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I am pretty much of a “last minute” person. I like a deadline and tend to work right up to it. For example, this month’s magazine copy is due to be sent to the printer today, and here am I, 6.30am at the kitchen table, finishing it off before the magic of email will deliver it on time to the printer in Honley. There are, however, some things that have to be arranged and organized ahead of time – weddings and holidays spring to mind. But this year, should you wish to use your democratic right, you have to be organized. Gone, now, are the days when you can stroll up the Village Hall, forgetting even your polling card, but still able to make your mark and have at least some say in our governance. Since the Elections Act 2022 was granted Royal Assent in April 2022, we all now have to prove our identity by showing photo ID before we can vote. This means that if you arrive at the Village Hall without a photo-driving licence, passport or similar then you will not be allowed to vote. Annoying if you have to walk back home to because you forgot it - disenfranchising if you missed the deadline and failed to get your ID organised in time. See later in this mag for more information.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Shelley Community Association

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 13th Feb 2023

10 Attended, 7 Apologies received

Chair's Report:

Transpennine upgrade: Upgrade to both Leeds and Manchester routes – dates for disruption can be found here : <https://thetrupgrade.co.uk/upcomingclosures/>

Westerley Lane and Way: Weather permitting the work should be completed between 20th Feb and 24th Feb. The road closure license does run until the 31st March in case there is a delay.

Garden on Far Bank: Claire Moore and friends have been working on this garden for a few years now and the SCA have agreed to help fund any expenditure so that they are not out of pocket.

DEFIBS : Claire also reimbursed for the defib pads outside Lydgate Styles

Woven: No one has come back to Carol to take this on board. The SCEG will assist in planting the seeds provided on the Bridle.

Coronation: Large grants are unlikely to be available however any group interested in organising something to celebrate the Coronation should contact Kirkburton Parish Council at clerk@kbpc.co.uk for information about grants of up to £250

RNLI: Will be giving a talk at the SCA annual review on 26th April

Village Hall Report:

The committee conducted the annual internal and external review of the hall

- The Far Bank entrance (not commonly used) has metal panels that are now corroded and a price has been obtained to replace. This is a requirement under building regulations
- Cupboards in the kitchen and bar have been removed with 2 new cupboards added, both are now sited in the kitchen
- Store room has been tidied up
- All hirers have been notified that payment will be by bank transfer only from April onwards
- SCA noticeboard needs to be refurbished or replaced

SCEG Report:

The group were out on Healey Greave Meadow on the 12th Feb working on:

- Clearing brambles and other vegetation from around the fruit trees
- Planting more crocus and daffodil bulbs
- Sowing wildflower seeds
- Small bit of fruit tree pruning and removal of tree guards and ties from established trees

It was also noted that Quad Bikes had been reported in the meadow again, this was noted in the Shelley Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page.

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Kirkburton Parish Council Report:

Little interest in the Coronation at the moment, grants limited. However any group can apply for a grant of up to £250 to celebrate the Coronation, see contact details above.

Village Improvement fund, this has been reduced to £500 per councillor in 2023/2024

Kirklees Report:

The council needs to make 20% cuts on last years budget

Confirmed again that Westerley Lane/Way should be resurfaced between 20th and 24th Feb depending on the weather

Social and Community Events:

18th March 14.00 to 17.00 – A Kirklees run Families Together/Family Fun Day at the Skelmanthorpe Community Centre

2nd April – Art Exhibition – Shelley Village Hall (look for the banners outside)

12th – 15th April – The Pierrot Players – Last Panto in Grimley (A comedy)

14th May – The French Sunday Lunch – Shelley Village Hall 12.30 for 13.00

26th – 27th May – Kirkburton Village and Beer Festival

25th June – Shelley Garden Festival

9th July – Shelley Gala

AOB

- Bollards at the bottom of the village have been cleaned
- Possible right of way issues on the Shelley Welly Walk to be reported to PROW (Public Rights of Way)

Date of next meeting is Mon 13th March at 7.30pm in Shelley Village Hall – all are very welcome!

