

MENSTON NEWS

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Mission Statement of 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

A warm welcome will be received from the staff at the pop-up Co-op in Kirklands Community Centre.



The pop-up Co-op is now open in Kirklands Community Centre whilst their building across the way is made safe ready for re-opening. The Co-op will open from 8.00am until 6.00pm every day. Just go through the main entrance at Kirklands and enter the second door on the left (old Pre-School rooms). About 200 items will be carried by the pop-up store.

MENSTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Over the last 18 months Menston News has been trying to keep positive, showing how obstacles have been overcome and new opportunities explored, instead of dwelling on things we cannot change. As we put this edition together we are hoping that September will see a further resumption of familiar activities and this is reflected in the following pages. The new normal will however need to factor in the already visible changes in our climate – we can no longer pretend that we can continue as before and all will be well. The Great Big Green Week (GBGW) provides us with an opportunity to reflect on this and band together with like-minded folk, starting 18th September; some of the planned activities are described within. There are also updates on the temporary Pop-Up Co-op, Malt Shovel and Fairfax Club renovations and reopening, the proposed school crossing improvements in Main Street, Menston Show as well as regular articles from village groups and details of a Nostalgia Night and Flower Festival and other village topics.

The MCA will be able to hold a physical meeting before too long and will need to appoint a new chairman as I complete my 3 year term. As you will understand from our Mission Statement at the top of the cover page, MCA still plays an important role in helping our communities to come together to face the challenges ahead. Please consider if *you* could be involved or if you know someone who may be willing to work with the current small team of trustees, contact me for more details on MCAMenston@gmail.com Jonathan Gadd, Chair until October 2021

MENSTON PARISH COUNCIL

With the lifting of restrictions, I am pleased to report that the Parish Council is now able to hold their monthly meetings at Kirklands, whilst we retain social distancing, we hope to welcome members of public to our meetings soon.

There is no doubt that the building work on Derry Hill has caused problems and we continue to have dialogue with the builders to try and resolve issues raised.

The results of the traffic management experiment on Main Street by the school are at the time of writing still being evaluated and we await a consultation document from Bradford Highways Department to find out what the proposals are.

The Parish Council would welcome grant applications from local groups, application form can be downloaded at the Parish Council website.
Peter Finlay, Chairman

Earlier in the summer my family and I attended an Open Gardens event in the Homestead. It was a scorching hot day and several gardens were open, inviting us to go and look round. A perfect opportunity to chill out and enjoy a little (amazingly well-kept) slice of creation.

Predictably, however, with two kids, we were very quickly drawn to cake. The refreshments served at one garden were the things my children fixated on (and they did not disappoint – the cake was amazing!). Victoria sponge requirements sated, we then went for a browse of a garden, but now with one significant difference – cake was no longer an option, and so the kids lost interest really quickly. Soon enough we went home.

I'm fairly sure we're not the only family with that kind of story. But I wonder if it is in fact the same story that many of us unwittingly play out throughout our lives. Spending the whole time searching for the cake and missing all the gardens on the way; munching the cake quickly and then simply searching for the next one, again missing all that passes along the way. We spend our whole lives pursuing cake and end up taking for granted the world we live in.

However, we choose to read the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden with its snake and its forbidden fruit – legendary, mythical, metaphorical, historical – perhaps it reminds us of the dangers of becoming obsessed by a cake-shaped fruit. Instead of the other way around, eventually the fruit consumes us and our enjoyment of the garden we have been given.

In the story, God used to walk with the couple in the cool of the day, when the evening hush came over the garden and the grass became moist underfoot. Perhaps God listened to what they had seen and done that day; perhaps they just walked in companionable silence. But you can imagine how hard it must have been when Adam and Eve's gaze progressively became more drawn to the forbidden fruit. Their search for cake gradually stopping them appreciating the garden and their divine companion. Eventually they ate the cake. And like my children, the first question was simply, 'Can we have another piece?' The garden no longer a gift of paradise, became the vehicle for the pursuit and exploitation of cake. An open garden became a cake stall for Adam and Eve, and therefore paradise was lost. The evening walks with God no longer happened, not because God no longer walked in the garden, but because Adam and Eve were so busy looking for cake or hiding their shame at their cake-smearred faces, that God could not see them.

