

Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish News

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Dementia Friendly Pledge

SPROTBROUGH & Cusworth is believed to be the first parish council in Doncaster to pledge to become dementia friendly.

Parish councillors have received dementia friends training - an awareness-raising initiative of the Alzheimer's Society. They will apply what they have learned to ensure that their policy and decision making always takes into account the impact on local people who have the disease and their carers.

The parish council is backing Sprotbrough's drive to become a Dementia Friendly Community, a campaign launched by St Mary's and other local churches at an all-day event at St Mary's church hall earlier this year.

Dementia is one of the biggest challenges facing the UK in the 21st century. Across Doncaster borough the aim is to have 3,000 people trained as dementia friends by the end of March 2015.

Marilyn Cockett and Janice Cutting from Sue Ryder, who provided dementia friends training for the parish councillors, host peer support groups at St Mary's Church Hall/The Stables on the first and third Tuesday of the month (1pm-3pm) for people who look after someone who has dementia.



Parish councillors with Marilyn and Janice from Sue Ryder.

Janice said: "Caring for someone with dementia can be a long, stressful, and intensely emotional journey. But you're not alone. In the UK, there are about 800,000 people living with dementia and millions of others around the world. As a caregiver you can make the biggest difference to your loved one's quality of life. That is a remarkable gift.

"However, caregiving can also become overwhelming. As your loved one's cognitive, physical, and functional abilities diminish over a period of years it's easy to neglect your own health and well-being. The burden of caregiving can put you at increased risk for significant health problems. You could experience depression, stress, and as a caregiver you may at some time experience sadness, anxiety, loneliness, and exhaustion.

"Seeking help and support along the way is not a luxury for caregivers, it's a necessity. However, there are strategies that can help make the caregiving journey as rewarding as it is challenging. Learning all you can about what is happening and what to expect on the dementia journey will not only help your loved one, but is also the first step towards protecting your own physical health.

"As the disease advances, your loved one's needs will increase and your caregiving responsibilities will become more challenging. At the same time, the ability of your loved one to show appreciation for all your hard work will diminish. Caregiving can literally seem like a thankless task. For many, though, a caregiver's long journey includes not only challenges, but also rewards. Just as each individual with dementia or Alzheimer's disease progresses differently, so too can the caregiving experience vary widely from person to person."

How you may benefit from the local support group:

- an opportunity to share information
- a chance to meet other people with dementia and their carers
- sharing experiences and resolutions to problems
- emotional and practical support
- information and sign posting about local services



The support group is also open to people who are concerned about their memory, but who have not yet had a formal diagnosis of dementia.

- If any local businesses or community groups would like dementia friends information sessions, please contact Janice or Marilyn at Sue Ryder on **01302 388077**. The sessions are free and last around 75 minutes.

Forget me not Café

CHURCHES Together in Sprotbrough, in partnership with Alzheimer's Society, are launching a new reminiscence-based meet-ups called Forget me not café. The first one - an afternoon tea dance - is set to take place on Tuesday 26 August, 2014 in St Mary's Church hall, 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

On the menu will be: afternoon tea, music and dancing, conversation, advice and support from Alzheimer's Society staff, and an opportunity to suggest future activities. Community transport can be booked.

Volunteers are needed to help out with making and serving refreshments and to make people feel welcome. For more information please contact Therese Paskell on **07967 345093**

Report of the Parish Council 2013/14

SPROTBROUGH and Cusworth parish council looks after assets worth over £1.4 million on behalf of local parishioners, said parish chair, coun Pat Haith, in her latest annual report. This includes community centres, play areas and sports changing facilities, she said.

Speaking at the annual meeting of electors at the Goldsmith Centre in June, coun Haith said the parish council serves a population of just under 12,500 residents. The 17 elected parish councillors, who are called 'members', represent different areas of the parish, called wards.

