

Clay Cross update

December 2014

Clay Cross Parish Council News



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Welcome to Clay Cross Update

With Christmas just a few weeks away this is probably a good time to remember the goodwill of the volunteers who run the weekly luncheon club, attended by an average of 50 pensioners on Tuesdays.

Again on the subject of goodwill, I must pay tribute to the hard work of the volunteers who run all of the community groups/organisations that provide an opportunity for residents to take part in sports and social activities in the Parish and surrounding areas. They are recognised annually at the Presentation Evening held at Clay Cross Social Centre, when the Parish Council give donations to these groups/organisations. Once again there was a good turnout on the night, when among the recipients were Clay Cross Squadron Air Training Corps who will use their donation toward the running costs of the Squadron including the newly purchased mini-bus, which will take them to all the local activities/events that they support each year.

Another example of an organisation that has used their donation well is the East Midlands Ju-Jitsu Association that meet at the Social Centre on Tuesday evenings during school term time. They have yet again achieved a new crop of medals in national championships. Well done! I was also pleased to see that John Rake started the 'Little Red Dragons Club' in March this year – it is a martial arts class for 5-6 year olds and is held at Holmgate Community Centre.

We must not forget the efforts of Clay Cross Town Football Club, who also receive a donation from the Parish Council, in organising funding for floodlights which will make such a difference to their Mill Lane ground.

It is very rewarding for Parish Councillors and others who have fought to overcome the disappointment of the withdrawal of the original developer of the former Biwater site to see that work has started on creating the new area, where there will be 980 new homes as well as leisure and retail facilities that will provide extra choice for residents, and extra jobs of course. We have worked closely with St Modwen, the new development company, and we are delighted to see the sports pavilion and pitches which they have already opened for the use of the community. This development, together with the town centre redevelopment which is still continuing, marks an exciting new era in the history of the town.

Finally, may all residents enjoy a very happy Christmas and New Year.



Councillor Gerry Morley

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Morley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Councillor Gerry Morley,
Chair, Clay Cross Parish Council.

Clay Cross Parish Council Income and Expenditure

For the year ended 31 March 2014

INCOME	2014(£)	2013(£)	EXPENDITURE	2014 (£)	2013(£)
Precept	219,000	219,000	Staff costs	63,622	55,732
Grants	14,867	14,867	General Administration	63,521	50,191
Social Centre Hire	9,309	9,735	Section 137 Payments	19,941	24,617
Housing office Rent	12,124	11,480	Capital Spending	3,175	10,626
Cemetery Lodge Rent	3,824	3,729	Cemetery:		
Market Rent (outdoor)	1,383	891	Cemetery Management and Maintenance NEDDC	32,570	32,248
Market Rent (indoor)	180	230	Other Cemetery costs	6,444	6,679
Allotment Rents	881	908	Cemetery Lodge costs	276	276
Social Events	6,937	7,237	Allotments	868	1,187
Lunch Club	5,194	4,358	Bus station Public Toilets	1,583	76
Miscellaneous	357	1,078	Social Events	5,383	6,945
Bar Takings	12,387	1,779	Lunch Club	8,283	7,980
Bank Interest	237	240	Environment – General	2,456	1,560
NEEDC contribution towards Cemetery	1,500	1,700	Street Cleaning Charge NEDDC	22,447	22,225
Capital projects contribution Councillor P Riggott	-	3,000	Leisure Area/Playgrounds	37,883	36,218
Insurance claim Ashover Road bus shelter	875	2,860	Community Expenditure	19,294	18,089
Insurance claim Allotments Valley Road	-	420	Bar purchases	6,190	-
TOTAL INCOME	<u>289,055</u>	<u>283,512</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>293,936</u>	<u>274,649</u>
			Balances at 1st April	170,181	161,318
			Add total income for the Year	289,055	283,512
				<u>459,236</u>	<u>444,830</u>
			Less total expenditure for the Year	293,936	274,649
			Balances at 31st March	<u>£165,300</u>	<u>£170,181</u>

Remembrance Day

Hundreds of people joined with local war veterans and their families, local organisations and civic representatives to take part in a parade and Remembrance Day service at St. Bartholomew's Church, paying tribute to the sacrifice of the victims of war and commemorating the 100th anniversary of World War One.

To mark this special occasion, Clay Cross Parish Council had paid £660 to Stone & Marble to clean the War Memorial with high-pressure water jets, work aided by Clay Cross Air Cadets who cleaned the wall and plaques.

