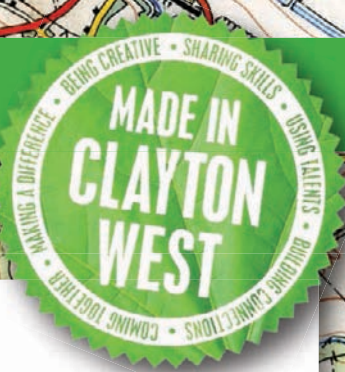


MADE IN CLAYTON WEST COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Dear Clayton West and Scissett,

What a fantastic year we have had in our community, which you can see in more detail as you read our latest newsletter. It is hard to pin point any one event but I think the highlight of the last year was the unveiling of our stone sculpture at the entrance to Cliffe Woods. By the time this goes to press we will have celebrated our second Light Up The Woods which we are sure will go as well as - or even better - than last year! The community is ours to make the best of as we can and this newsletter relies on the many groups and individuals who contribute to make it an enjoyable read. So please join in where you can and let us know if you have any ideas we could explore for future editions. Thank you once again to the local Churches Together who helped with the distribution of this newsletter along with their community Christmas card of events.

Warm wishes

Made In Clayton West



Made in Clayton West continues to forge links and connections across the community. There are lots of benefits from coming together as a community. So far people have come together around singing, books and walking. It is hoped in time that more interest groups are started. Made in Clayton West is here for the long run and we would love more people to get involved. You don't have to live in Clayton West to take part. Everyone is welcome.

We will endeavour to update the noticeboards outside the Darby & Joan Hall and Scissett First School with up and coming events.

To get in touch:

Call **01484 864293**

Email us: **madeinclaytonwest@outlook.com**

Facebook: **www.facebook.com/madeinclaytonwest**

KAYE'S FIRST & NURSERY SCHOOL

By Mrs Parker

Head Teacher Kaye's First & Nursery School



Mr Kaye built Kaye's School in 1862 for the children of Clayton West. Fast forward 156 years and the school has 199 pupils on roll with the majority living in Clayton West. Education may be very different but the place the school holds in the community certainly is not. As you walk past the school you will still hear the voices of happy children playing out, smell the delicious dinners cooking in the kitchen and see the charming building taking pride of place in the centre of the village. If you stop you may be lucky enough to glimpse children in The Orchard, the outdoor area used for pond dipping, planting, den building, sculpture making, bug hunting or team building activities. Whilst you're walking in the village you might get chance to see the children heading up to Cliffe Woods on their way to plant seeds. If you visit the woods, you must take time to read the wonderful poem on the sculpture written by Ruby Unwin in her last year at Kaye's.



Whilst around the village, perhaps you'll spot the older children painting yellow fish on the ground near the drains to remind you not to put anything down which could damage the wildlife in the rivers and streams. However, you would be excused for not hearing the Year 2 children visiting the war memorial in November. Showing their respect, they take time from their busy classroom to view the memorial and identify surnames familiar to them. By Christmas you can spot lively groups of children heading to Aden House and Aden Lodge to celebrate the festive season with Christmas songs and carols with the older generation. On two special days in October and December, you will need to be a patient driver as 220 children and staff will be crossing Church Lane for two of the very special community traditions at All Saints Church - the much loved Harvest and Christingle Services.

With such a wonderful community on the doorstep why would Kaye's children not want to fully embrace their local community? Whilst it can't be done every day, and there are so many more community groups for Kaye's to be involved with, it is always a pleasure to see the children embracing their own village and embracing the opportunities it holds.

www.kayesfirst.co.uk

By Heather Baxter



Clayton West Women's Institute meet on the first Wednesday of each month. We are currently looking for a new venue but please see our website www.facebook.com/inspiringwomen for future events, times and location.

This year we danced, dined, crafted, and quizzed amongst lots of other exciting things.

Next year our activities include bread making, flower arranging, a drumming workshop, music, travel and walking for your supper. New members always welcome.

Please contact : President **Heather Baxter 0752708535**.
Secretary **Jean Fisher**. Programme organiser **Nicola Sanders**.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

By Sarah, Gillian, Kath and Jean



In February this year we were very pleased to welcome our new priest Rev Dr Sarah Farrimond. She and her family moved into the Rectory and quickly made an impact there. You may have noticed a gazebo with bunting in the front garden during the summer? This was our very own Pop Up Café which raised funds for our roof and spire fund. During the last 12 months we have continued to hold our regular services on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays – times are displayed on the notice board next to the gates. We have also welcomed many members of our community through our Saturday Coffee Mornings, concert evenings, plus art events and our annual craft fair. Coming up will be coffee mornings, a wine tasting evening, a concert and a fashion show plus a Ceilidh at Denby Dale Pie Hall. Everyone is welcome to all of our events. Watch out for details on **Made in Clayton West Facebook page** and our own **All Saints' Church Facebook page**.

CHURCH SPIRE AND ROOF UPDATE

You may have noticed our banner stating that we need help to support fundraising for the church roof and spire? As a result of the examination - to felt, re-slate the north roof of the church and tend to the re-treatment of timbers of the spire in addition to its' re-cover - a minimum estimation of costs is £60,000 and could be more with inflation. Many of the community of Clayton West will know that fund-raising for the spire and roof fund is already underway. We have been touched by how many people have already supported us. A huge thank you to villagers who have helped and supported in any way. Check out details in the church magazine (available near to the front door) of activities to come; which are also on our website

(www.allsaints-claytonwest.org.uk); look out for advertising around the village and please spread the word. Grant applications continue to be made, these often come with a deadline that must be met to secure the funds. We have just been awarded £9,000 which has to be spent by September 2020. An application to Heritage Lottery Fund (usually a large grant provider) is delayed until early 2019 because the application format has been changed. We want to do this work so our church is still here for future generations to use and enjoy.

