

# Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council News



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## Season's Greetings

By Cllr Tony Nicholson,  
Chair of the parish council



I am delighted to say that Sprotbrough and Cusworth folk have been getting into seasonal spirit this month - with a little help from your parish council.

Many of you turned out on a bitter cold night to watch our own Olympian, Beth Dobbin, switch on the lights of the Christmas tree opposite Sprotbrough's St Mary's Church. Great work again by the organisers, they never fail to deliver, and we played our part with a donation towards the cost of staging this popular annual event, which Santa himself attended.



Similarly, at Scawsby Community Centre, residents arrived in numbers to see their switch on, with local youngsters then able to visit a busy Santa again.

Meanwhile at Richmond Hill Primary, a grant of £150 from the parish council helped the school stage their Christmas Wonderland, following its acclaim last year when it was seen by countless visitors and passers by.

The parish council has lit a line of Christmas trees mounted on the wall of the Goldsmith Centre as well.

And we have more good news. Following the runaway success

of this year's 'taster' pantomime - two performances of Beauty and the Beast at the Goldsmith Centre on Sunday 12 December - we will be having FOUR performances of another panto next year. That will be two at the Goldsmith Centre and two at Scawsby Community Centre. Tickets for this year's performances sold out within hours, so watch our facebook page for details of when they will go on sale.

But long before then may I, on behalf of Sprotbrough and Cusworth Parish Council, send our seasonal greetings to you and your family and wish you a happy and healthy 2022.



## Water saving

THE parish council declared a climate change emergency in December in 2020 and set up a working group to examine ways of changing our own activities and support residents within the parish to reduce their carbon footprint. A draft action plan has been produced which sets out the actions we will be looking at. It can be found on our dedicated climate change webpage, along with other useful information for residents at this link: <https://www.sprotbroughandcusworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/climate-change.html>

One of our aims relates to conserving water. To support this parish councillors have set aside a budget to offer water butts to residents at a subsidised rate. Two options are available: a larger 210ltr butt (£25) or a smaller 100ltr butt (£15). If you would like more information, or to register your interest, please contact us on 01302 788093 or [sprotcuspc@btconnect.com](mailto:sprotcuspc@btconnect.com)

## Piece of cake



PICTURED are the 'neighbourhood champions', celebrating with a special cake Doncaster Council's adoption of the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Plan, which they worked tirelessly to create. You can read the Plan at: [www.sprotbroughandcusworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan](http://www.sprotbroughandcusworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan)



# What's on and where

THERE'S a lot happening at local community venues within easy reach of Sprotbrough and Cusworth, and we as a parish council are keen to encourage and support them. We want to be at the heart of our community, helping where we can. As we went to press, these were the regular events at the Goldsmith Centre and Scawsby Community Centre, plus some details about Sprotbrough Community Library. There's something for all ages.

During the year we award grants to local good causes and organisations that benefit our residents. Don't miss out on the opportunity to apply if you fit the bill. You can check your eligibility by visiting [www.sprotbroughandcusworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants](http://www.sprotbroughandcusworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants). You can either complete the online form or print the PDF and send a completed copy to the parish council office at the Goldsmith Centre.

## Goldsmith Centre, Sprotbrough Road

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Monday	Baby Sensory	7.45am to 3.45pm	Alison Holmes 07896313382 - Aliant80487@gmail.com
Monday	Scottish Dancing	7.30pm to 9.45pm	Ann Steele - 07974 841837
Monday	Nelly Stagles School of Dance	4.30pm to 5.00pm	Mark Huby - 07812 375745
Tuesday	Sprotbrough Stars Playgroup	8.00am to 11.15am	Susan Kirvan - 01302 530390
Tuesday	Nelly Stagles School of Dance	4.30pm to 8.00pm	Mark Huby - 07812 375745
Tuesday	Painting Group	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Betty Kelly - 07754 142202
Wednesday	Nelly Stagles School of Dance	11.00am to 12.00pm	Mark Huby - 07812 375745
Wednesday	Slimming World	4.30pm to 8.00pm	Kathy Evans - 07879 003618
Thursday	Sing and Shake playgroup (Doncaster Council)	9.00am to 10.15am	Laura Bidmead - 01302 737717
Thursday	Thursday Club	1.30pm to 4.00pm	Mrs Fryer - 01302 783974
Thursday	Ridgeway School of Dance	4.45pm to 7.45pm	Anita Hall - 01302 710889
Thursday	Ladies Circle (every 2 weeks)	7.15pm to 9.30pm	Mrs Farouqi - 01302 391480
Saturday	Ridgeway School of Dance	9.00am to 1.45pm	Mark Huby - 07812 375745
Sunday	Methodist Church	10.00am to 12.00 pm	Mr Stevens - 01302 852069