MAGAZINE NEWS

This month's front cover is Overlooking Digley Reservoir, a watercolour by Shelley art group member Berenice Causer.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in taking over the role of cover editor please do get in touch. The cover only changes once every three months, and we have the next few months covered.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Contact for venues in Shelley :

Shelley Village Hall Sheila 604470

Shelley Methodist Hall Janet 605494

Emmanuel Church Stephen 605755

Shelley Cricket Club Karen 07950 725298

Shelley Sports and Social Club 602935

Shelley Community Football Club Ashley 07931 853881

Georgie School of Theatre Arts 606994

Sovereign Fitness 604174

The Cabin HD8 Pre-School and Out of School Club 600519

Some venues, including the Flying Ferret and Rising Sun, provide regular entertainment.

Welcome Information

Carole Hepworth would like to remind everyone in Shelley that Welcome Cards are available for new residents to Shelley. Please inform her if you know of anyone new who has moved into the area.

Her telephone number is 608963
Or email steve.carole1@btinternet.com

Shelley Village Website

If you have any local events that you would like added to the website calendar at <https://shelleyvillage.org/Calendar/> please email the website "team" at shelleyvillagewebsite@gmail.com with details of the event including date, time, & location. If you include any attachments, links or posters then we will try to include them in the calendar entry as well.

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Obituary

Barbara Wilson (5th May 1932 -30th November 2022)

In her own words: “reluctantly died” at home on 30th November 2022 aged 90.

Barbara was born in Pannal, North Yorkshire, into an equestrian family where her parents, Arthur and Bryan had a riding school. They later moved to Filey, where they ran a livery yard and riding school.

The family eventually settled in Shelley, at Hardingley Farm which was to be her home for over 80 years. Along with her younger sister Pat, Barbara had a keen interest in all country activities, horses, and, in particular, ponies. They were active members of the Pony Club, Young Farmers, and the local Rockwood Hunt.

Aged 17, with a desire to travel Barbara took up a position on a Dairy Farm in Wiltshire and hunted with The Beaufort. It was here that we see an early example of her determination; when offered the opportunity to have a day off for the last day of The Royal Show in Oxford and with no transport available Barbara set off at 4am on her fixed gear bicycle, cycled to the show and returned around 10pm, a round trip of over 100 miles!

She won a scholarship to Newton Rigg College to study Dairying & Allied Subjects, then worked abroad, in Denmark and had a spell working with the Dutchess of Rutland’s Welsh Ponies.

A move to work with Miss Ritchie at her Netherley Shetland pony stud near Aberdeen, lasted for 17 years and was the beginning of what was to be a lifelong passion for the breed. Netherley was, at that time, one of the prominent Scottish breeders of respected and sought-after Shetland ponies. While working with Miss Ritchie, Barbara became well known with many of the other well-known studs and took part in the summer routine of taking ponies to major national shows, the Royal Highland show, the Royal show, Ponies of Britain together with some of the main county shows. At the time this involved travelling many miles and days in the ubiquitous Land Rover and trailer with everything for both the owners and ponies, including makeshift accommodation and catering arrangements at the showgrounds. It wasn’t unknown for the essential cuppa being made with mare’s milk when normal supplies weren’t available!

In 1972, her father suffered a heart attack and Barbara returned home to Hardingley where she helped to run the farm and started selectively breeding her own Shetlands. Her Hardenley stud produced some 51 foals over a period up to 2015.

This was alongside her wide equine interests which included all native breeds, being a National Pony Society Judge and a period as West Yorkshire equine welfare officer for the BHS.

She was also involved in a variety of local riding clubs and agricultural shows. Other than her Shetlands Barbara’s own ponies and horses extended to included owning several Connemara ponies in partnership with Mr Dougal Dick and others. In her younger years Barbara even owned a Cleveland Bay, ‘Sparkle’ for riding, also breeding from this mare a foal ‘Tam o’ Shanter’ which was then recruited by the Royal Mews and renamed “Calgary” for carriage duties before returning to Hardingley for his retirement. Barbara had numerous stories and anecdotes about her visits to the Royal Mews to see Calgary.

Above all Barbara remained a very active member of the Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society becoming a member in 1963 and a life member from 1974, serving several

terms on the council, being a committee member for at least 4 breed shows held in the North of England and being a long serving society judge. One highlight of her judging

career being asked to be one of the judges for the SPS-BS centenary show and celebrations held at Ingliston in 1990.

As once said by one fellow judge to another while watching Barbara in action, "If you remember as much as Barbara has forgotten you'll still be a very knowledgeable person!".

