

Christmas Tree Scheme

Kirkbymoorside is very traditional when it comes to its Christmas decorations which is in keeping with a country market town. This is down to the efforts of volunteers involved with the Christmas tree scheme which was started over 30 years ago by Pam Towler at the chemist. The brackets were designed and made at the Forge (now Star Fast Food) by Mike Hammond and Richard Harrison. After the Forge closed brackets were made by Gerry McMahon and Bob Ibbotsen.

Initially the scheme was aimed at shops and businesses along the main streets leading into the Market Place. Gradually numbers increased and now you will notice brackets on many buildings throughout the town. The scheme has grown so much over the years that it is not possible to accept any additional people onto the scheme this year.



The scheme has succeeded thanks to very many volunteers. Doug Taylor, Dave Turnbull and their team of friends and family have been involved since the scheme began. Now a new generation of big hearted individuals willing to give up their time to make Christmas in the town more festive have stepped up. This team includes Mark Robinson, Paul Featherstone, Anthony

Barnet, Darren Collier, Shane Johnson, Doug Taylor, Phil Ward, Sid Brackley, and Phil Gospel.

For many years the trees were ordered and collected from Towlers but in recent years Rita Gibson, helped by Stephen Helm, has provided the storage and collection is from Rita's home on Piercy End. Last year Katherine Gold helped to distribute the forms and visit all the businesses concerned.

Collection of the money and orders for the trees in the last few years has been at the Penny Bank Café and most recently at Past to Presents and we are grateful for their help.

For those of you who are already on the scheme please be reminded that your trees will be available for collection from Rita on Thursday 26th November. It would be fantastic if you could have your trees decorated and mounted in time for the Christmas light switch on at 4.00pm on Saturday 28th November. As it is a town scheme we would appreciate if the lights are all the same, small multi-coloured lights which can be obtained from Stricklands and West End DIY.

Pam Towler would like to thank everyone who has helped and participated in the scheme over the years and wish everyone a Happy Christmas.



THE Moorsider

Christmas Market in Kirkbymoorside — Saturday 28th November



The Kirkbymoorside Band playing Christmas carols in the Market Place last year

This year the Christmas Market will be held on Saturday 28th November with over 30 food and craft stalls on the cobbles of the Market Place and in the Memorial Hall. In The Moorside Room there will be an exhibition by RJB Photographic entitled 'Northern Light'.

Parking in the Town Farm Car Park will be free of charge, courtesy of Kirkbymoorside Town Council. Please be aware that you must display a voucher, which will be available from the Post Office and the Library from Friday 27th November. If a voucher is not available you will need to pay the concessionary day rate of £1.50.

The day will start with children's craft activities in the Library at 10.30am, using materials kindly supplied by the Town Council and the event will be organised and run by library staff members Helen and Sue.

The Market starts at 11am to the opening bars of the Kirkbymoorside Brass Band's Christmas Rendition. Santa's Grotto will be open from 12 to 2pm.

Throughout the day there will be the opportunity to join in the Christmas Treasure Hunt. Collect an entry form from Stricklands, West End DIY, Something Special or Busy Liz's, and find each of the snowmen hidden in the shop windows, noting the colour of their hat and scarf. Your entries will need to be posted in the Treasure Chest, in the Moorside Room, no later than 2.30pm.

Build up to the Christmas Light Switch-on will start at 2pm with Vale Radio 'The Voice of the Vale' providing entertainment from the Town Christmas Tree, outside the Spar.

At 3pm the winners of the Best Dressed Shop Window, Treasure

Hunt and Fancy Dress competitions will be announced and prizes will include:

Family Santa's Sleigh experience @ the Farmer's Cart

NYMR Steam Railway 2016 Family Travel Voucher

Four passes to The Mouseman, Kilburn

Castle Howard Christmas Family Pass

Join us at 3.15pm for Carols round the tree accompanied by members of the Sarah Louise Ashworth School of Dance, Helmsley Art Centre Community Choir and the Kirkbymoorside Junior Band.

Kirkbymoorside Town Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas.

