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The Disley Parish Council



CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA



**Friday 1st December from
5.30pm at the Ram Green**

In association with High Lane Garage



**Cheshire's
Silk 106.9**



What's Happening?

- Father Christmas in his Grotto
- Christmas tree lights switch-on
- Cheshire's Silk FM Radio DJ and stage
- Live music from Keri and the Disley Primary School Choir
- Late night shopping
- Free face painting by Disley Girl Guiding
- Roasted chestnuts and balloon stall
- Firework finale

The Extravaganza is set to be a busy night, so parents are politely requested to keep an eye on their children.

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| • Disley's | • Ram's Head |
| Community Store | • Stefan James Salon |
| • Finch & Fig Cafe | • Village Bakery |
| • Jayne Leigh | • White Horse |
| Creations | and many more. |

Santa's sleigh will be visiting Disley on Tuesday 5th December between 6.00pm and 8.30pm.

Thanks to New Mills Rangers and New Mills, Marple and District Rotary Club.

Donate through Just Giving at:

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Christmas trees, festive lights, the Ram Green Nativity scene and our big Christmas presents will make the village feel special throughout December, so make sure to take a walk around the village as part of your Christmas.

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A report from Cheshire East Councillor, Sue Adams

Cllr Adams writes:
"I would like to thank all residents of Disley and Newtown for the tremendous community support I have received since being elected. It has been a steep learning curve, frustrating at times, but I am starting to get some results for residents. There are two aspects to my role. Firstly, I deal with casework for residents, doing my best to resolve matters raised. My caseload is very varied but includes, in my opinion, far too many highways issues. I get some problems resolved within a few days and others take much longer. Things usually don't happen as fast as I would like, but with the right contacts, I have been delighted to get several problems resolved within a few hours.
Secondly, I am one of 82 Cheshire East councillors. I serve on Adults and Health, Audit and Governance and Scrutiny committees. The role of Cheshire East Councillor is challenging, though my experience as a parish councillor and as a qualified accountant have enabled me to rapidly get to grips with my new role. I am pleased to also be continuing as a Disley Parish Councillor and as the lead councillor on the Health and Wellbeing and Community Bus project groups."



No scams here

Age UK Cheshire East are pleased to offer a range of services to help residents keep their money and information safe from fraudsters. They produce a monthly scams awareness update bulletin, which is free to anyone with an email address. Each edition is packed with information about a featured fraud and a round-up of local scams. Age UK also offers scams awareness talks for community groups which provide an opportunity to discuss practical ways of keeping money and information safe, and everyone goes home with a goody bag!
For one-to-one advice on scams and fraud, the group can visit you at home or somewhere local to you. They also offer practical and emotional support for anyone unfortunate enough to have been a victim of fraud.
Age UK Cheshire East can also help if you are of pension age and worried about the cost of living and keeping your home warm this winter. Their Information and Advice surgeries offer a benefit check to identify any extra money you may be entitled to.
For more information on any of the above, please telephone: 01625 612958 or email: enquiries@ageukce.org.

Air quality in Disley



Cheshire East Council Environmental Health are reporting that air quality in Disley is showing a gradual improvement, in correlation to what is being seen across Cheshire East.

There are currently 12 Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) within Cheshire East which are all related to traffic, and one of these is along Market Street in Disley. Air quality is monitored using diffusion tubes which are changed and analysed monthly. There are 9 tubes located within Disley and the raw monthly data from these tubes can be seen on the Cheshire East website by searching for: "Air pollution monitoring."

The map attached shows the location of the diffusion tubes (green dots) and red line boundary of the AQMA in Disley.

Cheshire East also operates one Real Time Analyser (RTA) which is located on Market Street and monitors Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) and Particulate Matter (PM10 and PM2.5). Quarterly data is sent through to the Parish Council for information.

Cheshire East has an Air Quality Action Plan, which details general and specific measures with the aim of improving air quality. The current Action Plan is for 2020-2025 and can be found on the Cheshire East website by searching for: "Air Quality Action Plan."

Cheshire East has launched its "Show the Air you Care" awareness campaign and has recently targeted vehicle idling and domestic solid fuel burning. A downloadable Schools Anti Idling Booklet to champion no idling at schools has also been produced and is available for free on the website.

Finally, an education package has been produced for delivery in schools to raise awareness within Key Stage 2 (KS2), specifically years 5 and 6. The lesson is around 45 minutes and links into the National Curriculum. The aim of the education package is to educate children about air pollution and the effects it can have on health.

Everyone can do their bit to improve the air quality of where they live. For more information contact: airquality@cheshireeast.gov.uk.





