

the Miller's Tale



“Walk To School Bus” – A Possibility In North Millers Dale?

The Community Association for North Millers Dale is assessing the feasibility of a “Walk to School Bus”. This is a voluntary scheme to encourage children to walk to school whilst reducing congestion and pollution of our roads.

The number of primary children walking to school has fallen from 72% in the mid-1970s to 53% today (National Travel Survey 1994-96). Rising car ownership and time pressures make the school run by car seem unavoidable but results in greater air pollution and congestion of our roads. At a time when the nation's children are exercising less, walking to school is a great way to get fit. Walking to school represents 41% of the average distance walked by children annually and is a major component of their total physical activity (study by the Institute of Child Health, The Hospital for Children, Great Ormond Street).



school under the supervision of trained volunteer parents. The children are picked up at “bus stops” and walk in line, supervised by volunteers. The recommended ratio is one adult for every five children. All children wear a highly visible reflective waistcoat, and luggage is transported on a trolley pushed by the lead volunteer. The trolley whilst being practical is also a great focal point for traffic. A rota of volunteers supervise the children to and from school each day and all volunteers agree to a criminal record check by the police. Following the success of

this service, which was launched last summer, Wheatfields Junior School has now introduced two new bus routes with more routes planned.

The Community Association has approached Hampshire County Council and the headteachers of the Hiltingbury Schools for their comments about implementing such a scheme in North Millers Dale. Mrs. Applin replied “Any scheme that encourages children to walk to our school is very welcome”. Mr. Lassam thought it was “an excellent suggestion and a great resolution for 1999. To improve our traffic situation, the health of our children and the peace of mind of parents, all in one go”..
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To encourage children and parents to walk to school Wheatfields Junior School in St. Albans Hertfordshire, have pioneered the “walk to school bus”. This is a scheme, devised by Mouchel Consulting, where children can walk safely to

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Welcome to the first 1999 Millers Tale newsletter.

For this issue we will be acting editors and would like to take the opportunity to give a big thank you to **Peter Frankum** who has set a very hard act to follow. Peter masterminded the very first issue and has been editor ever since. Sadly due to other commitments he is unable to continue. This brings me nicely onto the need to fill the editor's position or anyone who would like to help with the newsletter. We desperately need to build up a team of budding writers to maintain the high standard of our publication. Anyone wishing to help can contact one of the newsletter team.

New for 1999, **Yoga Classes** for all levels will be starting on Thursdays from 18th February. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment. **Contact Roz**

Hughes on 01794 513433. The Community Association is looking into the possibility of upgrading the entrance to North Millers Dale from Hursley Road as part of the 'National Spring Clean for 1999' initiative – so watch this space.

The Council has given the green light for **traffic calming** of Hocombe and Hiltingbury Roads. Both roads will soon have a speed limit of 30mph with a lorry ban being implemented at a later stage. Hiltingbury Road will also have a series of mini roundabouts. A pedestrian phase at the Hiltingbury/Hursley Roads traffic lights has been proposed and although this is welcome, it is not the Community Associations preferred option. We would prefer a Hursley Road crossing near the junction of Pine Road.

And finally, our chairman **Malcolm Stainthorpe** has volunteered to be on yet another Steering Group, this time to improve facilities at **Hiltingbury Recreation Ground**. A survey of your views will take place soon and we will keep you informed of any developments.

Bye for now, but keep your letters rolling in!
 EDS.

School Bus con'd from page 1

Hampshire County Council is willing to support a "walk to school bus" and is looking for schools to pilot the scheme. The Road Safety Officer for Education is interested in any feedback from residents.

For this scheme to be implemented in North Millers Dale we need the support of parents and children who attend the Hiltingbury Schools. A safe route to school, especially a safe crossing of Hursley road, needs to be established. This would involve Hampshire County Council, the police and the residents of North Millers Dale. Therefore the Community Association is asking all parents with children attending the Hiltingbury Schools to please fill in the reply slip below and return it to me by 20th Feb. In addition any resident's views would be most welcome to assess the feasibility of this scheme. If you would like further information about the "walk to school bus" please contact Helen North on 273771.

3 Albury Place, North Millers Dale.

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NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE No:

Number of children at infant school...

Number of children at junior school...

Comments:

Kids Corner



*What is grey, has four legs
and a trunk?
A mouse going on holiday !!*

Two TV aerials got married. The wedding ceremony went very badly - but the reception was brilliant!

*Where did Tarzan buy his clothes?
A Jungle Sale!*

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Wordsearch

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Thanks to Vic Pidea for creating a European Union of countries for this tricky wordsearch

Two ants in an airing cupboard - which one is the soldier ant?

...
The one in the tank!

*What do you get when
you jump into the Red Sea?
Wet !!*

*What do you get if you run
over a canary with a lawn mower?
Shredded tweet!*

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Well, I'm sure most of you have heard that phrase by now, but how many of you know that it is good fun, good exercise and a great atmosphere? How often can you get a great night out with the kids and dance the night away? So where do we start?



A class is a good idea. Ray and I love dancing and that's where we started. Although I had a dance background, Ray did not. Like most men, he was very shy to do his first grapevine (nothing to do with gardening by the way)! I teach absolute beginners. One of my classes started that way and they are now up to intermediate standard. I have chosen some of them to help me with the many dance demonstrations I am asked to do.

SO! Where do you go and what do you do now? Ray and I have started teaching some very eager, willing to learn, would be line dancers in North Millers Dale. Although we started just before Christmas our class has already learnt 8 dances. Come and see us every Friday – class starts 8pm for 2 hours. £3 per person.

