

Hello again Buxton Town Team members,

It's the start of a new month, and time to find out what's coming up in the Buxton Town Team diary, and what's been going on that you might not know about.

MARCH IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 7:30PM IN THE OLD CLUBHOUSE - NOTE OUR NEW VENUE!!!

The main monthly gathering of the Town Team, which everyone is welcome to attend. This month, with the Buxton on the Move conference taking place the previous day, you'll obviously want to know how that went, so there'll be a flavour of that as the main theme. We'll also update you on the Market, the Spring Fair and various other projects, as well as what's happening in the town - there should be a few items of good news there! Don't forget, if you aren't on Janet's list to get the agenda and notes of the last meeting please let us know and we'll add you - townteam@buxtontownteam.org.

LITTER PICKING WALK

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 11AM - 1PM

This is the other regular monthly event, which takes place on the first Sunday each month, and again 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 area around George Street, the Clubhouse and up towards the station, where a lot of rubbish has accumulated. Meet outside the Opera House 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.

BUXTON ON THE MOVE: PUBLIC LECTURE

WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 6-8PM

We're very conscious that we couldn't invite everyone to the Buxton on the Move Conference who might have liked to attend, and also that some people wouldn't be able to take the day off work. So we arranged for our keynote speaker, well known film producer and traffic campaigner Martin Cassini, to stay on and deliver a public lecture in the Dome at 6pm, as part of the University's Public Lecture Series. The title is 'Traffic Lights: The Real WMD' - Weapons of Mass Distraction, Danger and Delay. Arguably our roads would be safer if we allowed drivers to use their common sense instead of constantly telling them what to do. There's more about this on Martin's website - <http://www.equalitystreets.com/> Space is limited and booking is essential, you can do this via <http://www.derby.ac.uk/newsevents/events/calendar/traffic-lights--the-real-wmd-.php> or email buxtonmarketing@derby.ac.uk.

BUXTON TOWN TEAM CIC GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 7:30pm VENUE TBC

There's no Ideas & Action meeting in April, instead we're holding the company General Meeting. The formal business will include a review of activities in 2015, including presenting the company accounts for the year, and the formal appointment of our two co-opted directors, Simon Fussell and Suzanne Pearson. We'll then give a full update on how the Buxton Markets project is progressing, and let you know the outcome of the Buxton on the Move Conference, with a chance to talk about future plans on these and other projects as well. And there'll be a bit of fun stuff and a chance to get to know other members of the Town Team. Formal notifications will be with you very soon but please make sure the date is in your diary.

BIG RAILINGS CLEAN TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 10AM-3PM

It will be even bigger this year, with even more schools turning out to help Buxton & Leek College students clean the green off the Pavilion Gardens railings. We'd love you to come along and help. 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. More information from Helen - helen113dav@btinternet.com.

BUXTON MARKETS SATURDAY 30TH APRIL

Plans for the launch of the new Buxton markets are going really well. Membership of the company is growing steadily, at time of writing we've over 30 members, we'd encourage all of you to join - <http://buxtontownteam.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/FormMemLoan02A5.pdf>. We've appointed two part time employees, Lindsay is the Markets Manager and Peter her Assistant Manager. Between them they cover all the experience we were looking for and more, and will be a really strong team. We've bought a batch of stalls, about half of which have arrived, the rest are on the way; we will need help refurbishing these, so look out for a call for volunteers to help with this very soon. So everything is gearing up for the Big Day, the launch of the New Buxton Market on Saturday 30th April. Make sure you're around in Buxton that weekend. Invite your friends and family to visit, because it's also ...

...THE BUXTON SPRING FAIR MONDAY 2ND MAY 9AM - 5PM

Applications are flooding in! We've had about 80 so far, way ahead of the numbers at this point for the previous fairs. With a large part of the Crescent likely to be unavailable to us, we are going to be very short of space, so if an organisation you're involved in wants a stall make sure they get their application in on time, the closing date is 8th April. We'll also be needing lots of people to help out marshalling on the day, if you can spare us some time, particularly from 8 till 10am and 5 till 7pm, please let us know - email Janet on townteam@buxtontownteam.org.

OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 11TH & 12TH JUNE

If you have a garden that you're proud of, why not show it off? People across the town will be opening their gardens to the public over the weekend in a new 'Garden Trail' initiative. It doesn't matter if your garden is large or small, visitors will enjoy looking round it and sharing gardening tips and ideas. 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:

BUXTON IN BLOOM

If you're starting to think about planting up those baskets and troughs, the theme this year is 'painting the town red' - but that can be interpreted as anything from white through pink and purple As well as entering Buxton in the East Midlands in Bloom competition, we'll be running the usual local competitions, including a repeat of last year's very popular Best Flower Pot Person. Let's see those flowerpot men - and women and dogs and horses and whatever else you can dream up - all over the town. Every front garden needs one!

ASHWOOD PARK BULBS

If you go down to the park today - look out for the 2,000 daffodils and 500 crocuses that we planted last autumn, along with Buxton & Leek College students and HPBC staff. They're in the grassy area between the road and the river, at the viaduct end of the park, and they're just starting to show their heads above the grass now. They'll be looking gorgeous in a few weeks time. And isn't it great that with all those scrubby saplings gone, you can actually see the river!

Well done to all who've helped out on this project so far. If you want to join the team contact Claire - c.e.millard@sky.com.

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF BUXTON STATION

Great news - the hideously ugly loco sheds are being demolished as we write! That will make a big improvement to the view that visitors get when they arrive by train. The footpath through to Lightwood Road is closed while work is carried out but we're assured it will re-open soon.

LOCAL BUS CONSULTATION

Given the conference, this is quite topical - Derbyshire County Council are running a consultation on the future of bus services in the county. Budgets have been slashed, and councils are having to prioritise those services that they are legally obliged to provide, which doesn't include subsidising buses. Pretty much all of the buses that serve Buxton (some or all of those to Macclesfield, Glossop, Sheffield, Chesterfield, Bakewell, Whaley Bridge, Taddington, Stockport, Ashbourne, Derby and Manchester, as well as the town buses) rely on subsidies, so this really would affect the town very seriously. The consultation closes on 17th April, we'd encourage you all to contribute -

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