Introducing Disley and High Peak Accountants

Located just a few doors up from Frankie's, Disley and High Peak Accountants is a new addition to the community of Disley. Established on September 1st, 2023, by the experienced accountant Paul Smith. Paul Smith brings over two decades of expertise having previously held directorships at other local accounting firms. Now, he's proud to serve the local community and build lasting relationships with clients in Disley and the surrounding areas. Paul and his family are residents of the area, with his wife Rachel and two young children, Alfie and Ivy.

Disley and High Peak Accountants welcome walk-ins and all phone enquiries, providing a convenient and personal touch to your financial needs. Additionally, if you require office space for a client meeting or a quiet workspace away from home (and the kids), Disley and High Peak Accountants has you covered. Their flexible office rental options cater to both businesses and remote workers, ensuring a productive environment. When it comes to your financial needs, whether it's tax planning, financial statements, or business consulting, Disley and High Peak Accountants are here to support you.

Please contact them on: Tel 01663 769 979 Mobile 07485 330 031 or email: paul@dhp-accountants.co.uk

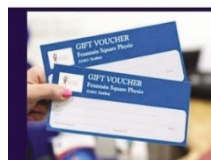


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Disley Arts Society's 50th Anniversary



In 1973, a group of people in Disley decided to start a club for the 'promotion of painting and sketching' and soon this became more organised as the Disley Arts Society. Meetings started in October 1973 at the Ring O' Bells Quaker Meeting House and were planned to be fortnightly but soon changed to weekly.

The first Annual Exhibition was held at the Ring O' Bells on 27th April 1974 but in 1977 it moved to St. Mary's Schoolroom and since then has been held in the Ram's Head, the Methodist Church and is now at the Village Hall in High Lane. Art was also displayed in the Ploughboy, Disley Library and New Mills Heritage Centre for several years.

Demonstrations are given several times a year by professional artists who have included Geoff Kersey and local watercolourist Matthew Goddard.

A member recalls:

"When I decided to work part-time, I joined Disley Arts Society over 25 years ago. One of our best artists was Wyn Hyde who painted loose watercolour landscapes and sold nearly every one. After she died, we implemented a 'People's Choice' at the exhibition, where people could vote for their favourite painting. The artist was awarded the Wyn Hyde Award and had the dubious honour of producing a painting to be raffled at the following exhibition. Another lady member, who had been a complete beginner, sadly passed away and her husband wanted to encourage those members who were also beginners. He donated a crystal bowl to be presented to the person who had made the most progress in the year."

As in the beginning, today's society members have a wide range of abilities and genres and meetings are still held every Monday morning, except Bank Holidays, from 9.00am until noon. New members are always welcome.

For more information about the society, visit the website at: disleyartssociety.weebly.com



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Let the Bus take the fuss!

Volunteer drivers from Disley Community Bus Scheme enjoyed getting together for a "pie and a pint" at The White Horse in Disley recently. The social evening was organised by Disley Parish Council as a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers for giving their time freely to drive the minibus. The scheme couldn't operate without this enthusiastic team and their support is valued by all the people who enjoy the social and shopping trips.

The Disley Community Bus has provided an essential service to the community for over nine years and offers a varied monthly programme of trips all over the North-West.

There is something for everyone with recent trips including Haworth, Nantwich, Trentham Shopping Village, Bakewell, Bury Market, local garden centres and pub lunches.

The regular weekly shopping trip to a local supermarket continues to provide a highly valued service to a group of less mobile passengers, supporting their independence and social well-being.

The bus is available for local community and social groups to hire at very reasonable hire charges. Groups have organised a variety of trips for their members to local places of interest including RHS Bridgewater, Arley Hall, British Commercial Truck Museum and Buxton Opera House. The bus also provides an invaluable shuttle service on Disley Show day ferrying people to and from Disley to the showground and to Disley Village Bonfire at Disley Golf Club.

Details of trips are available on the village community noticeboards, at Disley Community Centre and on the Parish Council website at www.disleyparishcouncil.org.uk. For more information, to book a trip or obtain details about hiring the bus, please phone the Parish Council on 01663 762726.

All are welcome.

We are the Champions!



You've got a Friend!



Since Disley Friends Social Group started in January, they have had very successful monthly meetings.

Sessions begin with a drink, table-top activities and a chance to chat and catch up. Following this there is always a musical activity of some kind. So far, this has included the Disley Community Choir, local Handbell Ringers, a trio of musicians from the High Peak and fun with instruments. Singing is always part of the afternoon either led by one of the volunteers or spontaneously by one of the friends attending.

