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WELCOME TO THIS EDITION OF MENSTON NEWS, THE NEWSLETTER OF MENSTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



**Members of the Craft Group preparing knitted and crocheted bunting to be hung in the Community Library to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
All 160 foot of bunting!**

**The Centrefold of this edition of the Menston News highlights all the events and activities that are taking place within the village over the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend.
Articles from the various groups and organisations give more details on their celebrations.**

MENSTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Welcome to this special Platinum Jubilee edition of Menston News. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend is upon us from Thursday 2 June, marking the unrepeatable achievement of 70 years on the throne in service to our country. Across Britain there are cities, towns and villages which have been readying themselves for community events to celebrate and we can only hope that the weather is fit for the occasion.

In Menston, preparations have been going on for months with many groups and businesses in the village involved in what will be a really special time. I'd like to congratulate Gordon Metcalfe from the Parish Council and Nigel Cawthorne who have led the organising committee and worked hard with others to make a success of the first big event in the village since the COVID lockdown ended. The centre pages of this edition of the Menston News hold a programme of events for the weekend. We hope there is something for everyone.

As work progresses on the new developments on Bingley Road and Derry Hill, many new residents to the village have now moved into their homes. I'd like to welcome them all and hope they have a happy life here. Everyone in Menston is automatically a member of the Menston Community Association and we don't have a membership fee.

Families in the village are also now hosting Ukrainian refugees from that terrible conflict and I know that we will make them all feel part of our community. I'd also like to thank Cheryl Thornton for her magnificent fund-raising hedge, which is covered with ribbons for Ukraine and has helped raise funds to assist those in need and lifts my spirits every time I see it. Chris Steele, Chair, Menston Community Association

MENSTON BOWLING CLUB

Our 2022 season got off to a good start with all 6 teams in action in early April. Unfortunately, we are still living with the remnants of Covid and this, together with Bank Holidays on April 15 - 18th, has made it difficult to put together full teams of 10 players. But we've managed it!

As mentioned in a previous news article we are on track to run our **"Jubilee Open Day" on Thursday 2nd June from 1:00pm to 4:00pm**. I have sent details to the Jubilee committee for inclusion in their publicity material. I will post notices around the village closer to the time and will put a post on Menston Village Facebook.

Please come along you won't be disappointed.

But, you don't have to wait until the 2nd. Just give me a ring and I'll fit you in for a taster session any morning between 10:00am and Noon.

Contact Mike Ripley 07472-800126

PETER FINLAY, MBE - SUB-POSTMASTER AND FRIEND OF MENSTON



As one of Peter's countless friends and admirers I can give a no more sincere tribute than a précis from the eulogies given at his funeral by his family.

To a church packed to overflowing his elder son John reminded us of his many lives. First and foremost, as a family man, richly enjoying to the full being husband, father and grandfather. As a Sub-Postmaster, immersed and concerned for the vulnerable, helping with their forms and memory lapses, John said "He was one of life's good people".

Peter was Chairman and later Secretary of the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters playing a key role to whom people turned when in trouble. Before emails he regularly had the entire family folding papers and stuffing envelopes. He spoke eloquently at their conferences and was regarded as an honest, caring and trustworthy representative by his peers, dropping everything when a colleague was in trouble.

Scouting too became a passion, originally involved on the basis of "an hour a week and a bit of training" which really meant a lifetime of fun of Gang Shows, Camps and adventure - giving children an experience outside school. Camp cook, van driver or washer-up, nothing was beyond or beneath him, eventually as financial guru claiming Gift Aid and providing tons of small change for County Scout Camps. Latterly he was

leading on negotiations with Bradford Council to secure the Scout/Guide HQ for generations to come.

Acknowledging that she had always been affectionately known as "Peter's daughter" Jayne confessed that the family had been staggered at the number of organisations her dad had been involved in. Never the sole leader but involved in a key role with others and supported wholeheartedly by his family he helped drive change and alter lives of people in our village for the better. Jayne painted a vivid picture in the 1990s of the family going in convoy on Friday night to collect a Shipley Paint van, loading it with marquees, tables and chairs, shopping at Morrisons, Saturday afternoon fire-up the BBQ, in the evening watching Gladiators and checking profit made! Sunday was washing glasses, returning them, the marquees and the van. Life was hectic but always enjoyable.

