

## Could you help in an emergency? Community First Responders needed

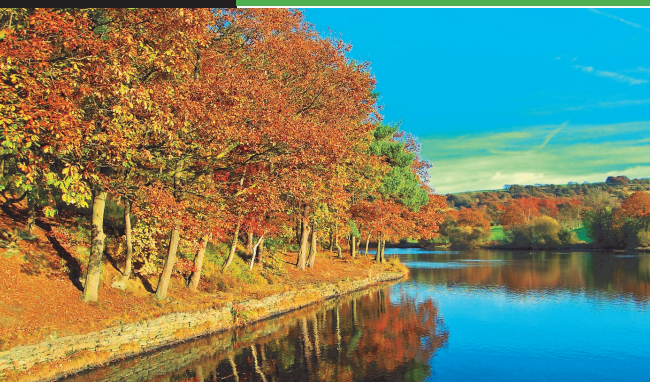


Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) is looking for volunteers in Meltham and the surrounding areas to join the Community First Responder scheme. Community First Responders (CFR) are trained in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) which delivers a controlled electric shock to restart the heart. CFR's also carry portable oxygen.

Full training is given to successful applicants who need to be over 18, physically fit and hold a full driving licence having never been banned from driving with no more than three penalty points. Yorkshire Ambulance Service will also run Discloser Barring Scheme (DBS) checks on candidates.

If you would like to find out more please contact: Community Defibrillation Trainer John.Spikings@yas.nhs.uk 07786390038

## Meltham Mills Reservoir



Walkers around Meltham and the anglers will have noticed extensive engineering works in the creation of a new spillway for this reservoir over the last couple of years. The huge concrete structure has somewhat detracted

from the natural beauty of the area, indeed a number of people have voiced their disapproval.

A few years ago a reservoir near Sheffield came close to failing due to a huge cloudburst. The devastation would have put human life at risk. As a kneejerk reaction the Environment Agency increased the required safety margins on all reservoirs above a certain size. As a result new spillways are having to be built on a number of reservoirs including the Meltham Mills Reservoir. Locally they have been constructed on reservoirs in

Yateholme above Holmbridge by Yorkshire Water and the proposed re-construction of the one on Butterley Reservoir near

Marsden, which is a listed structure, is causing anger amongst residents and various organisations.

It is believed Meltham Mills Reservoir was constructed in order to supply water for the processing of textiles and particularly silk to the local mills in the late 19th century. Currently the reservoir provides feed water for the sprinkler systems in the factories on the Meltham Mills Industrial Estate. The current owner of the reservoir and adjoining land is Towndoor Ltd. who is faced with costs in excess of £750,000 for these works and they have very recently been given further instructions to extend the spillway by another 45 metres down the valley because the initial short stage does not end on bedrock. All construction and landscaping work are expected to be completed later this year. Towndoor Ltd. is very conscious of the natural beauty of these woods. They have re-located a badger sett and have removed mature trees under guidance from Kirklees Tree Officers. The new construction will make every effort to disguise the spillway with the extensive planting of new trees and bushes. Natural growth over time will also help. The spillway walls are natural sandstone in order to blend in with the countryside. An unsightly valve tower on the reservoir is to be removed. Ancient disused footpaths are being restored and the landowner is also in discussions with a local group of volunteers with ideas on providing a memorial garden and seating area overlooking the reservoir.

The  
spillway  
before  
and  
after



Have your say

**TOWN MEETING - MONDAY 28 APRIL 2014**

**COMMITTEE ROOM, CIVIC HALL, MELTHAM**

**6pm - Come and meet your Councillors, have a coffee / tea and a biscuit and share your thoughts.**

**7pm - Listen to the Annual Reports presented by the Town Mayor and the Chairs of the Planning,**

**Communication and Finance Committees and ask the Council a question.**

**COME ALONG AND LET US KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING!**

# Meltham Mercury

Meltham Town Council's Newsletter - March 2014



## Meltham Carlile Institute - the future

Meltham Carlile Institute has, since 1891, been a large and imposing building in the centre of Meltham village. In 1974, under the Local Government Act, the Freehold of the building was acquired by Kirklees Council, who have been responsible for the fabric and maintenance of the building ever since. Meltham library moved into the ground floor of Meltham Town Hall in around 2006, and for the last seven years the building has been largely unused, only local groups have used it for meetings.