After the music there are various other activities such as bingo, skittles, board games or puzzling over a word search together. One of the most fun activities is cooperative parachute games. The sessions end with drinks and cake, kindly donated by Tesco of Whaley Bridge. Everyone is welcome, particularly those with Dementia/Alzheimer's and their carers, and those who live alone and would enjoy the company of others. Why not come and join in with fun activities, peer support, laughter and enjoyment?

Disley Friends meet at the Community Centre on the 2nd Friday of the month from 1.30-3.30pm.

Forthcoming meeting dates: December 8th, January 12th and February 9th.

Contact details: Frances on 07757 167992



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Members of Disley Football Club celebrated becoming 2022/23 East Cheshire Sunday League Division 2 champions and promotion to Division 1. The title was won on the final day of the season and by only a single point.

The start to this season in Division 1 has gone well, and after six games the team remained unbeaten.

Disley FC is now looking to offer youth/junior football to the community, and anyone interested in playing, supporting or helping, in particular family members, should contact the Club Chair, Dave Branton on 07713 476302.

Over many years, Disley Parish Council and Disley FC have worked closely together to develop and improve the facilities at Newtown Playing Fields, with the latest addition being new changing rooms.



Well-come to our new pharmacist

The Well Pharmacy at 11 Fountain Square in Disley has recently appointed a new Manager and resident pharmacist. The pharmacist, Wesley Tsow, will soon be working 4 days per week in Disley. This is excellent news for Disley and Newtown residents as it means that, more often than not, there will be a fully qualified pharmacist available in the village. The Pharmacy is open from 9.00am to 6.00pm on Monday to Friday. Outside these times, pharmacy services may be available at the Peak Pharmacy in High Lane or Boots Pharmacy in New Mills. Well Pharmacy Disley offers flu jabs, blood pressure services and a wide range of over-the-counter medications. Wes is also available for consultations in the private consulting room. Photographed is Wes and members of his team.



Disley Golf Club - Wardy's Bridge

The photo displays the official opening of a new bridge on Disley Golf Course to celebrate the life of David Ward. As an ex-captain and long term member of the golf club, Dave was also well known in Disley village and was a valued volunteer with the Disley & Newtown Good Neighbours scheme.

"Wardy's" Bridge has been built by kind donations from family and friends in recognition of the tireless work Dave contributed to Disley Golf Club. He will be much missed by all who knew him.

Busy Disley Library



Disley Library will be advertising its Christmas opening hours and special festive events on its website and Facebook page shortly. It has been a lovely busy summer this year with participation in the popular Summer Reading Challenge for younger members up by 50%.

The library offers a range of fun activities across the week with Baby Bounce, Rhymetime and Lego Club. They also run a monthly Stories and Songs session and Kids Craft Club.

For adults, the monthly Keen Cooks Book Group is held on the first Friday of every month, 2-3pm, where the group discovers a new recipe book and talks about (and tastes) what they have been cooking that month. It's the tastiest book group in Disley!

The library continues to offer IT Buddy sessions which are available for free. So, if you are a complete beginner, or need some support with a specific problem, the friendly volunteers are there to help. It is also possible to access Ancestry and Which? magazines for free. For book lovers who find it difficult to visit the library, the Home Library Service might be the answer. This is a free service and run by library staff and volunteers.

Disley Library has also hosted Mindfulness sessions for the local community and is again taking part in the Warm Places initiative over the winter season.

Once the festivities are over, the library will be running the popular Jigsaw January with puzzles for both adults and children.

Further details of all regular events and activities are available from the friendly library staff at Disley Library on 01625 374717. All up to date information can be found on the Disley Library website and Facebook page.



The new Disley Parish Council

Following the local elections in May, five new Councillors were elected to serve on Disley Parish Council. The total number of Councillors rose at these elections and Disley and Newtown now has 9 Parish Councillors. Members of the Council receive no salary and give their time freely for the benefit of the village. At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 18th May 2023, Cllr. Simon Brownbill was elected Chair of the Council, with Cllr. Jackie Pattison as Vice Chair for 2023/24.

In the photograph, the councillors are:

(L-R): Cllr. Mark Sykes, Cllr. Andy Bowers, Cllr. Simon Brownbill, Cllr. Sue Adams, Cllr. Paul Bull, Cllr. Jackie Pattison, Cllr. Rachel Scale and Cllr. Jean Windsor. Cllr. Connor Parry was not available. The May elections also saw a new Cheshire East Council Ward Councillor elected, Cllr. Sue Adams, who can be contacted at sue.adams@cheshireeast.gov.uk or on 01663 765006.

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

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

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Are you the governor?

