

Heptonstall News

Spring 2024

WELCOME to this newsletter which includes information from within the Civil Parish of Heptonstall including:

- ◆ Parish Council Update
- ◆ Community News
- ◆ Local Events



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It's Spring!

The birds are tweeting and the days are getting longer... It must be spring!

The Parish Council has been busy busy busy since the last newsletter!

In January, we welcomed a guest speaker from the Trustees of Hebden Royd Swimming Pool. They introduced us to their plans to create an outdoor natural pool in the area.

In February, we welcomed a guest speaker from Hebden Bridge Picture House who gave an excellent presentation on the plans to add a second screen.

The Parish Council found both presentations to be fascinating and look forward to hearing more as their plans develop.

General Parish Council Business

Over the past few months, both the Clerk and Parish Councillors have represented the Parish Council in various networks including the YLCA Branch Meeting, the Town & Parish Council Liaison Group, Safer Cleaner Greener and the Ward Forum.

The Parish Council have considered seven planning applications over the three months since December.

We have also discussed various issues including the speed review on Slack and road safety concerns on Lee Wood Road.

We continue to closely monitor the windfarm proposal, but there have been no new developments in the last three months.

We still await more clarity about the public toilets located in the village.

Budget

In February, the Parish Council set their annual budget for 2024/25 at £20,290.00. This means that the Parish Council will not be increasing the precept level for this year. In real terms, this would be the equivalent of a 25p reduction per Band D household per year.

Nearly a quarter of the budget will be invested in grants to local groups and organisations!

Community Responsibility

Once again a number of our Parish Councillors have been approached about the increasing lack of dog owner responsibility for the collection and correct disposal of dog poo around the village. I'm sure we all agree that our wonderful village is a great place to live and I hope we can continue to ensure it is a safe place for visitors, our children and wider community to enjoy without fear of stepping on doggie do's or seeing bags of poo hanging on trees and fences.

Thank you to those of you who do respect the environment and clear your dogs mess responsibly, this is greatly appreciated!

As always, Heptonstall Parish Council welcomes residents comments and involvement on all matters. Other key contacts include the Ward Councillors: Councillor Courtney and Councillor Fenton-Glynn

Bye for now!



Hannah Sherriff-Jackson

Clerk – Heptonstall Parish Council

Email: clerk@heptonstallpc.co.uk Mob: 07908855677



Pennine Spring Music Festival

Monday 27th May to Saturday 1st June 2024

Despite the snow at the time of writing spring is coming and the annual Pennine Spring Music Festival will feature among its delights. The village will host it for the 36th time this year. The Parish Council has made a grant towards its costs which are mostly covered by fees for taking part and ticket sales.

This year's Festival offers its usual feast of classical music by amateur musicians from roundabout and far away. Concerts in St Thomas's on Tuesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Saturday 1st June challenge the instrumentalists and singers of the Festival orchestra and choir. Up to 90 musicians offer full scale performances, honed by daily rehearsals throughout the week. If you fancy joining them take a look at <https://penninespringmusic.co.uk/join-us/>

Martin Roscoe, pianist, will guest star this year, playing various pieces on Thursday and Piano Concerto no.2 by Liszt on Saturday for the Festival's grand finale. All of the musicians are looking forward to repaying the warm welcome they get from the village by offering performances that stretch and showcase their abilities. You can see the full programme here <https://penninespringmusic.co.uk/festival-programme/>



Heptonstall Village Team

Our Christmas Dinner on the 14th of December was a delicious three-course social occasion - the full works, prepared, cooked and served by our helpers alongside Jan Lymer, who made a fleeting visit back to Heptonstall to reprieve her Christmas turkey with all the flavoursome trimmings! We remembered Jane, sharing happy memories of past Village Team Christmas do's.

In January we held a General Meeting at the Bowling Club, which was well attended. In amongst the general chat and cakes we talked together about the background and aims of the Village Team, looking forward to how we would like to continue. (Our tenth year.) New committee members came forward and we now have a full committee of six; we've held our first meeting and will steadily move forward. Lots of good ideas and suggestions were made by the members and we'll do our best to put some of them in place – may take some time!