Peter's list of "something to do" went on and on:- Athletic Club, Thespians, Youth Club, governor Menston Primary School, Chairman Menston Parish Council, Chairman Kirklands Trust, Menston Library coordinator, Remembrance Day Services, volunteer at Cornerstones and probably the most important one - to ensure that Santa drove his sleigh round the village every Christmas.

Jayne concluded by reminding everyone of Peter's mantra at every event when he shouted - "Don't forget to thank the teachers/leaders/volunteers who made this happen".

Like me, many of your readers will have worked under Peter's leadership on numerous occasions benefiting from his common sense and wide experience. This is our opportunity to thank Peter from the bottom of our hearts. An amazing man with prodigious energy and enthusiasm. It is truly amazing what he achieved "on an hour a week and a bit of training".

Dale Smith



A few thoughts on Peter from the people of Menston

"Thank you for so many years of all your help."

"We shall miss you greatly and thank you for your support and service over the years - above all we shall miss your humour."

"Thank you for the many years of hard work."

"Peter will be sorely missed within the community."

"Gave me immediate backing and continued support when I needed it."

Janet Finlay would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and letters of condolence for Peter. Your kind words and memories of him were very much appreciated by the family.

MENSTON PARISH COUNCIL

It was with deep sadness that our Chairman Peter Finlay MBE passed away in February. Amongst his many community involvements, as detailed above, Peter had been a founding member of the Parish Council and now we carry forward his hard work and community visions. In the words of one of his favourite bands, the show must go on.

We are now looking forward the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, further details included in this newsletter, and an exciting time for the village to come together to meet new friends and enjoy our community with all its appeal.

The local home building in the village is progressing at pace, a warm welcome to all new residents, we look forward to meeting soon. The Parish Council has received some funding contributions arising from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The idea being that local people can suggest projects that would, to some extent, mitigate the impact of development in our area. Whilst there are certain rules on what this levy can be spent on, we are calling for suggestions. The guidance says that it should be used for the "*provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area*".

Examples in the guidance include improvements to a village hall, new or improved play areas, provision of affordable housing, and preparation of a neighbourhood plan. Any suggestions are welcome; many worthy ideas have already been put forward. Suggestions can be submitted to the Menston Parish Clerk at menstonpc@hotmail.co.uk or alternatively by contacting any of the parish councillors.

Other news on the top of the agenda is that we are in regular communication with senior executives at the Co-operative Food HQ to lobby for re-introducing their presence in the village or failing that we are taking steps to ensure the premises will be available to other retailers. Our gratitude goes out to the local businesses who have filled the gap left by the Co-op. Please support our local services.

The Parish Council meet on the last Thursday of every month, there is always a time to raise issues important to you, the dates of the next meetings are available on the Menston Parish Council website at www.menston.org

Philip Moore, Chair

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH

In the next few weeks and months, it is highly likely that our village will welcome Ukrainian refugees. Thank you to those of our community who have offered their homes in this noble and sacrificial way. For those of us who could not do so, it is now important that we seek to support those who are coming and those who host them, so that together, Menston may be a welcoming place in which healing, shelter and safety may be found.

As churches, we should be on the forefront of offering support. The Bible is littered with passages which talk about the importance of the "other", whether it is Jesus talking about loving our neighbours as ourselves, the famous verse in John where God loves the whole world so much..., or whether it's in more obscure bits earlier in the Bible. The recurrent motif of care for the vulnerable – for widows, orphans, poor or "aliens" – gives us no ground for neglecting any of those who may arrive here.

For the people of Israel, this care for the vulnerable was linked to the corporate memory of their own slavery in Egypt. Their ancestors knew what it was to be in need, and passed down this shared recollection to ensure that the people of God would never forget. They were to make space for the vulnerable; when harvesting, not going back over the field or olive grove to be sure they had picked every last item, but deliberately allowing their leavings and gleanings as provision for the poor (just one example is Deuteronomy 24).

Even in a subsistence economy, provision was to be made for the vulnerable. How much more in an affluent area like Menston. In a subsistence economy, leaving part of the harvest for other carried a cost too. We will find it costly to care for other: it takes time and energy and will cost us financially, but also in other ways. But this is our Biblical duty to the vulnerable.

