



DELPH

THE DELPH COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION

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WAKE UP DELPH!!

Some people like 'Sleepy Hollow'. Some say it's dead, others say 'Not Yet', 'Not Dead but Dying'. Many Delphers talk fondly of the Delph of yesteryear, a vibrant, thriving community, full of life and activity and involvement.

A sociable interactive community which cared about itself, others and the Village environment.

So what's gone wrong? What's happened to people? Why is the Village Dying?

Is it that dreadful, suffocating disease — APATHY!!!

Is this the end result? The culminating effect of all our social ills, producing a 'Whatever' society. Or is this the wrong diagnosis? Is Delph still alive and kicking behind the scenes? Is there a lot going on, hidden from view? Well perhaps it's a bit of both. Perhaps Delph is not as

lively as it could be, in the public display sense (despite it's Band Contest, Duck Race, Rushcart Festivities etc.). But there are a surprisingly large number of Groups, Associations and clubs catering for the great diversity of interests in our community. Maybe they need a bit of publicity, a higher profile and more exposure so that Delphers will have a greater awareness of what's going on in their own village. Maybe living in the middle of a hive of activity is inspirational and some people will find it easier to overcome their crippling inertia and actually join in and who knows, they might enjoy it. They may decide to that Delph is not just a place you reside, but a place where you live, in fact THE place to live.

Some people are being proactive and are determined to save Delph from dying. Recently the Wake Up Delph Committee has been formed to provide Christmas Lights for the village and to wake up the village.

THE DELPH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION recognizes that various organizations already exist in our village and work to assist in promoting them, by publishing events in this newsletter or via the Website. A list of activities and clubs is attached and if yours is not listed Contact the Editor and if you have a website, contact Webmaster. Through this Newsletter we hope to enlighten the community, you might find it illuminating.

NEXT MEETING

7.45pm

Tuesday 2nd. May 2006

St. Thomas' Church Hall

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The Chapel Gardens

Delph Community Association came into being when a number of concerned residents attended a public meeting called to voice concern at the prospective loss of the Chapel Gardens (at the heart of the village) to a proposed housing development. Excellent work has been done by various individuals, petitions were raised and other interested local organizations, such as the Civic Trust and the Historical Society, were involved in saving this important amenity, on behalf of the Village and for the Village. Success has lead us to an important date for the Delphers' Calendar :-

**** Sunday 23rd. April—St. George's Day ****

and the chosen occasion for the handing over of the Chapel Gardens to the community under the guardianship of the Delph Community Association. **Come Rain Or Shine — Be There!!** Make it a day to remember, show your appreciation by your presence. No other mark of gratitude will be more relevant for those who have done so much to safeguard its future — FOR YOU

All the youth of Delph are welcome to join in with the Association, so come along, your opinion & suggestions are valuable to this community

THE WIND FARM

The great Wind Farm debate goes on with strongly held views being voiced by promoters and protesters. Currently those against are jubilant that the long awaited planning application decision has recommended that it should be refused.

But neither side can afford to be complacent regarding its' eventual outcome, there is a long way to go yet before the matter is finally resolved



DELPH MATTERS



Delph Village Library

The Millgate Centre continues to be the main cause for concern for most of the community and pressure is being maintained on the O.M.B.C. Whilst the very essence of Community Spirit has so far succeeded in keeping a lending facility in operation. This is by no means a proper and adequate Library Service but many avenues are being explored to persuade O.M.B.C. of the errors of their decision. In the interim funds for capital

expenditure are constantly being sought, with varying degrees of success. Official sources of funds are rarely available for running costs and this is where regular donations such as those channeled through 'The Friends of Delph Library' are essential.

For details of how to help financially, through 'The Friends of Delph Library'.

**Contact Pam Preston on
01457 871387 or
07890 260263**

Good News

The Computer, kindly donated by Saddleworth Round Table is now available to villagers, in the library and has an Internet connection

Christmas Lights

Why shouldn't Delph Village celebrate Christmas? Why don't we have a Christmas tree? Why don't we illuminate the centre of our village with coloured lights? If you have any opinions on this matter and would like to see it happen, get involved, have your voice heard and get in touch with the Wake up Delph committee. They are trying hard to make it become a reality. Give them your support and light up Delph.

RE-VAMPING DELPH

(Delph Make-over) Good news for Delph! Disruptive though the bridgework will be, it's not all bad news. Not only will this necessary work be an improvement in itself but it is providing an opportunity for O.M.B.C. to carry out various other, much needed improvements including new pavements and street lighting and a welcome proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit through the village centre. A public consultation meeting is proposed and your views will be sought. We shall keep you informed.

LOCALISM This is the new buzzword you may be hearing more of in the future. The Government is anxious to involve the local community, to a far greater extent than hitherto, in those decisions which affect it specifically. This means, not only will Parish and Borough representatives continue to speak on our behalf but greater consultation will be required on all sorts of matters. The D.C.A. is well placed to channel these grassroots opinions and will, along with other residents associations, be increasingly involved in the process. If you have matters you wish to be addressed, this might be another way in which to effectively lobby those whose decisions affect you.

Senior Citizens

We are all getting older (Yes even you young 'uns) and living longer. Provision has to be made for all sections of the community and the older residents are a growing group of people whose particular needs cannot be overlooked. An independent public meeting is being mooted by an association who are looking to improve and enhance the services and the

facilities provided in Saddleworth. Delph has been chosen for the location for a new initiative to provide suitable and affordable accommodation to meet the varying needs of the elderly and a range of services which will be available to non-residents. Watch out for the Date and Location. This is a welcomed development.

Organisations, Associations, Clubs and Special interest groups all meet regularly in Delph. Listed below are some of these groups.

Contact Editor to Get Listed

Badminton	Delph Club
Cubs, Beavers, & Brownies	Chapel Hall
Delph Allotment Society	875331
Delph Band Club	874465
Delph & Dobcross Cricket & Bowls Club	875791
Delph Senior Citizens Luncheon Club	873737
Delph Social Club	876101
Delph Wives Club	874964
Delph Youth Club	872011
Friarmere Cricket Club	877018
Friends of Delph Library	871387
Brenda Goddard School of Dancing	874548
The 3Ds Football Club	Delph Club
Jenny's Keep Fit Club	874539
Katana Jiu-Jitsu Club	Delph Club
The Methodist Church	872172
Piecemakers Quilting Group	Church Hall
Delph Runners & Joggers	Chapel Hall
Saddleworth Craft Co-operative	874705
Saddleworth group of Artists	875718
Saddleworth Players, Dramatics & Film Soc.	874644
St. Thomas C of E	874209
Wake up Delph Committee	874611

For comments and articles you may wish to add to Delph Matters, tell us about successes and forthcoming events. If they are not published here, they can be put on the Website. **Please contact Keith & Jenny Begley 87 4539**