Disley Primary School Governing Board is looking for someone with some time to contribute to the school as a governor. Governors are expected to attend 6 local governing board meetings each year, one each half term, (currently on Tuesdays 4.30pm to 7.00pm). Once inducted and settled, governors take on an individual area of responsibility and visit the school termly to speak to staff and pupils. All governors are DBS checked as safeguarding is fundamental. The governing board welcomes interest from all backgrounds and lived experiences so, if you would like to know more about being a Disley School governor, please contact Penny Robinson or Sarah Bunnage (Co-chairs) at chair@disley.cheshire.sch.uk.

The Reading Ambassadors need your HELP!

Do you have any spare time?

Disley Primary School would like volunteers to come and listen to our children read.

We would love you to come and read to the children! And also listen to the children!

If it's possible can you come in and listen to our students read?

From the Reading Ambassadors

We would love you to come and encourage our children to read please.

Please drop into reception within school hours

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If you would like to organise a tour of our lovely school, please contact the school office on: 01663 797 332

All tours will last approximately 45 minutes. Please see below for available dates and times:

- Thursday 28th September – 4:15 – 5:00pm
- Thursday 5th October – 9:15 – 10:00am
- Tuesday 10th October – 4:15 – 5:00pm
- Thursday 12th October – 9:15 – 10:00am
- Tuesday 7th November – 9:15 – 10:00am
- Thursday 14th November – 4:15 – 5:00pm
- Thursday 23rd November – 9:15 – 10:00am
- Thursday 30th November – 4:15 – 5:00pm
- Tuesday 9th January – 9:15 – 10:00am and 4:15 – 5:00pm

We look forward to meeting you and showing you our fantastic school.

Casablanca: Play it again Uncle Sam

Where: Disley Methodist Church, 70 Buxton Road, Disley SK12 2EY
When: Saturday 4th November
How Long: Day event
Time: 11am - 5pm
Reference: Q00011395
Cost: Free to £29.40

If you love classic films, this is for you! This day school examines the historical context and making of perhaps the most famous classic Hollywood film, 'Casablanca'. We'll watch the original film, discuss the original play 'Everybody Comes to Rick's', the production of the film, and the artistic and political significance of the film, made soon after the United States entered the Second World War. There'll even be a chance to explore plus a surprise example of a spin-off. If you love 'Casablanca' and want to hear more about it in a convivial atmosphere with like-minded people, please do come along.

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Fancy going somewhere warm this winter?

Following the success of last year's Warm Places initiatives, Disley Parish Council will again be supporting and promoting a number of warm locations and events across the village.

As temperatures drop over the winter months and home heating costs remain high, it can make a real difference to have somewhere warm and welcoming to go to every now and then.

The popular Soup and a Roll sessions will be restarting in November, with dates already booked for 29th November, 6th and 20th December. A hearty lunch is provided at Disley Community Centre from around 12 noon on the day, with all welcome to attend and enjoy the warmth and the chat.

The Sunday Film Shows will restart on 5th November and continue on 14th January, 11th February and 10th March, with monthly screenings at the Community Centre. Hot drinks are provided, and a popular film will be shown. Further details of the times and film titles will be advertised around the village shortly.

Disley Library has kindly agreed to offer hot drinks to any visitors who are feeling the cold. Please just ask a member of the Library staff whenever the library is open i.e. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am to 1pm; Thursday and Friday, 2pm to 6pm and Saturday, 9am to 1pm. All the Warm Places initiatives will be run free of charge, although donations are always welcome to help fund the cost of supplies. Disley's fantastic volunteers will again be staffing these events and we are all very grateful for their help in keeping our residents warm this winter.

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A New Ad(venture) for Friends of Disley Station

The Friends of Disley Station (FODS) are always keen to try new initiatives and recently agreed to be 'guinea pigs' for a new Northern venture. Soon, other stations in the area will be following FODS' lead!

In partnership with National Trust Lyme, on Tuesday 29th August, some FODS members set off to Manchester Piccadilly station to set up a stall on the station concourse. The aim was to showcase Disley as a great destination along the Buxton line and all that the village has to offer for visitors.

The volunteers gave out copies of the Buxton Line Guide, Disley Village Guide, Disley News, two local history walks (which proved to be very popular) and sold copies of the legendary Disley Footpaths Maps. FODS also engaged with commuters about local pubs, restaurants, cafes and station-to-station walks via the Peak Forest canal.

Monika Sayed, the Station Manager, provided an excellent pop-up poster which will now be used for future occasions, so will become a regular at FODS events at the Community Centre.