At the end of this month we celebrate the Queen's jubilee. The contrast between these celebrations and the events of our world is vast. However, part of what we celebrate is the Queen's tremendous lifelong service and duty, for which we thank her and thank God. In her, we have a picture of costly service of others. Perhaps, the contrast, therefore, isn't so stark after all. Our Queen is an example for us to follow.

As street parties happen, may they be both a celebration and a statement of our intent to serve others. Let us be thankful for the Queen's service, whilst remembering our own duty to the vulnerable even if it is costly.

Steve Proudlove, Vicar

PREGNANCY & PILATES

I am often asked is it safe to attend Pilates classes when pregnant and my answer is a very loud 'YES' unless you have a medical complication and have been told by a medical professional not to exercise. At the Studio we offer our Mummy Fit Pilates classes which are taught by Becky who is a qualified Ante-Post Natal Practitioner with many years' experiences. The Mummy Fit sessions are specifically designed for during and after pregnancy and incorporate back care exercises along with postural exercises that involve the core and pelvic floor. Some of the exercises are undertaken on a birthing ball for comfort, and we also use light hand weights and bands to strengthen the upper body. Needed to help you lift your little one. The classes can be as challenging or relaxing as you wish, and adaptations are offered for the three trimesters of your pregnancy.

There are many benefits of attending Pilates in pregnancy including

Helping to reduce back ache

Improving muscle strength and tone

Improving posture & abdominal tone

Improving your mood

Better sleep patterns

Meeting other new mums and making new friends!

Try incorporating some regular walking into your day as well; just 15-20 minutes will help with your circulation and ensure you feel more positive. Regular exercise can improve your fitness and energy levels in pregnancy and improve your ability to cope with labour. Pilates will also help you to get back into shape sooner after your baby is born. That's a big plus when you have a little one to lift, carry and push in the buggy!

If your pregnant or recently had a baby, then pop in and see us at The Studio to find out more about our classes and to make new friendships.

Christine

The Pilates & Fitness Studio Kirklands

MENSTON CARES AGM

The Menston Cares AGM will take place on **Wednesday, 6th July at 2pm in the Methodist Church Hall.**

Following the formal business there will be **a strawberry cream tea and a film show given by Roy and Jean Vickers of Mercury Movies.**

Jane Pratt (Chairperson)



Taking time to have a chat

TOWNWOMEN'S GUILD

We are meeting again at Kirklands on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm and have a speaker to entertain and inform us.

May 18th - Film showing the Queen's Coronation.

June 15th - Sylvia Mann will be telling us about her interesting long career in Nursing and the many changes that have taken place.

July 20th - Brian Mann will be talking about 'Sleep and Dreams'

Our regular activities include a lunch club, theatre visits, 2 book clubs and a scrabble club.

The entry cost is £3.50 and we welcome new members and visitors.

If you would like any more information, please tel. Laura on 01943 875041

Laura Moorhouse

Summer Family Fun Day



Saturday
11th June

Crafts, cake, preloved toy stall,
planting, hotdogs, drinks
and more!

10-1

@Menston Preschool, Kirklands,
Main Street, Menston.

Entry £2 per child, includes a prize

Ping!! My phone vibrated causing all of my classmates to start staring at me. "What is that Ann?" spoke Mrs Ale as she stepped closer. I don't know what to say so all I did was stare. Some girls were giggling at my facial expression. Others were overjoyed at this disruption as Mrs Ale's maths lessons were boring. "Well... I'm waiting," her voice echoed round the classroom.

"Well Mrs. I began, "my Dad was checking up on me because he wants to know what I will have for lunch. He wants me to eat healthily." Now to see if the excuse worked. Everything went silent and seemed like had been in the classroom for hours. Mrs Ale nodded.

At break, my best friend Tilly came running over. I could tell by her expression that she was going to ask what happened in maths. "What was that about?" she spoke her ponytail swishing with every word. I struggled and pulled out my phone from my back pocket. Message from Olivia Orarch it read. I clicked on it and read the message outloud. To the public, I Olivia Orarch (owner of Orarch Sea Hotel) need your help. My hotel is going to be refurbished so I'm asking children of all ages to sent in an entry. Four people will be chosen and get chance to have a holiday in Sea hotel. Signed Olivia Orarch. "Cool, You should definitely enter Ann!" said Tilly as excited as I was. I really would have liked Tilly's help, but I forgot about her and any competition. Last time she got so annoyed that we didn't win, she tried to pull the trophy out of the winners hands. After break and lunch the lessons word by painfully slow.

