

Friend to Friend

September 2017

Newsletter



MELTHAM MEAL

The June meal proved to be a challenge for our volunteers. The turkey, Waldorf salad and trifle failed to arrive because the caterer thought “the meal was next Friday”. A trip to Morrisons for ham and trifle to add to the salad and new potatoes already prepared saved the day and proved very enjoyable.



Our speaker was Gareth Hunt, a local Police Community Support Officer, who reminded us all how important it was to take our personal security seriously.

Being alert to bogus callers, having a door chain to prevent access to the home and checking the ID of any caller is vital. Always asking to see ID badges, which should include a phone number, and then ringing to check that they are genuine? If they are not and they stay around ring 999. If they move on ring 101 and give as much detail as possible. Similarly anyone offering to do repairs to your home should be reported immediately.

Ignoring telephone calls from anyone unknown is always advisable too as they may be looking for personal information such as bank account details and sometimes access to your computer.

Several members shared experiences they had had with bogus callers, highlighting that anyone can be a target.

Gareth handed out warning stickers for Members to display and also brought along a number of items to help with security, which proved very popular.

Pat Craven

MELTHAM MEAL – AUGUST

At last – the sun was shining as we sat down to enjoy a summery ham salad and cheesecake lunch.

Two Members, 80th birthday girls Mary Haigh and Jackie Sill, were presented with vouchers from the Group - who also sang “Happy Birthday” for them.

Members were entertained by singer Tim Szoradi. He included songs from the Sixties and Seventies and some country music by artists including The Everly Brothers, Elvis, The Beatles and Neil Diamond. There was much foot-tapping and lots of smiling at our own memories. Some Members sang along - but for some reason there was very little dancing! Pat Craven



MELTHAM ANNUAL TRIP – FRIDAY JULY 7TH 2017



What a beautiful day for Meltham Annual Trip to Skipton. Wall to wall sunshine was the order of the day. Unfortunately the trip didn't go quite as expected.

The coach was late leaving Meltham and the traffic on the road to Skipton was awful, which meant we were late arriving in Skipton therefore missing our departure time for our narrow boat trip. Members made good use of their unexpected free time by wandering round the shops and Skipton's famous market.

Members enjoyed a lunch of Fish n Chips or Fish n Salad followed by Ice Cream at Bizzie Lizzie's Restaurant. After lunch the raffle was drawn and the 3rd prize of £5 was won by Lisa Taylor. 2nd prize of £10 was won by Elsie and the 1st prize of £15 went to Joan Whitehead.



We had two special birthdays to celebrate. Peter Priestley was 90 in June and I presented Peter with a £10 gift voucher for Morrisons. Dorothy Lorriman was 90 in July and I presented Dorothy with a

£10 gift voucher for the garden centre. Dorothy also celebrated her birthday with family and friends at The Huntsman Pub.



Once again we say THANK YOU to Goodyear Coaches and more especially Mick (the driver) for helping all our members on and off the coach safely.

Last but not least a very big THANK YOU to The Crossroads Project for the grant Meltham Meal received which paid for the coach. We appreciate their support.

Jenny



MELTHAM COFFEE MORNING



Once again Meltham coffee morning was a great success. The church hall was full to overflowing with people. We held a raffle with 7 prizes and tables selling homemade preserves, cakes, a tombola and a

few crafts.

The total sum raised was £279.

Thank you to all those people who donated cakes and to all the members and volunteers who helped on the day.

Jenny



HONLEY GROUP

In **June**, we had our annual trip to Cannon Hall. For once, the weather was kind to us! We set off in the minibus and arrived in good time for our meal which was booked for 12.15. The menu was very appetising and everyone found something to their taste. Service was very good as we were in the hands of the very efficient “Mark”.

Afterwards, the shop proved to be the main attraction but one or two members also managed a short stroll into the garden.



At this point, I would like to say a BIG thank you to Jenny Foster and Jess Gregory for helping me out on the day. The trip could not have taken place without you so many thanks from you both from all the Honley group. Thanks also to Jenny Allgood for her recommendation for the minibus. Paul was very good but ... oh boy ... his jokes!!

In **July**, we welcomed 2 new volunteers to the group. Tricia and Vicky will be joining us and we are all very grateful for their help. They both got stuck in straight away with the teas and coffees and the group members introduced themselves in turn. Afterwards, we did our now 'regular' raffle and prizes included biscuits, perfume, mints and a couple of the F2F mugs from the anniversary year.

We followed with a 'holiday' theme and chatted about holidays as children during the week when the mills shut down etc. Blackpool, Morecambe and Scarborough were popular destinations but some got as far afield as Torquay and Bournemouth! Other holidays in more recent years included trips to South Africa, New Zealand, Spain, Italy, North of Norway, America, South America ... you name it, this group have been there!

