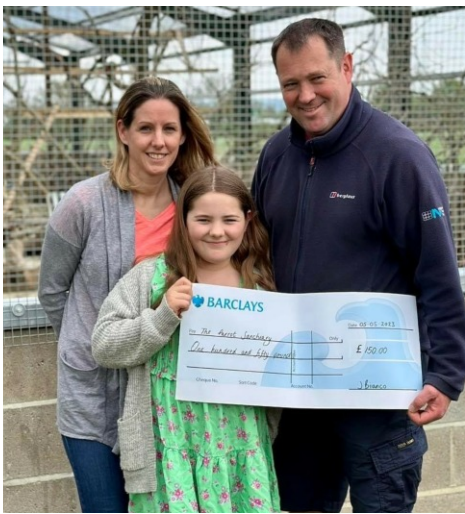


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Amelia makes the headlines again

Nine year old Amelia Pearson is making a habit of doing amazing things and hitting the local headlines as a result. She was recently featured in a Sunday Email after tackling litter on the streets and grass verges in and around Topcliffe.



Amelia pictured with parents John and Marie.

Now she has won a baking competition organised by her dad John's employer, National Tube Stockholders Ltd. The prize was a £150 donation to her favourite charity and she had no hesitation in handing it over to the Morndyke Parrot Sanctuary near Thirsk.

Thank you so much for everything you do, Amelia.

Topcliffe Summer Fayre

There's to be a brunch and summer fayre on Sunday 6 August at Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall. There'll be more details nearer the date, but for now Karen Morley is seeking interest from anyone who would like a stall. They are on offer at £5 each to anyone with something to sell or promote. Contact Karen on 577426.

The Sunday Email

Next week's Sunday Email will be the 163rd edition.

Anyone who wants to be added to the circulation can register by going to www.dougallan.co.uk

Churchyard helpers work wonders

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave freely of their time on three Saturdays in May to help with maintaining the graveyard and pathways at St Columba's. The churchyard is certainly looking more presentable and was at its best for the St Columba's Village History weekend on 3 and 4 June.



Churchyard heroes

Knit and Natter Club

Ladies attending the weekly Knit & Natter Club in the Village Hall made some wonderful decorations to be hung on prominent buildings in Topcliffe for the King's Coronation. The crowning glory was, perhaps, the magnificent piece on the post box outside the Post Office (see photograph on page 3). This was made by Sylvia Storah and Helen Darwin. But it was all amazing and a big thank you is due to all those who contributed in any way, including Debbie and Rob who climbed ladders to string up the decorations.

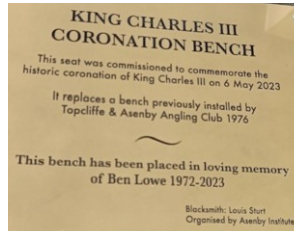


The Knit and Natter group in session

The Knit & Natter club meets from 1.30 to 3.30pm every Thursday.

Coronation bench for Asenby

Asenby's new coronation bench, which is dedicated to the memory of Ben Lowe, was unveiled on the day of the King's Coronation last month. The bench was commissioned and paid for by Asenby Institute and constructed by local blacksmith, Louis Sturt. It is positioned at the far end of the main street through Asenby, close to the junction with Thwaites Lane.



Community Facebook Pages

There's now a number of Facebook pages dedicated to our local communities. The latest to be launched is specifically for parents and grandparents in Topcliffe and surrounding communities, including Asenby, Baldersby, Catton, Dalton and Rainton. The full name of the group is Topcliffe, Asenby & Surrounding Village Parents.

It aims to create a platform for discussion about topics of mutual interest and to share information about activities, groups, relevant local services and support...and possibly opportunities for get-togethers. In particular, the group will promote the enjoyment, safety and development of local children.

Other community-based Facebook pages in our two villages are:

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Big thank you to the Warm Space volunteers

We have some amazing people in our two villages. People who care about the health and well-being of their friends and neighbours, particularly those who are less fortunate than others and need a little support now and again.

