

the Miller's Tale



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In North Millers Dale we are lucky to have a community that many modern villages would envy and in some respects we are a bit like a traditional village with our pub and 'village' hall. And, like a village, people in Millers Dale do talk to each other, have pride in our environment and do things together. It was great to see that not only do our residents raise concerns about what might become of an area of our estate but are also prepared to turn out in force, roll up their sleeves and actually do something about it.

So we are hoping this year for similar enthusiasm for our forthcoming AGM because this is your forum. We would like you to come

along and raise with us any subject which we might be able to deal with. Any ideas for events we might stage or any activities a group of people could engage in.

To help the evening go with a swing complimentary wine and cheese is on offer. So this will be a social evening as well. One thing we are interested in is the chronology of the estate. It is clear that the building and development of the area took place over a number of years. Quite a lot of the residents moved in as the houses were built and have remained in them since. It would be good to create an archive of original photos and anecdotes as much has changed in the last twenty odd years.

As usual for an AGM, a small but important part of the evening is the election of officers. We have a strong nucleus of dedicated members on our committee but we are always keen for new blood to join us. This need not be as full members but maybe just to get involved in particular activities. What we do need specifically, though, is a new vice chairman (person) and a new treasurer.

We know that North Millers Dale residents enjoy our organised evenings as we regularly get a good turn out and the feed back is invariably very positive. It is easy to continue going back to old favourites but new ideas keep the events fresh and original. So if you have any thoughts for an evenings entertainment you would like to see, let us know. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support over the years and please keep it up. See you all on the 26th June in the community hall.

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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
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Yoga 7.00pm-8.30pm
- Fri:** Yellow Dot 8.10am-5.30pm

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Welcome to issue 30 of the Miller's Tale newsletter. It seems our suggestion for a

twenty fifth estate anniversary was a few years too late. We received some communications from residents who were in their houses before 1982. In fact the birth of the estate seems to have taken place over several years from 1979 and so a date for an anniversary would be impossible to define. At the committee meeting it was suggested that maybe some sort of middle date between the start of the first and last developments might be the way to proceed. Any advice on this subject would be welcome.

Perhaps this is something you might like to raise at the forthcoming AGM. We would like to get feedback from residents about events and local concerns so that we can work more effectively for your interests. Whilst we have a strong and dedicated committee we always welcome new blood to inject fresh enthusiasm into our agendas. In particular we are in need of a new treasurer as Mary Peterson is resigning this post after many years of sterling work. She assures us that the keeping of the association's accounts is all very straightforward and would not be difficult for a new incumbent to pick up.

Following the very successful working party day at the doctors surgery car park it was decided that the NMDCA would like to provide and finance one of the new trees on the site. This tree is now in place having been planted by Hilliers. They will also be responsible for the upkeep of the 'Tulip Tree'. It is planned in the future to install a plaque by the tree. One thing which is still open for debate is a suitable name for the site rather than the rather uninspiring 'former doctors surgery car park' title. Has anyone got any ideas? The council are also planning to install a new notice board near to the site. The exact site has not been decided yet. Two suggestions are either at the entrance to the former car park or next to the post box.

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

Editor Millers Tale Charles 023 8026 8562

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear NMDCA,

I would like to volunteer myself to help on Saturday (3 March) with the clearing and planting at the Surgery car park. I feel that it is great what you are trying to do to the area, which will benefit NMD and the wildlife enormously. My children love our nature rambles through the woods and I think it would be nice to increase this availability. In fact, I think that the children should be encouraged to help with the development of the land, be it just planting a tree, to help them take pride in the future of their area.