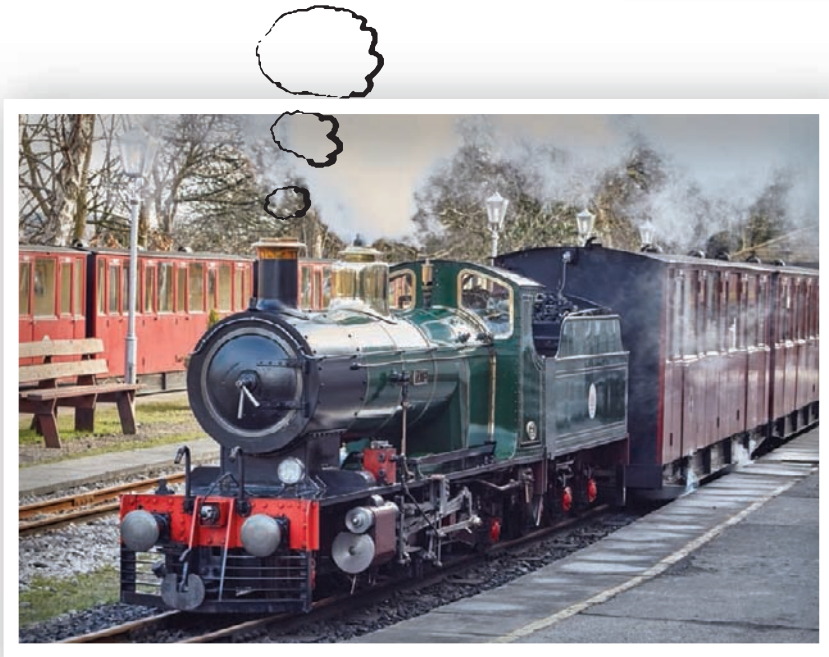
Although we need to carry out essential maintenance to prevent further deterioration, the church remains a place of worship and fellowship, open for services and social activities where everyone will find a warm welcome. All Saints' along with our sister church St Augustine's offers a Prayer Chain. Should you wish us to pray for you yourself, or for someone you know, please contact our associate priest, **Kate Currie** on **07949 850460**.

In addition to our regular services, we have many Advent and Christmas events coming up. Watch out for the Christmas cards coming through your letterbox for further details.

All Saints' is available to hire and details of how to do this are in the church porch and on the website.



By Erin Towey



It's amazing to think that there's a steam railway in the heart of our community, yet many people don't even know it exists! The Kirklees Light Railway, on Park Mill Way, operates trains most weekends and school holidays. With a regular programme of special events, there's always an enjoyable day to be had right on your doorstep! The railway also welcomes local school groups throughout the year, teaching the next generation about the railway and its links to local bygone industries.

The railway is run by a small number of paid staff and a huge band of selfless, dedicated volunteers without whom it simply wouldn't be able to operate. If you have a bit of spare time on your hands, you might consider stopping by to volunteer and help preserve this fantastic local attraction.



Looking back on 2018, one of the proudest achievements at the railway happened in June when friends from the Denby Dale Athletics Club held their annual Beat Badger race-the-train night. £400 was raised for Huddersfield's very own Forget-Me-Not Children's Hospice who do the most amazing work for the families of children with life-limiting conditions.

The first Santa Special of the Christmas season will also be dedicated to the Hospice, with all profits being donated. In 2019, the railway will be hosting Resident's Days when those residing in Clayton West / Scissett will be able to enjoy travel at a heavily discounted rate upon proof of address - visit **kirkleeslightrailway.com** or our Facebook page, **facebook.com/kirkleeslightrly** for details.

JOSEPH NORTON ACADEMY OPEN FARM

By Joy Lane

Over 400 visitors were delighted to join staff and pupils at Joseph Norton Academy in June as part of Open Farm Sunday.

Open Farm Sunday, managed by LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming), provides an opportunity for farms across the UK to open their gates and welcome people onto their farm for one Sunday each year.

Since the first Open Farm Sunday in 2006, over 1,000 farms across the UK have supported this national initiative.

Staff, pupils and members of 'Friends of Joseph Norton' enjoyed hosting the event and promoting the fantastic work of the school.

Visitors, including members of the community and MP Paula Sherriff, were able to meet and feed the animals, take part in a range of activities and enjoy home cooked food and cakes.





Community visitor Lynne Duerden said “It has been a wonderful day and we have loved finding out what it means to be a farmer and a pupil at the school. They clearly do a fabulous job producing food and looking after the animals”.

School governor Josh Greaves said “A great visit to Joseph Norton for their Open Farm Sunday. Brilliant event. Brilliant team. Brilliant goats. Making a difference comes in all shapes and sizes”.

CLAYTON WEST METHODIST CHURCH

By Alan Wilthew



Sadly in these modern days we see a demise in village life as shops and services become not viable. The result is often isolation for old folk and young families.

As a response to the love shown to us through Jesus Christ we stand to be a beacon of hope and life within our community and so in the past 12 months we have started 2 new ventures at the Church. On the 3rd Tuesday of every month we have a “DROP IN” from 10.00 am to 12.00pm to which everyone is welcome.

We chat, drink coffee (or tea), eat biscuits and there is no charge. So if you are bored, lonely, at a loose end, just passing or walking the dog please drop in for a ‘cuppa’. Stay 5 minutes or 2 hours, you will be very welcome.



