

the Miller's Tale



Community Association - and that's official!

A Community Association for North Millers Dale was formally agreed before a public meeting in May this year. Councillor Michael Lambert welcomed people to the inaugural meeting which aimed to formally establish the new association.

As Chair of the Steering Group Malcolm Stainthorpe outlined the work of the group which had been formed to develop the Community Association.

He stated that the Group had conducted a wide ranging survey of local residents, covering just under 400 households. This aimed to identify support for the Association, to establish local concerns and issues, and demand for local community activities.

In addition it was noted that the Steering Group had produced *The Miller's Tale* as local newsletter, delivered free to each household in the area. The group was already involved in working with other organisations including representatives on the Community Hall lettings committee.

Constitution adopted

It was also noted at this meeting that the Group had adapted the model constitution for Community Associations and recommended it to the meeting for adoption.

Martin Coulson, Area Co-ordinator for Eastleigh Borough Council, outlined the key points of the Constitution. This included the matter that both individuals and groups may join the Community Association and that a balance of these will help to strengthen the overall composition of the Community Association.

It was pointed out that those people who formed the General Committee would become charity trustees.

Committee elected

At the meeting the following honorary officers were elected:

Malcom Stainthorpe - Chair
Doreen Lewry - Vice Chair
Bridget Wilde - Secretary
Jan Beldon - Treasurer

Other local residents were elected as full members to serve on the *General Committee*, who would then be involved with a number of subcommittees organised, including an activities group and newsletter team. Other groups were also elected onto the General Committee, including Councillor Colin Davidovitz, representing *Chandler's Ford Boys Club*, Darryl

Sheppard representing *Hampshire County Youth Service*, Jane Dyke, *Yellow Dot Kindergarten* and Brian Burrage as representative of *Chandler's Ford Boys Brigade*.

Why not get involved?

Remember, the committee is intended to represent your views and this can only be achieved with your help and support. Anyone can get involved and to any degree, whether it's by being a full committee member or just by providing occasional help during organised events.

If you wish to offer your help please contact Malcom Stainthorpe on 265662, as the group would be pleased to welcome new members!



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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

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or drop articles into;

**9 The Deanery,
 North Miller's Dale**

Local focus

Welcome again to your very own newsletter! Once more we have a whole assortment of articles for you to read, but remember if you have something to say, then say it in *The Millers Tale!* We are always looking for interesting articles and letters.

The intention is to keep producing the newsletter on a quarterly basis, though I must admit that deadline may slip due to other commitments, such as work! *If there is anyone out there with time and a computer who is willing to help produce this newsletter, then please get in touch!*

Well, the biggest local news is the fact that we now have a fully fledged "official" community organisation which is already representing the local community on a number of issues, including a Borough traffic group and on the lettings committee of the community hall. As with the newsletter, the association is there to represent your views and we are always looking for more people to get involved and join the general committee.

- So if you are interested in joining in, or
- have any burning local issues, give
- Malcolm a ring on 265662.

Letters

We have had a letter from a Mrs Peterson who has congratulated us on the recent survey and the production of the newsletter. She also mentioned that there is a group of people locally interested in playing Whist, Chess and Bridge. If you are interested in forming a group, write in and we can circulate your names and addresses so you can get things moving along! *So thank you for that interesting*

information Mrs Peterson, lets hope something happens!

I have also received a letter from **Bob Tidy of Hiltingbury** who has this to say about quiz nights;

"Although not a resident of North Millers Dale, I had the opportunity to read issue 3 of your newsletter. I note that in your residents survey, 73 people wanted quiz nights, one of the most requested activities in the survey. Those 73 people, and anyone else, may be interested to know that there is an established weekly quiz night, hosted by myself, held in the Hiltonbury Farmhouse public house every Wednesday at 9pm. Set around general knowledge questions, it is meant to be a bit of fun, with the added bonus of a cash prize, and can be played by individuals or teams."

Bob Tidy, Hiltingbury.

Thank you for that Bob. So those out there desperate to answer some interesting questions, why not take Bob up on his offer at the Hiltonbury Farmhouse! Alternatively, the NMDCA activities group will be organising their own quiz evenings shortly!

