

Heptonstall News

Autumn 2024

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WELCOME to this newsletter which includes information from within the Civil Parish of Heptonstall including:

- ♦ Parish Council Update
- ♦ Community News
- ♦ Local Events



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Goodbye Summer hello Autumn!

Welcome to Autumn!

As we say goodbye to the Summer, the Parish Council has been just as busy as always over the last few months!



General Parish Council Business:

- Both the Clerk and Parish Councillors have represented Heptonstall Parish Council in various networks including the YLCA Branch Meeting, the Town & Parish Council Liaison Group, Safer Cleaner Greener and the Ward Forum.
- The Parish Council has considered two planning applications, over the three months since June.
- We have also discussed various issues including dog fouling, the condition of the churchyard and flooding on Slack.
- We continue to closely monitor the windfarm proposal, but there have been no new developments in the last three months. We will continue to review activity on this highly emotive subject.

Budget:

The Parish Council has an annual pot of money available for Environmental Grants! We have over the years been able to provide grants for local community organisations and good causes that have benefitted local groups and their members. If your organisation would like to apply for some of this funding, please contact the Clerk for further details on how to apply!

Community Responsibility:

- I know we mention it frequently but a number of our Parish Councillors continue to be approached about the increasing lack of dog owner responsibility for the collection and correct disposal of dog poo around the village. We really should ensure we take care in our community for both residents and visitors alike, so please can we make sure that we are always picking up our doggie's doodoos!
- The Parish Council has been made aware that the church-yard is in a state of disrepair. A community clean-up weekend is being organised and we hope local residents will be willing to volunteer a little of their time and participate in the forthcoming community clear up.



As one of our most visited sites within the village it would be great to see it better presented; details of the clean-up to be confirmed via social media and church notifications.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Councillor Colin Jackson at: cllr.jackson@heptonstallpc.co.uk.

Contacting Us:

As always, Heptonstall Parish Council welcomes residents' comments and involvement in all matters. Other key contacts include the Ward Councillors: Councillor Courtney and Councillor Fenton-Glynn.

Further information about our activities and discussions can be found on the Parish Council website at: <https://heptonstall.org/parish-council/>

Hannah Sherriff-Jackson

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Heptonstall Village Team

This time we have significant news about our Village Team. After deliberation and discussion our small committee has decided that the time has come for us to call it a day and disband.

This has been our **tenth** year, and over that decade we've done some fabulous stuff!! Initially set up by the amazing Jan Lymer, Heptonstall Village Team put on Family Days, full of events and activities, Pie & Pea suppers, Cake and Conversation events, Christmas lunches. Lots of work together with the school, where our oldest and youngest villagers spent time together and learned about one another's' lives, the May King & Queen, dancing around the Maypole, their lovely choir singing for us at Christmas. The wonderful craft sessions we ran during school holidays. Jane's rounds of village treats during lockdown. And of course the very popular monthly coach trips.

Partly our decision came about after losing Jane a year ago; she had been pivotal in running the trips and supporting villagers. Over the last few years Jane and I were really all that was left of the committee, had struggled to regain the momentum for our other pre-covid activities, and already realised that if unable to motivate others to take on the mantle it was likely that we wouldn't be able to continue much longer by ourselves.

Although a new small committee was formed at the start of this year, it has remained difficult to interest villagers in becoming involved, in both the organisation and attendance at our small events so far. It's proved impossible for me to find anyone willing to take over my treasurer role!! I personally have missed working alongside my friend Jane too much and am committed to finishing at the end of 2024.

At the end of the year we will have the accounts checked by the West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service, as usual. According to our Constitution the committee can decide upon distribution of funds if disbanding. The committee will meet and work out how we'll share our remaining funds between the village organisations. This will be done thoughtfully and fairly.

The end of an era - but timely and feels like the right move in our circumstances.

A huge thank you to all the people who have helped out over the years, you know who you are and how much you have been appreciated. We've had such great fun and good times, all started by that big bundle of energy that is Jan Lymer, carried through by so many helpers, and sustained through Covid and after by the kindness and enthusiasm of my dear friend and team colleague Jane Hartmann.

Happily, Deborah has enthusiastically and energetically taken on the organisation and running of the trips. This year we've worked together to gradually transfer from the Village Team to Deborah. From the start of 2025 she will continue to run the popular trip programme independently, and the Village Team as an organisation will disband. I'm so pleased that all the hard work Jane put into developing the trips hasn't been in vain.