One recent example of fantastic volunteering is the Warm Space lunches that ran throughout the winter months and ended at the end of March. During the six months over 2,720 meals were served, mostly to those who came along to the lunches to enjoy the food, keep warm and socialise, but of these, 350 were delivered to the homes of those unable to get to the Village Hall.

Most of food served was prepared and donated by the volunteers but some had to be purchased using cash donated at each lunch. But a staggering £1,700 was raised and given to seventeen local charities and a further £1,200, in the form of cash or groceries, was distributed to villagers thought to need a bit of help.

So, a big thank you to Karen and Malcolm Morley, Linda Carver, Richard Byas, Linda Robinson, Jane Burnett, Julie Coldbeck, Chris Bailey and Amanda Graham...and of course, to everyone who attended lunches or contributed in any way whatsoever.

St Columba's services

Sunday 11 June at 10.45am - Holy Communion
Sunday 18 June at 10.45am - Sung Matins
Sunday 25 June at 10.45am - Holy Communion
Sunday 2 July at 6.30pm - Choral Evensong
Sunday 9 July at 10.45am - Holy Communion
Sunday 16 July at 10.45am - Sung Matins
Sunday 23 July at 10.45am - Holy Communion
Sunday 30 July - No Service (5th Sunday of the month).

Everyone is most welcome to come and join us for any of these services and refreshments are served after every Sunday morning service.

Snooker Club

This year's membership subscriptions for the snooker club are now well overdue. If you haven't paid your fees you shouldn't be using the club facilities and should return your door key.

Payment of the £30 fee will still be accepted. Please contact David Bowman on 01845 577843 as soon as possible.

Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall

The Village Hall is available for hire to local organisations, businesses and individuals. It offers excellent facilities for a wide range of events including art and exercise classes, meetings, exhibitions, fayres, social events and lots more.

The Village Hall Committee has introduced the Hallmaster online booking service. This is accessed via the village website - www.topcliffe.org.uk and allows enquiries and bookings to be made directly online.

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Coronation of King Charles

Whether you are a Royalist or not, no-one could deny that Britain did what it does best at the Coronation of King Charles back in May. Pomp and tradition abounded, it was a right royal occasion and precision personified.



Packed garden at The Angel

Our two villages put on their own show for the event with bunting, garlands, knitting and street parties. And it was great to see so many people enjoy a garden party with live entertainment at the Angel. Maggie and Dave did what they do best; they are perfect hosts. There wasn't a seat left in the hotel's large garden, children had fun running around and the adults enjoyed the music and dancing. So many people turning up was a real message of support for the impressive plans for one of our 'locals'. The whole community is looking forward to The Angel fully re-opening in the autumn.



Royal Post Box

Topcliffe & Asenby Produce Show

Here's another important date for your diary. The 2023 Produce Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 2 September. Details of the categories and classes can be found on each village website.

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Wood chips finish off school's forest area

All the old wood chippings in the 'forest' and nursery class areas at Topcliffe Academy were recently removed and replaced with fresh chippings, courtesy of Adam Lowe and Trevor Coulton of Maxchips based near Busby Stoop. The revamped areas are now looking fresh and clean, and the bark chippings make a perfect surface for lessons and play.



Mud Kitchen

Forest play area

The school expressed great appreciation for the donation of wood chips and also to Josh Barningham of JAB Agricultural Contractors for the use of his machinery to spread them..

Race Night 2023

Those who like to attend the annual Race Night in the Village Hall may want to make a note in their diary that the 2023 event will take place on Saturday 14 October. It'll be a while before tickets go on sale, but for now just make sure that the date is kept free.

Men in a shed!

An interesting project called 'The Ripon Men's Shed', has been operating for nearly two years...and it continues to go from strength to strength. So much so, that's it's now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 10am to 3pm - each week.

Topcliffe resident Colin Ratcliffe is a strong supporter of the 'Shed', a concept that originated in Australia and is now spread worldwide. He joined Ripon Men's Shed when it was first formed and says it's a fantastic organisation that can give individuals a great deal of pleasure. "I have always enjoyed working with wood and machines, and on retirement I took up woodturning.

