

What a year 2012 has been for Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band!



Ryedale Junior Band Master Class

A message from the band:

The Senior Band has enjoyed performing at competitions, several high profile concerts and has worked hard to develop new repertoires.

In October the training sections, along with brass players from the Ryedale area, attended a master class given by 2 members of the Hallé Orchestra—the day ending in a concert by all players. Also in October the Senior Band played at the ‘Blessing of the Hounds’ service at Welburn, which raised approximately £5000 for ‘Help for Heroes’.

The newly formed Community Band, has been playing for 9 months and has developed into a brass band.

They are a group of 17 previously non-brass instrument players of all ages with a desire to make music. Just now we have no spare instruments but if you are an ex-brass player and have an instrument tucked away, why not come along and join us? We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 8pm–9.30pm.

The Community Band’s first performance was at the master class and they are looking forward to playing at the **Juniors Christmas Concert, Sunday 9th December from 2pm at the British Legion.** We hope to see you all whilst Christmas Carolling and at our annual **Christmas Concert at the**

Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Sunday 16th December. This will be one of the first opportunities to see us in our new uniforms, purchased thanks to the exceptional support of a local charitable foundation. Entry to the above Concerts is free with Retiring Collections for Charity and the Training Bands. Why not join us and the Primary School for some **Carol singing around the Christmas tree, from 6.30 on Saturday 22nd December?**

We hope to see you at one of our 2013 concerts A ‘must see concert’ will be the Massed Bands featuring all 90 musicians, juniors, and learners, young and not-so young who play under the umbrella of ‘Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band’.

We will be practising for the National Brass Band Area finals in March. We are so proud to represent the Town on that prestigious stage; It is thanks to you and your unwavering support that we continue to flourish and are able to teach so many people to play and to contest at this high level.

On behalf of the Band we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Cycling

Sportsfield Entrance Cycle Track

A group of local people are working with the national sustainable transport charity, to create a short section of cycle/footpath from the bottom of Old Road, across the Sportsfield entrance to

the start of the Keldholme Road. It would be part of the National Cycle Network, which includes over 16,000 miles of quiet roads and cycle tracks. Nearly £2000 has been raised towards this

project, and we need more supporters. If you would like to help please contact **Helen Gundry on 07960 160130 e-mail helenspost@hotmail.co.uk**

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Albania

In 1987 I went to Albania on a heavily supervised weekend tour . . .

Albania has leapt forward more than a century in the last 20 years. I was delighted to see Eco-bikes in Tirana!

When I got there I was amazed to find that in a country with a population of only 3 million, there were 27 music schools, a Conservatoire, an Opera Company, a Ballet Company and seven symphony orchestras. The standard of performance and scholarship was extremely high.

By various means I managed to get invited back to find out more. I did some BBC broadcasts and wrote a book about what I had found.

When the communist regime fell in 1991 there was chaos for a while, and musical life came to a stop. This seemed such a terrible loss that, together with a couple of friends, I founded The Albanian Musicians' Trust. We did as much as we could to help students and professional musicians over the next 15 years until the country had found its feet. The Trust was wound up in 2006 with a concert in Helmsley, given by two of Albanian musicians.

I visited most years from 1988 onwards to see friends and make notes of requests and needs, and last visited in 2002. I've kept in touch with key people and this year I couldn't bear it any longer and went back for a week. It was wonderful to meet up with all the old gang – much hugging, cups of lethal coffee and exotic meals.

I knew they were cooking something up, but wasn't prepared for the ceremony at the University of Arts on Monday 5th November. About 50 of my musician friends turned up and I was given a beautifully inscribed document and a sort of 'Oscar' in recognition of services to Albanian music. I was completely bowled over. Apparently they've given this award before, but never to a foreigner.

'Albania - the Search for the Eagle's Song' by June Emerson, is published by Emerson Edition Ltd.

June Emerson November 2012

Kirkbymoorside & District Energy Society

First solar panels

Our first solar panels are already generating electricity on the roof of The Green Building, owned by KMS Pre-school and Kids Club, who will get some free day-time electricity. The Government Feed in Tarrif (FITs) will be used to pay the local investors who paid for these panels at 3-4% per year. The

A little about allotments...

There I was, a fairly merry widow with nice tidy warm indoor hobbies, when I met Husband No 2. His hobbies were much more earthy. When he came to live with me in Kirkbymoorside, giving up his house and (more importantly) garden, the arrangement included taking on an allotment, which we would share, and he would teach me to be a constant gardener. Fine, I thought, picturing myself in a floaty frock and big straw hat, with a trug over my arm, picking beans for dinner in the late afternoon sunshine. How hard can it be?

