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NEWS FROM BOLSTER MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2023

The Queen's Green Canopy. We planted a tree for the Jubilee

With help from a group of children from Clough Head School, the BMCA organised a tree planting ceremony in the Community Garden at the end of Bolster Moor Road. During our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, businesses, community groups and individuals were



encouraged to 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' and help create the Queen's Green Canopy - a network of trees around Britain to create a living legacy and serve as a lasting tribute to Her Majesty's service to her country and people. Some larger organisations planted many trees and created new woodland areas, but even if many people only planted a single tree, it adds up to thousands of extra trees in the country which is of great benefit to the environment.



Our 'Jubilee Tree' is actually known as a Family Apple Tree - with three different varieties of dessert apple grafted onto a rootstock. It should begin to bear fruit in two or three year's time, so watch that tree and feel free to sample some apples when they grow!

We would like to thank Mrs Crowther for bringing along the children who were a credit to their school.

Clough Head Junior and Infant School Craft Club

Clough Head J&I school have been running a very popular craft club with Mrs Cooper for a number of years. There is a variety of activities involving lots of different craft materials each term.

On the weeks leading up to Christmas 2022 the children made crafts including a wreath, a bobble hat bauble and a Christmas card - they choose their own colours and do as much as they can independently but Mrs Cooper and volunteers are there to help as needed.



Coming up to Easter they are currently working on either a cat or a bunny where the children have traced a template, cut out the shapes and are sewing the pieces together. **If anyone would be interested in volunteering at craft club then do get in touch with the school: 01484 222217**

Community coffee morning and recycling: Jan Lloyd-Smith

As a Flamingo Paperie Partner I had a table at Lindley Methodist Church Monthly Recycling Coffee morning back in October 2022 which I was able to do as I could provide the necessary eco-credentials and charitable criteria.

I shared the work they were doing at the following BMCA meeting and everyone felt it was a great idea. After some thought I decided it would be a good way to get our community together whilst collecting recycling, raising some funds for BMCA and Glint and so far it is proving popular.

Along with the recycling we are supporting local and small businesses and it is a chance to get together and have refreshments including homemade cakes and buns.

We are collecting:

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| * Clean Foil | Empty Blister Packs |
| * Postage Stamps | Plastic Bottle Tops |
| * Used Printer Cartridges | Spectacles |
| * Greeting Cards | Old Bras |
| * Along with items suitable for Tombola and Raffle Prizes for ongoing events. | |



I take the recycling to Lindley Methodist Church on the first Saturday of the month between 10am and Noon so if anyone cannot make our event you can always call in there with your recycling and for a warm welcome.

The days and times of the Bolster Moor event will vary each month so keep an eye out for posters and posts on facebook or message me if you'd like to go on the email list (jan@yelho.co.uk).

Thank You for Your Support

Jan x

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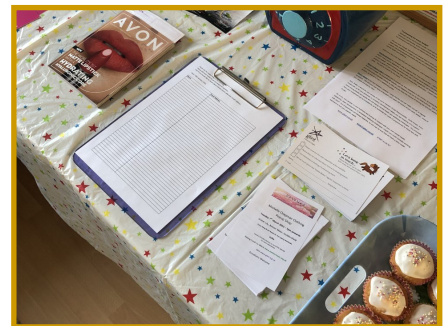
www.hopkinsonaesthetics.co.uk

Milnsbridge Slimming World – Sara 07734376943

www.womencentre.org.uk

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www.bolstermoor.org.uk



What's going on at the Colne Valley Museum?

April

1st & 2nd: Crafts at the museum including a white bread bake

8th, 9th, 10th: Easter weekend with children's crafts

8th—14th: Colne Valley Art Society Annual Exhibition

May

6th: CLOSED FOR CORONATION DAY

7th: Celebrations for the Coronation

8th: CLOSED FOR THE CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY

13th: Golcar Lily Day—bread bake and children's activities

20th—2nd July: Make Do and Mend exhibition



THE AWARD WINNING
GOLCAR LILY DAY
SAT MAY 13TH 2023
11AM – 5PM

For all the details
check out their web-
site:

www.golcarlilyday.co.uk



Farmin wiv Grandad....AKA Chris Friend

A New 'Growing' Year

In the last edition I wrote a short piece on 'growing stuff' on our plot. This edition is timed at an opportune stage for 2023 planting and I would like to encourage you to get involved with 'growing' if you don't already do so. You don't need a huge space to grow some really tasty fruit and veg; a couple of raised beds can be very productive.

