



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Winter Newsletter



CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

Dear Residents,

Once again we find ourselves at the close of another year and as we get older they seem to come round far too often and it doesn't seem like two years ago I was writing to you at the end of 2013.

Over the last twelve months your parish council has been very busy in discussions with Kirklees Council regarding taking on the lease of Churchfield in Denby Dale and working with the Friends of Churchfield and the wider community, also with the taking over of our council office including hosting the library in Skelmanthorpe, although the legal process has taken longer than anyone thought, fingers crossed the final signings will take place early in the New Year.

We have, through our Small Grant Scheme helped provide small groups, including schools in the parish with funding up to £500 and through our Community Grants Scheme larger amounts have been given out. Over the last 3 months or so I have with great pleasure, on the council's behalf, attended other Parish and Town Councils Civic Sunday Services – I am hoping to hold my own Civic Sunday sometime in the New Year.

So, it just remains for me to wish you all a Happy New Year.

John C Cook
Chairman, Denby Dale Parish Council.

LIBRARY NEWS

The report on the future of the library service in Kirklees has been agreed by cabinet and it's now Council policy. The two libraries in our ward which are Denby Dale and Skelmanthorpe have been categorised as community libraries. This means that they will have one paid member of staff for 15 hours a week, who will have to be supported by volunteers. When these 15 hours are is yet to be decided, this will be done by using the information on when the libraries are at the busiest, and in conjunction with the users of the service. The library can be open outside of these core hours if volunteers are prepared to be on site and open the library. The libraries will continue to have all the back room support from central services as they

do now, and all those costs will be borne by the library service budget as it is now.

We have a number of volunteers already working in both libraries, and others in training, we also have volunteers in other libraries around Kirklees, and this system is working well across Kirklees. The volunteers that we have are an excellent group of people, and are doing a tremendous job in supporting the paid members of staff. If anyone is interested in volunteering then please contact your local library. There is all the training you need available, with a range of courses available, and you can choose how much you wish to do, from a basic introduction course right through to training on the use of the library's computers systems, the choice is yours, each library has volunteer coordinators who organise the times volunteers are needed, and ensure that they are sufficient numbers to meet the need to cover the opening hours.

SMALL GRANTS

The following groups have been recently awarded a small grant from the parish council.

Skelmanthorpe Youth & Community Centre	Seating and tables	500.00
1 st Upper Dearne Valley Navigators	Canadian Canoe	500.00
Cumberworth Football Club	Sit-on lawnmower	500.00
Skelmanthorpe Male Voice Choir	Music	500.00
Churches Together in CW & Scissett Kidz Klub	Craft and games resources	200.00
Clayton West Millennium Green Trust	Planting scheme	172.63
Skelmanthorpe Utd Junior FC	Goals	500.00
Denby Dale Athletics Club	Sports hall equipment	500.00
5 th Skelmanthorpe Scout Group	Camping equipment	500.00

RECENT NEWS

As you may have seen in the Huddersfield Examiner recently, Cllr Billy Jewitt, the council's Vice Chairman, attended the 50th Anniversary celebrations of Nortonthorpe Hall School, between Scissett and Skelmanthorpe. This school helps children with behavioural problems turn themselves around, and is one of the schools in the ward that the parish council is happy to assist with its schools grant programme.

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DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE COMMUNITY

The parish council is pleased to have been able to contribute to the costs of two more defibrillators, to be situated in the red telephone box in Denby, and at Denby Dale Cricket Club outside the pavilion. These are in addition to the defibrillator located outside Dearne Valley Health Centre in Scissett, provided by Denby Dale & District Rotary Club with grant assistance from the parish council.

Information from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service states that after applying CPR and summoning medical assistance, the use of a defibrillator is the best chance of a patient making a recovery but it is essential to restart the heart within 10 minutes. The medical professions are keen to increase the number of these machines within the community but to be effective due to the time constraint need to be within 220 yards of the victim. The machines are completely safe for use by unqualified people as they constantly monitor the victim's condition and will only administer a charge as and when required until the heart restarts.

ANDY'S UPDATE

Report from the Countryside Officer

Church Field Denby Dale

October and November saw the Friends of Church Field group undertake practical tasks. These saw the group marking out the wildflower area ready for the

landscape gardeners to remove the turf off this area. The group also removed many cuttings from plants and took them to the tip for composting. The removal of an area of Snowberry was also started in the south west of the site. Sunday 1st November saw a family activity day take place with children aiding in installing nest boxes, building habitat piles and removing stock barriers from the millennium trees.

Research in to the interpretation boards continues as does research in to other facilities to be installed on the site.

Great Crested Newt Link Project Phase II

The 10 Villages Conservation Group provided a task on Saturday 14th November removing many of the pond plants in the established ponds to create conditions which are favourable to the Great Crested Newt. Four volunteers turned out to help with the work which was heavy and smelly.

Two ponds were cleared ready for next year's breeding season.

The pond clearing work will continue over the winter months and it is hoped that by spring all the ponds will be in good condition for the Newts.

Cummins Turbo Technologies

Cummins Turbo Technologies provided two tasks in November. Both of these tasks were at Denby Dale First and Nursery school working on the new pond area. The first attracted 5 corporate volunteers boosted by two local volunteers when the pond area was mostly excavated.

Of the two tasks set with Cummins Turbo Technologies only one attracted volunteers. On Wednesday 21st October five volunteers from the company boosted by two local volunteers from the 10 Villages group completed installing a new pond liner at Skelmanthorpe First and Nursery school. The team for the day laboured through to complete the job just within the timescale set for the day.

Volunteering

Progression is being made with volunteering and making it easier for groups to form and manage Kirklees owned sites across the district. Headway is being made with the concept of providing free insurance for groups that sign up with the Council to manage sites. The route to be navigated to achieve this is currently under discussion with it is hoped a decision being made before the Christmas break.

Dearne Way long distance walk

The Walkers are Welcome group have kindly pledged a number of sizable Oak posts to be carved in to waymarker posts for the Dearne Way long distance walk along with The Kirklees Forestry Unit.

KIRKLEES WINTER HELP LINE

Emergency telephone line: 01484 414888
Advice and support if you are unable to get out to buy food or medication and have no family or friends nearby who could help.

Information on events can be found at the Denby Dale and Kirkburton visitor site: <http://www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk>
Archives on the area can be found at:
www.denbydalekirkburtonarchives.co.uk .

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