Many people have been concerned about the future of the trips that Jane arranged for so many years. We're so fortunate that Deborah and Rosie have come forward, willing to take over the organisation of continued trips, which they have already booked for this year. For now most prices haven't yet been worked out - but will be soon. The destinations are below:

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| ◆ | APRIL Monday 22 nd | LIVERPOOL £18 |
| ◆ | MAY Thursday 16th | RHS GARDEN HARLOW CARR |
| ◆ | JUNE Wednesday 12 th | TATTON PARK COUNTRY PARK |
| ◆ | JULY Tuesday 23 rd | MORECAMBE |
| ◆ | AUG date TBA | ELSECAR HERITAGE CENTRE |
| ◆ | SEPT Wed 4th | LLANDUDNO |
| ◆ | OCT Monday 7th | BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM |
| ◆ | NOV Thursday 7th | OSWALDTWISTLE MILLS |
| ◆ | DEC Thursday 9 th | CHATSWORTH HOUSE |

Please get in touch with Deborah for more information and booking. You can phone Deborah on **07517 325776**.

Heptonstall Repair Café

2nd Saturday of the month 10am- 1pm
at Heptonstall School



2024 and we have already done over 90 repairs!

Our oldest item might have been a 90 year old teddy bear with a broken paw, we had a spate of Pure Digital radios which must have all reached the end of



their lives at exactly the same time and we must have mended a mountain's worth of toasters and kettles.

My friend has ventured a guess that we have repaired a total of 50 toasters and 100 kettles since we set up the repair café... so here is the quiz:

Recent repairs included: the usual everyday items like lamps, kettles, toasters, vacuum cleaners and bikes

Since our first Repair Café in November 2019 (bearing in mind a year off for Covid) send in your guess of how many of each for toasters and kettles we have repaired – leave a note at the Post Office or email heptonstallrepaircafe@gmail.com with your answers (plus name and phone number) please. Your amazing prize is a £10 voucher to spend in the village shop.

The answer will be in the next newsletter. Now I will have to count them all up!

plus an array of clothes and bags and boots/bags for the leather repair team and many more items and sharpened countless knives and garden tools.

We also helped with food mixers, hair dryers, a dehumidifier, toys, garden furniture, a mandolin, exercise bike, a sewing machine and much more.

What do we do?

Our 20+ volunteers provide friendly advice and simple repairs a wide range of items – anything in fact apart from microwaves. Please make sure your items for repair are CLEAN, especially clothing or anything spider-webby.

We have wonderful tea, coffee and an array of delicious cakes served by the Guides. And a chatty, friendly atmosphere. There's even music when a record player or radio get mended.

We do this for a voluntary donation. And we encourage you to have a brew and a cake. The money we raise pays our rent and insurance. With the cost-of-living crisis, repairing things is a great way to save money and tackle the climate crisis.

Upcoming Repair Café events for 2024:

Heptonstall School, from 10am – 1pm

(please arrive by 12.30pm.)

- ◆ Saturday 9th March
- ◆ No repair café in April due to Easter
- ◆ Saturday 11th May
- ◆ Saturday 8th June
- ◆ Saturday 13th July



We look forward to welcoming you!

If you'd like to volunteer your skills as a repairer or receptionist or helper then please contact us on @Heptonstall Repair Café on Facebook or leave a note in the Post Office for Louise.

Or visit us on: <https://www.repaircafe.org/en/cafe/heptonstall-repair-cafe/>



1st Heptonstall Guides and Rangers



Since January we have managed to squeeze a few things in...Guides have been on another winter camp, this time with the Scouts at Bradley Wood Campsite. With the theme of 'Winter Carnival' - the Guides had a bonus extra evening alongside the Rangers in St Thomas's church. The Rangers worked independently on 'Interest Badges' and the Guides created some wild and colourful head dresses to take on camp.