MENSTON AREA NATURE TRUST - MANT

MANT has now taken over the management of Miss Porritt's Field, and we have begun to plan how we can encourage the growth of more wildflowers and improve other habitats in the field. Our first working party removed the rotting stock pen and litter, and we have plans to install a stock proof fence and new pen to ensure no cattle escape later in the year. For example, it costs thousands for a good fence, so please consider donating to the Field Nature Fund on our website www.mant.org.uk. We are now holding **working parties on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2pm**. Details of what we will be doing and where we will be meeting that month will be found on our website. The next working party will be on Sunday 12th June at 2pm. All welcome!

A Wild Gardens Open Day at 5 local gardens on Sunday 22nd May (noon-5pm), and hope to have inspired people to encourage wildlife to share their outdoor spaces. £6 per adult, under 18s free.

To celebrate the Jubilee, we will be planting an Oak tree in Miss Porritt's field in the autumn. In addition, on **Saturday 4th June 2022 we are inviting families to bring a picnic and enjoy it in Miss Porritt's between 12 and 4pm**. Come and explore this unique space in the village and learn more about what is planned for nature there. Unfortunately, dogs are not permitted in the field.

Finally, don't forget "Let it bloom June"! If you took part in No Mow May, you will be allowing wonderful things to happen in your lawn. Why not leave some of the grass long for another month, and let those essential wildflowers bloom so insects can thrive? Or if you missed No Mow May, it isn't too late to start letting the grass grow.

Francesca Bridgewater

THE MALT SHOVEL

Over the Jubilee weekend we will be having a **Quiz Night on Thurs. 2nd. On Saturday 4th the main event will be outside bars, food Hot Dogs & burgers. Also there is entertainment for the kids in the car park. Sunday 5th Malt BBQ and street party, music and outside bar again.**

Every Thursday we have a Quiz Night.

The Malt Shovel Malt kitchen will be open from early June.

Dog & family friendly

For more information on the Malt please follow us on Facebook, or check out our website <https://themaltshovel.co.uk>

Josh

MENSTON PLATINIUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The majority of the programme for the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee has been brought together by the Menston Platinum Jubilee Committee. This is a partnership of local groups including Menston Parish Council, Menston Community Association, Menston Business Association, Kirklands Trust, Light Up Menston, both the Parish and Methodist Churches, Scouts and Guide Groups, Menston Primary School, the pubs of Menston, shops, clubs and other bodies.

We all hope that you have a very enjoyable weekend in celebrating the Queen's 70 years as our Monarch.

For more information, please see the noticeboard outside Kirklands for further details of all the events or go to Facebook @lightupmenston.

Volunteers

To help with these events we need volunteers from the village to come forward, jobs include stewarding road closures, stewarding at the event, litter collection, prior to the event putting up bunting/flags, tables chairs and the like. Mainly Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th times to suit you, refreshments provided

Call or txt Nigel on 07532 114 375 to be involved

Nigel Cawthorne

ROAD CLOSURE

For information, Main Street, Derry Hill & Burley Lane will be closed around the Lane Ends junction from 10am on Saturday 4th to 10.30pm on Sunday 5th to allow for the large stage outside Parmley Graham, diversions will be sign-posted!!

ST. JOHN'S JUBILEE LUNCH

Everyone is invited to a service of worship at St John's at 11am on Sunday 5th June. After this there will be a Parish Lunch in the Parish Room which again is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The cost of the lunch is £5 and this includes a glass of bubbly and coffee. In order to help with catering could you please either let Hilary know you wish to attend (872548) or call into the Church to sign up for this celebration. Hilary Feathers

Thursday 2nd June

Fun Day at Menston Cricket Club, Jubilee themed event with all your favourites including terrier racing, 5 inflatables, car show, food drink and more 12 till 8ish free admission

Jubilee Open Day at Menston Bowling Club [behind Kirklands] 1pm till 4pm try your hand at crown green bowling, bowls, instruction and refreshments provided

Friday 3rd June

Platinum Jubilee Parish Boundary Walk set off from the front of the Malt Shovel between 9am & 11.30 am to sign in and collect your Jubilee commemorative 8-page walk booklet. Whole walk is 9.5 miles but there are shorter options from 2.5 miles upwards so see what you can manage. Booklet certified on completion