Wherever she went, Barbara always left her own impression of pin sharp intellect, robust thought, and a very wicked sense of humour.

A great loss to her family, the equine world in all its aspects and the Shetland pony in particular.

To celebrate a life well lived, there will be a memorial service at Emmanuel Church, Huddersfield Rd, Shelley, Huddersfield HD8 8LH on Friday 5th May 2023 at 11.30am (Barbara's birthday).

To be kept informed of the events and arrangements planned over that weekend, those planning to attend are encouraged to contact bardypw@gmail.com and register their details. This email address has been created specifically for the memorial service.

GARDENING DIARY MARCH 2023

So are we gardening under a false sense of security? – the days are truly lengthening and it's only a month until the clocks go forward. The thermometer is rising and the garden certainly thinks it's spring. Everywhere I see snowdrops, fast followed by daffodils. My camelia is about to burst into bloom and everywhere I see herbaceous shoots peeping out from the cover of winter. But it's still only late February and we've a long way to go until Jack Frost has hung up his hat – so I'm keeping the garden fleece at the ready but hoping for the best.

One moment the ground was bare- the next time I strolled down to the shed and the irises are in full bloom – what a delightful surprise. These are the pale blue" Iris Katharine Hodgkin" and they are under planted beneath two small trees. Such a delicate looking flower that appears so early cannot be anything but a joy.



The hardy annuals that I mentioned last month – these include sweet peas that are doing ok, nigella that now need potting on and daucus (ornamental carrot) that I think will need another spring sowing; not an overwhelming success. The cobea (cup and saucer plant), however, is going great guns on my spare bedroom widow sill – I'm hoping for great things this summer. Of course there is a long way to go before I can plant it out. Plenty of time to forget to water, over water, stand it in a draught – so many options for failure. But that's the challenge of gardening. It's great when the plan comes together, not so good when the gardening gods are against you.

According to my social media gardeners, I should have mulched all the beds by now. Mulching is just covering the soil with something to help it retain water and to reduce watering. I used a mix of rotted organic forest products last year – covering the beds to about 3 inches. What a difference it made. So this month I will be mainly tidying the borders from the winter, mulching them then trying to provide economical planting by growing from seed.

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CHURCH PAGES

SHELLEY PARISH CHURCH **Wednesday 2.00pm 8th and 22nd** A short service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments and a chat everyone welcome

- **Sunday 5th 12th 19th 10.00am** Holy Communion Service followed by refreshments.
- **Sunday 19th is a special family service for Mothering Sunday**
- **Wednesday 2.00pm 1st 8th 15th 22nd and 29th** A short service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments and a chat everyone welcome.

If you need a lift to the Wednesday services, please ring Carol Robertshaw 01484 860657

Church Contacts

Revd Amanda Grant		07745 130033
Baptisms & Weddings	Carol Robertshaw	01484 860657
Funerals	Stephen Hughes	01484 605755

SHELLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for March

5th March	Rev T Francis – Communion
12 th March	Rev Goodall
19 th March	Café Service in Church Hall
26 th March	Rev S Pegg

To reduce heating costs this winter we are sharing several services with our friends at Emmanuel Church. Our joint services for February will be 19th at Emmanuel - Parish Church and 26th at our Methodist Chapel



Spring Fayre and Gift Day

In the Church Hall

Saturday March 18th

Lunches by ticket from Church Members from 12 noon

**Stalls including: Cakes and preserves, Books, Cards,
Plants**

Raffle and Tombola



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



CLUBS AND GROUPS

Shepley Bird and Wildlife Group

At this month's Indoor Meeting we welcomed our old friend, John Gardner from Ryhill. John is a commercial photographer with a keen interest in wildlife, and he marries the two together wonderfully. With a quick-focusing, rapid-fire camera, coupled with his eye for unusual situations, we were treated to a wonderful display of birds and wildlife from around England, taken during the past year. As we have seen before he excels with birds in flight, and birds captured in non-usual situations, such as Kingfisher and Nuthatch in snowy conditions.

Sadly many birds, even 'common' ones are in decline, or have become restricted to a few areas; however a few are increasing in number due to climate change. One such decliner is the Swift, well known for screeching around our streets. With six pairs nesting under his eaves he was able to get amazing close-ups. For others, once fairly common, he has had to travel further afield, such as Wood Warbler and Pied Flycatcher.

