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BEFORE AND AFTER



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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

2018 appears to be flying by and I am pleased to announce the establishment of Kirklands (Menston) Trust, the Charitable Incorporated Organisation set up last year to manage the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process took a huge step forward on the 1st of April by taking over the running of Kirklands Community Centre under licence. Negotiations for a leasehold agreement are ongoing.

You will be reading more detail about the Asset Transfer in the middle pages and will see the potential that the Community Centre has for the foreseeable future for all age groups. It is now up to us as part of Menston community to fully utilise the facilities and advertise as widely as possible in Wharfedale the benefits of this building.

You will notice this issue of the Newsletter is geared to this fact and in addition I am pleased to announce the reintroduction of three newsletters each year. It was felt that only having two newsletters a year was restrictive in conveying community activities.

The bird and bat box initiative and proposed nature trail got off to a very successful start at the Primary School on the evening of Tuesday 27 March and currently we have 33 boxes to be placed between High Royds Memorial Gardens and Butterfield Park.

Menston in Bloom has continued its splendid work around the village and has a full program of planting and activities throughout the summer.

Thanks must be given to the Menston Co-op for facilitating many activities during the last year and the beginning of this one and hopefully this relationship will continue for the benefit of all.

On the planning front you may have seen the proposed Adlington development on the site of the Hare and Hounds public house. We are watching this with great interest but we are still no further forward with Bingley Road or Derry Hill.

Very best wishes to all.

Dr Steve Ellams
Chairman Menston Community Association





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If you would like to include details about your club, or contribution to the Menston community, please send items for the next newsletter to alisondavidmanson@gmail.com (878556) by Aug 31.

Thank you to our small and dedicated team of deliverers. If you can help, please contact Alison Manson.

Thank you to the Parish Council for its payment for production of the Menston Newsletter. Also thanks to our advertisers for their support.

MENSTON CARES

The AGM is on Thursday 14 June at 1.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

The half hour meeting will be followed by an illustrated talk given by Colin Alderson on his time as Chef to the Royal Household. A strawberry cream tea will be served and all are Welcome.

Wanted! Is there anyone in Menston who would like to train to be a volunteer minibus driver for Menston Cares? We hire the minibuses from Ilkley Community Transport and the Manager, Ian Padley, would give you the training. You would be required to drive for our excursions, taking elderly, mainly housebound Menston residents out for lunch or afternoon tea, with a little run up the dale, six times a year.

Your reward? A free meal and the pleasure of giving people a lovely day out! For further information please contact Jane on 01943 876945.

MENSTON BOWLING CLUB

We started our bowling on 1 April. Unfortunately it was not a pleasant start to the season as we were plagued with terribly cold weather and cold rain. Luckily the weather is much improved with warmer days and less rain.

As well as our regular games at the club, we look forward to our annual trips out to the bowling greens at Grassington and Gargrave followed by a meal in the local pub.

Anyone interested in bowling should come along to our green behind Kirklands, watch us play and become inspired.

For more information, please ring our secretary Peter Hammond on 863417.

KIRKLANDS BRIDGE CLUB MENSTON

The club meets alternate Tuesdays at Kirklands Community centre, where rubber bridge is played to a high standard.

We shall, as usual, enjoy our anniversary dinner at Otley Golf Club, which this year will be our 44th Celebration of opening our bridge club, which was on Tuesday 8 October 1974. We are proud to say that we still have playing members who were at the opening evening in 1974.

If you would like to know more about our happy, friendly bridge club please contact Founder President Dorrie Waugh on 872771 or Vice President Nigel Moulden on 831523.

MENSTON EXPLORER SCOUT GROUP – BOYS & GIRLS AGED 14–18

We are a vibrant young persons group that is involved in a wide range of activities. We try new things: from baking buns to pancake flipping; lighting a campfire to wild camping; bouldering to climbing; orienteering to hiking across the moors; mountain biking to board games; laser quest, to trampolining.

