

### A Bridge Too Far

Work on replacing the flood-blighted bridge between Topcliffe and Dalton industrial estate will start next month. Dalton Bridge - the main entrance to the Dalton Industrial Estate - has been troubled by flooding for many years. When it occurs, it often results in the narrow stone hump backed bridge being closed for days restricting access to the estate and to Topcliffe.



Planning permission has already been granted for a new bridge and a section of road at an elevated level with flood embankments to give a 1 in 100 year flood protection. Cash is coming from the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Enterprise Partnership, Hambleton District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, the Environment Agency - and businesses based on the park which have joined forces to levy extra business rates through what's called the Business Improvement District process.

The Dalton estate houses some of Hambleton's largest companies, many of which were founded there and now have global reach. It employs around 850 people in everything from steel stockists and pet food production to one of the largest privately owned perfume and flavour businesses.

"Putting together the funding for this scheme has been a long and difficult process - but to see it all there and the bridge construction now less than months away is very exciting," said Hambleton District Council Leader, Councillor Mark Robson.

"This will open the doors up to expansion of the business park - both for existing businesses and to bring in new ones, which will be great news for the economy of Hambleton."

Roy Fishwick, Managing Director of Dalton based business, Cleveland Steel and Tubes Ltd, added: "The bridge has been a bone of contention for the 25 years I

have been working on the estate. It has taken two years of serious commitment to get us to this point so it will be marvellous to see works underway and completed"

### Hedge betting!

Apparently the green covering over long stretches of hedge either side of Dalton Bridge is to stop birds building nests in advance of work starting. Nesting birds can be a real problem on construction sites, so engineers are hoping the birds will nest elsewhere this season...but hopefully return in the years to come.

### Topcliffe CE School Is Officially Both Good & Outstanding!

Staff and children of Topcliffe Church of England School were delighted to receive an Outstanding SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) in October 2016 and a Good OFSTED in January 2017. Both reports recognised the significant changes to the school over the last two years and how successfully they have been managed.

*"Relationships amongst the school community are underpinned by a strong Christian ethos ensuring that all have a common sense of purpose."* SIAMS report October 16.

Headteacher, Abi Clay, said, "I am very proud to be part of such a caring and supportive school community where parents, staff and governors work so well together in order to achieve the best outcomes for the children in our care."

Mrs Clay went on to say "The support we receive from parents is absolutely vital to the ongoing success of the school. We value parents' contributions and are always looking for new ways to improve these partnerships.

Despite the many changes in education at the moment our school still keeps the children at the heart of everything and this was recognised in both inspections. The school provides a wide range of high quality learning experiences that are ensuring children are educated in preparation for life in the future. The quality in teaching, learning and assessment is constantly improving and OFSTED recognises that children's personal development is a strength of our inclusive school."

Paul Brennan, the LA Assistant Director wrote to Mrs Clay: "Please accept my congratulations for the successes that were recognised in your inspection report. Receiving a good outcome, especially under this challenging framework, is a significant achievement and we are really pleased for you, the staff, governors and children."

## Celebrating Fifty Years Of Conservation Areas

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Civic Amenities Act, through which conservation areas were introduced into England. The first conservation areas were designated in 1967 and there are now over 8,000 in England, 53 of which are within Hambleton District.

Topcliffe has its own Conservation Area - see the map - but it's not that old, having been created as recently as 1994.

Conservation areas are designated under the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation) Areas Act, 1990 for their special architectural and historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. When considering applications for planning permission within a Conservation Area, Hambleton District Council, has a duty to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the area.

