

Kirkbymoorside Environment Group Moorsbus to rise from the ashes?

There has been a first steering group meeting about the future of Moorsbus—starting from square one i.e. with no funding.



Moorsbus would be organised under a new structure, a Community Interest Company or a similar type of community company, running alongside a good organisational structure for 'Friends of Moorsbus'. More research is needed before the structure can be decided, and it would benefit from more people (and their skills) to get involved and help with this. Its strength would be in its members and supporters.

In the meantime some progress. Service details (that is, passenger numbers in 2013, fares collected, and for which routes) have been sent to Chris Roberts at County Hall, who has sent them on to all the Bus Operators.



The Operators will need to decide whether to try to run any of these services commercially in 2014. This decision must be made fairly swiftly as services have to be registered with the

Traffic Commissioner by early February if they are to start at Easter. The Steering Group will follow up with a letter, then a phone call, inviting each operator to work with the Group under the 'Moorsbus' name, and telling them the key principals that they would want carried on; the quality passengers are used to; integration of timetables; joint ticketing and quality of service. In return the Group would offer help with promotion and marketing through passenger networks and the media, and in other ways such as guided walks and anything that encourages more people to use the services.

There is also some definite public transport for 2014 that could be worked with, including; Arriva coastal services; Whitby's (new) Park & Ride; the new Esk Valley Hopper; the Esk Valley Railway; Coastliner; the 128; the 31X to and from York, and the 16-seater 177 Wednesday service from Malton to Hutton-le-Hole.

It would be possible to work with 'Dalesbus' on joint approaches to some bigger funders in the hope of running more services in the future.

If anyone is interested in helping that would be GREAT.

Contact me (Helen Gundry) at
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Keep an eye on the webpage at:
kms-environmentgroup.org.uk

For your diary

December

- 20 **Service of Nine Lessons & Carols** All Saints Parish Church, Kirkbymoorside 7:30 pm
- 22 **All Age Service 'Bringing in the Sheep'** Methodist Church, Kirkbymoorside 10:30 am See below*
Meeting for Worship Quaker Meeting House, Kirkbymoorside 10:30 am
United Carol Service at St Aidan's, Gillamoor 6:30 pm
Brass Band Christmas Concert Memorial Hall, Kirkbymoorside 7.30pm
- 24 **Crib Service** All Saints Parish Church, Kirkbymoorside 5.00pm
Carols 7:30 pm followed at 8.00pm by **Mass of Christmas Night** and refreshments, Our Lady and St Chad's, Kirkbymoorside
Midnight Communion All Saints Parish Church, Kirkbymoorside 11:30 pm
Candlelit Carols and Communion Methodist Church, Kirkbymoorside 11:30 pm
- 25 **Holy Communion** All Saints Parish Church, Kirkbymoorside 8:00 am
Family Communion All Saints Parish Church, Kirkbymoorside 10:00 am
All Age Christmas Celebration Methodist Church, Kirkbymoorside 10:00 am
Meeting for Worship Quaker Meeting House, Kirkbymoorside 10:30 am
Mass of Christmas Day and refreshments, Our Lady and St Chad's, Kirkbymoorside 10:30 am
- 29 **Meeting for Worship** Quaker Meeting House, Kirkbymoorside 10:30 am

January 2014

- 20 **Town Council Meeting** Church House, Kirkbymoorside 7.30 pm
- 27 **Environment Group Meeting** Summit Bakery, Kirkbymoorside 7.30 pm

February

- 17 **Town Council Meeting** Church House, Kirkbymoorside 7.30 pm
- 24 **Environment Group Meeting** Summit Bakery, Kirkbymoorside 7.30 pm

*Help find the missing sheep!

Kirkbymoorside Methodist Church wants your help in finding some missing sheep! During December a number of knitted woolly sheep will appear in various shops and public places throughout the town. Each sheep will have a name tag. Make a note of the name and where you saw the sheep and hand your list in at the Methodist Church — or better still, come along to the 'Bringing in the sheep' service at 10.30 am on December 22nd. There will be a prize for those who find the most sheep! For further details, ring Revd. Norma Davey, 01751 431243

THE Moorsider

Kirkbymoorside Christmas Market—the Reindeers take a break while Santa works



Once again the Annual Christmas Market, held this year on Saturday November 30th was a great success. At 11.00am Kirkbymoorside Brass Band began playing Christmas carols and the stalls were very busy.

