



MORTON Village Society NEWSLETTER

Winter 1986 Newsletter

The Christmas holidays are now well and truly over and we hope the festive season was enjoyed by everyone. Surely no-one passing through the village failed to notice the Christmas tree, complete with coloured lights, which graced the Old School Green, and added an extra festive touch to the village. The illuminated tree was achieved with a certain amount of gentle persuasion by our Secretary and at no cost to the village whatsoever. Bradford Met. were prevailed upon to provide the tree and lights and will hopefully carry out similar operations in years to come.

With regard to the Old School Green, you will no doubt have noticed that it is now completed. Operation Eyesore returned at the end of last year to finish their work and planted 96 shrubs and plants. A petrol mower has also been purchased so we hope that by next summer the more mature village green will be a delight to the eye.

The bonfire in November was a great success. The weather, fortunately, was kind to us. Judging by the complete clearance of toffee, parkin and pie and peas, the food provided was more than popular.

The final papers for the old chapel graveyard in Green End Road have now been signed. We have been offered assistance from the Community for Rural Aid programme providing other suitable work can be found in the area. Any work carried out would be on a cost of materials only basis.

Soon the world will know exactly where Morton is! The local authority have agreed to erect signs on all roads leading to the village, proclaiming 'East Morton', with a sign erected in a suitable position advising travellers that they have arrived at 'West Morton'. These signs should be erected during the next six to eight weeks.

Perhaps one of the most important weeks for the village this coming year will be the Civic Trust's Environment Week. This event will take place between May 3rd and May 11th and during this week we hope to have an exhibition to be held in Morton First School of paintings, photographs and local records. Anyone having old photographs or papers and records of Morton particularly of any functions held in the past, are requested to offer them on loan for the duration of Environment Week as part of our exhibition.

Anyone not wishing to loan precious papers might perhaps agree to having them photocopied. If there is any senior citizen with recollections of the village in years gone by who would like to share their knowledge of Morton past, would they contact any Society member over the next few weeks. During Environment Week two local historians will visit Morton on Wednesday, May 7th, to give a talk on the village and it's development from the Boomsday Book to the present day. The talks will be given by Dr. Gary Firth a lecturer at Ilkley College and Mr. E. Davies from Eldwick.

A map will be produced and will be available for Environment Week which will show footpaths in the locality and various places of interest marked on the map. The map will give suggested routes and approximate times taken over the various routes and it is hoped that many people will take advantage of them during the coming summer and derive pleasure in walking around the Morton area.

Remember, this is your village and anything that can be done to show that we appreciate living in such an attractive place by improving our environment for the benefit of others cannot be a bad thing. May we count on your help?