

Message from the Chair



DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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As I look out through the window whilst writing this message I see the leaves falling and grey over-cast skies heralding the onset of winter.

It reminds me that the run up to Christmas is always a busy time for the Parish Council and that there is lots still to do.

The Parish Council has been very active throughout the year and this newsletter is one of our ways of bringing you up to date with all that is happening in the Parish.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and look forward to hearing your views and opinions on how we shape our services for the future; but more of that later.

On behalf of all of us on Dale Abbey Parish Council may I wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Peter Farmer

Chair Dale Abbey Parish Council

Christmas Lights 2009

This year our Christmas lights switch on ceremonies will be on Tuesday 1st December at Ladywood Road Kirk Hallam and Thursday 3rd December in Dale Abbey Village, both starting at 6.30pm.

The lights will be switched on by his worship the Mayor of Erewash Cllr. Terry Holbrook.

A Christmas message and prayers will be delivered by the Rev. David Fergus in Kirk Hallam and Rev. Canon Ian Gooding in Dale Abbey.

At both venues Pinxton Puppets will be providing entertainment with music and carols from

Ilkeston Brass and of course Santa will be there with goodies for the children.

In Dale Abbey Village festive singing will be provided by children from the Gateway Christian School and a warm drink and mince pie will be available in the Gateway Christian Centre.

A warm welcome is extended to all, so please come along and make this a great start to the festive season

We are hoping for record attendance, let's make this the best year ever.

All Saints Church Dale Abbey

Following a request for financial support from the Rev. Canon Ian Gooding the Parish Council has donated the sum of £500 to the Church restoration fund.

The church has been fortunate in being offered a grant from English Heritage of £72000 but this is still some way short of the estimated £100,000 required to complete the restoration.

Work has already started on reinforcing the east wall and repairing the roof. Inevitably as work progresses further unexpected horrors are exposed which require attention.

The Parish Council thought it appropriate to make a donation to help preserve this unique church as part of our heritage.



**All Saints Dale Abbey
Restoration in progress**

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Sherwood Foresters Memorial

The Parish Council received a request from the Sherwood Foresters Western Front Memorial Committee for a donation of £30 towards the provision of a permanent memorial.

Over 11,000 men from the regiment lost their lives on the Western Front between 1914 and 1918.

The memorial is situated in the Commonwealth War Graves Committee Cemetery at Tyne Cot near Ypres Belgium.

Charitable Donations

Your Parish Council receives a number of requests each year for donation to charity and we are in the process of formulating a policy to deal with such requests.

We would like your views; should we only consider local charities or also include national ones?. Would you like to see a set limit to the amount we could give to each? And what types of charity would you wish us to consider?

Please give us your views to enable us to formulate a policy that accurately reflects your wishes.

We need your views

Your Parish Council wishes to arrange a public open meeting in the near future to obtain your views on a whole range of issues that could affect you now or in the future.

To enable us to arrange an effective meeting we need your views.

We need to know the issues that effect you? Is there any additional service you would like the Parish Council to provide?

What is the best way of communicating with you? What do you think about this newsletter? Would you like to receive one on a regular basis? say twice or three times a year.

Please get in touch and give us your views we are waiting to hear from you, see contact details.

Red Telephone Box

We have responded to an initiative by BT to adopt the red telephone box situated opposite the playing field on Dale Road in the Village at a nominal cost of £1.

BT will remove the telephone equipment and leave the box in our care.

Our thoughts are to turn this into an information point for residents and visitors to find out what is happening in the area.

If you have any other thoughts as to it's use or any items you would like us to display in the box, please let us know.



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News in Brief

Rural Speed Initiative

In partnership with our Rural Beat Officer, Constable Russell Crooks we have undertaken two speed surveys through the Village.

Under Police supervision members of the public are shown how to use an uncalibrated speed gun, motorists found speeding are given a warning.

Tree Planting

Each year Erewash Borough Council offer us a free supply of tree saplings and hedging quicks for us to plant.

These are planted out in our playing fields to improve the hedge-rows and enhance the environment for wildlife.

Hanging baskets

The Parish Council has entered into a contract with Erewash Borough Council for them to supply the hanging baskets in both kirk Hallam and Dale Abbey.

The contract is for 3 years with each basket costing £55 per year fixed for 3 years.

They make a beautiful display and we hope you enjoy them.

Litter picks

In partnership with Erewash Borough Councils Borough Blitz campaign the Parish has held litter picks in both Kirk Hallam and Dale Abbey over the summer.

We intend to take part again next year and we would be delighted to welcome volunteers from the community to help clean up your area.

Vandalism

We regret to have to report a series of ongoing vandalism on the Wirksworth Road Kirk Hallam play area.

The new metal fencing erected around the children's play area is continually being damaged, the gate, intended to keep out dogs, is being regularly pulled off its hinges.

Sadly the cost of each repair comes directly out of our pockets through the Council Tax.