

the Miller's Tale



COMMUNITY HALL LEASEHOLDER CHANGE SHOULD NOT AFFECT USE

By Richard Mollon

The North Millers Dale Community Association has been getting reports from local residents who have been having difficulty with the use of the hall. Comments have varied from the making of bookings, to the space left useable within the hall. These issues are in part due to a change in the management of the hall. Your Community hall was previously leased by the Eastleigh Baptist Church and is now leased by Jane Dyke the owner of the Yellow Dot Nursery. This is significant because the hall is the community's greatest asset.



The question to ask is how is the hall to be managed in terms of who has access and what are the costs of that access? The rules surrounding this are in a Constitution for the Millers Dale Centre Lettings Committee under an Eastleigh Borough Council reference 16805/9cl. The fact that Yellow Dot Nursery and not the Baptist Church now hold the lease does not change the situation.

The main points in the constitution are:

- There is to be a Lettings Committee to control the use of the hall and to establish a scheme of representation.
- The Committee will allow the Community 50% of normal letting hours and that usage can include dancing, gaming and drinking of alcohol.
- The Committee must include 2 members of the residents association and a serving member of the Eastleigh Borough Council. The lessee can have 3 members

The committee will

- Seek to establish a balance in letting approvals between the lessee and the needs of the Community.
- Ensure there is insurance to fabric, contents and persons hiring the centre.

- Facilitate prompt consideration of the letting applications
- Meet a minimum of 3 times a year.

Following a meeting with Jane Dyke, Doreen Lewry, Councillor Davidovitz, acting as chairman, and myself it was agreed:

- No individual can deny access for use of the hall to a resident of the community. Only the Lettings Committee can do that.
- We are to review the charges made but currently the charge is £5.50 per hour. We have been informed that Jane is proposing an increase to £6 for occasional users.
- The hall should be cleaned up and swept after use, particularly if there is any spill or mess. There is a vacuum cleaner in the gents toilet cupboard.
- Jane Dyke wants the running of the hall to remain on a friendly basis with no major changes to the way it was done before

Applications to hire the hall can be made either

- by E-mail to jane@yellowdotnursery.co.uk and cc to editor@nmdca.org.uk or
- by letter through the door of the hall addressed to Yellow Dot Nursery or

- by phone call to 023 80274775 between 0900 and 1000 weekdays.

The key can be picked up from the Nursery or Doreen Lewry.

Yellow Dot has started to charge applicants a returnable deposit of £50 against damage.

This is your hall. Please use it. The constitution and Lettings Committee are there to help everyone, both residents and Yellow Dot Nursery.

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the Information board



what's on at the community hall?

- Mon: Yellow Dot 8.10am-5.30pm
Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm
- Tue: Yellow Dot 8.10am-5.30pm
Brownies 6.00pm-7.30pm
- Wed: Yellow Dot 8.10am-5.30pm
Brownies 6.00pm-7.30pm
- Thu: Yellow Dot 8.10am-5.30pm
Yoga 7.00pm-8.30pm
- Fri: Yellow Dot 8.10am-5.30pm

HALL BOOKINGS:

N.B. new system

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 between 9am - 10am weekdays

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As mentioned on the front page some residents have been finding the use of the hall has not been quite so straightforward recently. The new booking process has changed and is described in the panel to the left. If you are experiencing any problems please let a member of the North Millers Dale Community Association committee know or email editor@nmdca.org.uk so that we can monitor the situation and raise the anomalies at the Hall Lettings Committee.

Whilst the traffic calming is still in the to do file of the HCC at least some action has taken place as a result of pressure by the North Millers Dale Community Association. Difficulty with turning right onto the Hursley road from the estate has been made easier with the addition of Keep Clear road markings at the junction

Our last newsletter was nearly a non-starter, I had edited and composed the draft copy and then settled in to the very lengthy process of printing using the North Millers Dale Community Association's A3 printer when disaster struck. The printer stopped working, everything was whirring away, paper was coming out but it was blank! No amount of head cleaning, ink cartridge changing or verbal abuse could persuade this piece of grey plastic that it was supposed to be a printer. Thankfully I had acquired an A3 photocopier and by using a combination of the photocopier and my own A4 printer I was able eventually to produce the last issue. Since then, the printer has mysteriously started working again so it is with some trepidation I approach the latest print run.

