



# Minutes of 30th AGM and Newsletter

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Well were we downhearted? Actually I think we were a bit! Gala Day began with such promise but the weather had other ideas. Mid morning saw rain reminiscent of a tropical downpour and there must have been a degree of panic and despair in the Rec until it stopped. However, we are made of stern stuff in Morton and carried on regardless, the 50<sup>th</sup> Gala being a wonderful event. Well done to everyone who helped in any way towards making it such a memorable and enjoyable afternoon.

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting

The Chairman, David Miller, welcomed residents to the meeting which was well attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Pauline Horne and Councillor Dorothy Clamp.

The Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting were agreed to be a correct record of what had taken place and there were no matters arising from them.

**Chairman's Report** - everyone was very grateful for the improvements to the Institute which was getting better and better, with plans approved for a new fenced area outside the extension. The Morton in Bloom (MIB) group have continued

to enhance the village by their efforts and David wished to thank members of the Institute committee and MIB for their continuing hard work, and particularly Rhona for establishing the Morton Meet. David was delighted that Malcolm Slater was present and thanked him for his continuing support of the Society and the village.

**Treasurer's Report** - Stephen reported on his 30<sup>th</sup> set of accounts which recorded a small surplus for the year. The Lottery raised funds for the village which enabled projects to be undertaken, as well as giving out monthly prizes. There were no questions and the accounts were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report for the Institute** - Mick Craven reported a big turn around in the accounts, resulting from an increase in hirings and more events organised by the Committee that had been tremendously successful. He made a plea for continued support from residents to keep the village and activities thriving. Increased time spent on these accounts meant Mick standing down from running the Lottery. Barbara Evans had agreed to take over. Thanks to her, and a big debt of thanks to Mick and Karen for running the Lottery for some years now. It would be a big help if people holding a lottery number could renew by standing order. It is

following up on renewals that takes time. The accounts were accepted.

**Election of Officers and Committee Members** - there were no nominations for officers and David Miller, Stephen Duxbury and Mary Appleby agreed to continue for the coming year as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

There were seven nominations for new committee members - Barbara Evans, Ann Holden, Rowan Rothery, Jane Slater, Geoff Finnerty, John Crowther and Lee Senior. All nominations were gratefully accepted by David. The constitution allows for four officers and fifteen committee members.

**Election of Auditor** - Stephen thanked Michael Millar for auditing the accounts. He was happy to audit both sets of accounts for the coming year.

**Institute Report** - Rhona asked for more help with running Morton Meet which runs from 2pm until 4pm on Thursdays, serving drinks, cakes and biscuits to a wide section of the community. It also raises money which is spent in the Institute. David commented that the village really comes alive on Thursday afternoons. Men were enthusiastically urged to attend - it was certainly not all women and children!

Bob Dennis said that there were a few maintenance jobs ongoing and that good service had been received from Bradford Met at all times. Geoff Finnerty offered support in this area.

**Village Green Maintenance** - Lee Senior said this was a delightful area of the village and the MIB group were really proud of how it was looking. They would really appreciate more help on the watering rota - one hour per month would be wonderful - please see Lee or John Crowther.

**Morton in Bloom** - John wished to record thanks to the Busfeild Arms for their generous donation

of the new wheel on the Green. A letter of thanks had been sent. This larger wheel was something the group had wanted to see as a centre piece for some time and permission had gone through the correct channels. Rhona suggested that this should always be the case.

**Any other business** David had been approached by the T&A who were doing a feature in one of their publications about the Busfeild Arms, within the context of the village. He had shown round the reporter and a photographer who had been delighted with the roundabout which at the time was still on the stage in the Institute. This will be good publicity for the Institute and the village when the article appears soon.

Rhona suggested the village should fly a flag on the Institute flagpole. This will be looked into.

Malcolm Slater was confident that Rhona's planning application for a noticeboard for Waterside Fold would be granted. Geoff, as a resident there, offered to keep it up to date once it was erected.

