

Menston News

MENSTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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In London they have Trooping the Colour to mark the Queen's official birthday, in Menston we had a party at Kirklands, which throbbed to 60's music from Time Warp... The Village Bakery did the catering, the Cricket Club ran the bar and a good time was had by all. Our next event is a Film Show in the Hall at Menston Chapel on 21 October, where we will be showing 'The Lady in the Van' at 6.30pm. Tickets will be £4.00 each including tea and a scone. We hope you will come along.

The Eggs2iPad project has had a good year thanks to Roger Livesey, Tony Joint and all the helpers.

Menston Community Association acts as an umbrella organisation for charitable activities in the village. The Menston Forum on 11 October is our AGM and we urgently need new Committee members. Please volunteer if you can and if you want to know more please contact Quentin on 876625.

Quentin Mackenzie, Chairman, Menston Community Association.

MENSTON PARISH COUNCIL

I would like to give an update of some of the issues the Parish Council have dealt with recently.

After a considerable period of discussion the Parish Council have taken over the responsibility for the day to day maintenance and upkeep of the public toilets at Kirklands. In the near future a coin operated door mechanism will be installed to allow 24 hour a day usage. We are grateful to the staff at Solo Deli for monitoring the building and opening and locking the premises.

www.menston.org

Menston's official presence on the Internet — One of several devoted to the village.

We were made aware of increased anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the rear car park at Kirklands. Following representation, CCTV has been installed (linked directly to BMDC central control). Hopefully, this will also make users of Kirklands feel safer when parking at the rear.

Continued discussion with the Area neighbourhood team is ongoing to ensure that a replacement is employed to succeed Ian (our street cleaning operative) following his retirement.

Thank you to those members of the community who have completed an expression of interest with respect to the possibility of the community taking the management and running of the library. By the time of the neighbourhood forum you should have received further information from the Libraries service. I have arranged for the expression of interest form to be available through the village website and copies will be available at Smallprint.

Peter Finlay, Chairman Menston Parish Council.

If you would like to contact Menston's Parish Councillors, they are:-

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NSPCC HALLOWEEN DANCE – 29 OCTOBER

The NSPCC have organised a Halloween Dance at Kirklands, Menston on Saturday 29 October at 8pm. Live Music featuring classic hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s and later will be played by local band Time Warp.

Tickets, which includes a fish and chip supper are £16 and available from Diane on 603662 (or see David from the Time Warp band). There will be a bar and a raffle.



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MENSTON CARES

At the end of the year several of our volunteers are retiring after many years invaluable service.

They are Margaret and Billy Hill who run the Odd Jobs group; Gwenan Hock, Susan Kennedy and Suzanne Rennie who run Menston Good Neighbours and Shirley Thompson who runs the Visiting and Befriending group. Our grateful thanks to all of them. We have found replacement volunteers for all of them except someone to take over the running of the Visiting and Befriending group. Is there anyone in Menston who feels they would like to do this? There are plenty of volunteers to do the visiting we just need someone to coordinate the group.

Also Wanted! We need additional members to join Menston Cares Management Committee. You do not need to volunteer with Menston Cares to be on the committee; we meet 3-4 times a year plus the AGM and it is good for your CV!

If you want to know more please contact Jane Pratt on 876945.

MENSTON EVENING TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Do you enjoy a brass band? If so, we would like to invite you to our Brass Band Charity Concert which is being held in Kirklands on Friday, 25 November at 7.30pm. All proceeds from the concert go to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Tickets are £12 and may be obtained, nearer the time, from Sue Burdett on 874859 or from any guild member. The concert this year is being given by BD1 Brass but is still being conducted by Lee Skipsey. Come and hear our new band! Everyone is welcome.

The Townswomen's Guild is having a very successful year so far with interesting speakers and activities attracting visitors and new members. We had a wonderful day out to Whitby in July when we travelled on the North York Moors Railway for the Pickering to Whitby leg of the journey.

Our programme for the rest of the year may be seen on the notice boards inside and outside Kirklands. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month in Kirklands at 7.30pm. New members are welcome at any time. For more details ring Margaret on 872677.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF OTLEY CHEVIN

At the end of the summer term, every child who was leaving Year 6 at Menston Primary School was presented with an illustrated 'Dictionary 4 Life' by Members of the Rotary Club of Otley Chevin. As part of the club's Community Service, the distribution of the dictionaries is part of the ongoing commitment to education in the area and this is the seventh year in succession that dictionaries have been presented. Even in this era of internet access a dictionary can still be useful.