We live in a beautiful world garden. What would it look like to, for a moment, stop seeking cake, and to wait to walk with God once more?
Steve Proudlove, Vicar

KIRKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Those of you who have been walking past Kirklands recently will have observed a hive of activity! Following the recent replacement of the windows in the Main Hall we are having a new ceiling, lighting, décor and curtains. We hope that you will enjoy this newly refreshed space, knowing also that our carbon footprint will be greatly reduced as a result. The Coop has now taken up temporary residence in the old pre-school rooms which are accessed via the main entrance to the community rooms. They will be operating 7 days per week, initially opening from 8am to 6pm stocking some 200 basic items while emergency repairs take place in their store across the road.

Fingers crossed, we expect to see most if not all of our regular classes returning from September and many weekend events are being lined up. There has been a slight delay with our new website and booking system but we hope they will be up and running by November. In the meantime please contact our centre manager Heather on 01943 874335 for enquiries.

Jonathan Gadd, Trustee

CLIMATE ACTION MENSTON - CAM

Great Big Green Week

With the UN report on climate change in the headlines and COP 26 taking place in Glasgow in November, Climate Action groups are being encouraged to celebrate their action on climate change by running activities for the GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK from 18th to 26th September. CAM are planning to organise activities during that week, probably based outside Kirklands and including walks, vegan cakes and recipes, making bird boxes, trialling e bikes, walks etc. If you are a local organisation and want to offer an activity, do get in touch. Please look out updates on our website

Time is running out for how we stop runaway warming so if this is important to you, join with us in telling local and national leaders that we want urgent action to address this.

Do join us!

CAM is still a small group (24 members) and we would love to grow so if you are keen to take local action to address the issue of the climate emergency do join us. We have various working groups that are based on the One Planet Principles <https://www.bioregional.com/resources/one-planet-living-principles> .Please see our website for more information and on how to join.

Marilyn Banister - 874220

<https://climateactionmenston.org.uk>

THE MALT SHOVEL

The Malt Men Consortium have achieved their first goal in opening a totally revamped Malt Shovel although the original fireplace and other items reflecting its history have been retained. However, those old toilets have disappeared to be replaced by bright shiny new ones!

The Consortium of Paul and John Glendinning, Simon and Brian Bell, Ian Tordoff and Derek Goldie have taken over this village asset. They not only wish to serve as a hub for the local community but also to offer a welcome to the many walkers and other visitors passing through our village. They all feel that Menston is a perfect place to live within, bring up a family and have an enjoyable lifestyle.

The rear garden has been laid out to accommodate seating for about seventy people and the tar-maced parking area will not only be used by customers but as a venue for Farmers' Markets and Food Festivals as well as a Village Community Fundraising Day.

Once the kitchen is refurbished (about October) food will be served on a regular basis but the Malt Men are not wanting to take business away from neighbouring businesses so they will not be serving bacon butties in the morning as The Pantry does.

It is thought that initially pizza's, panini's and sharing platter boards will be served together with a small range of meals plus a children's menu but this will be a work in progress.

Special events are planned like BBQs and Paella Evenings, Jazz on Sunday Afternoons, Quiz nights and Bingo afternoons with tea, cakes and a pint of beer or glass of Prosecco.

The plan is to have beers brewed by small local independent breweries on rotation.

The Malt Men have handed the task of bringing their vision to life to Josh and Jo and their team (jc@themaltshovel.co.uk). Good luck Josh, Jo and your team!



