

Disley NEWS

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DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



The new Disley Parish Council

Following the local elections in May, five new Councillors were elected to serve on Disley Parish Council. Parish Councillors receive no salary and give their time freely for the benefit of the village. At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 2019, Cllr. Jackie Pattison was elected Chair of the Council, with Cllr. Sue Adams as Vice Chair for 2019/20.

Contact details for all councillors appear in the Contact Box on the back page.

The elections also saw a new Cheshire East Council Ward Councillor elected, Cllr. Brendan Murphy, who can be contacted at

Brendan.murphy@cheshireeast.gov.uk or on 01663 763120.

The full results of the elections are available to view on the Parish Council website at www.disleyparishcouncil.org.uk



In the photograph, the councillors are:

Back (L-R): Cllr. Dominic Hutchins, Cllr. Cath Birchall, Cllr. Steve Birchall, Cllr. Simon Brownbill. Front (L-R): Cllr. Sue Adams, Cllr. Jean Windsor, Cllr. Jackie Pattison.

Disley & Newtown Lifesavers

There are now at least 9 defib units across Disley & Newtown and the Parish Council is keen to raise awareness of where they are and how to use them. Defibrillators are pieces of equipment which can restart the heart if it has stopped due to a cardiac arrest. So, they can literally be life savers. There is a list of units included here but if anyone knows of any more, please let the Parish Council know. A new external unit will shortly be commissioned at Disley Methodist Church on the A6, following fund-raising and grants from Disley Parish Council and the Poynton Area Community Partnership.



The Council also recently partnered with North West Ambulance Service to deliver some defib and CPR training at the Community Centre. These sessions were well-attended and had very positive feedback such as, "the training was so very worthwhile. Now if someone in a cardiac situation needed help, I would be able to respond instead of just standing around not knowing what to do." The Council hopes to run further sessions in the new year.

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Outside - Newtown Primary School
Outside - Disley Methodist Church

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Thank You

Who deserves a great big "thank you?"

Every year, Disley Parish Council asks the residents of Disley and Newtown to think about the people who make a positive contribution to village life. The Council then proudly awards Civic Awards, on behalf of residents, in recognition of those individuals who have helped improve the village or have just done something fantastic for Disley and Newtown. Nominations are open for all ages and the Council would particularly like to hear about the actions of younger residents. All nominations will be assessed by Councillors and the awards will be made on Civic Sunday on 13th October 2019.

If you know someone who deserves to be recognised, please contact the Parish Council at admin@disleyparishcouncil.org.uk, telephone 01663 762726 or call into the Parish Office at Disley Community Centre.

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Disley Parish Council, Cheshire East Trading Standards and Cheshire Constabulary hosted a joint event recently to raise awareness of bogus callers and doorstep criminals. The event started with a homemade soup and roll lunch, kindly provided by Parish Councillors, before Paul Unwin from Cheshire East Council Trading Standards gave a fascinating presentation on the tricks used by these criminals. Paul also gave plenty of tips on how residents can deal with these unwanted visitors.

PC Dave Jackson and PCSO Joe Street then outlined the legalities of what the criminals are doing and shared some useful experiences of their own. The event was very well-attended and attendees had a chance to raise their own queries and talk to the group about situations they had been involved in. The Parish Council has "No Cold Calling" window stickers and leaflets available at the Community Centre for any residents who would like them.



20 years of footpath conservation



Disley Footpaths Society was formed in 1999 with the aim of helping to ensure that the footpaths in the parish of Disley and Newtown were free from obstruction, adequately signed and well maintained. This year it is celebrating 20 years of (hard) work and over the years most local footpaths have had remedial work carried out on them by the Society, with many needing recurring maintenance.

The first job undertaken by the society, under the guidance of the, then, Cheshire County Public Rights of Way, was to construct a bridge across a very damp section of FP20 (which goes from the A6 down to the railway line) and improve the surface. The workers pictured are (L-R) Peter Birkett, Joan Flynn, Tom Featherstone, Jim Amos and Pat Featherstone. In 2004 the Ramblers Association recognised the work of the Society, including the innovative footpath monitoring scheme, by giving it a national award. Since then, a busy programme of maintenance of over 70 footpaths has continued on an annual basis. For larger projects, such as Footpath 45 (Higgins Clough swing bridge down to Waterside), the help of the Cheshire East Public Rights of Way Unit has been needed and their continuing support is welcomed. In 2015, with the support of Disley Parish Council, the Society took the lead in applying for and achieving national "Walkers are Welcome" accreditation for the village.