Methodist Church Tennis Club Open Morning 10-12 rear of Cornerstones

Pimms, Strawberries & Queen @ Menstone Club 2 till 4 [ticket only] enjoy a drink and the company whilst watching a film of the Coronation and more

Saturday 4th June

Jubilee Treasure Trail around the Village for Children, collect maps and clues from St Johns Church Main Street entrance gate [opp Menston Arms] 10am till 12noon

Menston Area Nature Trust (MANT) invite you to bring your own Picnic to Miss Porritt's Field. Midday until 4.00pm

Queen's Jubilee Afternoon Tea at Kirklands Community Centre for older residents [by invitation only]

Cornerstone Jubilee Cream Teas 2pm till 4 [after usual opening 9am till 2pm]

The Big Platinum Jubilee Event at Lane Ends (near Malt & Arms). music and entertainment on a large stage outside Parmley Graham, activities & crafts at the rear of the Malt, food & drink 2pm till late
Bring folding 'festival' type chairs if you can

Sunday 5th June

Family Church Service on the Lane Ends stage (Main St x Burley Lane) 9.30

Churches Together joint service at St Johns parish church 11am
Jubilee lunch in St John's Parish Room. After the above Joint Service. This will be £5 to include a glass of bubbly and coffee.

The Big Jubilee Lunches/Street Parties locally arranged, see neighbours for details!!

The Big Platinum Jubilee Event (continues) Lane Ends, more activities entertainment, food & drink 2pm till late

KIRKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated at Kirklands with an **afternoon tea and entertainment on Saturday 4th June between 2-4pm**. This is a joint event with Menston Cares, supported by Menston in Bloom.

The event has been funded by a Recognition and Recovery Grant from Bradford Council which has been awarded to Kirklands and Menston Cares for their support to the village during the coronavirus epidemic. If anyone would like to volunteer for a couple of hours on 4th June please let me know.

Working from home and want a place to meet customers/colleagues? A small meeting room is now available in Kirklands for a charge of £10 per hour. It is ideal for meetings of up to 10 people. Wifi is available, as are a projector and Bluetooth speakerphone.

Do you have a fund raising event in mind? Our Friday Night Special rate is £50 for the main hall from 6.00pm - 10.00pm. Planning a birthday party? Our daytime weekend rate is £100 for 4 hours use of the main hall and kitchen.

Heather Norreys
Centre Manager 01943 874335/kirklandsct@gmail.com



Peace Garden outside Kirklands in Summer

The Tree of Remembrance in the Church garden area was dedicated at a short service on Sunday 3 April. There are hearts available in Cornerstone if anyone would like to add a heart to the tree in memory of a loved one.

The Friday Friendship Group and Wednesday Group are now taking a break over the summer but will resume their activities in September. We thank those who supported our Friday lunchtime organ music recitals. These have also stopped for the summer but should resume in the autumn.

The Alpha course is coming to a close but we hope to run another one later in the year. If anyone would like to find out more about Alpha, please contact Jo Dixon on dixonjo2000@gmail.com.

Thank you to those who supported our Easter Fayre on 9 April. We raised £531.69 which was sent to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Our main service is at 10.30am on a Sunday with Sun Club for young people. On the first Sunday of each month we hold a relaxed and informal café style service in our main hall. All are welcome.

A Christian Aid service will be held on Sunday 15 May. Christian Aid week runs from 15 to 21 May. There will be a collection bucket and Gift Aid envelopes in Cornerstone if anyone would like to donate. In addition, donations can be made online using our e-envelope which can be accessed from our website page.

Details of our activities are advertised on the Church noticeboard, Church Face Book page and website: www.menstonmethodist.org.uk.

Our thoughts and prayers are continually with all those in our community and their families. If you need someone to talk to or pray with, please contact our Minister, Rev Tim Perkins (rev.tim.perkins@btinternet.com) or our Lay Pastor, Jo Dixon (dixonjo2000@gmail.com / 07870 700713). All calls will be in strict confidence.

VIVACI YOUTH CHOIR (Viv-ar-chay – musical term meaning lively)

The choir is open to all young people aged 8 years and upwards, meeting on Thursdays from 6.30pm to 7.15pm at the Methodist Church. It reformed in November after Covid restrictions were eased and sang at the Menston Christmas Lights Switch On and the Methodist Church Carol Service. They learn a wide variety of songs with emphasis on enjoyment of singing in both unison and 2 parts. We like the choir to sing in a Church service at least twice a year, including the Carol service. For further information, please contact Eleanor Cree on 01943 875637.