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For your diary

November 2015

- 19, 20, 21, 23 Christmas Funfair
- 28 Christmas Market and lights switch on 11am onwards
- 29 Christingle Service 6.30pm All Saints'

December

- 3 KMS Junior Band Concert 2.30pm All Saints'
- 5 Coffee Morning 9.30am-12.00 All Saints'
- 7 WI Annual Meeting Methodist Room 2.15pm
- 8 Carol Service and Singalong 7.30pm Sturdy Court
- 14 Ryedale District Scout Carol Service 7.00pm All Saints'
- 17 Journey to Bethlehem, Churches Together 6.15pm - meet at Post Office
- 18 Nine Lessons & Carols 7.30pm All Saints'
- 20 Brass Band Carol Concert 7.30pm Memorial Hall
- 21 Carol Service 10.30am Methodist Church
- 21 Town Council Planning Committee 7.00pm Church House
- Town Council Meeting 7.30pm Church House
- 24 Crib Service 5.00pm All Saints'
- Carols 7.30pm St Chad's
- Mass of Christmas Night 8.00pm St Chad's

- Communion 11.30pm Methodist Church
- Midnight Communion 11.30pm All Saints'
- 25 Family Communion 9.00am All Saints'
- All age worship 10.00am Methodist Church
- Mass of Christmas Day 10.30am St Chad's
- 27 Mass 10.30am St Chad's

January 2016

- 18 Town Council Planning Committee 7.00pm Church House
- Town Council Meeting 7.30pm Church House

February

- 1 WI In house Craft Session 2.15pm Methodist Room
- 15 Town Council Planning Committee 7.00pm Church House
- Town Council Meeting 7.30pm Church House

March

- 7 WI Talk about Ryedale Dog Rescue 2.15pm Methodist Room
- 21 Town Council Planning Committee 7.00pm Church House
- Town Council Meeting 7.30pm Church House

April

- 4 WI Tulchan Fashion Show 7.15pm Methodist Room

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Well done Kirkbymoorside Town Band

After months of practice, on 18 September the senior band with their loyal supporters, started the long journey to Cheltenham and the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. This is the second time in as many years that Kirkbymoorside have won through the Regional Stages to represent the North of England at the prestigious event that sees 17 bands from across England, Scotland and Wales competing for the coveted Champion prize.

Members of the band taking part ranged in age from 14 to 60. The band now has over 100 players across 5 bands, making them unique amongst their competitors.

The Band performed magnificently and were placed 11th. Particularly mentioned was the tuned percussionist Liam Carter and the well balanced solo between Principal Cornetist John Sails and Soprano Cornetist Sarah Woodward.

John Woodward, the Band's Musical Director said: "I am incredibly proud of the band. This has been such a busy year, with our bi-centenary celebrations, routine jobs and representing Kirkbymoorside at the Himmighausen Germany Millennium Celebrations, but they have never once faltered, taking on this challenging piece and producing a fantastic performance on the day"

The Band's very popular Christmas Carol Concert will be held on December 20 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Entrance is free.

Bus services to York

The Stephenson's 31X bus service runs from Kirkbymoorside Market Place (outside Wainds Butchers) at 9.15am, from Monday to Friday, arriving at York station at 10.45. It goes from Helmsley to York five times a day from Monday to Saturday. Using the 128 from Kirkby, you can catch the 31X at Helmsley at 11.40am, 13.40pm, 15.50pm and 17.45pm. The direct bus back to Kirkby leaves York station at 16.55.

The 31X is a vital link for residents without cars, and convenient for getting to and from York station or avoiding a drive back from York in the dark winter months.

As part of the North Yorkshire County Council budget cuts the subsidy for this bus is likely to be withdrawn early in 2016. The 31X will probably be reduced to a minibus and only go as far as Easingwold. This will be a big problem for those using it for work, college, or the hospital. You can help by using this service often, and encouraging others to do the same, to try to make the service financially sustainable. You can also write to your local County Councillor, Val Arnold.

