

the Miller's Tale



NEW SURVEY FOCUSES LOCAL ACTION

Community Association representatives have now carried out the detailed residents survey of North Millers Dale and aim to use this information to focus future work onto local needs. This survey is another important step in the process of developing a formally recognised Association.

Residents survey

This survey was carried out throughout December and January, and results analysed in early spring. The steering group recognised that it had to fully understand the needs of the local community.

Big response

A tremendous 391 households from 28 different streets were included in the survey, of which 284 questionnaires were successfully completed. This represents 73% of the households on North Miller's Dale and a total of 908 residents (657 adults (17+) and 251 children).

Newsletter

Of the 284 respondents, 243 households report having received the newsletter, which represents 86% of those interviewed. Most comments about the newsletter were positive and offered words of encouragement to continue.

62 people indicated that they may be willing to contribute an article to future editions of the newsletter,

while 54 would consider using the newsletter to place professional advertisements, and 56 would use it for domestic ads.



Traffic - the big issue!

A staggering 105 different people mentioned traffic as one of their main concerns, mostly with reference to the speeds at which cars drive through the estate. Many people are concerned with the amount of traffic from Valley Park which uses North Miller's Dale as a "rat run" to avoid the traffic lights at the junction of Hiltingbury Road and Hursley Road.

Similarly, it was strongly felt that a pedestrian crossing at those traffic lights was essential for the NMD residents to be able safely to negotiate the main road.

Vandalism

Other issues frequently mentioned were vandalism (48 mentions), dogs fouling footpaths and other public areas (34 mentions), and further development in the area.

Many people felt there was a need for a Neighbourhood Watch group to be formed in their street, or for the group to be reactivated. Others mentioned issues of general crime & security, as well as a concern of an increase in litter and dumping on the estate.

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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
Aerobics 8.00pm-9.00pm

Tue: *Yellow Dot* 8.10am-5.30pm

Wed: *Yellow Dot* 8.10am-5.30pm
Brownies 5.30pm-7.00pm
Aerobics 8.00pm-9.00pm

Thur: *Yellow Dot* 8.10am-5.30pm


Fri: *Yellow Dot* 8.10am-5.30pm

BOOKINGS:

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Local focus

Letters page

One comment that did come forward was the need for a *letters page*. I agree and it is something I mentioned in issue two. The only problem with this is that nobody has sent any letters in to me! I can only include a letters page if people send some in. The alternative, which has been suggested, is to make some up, but I don't want to do this, it would be pointless, though perhaps interesting.
Yours, Mr A. Non of Chandlers Ford.

Public Meeting on 18th June

Within this edition of the "Tale" you will also find a **form for nominations** for involvement on the association committee and a notice of the forthcoming **Public Meeting on the 18th of June**. The idea of this is to get the community association formally off the ground and to see if more of you want to get involved.

So come along to the **Millers Dale Centre at 7.30pm**.

Bye for now and I hope you have a pleasant and interesting read! Remember if you have something to say about North Millers Dale then write in and say it!!
Ed.

Well hello again and a big welcome to issue three of our local quarterly newsletter. In this edition we have a whole assortment of, hopefully, interesting articles, as well as news and views of local events and meetings.

Remember that *the Miller's Tale* is a voluntary publication by local residents, so if you have something to say or wish to write an article, then send it in. This publication is for and about you, the residents of North Millers Dale!

"Titanic" Local survey

Surely the biggest event locally since the last publication has nothing to do with *world cup ticket chaos* or the "Titanic" movie hype. It has got to be about the completion of our very own mini **Doomsday book** of present day North Millers Dale! *But if anyone can get me in free to see the film or a couple of tickets for an England or Italy game, then I would be very grateful!*

If you recall from issue two, the aim of the survey was to discover some of the burning issues of the estate and to find any other problems or needs that can be tackled on your behalf by the future Community Association.

I was of course very happy to see that the general view of local residents was that they found the Newsletter an interesting one and thought that it was a good idea. I was especially pleased because this survey was carried out before the publication of issue two, which I think was an improvement on the first, thanks to the range of informative articles sent in by residents.

Graham Parrick
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Kids Corner



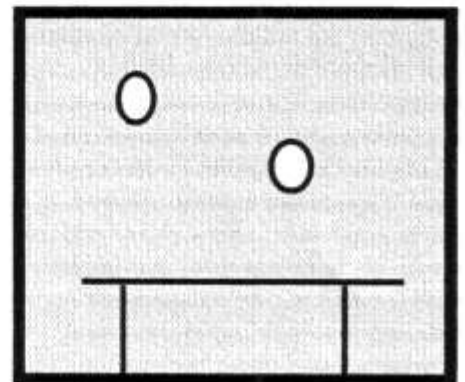
Here we are again with another fun-packed page of jokes and groans as well as some useful info!

