

**MIDGLEY COMMUNITY FORUM NEWSLETTER SPRING 2023**

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**CORONATION STREET PARTY AND WELL DRESSING  
“A RITE ROYAL DO” SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Midgley's Wells will be dressed as is the tradition on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

If you dressed a Well last year and would kindly do the honours again, or if you would like to have a go at dressing one, please contact Jean Tallis on 07786 702813.

As it's the same weekend as the Coronation of King Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> the theme is 'A Rite Royal Do' which is open to interpretation by the Well Dressers.

So expect to see some imaginative creations.

A guided walk around the Wells will start at the Pinfold on Chapel Lane at 12.30 and will be led by Matthew Sim.

If you would like to read a poem, or sing a song, or play a piece of music at any of the wells as the walk passes through, it would be lovely.

Contact Jean Tallis as above.

After the walk around the Wells, the Street Party will take place at 2pm to 4pm.

As last year for the Jubilee, there will be tables set out along the street from Yew Trees Close to the Community Room. Bring party food to share – paper plates and dishes will be provided.

The Community Room Bar will be open for soft and alcoholic drinks.

The road will be closed from 1pm – 5pm from Towngate to Thorney Lane, leaving access for cyclists, walkers, and emergency vehicles.

\*NB Residents are advised to move their vehicles ahead of time to allow space for the party and in case they need to use them whilst the road is closed.

Let's hope for better weather than last year !



**MIDGLEY FETE 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Plans are very much underway for the Midgley Fete on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all of you who have already volunteered to help run the Fete 2023 – we couldn't have a Fete without you.

If you run (or know) a small business, charity or craft enterprise who would like a stall at the Fete, please contact Jean Tallis on 07786 702813.

**CRAFT, COFFEE, CHAT and CAKE**

If you like crafting, knitting, sewing, drawing or painting and convivial company, then come along to Craft, Coffee (or tea) Chat and Cake.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 2-4 pm. Cost £1.50 in the Community Room.

We bring our own Craft or Art projects and learn new ones from one another.

For further details contact Jean Tallis on 882394 or [jean.tallis@gmail.com](mailto:jean.tallis@gmail.com)

**COFFEE MORNINGS**

We don't pretend to be the RITZ but we do provide Coffee/Tea and delicious cakes together with good company.

Every Thursday morning from 10.0 to 12.30 in the Community Room.

Come and Join us.



**Has anyone** got a dry storage space about half the size of a garage, that Midgley Community Forum can hire to store such things as marquees.

For more information, contact Alistair Grant email: [alistairgrant@hotmail.com](mailto:alistairgrant@hotmail.com)

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## THE OLD CO-OP -- MIDGLEY'S COMMUNITY BUILDING

You may have noticed some changes going on .....  
Last year we were successful in our grant application to the Calderdale Council Foundation's Climate Emergency Fund.  
This funding has allowed us to:

- \* Replace the old wooden single glazed shop window with a double glazed metal framed one, so the shop volunteers are now warmer and the shop is noticeably lighter inside.
- \* Install a heat transfer system to transfer the excess heat produced by the chillers and freezers in the shop to the Community Room which is colder. Thus keeping the heat inside the building and saving having to use the air conditioning unit when the air in the shop gets too warm.

In the 18 months that we have had solar panels on the roof of the building, the fuel bills have been lowered by £2000. Together with other changes, our need for electricity from the Grid is less than half what it was 5 years ago.

### Ukraine Donations

We have decided to stop collecting for Ukraine for now. We are aware that there is no let up in the conflict, but donations have slowed.

Fantastic contributions were made by our community including clothing, sleeping bags, head torches, toiletries, sanitary products, wet wipes and nappies and 100 sandbags.

Food donations were distributed to Ukraine by volunteers from the Halifax Ukrainian Club. Our shop customers donated £1600 which went to the Red Cross Ukraine Emergency Appeal. Huge thanks to the whole Community with a special mention to **Kathy Brunt** who had the initial idea and who also made the Ukrainian ribbons which generated lots of money.



Sadly, there won't be another Saturday breakfast now until the Autumn, due to other events taking place early each month.

### MIDGLEY VILLAGE SHOP

We stock all the basics, plus speciality products from a wide range of suppliers and where possible we buy our goods locally.

We work hard to keep our prices as competitive as possible and constantly look for new suppliers.

It is now 12 years since we moved into our current premises and the shop has provided a much needed service to the village. It is run entirely by volunteers who take on a variety of roles as well as serving behind the counter. Some of them have been with us since the beginning in 2004, others joined us later.

It is a great way of becoming involved in village life and making new friends. We need new volunteers to join us so we can ensure a viable future and so the shop will continue to flourish. If you can give a couple of hours weekly or on an ad hoc basis, we would love to hear from you. Just call Phil on 07973 801142 or leave your name and contact details in the shop.

We are a not for profit organisation. Any profit is used to maintain the building and support projects that support the community.

### The Midgley and Luddenden War Memorial

is 100 years old on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Come along and Salute a Soldier.

Adopt a soldier who lived near you for the day. We would like you to represent one of the WW1 soldiers commemorated on the Midgley and Luddenden Cenotaph at the Centenary Ceremony in Luddenden Village on the morning of Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 11.15.

There is also a church service at 10.00 am

Contact Phil Radford for details of your soldier on facebook/messenger or phone 07984 102110



### GARDEN GROUP

Midgley Garden Group meet in the Community Room on the first Monday of the month. Sometimes, if the weather permits, we meet at each other's gardens in the summer. We are enthusiastic amateur gardeners who enjoy swapping gardening stories and exchanging plants and seeds with occasional trips out to gardens of interest.

All gardeners will be made welcome regardless of experience.

Thank you to everyone who bought plants at our plant sale during last year at 86 Towngate.

We raised over £1,000 for Midgley Community Forum village projects and the remainder has helped to fund planting around the village.

Locally grown plants are available at 86 Towngate throughout the season.

### Midgley Growers Whats App Group

What we do – we share plants, seeds and gardening advice. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Jean on 07786 702813.

For items to be included in the next Newsletter contact Sandra 07775 904474 or sandyscott21@gmail.com