Details were to hand for signs to be attached to the East Morton signs on Carr Lane and the top of Alma to mark the achievements in Yorkshire in Bloom in 2009 and 2010, it was agreed to proceed with these.

Subscriptions were to remain the same, £2.50 for a single membership, £5 for a family and £50 for life membership. Not everyone is in favour of the Lottery and the subscriptions are a way to support the village.

**Morton meet  
needs more helpers to  
work behind the counter  
making teas and coffees  
- just two hours every  
two or three months**

SEE INSIDE FOR THE MANY EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE INSTITUTE



Have you ever wondered where the food you eat comes from? Do you feel there might be a better way of doing things than handing over your hard-earned cash to some faceless supermarket chain? Would you like to see more locally produced food available? These are the kind of questions that the Feast Morton group have been looking into and trying to do something about.

Feast Morton is a small group of volunteers who live in the village and are passionate about finding more sustainable ways of living that can improve our community and help the planet at the same time. The group has been around for a couple of years – you might have seen our local produce stall at the last two East Morton Galas. As well as attending the Gala, we have also planted communal fruit trees near Providence Row, donated funds and insect-attracting bug-boxes to the village school for their environmental project, organised a wild-food foraging walk and, most recently, planted up herb pots next to the bus stop which anyone in the village is welcome to come and pick.

We've started small but have big ideas. If you've come across Incredible Edible Todmorden or Transition Towns, you'll have seen lots of inspiring ways to get good local food into our community. Our current focus is the idea of a community fruit orchard in the village recreation ground. This would be a fantastic resource for the village, with an abundant harvest of apples, pears and other fruit in the years to come as the trees grow and mature. We have identified several potential areas where there is space to plant a good number of small fruit trees, without affecting either peoples' use and enjoyment of the park, or residents who live in surrounding properties.

Bradford Council have granted permission for the project and we have put up a display in the Institute window with more information. We are holding an Apple Day event at the Institute on Saturday October 15th to give everyone in the village a chance to drop in, talk to us and have their say on the idea. There will also be refreshments and children's activities so look out for our posters. You can also drop us a line at [feastmorton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:feastmorton@hotmail.co.uk). If you are interested in sustainable food or other environmental issues and want to help to make a difference, please get in touch.



## Best Kept Garden/Frontage Results

**Gardens** - in first place, Rita and Donald Pinder, 91 Morton Lane. All their own work - carefully sculptured conifers and a perfectly manicured garden. Well deserved, a really lovely garden.

Second - Stella and Mike Isaac, 12 Otley Mount. A lovely show! Another well stocked garden which offers seasonable displays throughout the year, the fragrant hyacinths in early spring were a picture!

Third - Mr & Mrs Dorsett, 6 The Butts. The 'Montana' in spring was beautiful, the pathway to the cottage door is complimented with this charming country garden style display.

**Frontage** - in first place, Mr & Mrs Thomas, 43 Green End Road. Less is more it is sometimes said, the simplicity and elegance of this display makes it a winner, changing with the seasons.

Second - Mr & Mrs Bolton, 27 Middlefield Court. An impressive variety of shrubs and potted plants provides an eye catching display to all passers by.

Third - Mr & Mrs Rider, 28 Mayhall Avenue. Petunias win the day here with this most attractive and colourful frontage, certainly enough to lift anyone's spirits travelling up the steep incline of Mayhall Avenue!

Congratulations to the winners and a thank you to this years judge.

### Noticeboards for Waterside Fold

We are waiting for planning approval for the waterside fold notice boards – these have been applied for and we are awaiting the approval, hopefully they will be up within a few months time

### Tuesday yoga class

Begins again on Tuesday, 4th October, 1pm until 3pm. This friendly group is run by Pat Overend and she suggests anyone who thinks they may like to give it a try, comes along for a free taster session, all abilities welcome. Tel 01535 661638

### A letter from 'Ellie'

Dear friends and customers of East Morton,

As you will probably be aware, the Keighley Delivery Office is currently undergoing the final stages of the revision process. After enjoying a wonderful holiday in Cuba at the beginning of June, I returned to work to discover that many of the expected changes had already been implemented.

