



Spring Newsletter No 72 - 2012

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Exult; manifest joy and a time of rejoicing are some of the words used in the Oxford Dictionary to describe the word jubilee/jubilate. With the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen fast approaching, we are preparing to celebrate here in East Morton. The word celebrate seems a little tame compared to those I began with, but there will be nothing tame about the arrangements coming together to make a day to remember. I hope this newsletter will arrive prior to the event but if not, you are bound to have heard all about what is to happen in plenty of time and hopefully to have joined in if you were at home at the beginning of June. I am old enough to remember the coronation of Queen Elizabeth and the excitement it generated, particularly as the event was televised. The whole nation went into party mode, and sixty years on the throne is the best reason of all to party again. Much has happened over the ensuing sixty years - triumphs and disasters, and so many enormous changes to the lives of everyone. In 1952 there was great community spirit shown and I believe that in our village we are now enjoying such a spirit again. Let's make it a time of great rejoicing for us all.

Wine Tasting

Ray and Jan from Booths supermarket in Ilkley gave us an entertaining evening on March 16th trying to guess which of them was accurately describing the wine we were drinking. There were four whites and four reds to try and identify but it became less important to get it right as the evening went on! Cheese and biscuits accompanied the wine and Ray had to use his initiative with a spoon and kettle to keep the chatter down. A great evening, and one supported by Barclays Bank, through Carolyn Foster, who doubled up on funds raised, which have to be used within the community.



Noticeboards

Two new noticeboards are now in situ on Waterside Fold and are being maintained by Geoff Finnerty. These should keep those that live there fully up to date with what is happening.

Water on the Village Green

During the past year, on occasions of particularly heavy rain, water has been emerging at the top of the path near to the bottom of the steps, running down and on to the footpath by the road. Some of the flags have become uneven, possibly because the water has washed silt from beneath them down the path making it muddy. The Council have been very helpful and John Crowther has taken several photographs, which we hope will help in identifying a possible source. Our concern is that the path could become a hazard particularly during

the winter months, and we would like to take some action before winter is upon us again.

Dog Fouling

In the early days of the Society, this was the recurring moan from many residents. Lately dog fouling has become a problem again, and in the Recreation Ground in particular. You will appreciate that in an area used by so many children, this is very unpleasant. The Countryside Wardens have suggested that flagging the offending deposits can be effective in highlighting the problem. This has worked in other areas. However it was suggested at our last committee meeting that we have a Name and Shame column in the next newsletter – with photographs!! A bit extreme you might say but it could work.....Anyone out there got any other ideas? Waste bins have not been provided by the Council for some time.

*East Morton's
Jubilee 2012*

**Monday 4th June
2-9pm FREE ENTRY**

**Have your
“Picnic in the Park”
and join the celebration
Plus Irish Ceilidh band, beer tent,
BBQ and family entertainment
Supporting Parkinsons UK**

SEE INSIDE FOR THE MANY EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE INSTITUTE

FEAST MORTON

Orchard Update

A sunny Saturday in March saw lots of volunteers, young and old, turn out to help plant East Morton's Community Orchard. Thank you to everyone who came along to lend a hand and offer support – it was a magical experience to see a plain stretch of grass transformed into a new orchard during the course of one day.



For anyone who hasn't been to the Rec since planting day, the orchard is at the top of the hill, tucked in on the side nearest the church. There are apple, cherry, plum, quince and gage trees, all of which are doing well despite the recent spell of cold weather. Each tree is protected against rabbits and the occasional visiting deer by a tubular tree guard, with a wooden tree guard providing extra protection from bounding dogs, runaway mowers and other dangers!



Feast Morton was extremely fortunate in having Russell Jeanes, a film-maker who lives in the village, along to record the creation of the orchard. Russell has made a wonderful film which you can watch online (either via <https://vimeo.com/39436071> or search for "east morton community orchard" on YouTube). Thank you Russ for capturing everything about planning and planting the orchard so well.



In the autumn we will complete the planting with the addition of about a dozen more trees – more apples, some pears and a couple of cobnut trees. We also hope to have an information board in the future to show where the different varieties are and when they fruit, plus other information about how the orchard is managed.

Finally a huge thank you also to the many donations that we received from individuals and groups alike. It was through your generosity that all of the above was possible. As ever, if you would like more information or to get involved please contact us at feastmorton@hotmail.co.uk

We hadn't a Clue!

Earlier this year Hilary and David Jefferson who live at the end of St. Luke's Terrace noticed a car pull up near the seat situated on the grass by Fardew Golf Course. The driver got out and moved over to the seat and in Hilary's words "seemed to be fiddling about under the seat". The car went off but Hilary took the number, which was a personalised one. As garden items have been in the habit of disappearing recently in the locality, she and David were worried that someone was eyeing up the (newish) seat for their garden. We checked that the Morton in Bloom team was not involved and she then informed the Police. They said that the number of the car and address were not ones that would have caused them concern. Surprisingly exactly the same thing happened a few days later, with a different car. The number was again noted and there was much speculation as to what was going on. Some weeks passed and then, again, a car stopped by the seat. This time a child got out and the same manoeuvre was carried out. Once the car had gone, David strolled along to the seat and found a clue in a Geo-Caching game! He replaced it. Our suspicions were unfounded thankfully but congratulations on their vigilance to Hilary and David.