I do feel a bit disappointed that the playground scheme for NMD has been rejected. When moving here with my young family a couple of years ago I was very surprised that there was not one. It would be a great meeting ground for young families in the area. This would benefit NMD greatly. Parents who otherwise would not meet can network and discuss local issues and perhaps have an increased input to the NMDCA. The area would have more of a friendly environment with more residents being seen out and about. Not to mention the health and well-being of the children. I often take my children out and about

and it is lovely to see the fun and interaction that playgrounds have and it saddens me that NMD lacks this. Unfortunately, it appears that the children of the core residents have now grown up and the parents do not see a need for the playground and in fact see it as potential nuisance. If it was twenty-five years ago most parents would have jumped at the chance.

Regards,
Steve

Article in the Miller's Tale Issue 29 . Building started in 1978 or 1979 not 1982..

We actually moved into our house in Nov 27th 1979 and houses in Cranbourne Gardens were occupied before then. I remember The Irelands in the first house on the left were in before us
Sorry to correct you.

Please keep up the excellent work you do.

Regards Geoff Foster.

Following our article on our belief about the age of the estate we received a phone call from Dick Ireland who tells us that he was the first person to move into the North Millers Dale

estate at the end of October 1979. Apparently the first buildings to be completed were the Maclean houses in Cranbourne Gardens, Lauriston Drive and Rosemore Grove. So that makes the estate 28 years old.
Ed.



POLICE WEEKLY SURGERIES

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) for the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury beats now hold weekly surgeries which are open to all residents who have anything they would like to discuss with them.

Thursdays: Waitrose, Oakmount Road, 5.0 p.m. - 6.0 p.m.

Fridays: Dovetail Centre, Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, Winchester Road, 10.0 a.m. - 11.0 a.m.

In the wake of the success of the reopening of the Chandlers Ford railway station and the passenger service between Romsey and Totton a new web site has been launched to provide timetables, events, places to visit and attractions. The sites URL is www.romseyrail.com

nmdca st david's day celebration

By Richard Mollon

It should have been held on March 3rd – but we were clearing the site at the Copse next to the old Doctor's Surgery. Instead St. David had to wait until March 10th for the NMDCA treatment.

The welcome drinks were sampled by 40 or so would be Welshmen

(Welshpersons? ed.). I think it was called dragon's breath. Although my family name is not Welsh (Irish I think) my paternal grandfather was a very proud Welshman and so I was eager to learn the short speech of welcome prepared by Julie (who is a close neighbour and definitely Welsh).

A week of practice, however, did not give me a Welsh accent. The Welsh

lady sitting close to me in the hall spotted that and so, I think, did the 40 others present!

In my defence I can say that instead of that last minute practice improving my accent, I was busy putting up a huge Welsh flag and supporting dragons in the hall. And it did look impressive.



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The evening started with some wonderful food named in Welsh – 'cawl cennin' being the leek soup. You might have anticipated the lamb casserole but would anyone expect Monmouth pie for pudding? The feedback tells me all who ate that night were impressed. Thank you Doreen and Bridget for your hard work and congratulations on a fine result.

The quiz tested a wide range of Welsh knowledge. And the winning team was too good for my table to beat. Thank you to Charlie for the quiz.

There was music from recordings of popular Welsh singers. A number of residents joined in, in the style of Tom Jones. "Lord Salisbury" was predominant in this

Another novelty element to the evening was the 'Ivor the Engine' construction competition. The prize for the best workmanship went to Richard Gower.

The NMDCA have put on a number of different social evenings. I was interested to see if the same people come along to the events. About half on this night were but many were new faces. So if you haven't been to a social please make a suggestion of what you would like - and then come along of course! Suggestions from you make it easier to provide social gatherings that appeal.