The club regularly raises funds for various charities and as recently as March, members planted 140 saplings, donated by the Woodland Trust, with assistance from the Chevin Ranger, near to Chippindale Walk in Otley Deer Park.

Rotary meetings are held every Monday evening at the Chevin Country Park Hotel with several members from Menston. New members are always welcome and Secretary Andrew Lund will be pleased to hear from you on 603979 or you can go to the website at www.ribi.org/otleychevin.

KIRKLANDS BRIDGE CLUB, MENSTON

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

Our Annual Dinner will be held at Otley Golf Club on Tuesday 15 November, when we will be celebrating **42 years** of opening our Bridge Club. We are proud to still have members who have been with us for 42 years and still have a very busy Bridge Club.

If you would like to know more, please contact Dorrie Waugh, Founder President on 872771 or Carol Cowell, Vice President on 0113 267 0426.

MENSTON CROWN GREEN BOWLING CLUB

An enjoyable time was had by all at the bowls this season, in spite of the occasional rainy weather (yes! we do play in the rain). We were particularly lucky with the weather on our annual trips to Grassington and Gargrave, playing 'bowls drive' and knockout competitions in brilliant sunshine.

The current season finishes at the end of September and restarts in April, but if you think you may have an interest in bowls, by all means drop into the club house behind Kirklands Community Centre and see what we do.

Our annual dinner is held in October where cups and shields are presented to the Tournament winners. "Happy Bowling"

TELEPHONE BOX – JUNCTION CLEASBY ROAD AND MAIN STREET

The Parish Council has received a request for the removal of the telephone box from the junction of Cleasby Road and Main Street. The box is barely used, it is in disrepair and attracts anti-social behaviour and vandalism. BT are ceasing to maintain the boxes and so the situation will only get worse. Its removal will improve sight lines and the appearance of one of our busiest junctions.

The Parish council have an obligation to consult the village, prior to responding to BT. Please forward comments to menstonpc@hotmail.co.uk.

MENSTON ARTS CLUB – SATURDAY 19 & SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

The Menston Arts Club Autumn exhibition will be held at Kirklands Community Centre, Main Street, on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 November.

It opens at 10.30am on both days and closes at 5pm on Saturday and 4.30pm on Sunday. As well as members' pictures and crafts, there will be a café serving homemade cakes, lunches and beverages.

MENSTON IN BLOOM

The sun shone for our Strawberry tea and Plant sale on 4th June, which raised just under £1,000 showing remarkable support from the village — thank you all very much.

Butterfield Park (opposite Bleach Mill lane) has received a lot of attention this year with a new rockery and picnic table sponsored by the Butterfield family. Doreen Butterfield (aged 94) came and cut a ribbon at an 'official opening' on 4 May. We have also installed a 'Balance Bar' in Butterfield Park, sponsored by Menston Parish Council, and a similar one will be installed in Menston Park.

We celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday on 21 April with the planting of a lime tree in Menston Park by former Lord Mayor (and committee member) Cllr Dale Smith with the help of the 1st Menston Beavers. We sang the National Anthem and Happy Birthday Queen Elizabeth. A memorable event on a lovely Spring evening and there is a plaque on the wall near the tree, above the tennis courts, to commemorate it. In addition to the lime tree we have planted a Mountain Ash, a Crab Apple, three Cherries and three Silver Birch — all are doing well. A list of the donors is in the Library.

Menston Scouts helped us clear the 'Grady Bed' on the left of the main entrance to the Park — thank-you Scouts. We are always looking for help. Clearing weeds and cutting back hedges from the pavement outside your house all helps, especially if pedestrians are hindered or street lights obscured. We did not enter Yorkshire in Bloom this year because our hard working team did not have sufficient help. If you are able to help please contact Rosemary or Quentin on 876625.

MAKING MENSTON MORE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

Has your life been touched with someone with dementia? A relative, friend, customer, neighbour. Are you interested in finding out how you could get involved and make a difference supporting people with dementia living in Menston. Please get in touch and let us know if you are interested in joining us.

We are a small group of volunteers who live locally and have a mission to make Menston more dementia friendly. Supporting a national initiative we are working towards a Dementia Friendly Community in our village. The belief is everyone shares a responsibility of ensuring people with dementia feel understood, supported, valued and are able to contribute to their community of Menston.