The answer is very. Or sometimes very very. There are days when the north wind howls down the Gillamoor Road, the plot has more mud than the Hippopotamus song, and none of it is glorious. Your fingers and toes freeze, of course, but so do bits of you that you didn't know could freeze. Your Christmas dinner is buried under the snow, the frost has decimated your tender greens, and even the workhouse cat stays indoors. I'm not sure if these days are better or worse than the ones where you are hot and sweaty, covered in dust, and eaten by flying creatures with a two foot wingspan and jaws to match, while your tender greens wilt for lack of water. In between there are long periods of back breaking planting and weeding, hoeing and fertilising, mowing and chopping, and building cages to protect your tender greens from slugs, snails, caterpillars, mice, rabbits and pigeons, not to mention black fly, green fly and (for all I know) purple striped fly. The floaty frock is still in the wardrobe

So why am I still doing it, several years on?? Bizarrely, I enjoy it! It's a more interesting form of exercise than going to the gym, and cheaper too. Why weeding should be more satisfying than Hoovering I don't understand, but it is. You know where your food has come from, what nasties have (or haven't) been sprayed on it, and how long it is since it left the ground, bush or tree. And it tastes! No more of those Dutch tomatoes that look lovely but are just bags of water, no more pretty pink carrots that don't flavour a cake, no more frozen peas. Is that what celery really tastes like? Worth a few broken finger nails.

If you feel like giving it a go, the annual rental is only £20.00 and although there is a waiting list at the moment, there is regular turnover. A board on the site in Gillamoor Road tells you whom to contact. Or you can just follow the on-going exploits of Allotment Woman on the town blog, at www.kirkbymoorside.info

Directors are volunteers and the aims are to increase the energy independence for Kirkbymoorside and district, to increase access to free day time electricity, to make available a modest local investment opportunity, and to reduce the carbon footprint of the town. We would like more potential investors and more potential roofs.

Please contact Helen Gundry for more information on 07960 160130 or email kirkbymoorside&districtenergysocietyltd@hotmail.co.uk



Kirkbymoorside Town Council

The Town Council joined the team at Church House in June this year and a member of the Town Council staff is based there every Wednesday, working alongside District Council staff and assisting with library services.

Our agreement with the County Council means you can now access Town Council services at Church House during library opening hours as well as from 9.15 to 11.15 each Tuesday at the Town Council Office.

Surgeries

The Council is trying out an alternative approach to 'surgeries'. Appointments may be made with councillors on Thursdays evenings from 7pm to 8pm in Church House. Please contact the office or the Library to arrange an appointment. You can, of course, approach individual council members at any time on local matters.

The Library

At the end of March 2013 Ryedale District Council staff will no longer be working in the Library on Wednesdays. Volunteers are needed so that we can continue to open the library for 5 days a week. If you have 2 to 3 hours a month to spare and would like to become a library volunteer then please give your name and contact details to a member of staff at the library, the Town Council Office or telephone or email the Town Clerk.

Town Guide

A new Town Guide will be available soon with details of public services in the town and other useful information. There will be a link to the publication on the Council website and copies will be available free of charge from the Library and the Town Council Office.

Old Library

Refurbishment work at the old library has taken much longer than expected but the building will be available for use in the New Year. We hope that it will become a useful space for as many local groups as possible. The Council has agreed that it may be used free of charge for six months. Please contact the Council if you would like more details.

Library volunteers

To find out more about volunteering at the Library please come along on Jan 19 from 10 till 2, or, Jan 23 from 9.00 till 12.30.

Community Award

Each year the council makes an annual award to a Kirkbymoorside citizen who has made an outstanding contribution to the community. Nominations forms are available from the office or Library. The closing date is 31 January 2013.

Grants

The Council has a grant fund and can award money to projects that benefit the town. For more information and an application form, please visit the Council website, the office or ask at the Library.

Budget 2013/14

The Council continues to prioritise those areas that give direct benefit to the town, and is increasing its budget for grants to local groups from £9000 to £10,000. More money will be available to maintain the old library as it comes into use for community purposes. Other services are being maintained or slightly increased, while overhead costs continue to be scrutinised. The overall tax charge will be reduced by £500 next year, to make 3 years of continual reductions.

Ash dieback disease

The Council has asked the County Council for advice on this matter. The Forestry Commission website has information about how to restrict the spread of the disease. Their helpline number is 08458 33 55 77 (open 8am – 6pm every day) <mailto:plant.health@forestry.gsi.gov.uk>

Council Members

Earlier this year there were two vacancies on the Council and a group of electors asked for them to be filled by election rather than co-option. In the event, two candidates were nominated, Paul Brewster and David Turlington, so both were appointed without the need for a poll and we welcomed them to the Council in June.

