



# Early Summer Newsletter No 78 - 2014

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*"Ne'er cast a clout till May be oot!"  
The wind at north and east  
Was never good for man nor beast  
So never think to cast a clout  
Until the month of May be out!"*

I am not sure whose quote that was although there are bound to be those of you out there who can tell me. Well we are "up north" but lots of clouts have been cast lately during the very pleasant weather and as I write this, school holidays approach and with them the hopes of teachers, parents and pupils for lots of summer sunshine in which to enjoy the outdoors.

## Toilets

Sometime during the late 1960s or early 70s, the bottom of the gardens of some homes on the south side of Morton Grove was purchased to create the bus turnaround still used today. I think the toilets must have been built at the same time. A few years ago Bradford Council decided to close many public toilets across the authority and despite vigorous campaigning by our chairman David Miller, they were indeed closed. However, in their wisdom the Council reversed their decision, the toilets reopened and the team of volunteers (or pressed men/women) that David established have opened them every day since. Jill Wilkinson, for the Council, has acknowledged and appreciated

their help believing that it has prevented the casual damage and vandalism unattended toilets often experience. The Council has now decided that from April 2015 cleaning services will be withdrawn and although in the early stages, savings must be delivered for 2014/15 and by 2015 there will be no mobile cleaner in post and many unattended toilets will either be closed or passed to others to manage. Costs for the toilets are as follows - rates £542.85p - water £320 - electricity £88. Consumables, cleaning materials, loo roll etc. will be below £500 but the major cost is the cleaning of the toilet block and associated travel/transport costs. Water and electricity costs will be paid for the next two years as that budget is held by another section of the Council. The Council say the facility suffers from very little vandalism, is uncomplicated and therefore easy to maintain and repair. However, unless some other party is willing to take on the management and cleaning of the toilets, they will have to close. They do not intend to leave the block to deteriorate. If appropriate an attempt would be made to sell the block (Jill did not believe it would be) and alternatively arrangements would be made to have it demolished and the site landscaped. The Morton in Bloom group has landscaped the toilet area over the last few years and they are probably now the

most attractively landscaped facilities in the authority. A suggestion put forward, but not by MIB, in the event the building being de-commissioned and empty, it could be used as MIB storage. Not a bad idea really? This will be on the agenda at the Annual Meeting at the end of July and hopefully we shall be in a position to make an informed judgement on what would be the best way forward.

## Be vigilant

During the past few weeks there have been several burglaries from garages, sheds and gardens locally. Make sure that you do everything you can to make your property as secure as you can and make things as difficult as you can to deter these enterprising thieves.

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Society is on Monday, 28th July at 7.30pm in the Institute. Do come along - it is good to share ideas and there may be something you can contribute to making our village even better! We are also looking for some new committee members if you would like to join us.

**Welcome The Tour to Yorkshire with a night of French food, fun and festivities.**

The evening will include buffet, wine, quiz, games and a dance. Prizes for all the competitions as well as the best French themed outfits worn on the night.

**7.30pm Friday 4th July**  
**At East Morton Institute**  
**Tickets £15 Tel 01274 567345**

*Bonjour Tour*



*Isabel Sharpe is our lovely Gala Queen*

SEE INSIDE FOR THE MANY EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE INSTITUTE

# Institute update

We currently have a good selection of clubs, hopefully something to suit everybody. We would also like to offer a slimming club if anyone is interested in running one.

## Additional room to hire from September 2014

We are currently drawing up plans ready to get tenders in for the renovation of the room that previously had the snooker table in. At 41sqm the room is a good size for smaller clubs or meetings and the hire charge of just £10 per hour (£8 regulars) is fantastic. The room has its own toilets, tea and coffee making facilities so is totally self sufficient from the main hall (except for use of the disabled toilet)

## Main Hall

As well as weekly classes the hall is a great venue for private parties; birthdays, weddings, funeral teas, family gatherings. Just £15 an hour with good, modern kitchen facilities and a huge grassed area and playground at the rear.

