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Menston Community Association: To unite the village through community-driven engagement, communications, events and experiences in order to enhance the wellbeing, inclusivity and amenities of the community for its residents.

WELCOME TO THIS EDITION OF MENSTON NEWS

Does Menston need a Community Association? Well the answer was a resounding YES at our Village Forum in October! Although we have had a parish council for some years, the MCA is able to bring people together to support each other and the local community, because it is a charity and acts as an umbrella organisation for the many groups active in the village. Not wishing to duplicate what the Parish Council does, we can still urge them on by passing on feedback that reaches us.

Anyone from the village can attend MCA meetings. The newly elected trustees held the first meeting in November and it was good to see a few new faces. A new Mission Statement was agreed and potential projects discussed. Alan Elsegood, a former MCA Chairman and Menston's representative on the Airport Consultative Committee updated us on flight paths and Gemma Kelmanson told us about Menston in Bloom's activities.

We are grateful for support from the Co-op through their community programme where 1% of local customer spending goes to local charities. By going on-line you can ensure that the full 1% comes to MCA! This has supported the Menston Bird Box Trail, Menston in Bloom and painting the railings at Butterfield Park. We are hoping in the future we may fund a fitness trail in the Recreation Ground.

On Thursday 21 March MCA is holding a Wellbeing and Community Fair at Kirklands, supported by Bradford Council's Ward Officer. This will be an opportunity for residents from High Royds and other outlying areas of the village to come together with village centre residents to find out what's going on in Menston and how we can all benefit from getting involved. It will include information on avoiding scams and frauds, the opportunity to attend a Dementia Friends session and other useful matters. Finally a plea to our younger residents. In particular to those of you in your 20s and 30s.

We need your involvement in our projects. In this new age of self-supporting communities we'd like to know what you need and help you to achieve it with your engagement. So come and talk to us on 21 March.

Thank you for your time in reading this and we hope you find things of interest on the following pages. Remember – your feedback is welcome!

Jonathan Gadd, Chairman MCA, MCAMenston@gmail.com

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Find out more on all the above at menston.org.

STOP PRESS

CONSULTATION ON AIR SPACE CHANGES AROUND MENSTON

There will be a public meeting on Wednesday 27 February at Kirklands with Jim Wylie, Head of Air Traffic Services of Leeds Bradford Airport who has kindly agreed to attend and speak to us. There will be two sessions – at 3.30pm and 7pm – so that as many people as possible can attend.

For further details in the meantime please see www.menston.org and click on Leeds Bradford Airport under Major Village Issues.

MENSTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council at their November meeting agreed that precept should remain unchanged for the forthcoming year. We continue to support the library provision and assist in the cost of refurbishing Kirklands Community Centre. With the continuing reduction of council services, it may well be necessary for the Parish Council to provide financial support to ensure that services are maintained.

We are grateful to Alan Elsegood, on behalf of the PC, for his continued determination to challenge the senior management at LBA over the proposals regarding Airspace Changes. Although it seems a long way off, there will be an election in May for the membership of the Parish Council. If you wish to find out further details please contact the Parish Clerk at menstonpc@hotmail.co.uk.

Peter Finlay, Chairman MPC



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MENSTON CARES

We wish all the users of our services and all our volunteers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

As you will see our new leaflet for 2019 is enclosed with the Menston Newsletter. Please dispose of the old 2017/2018 leaflets because there are some changes and in future the leaflet will be produced annually.

We apologise to all the deliverers of the newsletter for the extra weight this involves. We are very grateful for your efforts because this is the only way we can distribute them to every household in Menston.

Spare copies will be available in the library.

Our Strolling for Health group would welcome new members. Please see the details in the leaflet.

With best wishes to all, from Jane Pratt
(on behalf of the Management Committee).

Run by Volunteers for the Community

Your community library extends a warm welcome to everyone. We are now even more accessible and inviting after recently installing a new boiler and electric sliding doors at the entrance.

