



MORTON Village Society NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1985.

This has been an extremely busy period for the Society, the most important event being the official opening of the village green. We begin then, with a report of the opening.

The two weeks preceeding the opening meant much hard work for members of the Committee, other Society members and villagers to present the green in it's best condition. Invitation cards were printed and distributed to various organisations and an article accompanied by a picture of our Secretary, Mrs. Marian Doyle, appeared in the Target the week prior to the opening.

The weather on Saturday, 28th September, was fortunately warm and sunny and the Old School Green was opened by Mr. Bill Parker, a founder member of the Society, and former Secretary. The tape was duly cut by Mrs. Jennifer Parker. There was a good attendance and those present included members of the Society, County Councillor John Wells, Councillor Tommy Flanagan, the Morton Gala Queen, Miss Gemma Irving and Mr. C. Hood, a former headmaster of Morton C. E. School.

The Old School Green was then officially declared open for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

Because the village green has to be maintained by the village of Morton itself, volunteers are earnestly requested to come forward and display their talents and show their 'green fingers'. Any help, however little, is welcome and it is vital that the Society receives assistance if the green is to be kept in a neat and tidy condition. Villagers willing to give a little of their valuable time or anyone wishing to assist in any way, please contact Mr. Albert Braithwaite the co-ordinator of the sub committee for the village green, or any other Society committee member. Don't be shy! Your few minutes assistance will make all the difference. Just one small but important point regarding the green. Will dog owners please, please prevent their dogs, or any other dogs from using the area as a public convenience. This causes an unsightly mess and is most unpleasant and unhealthy, particularly if small children are playing. We are planning to plant further small trees and shrubs and ground cover plants during the autumn period. Anyone wishing to donate any plants, trees or shrubs, please contact a committee member.

The Best Kept Village Competition for West Yorkshire was held again this year. Well, we did not win although we consider we should, at the very

least, have received a commendation. But in spite of no prize, our grateful thanks go to all who made a collective or individual effort towards presenting the village in it's best light. You've all done very well and we hope for a better result next time round.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place in July when we welcomed Mrs. Jean Buckworth as a new committee member. We recently received the resignation of Mr. Gerry Van Den Berg who has just removed from Morton. We thank him for his past work, particularly for his term as Vice Chairman, and give him and his wife our best wishes for the future. The Society this year re-introduced a 'Best Kept Garden Competition. The judges found it a difficult choice as gardens in the village vary widely. Mr. & Mrs. M. Nelson were finally chosen and as winners for this year were presented with an engraved cup and cash prize.

The contract for the old graveyard in Green End Road has been approved and it is hoped this piece of land will soon pass into the ownership of the village.

The Society has received a letter from Mr. P. Ewer of Sunnydale Park, who is asking for help in investigating the Green End Road area, prior to 1835. He asks for anyone with any maps or documents relating to that part of the village to contact him. He has also advised the Society that W.Y.M.C.C. are investigating the ownership of the bridge over the beck below Sunnydale Park, because it requires urgent repairs.

Finally, we are having a bonfire on November 5th (when else) 7pm, when the ubiquitous pie and peas will be available, along with other goodies. We can only hope for better weather than last year and that some young people can overcome their impatience and wait until the 5th of November before setting light to the bonfire. We look forward to seeing you.

Morton Babysitting Circle.

This small, friendly circle of local mums would welcome new members. Solve your babysitting problems and meet new friends - no expense involved.

Contact Stella Isaac,

12, Otley Mount,

East Morton - 564899 - or any member.