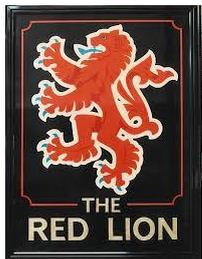
Gill then very kindly talked to us about her holidays and brought along her very excellent photographs. What a wonderful photographer she is and we were all very impressed by the many beautiful pictures she has taken both at home and abroad. Many thanks Gill for your talk.

We finished with a quick oral quiz on places and then a final reading of a poem by Joan Hulse which was conveniently titled Summer.

Thank you to all the Honley ladies for your interest and willingness to participate! You are a joy to be with!

In **August**, there was just a select group of 10 who were able to attend. Holidays and illness prevented a few of the regulars from coming. For those who were ill, we wish them a speedy recovery and for the holiday makers, we hope a good time was had by all!

We started with our usual chat over tea, coffee and biscuits and followed up with a raffle. Prizes this week included, soap, body lotion and a variety of chocolates and biscuits.



We had a pub theme going today! We named a few pubs and had a chat about what the pub means to the community and how pubs got their name. Pubs have changed so much over the years and many are now more like restaurants. We then had a pub quiz. Two teams of five competed against each other and we had 2 question rounds and 1 picture round. The winning team scored a very creditable 39½ out of 44. Well done.



After this, we had a couple of pub games to play – dominoes and bar skittles. Each team had a few rounds of both games.

We ended with another of Joan's poems. It was a fun afternoon and, as ever, the ladies of the Honley Friend to Friend group were a joy to be with.

Suzanne and Gill

THE HOLMFIRTH PROJECT GROUP & HOLMFIRTH BIG MEAL

We have been saddened by the loss of Bridget Roberts, Edward Marsh and Jennifer Judge from our groups since we last wrote. Bridget had been unwell for some time, very much missed by her friends at our sessions. Her daughter was kind enough to send us occasional updates to pass on to her friends. Edward was a real character, who absolutely loved it whenever we had groups of school children visit. The children at Upperthong still talk about what fun he was! Jennifer was always so kind, gentle and polite, ever appreciative of our Friend to Friend sessions. She leaves some very close friends who will miss her terribly.



We send all three families our condolences.

Our sessions have been very varied between April and August, including the following...

Flower arranging led by Hilary Desk



Many of our members brought their own containers, and everyone went home with their own handcrafted creation! Lovely!



Distraction Crime drama session led by the 'Feeling Good Theatre Group'

This great group of actors gave a superb set of sketches to illustrate how criminals target older people at their door or by phone.



Upperthong Year 3s 1960s Project



The 6 & 7 year olds from Upperthong J&I School joined us to learn about how life was different for our members in the 1960s. Some of the differences amazed them, and Friend to Friend members enjoyed provoking reactions concerning such things as phones with wires, black & white TV and no computer games! What an eye-opener!

'Circles of Friendship' Project

Led by textile artist Sue Clay, members learnt about felting, where coloured fleece is felted together to create a picture. Ours was inspired by an artist called Hundertwasser, and thoughts about 'Circles of Friendship' as a theme. The finished wall-hanging took pride of place in Sue's gallery during Art Week, and at her suggestion will hopefully be used to generate income for our charity. Watch this space for greetings cards featuring our fabulous picture!



CART speaker

In August we heard a very interesting speaker from CART (Christian African Relief Trust), a Huddersfield charity who collect unwanted items such as medical and educational supplies, furniture and other equipment, and send specific container loads to targeted communities in rural Africa. It was great to know that our donated items will go directly to those who need them.

NAME THE CHEEKY CHAPPIE COMPETITION

After being donated a very nice Easter Egg by the Lions, a total of £100 was raised from our Name the Cheeky Chappie competition and another £43 was also raised, after a second draw for the same competition, making a total of £143. So a big thank you to everyone involved, whether you bought or sold tickets. Thank you.

Jenny

FUNDRAISING

We would like to say a BIG thank you to Sam and the Shoulder of Mutton team in Holmfirth for the fundraising which they have started for Friend to Friend. They have recently had a makeover and are introducing a number of new items to their services. This includes trialling a local baker to provide tea/coffee and cake at a reasonable price in a warm calm environment in the centre of the village. Do call in and have a word!



'A bit of a do'

Come along for a 'Bit of a Do'!!

Wednesday 25th October 2.00 until 4.45 - 5.00.



Sing along, Dance along, Fun along

Venue is Meltham golf club.

Tickets £10 (from Gilly Evans or your group leader) to include sandwiches, chips, tea/coffee and cake. Transport can be arranged.

Entertainment is by Kevin Kitchen.



MORE SAD NEWS

We were saddened to learn that Peggy Anderson had passed away. Peggy had been a Member of the Netherton Group for many years and latterly attended the Meltham Meal. Our condolences go to her family.

Pat Craven

Sadly, we also learned that Louise's father passed away recently. Louise is a volunteer for Friend to Friend. Sincere condolences to Louise and family from all at Friend to Friend.



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