At the library there were activities for children and more than 30 of them enjoyed the craft activities and story sessions. As the

library closed children and their parents went along to the Memorial Hall where some had their faces-painted, while others flocked to Santa's Grotto in the Dugout.

About a hundred children visited Santa, so he and his helper were very busy! In the meantime two of Santa's gorgeous reindeer were patiently waiting nearby,

much to the enjoyment of young and old.

The Brass Band continued playing for almost an hour, and the music continued with a joyous threesome playing in the Memorial Hall, where twenty-five different stalls presented crafts, handicrafts and local produce. There were so many visitors that at times it was difficult to move around in the Hall.

More stalls were outside on the cobbles in the Market Place, and were visited by large crowds as well, drawn in by the nice weather and the spreading fame of our Christmas Market.

Thank you to all who helped to make the day such a great success, and to Kirkbymoorside Town Council for arranging free parking for the day in the Town Car Park.

Plans for next year's Christmas Market are already afoot.

What's on at local theatres over Christmas

Leeds: Grand Theatre
Northern Ballet production
Cinderella
December 17 to January 4

Leeds: West Yorkshire Playhouse
Jungle Book
November 30 to January 18
Raymond Briggs Father Christmas for 2 to 6 year olds
December 6 to January 11

Pickering: Kirk Theatre
Pickering Musical Society
Beauty and the Beast
January 4 to 11

Scarborough: Stephen Joseph Theatre
Beauty and the Beast – a



Raymond Briggs Father Christmas on at West Yorkshire Playhouse

Space Adventure
November 29 to December 28
York: Grand Opera House
Snow White and the Seven Dwarves
December 13 to January 5

York: Theatre Royal
Aladdin and the Twankeys
December 12 to February 1
De Grey Ballroom
Cinderella for 5 to 11 year olds
December 7 to 31

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Kirkbymoorside Auction Rooms

Going for a song?

Ryedale Auctioneers has just completed its third year in business, after opening up in a very cold and snow covered December 2010.

I set the firm up from scratch although I had been in the Industry before, having left school at sixteen to become an auctioneer in Scarborough. I always wanted to run my own saleroom one day, and, having grown up around Kirby and at the time working for my Dad at Kirby Mills, decided Cook's yard would make a great site for a saleroom, so just went for it!

The business has grown hugely in this short time with forty nine sales this year including specialist and general sales and over six thousand registered clients. We have also expanded the site to nearly twice its original size.

This year also saw the highest value lot we have sold to date – a few small sketches by L.S. Lowry which fetched £11,700. However, the most peculiar item I have sold must be a Victorian glass condom mould! One of a collection, some of which went to the National Science Museum.



The great thing about this job you never know what you will see next and often the most interesting and valuable items come from the most unexpected places.

Angus Ashworth

www.ryedaleauctioneers.com

Ryedale Natural History Society

50 years on

On 2nd December 1963 a group of 12 wildlife enthusiasts decided, over a drink in a pub in Kirkbymoorside, to form a local natural history society. Then known as the Kirkbymoorside & Ryedale Natural History Society it continues to flourish as The Ryedale Natural History Society, or 'Ryenats' for short. Fifty years later members still meet in the summer for field trips to see and record the flora and fauna the area has to offer. In winter they meet indoors for presentations from speakers from the world of nature, wildlife and conservation.

As the Society has kept such good records of all their field trips over the years they can look back and see exactly where they visited and what was recorded.

Ryenats Committee member, Nick Fraser, said,

"As part of our 50th anniversary programme we are going to visit some of the same places that we visited 50 years ago in 1964. We will visit at the same time of year and then we can



Ryenats members walking at Blakey

compare our records with the records from 50 years ago and see how things have changed, if at all."