Coun Haith told the meeting that the parish council had not increased the parish rate for the 2013/14 financial year. A precept of £157,728 was levied, the same as the previous year, with some £12,500 being spent on the parish council's contribution to the upkeep of Scawsby Community Centre.

The skatepark on Anchorage Lane continued to be an extremely popular facility for a variety of wheeled sports and is regularly used by young people from both within the parish and further afield, she added.

The Goldsmith Centre is in daily use, said coun Haith, and used by a wide range of community groups and activities, ranging from mother and toddler to senior citizen sessions. Age UK hire the building on Wednesdays, providing transport, a cooked lunch and social activities for residents. The Centre is also a base for the local Methodist church and also plays host to many children's parties, with the adjoining external play area also being used.

The Goldsmith Centre committee room is used on a frequent basis for meetings and functions, including a painting class who produce work of a very high standard, and Sprotbrough Ladies' Circle who make a range of craftwork to raise funds for several charities.

Turning to local planning matters, coun Haith said the parish council discharges its role as a statutory consultee of Doncaster Council's Development Control Committee by monitoring, evaluating and commenting on the appropriateness of all planning applications that fall within the parish and by supporting parishioners' views and comments as appropriate. As part of this work parish councillors sometimes attend Doncaster Council's Planning Committee and take part in site visits.

Coun Haith said the parish council were pleased to have welcomed the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Shaun Wright to a meeting in February 2014.

She said that councillors have begun to focus on projects which have been identified from a long-term target list that includes conservation matters, amenity and community facilities. Discussions had begun with Doncaster Council on planned improvements to local footpaths and work has started on gathering evidence to support an application for heritage listing of Keeper's Cottage in Cusworth Park, she added.

In the 12 months to the end of March 2014, the parish council granted £500 in donations to local community groups and



Coun Pat Haith, who is also this year's Doncaster Civic Mayor.

good causes, said coun Haith. And as part of the continuous programme of upgrading and maintaining the parish council's assets, a new energy efficient boiler was installed at the Newlands Sports Pavilion at a cost of £3,200.

Fit to go...

PLANS to create an outdoor gym and running area in the parish are progressing at a pace.

In the last edition of Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish News we reported on the proposal to develop the exercise area on land the parish council owns at Newlands Park, Cusworth.

Since then parish councillors have set up a working group to take the project forward and have met with officers from Doncaster Council who can provide advice and support. As this newsletter went to press a further site meeting was due to take place.

The parish councillors are currently agreeing a budget for the scheme ahead of seeking any potential external grant funding.

The scheme centres on installing robust outdoor exercise equipment at Newlands Park, similar to Carcroft's North Park Lane Outdoor Fitness Trail, which was created over six years ago and is well used and looked after by the local community.

Coun Malcolm Wood, a member of the working group, said: "The aim is to develop the first stage of the fitness trail and equipment at Newlands Park with a view to linking up the facility to a further development at the Anchorage Lane playing field in the future."

Councillors are keen to involve local people in developing the scheme. If you are interested please contact the parish council office on **01302 788093**.

We will keep you updated on progress in future editions of Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish News.

ON THE LOCAL BEAT

SPROTBROUGH and Cusworth's new Police Community Support Officer is **Drew Crossley** (pictured) - a member of the Doncaster North East Safer Neighbourhood Team, based at the new Adwick Police Station at Red House, Doncaster.

Drew can be contacted by ringing **101**

South Yorkshire Police's number for reporting non-emergency crime issues. In an emergency always ring **999**



SPROTROUGH COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPDATE

By Lyndon Walters, chairman of the management committee

THE community library on Sprotbrough Road has now been running very successfully for over two years, staffed and managed entirely by local volunteers. Every week we typically need 50 volunteers to keep the library open and to keep it in tip-top condition.

We have an excellent team of regular volunteers and new ones are always welcome. In addition to the counter staff, we have a cleaning team and we would particularly welcome new helpers to this team. If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer please contact us.

