



One Voice

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Cllr Robert Barraclough (Chairman) joins in the celebrations at the Post Office opening.

Welcome to Shelley Post Office

Parish Councillors are delighted with the introduction of the Post Office, making all the work put in by the Parish Council, Community Association and Post Office worthwhile. The Post Office is now a regular feature of the village hall, providing another important service for the people of this area.

Early indications are that it is being well supported. But it can only continue on a permanent basis if it is well used, so please support it when you can. It is open on Mondays and Tuesdays between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm and on Thursdays between 1 pm & 4 pm.

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How does your Garden Grow?

Or more particularly your sunflower!

We are all looking forward to seeing the results of this year's sunflower Competition

Judging/Prize Giving Saturday 12 September at The Hub in Kirkburton by Graham Porter, Huddersfield Examiner's Gardening Expert.

Children from Year 3 in all the schools within the Parish were given pots, seeds and compost and are now competing to grow the flower with the widest head.

The winner from each school will receive a gift voucher to spend in Kingsgate, and there will be a prize for every participant. So keep watering and feeding and let's see if we can set a record!

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Environment Fayre – Saturday 12 September at The Hub in Kirkburton 11 am - 4 pm

Free Entry!

Energy Powerpacks available at a reduced cost of £10 each – Monitor and reduce your use of electricity – Reduce your bills and Save the Environment at the same time.

Displays by Kirklees Environment Unit and Local Environment Groups

Competitions and quizzes for children and adults.

Graham Porter will be on hand to give gardening tips and advice.

So we'll see you there!

Honley Show

We were pleased to work with Holme Valley Parish Council on a joint stand at Honley Show this year. There was a display illustrating the work the Council does across its area. Volunteers were kept busy answering questions and providing useful information to visitors at the stand. There was a clock competition, in which entrants had to match the clock tower with the clock and say which village the church was. The winner was Janet Watson of Fenay Bridge, who won a £10



voucher for Armitages Garden Centre. The Council will also be represented at the Emley Show. Please come and see us at the stand.



Meeting Dates

Parish Council: 6th August, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November, 3rd December.

Planning/GP on 17th Sept*, 15th October and 18th November*. (No meeting in August)

Environment Committee 17th September, 18th November, 21st January & 18th March.

All meetings are at Highburton at 7.30 pm, except where indicated with * when they start at 9 pm.

The Annual Small Grants: Voluntary organisations within the Parish are allowed up to £750 over three years. Forms will be available in September from your Parish Councillors and the office. They will also be available for download from the website. Closing date for receipt of applications with the financial information is 30th October.

Music in Shelley

Young people in our rural villages often complain that there isn't anything for them to do. Not so with young musicians. There are many junior and senior bands in our area and some young musicians play in several bands. The Parish Council is conscious that the purchase of musical instruments is expensive and is also appreciative of the voluntary work that goes into running these bands. Through its small grants scheme the Council is pleased to support many of these local bands.

On Saturday 27th June, Shelley College hosted a free, joint concert put on by Shelley Music Centre (part of Kirklees Music School) and students from Bergkamen, near Dortmund, playing music from shows and

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films. The same evening, Shelley Music Centre Big Band performed for a charity concert 'in the garden' playing a variety of music, jazz, classical, Caribbean and Latin American. These young people are talented musicians, who are proud to entertain and are worthy of our support.

Hungarian Girls Choir Visits Shepley

In June Shepley Village hosted a visit from the Aurin Choir, an internationally renowned girls choir from Keskemet in Hungary. The girls, aged 14 to 18, have received an exceptionally high standard of musical education since kindergarten, and have won major international competitions, including the International Eisteddfod.

With the help of a grant from Kirkburton Parish Council, the Village hosted the weekend. On



Sunday night the Choir held a concert covering a broad range of music to a packed audience in St Paul's Church, which was very well received. The Choir also held a series of singing workshops with children from local schools Shepley, Shelley, Birdsedge & Denby followed by music and movement workshops, and pottery workshops run by local potter Kate Orme. Over 200 places were taken up by local school children.

The day went exceptionally well. It was a pleasure to see the children going home with their pottery figures and the evening concert was of a very high standard and really enjoyable.