

Love Lydgate Community

SEPTEMBER

Wed 1st Sept	Family service, St Annes Church. 6pm.
Wed 1st Sept	Saddleworth WI, White Hart (Oak Room), 7.30pm. Non-members welcome. Speaker, Debbie Abrahams (subject to change). Email: saddleworthwi.secretary@gmail.com or phone: 07763 028466.
Mon 6th Sept	Love Lydgate exercise class—10.00am £4.50 (Weekly class)
Mon 6th Sept	Zumba Gold—11.30am £5.00 (Weekly class)
Tues 7th Sept	Autumn Day Open Church at St Anne's. Craft stalls, tea and coffee.
Tues 7th Sept	Monthly Quiz for Whit Friday Band Contest, White Hart, Pavilion room. 8.00pm for 8.30pm start.
Friday 8th Sept	Zumba Gold—10.30am £5.00 (Weekly class)
Sat 11th Sept	Churchyard maintenance. 9.30am onwards.
Mon 13th Sept	Monthly Talk, Lydgate Parish Hall, from 2.30pm. Climate Change. Speaker Alison Brittle.
Sun 19th Sept	Harvest service, St Annes Church, 11am. All donations of food for Oldham Foodbank.
Tues 21st Sept	Coffee morning, Lydgate Parish Hall, 13.00am till noon.
Sun 26th Sept	Community Celebration and Afternoon Tea, Parish Hall, 12.30pm—4.00pm.
Tues 28th Sept	Action Planning committee meeting, Parish Hall, 4.00pm

OCTOBER

Sat 2nd Oct	Churchyard maintenance. 9.30am onwards.
Tues 6th Oct	Monthly Quiz for Whit Friday Band Contest, White Hart, Pavilion room. 8.00pm for 8.30pm start.
Wed 7th Oct	Saddleworth WI, White Hart, Oak Room. 7.30pm.
Mon 11th Oct	Monthly Talk, Parish Hall, from 2.30pm. Wonderful Woodland. Speaker Nik Anderson.
Tues 19th Oct	Coffee morning, Parish Hall, 10.30am till noon.
Sun 31st Oct	Love Lydgate Lunch at White Hart. Tickets available from The White Hart.

Book club for Love Lydgate?

Would you like the chance to meet new friends and share your love of literature? Perhaps meet once a month for a productive get together to share time and ideas? If you are interested in the idea of forming a book club, please email me at: meladam391@aol.com.
(Mel Wilson Jones)

Coasters and Mugs for sale at St Annes Church



Mug: £7.50
Coaster: £2.00
Mug and coaster: £9.00
Contact: Sue Willett
sue@nwsecretarialservice.co.uk

St Anne's Churchyard Maintenance (Rev Pat Gillian)

During the past few weeks, we have come together as a village and church community to help each other maintain the churchyard at St Anne's. With the different types of weather we have had over the past few months, the undergrowth and hedges have put on a growth spurt. We started on the lower churchyard and around the Garden of Remembrance, clearing the undergrowth from the banking, where we plan to plant bushes, spring bulbs and wildflowers to make a wonderful colourful display in the spring.

We have now moved onto the Southside area at the side of church, cutting the undergrowth back to the drystone wall - revealing some of the older graves which had become overgrown. We have an arborist Nik who is giving us advice about the trees in the churchyard and help with tree maintenance.

To help the wildlife/birds to thrive in the churchyard, we are accepting donations of spring bulbs, bee hotels, bird feeders and bird boxes. We have also had some anonymous cash donations for which we are very grateful and will be put towards improvements, thank you.

We have planned a churchyard working party on one Saturday of each month (keep an eye on the church notice boards for which Saturday) from 9.30am for an hour or so and would welcome assistance from our church congregation and our friends in the village. I know Saturdays are not always convenient for people and that some of our friends from the village are cutting back and clearing undergrowth during the week for which we are very grateful.