Living in a conservation area means that planning permission is required for; the demolition of buildings larger than 115 cubic metres; demolition of walls, gates or fences; certain extensions; additions or alterations to the roof of a house; cladding and render; and satellite dishes to front elevations. To carry out works to a tree within a conservation area you will need to give advance notice to the council, who will either approve the works or serve a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

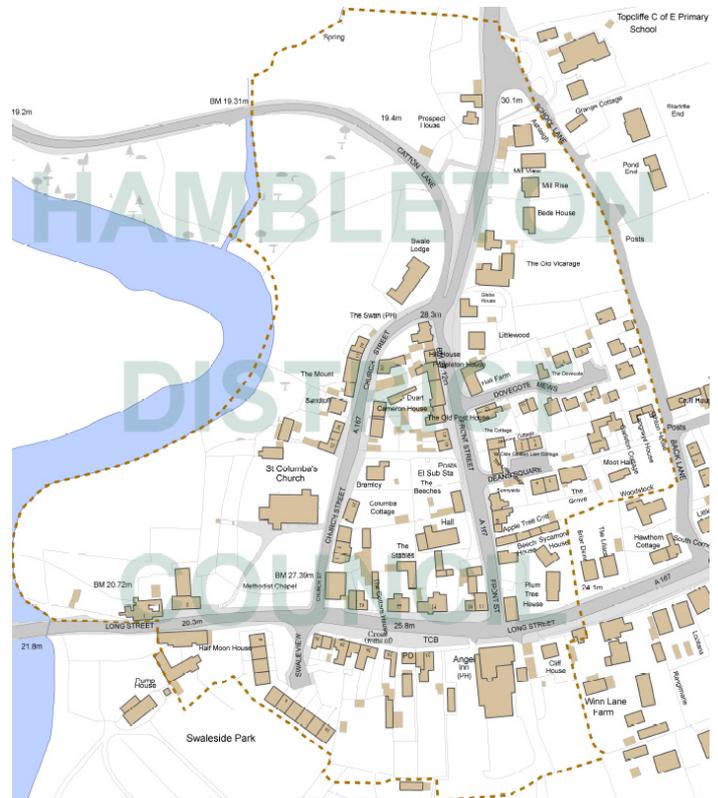
While there are many things you can do without permission, it is important to remember that the character of a conservation area is made up of many small details, and quite minor changes can, when taken together, create a major adverse impact on the character or appearance of the area.

In particular, the following details can spoil the historic character of many areas:

- ♦ *Unsuitably designed windows, which differ from the original pattern, the use of stuck on glazing bars and large panes of glass*
- ♦ *Off the shelf doors which are mass produced and lack historic detail*
- ♦ *Polished hardwood finishes to doors and windows instead of traditional paintwork*
- ♦ *Painting or rendering of historic brickwork*
- ♦ *Garden walls or fences of inappropriate design*
- ♦ *The loss of other small features*
- ♦ *Advertisements of inappropriate size, design and materials.*

Further information on what does and doesn't require permission can be found on the Planning Portal website [www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200125/do\\_you\\_need\\_permission](http://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200125/do_you_need_permission)

Recent research by the London School of Economics (2012) found that properties within a designated area sell for a 9% premium. So, whilst there may be some restrictions on development within a Conservation Area, it is often within our own interests to work positively alongside the planning system. A sense of pride in maintaining the character and appearance of an historic area can positively impact on the community sense of well being and quality of life.



### Deer Shed Days

It certainly doesn't feel like it, but this is just to prove to All Our Readers, that summer is just around the corner - well, up the road a bit then then it's a few miles beyond the hill, then the 4th turn on the left. But anyway, Oliver Jones, the Deer Shed organiser, thinks balmy days are almost imminent, so give some thought to booking your festival tickets now. The Deer Shed was cited in The Sunday Times last year as being one of the best family-friendly festivals in the country; so why not take everybody in your house - teenagers, babies, uncles and grannies. Take a look online - [www.deershedfestival.com](http://www.deershedfestival.com). You'll find there's enough to keep everyone happy.

The eighth edition of the Deer Shed Festival returns to Baldersby Park from 21st to 23rd July 2017. As always the organisers have asked us to publish a telephone number that local residents can call over the festival weekend to communicate any issues relating to noise coming from the site.

