetings is live entertainment, with occasional bingo, talks, and games nights.

The club welcomes anyone aged 55 years and over, living in Kirkheaton and surrounding areas. An Access Bus is available, ensuring those less able can attend meetings.

## Councillors' Surgeries

Councillors have regular surgeries which provide an opportunity for any ward resident to go and talk to them face to face.

Labour Party Dalton Ward local councillors, Cabinet Member Tyler Hawkins and Deputy Mayor Munir Ahmed, have scheduled evening surgeries, 5pm-7pm, in the coming months as follows:

- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July at the Community Rooms, Cottage Homes, Wakefield Road.
- Thur 28<sup>th</sup> August at Moldgreen United Reform Church, Old Wakefield Rd.
- Thur 30<sup>th</sup> October at St James Church, Rawthorpe Lane.
- Thur 27<sup>th</sup> November at English Martyrs Catholic Church, Teddington Avenue.



# Wheelchair Sports!

I was four years old when I caught Polio and, losing power in both my legs, wore callipers from then on to enable me to walk. Today, I am mostly confined to my wheelchair, but I am fortunate because being disabled has not stopped me from lots of sporting achievements in my life.

It began at Cambridge Road swimming baths, where the British Polio Fellowship met each week. I swam in regional and national competitions and my interest led me to form a water polo team, competing against clubs in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

In the 1970s, I helped form the Local PHAB (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied) handball league, playing competitively. It was a tough game with the same aggressiveness you see in wheelchair basketball and rugby today. Introduced to a special sports wheelchair, I then joined the Bradford Bears Basketball National League.



I helped form a new local basketball club, Kirklees and Calderdale Cardinals, where we entered into an area development league with much success. We also added wheelchair tennis to our members, playing at Huddersfield Tennis Club and holding an annual tournament. The Cardinals also developed and instigated wheelchair rugby, the brainchild of Malcolm Kilty MBE, and in 2006 organised one of the first tours to play an international fixture against France.



Wheelchair rugby still continues to be played today, but Malcolm and I, now in our 70s, stepped away from actual playing years ago. We are both still involved with clubs though, me as Chairman of the Huddersfield Town Disabled Supporters Club and Malcolm with the Halifax Rugby League Clubs.

I may not have been able to achieve my dream of playing for Huddersfield Town, but it hasn't held me back, accomplishing plenty in the disabled sporting world. I encourage anyone with a disability to get out there and live your dreams.

*Dave Heatherill*



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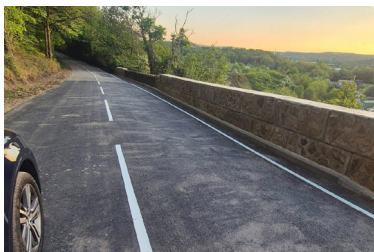
## A Walk to the 'Trig' Point and Back

A short circular walk (approx 1.5 miles/2.4 km), with one short climb rewarded by magnificent panoramic 360 degree views towards Dewsbury, Mirfield, Huddersfield and Emley mast.



a) From the Community Centre, with your back to the building, turn left along Fields Rise to New Road. Cross over and turn right for approx. 15 m to Stoney Ford Lane. Turn down here, then continue straight across at the junction with Southlands, then turn right following the path behind the houses. Cross the football field heading for the top right corner next to the changing rooms and go through the gate onto Bar Croft. Turn left and follow the road to reach the main road (New Road).

b) Cross over and continue up New Road until you see a Public Footpath signpost just after Meadow Park. Continue on the path behind the houses (if this path is overgrown, retrace your steps to the road and turn up Meadow Park).



## Transport Disruptions

Hopefully, we will experience reduced traffic through the village, since remedial works on Dalton Bank Road were completed in early May. There will be future disruptions elsewhere in the surroundings of Kirkheaton, affecting road and rail journeys, notably as a result of the TransPennine Route Upgrade. Look out for local news and information about what will affect us and when.

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d) Leave the trig point and walk down to the left to a stile in the corner. Follow the footpath through the next fields and down to the road. Turn right along the pavement for about 15 m then cross Moor Top Road and take the Public



Footpath just past the house. This brings you to Regent Road; turn right for about 10 m then continue down the path between houses 21 and 23. At the next road turn right and continue to the junction with Moorside Road. Turn left and walk down the road to its junction with Fields Rise. Turn right here to reach your starting point.

<https://yettontogogether.org/walks-in-and-around-kirkheaton/list-of-walks-in-the-kirkheaton-area>



## Table Tennis

A new small group has started up on a Wednesday afternoon, having fun playing and practising table tennis, but not being competitive! They meet at 2pm until 4pm, in the Parish Centre, opposite St John's Church. At the moment they only use one table but, if more people join, they'll look to obtain another. For further information, please contact the Parish Office on 01484 531 449.