His travels around England allowed him to capture birds restricted to small areas - Choughs - crows with red beaks and legs - now breeding again in Cornwall, and Cirl Buntings in the neighbouring county of Devon. Most unexpected was an immature Osprey which spent a few days fishing on a pond in Ecclesfield near Barnsley. In every case the sharpness of the photo brought out details difficult to appreciate in the field. This aspect was so apparent in flight shots. Who has normally seen the orange feathers in the wing of a grey Gadwall? John also showed photos of the Black Browed Albatross at Bempton sailing effortlessly through the sky, and completely dwarfing the resident Gannets.

He also showed photos of rare visitors to Britain, most strikingly the American Black Tern off the East coast and another American, the Blackburnian Warbler on the Isles of Scilly. In all it was a feast for the eyes and John was very warmly thanked.

John Wheeler

Our next meeting is on Wednesday March 1st when Linda Jenkinson of Start Birding will give a presentation entitled "Birding in Upper Teesdale". The Club meets in the Coach House of Cliffe House at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always most welcome.

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Further information from e.cull@outlook.com

Shelley Conservation and Environment Group

As the weather starts to improve, the SCEG will be out and about working on our greenspaces again this year. We are hoping to attract some new volunteers to the group so that we can continue our work and perhaps look at bigger projects and more frequent work parties

As a recap, here is just some of the work we did last year:

- The Bridle – where we finished clearing an area at the bottom of the Bridle on Near Bank and then sowed wildflower seeds and planted approx 30 trees. We also installed 2 benches and a commemorative jubilee plaque that looks over the wildflower meadow and out towards Shepley
- The Recreation Ground – where we widened the paths, cleared weeds and did a general tidy up in preparation for the Jubilee Party in the Park
- Healey Greave Meadow – where we cleared some of the brambles and gorse and planted 120 trees we received free from the Woodland Trust, again for the jubilee

We also installed some bird boxes around the area, cleared parts of Doctor Lane and Pussy Lane, organised a litter pick and planted some bulbs around the village, we like to keep busy and keep our tasks varied.

We rarely work for longer than an hour at a time, and have plenty of tools such as garden hoes, scythes, loppers, a strimmer, a hedge trimmer, a wheelbarrow and more.!! We have to date mainly run the work parties on a weekend but if we can we do like to try and work during the week as well but appreciate that this does not suit everyone.

The group is very friendly and everyone works to their own pace. You don't have to turn up every time, there is a core group that meets regularly but we have a number of people who come along when they can, this can be once a month or once a quarter or just when they have some free time. It all helps. It's also fun and keeps you fit!!

If you want to help or just find out more then contact us at SCEG1999@outlook.com or check out our webpage for details of any work we are planning or have completed (although this may not always be up to date)

<https://shelleyvillage.org/SCEG-Plans-Updates/>

You can also check the calendar page on the above website for any scheduled work parties!

Regards

David Rowatt

Chairman of SCEG

(Our AGM will be in April, more details will be published nearer the time)

Shelley Over60s - March 2023**Local History Talk - Wednesday March 1st 2023**

Our first Local History Talk will be given by Ann Littlewood who will be Talking about the history of Storthes Hall. Meet at the Methodist Hall on Wednesday March 1st at 7.30pm. Contact Carol on 01484 60383 for more information.

Flower Arranging Wednesday March 8th 2023

During 2023 we are looking to organise some more flower arranging evenings with the first taking place on Wednesday March 8th. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information contact Carol on 01484 606870 or 07902744360.

Gardening Talk - Wednesday March 22nd 2023

Our next gardening talk will be at the Methodist Hall on the 22nd March at 7.30pm. Contact Carol on 01484 606870.

Minibridge - Monday March 27th 2023

We are proposing to hold an evening playing MiniBridge, which is an introductory game for people who want to learn the basics of Bridge. It is a much simplified form of bridge and has proved to be an excellent starting point for learners, concentrating on card play and eliminating the complicated bidding process. This one-off session will be held at the Methodist Hall on Monday March 27th at 7.00pm. If there is sufficient interest, further sessions may be held. Contact Kevin on 07753790300 for further information.

Let's Sing Together - Wednesday April 5th 2023

Join us at Shelley Sports & Social Club and sing along with our house band Kim and Ian Summers. You don't need to be a great singer and no-one will be listening to you, we'll provide the lyrics and you can join in as much as you want, or just listen and enjoy the show. Admission is £5 and the fun begins at 7.30pm. Contact Claire on 01484 604644 for tickets or more details.