A key part of the library's on-going success has been the range of community events and courses that are now on offer, including practical philosophy, French conversation, baby massage, reading and activities for 0-5 year olds, local history, family history, and beginners classes for computers and iPads. We have computers with internet access, an excellent photocopier, and a fax machine and we now sell postage stamps. There is a meeting room and a small office available for hire, plus an excellent display area for exhibitions.

Neighbourhood police are now holding regular drop-in sessions on Monday evenings 6.30 - 7.30pm and the next one will be on 18th August.

William Russell, who has done a very good job of running the French conversation group is not able to continue with this, and so we are looking for someone to take over this role. Also, there is interest in Beginners' French and other languages. Please let us know if you are able to help.

The Friends of Sprotbrough Library (FoSL) have organised regular coffee mornings, which have been very well attended, and which have raised funds for the library and for local charities.

SCAWTHORPE LIBRARY NEEDS HELP

SCAWTHORPE Library has reached a new phase but they need local people's help.

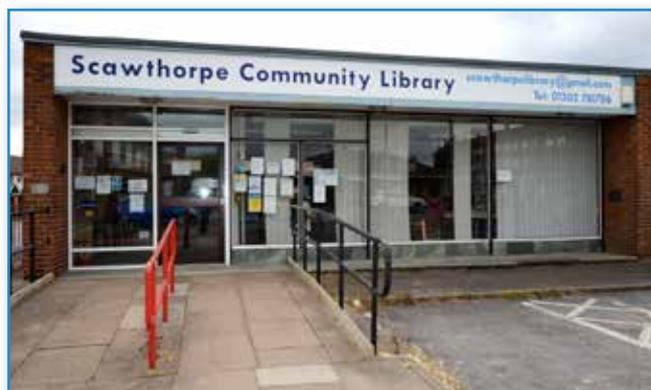
The building is being upgraded and a partnership is being formed with local pharmacy chain, Weldricks. But more volunteers are needed to keep the library and management committee running. So if you live nearby and could spare a bit of time to help out, please contact the library on 01302 781786 or ring parish councillor Stephen Platt on **01302 782928**.



We will be holding Dementia Awareness sessions (1hr 30 mins approx) in the next few months in the building. These interesting, informative and fun sessions are for anyone to attend because any one of us may find ourselves in contact with someone who has dementia or cares for someone with dementia. Please look out for these sessions or get in touch with us to book a place.

Please use your library. Contact details: Tel: 01302 782436. Email: enquiries.scll@gmail.com

- In 2012, Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council awarded a grant of £2,500 to help the volunteers manage and develop the library and fund any training needs. Councillors continue to provide advice and support.



PATHS REQUEST

A PARISH councillor has been pressing Doncaster Council to adopt a number of local public rights of way.

Coun Malcolm Wood has identified five footpaths that he would like to see adopted so they can be regularly maintained, cleared and signposted. They are:

- Newlands Park to the Trans Pennine Trail
- Wheatley Hills rugby club ground to York Road
- Ivanhoe Way bus stop to York Road Industrial Estate
- Fernlea Close to the Trans Pennine Trail
- Newlands Drive to the Trans Pennine Trail

Doncaster Council footpaths officers have indicated that three of the paths will probably be adopted and the remaining two will be investigated further. Update in the next issue.

Tree planting at Newlands

THE Woodland Trust has donated more than 60 cherry, oak and willow trees to the parish council, which have been planted at Newlands Park. Sadly, some of those planted near the pavilion have been ripped out by vandals.

Sign up to keep it clean

A NEW 'clean up after your pets' sign, funded by the parish council, has been fixed to a gate at the entrance to Newlands Park, reminding dog owners that children play on the fields.

Sprotbrough is one of the cleanest areas in Doncaster when it comes to dog fouling. Last year 1,008 complaints were made to Doncaster Council's environmental health officers over owners failing to clean up animal faeces. Sprotbrough had 24 complaints but the worst in the borough was Central Ward with 93.



