



# MORTON Village Society NEWSLETTER

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Your Village Society has not been slumbering during the long, hot summer months and much time and effort has been spent in continuing to bring about improvements in East Morton for the benefit and enjoyment of all residents. Our Secretary who has been struggling (womanfully) with letters to and from bureaucracy has slowly submerged under a sea of correspondence.

Old School Site. Following the allocation of £5,000 for landscaping from the Community Programme we anxiously await the start of work by the Manpower Services Commission. So far there is no sign of them on the horizon but we are assured work will commence shortly and be finished in time for the March 1985 deadline. We await the start with eager anticipation. It is suggested the site be named 'Old School Green' unless anyone has a better suggestion. A very generous donation has been received from the Womens Institute for the purchase of a seat which will be strategically placed on the finished site.

Recreation Ground. We are advised that the application to build houses on land at the top of Clifffeston Drive (including part of the Recreation Ground) has been refused.

The problem of the 'Berlin Wall' cutting off part of the Recreation Ground, however, remains.

After many journeys down the corridors of power at Bradford Metropolitan Council we discovered that the left hand did not know what the left hand was doing. Some information has been extracted from various departments regarding proposals for development and exchange of land in and around the Recreation Ground. Also further enlightenment was provided by Cllr. Flanagan who kindly attended the September committee meeting. What has finally emerged is that Bradford Met. Leisure Services are to enquire if Messrs. Drummond, Neate are still interested in an exchange of land on the Recreation Ground and if so, a public meeting will be called inviting East Morton residents to express their wishes.

In case anyone has forgotten, there was an application to exchange a piece of the Recreation Ground (at present inaccessible and walled in) with a strip of land along the eastern boundary.

Fishing in Freedom Mill Dam. Canterbury Tenants Asscn., who have permission to fish the dam owned by Freedom Mill Cement Works have spent time and money in



improving the dam and immediate area. They have requested villagers to keep an eye on the dam whilst enjoying the improvements. They have encountered several acts on vandalism and they wish Freedom Mill Dam to retain its present improved state. Fishing is available to residents of the village who are members of East Morton Angling Club. Application for membership should be made to:- Mr. Colin Mott, 9, Studley Close.

Footpaths. Following a request from the Village Society most of the footpaths in the area around the village have been cleared by the Countryside Wardens Dept. for which we are very grateful.

Bonfire. After last year's success, a bonfire is to be held again this year on Saturday, 3rd November, at 6pm. with the accompanying pie and peas supper. Anyone bringing materials to burn is requested not to put them against the rear of the Village Institute as it is not proposed to burn down that worthy edifice. Any gifts of parkin or toffee for sale would be much appreciated.

Otley Road improvement. A request has been made to the Local Authority to 'fence off' and make tidy the piece of land between Green End Road and Otley Road, adjoining Hillside Methodist Chapel.

Further representations have been made regarding the 'water splash' at the bottom of Otley Road near Morton Beck. The Highways Authority has informed the Society that they are trying to trace the owner of land adjoining the road. If they are unable to do this, they will undertake the work themselves after allowing the official lapse of time.

30 MPH. Requests have been made to move the 30 mph. sign on Carr Lane from outside the school to a suitable distance back along Carr Lane, thus hopefully deterring aspiring grand prix drivers. Even if successful, this could take some time because of the legislation involved. The wheels of bureaucracy as ever grind slowly.

Problems. We are pleased to listen to any problems or suggestions regarding the village but please remember we are not an arbitration or vigilante committee.

Membership. We welcome any residents wishing to join the Village Society. Subscriptions are 50p. per person or £1. per family subscription. In order to join, please contact:.....  
or any committee member.