

## **YT AGM 2017 Chair Report Sept 2016 – Aug 2017**

Welcome to this year's AGM

Following on from last year our main focus has been to consolidate and build on what we have already in place at the Community Centre whilst continuing with our existing Yetton Together working groups. A big thank you goes to everyone who has been a part in this.

### **Community Centre**

The centre is developing an identity as one that promotes aspects of wellbeing through socialising, educating, and exercising the mind and body

**Coffee shop** - The coffee shop now has regular opening times on Thursday and Friday afternoons also Saturday mornings. It also provides refreshments for various activity groups when requested. All proceeds support the Centre. Feedback from visitors is very positive. Our volunteers do an excellent job in providing a welcoming, relaxed setting with good quality home baked affordable refreshments. This year we got a 5\* rating from Environmental Health. Thank you to all the volunteers with particular mention to Mary Moisley who is leaving us this Xmas and has been a big help in many ways. We will miss her.

**Centre Activity groups** - Knit & Natter and Creative Craft groups are firm features of the centre. Initially started up to support the Library and Community Centre the groups are more than fulfilling this role. Besides renting the space they have contributed by giving the money raised from Xmas crafts and at the gala, rented a stall at the autumn fair and also made donations to the centre.

**Library** - In spite of all the financial cut backs the council has to make the Library is still with us partly due to a subsidy of approximately £2500 per year from Yetton Together. We hope to continue to do this as it is an important asset to the community.

The now established Friends of Library group work hard providing a service that has become all too necessary for all communities. They also support the centre by having a stall at the Autumn Fair and Gala. The Book club, Story time, Lego club, children's craft sessions, History group along with History talks are all regular features of the library and regularly hire extra space for extra activities. The community now benefits from open access to the library when activity groups are in the building. Please see the information board.

The sad loss of Jim Finnegan this year was difficult for all of us. He was very supportive of YT and the Community Centre giving his time freely in a number of projects we were involved in. Lesley continues to support us and we were moved by the donation given to the centre in his memory.

**Tutor led groups** - Groups that are tutor led continue to be a welcome addition to activities that are provided for the community. These include Art class, Yoga, Tai Chi, Chair exercise, Flower arranging and also a new very successful Mindfulness group

**Building Development** - In October 2016 double doors were fitted to the large community room to allow easier access and evacuation in case of fire.

New tables and chairs have been purchased and look very good.

Building work will be underway during December/ early January providing new accessible toilets and revamped kitchen.

Thank you to the management team who behind the scenes get on with the day to day management of the building, all pitch in to keep the centre running.

### **YT Working Groups**

**Yetton Hub** is the social arm of Yetton Together with regular get togethers organised throughout the year running monthly talks by volunteers, social outings such as theatre and places of interest trips, meals out etc. All look forward to and enjoy these events

**Environment** – A brilliant job is done by volunteers looking after the planted areas of the village. When a request went out for help with maintenance of planters, 3 people responded. We hope more will join in to help to keep the planted areas looking good.

The Community Orchard has suffered from vandalism from time to time this year. However collecting the produce started in a small way and some plums etc. came to the centre to raise funds. Hanging basket give a lovely display around the village.

We have some unexpected donations this year. Northern Gas Networks have supplied us with a couple more planters in a scheme they have to support village improvements.

Plants have been provided by the developer of Church View for the triangle in front of the development and YT won a prize in a competition of another planter. Anyone spotted where these have been placed?

**Transport** – Members continue to keep an eye on concerns re the bus service and arranged a meeting with WYMETRO to discuss these concerns. We await the outcome of this.

**Youth** – The group continue to look for ways to engage young people and January's star gazing event went very well

**Magazine** - The magazine giving up to date information around Kirkheaton continues to be an invaluable asset to the group. From what's on, updates on various areas of interest to walks in the area. We constantly get favourable comments from people who enjoy reading the magazine.

**Fundraising** - is a very important part of Yetton Together. Raising funds to go towards a combination of :-running costs for the centre, support for starting up groups, subsidising the Library, putting on activities , planting areas and improving the building, training etc.