In 2017, the Society took over management of the Disley Towpath Action Group - a volunteer group who work closely with the Canal & River Trust to maintain and improve the towpath of the Peak Forest Canal.



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Membership of the Society costs £5.00 p.a. and is open to all who have an interest in maintaining the village footpaths and improving access for everyone to our stunning countryside.

The Society organises walks from Spring to Autumn each year and hosts occasional talks by speakers on matters related to countryside access and history. Plans are afoot to celebrate the 20th birthday with a buffet lunch following the AGM in the Autumn. Membership enquiries to Jean Windsor at jeanwinds25@gmail.com and further details and an application form are available at: www.disleyparishcouncil.org.uk/discover-disley/disley-footpaths-society/



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Who, what and why are FODS?



The Friends of Disley Station (FODS) is a group of local people with an interest in serving the community and making Disley train station and its surrounding area a nicer and safer place.

This voluntary group is also interested in trying to make the railway better serve the train customers of Disley. For example, FODS contributed to securing the increase in train frequency announced some time ago.

Recently, a lot of hard work has been put into removing weeds, cutting back foliage and filling planters to add some colour. The next FODS project is to landscape the Buxton side of the platform. Through its involvement with the High Peak and Hope Valley Rail Partnership, FODS has been able to secure grants for new notice boards at the station.

The group is currently awaiting new shelters, hopefully before winter, and is campaigning for better signage, shading for the new ticket machine and platform humps for wheelchair and buggy users.

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Join the rangers to discover how rainfall and rivers affect environments with a special augmented reality sandbox, learn about greener gardening and recycling, and celebrate sports and activities that leave no trace with soft archery sessions, Tai Chi and taster walks from Stockport Nordic Walking.

To encourage visitors to use greener transport to Lyme, the free Park and Ride bus (normally an hourly service from Hazel Grove on Sundays and Bank Holidays) will be running all the way from Stockport Bus station.



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Meet your Councillors



Disley Parish Council is keen for residents to get to know a bit more about their local Councillors and what motivates them. Parish Councillors are elected by residents every four years to represent the views of all sections of the community. They are expected to act in a fair, honest and selfless manner and do not receive any payment for their time.

In this edition we meet Cllr. Cath Birchall who was elected to the Council in May and chairs the Council's Finance Committee.

What did you/do you do for a living?

I currently work for the People's History Museum in Manchester as Deputy Director, looking after the finance and operations of the Museum. Although the travel to Manchester is sometimes stressful, I appreciate the return commute home through the countryside of Greater Manchester and Cheshire.

Do you have a family, pets etc.?

My husband Steve, who is also a Parish Councillor, and I have lived in Disley since 1988, having returned from London with the need to live somewhere that would allow me to work in Manchester and Steve in Chesterfield. It's not just the location that appealed to us, I knew Disley from previous trips to do orienteering in Lyme Park as part of my school days at Loretto College. We then had two children who both attended Disley Primary and Poynton High School. I know their childhood and my parenthood would not have been the same if not for this village. I strongly believe that it takes a village to raise a child and I'm so grateful for all the facilities, community groups and spirited people that exist within Disley and Newtown. From midwives, health visitors and nurses to playgroups, toddler groups, libraries, schools, brownies and scouts. I've probably missed loads but as a working mother the help of such good people is an appreciated necessity.

More recently my father's Alzheimer's disease meant he moved in with us and again the community help with coffee mornings and good neighbours was terrific.

What are your hobbies and interests?

In my spare time, I'm on the board of Trustees at Manchester Jewish Museum and the Pankhurst Centre. I also am a prolific reader, so my commute gives me time to keep this up despite a busy schedule.

What made you want to become a Parish Councillor?

Through the Parish Council, I would like to support all the above local groups and encourage the next generation of community leaders and helpers. There is a lot to do and trying to make fair decisions within limited budgets is an issue I'm very familiar with, so, in these early months I'm trying hard to make sense of the figures.