Selections have now been made and there will soon be a new delivery team for the area of East Morton. Adapting to the new working practices these past couple of weeks has left me precious little time to personally discuss these changes in detail, so please accept my apologies for that.

For those members of the community already aware, thank you for all the kind words and well wishes received. After being your post lady for almost six years, making deliveries six days a week, Morton has become a big part of my life – a very happy part.

I would like to sincerely thank you all for your endless support over the years and the warmth and friendliness of your hospitality. I have the greatest respect for the village life you all share and enjoy. I feel privileged to have been made to feel part of your community.

Morton has a big heart and shall always hold a special place in mine. Thank you all most sincerely.

Affectionately yours, Ellie (your post lady)

Postscript - The Delivery Office in Keighley said that Ellie is "devastated" and she is now delivering mail in Silsden. A letter of thanks has been sent to her.

*The Latin-inspired, easy to follow, calorie - burning, dance - fitness party. Feel the music and let loose!*

*East Morton Institute: Thursdays 7.30pm  
Cost £5 per class, (Loyalty cards available - buy 10 sessions get one FREE!)*

*For more information contact Janice on 07967 956746 or e-mail [info@fitfacts.co.uk](mailto:info@fitfacts.co.uk)*



# Morton Women's Institute

Our last article started with us having been out for a meal. We obviously enjoy these occasions because our last outing as a group was at the beginning of August when we travelled out to "Country Harvest at Ingleton for a supper after which we had exclusive use of the shop there. The food was excellent and we were encouraged to take home "husband boxes" so that nothing was left to waste.

In July, as part of the Aire Gap Group, we visited Port Sunlight in the Wirral. This village is similar to Saltaire or Bourneville in that it was built by a business man-cum-philanthropist to house his employees. Mr Lever produced sunlight soap and was truly a man ahead of his time. If you haven't visited this village we would encourage you to do so - although going with a coach party was an advantage because a tour guide joined us and was able to give us a greater insight into life in the village because he lived there.

Our recent speakers have included an evening with Clara Schuman, learning about living in Palestine today, and recently we had a very enjoyable evening learning about "Diamonds". Very valuable rings were passed through the audience and we are pleased to confirm that they were all handed back to the speaker. Now, when we win the lottery, we will know what to look for when purchasing our jewellery.

This year some of our members have learnt how to make patchwork bags and to do "through the garden gate patchwork", while others have become Maid Marions and have had an "Archery Taster Day".

In Public Affairs, at our National Conference the motion was carried almost unanimously that we ask the Government to intervene to stop the closure of libraries.

In October we are going to the dogs when we have dinner at Kilnsey Greyhound Stadium while being entertained by the dog racing. We went on a similar visit in 2009 and enjoyed the evening so much that we have decided to go again.

As part of the Village, we manned the tea hall at the Village Gala, we participated in the 160th anniversary of St Luke's Church, and we are planning to send two teams to the Village Quiz Night.

Currently we are planning our programme for 2012 and we are always open to new ideas. If you would like to join us do come along on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.20 p.m.

To purchase tickets for any event contact:-

Rhona Emmott 01274 551067 · email [bookings@mortonvillage.org.uk](mailto:bookings@mortonvillage.org.uk)  
or Karen Redhead 01274 560279 · email [karen@mortonvillage.org.uk](mailto:karen@mortonvillage.org.uk)

Alternatively there is now a secure postbox where you can place envelope with cheque made out to Morton Institute with your name, contact details, which tickets you require and a stamp addressed envelope. This postbox is located on side of the Institute.