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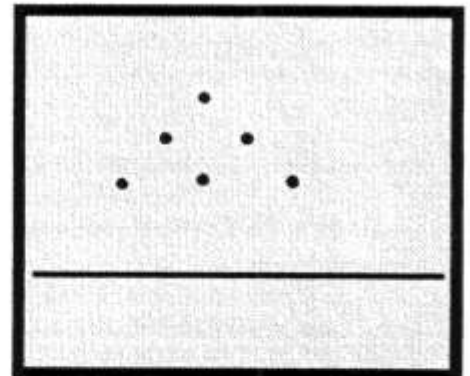
What's this?

We still have Bobby Spurrier to blame for some of these jokes and Vic Piedad has kindly put together the word search

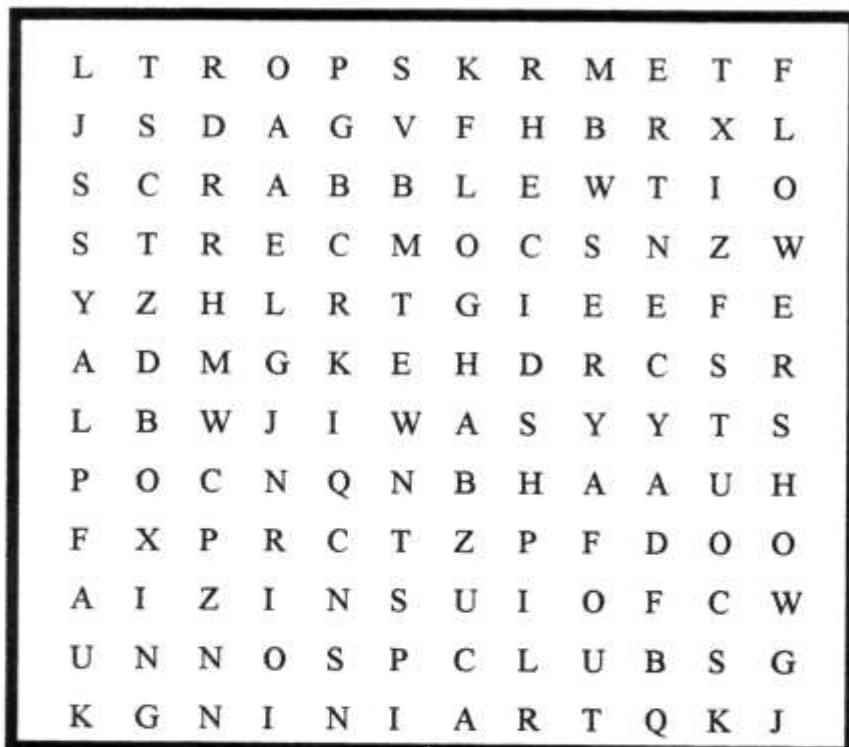
If you would like to add any of your own drop them into 9 The Deanery!



and this??



answers at the bottom of the page!



**Why was Cinderella no good at football??
Her coach was a pumpkin!**

Word search:

Line dancing flower show
training quiz nights fayres
boxing day centre concert
party whist scrabble plays
clubs scouts golf sport



**What do cats sleep on?
a caterpillar!**

What's this? answers:
Two peas rumpoleening and
a flea formation jumping team

Residents survey of North Millers Dale *continued from page 1*

Results of the survey of what activities local residents wanted as follows:

Aerobics	77	FE Classes	49	Parties	45
Concerts	53	Dance	33	Meetings	31
Lunch	22	Fayres	56	Shows	62
Plays	52	Training	21	Flower Show	29
Line Dancing	51	Day Centre	9	Pantomime	39
Jazz Night	46	Skittles	48	Toddlers	11
Whist Drive	18	Comm.Orgs	34	Clubs	27
Youth Activities	61	Over 50's	34	Quiz Nights	73
Chess Club	15	Bridge Club	17	Sewing Circle	14



Activities

There was an enthusiastic response to the questions about activities which could be organised for the local community. The majority wanted to participate in activities such as aerobics, quiz nights, youth activities and the latest craze of line dancing. Many also wanted to participate on organised trips to shows and concerts.