Multi-generations enjoying a Sunday afternoon at The Malt Shovel

FAIRFAX CLUB

The Fairfax Club has now opened in its new building. This offers a modern updated facility which is ready to be utilised for community use during the day and then open to existing and new members in the evenings.

Subject to current regulations we are open for christenings, birthdays and events for community groups.

We now offer Sky and BT TV paired with a state of the art sound system.

Darts, pool and free Wi-Fi will be available during the evening.

We have a wide variety of rotating ales, spirits and wines at very competitive prices.

We encourage cyclists and pedestrians to join us but also offer car parking at the club.

Any further information please contact

fairfaxsocials@gmail.com/Fairfax Club on Facebook/01943 512998

Paul Harkin



CLIMATE ACTION MENSTON

Zero Carbon

Locally, our zero carbon working group would be interested in hearing from anyone who has experience of retrofitting which seems to be the way forward to bring about greater energy efficiency in our homes.

<https://climateactionmenston.org.uk> or Marilyn 874220

Learn. Connect. Be stronger.

Friends & Family Hub

For families of children with disabilities and learning difficulties

After almost 18 months of alternative arrangements due to COVID, we're delighted to be returning to face-to-face meetings at Kirklands from September 2021!

We've kept going together with online information sessions, online group meetings, one-to-one support, and walks in our wonderful countryside, and it is lovely to now be restarting meetings at Kirklands Community Centre - such a great venue.

The Friends & Family Hub is for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Whether your child has a diagnosis or not, whether they are 18 months or 18 years, if you'd like to learn more about support, services and opportunities for you and your child, and to connect with other parents and carers who also have a wealth of experience and knowledge, the Friends & Family Hub is a safe and friendly place to learn, connect, and be stronger.

Thanks to continued support from the National Lottery, Thinking BIG, and Menston Parish Council, we will be continuing a range of activities including learning and information sessions on the second Wednesday of the month during term-time, followed by lunch and group meetings. We have a series of monthly sessions planned, with a different topic and guest speaker each time. On Wednesday 8th September we will be joined by Carol Beardmore, CEO of the charity SNOOP, and the topic will be Extra-Curricular Activities – activities available for children and young people with disabilities and complex needs in the area, including after school care, play schemes, youth clubs and support for parents and carers around Preparation for Adulthood.

Please note that booking is essential for the face-to-face sessions (not necessary for the online sessions) due to COVID guidance.

If you'd like to find out more about these sessions or any of our other activities and resources, or to arrange to join the group, email friendsandfamily@thinkingbiguk.org and we'll be happy to chat.

Claire Wright, Project Manager

We would like to thank all that came to the plant sale in May. We were overwhelmed by the turn out to buy the quality plants, raising over £1000 to support Menston In Bloom with the annual cost of bedding plants and site maintenance. We hope to hold a similar sale next year so see you there!

The volunteers of Menston in Bloom have been out and about caring for the green spaces of the village. Butterfield Park, the Railway Garden, Peace Garden and the many tubs that have benefited from care and maintenance. The summer bedding in the planters and tubs around the village brought a splash of colour on sunny days and the not so sunny. The new 'Jam and Jelly' hedge at Kirklands, has grown nicely in its first year establishing the plants with promise of fruit for picking next season.

Can you help with the spring bulb display?

Over the years 1000's of bulbs which community groups have donated, planted and bought through grants and fund raising activities have been planted and admired by one and all. If you can donate bulbs we are happy to plant them. If you would like to donate bulbs, please bring them to the library and put them in the box. These will be put with the 100's of bulbs we will buy to plant this autumn.

We always welcome new volunteers. We will be starting our monthly meetings in September and continuing our Wednesday work parties and monthly Saturday mornings. There is no need to commit to a regular session, just come along when you can and we would love to see you. Our work sessions and other news are publicised either through our email list (email menstoninbloom@gmail.co to join) or on our Facebook page.