For larger functions both rooms can be hired as double doors lead from one to the other.

If you would like further information or to check availability please look on our web site or ring the Bookings Secretary. Tel 07534 195446.

## New clubs make use of our new room

From this September Weenyboppers will be meeting on Monday mornings.

## Art drop in

In the newly refurbished 'Beanlands' room (previously, the snooker room) No teacher, just come along and paint with lots of other like minded people. Starting Wednesday 17th September, 10-12am just £2 a session including coffee and biscuits. For more details contact Karen 07718 763309.

## Wine tasting

There is a wine tasting planned for Friday, 26th September, in the Institute, in aid of church funds at 7.30pm.



The orchard is doing well and the companion planting of wild flowers has added colour and interest.

The group is meeting on the third Sunday of the month at the orchard to maintain and plan the future work. Anyone interested is welcome to join us (the dates may change and are posted on the notice board in the Institute).

The orchard will be judged on July 14th as part of 'It's your Neighbourhood' community gardening scheme which is part of Yorkshire in Bloom.

The group has obtained some historical information about Orchards in the East Morton area which will be developed ready to share at Apple Day in the Autumn. We would be interested to hear from any one who has anecdotes or knowledge of orchards in the area. Please contact Anne Holden on 01274 511618.

Tickets on sale now for .....

**East Morton Institute's  
Coach Trip to the 2015  
Alhambra Pantomime.**

**Saturday 10th January 2.30pm**

**Tickets just £30 including coach transport!**

**BILLY PEARCE  
JOE MCELDERRY**

**Shiny White  
Seven Dwarfs**

Adults welcome with or without children - its an excellent show for all ages.

Ticket standard price is £28.50  
Group discount means we can offer you coach transport to and from the theatre AND your show ticket for just £30 per person!



Not everyone likes to embrace all this modern technology and social 'networking' - but this photo appeared on FaceBook recently and its one I have never seen before, also never heard of 'Butts Avenue' - hope you can all place where its taken

# ST LUKE'S MORTON

## First World War Centenary

On 30th April we planted poppy seeds at the school and the church as part of our commemoration of 100 years since the start of the First World War. The actual anniversary is 4th August and all being well the poppies will be up and in full bloom by then. Do keep an eye on how they are growing and watch out for other events taking place in the village this year, as we remember those who fought and died for peace and freedom.



We have a new member of the team at St Luke's starting in July and here she is to introduce herself:

Hello! I'm Jenny, and I'm very much looking forward to working alongside Reverend Mike and serving as Curate in the parishes of Morton and Riddlesden. I'm married to Richard and we have two children, Ethan aged 11 and Lara aged 7. I'm training for ordination with the Yorkshire Ministry Course, based at Mirfield, where I'm reading for an MA in Ministry and Theology. Currently I work as a 'Faith to Faith' worker for the Touchstone Centre in Bradford, encouraging dialogue and building positive relationships between Christians and those of different faiths and I'll be starting with you at the beginning of July. I like to spend my spare time listening to music and playing the piano, meeting up with friends, and exploring Yorkshire with my family. Whenever possible we also love travelling further afield. We look forward to meeting you soon. Jenny Ramsden



## Free Pimms on Gala Day

For those with lottery numbers and anyone joining at the Gala, come along to the VS and Institute stand.

### Win Win Win

£250 cash prizes on Gala Day as well as £200 prizes for July's Draw. (Almost half the proceeds are returned to members with monthly and Gala Day draws.)

### East Morton's very own lottery

Just £1 a month per number. Forget Camelot - ALL the profit from this lottery goes back into YOUR Community. The '100 PLUS CLUB' was launched on October 16th 2001. So called as we were not too sure how many people would sign up. We are thrilled to say that we now have around 500 numbers in the lottery representing around 300 homes. As we have about 1000 homes in the village, we still have a long way to go before we see every home represented in the lottery. Since it's launch it has raised over £31,000 for village amenities and paid out over £23,000 in prizes to lucky villagers.

