

Delivered Throughout Greenmount

January 2018



Greenmount Play Area
Greenmount

Barn Dance



A Community Barn Dance has been organised for Saturday 3rd March at 8pm in the Old School.

Tickets cost £10 each including Hot Supper. Bring your own drink and glasses!. Tickets are available from Alistair Waddell on 01204 886010 or chairman@greenmountvillage.org.uk

Greenmount Village Green—Update

Our first formal consultation meeting to discuss improvements to the Greenmount Village Green (formerly known as Nailers Field) was on the 2nd February 2013, almost 5 years ago!! It is wonderful to report that a lot of progress has been made in the last 3 months and work is due to start very soon. The biggest challenge has been securing a budget large enough to make a sizeable impression on the site. The grant of £50,000 from Viridor Credits which we secured in summer 2017 took our total to just over £100,000, which sounds like a lot of money, and it is, but playgrounds are hugely expensive!!

The play equipment requirements were tendered to five companies and the team selected the quotation from Kompan. An artist's impression is shown above. Just before Christmas the play equipment arrived at the contractor's building yard and is now waiting for construction to begin.

Work is planned to start on Monday 5th February 2018 and is expected to last for up to 10 weeks. Due to the nature of the work, the WHOLE of the Village Green will be off limits as the team will be using the Cricket Club car park for their base. It's unlikely that many would use it anyway, given the current waterlogged nature of the site, and the fact that most of the play equipment is not fit for purpose.

The GRAND OPENING Day is Bank Holiday Monday May 7th when we will be having our Annual Village Party.

'My first few months in Parliament' by James Frith MP—Thurs 1st Feb at 8pm

In August 2017 our Chairman met with James Frith MP, a meeting arranged by Viridor Credits to discuss the plans for our Village Green. The meeting broadened to much wider issues in the community. Both of us agreed that it will benefit the village to hold a public meeting hosted by the GVC where James can tell us of his activities since the election in June 2017 along with a Q&A session.

Originally James planned to spend the evening discussing his role and also listening to and gaining feedback from his constituents. The recent spate of burglaries in the area means this will be a topic for discussion and James will enlighten us on his campaign to help reduce crime. If you are interested please come along to our next meeting on

Thursday 1st February at 8pm in Greenmount Cricket Club.



Burglaries

Sadly there was yet again a large number of break in's over the Festive period. The Police will be holding a village meeting in March to provide feedback on their investigations. **Use the attached leaflet!!**



Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Greenmount Village Community (GVC) is on:
Thursday 1 Feb 8pm at Greenmount Cricket Club
All are welcome
James Frith MP
is our guest speaker

Forthcoming Events

Fri 12 Jan 1.15-3.15 Cricket Club—D-CaFF (every 2nd Friday)
Sat 13 Jan 10am Old School—Drop In (every 1st Saturday)
Tues 23 Jan 1.15-3.15pm Cricket Club—D-CaFF the Quieter Side (every 4th Tuesday)
Fri 26 Jan 10am—Woodland Management at Kingsbury Wood
Wed 31 Jan 7.30pm Cricket Club—'Cinder Hill Engine House' Update by Neil Coldrick (Holcombe Moor Heritage Group)
Thur 1 Feb 8pm Cricket Club—GVC meeting with James Frith MP
Sun 4 Feb 10.30-4.00 Orchard—Winter Pruning Workshop
Wed 14 Feb 8pm Old School—'Life in the Workhouse' by Peter Watson Tottington & District Horticultural Society
Wed 28 Feb 7.30pm Cricket Club—'Excavating Early Steam Engines around Manchester' by Dr Mike Nevell

Thinking of getting more involved in our Village Life!

If you are thinking of getting involved more then there are plenty of opportunities in the village and at the Old School. The Old School is our Village Community Centre, owned by the Church and run by volunteers from the Church and the Village Community.

Visit our monthly '**DROP IN**' at the Old School for information on village activities and how you can get involved and speak to the GVC Chairman Alistair, Faith Greenhalgh or Christine Taylor who will be happy to explain what goes on in the village. Leaflets on our local Countryside Walks and the monthly Church Newsletter are now available from outside the Old School and the Church. Thinking of attending Sunday Service at 10am you will be most welcome. At Greenmount you are a stranger only once! Please make yourself known.

A key social event held each month is the "**SATURDAY DROP IN & GOOD AS NEW SALE**" including Bric-a-brac, Books, CDs, DVDs, Jigsaws, Clothing and Handicrafts SAT. 13th JAN. & SAT 3rd FEB from 10 am to 12 noon in GREENMOUNT OLD SCHOOL. Information leaflets about events and activities in the area are available. There is also a Potato pie lunch provided for £2 and admission to the event is Free. Full details of a visit to Townley Hall on Wednesday 7th March will be available at the next Saturday DROP IN.



Are you aware of the Adult Learning opportunities available in Bury?

Take a look at what is on offer at

www.bury.gov.uk/adultlearning

or call Giovanna Kerwin on 0161 253 6867

News from Hollymount Orchard

Are you interested in helping on a monthly basis with a wonderful outdoor project? If so, why not join our regular **1st Sunday of the month** sessions which are open to all (1.30-4pm). We're busy planning a **Winter Pruning Workshop** in February and an **Evening Grafting Workshop** led by Dan Hasler from Helping Britain Blossom in March. Drop us a line at hollymountorchard@hotmail.co.uk for more details!

Greenmount Helpers

This service was started in June 2017 supported by the Greenmount Village Community. It is a free service to those who live within Greenmount (those who receive a Voice newsletter through their door). It is available to old and young alike and all you need to do to use the service is phone this number **07985665506** and make your request.

If you have a spare hour a week and would like to offer help to others in our community then please call the same number **07985665506** and make yourself known to our team.



If you are interested in knowing what is going on in the Village go to our Web Site
www.greenmountvillage.org.uk
If you wish to advertise an event email it to webmaster@greenmountvillage.org.uk