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## **Kirklevington Village Newsletter March 2024**

### **Tucker Bequest:**

We are maturing a grant that was left to the PC called the Tucker Bequest which was an amount of money that George Tucker gave to the Parish in his will specifically to purchase books for the village school. Initially, the family managed this bequest but there are no members of the family living in the village now and the Parish Council were asked to manage the bequest for the future. The money was to be paid to the school once every 5 years to spend on books at Kirklevington Primary School, so soon they will be receiving about £1000 to spend on their new book scheme. The grant will now be closed so no future funds will be available.

### **Speeding Issues:**

Following on from an ever-increasing number of concerns about the traffic and accidents on the A67, near the junction of The Crown, we have been involved in numerous conversations with SBC over time about reducing the speed of traffic there. The A67 from the Shell/Crossroads roundabout to the building that was Judges will soon become 40mph because of the Duchy home developments entrance works – we have been campaigning to extend the 40mph speed limit all the way to The Crown. We have also instigated a TRO for the speed limit at The Crown to be reduced to 30mph up to the village gateway near the riding stables. The last stretch of road will be reassessed when the Crathorne interchange works commences, and we are already working towards reducing that from 60mph to 40mph. Whilst some may feel this is a bit excessive, we are only talking about 600m of road on each side of the village being impacted.

We are also receiving feedback from a lot of concerned residents on St Martin's Way about the speed of incoming vehicles, not just construction traffic, but new residents also, please SLOW DOWN else we will have no option but to install speed bumps along the road, at a cost of many thousands of pounds.

### **Other News:**

- You may have noticed that we have installed 2 new benches in the village. One has been installed by the bus stop on The Village Green (this was paid for by the William Hall Trust, with our deepest gratitude) and the other is located on St Martin's Green. Paid for by the Parish Council.
- Please note that green waste collections will start in the village on 9th April.
- We would like to offer our thanks to Sally Aitchison for all her valuable time on the Parish Council, sadly she needs to step down now due to other work commitments and we wish her all the very best.
- Andrew Sherris would also like to share that the Morley Carr Bowling Club has now officially been handed over to YTC - Please contact YTC clerk if interested? [townclerk@yarmtc.org](mailto:townclerk@yarmtc.org)

### **Dates for your diaries:**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** *Coffee with friends in the village hall (held every last Wednesday of each month)*

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – *Coffee with Friends 10.30am*

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May** - *Coffee with Friends*

**Sat 20th July** – *Picton Show* (<https://pictonhorticulturalshow.weebly.com/>)

### **Easter Services at Kirklevington Church**

*Sunday 24th March 10am: Palm Sunday Eucharist service and Blessing of Palms at Kirklevington*

*Maundy Thursday 28th March 9am: Eucharist and Stripping of Altar at Kirklevington*

*Good Friday 29th March 10am: Meditation service at Kirklevington*

*Easter Sunday 31st March at 10am: Easter Eucharist at Kirklevington*

### **KIRKFEST:**

We are holding some village events over the weekend of 8/9<sup>th</sup> June and it would be wonderful to see as many residents involved as possible. We want to celebrate the growing community that we now have. Please put these into your diary.

*Thursday 6th June - Lighting of the Beacon at 9.15pm on the old Green as part of D-Day celebrations.*

*Saturday 8th June - School Fete Time (morning). Then the church is planning to run a Messy church and tea party in the afternoon (TBC), followed by the Picnic on The Green at 6pm onwards.*

*Sunday, 9th June - Church service at 10am, Children's races on The Green at 1.30pm and everyone is invited back to the village hall for Cream tea at 3pm courtesy of the Parish Council.*

### **Story's update:**

It is wonderful to see the new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is near completion on St Martin's Green, and we await the wonderful new children's play area once we get some better weather, no doubt. There is only 1 house left to sell on this site and the building will be completed very soon.

### **Pump Lane area:**

A warning to parents, we have had several concerns raised about children using the one-way stretch of **Pump Lane** on their bikes and scooters etc (including e-scooters.) Whilst it may be a quiet road; children should NOT ride in the middle of the road, particularly on the corner next to Squirrel's Leap and the new Story car park. We have already had a few near misses as cars turn that corner, and when coupled, with the increasing number of vehicles travelling the wrong way up the lane, an accident is sure to happen soon. Children should also respect the direction of traffic flow particularly on travelling the wrong way round St Martin's Green and Pump Lane please for their own safety.

Please can we remind all residents that dogs are NOT allowed in the play areas at any times, similarly, drinking and smoking is also prohibited there. We have had instances of all these rules being broken recently. We are soon to get a new play park sign/noticeboard delivered to be installed in the play area on Pump Lane which will state these rules too. Other signs will be erected on both gates and cleaning equipment for the play equipment will also be provided. We are also having to cut the trees overhanging the park and mend the wall, when this work (2 separate occasions) is being completed the gates will be locked for everyone's safety and the park out of use for that time. Apologies, but this does need doing.