Our opening hours are:

Monday: 9.30am-1pm

Thursday: 9.30am-1pm and 2-7pm

Tuesday: 2-7pm

Friday and Saturday: 9.30am-1pm

Regular Activities:

Tuesday

6-7pm Informal Self-led Book Group For young people aged 9-14+ (please ring to check as may move to Thursday).

Thursday

10am -12pm Craft Group Bring your current project along to share with like minded people over coffee.

3.30pm Storytime and Craft for the Under 7s

Older and younger siblings are most welcome.

2pm Reading Group Meets on the first Thursday of the month

Friday

10am-12pm Scrabble Group A friendly weekly group of mixed players.

Saturday

10.30am alternate Saturdays Rhymetime for pre-schoolers

A wonderful fun session to encourage language development.

Rhymes are sung and said followed by a simple craft.

Our reading group is currently fully subscribed but if you would like to join a reading group please call in and talk to us as we are keen to set up a second group in the library.

What else would you like to see in your library? Do call in and let us know. We are a friendly lot and always ready to welcome new volunteers if you have a few hours to spare. We welcome all offers of help, not just issuing and returning books. Perhaps you are good at marketing or maybe you could offer a weekly or monthly family history workshop? Or perhaps you have some other talent or interest you could share with us? You don't need to make a regular commitment as we are very flexible.

Get in touch at 876539 or email menston.library@gmail.com

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**ARE YOU ARE INVOLVED WITH
A GROUP OR ORGANISATION
IN MENSTON?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE
TO LET YOUR VILLAGE
KNOW ABOUT IT?**

To contribute articles and receive
reminders when copy deadlines
are due for this Newsletter,
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or telephone 878556.

Items for the next newsletter
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KIRKLANDS

There's something for everyone at Kirklands – whether you are new parents wanting activities for your children – Play and Learn sessions every Tuesday morning, BabyBallers on Thursday, youngsters wanting after school activities – Footloose on Tuesdays and Northern Performing Arts on Fridays and Saturday morning. There are groups for retired people – Monday Retired Group, Retired Mens Forum and Townswomen's Guild. If you want to get fit or try something new there are fitness classes – Fitness2Glo on Mondays, yoga and pilates throughout the week, as well as four badminton clubs. You can play bridge three times per week and Kirklands is the home for Menston Arts Club and two other art groups. A full timetable is available on the website kirklandsct.wordpress.com.

A lot has happened in the centre since Kirklands Trust took over the building from Bradford Council on 1 April 2018. A lease has now been signed for 99 years and the Trustees are pleased to announce that Heather Norreys has been appointed as permanent manager of the building. Menston Pre-School have moved into what used to be the purpose-built children's centre at the rear of the estate, having been located within Kirklands for 48 years (their old rooms have been refurbished and are being used for many activities). The ageing boilers have now been replaced, providing better, more efficient and reliable heating to the building. Previously unused space in the building is currently being brought back into use and all areas are now clean, safe and welcoming.

If you are considering any events, large or small, children's party to fundraiser there will be a space that is just right for you and the Kirklands team will be happy to assist with your booking. Contact Heather or Vicky on 874335 or email kirklandsct@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook.

MENSTON IN BLOOM

After a busy and successful 2018, MIB is now planning for 2019.

We will be entering the Yorkshire in Bloom Spring competition this year. The judges will visit in April, so there is plenty to do to ensure the village looks its best! The bulbs planted in the autumn in the park, with help from the scouts, along with those donated in response to our Great Menston Bulb Plant scheme will hopefully be in full bloom providing a colourful display.

To keep up to date with our regular weekday work parties and Saturday sessions, as well as information about the Yorkshire in Bloom judging day, look on our page at *menston.org*, our Facebook page or in the library.

We always welcome new volunteers! But you don't need to garden to help us.... we are always trying to improve the way we communicate with the community. One thing we are considering is an MIB website. Can anyone help? Advice, training, suggestions – all welcome!