If you fancy popping along, even just a chat and a coffee or tea, the men would love to see you. It's at 28 Water Skellgate, Ripon, HG4 1BH - behind the New Life Church. Check out their Facebook page...RiponMensShed

Anyone like an allotment?

Topcliffe Parish Council is this year developing some new allotments as part of the major refurbishment taking place on the playing field and the names of people interested in having one are now being taken.

Anyone living within the Topcliffe parish is eligible and those wanting to join the waiting list should contact Parish Clerk, Alexandra Robson, by email at topcliffeparishcouncil@gmail.com and provide their name, address and a contact number.



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Topcliffe Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting of Topcliffe parish Council held last month the chairman, Cllr Jamie Moores, reported that 2022/23 had been an extremely busy year, with lots happening in the village. Key issues reported were:

Open Spaces

Sheep Wash: Cllr Ben Collard has continued work to maintain and improve this invaluable resource. It is now a pleasant place to visit.

Playing Field: The Parish Council formally took ownership of the playing field from Hambleton District Council during the year. Our former local councillor, Mark Robson, was instrumental in achieving this. He and his wife Alex, who is Clerk to the Parish Council, also led on obtaining £95,000 funding for improvements to the playing field and work will start on site in June. There'll be new play equipment, better access via a new path and provision of new village allotments. Topcliffe resident John Pearson obtained several hundred small trees from the Woodland Trust which will be planted around the borders of the playing field.

Winn Lane Cemetery: Josh Barningham was commissioned to cut back and tidy the trees and hedges and his work has greatly improved the cemetery.

Community Projects

Jubilee Party in the Park: Financial support for the event was provided by the Parish Council. The event was a brilliant success thanks mainly to the team of organisers, particularly Jenny Bumby and John and Marie Pearson, who worked tirelessly to make it all work.

Topcliffe Warm Space: Although the Parish Council was not directly involved, it did support a bid for financial assistance from Hambleton District Council. The community-inspired project has been a huge success and Karen and Malcolm Morley, Linda Carver and other volunteers are to be congratulated on creating a social event that has proven very popular with residents and has raised considerable funds for local charities and to support residents in need.

Topcliffe Village Website: Traffic to the village website continues to grow year on year and is now averaging 200 to 250 hits each month. This is pleasing because operating the website, which is part of the legal responsibilities of the Parish Council, is relatively costly. The Village Hall now makes use of the site as the doorway to its Hallmaster booking system and the site is available to other community groups.

Village HGV Traffic

The amount of HGV traffic in both Topcliffe and Asenby continues to be a major concern for both villages. The Parish Council has been very active representing this view to both local and national highway authorities and to the local planning department when plans for Dalton developments were proposed. Our aim is to seek action to reduce the levels of vehicles passing through our villages.

The Parish Council has secured over £120,000 from the developers of Dalton 49 to help mitigate traffic problems as the industrial estate grows. The money is now starting to flow and more will arrive as the development proceeds.

Initially new and better HGV signage has been installed at the Asenby and Dalton ends of the villages. National Highways has designed and commissioned new signage for the A168 dual carriageway, but has yet to provide an installation date.

Highways/Trading Standards have no resources for enforcement of the village's weight restriction zone but have agreed that parish councillors and other volunteers can undertake enforcement exercises, which started recently and will take place weekly.

Highways rejected the Parish Council's proposal to move the weight restriction limit nearer to Topcliffe but have agreed to review it in six months. Cllr Roy Beckwith and Tony Bruce have been key drivers of this long-term project and both have indicated they will continue to put a significant amount of time and effort into this.

North Yorkshire Council

North Yorkshire has just seen the biggest reorganisation of local authorities for many years. The Parish Council had always enjoyed very close working relationships with many parts of Hambleton District Council, which we have now lost. Significant effort will need to be put in to establish new working relationships within the new North Yorkshire Council

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Topcliffe Parish Council meetings

Topcliffe Parish Council will next meet at 7pm on Thursday 6 July at Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall.