Our second new venture is a “MESSY CHURCH” held on the fourth Sunday every month. This is for families with children and starts at 10.00 am, with a craft session in the school room, based on the theme for the day. At 11.00am we have singing, story time and prayers followed by a light lunch at approximately 11.30 am.

On the other Sundays our services commence at 10.30am and everyone is most welcome to join us at any or all of these times.

For more information please contact **Rev Alan (862572)** or **Beryl (861986)**.



By Laura Bovington

Who are Guides?

Guides are a fun group of girls aged 10-14 who meet weekly in a safe welcoming environment where they can gain confidence, make friends, learn new skills and have lots of adventures.

We meet on a Thursday at Clayton West Scout hut between 7:30pm and 9pm.



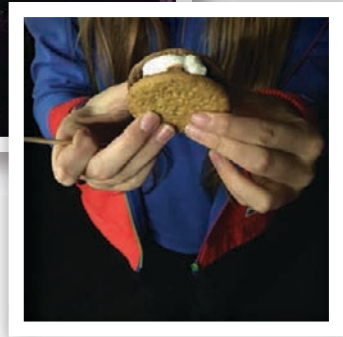
GUIDES (10-14)

Being a part of Guides has improved my confidence because I got to do activities and things I wouldn't normally do and meet new people



Some examples of the activities we have enjoyed doing recently and those we are looking forward to are:

- Annual trip to Leeds
- Christmas market
- Guide Bake Off challenge
- Making a scarecrow for Denby Dale scarecrow trail
- Summer Fete with the Scouts
- Campfires
- Smores
- Bell ringing
- Big gig (a big pop concert specifically for members of girlguiding)
- Play-gym night
- Community Gardening
- Lantern trail promise ceremony
- And lots, lots more.



Interested?

Have questions?

Why not come down one evening and meet us and have a chat?

Simply go to:

**[www.girlguiding.org.uk/
information-for-parents/
register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/)**

We look forward to hopefully meeting you in the near future.

CLAYTON WEST BABY & TODDLER GROUP

By Janene Spencer



In September, Clayton West Baby & Toddler Group relocated back to its original home of the Darby & Joan Hall. Our first weeks have been great, numbers are up, the children and carers seem to really like this hall and layout. Each week we try to bring different crafts, we have dedicated singing and snack time for the children and lots of toys for them to play with, including a dedicated baby

area with lots of sensory items just for the tiny little ones.

More importantly though we are a warm and welcoming place to come and have a chat, make new friends or just get out of the house, we all need it sometimes.

We run every Friday during term time, 1:00-3:00pm.

Keep up to date with what we're up to by following our Facebook page

[/claytonwesttoddlers](#)



By Jo Cove



Do you like reading?

Check out our Community Library in the phone box!

You can find it on the corner of Holmfield and Church Lane and there are lots and lots of books in there for anybody to borrow and donate.

It's also a good place to put your event posters.



DENBY DALE MEN'S SHED

By Phil Slater

Denby Dale Men's Shed is now fully operational and has a solid Membership which is growing steadily and the range of interests of the group is widening nicely.

Amongst other activities we have been taking advantage of a bumper apple harvest and juicing members' excess fruit into a health drink, which was accidentally contaminated with brewers yeast, so will have to see what happens to 5 galls of juice in 3 months time!



Contact: **Robert Barber 01484 861197**

robert.barber@gmx.co.uk

Facebook: **Denbydalemenssheds**



We had a visit from our MP Paula Sherriff who had the following to say about us.

“I’m fully behind the Men’s Shed Initiative and really enjoy visiting the Denby Dale branch whenever I get the chance. My office have been delighted to help them wherever possible and I’m so pleased to hear about the excellent work they’re doing there. Social isolation is a big challenge in today’s society and Mens Shed offers a relaxed and informal environment for men to go and share their skills and experiences, as well as have a good cuppa and a natter”



Paula proudly announced our official opening, to the members of the House of Commons and has since invited us to visit her “At work” in Parliament.

HELP CREATE A COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR SCISSETT...

By David Currie



In the heart of Scissett, next to St Augustine's church, there is an overgrown patch of ground. In 2017 a team of volunteers began to clear the site. They found evidence of previous fruit and vegetable growing, however lots needs to be done to restore the site. We are meeting on Tuesday 11th December and Saturday 12th January to tame a hedge that runs across the middle of the site with the help of the Ten Villages Conservation group. At other times we meet to clear the ground. Kirklees Council have also arranged for a professional tree survey. The aim is to restore the site so that it can once again be used by the local community for growing fruit and vegetables.



To help out you do not need to be a skilled gardener. A willingness to work outside and get your hands dirty is all that is needed!



If you may be interested in helping out, please contact the coordinator **David Currie** by email: david@currie158.plus.com or phone **01924 279295**. Do join us on the above dates and bring those garden tools (not electrical or motor powered) that you are confident to use safely and are the most likely to be useful to dig out the brambles, nettles and shallow roots etc. Professionals will equip us for the hedge laying. Hot drinks and toilets will be available in the church.

Together let's create Scissett's community garden!