The Parish Council also produced a reprint of the original booklet that accompanied the unveiling and dedication of the War Memorial on Sunday, December 10, 1922, including the names of the 184 local servicemen who were killed on the battlefields.



Cadets clean the war memorial wall and plaques.

The booklets were handed out to those attending the service, and others are available free at the Council offices if required.



Parish Council Chair Gerry Morley at the war memorial with Councillor Tracy Reader, Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council to his right.

Tribute to Parish Clerk

Parish Councils can accurately be described as the grass roots of democracy, and here in Clay Cross the woman who has kept a watchful eye on proceedings as the elected councillors carried out their duties has for the last 20 years been Dawn Kershaw.

Dawn, the Clay Cross Parish Clerk, was chosen by MP Natascha Engel to take part in a photo shoot to illustrate the important work parish clerks across the district do in advising councillors and administering parish affairs.

Council Chair Gerry Morley said: "Dawn has been with the Parish for 20 years and has given great service to the Council, members of the council and other staff and I wish her the best over the next 20 years, that's if she can put up with us."

Natascha said: "Clerks deal with a huge variety of jobs on a day-to-day basis that covers everything from insurance and legal matters to making sure everyone gets paid on time. This is on top of



MP Natascha Engel with Dawn Kershaw.

making sure that community centres are booked, lunch clubs organised and bus shelters repaired."

The team at the Council offices at the rear of the Social Centre have recently been strengthened by the arrival of newly appointed Administrative Assistant Nicola Bonsall, another friendly face welcoming the public.



Nicola Bonsall



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Clay Cross Parish Council

Donations to Parish/Local Organisations 2014/15

Every year Clay Cross Parish Council gives donations to Parish/local organisations who meet our criteria. For further details contact Dawn Kershaw, Clerk of the Council on Chesterfield 862812 or email: clerk@claycross.gov.uk. In 2014/2015, the following Parish/local organisations received a donation:

Clay Cross Squadron Air Training Corps	500.00
NEDDC Chairs Appeal (Fairplay)	300.00
Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centres	200.00
Clay Cross & District Handi-Cap Club	200.00
Sharley Park Crown Green Bowling Club	200.00
East Midland Jui-Jitsu Association	200.00
Clay Cross Brotherhood	200.00
Little Red Dragons Club	150.00
Clay Cross Town Football Club	150.00
Lower Clay Lane Neighbourhood Watch	100.00
Autumn Days Keep Fit Club	100.00
Holmgate Tenant & Resident Group	100.00
Lower Clay Lane Neighbourhood Watch	100.00
The Woodthorpe Inn Skittles Team	100.00
Holmgate Community Association	100.00
Clay Cross Darby & Joan Club	100.00
Clay Cross Table Tennis Club	100.00
Danesmoor Darby & Joan Club	100.00
Holmgate Darby & Joan Club	100.00
Holmgate & Clay Cross Tai Chi Group	50.00
Carer Forum for Mental Health North Derbyshire	50.00
Friends of Clay Cross Hospital	50.00
Blue Dykes Patient Participation Group	50.00
Church On The Bus	50.00
Clay Cross Pre-School Playgroup	50.00
St Barnabas Pre-School	50.00
Clay Cross Model Railway Society	50.00



The voluntary organisations that received donations from the Parish Council.

Clay Cross Ju-Jitsu

Clay Cross youngsters confirmed their status as some of the best young Ju-Jitsu contestants in the country with another haul of medals in the national championship.

"Clay Cross people should be proud of what these youngsters have achieved," said Sensei Malcolm Shaw, who runs the club at Clay Cross Social Centre every Tuesday evening during term time.

It is the third year running that the club – which gets a £200 grant from Clay Cross Parish Council – have won gold at the nationals. Their haul this time was two gold, six silver and five bronze medals.

"It's a remarkable achievement because we had never even entered the nationals until we went three years ago and we won two golds straight away. You are competing against the best in the country," added Malcolm, a Clay Cross resident who has been involved with Ju-Jitsu for 27 years.

He says the sport keeps young people off the streets, keeps them fit, teaches them self respect and self discipline. "It's not about hurting people, it's about self defence and restraint," he said.



The Ju-Jitsu contestants from Clay Cross.

This year a new Ju-Jitsu club has been opened for children aged from five to eight years old, the Little Red Dragons, to introduce them to the sport, at St Barnabas Centre on Thursdays and Holmgate Community Centre on Tuesdays, 5.30 to 6.30pm. You can find out more from Malcolm's fellow instructor Hanshi John Rake, who is on 07816 423579.