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Thank yous

It is important to acknowledge the people involved with the Parish Council for all their hard work and support in the last year. First, my colleague parish councillors - Ben Collard, Roy Beckwith, Debbie Roberts and Chris Bumby. It is often forgotten that they are all hard-working volunteers. Thanks also to the many volunteers who have turned out to help and support projects during the year.

Our past District councillors Mark Robson and Peter Barden who have strongly supported the village over many years: their input will be missed. And finally, Alex Robson, the Parish Clerk who is the glue that keeps it all together. It is Alex who works tirelessly behind the scenes and importantly keeps the Parish Council on the right side of council law and procedures.

Views on Asenby play park to be sought

Asenby Parish Council will this month ask residents for their views on the village play park. A questionnaire will be delivered to each home in the village to seek comments on the play park as it is now, how it is used and what might be required in the future.

It's thought that some residents might not even realise that there is a play park in the village, so the exercise may also act as publicity for its existence.

The questionnaire will arrive through everyone's letterboxes so that even those who don't use the park can have their say. Details will also be posted on the Asenby Residents' Facebook page drawing attention to the survey and inviting comments.

Anyone who wishes to register an interest and present a view, can email the Parish Council at asenbypc@gmail.com

Quiz night at the Village Hall

The weekly Sunday quiz is on at 8pm in Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall. The quiz is attracting a regular crowd of around 30 each week and has become a great social evening. There's always room for a few more quizzers, so if you fancy testing your general knowledge and later having a laugh or chat with friends and neighbours, please come along. It's also a great way to make new friends. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Glasses are available, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer.

Art classes at the Village Hall

A new round of six Monday morning classes will start on 5 June. Dates beyond that are 12, 19, 26 June and 3 and 10 July. Classes are 10 to 12 noon.

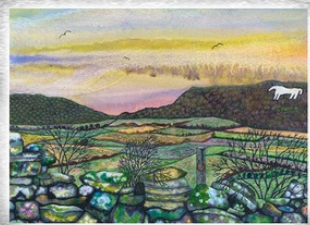
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Handbags and Gladrags

The song played at the beginning of the funeral service for 50-year young Ben Lowe was entirely appropriate. It summed up his love of life and his enthusiasm for pop music and dancing. Handbags and Gladrags by the Stereophonics was also the song played for the first dance when Ben married Lesley back in 2017.

Ben died suddenly whilst at work on 20 March and his funeral, which was attended by hundreds of family members, friends and neighbours, was held at Maple Park Crematorium.

Ben was born on the 29 August 1972, two months premature, weighing just 5lbs 2oz. He was born with jaundice so he was kept in intensive care for a month, however in spite of this difficult start, he grew into a strong, upright and healthy young man.

In 1982 the family moved from Marple near Stockport to Asenby and Ben went to Topcliffe Primary and Thirsk Secondary schools, where he made life-long friendships. He went to university in Hull initially and then in Newcastle. It was during his time at Newcastle University that he met Lesley, the true love of his life, who was studying nursing there.

They lived in Harrogate for a short while and then moved into their forever home in Asenby and renovated it together. They enjoyed a very long courtship from 1995 to 2017, when, on New Year's Day, Ben went down on one knee and asked Lesley to marry him. They married at Solberge Hall in September 2017 and had a fabulous honeymoon in Canada, travelling on The Rocky Mountaineer to Vancouver and then cruising up to Alaska. They then had a romantic second honeymoon in Venice.

Ben idolised his two boys - Adam and Isaac. His life was about his family and he worked so hard to give them a good life, including wonderful holidays and weekend breaks, often with their friends Lesley and Sean and Jackie and Alec and their children. Ben had an amazing capacity to make everyone happy and to make life fun. He was also famous for his dance moves, swinging people round and off their feet, laughing hugely whilst doing this.

Ben had his own business, Swale Fencing, which was renowned for first class workmanship and reliability and that accolade was all down to his professionalism, attention to detail and hard work.