### Why should I join ?

The Village Society has no other source of regular income. The money pays for the commercial gardeners who maintain the village green (alongside Morton in Bloom volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure it looks fantastic) and to help fund work done on other communal areas in the village so enhancing all our lives and improving the place we live. So come on everyone, we could do so much more if you all joined in. (Please do consider Standing Order as it saves us a huge amount of time).

If you are already in it, get in touch if you would be willing to help drum up support on your road. For further information contact; karenredhead@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07718 763309

### Scouts

Just under 12 months ago, a large trailer with a picture of Bear Grylls emblazoned on its side turned up at East Morton's gala. Its purpose was to advertise what Scouting was about and to judge the viability of setting up a Scout Group in the area following an initial enquiry from the local Village Society.

A lot of interest was shown and the result.... 5th Keighley (East Morton) Scout Group was formed. Today, interest remains high with over 30 Beaver and Cub Scouts enjoying new activities, learning skills and making friends.

The Group has become now become enmeshed with the local community with support from parents, the VS and others to help make it happen. Looking to the future, I would like to see more people experience 'The Adventure'.

Scouting offers fun, challenge and everyday adventure to girls and boys. It's also about fun and friendship for adults too! With Scouting continuing to expand in East Morton, there is no better time for adults to get involved. You can give as much or as little time as you like and you can fit volunteering around your work and family commitments.

For details about joining or being involved with Scouting in East Morton, please contact Mark on 01274 560531 or email eastmorton@keighleyscouts.org.uk. It only remains to say, 'JOIN THE (SCOUTING) ADVENTURE'. Derek Wild - Deputy District Commissioner



The final half term at school is an extremely hectic one, with lots of additional events and activities planned. Our school sports teams are taking part in a host of inter-school competitions this summer, which include tennis, cricket, rounders and the finals of the Bradford Schools Tag Rugby 'Road to Twickenham' tournament at Odsal Stadium. Within school, we will be celebrating the very topical sports of football and cycling, with special afternoons dedicated to the World Cup, and various events surrounding the Tour de France Grande Depart, including a family bike ride and a Tour de France day on 4th July. Our school Sports Day will take place on Friday 11th July, so if you are passing school on that day, please give a cheer for our competitors!

As the warmer, and hopefully drier, weather settles in, all the children will enjoy a day out, with trips planned to Nell Bank (Reception), Skipton Castle (Year 1), Blackpool (Year 2), Chester Zoo (Years 3 and 4) and an exciting 'Elizabethan Day' at Bingley Grammar School for Year 5 children.

Closer to home, the school Choir are hard at work, practising their songs in preparation for their concert with the Steeton Male Voice Choir at St Luke's Church on Saturday 21st June, and the warm, damp weather has certainly been keeping Gardening Club members occupied, planting, weeding and harvesting a range of vegetables, including potatoes, cabbages, beans and several different colours of carrot.

Our Year 5 and 6 children have been very busy learning lines and rehearsing for their performance of the musical 'Bugsy Malone', which will take place at the end of June. Year 6 will then be looking forward to their 3 day residential visit to the Robinwood Activity Centre in Todmorden, before they finally say farewell to us as they move on to secondary school.

And finally, the Friends of Morton Fun Day will take place at school on Sunday 28th June from 2pm until 4pm. There will be plenty of fun activities to entertain the children, in addition to a raffle, various tombolas and a café - so please pop along and support this event, which will help raise funds for the improvement of our school library.



### @East Morton Institute

Tot's - Wednesday 4.00-4.30; Juniors - Wednesday 4.30-5.15; Beginners - Wednesday 5.15-6.00

Want to learn funky moves to the latest chart music, have fun and get fit? For more info and to book a place contact Jennifer on 07792 523719 or jennifers.dancekool@hotmail.co.uk

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Our thanks go to the many who commented on the village's appearance this spring. We were pleased by the colour on the Green, the show of our additional bulbs in the recreation ground, Vicarage Lane, the churchyard and village entrances. Feedback from our spring judges was positive and we hope to put on a good show for their return on Monday 14th July.