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Two of our Rangers, Alice and Lorna have attended a Peer Education training weekend which we are looking forward to hearing about when we see them next. Another one of our Rangers, Libby, has been selected to be on an advocate panel for Girlguiding, this is a prestigious appointment and means representation at national level within Girlguiding.



We're very proud that a girl from our unit has been selected for this. The first training weekend for this was in London this February. Also selected for an International Trip is one of our Guides, Alice, who was offered a place following an application and selection weekend. One of our Ranger Alumni has also been in touch to say that they have been selected for a trip to Norway.

Guiding can open doors to opportunities beyond your local unit! In the meantime, if you want to play a game popular with Guides and Rangers, we can recommend 'werewolves' - a party game needing at least 7 people. We play a version of this called 'Mafia' and have recently come across a version called 'Secret Octopus' but they all follow the same format.

We continue to be grateful to the support we receive from our community and friends and attended a recent Parish Council meeting to bid for funds to send the next cohort of Rangers on First Aid training courses. This enables the Rangers to complete their Camp License's so they can camp independently, but also creates a community resource in this critical skill, with these young people going out to college and school, at home and out and about with this key lifesaving knowledge.

Many of our Rangers are also Young Leaders in Guides, Brownies and Rainbows and also in Hebden Bridge Cubs, being confident in basic first aiding is also really useful in these settings.

Two of our talented parent helpers, Sally and Mel - have been seeking out and applying for funding for the replacement of our ageing camping equipment and have also set up the following as an easy way to support Guides.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1st-heptonstall-guides/>

You may have seen the Guides in action in Todmorden at Morrisons in February, bag packing to raise money for their next international trip. They can be spotted helping at the Repair Cafe and marshalling at the Heptonstall Fell Race in March.

Guides and Rangers both have Instagram accounts where you can follow us and see some of the things we do:

1stheptonstallguides and **1stheptonstallrangers**

Jayne Mackintosh
Leader, 1st Heptonstall Guides and Rangers

Heptonstall St. Thomas The Apostle Church



Hello! My name is Ruthi and I am about 5 months in to living and working in Heptonstall as the Vicar of St. Thomas. In many ways I feel like I've been here much longer as me and my family and I feel so settled and welcome here (we are also

getting used to all the snow).

It was fantastic to celebrate Christmas with you all and our nativity play with 3 Marys and a lot of Wise Women will always make me smile. There is so much to look forward to in the next few months, I've been told a lot about Pace Egg and all the goes on during Good Friday. If you feel you need a bit of space during the day Church will be open all day with some spaces to reflect and pray. If you see me around the village do say hello, it's wonderful to be in a place where I recognise so many people as I wander around. God bless you all.

Dates for services and events:

- ◆ 3rd March Communion Service 10.45am
- ◆ 10th March Communion Service 10.45am Mothering Sunday
- ◆ 17th March Communion Service 10.45am
- ◆ 22nd March Silent Film night
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- ◆ 24th March Fell Race / Palm Sunday 11am
- ◆ 28th March Maundy Thursday 6pm
- ◆ 29th March Good Friday Time Prayer Stations in Church available all day
- ◆ 31st March Easter Sunday communion service 10.45 am
- ◆ 7th/14th/21st/28th April Communion Service 10.45 am
- ◆ 18th May Hepton Singers 1.30pm to 6pm
- ◆ 5th/12th/19th/26th/May Communion Service 10.45 am
- ◆ 26th May start of Pennine Spring Music after service until Saturday 1st June

Easter Services

Palm Sunday 27th March
9:15am Said Holy Communion St. James
11am Palm Sunday Service at St. Thomas

Maundy Thursday 28th March
6pm Joint Meal followed by Holy Communion at St. Thomas

Good Friday 29th March
All day Prayer Stations St. James
2pm An hour at the cross St. James

Easter Sunday 31st March
9:15 Easter Holy Communion St. James
10:45 Easter Holy Communion St. Thomas



Heptonstall Methodist Church

Heptonstall Methodist Church closed for weekly worship last spring. It was with a heavy heart that this decision was made after over 250 years of worship, but it was the right time. This, however, is not the end for the chapel which remains a registered place of worship in the care of the Calderdale Methodist Circuit. It is a historically significant site in Methodism and our founder, John Wesley, visited on a number of occasions.

