

Friend to Friend Newsletter June 2022



MELTHAM GROUP

Meltham Jubilee party

The Queen's platinum jubilee was celebrated by the Meltham group with a party on Friday 3rd June. 57 members and volunteers came along to an indoor street party. We ate assorted sandwiches, pork pie, quiche and crisps followed by jelly, ice cream with evaporated milk and scones with jam and cream. We had a fabulous Jubilee cake to finish the meal.

The guests at the party were, Mayor Richard Noon with his son Oliver and Rachael Chadwick, Morrisons



charity champion.

Jenny welcomed everyone to the party, then read a poem written by Pam Murgatroyd about the Queen's life. We sang 'God save the Queen' and toasted the Queen with Schloer (no alcohol allowed at the Methodist church). Jackie was the proud winner of the Jubilee hat! Congratulations Jackie.

I would like to say THANK YOU to the Mayor and Oliver for attending, to Rachael Chadwick, Morrisons community champion for donating the food on the day and to Gwen at the Victoria pub for donating a box of crisps. Last, but far from least, thanks to Liz Philpot for the beautiful Jubilee cake, which was delicious.

This lunch would not have happened without the help of all the volunteers, who did such a great job on the day. THANK YOU.

Jenny

More photos from the Jubilee party.



Barbara B, Jackie, Irene



Dining Room



Special guest!



Rachael Chadwick, the Queen and Jackie

MELTHAM COFFEE MORNING

Meltham Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th June 2022 was held at St Bartholomews Church hall and was well attended by members and people of the village.

The cake stall was overflowing with lovely cakes, tombola, books, marmalade and jigsaws were also on sale. We thank everyone who donated cakes on the day. The raffle prizes included bottles of wine, toiletries, candles, a plant & more.

I want to THANK all the volunteers who worked so hard in the kitchen, the waitresses who served the drinks etc and everyone who served on the stalls.

Jenny



MARSDEN GROUP

Hello everyone we in the Marsden Group hope you are all keeping well and like us are looking forward to summer and warmer weather!

We recently went on an enjoyable outing to Hampson's Garden Centre in Wakefield, we left Marsden at 10.30am and arrived back at 3.30pm. We had a very friendly and obliging driver who took us to Hampson's via the scenic route, which included beautiful scenery. At the garden centre there was plenty to keep us occupied. We enjoyed walking around looking at all the different sections selling a large variety of products as well as a whole range of everything for the garden. There was also a large café that sold food to cater for all tastes and appetites, such as snacks, cooked meals, lovely cakes and yummy deserts. Everyone enjoyed the outing and we look forward to another trip in November.



Some of the Marsden members arriving for the outing to Wakefield in the minibus.

A few weeks ago, we reluctantly had to cancel our Zumba sessions and say goodbye to Nina the Zumba instructor. This happened because since our members returned after the pandemic lockdowns some of them found the Zumba exercise rather too

demanding and as a consequence, many stopped attending the sessions. Sadly, that meant the sessions were no longer viable.

Six weeks on, and after much discussion with the members, we are now offering 'Well Being Armchair Yoga' which is very gentle exercise combined with integrated quizzes and related activities. These sessions are proving to be very popular with the members and they also like the very personable instructor, Jorden.

Recently we welcomed Pat, from Friend to Friend, to our reminiscence's session. She introduced herself to our members and she interacted with the members throughout the session. We enjoyed her company very much. We have had two sessions that focused on reminiscences about the 1950s and the 1960s. We have had two quizzes about these decades that tested our memories and indeed many members scored well. We spent quite some time discussing 'things our mothers used to say' for example, "don't come running to me when you have fallen and broken your leg" and "you'll be laughing on the other side of your face if you don't give up". We all agreed that on reflection these sayings were quite amusing. Perhaps not surprisingly many of our members said that they often found themselves using the same sayings to their own children.

We also discussed how different women's lives were in the 1950s and 1960s and how attitudes to women have changed. We discussed how housework was more labour intensive without the luxury of the labour-saving devices we have today. We also talked about how attitudes to women have changed over the decades. We all enjoyed looking back and reminiscing about life in the 1950s and 1960s.