Head to head at the fun run

FLEET-FOOTED Jim Munro won this year's Sprotbrough 6.5 km fun run for the second year on the trot, shaving 29 seconds off his last year's time.

Jim, from Sprotbrough, crossed the finishing line in 23 minutes 22 seconds, followed by 153 runners, the last one completing the course in 64 minutes 26 seconds.

It was a closely fought race, with Billy Amps setting the pace for the first half before Jim got into his stride and took over. Billy battled bravely back as the tape was in sight but didn't have quite enough in reserve, finishing in second place, 25 seconds behind Jim, in 23 mins 47 secs.

The fun run is a key fund-raising element of the 67th Doncaster (Sprotbrough) Scouts' annual family gala, which takes place on the parish council's New Lane playing field. This year - the Group's 100th anniversary - the fine weather helped draw the crowds and organisers were hoping to make a profit of around £5,000 for Scout funds after the costs for staging the day have been deducted.

New parish council vice chair, coun Judith Rodgers, presented trophies to the winners of the various age categories and other designations.

The 67th Doncaster scouts' are one of the longest running in the area. Their history can be traced back to 1914 when the 1st Sprotbrough Scout Group was registered by Lady Bewick-Copley of the then Sprotbrough Hall.



Coun Rodgers presents the Parish Council Cup to Janet Graves and Jo Finlay on behalf of Lorraine Bonsall, treasurer of the Scout supporters group.

Waterborne tribute

TWO Sprotbrough men have paid their own tribute to British commandos who took part in one of the most daring raids of World War 2.

Step-brothers Andrew Morrison and Wayne Goddard paddled a specially made version of one of the canoes immortalised by the Cockleshell Heroes on an eight mile trip along the River Don on a charity fund-raising mission.

The pair paddled 15' long 'cockle' Catfish from Mexborough to the Boat Inn dressed in Royal Marines uniforms of the time. Wayne, 48, an NHS manager hit on the idea of making the journey to raise money for the Doncaster Branch of the Alzheimer's Society, which supports local dementia services.

Andrew, 53, who runs an engraving business in Doncaster spent a year painstakingly researching and building the canoe from plywood, oak and canvas, creating what is believed to be the first exact replica of a cockle to be built for over 70 years, topping it off with a compass from a Spitfire plane.

He said: "Weighing 84lbs, the cockle was a collapsible canoe, designed to fold down to a depth of just 6.5" so it could be loaded onto a submarine. There are a handful of cockles around but as far as I'm aware there is only one that floats, others are in museums, but mine is a real working model."

The Cockleshell Heroes story took place in 1942 when 13 specially selected marines signed up for Operation Frankton, a mission to attack enemy ships moored in the occupied port of Bordeaux in France. The Germans had a fleet of ships that were bringing essential materials for the war effort, such as oils and rubber, from the Far East. Ten marines were dropped off by the Royal Navy submarine HMS Tuna near the mouth of the Gironne river in five collapsible two-man canoes. Only four men made it the 70 miles to the port - canoeing for four nights and resting during daytime - where they fixed limpet mines on ships' hulls, badly damaging five of them.



Andrew & Wayne

TRACK IT ONLINE

SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Shaun Wright, has launched a new initiative in the Doncaster area called TrackMyCrime. The online service enables victims of crime to log-on and receive real-time updates from named officers on how the investigation into their crime is progressing.

Commissioner Wright said: "This is an important investment to help South Yorkshire Police further improve the service that police officers are able to provide to victims of crime." TrackMyCrime is available to every victim of crime in South Yorkshire.

Please go to <https://syp.trackmycrime.police.uk/> for more information and the log-in details.

Changes at the Parish Council

TWO new members have joined the parish council since our last newsletter.

Solicitor Tony Rawlings, from Cusworth, now represents Stadium Ward and Kevin Rodgers, who works for Ed Miliband's constituency office and is also a Great North Road ward councillor, represents East Ward.

They have taken over the seats vacated by Trevor Ashman and Peter Millar respectively.

