



Skelton cum Newby Parish Newsletter

February 2023

Welcome to an update on what's going on in your village, how you can help if you are able, and how to stay in touch.

Black Lion Pub & Hub Update

We have already had share pledges of £140,000 which is a fantastic amount to achieve in just over 2 months. We clearly still have a lot of fundraising to do to achieve our £250,000 funding target.

What are the benefits for the village?

'More than a Pub' ... with everyone's help, the Black Lion will not just become a pub again, but a vital 'hub', providing other services and getting back a thriving community spirit in our lovely village. Potential ideas are, vibrant pub serving food, Café, Wellbeing Garden, Market Garden, Community Orchard, Additional Defibrillator, Essential Shop, Parcel Drop Off, Free Wi-Fi, Pop Up Health, Free Meeting Space etc

One thing that might encourage you to pledge or increase your pledge is that the share scheme may qualify for Social Investment Tax Relief (SITR) of 30% (to be confirmed).

There is independent research to suggest that house prices are adversely affected if a community loses their pub.

How can you help?

If you haven't pledged yet please return your pledge form to the small black post box marked 'Pledge Forms' inside the red telephone box called "Village Office" opposite the Reading Room. You can also pledge on our website www.skeltonblacklion.com/share-scheme. If you know people who haven't yet pledged, please encourage them. And if you have pledged already and could possibly increase your amount then please visit the website.

Don't forget that this is not a binding commitment and helps us gain a true reflection of potential investment in order for us to write an accurate business plan to apply for external funding.

You will be able to review the business plan and share prospectus before parting with any money once our official share scheme is launched.

Together we can help create an amazing community hub with a pub in the middle of our village!

School Closure Consultation

Whilst we fight to reopen the pub, we are now faced with the closure of our primary school in August 2023. Opened in 1856, it has served this village and surrounding areas for over 165 years.

Whilst pupil numbers in recent years have fallen, we believe there is an important case to keep the school open. The Parish Council has responded to the NYCC Consultation (full details on the noticeboard and online).

It is important as many people as possible respond by the deadline which is 24th February 2023.

The online link is <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/prop/osal-close-skelton-newby-hall-ce-vc-primary-school-31-august-2023>

It appears to only offer online submissions, but the postal address for NYCC is County Hall, Racecourse Lane, Northallerton DL7 8AD

Parish Council Meetings

Next meeting 13th April
Annual meeting on 12th May
then 13th July & 12th October
All start at 7pm in Reading Room

Parish Councillors

Guy Critchlow (Chair)
Jane Mosley (Dame hon.)
Jim Spillings
Chris Delf
Lawrence Paterson (Vice Chair)
Contact the Parish Clerk on skeltonparishcouncil@outlook.com

... turnover for more ...

Pub with Grub 2023



Whilst we wait for the Black Lion to spring back to life, we are going to continue with the popular Spring/Summer series of **Inn at the Reading Room**, which is a pop up pub with grub. First one up is Friday 28th April, bar opens at 6.30pm (cash only) until 11pm, food starts from 7-8pm (cash or card) ... a lovely way to meet up with other folk in the village and a family friendly feel.

Village in Bloom



We want to get our village blooming again ... continued thanks to Bernard Gallantree who looks after the tubs & boxes at the Reading Room. Tim Gerrard & Martha Critchlow have 'volunteered' to coordinate other common areas around the village – drop them a message if you are able to help.

Reading Room for hire

A great space for a meeting, hold a party, class or course ... and at only £10 an hour, its great value. Tables & chairs available for a small charge. Further details from skeltonreadingroom@gmail.com

Local businesses

Milkman – Philip who delivers on a Monday, Wednesday, & Friday. Call him on 07727 145688 or email on philipkellett@live.co.uk

Opportunity knocks – if you are a local business, you could appear here in the future ...

Newby Hall Cricket Club

Always welcome new players and spectators, More information is available from Tony Sidwell on 07801 214045

Allotments

If you would like an allotment plot, then get in touch with Chris Delf via email on delfiniums@btinternet.com



Exclusive Discount Offer

Newby Hall is offering discounted season tickets to Skelton on ure residents at the same rate as next year - £25/adult and £15/child (over 2 years old).

To take advantage of this offer, or renew your membership from last year, please email sales@newbyhall.com with your name and home address, and they will email you instructions. They thank you for your continued support.

Keeping up to date

There are three ways to keep up to date (apart from word of mouth!)

Noticeboards – one of them is outside the Reading Room, the other one is outside the shop.

Facebook – love it or hate it, its an easy way to share news.

Join our village group, simply called 'Skelton on Ure'

Websites – the council website is sexily called skeltoncumnewbypc.org and the pub website is aptly called skeltonblacklion.com.

Spring Community Clean



If you are free and able, then come along to our Spring Clean which is litter picking in and around the village. Litter pickers, yellow vests and black bags are provided by HBC, who also remove the rubbish. If you have a yellow vest and litter picker, then please bring it. Children must be supervised at all times.

We start at 9.30am on Saturday 18th March, meet at the Reading Room. We will have coffee & cake (or tea & biscuits) to round off the clear up.

Reading Room Regulars

All welcome to attend ...



Coffee morning

Fortnightly on Thursday 10-12 in the Reading Room
16th March, 2nd, 16th, 30th April, 13th, 27th May, 11th, 25th June, 8th, 22nd July



Meet 7.30pm
2nd Tuesday of every month

Book Club at 7pm
on Thursday evenings
16th Feb, 16th Mar,
20th April, 18th
May, 15th June



St Helen's Church

Small yet beautiful, services held on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 9.30am. Come along to find out more. All welcome!