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

MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH

We welcomed in 2019 with our annual Covenant Service at which we reaffirmed our faith. We were joined by our friends from St John's and the service was led by Rev Tim Perkins and Rev Steve Proudlove.

There will be a film screening in the main hall on the afternoon of Saturday 2 March in aid of Comic Relief. Details coming soon.

Mothering Sunday service is at 10.30am on 31 March. Looking forward to Easter, our Easter Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 13 April from 10am to 12 noon. We are planning an Easter Messy Church on Good Friday, 19 April. On Easter morning, Sunday 21 April, we will have a 9am communion service followed by a family celebration service at 10.30am. Breakfast will be available between the two services. Our Plant Stall and Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 25 May.

We continue to try varied forms of worship including Café Style in the main hall. Children are welcome to our Sun Club and crèche on Sunday mornings at 10.30am.

Cornerstone Café is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 1.30pm and Saturday 10am to 12 noon.

Our usual activities continue: Friday Friendship Group meets fortnightly at 2pm, Friday Club for 7-13 year olds meets monthly at 6pm, Wednesday Group for ladies meets fortnightly at 7.30pm, Tennis and Table Tennis on Monday mornings, our choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7pm, and Vivace Youth Choir meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm. Details of all our activities are advertised on the Church noticeboard and/or website: www.menstonmethodist.org.uk.

Thank You!

We wish to thank the residents of Menston for welcoming Santa (in his sleigh) and his 'elf' helpers who, on two cold and damp evenings in the week leading up to Christmas, brought a little bit of Christmas magic to the village! This year the financial 'red bucket' contributions reached £1,100. The group decided to give the funds to the international relief charity Shelterbox. We are happy to report that after costs, the amount will be match funded by Richard Barton (CIO Portfolio Consultant).

What's Happening in the HQ?

Currently we have 11 active Scout/Guide units, containing over 150 young people all doing a huge variety of activities week by week. The units are run by fully committed and enthusiastic adult volunteers who give willingly of their free time to give children in our village fun, friends, challenges and adventures – which they will never forget! We have children on waiting lists wanting to join in the fun but as ever we need more volunteers to help.

Do You Want to Join the Adventure?

Have you recently moved into the village? Do you want to make new friends? Have you some time and energy to spare? Do you need to improve your CV? Do you want to join the adventure? If you want to give something back – this is a superb way to do it.

All sections run one evening a week in term time for 90 minutes and in that time, help make Menston's young people a little bit braver, better able to get on with others, know right from wrong, try new things and cope with change.

Don't Think You Have the Skills?

If You Can Do These, You are Qualified!

Google 'Chinese New Year ideas'; Ring up a garage and arrange a skills evening; Contact a Sikh temple and arrange a visit; Organise a weekend camping trip; Watch an experienced leader show scouts how to make a raft and then repeat it; Arrange a visit from a beekeeper, an airline pilot, an enthusiastic cook, a local photographer etc...

A Menston Scout Leader recently wrote: *"I've had an amazing ten years, camped 100 nights, run 16 expeditions, 9 annual camps, kayaked, sailed, climbed, abseiled and caved. I've also sung 'Three blind jellyfish', been face painted, done Zumba and street dance, eaten a hundredweight of campfire marshmallows and made banana chappattis"*.

Nobody joins and doesn't have the time of their life. Come along to an evening and just see what we do.

Contact Us

Information about us and full training is available. Contact Mark, *Group Chairman*; Cath, *Group Secretary*; Peter, *Group Treasurer*; Roger, *Group Scout Leader* or Jayne, *Group Guide Leader* if you want to know more. chair@menstonscoutsandguides.uk, sec@menstonscoutsandguides.uk, gsl@menstonscoutsandguides.uk, ggl@menstonscoutsandguides.uk treasurer@menstonscoutsandguides.uk.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARISH CHURCH

It was fantastic to gather and celebrate Christmas at the Parish Church once again. In December, as well as the carol service, the nativity, and the celebration on Christmas Day, we also restarted a tradition of having a Christingle service in the run up to Christmas. It was great to light Christingle candles together while singing carols, and the service was enriched by the recently installed AV system.