**By for now and have an interesting read!
 Ed.**

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!



In this edition Peter Lewry is to blame for all of the jokes. Also Vic Piedad has put together a tricky little word search for you to think about. If you would like to add any of your own drop them into 9 The Deanery!

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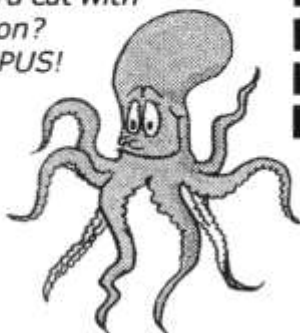
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- Droxford, Eastleigh, Fareham, Fleet, Gosport,
- Hythe, Liss, Netley, Petersfield, Portsmouth,
- Romsey, Shawford, Southampton, Southsea,
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- Meon, Wickham, Winchester, Woolston.



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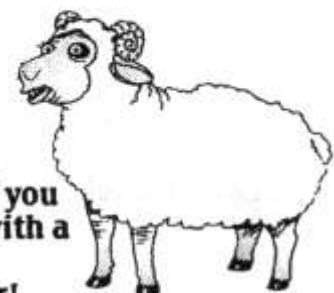
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT
THE IRISHMAN WHO GOT
LOCKED IN SAINSBURYS?
HE NEARLY DIED OF
STARVATION!

What do you get if
you cross a cat with
an octagon?
an OCTOPUS!



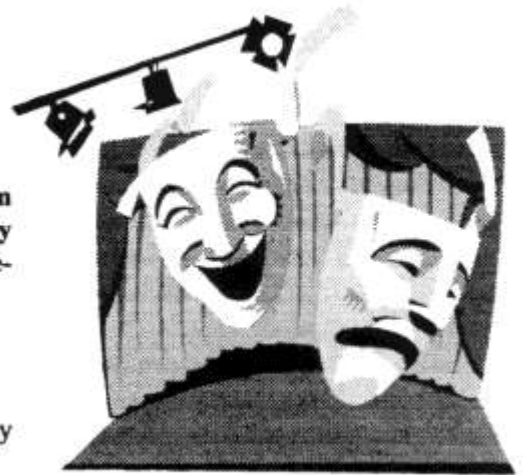
What do you get if
you cross a bear
with a skunk?
Winnie the Pooh!

What do you get if you
cross a kangaroo with a
sheep?
A woolly jumper!



Calling all theatre lovers!

Gerald Ponting outlines an idea to develop a local theatre goers group for North Miller's Dale.



The survey of residents showed that there were 52 households interested in 'Plays' and 62 in 'Shows'. Now that the North Millers Dale Community Association is properly constituted, I would like to propose a Theatre-Goers Group as a Section within the association.

The choice is yours!

In Chandler's Ford, we are very fortunate to have a wide range of theatres within easy reach, including -

- Nuffield Theatre, Southampton
- Mayflower, Southampton
- Playhouse, Salisbury (and the Salberg Studio)
- Chichester Festival Theatre (and the Minerva Theatre)
- The Anvil, Basingstoke
- Kings Theatre, Southsea
- Bournemouth International Centre
- Bournemouth Pavilion

plus many excellent amateur groups and open-air performances in the summer. And, of course, West End theatres are also well within reach. Many of these venues have reduced rates for groups of various sizes.

Organisation

I visualise a loosely-constituted group of NMD residents, with different individuals organising visits to different shows and theatres. Initial announcements of planned visits could be made in *The Millers Tale*, with the name of the organiser. Also, if each member of the group was provided with a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of the rest of the group, visits could be arranged at short notice. In order for the organiser not to risk being out-of-pocket, payment at the time of booking would probably be necessary.

So get in touch!

If all those interested could send the following information to;

Gerald Ponting at 7, Weavers Place,

I will compile and circulate an initial list of potential members - and arrange the Salisbury tickets if there is enough interest.

