

MIDGLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Midgley Well Dressing

Once again Midgley will celebrate the importance of water by dressing the village wells. on Sunday 5th May. The theme this year is "Our Local Landscape". This can be interpreted in a wide variety of ways so we look forward to what the creative minds of Midgley come up with.

If you have a poem or appropriate reading or musical piece that you can offer as we visit the wells that would be fantastic. Just let Jean know by email: jean.tallis@gmail.com or by text or phone call on 07786 702813

On the day meet at the Pin Fold at 11a.m. to join a guided walk around all the decorated wells. The walk is approximately 1.5 miles and involves some hill walking, climbing over stiles and a short stretch of moor. Appropriate footwear and clothing is recommended. Along Towngate there will be marshalls in hi-viz jackets doing their best to slow down traffic but it is important to keep in as close to the roadside as you can to allow vehicles to pass.

The Community Room will be open from 10.00am, for a Breakfast Butty (Vegan and Veggie options) and drinks.

Everyday First Aid awareness

Thursday 9th May 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Midgley Community Room
Free

This session is provided by St John's Ambulance Community Advocates, Matt and Leanne.

It will:

- Provide you with vital, life-saving skills
- Increase general knowledge of first aid
- Prepare you for an emergency situation
- Give you confidence to help others

Put your name down in the shop.

Quiz nights

Friday 26th April

£6 to include homemade supper (meat and vegetarian options) 7.30pm for an 8pm start. The bar will be open and supper will be served half way through the evening.

You don't need a pre-arranged team - just come along!

Sign up and pay in the shop, to book your place by **Wednesday** of that week, so we know we have enough people to make it viable. Make sure you write your contact details on the booking sheet in case we have to cancel, for any reason.

Midgley Saturday breakfasts

13th April & Sun 5th May (For Well Dressing)
10am to 1pm - Midgley Community Room

Come and enjoy a freshly made bacon, egg or/and sausage teacake and a cafetière of coffee in the village. **Take away also available!**

We need help to keep this well loved Midgley tradition going so if you could help cook, prep or serve breakfast once every month or so for a few hours please contact Anne Holdsworth on 07985 128737.



WhatsAppeningMidgley - to be added to the WhatsApp group please text Anne on 07985128737.
For items to be included in the next newsletter please contact Abbie-Lee on abbieleehollister@gmail.com.

Open gardens & studios - 15th & 16th June 2024

This is a bi annual event which attracts visitors from the local area as well as further afield. We are hoping for plenty of gardens open to view throughout the village, this year; from tiny courtyards or collections of pots to large rambling plots. Its always great to have new gardens, as well as those who have opened before. Gardens do not have to be pristine or elaborate they can be established or developing. We just ask you to be able to open your garden one or both of those days and be on hand to enable visitors safe access to your garden.

If you would consider opening your garden, please contact Anne Holdsworth 07985 128737.

Midgley Community Forum Annual General Meeting

AGM's for Midgley Matters Association Ltd (the Shop), and for Midgley Community Forum (the Community Room and events) were held on 28th February.

The Shop continues to be popular with a turnover of £98,801, an increase of £7,000 over last year, and almost matching the record Covid year. The net profit after paying for goods and expenses was £4,946. This is a tribute to the continuing commitment of all the volunteers, and thanks to the ongoing support of the community using the Shop. More volunteers are always welcome, either to serve in the Shop for an hour or two, or to help with sourcing goods for the Shop. Just let anyone serving in the Shop know that you are interested in helping.

Midgley Community Forum (MCF) is an open organisation that runs the Community Room and arranges events and activities. Everyone living in and around Midgley is automatically a member - there is no joining or membership fee. Last year MCF's activities and events generated an income of over £13,000 and a surplus of nearly £4,000 after all expenses. The main sources of income were the biennial Fete, the Thursday Coffee Mornings, the Quiz Nights and Plant Sales by the gardening group. The weekly Coffee Mornings are hugely popular and we need to expand our serving and baking team. Pop in and let us know if you can help, or know someone who might be willing. (Goods for baking can be obtained free from the Shop). Alistair Grant stood down as Chair of MCF after 15 years and Graham Hill was elected as the new Chair.

During the year, £10,000 was spent on installing the latest item of equipment on the Recreation Ground in conjunction with Midgley School - the climbing frame. At the AGM, new donations of £2,000 towards a new Trim Trail at Midgley School, £500 to CROWS (a volunteer organisation that repairs and maintains local footpaths), and £300 to the Cricket Club for a new junior section were all approved.

All these events and activities need organising, and we really do need more people to help if they are to continue. If you are willing to help with anything even in a small way, please let Graham Hill or Anne Holdsworth know. This could be helping to plan an activity or event, perhaps helping to cook or serve food, or helping with our Open Gardens in June. **YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!**

Alistair Grant MCF Chairperson 2009 to 2024

Alistair has been the chair person for 15 of the 19 years of MCF's existence and we'd like to thank him for steering the Midgley 'ship', so well during that time. Alistair will continue to be involved in running Midgley events and looking after the Community building. **He has done a fantastic job. It will be a very hard act to follow although I know he continues with all the other community activities of course. Graham Hill new chair of MCF**

Introducing Graham Hill MCF chairperson 2024

Me and Helen both feel it is a privilege to live in Midgley and to be part of this great community. Our family have lived in Paradise (on Naylor Lane for anyone unfamiliar) for over 30 years and before that in 49 Towngate at "Fred's Place". Our children Megan, Jacob and Joseph grew up in Midgley and had the best education at our village school. We want Midgley to continue to thrive. My main objective in taking on this role is to get even more people who live in our community involved in the Midgley Forum in great and small ways - to support those who have already made extraordinary efforts to make this such a vibrant and special place to live. I want to thank everyone who has made such great efforts to establish and grow our shop, community room, events like the fete and open gardens as well as the host of other things that happen. I urge you to get involved - please get in touch with me or anyone else involved in the forum activities. We need your skills, experience and enthusiasm to continue this amazing legacy for future generations. Contact Graham email: gcrhill@gmail.com or 07899 874309.