

Holly Mount Orchard—New Cabin Build

Holly Mount Orchard - one of the largest heritage orchards in the North West, and your local community orchard - has had a fantastic start to 2023. Alongside the annual rhythms of winter tree pruning - guided by an RHS Bridgewater specialist - the volunteers pulled together (and pulled down) the old greenhouse that stood at the top of the orchard. Corroded, leaking, beleaguered, the greenhouse abdicated its throne with good grace, and has since been succeeded by the most glorious of glorious cabins. With huge thanks to a local source of support, the orchard's cabin marks a new chapter in the life of this once abandoned orchard.

As the spring approaches, and the birds raise their voices - do visit the orchard and enjoy our continuing commitment to this most special and unique local heritage environment. Don't forget, you can help the ongoing life of the orchard by joining the volunteers formally on the 1st Sunday of the month (1.30-4pm) or there are regular weekly mid-week sessions too. You can see our activities posted on Facebook or email hollymountorchard@hotmail.co.uk for any information. Of course, you can also support the orchard by simply drinking our juice! Limited stocks still just about available of 2022 juice, from Tottington Butchers or Plentiful Ramsbottom - all proceeds going directly back into the apples from where the juice came!



Greenmount Cricket Club

Over recent months the cricket club has undergone a lot of improvement work to the Lounge Bar providing additional inside seating, new toilets, entrance



ramp and a new decking area, with everything due to be completed before the cricket season starts on the 9th April. Members and non members are welcome.

The club also has a new caterer, Chris Harrison, and is open for food from Thurs to Sunday from 9.30am to 8pm (6pm Sundays).

The club welcomes Jacques Snyman, a South African international, as professional and he will arrive in early April, along with his wife and child.

Village Party

As some of you will be aware Greenmount Village Community has held a village party for several years and this has taken place on the first Bank Holiday Monday in May. Last year we changed this to fit in with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Despite the extra Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation we will still be holding the party on **Monday 1st May, 2023.**

There will be an Art Exhibition in the church, a sale, historical display and café in the old school, activities and stalls from Greenmount Village Community run projects on the Village Green. Greenmount Cricket Club will also be opening its doors. All are welcome.



Do you want to join our volunteers or possibly run a project? Please do get in touch by email chairperson@greenmountvillage.org.uk or by signing up for our mailing list at www.greenmountvillage.org.uk or by sending a message via our Facebook or Twitter accounts.

Island Lodge Project

Island Lodge is in need of help in order for it to be saved from collapse and to be restored to being a haven for wildlife, taking pride of place in the Kirklees Valley Local Nature Reserve, designated as a site of biological importance. The dam wall continues to leak, despite recent temporary repairs and an inflow of polluted water, coupled with lack of through flow of fresh water is causing a pollution problem.

Tottington District Civic Society organised a public meeting in 2018 to 'Save Island Lodge'. Since then the society has kept all partners helping with the project informed regarding communications with Bury Council, the Environment Agency and United Utilities. In November 2022, representatives from each of the partners, including GVC, formed a committee with the aim of saving the lodge. Bury Council have now supplied the local anglers with water testing kits and have instructed Martin Proffitt to produce a masterplan for the Kirklees Valley, including Island Lodge. A campaign will soon be launched to gain the further support of our local communities, voluntary groups, organisations, schools and individuals to support the huge amount of fundraising needed.



Some of the committee members (L-R)—Christine Taylor (Tottington Civic Society) Julie Southworth (Greenmount Village Community), Graham Lord (Volunteer Project Advisor), John Southworth (Greenmount Village Community)



HELP NEEDED NOW—If you see discoloured water entering the lodge from the surface water inlet pipe, phone the Environment Agency on 0800 807060 and they will contact United Utilities to take immediate action. Please also take a photograph and send it to chris.greenmount@talktalk.net stating day, time and weather when it was taken. A photographic record, is being kept by Tottington District Civic Society and will be sent to the Environment Agency.

The water inlet can be seen from the viaduct looking left, just beyond the large tree which has fallen into the water next to the viaduct or off Mill Street near the board 6 of the Well Being Trail. (*What3Words* **cable.plans.pages** OS Ref. **SD 77865 13686**)

D-CaFF Dates

Greenmount Village Community

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14 April Greenmount Strummers
12 May Sarah Dennis joins us to
celebrate our 7th Birthday
9 June t.b.c.

Improved 480 Bus Service



The 480 bus service from Bolton, connecting Greenmount with Tottington, Walshaw, Elton and Bury has been greatly improved. Low fares (Adult £2, Children £1) with improved evening and Sunday services. Timetables are available in the village or by calling 0161 244 1000 or on-line at www.tfgm.com

If you are interested in what is going on in our village please visit our website

www.greenmountvillage.org.uk

We are also available on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube (see our home page for links)