That telephone number is 07934 349468 and it will be answered whilst the event is in progress.

As ever this increasingly popular event requires volunteers to run well and if you would like to volunteer, in return for a free weekend ticket, please find details at [www.deershedfestival.com/volunteer](http://www.deershedfestival.com/volunteer)

If you have any other concerns that you wish to express please email [info@deershedfestival.com](mailto:info@deershedfestival.com)

### Lent Lunches

Wednesdays during March in the Village Hall.

12.15 for an hour.

No charge, but collection to support the work of Christian Aid

All most welcome

## Our Way

Talking to a friend in the pub one day  
Why don't you join Yarn Bombers she did say.  
I haven't got any time to spare  
I'm tied up with grandchildren, Aqua and U3A.  
You wait and see what we've got up our sleeve  
For the Tour de Yorkshire Cycle race.  
I must admit I was impressed  
When Thirsk was dressed to look its best.



Weeks and weeks had passed us by.  
When poppies were mentioned I thought I'd do a few  
To pay a tribute long overdue  
To all those soldiers killed and maimed in battle  
To knit or crochet a few poppies seemed no hassle.  
One, two, three then four,  
Eighty, ninety and a hundred more;  
Mine were but a few.  
They came from locals and far away  
From young and old a tribute to pay  
Then onto nets they were sewn  
Thousand after thousand, the display had grown  
Into a most fantastic display.  
Seeing Thirsk and Sowerby dressed in red and green  
Was a most magnificent sight to be seen.  
Shown on TV and pictured in papers  
We cannot help but be proud of our capers.  
It's an experience I wouldn't have missed.  
We paid our tribute to all those who were maimed or died.  
And all that is left to say is  
We did it our way.

Shirley Brown

## North Yorkshire 2<sup>nd</sup> Safest Area In England

Last year, our area was declared to be the second safest place to live and work in the Crime Statistics published by the Office of National Statistics.

In addition, the public confidence figures show 84.4% of local people have confidence in North Yorkshire Police, with 71.1% believing the force does a good or excellent job. These are broadly in line with the previous 12-month period.

A police spokesman said: "There will be no let-up from North Yorkshire Police."

## Village Hall Events

So this is what's planned at the Village Hall so far. Any suggestions for more events would be very welcome and, definitely, lots of support for the ones mentioned would be even more welcome.

**April 8** is specifically for those who love small furry animals when it's the day of the Great Northern Hamster Show. Note - I've been to one of their shows, and those hamsters are not great. In fact they're very very small. Don't let that put you off though.

On **April 22**, It's time to practice your moves when Paul Bumby holds a disco. This should sort out the movers from the groovers.

Art Classes will be starting on **May 1** with Barry Wilton-Middlemass. This is an opportunity to release your inner impressionist. Who knows - this time next year the Village Hall might be the venue for an art exhibition.

Asenby Space Community Team will be holding a three-course dinner and audience with Yorkshire vet, Peter Wright on **May 13**. Details elsewhere in the Tattler.

A Spring Basket Planting Session will encourage the green-fingered among you on **June 3**. Northdale will be running this and will provide many of the materials.

Following the success of the pre-Christmas Craft Fair, there will be a similar, but more summery, event on Saturday **July 1** with yet more stalls. AND it's hoped there'll be an opportunity for a rounders match.

Keen cyclists should be interested in the arrival of the Northern Audax Cycling Club on **July 15**, when they use the hall for some refreshments during their timed race from North Durham and back. They should be arriving here about mid-morning.

Don't keep any brilliant ideas to yourself. Share them with the Village Hall Committee. Names and contact details are to be found within this very issue.

