

Burns Night Dinner

A big THANK-YOU to everyone who came along to this third annual Burns night dinner. Also Big THANKS to all those who helped in any way with food, bar, speeches, setting up and clearing up. The food was outstanding and hot, the speeches were very entertaining and the company excellent. We even made a great contribution to Midgley Community Forum much needed funds! Roll on the 4th Midgley Burns night Dinner!

Book Club

Enjoy a good read? Would you be interested in a Midgley Book Club? If you are then come along to an initial get together on Wednesday 12th March in the community room at 8pm. If you are interested but unable to make that date or time then please contact Marilyn Hawkins on 883036 for further details.

Midgley under 5's playgroup

You are very welcome to join in the Under 5's playgroup, which has recently begun meeting on Fridays in the Community Room. For further information, please contact Rachel Deavin on 885640 or email h1rach@onetel.com

You are invited to attend a consultation event to look at possible plans for a new community shop, room and Post Office

In the Community Room

**On Friday 29th February 4pm until 8pm and
Saturday 1st March 9am until 1pm**

The Midgley Community Forum needs to make an important decision and as all local residents are members of the Forum, please ensure that you have an input to this decision and that your opinion counts.

In Spring last year, seventy-five people replied to the circulated questionnaire and nearly all felt that the community shop, room and Post Office were invaluable local facilities. This gave clear support to the group of volunteers to continue in the search for alternative premises for the shop and community room, which will be needed later this year. The role of this group has been to consider the options, not to make decisions. It is now time for the community to indicate whether or not there is enough support for one of these options to go forward for planning permission and the necessary fundraising.

A potential site has been identified on Towngate and architects have drawn up some possible plans. Before deciding on whether to submit one of these schemes for planning permission, there will be a community consultation event on Friday February 29th (4pm – 8pm) and Saturday March 1st (9am – 1pm).

Local opinion will be assessed through feedback forms being completed. If you are unable to get to the consultation event, please pick up a form from the shop, where some plans will be on display, this needs to be returned by **Monday March 10th**.

Please come along and learn more about what is being proposed, have a look at some plans and, above all, fill in a feedback form to ensure that you contribute to this important decision.

Open Gardens & Studios

This will take place on Saturday 14th June & Sunday 15th June. If you would like to take part or would like to help in any way we would love to hear from you. This is probably our biggest fund raiser of the year and is always a wonderful week-end as everyone goes walkabout visiting gardens of all shapes and sizes throughout the village. For more information or to take part please contact:- Elaine Davies 07721 501454, or Ann Holdsworth 882901

Calderdale Seeds Project continues to grow!

Following on from an article in a recent newsletter re the Calderdale Seeds Project and our attempts to improve the feeding habitat for declining bird species such as Twite I thought an update on progress since then might be appropriate. Several local landowners are now playing a valuable role in this project with an additional 11 acres of land sown with seed last autumn. As a follow up to this a mail shot was sent to additional potential receptor sites yielding an excellent response with five more landowners showing an interest. As a result of this ground preparation has been undertaken in four fields with sward enhancement in a further 8 fields totalling 6.2 ha of new land brought into the project. The response from local landowners has been very positive indeed and it is important to publicly acknowledge their support. Twite continue to decline with this part of the South Pennines now holding the bulk of the remaining English population but with the enthusiasm of local landowners we are playing our part in attempting to safeguard this species as an English breeding bird. Anyone who would like to consider joining the project either as a donor (who receive an income for their seed) or as 'receptors' (who have all costs paid for by the Project) should contact either Nick Carter (nicksand@3-c.coop) or Ann Blackburn (ABC-aquila@care4free.net)

Forthcoming Events

Further details will be on posters, in the shop. Some events are likely to be very popular so please get tickets early to avoid disappointment! It would really help us organise events with food if tickets could be bought as early as possible as it is all home made and also there is a greater chance of having a barrel on if events are well supported-early! This list updates previous lists given out.

Friday 29th February 8.30pm **Informal evening to see if YOU would like a village fete this year.**

Many people have asked for one but the response on the evening will determine if one goes ahead. Not such a large scale event as the pageant but a real village affair. Bar. If you can't come on the night but would like a fete or would like to help in any small way, please leave your name & number on the list on the shop notice board or let one of the contacts below know.

Tuesday 4th March 8pm

Meeting in the community room for all who are wishing to take part in Open gardens and Studios.

If you are unable to come please tel Elaine Davies 07721501454 If you would like to help out on the week-end but are not opening a studio or garden we would love to hear from you!

Friday 7th March 8pm **Music Quiz Night**

£5 inc home made supper. Bar.

Friday 14th March 8.30pm **Social Evening**

A great chance to relax at the end of the week, meet with friends and make new ones.Bar.

Friday 21st March **Pace Egg Play**

At the bus terminus 1.30 onwards. Hot cross buns, tea & coffee. Bar. Shop Open.

Friday 28th March 8.30pm **Social Evening**

Bar. A great chance to have another enjoyable evening, like you did last week. Why not make it your regular Friday night wind down?

Friday 4th April 8pm **Quiz Night**

£5 inc homemade supper. Bar. Form a team and come along or make a team on the night.

Friday 18th April 8pm **'Lazy & No Ambition'**

A talk by Ian Bailey on the Ministry of Agriculture's view of farming in Midgley during the 2nd World War. £3. Bar

Saturday 26th April **St Georges Day Progressive Dinner**

A dinner with a theme this time! Come in red, blue ,white, dragon, knight, damsel etc. A great gastronomic evening and you only need to cook one course! Contact Sandra Carter on 883923 asap if you would like to take part. No charge!

If there are other events you would like to have in the village or would like more details on the above event please contact:- John Benson 885062, Jean Bradbury 882239, Peggy Horsfield 882452

Time For A Chat ?

Since the formation of the Midgley Community Forum the social group has organised a variety of events hoping to involve a cross section of the community.We are aware, however, that we have not been particularly successful in meeting the needs of the more senior members of the village. In order to try and rectify this it is felt that we need to take a more direct approach by actually asking those concerned what types of social events would be appropriate. Marilyn Hawkins has offered to visit as many people as possible during February and March to chat about timing and types of activities, transport and other relevant issues. If she should call on you and you do not wish to see her, please feel free to say so, or you may prefer to write down any suggestions and pass them onto her. Please remember to ask for identification before letting her into your home. If you wish to telephone her number is 883036.

Shop & Post Office Opening Times

	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Sun</i>
Shop	9am – 7pm	Closed	9am – 7pm	9am – 7pm	9am – 7pm	9am – 1pm	9am – 1pm
Post Office	1.30 – 5.30pm	Closed	9am – 1pm	9am – 1pm	9am – 5pm	Closed	Closed

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Wednesday 26th March**. If you would like an article or advert to be included, please contact Ian Bailey on 886840 or e-mail ian.bailey@3-c.coop