One of Ben's greatest loves was motorbikes and Al, his lifelong friend and workmate, shared this passion. They loved road trips riding around 'God's beautiful Country' - North Yorkshire.

Ben was a real gentleman in every sense of the word and is hugely missed by all who knew and loved him. Lesley, Adam and Isaac, parents Judith and Peter, and Ben's brother and sister Will and Sally say that they were overwhelmed by the very many cards and messages they received and want to take this opportunity to thank everyone, it meant a lot to them.



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The Angel through the ages

The Angel Inn at Topcliffe is closed for a major refurbishment and it's going to be the autumn before it re-opens. So, this is a good time to look back at the pub's history and to remind us all that The Angel has always been at the centre of village life and constantly changed and developed over the years.



The old photographs accompanying this article show the remarkable changes over the years, and now we can look forward to possibly the most significant era in the pub's ever-changing life.



As long ago as 1797 The Angel was listed in a manorial survey as a brick and thatched public house managed by Abraham Peacock. It had a separate brew house, a thatched barn, a range of stables, pig sties and storage areas.

Manorial surveys dated in the mid-19th century show that the tenancy was held by Catherine Leadley in 1867 and before her by John Jackson (Snr). In the early twentieth century, landlady Sarah Gill, advertised The Angel as "the old coaching house" with five bedrooms and two guest sitting rooms.

Most locals who have been regulars at The Angel will remember with great fondness the late 1990s when Tony

and Trish Ardron were proprietors. They expanded the business and had a very welcoming style, provided excellent food and created a homely atmosphere that locals and visitors alike thoroughly enjoyed. Their departure led to a decade of decline and considerable uncertainty, which only ended when Richard Sykes arrived on the scene in 2014. Under the banner of West Park Inns, The Angel once again lived up to its promise with the bar, restaurant, entertainment suite, bedrooms and garden attracting plenty of business.

The massive refurbishment now underway promises a new eating and drinking experience, though regulars will still be able to call it their local and there'll be good pub grub available. Dave and Maggie Mathews, together

with their daughter Rose and son-in-law Jack, have ripped the kitchens, bar and restaurant apart and a major refit is now taking place. Later phases of work will see a replacement Plaza entertainment suite, spa with swimming pool, staff accommodation block...all built to the highest quality. The existing 16 guest bedrooms will be modernised, the existing Plaza Suite will be converted into more bedroom accommodation and there are exciting plans for a garden and outside bar make-over.

All these plans will see The Angel transformed into a first-class venue that will compete with the best in this part of North Yorkshire.



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Proprietors of the Angel Inn, Topcliffe

This list has been put together by Malcolm Morley with contributions from other villagers, including Dave Bowman, and with reference to John Graham's Millennium Book of Topcliffe and historical business directories. It is a 'best stab' at listing the proprietors over a 270-year period. If anyone can add additional detail or indeed corrections to the list, please get in touch with Malcolm Morley on 577426 or Doug Allan on 07785 223707.

- 1750s - John Jackson (Snr)
- 1757 - Catherine Leadley
- 1797 - Abraham Peacock
- 1823 - Edward Adamsom
- 1857 - Jacob Gill
- 1909 - Sara Gill
- 1922 - John Hu----- sides (full surname not known)
- 1930s - Horace Preston
- 1937 - Marmaduke Sigsworth
- 1966 - Miss Annie Sigsworth
- 1970 - Maurice Fountain
- 1974 - Len & Irene McCann
- 1979 - John & Sue (surname not known)
- 1980s - Gordon Singleton
- 1995 - Tony & Trish Ardron (actual year not known)
- 200? - Michael Hollins
- 2008 - Cameron's Brewery
- 2014 - West Park Inns
- 2023 - Dave & Maggie Mathews

Commemorative Flagstaff

Andrew Eckersley gives an update on his idea for a commemorative flagpole in Topcliffe.