If you could change one thing about the village, what would it be?

If I could change one thing it would obviously be the excessive amount of traffic on the A6 which pollutes the air and virtually cuts the village in half. Although there's a lot to sort out, I believe with positivity and the community behind us we'll find some solutions.

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Didn't they do "Well?"

The Annual Disley & Newtown Well Dressing Festival proved to be a triumph once again in June. The iffy weather on the Saturday did nothing to dampen the spirits of visitors and volunteers. Sunday's formal blessing was attended by Lord Newton, David Rutley MP and Chair of Disley Parish Council, Cllr. Jackie Pattison.

Wonderful cream teas were served in St. Mary's Church during the week and it was nice to see some new boards on display from National Trust Lyme and High Peak School for example.

Thanks go to all involved but particularly the PRIDE Well-dressing Committee without whom this fantastic event would not happen.



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For more information or to join Richard's group either pop along on **11th September** at Disley Community Centre, Off Buxton Old Road, Disley, SK12 2BB or call him on

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DISLEY & LYME

Horticultural Society
www.dlhs.weebly.com

The society is hosting a talk from the Royal Horticultural Society at High Lane Village Hall on the evening of 18th September.

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Disley Library News this Autumn

Having said farewell to Sally and Beatrice in the spring, Disley Library was delighted to welcome Leanne and Anne to the staff and together they look forward to delivering a great service to all their customers. Did you know that your local library provides many services for all age groups in the local community? As well as supplying a wide range of books to borrow and access to the public network computers, the library offers an access point for many Cheshire East Council services including the verification of documents for benefit claims. Eligible Cheshire East residents can apply for bus passes and blue badges in the library and they can also obtain a discount code to use when applying for senior and disabled railcards.

Younger customers enjoy the free weekly Rhyme time, Lego and Megablock sessions, as well as additional 'pop up' events and activities throughout the school holidays. This year's Summer Reading Challenge has a "Space Chase" theme.

There is always plenty going on at Disley Library, so come and visit, meet the new staff and find out about all the services on offer in your local community!



Let's Tackle Himalayan Balsam



Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*), is a non-native plant which spreads very rapidly, smothers other plants and wildlife and leads to soil erosion.

A lot of Himalayan Balsam has been reported across the village recently, so the Parish Council, in conjunction with the Disley Footpaths Society, are asking for residents help with a bit of Balsam bashing. Himalayan Balsam can grow up to 3 metres in height; has hollow stems that turn from green to a pinkish-red in spring; long (up to 15cm), slender, green leaves and slipper shaped flowers from June-October that range from almost white to a pinkish-purple. The best method of removing Himalayan Balsam is to cut the plant down below the lowest node or to pull it out by hand. The plant comes up easily and is completely non-toxic, making this a safe and reliable method. If seed pods are present, these should be removed and bagged before attempts are made to remove the plant. Happy bashing!

Where's That?



Another local knowledge teaser for this edition. Can you identify where this photo was taken. No clues to put you on the right "track." The answer is in Contact Details box at the back of the magazine. No prizes, I'm afraid, just a smug feeling, if you get it right.



Looking forward with the History Society

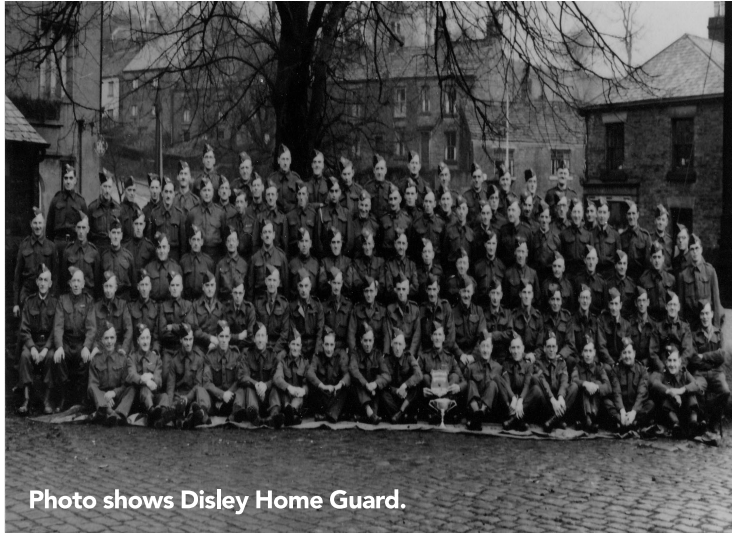


Photo shows Disley Home Guard.