Recent social events include:

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- Quiz nights
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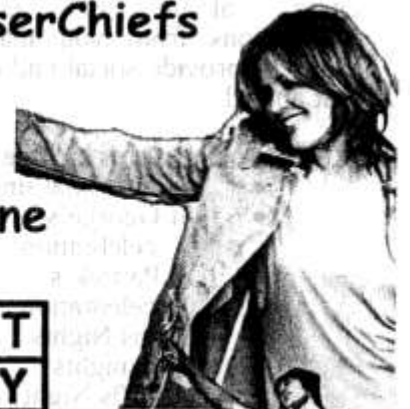


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RECYCLED ARTICLE

*Green Rubbish Bins
by Mary Peterson*

Back in 1999 I wrote an article for this newsletter about exactly what should go in the green bins. We asked the council to comment on some of the questions we had. Since then things have changed a bit so here are the updated answers:

Q. Does one need to remove the cellophane window from paper envelopes?

A. No. The cellophane is such a small percentage of the envelope that it does not have a detrimental effect.

Q. Are tetrapak cartons (eg orange) suitable for recycling?

A. No. Tetrapaks are made up of several types of material – 75% paper, 20% polyethylene and 5% plastic – which make it very difficult to recycle. At present we are unable to take tetrapaks but there is research being carried out to

assess the feasibility of collecting in Hampshire if a suitable sustainable market can be found.

Q. How clean do recycled detergent bottles have to be and what about difficult to remove lids?
eg the red top on Fairy Liquid bottles.

A. Bottles should be rinsed out and where possible the lids removed. If you are unable to remove the lid please recycle the bottle as we are able to deal with a small amount of contaminate such as the lids.

Q. Can one put paper from a paper shredder in the green bin?

A. No. The paper is too small to go through the sorting process – the pieces get caught in the belts and fans which could cause breakdowns and fire so we advise residents to compost where possible.

Q. Should one remove paper labels from tins and what's the best way of dealing with sharp tin lids?

A. Paper labels do not have to be removed from cans. Sharp tin lids are best placed inside the tin and then the tin squashed to prevent the lid from escaping.

Q. Can one recycle aluminium

foil via the green bin?
A. No. Only metal tins (aluminium or steel) should be placed in the green bin. There are four sites around the borough where foil such as aluminium food containers can be taken for recycling – these are at ASDA Chandlers Ford, Civic Offices Eastleigh, Sainsbury's Hedge End and Mortimer's Road Botley.

Q. What do I do with glass bottles?

A. These can be recycled through the kerbside glass collections service. Don't forget it takes glass jars as well!! Please remember you can also recycle your household batteries along with your glass, these have to be in special collection bags which are available free of charge from the council. Please contact 023 8068 8318 or email recycling@eastleigh.gov.uk to obtain some

Another general point is that the material in the green bin should not be wrapped. This hinders sorting, and the plastic sacks used for wrapping are not recyclable! If plastic sacks or carrier bags are used your wheeled bin will not be collected. Also, soiled recyclables should be kept out of the green bin.

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GOOD TURNOUT FOR CLEAR UP



have now planted the two specimen trees in the open area. The North Millers Dale Community Association have decided to sponsor one of the trees and to erect a plaque indicating this. The tree chosen from the two is the 'Tulip Tree' or 'Liriodendron Tulipifera'.



During the morning of Saturday 3rd March over thirty residents came to join the Eastleigh Council in a working party to make a start on preparing the former doctors surgery car park for its new role as a preserved woodland area. As well as representatives of the council and many local residents, two police community support officers put on gloves and rolled up their sleeves to help with the clearance. It was very gratifying that so many people turned up and worked so hard. It clearly shows the commitment to the maintenance of our environment around the North Millers Dale area.

The other tree is an 'American Sweetgum Tree' or 'Liquidambar Styraciflua' both will in due course grow into quite large trees. My research suggests that the sweetgum tree grows to 60ft in urban conditions and is spectacularly coloured in the autumn and reputedly in the wild tulip trees can grow to 150ft in height!

with a new name for it. Maybe something that compliments Cricket Copse across the road or another suggestion is a name which relates to the previous farmer of the area, John Vining. We would like suggestions from you. Please send them to our NMDCA email address editor@nmdca.org.uk or drop into 8 Weavers Place.

Now we have established the new function for this area we need to come up

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