Further Suggestions

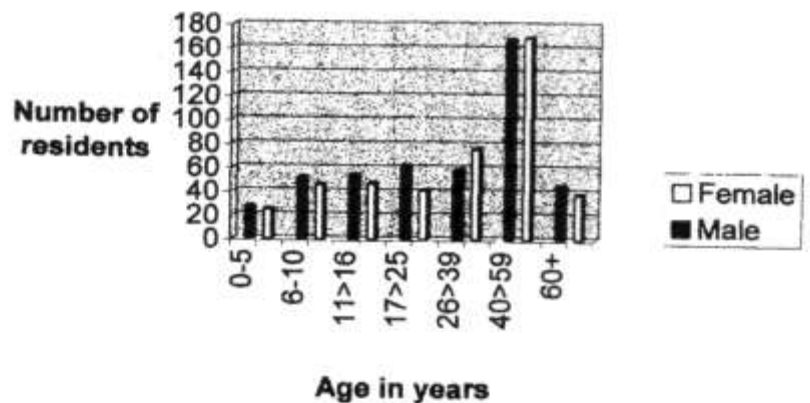
Residents surveyed also came up with a further 62 different suggestions for alternative activities which could be organised for the local community. Top of the list was yoga, which was suggested by 9 separate people, followed by art groups for adults or children (7), with gardening (4) and barbecues (4) also mentioned.

No fewer than 124 people stated that they might be prepared to organise or help at functions.

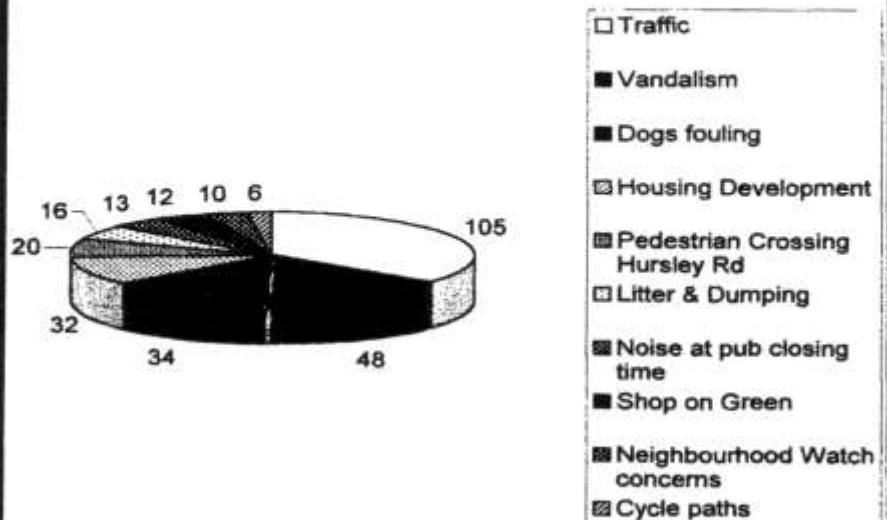
What next?

The Community Association will use the results of the survey to develop a programme of activities and events. The issues of concern to local residents will be raised with the appropriate authorities. The biggest issue of concern is of course traffic. The results of the survey will prove to be an important asset in persuading the powers that be that something needs to be done!

North Millers Dale Demographic Profile



Top 10 Concerns



Stories from over the bar -

by Lynne Sinker, Hiltonbury Farmhouse Public House

25 years ago this July we took our first pub. My husband Mike was a Civil Servant, a training officer for the Lord Chancellor's Department and I was a teacher. Both of us worked in London.

Over the years I have heard some remarkable stories over the bar. The following story is very recent, in fact it only happened on Mothering Sunday this year.

One of my customers took his mother, father and girlfriend to a pub for lunch near Romsey. As he sat down his hand touched the table. He picked up his glass only to smell a very smelly substance (and it wasn't the beer!!). No-one else at the table smelt it, but he went to wash his hands in the Gents just in case.

They had their meal and on leaving his mother picked up her handbag brushing it against her coat. She looked down to find her coat and handbag covered in the same rather smelly substance! The manager was called and a heated discussion

The mystery of the smelly substance was solved by the next table, who on hearing all the discussions were able to enlighten the diners. The previous occupants had been a young couple with a baby. The mother had actually changed the baby's nappy at the table!!!

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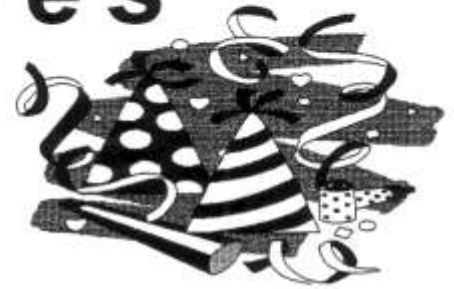
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activities



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at The Green on The Deanery

Joss Piedad reports on the successful junior disco held in the community hall on the 7th February

A great big **THANK YOU** to all those who supported our disco in February. I am sure that everyone who took part will agree that it was a great success and that great fun was had by all. As this was our first venture we would be grateful for any suggestions as to how we can do better next time. Split age groups, longer sessions etc..

