



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL *Newsletter*



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DENBY DALE COMMUNITY PROJECT



FORGET ME NOT CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Forget Me Not Children's Hospice supports children with life shortening conditions and their families in West Yorkshire.

The charity provides care to children and their families through their hospice at home service and at their state of the art hospice, Russell House, in Huddersfield.

When a child has a life shortening condition they still need and want the same as every child- the chance to play, to communicate, to experience new things, to learn, to love and to laugh. Forget Me Not Children's Hospice do everything they can to make children happier and more fulfilled while they are with them, however long or short that may be. Despite the common perception, a children's hospice is about enjoying life.

With over 700 children and families who could benefit from their care across Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield areas, the charity is only at the start of its journey. They must raise £2.8 million each year to continue the support and care services they provide to their children and families.

How you can get involved:

To show your support to the charity, why not think about setting up your own fundraising group.

Community groups are a fantastic way for people to make a significant contribution towards supporting the charity and are also a great way to meet new people and have fun!

All events big or small help bring together the community and help to raise the vital funds needed for the hospice.

If you would be interested in setting up your own fundraising group, or for more information, please contact Romaine Maret on 01484 411040 or email romaine.maret@forgetmenotchild.co.uk

RURAL COMMUNITY BROADBAND FUND

At our February Full Council meeting, Peter Butters from Kirklees Council updated us on progress on the RCBF. Unfortunately, due to new constraints introduced by Defra, which Kirklees Council were unable to meet, this scheme has had to be cancelled. However, Kirklees remain committed to looking at new opportunities to help communities achieve Super Fast Broadband in the future.

The Denby Dale Community Project is pleased to announce they now have been awarded charity status by the Charity Commission. They now have over 25 local businesses wishing to be involved and pledging equipment or labour either free or at cost. Denby Dale Parish Council has assisted the Project by submitting the planning application on their behalf, thereby saving money.

We need your help!

Are you interested in helping out at the library?

For us to maintain the standard of service and ensure that health and safety standards are maintained, volunteers are required to support the library staff.

Volunteering can be as much or as little as you wish to offer. There are 3 phases to the project which will need different levels of volunteering.

In Phase 1 volunteers will be needed to ensure the member of library staff is not in the building alone. No training is necessary - you would just need to be there for a couple of hours a week - probably at a time when you already visit the library. Phase 1 will continue until the existing building is demolished.

In Phase 2, which covers the period of the temporary library whilst building takes place, again, we are looking for someone to just be present at the same time as the member of library staff.

Phase 3 is the completion of the new building. We are looking to organise a range of volunteers to help the library staff with all aspects of the library. For example, this could be: as a Library Host, helping customers get the most from their library; as a Children's and Young People's Volunteer, helping with reading activities such as 'Read and Rhyme time'; or as a Computer Volunteer, helping out with IT inquiries.

There will be full training and induction provided by Kirklees Library Service.

If you enjoy meeting people, want to socialise for a couple of hours, want to put something into your community, as well as enhancing your own skills, then THIS COULD BE FOR YOU!

You can register your interest by email at info@ddcp.org or telephone 0845 463 1882 OR...

Whichever type of volunteer you are, come to the:

Volunteer Open Event

Thursday 10th April 2pm-6pm

Denby Dale Libraryand find out more.

ANDY'S UPDATE

(Update from the Countryside Officer)

Ten Villages

The 10 Villages Conservation Group has a varied programme of events lined up this year. The group will be providing support to a number of local 'friends of' groups such as Cliffe Woods and East Hill woods as well as progressing the Great Crested Newt Link Project phase II.

Walkers are Welcome

A meeting with Kirklees Public Rights of Way unit was attended on Monday 3rd March to look at collaborative ways of working between the public sector and the voluntary sector to maintain the public rights of way within Kirklees. I am assuming that this style of working will mirror the adopt a path scheme instigated by the Denby Dale WAW group where by volunteers pledge to adopt a path which they walk regularly and help maintain it by cutting back vegetation and other obstacles which may encroach on the path.

Churchfields ~ Denby Dale

The Churchfield Working Group held a meeting on the 3rd February with members of the Friends of Churchfield group present.

The Heads of terms for a lease agreement were looked at and items for clarification were highlighted to be fed back to Kirklees Council.

The Friends of Churchfield group has now been formed in to a constituted group in anticipation of development work which could be done to the Churchfield site which is not being used for allotment development. This group will be instrumental in the long term development of the site in to a vibrant community site.

Cliffe Woods Clayton West

The second meeting of Cliffe Woods Conservation Group was called for Wednesday 26th February at the Council Offices in Skelmanthorpe.

Some major works have already been identified by the Forestry unit to make safe many of the path side trees and to ensure the longevity of other mature trees in the woods. It is hoped that from this meeting working parties can be set up to start implementing works within the woods.

Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust

The first meeting of Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust was held on 14th January. An update on the outcome of the meeting is awaited.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the trust should contact Andy at the Council Offices in Skelmanthorpe via andy.wickham@kirklees.gov.uk or on 01484 221000 / 07773 386550.

THE SKELMANTHORPE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Savoy, Skelmanthorpe will be holding a Remembrance Weekend in August in association with the Tenants & Residents Association ~ look out for information nearer the time.

The Savoy Cafe is open Tuesdays to Fridays 9am to 3pm. Our coffee is good, and so is our food, and all are priced to suit your pocket!

We have a small shop to help with our funds and costs ask about our room bookings for children's party ~ our prices are good and we could do your catering.

Call in you may see something you may wish to join in with, or go to: <http://www.sycacentre.co.uk/> . Volunteers are also welcome!

NEW COUNCILLOR

Since our last Newsletter, we have co-opted a new councillor. Cllr Polly Ann Flinders joined the council in February and brings a wealth of experience to represent the Skelmanthorpe Ward. Cllr Flinders can be contacted via the Clerk.

SKELMANTHORPE LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE

Events, activities and surgeries taking place this Spring at Skelmanthorpe library and Information Centre include:-

Easter Crafts for Children – drop in session Wednesday 16th April from 2.30 – 4.00 pm.

Citizens Advice Bureau – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY from 10 am to 1 pm on the following dates. Weds 16th April, Weds 7th & 21st May, Weds 4th & 18th June. Please ring the appointment line on 01484 451381.

Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing surgery every Thursday morning from 9.30 – 12 noon. Please drop in, no appointment necessary.

Coffee morning – tea, coffee, biscuits and chat every Thursday 9.30 – 12 noon.

Story and Rhymetime for the Under 5's – Fortnightly in term time on a Thursday from 2.15 – 3.00 pm. Please phone 01484 222953 and ask when the next session is.

EAST PEAK WALKING FESTIVAL

The second East Peak Walking Festival will be held from **Sunday June 15th to Saturday June 21st** this year, with plenty on offer in our area.

A range of guided walks of varying length, some day-time, some evening, are being organized by Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group (www.denbydale-walkersarewelcome.org.uk) and Denby Dale Parish Walking Group (www.upperdenby.org.uk/ddpwg).

Full details will be posted on our web-site.

VISITOR INFORMATION WEB-SITE

A wide range of information for local residents and visitors to our area is available at the excellent www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk .

The web-site, now funded jointly by Denby Dale and Kirkburton Parish Councils, is currently being up-dated with help from the East Peak Innovation Partnership.

If you spot any omissions or inaccuracies, please let us know.