If you would like to help us but unsure what you can do, please get in touch and we can meet and discuss what needs to be done. We at St Anne's are always ready to welcome people into our church and if you would like to discuss anything, please contact me: **Revd Pat Gillian 01457 870162 patgillian@cofeinsaddleworth.org.uk**

The Last Word First of all, apologies to Ruth Trickett, I missed a very important 0 from her Risotto recipe in the last issue. There should have been 300g of Italian Risotto Rice (not 30g)!! Thank you to all those who contributed to the current issue. If you would like to share your news and pictures, contact lovelydgate@btinternet.com.

Deadline for Nov/Dec 2021 issue, **October 15th**. (Kate Tunn-Editor)



The First Word

Autumn is here again and we are busy planning events in the hope that everything can go ahead, the main dates for your diary are on the back page.

Our Community Hub, the Parish Hall will re-open on September 6th and we hope all the usual classes will go ahead. There is still much to do at the hall, but we hope you will be pleased with the progress that the LCA has made, with your help. The monthly coffee morning starts again on September 21st in the hall. Great Big Green Week runs from September 18th to the 26th. Love Lydgate has always tried to protect and improve the environment. We hope that if we all do our bit then we can make a big difference both locally and beyond. We start with a Parish Hall talk on the 13th September, by Alison Brittle (Saddleworth Hydro) on Climate Change and round off with a Community Celebration on the 26th. The Lydgate Community Association will also be showing what has been done in the hall and what else is planned.

Taking responsibility for where we live is another of Love Lydgate's aims and why I encourage you to look at the Places For Everyone Development Plan on OMBC website. This gives us a chance to influence planning across our locality. Serious stuff but there is still room for fun, whether it is the Lydgate Exercise class every Monday morning, the Community Celebration or the Lydgate Lunch at the White Hart on October 31st - the Love Lydgate Team look forward to meeting up with you again soon.

(Jennifer Greenwood Chair of Love Lydgate)

Great Get Together at the White Hart

We couldn't have asked for a better day for the Great Saddleworth Get Together in June. The sun was shining, refreshments flowing, people were enjoying the music, dancing and the stalls. We had some fantastic cakes in the Great Saddleworth Bake Off, thank you to all those who baked one!

I also want to give a big thank you to everyone who helped and turned up, because of you we made over £1,000 for our 4th emergency services: Oldham Mountain Rescue, Blood Bikes and Air Ambulance. We will be hoping to replicate this success next year. (Henry Burbridge)



Find out about the churchyard maintenance project taking place at St Annes, Lydgate. If this is something you would like to help with, see Rev Pat's article on the back page.



We wish Team LGFG, (Lydgate, Grasscroft, Friezland and Grotton) 'Good Luck' in Saddleworth Olympics in September!

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STATION BREW

In the heart of Saddleworth, opposite Greenfield Railway Station, sits our little cafe, Station Brew. Opened in July 2017 after months of dreaming, planning and building, Station Brew is now an established favourite spot for local people and visitors alike.

We created the interior of our cafe using stone flags, wooden beams and lintels removed from the building during the transformation work. We furnished it with upcycled tables, chairs and crates, including an old teacher's desk still with an ink well, school chairs with children's names etched into them, and an old ladder from a ladder company in Greenfield dated at the turn of the century.

There are maps, games and lots of books for you to browse whilst having your coffee and cake and a range of local crafts, jewellery, books and produce to browse and purchase during your visit.

Our aim has always been to provide fresh quality food and drinks using local businesses like our own. McLintock's Dairy provides us with fresh local milk and free-range eggs daily. A. Taylor butchers in Mossley provides us with all our meat, Alimentari di Alberti our fruit and vegetables, Carr's Bakery in Ashton our muffins and Tea Punks our range of fruit and herbal teas. Alongside Roger's award-winning bread and Darkwood's award winning coffee these suppliers all help us to serve the highest quality local produce to our customers.