On Tour 2023

Our trip programme will run from May to September. There will be a coastal trip on the first Tuesday of each month and a walking trip usually on the third Wednesday of the month. The cost of coach hire has risen again and as a result the price per trip for members will be £13.00. A full list of our destinations can be found in our latest copy of Sixty Plus and also online at www.shelleyover60s.org.uk

Tuesday Afternoon Bingo in Shelley Village Hall

We are now well established at the village hall for our Tuesday afternoon bingo. We meet from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and play the line and full house for 12 games for pound prizes. We have a tea break after six games and everyone gets three cards to play, all for £5. If you would like to join us for a fun social game or to find out more ring Linda on 01484 606671.

Over60s Minibus Draw

The January mini-bus draw winning number was 348. The March draw will take place on March 23rd. Winning numbers can be accessed at www.shelleyover60s.org.uk/minibus-draw

Shelley Museum - Open Saturday March 4th 2023

The Museum will be open on Saturday March 4th and April 1st from 10.30am to 1.00pm where our exhibition on the 1921 Census and Shelley in the 1920s will be on display. Contact Carol on 01484 603836 for details.

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Shelley Over60s - March 2023

Coffee Day - Tuesday April 18th 2023

Our first coffee day of the year will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at the Village Hall. The Hall will be open from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and there will be various stalls including books, cakes, a tombola, raffle and a chocolate tombola.

We are looking for donations from members towards our stalls. If you can bake a cake or donate something for the raffle, tombola, chocolate tombola or book stall then contact Carol Parker on 01484 606870.

Tickets for the Coffee Day are £2.50 each which includes tea/coffee and biscuits and enters you for a prize draw for which the

1st prize is a **Ninja Air Fryer**,

2nd prize is a **£50 voucher** for a meal at the **Woodman Inn**,

3rd prize is **Afternoon Tea** for Two at **Dearne Lea**,

4th prize is **£25** worth of **Morrison's Vouchers**,

5th prize is **£20** worth of **Over60s Vouchers**.

We hope as many villagers as possible will attend or buy a ticket.

Coffee Day - Walk

This year we are organising a Coffee Day walk. This will start and end at the Sports & Social Club, Shelley. Meet in the Car Park from 10.30am for a 11.00am start. The walk will last around two hours. Coffee or a drink will be available at the Club on return as well as the Village Hall. Contact Kath Oldroyd on 07967391851 for more details.

Shelley Over 60s

Coffee Day

Tuesday - April 18th 2023

Shelley Village Hall -1.00pm to 4.00pm

Admission £2.50 including a prize draw entry

LETTERS

Rural Veterans' Hubs

I am a veteran and come from a family who have also served in the military. I was in the Womens Royal Army Corp and my husband was in the 3rd Battalion Royal Green Jackets. He also comes from a military family. My daughter joined the Royal Signals and saw active service in Bosnia and Iraq.

For the last ten years or so I have been actively working highlighting the difficulties veterans and their families are facing and especially veterans and their partners and families living with combat related PTSD. I have spoken on the British Forces Broadcasting Service about living with a partner who suffers with combat related PTSD, I have been interviewed by the local and National newspapers, and also the Legasee Project. I have been a part of the Veterans Gateway Reference Group since its inception.

A few months ago I was asked by one of the local GPs if I would help them set up a veterans' hub as the local GPs have identified that veterans are an isolated group and are not getting the help and support they should be getting.

Liaising with the local GPs, Social Prescribers and Paul Jones from the Denby Dale Centre we have held two meetings where veterans and visitors were invited to attend to find out what the hubs would look like and what we are proposing to do. We are now in the process of applying for CIO status (so that we can finance these hubs). The Denby Dale Centre are funding these hubs until we get charitable status. We have the full backing of our local MP, Mark Eastwood, the local Councillors, the local GPs and the local communities.

These hubs will be run by Veterans for Veterans and serving service personnel

We have now established what our hubs will look like and we will be starting to run these hubs at Shelley and Clayton West.

