

Hello again Buxton Town Team members,

Another month, another newsletter ... time to check out what's in the Buxton Town Team diary, and what's been going on that you might not know about.

GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 7:30PM IN THE PALACE HOTEL

You should have had the formal notification for this. As well as reports on what we did in 2015, and a resolution on the formal appointment as directors of Simon Fussell and Suzanne Pearson, there'll be presentations on the imminent launch of the new Buxton Markets and on the findings of the Buxton on the Move Conference. There'll also be time to chat and get to know other members of the Town Team. If you can't attend the meeting please do send us your apologies and a proxy form, as that counts towards the meeting being quorate. Because of the general meeting we won't be having an Ideas Meeting in April. So apologies if you have a great idea that will have to wait till the May meeting - that's on Tuesday 10th May, when we're planning a focus on gardening and wild spaces.

LITTER PICKING WALK

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 11AM - 1PM

A regular monthly event, this takes place on the first Sunday each month, and all are welcome to come along and help clean up a small part of the town. This month's target for a clean-up is the Ashwood Park, meet at the foot of the steps at the Morrisons end at 11am. Dress warmly, wear sturdy footwear and bring gloves, a wheelbarrow is always useful if you have one. Don't forget we can do sign cleaning too, so feel free to bring a mop and bucket as well if you wish. For more information email Karen - stoop.farm@btinternet.com. And if you spot somewhere else in and around the town that needs a bit of TLC, get in touch with Karen and ask her to add it to the hit list.

BIG RAILINGS CLEAN

TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 10AM-3PM

The number of schools that are planning on bringing their classes down for a bit of railing cleaning is quite staggering. Hundreds of children will be taking part, all doing their bit and learning what community is all about. We'd love you to come along too, to help clean the green off the Pavilion Gardens railings or help with general supervision. Meet at the Opera House end of the promenade at 10am, or come along and find us wherever we are scrubbing, any time till 3pm. Bring rubber gloves and plenty of enthusiasm. Please let Helen know if you can be there - helen113dav@btinternet.com.

BUXTON MARKETS LAUNCH

TUESDAY 26TH APRIL AND SATURDAY 30TH APRIL

It's getting very close! The first new Buxton Market will be on Tuesday 26th April, with a Big Launch on Saturday 30th. Our stalls have arrived and a team of volunteers have been working hard sorting and cleaning, if you're able to spare a bit of time to help with this we'd love to hear from you - email Peter@buxtonmarkets.co.uk. We tested one of the stalls at last Saturday's market, and will be doing the same on Saturday 2nd and Tuesday 5th April, do come and say hello, or even better, offer to join the stall rota for an hour or so - admin@buxtonmarkets.co.uk. There's lots of support from people in the town, and membership of the company is still growing, at time of writing it's well over 60, twice as many as this time last month. We'd encourage all of you to join - <http://buxtontownteam.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/FormMemLoan02A5.pdf>. Lindsay and Peter are doing a grand job of recruiting traders, and are well on the way to having the sort of market we all want to see - stalls selling all the basics for food and household, plus a good range of interesting other stuff. All in all everything's looking really positive and we're looking forward to seeing you at the big launch. Invite your friends and family to visit for the weekend, because it's also ...

...THE BUXTON SPRING FAIR

MONDAY 2ND MAY 9AM - 5PM

Applications are still pouring in, with well over 100 stalls booked already. Once again we expect the town to be full, with fun activities for kids such as donkey rides, the artificial cave and the climbing wall;

displays from the model boats on the lake to our favourite rubbish dinosaur; stalls selling all sorts of arts and crafts and gifts; and a great range of interesting street food on offer. Plus of course music and dancing at four different venues through the town. Buxton's the only place to be on May Bank Holiday Monday! If an organisation you're involved in wants a stall make sure they get their application in soon, the closing date is 8th April. We'll need volunteers on the day to help out on the Buxton Town Team stall, and we'll also need lots of people to help with marshalling, so if you can spare us some time, particularly from 8 till 10am or 5 till 7pm, please let us know - email Janet on townteam@buxtontownteam.org.

BUXTON IN BLOOM ENTRIES ARE OPEN

There's a springy feel in the air, in spite of that flurry of snow over Easter, so it's time to think about planters, hanging baskets and getting the garden brightened up. This year's theme is 'painting the town red' (or rather white through pink and purple to red). If you want to enter your street or community garden into the East Midlands 'It's your Neighbourhood' Competition, the closing date is 30th April - eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk for more info. Locally we're running competitions for best garden/allotment/hanging basket - the closing date for those is 22nd July. And don't forget the Best Flowerpot Person competition, we want to see dozens of flowerpot personages springing up all over town. Ali and Viv are planning some workshops in June so if you're not sure how to go about it, watch out for more details next month - or if you want to get started sooner, check out this cute little video - <http://www.layoftheland.co.uk/make-flower-pot-people/>

OPEN GARDENS TRAIL WEEKEND 11TH & 12TH JUNE

As an extra garden experience this year, don't forget that the Open Gardens Team are still recruiting gardens to add to the Buxton Gardens Trail. If you have a garden that you're proud of, you'll want to show it off, and your visitors will enjoy looking round it. You've got till 25th April to decide - if you think you might be interested, or want to know more, give Jo a call on 01298 436570 or 07968 004543.

Other things you might want to know about:

LOCAL CONSULTATIONS

Another reminder about Derbyshire County Council's consultation on the future of bus services in the county. Budgets have been slashed, if subsidies are stopped there's a real risk that we will lose a lot of the buses that serve Buxton. The consultation closes on 17th April, please have your say before then - https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have_your_say/consultation_search/Consultation_search_index/2016_community_transport_-_local_bus_consultation.asp

As ever there's more information about what the Town Team has been doing on the [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

That's it for now, hope to see you soon,
Janet, Tina, Andy, John and Matthew,
Your Town Team Communications Team