There will not be a Christmas Lunch in December; the current committee is no longer up to the demands of organising and providing it! On reflection our 10th Christmas lunch last December was a really fitting one upon which to end; a celebration of our Jane, the splendid meal cooked specially by our Jan, with our helpers and the School Choir alongside.

Jacky Kelly.

Chair/Treasurer 07515 367744

Coach Trips

Future trip destinations are below:

- October Monday 7th - BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM, £35
 - November Thursday 7th - OSWALDTWISTLE MILLS, £14
 - November Thursday 28th - CHATSWORTH HOUSE
- Christmas Extravaganza, lights, & markets, £51 **FULL**

PLEASE CONTACT: Deborah Graycer on 07517 325776 for further information or to book a place.



1st Heptonstall Guides and Rangers



Guides and Rangers newsletter

Guides and Rangers don't meet over the summer holidays and sometimes the Leaders get together and decide to set them some optional challenges over the break. We roll this out to all the Guides, Brownies and Rangers in the Calder Valley as it's good fun too! Next summer the Rangers are going to Switzerland so the Summer Challenge will have a rest until 2026. Here's a few of my favourites from the 'Calder Valley Summer Challenge'

(Easy)

- Play a card or board game
- Watch a Christmas film
- Visit Heptonstall Museum
- Make trail mix
- Go on a bike ride
- Visit a waterfall
- Go stargazing
- Have a picnic
- Do a chore without being asked
- Toast marshmallows over an open fire

(Bit harder)

- Build and light a fire
- Sleep in an unusual place
- Find the Wizard of Whirlaw
- Eat all 3 meals outside
- Make a gift for a friend
- Penny hike
- Eat your height in fruit
- Pitch a tent
- Cook a meal on a camping stove
- Create a stop motion animation

(Most challenging)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go on a night hike - Swim a mile - Learn to tie 5 different knots - Learn the promise in BSL - Climb a mountain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer at a community event - 24 digital detox - Sleep under the stars - Learn to sign 'the circle of life' - See the sunrise from a good view point |
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Jayne Mackintosh

Leader, 1st Heptonstall Guides and Rangers

Heptonstall Repair Café

Bin it? No way!

Where

Heptonstall School, HX7 7NX

What

Help, advice and repairs with skilled volunteers plus tea, coffee and cake for sale

What can I get repaired?

Clothes, leather items, bags, furniture, computers & software, electrical appliances (not microwaves), toys, bikes, knife & tool sharpening etc

Costs?

A voluntary donation



When

10am-1pm

Held on the 2nd Saturday of each month
(except Dec, April & August)

Saturday 13th July
Saturday 14th September
Saturday 12th October
Saturday 9th November
2025

Saturday 11th January
Saturday 8th February
Saturday 8th March
Saturday 10th May
Saturday 14th June
Saturday 12th July
Saturday 13th September
Saturday 11th October
Saturday 8th November



Contact Us

@Heptonstall Repair Café on Facebook
E: heptonstallrepaircafe@gmail.com

Here are the dates for the Heptonstall Repair Café in the coming year.

Look out for our business cards in the Post Office, so you never lose the date again!

We look forward to welcoming you. If you'd like to volunteer your skills as a repairer or receptionist or helper then please contact us on @Heptonstall Repair Café on Facebook or leave a note in the Post Office for Louise, email us on heptonstallrepaircafe@gmail.com Or visit us on: <https://www.repaircafe.org/en/cafe/heptonstall-repair-cafe/>

Heptonstall Playgroup

Every Monday 10:00 -11:30

(During Calderdale School Term Time)

£2.50 per child (additional siblings 50p)



We hope everyone had a great Summer break and are now bracing yourselves for the Autumn term to come?



Our volunteer leaders took stock of our playgroup equipment over Summer and had a clear out of the well loved and broken toys, and identified what new equipment would be required for our developing tots. So in the next few weeks we'll be bringing in some new toys, equipment and updating our dressing up box to support the imagination and creativity of the

children who join us; hopefully with the support of local grants.

Our aim is to continue to provide a warm welcoming safe space for pre-school children to play and develop their social and interaction skills, and also explore their creativity. We are in the process of updating our Constitution to reflect our values and ethos.

Refreshments and a good range of children's healthy snacks are provided at each session; It's also a great place for adults to chat over a cuppa and meet or make new friends. Tea, coffee and biscuits are free for adults (even the occasional home baked cake!).

We're always ready to welcome new faces so do come along and join us!

We look forward to seeing you!

