

DELPH MATTERS

Let's get to know each other!

Welcome

Delph Community Association (DCA) was formed to fight against the re-development of Chapel Gardens. Following the success of that campaign, the DCA took over the running of Delph library when OMBC removed funding.

This newsletter is to inform and update the residents of Delph as to the current activities of the DCA.

DCA hold regular meetings within the village to which all are invited to attend – please come along and share your views. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in the Millgate Centre bar area on Tuesday 4th November at 7.45pm.

Key dates:

4 November 2008 –
DCA meeting 7.45
16 November 2008 –
Theatre Event “An Ideal
Husband”

Library Opening Times:

Tuesday 2.00 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 2.00 – 7.00pm
Thursday 2.00 – 4.30pm
Friday 10.00am – 12.30pm
Saturday 10.00am – 12.30pm

Library update

Good News! Oldham Council have accepted the recommendation of the Ombudsman and have given Delph Library £750 as compensation for their maladministration regarding library running costs. This will help with the running costs for this coming year.

Oldham Council have also granted the library £20,000 out of this years budget. It has been agreed that this will convert the library into an Access Point. This will involve putting in a self-service machine and two new computers. It will mean that library users will again be able to access any book held in an Oldham Library, and to return books to any library, including Delph. There will also be a much faster turnover of books. In return we have agreed to open the library for two more sessions a week. These will be Wednesday afternoon (2.00 –4.30) and Wednesday evening (4.30 – 7.00). The additional sessions will start on October 8th.

We need more volunteers to cover the extra opening hours. If you can spare some time, please contact Phillida Shipp on 01457 875171.

We are very grateful to all those who have donated books to the library. However we now have more books that we can shelve and so for the present please give your unwanted books to another deserving cause. We may well be asking for donations again in future.

If you have any ideas on how to improve the library, please speak to one of our volunteers.

Fundraising

Running costs of the library (security, utilities, insurance etc.) are in the region of £4,000 per year. These costs are met by donations from “Friends of Delph Library” (£642 last year), other one-off donations plus DCA fundraising activities. Events held this year include the Scarecrow trail, a street party and a film show. New activities scheduled include a theatre event (An Ideal Husband) and a cheese and wine evening.

We have set up an arrangement with “Buy At” which will result in the DCA receiving commission on purchases made through www.buy.at/delphcommunityassociation The price you pay is the same but the village benefits! Lots of well known retailers can be accessed through this site including Tesco, Asda, Next, M&S. Please consider this portal when buying your Christmas presents on the internet.

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Upcoming Events

Theatre Evening

Saddleworth Players have very kindly agreed to allocate half of the tickets for the Oscar Wilde play "An Ideal Husband" to the DCA for the show on Sunday 16th November at 7.30pm. There will be a supper served in the bar afterwards. Tickets cost £10 each including supper and are available from the library. There will be a raffle at the end of the show for which prize donations are very welcome and should be dropped off at the library. This will be a very popular event so get your tickets quick!

Cheese and Wine

A fair-trade cheese and wine event is planned before Christmas in conjunction with the Co-op.

Village News

Roads Update

Mr Tony Noblet, Service Director, Highways, OMBC attended a DCA meeting on 16th September and discussed various matters concerning the roads within the village.

Road safety plans have been proposed for Denshaw Road outside Delph school. These will need to be put out to consultation and it is hoped that this will be a very quick process and that we will see some safety measures introduced in the very near future!

The new road scheme in the village and in particular the bridge, were subject to a lengthy discussion at the meeting where Mr Noblet has agreed to review the position and recommend changes if appropriate. As part of this exercise, a review of speeds through the village will be undertaken. A report back to the DCA is expected at February's public meeting next year.

Anti social behaviour

There have been several instances of underage drinking in the village with youths causing disturbances mainly around the library entrance in the evenings. If you notice any anti social behaviour in the village please call the police and report this on 872 5050. For instances which require an immediate attention please call 999. It is imperative that incidents are reported so that the police can collect necessary evidence for Anti Social Behaviour Orders.

Chapel Gardens

Architects plans have been produced to landscape the gardens. These are expected to be presented in the Methodist church and on display in the library in the coming months.

Independent Chapel

Planning permission is being sought for 9 apartments on this site. Full details of the application can be found in the library or on the OMBC website.