For more information look at our programme on <https://sites.google.com/site/wharfedaleexplorers/menston/what-we-do> or telephone leader Stephen McCann on 07981 701364.

HIGH ROYDS MEMORIAL GARDEN – AN OASIS OF PEACE

The grounds are open all the time. Additionally, commencing on 3 June, the Chapel will be open from 2-4pm on the first Sunday of every month up to and including October.

Visitors are welcome to drop in for a visit and prayers will also be said for anyone who so wishes. If you wish for prayers to be said for anyone, and you cannot attend, please contact Emmerson Walgrove on 07585 581374 or email: emmerson.walgrove@btinternet.com, who will be pleased to include them on a regular basis.

HERITAGE WEEKEND AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE **Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September**

Further details will be published nearer the time.

Why not visit our website:

<https://menstonmemorialgarden.wordpress.com>

MENSTON GARDENERS

Menston Gardeners has continued its programme of presentations on Gardening Topics since January. These have included ‘*Swincar – The Growing Garden*’, ‘*Perennials for Pleasure*’, and Martin Walker’s ‘*My 20 most favourite plants and more*’.

By the time you have received the newsletter we will have visited The Orchard, at Addingham at blossom time, and our annual coach outing will have taken us to Thornton Hall Gardens near Darlington.

We will be having our usual members’ ‘Summer Social’ at a member’s garden in August, and then ready to kick off again, our new 2018/19 programme, on 20 September.

Forthcoming presentations will be posted on the Community Notice Board outside the Library and on the Library Notice Board.

Menston Gardeners meets on the third Thursday of the month, in Kirklands at 7.30pm. and all are welcome as Member’s/Guests.

For more information please telephone 872892.

MENSTON FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATION GROUP

As one of our last commemorative activities in the village, we hope to hold an event (launched last October by Oxford University) entitled 'Lest We Forget'. This is a project to digitally archive items from the First World War, from attics across the country. We are therefore inviting anyone who may have memorabilia from WWI, such as cigarette cases, photographs, letters, poems and musical manuscripts to please bring them along to St. John's Parish Church Rooms on Saturday 3 November at 10.30am to 12.30pm. We hope also to record the family history relating to any of the items brought. The artefacts are to be added to a NATIONAL on-line archive which is to be made available later this year. Refreshments will be served.

As it is now almost one hundred years since the 'Armistice', it is sad to think that WWI material and family history held in peoples' homes could be disappearing. These items tell a hugely important story which is in real danger of getting lost. It is vital that this material is saved, not just for posterity, but also to engage future generations.

In conjunction with this event, there will be a World Premiere production by the 'Follow The Fleece' Company entitled 'To End All Wars' on Saturday 3 November at St. John's Parish Church. Tickets will be available nearer the date.

PYJAMA DRAMA

Come and play the Pyjama Drama way! (pyjamas not required – just comfy clothes!). Pyjama Drama sessions are a great way to see your child using their imaginations – not their ipads! Each session has a theme – we learn a song, do a musical performance, play games and do LOTS of pretending in our drama adventures. Elizabeth visits nursery settings in Wharfedale and Airedale, but has lots of public classes and Saturday/ holiday events you can come along to – there is something for ages 6 months to 7 years. Elizabeth also hosts some magical parties! Full details are available by popping your postcode into www.pyjamadrama.com. We're also on Facebook: Pyjama Drama Yorkshire Wharfe and Aire.

If you would like email updates about local events , please email elizabeth@pyjamadrama.com and ask to be put on the email listing.