I expect that most existing 'growers' are already under way preparing the ground, chitting potatoes and planting seeds for this year. However, there is still time to 'get growing' and get some great crops this year. Many of the local Garden Centres already have fruit and veg plants available that would give you an accelerated start. Some will also provide good guidance and, if you get started soon, you may even have a chance of being able to enter the Slaithwaite Horticultural Show in September.



Slaithwaite Horticultural Show

In 2021, I was 'encouraged' to enter the Horticultural Show. I have never grown things with the purpose of entering competitions but I did put a couple of items in. It was very nice to get a second and third place for two of my entries. However, it was quite fun to see what other people were growing and how they presented their items for the show. There are a huge number of categories and the show is very well organized. Not only are there fruit and veg classes but cut blooms, pot plants, produce classes, children's classes and art and craft classes.

This year, I seemed to have the more competitive bug and entered a large number of classes. I did prepare a set of onions in advance but the rest of my entries were harvested on the day. The programme that lists all of the classes is a good guide for the novice competitor and gives some clear guidance with 'tips for showing'. I only entered in the fruit and veg classes but was very pleased with the result ... six firsts, six seconds and two thirds! It sounds impressive but I must admit to be the only entrant in a number of classes. I'm not going to say which they were as I shall try the same trick next year ;-)

The best surprise for me was to win two trophies! The West Yorkshire Mayor – Tracy Brabin – was presenting the trophies, which added to the occasion.

I can thoroughly recommend you to put in a few entries next year ... after all, if I can do it, I am sure some of you can also achieve success!

Trees, Herbs, Wild Areas and Bees



As well as growing fruit and veg, we have been making sure that we have a diverse environment on our plot. Early on, we were delighted that the Colne Valley Tree Society team were able to plant around 450 trees across our plot. Since then, we have been trying to add around 10-20 fruit trees each year ... we now have 57 in place. A few are just beginning to produce fruit but it takes 3-5 years for most to have a worthwhile crop.

In addition to the trees, we have ensured that we have some 'wild areas'. A couple of areas have been set aside for wild flowers and herbs. Whilst I grow a variety of herbs for culinary/medicinal use, I like to include herbs in a natural environment in the wild areas. They seem to thrive quite well and add great colour. Our 'natural' (no liner) pond has attracted quite a few species ... newts, frogs, damselflies, and ducks to name a few. This year, we already have a good patch of frogspawn.

We also have a few hives of bees. Last year they were fairly productive and we had a good honey crop. Our two large rows of lavender prove very popular with the bees and they have been a great help in pollinating our crops. Despite producing much of what we eat, I am still unable to keep us supplied in fruit and veg for the whole year. Handy that we have the Bolster Moor Farm Shop close at hand, eh?!



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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 4 April 2023
- Tuesday 2 May 2023
- Tuesday 6 June 2023
- Tuesday 4 July 2023

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

OPENING TIMES

- Tuesday: 17.30—23.00
- Wed-Fri: 11.45-14.30 & 17.30—23.00
- Saturday: 11.45-15.00 & 17.30—23.00
- Sunday: 11.45—22.30
- Bank Holidays: 12.00—22.00

Food Service

- Tuesday: 17.30—21.00
- Wed-Fri: 12.00-14.00 & 17.30—21.00
- Saturday: 12.00-14.00 & 17.30—21.00
- Sunday: 12.00—22.00
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Our beautiful patch

Photographs by Jacqueline Jessop



A little verse about
 litter by Bolster Moo;

**Bag it, Bin it
 Pack it in your
 pocket,
 Whatever you do
 never drop it!**