There have also been changes within the structure of the parish council. Judith Rodgers has taken over as vice chair, the post previously held by coun Malcolm Wood, who has stood down to allow younger members to take up the reins.

Mrs Rodgers, who works in the finance department of a rail freight company, has lived in the area for seven years and is married to fellow parish councillor, Kevin. In addition to being vice chair, she represents the parish council on the Scawsby Community Centre Management Committee.

Also, congratulations also to parish councillor Alan Smith on securing a seat on Doncaster Council's Sprotbrough Ward at the May elections.



Kevin Rodgers



Tony Rawlings



Judith Rodgers

BRIDGE DISRUPTION

Due to proposed work on Sprotbrough River Bridge, disruption is likely to take place on the road leading into and out of Sprotbrough.

Dates are yet to be finalised, but the work is likely to begin in September and last approximately 12 weeks. There will be periods when the bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic and a signed diversion route will be in place. The closures are, however, likely to be kept to a minimum.

During this time motorised traffic will be managed via a two-way traffic light system. For non motorised users the footpath on the east side of the bridge will be unavailable due to work taking place. An alternative temporary access route over the bridge for pedestrians and dismantled cyclists will be provided if safe to do so.

What's on at your local community centre?

THERE'S a lot happening at the parish councils' run Goldsmith Centre and Scawsby Community Centre. Have a look and if you see something you're interested in, contact the organiser:

Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road, Scawsby

Monday

Playgroup	8.30am - 12.15pm	Lesley Broadbent / Lynn Tijanac... 01302 782933
Streetbeat	4.30pm - 6.30pm	Ayisha Simpson / Kim Oakley 01302 515409
Dance Fitness Mix	6.45pm - 8.15pm	Yvonne Parker 01302 782406

Tuesday

Playgroup	8.30am - 12.15pm	Lesley Broadbent / Lynn Tijanac... 01302 782933
Get Together	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Joyce Harris..... 01302 784495
Scawsby Wives	7.30pm - 9.30pm (fortnightly)	Margaret Wilson 01302 784646.. Ann Doyle 01302 781308

Wednesday

Playgroup	8.30am - 12.15pm	Lesley Broadbent / Lynn Tijanac... 01302 782933
Yoga	6.30pm - 8pm	Angela Severn 01302 724613
Winemakers Club	7.30pm - 10.30pm (2nd Wed)	Ruby Fawcett..... 01709 881399
Craft Group	7pm - 9pm (3rd Wed)	Paula Walters..... 01302 810608

Thursday

Mums & Tots	8.30am - 12.15pm	Lesley Broadbent / Lynn Tijanac... 01302 782933
Senior Citizens	12.30pm - 3.45pm	Elsie Garth..... 01302 785304
Scawsby W. I.	1pm - 3.30pm (2nd Thur)	Ann Vickers 01302 781992..... Margaret Cooper 01302 872027
Brownies	6pm - 7.30pm (term time only)	Katie Ford 07581 245862

Friday

Playgroup	8.30am - 12.15pm	Lesley Broadbent / Lynn Tijanac... 01302 782933
Tae Kwon Do	6pm - 8pm	Peter Southall 01302 711573
Photography Training	6pm - 8pm	Matt Ashurst..... 07722 247027

Saturday

Drama	9am - 12.30pm 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Katie Adams 07816 484360..... Sarah Thomas 07919 178784
Dancing	6pm - 11.59pm (2nd Sat)	Ian Sadler 01302 311636..... 07752579791

The Goldsmith Centre, Sprotbrough Road, Sprotbrough

Tuesday

Playgroup	8.30am - 11.30am	Mrs Kirvan..... 01302 780654
Tuesday Club	1.30pm - 4pm	Mrs Kirvan..... 01302 780654
Family Fitness	6pm - 7.30pm	Mrs Kirkham..... 07766 164919
Painting Group	1.55pm - 4pm	Mrs Kelly 01302 783070
Methodist Church	7.30pm - 9pm	Rev Stevens..... 01302 852069