MENSTON METHODIST TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club will be holding an Open Morning on Friday 4 June from 10am to 12 noon. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Club are welcome to pop along for a chat and/or a hit. The Tennis court is behind the church – please access through the Church garden area at the side of Cornerstone.

Social tennis continues on a Monday morning with table tennis in the church hall from 10am. Play is organised by members at other times. The junior coaching/social play takes place on Monday evenings during the summer term.

For membership enquiries please pop along to the court on a Monday morning or telephone 01943 870871. Jalna Jenkins

MENSTON SHOW - 10TH SEPTEMBER

We are excited to welcome the flower, vegetable and craft show back to the village this year. I hope you have started to grow your exhibits and are looking to get your craft items out to create something wonderful. There are all the usual fruit and veg categories but keep an eye out through this Newsletter for little hints at what else will be in the schedule as in the green box as below.

Exhibit entries open 9.00am until 10.30am

Judging of exhibits 11.00am until 12.30pm (closed to the public)

Show doors open 1.00pm until 4.00pm

If you were the lucky winner of a prize in 2019, could you please return your trophy to Jill in the library as soon as you can.

Are you interested in helping at the show this year? We would love to hear from you and always welcome new volunteers.

We should also like to reach out to local businesses to give them all the opportunity to sponsor our programme, sponsor individual classes or provide donations for the raffle. This would be greatly appreciated by the community.

Please get in touch – victoriataylor2014@gmail.com

Menston Village Show – Special Class for Community Groups

“Can you create a flag to represent your community group? Any size, any material.

CLIMATE ACTION MENSTON - CAM

We continue to support and educate people on the climate emergency and we would love more people to get involved.

On the education front, we had an excellent talk on energy from Keith Pitcher who heads up the zero carbon group for Climate Action Ilkley. They have members who have installed air source heat pumps and hearing about their experiences was really valuable. Moving away from fossil fuels has become more and more urgent for us all. Do get in touch if you would like to get involved in zero carbon issues and maybe we could start a community energy project?

Still no news on the safer crossing outside the primary school but we are working on a cycling/walking leaflet for the village to encourage short journeys to be made on foot or bike. Do we need more cycle racks in the village - let us know?

We are working with St John's church to run the Jubilee Treasure Trail that is aimed at families with the chance to explore Menston... **The trail starts from the sloping path entrance to St John's (opposite the Menston Arms) between 10am and 12 on Saturday 4th June.**

As the roads at Four Lane Ends will be closed to traffic for the Saturday and Sunday, this might be a good opportunity to use a bike for getting about as there should be no through traffic.

One of our members has been finding out about wormeries. Should we set up one for use by the community - do give us your thoughts.

Our next meeting is **22nd June at 7.30, our AGM**, - do come along, hear what we have been up to and bring your ideas for how to make Menston Zero Carbon! See <https://climateactionmenston.org.uk> for more infor-

Menston Village Show – Home Produce category

Men only – Lemon Drizzle Cake

Vegan Chocolate Cake

Four Cheese Scones

Cob Loaf

Your Favourite Cake

Friends & Family Hub

Thinking BIG for families of children with additional needs

It's been great to see some familiar and new faces join us at Kirklands Community Centre for our Learning & Development Sessions and Group Support Meetings, where we've covered a range of topics for parents & carers of children and young people with additional needs. We've also continued to meet up for walks, and share ideas and information about useful services and activities locally via our meetings, online resources and WhatsApp groups.

Bradford Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Inspection:

March was an incredibly busy and important time for our families across the Bradford district, as a long-awaited Local Area SEND Inspection by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission got underway. The purpose of the inspection was to assess how effective our local area is at identifying, assessing and meeting needs to improve outcomes of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Our members took part in the inspection by sharing their views and experiences through surveys, emails and virtual meetings with inspectors, to help present an accurate picture of families' experiences, aspirations, and the improvements they would like to see in the future. At the time of submitting this article we are awaiting the final report, which we'll forward to members for discussion.