Happy Birthday "Zest"

Zest – Fresh Faith Together – celebrates its first birthday in February! Birthed in 2018, Zest continues to be a growing, friendly, informal exploration of faith for all ages.

Zest begins at 9.30am on Sundays for around 45 minutes. There are a range of different spaces to allow people to reflect on the bible reading in a 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.

The Vicar at St John's, Revd Steve Proudlove said, "*It has been wonderful to see people finding their place within the family of faith at Zest during its first year. It's proved to be an approachable and easy way of trying church and is firmly established among all the other events which go on in the parish church. It has been a real privilege to explore faith together in fresh ways.*"

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.

Watch Out For Upcoming Easter Events

These will take place at both Menston Parish Church and Menston Methodist Church over Lent and Easter. Plans are coming together for a series of events and services catering for everyone.

MENSTON ARTS CLUB

A host of skills were on show at Kirklands in November, at the Autumn Menston Arts Exhibition when artists and craftspeople exhibited and sold their paintings. The favourite painting voted by the public was Rob Thomson's stunning watercolour of Old Whitby.

Visitors also got to see a WW1 display researched and designed by Menston resident, Judith Knaggs. The village of Menston lost 50 of its young men during the Great War. The club raised money at the exhibition for forces charity Help for Heroes. The £150 cheque was presented by Ann Wade, President of the club to Judith Knaggs who represents Help for Heroes. The presentation took place in Kirklands at the Art Club's Monday evening meeting just after last Autumn's exhibition.

Members this year have continued to enjoy new experiences ranging from demonstrations from fellow artists and at Christmas they were treated to a special evening of poetry accompanied by music.

We are also proud of our success at making it to the finals of the Art Club of the Year organised by the UK leading art magazine *The Leisure Painter*.

The club would like to thank everyone for their continued support and hopes to see everyone again in 2019 at the May exhibition

Menston Arts Club meet at 7.30pm on Monday evenings at Kirklands Community Centre and new members are welcome.

KIRKLANDS BRIDGE CLUB, MENSTON

The Club meets on alternate Tuesdays at Kirklands where rubber bridge is played to a high standard.

We celebrated our 40th anniversary year of opening the Bridge Club, at Otley Golf Club in November which was a very successful evening.

We are proud to say that we still have playing members who were there at the opening of our bridge club at Kirklands back in 1974.

If you would like to know more about our happy friendly Bridge Club, please contact our founder President Dorrie Waugh on 872771 or Nigel Moulden, Vice President on 879028.

MENSTON EVENING TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Our annual Brass Band Charity Concert was a great success. We sold all the tickets and could have sold more. The audience enjoyed a wonderful evening of music played by BD1 Brass Band and a cheque for £1,500 has been sent to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We have already booked the band to play for us again on Friday, 29 November.

Our guild has had a successful year with good attendances at our monthly meetings and we have also welcomed several new members. Our membership has now reached 40 but we are still open to new members.

In October we had a very enjoyable talk entitled '*Upmarket Bras*' given by two young ladies from Rigby and Peller in Harrogate. The following month we had an interesting and informative talk about Suffragettes given by two ladies from the Leeds Museum Service.

We are now planning our 2019 programme which will include outings and charity events as well as our monthly guild meetings, lunches, reading groups and Scrabble group. Our guild meetings are held at Kirklands on the second Wednesday of the month and start at 7.30pm For more information please ring Margaret on 872677.

VILLAGE CAMEO LUNCH

The Menston Cameo lunch has been taking place regularly since September 2000. It is for older people who live alone and like to join others for a meal and conversation on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

There is a choice of soups, puddings and tea, coffee and a biscuit, all provided by volunteers who help on an occasional basis. The lunches are held at Menston Methodist Church, but our volunteers come from near and far.

We would love to keep the lunch going as it is much appreciated by the 32 members who attend. To do this, we need new volunteers to organise it. If you are interested and willing to help this community initiative continue please contact Joyce Pitts on 874697 for further information. You could come to a lunch to find out what is involved. New ideas would be welcome.

Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you.

EGGS2IPADS

Why eggs? Well it's a reverse of the old adage, teaching grandma to suck eggs. MCA wants to encourage these classes to re-start in the library so younger members of our community can give something forward to the older generation, who sometimes struggle with the idiosyncrasies around the new technologies available to us now. The library is warm, safe and comfy and has a decent wi-fi connection.

The plan is to meet between 5pm and 6pm on Thursdays from 7th March; please sign up if you would like to be involved, either as tutor, student or supporter. Certificates will be issued to the young tutors to add to their CVs as an extra incentive.

For more information, contact mcamenston@gmail.com

HIGH ROYDS MEMORIAL GARDEN AND CHAPEL

An Oasis Of Peace

In 2017, just seven years after the local community became responsible for the derelict paupers graveyard, members of the Management Committee were invited to St. James Palace to meet the Duke of York. At the meeting the Duke thanked the Trustees and asked them to convey his best wishes and thanks to all the volunteers that had transformed the graveyard into something the community could be proud of.

In addition to the interest shown by the presentation of the Duke of York's Community Initiative Award, other projects throughout England have visited or contacted the Garden Trustees for help in developing similar sites throughout the country. A further boost to the Memorial Garden came earlier this year when it was officially recognised as part of Historic England which gives added protection and recognition of its status.

Sensory Garden

Now that the garden, chapel and wood are in good shape, a further development is being considered. The intention is to enable people who are sight-impaired or with problems of dementia to be able to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the garden. Plans have been drawn up for a Sensory Garden to be developed as part of the three acre site and an appeal is being launched to raise the necessary funds. The design of the garden will help to facilitate easy access as all the pathways have been

professionally designed to conform to national guidelines for wheelchair access.

Best Christmas Present!

On 24 December the trustees of the Garden/Chapel were informed of being given the financial grant to develop the Sensory Garden. This is thanks to the the Gannett Foundation Trust, which is being administered locally by Telegraph & Argus. The Trustees hailed it as a very good Christmas present indeed!

In an increasingly busy environment what was once a derelict paupers chapel and graveyard has become known and appreciated as an Oasis of Peace. *“The restoration”, says Chairman Ron Sweeney, “is due to the help of many willing volunteers and now this generous grant will help us in 2019 to make the Garden even more attractive and accessible”.* It is anticipated that work will commence as soon as possible in the Spring.

Further details will be published as the project progresses but in the meantime anyone interested can contact the Chairman Dr. Ron Sweeney at info@itcworld.org or phone 863362 for further information.

HIGH ROYDS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

HRSSC has been in existence since 1971, although you could say since the early 1900s as some of the sports teams were originally set up for asylum staff then. Since the closure of the hospital, the club has had to move location several times, continuing to cater for former staff members, old friends from the village as well as attracting new members from the expanding major housing developments on the High Royds site.

At its current location in the Clock Tower there is a dance floor and bar with snooker, pool table and TV. Regular events include fitness classes, various dance classes, tiny toes ballet, indoor bowling, and even pedigree dog training. A touring theatre company perform three times per year.

Part of the deal for the new development was the construction of a brand new club house and that is now starting to materialise but may be one of the last buildings to go up on the site. Watch this space!

Membership of the club costs £10 per annum 1 January to 31 December, £7.50 for Seniors and £5.00 for Juniors. Private events can be booked on 07951 917783 after 7pm with Heather Turner.

CRICKET CLUB AIMING HIGH!

The village's Cricket Club had a busy 2018, with events held for the local community during the year proving to be very popular.

The Fun Day, held at the end of May, continues from strength to strength, with many of you from the community supporting the event – many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, effort and energy to make the day another success.

The bonfire and fireworks night, the first held at the cricket ground for over 30 years, saw hundreds of families enjoy a fantastic evening. This event is one that the Cricket Club aims to hold again in 2019, with the aim to make it even better. Again, a massive thank you to all hardworking volunteers and community members for making this happen.

