



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL

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An evening without Alan Bennett

On November 30th, the Friends of Skelmanthorpe Community Library were honoured to be one of only twenty libraries in England to take part in the launch of Alan Bennett's latest volume of diaries: *Keeping On Keeping On*. The author 'appeared' on screen via recorded clips, reading extracts from the book, and a compere/narrator, Sheelagh Timm, introduced a 'stunt-Alan', Mike Roberts, who read selected entries from the writer's diary and notebooks in Bennett's absence. As well, five volunteers from the audience also volunteered to read passages which added to the show's entertainment. We heard Bennett's wry observations on topics such as his childhood and education in Leeds, and on fame and politics, and on getting older. As well, in a touch the author would have liked, some very good cakes, mulled wine, tea and coffee were included in the ticket price. A signed copy of one of Bennett's books was one of several raffle prizes, and J.R. Nicholls, owner of the bookshop in Denby Dale, offered a range of Bennett's books for sale. Owing to popular demand, the whole event was repeated the following afternoon.

Bennett is a staunch supporter of libraries in general (hence the event), which is a sentiment the Friends of Skelmanthorpe Community Library whole-heartedly endorse. Indeed, without libraries, he said, he probably wouldn't have become a professional writer – which would have been a sad loss to theatre, television and literature!

Skelmanthorpe Community Building Room Hire Charges

£28.50 per session (a session is a 4 hour period)
£16.00 concession (charities/educational...)
£32.00 Full day rate 9am -5pm

For constituted group block bookings, 15% reduction for 4 calendar months to be applied. For new adult craft and children's groups, the first 3 meetings will be at no charge, and the charge thereafter to be £16.00

(Part session i.e. 1 hour pay for 1 full session of £16)

For the office spaces, 50% is chargeable. Long term use i.e. for small business start-up, is negotiable.

Churchfield Progress

There's always lots going on at Churchfield in Denby Dale, but this year it's especially been a hive of activity as the allotments take shape and the Friends of Churchfield (FoCF) continue to enhance the site.

Councillor Jewitt has completed the stonework of the new ramp entrance to the field and, with the help of the sapling allotment society and the FoCF, the new entrance at the church end is also being prepared for flexipaving.

The allotments themselves have been fenced and native hedging jointly planted on the perimeter, as the plot holders beaver away to prepare for the growing season. As well as the land, the Parish Council are providing each allotment with a shed, water butt and composters and one plot has been set aside for community use, including a polytunnel. Any group interested in becoming involved with this should contact the Countryside Officer, Dave Wilde and it is hoped that established growers can share their knowledge with the growing number of people interested in 'growing their own' and reducing food miles.

These are all good reasons for allotments, as well as the therapeutic value of working on the land. We therefore look forward to a bumper harvest, complementing wildlife and people as they claim this wonderful community place.

(Dave Wilde – countryside@denbydale.com)



Holmfirth - Denby Dale - Penistone 350

via Upper Cumberworth & Upper Denby

Thursdays & Saturdays Only

	350	350	350	350
Holmfirth Bus Station	09:55	10:55	11:55	12:55
New Mill	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00
Upper Cumberworth The Star Inn	10:07	11:07	12:07	13:07
Denby Dale Miller Hill Bottom	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10
Upper Denby The George	10:15	11:15	12:15	13:15
Ingbirchworth	10:17	11:17	12:17	13:17
Penistone Market Place	10:22	11:22	12:22	13:22

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Penistone Market Place	10:23	11:23	12:23	13:23
Ingbirchworth	10:28	11:28	12:28	13:28
Upper Denby The George	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30
Denby Dale Miller Hill Bottom	10:35	11:35	12:35	13:35
Upper Cumberworth The Star Inn	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38
New Mill	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45
Holmfirth Bus Station	10:50	11:50	12:50	13:50

These are the details of a new bus service that started on Thursday the 23rd February supported by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and operated by South Pennine Community Transport. The service is provided on Penistone market days. This service is a trial scheme on a "use it or lose it" basis!



The Parish Council has been providing key support for the new Denby Dale Community Library as part of its commitment to maintaining local services and is pleased to report that the Library is now – after a number of unforeseen delays – open and successfully operating.

At its open day on January 28th over 500 locals visited to be among the first to see the new facilities and expanded services. The library, run in partnership with Kirklees Library Services, has the full range of library services including books, information, free-to-use wi-fi and public-use PCs. New books arrive each week as stock is rotated with other Kirklees libraries, so there is always a fresh choice for regular users. There is also a café and charity gift shop, both operated by Kirkwood Hospice. – with the café recently moving to provide cakes baked specially for it as part of its offering. The Spring launch events also included the special inaugural Murder Mystery evening, which attracted a full house and praise for the performance from the Dial Emley for Murder actors who provided the 'Mystery' element!

The community building is open from 10am to 4pm Mondays to Fridays, and 9am to midday on Saturdays. The library is professionally staffed for most but not all of these hours. During the others, there is a self-issue machine so users can still borrow and return books. In its first month of operation, more than 50 new members have joined the Library and around 2000 books have been borrowed.

The support of local people and businesses – both in money and time, has been invaluable, and all will be pleased to know that the project has been nominated for the Huddersfield Examiner's Community Awards and is a finalist in the Community Project of the Year Award category. We hope that the judges see this project in the same way that the local community have done – as a successful partnership between community, volunteers, Kirklees and the Parish Council.



opening times

cafe

Mon - Fri	10am-4pm
Sat.	9am-12noon
Sun.	closed

library

Mon.	1pm-6pm
Tues.	10am-1pm
Wed.	1pm-5pm
Thurs.	no library staff
Fri.	10am-1pm
Sat.	10am-12noon
Sun.	closed

please note:
Our book self-issue machine is available during other opening times when the cafe & gift shop are open and when there are no Kirklees library staff

CLAYTON WEST LUNCHEON CLUB

Come and Join us!

Held at the Darby and Joan Hall, Church Lane, Clayton West

Monday 12.15-1.30

Over 65's

£3.50 for two course home cooked meal including tea or coffee

Caters for dietary requirements.

Contact Beryl on Tel: 01484 861986

REPORTING FLYTIPPING

Kirklees Council will take enforcement action against the perpetrators of flytipping where there is sufficient evidence. However, it is the responsibility of private land owners to arrange for the correct disposal of flytipped waste and make sure it is done by a registered waste carrier at a licensed site. Flytipping can be reported on a map, by entering a postcode or street name, or on a form on Kirklees' website under Roads and Highways: <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/report-a-problem/form.aspx?type=flytipping>. In addition, flytipping can be reported by telephone. Contact Kirklees Council by telephone 01484 221000 - this puts you through to an automated answering system. Ask for 'Streetscene'.