Additionally, PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE WITH YOUR PARKING – we have a lot of wheelchair users in the village and parking on pavements is forcing users onto the main roads, particularly on parts of Forest Lane. The Council has erected parking signs along Pump Lane to inform visitors of the car park so if you hold an event at the village hall, please let your visitors know so Pump Lane and Forest Lane are left clearer.

### **Village Hall:**

An automated external **defibrillator** has now been sourced with 50% grant funding from the London Hearts charity, with the application process being administered by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). The balance has been equally funded by Kirklevington Parish Council & The William Hall Trust. The installation, registration, ongoing operation [cabinet power supply], & maintenance was managed by the Village Hall. It is registered with the North-East Ambulance Service & a 999 call is required to obtain the keypad unlock code & to initiate the Emergency Services response. In the meantime the essentials & FAQs are covered in this short London Hearts video: <https://vimeo.com/557677120/e7524918c5>

The Village Hall trustees have now installed a **WiFi** mesh system that improves the broadband connection/speeds in all areas of the village hall. The mesh system ID is now "VillageHall2" with the password/key remaining "VillageHall2". You will need to log-in afresh next time you go.

Then in April a **Hearing loop system** will be installed in the small hall funded again by the WHT, making the room more user friendly for all.

### **Elections:**

A reminder to everyone about the upcoming elections on May 2nd (Police and Crime Commissioner for the Cleveland Police area and the Tees Valley Combined Authority Mayoral.) Anyone voting must be 'registered to vote' (ie paying Council tax in the region) and must bring a form of photographic ID, else voting will be refused. It's quick and easy to register online by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> or call 01642 526196. To be able to vote in these elections you must be registered to vote by Tuesday, April 16

### **Northumbrian Water Works:**

Please be advised that due to the extra buildings in the village our sewerage system is being updated by NW. The planning information can be viewed here: <https://www.developmentmanagement.stockton.gov.uk/online-applications/> Ref: 24/0134/CPL. NW will be starting the civil engineering work to reroute the untreated sewage from the present works at Ash Grove, to join the main sewage collection system at Yarm and then onwards to the huge, Teesside - serving site, near Redcar. There will be no heavy vehicle equipment accessing the site via the village, but instead, it will be overland north of the village by a temporary road. This will start at Springbank Corner lay-by on the A67. A temporary lay-down area will also be created there to hold the pipes and their associated laying equipment. The further laying of the pipe northwards from here will be largely out of sight behind the trees on the West side of the A67 and towards Conyers School. This work begins at the end of March and lasts for 15 months. Their working hours will be M-F 8am-5pm.

### **Kirklevington Grange Prison Building plans:**

We recently met with the new prison Governor who assured us that the service aims to get all inmates into employment before they leave, and they all go through a rigorous 12 week assessment before they start any community work. The prison have put in applications for adding some 2 storey modular buildings to the existing ones near the main building. These will include a plant room, a generator area and a switch room enabling more prisoners to benefit from the Grange experience (they had lost about 100 places due to removal of cladded buildings recently). Their café, valeting and gardening businesses are well supported by local residents, but the prison do encourage us all to consider accessing their services.

### **Youth Provision:**

As the number of families in the village increases, so too does the number of children. As a Parish Council, we are trying to think of some activities to help bring all the children together (thoughts would be welcomed here). One thought was to trial a youth club, possibly offered through the charity Cornerhouse, who have clubs in Yarm and Ingleby Barwick already. Such sessions are very expensive though and we would need to seek grants to cover the costs, so it would remain free to parents. This, is a long process, so before embarking on such, we would like to understand what appetite there is for such a facility. We would like to invite all parents of children aged between 8 – 15 to complete the below questionnaire and return it to the Village Hall white mailbox (located in the entrance). We would need a commitment to using the service and a minimum number of children must be met for this to be viable. They follow a youth curriculum, but sports and crafts are always available, and the young people can get involved with planning their events. Corner House would meet with all parents should we decide to go ahead finally. If you return the answers to the questions overleaf by **April 30th** your name will be **entered into a prize draw for a £20 Amazon voucher.**

Is your young person/people interested in being involved in their community?	YES	NO
Which age group does your young person fall into?	8-11	12-15
How many young people are in your home?		
What type of activities/events would they like to see in our village? Please ask them and list any ideas.		
Would parents be in support of a youth club in the village hall?	YES	NO
Would the young people be interested? This would be aimed at 8+	YES	NO
Currently Cornerhouse's availability says this would need to be on a Friday. Would your child be able to and interested enough to attend?	YES	NO
Have you a young person over 14 who may be interested in developing leading skills and so get involved with Cornerhouse's mentor scheme?	YES	NO
Would you prefer a Friday youth club to be:	5-7pm	5.30 - 7.30pm 6-8pm
Would you like it to offer food?	YES	NO
Have you any other ideas for youth engagement in the village?  Please list: ..... ..... .....		

Name: .....

Address .....

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