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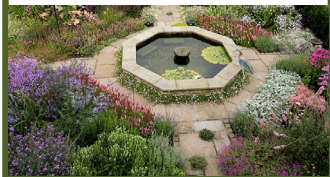
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## **Chair Exercise Group Theatre Visit**



Kirkheaton Chair Exercise Group treat their members to a Theatre Visit. Another very happy group during their visit to the Lawrence Batley Theatre to see "Hairspray" on 2 May. It was a fantastic production by Huddersfield Light Opera, expressing the themes of battling racism, sizeism and all other "-isms".

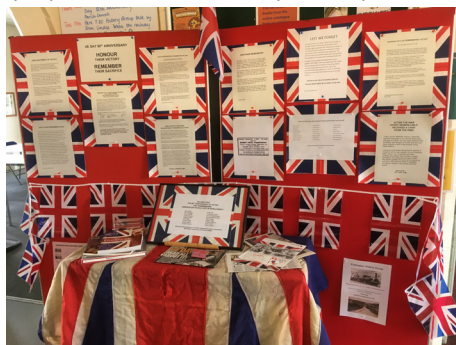
<https://www.thelbt.org>

# VE Day Commemorations – 80 Years

Home from Home Friendship Group's "indoor street party" in May was a wonderful morning, with a sea of red, white and blue decorations and attire. Once seated with a cuppa, there was old fashioned potted beef and drip bread to nibble on. Memories from the war years were read out, there was singing and dancing to songs old and new, and a recital of the poem "I Vow to Thee" to honour the past and celebrate a future built on unity, hope, love and peace. It finished with party flags waving, and joining in singing the wartime favourite "We'll Meet Again".



To mark the 80th anniversary, Kirkheaton History Group presented a display in the Community Centre of people's memories of VE Day, 8th May 1945.



St John's Parish Church held a special commemorative service on the evening of 8th May, reflecting on past and present conflicts. Names of the Kirkheaton residents who lost their lives in service during WWII were read out.

## Home from Home Friendship Group

In March the group were entertained by the mobile Police Museum. Retired police officer David Hardcastle visited with his extensive collection of police items, ranging from uniforms, hats and helmets, handcuffs, truncheons, and radios. Some items dated back to the 1880s.

His presentation focussed on police history over the last 120 years, which was quite shocking in places. He certainly had some stories to tell, taking the group on an ever-changing journey through years of policing.



He passed round items from his collection to be examined. The group enjoyed his visit, with plenty of questions being asked and answered.

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# Farewell to Rector of Kirkheaton

Sunday 25th May saw the end of another era at Kirkheaton Parish Church as the community sadly said goodbyes to Rev Ian Jones, his wife Rev Helen Jones and their sons Ben and Oli. The occasion was marked by a packed joint service with the congregations from Grange Moor and Kirkheaton together. Ian preached his final sermon on the theme of the disciples being sent out to meet the needs of others. The service was followed by a presentation to Ian, then a shared lunch afterwards, with a magnificent spread.

Ian had been the Rector of St John's Kirkheaton and St Bartholomew's Grange Moor for eight years but has now moved to a new job, having been appointed as Interim Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Heworth, in York.

People will remember Ian for his teaching and his compassion for others, alongside various things away from church like his love of sky-diving, his TV appearance on "The Chase", support of Manchester United and his sense of humour.



Ian has steered the Parish church through some difficult times both for individuals and for the community through the pandemic. He was probably the first Rector who had to close the church buildings for services in 1,000 years or so of Kirkheaton Rectors. Then there was the challenge of staged re-opening, with all the restrictions of social distancing and infection control measures, including needing three different sets of chairs in one afternoon for three different Christmas Carol Services!

Ian will be sorely missed but he is sent with best wishes for his new ministry in York.



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# Can You Help Ensure the Community Centre's Future?

*A message from Yetton Together Trustees:*

We are delighted that the library and Community Centre provides the village with valuable community assets used by numerous groups, both commercial and voluntary. Most of the trustees have been involved with the development of the Community Centre since 2010, and we have welcomed some new trustees to help to carry on the good work.

Some of us will soon be reaching 80! We are urging others in our community to join in the oversight of the charity so that our hard work can be continued by like-minded people who want to work for the good of the village.

## Can you help us?

It would be extremely saddening if the library and Centre itself had to close due to lack of people able and willing to run it.

We are very keen to hear from interested people who might be excited to join the challenge by helping with the following roles:

## Volunteers for Specific Tasks:

- Running 200 Club (funding hanging baskets).
- Keeping our website up to date.
- Co-ordinating Yetton News distribution.
- Applying for grants.
- Organising events to raise funds.
- Overseeing volunteers planting the tubs and roundabout.
- Running the Centre's recycling hub.
- Working in the Tea Room or Warm Hub.

## Volunteers to become Trustees for Yetton

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- Chair the Trustees' and Forum meetings.
- Work closely with the Secretary.