At least six services will take place each year and the building is available for other events.

If you have walked past the Sunday School building in recent months, you will have noticed that it is in a poor state of repair. In the future, it is hoped that this will be renovated and made fit for community use but, for the time being, the funds available will allow us to make the building watertight, repair the windows and - from the exterior at least - improve its appearance. This work is scheduled to start straight after Easter, so the site will be closed at various times over the next few months. Please bear with us - it will be worth it.

For more information about this go to <https://tinyurl.com/HSSCCS>

Thank you,

Tom Ferguson

Church Worker for the Upper Valleys Cluster

**For further information regarding use of the Chapel please contact
Margaret Coupe on: 01422 842550**

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Heptonstall Pace Egg Play

This year's Pace Egg Play will erupt in Weavers Square on **Good Friday 29th March**. Easter is early this year so do be prepared to wrap up warm, and everyone concentrate really hard on keeping the March snow away!

The Heptonstall Players are back to their usual line-up this year (or at least that is the plan so far!), and the Hillmillies will be here to keep you entertained while the Players are, er, taking a break.

There will be posturing! There will be slashing! There will be wobbling! There will be pointing at people in the audience! So come one, come all, to Heptonstall! The King Of Egypt eagerly awaits 'allsorts' of tribute, especially of the liquorice variety!

Heptonstall PFA and UNICEF would prefer something a little more useful of course. Either way, the Pace Egg Players hope to see you all on Good Friday in Weavers Square for this year's Pace Egg madness!"

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Heptonstall Festival

Heptonstall Festival is returning once again this year! The date for your diary is **6th July**, and although we are still in the early planning stages, we are hoping to bring the usual mix of music, stalls, fun, kids' stuff, grown-up stuff, more fun, happiness, grooviness, and did we mention fun?!

Of course, we need you to come along and have fun, but to help the day go with a bang, we need to call once again on an army of volunteers to help out. By the time you read this we will have already had our first public meeting for our helpers. But, even if you haven't volunteered before, it's not too late to get involved - you can contact us via our Facebook page or by email, see below.

Volunteers get to do useful (and fun!) stuff like managing traffic, providing information to other attendees, help our artistes set up, collect donations, and the many other tasks that contribute to the running of the day. More volunteers means less time on volunteering duties, and more time to have FUN!

To get involved see **Heptonstall Festival** on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HepFest> , or email us at HeptonstallFestivals@gmail.com



Heptonstall Fell Race 2024

Save the Dates!

**** Sunday 24th March & Saturday 6th July 2024 ****



Would you like to join us for this highly popular 15mile, 3170 ft fell race through some of the best countryside in West Yorkshire?



Starting from the picturesque village of Heptonstall the race covers some of the best countryside in West Yorkshire,

Pre entry via SiEntries—entries opened 22nd January 2024

<https://heptonstallfellrace.wordpress.com>

More information on the March and July annual Heptonstall Fell races can be found on their Facebook page - 'Heptonstall Fell Race'.

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Heptonstall Lights and Planting Group (HeLP)



After one of the wettest Februarys on record it's nice to finally see some spring bulbs emerging and hopefully some better Spring weather.

As usual, this time of year is quiet for the HeLP group, but before long we will be refreshing the planters in Weavers Square, outside the Museum and by the bus stop in Hepton Drive.

At the end of June we will be holding our annual Front of House Competition. We just pick the best display of flowers, pots, planters etc and the winner receives a voucher for Gordon Riggs. There's no need to enter.