KIRKLANDS IS NOW A COMMUNITY ASSET – RUN BY KIRKLANDS (MENSTON) TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF MENSTON VILLAGE

Our mission is:

“To provide a high quality and affordable focal point for village activities which is available and accessible to all residents of Menston village”

Kirklands Community Centre has been run and administered by Bradford Council since 1974. It was formally a private residence called Fourness House. **Kirklands (Menston) Trust** (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation) was set up to take over the running of the entire Kirklands estate which includes the main buildings, the Library, the Children’s Centre, the Bowling Club, the Doctor’s surgery and public toilets. Menston Parish Council are supporting this exciting new venture by committing £30,000 to the start up and £30,000 in 2018/19.

Kirklands (Menston) Trust currently has the following trustees; Peter Finlay (Chairman), Quentin Mackenzie, Gordon Metcalfe, Dale Smith, Duncan Watson and Peter Wilbraham. Heather Norreys has been appointed as Centre Manager and Vicky Hannam is the building custodian.

Would you like to be a trustee? There are currently four vacancies to be filled by people from the community of Menston, living within the Parish boundary. Trustees meet monthly, in the evening, to discuss all aspects of the running and future development of Kirklands. We are keen to attract women and men of all ages to reflect the views of all Menston residents. If you are interested in being part of this please express your interest by email and we will contact you with further information.

Do you have expertise or skills which could be of use to Kirklands? Electricians, decorators, plumbers as well as other tradesmen will all be required. Perhaps you have expertise in marketing, project management, IT and would like to be involved in particular projects but don’t want to be a trustee? Please contact us and let us know how you can help.

THE FUTURE AIMS OF THE TRUST ARE:

To ensure the sustainability of the entire Centre,
eliminating the deficit.

To obtain funds to carry out maintenance and improvements.

WE ARE GOING TO ACHIEVE THESE AIMS BY:

- Working closely with the Parish Council.
- Attracting other permanent users to the building.
- Bringing space not currently let back into use.
- Increasing the utilisation of the existing rooms through targeted marketing and competitive pricing.
- Identifying grants and loans relating to building efficiency, therefore reducing overheads.
- Exploring other revenue streams including fundraising events, gifting and sponsorship.
- Promoting the Centre more effectively locally.
- Establishing a web presence with a 'What's on' page and enabling interactive on-line bookings.



Main Hall set up for a wedding



Scrabble club playing in the Library



Heather Norreys and Vicky Hannam

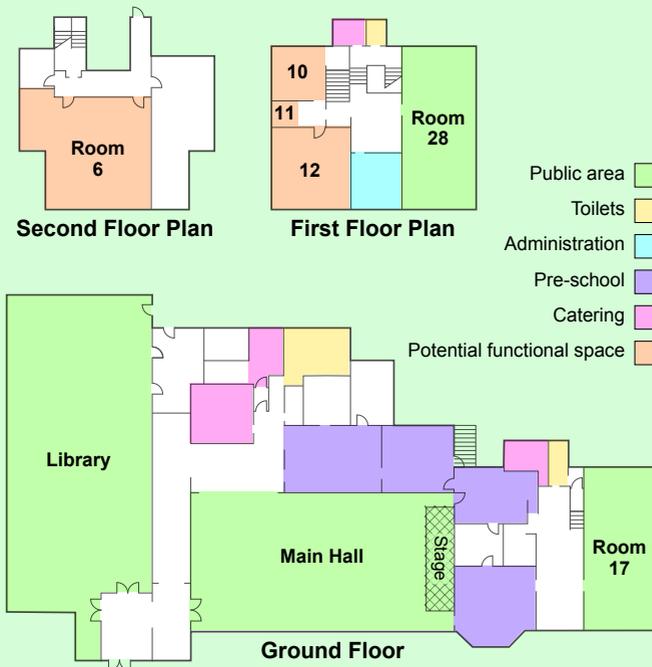
CLASSES AND EVENTS IN KIRKLANDS

Many groups currently use space in Kirklands on a regular basis – bridge clubs, yoga, pilates, art groups, retired groups, fitness and dance classes, badminton, baby and toddler classes, Menston Pre-School (soon to be celebrating its 50th anniversary), the Library which is now being run by volunteers from the village and the Bowling Club which has 100 members. Have a look at our website for the programme of activities. The centre also hosts Menston Thespians productions, Menston Arts Club exhibitions, the Menston Show and many other private and fundraising events.