### Secretary

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- Take minutes at the monthly trustee meetings and distribution to the trustees.
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- Work closely with the administrator and the Operational Group.

### Treasurer

- This post would suit a recently retired person who is competent with numbers. The everyday finances of the charity are handled by our paid administrator, overseen by our treasurer who also works closely with the administrator to produce the annual returns and other financial tasks, eg Gift Aid.

General Trustees

- Help in general running of the centre and charity.

## More Information?

*Support and training are available for any of the above positions. If you would like to know more about any of these roles, please contact our administrator (available Tues 9.00am - 3pm, Wed 9.00 - 11.00 am) at: [admin@yettontogether.org](mailto:admin@yettontogether.org) or 07399 758 295*

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# What's On, Special Events

| Event, Information & Contact                                                                                                                                                                      | Where | When             | Event, Information & Contact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Where | When                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>June</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |                  | <b>August</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |       |                                      |
| <b>Friday 20th. Time for a Cuppa.</b><br>Make Time for a Cuppa and help raise vital funds for families facing dementia. Dementia UK's annual tea party fundraising event.                         | CC    | 1.00-3.00pm      | <b>Saturday 3rd. Emley Show.</b> Agricultural show, at Factory Farm, Emley Moor. Advance Tickets: Adult £18; Children 6+ £3; Under-5s FREE. For details: <a href="https://emleyshow.co.uk">https://emleyshow.co.uk</a>                                            |       | 9.00am – 5.30pm (last entry 3.30 pm) |
| <b>Sunday 29th. Ravensknowle Gala.</b> No charge for admission. At Ravensknowle Park. <a href="https://www.ravensknowlegala.org.uk">https://www.ravensknowlegala.org.uk</a>                       |       | noon – 6.00pm    | <b>Wednesday 6th to Friday 10th. Holiday Club.</b> For 5 - 11 year olds. Pre-registration required. Further info from 01484 531 449 or email: <a href="mailto:youthpastor@kirkheatonchurch.org.uk">youthpastor@kirkheatonchurch.org.uk</a>                        | KPC   | 10.00am – 12.00 noon                 |
| <b>July</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |                  | <b>Sunday 10th. Holiday Club Family Event.</b> Followed by free lunch.                                                                                                                                                                                            | KPC   | 10.45am                              |
| <b>Sunday 6th. Kirkheaton Community Centre Open Day, with Makers' Market.</b> Refreshments, music, arts and crafts stalls, plant sales and garden advice, and more...                             | CC    | noon – 4.00pm    | <b>Sunday 17th. Mirfield Show.</b> Agricultural show & family fun day at the Showground, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield. Adult Advance Tickets - £7 (£12 at the gate). Accompanied under-16s - FREE. <a href="https://mirfieldshow.com">https://mirfieldshow.com</a> |       | 9.30am - 4.30pm                      |
| <b>Tuesday 8th. Brand new local history walk.</b> Guided by Kirkheaton History Group. Informative local walk around Kirkheaton.                                                                   | CC    | 7.30pm           | <b>September</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |       |                                      |
| <b>Friday 11th. Kirkheaton Primary School PTA's Summer Fayre.</b> Everybody welcome. More info on Facebook (search "PTA Kirkheaton Primary School").                                              | PS    | 3.00-4.30pm      | <b>Tuesday 9th. History Group talk.</b> Yorkshire folk on holiday in the early 19th century. A talk by Christine Leveridge, illustrated by old postcards. £3 including refreshments.                                                                              | CC    | 7.30pm                               |
| <b>Monday 14th. Volunteer/Leader Training for Music and Games in Chairs.</b> See info below. Free with refreshments. To book, contact: <a href="mailto:lornaide@gmail.com">lornaide@gmail.com</a> | CC    | 10.00am – 1.00pm | <b>Saturday 13th. St John's Church open for Heritage Open Day.</b> Church is open for people to visit and learn about its history.                                                                                                                                | KPC   | 10.00 – 4.00pm                       |
| <b>Location Key:</b> CC: Community Centre UC: United Church                                                                                                                                       |       |                  | PS: Kirkheaton Primary School KPC: Kirkheaton Parish Church                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |                                      |

## Oh Oh Oh It's MaGiC !

MaGiC (Movement and Games in Chairs) is designed for people with long-term health conditions and mobility challenges.

Yetton Together has secured a free Training course, suitable for potential volunteers, people interested in running Chair Exercise Groups, or professionals planning similar exercises as part of their service delivery.

The training course is being hosted at Kirkheaton Community Centre, on **14 July** from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. There will be space for up to 15 attendees.

To book a place or find out more, please contact: [lornaide@gmail.com](mailto:lornaide@gmail.com)

## Creating a community space for Kirkheaton

We are raising money to create an attractive community space and garden around Kirkheaton Community Centre. Please give what you can.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/yettontogether>



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