



Christmas 2020

Well, despite the Covid restrictions, our brilliant village managed to celebrate the festive season in style.....

Carol Singing



Thank you to all of you who turned out to the socially distanced carol singing event and especially to the choir and the outside caterers. Christmas wouldn't be the same without Carol Singing in Midgley!

Santa didn't forget our more senior residents, and dropped by to deliver gifts complete with face mask and hand sanitizer. Good ol' Santa.

Advent Windows



Thank you to all those of you who kindly, and enthusiastically, decorated windows over Advent. It brought joy and a lovely sense of Festive Spirit to the village and people from further afield. We had Instagram followers from villages, streets and communities up and down the UK from the north of Scotland to Cornwall and loads of places in between, many in and around London and other large cities, all doing the same thing, all supporting each other and appreciating the efforts that had been made. We also had followers from Canada, Eastern Europe and Scandinavia where they do similar things.

Easter Windows March 26th to April 11th

Following the success of the Advent Windows it was decided to ask for volunteers to decorate their front windows or front gardens to celebrate Spring time. Hopefully this will bring cheer and add interest to your Easter walks through the village.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to decorate their windows or gardens.

A trail map will be produced nearer the time.

Tree Planting A tree planting event is planned for later in the season when Covid restrictions allow. Thank you to all who have said they would like to help. We will keep you updated. For further information contact Anne Holdsworth stocksfarm55@gmail.com tel 07985 128737



Family Easter Treasure Trail - look out for details on social media and midgley-village.co.uk website.

Also at Easter there will be a Treasure Trail for families, with an Easter treat for children at the end.

This will be within the Covid 19 restrictions as they stand on Easter weekend.

The trail questions will be included on the Easter Windows Map when it is published.

Copies will be readily available nearer the time.



Midgley Village Shop

Over the last year, the shop has been proud to be able to serve the community and despite many challenges, managed to keep the shop well stocked with even the most hard to find items.

Also with the help of the Community Forum we were able to deliver groceries to those shielding and self - isolating. Thanks to our amazing volunteers we have provided a safe and friendly place to shop. Many used the shop for the first time and have commented on how well stocked it is and that our prices are reasonable. Where possible, we support local businesses. As we begin to look to a more normal future, we hope you have seen what an asset the shop is to the community and that you will continue to support us so that we can always be here to provide the service.

We have recently extended our range of frozen and chilled ready meals from Craggies and East West.

We have also introduced a small range of quality frozen fish such as salmon and hake which is supplied by Craggies.



Valley Veg supply all our fruit and veg and it is delivered twice a week so it is always fresh.



Don't forget - if you want special cuts of meat/gammon joints etc. you can order them for delivery on Wednesday. Fruit and veg can be ordered for delivery on Monday or Friday.

Details can be found at the shop.

Midgley Community Forum Social Group

We are a small friendly group of Midgley residents who, in normal times, organise the social events in the village. These include regular Quiz Nights and Talks and annual events such as Well Dressing Wine Tasting and Carol Singing. We also organise a bi-annual fundraising event which this year would have been the Fete on the Rec, and hopefully Open Gardens next year.

When restrictions are lifted we will be meeting again to plan and organise events for later in 2021 so if you would like to come and join us you will be very welcome.

Contact Jennifer Vale on 07906 459904 or email jen.vale@yahoo.co.uk



Midgley Growers' What's App Group

Are you a gardener who, like me, ends up with left-over seeds or all your seeds germinate and you have too many plants for your own use? When you are out in the garden, do you wonder how to care for a certain plant, when to prune, or have other questions?



It doesn't matter whether you garden a window box or an allotment – if you want to share ideas, plants and seeds etc., send me a text and I will create a Midgley Growers What's App Group purely for gardening.

Jean Tallis mob: 07786 702813

Well Dressing Sunday 2nd May

This year we are hoping to continue our popular annual event the pared down version! We are hoping to have enough wells dressed to produce a map, available over several days in the shop, for people to follow the trail around the village. Sadly there will be no organised walk or Community Room Breakfasts available, however you will be able to buy home made Dock Pudding from the Shop.



Solar Panels for the Co-op Roof



In October 2020, the Midgley Climate Action Group reported that the roof of the old Co-op building in Midgley was being considered for solar panels. These would generate electricity, reduce the carbon footprint of the shop and lower the electricity bills. The Group has continued their investigations and a survey will be carried out to check both the condition of the roof and its suitability for solar panels.

Last month, at the AGM of Midgley Matters Association Limited (the organisation that owns the old Co-op building) it was agreed that the Climate Group should continue this work, obtain some competitive quotes and present a case to the Management Group. In each of the last few years, some funds have been put aside to pay for the longer term maintenance of the building, and these could contribute towards the cost of a new roof (if needed) and solar panels.

There are also other areas of the building that need improvement, and the Management Group will be considering the best way to tackle all of these in the next few months.

Keep our Village Beautiful Have you noticed how these days our lovely village is being spoiled by litter? As soon as there is heavy rain, this gets washed into the drains and ends up in the rivers adding to the plastic soup highlighted by David Attenborough in his Blue Planet series. Next time you are out walking why not take a pre-used plastic bag and old gloves and pick up all the plastic and cans along the way. When your little bag is full, dispose of it in the next litter bin you see.



Not only does it help wildlife, but it gives an extra purpose to your walk.

More Village Events are being planned for 2021

(in line with government guidelines of course).

If you have an idea for a village event, let Jean Tallis or Jennifer Vale (Social Group) know and they can plan it.

Watch out for details in future newsletters and check out the website www.midgley-village.co.uk or follow us on www.facebook.com/groups/225990085238863/

A big Thankyou to everyone who has kept up the village Community Spirit during the last extraordinary year. Lets keep it going into the FUTURE