Saltaire Inspired:

We were delighted to be approached by Saltaire Inspired recently, who deliver annual arts events in the World Heritage village. As part of the Saltaire Arts Trail in May, Friends and Family Hub members were asked if they would like to take part in Creative Workshops, with acclaimed artist Lisa Watts and her 80 year old father Gordon. The artist and her father have first-hand experience of being carers, which inspired the event's main exhibition 'My Crazy Family Golf' – a fully playable 5-hole crazy golf course that visitors could play and interact with at Salts Mill. It was a lovely opportunity for our families to meet other people who may share similar experiences. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 8th June – 10am to 2pm – Positive Behaviour Support

We will be joined by Specialist Workers from Affinity Trust for a Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Workshop. Parents will explore the principles of PBS, dig deeper into behaviours and discuss positive, person-centred approaches to enable them to explore ways to support children and young people with additional needs.

Wednesday 13th July – 10am to 2pm – Bradford Social Care Children's Disability Services

We will welcome Service Managers and Lead Practitioners from Bradford Social Care Children's Services, to present information about their social care and 'short breaks' services for children and young people with complex needs or disabilities. They will update parents & carers on changes and progress within the services, to help families move forward with accessing support for their children and young people.

Summer Celebration Event:

As part of our programme of events, we hold an annual social event to celebrate our wonderful members and the journey we've all been on over the year. During the pandemic we held our summer social event virtually, but we are excited to return to a face-to-face event in August 2022!

We're looking forward to inviting existing and new members to join us for food, family entertainment & activities, time to talk and meet new people and opportunities, alongside some music, a raffle and more. We know that the best-connected families have the best outcomes, so let's get together and have some fun! More details will be sent out to members and posted on social media soon.

If you have any questions, or would like to join any of our sessions or summer celebration, please get in touch at friendsandfamily@thinkingbiguk.org where we will be happy to chat.

Twitter: @ThinkingBig_UK Facebook: @Thinkingbiguk

Claire Wright

Menston Village Show – Handicraft category – must not have been previously entered into the show

Knitted work – Twiddle Muff (basic pattern can be provided)

Crochet work – 6 inch Granny Square of your design

Something new from something old

Item of handmade jewellery

Pottery/ceramic item

Artwork – framed, any medium (A4 size maximum)

Embroidery/Tapestry/Cross Stitch

MENSTON IN BLOOM

A big thank you to all those people who supported our Plant and Cake Sale at the Malt Shovel. Our thanks go to Josh and his team for their help. The Plant Sale is our only fundraiser for this year but our usual Strawberry Tea will be back next year during the first weekend of June to help us raise cash to keep our village looking pleasant.

During Spring we renovated the Memorial Garden in preparation for the Remembrance Service.



We are continuing with our usual Wednesday morning work sessions, starting at 9.30am and lasting for about an hour. There are two exceptions to this. On 15th June and 13th July the work sessions will be in the evening from 7.00 to 8.00pm. Our Saturday work sessions from 9.30am onwards are on 28th May (planting out summer bedding) and 11th June. The planters around the village have been stocked with bedding in regal colours, reds, purples and silver, to reflect the Jubilee. Once the warm weather gets going these will look floriferous!

Jo and Rosemary are also providing the floral table decorations for the Queen's Jubilee Afternoon Tea at Kirklands on Saturday 4th June.



We had a very enjoyable evening with the Beavers planting sunflower seeds and these will make a welcome splash of colour in the village. The Pre-school Veg Bed outside the Library will be making a welcome and colourful return. Perhaps our younger community members could take a go at counting how many coloured vegetables we can get into the Veg Beds.

Gemma Kelmanson and Anne Gadd

TWO EVENTS HAPPENING AT KIRKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Use It or Lose It – A seated exercise session with Alison, Wednesdays 2.30 to 3.30pm.

Alison's contact number is 07866 395 316 or

alison.banks@moveitorloseit.co.uk

The first session is free.

A mobile chippy, run by Amanda and John, will be parking at Kirklands every Thursday between 4.30 and 7.30pm.

Fish & chips £6.50, small fish & chips £5.10 and peas/curry sauce £1.00

CORNERSTONE CAFE

If you haven't been to Cornerstone Café before, why not give us a try over the Jubilee weekend? We will be open as usual – **9 am to 1.30 pm on Thursday and Friday (2 and 3 June) and then on Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm serving our regular menu and from 2 pm to 4 pm serving cream teas.** Look forward to meeting you!