Name(s) :

Address :

Telephone:

I / We are interested in the following types of theatre (please circle) :

- straight plays; comedies; farce; musicals; ballet; opera;
- Shakespeare; pantomime; open-air theatre

Please add any others

I / We would / would not be interested in attending "Just Between Ourselves" by Alyn Ayckbourn at the Salisbury Playhouse in November; preferred evening _____; (the top price tickets reduce from £13.50 to £11.50 each for a party of twelve or more; £15 to £13 on a Saturday.)

I / We would / would not be prepared to organise theatre visits from time to time.

Theatres which I / we visit fairly regularly include :

Any other suggestions on the running of the group ?



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Car trouble! -The problem with traffic



Malcolm Stainthorpe, Chairman of the Community Association reports on a recent workshop to discuss traffic problems in the area.

From the results of our recent survey, the biggest concern of local residents was traffic. With this in mind, three members of the committee attended a Traffic Workshop held at St. Boniface Church which was organised by the Borough Council. We highlighted the three major concerns expressed in the survey, these being

- 1 Speed of traffic
- 2 Use of North Miller's Dale as a rat run to avoid traffic lights.
- 3 Danger of crossing Hursley Rd. because of speed and volume of traffic, especially at peak times.

Consequently these three items, along with others affecting Chandlers Ford, were passed to the Borough Council's Local Area Committee who then decide to do a survey commencing in January 1999.

In between these two meetings, there was an accident near Simpkins Garage. Stephen Comey, aged 12, was hit by a car while crossing Hursley Rd. and was taken to hospital. Stephen's mother Mrs. J. Comey, said "He was battered, cut and bruised and lucky to be alive". Consequently, Mrs. Comey raised a petition for a pedestrian crossing to be placed on Hursley Rd. She went along to the Local Council with two members of

the Community Association committee to hand in the petition and to appeal to the council to take action before someone is seriously hurt or even killed crossing Hursley Rd.

Malcolm Stainthorpe, Community Association chairman, consolidated the argument by stating that, even at the existing traffic lights, there is no pedestrian phase. The local councillors agreed, with Councillors Kyrle, Davidovitz and Olsen speaking in favour and ordering a report to be commissioned. They also agreed to keep the Community Association informed of all developments.

Over the bar

by Lynne Sinker, Hiltonbury Farmhouse

"We know our rights!"

Recently a party of young people came into my pub and stood around the pool table. They did not come to the bar to buy a drink. I went over to them and quietly asked them to leave as they hadn't bought a drink and they did not even look old enough to buy one! I was then told, in no uncertain terms, that they "had their rights" and that I couldn't just "chuck them out". Needless to say after I had pointed out what their rights were, they left rather quickly.

It is not common knowledge, but by law a publican can ask anyone to leave without giving a reason. That is "our right". As most publicans "live above the shop", so to speak, the bar is an extension of their home. As such each customer is a guest. Hosts have a responsibility towards their guests, equally guests also have a responsibility towards their hosts. Number one in my book is common courtesy!

Raising funds with fun!

The Hiltonbury Farmhouse has over the years had a tradition of raising funds for a whole range of charities. Earlier this year, £1000 was raised for the Autistic Society and on the afternoon of Sunday 20th September we will be hosting a "Balloon Race" in aid of the NSPCC. So come along and join in the fun.

On the note of have fun, what an excellent day we had on the 4th July this year with the first **North Millers Dale Fun Day!** I'd like to thank all the organisers for their hard work, before and on the day. Let's hope next year it will be even more successful!

Cheers! Lynne

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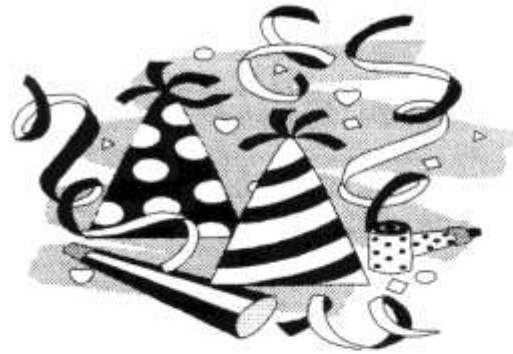
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Juliette Frankum reports on the Family Fun day BBQ held on the green in front of The Hiltonbury Farmhouse on the 4th July.