As you may know, we ran a colouring competition in conjunction with the disco, the entries were divided into two age groups. We asked the DJ. to do the honours and the winners were;

4-6 years; Rebecca Rouse, aged 6 from Cranford Gardens and Runner-up Alice Keen, aged 4 from Ashbridge Rise.

7-11 years; Victoria Finch, aged 9 from Benmore Gardens and joint runners-up Sophie and Andrew Napleton, aged 10 and 6 from Vanburgh Way.

Well done to those lucky winners, it was a difficult decision to make and I am glad it was not down to any of us.

We must offer a **BIG THANK YOU** to **LYNNE** from *The Hiltonbury Farmhouse*, who very kindly donated the drinks and crisps for the children, thus enabling them to find the energy to dance the afternoon away.

Our next planned venture is to be a family barbecue/fun day. To be held on the green adjoining The Hiltonbury Farmhouse in The

Deanery, on **SATURDAY 4th JULY**. There will be lots of fun activities for everyone including; a bouncy castle, face painting, games and much, much more. We have even approached Thornden school to see if one of their very talented bands would like to come and give us a display of their skills. **THIS REALLY IS A DATE TO BE NOTED ON YOUR CALENDAR.**

If you have any suggestions for future activities please give us a call. We would also be grateful for any offers of help or ideas for the fun day.

Thank you again for your support.

a fun time had by all at the disco !



Peace of mind while you're away

Home security was one of the issues most frequently mentioned by North Miller's Dale residents in our survey. **Barbara White**, the Crime Reduction Officer at Eastleigh Police Station, has agreed to attend a special public meeting to be arranged shortly and would be happy to offer advice and answer your questions.

In the meantime, as we are coming up to the holiday season, she has kindly supplied us with a few tips to help keep your homes secure while you are away.

Everyone needs a holiday some time. And however much you like your home, there's nothing like a change of surroundings. But you want to come home and find everything as you left it. FOUR out of FIVE burglaries occur when a house is empty, so don't advertise that you're on holiday.

PLAN AHEAD

A checklist is available from either

from myself or will be available at the public meeting. This will help you to keep your home secure. Read it and plan ahead. Then tick off the items just before you go.

HELP FROM YOUR NEIGHBOURS

It is also a good idea to get help from your neighbours by asking them to keep an eye on your home while you're away. You could ask them to collect post left in the letter box, sweep up leaves, even mow the lawn and generally make the place look lived in.

You can repay the favour by doing the same for them. Warn your key-holding neighbour NOT to put your surname, address, or even your house number on your keys in case they fall into the wrong hands.

Is there a NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME where you live? It could help you keep your home secure while you are away, and has many other crime prevention and community benefits.

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Aerobics for all at The Millers Dale Centre!

Mary-Anne Crafter reports a good turnout for the Monday's Aerobics class

Suitable for both beginners or intermediate keep-fitters or for those who have had a break from regular exercise. Mary-Anne pitches the class so that those who feel able to can "go for it", with low - impact alternatives for those class members who are working towards improving their general fitness and muscle tone.

Mary-Anne said, "I was very interested to hear that Aerobics was the most popular leisure pursuit in the recent survey and would welcome new class members but in view of the numbers we currently have, would request that those who are interested should ring me first to ascertain availability of space."

"In fact because numbers have increased I am considering running a second class on Monday, so let me know if you are interested in joining - we're a friendly group and the class is designed to be fun for all ages! Such is the diversity of our appeal that we regularly see mums with their teenage daughters!"

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The colourful life of a rainbow

1st CHANDLERS FORD WEST RAINBOW UNIT

You may remember in the first edition of the Miller's Tale, I mentioned that the Rainbows have an 8-point programme representing the colours of the rainbow.

RED = ENJOYS HELPING OTHERS

When it comes to "helping others" the Rainbows didn't want to shout about it! We held a sponsored silence (the quietest meeting in 7 years!) in aid of the British Red Cross Wheels Appeal. We raised £215.00 which was presented to Mike Carter of B.R.C. who showed us the wheelchair we had bought. Eastleigh Medical Loans are now the proud owners of "our" wheelchair, which has our name on it. The first "user" of the wheelchair was our own Rainbow Rabbit, the mascot of Rainbows.

ORANGE = ENJOYS MAKING THINGS

THE WEATHERMAN Here are the instructions of how it was made. Make a weatherman to hang up.

1. Cut out a circle of card in yellow (the sun). Stick onto a white shape for hair, to represent a cloud.
2. Make the eyes look like raindrops by putting a bit of shiny plastic or foil on.
3. Make a round ball of cotton wool for the nose (snow).
4. Draw a mouth with all the colours of the rainbow in curves across it and add a couple of zig zag lines at the corner of the mouth for lightning.
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to form community association for North Millers Dale

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