The Centre is available for individual hire for private events/ children's birthday parties on request to **01302 788093**

## Dancing the Night Away

ON Monday evenings the Goldsmith Centre is alive with people enjoying Scottish country dancing. The Doncaster group of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society has used the venue for many years because of the excellent dance floor. The weekly classes involve warm-up exercises then learning dance techniques and moves. There are some couples but most people come on their own, as it's intended to be a sociable activity, dancing with a different partner every time. Beginners or experienced dancers are welcome, with the guarantee that it's good for both your physical and mental health and a great opportunity to meet new friends. On Saturday 22 January 2022, the group is hosting a Burns Night Dinner and Ceilidh, with live music, a three-course meal and a programme of dances to suit regulars and visitors. For more details ring the secretary, Ann Steele, on **07974 841837**



## SPROTBROUGH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

OUR friends at Sprotbrough Library have a packed diary of regular activities, which you can view at [www.sprotbroughlibrary.org.uk](http://www.sprotbroughlibrary.org.uk) including:

Let your imagination flow at **Creative Textile Workshops** with Michelle Chalmers

The workshops offer creative learning experiences for children, young people and adults, specialising in textile art and customisation, encouraging natural creativity, mindfulness and wellbeing. Featuring stamps, stencils and freehand art to design and upscale, enabling all ages and abilities to create exciting pieces of work.



### Baby Bunnies

FUN and games at Baby Bunnies yoga and massage with Nichola Caughey  
VISIT the Baby Bunnies Doncaster facebook page to find out more about their activities

### Free refills

DID you know?... that Sprotbrough Community Library is helping to reduce single use plastic by offering free water bottle refills if you're passing by. Download the Refill app to find thousands of places that do the same.



## Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Monday	Playgroup	9.00am to 12.00pm	Lesley Broadbent/Michelle Kirby (term time only) 07914 344660
Monday	Art Group	1.00pm to 3.00pm	Mick Stanley - 07765043073
Monday	Mini Kicks (under 5s soft football)	4.00pm to 4.50pm	01302 618080
Monday	Dance fitness mix	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Yvonne Parker - 01302 782406
Tuesday	Playgroup	9.00am to 12.00pm	Lesley Broadbent/Michelle Kirby (term time only) 07914 344660
Tuesday	Get together	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Isabelle Thorpe - 01302 784309
Wednesday	Playgroup	9.00am to 12.00pm	Lesley Broadbent/Michelle Kirby (term time only) 07914 344660
Wednesday	Mums and tots	1.00pm to 3.00pm	Michelle Kirby - 07914 344660
Wednesday	Dance movement class	5.00pm to 6.00pm	Kerry Jackson - 07507 340661
Thursday	Playgroup	9.00am to 12.00pm	Lesley Broadbent/Michelle Kirby (term time only) 07914 344660
Thursday	Scawsby Independent Women	1.00pm to 3.30pm	Pat Cowlshaw - 01302 564200 Anita Coates - 01302 273272
Thursday	Specialist Fitness	4.30pm to 5.30pm	Emma Glen - 07720 777285
Saturday	Drama	9.30am to 11.30am	Katie Bradley/ Sarah Thomas 07504 523512
Saturday	Dancing	6.00pm to 11.00 pm (4th Saturday of the month)	Ian Sadler 01302 311636 - 07752 579791
Saturday	Private Parties can be booked 12.30pm to 5.00pm		
Sunday	Short mat bowling	7.00pm to 9.00pm	Maureen Walker - 01302 727209 (currently full membership)
Sunday	Private Parties can be booked 10.00am to 5.30pm		

## Scawsby Art Group

MEETS every Monday from 1pm to 3pm and it costs just £2 a week, working with different types of artistic materials. A self-help group, with currently about 15 members and new starters are always welcome. Just come along with the materials of your choice and join in. Social distancing is in operation.