In addition, the Santa's Grotto that was held in the run up to Christmas was well received – we are sure that the jolly man's HO! HO! HO! was loudest whilst in Menston!

On the field, the Cricket Club saw success, with both our under 9s and under 11s teams winning their junior league and play-off finals. The club's girls team played more matches, winning several, and 'All Stars Cricket' was again held on Saturday mornings for 5 and 6 year olds. Our senior teams had challenging seasons, but avoided relegation and a number of junior players experienced senior cricket for the first time, with one 13 year old taking the final wicket to win a 3rd team cup match – good news for the future.

Events In 2019

This year, the Cricket Club is planning to hold the following events, so put the dates in your diary!

Band Night (at Kirklands) – Saturday 9 March at 7pm

Fun Day – Sunday 26 May from 12 noon

Golf Day (at Otley Golf Club) – Friday 13 September from 1pm

Bonfire Night – Saturday 2 November from 6pm

Everyone from the local community is welcome to all these events – please email menstoncc@btinternet.com for more details, or watch out on our social media channels: @MenstonCricket (on Twitter) and Menston Cricket Club (on Facebook).

Funding a New Outdoor Net Facility

Thank you to all members who supported the Club's Christmas and New Year's Raffle. A donation to St Gemma's Hospice was made from proceeds, as well as funds for the club's new outdoor net facility, which we hope will finally be in place before the outdoor season starts in April.

Support for Meadowlea Children's Home

At the club's AGM, held on 21 January, as well as appointing the annual positions on the club's committee, it was agreed that the club will support local Meadowlea children's home. This initiative aims to provide opportunities for the Meadowlea children, via sports sessions and other support.

Winter Training Session: Play Cricket Now!

New players of all ages and abilities are always welcome at Menston Cricket Club. We run 3 senior teams (playing on Saturday and Sunday afternoons) and junior teams from under 9s through to under 15s. As mentioned above, we also have a girls team and we take part in the national 'All Stars Cricket' programme for 5 to 8 year olds, which runs from May to July. Winter training is now on at the following times:

Senior teams: Sundays 5-6pm at St Mary's School

Juniors (Years 7, 8, 9 & 10): Fridays 7.30-8.30pm at St Mary's School

Juniors (Years 5 & 6): Tuesdays 7.15-8.15pm at Guiseley School

Juniors (Years 2, 3 & 4): Tuesdays 6-7pm at Guiseley School

Girls: Tuesdays 6-7pm at Westville House School, Ilkley

If you are keen to give cricket a go, then email menstoncc@btinternet.com – you'd be very welcome to join us.

Job Opportunities at the Cricket Club

During the outdoor cricket season, which runs from April to September, the Cricket Club needs support in our clubhouse to run our bar and kitchen areas, particularly on senior match days (on Saturdays and Sundays). We are looking for one or two enthusiastic young people who are keen for weekend work – you'd be needed for about 6 hours (1-7pm), but timings can be flexible to suit your availability.

We also need some support for our groundsman, so if outdoor work is more your style, then some groundwork experience down at the cricket club may be just the thing to enhance your CV!

Please get in touch via menstoncc@btinternet.com if any of these job opportunities sounds of interest.

WHARFEDALE MENS SHED

A local Mens Shed has recently been formed and is actively pursuing 'workshop' premises.

Men's Sheds are similar to garden sheds – a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference to garden sheds where activities are often solitary in nature, Men's Sheds are the opposite. They're about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter.

Whatever the activity, the essence of a Shed is not a building, but the connections and relationships between its members.

Should anyone wish to join us in this new local initiative please contact either Jason on 07583 088999 or Stuart on 592009.

MENSTON FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATION GROUP

A special Remembrance Day Service was held on Sunday 11 November at the War Memorials, outside Kirklands, to mark the Centenary of the ending of The First World War.