## Institute Corner

### Cheese and Wine

By popular demand we welcome back Ray and the team from Booths of Ilkley to host their excellent "True or Bluff" wine tasting night, including an identify the cheese challenge, raffle and a prizes for the winners. £10 per ticket.

### Wind in the Willows

"the musical" - a live stage performance by the Leeds Library Theatre Company aimed at children of age 5-10 years (and their parents). "Curtain up" at 3pm on Sunday 2nd October - I know there isn't a curtain! Tickets £4 - children bring a cushion.

### Quiz Night

The annual Morton quiz night will be held on Friday 21st October - teams of six are welcome for this highly competitive event. Tickets £6 per person and include a pie and peas supper.

### Charity Coffee Morning

In aid of "Save the Children" 10-12noon on Saturday 29th October.

### Halloween Children's Party

An exciting children's event including a magic show, fancy dress, pumpkin competition and lots more fun activities. 4-6pm 31st October for children up to 10 years, tickets £5.

### Village Christmas Meal

And finally our Christmas celebration events - the Village Christmas Meal on Thursday 15th December, drinks, hot meal and pudding, raffle, school choir, carols and crackers - all this for just £8 a ticket

### Childrens Christmas party

For the children we are pleased to hold a party from 3-5pm on Saturday 17th December with fun and games and a gift from Santa.

**EAST MORTON INSTITUTE PROUDLY PRESENTS**  
*In association with*  
**The Leeds Library Theatre Company**  
**WIND IN THE WILLOWS**  
*A live stage musical performance for children of 5-10yrs & their parents*  
**SUNDAY 2ND OCT 3.00-4.30PM**  
**Tickets £4**  
*Call Rhona on 551067*

## Beetle Drive

Saturday 19th November



Where else can you get a two course meal and a lot of fun for £10. Come along with your friends and enjoy a wonderful meal followed by a few social games of Beetle.

Monday 31st October 4-6pm  
**Children's Halloween Party**  
At Morton Institute - Tickets £5 - Rhona 551067  
Fancy Dress Games & Activities  
Magician Prizes Drink & Snack

## Morton Lottery



### WIN A BOTTLE OF WINE

give us an hour of your time and get the chance to win a bottle of wine

We are hoping to have a push this Autumn and increase numbers. Every number we sell provides £6 towards the upkeep of the village and it's amenities and is invaluable and the other £6 goes back to the lottery members in the monthly draws. We urgently need helpers to recruit new members and I am looking for a volunteer from each road to try to get their neighbours signed up - it is a great way to catch up with your neighbours and you are selling something that enhances where we live as well as the opportunity of winning one of the many cash prizes. The village green has looked fantastic this year and there are plans for the village to look even better but this cannot be done without a little financial support from all.

If interested please contact [karenredhead@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karenredhead@hotmail.co.uk) and I will let you know who currently has lottery numbers on your road. All you then have to do to win a bottle of wine is sell 6 numbers (Preferably on a standing order) DONT DELAY; HELP YOUR VILLAGE TO-DAY



Things have been moving on apace since the last newsletter.

Thanks to the generosity of Martin and the team at the Busfeild Arms we now have a stunning hand made wheel as the focal point on the village green.

A while ago, Martin approached the MIB committee and asked how the pub could help in terms of a project in the village. We suggested a wooden wheel be made (to represent the history of Morton) which also doubles up as the MIB logo! Within several weeks the wheel was made and what a fine piece of work it is.

On behalf of MIB I would like to express our gratitude-what a wonderful gift for the village and a fitting way to remember the late Oliver Lee, our much missed and popular resident.

Moving on to other matters. The MIB committee have unanimously agreed to enter the Yorkshire in Bloom Village category competition in 2012. Our hope is to retain the Silver Gilt award that we won for the village in 2010. The planning for this has started now. The village is judged twice in Spring (early to mid April) and again in summer (mid - end of July).