Best Kept Garden/Frontage

A new judge has come forward and we look forward to seeing whose garden and frontage are chosen this year.

Sty Lane Planning Inquiry Result Due Soon

The Inspector's Report on the Planning Appeals by Redrow Homes (Yorkshire) Ltd and Bellway Homes Ltd (Yorkshire Division) for the site at Sty Lane, Greenhill was due to be submitted to the Secretary of State on 14th May 2012.

The final decision is expected to be issued on or before 16th July 2012. When Greenhill Action Group is informed of the final decision it will make it known by email through its mailing list and on the website www.greenhillactiongroup.co.uk

Art class

Another one day art class was held at the institute on 28th May - the tutor Tony Clegg guided 20 pupils to produce some excellent work, a watercolour view of Robins Hood Bay. The day was a sell-out and included an excellent lunch and wine. There are more "one off" Saturday art classes planned for the autumn term as well as the regular Monday and Thursday morning groups lead by the excellent art teacher Caroline Hardaker. Photo below shows some of the class members attending.

Details and prices of all art classes are available from Karen Redhead. **Art Exhibition** - October 27th (10am - 4pm - FREE ENTRY) with a preview ticket only evening on the 26th with Cheese and Wine. Limited tickets - £4 will be available in September



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The Villages Pre-School Eldwick and East Morton

The Villages Pre-School is available for all children aged between two and four years old. We offer a safe, caring, fun and educational environment, with sessions that are tailored to suit your needs.

From September 2012, we are open for the following morning and afternoon sessions:

The Church Hall Eldwick - Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

The Bungalow, East Morton C of E School Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

For further information, please contact:

Jane Courtney on 07981124093, email moorview@gmail.com, visit our website at thevillagespreschool.co.uk or call in to see us.....

School Corner

Two major events in school in the Spring Term were Grandparents in school day and Year 3 and 4's production of Trouble at the Tudor Banquet. Once again the children's performance was of a very high standard and the donations collected will go towards additional sound equipment for the school hall. "Friends of Morton" have also been very busy with their fundraising efforts working with the school council to fund improvements to the playground. The much needed extension to the staffroom is well under way; not only will this provide much needed space for our ever expanding staff but also room for meetings and small group work with children. During the summer term we will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee with a street party on the school playground and following an Olympic theme as we approach the summer holidays.

Upcoming event

1st July - Annual Fun Day event is open to all in the village – particularly those with children or grandchildren to bring along and enjoy the Olympic themed activities, bouncy castle, sponge the teacher, penalty shoot-out, stalls and games.



Institute Corner

We now have facebook pages for both the village and the institute to be exact "Morton Memorial Institute" and "East Morton" – so anyone who uses facebook might like to "like" these pages and add their comments



Music night

The unique, original, surprising and unmissable Fiona-Katie Roberts with her home-made tri-harps and a new repertoire, accompanied by the dry humour and wit of Eddie Lawler, will make it another music night to remember on 29th June - tickets £4 in advance from Rhona 07777 637363

Treasure Hunt

Bad weather stopped play earlier this year for the planned village treasure hunt so it is being relaunched on Sunday August 5th. This is an excellently planned hunt around the village and its environs taking around two hours to complete and with questions suiting children and adults - full details on how to enter your team are in the institute window.

"September in the Rain" play

The "badapple theatre company" present "September in the Rain" by John Godber on Friday 21st September - ticket details to follow in institute window

First Aid training

Emergency First Aid training by St John Ambulance is being held on Sunday 7th October 2-5pm cost £15 - with a certificate at the end. Places are limited so please book ahead.

Local produce market

We are delighted to announce the arrival of local produce markets at the institute this autumn. Planned for Sunday morning on 9th Sept, 14th Oct, 4th Nov and 9th Dec, so please "put it in your diaries".

Cheese and wine night

The annual institute cheese and wine night - in partnership with Booths of Ilkley will be held on Friday 28th September - as always full ticket information will be published by email and in the village noticeboards.

Yoga classes

Beaming Buddhas has started yoga classes for children at the institute. Monday 2-3pm for family yoga with children 2-4 years old and Kids Yoga Club on Thursdays 4.30-5.30pm for children from 4-10 years of age. Contact Nikkola on 07950 277877 or www.beamingbuddhas.co.uk for information.