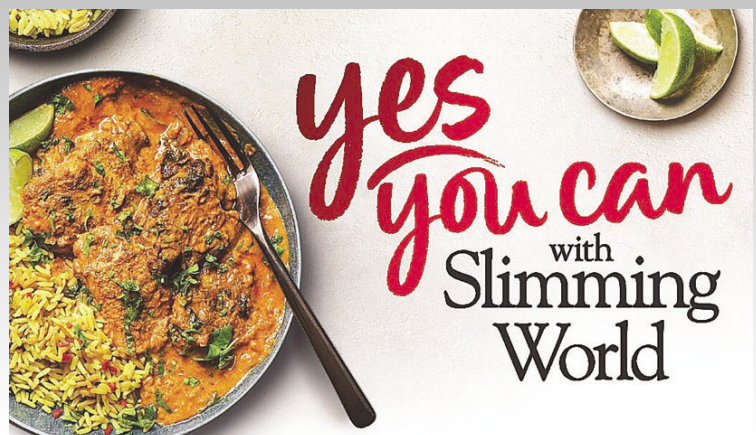


Postcard from Local History Society

Do you recognise some of the landmark buildings in this 1912 postcard? Note lack of traffic on the A6! Where is the Co-op? Also, the prominent position of Disley Primary School, without all the trees.

Disley Local History Society has been very lucky recently to receive two large donations of artefacts relating to the history of Disley and its residents, including this postcard.

If you would like to know more about Disley's past, please feel free to attend the Local History meetings, held on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at Disley Community Centre. For more information, please contact Barbara Roberts at: robertsbarbara23@gmail.com



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Horticultural Society looking to grow

After the success of the Annual Show in August, the Disley and Lyme Horticultural Society is looking to develop the Society and make 2024 even better for its members and friends. The Society has an exciting programme for 2024 which includes specialist talks, garden visits and demonstrations, as well as the much-loved coffee mornings in Disley and High Lane, with bulbs and seasonal plants for sale.

The theme for 2024 will be the Four "R's": REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE and RECOVER and these will be expanded at respective coffee mornings with demonstrations and displays. The Society hopes to see everyone in the New Year. If you would be interested in joining the Society, please contact David on davidmondson11@gmail.com.



Forest News

Disley Forest School has had so much outdoor fun this year. From Easter, Royal Party and Halloween Family Sessions through to the term-time weekly 'Little Seedlings' sessions for under-fives and their carers. The school is excited to be linking with Disley Primary School to provide Forest School days for each year group during the academic year. The sessions include den building, games, natural art opportunities and, of course, a warming fire.

Disley Forest School would like to thank everyone who has joined them at their sessions and really appreciate all the support that has been given. The school has a Christmas Family Session on Sunday 3rd December and details can be found on their Facebook page or via disleyforestschool@gmail.com.



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WI Review



Disley WI has enjoyed another busy summer and autumn. In August, a small group of crafty members put together a winning entry for the WI Challenge at Disley Horticultural Show. "A Picnic in the Park" involved producing 6 sausage rolls, a novelty cake, bottle of home-made cordial, hand-made picnic blanket, posy of garden flowers and a poem as well as a hand-painted backdrop to the display. Members celebrated the 13th anniversary of Disley WI in September with cheese and wine tasting, quiz and home-made Chocolate and Guinness cake. Some ladies joined Kettleshulme WI for their Summer Lunch and others enjoyed a trip to the National Arboretum with High Lane Village WI. A visit to the Walker Art Gallery and Lady Lever Gallery was also very popular, as was the talk on "The history of perfume" at Poynton Civic Hall. The Walking Netball Group has increased its numbers since membership was opened to local residents and the group meets at New Mills Leisure centre at 5.15pm on Thursdays. All ladies are welcome (£4 per session). Craft Group has enjoyed a variety of interesting workshops including Iris Folding Cards, Indian Block Printing, Concertina Books, Tea-bag Art and Beret Decorating.

Members of the Gardening group attended a Garden Open Day held by High Lane Village WI to raise funds for St. Anne's Hospice and continue to maintain the small flower bed between Disley Community Centre and Market Street. The walking group meets monthly for local walks and Luncheon Club organises monthly visits to local restaurants. The bridge group and two book clubs also continue to be very popular. Disley WI members enjoy a variety of speakers and activities at their monthly meetings. In Autumn 2023, these will include a soap making talk and demonstration, AGM and Christmas Party at Disley Golf Club. WI is open to all women and provides an opportunity to meet friends, learn new skills and make a difference in the community. Disley WI meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 7.00pm at Disley Community Centre. If you would like to find out more, you are welcome to attend one of their meetings.