MANT is a new charity set up with a vision to own community land that will be open to the public, and manage it in a way that enhances and protects biodiversity. By allowing the land to regenerate via natural processes with minimal human interference, these nature reserves will create and increase the variety of habitats and consequently help broaden the species that can thrive there.

MANT has been set up by a small group of residents concerned about the loss of biodiversity in our village and surrounding fields, and the over-development that is threatening our wild creatures and their habitats. We have started a nursery for local, native wildflowers, which we will grow to plant in meadows. In addition, we will be running birding walks, workshops to make habitats for wildlife and a Wildlife Open Gardens event over the next year. If you would like to get involved, please contact us via info@mant.org.uk, help by becoming a member of Menston Area Nature Trust, or by making a donation to support the group's aims. Membership details can be found on our website www.MANT.org.uk. Click on the "Membership" tab under "Get Involved".
Francesca Bridgewater



MENSTON CROWN GREEN BOWLING CLUB

Our season was severely restricted this year by the Covid pandemic. We have 6 teams in the Airedale and Wharfedale League, "A" and "B" playing 3 times a week, and until late May 2021 the League secretary was still juggling with the fixture list. We have a weekly friendly fixture for those members who don't want to play in the leagues, but the early season matches had to be cancelled. We were unable to play club social bowling which takes place most days at 1:30pm.

However, as restrictions were lifted we were allowed to play socially with no more than 6 players on the green. The friendlies restarted but with fewer participants, with the uncertainty still surrounding the virus. The leagues fixtures commenced with fewer matches due to the late start and the League secretary decided to abandon the promotions and demotions between the divisions for this year. With fewer restrictions the club was able to arrange our annual trip to Grassington bowls club. Social bowls in the afternoon with tea and cakes followed by fish and chips in the evening. Even though we have had a busy shortened season we were still able to fit in our internal competitions for the various club cups and trophies.

There is never a quiet period at Menston Crown Green Bowling Club during our playing season which starts on April 1st through to the end of September. **We are a friendly bunch and keen to welcome new members.** Next season we are looking forward to a full calendar of league, friendly and cup matches and of course the internal social bowling. If you are interested just come to the green (behind Kirklands) and chat to any of the members who might be playing. Or for further information contact Peter Hammond (Club Secretary) on 01943-863417
Mike Ripley

MENSTON RETIRED MEN'S FORUM

After 18 months of restrictions, The Menston Retired Men's Forum is starting again on Wednesday September 22nd with its AGM. We meet at Kirklands in Room 17 (now known as the Wharfe Room) on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.00am for a cup of tea before welcoming speakers who come and talk on various topics, sometimes creating lively discussion afterwards!

The cost is £1 per meeting with an annual £15 fee payable in January, subject to approval at the AGM. We would welcome back all our existing members and **also look forward to seeing anyone who would like to join our friendly group.** If you would like any further details, please contact Mike Hughes on 01943 875999

METHODIST CHURCH

We opened our doors fully to our congregation on 25 July. However, still being cautious we requested mask wearing when not seated and when singing and to be mindful of other people. We continue to keep under review the restrictions which we may have to continue to live with for a while longer.

We are reviewing our worship, to ensure it is welcoming and accessible as possible to all, and our provision for work with children and young people. Online and Zoom services will hopefully continue in parallel with our Sunday morning services in church.

Our groups are slowly returning with the Tuesday morning prayer group having resumed in August. Monday morning table tennis should be back up and running in September. We are currently planning for the return of Friday Friendship Group, Wednesday Group, Sun Club and Friday Live.

Friday Club for young people aged 7 to 13 year continues to meet on the last Friday of the month and are returning to Marrick Priory for a weekend of outdoor activities at the beginning of September which we are looking forward to.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those in our community and their families. If you need someone to talk to or pray with, please contact our Minister, Rev Tim Perkins (rev.tim.perkins@btinternet.com) or our Lay Pastor, Jo Dixon (dixonjo2000@gmail.com / 07870 700713). All calls will be in strict confidence.