Ryenats begin their celebrations with a talk entitled '50 years of Natural History' presented by Gordon Simpson, one of the founding members of the Society who gave a talk on birds at the very first indoor meeting in January 1964.

Society Chairman Ken Hutchinson said

"We are so pleased to have Gordon coming to speak to us at the start of this wonderful anniversary, as he is a founder member and the very first speaker 50 years ago, it could not be more fitting. Without him the society probably would not exist and it is fantastic that he is still as passionate about nature and wildlife in Ryedale now as he was back then."

Kirkbymoorside Environment Group

Find out where the heat (and money!) escapes from your home

A Lottery funded Thermal imaging camera is available, free of charge, to help you discover exactly where heat is escaping from your home and so help save money and fuel.

The camera picks up heat, rather than light, to make an image. This infrared image shows hot areas as red, yellow and orange. For instance, in the example, the image shows not only how heat is being lost through a bay window, but also through the wall from a radiator under the window.

Solutions could be as cheap and simple as using thicker curtains and putting foil on the wall behind the radiator to reflect heat back into the room. It's surprising just how much heat can be lost around windows, doors and skirting boards, up the chimney of an unused fireplace, and through poorly insulated roofs and walls.

You can choose if you want any pictures taken — they can be emailed or printed for you.

To book the camera:

contact 01751 431447 or email kmegadmin@phonecoop.coop

Kirkbymoorside blog

Town Blog www.kirkbymoorside.info



Kirkbymoorside Town Council

The Town Council joined the team at Church House in June last year and the Town Clerk is based there every Wednesday to answer your queries about council matters and assist with library duties.

Our agreement with the County Council means you can access Town Council services at Church House whenever the library is open (see below for new opening hours).

We hope you will use the library as a one stop shop for County and Town Council matters.

Christmas lights

A very big 'Thank you' to the teams of volunteers who once again have given freely of their time to put up the Christmas lights, tree and small Christmas trees. Because of their efforts the town is looking very festive indeed. Money left over from the sale of the small trees was used to decorate Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Market. We heard that not only Santa and his helper but also the children who visited him were very impressed!

Grants

During the current financial year the Council allocated £10,000 for grants to community groups. In the past few months grants have been awarded to two groups who work in the town, Ryedale Carers Support and Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre.

Scouts

An excellent presentation was given to the Council by Kirkbymoorside Scouts when they explained about the sorry state of the Scout Hut, their plans to replace it and their Peace Project the culmination of which was the planting of a Peace Pole in the Millennium Garden.

Old Library

Work is well underway at the Old Library to lower the floor to ground level and provide an accessible space with kitchen facilities, for use by a variety of local groups. The builders, Buffoni Hemmingfield expect to finish the work in March.

Garden Waste Over Winter

As part of Ryedale District Council's efficiency programme, all collections of garden waste stop during December, January and February and re-start on Monday, 3 March 2014. The decision to stop garden

waste collections during winter months was made by elected Members of the Council in February 2013. If you produce large amounts of garden waste over winter you could try home composting. Low cost containers can be purchased through the Council's dedicated waste management website, 'Let's Talk Less Rubbish.'

If you already compost at home, but still generate more garden waste than you can manage, you can use the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) at Wombledon. Christmas trees can be taken to the HWRC's for recycling or chopped up and left in the garden waste wheelie bin until collections start again in March 2014. For details of the collection day changes over the Christmas period, a calendar of dates has been printed on a 'luggage style' tag, and fastened to your bin, and the Council's web site will be updated regularly with

information for residents, if collections are disrupted due to bad weather. Kerbside recycling services for plastic bottles and cans, glass, and paper and card, continue on the current fortnightly pattern. Please put your kerbside boxes and blue bag out for collection in the usual way.

Community Award

The Council makes an annual award to a Kirkbymoorside citizen who has made an outstanding contribution to the community. If there is someone you wish to nominate please let us know. The closing date for receipt of nomination forms for 2014 is January 30 and forms are available from the Town Clerk and can also be downloaded from the Town Council's website. (Please go to the Home page and then click on the 'about' tab.)

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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