Despite the heavy rain, hundreds of people attended the joint service which was conducted by the Rev. Steve Proudlove, Vicar of St. John's, the Rev. Tim Perkins, Minister of the Methodist Church and the Rev. Andrew Howarth, Associate Vicar of St. John's. Children from the uniformed organisations were also in attendance. The Service was relayed into the main hall in Kirklands for those wishing to sit down and take shelter from the inclement weather.

Following the welcome and introduction, Mrs Joyce Simpson recited the First World War poem '*Aftermath*' by Siegfried Sassoon after which the names of the Menston men who died in both World Wars were read out by the Rev. Tim Perkins. A moving moment came when, as every name of the 50 men who died in the First World War was remembered, each one of the children stepped forward holding up a perspex card bearing the man's name with biographical details.

Following the two minutes' silence and the sounding of Reveille, the Hymn '*O God our Help in Ages Past*' was sung. The Rev. Steve Proudlove gave a short address after which prayers were said by the Rev. Andrew Howarth.

Wreaths were laid at both memorials by representatives of the Armed Forces, the Parish Council, the Police Force and the Menston First World War Commemoration Group. The children of the various organisations also laid wreaths, many of which they had made themselves. Mr Alan Elsegood then recited the Kohima Epitaph. The hymn '*I Vow to Thee my Country*' was sung followed by prayers for the Armed Forces and the singing of the National Anthem.

After the service, everyone was welcomed into Kirklands for refreshments which were kindly supplied by Menston Co-op. During the refreshments an opportunity was given for both young and old to record their individual wishes and prayers for peace on an Amelanchier (Robin Hill) Tree. This was provided by the Church for subsequent plantation into the Parish churchyard. There was also an opportunity to view the exhibition boards relating to World War One with particular emphasis on the 50 Menston men who died, this being exactly 100 years since the conflict ceased.

A collection was held for the charity Help For Heroes as people left the hall and an amazing £734.38 was raised on the day, with a further £150 kindly donated by Menston Art Club following their successful Autumn Art Exhibition the following weekend. The final total raised was £884.38.

MENSTON GARDENERS

Menston Gardeners commenced its Autumn programme in October with an authoritative presentation by Pat Inman on '*Plants that Earn their Keep*', followed by David Alred's informative talk on '*Pennine Adders, Reptiles and Amphibians*'. In November Geoff Whitely proved both entertaining and informative, on the development of his mulch product '*Strulch*'.

In 2019 we look forward once again to Pat Hutchinson's visit to give us a presentation on her '*Voyage to the South Pacific*' on 21 February.

On 21 March we shall have a very special presentation. Stella Exley, owner of Hare Spring Cottage Plants, which specialises in Camassias, Sidalcea and Uvularia, and has the National Collection of Camassias, will give a presentation entitled '*Camassia's Calling*'.

Come along as a guest for £2 or better still join us for our 2019 programme, which also includes garden visits in June and July. This year we have a coach trip to 11 open gardens, including Stretton Old Hall, in Malpas, Cheshire on Saturday 8 June. For further information please ring 872892.

THE HOMESTEAD

Did you know that The Homestead was conceived by Charles Brigland of Victoria Avenue as an early garden city, (an urban planning ethos of the time) in the difficult years after The First World War for returning soldiers? But it wasn't until the 1920s that the first houses were erected on this estate which lies to the north of the village over the Pack Horse Bridge over the railway, next to the Burley Road. Today dwellings are still limited to 20% of the plot size for a maximum of two storeys. Find out more at www.homesteadestatenston.co.uk

CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Do you have something to share about your part of Menston for the next Menston News? Perhaps a hidden secret from the past? Email mcamenston@gmail.com if you have something to say.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

16 Sat	14.00	Tennis Club Jumble Sale	<i>Methodist Church Hall</i>
27 Wed	15.30 & 19.00	Consultation on Air Space	<i>Kirklands</i>
27 Wed	10-12	Coffee Morning	<i>Abbeyfield</i>
28 Thu	19.00	Parish Council & Planning Committee	<i>Room 17, Kirklands</i>