## BRIEFLY



### Fab five clean up for Pudsey

THANK YOU to five Sprotbrough youngsters who took part in a sponsored local litter pick which, at the time of going to press, had raised £100 for charity.

Thoughtful Amelia Furniss, 13, Hattie Furniss, 10, Elsie Furniss, 6, Imogen Straker, 7, and Florence Straker, 5, wanted to raise money for Children in Need by doing something for the planet and decided a litter pick was the best way. They used equipment supplied by the parish council. If you would like to do something similar in your area, please ring the Goldsmith Centre on Doncaster **788093**

## Planting for the future

TINY tots from Sprotbrough Stars Playgroup are hoping to see the fruits of their recent labour in years to come.

They helped plant two pear trees, provided by the parish council, in the grounds of the Goldsmith Centre's play area as part of our pledge to help tackle climate change by reducing our carbon footprint. The trees will capture carbon as they grow, as well as providing shade and fruit picking opportunities for the young Stars of the future.



# RECORD-BREAKING DAVE

PARISH councillor Dave Glover, who represents Sprotbrough's Stonecross Ward, is also a double world record holder - and he has the certificates to prove it.

Dave is pictured riding the 124cc AJS Tiger motorbike on which he set two new world land speed records at South Wales' historic Pendine Sands. He broke the previous quarter of a mile record with his speed of 49.93mph, and a new half-mile world record with 49.727mph. It was on the same stretch of sand, in 1924, that Sir Malcolm Campbell broke the then world record with his car Blue Bird, with a top speed of 146.16mph. Admittedly Dave's speed was a bit slower than that, but on sand that speed is still a hair-raising experience.

The following day he just missed a third record by only 0.03mph, set by French Canadian, Gilles Pujol's in 1994. So, he will take another shot at that at Pendine in 2022. Well done, Dave.



Dave on his way to a world record. Photo credit: Syd Wall.



## A tale of two hedgehogs



By parish Chair, Cllr Tony Nicholson

My wife was taking our dog out for a walk during the day when they came across a tiny hedgehog. Unfortunately, being out in the daytime is a sign they may not be doing too well. He could be sick, injured or/and underweight so, aware of this, she carefully picked him up and handed him over to our son who was able to offer him some refuge. Unbelievably, later in the day, she came across yet another hoglet in the sun. It was clear he was suffering from ringworm so she handed him over to our son as well.

After weighing and a few tests - the first hedgehog was found to be suffering with lungworm and infested with ticks while the second chap had a pretty bad case of ringworm. Both were less than 300 grams so were badly underweight. Happily though, both are now receiving treatment and doing very well, though it's unlikely they will be able to hibernate this Winter. So it looks like a Spring release for Peter and Daniel (yes, we gave them names).

● For advice on caring for hedgehogs visit [www.rspca.org.uk](http://www.rspca.org.uk)



## Caring Steve and his pal

STEVE Hutchinson and his trainee guide dog Clifton are becoming a familiar sight on our premises. Steve, our relief caretaker, and his wife Karen, have been looking after the labrador/retriever cross since he was seven weeks old and will keep him until he is 14 months old, as part of the Royal National Institute for the Blind's puppy raising programme.

Clifton is Steve's second guide dog puppy. His first stayed with him for 22 months, due to Covid lockdown. Clifton will eventually be matched to a blind person who can benefit from the independence that a guide dog brings.

Steve's blind father-in-law, Pete Riley, who until his death a few years ago lived at Spring Lane, Sprotbrough, would regularly be seen out walking with his guide dog. Steve said: "I saw how valuable Pete's guide dog was to him and that's what prompted me to want to become a volunteer puppy raiser."



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# Parish Council meetings

- you are welcome to attend

Month	Venue
Thurs 20 January 2022	Goldsmith Centre
Thurs 17 February 2022	Goldsmith Centre
Thurs 17 March 2022	Goldsmith Centre
Thurs 21 April 2022	Goldsmith Centre

Please note that these dates are subject to change if required due to Covid-19 regulations. All meetings are scheduled to start at 7pm unless specified in the agenda. Further information can be found on our website:

[www.sprotbroughandcusworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sprotbroughandcusworthparishcouncil.gov.uk)

and our facebook and twitter social media pages.