The main hall can seat up to 150 and has a stage. Other rooms currently in use (Room 17 and Room 28) can seat up to 40 and can be set up theatre style, boardroom style or with individual tables. Other rooms of varying sizes will be brought into use soon.

Are you thinking about holding a fundraising event, a party or need a room for a meeting? Contact us to discuss your event.

Kirklands Community Centre



NAMES NOT NUMBERS

We would like to rename the public rooms in the building. Do you have any ideas? Contact us with your suggestions.



Bridge Club



Art Club



Bowling green at the rear of Kirklands



Art Club Exhibition in the Main Hall

ROOM HIRE RATES

Main Hall and stage	£30 per hour	£160 per day (<i>up to 8 hours</i>)
All other rooms	£20 per hour	
Kitchen	£10 per event	

Please discuss any other requirements with the Centre Manager.

A discount may be given to charities and not for profit organisations.

CONTACT KIRKLANDS

Contact us: Office hours Monday – Friday 8.30am-12.30pm
Telephone: 01943 874335
Email: kirklandsct@gmail.com
Website: Kirklandsct.wordpress.com

We continue to explore different forms of worship and have introduced occasional Cafe Style Sunday morning worship in the main hall, which is proving popular. This is a more relaxed service catering for all ages.

Vivace, our youth choir, meet on Thursdays at 6.30pm during term time. This group of lively youngsters enjoy performing a variety of traditional, classic and show music. They will be singing in our Sunday service on 1 July and hope to perform at Abbeyfield in the near future. New members are welcome – boys and girls, ages 7-13. Please contact 875637.

The Friday Club for all 7-13 year olds meets once a month with a varied programme of events and activities with a Christian emphasis. We are again looking forward to our trip to Marrick Priory in North Yorkshire for a weekend of outdoor activities in October. Enquiries to 870871.

We plan to start a Youth Alpha course for young people in the village who may be interested in exploring faith and what it means to be a Christian. Details will be available soon.

Cornerstone continues to provide a meeting place for the community, serving light refreshments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 1.30pm and Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon. The cafe is still staffed by volunteers and a percentage of our financial surplus is donated each year to a variety of local charities.

Menston Methodist Tennis Club has benefitted from a new Tennis Hut and will shortly be replacing the netting round the outside of the court. There is social play for senior members on Monday mornings throughout the year and table tennis indoors when the weather is wet. The junior coaching takes place during the summer term on Monday evenings. Membership enquiries to 870871.

We are delighted that our premises are used by a wide variety of local organisations but we are aware that at times the parking around the Church, where Main Street narrows, is causing problems for local residents. We would ask that those attending events at the Church park considerately and be aware of the problems that parking immediately outside the Church may cause.

Details of any of the above can be found at www.menstonmethodist.org.uk or posters on the notice board outside the Church.

Since the last Menston News there has been a lot happening at St. John's with activities over the Christmas and Easter Festivals. In February we welcomed Revd. Andrew Howorth as Associate Priest. For three days a week, Andrew is employed as the Co-ordinating Chaplain at the University of Bradford and he is fully qualified and ordained as a Priest in the Church of England and can take part in all the activities of the Parish but, as he says, Steve (the Vicar) is always the 'boss'! The Bishop of Bradford, the Rt. Revd. Toby Haworth, led the Licensing Service and with a wealth of talent and experience we welcome Andrew to St. John's as a new chapter begins in the life of the parish and the village.

Zest – a fresh look at faith together

This spring, St John's Church successfully launched a new friendly, informal exploration of faith. Zest enables people of all ages to reflect on faith with an approach that can be active and creative but also quiet and reflective. There truly is something for everyone!