Charlotte Montague

MENSTON ART GROUP -MAG

The MAC would like to "thank you the residents of Menston and district" for your support at our May exhibition and look forward to meeting up with you again in November when our next exhibition will take place. It is hoped a large part of the profits will be given to the Ukrainian Appeal. We are looking forward to Janet Pickering's talk on 'pictures at the exhibition'. Which exhibition is not specified ... will it be one of our club exhibitions? Ian Tomlinson is going to talk about medieval stained glass. He was highly involved in the repairs to York Minister so his talk should be of special interest.

The routines of our club are at last returning to some semblance of normality and activity whilst we are still taking great care when meeting. Hopefully this trend will continue. MAG meet on Mondays at Kirklands.
Judith Tomlinson

MENSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Your library is fully open for business as usual on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 till 1 and 2 till 5 and Saturdays from 10 till 1. We have been busy preparing for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Our 10am Thursday craft group have knitted and crocheted amazing quantities of bunting.

The 10.30 Thursday rhyme timers have decorated the children's noticeboards with hand crafted bunting.

The 11am monthly "Menston Thursdays" book group have reviewed the Uncommon Reader.

The 2pm Thursday Scrabble Group played Jubilee Scrabble

The 3.30 Thursday story time group listened to royal stories and painted portraits of the queen

In addition, we have a tempting display of royal books and a platinum jubilee community jigsaw. Do call in to add a piece to the jigsaw and admire our decorations.

Menston Community Library Summer Reading Challenge

This summer we will be issuing the annual national reading challenge to all children aged 4 to 11 to read 6 books during the school summer holidays. In support of this year's "Gadgeteers' Challenge" we have the following science based activities planned to which all are invited.

4th August 1.30

Zoolab (booking essential)

11th August 2.30

Hide your secrets in a lemon

18th August 2.30

Light up the world with a potato

25th August 2.30

Reach for the stars- Make & launch a rocket.

We will also be holding a **Teddy Bear's Picnic in the park from 11 till 1 on Wednesday 31st August**. There will be stories, rhymes, crafts

and of course a special visit from Bookstart Bear. Everyone is welcome.

Pack up a picnic and join us at the park, don't forget your bear!

Jill Cooke, Manager

Menston Village Show – Fruit and veg category

Most mis-shaped vegetable

Heaviest vegetable

Longest vegetable

Photography category

Pathways

Sparkling

Celebrations

MENSTON NEWS

Again we would like to say a thank you to the Parish Council for paying the printing costs of the MCA's Menston News. We are grateful to all our contributors for the time they give up to write their articles, our band of distributors pounding our pavements and my personal thanks to Tom and Justin of Small Print for their professional and patient help.

Our next cut-off date for the Autumn Menston News is Wednesday 14th August.

The content of all articles is solely the responsibility of the contributor.

We are always interested to receive your views our Newsletter . The MCA can be contacted on mcamenston@gmail.com and the Menston News on menstonnews@gmail.com

Following our appeal for more distributors, most of the vacant routes have been filled but we would still welcome more volunteers prepared to give up an hour or so three times a year.

Menston Village Show's 45th Anniversary

10th SEPTEMBER 2022

This September sees the welcome return of the much loved 'Menston Village Show'. We cannot wait to welcome you back!

To commemorate our 45th year, (Sapphire Anniversary), the theme for many of the classes is 'Celebrating Anniversaries'. In the Flower arranging category you may be creating a display to showcase, 'Here comes the Bride'. Or your children could turn their hand to finger painting of the deep blue sea (Under 5's), Make a Crown (5-8 years) or Engineer a Windmill (9-13 years) amongst many more categories.



The vegetable and flower classes remain largely unchanged, so let us hope the weather stays nice for a bumper crop. Our previous show's keen bakers impressed with their bread making skills, this year we are asking for a Cob loaf. You may enjoy making things with your hands? We have added a pottery & ceramic class and an article made principally from wood. If you can knit, or would like to learn, then we are asking you to make a Twiddle Muff. A basic pattern can be provided, but you can add your own flair with the colour scheme and choice of haberdashery.

The special community class was a great success last time, so we are hoping that our community groups will highlight their special skills by designing and making a flag to represent their group.

Please enjoy making and doing and growing and we hope to see your entries in September.

Victoria Taylor (Chair - Menston Show Committee)

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