After being run by the Sinker family since it opened in 1984 over 23 years ago Lynne, Mike and Rachael have decided it's time to sell The Hiltonbury Farmhouse and move on. They have been an integral part of the Millers Dale

Useful Numbers

Instead of thumbing through the Telephone Directory or Yellow pages to find that important number, look no further than the Millers Tale. If you have any suggestions for a useful number that is not included please contact us

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Clive Chatters

Tuesday February 26th 2008
Summer in Kefalonia
Gerald Ponting

Tuesday March 25th 2008
A Woodland and its Orchids
Richard Headley

Tuesday April 29th 2008
Annual Meeting followed by:
Find Out About Bats
Mike and Chris Pawling

HISTORICAL AID TO CHOICE

Following our request, in the last newsletter, for suggestions for a more applicable name for the area of the 'former doctors surgery car park', we had several replies from residents. At the last committee meeting, the members present took a vote and came to a unanimous decision. 'Vining's Copse' as suggested by Peter and Joyce Marsh of Weavers Place will be put forward to the council for formal acceptance. Thanks to all the residents who participated.

The whole area of North Millers Dale was originally Hiltonbury Farm and was farmed by the Vining Family for over eighty years. It is perhaps apt that, as Cricket Copse opposite owes its name to the original use of the area as a cricket pitch, so another conservation area should also contain reference to its roots in the social history of Chandlers Ford.

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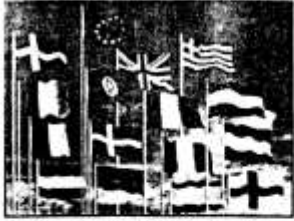
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By Liz Stainthorpe

A Taste of Europe

After the great success of Burns nights, a Paddy's Night, St George's Night and even a James Bond Night, it seemed like a good idea to have a European night. After all, love it or hate it, we are now Europeans along with countless other nations on the other side of the Channel.

The food was provided as always by Bridget and Doreen who worked their usual magic. They make it seem effortless but nothing could be further from the truth. A lot of hard work and planning goes on behind the scenes before and after the event. On this occasion we had Italian starters of Melon with Parma Ham washed down with a cheeky little Italian number (wine that is, not cinquecento). The main course

was a delicious Hungarian Goulash with a full-bodied red, (not by the name of Jordan) and to follow French style cheese and biscuits with for me the best wine of the night.

Our M.C. Mr. Charles Lewry compiled a fiendish quiz and provided the background music of Eurovision songs (I only heard one complaint). We formed teams with

some very strange sounding names, some unpronounceable in the best European tradition. After the food we continued with a Generation Game-type format. Our memories were tested with a hi-tech version of the conveyor belt which threw a wobbly half way through, a jigsaw made up of Eastern European countries, very tricky after three glasses of vino, and a challenge to make a German sausage dog out of raspberry pink play dough. This gave the more creative people present a chance to shine and I must say some of the entries had to be seen to be believed.



Liz and Gerald Ponting modelling a Eurodog in play-dough

In all we all enjoyed ourselves immensely and look forward to the next offering from the NMDCA. Why not come along and join in, enjoyment guaranteed.

LOST AND FOUND CATS

For some weeks now a very large, very friendly, very polite, dark gray cat has visited me. He always seems hungry but at the same time, he appears well fed. I have dropped notes into quite a few homes but no-one has claimed him. I can't really adopt him because I have cats of my

own. He has visited at least one other resident on the estate. Someone must know about him — has a family moved away recently and he has found his way back to his old home, or has someone moved into the area and he has got disorientated and lost?. BUT please could the owner

contact me. Otherwise I shall have to reluctantly send him to a rescue centre, which is a shame because he is such a lovely cat.

On another note, I have just been given a rescued cat and have been keeping him in for the last three weeks. However, on Monday 19th November he flew out the door as I was coming in, and has disappeared. He does not know the area at all and will be very nervous and frightened. If you spot him would you let me know. He is a creamy coloured Bengal with stunningly blue eyes. Should answer to Shadow. Please contact Pauline on 02380 263647. I live in the Rosemoor Grove area. Thank you. Since this article was written the lost cat has been found however the found cat is still unclaimed.