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

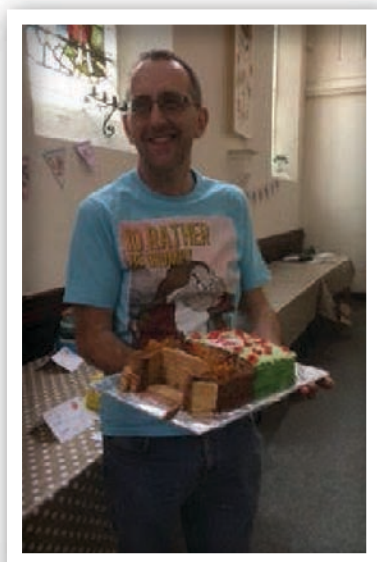
By Kate Currie



St Augustine's Church, Scissett re-opened its doors two and a half years ago following the devastating theft of lead from its roof and great uncertainty about its future. The church received considerable community support and a public consultation meeting was in favour of keeping the church open. The roof was repaired after a successful bid was made for a grant. The church is the only church in Scissett and has good links with the local schools and various groups. St Augustine's Church is also a venue for community events and is now available for hire, for one off occasions or regular meetings.

There is worship on Sundays at 11am and alternate Tuesday mornings at 9.15am. Alongside this there is always something happening at St Augustine's on the first Saturday of every month at 4pm, either Messy Church or a Film Club. Messy Church is proving popular with all age groups especially as there is always a delicious meal served at the end. Coffee Mornings are another time to socialise and these are held on the fourth Saturday of every month 10.30am - noon.

A 'Friends' group has evolved who are active in fundraising. They meet six times a year and presently have a clear objective and determination to raise much needed funds to replace the heating system. The 'Great Scissett Bake Off & Gift Day', back in the summer was a resounding success and raised a substantial sum.



ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

CONTINUED...

St Augustine's is looking forward to being part of a joint initiative in 2019 with All Saints' Church, Clayton West and 'Made in Clayton West', to form a Scarecrow Trail between the two parishes.



Please visit www.st-augustines-scissett.org.uk to keep up-to-date with all that is going on and who to contact for baptism and wedding enquiries.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Revd Dr Sarah Farrimond

Priest in charge

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Revd Kate Currie

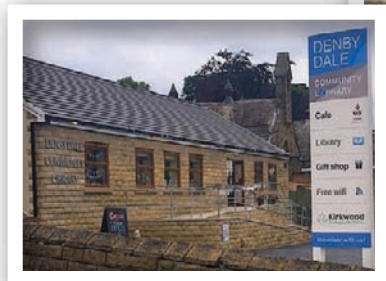
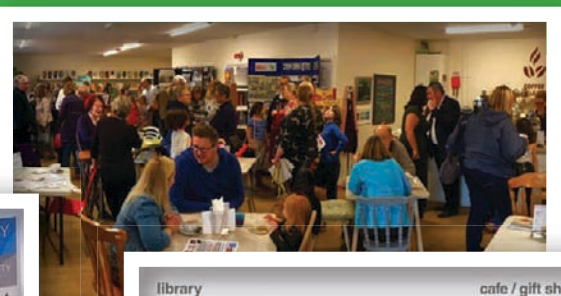
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KIRKLEES LIBRARY DENBY DALE

By June Lawson



library			cafe / gift shop	
Mon	1pm-6pm	Free	10am-1pm	Mon - Fri 10am-4pm
Tue	10am-1pm	Gift	10am-12noon	Gift 9am-12noon
Wed	1pm-5pm	Sun	closed	Sun. closed
Thurs	no library staff			

Our book self-issue machines in available during their opening times, when the cafe & gift shop are open and when there are no kirklees library staff

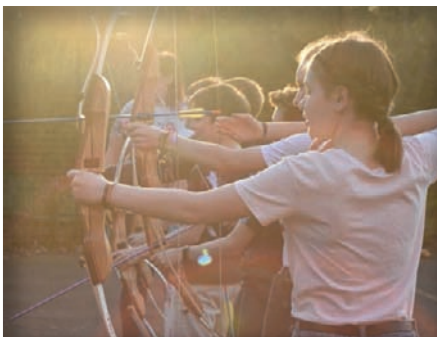
we're open!

Our new community library has now been open for 18 months and it's rapidly becoming the community hub we always wanted it to be - with library, café, charity gift shop and space all well used by locals and a range of community groups. Our Open Day and Celebration event held in September was a great success. The building was buzzing with people all afternoon and the smiles on everyone's faces when our MP, Paula Sherriff, presented certificates to the local children who had completed the national Summer Reading Challenge was a joy to see. We continue to grow, hosting a range of events and activities including Rhyme-times, Knit & Natter, Craft and Rag Rug groups, Book club, Memory Café, concerts, gadget club, yoga and meditation. We are always on the lookout for others that will enhance our service to the village and surrounding areas.

For further information or if you are interested in volunteering with us please see www.ddcp.org or find us on Facebook.

UPPER DEARNE VALLEY NAVIGATORS

By Ewan Scott



Upper Dearne Valley Navigators is an independent youth group that follows the basic principles of scouting and focuses on action.

There are two age ranges at Navigators, the Juniors aged 7 - 10 and Navigators aged 10 - 14 and 14 - 18. Both older age ranges meet at the same time. Members come from Clayton West through to Upper Denby and the group meets at the Skelmanthorpe Community Centre on Thursday evenings. Activities vary from team building games through basic cookery to circus skills and crafts. The group also offers camping, country walking, archery, climbing and is affiliated to British Canoeing.



Formed in 2014 Navigators is now into its fifth year.