The Vicar at St John's, Revd Steve Proudlove said, 'As a parent with young children, I know from experience that it can be hard to attend church while feeling like I have to keep a child quiet, but Zest is a place where we are relaxed enough to cope with all that our families bring with them. From the youngest to the oldest, Zest is a place to explore faith together, no matter what our background.'

Zest begins at 9.30am every Sunday and lasts around 45 minutes. There are a range of different spaces to allow people to reflect on the bible reading in the way that suits them. We have a quieter zone, a discussion zone, a craft/activity zone, and a colouring zone so we can explore the reading in different ways.

At the end of the service we share coffee tea and snacks in the Parish room where we can also chat with those coming to the 11am Parish Communion service.

Further details of Zest or life at St John's Church can be found at www.stjohnmenston.org.uk or by following us on Twitter @MenstonStJohn.

You can also read the Vicar's interesting contributions during the year to 'Thought for the Week' in the local Wharfedale and Ilkley Gazette Newspapers, giving a further voice to St. John's.

A FUTURE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

St John's Summer Fair – Saturday 7 July ~ 2-4.30pm

Menston Primary School. Come and join the fun!

To be opened at 2pm by Look North's Charlotte Leeming. Lots of stalls, games for the children, refreshments and live music. Admission FREE. Draw tickets on sale £1 – to be drawn at 4pm. Excellent prizes.

Menston Parish Churchyard

The churchyard is a well planted, pleasant garden and we would like to encourage members of the community to use it for quiet contemplation.

There are two garden seats and lovely, long distance views of Otley Chevin and Almscliffe Crag. Also, the church is open every day from about 10am for quiet reflection, or prayer, or simply to have a look around.

Footnote: If you enjoy gardening (perhaps you no longer have a garden of your own) and would like to help please contact Chris or Kathy on 874229. If you are fit and enjoy grass cutting and would like to help then please contact Paul Maddy on 871643.

MENSTON EVENING TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

We are now a thriving group with almost 40 members and good attendances at our monthly meetings. We meet in Kirklands on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm and usually have a speaker. So far this year we have had a film show from Mercury Movies, a talk about Shipley Glen tramway and another about Saltaire as well as amusing monologues from Liz Sharp. At our AGM in March there was a Yorkshire Quiz followed by a faith supper.

In April we held a very successful Cake and Coffee morning in the Menstone Club and have divided the proceeds between Menston Cares, the Cameo Lunch Club and the Menston Special Christmas Party.

There are now two reading groups and a monthly luncheon and we have recently started a Scrabble group which meets in Menston library. Our members are now looking forward to our summer outing to Sledmere House. For more information contact Margaret on 872677.

MENSTON ARTS CLUB

Since our last news slot we have been a very active club. We have had an exciting syllabus which has included a number of inspiring demonstrations.

Iain Will used oils to create a great effect and Paul Talbot Greaves, Caroline Hardaker, John Harrison and Ian Hobson used watercolours. Les Darlow, Kathy Hammond and Sue Smith showed members how versatile pastels can be.

Critiques of individuals work were kindly given by John Ridyard and Jeremy Taylor respectively. Talks with subjects as varied as the artists Degas and Roerich, were all well attended.

All members of our club contributed to the preparation of our Autumn and Spring exhibitions. Both the November and May exhibitions were wonderfully supported by Menston residents. Many thanks to you all.

We will soon be starting our summer break but members will still be active as we are hoping to design a logo for the newly formed Menston Community Trust who are now managing Kirklands.

The club is also hoping to enter the Menston Art Club in the 2018 Art Club of the Year competition, organised by the The Leisure Painter and The Artist magazines. Other members are hoping to have their paintings accepted for the Open art exhibition at Patchings Art Festival and other prestigious art exhibitions.

We end our year with the summer social evening and then look forward to returning to the club in September.