Shelley Village Hall - this venue will be a Banter Group with guest speakers and light lunch bites

This hub will take place on the 1st Tuesday of every month from 12:00 until 14:00

7th Feb, 7th Mar, 4th Apr, 2nd May, 6th Jun, 4th July, 1st Aug, 5th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov, 5th Dec

Clayton West – Nortonthorpe Sports Ground, Springfield Avenue, Clayton West, HD8 9HJ

This venue will be an Indoor and Activity Group (With support from Help for Heroes) and local veterans

This hub will take place on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 18:00 to 20:00

9th Feb, 9th Mar, 13th Apr, 11th May, 8th Jun, 13th Jul, 10 Aug, 14th Sep, 12th Oct, 9 Nov, 14th Dec

We are also, once established, going to hold a social event on 4th Wednesday in the month which will take the form of a pub lunch, day out, walks etc.

These hubs will be a place of social, support and sanctuary for all veterans regardless of age – from 17 to 90 yes of age. All welcome. We will never turn any veteran away.

These hubs will be spearheaded by our veterans and they can let us know what they would like, be it an activity, a guest speaker etc and we will endeavour to see if we can organise this.

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We have links and support with other organisations and can signpost veterans in difficulties to other organisations who are willing to help.

I have gathered a small, but passionate team of veterans around me who are all keen to make this endeavour successful.

If you know of any veterans who might find these hubs helpful, please spread the word,

Linda Rudkin

Dear All,

On Thursday, 4 May 2023, District and Parish Council elections will be taking place in Kirklees. Voters from all 23 wards will have the opportunity to elect a new Councillor to represent their local area. All Kirkburton Parish Councillors will be up for re-election.

The Elections Act 2022 was granted Royal Assent and passed into law on 28 April 2022. For the first time, voters across the UK will need to show photo ID when voting at polling stations during this year's local elections. I have mentioned this before, however that was on a couple of Facebook sites and not everyone uses social media.

Please make sure you are ready to vote on 4 May by checking you have an accepted form of photo ID for the polling station.

You can receive a postal vote if you apply by eleven working days before an election is held. Postal voting is convenient as you don't have to go to a polling station to vote.

District Council election Thursday 4 May 2023

Information for postal voters:

www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/voting-and-elections/postal-voting.aspx

- If you already vote by post, you should receive your voting pack on or around Wednesday 19 April 2023.
- If you apply to vote by post before Wednesday 29 March 2023 you should receive your voting pack on or around 19 April 2023.
- If you apply to vote by post between Thursday 30 March 2023 and Tuesday 18 April 2023 you should receive your postal voting pack on or around 25 April 2023.

If you have not received your postal voting pack by Thursday 27 April 2023, please Contact Electoral Services so that a replacement pack can be sent to you. They can only issue replacements up until 5pm on Thursday 4 May 2023.

The Coronation of His Majesty the King will take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023. The Coronation Ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey, London, and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Ceremony will see His Majesty King Charles III crowned alongside The Queen Consort.

Tradition dictates that the country will remain in mourning for an appropriate period of time following the passing of the former monarch—as a result; the Coronation of King Charles III is still three months away. The style of the Coronation should be interesting, as King

Charles has spoken of a low-key affair. In this time of austerity he is mindful of the expense, his or ours, I am not sure of.

Parts of Turkey and Syria were recently hit by an enormous earthquake, which has completely devastated certain areas. The death toll is immense, and I am sure everyone's

thoughts and prayers are with the families of the deceased and the survivors, whose lives will have been changed forever.

Ray Bray (PClr)

Information regarding resurfacing of Westerley Way and Westerley Lane

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Vehicular traffic will have access to the points of the restriction. The Diversionary route will be: Hawthorne Way, Park Avenue, Penistone Road, Far Bank, Huddersfield Road - Vice Versa
The order will be effected on 20th February 2023 till 31st March 2023

New Elections Rules: All Voters Need Photo ID to Vote at Elections in May

REGISTERED TO VOTE IN KIRKLEES?

BRING ID TO VOTE ON 4 MAY

Kirklees COUNCIL

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LOCAL ELECTIONS IN MAY

For the first time, voters across the country will need to show photographic ID when voting at polling stations across the area during this year's local elections. Kirklees residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote on 4 May by checking they have an accepted form of ID.

Which forms of ID are accepted?

Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for the free ID, at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID.

Don't have an accepted form of ID?

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online at [Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\) – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-to-vote) or by completing a paper form.