Details of our services and other resources and news are available on our noticeboard, website:www.menstonmethodist.org.uk and the Menston Methodist Facebook page.

Jalna Jenkins

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THESE CHIMNEYS ARE IN MENSTON?



For the answers
please turn to
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MENSTON CARES

Included in this edition of the Menston News is a flyer explaining the services that Menston Cares can offer. We would like to reassure anyone wishing to use our services that **we will continue to observe Covid precautions ie.**

Home visits will only be made if both parties are comfortable with it and that neither party shows any symptoms of Covid infection.

Masks will be worn and social distancing observed.

The room should be well ventilated.

All volunteers and service users will have received both vaccinations.

On our Excursions, using Ilkley Community Transport, all safety precautions will be put in place, including the wearing of masks and the use of hand sanitiser.

We know this all sounds very draconian but we are not prepared to take any risks with vulnerable adults, but at the same time we are keen to return to some kind of 'normal' for the sake of everyone's mental health.
Jane Pratt

MENSTON ART GROUP

In the past few months Menston Art Club has like many other groups been unable to meet. However, this has not stopped their enthusiastic members from producing a remarkable amount of enterprising work. Activities have included communication 'on line'. Considerable exchange of ideas between members has continued and although actual meetings have been impossible lively competition has thrived in the form of several 'on line' competitions. These competitions were judged by two local and one London artist who all declared the standard of work to be very high (Jeremy Taylor, Catherine Inglis and Sandra Pond). The high standard was also noted by the readers of our local paper which published the results of each competition. Our thanks must go to the committee members who put a lot of time and expertise into collating entries. All the entries can be seen on the Menston Arts Club website. Modern technology has been very useful in keeping members not only in touch but also able to follow the educational courses enterprising art teachers have put 'on line'. It is hoped reproductions of the works that won places in these competitions can be exhibited in the foyer of Kirklands when the next exhibition is held for those persons who missed the newspaper articles.

The committee are planning on reconvening in September. Things are looking very positive at the present time but care will/must be practiced so all necessary precautions will be in place. Further information can be found on the website. **The committee are also planning to have an exhibition on 20th and 21st November where “one way traffic” will be in operation.....regretfully it will not be possible to offer refreshments but a 'pop up' cafe will be operating outside.**

At the beginning of the year Catherine Inglis studied a number of submitted pictures and carefully critiqued these pictures both to help the artists who painted the pictures and the other members. This activity was repeated later in the year by Jeremy Taylor who has always been a helpful friend of our club.

The Menston Arts Club calendar for 2021 was produced and printed and completely sold out, many thanks to those people who advertised and delivered copies of our calendar. Hopefully there will be one for a more positive 2022 ...that has yet to be decided.

Members are optimistically looking forward to the first meetings. More news of activities can be found on our website

www.menstonartsclub.co.uk

Pictures produced by members that are for sale can also be seen on the website and further information of activities can be found there.....the programme for the coming year can also be seen.

Menston Arts Club are looking forward to a busy new year that is as much 'back to normal' as can be possible. We are looking forward to meeting and sharing our enjoyment of as many kinds of art we can.

Judith Tomlinson

'Seascape at Sherringham, Norfolk' by Stephen Ogden



Travel and Transport

Many of you will know that Climate Action Menston have been working with the Parish and Ward Councillors, Street Space and Bradford Council on a safer crossing outside Menston Primary School. It has been talked about for many years and in the last week of term, BMDC instigated a trial of wider pavements and a give /take for vehicles. The wider pavements were well received by children and parents. We understand that the next step is a consultation process from BMDC. Please watch out for updates.

As CAM, we were delighted to be a part of this process as after the workshop that was run in March to work on a Vision for Main Street, there was a strong appetite from participants to make the road more active travel friendly. At the moment, walkers and cyclists especially children are daunted by fast cars and narrow pavements along its whole length. We hope to gain more funding to look at improvements that can be made. With a growing population, we want to make a vibrant village centre for people, not dominated by vehicles.