Contacting the Town Council:

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Advent and Christmas are all about new beginnings

Advent and Christmas are all about new beginnings. Traditionally, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day are known as Advent Sundays – days of waiting and of preparation.

Sadly in our culture nowadays, we cannot wait for Christmas it seems. Adverts telling us all that we ‘must have’ appear earlier and earlier each year.

The Christian faith understands Christmas to be time of celebration as we give thanks for God coming into the world. As a new born baby, God wasn’t particularly easy to recognise however, and in many ways he still isn’t. For many of us, it continues to be really hard to see God anywhere in the world around us, especially in the commercialism of Christmas.

As we shop and wrap, as we write our cards and jostle in queues, let us remember those around us for whom Christmas is a sad and difficult time.

For all of us, old or young, the message of Christmas remains one of hope – the hope of new beginnings. God is present and active in our world. His love continues to speak to us in so many ways, and through so many people, and the story of God’s coming into the world at Christmas is still worth telling.

A Blessed Christmas to you all,

Mark, Priest in Charge, All Saints’, Kirkbymoorside.

History Group Kirkby calendar



Cover of the new calendar

The Kirkbymoorside History Group has had a busy year. We are looking for somewhere to base ourselves to give access to our archive, so if anyone has any ideas please let us know. The Church House Library has put up display boards which allow us space to display photographs and information about our group.

The first Kirkbymoorside Calendar is now on sale featuring a series of paintings by Thomas Jennings, (son of the station master of

Kirkby) showing our town and the nearby villages in the early 1900s. Look out as well for the historic Christmas cards and bookmarks of Kirkby in the snow.

We are also working with the grand daughter of John H Dobson, one time station master at Kirkby, who is publishing a book on his life and stories. He wrote these stories about a fictional character ‘Goldbraid’ to tell of the hilarious events and characters he came across during his time here. The book will also include the many poems he wrote about people in the town.

If anyone has any ideas for other projects we can assist with— please contact us at kmshistory@btinternet.com or call 432064/431272

Ryedale Walking Group

The group walks at weekends all year round, both locally and throughout Yorkshire. Most walks are 5–12 miles long. It also organises short walking breaks for members. For details see the programme on the website at www.ryedalewalkinggroup.btck.co.uk

Programme of walks in the coming months:-

- Saturday 15th Dec:** Lockton, Crossdale & Levisham (5.5 miles – easy)
- Tuesday 1st Jan:** Keldhead, Crook Lane & Shop Lane, Pickering (5.2 miles)
- Saturday 5th Jan:** East of Lockton (7 miles)
- Sunday 20 Jan:** Hovingham, Cawton & Stonegrave (7 miles)
- Saturday 2nd Feb:** Local walk (mileage TBA)
- Sunday 17 Feb:** South of Hovingham (mileage TBA)

For full details please either email: phil@yorkshirewalker.co.uk or tel: 01751 476380 or 01751 432868

For your diary

December

- 16 **Brass Band Carol Concert** Memorial Hall 7.30pm
Methodist Church Christmas Folk and Faith 7.00pm
- 17 **Town Council meeting** Church House 7.30pm
- 20 **Journey to Bethlehem** starting at Post Office 6.15pm
- 21 **Nine Lessons and Carols** All Saints Church 6.30pm
- 23 **Meeting for Worship** Friends Meeting House 10.30am
Carol Service Methodist Church 10.30 am
- 24 **Crib Service** All Saints’ Church 5.00pm
Carols St Chad’s Church 7.30pm **Mass** 8.00pm
Midnight Communion All Saints’ Church 11.30pm (Carols from 11pm)
Midnight Communion Methodist Church 11.30pm
- 25 **Holy Communion** All Saints’ Church 8.00am
Christmas Day Celebration Methodist Church 10.00am
Parish Eucharist All Saints’ Church 10.15am
Mass of Christmas day St Chad’s Church 10.30
- 30 **Meeting for Worship** Friends Meeting House 10.30am

January

- 20 **Highlights of the Harrison collection** Ryedale Folk Museum (till 31 March)
- 21 **Town Council Meeting** Church House 7.30pm
- 28 **Kirkbymoorside Environment Group Meeting** The Dugout 7.30pm
- 30 **Parish Eucharist** All Saints’ Church 10.15am

February

- 18 **Town Council Meeting** Church House 7.30pm
- 23 **Brass en Masse** KMS Town Brass Band (venue to be confirmed)
- 25 **Kirkbymoorside Environment Group Meeting** The Dugout 7.30pm