Popular events organised this year were a Quiz night in April, Wine Tasting and Afternoon Tea. All well attended and good fun.

The 200 club finances the 20 hanging baskets around the village.

We are the registered charity for the village's Cost Cutter and their 'Local Pride' initiative and collection box payments into a/c come in regularly. These are building up nicely and Steve is keen on

the idea that when enough is accrued the money will go towards enhancing the village. We are looking forward to exploring a project – ideas welcome.

Yetton donation boxes dotted around the village, Easy Funding scheme and the Yetton Together Ebay account continue to bring in welcome funds.

Gala – there was an increased community spirit this year and groups involved in the organisation of the event were YT, S&G and their units, Parish Church, Football club.

On the day we were joined by various groups from the centre including K&N, Craft, Library as well as the United Church and of course our coffee shop, cake stall and plant stall.

There was a great turnout from the community and money raised goes back into the community, with a share coming to the centre.

**Funding** – A number of grants and funding applications have been applied for this year and enabled us to achieve a lot. Without this avenue of raising funds a lot of our projects would not be possible.

**Finance** – We have a healthy balance and our treasurer does a brilliant job in keeping all the finances in order. The report follows this.

**This last year we have been pleased to support** the Kirkheaton Future group and the Cold Royd dry stone walling project.

In turn we were pleased to be supported by Kirkheaton Football Youth Team who now sport our logo on their kit.

### **Dalton Ward**

YT are part of the Dalton Ward meetings which gives Community groups an opportunity to share information on what is happening in areas of the ward, key events and to input to ideas put forward. Syngenta has offered the use of a car park on match days with funds raised to go to communities in the Dalton Ward. Thank you to Steve Booth for getting involved with the logistics of this.

Greenfield Joint raffle – the idea is for participating community groups from each area of the ward will benefit from extra funds generated for specific projects especially youth and vulnerable people. There is still time to get your ticket please see Lorna.

We thank everyone involved in supporting Yetton Together and the community activities we undertake

Kirkburton Parish Council, Kirklees Cllrs, the Parochial Church Council, local businesses, sponsors, grant and funding bodies, the trustees and Centre management team. But most of all this could not happen without all the volunteers getting involved in all that we do.

**Sept 2017 onwards**

A number of activities, events and other things planned for the next financial year have already happened or in the process of happening these are:-

At the end of September Yetton Together were pleased to join together with the Parish Church in organising a Macmillan fundraising event at the centre. It was a very busy event and all felt a very worthwhile cause.

Representatives of YT were invited to the new Mayor's Civic Service on Oct 1st in recognition of our community activities.

We were very happy to be able to celebrate YT's second birthday at the Landings in October as this year is designated as recognising the work of volunteers. All our volunteers were invited to join us in appreciation of all their help over the last 2 years which has helped us get to where we are today. 55 were able to attend.

The sponsors for this event were Syngenta, Kirklees Neighbourhood housing, One Design, Sainsburys and Yetton Hub.

A successful Xmas Fair has already taken place well done to the organisers it was a lovely afternoon and enjoyed by all.

Welcome Packs have been rolled out recently for newcomers to the village giving information on what's on in the area.

A very willing group of volunteers have started a trial of soup and roll in the coffee shop from 12 till 1pm. This is looking promising and could be welcome addition to the coffee shop.

We are honoured to be invited as guests to Syngenta's annual dinner in recognition of our work for the community in December.

Building work will start in December to add new accessible toilets and revamped kitchen

We are working towards further work in the centre and the planning for the building includes:-

New windows throughout the building

Possible car park in the yard and community garden

Making the current flat roof extension more fit for purpose, in the short term whilst we look into the options of extending the building.

We hope to revitalise the environment group and look towards increasing the number of volunteers through various projects

To close Thank you everyone whether you come to events, activities visit the library or coffee shop or volunteer in any way, you all are helping to keep this community asset running.