In September last year, the local Postmaster decided to leave the Post Office Network, and since then a small group of residents and Councillors have been working on a plan to turn the Carlile Institute, and the property towards the rear of the building, into a real community hub, with the Post Office becoming a Community Post Office, whereby profits are retained by the community, allowing this and other income from rental of the space in the building to be used for the greater good of the residents of Meltham.

A Public Meeting was held on 28th January at Durker Roods Hotel, where about 140 residents listened to the overall plan and asked questions about the project. Many people had a range of ideas for how to best use the proposed community facility, from cafes to sale of local produce, through to a venue to host parties and community events. The meeting generated great interest in the scheme; Elaine Burke, a Meltham resident said, "I attended the meeting.

*Very informative and positive", Robert Pepper added, "I would be interested in getting involved with the project". Other comments suggested that the scheme was "a breath of fresh air" and that "anything to improve Meltham on this scale has to be applauded".*

Clr Edgar Holroyd-Doveton added "Kirklees Council will come under increased budgetary pressure in coming years to maintain and repair the properties it owns and manages, the Community Asset Transfer policy is to be applauded, as are the residents who are proposing to create a once-in-a-lifetime, sustainable opportunity to bring the Carlile Institute back into public use and reinvigorate our community. As Kirklees and Meltham Town Councillors we have been working closely with the group to develop the proposal and we look forward to sharing the vision."

The project is now well under way - the project has been successful in securing over £140,000 in funding - from both Meltham Town Council and Kirklees Council. The recruitment process for the Post Office franchise will be completed on 14th March - builders, roofers, electricians and plumbers are all ready to start work. It is hoped the Post Office will open at the Carlile Institute in September/October this year.

The project team wants to work with the community to form a group who will have direct input into the project, which will ultimately be the managing group of the project; anyone interested in joining this group is invited to get in touch with the project team, or

your local Councillors; by email to [hashtagmeltham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hashtagmeltham@hotmail.co.uk); twitter @hashtagmeltham, post: Carlile Institute Project, C/O Sarah Armitage, Meltham Town Hall, Meltham, HD9 4AG. Local people wanting to find out more are encouraged to visit the website: [www.carlileinstitute.co.uk](http://www.carlileinstitute.co.uk) where updates and a copy of the presentation from the Public Meeting are published.



Let us know what you think

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The dates for all the meetings are on the Council Notice Boards and on the website.



AroundMeltham



Councillor's corner



Councillor Ken Stenton

My background is working with young people, and my particular interest is working with young people on the street, and on their territory. I was first employed as a Detached Street Worker in 1996, and I still work out on the street. Also, I volunteer my time on the Executive Committee for the Federation for Detached Youth Work. I believe that Meltham is a great place for all to live, both young and old, even if it's a bit wet! There are now lots of activities for young people to engage in. At the leisure complex, we've seen the recent opening of the Skate Park (fruits of Mel Gibson's labours), and hopefully soon the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) will receive a make-over. Oliver Garies, Youth Worker from Kirklees Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) has been leading on delivering street work sessions on a Wednesday evening, and more recently on a Saturday afternoon, running an Open Arts Award Centre from the Basement Youth centre in Slaithwaite, available to young people from Meltham. Also, the Youth Workers are currently planning an outward bounds weekend residential experience in March, and they are co-ordinating the planning of events for the Skate Park. Meltham Young People's Working Group has now been running for approximately six months. The membership consists of local young people with leadership roles in the community, Youth & Community Workers, Town Councillors and we welcome any interested members of the community. Amongst other things, we are engaging in Community Philosophy, with a view to identify and address current issues that young people are facing, and to incorporate young people into the local political decision making process.

St. Bartholomew's Meltham - Church Hits The Target!

The target of raising a minimum of £35,000 for the restoration of St. Bartholomew's Church Clock Tower has been achieved within seven months. The project attracted a substantial grant from English Heritage Lottery Fund for the Grade II listed building on the proviso that the church was capable of raising that amount of money.

With a massive effort by the church congregation and the general public within the village the sum was raised in such a short time, that the church officers were confident in signing a contract for work to proceed. Work commenced two months ago and should be finished in early spring. The church clock is a central feature and has not worked for 18 months. Before



repair work could commence major restoration of the tower was necessary due to fabric deterioration and ingress of water and a need to improve and provide safer access. The congregation came forward with donations and fund raising events by the church were arranged

throughout the summer and autumn. An appeal was made to the public and the response has been magnificent. Of their own volition shops and super-markets, groups and organisations, local band and choirs, youth groups, pubs and the local hotel, funeral directors, banks and building society and many individuals gave or raised money for the appeal. Parachute jumps were organised, a "Rock for the Clock" with two live bands was held and Valley Flutes gave a concert. Meltham Town Council awarded a grant of £10,000. Twenty-two local shops had collecting boxes on their counters. Morrisons who raised £783 are jointly promoting the success with their banner 'Together we've hit the target. Thank you Meltham'.

