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NEWS FROM BOLSTER MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2016

Traditional Old English Themed Night

The Old English Themed Night on March 18th was hosted by staff and students at Landings 72 restaurant, Kirklees College, as a fund raiser for the Community Association. What a brilliant night it turned out to be! Students were on hand to meet and greet and show us to our tables. Drinks ordered, we were soon served with our starters, which nicely whetted our appetite for the main course; Dexter beef and Tamworth sausage with all the trimmings - we were not disappointed! After a suitable interval the meal was rounded off with desserts and coffee.



The evening really went with a swing thanks to local group Memory Lane Singers, who, along with their accompanist Phil, had us singing along to the oldies but goodies, even dancing in the isles at the end!

The college let us have the meal at cost price, with the remainder of the ticket price going to the Community Association; more money was raised through holding a raffle, and some very kind donations. All in all, the event raised a staggering £700. This will go towards our current fund raising efforts to purchase a defibrillator and cabinet with 24/7 access to be sited at Bolster Moor Farm shop

Our grateful thanks goes to the catering managers, Heather and Letty, and students of Landings 72 for masterminding the whole evening, even down to the posters and tickets. Many thanks also to Memory Lane for donating their time which was much appreciated.

For more information on Landings 72 please visit:

<https://www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk/student-life/services-to-the-public/landings-72/>



Community Litter Pick—Wednesday 27 April

Starting at the Farm Shop car-park at 1.30pm.

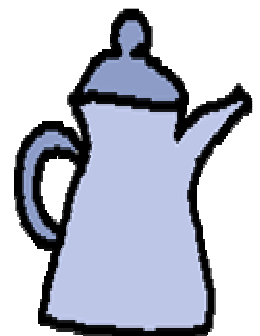
Black bags provided, but please bring your own gloves/tongs. Coffee and buns in the café afterwards.

Coffee Morning—Saturday 7 May

At Clough Head School between 10am—noon.

Proceeds will go towards The community defibrillator

Fund. More details can be Found on our website www.bolstermoor.org.uk



A new nursery for Bolster moor

Hello my name is Nicola Mottram. For those who do not know me, I am currently the Chairperson of Bolster Moor Playgroup, and also live at Bolster Moor with my family, and have a son who attends Clough Head School. I first attended the Playgroup visiting Baby/Toddler sessions when Charlie was a baby, and then got more involved when Charlie attended playgroup sessions taking over as Chairperson.

As I'm sure you know it's been a tough couple of years for the playgroup in terms of the Chapel going up for sale, and the worry if a developer bought it that playgroup would have closed, as there wasn't anywhere else suitable or within budget on Bolster Moor. This effectively would have meant closure last December. As many of you know I attended the BMCA meetings and was involved in trying to save the Chapel/recreational ground and I, along with my husband, put a bid in for the Chapel with a view to changing it into a Nursery Setting. This would offer full day care, as well as continued shorter social play sessions that playgroup currently offers, and also for the Rec to stay within the community.

The outcome was that Simon Haigh and Andrew Whitwam bought the Chapel, and during the time of the sale and purchase I have been working with them on plans to develop and refurbish the Chapel into a Nursery Setting, where both parties are investing a significant amount of money. It was agreed that Playgroup could continue to run from last October into this next Year (effectively being saved) while the building was being refurbished, continuing to provide childcare until the Nursery Setting was ready. I am sorry for any confusion with this from the Examiner as they printed their own angle which is not how Simon, Andrew or myself told it.

As a charity, the playgroup would not be financially sustainable, taking on a large bill and rent. Given this, the charity is to be dissolved and therefore will be closed, which was agreed by the committee in January 2016. A final closure date is still to be agreed based on Health and Safety of the children as the refurbishment continues. Parents have been informed that this could be June. All assets, financial and physical, under the rules of the Charity commission have to become the property of Pre-school learning alliance which is also a registered charity. Effectively it is not a 'buy out' - a formal and legal approach has to be taken to the dissolving of the BMPG correctly, which also had to include staff redundancies.