For its June meeting, Disley Local History Society organised a successful walk from the Community Centre to the Memorial Garden. About 20 members and guests attended and had a pleasant evening looking at some of the older parts of the village. Looking forward, the Society's Autumn programme of meetings resumes on Thursday 19th September 2019 with Chris Makepeace speaking on "Maps for local historians with specific reference to Disley."

This will be followed on October 17th with Chris Mellor talking on "Memories of World War II in Disley." This will be an update on the work at Lyme, gathering information about local activities during the war. The final meeting of 2019 will be on November 21st when Chris Makepeace will give a talk entitled "Christmas Day in the Workhouse." This will be accompanied by seasonal refreshments.

All meetings take place at Disley Community Centre and commence at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome and there is a small charge of £2.00.



Lights, camera ...volunteer!

The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer with an interest in photography to video and photograph some of the many fantastic local events that go on in Disley and Newtown. This would ideally suit a media student, but the Council would be pleased to hear from anyone interested. The videos and images would be used by the Parish Council on its website, social media and, of course, in the Disley News. All pieces used would be credited to the photographer and although no payment can be offered, reasonable expenses would be covered. If this sounds of interest, please contact the Parish Council at admin@disleyparishcouncil.org.uk, telephone 01663 762726 or call into the Parish Office at Disley Community Centre.

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Fall into Autumn

An evening of musical entertainment with Voci Voices at St. Mary's Church, Disley on Saturday 26th October 2019 at 7.30pm. This event is funded and supported by Disley Music Weekend.



Fancy giving golf a go?



Do you have the next Rory or a Bronte Law in your family? Did you know that junior membership at Disley Golf Club is FREE for under 14's. Coaching is every Saturday at 3.00pm. Private coaching is also available and delivered by two PGA professionals. There is also the Ladies Golf Academy which has successfully introduced many ladies to golf. This runs every Thursday evening at 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Disley Golf Club offers many membership packages, including a flexible membership on a points system and also a 3-month trial membership package. The Club has superb indoor practice facilities and the course itself off Jackson's Edge Road in Disley, has stunning views over the local countryside. The function room is the perfect place for any celebration and offers catering for up to 120 people. Excellent catering is provided by top chef Kurt and his team.

For more information, please contact the secretary@disleygolfclub.co.uk or visit the website at www.disleygolfclub.co.uk

All quiet in the garden



On 28th June Disley Quakers hosted a Quiet Garden Afternoon. It was a chance to "chill out" in the peaceful garden on Ring O'Bells Lane Disley. Visitors read, knitted or used the time for quiet reflection or meditation and tea and coffee were available when needed. In addition to the Annual Open Garden Afternoon (to be held this year on September 1st with various musical performances), Disley Quakers hold one or two Quiet Garden days each year as part of the Quiet Garden Movement. This has more than 300 members committed to "sharing outdoor spaces for wellbeing and the inner journey." More information on Quiet Gardens is available at www.quietgarden.org.

Change around at Rotary



New Mills, Marple and District Rotary Club is delighted to announce John Delaney as its new President. The handover took place at the club's meeting on Thursday 27th June at Mellor and Townscliffe Golf Club. The photograph shows outgoing president Mike Coleman congratulating John Delany on his new position.

Art-Ex



The Disley Arts Society Annual Exhibition is due to be held at Disley Methodist Church at 70 Buxton Road, Disley SK12 2EY (Opposite White Lion Pub). The dates for the exhibition are: Friday 4th October 2019 from 3.00pm to 9.00pm and Saturday 5th October 2019 10.00am to 5.00pm. Framed and unframed original paintings and cards will be for sale and there will be a raffle, cakes and refreshments. The Methodist Church has free on-site parking and there is more information on the Society website at: www.disleyartsociety.weebly.com The picture shown here is Jacob's Ladder by Derek Peterson.



