

Oakworth Village Life

It's a well worn cliché but Oakworth Methodist Church is situated right in the heart of the village and the village is right at the heart of all it does. The church is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year – 50 years since the vast Wesleyan Methodist Church was demolished and the present modern, multi-purpose building rose in its place. The needs of the community it was built to serve have changed quite dramatically during those fifty years and the building has been extended and re-ordered to



meet those needs.

More recently, a lot of work has gone into tidying and replanting the grounds and generally keeping the church in good shape for the many visitors who make use of the facilities. The warm, flexible, welcoming suite of premises is now in use every day of the week. Call at the church on a weekday morning and you will be met by the sound of young children enjoying themselves at Playgroup. Unless it is a Tuesday – then your nose will inform you that lunch is being prepared for the Senior Citizens Luncheon Club, serving

by David Howarth

over 40 lunches, freshly cooked on the premises by volunteers each week.

In the afternoon, you could find the Church Ladies' Group listening to an interesting speaker, the after-school Fish Club in one of their sessions or one of the Third Age Groups either enjoying a music appreciation session or singing for pleasure.

If you come up the drive during the evening the sound of music and laughter will greet you before you reach the doors! It could be the Village Morris Men practising their dance routines or the Kyzd Youth Theatre preparing for their next



production. It may be one of the Uniformed Organisations in full swing – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all meet each week. In the winter months, it will probably be the young people rehearsing for the next Pantomime – now the highlight of the village calendar in February – eight shows enjoyed by over 1200 people from far and wide.

A warm welcome awaits you, whether you are there to worship God on a Sunday morning, visiting one of the church social events or join one of the many community groups outlined above. Check the church website at www.OakworthMethodists.org for more information.

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