MIDGLEY COMMUNITY FORUM NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2013





What a great summer. All that warm sunny weather. Certainly those who went on the village Whitby coach trip in July had no complaints about the weather.

It was lovely to see many new faces.

We can't guarantee the same in 2014 but we do look forward to seeing you all again. If you enjoyed the day, please pass the word along.

Special thanks to Rema Sim and John Benson for organising the day and the on-board entertainment. Thanks also to Elaine Davies for the bingo calling.

Well done to all of them.

Quiz nights

Friday 4th October at 8pm

Friday 1st November at 8 pm

Friday 17th January at 8pm

To be held in the Community Room. Entry £5 per person to include supper. Watch out for posters going up and book your place at the shop. It would be most helpful if you could pay and put your name down before the shop closes on the Wednesday before the quiz. Without knowing the numbers, it's difficult for the volunteers doing the catering to purchase and prepare the correct quantities needed. Similarly the beer barrel cannot be broached if numbers are low, and bottled beer will be served instead.

Thanks for your co-operation.



Sadly, there has been one casualty as a result of the dry weather. It had been planned to have a walk to Castle Carr fountains in either August or September.

Unfortunately Yorkshire Water have been unable to allow it due to lower than normal water levels.

Water in the Fountains runs away without being re-captured so Yorkshire Water feel they would be criticised if they allowed the water to be run off before supplies are seen to be at safe levels.

We shall be seeking permission for a walk in 2014.

THIEVES AND VANDALS

Over the last few weeks there have been several thefts in the village.

The shop has been burgled, there was an attempted house break-in, a car has been stolen, and a further one vandalised for its fuel.

In addition, coping stones have been stolen from a wall opposite the school.

Stock fencing has been cut down in fields below the bus terminus in the corner by Brearley Woods.

Please be vigilant, and If you see or hear anything suspicious, notify the police immediately.



BUNTING MAKING To celebrate the Grand Depart coming to Cragg Vale, residents are aiming to break the World Record for the longest continuous stretch of bunting and will then hang it up the **longest continuous hill! That's 5 miles of bunting!**

We in Midgley are going to help them by making 50 metres (or more if we can).

The bunting has to be a particular size but can be made by knitting, sewing, crocheting or

We need lots of material and wool, so clear out your attics and cupboards and give us any old material, curtains, sheets or tablecloths.

If you would like to join the Midgley Bunting Makers or have materials to donate, ring Jean Tallis on 01422 882394 or email jean.tallis@gmail.com



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

STAY SAFE/SELF PROTECTION EVENING Friday 11th October 7.30 in the Community Room

A talk presented by Al Cook who has delivered courses across the country in a variety of settings and who is trained in conflict management and resolution. Al also has 30 years experience in martial arts and currently instructs in the Korean art of Taekwondo.

Unfortunately, crime plays a big part in today's society: this can be anything from assault to burglary. No-one deserves to be a victim of crime but there are measures which we can put into place to help minimise and hopefully prevent this from happening.

Learn non-physical tips and methods to keep you and your loved ones safe. The content of the evening will focus on areas such as

- Awareness and Prevention
- Safety on the Streets and in the Home
- Self Protection and the Law

No physical techniques will be taught as part of this evening <u>Entry £3.50</u> to include refreshments

Book your place at the shop when you see the posters go up.

PHOTOGRAPHS from the archives of the Hebden Bridge Historical Society including some from the Alice Longstaff collection.

Frank Woolrych - President of the Society, has kindly agreed to deliver this presentation of pictures from the local area.

Frank came some years ago with the Longstaff collection and the evening was a sell-out.

Since amalgamating further galleries on to the computer/projector there will be many additional photos illustrating the history of the valley as well as favourites from the original collection.

To be sure of a ticket, book early when the posters go up

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

7.30 IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

ENTRY £3.50 to include refreshments

HISTORY THROUGH POSTCARD MESSAGES

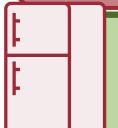
We are fortunate in getting Ian Dewhirst MBE to come and deliver a talk with a local history theme again. For those who haven't been before, these talks are informative and incredibly amusing.

Some of you will have previously seen Ian on Luke Casey's "Dales Diary"

Another one not to be missed

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 7.30 IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

ENTRY £3.50 to include refreshments



THE STRANGE TALE OF THE INTERNET FRIDGE -

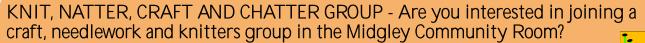
THE IMPACT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY A talk by Richard Woodcock

Richard, who lectures at Bradford University, has previously delivered this talk at the Café Scientifique at Dean Clough.

The talk is illuminating and entertaining. The Dean Clough venue was full and no-one was disappointed.

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 7.30 IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

ENTRY £3.50 TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS



The general idea is to bring your own projects to work on, but at the same time, share ideas, skills and knowledge with others in the group.

Open to all ages, interests and abilities. To be held one evening a fortnight, or monthly, depending on feedback. If you are interested, contact Jean Tallis.

Email: jean.tallis@gmail.com or phone 01422 882394



MIDGLEY SCHOOL NEWS



We have set up the Midgley School Community Garden at the top of our school field. We are growing plants and vegetables and we would love any volunteers from the community to be involved and come and help us if they love gardening!

We have just had our first batch of home-grown lettuce on our salad bar at lunch time, which was delicious.

We have one Saturday morning every month as a Gardening Working Party morning.

The next two dates for these are Saturday 28th September and Saturday 19th October from 10am - 12 noon.

We do hope you can come to join us.

We will be holding our WINTER WONDERLAND in the school again this year on FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER FROM 6PM - 9PM.

If any companies wish to have a stall at the Winter Wonderland, please contact school on 01422 882356.

Please note there will be a charge of £10 per table.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the festive fun on the evening.

As many of you will have seen at our <u>OPEN DAY</u> in July, we now have a lovely new school hall and kitchen facilities with it.

We would like to offer the school hall for hire in the evenings after 6pm and at weekends.

If you are interested in hiring the hall for an event/club, please contact school on 01422 882356.



TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

The recent road works in Mytholmroyd have resulted in more traffic coming through the village. Some drivers are ignoring the fact that this is a country road, and seem to think they should be able to drive fast!

I know a lot of people who think this is a real problem.

I have recently spoken to WYPTE who are responsible for bus services as they are now reviewing the services to/from Hebden Bridge, and they tell me they are reviewing the Midgley service later this year.

I therefore think it is time to re-start the Midgley Traffic Group and suggest that we have a meeting for those interested on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30 in the Community Room.

Phil Lockyer email: oldmanofmidgley@hotmail.co.uk phone 882239





Incredible Edible Midgley has provided salad leaves, including mizuna, lettuce, beetroot leaves and watercress, as well as French beans, rhubarb, courgettes, a few cucumbers, mint, radishes, potatoes and onions.

The onions will be available in the shop throughout the winter as well as a few potatoes.

The herb bed provides chives, oregano, rosemary, borage and thymes.

A donation box is on the shop counter to help pay for seeds, compost and fertilizer.