FRIENDS OF MENSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL (FOMPS)

SUMMER FUN DAY – Saturday 21 July

Join us for the FoMPS Summer Fun Day at Menston Primary School. Times to be confirmed – see website for updates: <https://fomps.org.uk/>

Come along for some family fun in the sun with the following and much more on offer – inflatables, traditional family games, Barbecue, bar, ice cream and pick'n'mix, school uniform stall.

MENSTON IN BLOOM

The In Bloomers have been busy this spring.

We have completed the planting of the Peace Beds outside the library, adding bulbs, grasses, anemones and agapanthus to the roses we planted in the autumn. Climbing roses have been planted against the far wall in Butterfield Park and annual flower seed has been sown at the children's centre behind Kirklands. Work at Barn Close continues, clearing the area ready for replanting in the autumn.

We have been helped by the Mormon Helping Hands youth group to move and spread two large loads of mulch at the Railway Garden and by the Gemini Scouts to create a new bed for poppies in the park. Thank you all!

Our summer plans include planting up the village planters with summer bedding. This year we have a purple and white colour scheme, commemorating 100 years of some women being able to vote. Our main task over the summer will be keeping them watered!

Keep up to date with our regular weekday work parties and Saturday sessions, as well as information about our special projects. Details can be found on www.menston.org on our Facebook page and in the library.

If you would like more information, or can offer help in any way, please contact Gemma Kelmanson at menstoninbloom@gmail.com or 879031.

MENSTON SHOW

IT'S nearly SHOW TIME Again!!!

43rd Menston Show – 8 September, Kirklands Community Centre 2pm

NOW!!! Is the time to start planning your entries – creating, crocheting, designing, drawing, growing, knitting, modelling, painting, photographing, practising baked products and preserves.

All ages and all abilities should enter – first time entrants often win!

The Show schedule with details of new and familiar Classes will be out in June and can be found in the new Community Library, Smallprint, Newsagents and Ribston Pippin. Special thanks to Menston Primary

School who have kindly agreed for every child to bring home their own Show Schedule for reference when planning entries.

Menston Show Committee would be delighted to receive any Tombola or Raffle prize donations please ring 07939 063120 to arrange collection.

The Committee warmly welcomes new members including help on the day or Friday 7 September 6pm. Please ring 07939 063120 if you would like to join a happy group who only meets 6 times a year.

This is the first year the Show will be held in our own Village Hall as Kirklands is now managed by the Village. Let's make the Show even bigger and better to mark this historic transfer of ownership.

Come on show friends and competitors old and new – it's time to put the Show date in the Diary and let's get the Show on the road!!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

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| 14 Thu | 13.30 | Menston Cares AGM | <i>Methodist Church Hall</i> |
| 27 Wed | 10-12 | Coffee Morning | <i>Abbeyfield</i> |
| 28 Thu | 19.00 | Parish Council Meeting | <i>Room 17, Kirklands</i> |

July

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| 7 Sat | 14-16.30 | St John's Summer Fair | <i>Menston Primary School</i> |
| 14 Sat | 10-16 | Open Day and Flower Stall | <i>High Royds Memorial Garden</i> |
| 21 Sat | | FOMPS Summer Fun Day | <i>Menston Primary School</i> |
| 25 Wed | 10-12 | Coffee Morning | <i>Abbeyfield</i> |
| 26 Thu | 19.00 | Parish Council Meeting | <i>Room 17, Kirklands</i> |

August

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| 29 Wed | 10-12 | Coffee Morning | <i>Abbeyfield</i> |
| 30 Thu | 19.00 | Parish Council Meeting | <i>Room 17, Kirklands</i> |

September

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| 8 Sat | 14.00 | Menston Show | <i>Kirklands</i> |
| 15-16 | | Heritage Weekend and
Thanksgiving Service | <i>High Royds Memorial Garden</i> |
| 26 Wed | 10-12 | Coffee Morning | <i>Abbeyfield</i> |