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Age UK Calderdale & Kirklees Health and Community Services team are working with 'Good Neighbour Scheme'. They aim to alleviate a lot of the problems associated with later life.

A project which the people of Heptonstall are likely to hear a lot more about is 'LOCAL LINK'.

Local Link is managed by Andrew Fearnley, who has a network of Community Volunteers, mainly in rural areas of Calderdale, who act as 'eyes and ears' of their local communities, to support isolated older people. Mary Cockcroft and Jean Leach are our volunteers in the Heptonstall area.

Andrew also runs a scheme called 'SAFE & WARM', offering Home Energy Information and Advice, with support in applying for grants and reducing fuel poverty amongst vulnerable older people.

The 'ACTIVE BEFRIENDING PROJECT', co-ordinated by Christine Henry offers 'one to one' support for isolated people throughout Calderdale. Trained volunteers are linked with lonely older people who feel depressed and socially isolated. The scheme is focused on engaging people in activities with their befriender, in order to restore confidence and gain more out of life.

People are referred to the scheme through various channels; usually by Health Professionals, but often by family or neighbours and sometimes by the person who actually needs the support.

Andrew and Christine can be contacted at Age UKCK Choices Centre, Woolshops, Halifax. For further information Tel 01422 399830.

Newsletters for the housebound

Do you know someone in the village who is housebound?

If you do, please let us know and we'll make sure that a copy of the Newsletter is delivered to them.

Please ring Jacky Kelly on 847328.

Next Newsletter: February 2012 Contributions by 6th January to : David Dunne, 3 Lily Hall, Heptonstall 01422 843086 E-mail : heptonnews@live.co.uk

Heptonstall Newsletter

Nov 2012

A newsletter covering events and issues for everyone living within the Civil Parish of Heptonstall



Contents include

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Since I last wrote your Council has again been actively involved in many local as well as other 'big' topics. Here's an updated summary :

- Planning Applications (twelve in the past 3 months)
- Wind Turbines
- Enforcement action, including a meeting of myself and the Chairman with Calderdale Council's Enforcement Manager
- Asset Transfer
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Rights of way
- Condition of walls
- Problems with the bus service
- Possibility of adoption of red telephone box on Hepton Drive
- Trees restricting light to houses at Southfield (taken up with Calderdale MB Council
- Traffic : speed limits + parking

Another item I shall address separately is the need for better signage of points of interest for visitors.

Often, having parked at the Bowling Club car park, visitors are uncertain as to where to go to view some of our hidden gems. As a Diamond Jubilee project the Parish Council is funding some new signage. Not quite ready yet, but I am sure the changes and additions will be a lasting improvement.

A major administrative change you may be interested in is the adoption of a new Code of Conduct which came into play on 1 October.

We have had codes of conduct for members before, but the Localism Act of 2011 brought about changes and provided more flexibility.

There are high levels of expectation for persons serving in public life and, despite your council members do not earn a penny from their busy workloads, they have to declare their Pecuniary as well as other Interests. In addition they must abide by a code which is consistent with the seven 'Nolan' principles in public life which are :

- (a) Selflessness
- (b) Integrity
- (c) Objectivity
- (d) Accountability
- (e) Openness
- (f) Honesty
- (g) Leadership

St Thomas' Bells

As reported in the August newsletter, it has been a busy three months in the bell tower at St Thomas' church.

At the end of August the 8 bells were removed from the tower and transported to the bellfoundry of John Taylor & Co in Loughborough. While necessary refurbishment work was being carried out to the bells the local ringers and helpers embarked on the task of cleaning down and re-painting the bell frame. All the work was completed in line with the timescales set and the bells were returned to the village on Monday 1 October. Rehanging them in the tower was a slightly more difficult proposition than their removal had been, but the job was completed by Thursday 5th and the bells rang out that evening in a brief 'try-out'. All were agreed that the bellfounders had done an excellent job and regular ringing has now resumed.

When the bells were originally delivered to the tower in 1912 the occasion was recorded with a photograph of the vicar, churchwardens, local ringers and bellhanger (also from John Taylor & Co) outside the church with the bells. One hundred years on the opportunity was taken to re-create the 1912 photograph. Rev Howard Pask was in attendance as the bells arrived back, but unfortunately had to leave to take a funeral service before they had all been unloaded from the lorry. He was however represented in the photograph by churchwarden, Graham Kidd, who had been closely involved with the project throughout. A brief photographic record of the whole project has been compiled and can be viewed at <http://photobucket.com/Heptonstall>.

Funds to cover the total cost of the works have been raised by the ringers and, including a discount for the local labour and assistance provided, the original target of £20,000 is now close to being met. We are very grateful to all those parishioners who have made donations or offered other help and support.

A service of re-dedication will take place in St Thomas' on Thursday 29th November at 7pm, led by the Bishop of Wakefield. This will be the exact centenary of the original dedication.

We hope that bells will continue to be an important part of life in the village as they have been for the last 100 years, but, to ensure that this happens, we are always keen to welcome new recruits. Anyone interested in learning to ring and joining our team should contact me and I will be pleased to "show you the ropes".

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Cross Inn

This years Hebden Bridge Times Pub of the year 2012/2013 comes to Heptonstall. Votes were taken over a three week period and "The Cross Inn" won the title by far.

Owen and Lisa are over the moon and feel this is recognition of the hard work they have put in during the 3½ years since taking over at the Cross.