WEA've got new classes



WEA have announced their autumn classes at the Ring O'Bells Quaker Meeting House in Disley, the Salvation Army Church in Macclesfield and for day schools, the Methodist Church in Disley.

- In Disley: "Early Modern Europe: Society and Culture" with Tom Saunders beginning Thursday September 26th, 10 weeks, 1.45pm to 3.45pm
- "Introduction to Modern Art" with Ian Irvine in Macclesfield, beginning Thursday September 26th for 10 weeks, 10.00am to 12.00 midday.

The Day Schools are:

- "Rediscovering the Romans" with Mike Nevell on Saturday October 26th at 11.00am to 3.00pm
- "The Psychology of Addiction" with Anne Buckley on Saturday November 30th at 11.00am to 3.00pm

For further details, please look out for the branch leaflet in libraries and local shops, visit the WEA website at www.wea.org.uk, contact the branch on 0161 519 7063 or email to disley.branch@wea.ac.uk

Community grants for local projects and events

Shout out for Silent Auction

Remembrance Sunday

Disley Parish Council has a modest annual budget set aside for community grants. A number of awards are made each year to support community events and Disley-based voluntary organisations or societies. Grants are available to organisations or societies based in Disley and Newtown with a membership comprising mainly Disley and Newtown residents. Projects and events simply need to show a benefit to our locality, be sustainable and display a positive image of the community. Examples of recent grants include a new defibrillator unit in the village, help to fund the annual Well-dressing Festival and new flags for Girl Guiding in Disley. If you have a project or event that may benefit from a Community Grant, please contact the Parish Council on 01663 762726. There is also more information on the Council website at www.disleyparishcouncil.org.uk



The Disley Friends of Cancer Research UK are holding a Silent Auction at Dystlegh Grange, Jacksons Edge Road, Disley on Friday 27th September 2019, start at 7.00pm.

During a silent auction, bids are written on a piece of paper for each item with the highest bidder winning the item. The auction is "silent" because there is no auctioneer selling individual items.

Admission is £6.00 which includes wine and nibbles. Donations are still needed for the auction, so please ring Diane Guy (01663 764308) or Jean Oakley (01663 763108) if you can help or for more information.



Disley Parish Council has arranged that a Service of Remembrance and two minutes silence will be held at Disley War Memorial on Sunday 10th November 2019 at 11.00 a.m. This will be followed by the laying of wreaths. All those wishing to take part are asked to arrive at the memorial by 10.50 a.m. A Civic Remembrance Service will then be held at St. Mary's Church, Disley, following the Act of Remembrance, at 11.20 a.m.



Canal board open to interpretation



A brand-new interpretation board has been installed on the Peak Forest Canal by the swing bridge at Higgins Clough in Disley. The board has a map of all the local footpaths and places of interest on one side and information on Disley History, the village centre and walking information on the other. The board has been designed and funded by Disley Parish Council as part of its' visitor economy project to encourage more visitors to come to the village and sample all the wonderful things it has to offer. Copies of the information panels have also been placed in the new notice boards at Disley Railway Station.

Using the plot



Few things in life are more pleasurable than being able to eat fresh fruit and vegetables that you have grown yourself and this is what gardeners at Hagg Bank, Springfield and Greystones aspire to do. This year it's been a bit tough - with sheep invading for their breakfast and wildly changing weather making for difficult growing conditions. Never-the-less there have been some good crops of strawberries, raspberries and gooseberries and the latest wet weather will at least help with the potatoes.

If you would like to learn more about allotments why not go along to the Disley Allotment Association Coffee Morning on 28th September 2019 from 10am to 12 noon at the Community Centre. There will be some plants and produce for sale, and of course plenty of coffee, tea, cake and chat. There is also an allotments webpage on the Parish Council website at: www.disleyparishcouncil.org.uk/allotments

Please note the deadline for submissions for the Winter Edition of Disley News is Friday 25 October 2019. Please email all articles,

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*The answer to the "Where's That?" photo is Dryhurst Lane in Disley by the railway bridge at the end of Railway Terrace.