For further information we can be found and contacted on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/977804118928253/?ref=share_group_link

HEPTONSTALL ST. THOMAS' CHURCH

Well, I can hardly believe it either but it's nearly been a year since I got licensed to serve St. Thomas Church Heptonstall and St. James Church Hebden Bridge. It feels like this year has been a whirlwind of activity learning about the village, and life here. This photo was taken by Bruce Cutts after I had just had a rainbow painted on my face by the wonderful Heptonstall Guides. I think it sums up a lot of what I am hoping to do here...



1. Wearing the high vis jacket as a volunteer for Heptonstall festival was a real privilege. There are lots of amazing people who worked really hard to put on the festival (and do each year). I was pleased to be just a small part of that, and I very much enjoyed pulling pints in the square.
2. Being part of the community is really important to me, being out and about in my dog collar. It's nice that I'm recognising lots of the village at least by sight if not by name. Do stop me and say hello if you see me around, although if my 4 year old is with me he will want to either join in the conversation or be desperate to get to wherever we are heading
3. The rainbow on my face reminds me of the diversity and creativity in this community, and is also a reminder to me of God's promises. When I got ordained a priest, I made solemn promises which can be boiled down to this: Love God, love people, and help build bridges between the two.
4. A big grin and perhaps slightly tired eyes. I hope to do my job here with joy, knowing there will be challenges along the way, but always with a smile on my face (unless it's very early in the morning).

Thank you so much for welcoming myself and my family into this community. It's been a wonderful and bonkers year so far. Have a look out online for all that the church is up to, there are exciting plans coming along..

God bless, Ruthi

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Friends of Heptonstall Chapel & Sunday School

As I am sure you have noticed, the work on the Chapel and Sunday School has run over significantly! This is due to a number of additional issues identified as the work got underway, and the slow speed of work on heritage buildings given the craftsmanship required. Despite the scaffolding, the chapel was able to host the spoken word event at the village festival and I have taken two groups round the building in recent months. Hopefully the work will be finished in a few weeks' time and the chapel will be open to the public at weekends once again. We appreciate that the chapel doesn't look its best and we thank you all for your patience and understanding. Once the work is completed, the chapel will be restored to its former glory. The Sunday School will be made watertight and the windows repaired, but much of the internal work is planned to come at a later stage. Discussions are currently underway to find a way forward for the remaining works and how the buildings will be used and managed in the future. There is recognition that these buildings are significant part of the heritage of Methodism and the village of Heptonstall, as well as being valuable community spaces, so they are worth preserving for current and future generations. Help and expertise is now being offered from the Methodist Church at a national level, so we hope to work out a sustainable plan for the site. Once again, thank you for your patience during the renovation work.

Tom Ferguson
Church Worker for the Upper Valleys Cluster

**For further information regarding use of the Chapel please contact
Margaret Coupe on: 01422 842550**

You don't want to miss this! The musical event that we have been planned to hold will now take on 22nd September 2024.

This will feature Manchester's exciting new professional a cappella ensemble so look out for details of tickets for this professional and stunningly beautiful performance. You can hear a delicious taster of what you'll have in store if you go to - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIOagJryMik>



A Grand Day Out!

Saturday 6th July proved to be yet another success for the Heptonstall Festival with activities, events and stalls galore.

Just a few of the many photographs on social media below taken from the day, which was well attended by the local community and visitors to the village for this popular event.



**WE HOPE YOU
ENJOYED THE DAY AS
MUCH AS WE DID?**

**a HUGE shout out to all the
volunteers, we couldn't do it without
you, thank you!**

**Want to get involved next year? Just
send us a message or email on our
page and we'll get back to you.**

**See you all
next year!**



Email: heptonstallfestivals@gmail.com

I Love Autumn



Acorn

Cold

Corn

Fall

Harvest

Leaf

Leaves

Maple

Pumpkin

Rainy

Raking

Turn yellow

Squash

Windy

Thanksgiving

Scarecrow

Sweater

Frost

Blowing

Chilly

Cool

Halloween

School

Fairs

Brown

Heptonstall Lights and Planting Group (HeLP)

Our Front of House judging was a little later than usual as the early summer weather was so wet.

The winners this year are Janet and Frances at 42 Northgate who have created a lovely display in limited space.

They received a £25 gift voucher for Gordon Riggs.



at The Workshop.

At the Parish Council's suggestion we have also awarded a prize this year to the best display by a Heptonstall business, the winner being Deborah

From next year the Parish Council will fund both prizes and will also award certificates!

Later in September we will be tidying up the planters round the village ready for next year. We will also be replacing some of the older Christmas lights in the Square with more energy efficient ones and as usual, the village tree will be going up at the beginning of December.