September 2016 will be the start of the new business, the new entity, a new nursery with myself as owner. We will be offering brand new facilities and resources, operating on both floors, creating a 2-3 year old room and a pre-school room for 3 to rising 5's. Whilst there is not an automatic transfer of employees or children to the new business, it has been made clear that all staff are very welcome to apply for jobs and they will have the option of a 1-1 meeting to discuss job descriptions and terms and conditions. The parents whose children currently attend playgroup will also have the first option on registering for the shorter social play sessions, as there will be a limit to how many of those places will be available, compared to the other options in order to keep the cost down for parents, but also for the setting to be financially sustainable.

New opening hours will come into play and will run 51 weeks of the year:

Full day child care option 7:30am to 6:00pm

Half day child care option 07:30 -1pm/1pm- 6:00pm

Social play 3 hour session 8:45am-11:45/12:45-3:45pm

Before/After school Club and Holiday Club.

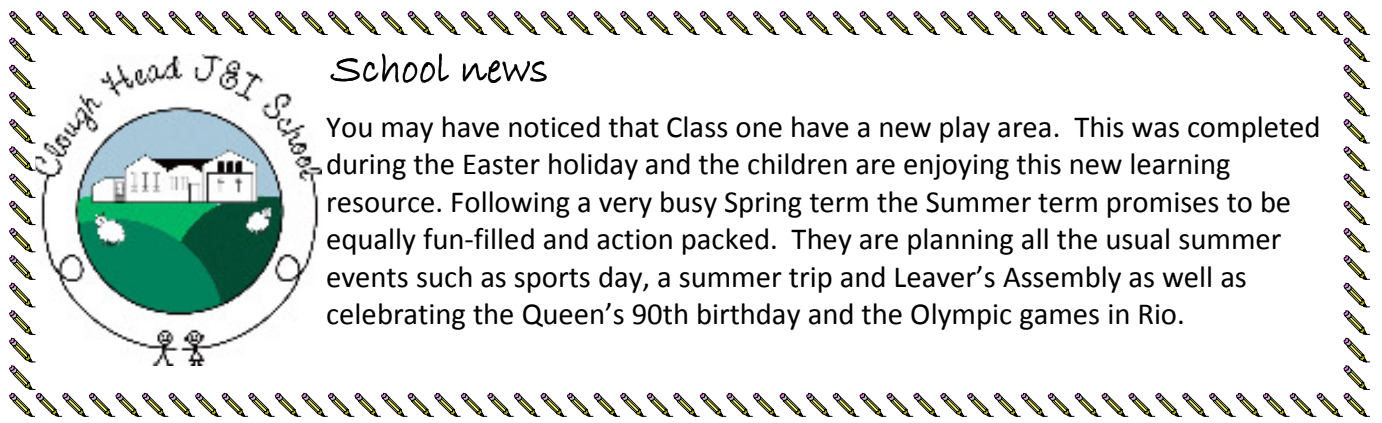
Government funding is currently 15 free hours extending to 30 hours in the future. We will be able to stretch the funding options to mix and match the childcare packages to suit parent's personal needs. Next year there will also be a new outdoor play area at the back of the chapel, offering continuous outdoor provision with hopefully a new extension to replace the existing one.

I know that Playgroup has a long standing history within the community, but unfortunately when the Baptist Association made the decision to put the Chapel up for sale therefore no longer supporting playgroup with a small rent and no utility bills to pay, then changes needed to be made. I hope once the Nursery is up and running that the building will still remain part of the community for example holding a Carol Service at Christmas or support BMCA fundraising events. If the Community have any other suggestions I am always happy to listen.