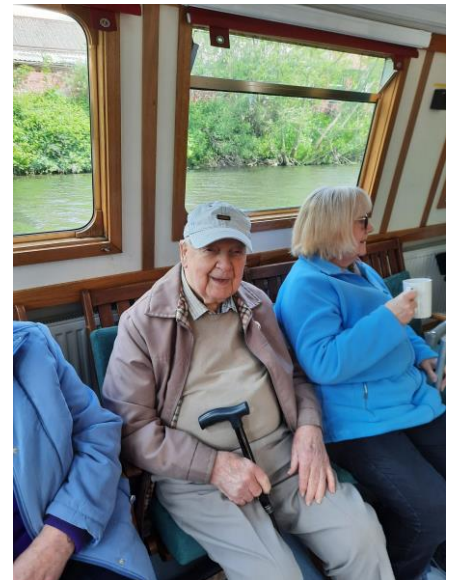
Finally, we are very sorry to report that we have recently lost a very valued member of our group, Ann Lunn. She attended Friend to Friend for many years and she was a very nice, amusing and kind person who was always willing to help out whenever it was necessary. She will be greatly missed.

Cynthia Phillips

NETHERTON GROUP

Hello again, the year is flying by so we must be enjoying ourselves!

That is certainly the case with the ladies and men in our group with trips to Tong Garden Centre, Cannon Hall and a sail on a barge already under our belts! The latter trip unfortunately ended with Roy A being whisked off to hospital after falling ill whilst on the trip. My thanks go to the volunteers on the trip (Kath, Judy and Laurence) together with the crew (Birtie & co) who managed the situation brilliantly and undoubtedly improved the outcome for Roy by their speedy actions. The good news is that Roy is doing well and is hoping to be home soon which we are all looking forward to and hope it is followed by a return to the group in due course.



We also had an interesting talk from Susan Whitwam from Colne Valley Museum who brought an array of items that triggered many memories, most of them good!

The plans for the rest of the year are still evolving but will include a Fire Safety Talk (the idea of a man in uniform seemed to pique some interest!) and a couple more outings before we end the year with some festive fun! Until next time!

John

HONLEY GROUP

In March, we had a trip to the Traveller's Rest in Brockholes. I was not able to attend myself as I was at a funeral but everyone apparently enjoyed a much longed for trip out! Thank you to Jenny Allgood and Gillian Scarborough for stepping in to help out on the day and to Vikki and Tess of course.

In April, Carol Roberts came to talk to us about a few things. Carol works hard in Honley for the Community and was keen to see if any ladies could knit squares for blankets for Ukrainian families coming over here. Apparently, these type of blankets are very popular with Ukrainian families. She also told us about the plans in the village for the Jubilee. We finished the meeting with a quiz about the Queen.



In May, we were beautifully entertained by Dom Beresford and the Pleasant Pluckers. They played and sang a variety of songs from different eras but we were able to join in and have a good old sing along. We were also able to reminisce about days gone by via these songs.



Thank you to all involved with these events and especially to Gill, Tess and Vikki for their support.

Suzanne



THE HOLMFIRTH GROUP

Our Project group has spent recent sessions learning about the decades of the Queen's reign. Prompted by Gillian's very interesting presentations and artefacts for each decade, we shared memories of key historical events, food, fashion, music and other cultural aspects of each decade, and added memories from our own members and volunteers.

Louise and Gillian are now starting to put together a giant 'Floorbook' as a gift to Holme Village School, featuring photos and memories, which we hope they will treasure in their library for years to come! Here are a few pictures of recent sessions, including when we contributed to making screen-printed bunting to string between the lamp posts of Holmfirth! The Floorbook (not yet finished!) will be unveiled to our members at our next session and presented to the school when completed, when we hope to invite them to join us for a session.

Louise



MENS GROUP

I cannot believe we are already half way through 2022 and it's newsletter time again, where is the time going! Apart from our usual sessions which have continued to be well attended by old and new members we have celebrated a 90th birthday with Roy A which included helping him devour a delicious cake! We also had a barge trip which judging by the pictures was enjoyed by all and benefited from some sunny weather! The rest of the year promises more of the same friendly sessions interspersed with an Autumn trip to the Carding Shed and of course a festive outing and meal to end the year.



We have been joined this year by John M, Bruce H and Dennis R who have received a warm welcome and are already contributing to conversations and of course, the dominoes!

One final thing is to say get well soon Roy A, we are looking forward to having you back once your health is improved.

Adios until next time.

John

IN MEMORIAM



Sadly, we lost some lovely members this year. Dorothy Allport passed away in early June. Dorothy was a keen Honley member and also went to Zumba. She will be very much missed and we send sincere condolences to her family and friends.



Maureen Hardy also sadly passed away this year. She was a member of the Meltham group and will be very much missed. Again, sincere condolences to her family and friends.

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