Winter time Lyme

As the nights draw in, NT Lyme has been reflecting on the past year. This summer Lyme welcomed a similar number of visitors to last year and trialled efforts to minimise the impact on neighbours and the A6. This included multiple lanes at the admissions hut and careful programming to reduce visitor peaks. The planning application to upgrade the car park continues to await an outcome, with further work happening in the background to improve Lyme's visitor experience, infrastructure and resilience to climate change. Looking ahead can only mean one thing - Christmas is coming! After months of planning, Animal Crackers will be visiting Lyme. This is a self-guided visual extravaganza through the house designed by Stockport artist Sophie Tyrrell from The Strange Train Company. Step into the house where Christmas has been interrupted by an animal takeover. Seeking refuge from the outdoors, the house will become home to a menagerie of magnificent beasts. To complement the festivities in the house, there will be a wonderful mix of choirs, singing groups and schools performing throughout December. Following the success of 'Tunes at the Timber Yard' in the summer, Lyme are looking forward to spreading Christmas cheer in the Timber Yard, which will be adorned with a selection of trees decorated by local community groups, including Disley WI and St Mary's Church. Please visit the Lyme website for opening times and the latest updates at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyme. Thank you to Catherine McKeever for supplying the photo.

A fitting floral memorial



In memory of the late Queen, Disley Parish Council has donated a new prize to the Disley & Lyme Horticultural Society (DLHS) for presentation at the Annual Disley Show. The Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Rose Bowl will be awarded each year for the most outstanding display of roses. Knowing The Queen's love of plants and flowers, this seemed a very appropriate memorial. The first winner of the Rose Bowl was Lesley Stafford, seen here receiving the bowl from DLHS Chairman, Les Matthews. Lesley displayed some marvellous roses at the Show and is a most worthy winner.

Message from the Chair



Chair of Disley Parish Council, Simon Brownbill writes: "As we enter the festive period, it is always a good time to reflect on the year and the changes that have taken place. Personally, I have had the honour of Chairing the new, larger Disley Parish Council as it enters a new phase with nine councillors to reflect our growing community. One of the things I love about the role is it brings you into contact with good people doing good things. In Disley and Newtown, we have so many of them. I'm also struck by what seems to be a growing sense of community in the village. On issues that matter, we mobilise, work together, and make an impact. We also look out for each other, and the village is full of good neighbours who genuinely care. In a turbulent world, we should recognise and celebrate how fortunate we are living in Disley and Newtown. Yes, it's a beautiful part of the world, but it's the people that make it. I wish everyone in Disley and Newtown a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

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PROBUS focus

Disley & District PROBUS Group continues to thrive and had a year packed with visits, varied presentations and regular walks around the area.

The group meets on the second and fourth Monday of every month at Disley Community Centre at 10:30am, during which a presentation is made by invited speakers. Sometimes members will provide information about subjects on which they have a vast range of experience. This year, presentations have covered diverse subjects such as the Moors Murders, Earthquakes, the Rubber industry and the challenges of being a football referee. Away from the meetings, a Monday walking group makes expeditions to locations around the neighbourhood which conclude with lunch at a local hostelry.

Group visits have included the AVRO Museum in Woodford and the British Commercial Vehicles Museum in Leyland. The year will be crowned off with an excellent Christmas Lunch.

Membership of the club is only £60 per year and entitles all members to receive an electronic Monthly Newsletter, which means that even if a meeting is missed, there is a full report of all activities available. So, if you are retired or retiring soon, and you are interested in expanding your knowledge of new topics in convivial company or look to enjoy relatively non-strenuous walks, why not contact the secretary, Bob Harrison, on 01663 732649 for more membership information. The group looks forward to meeting you soon.



Health matters in Disley

Dr. Maurice from the Schoolhouse Surgery has kindly provided an update: "So, we have a new ramp at The Schoolhouse front door and the new lowered counter at reception - both designed to improve access in the Surgery. The irony will not be lost on many of you, at a time when access to healthcare in this country is as challenging as I've ever known it.

Waiting lists for hospital appointments are now often measured in years rather than weeks, and the wait for an emergency bed can take days rather than hours. I share everyone's distress and also the sense of powerlessness to influence the situation. In particular, the knock on effects on General Practice are incredibly frustrating for us all. General Practice is providing a third more appointments than before the pandemic, but it is still not enough. The waits for appointments at the Surgery concern us all - without a significant change in priority and resources given to healthcare, very little will change.

In the meantime, I hope the ramp and the lowered desk prove helpful, and perhaps serve as a reminder that little things are all we can manage at present. Perhaps the new year will bring greater improvements to access for us all."

St Mary's 500 - the next century and beyond



St. Mary's Church would like to thank everyone who responded to the survey about the Parish Church featured in the last Disley News. This set out the future challenges St Mary's faces on its sustainability on day to day running costs; grounds and graveyard maintenance; restoration and maintenance of its ancient structure.