The main areas of our route will centre around the heart of the village; the golf course, Carr Lane, school, church, chapel, village green, Institute, Public toilet area, bus shelter, Busfeild Arms, Dimples Lane, Elm Crescent, Street Lane and the Allotment site.

If we gain extra volunteers it would be nice to expand on that framework into other areas of the village. We currently don't have enough volunteers to be able to do this, so we will have to consolidate and prioritise on the above areas.

If anyone will have any spare time next year please do get in touch. Good humour and a sense of pride are guaranteed when you attend one of our working parties! I'd like to thank Hilary for the excellent job she is doing with the Carr Lane entrance bed and Andrew of Morton Electrical who has been a great help, along with our existing band of hardy troops.

Finally we hope you have enjoyed the dazzling colour around the village this summer. We will be planting a winter display as Autumn unfolds.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me: Lee Senior at : Seniorlee2000@yahoo.co.uk - Or phone John Crowther on 01274 562729

## School Corner

Over the last year, the strategic direction of the school has been under review and one of the outcomes of this work has been the addition of the words "Everyone, Every Chance, Every Day" to the school logo which reflects the inclusive nature of the school and the ambition that all children achieve their potential.

An important part of school life is learning through play and other first hand experiences and the Summer Term saw many opportunities for the children to do just that. The new playground in front of the school bungalow allows the younger children at the after school care club and also those who attend the playgroup to have a safe, enclosed play area. A number of classes made visits to enhance their learning; these included Skipton Castle, Swinden Quarry and Robinwood Activity Centre. One of the highlights of the term was Year 5 and 6's production of "Oliver" which was a tremendous success with so many of the children showing outstanding talent. Both performances were made even better with the addition of the newly installed stage lighting which "Friends of Morton" presented to the school after a successful year of fundraising.

## Gala Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

The 50th Gala was definitely one of two halves.

When the rain fell so heavily, in the morning, we were not sure the event would go ahead at all! The heaviest rains we have witnessed in months came down just as we were trying to put up the tents and sort out electrics and was so heavy we all had to run for cover. After an hour everything brightened up we finally set up only just in time for the parade to arrive on the recreation field at 1.

We were certainly down on visitor numbers as the stalls took a little less money, but as always the village showed it was made of stern stuff and came out to support in their hundreds.

Thankfully the sun shone all afternoon and the wet grass did not put too many people off! Martin Crosswaite and his display team enthralled did a brilliant job amazing everyone with trials tricks and keeping people on the field!!!

The 50th anniversary photo display was also very popular with many reminiscing about bygone Galas and how the village has changed over the years.

## We really need your help...

Would you like to help make a difference? Can you help with the biggest event in East Morton?

Two of our committee members have had to step down and we need people with ideas and enthusiasm to build up our team again.

The Gala is a fun day with money raised benefitting village organisations.

We meet once a month from February to July with our AGM in September - call Kathy Myers 01274 567174

## St Luke's Church

### Autumn Term at St Luke

This Autumn sees a number of significant events in the life of the church and village that I'd like to tell you briefly about.

### Harvest Festival - 25th September

Our Harvest Festival is happening slightly earlier than usual this year and we will be focussing on the country of Sudan, with which the churches of Bradford Diocese have a strong link. We look forward again to working with East Morton CE Primary to think about life in this East African country.

### Service Times Changes

Starting on the Sunday of the Harvest Festival (25th September), our main service will be at 11.00am instead of 10.00am. We will continue with the same pattern of services with our Family Service on the second Sunday and a communion service on all other Sundays. Our Sunday School runs on the third and fourth Sundays of each month.

### Coffee Morning - 15th October

St Luke's will be open for coffee, cake and a chat between 10am and 12 noon.

### Remembrance Sunday - 13th November

As usual this important service will take place at East Morton Congregational Chapel with a service starting at 10.30am followed by a procession to the Memorial Institute where the names of those who died in the two world wars will be read out.

## Morton Village Society Aiming to preserve your village