Its Leadership team can count on over 100 years of combined experience which ensures a safe and happy time for all involved. One leader also has Mental Health First Aid training. In the first few years effort went into fundraising to acquire equipment to allow the group to access activities – the result being that the group is now self-sufficient in most of the activities it

offers. In four years, the group has run two International trips for its members. The first to The Ardennes, and the second to Alsace in France – The Alsace trip saw Navigators visit six European countries – a great experience for some of the party who had never been abroad before.

www.upperdearnevalleynavigators.org.uk

LIGHT UP THE WOODS

By Ewan Scott

Light Up The Woods (LUTW) takes place at Cliffe Woods, Clayton West, and is open to the wider community in the Upper Dearne Valley. The idea to light up the woods came about after

Navigators ran an evening session, lit by Tilley lamps, which set a warm light through the woods. The idea quickly took root and inspired local people to get involved making lanterns. The first event involved Cliffe Woods Conservation Group, Kayes School, Beavers and Cubs, Navigators, The Clayton West Choir and All Saints' Church, Joseph Norton Academy, plus a few individual supporters.

The participants made lanterns, performed fire skills, sang, and brought the woods alive with sound and light. The response was beyond expectations, with visitors from every village in the valley. The second event drew more support, with Denby First School, St. Aidan's and other groups joining the event. So much so, that the space lit by the event in 2018 doubled in size.





The event is free to access, and is firework free, so ideal for young and old and is pet friendly, although due to the high volume of visitors walking a dog can be a challenge.

LUTW might be compared to Imbolc or the Moon-raking Festival held in the Colne Valley, but we have much work to do to build the event, in both structure and participation.

The organisers and news of the event can be found on **Facebook** by looking for **“Light Up The Woods”**.

Anyone, or any group that would like to participate, support, or help develop the event is welcome to join the Facebook Group and perhaps help form part of the organising team.

CLAYTON WEST LUNCHEON CLUB & OLD FOLKS TREAT

By Beryl Holt and Simone Hawke

For 32 years Clayton West Luncheon Club has been serving home cooked food to its members. We meet, mostly in term time, from 12.15pm to approximately 1.30pm at the Darby and Joan Hall.

In the past year our numbers have decreased and if this trend continues the club will sadly no longer be viable. Despite 3 new members this summer, we still have vacancies and would be delighted to welcome you to our group. If you are interested and are 65 or over please ring **Beryl** on **01484 861986** for more information.

The “Old Folks Treat” is an annual treat which has been a village tradition for over 100 years. Afternoon tea and entertainment is provided for the over 65’s who live in Clayton West. The event is being held on Saturday 6th April 2019. For further details please contact **Simone Hawke** on **07949 130388** or email at **claytonwestoft@yahoo.com**

By Graham Turner

As a lifelong resident of the Denby Dale ward I am proud to be the Kirklees Cllr for our fantastic area. We have many great community groups and organisations in the area,



and Made in Clayton West is certainly one of those. It brings the community together through a wide ranging series of activity's. Strong resilient communities do so much to help improve people's lives, and help with such issues as social isolation, and the growing problem of mental illness, people like being with people, and Made in Clayton West gives residents the opportunity to get together at many varied events. This year I have been able to support Clayton West Cricket Club in the fantastic work they do with young people as the facilities at the club were improved through a community budget. I have also provided some funding for the Light up the Woods event. It was a pleasure to attend the unveiling of the new sculpture at Cliffe Woods, whose Conservation Group are another group that does so much for the village.

I am always available to deal with any questions or queries residents may have by phone or email.

KIDZ KLUB & HOLIDAY CLUB

By Jane Woodcock



Kidz Klub is for children to have fun, socialise together and take part in a range of activities that include table tennis, badminton, snooker, team games, crafts, challenges and cooking. There is also a tuck shop.



The children are encouraged to help with the planning of Kidz Klub and to be of service to their local and wider community; amongst other things, they have made Christmas and Easter gifts for older people in the area and raised money for different charities.



Kidz Klub meets fortnightly on a Monday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm in term time and is for school years 6, 7, & 8.

If interested in finding out more contact Emma, email:

eshatherley@gmail.com

Holiday Club days are activity days with a Bible story, crafts, singing, games and lots of fun! All children from 5 years old, up to and including school Year 5 are very welcome.

Holiday Club usually meets for one day in the October and February holidays (10.30am -3pm) and for 4 consecutive days (10.30am - 3.30pm) in the summer holidays. Children need to bring a packed lunch; mid-morning/afternoon refreshments are provided. In the summer a local venue is used in the afternoons, for example Scissett School, St. Augustine's Church, Cliffe Woods, which allows us to have different activities. We have enjoyed visits from Morley Exotic Animal Rescue and the Wise Owl Bird of Prey Rescue.

There is a Holiday Club Facebook page, find us at

www.facebook.com/cws.holclub

Kidz Klub and Holiday Club meet at the Methodist Church on Wakefield Road and are run by helpers from the Churches in Clayton West and Scissett.

The core values of the Christian faith underpin the planning and activities of both these clubs.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

By Paula Sherriff

2018 has been a busy year for our constituency and, as I write this in early October, it shows no sign of letting up! In and out of Parliament, I've been vocal in raising the issues that local people care about. From buses to Brexit, there's been plenty of important issues to get stuck into – many more than there's space to detail here.

Throughout the year, I've set out to be a strong voice for our towns and villages.

I was proud to start the year with a promotion to Labour's frontbench – becoming Shadow Minister for Mental Health. It's a role that I'm passionate about and am determined to see improvements in particular around services for children and adolescents, which are currently failing too many.



In this 70th year of our NHS, I've continued to work with local campaigners in fighting cuts to our hospitals. There's been some notable victories in the battle to save HRI, but we can't be complacent on this, or in safeguarding services across Kirklees. Across the country, our NHS has suffered years of austerity and faces chronic understaffing and the impact is being felt locally.