If you are interested in joining, contact Malc on 07891 181609.

Clay Cross Hospital

The NHS has no plans to close Alton Ward at Clay Cross Hospital and is currently conducting an “engagement” with local people to find out what they want from their community health service.

A statement from Joined Up Care, which is a partnership of local health commissioning groups, hospital and community health trusts and Derbyshire County Council, says they need help from Clay Cross residents in order to plan future health provision, with an emphasis on enabling elderly and frail people to be cared for at home.

Alton Ward, the hospital’s one inpatient ward, provides a rehabilitation services for up to 17 adults. In July, 150 people attended a meeting at Clay Cross Social Centre with Natascha Engel MP and health chiefs to discuss the future of Alton Ward amid fears that there were plans to close it.

Clay Cross Parish Council have made it clear that they would fight closure of Alton Ward, and instead would prefer that a second ward would re-open and that the service from the hospital be extended to cover cancer care, chemotherapy and minor accident and emergency.

Jim Connelly, Chief Nurse Hardwick CCG said recently: “There are no plans to shut Alton ward. We are holding a series of meetings with local people to find out what they want from the community hospital, to help us plan what the local community service will look like in the future, and what is important to them.

“It is an engagement process. We have a concept of a community hub, where lots of different services are based and are the focus of their work. Is that what people want? What is it that beds in a



Clay Cross Hospital.

hospital offer, and what is the difference between beds in a hospital and beds in a care home or beds in an extra care facility?”

The Join Up Care statement says: “The NHS is facing the biggest challenge of its 66 year history – how to give people the services they need, great quality care and a great patient experience; in ways that use public money wisely at a time of reduced investment.

“In North Derbyshire this challenge translates into looking after a population of 380,000 people, including a growing number of elderly citizens with long-term complex illness and multiple conditions. Demand for our services is increasing and we need to find smarter ways of working.

“That’s why the eight organisations that buy and provide health and social care for our communities have joined together - to improve services for local people and to reduce the risk of being £150 million short of funds by the year 2020.

“We’re spending the next few months getting out and about to talk to local people about what ▶

› they'd like to see happening. There are more than 7,000 people aged over 75 living in the Clay Cross area, some of these are 'frail, elderly' and there's good evidence to show they can suffer if they stay in hospital too long – so what more can we do to help them to be cared for in their own homes?

"We'll need your ideas and input, so look out for details about where we're going and when. In the past your views have supported more community based nursing and medical teams, our falls partnership vehicle and the acute frailty ward at the Chesterfield Royal. The county council has plans to develop an extra care housing scheme in this area – these are all ways of making sure you get the right care, in the right place at the right time."

Parish and county councillor Brian Wright said: "As for Alton ward things have gone quiet at the moment but my opinion is still strong about the importance in keeping our hospital ward open

for the health and wellbeing of our community and surrounding areas that use it. I'm sure the people of Clay Cross will rise to the challenge if the powers that be try to close it."

In May, the Care Quality Commission inspected the hospital and found that: "Care provided during our inspection was safe. Staff were confident about reporting adverse incidents and shared learning within their teams. People were assessed for risks on admission and appropriate measures were put in place when potential risks were identified. However, we were concerned that there was only one qualified nurse on duty at night which might not always be sufficient."

It added: "All of the patients we spoke with said that staff treated them with respect. We observed staff speaking with people in a kind and compassionate manner."

Children in Need

Pudsey, the cuddly bear that has become the symbol of the BBC Children in Need campaign, popped in to Clay Cross Post Office on Thursday 13 November 2014 and delighted children from the Chatterbox Nursery in High Street, Clay Cross.



Children from the Chatterbox Nursery met Pudsey Bear.

Air Cadet's get new Bus

2326 (Clay Cross) Squadron Air Training Corps, Trent Wing are now the proud owners of a "new" minibus and box trailer.

Over the last two years they have worked hard to raise £11,500 through bag packs, marshalling events and donations to get themselves mobile. Clay Cross Parish Councillor and Derbyshire County Councillor Brian Wright provided a £1,000 grant through the County Council Leadership Scheme.

He said: "The officers do a great job providing the young cadets with a vast input of knowledge and experiences. Many times I've met the cadets at functions etc. and it's a pleasure to see the hard work pay off as they demonstrate team work skills, how ready they are to help people in the community and always show politeness. The squadron has gone from strength to strength with new recruits joining. What more can I say but fantastic!"