Our group has been up and running for about a year and we have helped coordinate two events. The first event was centred around raising dementia awareness and involved guest speakers and discussions. The key themes from this event were

- Further raising awareness of dementia in Menston
- Carer support
- Engaging local businesses
- Using local resources differently
- Supporting people with dementia maintaining meaningful lives
- Identify general environmental and transport issues

These themes provided us with a user-led framework in which we were able to identify a key need resulting in a second event which was held this summer focusing on carer support. With guest speakers and information stalls the carers were able to share stories, experiences and gain support amongst new friends.

If you have some skills, time, experiences or an interest in helping Menston become dementia friendly and would like to get involved in the group in any way, please do not to hesitate to call or email. We will welcome your support.

Please contact Allyson Hargreaves 870528 allyharg@aol.com.

Coffee Mornings: Our Autumn Coffee Morning is on Saturday 17 September from 10am to 12 noon, and Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3 December from 10am to 12 noon.

Harvest Festival: Sunday 25 September at 10.30am. Our gifts of tinned and dried produce will be donated to PAFRAS (Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers) in Leeds. All are welcome.

Friday Friendship Group: Our fortnightly group has recommenced after the summer break. The next meeting is on Friday 16 September at 2pm when David Walls will recount a Life of Crime. £1 per meeting includes tea and biscuits. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday Group: The next meeting is on Wednesday 21 September at 7.30pm when Liza Stones, Police Community Project Office will speak about Crime on your doorstep. All ladies are welcome to attend these fortnightly meetings. £10 membership and £1 donation each meeting.

Children in Need: We will be showing a children's film on the afternoon of Saturday 19 November, the proceeds from which will go to Children in Need. Details available soon.

Vivace: Our Youth Choir has a new title — Vivace which means lively, very apt for this particular group. On 2 July they gave a 'Summer Medley' Charity Concert. Performing to a capacity audience in the Church Hall they raised £500 for the Scoliosis Association UK (SAUK). Scoliosis, curvature of the spine, affects 1 in 100 children. The Charity gives support and advice to families and research is providing new developments in treating this condition. The present age range of the choir is from 8 to 15 years and is open to all young people. New members are welcome. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30pm at the Methodist Church. For more details telephone 875637.

Christmas: It seems a little early to be talking about Christmas but you may wish to put some dates in your diary: **Advent Concert** (afternoon of Saturday 26 November); **Carol Service** (Sunday 18 December at 4pm); **Christingle Service** (Saturday 24 December at 4pm).

Further information will be on posters around the village or visit our website: www.menstonmethodist.org.uk.

WARD OFFICER CONSTABLE FOR MENSTON – JAMES PRESTON

I am the Ward Officer Constable for Menston. My areas of responsibility are Menston and Burley as well as Windhill and Wrose in Shipley. I have been a Neighbourhood Policing Constable for around 9 years and previous to that was a Reactive Patrol officer for 5 years.

I am a family man with 4 children. The principles of Neighbourhood Policing are important to me and I know it is critical to listen to people's concerns and try to tackle the issues which are most important to our communities.

Police rely on the co-operation of the public to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and I would encourage everyone affected to come forward with information.

*In this newsletter I would like to highlight Euro profile locks, those commonly fitted to UPVC doors. Criminals attacks on these locks accounts for 20-25% of all burglaries in West Yorkshire, this is often called 'lock snapping'. In **Menston these have accounted for 45% over recent weeks and 65% of the attacks have been on rear doors.** Please see the advice in relation to anti-snap locks: www.westyorkshire.police.uk/help-advice/crime-prevention/your-home/euro-cylinder. **Criminals are actively targeting newer high end vehicles in particular Audis but also Mercedes and VW Golfs.***

If you require more information in relation to this or any other issue, please email me at james.preston@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk or call 101 leaving your details and I will call you when on duty.

Finally, please can I encourage you all to join the OWL Network which is a way for the Police to send out messages to communities and even specific streets. The best way to get this is by searching 'OWL Network Bradford' and following the relevant link to register.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Parish Council will be holding a Service of Remembrance on Friday 11 November. Please assemble at Kirklands at 10.45am.

The service will be led by members of the local clergy. Light refreshments will be served in Kirklands main hall following the ceremony.

MENSTON RETIRED MEN'S FORUM

Menston Retired Men's Forum is a social group formed in 1972, by a group of retired men from Menston village.