I will continue to work with local health bosses to try to get the best for our area and to press the government to provide the funding desperately needed to deliver the quality of care people deserve.

You can keep track of my activities on this and a range of other issues by visiting my website – **www.paulasherriff.org.uk** or **Facebook/paula4dewsbury** for more information.

And, as always, if there's every anything you feel I can do for you or your family, please do get in touch; **01924 565450** or write to me at The Old Dewsbury, Reporter Building, 17 Wellington Road, Dewsbury WF13 1HF

By Catherine Briggs



Wow, what a busy year we've had! The new shooting range was built, the BBQ is under construction, we have a new fence, and have managed to have lots of fun, learned new skills and made new friends along the way.

This photo shows all 3 sections at this year's Group camp where we enjoyed many activities such as canoeing, abseiling, zip-lining, grass sledging, assault course, axe-throwing, crate stacking and of course the water slide!

We have 3 sections at Clayton West, all open to boys and girls - Scouts aged 10½ to 14, Cubs aged 8 to 10½ and Beavers aged 6 to 8. For details of session times and who to contact with any queries, please contact **Sheila Brown**, by email sheila.br@btinternet.com

MILLENNIUM GREEN

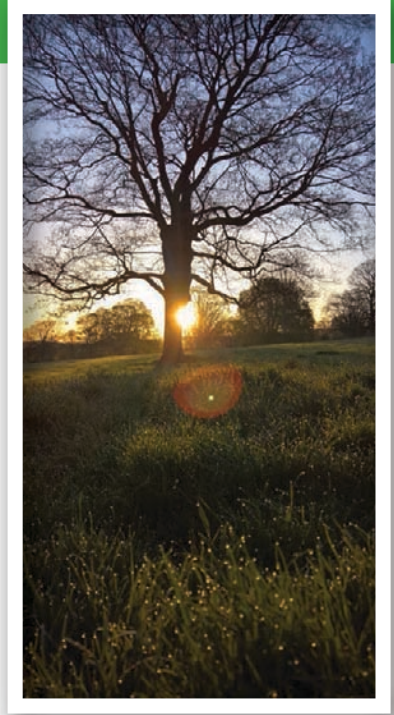
By Vicki Stratford

The Millennium Green is an amenity for the village of Clayton West. The Green is managed by a charitable trust made up of local volunteers.

The Green is managed as open parkland, grazed by livestock, and has been allowed to develop as a diverse, species rich meadow. A meadow has to be grazed or grazed and cut to prevent the growth of tussocky vegetation and scrub.

Cows are good for controlling coarse vegetation. Grazing the Green with cattle is the best way to create a diverse grass sward. Another reason for grazing cattle on the Green is that cows are less vulnerable to attack by dogs than sheep. As the Green is popular with dog walkers this is an important factor. The young cattle grazing on the Green are by nature, curious creatures but harmless. The Millennium Green is a space for all the community to enjoy and to ensure a safe space for everyone we ask that dog walkers be responsible for cleaning up after their pets and that all users dispose of any litter considerately.

New volunteers are always welcome either as a trustee or to carry out any work/one-off project.



By Michael Watson

It is always good to be able to support excellent local initiatives such as this. It is always a pleasure to hear from residents in our area with their views on the multitude of issues that affect us in many ways. Kirklees Council is a large organisation with many staff. I have been a councillor for three years now I am still learning new things about the council and the work it does. When I talk to residents of our area it is often the case that they too do not realise how various functions of the council work and how it may impact their lives. Whether it be potholes, schools, refuse, our local environment, school bus passes or something else the chances are that there will be an expert somewhere in the council who is able to advise. Whether you are an individual, a business, a community group or anyone else within our ward please do not hesitate to make contact if you think there is something we may be able to assist with. I am a councillor because I care about the area we live in. There are many big and important issues, such as planning matters, school places and so forth but there are also many smaller issues that impact the area so if you are aware of potholes in roads, street lights that are not working, damaged signs and street furniture then I would encourage the reporting of these through the council's online web service - but if you cannot do that please let me know and I will pass on the details. Also if you have any suggestions for improvements to our area please do let us know.

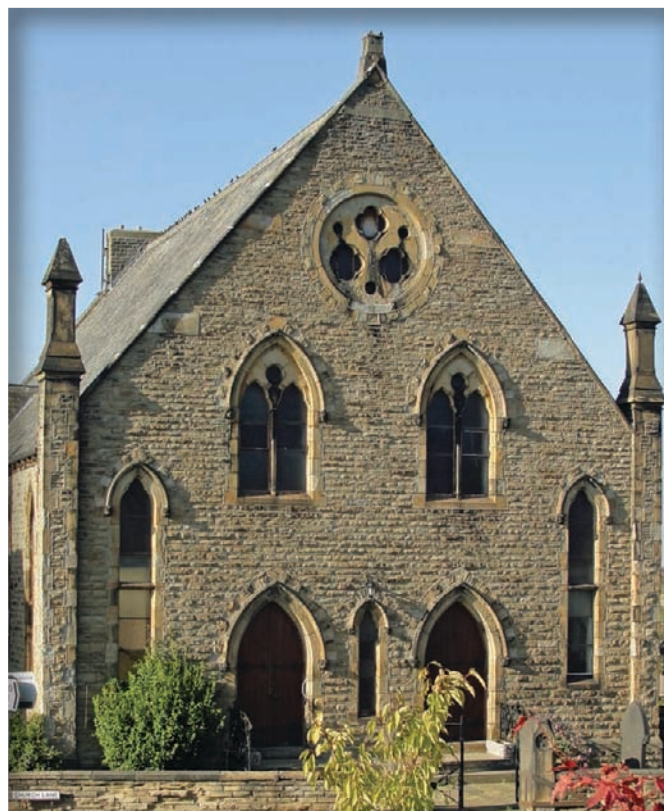
FLORAL ARTWORK

By Eve Barraclough



CLAYTON WEST UNITED REFORMED CHURCH THE END OF AN ERA

By Rev Nick Percival



Clayton West United Reformed Church has stood proudly at the top of the hill in Church Lane since 1794. In that year an Independent chapel was opened on the site but in 1859 the building was felt to be too cold and damp. It was demolished in 1864 and a new building was erected on the same site and was opened in 1866. This building is still in use today.