Jacqui Gedman, Returning Officer at Kirklees Council, said:

“With elections taking place in Kirklees on 4 May 2023, it is important that those who want to vote make sure they have an accepted form of ID. It may seem early but checking now means you will be ready to vote in May.

“Residents who do not have one of the accepted forms of ID can apply for free ID either online or by completing a paper application form and sending this to Kirklees Council's electoral services team. If you need any help with applying for the free ID or want to request an application form, contact the electoral services team on 01484 221650 or email voterID@kirklees.gov.uk.”

Ailsa Irvine, Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance, said:

“Anyone voting at a polling station in England this May will need to show photo ID before they can be given their ballot paper. It's important that everyone understands what types of ID they can use, and how to apply for free ID if they need it. You can find information about the new requirement and what to expect at the polling station on the Electoral Commission's website.”

Are you registered to vote?

Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. It only takes five minutes to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Voters wishing to apply to their council for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote. The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station, is a new requirement, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May.

EVENTS AT LOCAL LIBRARIES		OPENING TIMES
<p>Monday Rhyme Time 2.30-3.00 Shepley Popular Science Readers Group—2.00-3.30 1st Monday of each month Denby Dale Creative Writers 7.00pm fortnightly at Shepley Mend it Mondays 4pm Denby Dale</p>	<p>Thursday Rhyme Time 10.30 -11.00 at Skelmanthorpe Readers Group (LK) 10.30am Last Thurs of the month Denby Dale (Full) Readers Group (SS) 3.00-4.00 2nd Thurs of the month Denby Dale (Full) Hands On History 1.30-3.30 3rd Thurs of the month Denby Dale Knit & Natter 2.30pm Shepley</p>	<p>Denby Dale Library Monday 1-6, Tuesday 10-1 Wednesday 1-5, Friday 10-1 Saturday 10-12.30</p> <p>Kirkburton Library Monday 2-5, Tuesday 2-6 Wednesday 10-3 Friday 2-5, Saturday 10-12.30</p> <p>Shepley Library Monday 1-5 Thursday 10-1 & 2-5 Friday 2-5, Saturday 10-12</p> <p>Skelmanthorpe Library Monday 10-1 Wednesday 10-1 & 2-6 Thursday 10-12, Friday 10-1</p> <p>Contact: 01484 414868</p> <p>www.kirkleeslibraries.co.uk</p>
<p>Tuesday Readers Group (JW) 10.30am 2nd Tuesday of the month Denby Dale Jewellery Club 10.30am Denby Dale Book Club 6.00pm Kirkburton 1st Tuesday of the month</p>	<p>Friday Local History Group 10.00-12.00 at Kirkburton Knit & Natter 2.00-4.00 Kirkburton Family History One to One from 2.00pm last Friday of the month Shepley Library Readers Group 2.00pm every 3 weeks –Skelmanthorpe Later At The Library— 7.30pm Last Friday of the month Denby Dale</p>	
<p>Wednesday Rhyme Time 10.30-11.00 Kirkburton Story Time for 2–5-year-olds 2.00-2.30 Kirkburton Term Time Knit & Natter 2.00-3.00 at Skelmanthorpe Rhyme Time 2.00-2.30 Denby Dale Craft Group 1.30pm Denby Dale</p>	<p>Saturday Lego Club 10.30-12.00 Shepley</p>	
<p>Our groups are all open groups unless stated, with no requirement to book.</p>		

Mothers Day – Sunday March 19th – forecourt flowers will not do!!

Bin Collections

Your bin collection day is Tuesday



You can sign up for a weekly email bin reminder at www.kirkdees.gov.uk/reminder

You can sign up for important waste and recycling announcements and useful hints and tips at www.kirkdees.gov.uk/stayconnected

Sign in or register for a My Kirkdees Account for 24/7 online access to services - go to my.kirkdees.gov.uk

Shelley Garden Festival

Sunday 25th June 2023



This year we want the Festival to link with those charities that look after us and need support themselves now.

We are inviting new gardeners to consider opening for recognised charities.

Kirkwood Hospice is one such charity and we are pleased to say that they would love for one of our gardens to open on their behalf.

The Hospice is happy that if refreshments are served in that garden then some of these takings can go towards the charity.