<https://climateactionmenston.org.uk> or Marilyn 874220

NOSTALGIA NIGHT

KIRKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE



SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER 2021

local band TIME WARP playing hits from the 50's,60's,70's and later. Tickets are £12.00 and include a pie and peas supper, raffle and bar.

All proceeds are for St. John's Parish Church Roof Appeal.

For Tickets, please ring 879290 or 872433.

Menston Parish Church

'Divine Reflections'

*A festival of flowers celebrating 150 years
of church life in Menston*

Saturday 18 September - 10am—5.30pm

Sunday 19 September - 12.30—5.30 pm

Admission free. Programme £2

Refreshments: Saturday 10-12; 2-4pm Sunday 2-4pm

Public Activism

Aviation is a big emitter of greenhouse gases, although not in the last year, and there is a consultation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/achieving-net-zero-aviation-by-2050> that is open for anyone to respond. There is a strong emphasis on the move to new fuels etc./ technology. The local action group for challenging the expansion of Leeds/Bradford airport due to emissions, GALBA have put out responses to the consultation that can be seen here: <https://www.galba.uk/jet-zero-consultation>

Land and Nature

We are excited that members of the CAM Land and Nature working group have decided to take the step of launching the Menston Area Nature Trust as a standalone charity - more from them elsewhere.

Culture and Community

CAM and St John's Parish Church launched the sustainable business awards for Menston last year but has been on hold during Covid 19, but now it is up and running again. You might have seen the stickers in their windows? Pre-school, DIY Dave, The House Keeper Team, Slimming World, HomeInstead Senior Care, Beau Beauty, Henderson and Cooper, Power Gym, Leap into Languages and Coty and Madison have all signed up. They are promising to take some small steps, decided by them, to lessen their carbon footprint. Easy stuff, such as recycling, cutting down on the use of energy and so on. If you'd like to get a 'blue award', please contact Steve Proudlove at vicar@stjohnmenston.org.uk or Goodith White at anne.goodithwhite@ucd.ie

PICKARD'S DELI

We are refreshing our menu for the forthcoming autumn and winter season. There will be new sandwiches and salads. A tweak of our vegetarian options, to include a lovely veggie breakfast, which we have been lacking. Sorry! New weekly specials which we hope will provide you with healthy and hearty meals. Our outside catering menu will also change to include our Street Food Specials. Our ingredients will continue to as be locally sourced as possible. Thank you for your continued support, what a truly amazing village you are. Michelle and Mark x

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THESE ROOFTOP STRUCTURES ARE?

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MENSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Due to the easing of restrictions we have gradually been increasing our hours and they are now as follows:

Monday	10.00 to 13.00 and 14.00 to 17.00
Wednesday	10.00 to 13.00 and 14.00 to 17.00
Thursday	10.00 to 13.00 and 14.00 to 17.00
Saturday	10.00 to 13.00

Many thanks to our loyal customers who have waited patiently whilst our volunteers have been coming to terms with a completely new computer system courtesy of Bradford Council. This also means that there is a different link to access your online account – this is where you can not only renew books you have out, but also make reservations from the whole Bradford catalogue, view newspapers and magazines via Press Reader, or download audio books via BorrowBox. You will need to enter your card number as Log in and the first two and last two digits of your date of birth for the Pin No.

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/site-navigation?l1=1186&l2=1371> (This link is available on Menston.org)

In September we hope to resume meetings of the various groups.

Menston Show is turning into a “Street Show” for this year.

For those of you who enjoyed the Scarecrow Festival, this year’s “Street Show” will follow a similar premise, an outdoor trail for you to luxuriate in uninhibited social exchange with your neighbours and friends, all in the safety of fresh air.