In 1972 the church became part of the newly formed United Reformed Church which was a joining together of the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations. Later in that decade the church became part of a group pastorate along with Trinity URC, Barnsley and West Melton URC. Members can recall the church being full every Sunday.

Sadly, as has become commonplace in many churches throughout this country, the number of worshippers has fallen to drastic levels and coupled with ever ageing congregations many churches are struggling to continue. Unfortunately this is true of our church in Clayton West.

It was with much sadness that the remaining members of Clayton West United Reformed Church decided that the time to close was fast approaching. After two hundred and twenty five years of serving the people of Clayton West and beyond, the final service at the church will be at 3.00pm on Sunday 24th March 2019.

CLAYTON WEST UNITED REFORMED CHURCH- THE END OF AN ERA CONTINUED...

On a personal note, I was inducted to the group pastorate in 2004. I am retiring at the end of this year and my final service will be at Clayton West URC on 30th December at 11.00am.

As this is a 'fifth' Sunday it will be a joint service with those in our Churches Together group,

(URC, Methodist, All Saints' and St. Augustine's). Members from my other two churches will also be attending. . After the service we will be sharing in a Faith Lunch (Bring and Share, or whatever other name you know such events by). I feel privileged and blessed to have been able to serve in the Barnsley Group and will miss everyone with whom I have worked for the past fourteen and a half years. Clayton West will always have a special place in my heart and I will never forget the people here.

I pray that God will continue to bless you all.



THE CLAYTON WEST CHORUS

By Antony Davis



The Clayton West Chorus continues to go from strength to strength. We've welcomed new members this year and had great fun singing new songs.

We've moved from our meeting place of the school and now meet on Wednesday's from 6.45pm to 8.45pm at The Old Printworks, Moorlands View, Clayton West. The price is £4 a session and everyone is welcome.

We were busy in the run up to Christmas. We sang at Light Up the Woods and on 11th November we took part in the lighting of the beacon. We sang at Bagden Hall for the Christmas Ball and finally on 16th December we are at the Christingle at St Augustine's church in Scissett.

If you'd like further information about any of the events or would like to join the chorus, please contact **Antony** on **07876 267267**.

By Claire Westwood

A glance back at 2018: The volunteers continue to turn up on the first Saturday each month to follow a programme of woodland management tasks, and strive to improve and maintain the Memorial and Secret garden areas. The warmer spell at the end of May led to significant

progress being made and with extra midweek volunteering to create the hand rail supports for both sets of steps along the woodland walk. Areas were cleared and the cuttings created by the clearance were reused in the creation of strategically placed “brash barriers”, which double as future nesting sites and help nocturnal walkers avoid falling down steep inclines next to the path. In preparation for the completion of the new waymarker sculpture, the new flagpole was located in the same site as the previous one over 70 years ago! It was with great pride that we were able to raise the white rose flag on Yorkshire day, a grand spectacle for all to see set against the bright blue cloudless sky. Without doubt the most exciting and well attended event was the formal reveal of Ryan Johnson James’s Sculpture in July. This was a fantastic event involving many local people.



Observant visitors may also have noticed the planting of over 1000 bedding plants that provided a most impressive splash of colour within the Memorial garden, and a focus area near the “Guardians Of the Wood” sculpture in the Secret garden.

The North of England Horticultural Society grant has been used for the introduction of part of a foraging route, where a range of different variety apple trees have been planted along the railings. The nearby Ivy has been gradually cleared, and a considerable amount of native perennial wild flower plants introduced. We wait in anticipation, to see an increase in insects and pollinators that will hopefully visit the newly established bee friendly drifts of flowers next year. Despite the drought and ban on live flames across all Kirklees Parks and public spaces, we have had a pleasing amount of casual visitors walkers and organised youth groups. The local nursery children were on hand to try out the hop scotch area. The Upper Dearne Navigators have helped with maintenance tasks, Beavers have enjoyed outdoor craft activities, and planting, and Cubs made wild flower seed bombs also made good use of this space for outdoor games. We, as a group of local volunteers aspire to develop yet more areas for additional family friendly recreation space. If you enjoy the outdoors and would like to get involved, we meet on the first Saturday each month at 10am and often on a midweek morning. There are a range of jobs to suit all abilities and experience, so please come along, you would be made most welcome.

The HD8 NETWORK is a positive and professional network of residents and business owners from the HD8 area. We work together to help and support each other's businesses, share news about local events and resources and pool knowledge and talents.

To find out more visit www.hd8network.co.uk

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THE CHRISTMAS TREE BALL

By Jo Robinson and Jayne Crossland

Saturday 1st of December saw the third Christmas Tree Ball at Bagden Hall. This is an event to raise money to fund the community Christmas

trees in Scissett and Clayton West. Local residents Jo Robinson and Jayne Crossland organise this event.