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AGM

26th June 2007

by Richard Mollon

It seems such a long time ago but it is worth drawing your attention to some major issues.

Last year was a very successful one in terms of its social events. In November Jim Walker proved to be a very popular singer. In March the St. David's day celebration did everything Welsh. Both events were new ideas and well attended. By that I mean we did not have enough chairs!

In early March, 30 volunteers from the community turned out to create a small park at the old Doctor's surgery. The newly cleared site already has some new trees (NMDCA has paid for the tulip tree). Flowers and bulbs will be planted. This piece of land is protected from development as much as it possibly can be.

The Finances of the association are very healthy.

We have recruited 2 new members to help on the committee, Sue Craddock and Richard Gower. I welcome both of them, we need you!

The big minus is that we have no treasurer and no vice chairman which makes it hard to operate effectively. It goes without saying it is nearly impossible to function without spreading the work and it limits what we can achieve without a full complement.

Mary Peterson our treasurer decided to resign after several years of service to

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the community. I thank her for all the help she has given and wish her all the best for the future. We look forward to seeing her at future social events.

A number of other committee members who were voted in a couple of years ago had not attended meetings for some time and after contacting them it was felt right to agree they had stepped down.

I am repeating some of what I said in the Chairman's report because most of the community did not attend the meeting. I do understand such things as AGM's are not everyone's cup of tea but it is your community association, and to help you, we first need feedback from you! The AGM is a good place to do it.

One question asked at the AGM was "what happened to the traffic calming measures that the Council agreed to a

year ago?". The answer was that this was on a list of things to do and stands at number 3 on that list. Other feedback was that Hampshire County Council thought rather than put in speed cushions, it preferred pinch points to be installed. On a more positive note the suggested 'Keep Clear' area was painted on the road where North Millers Dale meets the Hursley Road.

As a footnote I can add that the Community Hall has had a change of ownership. The lease from the Cranbury Estate that was held by the Eastleigh Baptist Church has ended and is now in the hands of the Yellow Dot Nursery. It is disappointing that we were not informed at the AGM when we asked if there were any developments or issues.

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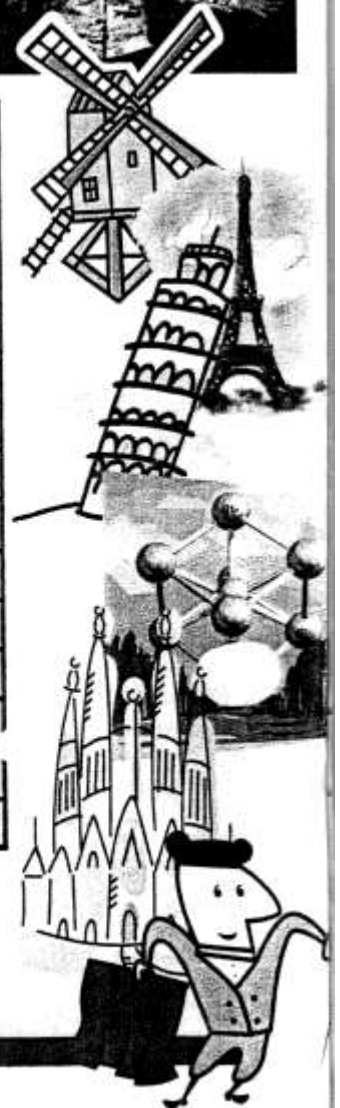
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CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME 2007

PIRATES OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND

AT

HEDGE END VILLAGE HALL



The pantomime was performed by the award winning Hedge End New Music Makers, winners of the Daily Echo Curtain Call Award for the best pantomime in the South 2004, and runners up in 2006.

Tickets were £6, £4 for concessions. Children under school age free of charge. Refreshments were included.

The choir consisted of 40 mixed voices and are based at the Methodist Church, St Johns Rd, Hedge End. New members are welcome, especially men and you don't even need to be able to read

music. If you are interested, why not come along to listen at the Thursday evening practices at the Methodist Church at 7:30pm.