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*The Vicar, Church Warden and  
members  
of St Columba's Church, Topcliffe,  
wish you all a very  
**Happy Easter**  
Alleluia - Christ is risen  
He is risen indeed - Alleluia*

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## Snooker Club

At only £25 a year, the Snooker Club situated in the Toll Booth, is excellent value. There are two tables, one full size and one three quarters; the club is heated, and you get your own key so you can play whenever you like. The club welcomes new members but under-18s must be accompanied by parents. Contact Dave Bowman on 577843



## Elm Gallery News

Signs of Spring are everywhere and it felt good to do the Spring-themed display in the gallery window. The nights are getting lighter and things will soon feel a whole lot better! We had a good run up to Christmas with many local people and others from further afield buying their Christmas gifts here. Our late night opening on Wednesday nights were successful overall, with some nights being quite busy and others with nobody at all. On those nights, we felt obliged to eat the nibbles and drink the wine ourselves, so it was a win-win situation! Like most businesses, we've been relatively quiet since Christmas, but we're starting to get busier now.

People often ask us what we sell most of and it really does vary a lot from month to month. We did well before Christmas with our Heathergems jewellery range and the hand made bags were very popular too, but we also sold glass, wood and ceramics and lots of baskets. People don't often buy pictures as gifts because it's often hard to know what someone else would like, but we sell gift vouchers for the gallery so that people can choose their own.

On the home front (this side of the building is affectionately called Faulty Towers) we are pleased to report that the outbuilding roof is now finished and watertight and once again we are indebted to Malcolm for his help and technical advice. Dave has mixed a lot of mortar by hand and was frequently complaining of pain in his elbow and shoulder, so for his birthday on Christmas Eve, I bought him a cement mixer! It had to be kept hidden in a neighbour's house, but he was really thrilled when he opened it and it's already had a lot of use.



It will be Mothers' Day soon on the 26th of March. If you are lucky enough to still have your mum, please pop into the gallery and have a look at our wide range of handmade gifts, including bags, jewellery, glass hearts, birds and candleholders, wooden bowls and vases, painted stones and pottery. Many of these things are made by Yorkshire artists and the bags are made here at the gallery. There should really be more than one day a year to celebrate the women who brought us up and helped put a roof over our heads.

We're submitting two pictures to the Tattler and both are roof pictures. The first is the finished roof on the outbuilding (taken from upstairs in the gallery) and the second is a painting called "Sabina Sunset" which is of an old Italian house we once saw which required substantial

refurbishment, including a new roof. Dave won't be offering his services!

Liz, Dave and Rocky - 577316 [www.the-elm-gallery.co.uk](http://www.the-elm-gallery.co.uk)



## Topcliffe Surgery Thirsk & Ripon Area GP Did You Know?

Topcliffe Surgery also produces a quarterly newsletter. It includes notices about any changes at the surgery, news items of interest from the NHS and specific items to our area and practice.

The most recent edition included the following articles;  
New GP settles in  
Vaccinations advice  
Public Health Matters  
Online access to GP services  
Money matters



Copies of the newsletter are available in the surgery and can also be found on our website.

Please visit: [www.topcliffesurgery.co.uk](http://www.topcliffesurgery.co.uk)

Our next newsletter will be coming out in the next couple of weeks so please do keep visiting the website to stay in touch.

Village	Hall	Events
Monday Morning	Pilates	N. Brule Walker 07887 581364
Monday Evening	Yoga	B. Walmsley 577976
Tuesday Afternoon	Boccia/Tues club	J. Lowe 577911
Tuesday Afternoon	Book Exchange	L. Nuttall 577315
Tuesday Evening	Footloose Dance	E. Jakeman 07912 147386
Wednesday Morning	Daisychain	N. Fox 577739
Wednesday Afternoon	Hatha Yoga 2 - 3:15pm	Yvonne Lovatt 07944 436718 Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> Onwards
Wednesday Evening	Beavers & Cubs	
Thursday Morning	Pilates	
Thursday Afternoon	Brownies	K. Roberts 577177
Thursday Evening	Indoor Carpet Bowls	D. Arkley 578728
Friday Morning (monthly)	Toddlers	A. Binks 577304