We are always on the lookout for new members, anyone with ideas about how to brighten up our village, adopt a small patch of land to look after etc. We are a very informal group, so if you are interested in joining us, either get in touch or come to our next meeting which is on **Tuesday 18th June at 7.30pm** in The Cross Inn.

Eleanor Worley (HeLP Secretary)

Email: hicesteleonor@yahoo.co.uk

Heptonstall Social and Bowling Club



In order to maintain our status as a 'Club', it is necessary to have a Membership, from whom an elected Committee is formed, whose remit is to manage the premises and the Clubs activities. Social or games groups can also be organised from its wider members.

At present there is a thriving snooker team and plans are afoot to create a new crown green bowling team for this season. Please do get in touch if you'd like to know more about these teams, in particular bowling which is a sport for everyone and is great for socialising, maintaining fitness and mental health and wellbeing.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays

- Playgroup (during term time): 10am - 11:30am, Zumba: 6pm - 7pm

Tuesdays

- Hilltoppers Community Choir: 7pm

Wednesdays

- Line dancing: 7pm - 8pm

Fridays

- Family Games Night: 6:30pm

MONTHLY EVENTS

(Session and booking details available via link addresses below)

- Chair Yoga for the over 75's <https://www.reengage.org.uk/join-a-group/social-activity-groups/free-in-person-social-activity-groups/activity-groups-in-west-yorkshire/>
- Yoga/Women's Circle sessions <https://www.amelialwood.com/womenscircle>

NB. Check out our Facebook page (Heptonstall Social and Bowling Club) for notice of other events and information related to our new Club website.

Annual Membership Fees remain at £10 and are now due for 2024.

Please indicate your name with any fees paid, (renewals do not need to complete an application form if details remain unchanged). Membership forms are available from and returnable to: Heptonstall Post Office, the Club or any Committee Member.

New members always welcome!

Please contact us for private/family meetings, functions and overnight camper van parking enquiries via:

Email at heptonstallclub@live.co.uk or telephone: 07517394389



Thank you for continued support from the local community during the long winter months. We're working hard to offer a range of activities for all ages and tastes to supplement our regular income from exhibition visitors.

If you've still not popped along, do drop in Thursday to Sunday 11pm to 3.30pm/4.30pm once the clocks change.

Anyone who has even a few hours to spare, do consider volunteering on our Reception Team. Whoever's on the desk can give you their experience of being part of the team or there's a form on our website to get in touch.

There's nothing nicer than some positive feedback and so we're sharing this lovely review:

"Oh what a lovely little museum. Tiny but perfectly-formed, this charming place dips into local history, especially the "Coiners", weaving and life in general ... I'm a fan of reading information boards and signs in museums - after all, someone's gone to great lengths to produce them, so why not read them? ... Brilliant."

John Frisbee, TripAdvisor.

When you or your guests drop by we'd love if you can add to the online reviews, it's a great way of getting us more visitors!

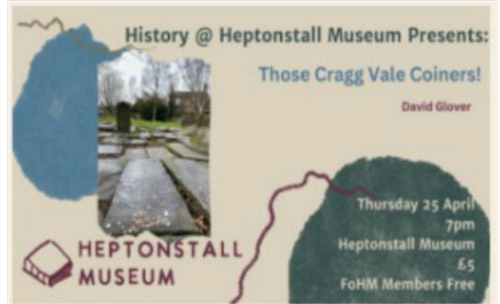
Our Commitment to the Museum

Our first report has been submitted to the Charity Commission and further repairs and funding are being sought to maximise the potential of the Museum. Trustee, Sam Gould has been working on a schools' offering and we are continuing to work with local organisations to find synergies to help develop a long-term future for the buildings. Again, we welcome those with an interest and skills that could help our trustee team evolve these ideas, get in touch.

History @ Heptonstall

This year, we're going back to our organisation roots and we're creating a series of regular talks from local history experts on the last Thursday of the month. Free to members, we hope to bring a wide range of topics to appeal to different interests. With a talk on the Cooperative movement from Andrew Bibby in January and Mike Edwards' talk on Sermons in Wood and Stone in February. Whilst we're skipping March due to the very early Easter, our guest for April, David Glover is already filling up fast with a Coiners' themed talk on April 25th @ 7pm.