Finally, there will be a CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

At the Hedge End Methodist Church Saturday 15th Dec 2007 at 4pm

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North Miller Dale Traffic Calming

This is an extract from a report from the Local Area Committee meeting held at the Dovetail Centre on 11th July 2007

carried out last year was fairly conclusive with 70% of the residents who replied to our survey being in favour of some

form of traffic calming. How many more surveys do we have to do to get some action on this project?

12. This project was submitted for inclusion in the s278 agreement with HCC as a traffic calming scheme employing speed cushions.

13. The County Council has advised that speed cushions are not the preferred option and has requested that an alternative scheme that provides refuges is proposed instead. Refuges will not have the same traffic calming effect that speed cushions would have created.

14. Before any scheme is implemented it would be prudent to re-consult with residents because there was considerable opposition to any form of traffic calming in this road.

The previous survey that the North Millers Dale Community Association

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By
Doreen
Lewry

Just over a month ago I returned home after my 4th trip to Kosovo. This time we delivered humanitarian aid to the northern mountainous region to very poor people of different ethnic backgrounds. Going directly to some people's homes was very humbling. To get to a family of nine, I had to drive our 7.5 tonne truck up a very rough track, under low hanging power cables, which two French soldiers held up with pieces of wood for me, walked a short distance, then up a very precarious staircase to the family's three roomed home.

The rooms were sparse with just a couple of old sofas, which were also used as beds. Very little clothing, no bedding, a couple of old pots on a wood burning stove were seen. We left three

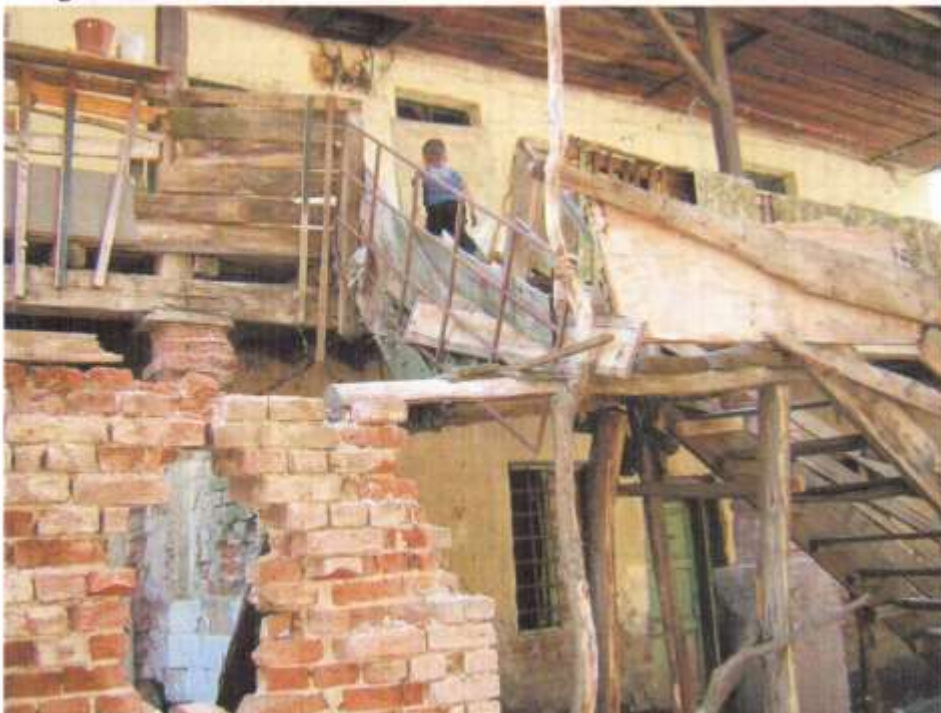
mattresses, bedding, clothing, toiletries, food and a football for the young boys in the family. We asked where the third child was. The young mother uncovered a wooden cradle at the side of the room, to reveal a baby tied into the cradle with string. The baby was pale and not moving and we feared the worst. Thankfully the baby was sleeping and on asking our guide, apparently it is custom to keep babies safe in their cradles by strapping them securely.

We carefully made our way back down the wooden structure built by the father with any pieces of wood he could find. In our culture this would be condemned as totally unsafe.

Since our return home, we have heard that the French troops which were my escort that day, have been back to that family and built a new safe staircase for them. The UN forces are not only

involved with the administration of Kosovo, but also do what they can to identify and help the poor.

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