The group meet in room 17 at Kirklands between 10.00am and 12.00 noon every first and third Wednesday of the month (excluding summer break). At the meetings members hear talks and presentations by visiting guest speakers on a wide range of diverse topics. Group members have also given talks and there is at least one quiz each year.

We are always keen to welcome new members. For further information ask any committee member or use the 'Contact Us' form on our website menstonrmf.wordpress.com or you'll be made very welcome if you simply turn up as a guest to one of our meetings.

NEXT YEAR: FESTIVAL WEEKEND ~ 22 – 24 SEPTEMBER 2017

As part of Menston's on-going remembrance of the First World War, St John's Church will be hosting a special weekend commemorating the Battle of Passchendaele which took place July-November 1917. A small committee has met and plans are underway to organise a weekend which involves as many people as possible in the village in as many ways as possible. Your ideas, suggestions, offers of help will be most welcome!

We are hoping to create one or two features in the churchyard and a WW1 trench is already being planned! The memorial stone of Wilfred Jennings', a Menston lad who died right at the end of the war, will also be highlighted. Plenty of room for other ideas!

A Flower Festival will run throughout the weekend. We need lots of help and lots of help is available – so if you are interested in creating an arrangement please contact Ann Hill. You don't need to be an 'expert'! A meeting of interested flower arrangers will be held in the autumn. On the Saturday evening there will be musical entertainment from the period.

Do you have any interesting WW1 artefacts which we could borrow for the weekend? Contact Judith Knaggs.

Sponsorship of flower arrangements – can you/your business help? Flowers have increased in price recently and we need to offer financial

support to potential arrangers. Sponsors names would be included in the programme and invited to a Preview Evening. Contact Jan Alexander.

Funds raised will be divided between The Royal British Legion and St John's.

Please get in touch with any of the committee: Ruth Yeoman (877739), Dale Smith, Jan Alexander (878355), Ann Hill (877995), Judith Knaggs (879290), Joyce Simpson with offers of help or ideas.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

17 Sat	10.00	Autumn Coffee Morning	<i>Methodist Church Hall</i>
25 Sun	10.30	Harvest Festival	<i>Methodist Church</i>
29 Thu	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	<i>Methodist Church</i>

October

11 Tues	19.00	Menston Neighbourhood Forum	<i>Kirklands</i>
21 Fri	18.30	Film Show 'The Lady in the Van'	<i>Methodist Church Hall</i>
27 Thu	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	<i>Methodist Church</i>
29 Sat	20.00	NSPCC Halloween Dance	<i>Kirklands</i>

November

11 Fri	10.45	Service of Remembrance	<i>Kirklands</i>
19 & 20	10.30	Menston Arts Club Autumn Exhibition	<i>Kirklands</i>
19 Sat	aft	Children in Need Film Show	<i>Methodist Church Hall</i>
24 Thu	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	<i>Methodist Church</i>
25 Fri	19.30	Brass Band Charity Concert	<i>Kirklands</i>
26 Sat	pm	Advent Concert	<i>Methodist Church</i>

December

3 Sat	tba	Christmas Fayre	<i>Methodist Church Hall</i>
18 Sun	16.00	Carol Service	<i>Methodist Church</i>
24 Sat	16.00	Christingle Service	<i>Methodist Church</i>

Thank you to our small and dedicated team of deliverers. If you can help, please contact David Manson. Please send items for the next newsletter to Alison Manson alisondavidmanson@gmail.com (878556) – deadline Jan 31 2017.

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MENSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND MENSTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016
AT 7.00PM
KIRKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE**



MENSTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

- 1. MCA Annual Report and Accounts**
- 2. MCA Election of Officers and Committee**
 - 1. Neighbourhood Development Plan**
 - 2. Update on Kirklands Toilets**

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Meet the Neighbourhood Policing Team:** WYP will be attending to give an overview of crime in the area and listen to any concerns you may have
- 3. Menston Library:** Plans for the future
- 4. Council Warden and Cleansing Service:**
An update on current provision
- 5. Youth Service:** Find out about activities in Menston
- 6. Open Forum:** Have your say about your Neighbourhood

Questions on any agenda item will be possible provided we stay within the overall timeframe: we expect to finish at 9.30pm. For further information contact a member of Menston Parish Council.

Everyone Welcome

If you have any special needs that require addressing to enable you to participate in this meeting please contact us. For further information contact: Shipley Area Co-ordinator's Office, Town Hall, Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EJ. Tel 01274 437146.

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