If more money is raised than needed to fund Christmas trees for two years, the excess funds benefit local organisations such as luncheon clubs, schools and other local good causes. Thanks go to Dearne Valley Health Centre for allowing the Scissett tree on their land, and to Sarah Farrimond, our new vicar in Clayton West for offering the vicarage garden for the Clayton West tree.

For those wanting to donate, there will be collection boxes in local businesses such as The Cutting Room, Clayton West Stores and Wordsworth News. All donations received will provide funds for the Christmas trees and lights for the next two years. We are always open to suggestions for nominations for local good causes, for any excess funds received.



WHAT'S ON

MONDAY

Clayton West Luncheon Club

12.00-1.30pm, Mainly term time,
Darby & Joan Hall
Contact: Beryl Holt 01484 861086

Darby & Joan Club

2.00-3.30pm, Mainly term time
Contact: Janice Beaumont
01484 862601
Bookings: 07708 574790
janice.beaumont@tiscali.co.uk

Kidz Klub

6.30-8.00pm, Term time -
fortnightly
Wakefield Rd Methodist Church
Contact: Jane Woodcock
holiday-club@hotmail.co.uk

Clayton West Beavers

6.15-7.15pm, Term time, Scout Hut,
Wakefield Road
Contact: Sheila Brown
sheila.br@btinternet.com

TUESDAY

Scissett Litter Picking

2.00pm, Weekly, location can vary
Contact: Anne Crowe 01484 861031

Scissett Taekwondo

7.00-9.00pm, Scissett Middle School
Contact: Stephen Hoyle
07899907368
Andrew Tiffany 07899907367
Facebook: dalevalleytkd

WEDNESDAY

Denby Dale Men's Shed

Weekly, Unit 9a, Nortonthorpe Mills
Contact: Robert Barber 01484 861197
robert.barber@gmx.co.uk
Facebook: @Denbydalemenssheds

Clayton West Chorus

6.45-8.45pm, The Old Printworks,
Moorland Views, Clayton West
Contact: Antony Davis 07876 267267
Facebook: claytonwestchorus

Clayton West Cubs

6.30-8.00pm, Term time, Scout Hut,
Wakefield Rd. Contact: Sheila Brown
sheila.br@btinternet.com

THURSDAY

1st Upper Dearne Valley Navigators

Juniors age 7-10: 6.00-7.00pm
Navigators age 10-18: 7.00 - 9.00pm
Skelmanthorpe Community Centre,
Elm St.
Contact: Ewan Scott 01484 864520

Clayton West Guides

7.30-9.00pm, Term time, United
Reformed Church

FRIDAY

CW Baby & Toddler Group

1.00-3.00pm, Term time only, Darby
& Joan Hall. Contact: Janene
Spencer 07739 344337
Facebook: claytonwesttoddlers

Clayton West Scouts

7.00-9.00pm, Term time, Scout Hut,
Wakefield Rd. Contact: Sheila Brown
sheila.br@btinternet.com

OTHER CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Book Club

Monthly, various locations
Contact: Lesley Lambert
07738 004472

Clayton West Bowling Club

Cliffe Woods
Contact: Alan Goodyear
alangoodyear@gmail.com
Helen Sansom
helensansom@gmail.com

Clayton West Cricket Club

Wakefield Road
Contact: Simon Thornhill
07564 406232

Clayton West Old Folks Annual Treat

6th April 2019
Darby & Joan Hall
Contact: Simone Hawke
07949130388
claytonwestoft@yahoo.com

Clayton West Walkers

Various locations
Contact: Sue Sigsworth
thesigsworths@hotmail.co.uk
Facebook: madeinclaytonwest

Clayton West WI

7.30pm, 1st Wednesday of month
United Reformed Church, Church Lane

Cliffe Woods Conservation Group

Meet 1st Saturday morning of month
Contact:
www.cliffewoodsclaytonwest.uk
Facebook: cliffewoodspark

Denby Dale Collector's Club

7.30pm, Meet 2nd Thursday of month
Methodist Church, Wakefield Rd
Contact: Roy Bedford 01924 848011
Janet Miller 01924 820117

Scissett FC

Springfield Avenue
Contact: Club secretary 07966
306682
Nick Sterling – new players
07736 597270
scissettafc@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/scissettafc

Millennium Green

Meet quarterly. Locations vary
Contact: Vicki Stratford 07971
409906

Nortonthorpe Cricket Club

Springfield Avenue

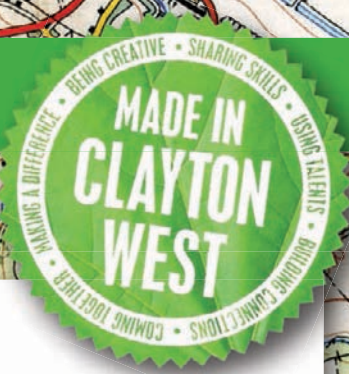
Scissett Stage Door Theatre Co

(Actively recruiting for new members)
Contact: 01924 277342
Facebook:
Scissettstagedoortheatrecompany

Upper Dearne Valley Environmental Trust

Contact: www.udvet.org.uk

Also – check out the Scissett facebook page @scissett to find out more community life and business information for the area.



MADE IN CLAYTON WEST

During Spring 2019

COME ALONG... to find out what's happening in our villages, give us your ideas and tell us what you'd like to see.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page or the village noticeboards outside the Darby and Joan Hall and Scissett First School for more information or get in touch by email:

**madeinclaytonwest
@outlook.com**

or call **Vicki** or **Jo** on
01484 864293

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**Finally,
we would like to
wish you a very
Happy Christmas
and a wonderful
2019**