At the time of writing we are in the process of replacing the polyanthus (which we save for next year) with geraniums, planting the several beds around trees and filling the wall baskets.

Our efforts to bring wild flowers to the village will be very evident this year. Poppies sown in preparation for this centenary year are about to bloom at the village entrance on Alma. We have extended a wild garden area just beyond the playground. Vicarage

Lane alongside St Luke's is full of ox-eye daisies, hollyhocks, assorted wild flowers and a now cultivated stretch of blackberries for villagers to harvest. Sunflowers raised from seeds gifted by Britain in Bloom will soon appear on the recreation ground and other spots in the village.

Monthly work parties on the first Saturday of every month at 10am on the Green have drawn in a few more valued workers but more are needed; no skill required just a willingness and a preparedness for dirty finger nails.

The vital summer judging is on the morning of Monday 14th July. The judges will assess various strengths including the general tidiness of our streets and the external appearance of houses throughout the length of the village, from Alma to the golf course, plus several side streets. We are helped by people in Morton who take pride in their properties but a timely check on litter, the cleanliness of pavements and weed free curb/road edges immediately prior to 14th July would be appreciated; as would any attempt to bring planted colour facing onto the road.

Once again let us say how much we are heartened by the many people who voice their appreciation of our efforts.



## Gala - 13th July Theme: Tour de Morton

### East Morton's Biggest Event!

Well we are nearly there - East Morton Gala is on Sunday July 13. The French inspired theme is Tour de Morton (On Yer Bike!) so get thinking about those costumes for the procession.

As always the Gala starts with a procession through the village starting from the bridge near Sunnydale Park - this is also where the fancy dress judging takes place. As you can see from the front cover of this newsletter, 13-year-old Isabel Sharpe is our lovely Gala Queen. Isabel is a pupil at Bingley Grammar and will lead the procession which will then travel through the village arriving at the recreation ground at 1pm.

Last year's event was a record breaker seeing over £2,800 being donated to village organisations including £1,000 towards St Luke's Church heating fund and a start-up fund to help Beavers, Cubs and Scouts which is now well established in the Memorial Institute.

This year the Gala committee has decided, for the first time, to also donating 10% of any profits to a cause which benefits children - and this year it will be the children's area of the Airedale Hospital Accident and Emergency department.

There will be one or two new surprises as well as old favourites at the Gala. As always the committee is committed to organising a family day of fun at pocket money prices.

The focus will be a variety of entertainment in the Arena including a dance display, East Morton School choir, baby and pet competition, Uncle Nick will bring thumper the rabbit to share some magic tricks and we have a surprise entertainer too!

The day would not be the same without our family run BBQ, delicious WI homemade teas in the Institute, beer tent, games, stalls and mega Raffle. Give something back...if you enjoy the Gala can you help?

We rely heavily on volunteers on Gala Day either setting up, manning a stall for half an hour or packing away at the end of the afternoon.

The Gala is the village's biggest event and if you can offer a small amount of your time please get in touch - call Chris Tetley on 01274 511647 who is organising a rota for the day.

### Calendars produced by Kirsty Fawell

Please could you pop in the next copy of the East Morton newsletter that all my calendars have sold and I made an excellent profit. This was split between our more needy groups. Other groups kindly said they were ok for funds and wanted more to go elsewhere in the village, £405 profit was raised and was split as below:-

£200 St Luke's Church (as this was my initial inspiration); £100 East Morton C of E Primary School; £45 East Morton Tuesday playgroup; £45 Morton in Bloom; £15 Morton Meet.

Many thanks goes out to all who contributed. Special thanks to Stephen Duxbury from Prestset and Rhona Emmott.



**The Morton Meet**  
Thursday 2 - 4pm

## Morton Village Society

*Aiming to preserve your village*

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