Morton Meet raising money for Roleystone Horse Sanctuary

Sunshine and a good cause brought a bumper turnout to the Morton Meet on Thursday 24th May. The takings and donations that day went to the Roleystone Horse Sanctuary which had suffered an arson attack the weekend before. The fire had badly damaged buildings and equipment but fortunately through the fire brigades fast response no animals were injured. Additional baking was done by Mary Appleby, Sarah Marsh and Pam Evans helping to raise a staggering £165 in just 2 hours. The Morton Meet is held every Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm in the Institute and everyone is welcome. Tea and cake costs £1 and squash and cake for the children is 50p.

Date for Diary' December 1st - Sumptuous Meal and Murder Mystery Evening' with professional actors'

If you want to receive occasional emails with event news please email bookings@mortonvillage.org.uk and ask to be added to the email list

Take a look at your institute, it just gets better. More improvements are planned for half term week, including a new dishwasher in the kitchen.

As always appeals for players to use the snooker table.

Morton Lottery

Gala lottery prize of £250

If not already a member of the lottery why not please buy your ticket to help support YOUR village by buying a number. At just £12 a year, it is not so much to part with but if more people join, we can do so much more to improve where we live for everyone to enjoy. DON'T DELAY JOIN TO-DAY

Free Pimms

Come to the lottery stand on Gala day and for Lottery members or anyone joining on the day you can have a free glass of Pimms.

New phone number for the bookings secretary of the Institute 07534 195446

To purchase tickets for any event contact:-

Rhona Emmott 01274 551067 · email bookings@mortonvillage.org.uk

or Karen Redhead 01274 560279 · email 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.



The Yorkshire in Bloom judges came to Morton on Wednesday 11th April for the first of their two visits this year. Apart from the heaven's opening and an occasional whiff of muck-spreading the day seemed to go well!

The judges were enchanted by our Village Green and also liked all the other parts of the route. We gained many favourable verbal comments as they went around. A huge thank you to the Busfield Arms and Fardew Golf Club for their hospitality. Also our thanks are extended to Margaret Irving for letting us look around her lovely garden. Many others played their valuable part too.

Our strategy of using themed colours has worked well and the Green has steadily improved over the past three years. The heather bed however, is starting to look a little tired and we will soon be turning our attention to this after the summer judging.

The judges return again in July for our second and final inspection, this will be on July 11th at 2pm. In summer we intend to base part of our route on visiting Morton school, the allotment site, as well as parts of the rec, the bottom part of Green End Road and of course the pub!

Just a reminder that there is a miniature vegetable garden competition run by MIB on Gala day this year. Schoolchildren from Morton or Crossflatts may enter. Please use nothing larger than a standard seed tray and the design can be based on anything you choose!

The MIB committee has decided to advertise that up to the end of September we are to hold a working party on the first Saturday of every month. We are therefore to meet at 10.30 on the Village Green on 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August and 1st September. Please do come along and give us a hand and say hello! No matter what your skills are, we can find a job for you!

We especially need volunteers to help water the summer bedding plants on an occasional basis on summer evenings.

Alternatively, contact John or myself, if you wish to contribute at other times. We will be only too pleased to find you something a small yet enjoyable and rewarding task, to help play your part in the upkeep of your village.

Lee can be contacted on 01274 567312 or email: Seniorlee2000@yahoo.co.uk or John can be contacted on 01274 562729.



The MIB team outside the Busfield Arms

Gala Sunday July 8th 2012

This year's East Morton Gala promises a few surprises!

With the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics, our theme this year is Carnival – so get out those colourful costumes and join in the Gala parade.

Your Gala programme will soon drop through your letterbox packed with information about this, the biggest, East Morton event.

There will be arena entertainment by our local children who will sing and dance for the audience. Then there is the ever popular baby and pet competitions followed by a special magic show to surprise everyone.

NEW this year is a climbing wall plus Cubkarts, pony rides, homemade waffles and challenging games - yes some silly fun we know you will enjoy! Add your favourites to the mix and we feel sure we have a the recipe for a brilliant Gala.

And...we are introducing a Flower and Vegetable competition open to all ages. PLUS a Garden in Miniature class - open to primary school children. We have set aside a competition tent which we predict will be overflowing with East Morton home grown produce.

So check out the entry form and rules which accompany the programme and...enter!

We look forward to seeing you all on July 8

PS Do you know there are only nine people on the Gala committee? Do you have any positive suggestions for the day? Can you sponsor an event? Can you offer your help for half an hour on the day? Call Kathy: on 01274 567174



Flower & vegetable competition

Flowers -

Any blooms, minimum 3 stems;

Flower arrangement;

Container arrangement - hanging basket, container etc

Vegetables -

Best podded vegetable - 6 pods, open to all types of peas, beans etc;

Best vegetable combo - any three individual vegetables;

Best root vegetable - carrots, beetroot or any root vegetables;

Best vegetable in show - open to all types of vegetables;

Wackiest shaped vegetable;

Heaviest spud

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