

SPRING NEWS LETTER



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The recent fine warm weather has put a smile on everyones face and certainly made the world a pleasant place especially Morton Village. The new flower beds and rose beds on the Village Green are beginning to look more attractive as time goes by. Credit for this must go mainly to Mr A. Braithwaite assisted by Mr. Devlin & Mr T. Robinson. Credit for the mindless damage done recently to the seats and their name plates goes to nameless vandals. This is criminal damage and the police have been informed. Once again we appeal to all villagers to be vigilant and in the interest of all, try and keep our village vandal free. This present outbreak is not just high spirits as the damage done was deliberate.

Later in the summer we will be holding the Best Kept Garden Competition. This can be awarded to any garden in the village, so if you can think that any garden merits recommendation, please inform a member of the committee, obviously with our climate, our gardens don't usually look their best until around July/August.

Following various complaints regarding aspiring world racing champions tearing through the village at dangerous speeds, representation has been made to the local constabulary. We understand the police have been in action several times on the roads through Morton with radar guns. We don't know if anyone was caught but hope at least it will have a deterrent effect.

Further representation is being made regarding providing buses for children attending Beckfoot School and we hope this will bear fruit, in due course, but the wheels of local authorities grind ever slowly (except when sending rate demands).

You may have noticed the work has ceased on the hillside between Otley Road and Green End Road, and the work is still uncompleted. This is due to more than one party claiming ownership of various pieces of land in that area and ordering the Volsec people off the site. They have obviously withdrawn their labour until the situation is resolved and we hope the various complainants about the unsightly mess left behind will bear with us and be understanding until the problem is resolved. We hope that the question of who owns what and where will soon be sorted out allowing the work to be completed.

The society has been asked to assist the residents of Providence Row in their fight against proposed changes to the development at Sunnydale Park in the vicinity of Providence Row.

The developers were applying for further amendments to the original plans which the residents of Providence Row feel virtually constitute new proposals and that therefore the development ought to be considered as new plans. The Society stated it would support the objections of the residents of Providence Row and also would make representation regarding the problems which would result from further traffic, including site traffic, using Green End Road.

You may have noticed that stone plinths have been erected on Carr Lane and up Alma, East Morton signs are being made to put on them.

Other minor details which the Society have asked the appropriate authorities to attend to are:- (1) The worn conditions of some lamp standards along Carr Lane, five are now being renewed and (2) Lack of action on repairing the bridge over the canal on Swine Lane. It was felt this had been left in an unsafe condition for far too long.

Nominations are invited for members of the Committee, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of Morton Village Society. Nominations must be made in writing with a proposer and a seconder, and sent with the consent of the nominee at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting which is on 16th June, 1987 at 7.30 pm in the Institute. Nominations should be sent to the secretary, Mrs M. Doyle, 12 Dimples Lane, East Morton. Existing officers and members of the committee have signified they are willing to stand for re-election and have been proposed and seconded.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the A.G.M., so that you can air your views and give your suggestions.