**It's good fun,
good exercise
and a great
atmosphere**

So now you know a few dances or you will very soon. Where do you go and strut your stuff? Once a month we

hold an American Supper, where we all let our hair down and meet friends. You can make many new friends too. We sometimes go together to other venues where there are dancers of all levels with bands that understand what we are all about and ensure we all have a good night out.

I also have a free disco for line dancers of all levels every Thursday at Mustang Sally's in Ocean Village. It's a fantastic atmosphere and there is a bar, dance floor and food if you want a meal. Entrance is FREE! I would be happy to show you some dance steps that are easy to learn. I know you'll want to come to class after that at the Millers Dale Hall, by yourself or with a friend, every Friday, 8pm till 10pm for the beginners class.

Caroline Grant





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NEW TEA GROUP FOR NORTH MILLERS DALE MUMS

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The Eastleigh & District branch of the National Childbirth Trust run a number of tea groups in and around the Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford area to enable pregnant women and those with babies and pre-school children to meet regularly for a drink and a chat. The groups are a great way to meet other local parents, share information, swap experiences or just have a chat and relax! The children enjoy themselves as well!

We are now aiming to revive the tea group that used to operate on the North Millers Dale estate, and we would love to hear from you if you would like to join in. The group will operate the same way as our existing tea groups – Mums take it in turn to host the meeting and we ask those who come to make a donation to NCT funds of 50p per meeting for members and 60p for non-members.

You might like to know a bit more about the National Childbirth Trust and what it does. Founded in 1965 by a group of mothers, the NCT is now an internationally recognised registered charity with a special interest in preparation for childbirth and early parenthood. Some 55,000 members meet regularly through its network of over 400 branches and groups, and the charity is run mainly by volunteers who work



from home. As a charity, the NCT relies to a large degree upon donations in order to continue its work. We therefore strongly encourage those who come to our postnatal tea groups to become members of the NCT, and you are welcome to come along to a few groups before deciding to become a member.

However, you do not need to become a member to come to our tea groups and we would love as many mums as possible to come along.

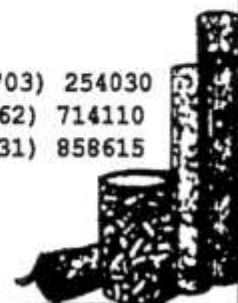
If you would like to come to the new North Millers Dale group please call Sally on 369202 for more details. Subject to the level of interest received we may form separate groups for Bumps & Babes (expectant mums and those with babies under 1) and Toddlers. If you would like to find out more about the NCT, the services we provide locally (information, antenatal classes, breastfeeding counselling, the experiences register) or details of our other tea groups, then please call Suzanne on 253475.

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Thanks to everyone who supported a very successful quiz night last November, especially Phil Heller quizmaster extraordinaire. Due to its popularity there will be a rematch for all potential Mensa members (I could only answer four questions).

Apologies to all those with hangovers following the wine tasting evening. A big thank you to **Richard Gower** who provided some excellent homemade wines which set the mood of the evening and to **Ian Parkes and Threshers Wine** of Hiltingbury Road for the varied selection of ten wines. Many of the wines were tasted blind which sorted out the experts from the partygoers and there was a sobering informal buffet halfway through the evening. We are hoping to repeat this event again next winter.

looking ahead:

Valentines Disco for 5-12 years 13th February 3-5pm. Tickets £1.50. Contact Doreen Lewry 268562.



Quiz Night - 24th April at 7.45pm. Teams of up to six intellectuals. Tickets £2. Contact Doreen Lewry 268562.



Watch this space for our singularly most popular attraction - the **1999 Summer BBQ**.



And finally, look out for **classic cars** at the Hiltonbury Farmhouse, hopefully May 22nd. For more details contact Lynne Sinker at the Farmhouse.



Deadline for inclusion of articles, adverts, letters or features in the next edition of the Millers Tale Newsletter will be 18 April 99. See details on page 2

Free classified section

Do you want to buy or sell something? Maybe offer baby sitting or other services. We have a potential readership of over 900 people who could see your advert. Contact one of the editorial team on page two for inclusion in the next issue.

Calling all artists and designers!!

We need a logo design for the North Millers Dale Community Association. If we like your design enough to use it, you could win a bottle of Champagne or box of sweets (depending on age) for your efforts.

Proposed Theatre-goers Group

In the last issue of 'The Miller's Tale' I proposed a Theatre-Goers Group as a Section within the Community Association. The intention was to obtain the reduced rates which many of our local theatres give to groups of various sizes.



Sadly, not enough people responded initially to make the group viable but those who did are all keen to see such a group established. It had been clear from the responses to the NMDCA Survey of Residents that many others are interested in theatre.

I am therefore suggesting a group visit to a specific show, which should be of interest to many, in order to get the group established : "*Jesus Christ Superstar*" by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber is being presented at the Mayflower, Southampton, from 20th April to 5th May inclusive.

Tickets prices are £ 24.50, £ 21.50, £ 17.50, £ 14.50 and £ 12.50. All of these prices reduce by £ 3.50 per ticket for a group of ten or more. **Payment would be required before booking.**

PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW to Gerald Ponting at 7, Weavers Place.



Name(s) : _____

Address : _____

Telephone : _____

I / we would be interested in attending "*Jesus Christ Superstar*" at the Mayflower, Southampton, between 20th April and 5th May inclusive.

My/our preferred day of the week (or date) would be _____

I/we would prefer £21.50 tickets at £18 / £17.50 tickets at £14 / or _____

For future reference, I / we are interested in the following types of theatre (please circle) :

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