## The Parishes of Topcliffe, Baldersby with Dishforth, Dalton & Skipton on Swale

### Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services and Activities

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Compline*	7.30pm	Skipton on Swale Church
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Compline	7.30pm	Skipton on Swale Church
Wednesdays	Bible Study		Details from Richard Byas 578710
<b>Palm Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> April)</b>	Services include the dramatic reading of the whole account of Jesus' last days	9.15am <b>10.45am</b>	Skipton on Swale Church <b>Topcliffe Church</b>
Tuesday in Holy Week (10 <sup>th</sup> )	Compline	7.30pm	Skipton on Swale Church
Maundy Thursday (13 <sup>th</sup> )	Service of the Last Supper with Stripping of the Altar	7.30pm	Dalton Church
Good Friday (14 <sup>th</sup> )	An Hour's Reflection by the Cross	2.00pm	Baldersby St James
<b>Holy Saturday (15<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Topcliffe Church</b>
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	<b>Services of Holy Communion at:</b>		
		6.00am	Dalton Church**
		9.15am	Baldersby St James
Church		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Topcliffe Church</b>

*Everyone welcome at all the services*

\*Compline . This lovely end-of-day service will be held on the Tuesdays during Lent – an 'oasis', a time of quietness to stop and rest in the presence of God. Services begin at 7.30pm, for half an hour.

\*\* Yes, 6.00am. This is a Dawn Service that begins with a bonfire outside and ends with a champagne breakfast. Do join us!

## Confirmation

If anyone is interested in exploring the Christian faith with a view to being Confirmed, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. Meeting together and discussing (no question is ever a silly one!) doesn't commit you to being Confirmed and making a personal declaration of your faith in Jesus Christ ...but it can lead to it.

## Congratulations

### Topcliffe Church of England Primary School Ofsted inspection

*'This school continues to be good'*

'You [Mrs Clay], your staff and governors have significantly raised expectations of pupils and the standards they can reach, which helps all pupils to achieve the very best outcomes.'

'Pupils' personal development is a strength of your inclusive and harmonious school, aptly summed up by the school's motto of 'growing, believing and achieving together'.

*Well done! Susanne Jukes, Vicar  
578513*

## An Audience With Peter Wright

Don't forget to put Saturday 13 May in your diary: the Asenby Community Space team have come up with another delicious evening event: A Spring Dinner, and Audience with tv vet Peter Wright.

We'll be serving a delectable three course dinner with carefully chosen wines. In the kitchen for the night will be Asenby chef Helen McNamara and then we'll be serving up Peter Wright for an after-dinner grilling!

Look out for more details in April and be ready for our Asenby house to house ticket-selling squad. Topcliffe and surrounds - you can reserve your place by ringing Siobhan on 578300. Any proceeds, as usual, to Asenby Community Space.

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## Topcliffe Parish Council News

Following the resignation of Amanda Jameson Allen, the Parish Council have a vacancy for a co-opted councillor. Applications should be made in writing to the clerk, outlining what skills and experience they are able to bring to the council.

Repair work has been done in the play park, following vandalism.

Benches in the village have been repainted. Sheep Wash and Jubilee Gardens have been focus of tidying up efforts, PC offers its thanks to all volunteers who have helped.

Hambleton District Council have recently supplied new sand bags in case of flooding. These are located near the Mill and in the Toll Booth.

Please do let the clerk know of any lighting or road issues, as these can be reported to county or district.

Meetings are third Monday of each month and members of the public are welcome to come along. There is a section at the start where matters can be raised, minutes and notice of meetings are put on village noticeboard.

*Alexandra Little - Parish Clerk - 07977417428*

Just a footnote to remind parishioners of that there will be an AGM in May and that the Chairman is seeking funding from a local large business to provide fruit trees for the village and a dwarf set of three for the school to plant, nurture and pick.