They now have a very nice 2008 model 15 seater Ford Transit which has been professionally down-rated from 3700kg to 3500kg GVW which allows younger Staff to drive it on a car licence. It tows a very handy Ivor Williams twin axle box trailer.

They replace the Commanding Officer's old Landrover and Farm trailer as the main mode of



Cllr Brian Wright presented the Air Cadets Commanding Officer Ft Lt Wayne Oldham with a £1,000 cheque.

transport and have been put to regular good use with trips to Duxford Air Museum, Sunderland Airshow and numerous camps, flying days and charity events.

The Squadron would like to thank Clay Cross Parish Council, Rykneld Homes, North East Derbyshire District Council, Ashfield District Council, Rolls Royce and Tesco Clay Cross Extra for their support.

The Squadron parades on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings and is now recruiting from Year 8 upwards to age 17. Contact the Commanding officer, Ft Lt Wayne Oldham on oc.2326@aircadets.org



The cadets form up in front of their new minibus.

New floodlights for Clay Cross FC

Another milestone was reached this autumn down at Mill Lane, the home of Clay Cross Town Football Club when the newly installed floodlights finally flickered into life. This achievement is nothing short of monumental by the humble little club who only stepped on the stage of football in the league pyramid system a mere seven years ago. From there they met the challenges before them with steady but positive progress and the fruition of all this is the illumination of the ground with their impressive floodlights.

An investment of this kind doesn't come without heavy cost and the club committee is proud to say that every penny has been earned by graft and ingenuity by the club itself. Clay Cross Parish Council provide a £150 grant to help them.

The club secretary Dave Clark, who has been with the club since its inception back in 1989 said "Without our strong band of men and women

who work tirelessly behind the scenes this venture would never have been possible. I'm blessed with dedicated and skilled individuals working with me and their sole passion is for the club to march onwards and upwards."

The team have been performing well on the field too with the supporters enjoying some good football and free-scoring games both at home and away this season. They held pole position in the Central Midlands League throughout October and hope to be up there at the close when promotion is now no longer a dream but a reality. Dave went on to say that "There's a buzz around the place at the moment and the floodlights are now really the proverbial icing on the cake. But we must say a special thank you to all those that have contributed to the project and that includes the supporters, the fantastic local businesses in Clay Cross and the club sponsors, 'I Want Pet Foods'. We feel a real community club now and will continue to promote the town at every opportunity."



Clay Cross Regeneration

Clay Cross residents are recognising the early signs of a huge new development that will completely change the northern and eastern approach to the community over the next 10 years.

About 980 new homes will be built between the A61 and the Coney Green end of Market Street, as well as a pub, discount food store and fast food restaurant and a hotel, on land that includes the former Biwater pipe works.

It is also hoped that the area will include employment opportunities, perhaps offices, warehouses or light industry.

A new roundabout will be built near where the 40mph limit starts to provide access to the site from the A61 Derby Road, and a new access to the housing area off Market Street.

David Dodge, Senior Residential Surveyor at St Modwen, who bought the site last year, said: "In terms of timescales we expect to commence the junction works to both Derby Road and Market Street in the late Autumn and complete by the late spring. Most of the works are 'off line' – that is to say we build the junction and then adjust the existing highway last so disruption to the existing road network will be kept to an absolute minimum especially in the run up to Christmas."

A new sports pavilion together with sports pitches, a bowling green and child's play area, has already been handed over to the local community by St Modwen, and is already in use, particularly by members of the former Biwater sports clubs.

The whole site encompasses 204 acres but a 100-acre green belt 'buffer' will be left to separate Clay Cross from Tupton, south of Tupton Hall School.



At the new pavilion are, from left, David Dodge, Cllr Graham Baxter MBE, Leader of North East Derbyshire District Council, and Clay Cross Cllr Mick Holmes.

It will be the second biggest development in North Derbyshire behind the Avenue redevelopment at Wingerworth, where 1,200 homes are planned.

The building work will create 150 jobs, and up to 250,000 square feet of space will be allocated to providing jobs through warehousing, offices etc. It is hoped that Marstons will run the pub, Aldi or Lidl and McDonald's or KFC could also be tempted to the site.

The company will provide money to provide school places at the nearby primary school.

David Dodge said: "In terms of Derby Road and the first applications for new buildings we are applying for are the discount foodstore, fast food restaurant and family pub in the next couple of weeks and would hope that this gained Planning Consent by Christmas / early in the New Year. All of these will be operated by nationally recognised chains but until all of the paperwork and planning consents are in place we cannot officially name who they will be. >

› “At Market Street we are in negotiations with a number of national house builders and we are aiming for a planning application to be submitted in the Spring for approximately 150 new homes.