MARCH

2 Sat		Film Screening for Comic Relief	<i>Methodist Church Hall</i>
6 Wed	09.30	Ash Wednesday Service	<i>St John's Church</i>
7 Thu	17.00	Eggs2ipads (first of weekly sessions)	<i>Library</i>
9 Sat	19.00	Cricket Club Harpoons Band Night	<i>Kirklands</i>
13 Wed	19.30	Townswomen's Guild AGM & Faith Supper	<i>Kirklands</i>
16 Sat		FOMPS Talent Show & Disco	<i>Kirklands</i>
21 Thu	14.30- 18.30	MCA Wellbeing & Community Fair	<i>Kirklands</i>
27 Wed	10-12	Coffee Morning	<i>Abbeyfield</i>

28 Thu	19.00	Parish Council & Planning Committee	<i>Rm 17, Kirklands</i>
31 Sun	09.30 & 11.00	Mothering Sunday Service	<i>St John's Church</i>
31 Sun	10.30	Mothering Sunday Service	<i>Methodist Church</i>

APRIL

5 Fri		Happy to be Here Theatre Company	<i>High Royds Sports & Social Club</i>
7 Sun	11.00	Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (during service)	<i>St John's Church</i>
11 Thu	19.00	MCA Meeting	<i>Venue tbc</i>
13 Sat	10-12	Easter Coffee Morning	<i>Methodist Church Hall</i>
14 Sun	09.30 & 11.00	Palm Sunday Services	<i>St John's Church</i>
19 Fri		Good Friday Messy Church	<i>Methodist Church</i>
19 Fri	14.00-16.00	Good Friday Reflections (drop-in or stay)	<i>St John's Church</i>
21 Sun	09.30 & 11.00	Easter Sunday Service	<i>St John's Church</i>
21 Sun	09.00	Easter Sunday Communion Service	<i>Methodist Church</i>
21 Sun	10.30	Easter Sunday Family Celebration Service	<i>Methodist Church</i>
24 Wed	10-12	Coffee Morning	<i>Abbeyfield</i>
30 Thu	19.00	Parish Council Meeting	<i>Kirklands</i>

MAY

25 Sat		Plant Stall & Coffee Morning	<i>Methodist Church Hall</i>
26 Sun	12.00	Cricket Club Fun Day	<i>Menston Cricket Club</i>
29 Wed	10-12	Coffee Morning	<i>Abbeyfield</i>

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MENSTON WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY FAIR 2019

Menston Community Association supported by Bradford Council's Shipley & Wharfedale Area Office invite you to drop in at our Wellbeing and Community Engagement event. Tea and cakes will be available.

THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH 2019

2.30 TO 6.30PM – KIRKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Come and discover the many local community groups and what they do

- ★ **Get free advice from helpful information stalls**
- ★ **Chat to like-minded volunteers and find out how you can join in**
- ★ **Meet new people and try a new activity**
- ★ **Grab a coffee or sit down to tea and cakes**
- ★ **Join in our Raffle!**

Stalls Will Include:

- ★ **West Yorkshire SAFER Project**
Providing protection from scams and fraud and doorstep crime.
- ★ **Yorkshire Water**
Come and find out if you can save money on your water bills.
- ★ **Guidance on Home Security**
- ★ **Menston Cares** Find out about support available in the village.
- ★ **Become a Dementia Friend**
Learn more about what it is like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action. It's really easy to do.
There will be a session available from 3-4pm at our event.
Booking essential on-line www.dementiafriends.org.uk
or call Paula Truman, Dementia Champion, 01274 437146. If you would like to attend a session at an alternative time please contact us.
- ★ **The Musicians of Menston** – an opportunity for local groups to provide information and hopefully some live music.
- ★ **The churches of Menston** – a fresh look at faith?
- ★ **Menston Community Library** – more than just books...
- ★ **Volunteering opportunities**
- ★ **Menston Parish Council**
- ★ **Menston Community Association**

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