A great big thank you to all of you who supported this mammoth event. I am sure that those that attended would agree that the day was a great success.

It was lovely to hear the Thornden Wind Band who certainly drew the crowds, helping to make the event a success.

The children were kept entertained by the ever popular BOUNCY CASTLE, face painting, hair braiding, games and the penalty shoot out competition. Thank you to all those that helped organise these activities, especially Ian Long and the Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford Round Table for use of the bouncey castle!

Whilst the children were kept busy the parents were not left out, they had access to the Hiltonbury Farmhouse and a very successful BBQ (so Popular that extra supplies had to be bought in!!)

Thank you to Lynne Sinker of the Hiltonbury Farmhouse who so generously donated £50.00 to the event. A donation has been made to the Wessex Cancer Trust by the NMDCA out of the profits raised.

The association was so pleased with the support of the local residents for the event that there are plans to make the day an annual event. So if you can offer new suggestions and help give us a call!!

DIARY DATES:

Make a note of these future events that have been planned

8TH OCTOBER 1998
REDUCING THE RISKS OF DOMESTIC CRIME
Barbara White Crime reduction officer & local beat officer
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14th NOVEMBER 1998
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Get fit for life!

Mary-Anne Crafter, who runs Monday's Aerobics class at the Miller's Dale Centre, gives a few hints on keeping fit:

Most people, with a bit of forethought can increase the amount of exercise they and their family do by incorporating it into their day to day lives. Walk to the newsagents or the bakers rather than get into the car, deliver a local letter rather than post it - there are numerous ways of increasing the exercise in your life.

The World Health Organisation reports that obesity in western Europe is up by 15% over the last ten years - more worryingly there is a nearly 20% increase in children under 16 who are overweight. Think fit and you'll feel better for it!

Four steps to a fitter you:

1. Work exercise into your daily routine.
2. Don't set yourself huge targets which are unattainable - be realistic about goals.
3. Choose a form of exercise you enjoy most, you're more likely to stick with it.
4. The recommended minimum is three 20 minute sessions per week, which should be energetic enough to increase your pulse rate for about 5 minutes within the 20 minutes period.



ALWAYS CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR BEFORE STARTING ANY KIND OF KEEP FIT REGIME.

Well bye for now and remember, if you feel like a friendly evening of keep fit, then come along to my Monday Aerobics night (8.00pm-9.00pm).

Mary-Anne

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At the public meeting on 18 June 1998 the North Miller's Dale Community Association was officially formed and at the first committee meeting it was decided that all residents of North Miller's Dale would become members without payment of subscriptions.

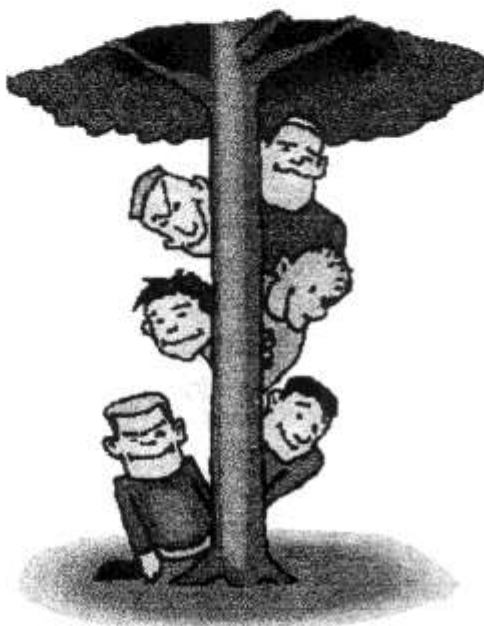
We are always on the lookout for active participants within our local community, so if you have an interest and would like to organise events, please contact Bridget Wilde our secretary on 260279. By using the Community Association, you get a cheap rate for hiring the Community Hall and are covered by our third party insurance. Use the "Miller's Tale" or our letter posting system for advertising.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to welcome you all to the newly formed association. I hope there will be enough interest within the area to ensure a long and active Community Association.

I look forward to speaking to you soon,

Malcolm Stainthorpe

Chairman of North Millers Dale Community Association.



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