We serve a wide range of breakfast and brunch options including our signature Grilled Green Cheese with poached eggs—made using avocados and spinach. There are vegetarian and vegan options available too, a keto breakfast and dairy and gluten free choices. Lunches include a range of hot and cold sandwiches, soups and salads, including the very popular Halloumi Harrissa toastie.

All our cakes are made in house and currently include Chocolate Brownies, Californian Orange Cake, Fancy Flapjacks, Vegan Pecan Brownies, Vegan Lemon Drizzle and Bakewell Tart. Or, if you have enough room, our Station Brew Sundae made with the delicious Northern Bloc Ice cream, is a hit during the summer months.

We have a varied children's menu and all our meals are available for takeaway. Our takeaway cups and containers are compostable or recyclable. Highchairs and baby changing facilities are available and we welcome well behaved dogs.

We open Tuesday to Friday 9 till 3.30, Saturday 9 till 4 and Sunday 10 till 4. Tables can be booked in advance by calling 01457 237384, messaging us on Facebook or pop in as you are passing. We ensure our cafe is Covid safe for our staff and customers and have measures in place to ensure you have an enjoyable and safe visit.

After months of uncertainty it is wonderful to have customers seated in our cafe again enjoying being together and we look forward to welcoming more of you in the near future.

(Jackie Hetherington)



Lydgate Stitchers

This summer, Lydgate Stitchers are losing one of their members as Joyce Devenport and her husband Brian relocate to Derby to be nearer their family.

We are a friendly tight knit group of skilled 'stitchers' and are going to really miss Joyce's contribution to our weekly sessions and the projects we work on together.

Lydgate Stitchers was formed a decade ago and during that time, we have tackled various projects of which Joyce has played a major part.

After the main room of Lydgate Parish Hall has been decorated, three of our wall hangings will be on display, all depicting local and historical events close to the heart of our community.

As well as being a valued member of our group, Joyce, alongside her husband Brian has also been an active and hardworking member of St Anne's Church. We are all going to miss Joyce but wish both her and Brian every happiness in their new home. I'm sure she will soon seek out another stitchers' group where she can continue to develop and pass on her creative skills. Pictured, Joyce (on the left) being presented with a leaving gift from the Stitchers by Celia Gledsdale.

Lydgate Stitchers meet every Wednesday in Lydgate Parish Hall between 2-00 and 4-00pm. Everyone is welcome and you don't have to be an expert with a needle!

(Lesley Heyes)



Happy Birthday

Kate Platt, a much valued member of the Lydgate Larks, celebrated her 90th birthday recently. (Pictured) - Kate enjoying a visit from some of her fellow Larks who sang Happy Birthday to her.



Zumba Gold—Lydgate Parish Hall

Zumba Gold is a fun and friendly exercise class, aimed particularly at the older active participant. It is a low impact, dance inspired happy hour!

All steps are taken to ensure safety as we still remain cautious - the hall is well ventilated, hand sanitizer available and social distancing in place. Face coverings are welcome on entrance and exit. Class days are **Monday 11.30am and Friday 10.30am**

Contact Helen - 07786 393603 inspiredfitness@ymail.com
Class price is £5, pay as you go.

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LET'S CELEBRATE!

Love Lydgate has never gone away. During lockdown we have been busy supporting the NHS along with the White Hart and the Lydgate Band Contest Committee. But we have never stopped focusing on our little community, mostly by looking out for individuals and looking after the environment but now the time is right to get back to celebrating all that is best in our community and enjoying some fun activities.

