



## 100 Club Winners

Gayle Pether	£100
Val Armstrong	£50
Louise Parsons	£50
Andrew Caulfield	£50

## The Youth Voice

Just a quick update about the Youth Panel drop-in session on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Hub. We had 4 young people who came and registered for the Panel. There are another 2 young people who have confirmed they want to be involved and have the parental consent forms to be signed and returned. Of those 6 young people in total, we've got 3 boys and 3 girls. They have all gone away with the mission to encourage friends to also get involved with the Panel.

We've set the date for the first meeting at Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January from 7.00-8.30pm at the Hub and then agreed to meet every month on a Monday evening after that.

If you have grandchildren or children at the senior end of the school, please tell them about this shared initiative with the Hub and the Parish Council. It is a great opportunity for young people to share their thoughts and aspirations to make Kelsall a better place for them. Being on the Panel will improve communication skills, teamwork and show commitment all great things to put in your CV or personal statement.

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Please come and join us at the Youth Panel's first meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January from 7.00-8.30pm.

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

For more information, please contact

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## The Christmas Fair – Brilliant Teamwork

The Hub Christmas Fair was a great success, thanks to the combined efforts of our volunteers, stallholders and everyone who came along on the day.

A huge amount of work went on behind the scenes, from setting up and running stalls and the café, to organising toys, crafts, games, Santa visits and the raffle. This teamwork, along with plenty of good humour, ensured the day ran smoothly and created a welcoming, festive atmosphere.

We are very grateful to the local community for supporting the Fair – thank you to everyone who attended, bought tickets, enjoyed the stalls and helped make the event such a positive occasion.

The Fair raised a net profit of £1,374.94, which is a fantastic result for the Hub. Highlights included £356.00 raised by the raffle, £220.70 from the toy stall, and £208.29 from the café, led by Annette. Trade stalls and the Hub craft stall also made a valuable contribution.

Thank you to all our volunteers, crafters, stallholders and Santa team for their time, energy and generosity. Your support is very much appreciated.

Question for you to ponder, we raised this amount because many volunteers kindly donated not only their time but their crafts and prizes, yet footfall was relatively low. If we do it again, how do you think we can increase footfall? How can we encourage our community to attend? Should we try something different? Offer a special activity? Maybe a different time of day? We'd love to hear from you. Email: [jenpaul101@gmail.com](mailto:jenpaul101@gmail.com)



## Meet the Trustees – Richard Dawson



Born and raised in Cumbria, I went to university in Newcastle before moving to Liverpool in the 1990's and then to Cheshire in 2004. My wife, Sam and I settled in Kelsall soon after, and it has very much become our home – a place with a strong community spirit and friendships we value enormously. My mum also recently moved to the village, which has made Kelsall feel even more like home for our family

My career began in the energy sector before I moved to consultancy in 2000. Over the years, I've specialised in marketing, communications and more recently qualified as an AI Trainer.

I became a Trustee of the Wellbeing Hub because I believe deeply in what it brings to the village, connection, purpose, companionship and support for people at all stages of life. My role is to help strengthen our communications – improving website, social media and newsletter – so the great work happening inside the Hub is visible across the community.

Outside of work, I'm a lifelong Beatles fan, an enthusiastic follower of Formula 1 and a collector and enthusiast of performance and classic cars. I also enjoy history, current affairs and a good chat over a coffee. I'm proud to support the Hub and look forward to meeting more of you at our activities and events.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Trustees celebrated a very successful year with some of the volunteers who could attend on 3rd December. We had fizz, mince pies and Christmas cake. The Trustees gave a roundup of what has been happening in 2025, an explanation around the financial situation, what the priorities are for 2026 and also did a Q & A from the floor. Every single volunteer who helped to support the Hub were thanked in a video which was shared with all those involved. If you would like to see it:



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpfK2Qty\\_Sl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpfK2Qty_Sl)

It was a great opportunity to meet and chat to the Trustees but more importantly to thank and recognise the vital work that the volunteers do in making the Wellbeing Hub such a success.

## Kelsall Primary School VISITS THE HUB

We would like to thank the staff and children of Kelsall Primary School for their recent visits to the Hub.

Year 2 brought real Christmas cheer, signing songs from their Christmas performance and entertaining our Friday Morning Quizzers with their enthusiasm, energy and smiling faces. A special well done to the soloists for their confident performances

Year 6 shared their World War Two project work with the Jolly Lads and Knit and Natter groups, the children presented their work in a knowledgeable and professional way, using display boards and showing us the Anderson shelters they had made. They were confident, polite and happy to answer questions. Thank you to the headteacher, teaching staff and students. We look forward to working together again in the New Year.



## Carol Singing at The Morris Dancer

Thank you to the Morris Dancer and the Vale Royal singers under the leadership of Margaret Corlett. We are very grateful for them fitting a little fundraiser into their very busy Christmas schedule. We raised £268.52 It was a lovely festive evening and enjoyed by all. Big thanks to Alan & Jen Bottomley for organising this annual fundraiser

### GOOD COMPANIONS

The Kelsall Good Companions Club has been an important part of village life for over 60 years, providing a warm and welcoming space for friendship and shared activities. The Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 2:15 pm at the Wellbeing Hub in Kelsall. Its programme includes guest speakers, slide shows, musical entertainment, quizzes, tea parties, and always time for tea and chat.

At the December meeting, Mary Diggle stepped down after running the group for many years. She organised the club's activities and, more importantly, has been a warm friend to all who attended. On behalf of the members Mary was presented with gifts and a card in thanks for her dedication. As a keen gardener, she was given items especially chosen for her garden; and we are pleased that Mary will continue to attend meetings as part of the group.

Good Companions looks forward to the new year, continuing its activities and maintaining the friendly spirit at its heart. The next meeting is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January when there will be a chance to try Chair Yoga with Katie. All are welcome and price is £2 per person.