“We are actively marketing the employment sites through our Agents (Lambert Smith Hampton) but as yet have had no interest. We would hope that the construction of the accesses and start of the retail and housing developments would encourage more interest in the employment land.

“We would hope that the development would have a positive impact on the community. We have listened to feedback from Public Consultation meetings and specifically targeted bringing forward a discount foodstore and a family/food related all day pub as people in Clay Cross and the surrounding area highlighted that they currently had to travel out of the community for these.

“We have committed to the District and Parish Councils to try our best to ensure that our contractors look to the local market for the supply of labour wherever possible as the development, which we think will take around 10 years to fully build out, progresses. These job opportunities will be in addition to jobs created by the development itself – jobs at the new shops, pub, restaurant and in the employment park as it is developed.”

Mr Dodge also praised Clay Cross Parish Council for their help and hard work in attracting St Mowden to develop the site after a previous developer pulled out of the project after opencasting the coal deposits.

“We have advanced completing the community sports facilities as part of a commitment we made to the Parish Council to make good on broken promises of the past developer and would hope that more clubs and groups in the town begin to use them alongside the former works cricket and bowls club,” he said.



The housing areas are shown in orange, green countryside buffer zone in green, and employment/hotel etc in purple.

Opencasting alongside the A61

An application to opencast farmland alongside the A61 between Old Tupton and Clay Cross has angered residents and Parish Councillors.

Provectus has applied on behalf of local land owners to excavate 175,000 tonnes of coal from land adjoining Hilltop Farm and then restore it to agricultural use, a process they estimate will take over three and a half years. Access for heavy lorries would be on to the A61.

They have promised benefits including a community fund, a multi-use games area and toddlers park at Holmgate, and the possibility of assistance towards the creation of a heritage route for the Ashover Light Railway including the restoration of the Pirelli bridge.

But objectors, who last year indicated the strength of their opposition in a march along the A61 and around the estates, say they would be affected by

noise, dust and disturbance, and the town would be blighted at a time when the parish council has been endeavouring to make major improvements, including a new housing estate with a new pub, hotel and supermarket on the opposite side of the A61 to the proposed opencasting site.

One woman, Sally Elliott, said at least 1300 homes would be directly affected by the upheaval, 61 of which were within a feet of the site. "The Parish Council are trying to do something positive for Clay Cross, to bring back people's self respect, and these people seek to impose three or four years of coal dust and chaos" she said.

Clay Cross Parish Councillor Ted Mansbridge said: "At the full Parish Council meeting held on the 28 October 2014 the Parish Council objected to the Planning Application for opencast coal mining at Hilltop Farm and have sent objections to the relevant authorities. ▶



A view of the area of farmland that could be subject to opencasting from a garden in New Tupton.

▶ "Yet again the belief seems to be that, the people of Clay Cross have had coal mining over many years so they'll not mind just another three and a half years more. Well, I can tell Provectus that we do mind, having championed the new regeneration of the Biwater site with the construction of houses and retail ironically overlooking the proposed opencast site entrance.

"How would you feel, waking up in the new hotel, flinging back the curtains to reveal a never ending procession of coal lorries, that's if you can see them through the coal dust?"

Provectus Remediation Ltd submitted their application for the Hilltop Opencasting Project on 3rd October 2014 and it was validated and went live on the Derbyshire County Council website on 8th October 2014.

The Hilltop Action Group committee are now busily working on a campaign to oppose these plans.

They state: "Provectus plan to excavate the area to a depth of 100ft. They hope to sell it to Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station. We think it would keep the power station running for about two weeks!

"In Scotland and Wales, such mining activity cannot take place within 500m of houses by law. No such protection exists in England! We estimate that there are about 1300 houses within 500m of this site. In fact, all parts of the site are within 500m of a house."

In November they organised three public meetings, and they want local people to have a look at planning application CM4/1014/79 on the Derbyshire County Council website and write in objections before the deadline on Friday 12 December 2014.

Planting Bulbs

North East Derbyshire MP Natascha Engel joined Clay Cross Councillor Ted Mansbridge and volunteers in planting 1000 daffodil bulbs on a grassy bank in Kenning Park, just part of a large bulb planting scheme aimed at brightening Clay Cross when Spring arrives.