Eleanor Worley (HeLP Secretary)

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Heptonstall Social and Bowling Club

Bowling News: This years bowling session saw a great performance from our newly revived team who finished second in the Friday evening Hebden Bridge League. Well done on a great result! Here's to another great season next year.

The club has also hosted a number of bowls competitions, the latest one being the 'HB League Pairs Cup'. Attended by over thirty competitors from across Calderdale on a great summers day, the final was a Hargreaves family showdown.

If anyone has an interest in trying out this great activity in a friendly and informal setting, we will continue to be open Friday evenings from 6pm (unless notified via FaceBook), to offer expert advice and guidance. Join us for a game, bowls provided. Who knows you may even be tempted to join the team!



Future Event: Join us at the club for an evening of entertainment by 'ORBIT' (Oldest Rock Band In Todmorden).

Date: Saturday 12th October, doors open at 7:30pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays: Playgroup (during term time): 10am - 11:30am,
Zumba: 6pm - 7pm

Tuesdays: Hilltoppers Community Choir: 7pm

Fridays Family Games Night: 6pm (bar open!)

MONTHLY EVENTS

Chair Yoga for the over 75's <https://www.reengage.org.uk/join-a-group/social-activity-groups/free-in-person-social-activity-groups/activity-groups-in-west-yorkshire/>
Yoga/Women's Circle sessions <https://www.amelialwood.com/womenscircle>

***** New members always welcome, only £10 a year! *****

Please contact us for private/family meetings, functions and overnight camper van parking enquiries/bookingd via:

Email at heptonstallclub@live.co.uk or telephone Jean on 07517394389



HEPTONSTALL MUSEUM

Thank you to all our museum visitors, event attendees and volunteers who continue to support us. We've now started to plan what will follow our successful Coiners' Exhibition. We're looking to our wonderful community to help bring together the story of Heptonstall through stories and objects that have a part in shaping our history.



This complements the recent efforts of our 'Researching Heptonstall' group, who are helping others delve into their own past with a monthly meet-up taking place at The Social & Bowling Club (next meeting 19 October). If you've not got involved yet - why not pop along to share your stories or we can help you with your own research as part of [Heritage Open Day on Saturday, 14 September](#).



We're also delighted to be welcoming back local published poet, Sammy Weaver.

Her poetry workshops were a real hit last year and we know that her autumn poetry course will be another treat. Taking place over six

Saturday mornings from the end of September, their theme will be 'Writing Place' - Sammy's described this as all about "Some places seem to conjure poems, and some poems seem to conjure places as if we were there." Suitable for all levels, full details are on the website. A bargain at £60 for our Friends' members or £75 for non-members for the full series, or single sessions are £12/£15. Tickets and full info at:

[www.heptonstallmuseumfriends.org.uk /event/writing-place-poetry-workshops-with-sammy-weaver/](http://www.heptonstallmuseumfriends.org.uk/event/writing-place-poetry-workshops-with-sammy-weaver/)

Our range of diverse topics for the monthly history talks on the last Thursday of each month, also continues with some fascinating speakers lined up through till January. On 26 September, we look forward to Dr Mary Ellen talking "[New Worlds Down Under](#)" about the First Fleet landing in Australia in 1788 .



Finally, our gift shop has had a boost with a wonderful artwork donated by Ron Mitchell's family, prints are available in the shop. Since we also have a wide range of original watercolours and now have further donations from Colin Webster's collection, we're holding an Affordable Art Sale in The Undercroft 28/29 September, where other artists will also contribute.

We continue to welcome new Friends of Heptonstall Museum members who can support the Museum with a donation of £2 a month, giving free entry and discounted event tickets.

Volunteering is a huge part of keeping the Museum going - get in touch if you can offer time and/or talent to help us.

Further information can be found by visiting our website at www.heptonstallmuseumfriends.org.uk or Linktr.ee/heptonstallmuseum

Nicola Jones - Volunteer Trustee

Sudoku Puzzles

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7	4		1		9	3	5	



Spot 15 differences



Autumn Word Search

Word List

Chilly
Football
Gourd
Hayride

Apple
Cranberry
Crisp
Maize

Pumpkin Pie
Rake
Acorn
Orange

Yellow
Red
Brown

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If you would like to contribute to the content of this Parish Council Newsletter through sharing local community group/organisational news, events, village promotions and local activities then please get in touch.

Closing dates for submitting content to future editions are:

- **Sunday 1st December 2024 (Winter)**
- **Sunday 2nd March 2025 (Spring)**
- **Sunday 1st June 2025 (Summer)**
- **Sunday 7th September 2025 (Autumn)**



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