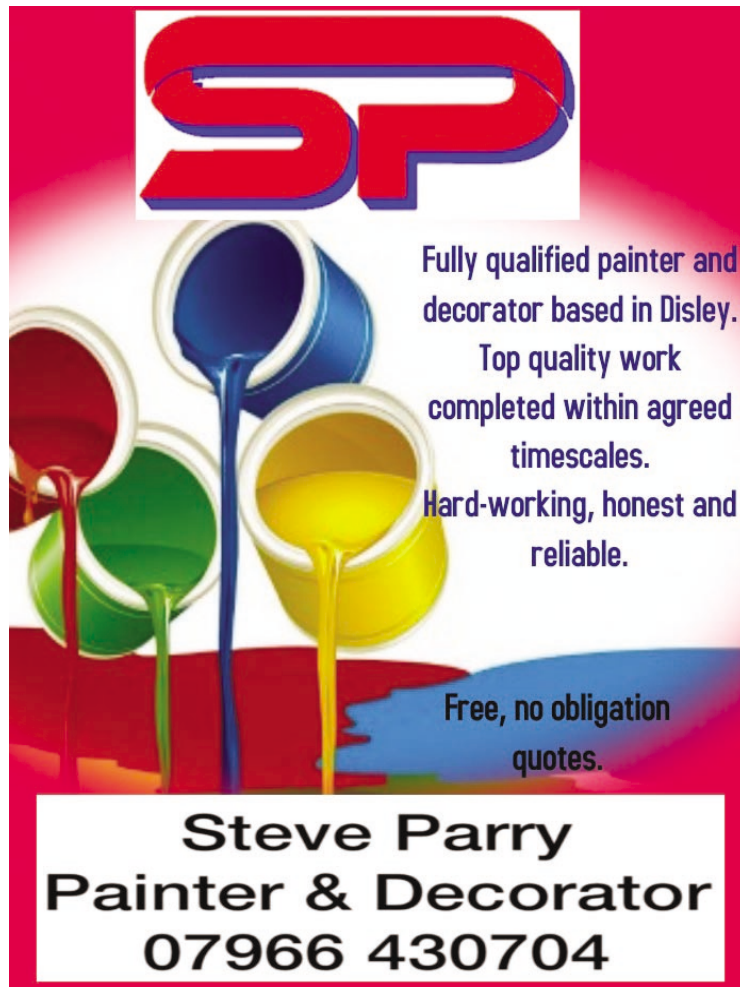
Church income is totally reliant on giving from the congregation, donations, fundraising and grants. The church will continue to seek the views of the community to inform how it can serve the community for the next century and beyond.

The oldest part of the church, the Tower, is 500 years old next year and its restoration presents another fund-raising challenge.

A Phase 1 Restoration Appeal has been launched to raise £200,000 for the restoration of the Tower and West End elevations. After this, a Phase 2 Appeal will be needed to address restoration of the remainder of the church structure.

Exciting fund-raising events to look out include:

- Christmas Tree Festival - St. Mary's Church - Saturday 2nd - 8th December 2023
- Disley Proms Event at St. Mary's Church - Saturday 6th April 2024
- St. Mary's Fete in St. Mary's Church grounds - Saturday 6th July 2024
- Ceilidh Night at Disley Golf Club - Saturday 12th October 2024



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Prost Disley!

Following the annual Disley Oktoberfest in September, the Malt Disley, White Horse and Dandy Cock would like to thank the good folk of Disley who, despite the miserable weather, turned out in force to support the German Beer Festival.

The bad weather was not going to rain on anyone's parade and great fun was had by all who attended.

Thanks go to the musicians who performed and kept everyone entertained all afternoon and into the early hours - Hayley Russell, Lee Perry, Howard & Dave, Julian Chadwick for his DJ set and of course, the incredible Hawk Green Brass Band with their 'fantastisch' Bierkeller set. Oktoberfest will return in September 2024 so keep your eyes peeled for more details nearer the time. "Thank you" again to all involved from Lauren, Di, Amy and Chris.



All "change" at Newtown Playing Fields

Disley Parish Council has been working hard over the past 12 months to improve the facilities available to residents at the Newtown Playing Fields. The Playing Fields are a bit of a hidden gem, tucked away behind the A6 in Newtown. The only indication is a discrete sign opposite the entrance to Peveril Gardens.

A new changing room facility has been installed, vastly improving both the look of the site and the amenities for, league-winning, Disley Football Club. The landscaping around the playground has been opened up to make it more welcoming and the area has been re-turfed for a more natural feel.