One big joy is that our shared community facility, **Lydgate Parish Hall** has at last been able to begin refurbishment due to the wonderful generosity of so many local people. Even the garden has had a make-over and the addition of outdoor furniture donated by Katie and her husband. Come along and see what you have helped achieve. There is still much to do - and your help is always welcome whether financially or practically. Just get in touch on 01457 877935

Join us on Sunday September 26th from 12.30 to 4.00, for a **Community Celebration** and see the hall in all its glory together with a **wonderful display of Lydgate Stitchers work.**

Love Lydgate will be offering **delicious home-made Afternoon Tea**, **Lydgate Band** will play, and we can show you how your money has been spent on the hall. **Entry is free.** As it is Great Big Green Week, we will have ideas and resources to be more eco-friendly too. **DO JOIN US. WE'VE MISSED YOU!** *(Jennifer Greenwood)*

Diary of a Lydgate Farmer

Here we are mid-August. The cattle are all outside enjoying the good weather when it's good and putting up with it when it isn't!

We have another cut of silage to do and then we start to make plans for the winter, making sure buildings are secure and weatherproof and that we will have enough supplies for about one hundred mouths to last until next May - a long time. It will depend on the weather how long the cattle stay outside. Our job is very weather dependent and a constant topic of conversation with farmers.

The newspapers have been full of the story of Geronimo the alpaca who has twice tested positive for bovine TB and will have to be put down. There has been a huge outcry fuelled by the media. This ignores all the thousands of cattle which are put down every year after testing positive. This must break many owners hearts, young pedigree animals perhaps due to give birth so the calf goes as well, young very well bred bulls just ready to start breeding - our country's way of dealing with this disease is to cull all these animals which have tested positive.

It's very hard for all concerned and when your farm has a TB test you wait with baited breath to know you are clear, or the heartbreak begins.

The Parish Hall Bids Farewell to The Susan Roberts School of Dancing

Susan set up her dancing school at Lydgate in 2006 and was a regular user of the hall on Saturdays and Tuesdays with students ranging from age 3 to 73 and beyond! Miss Susan and her husband Mr Gordon have now decided to hang up their dancing shoes and "shuffle hop step" off to well-deserved retirement.

I have been a member of Susan's Tuesday night "Adult Tappers" since its inception and having never danced before, fulfilled a long-held dream to learn to tap dance. So, under Susan's patient direction our class was soon tapping to tunes such as "Tap Your Troubles Away" and "Mac the Knife" at The Millgate Arts Centre in dancing shows featuring all Susan's classes. Who would have believed it!

I am sure all the students will miss her classes, shows and examinations and will want to join with me in wishing Susan and Gordon a very happy retirement. *(Susan Fleming)*

Lydgate Provides the Location for a TV Series

Earlier in the year, a film crew rocked up at the White Hart and Lydgate Farm to film the second series of a TV drama set for future transmission. One series of Traces has already been shown. Though set in Manchester and Dumfries, this location was chosen by a local Greenfield man who works for the TV company.

The actors and crew were extremely polite and professional. You may not recognise parts of the location as they brought their own sets and there are plans to digitally superimpose some images, like a lake at the bottom of our garden!

Everyone was very impressed with the location and superlatives like stunning and fabulous were used about the views and general area. Maybe sometimes we natives become blasé about where we live!

Muriel Wills

Muriel Wills lived for most of her life in the house where she was born, at Oldham Road, Grasscroft. She never married, but cared for her parents in their later life, then her brother Frank after he suffered a series of strokes.

Muriel worked in Oldham Library, where she particularly enjoyed reading to children. She was a regular at St Anne's Church and sang in the choir. She had a keen interest in Saddleworth history and a love of the theatre. Her final years were spent at Oakdene Nursing Home in Lees. She is remembered for her great sense of humour and friendship to those who knew her. *(Bob and Jean Hindley)*

Peter Wilkinson

Peter was a loved husband, father, Grandad and Prize-Winning vegetable Gardener at the Mossley Horticultural show. Family orientated, yet community minded. He worked in Manchester as a teacher, then Oldham as an Educational Psychologist while loving to be involved with all the community projects in the area.

He started the Mossley Softball team 10 years ago and was actively involved with the art project 'Recreate' in Mossley and the Mossley light festival. A man who loved to light up his house with Christmas lights all year round. He will be missed. *(Peter is the late husband of Lorna LeFevre).*