We may have to restrict the gardens offering to do this – or at least make sure the Festival itself makes money for local projects in the village and to cover costs – but if you are interested in opening on this basis for either the Hospice or another charity – no matter how good your garden is - please contact us!

Call or text Damian on 0792 0840045

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www.thepierrotplayers.com



The Pierrot Players

present

Last Panto in Little Grimley

A Comedy by David Tristram

The Little Grimley amateur Dramatic Society is in dire straits. Membership has dwindled to only four – and the audiences aren't much bigger! The problem is, they are absolutely awful; the group is in deep trouble and likely to go under unless they come up with something quickly. 'There's only one thing that sells tickets these days' – says Gordon the chairman – 'Sex!' He proceeds to write a comedy with sizzling sex scenes and word gets around. The people of Little Grimley flock to buy tickets.

Following the success of their previous show, the Little Grimley Amateur Dramatic Society move to a new level of chaos with "Last Panto in Little Grimley", which sees four members tackle the Christmas pantomime with a predictable build-up and tumultuous climax.

But don't worry – it's all done in the best possible taste and everyone keeps their clothes on!

Shelley Village Hall

Huddersfield HD8 8HE

Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th April

Tickets £8 available from :-

McColl's, Shelley – available from March 20th

Springfield Mill Stationers, ~~Denby~~ Dale – available from March 20th

Shepley Co-op – available from March 20th

Ian – 07768571919

Email: tickets@pierrotplayers.com

Online – www.thepierrotplayers.com – booking fee applies

On the door

**Curtain up
7.30pm**





Cookery, Craft, Art & Photography Sections 2023

Emley Show 2023 is on Saturday 5th August. The Cookery, Craft, Art & Photography section has been busy planning the schedule of classes, which has now been confirmed and ready to publish and share with the community.

Each year we look at what classes were popular with the public and also take advice from our section judges to plan the next year's classes. The confirmed classes are shared below, which gives you the opportunity to decide which sections and classes you would like to enter. Our section, would be very grateful for your support, as without your entries we would not have such a wonderful display on show day.

HANDICRAFT CLASSES

- 901 HAND KNITTED OR CROCHETED TEA COSY OR CAFETIÈRE COVER
(to be displayed on either)
- 902 A STITCHED GARMENT (Any size)
- 903 CREATIVE TEXTILES – A PATCHWORK ITEM
Can. Quilt – Table Runner – Cushion (Any size)
- 904 A STRING OF BUNTING – For 9 DROP ITEMS PER STRING
(Material – Knitted – Crochet)
- 905 ANY OTHER HANDICRAFT – RECYCLED HARD MATERIALS
Can. Including: Stained Glass – Wood – Metal (with photo of previous use)
- 906 A BAG – (Any size or medium)
- 907 A BOOK MARK – (Any size or medium)
- 908 CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION
Can. Including: Beading-Fabric-Felted-Knitted-Paper)

ART CLASSES

- 912 ANIMALS
- 913 MODERN LIFE
- 914 TRANSPORT

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

- 909 SWEET TREATS
- 910 THE END OF THE DAY
- 911 STRUCTURES
- 911A PAINT A POST CARD – MY FAVOURITE VIEW

COOKERY CLASSES

- 915 VICTORIA SANDWICH
- 916 JAR OF MARMALADE – Any Flavour – Please label stating flavour
- 917 3 VEGETABLE SAMOSAS
- 918 3 CUP CAKES – Any flavour – Decorated
- 919 3 CURRENT SQUARES
- 920 JAR OF CHUTNEY – Any flavour – Please label stating flavour
- 921 3 MILLIONAIRES SHORTBREAD
- 922 SOURDOUGH BREAD – Any size
- 923 3 COOKIES – Any flavour
- 924 3 VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS
- 925 COFFEE AND WALNUT CAKE
- 926 2 NAN BREAD – Any flavour – Please label stating flavour
- 927 JAR OF JAM – Any Flavour – Please label stating flavour
- 928 VEGETABLE CAKE – Can. Carrot
- 929 HOME MADE VODKA – Any Flavour – Please label stating flavour

Full details will be advertised on our website in March when we launch our new look website www.emleyshow.co.uk. Any questions you may have re the above classes please contact Alicia & Carol section secretaries via email at cookerycraft@emleyshow.co.uk until we change over to new email address sectionclasses@emleyshow.co.uk in March or telephone Alicia on 07745370009 (evenings only please).