Tickets are £5/Free via the website*.



More than the Museum

It's great to see interest building in independent bookings for the Museum. Sean Willis recently held a popular Lino print workshop in February and March begins with an unusual acoustic performance evening with Darkher on 6th March, complementing their performance down the hill at The Trades Club and putting us on the map for intimate gigs. Interest is building for more summer events at the museum.



If you're thinking of somewhere unique to host a special event, there's full venue hire information online.

*We continue to welcome new Friends of Heptonstall Museum members who can support the Museum with a donation of £2 a month, giving free entry and discounted event tickets.

Further information can be found by visiting our website at www.heptonstallmuseumfriends.org.uk or Linktr.ee/heptonstallmuseum



Celebrations at the Fox & Goose

West Yorkshire's first ever community-owned pub is hosting a long weekend of fun festivities to mark 10 years since its customers successfully joined together to secure its future.

The Fox and Goose, Hebden Bridge is marking the milestone with celebrations running 21-25 March 2024. Customers old and new are invited to events including a beer festival showcasing the pub's favourite local breweries, DJs, live music, food, and an anniversary quiz. The festivities will also see the return of special-edition collaboration brews reflecting the pub's co-operative status, with merchandise also available.

The pub was saved in March 2014 when a community share offer was made to buy the pub and attracted investment from 250 people including pub regulars, local investors and pub enthusiasts all over the country. Later offers increased its ownership to almost 300 members, while a current, open share offer is growing membership even further.

The pub has thrived under community ownership since its rescue, winning new support from those who cherish its warm welcome, and more traditional surroundings and atmosphere. The pub is winning awards too, earning praise for its knowledgeable staff, the quality and diversity of its ales and beers, its eclectic programme of music and events and a new, much-loved converted outdoor space.

Manager, Hannah Thurman said: ***“The 10th birthday is a chance to say ‘thank you’ to the community who together saved the pub and to welcome new members and customers.”***

Those wishing to join the 10th birthday celebrations can keep up-to-date by visiting <https://www.foxandgoose.org>

Cheers
Andy Carter

Sudoku Challenge

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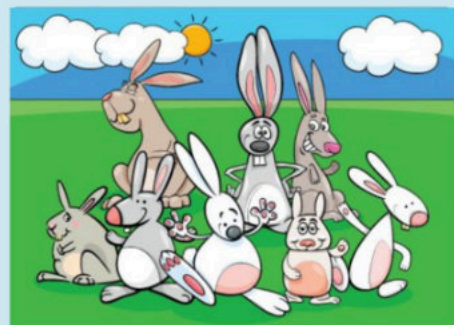
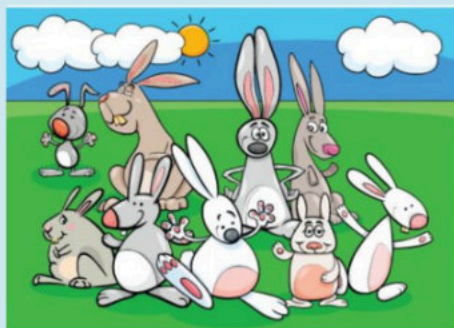
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Spot the 6 Differences

Easter Word Search

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- HOP
- HUNT
- JELLYBEAN
- LAMB
- LILY
- RABBIT
- SPRING



If you would like to contribute to the content of this Parish Council Newsletter through sharing local community group/organisational news, events, village promotions and local activities then please get in touch.

Closing dates for submitting content to future editions are:

- **Sunday 2nd June 2024 (Summer)**
- **Sunday 1st September 2024 (Autumn)**
- **Sunday 1st December 2024 (Winter)**
- **Sunday 2nd March 2025 (Spring)**

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or

Telephone: 07727338300