Nicola Bonsall and her son Mackenzie, aged four, planting bulbs.



The bulb planting team included, front, Emily Turner and Luke Hatch, back, from left, Ted Mansbridge, Andrew Kershaw, Natascha Engel MP, and from Rykneld Homes, Jessica Blanksby, Jason Sadler and Jude Milburn.

Forthcoming Events in Clay Cross

Christmas Concert at the Social Centre

Featuring Chesterfield Male Voice Choir

- SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 2014
- DOORS/BAR OPEN FROM 7PM
- CONCERT STARTS AT 8PM
- TICKETS £2 EACH
- ADMISSION STRICTLY BY TICKET ONLY

NEW YEARS EVE AT THE SOCIAL CENTRE

Featuring Paul Steers 'Blue Haze Disco'

- WEDNESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2014
- DOORS & BAR OPEN FROM 7.30PM TIL LATE
- TICKETS £3.00 EACH
- BRING YOUR OWN BUFFET
- ADMISSION STRICTLY BY TICKET ONLY

FOR TICKETS AND FURTHER DETAILS ON ALL THESE EVENTS, TELEPHONE 01246 862812 OR 01246 861406

CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE SOCIAL CENTRE

- SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 2014 FROM 10.30AM TO 3PM
- SANTA'S GROTTO (FREE GIFT FOR EVERY CHILD)
- FREE FACE PAINTING, FREE BALLOON MODELLING & FREE BIRD BOX MAKING
- VARIOUS CHARITY, CRAFT AND TRADE STALLS
- GIFTS & STOCKING FILLERS FOR ALL AGES: PRICES TO SUIT EVERY BUDGET
- HOT & COLD REFRESHMENTS
- BURGERS, HOT DOGS & SEASONAL TREATS AVAILABLE FROM "THE COWBOY KITCHEN"
- MEET RESCUE DONKEYS SLIM & SHADY

TOWN CENTRE EVENING SHOPPING

- THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2014
- 6PM TO 8PM

Ashover Brass Band will be entertaining shoppers during this event at Market Street Mall and the Parish Garden on Market Street.

The list of participating traders and shops include: Clay Cross Post Office, The Cooking Pot cafe, Clay Cross DIY, Junk & Disorderly, Jack's Interiors, Posh Inc, Bluebells & Balloons, Smiths Creamland Ices, and The Card Shop.

CLAY CROSS GALA 2015

SATURDAY 4 JULY FROM 12.30 ON THE OPEN SPACE TO THE REAR OF SHARLEY PARK LEISURE PARK, MARKET STREET, CLAY CROSS.

A parade of school children in fancy dress will proceed from Clay Cross town centre at 12 noon led by the city of Sheffield pipe band. Proctors fun fair will be on site with fairground rides for all the family. City of Sheffield pipe band highland dancing. Have a go on the air cadets climbing wall. Juggler, stilt walker, balloon modeler. Family fun races. Free bird box making. More activities to be announced nearer the time!!

If anybody would like to help organise this bi-annual community event and has some good ideas, they are more than welcome to join the Clay Cross Gala Group BUT, they must be prepared to roll their sleeves up and get stuck in!

Tracy elected to the Chair

Councillor Tracy Reader, Member for Clay Cross North, has been elected as North East Derbyshire District Council's new Chair for 2014/15.

She has chosen Fairplay which will benefit from this year's Chair's Appeal – a charity that supports children and young people with disabilities and additional needs and their families across North Derbyshire.

Cllr Reader, who will be joined by her husband Andrew on official engagements, said: "There are so many worthy charities, but I have chosen Fairplay because it is a charity very close to my heart.

"Supporting children and families is within the very fabric of my work and values. I myself have worked with vulnerable children with disabilities and have seen first-hand the difficulties and challenges that families have to face daily.

"I have recommended Fairplay to families that I have worked with and I have been able to see the difference that having a place to go to, like Fairplay, can make to them and how the service supports families in times of great difficulty to enjoy what we all take for granted; being a family and being together.



Councillor Tracy Reader, North East Derbyshire District Council's new Chair for 2014/15.

"I hope that this year's Appeal will help raise an increased awareness and encourage others in the District to help Fairplay to continue providing services and support that make a big difference to families."

Cllr Reader is the third successive Clay Cross ward member to be elected Chair, following Cllr Brian Wright and Cllr Ken Savidge.

Councillor Ann Holmes who represents Pilsley and Morton Ward, has been elected as the Vice Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council for 2014/15.

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