The Vicar Rev Maureen Read commented "I have been truly amazed with the support we have received. The public of Meltham have been right behind us and as a church we are extremely grateful."

Celebration Weekend 20-22 June 2014

The church is planning a weekend of celebration during which the Clock Tower will be open to the public. The weekend will start on Friday 20 June with a concert at 7.30 pm in the church by Honley Male Voice Choir. On Saturday 21 June there will be an "Open House" in the Church Hall (opposite the church), Greens End Road. Everyone is invited to come between 1.30pm and 4.30pm and enjoy a glass of wine, soft drinks and nibbles. On Sunday 22 June there will be a special service in the church at the usual time of 9.30am. Rev Maureen commented: "We want to say a big thank you to all the many individuals and business people in the village who have helped us and we hope they will join us."

A thank you from Meltham Pre-school Playgroup - GRANT AWARD UPDATE



Meltham Pre-school Playgroup greatly appreciates the grant from Meltham Town Council to help build a conservatory extension at our premises on Holmfirth Road. Meltham Pre-school Playgroup is a charity run by parent volunteers and moved from the Church Hall in 2012 to help us improve our service to the parents and children of Meltham by providing longer opening hours. Demand has been so high that we were already growing too big for the space and we needed an extension to our snack room as the children were squeezed in while eating their lunch.

We used a small amount of our own reserves and with the help of Meltham Town Council we were able to complete the project ready for the start of the new term in January. Now the children have plenty of space during snack and lunch times plus a bright and airy room that opens on to the garden.

Thank you for helping to make this possible.

Meltham Pre-school Playgroup Committee



Welcome to Charlene our new Curate.

Charlene Smith is coming to Meltham to serve her curacy working alongside Rev Maureen Read. Charlene originally comes from Pontefract and is moving to Meltham with her husband and young son. Charlene

says, "I am truly looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you, and hopefully vice versa."

**PROGRAMME – APRIL, MAY & JUNE 2014**

**Sunday 27 April – 1.5 miles Greenway Family Friendly**

**Sunday 18 May – 4.5 miles Mills Hills & Wills**

**Sunday 15 June – 9.5 miles Wessenden Way Picnic**

**Meltham**

Walkers Are Welcome

All walks start at 10am from Carlile Street Car Park, Meltham

WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Greenacres opens its Past Times Café



Residents of Greenacres Care Home in Meltham can enjoy a lovely cup of tea and a slice of cake while chatting about times gone by in the new Past Times Café. Complete with fancy china cups and saucers, the café will be open every Thursday morning for residents to meet and reminisce.

Meltham Sports & Community Centre 10 Year Celebration!

It's true Meltham Sports and Community Centre at Broadlands Recreation Ground has been open for ten years! An event at the Centre on the 19th January celebrated the success of the facility over the last ten years. There have been many people in Meltham that have made the place a success, from the years of early planning, bidding for grants and fund raising, through to the running of the centre once it became a reality. This was an opportunity to thank some of those people. Hundreds if not thousands of Meltham residents and in particular children have benefitted from the both the Sports and community activities. The Centre is home to Meltham Cricket Club, Meltham Athletic Football Club, Meltham All Blacks Rugby League Junior and Senior sections, Meltham Bowling Club and Meltham Athletics Club. In particular Junior sections catering for children and young people have thrived as the building provides ideal facilities for their activities. There are now estimated to be over 120 volunteers active in the clubs and supporting the continued success of the Centre. The centre has also become a very popular choice for both family and community events. With many other clubs and activities such as yoga, martial arts, slimming world, over 55's club, Friend to Friend and Bridgewood Trust holding regular sessions, to name a few. The celebration included a fabulous buffet and entertainment from Terry Cotta, who was able to send everyone away chuckling into the wet wintery evening and finally there was a presentation to Mick Pogson 'Poggy' for all his selfless, energetic work over many years. Without him in particular the place wouldn't be the success that it is today!



A BIG THANK YOU to Meltham All Blacks Open Age Rugby Club for delivering the June and December 2013 issue of the Meltham Mercury.