Photograph courtesy of The Huddersfield Daily Examiner





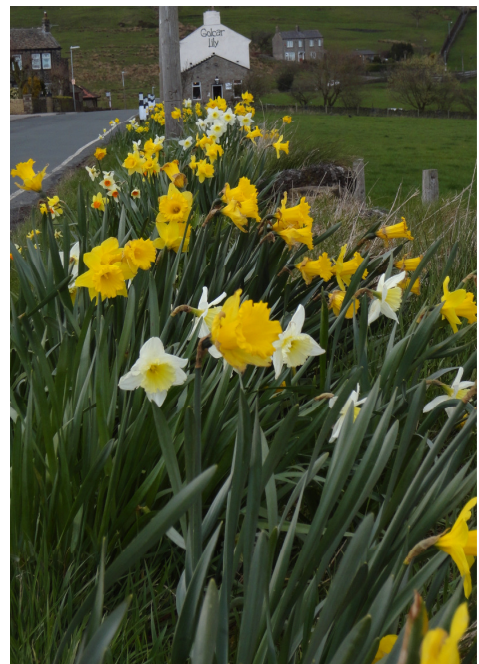
School news

You may have noticed that Class one have a new play area. This was completed during the Easter holiday and the children are enjoying this new learning resource. Following a very busy Spring term the Summer term promises to be equally fun-filled and action packed. They are planning all the usual summer events such as sports day, a summer trip and Leaver's Assembly as well as celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday and the Olympic games in Rio.

The BMCA are committed to keeping Bolster Moor an enjoyable place to live and visit. There is a regular group of volunteers who organise litter picks to keep our environment tidy and to help promote keeping Bolster Moor litter free.

You may have noticed the abundance of beautiful daffodils that have sprung up in the grass verges over the past month. These have been planted by BMCA members and certainly enhance an already amazing landscape. Plans are being discussed with regards to planting wild flowers, which will not only benefit the human inhabitants of Bolster Moor, but also increase our wildlife population.

Thank you to all those who help to make Bolster Moor such a beautiful place.



A full colour version of the CanCan can be viewed on the BMCA website

www.bolstermoor.org.uk



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**Bolster Moor Community
Association**

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.bolstermoor.org.uk

**The dates of the next Community Meetings
are :**

Tuesday 03 May 2016

Tuesday 07 June 2016

All meetings begin at 8pm at the Golcar Lily,
everyone is welcome to come along.

Please visit our newly updated BMCA website at
www.bolstermoor.org.uk

We welcome any items of local news, events, or
articles suitable for inclusion on the website from
members of the community.

SNACK AND CHAT

**Meets every 2nd Wednesday in the month
at the Golcar Lily.**

Everyone welcome to come along

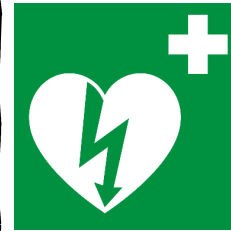
Coffee, drinks, bar snacks, etc.



The 'Snack and Chat' is a chance to socialise with other people in the area which otherwise you may not get the chance to see on a regular basis. All are welcome to come along, whether it's for a coffee, a bar snack or a drink.



Please be aware that many parents have expressed concern with regards to the ever increasing amount of dog fouling on Bolster Moor, but particularly on the main routes to school. As a community can we be extra vigilant and clean up any mess our dogs make. Thank you.



The BMCA are currently fundraising for a community defibrillator. If any local businesses or individuals would like to contribute please send your contributions to: BMCA at 29 Drummer Lane, Bolster Moor, HD7 4JT



Golcar Lily Day

Saturday 14 May 2016:10am—4pm

As this is the tenth year, the theme is 'Celebration'. Anyone in fancy dress is welcome to join the procession and prizes will be given for the best homemade fancy

dress with the theme of 'celebration'. Full details about this and all the days events can be found on their website www.golcarlilyday.co.uk



Golcar Sing

Sunday 15 May 2016:2.45pm

Providence Methodist Church.

Anyone can join the choir to lead the singing. Rehearsals will be at Providence on Wednesday 4 & 11 May at 7.30pm.



Of special local interest:

On Golcar Lily Day at Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church, Honley Ladies will be performing between 12.15-1.15 with our very own Emily Reaves-Bradley as conductor.



As part of the chapel restoration,

they are hoping to replace the iron railings that were removed during the second world war. Does anyone have any pre-war photographs of the chapel to assist with this endeavour?



BMCA September Coach Trip.

A fantastic day out for all the family.

Date and location to be confirmed. Look out for details.