

Local Community News

Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club

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volunteers to renovate the benches. With the help of several electric sanders they removed the old paint and moss. Several coats of a stain and paint brought the benches back to their former glory, providing the pupils with a bright, colourful and inviting place to sit. The school head was amazed at the transformation and thanked all involved for their hard work.

If you'd like to get involved in similar projects or hear more about the other work the Club do, please get in touch on 07915 908 799, email donjbailey@gmail.com or visit the Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club Facebook page.



Community Voice

Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club News

In the newly transformed Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club, we've started as we plan to continue. As people of action, we haven't let the size of our club hold us back so, with the help of prospective new members, friends and volunteers, we've already taken part in several exciting projects. Here's just a few of examples of what we've been doing this month.

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weather for a change, allowing club members and volunteers to renovate the benches. With the help of several electric sanders, we removed the old paint and moss. Several coats of a stain and paint brought the benches back to their former glory, providing the pupils with a bright, colourful, and inviting place to sit. As a bonus, we took the time to polish the brass plaques, wash down other playground furniture and even tidied the garden area around the benches. The school head was amazed at the transformation and thanked us on behalf of the pupils for all our hard work.

Another activity we're running is The Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club Book Scheme. The scheme is a way of distributing unwanted books to local schools who will then share them with deserving pupils. Many local schools have joined the scheme and, although we have already collected over 1000 books from kind donors, we always need more. So, if you have any new or used books that you no longer



need, suitable for children aged 4-18, then please contact us using the details below and we will be pleased to collect them. Your kind donation of books could help make a real difference to the life of a local child.

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ROTARY BOOK PROJECT

This month the Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club has been busy presenting books to local schools as part of our book scheme.

Thanks to very generous donations from local people, we've been able to distribute hundreds of books between the local schools that asked to be involved in the project. Presentations were made to staff, school councils, pupil parliaments, pupil librarians and at school assemblies. The staff and children welcomed us and greatly appreciated the donations. A selection of the books provided are shown in the photos. The schools involved in this round of donations were Belvoirdale Community Primary School, Broom Leys Primary School, Griffydham Primary School, Hugglescote Community Primary School, Ibstock Junior School, St Clare's Primary School, Swannington Primary School, Warren Hills Community Primary School and Whitwick St John the Baptist Primary School. We are continuing this project so if you have unwanted books, suitable for 4-18 year olds and in good condition, please message us to arrange collection so that we can give even more books to local schools. We're also keen to hear from other local schools that would like to join the scheme.

During December, Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club help Santa to collect money for local charities. Sadly, Santa's sleigh needs some repairs. We're looking for a local indoor storage area so that Santa's helpers can stay warm and dry while they fix the sleigh and then store it safely until Christmas. If you're able to help, please get in touch. We're also looking to grow our club. Getting involved is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and get involved in projects to help the local community. If you're interested in joining us, would like to get involved with our projects or simply want to find out more, then please contact us on 07915 908799, email donjbailey@gmail.com or visit our Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club Facebook page.



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Ibstock Life

Santa Sleigh Route



Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club would like to say a big thank you to Sunshine takeaway on High Street, Ibstock for donating money for us to buy new reindeer for our Santa sleigh, and also to Measham Hardware for donating the new fairy lights. They will help us refurbish the sleigh and will enable us to raise more funds to give back to the local community.

Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club is pleased to announce that Santa will be making an appearance in the following locations in the run up to Christmas, assisted by his helpers:

Saturday 4th December
Morrisons Coalville 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12th December
Co-Op Ibstock 10am - 4pm

Saturday 18th December
Spa, Broomleys Road. 10am - 4pm

Proceeds from our collections this year will go to Enrych, Hospice Hope and Air Ambulance.

For further updates please like and follow our Facebook page (Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club).