Wednesday

Zumba Keep fit	8pm - 9pm	Mrs Brooke..... 07757 758274
Tae Kwon Do	6pm - 7pm	Mrs Hook..... 07742 479273
Age UK Doncaster	9.30am - 3.30pm	Anne Smith 01302 812345
Methodist Church	10.30am - 12 noon	Rev Stevens..... 01302 852069

Thursday

Playgroup	8.30am - 11.30am	Gemma Howarth 01302 800760
Baby Clinic	9am - 10.45am	Jannette Stott..... 01302 821053
Thursday Club	1.30am - 4pm	Mrs Fryer..... 01302 783974
Dancing Class	4.45pm - 8.45pm	Mrs Hall 01302 710889
Ladies Circle	7.15pm - 9.30pm	Mrs Farouqi..... 01302 391480

Friday

Tea Dance	1pm - 4pm	Mr Duffield 01302 831962
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Saturday

Dancing Class	9am - 4pm	Mrs Hall 01302 710889
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Sunday

Methodist Church	10am - 12 noon	Rev Stevens..... 01302 852069
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COMPLAINTS about late night noise on the New Lane Playing Field have reduced dramatically since councillors introduced a 9pm curfew for using the play equipment.

OTTO's proving popular

SPROTBROUGH residents have been toasting the village's new wine bar, which is proving popular at all times of the day.

Otto, which is the number eight in Italian, was launched in May after owners Richard Davies - pictured centre - and Danny Munro saw their plans given the green light by Doncaster Council. The parish council were consulted on the application and made no observations.

As well as offering a new place for local people to socialise, Otto has also created eight new jobs and provided work for local contractors and produce suppliers.

Otto is open 9am - 11pm daily on Main Street.



WHO'S WHO ON YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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VOLUNTEERING

Unemployed?
Just retired?
Looking for something to do?
Want to ensure the Don Gorge remains unspoiled?
Want to have a say in the future of the Don Gorge?

You can do this by getting involved with the Don Gorge Community Group

Our Conservation Volunteers meet at the landing stage at Lower Sprotbrough once a fortnight on a Tuesday between 10am and 3.30pm and work with the Canal & River Trust, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Doncaster MBC

Our committee meets once a month at the Martinwells Centre, Edlington, and there is still room on it for anyone willing and able to contribute.

For further details, contact
Liz Reeve, Secretary,
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Terry's in the box

SPROTBROUGH artist Terry Chipp has been thinking inside the box for his latest series of paintings. Box set is a collection of 14 paintings made through his involvement with Doncaster's new performance venue, Cast. Actors, writers, musicians, dancers - and even Terry himself - have been persuaded to climb into the box and be immortalised in acrylic on canvas. Many of the figures are painted 'life size' as they emerge from the shadows and sometimes, even the box.



See Terry's work at Brevon Art Gallery, 6, Bass Terrace, Thorne Road, Doncaster, DN1 2HZ or www.terrychipp.co.uk

NEW HEAD

RIDGEWOOD'S new headteacher, Maggie Dunn, joins the school from The Mirfield Free Grammar and Sixth Form where she has worked for the past 16 years, latterly as deputy head. Mirfield was judged outstanding at its past two Ofsted inspections. She has also worked with All Saints Catholic College in Huddersfield and spent the past year as acting head at Colne Valley High School as part of the support provided for it from The Mirfield Free Grammar.

Maggie - who replaces Chris Hoyle at Ridgewood - came to live in the north of England initially to study music in Manchester and has worked in a number of schools in Yorkshire and Cornwall.



Public welcome

SPROTBROUGH & Cusworth Parish Council meet on the third Thursday of the month at The Goldsmith Centre, with the exception of March and September, when the meeting is held at Scawsby Community Centre. No meeting is held in August. For more information visit : www.sc-pc.co.uk