

# CANCAN



NEWS FROM BOLSTER MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 2020

## Clough Head J and I School Christmas Village Trail

This year, Christmas at Clough Head School is going to look quite different due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Very sadly we are unable to go on our annual pantomime trip, we are unable to put on a Nativity Play, we cannot have our Christmas Fair and we cannot hold our annual Federation Carol Service at St. James' Church. We cannot even sing Christmas songs and carols or have a visit from Santa! So instead we are planning lots of 'alternative' Christmas activities for the children in school in an effort to ensure that Christmas is still a special time for everyone.



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December our classes will be coming out on a **village trail**, following pictures around Bolster Moor that tell the Christmas Story. The trail will finish at the nativity scene in a stable on the school field. Many of you have kindly offered to display a picture in your window for this trail.

If you see children looking for pictures, please give them a wave! They will really appreciate seeing you and sharing some Christmas merriment. The trail will be available until 27<sup>th</sup> December so that children can do the trail again with their family during the Christmas holiday. We will be happy to share the trail map with



local residents if you would also like to take part- just drop us a line and we will email you the map.

Thank you in advance for supporting us with this activity. Hopefully it will bring some Christmas cheer to our children, families and local residents.

Mrs. Claire Kenworthy (Headteacher)



**We wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year**

## Golcar Glass



Golcar Glass is a new start up company based in Bolster Moor. We make bespoke pieces of glass including jewellery, window displays and candle holders. For Christmas, we are making lanterns which make great presents and are designed to celebrate

this festive season.

If you want to see what we offer look for us on Facebook. #Golcarglass

Vikki Cunningham



**Dianne and Michael are selling Christmas trees from Michael's shed on Drummer Lane**

Hello everyone. Due to the current situation regarding Covid 19, we have taken the decision to sell our Christmas trees from our farm at Bolster Moor as well as on Britannia Road in Slaithwaite. We feel that some of you, our loyal customers, may be more comfortable arranging a date and time with us to come to the farm to pick your tree. This will hopefully make the experience more reassuring for those at high risk. If you would like to arrange this, please call or text Michael on 07802974666 or Dianne 07847795139. Also it may be a lot more convenient for others to call at the farm. Parking will be easier and we will be undercover, which, from past experience, is a bonus!

Trees will be for sale at Larks Rest Farm, Drummer Lane, Bolster Moor HD7 4JT each day from 2nd December. If you are eager and want your tree earlier, please ring 07802974666 and this can be arranged.

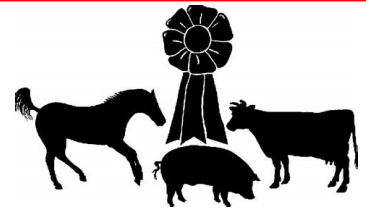
We will also be on Britannia Road in Slaithwaite weekends 5th/6th and 12th/13th December. Any queries at all, please give us a ring.

Looking forward to seeing you all again. Thank you.



**Sky Lanterns - a plea from the RSPCA, National Farmers Union and the British Horse Society**

Sky Lanterns, which are often released for celebrations around Christmas and New Year, can be deadly to livestock and other animals. In addition, they are a potential fire risk to silage bales, crops and moorland, in fact anywhere they land or get snagged, such as trees and flammable structures can be at risk. The danger they pose has been well documented



by rural, farming and conservation charities, and yet thousands continue to be released every year throughout Britain. In addition to the fire risk, the metal parts they contain can have fatal consequences if they are ingested by grazing animals, or other wildlife can become entangled in the wire frames. Many local councils, including Kirklees, have banned their release on council owned Land.



**Bolster Moo says " Please help to keep us safe, say no to sky lanterns "**



**Bolster Moor Buddies**

Helping to make our community stronger

Though Bolster Moor is a thriving community where people look out for neighbours and friends, it's possible that a person's usual support might not be available. Bolster Moor Buddies will provide a backup. Buddies will be available to help anyone in the village who is alone at home. Here are two examples of possible scenarios where Buddies could help:

- bad weather prevents a person getting out to do their shopping
- a person's regular visitors are unable to make the visits due to bad weather or illness, and maybe the person would like a chat or some reassurance.

In such cases, the person can phone one of the BMCA members shown below. The member will have a larger group of helpers available, and will find someone to contact the caller. **If you know anyone who might benefit from the help Buddies is offering, please cut out and pass on.**

Jan Lloyd	07976584266
Andi Butler	648023 or 07980179457
Westwood Centre	845042
Hilary Pape (evenings and weekends)	847199 or 07981412469
Di Mayo	656509 or 07815814141
Nina Pollard	07985526847





**In Loving Memory of Tom Batley**

Tom Batley's memorial bench, sited by his family, can be found on Westwood Edge Road.



If you need a quiet place to stop, rest and reflect, then this could be the spot for you.



**It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....**

**On Dyke End!**

Pictures courtesy of Di Mayo

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

Hopefully we will be able to meet up in the New Year. Look out for meeting details on social media and on notice boards. It will be wonderful to see you.

**All meetings begin at 8pm at the Golcar Lily.**

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



**Public House & Restaurant  
CHRISTMAS 2020: OPENING TIMES**

Please note that due to the Coronavirus National Restrictions in force for England, the Golcar Lily is currently only able to offer a Take Away service.

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Collection only

Please observe Social Distancing



Contact  
Andi Butler: 01484 648023

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

[www.bolstermoor.org.uk](http://www.bolstermoor.org.uk)

**Disposal of Christmas Trees**

We have again arranged with Liam Robinson, the local tree surgeon from 'A cut Above' to shred any Christmas trees which local residents may want to dispose of. Please drop your trees in the corner of Michael Sykes' field, half way down Drummer Lane, next to Liam's premises, no later than Sunday January 10th.

Many thanks to Liam and Michael for doing this.



It's how far to Bethlehem....?



## Seasonal greetings from us all at Westwood.

A year ago, we were getting ready for hosting the comedy night in the Hall, welcoming people from far and near and heating up the mulled wine. Oh, the time when buying 40 bottles of mulled wine was acceptable... or was it?

Today, we are gearing up for a busy Christmas as we will reopen our doors temporarily for a few days. As you may know, we have been closed for

some time now since Lockdown 2.0 and we are having the chance to reminisce on how this year has been for us and our charity.

Though we were closed for four months during Lockdown 1.0, we were busy decorating and making music with our resident musicians. We also got the chance to rest after what has been the busiest few years for Westwood. When we opened our doors in the summer, we were grateful we could offer a Covid-safe place for people to retreat away from the current madness of 2020.

Since Lockdown 2.0, we have only been able to open fleetingly for guests visiting for work purposes and we truly miss welcoming people and organising our traditional comedy nights.

We await new updates on whether we will move into Tier 2, as this would mean that we will be able to open the flats again, but for now, we are grateful we can open for a few days at Christmas.

We hope the new year will be kinder to all of us and we will be able to be together again. We daydream of being able to welcome you all again in our cosy hall for comedy nights and folk music concerts.

However, before we are able to do all that, we are hoping to organise 2-3 short outdoor performances around Bolster Moor on Christmas Eve organised by our resident musicians. We are currently looking into how we can make this safe for everyone and then we will spread the word. We hope to see everyone soon again, but until then, be kind to yourselves and stay safe.

Best wishes from the team at Westwood,

Ellie, Jake and Nikki.