*Garry Key*

[www.Topcliffe.net](http://www.Topcliffe.net) & [www.Asenby.net](http://www.Asenby.net)

Keep up to date with Parish information, meeting minutes, a electronic version of The TATtler and all the pictures of Topcliffe, Asenby and the surrounding area, as well as the online version of the Millennium Book of Topcliffe.



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## A Speedy Response

North Yorkshire Police are setting up a new scheme called Community Speed Watch, which aims to support local communities that have problems with speeding traffic.

Jamie Smith, the scheme co-ordinator says that it is recognised that there are problems, particularly in Topcliffe, with collected data suggesting the village is a prime candidate for action. So now he interested in hearing from anyone in Topcliffe or Asenby who would like to get involved or find out more information.



[www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk](http://www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk)

The idea is that local volunteers will work with the police on initiatives that might improve road safety and specifically address speed concerns through our villagers.

Please email Jamie at [CommunitySpeedWatch@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CommunitySpeedWatch@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk) if you are interested.

## Time To Think Produce Show 2017

It's never too early to start preparations for the garden and allotment...and the same goes for the Topcliffe and Asenby Produce Show.



As summer approaches the real work begins, with gardeners actively preparing the ground ready for sowing seeds and plants, many of which will have been cultivated in greenhouses or on warm windowsills.

Later, the challenge will be to get produce ready for the big show, which is now to be staged on Saturday 26 August - a week earlier than mentioned in the previous Tattler. Please note the date in your diary.

The 2017 show will have 47 horticultural classes, so there's lots of opportunity to grow some winners! There are also 16 baking/preserves classes, 3 floral classes, 10 hobbies classes and 5 specific classes for entries from children.

Please read the Produce Show Rules carefully to ensure your entries conform to the regulations. They are available on both village websites - [www.topcliffe.net](http://www.topcliffe.net) and [www.asenby.net](http://www.asenby.net).

*Doug Allan*

[www.Asenby.net](http://www.Asenby.net)

## Boost For Village Hall Committee

Several new villagers have agreed to join the village hall committee...giving it big boost and a fresh look.

Existing committee members - Andrew Eckersley, Dave Bowman, Linda Nuttall, Jane Graham, David Winfield, Judith Lowe - have now been joined by newcomers Doug Allan, Peter Lowe and Charles Shaw (all of whom have served as co-opted members during the recent improvements), together with Karen Thomis, Jenny Bumby, Emily Collard, Liz Marsh and Heather Holt.

Long-serving committee member Ray Parkin announced that due to ill health he would step down and the committee thanked him for his many years of hard work and loyalty. Treasurer Jane Graham also announced she will retire once she has completed last year's accounts and helped train up Jenny Bumby, who has agreed to take over the job.

## Dogs Again!

This is something we bring up many times and, even then, we still get requests for a repeat. The thorny subject of dog poo.

Why do people just not clean up after their dogs? Why do they become argumentative at best, aggressive at worst, if they get asked to do so. It's a waste of Tattler space to tell the miscreants why it's necessary to bag it and bin it because they know. Just do it!

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## Pie & Peas & Rock N Roll Music

Pie and peas, a free pint (and a pub quiz)...the team of Asenby Open Space laid on a great community pub evening at Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall on Saturday 11th March. And raised over £500 into the bargain!

With huge sponsorship from Hambleton Ales, there were three cask ales on tap plus live music from the foot-tapping brewery band with all the best old favourites (anyone over the age of 40 knew pretty much all the words!) The quiz prize - won by Eric and Chris Moss of Asenby - was a £20 voucher to the White Swan (who knew it was white, it was always just called "the Swan").



The Asenby kitchen team - Rachel and Ben, Alison and Eric, Joy and Stephen, Siobhan and Fred and Kirsty worked their socks off to keep the crowd happy. Thanks so much to all who came and supported this fund-raising night.

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