The Disley Rangers have installed a new picnic bench, cycle racks and rubbish bin to help modernise the play area. Many of the overgrown fields surrounding the football pitch have been cut back recently, as part of an on-going commitment to improve the biodiversity of the area.

The new benches installed last year in the top field offer fantastic views over the Goyt Valley to Hague Bar, New Mills and beyond. It is hoped to undertake some sympathetic tree planting in this area shortly, to reintroduce more native species.

It is definitely worth a visit to the Newtown Playing Fields to see the improvements for yourself and enjoy the peace and quiet... apart from on match days!

Could you be a trusted trustee?

The Thomas Ouff & Poor's Land Charity is an old charity regulated by a 1937 deed which was established to provide help to poor people in Disley Parish. In recent years, the charity only had a single asset which was a piece of land that did not produce an income meaning the charity was unable to provide any aid. The charity has recently sold the land and now has approximately £42,000 on deposit so the charity will be able to provide aid to the local community. The charity currently has two trustees who wish to appoint at least three additional trustees to assist them in developing and implementing a strategy for making grants in line with the original intentions of the trust deed. Any resident of the parish or people who carry on business in the parish who are interested in becoming a trustee can notify Disley Parish Council of their interest. Tel: 01663 762726.

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Churches Together in Disley this Christmas

There are Christmas celebrations at all the Churches and all are open to everyone – come and celebrate the hope that Christmas gives us: the birth of Jesus Christ – the Light of the World.

Sunday 3 December	St Mary's Christingle Service 4pm
Sunday 10 December	Disley Churches Family Christmas Carol Service, the Methodist Church 4pm with refreshments
Saturday 16 December	Christmas Coffee Morning at the Community Centre
Sunday 17 December	Carols by Candlelight, St Mary's 6.30pm
Christmas Eve	Carol Service, the Methodist Church 11am St Mary's Crib Service 4pm St Mary's Midnight Communion 11.15pm
Christmas Day	Christmas Celebration at the Baptist Church 10.30am Christmas Service at St Mary's 11am Christmas Day Mass at Sacred Heart, Whaley Bridge 10am

for more information call:

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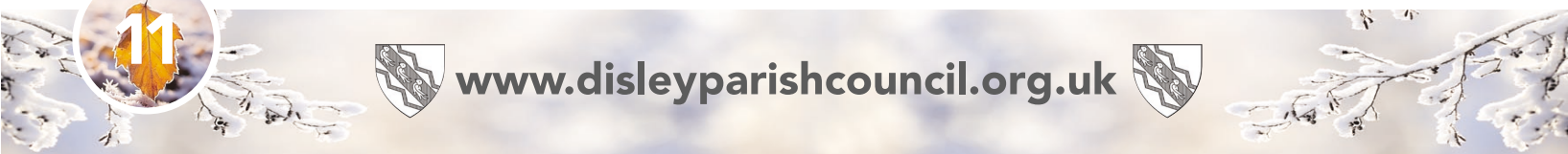
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Disley & Newtown's super "Stars"

2023 saw the launch of Disley Parish Council's new Community Star Awards and a brand new youth award, presented in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The awards acknowledge the extraordinary contributions made by Disley and Newtown residents to the lives of others in the local community.

Cllr. Simon Brownbill, Chair of Disley Parish Council, was delighted to present the awards at the Annual Civic Sunday event in October. All the recipients had been nominated by Disley and Newtown residents and Cllr. Brownbill thanked them all for their efforts on behalf of the village. Community Star Awards were awarded to:

- **Jane Ball** for her tireless work of many years as a volunteer with 1st Disley Beavers.
 - **Helen Boardman** for her dedication in looking out for the elderly in the community and being such a good neighbour to all.
 - **Lindsey Pollard** for her many acts of kindness including providing residents with transport, and helping with Cuppa an' a Chat, Good Neighbours and Community Speedwatch.
 - **Kevin Breegan** for litter picking, maintaining the Baptist Church gardens and making the Ram's Head bowling green such a beautiful space.
 - **Sarah Bunnage** for providing volunteer support to the children of Disley Primary School as well as being a School Governor and supporting her neighbours in the wider community.
- Cllr. Brownbill was particularly happy to present QEII Youth Awards to:
- **Isabelle Payne** and **Connie Dean** for volunteering with 1st Disley Beavers as Young Leaders. They are consistently helpful, cheerful and positive and are a real asset to the Scouting community and to the whole village.

A Letter of Commendation was also presented to:

- **Jackie Pringle of Slimming World Disley** for her dedicated support for people going through the physical and mental hardships of weight loss and helping them towards improved health and well-being.

On behalf of Disley and Newtown, we thank them all.

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