Timetables are available from Kirkbymoorside Library and Wainds Butchers and there are timetable links at www.moorsbus.org

For more information about local bus campaigns please contact Helen Gundry of Northern Ryedale Public Transport Group 01751 432447, or, email friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com

Ryedale School Christmas Artists

By invitation from Kirkbymoorside Town Council the students at Ryedale School have been working really hard



Students with their work for the Christmas Market boards

on a Christmas project to refurbish the Christmas market advertising boards and redesign the panels that decorate the base of the Town Christmas tree.

The project has been carried out by the KS3 students, who worked in teams during their lunchtime. Each day the pupils took it upon themselves to eat early and quickly in order to go to the art room to move their project forward. This has been a great exercise in time management, self and team motivation, team work, communicating and sharing ideas.

The pupils worked in groups on the snowmen to give each one an individual finish. The tree board designs have been inspired by the poem "Twas the night before Christmas". The pupils discussed suitable images to go with each part of the poem and divided themselves into smaller teams to complete each board. They have enjoyed working on this project and look forward to seeing the panels as part of the Christmas celebrations.

Story time at the Library

Story and Rhyme sessions for pre-school children are held every two weeks at the Library on Wednesday afternoons.

For more information please ask at the Library. Telephone 0345 034 9528.

The Town Blog : www.kirkbymoorside.info



Kirkbymoorside Town Council

The Town Clerk is based in the Library every Wednesday lunchtime and you can access Town Council services whenever the Library is open, (see below for opening hours.)

The full Council meets on the third Monday of each month except for August. Meetings are open to the public, start at 7.30pm and are held in Church House, High Market Place, Kirkbymoorside. Agendas are displayed in the office window, on the Town Council notice board and can be viewed via the website (see address below).

Smart Parking

If you haven't got a smart card you may be interested to know that you can buy one for £10 and it is loaded with £20 worth of parking, to be used in any Ryedale District Council car park! No need to carry around loose change and the added bonus of £10 worth of free parking is certainly a good incentive! You also avoid the tedious exercise of having to trawl the streets looking for a space as there are always plenty in the car parks. Smart cards will soon be available, if they aren't already, from the Home Decorating Centre, Penny Bank Café and Something Special.

Don't forget that the Town Council have paid for the car parking on the day of the Christmas Market, Saturday 28th November. All you have to do is collect a voucher from the library or the Post Office on Friday 27th or Saturday 28th November and display it in your vehicle.

We were hoping to have some news regarding the proposals for short term parking enforcement in the centre of town but unfortunately there has been another delay.

On a positive note the Town Council has agreed to pay for two temporary Vehicle Activated Signs. The VAS

units display a 30mph speed limit reminder and are deployed in a number of communities across North Yorkshire, locally at Nawton and Normanby. In Kirkbymoorside they will be installed on Gillamoor Road and the A170 on the approach from Helmsley. There is more information about the signs on the Town Council website, as supporting documents to the agendas for the September and October Council meetings.

Kirkbymoorside Library

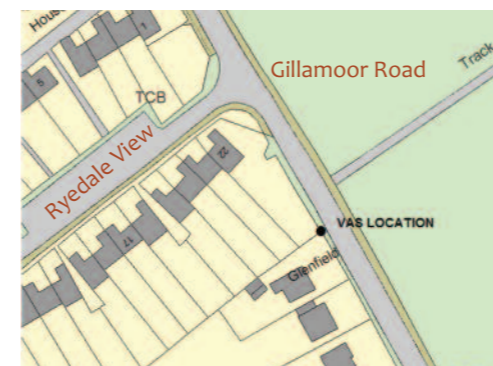
As you will be aware the library is very much at risk. The Town Council are in

talks with various departments at NYCC to determine the options available and the best course of action in order to retain the library. Efforts are being made to raise awareness of the need for volunteers. If you are interested in being involved in any way with the proposed Community Library, for example to volunteer to work in the library or to be a committee member, please call in at the library and make yourself known.

Community Award

Each year the Town Council presents an award to people who have made a significant contribution to the community. Recent recipients have included June Cook, Sarah Woodward, Ted Clarke and Paul Magson.

Nomination forms are available from the Town Council office.



Library Opening hours

Mon 10.00–7.00pm, Tues closed, Wed 10.00–5.00pm, Thurs 2.00–7.00pm, Fri 10.00–5pm, Sat 10.00–12.30pm

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