The Committee have asked people, possibly with their neighbours, to create their own mini show on a table outside their home or a blanket on the lawn. This gives the opportunity to show what people have been doing over the past 18 months.

No formal judging, just “best overall table” and “best single exhibit”.

Maps, costing £2, will be on sale on the day.

It was requested on Facebook that entries for the “Street Show” were received by 22nd August.

Any enquiries please email victoriataylor2014@gmail.com marking the subject as Menston Show.

MAKE YOUR OWN HUMMUS

Why pay so much for a small tub of hummus when you can make loads for a fraction of the price? And you know exactly what has gone in it, with no plastic tub. It is really easy to make and freezes brilliantly.

Buy tin of chick-peas (400g).

Drain but retain the water.

Blitz in a processor with juice of a lemon, 1 tbsp tahini (available from most supermarkets and this keeps in the fridge for ages) and 1 clove garlic.

Add salt and pepper to your liking and a little of the retained chick-pea water until you get it to the consistency you want.

If you are a hummus addict (like me) then buy dried chick peas and cook them yourself – this makes it even cheaper.

You can also get adventurous by swapping chick peas for other pulses (e.g. pinto beans).

You can dress it up as you like—we top ours with pesto, olive oil, balsamic vinegar and cornichons. Or go Moroccan and add some z’atar spices.

You can also whizz things in to the hummus whilst it is in the processor, like roasted red peppers, or avocado.

Vicki Turland

Again we would like to thank all our contributors for their time and energy as well as their knowledge in producing interesting articles. Obviously the information supplied is solely at the discretion and responsibility of the submitting writer/organisations.

Our thanks again to David Shelley and his band of distributors as well as Small Print for their help in both printing and collating another edition of the Menston News together with their technical help and the Parish Council for funding the printing costs.

Should you wish to help in distributing the Menston News (each round takes about an hour three times a year) please contact us on menstonnews@gmail.com

We are looking for two more people to distribute the Menston News on High Royds so if you could help we would very much appreciate that.

Items for the next Newsletter should be received by Friday 11th February, 2022 please

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ANSWERS TO WHERE THE CHIMNEYS ARE IN MENSTON

Page 11 shows the chimney on top of Menston Hall on the left, the other being on High Royds. Page 17 on the left shows the chimney of the Menston Arms and on the right is the structure on top of the Parmley Graham building, the old school.

FIVE WAYS TO HELP ACHIEVE A GREENER TOMORROW

1

Reuse:

Takeaway boxes – can be reused over and over again and are stackable in the fridge, making them great for home organisation of leftovers etc. They also make handy storage for arts and crafts, and other household or gardening bits and bobs.

Inner cereal packets – these can be washed and reused. We use them instead of buying sandwich or freezer bags.



2

Things to watch or listen to:

Key "National Science Museum Climate Change" into YouTube and you'll find a range of interesting talks from leading scientists in their field, including "How are our oceans responding to climate change" and "Climate Change the View from Space" (this is a particularly good one with Tim Peake and Maggie Aderin-Pocock). There's plenty more to choose from.



3

In the Garden:

Having lots of online deliveries? Brown cardboard is gold dust for gardeners: add it to compost, use it as weed matting. If you add in autumn and top with a layer of compost, it should have all disappeared by spring, chomped down into the earth by the worms, who will have returned goodness into your soil as a thank you.

Toilet rolls and egg boxes are fantastic in the compost bin as they trap air, a key ingredient in speeding up the composting process. Toilet rolls are also very good instead of plastic seed trays, especially for deep-rooters like sweet peas and beans.



4

Social media sites to join (these are Facebook but check others like Instagram too):

Veg Gardening UK

Sustainable(ish) with Jen Gale

Sustainable Living

Cut down on plastic:

OceanSaver pods: dissolvable pods to refill plastic household cleaner bottles. For cleaning all surfaces and glass. Available online.



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Courtyard planters in Otley will take your used plastic plant pots and reuse them.