A good pub is made up of it's customers, staff, good ale, food and a cosy fire. We love our pub and feel very lucky to have met some great customers and friends over the last 3 years.

We would like to thanks everyone who voted for us and thank all our friends and customers for their support



Photograph courtesy Hebden Bridge times

Christmas lights

There will be a meeting on 19th Nov. at 8.0pm in the White Lion to finalise the arrangements for the Christmas tree and lights. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Apple fest

Viv Katie and Lyn from the White lion would like to thank everyone who attended the 1st Annual apple Fest over the weekend 5, 6 7 October. It was very well attended and a great success, Cowbaby a local acoustic bluegrass quartet entertained Friday evening with another local group raid playing on Saturday night.

The weekend concluded with an apple pie competition on Sunday afternoon, which was a very close contest, seeing Shirley Taylor taking 1st place.

Owen from the Cross Inn had over 20 ciders, and is confident it won't be the last Applefest "it will take time to become established and both pubs working together on ventures like this can only be a good thing."

The Cross Inn also had music on all weekend, they still have some cider left, so pop in and have a taste.

Finally.....I know the past few months have meant our bus service has, at times, been far from satisfactory so it is nice to be able to give you a 'good news' story.

When the new church bells were delivered there was severe congestion at Weavers Square which gave one bus driver particular problems. But he dealt with the situation with patience and aplomb and I wish to record here our gratitude to him for his professional manner throughout.

It does remind us all of the huge problems we encounter in Heptonstall village when deliveries come on large vehicles – clear instruction and direction is always essential.

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Heptonstall website

The Heptonstall Community Website was totally upgraded twelve months ago, and can be seen at www.heptonstall.org.

Our intention is to provide a constantly updated range of information relevant to local residents and to visitors to the village. This includes details of local events and attractions, and we invite anyone with something of interest to forward details to our team for inclusion on the website.

This can be done by forwarding information (or comments and suggestions) using the Leave a Reply box on each page of the website, or by sending us an email – details are on the site.

Alternatively, further information can be obtained from Nick Dymott – 01422 847494 or nick.dymott@btinternet.com.

Adopt a patch

HELP - Heptonstall Lights and Planting Group are holding an `Adopt a Patch` Day on Sunday 11th November in the Old Churchyard. Everyone is welcome to come along at 11.30am. Bring a trowel if you have one. We are encouraging people to adopt a small patch of the churchyard which they can look after. **FAMILIES ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME.** Hopefully if we get enough people to join in we can make a real difference to the appearance of the churchyard.

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Sunday 11th November at 9-15am—Village Remembrance Service at St Thomas' Church

Monday 15th November at 8-00pm—Ladies Evening in the Sunday School – Gifts for the stall begin with X, Y or Z

Saturday 17th November—Christmas Fayre in the Sunday School from 11.30am with lunch served from 12.30pm. Lots to do and buy for adults and children.

Note new time!

Sunday 23rd December at 10.45am—Nativity Service in the Methodist Church. Children from the village and the school are warmly invited to take part in this enjoyable event and we do need a baby to play Jesus. Contact Mary Coupe on 842550.

Sunday 23rd December at 6.30pm—Village carol Service at the Methodist Chapel Thomas' followed by tea or coffee and mince pies.

Tuesday 25th December at 9.15am—Village Christmas day Service at St Thomas' Church.

Sunday 6th January 2013 at 10.45am—Annual Covenant Service at the Methodist Church.

St Thomas Parish Church

St Thomas' will be holding our Fair Trade Weekend at the end of November. There will be on sale Christmas cards and gifts, food and wine all fairly traded, giving a fair price to the producers of the goods.

The weekend will begin on Friday 23rd November from 7pm-9pm when cheese and wine will be available, and continue on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th from 10am-5pm each day. Light refreshments will be available throughout the weekend.

The Hebden Bridge Junior Band will be playing during the morning of Saturday 24th, beginning at 11am and on the same evening there will be a concert by the Hepton Singers in celebration of St. Cecilia's day

On Thursday 29th November at 7pm there is to be a service to celebrate the return of the bells to the tower. The bells have been refurbished by the bell foundry in Loughborough where they were originally cast and they will be re-dedicated at this service, by the Bishop of Wakefield, one hundred years after their original installation. This work has been funded by a special appeal and is completely separate from any funds held by the church for other purposes.

December 9th is the Christingle service at 3pm to which everyone is welcome. This is a lovely service for children and is the first service in the run up to Christmas.

On Thursday 20th December there will be carol singing around the village. Please meet in church at 6.30pm

The carol service this year will be at the Methodist Chapel on Sunday 23rd December at 6.30pm.

Monday 24th December at 11.30pm is the midnight communion service and on Christmas Day there will be a joint service at St.Thomas' at 9.15am.



The refurbished bells good for another 100 years
Photographs of bells by Pauline Camolina

Heptonstall School Big Night Out

Dig out those dancing shoes – Heptonstall School is hosting a Big Night Out with Phoenix Ceilidh Band on Friday, November 9.

Everyone's welcome to have a nosey in the new Heptonstall School hall at this family friendly event. Bridestones Brewery will be supplying hand-pulled beer for a fully stocked bar and I-spice will be along to sell snacks.

Tickets are available in advance only from the school and Tony's Post office, priced at £20 for a family of up to 2 adults and 3 children, £8 adults, £6 OAPs and £4 children.

The event is to raise funds for the school's Parents and Friends Association and the Out of School Club.