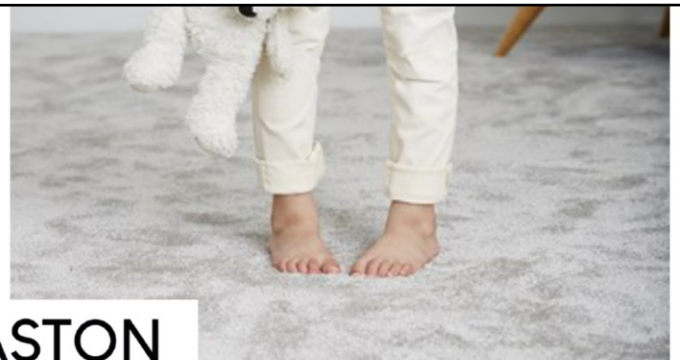
"There seems to be more support than initially indicated for the village to commemorate the reign of our late Queen Elizabeth II and the Coronation of King Charles III.

"I am happy to progress the flagpole project and have acknowledged the few objections to the plan, most based on either cost or location.

"I had suggested a site at the Cross near the Post Office, but that could prove more difficult than I initially imagined. There are a few other possible locations and all have associated merit and problems (highways approval, for example). My new preferred location is near the vehicular entrance to The Angel car park, just in front of the large hedge. Like the Cross site, this is a very central village location. The Village Hall Committee has also offered the hall grounds as a possible location and Jubilee Gardens is also a potential location.

"Topcliffe Parish Council is totally supportive of the idea and I am sure the cost initially quoted can be reduced significantly if the project becomes a community effort. The village has a mine of skilled people of many disciplines, many of whom might be willing to help with the project in some small (or big) way."

If you would like to be involved in any way then please drop Andrew an email. If there's interest, he will organise a get together for all those interested to discuss how to progress the project - alieneck4000@gmail.com



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Major Kevin Young MBE: a military legend

News of the passing of Kevin Young aged just 64 has shocked our community and the military world, which he was a part of for 43 years. Kev died very suddenly on Saturday 22 April.

Kev was born in Sunderland in 1958, the middle of five children. After school, he had no intention of joining the army, but one day whilst walking past the local army recruitment centre he decided to join up, and he took the papers home for his parents to sign. Kev went into basic training in Woolwich on his 17th birthday and that was the start of his 43-year army career. He had a distinguished career with important roles at bases across the UK and operational service in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Kosovo and Iraq, plus military exercises across the globe.



Kevin Young MBE

His military colleagues always spoke extremely highly of him and at the funeral Major General (Retired) Matthew Sykes CVO, said he was one of the best Regimental Sergeant Majors his regiment had ever had.

One appointment that showcased Kev's breadth of talent was Families Officer with the 4th Regiment which was about to begin the first of several tours of duty in Afghanistan. Tragically the regiment suffered the loss of three men within a 6-week period, one being a close friend of Kev and his wife Lorna. But in the most testing of times, Kev remained utterly professional.

Kev finished his career in 2013 as the Officer Commanding the Personnel Recovery Centre at Phoenix House, Catterick.

It was during Kev's 1976 deployment in Belfast that he met Lorna, the love of his life who was a serving member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Kev and Lorna were married in Belfast in January 1979 and that was the beginning of 44 wonderful years of marriage. He and Lorna settled in Topcliffe in 2001 and Kev quickly became a popular member of the community - always positive, cheerful, helpful, and always impeccably dressed.

In the 2012 New Year Honours' List, Kev was awarded an MBE for his services as Families Officer and in June 2013

he received his MBE medal from Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace. He was accompanied by a very proud Lorna and equally proud children Lyn and David.

A true gentleman, Kev was highly respected by everyone who knew him, especially those who served with him, played football and golf with him, were involved with him in his many charitable efforts... and those who simply knew him as a friend and neighbour.

Kev had a full military funeral with honours at a packed St Mary's Church in Thirsk.

Lorna, Lyn and David have drawn great comfort from the hundreds of cards and messages they have received and thank everyone for all the kindness they have been shown.

Base Camp for kids

Base Camp is an outdoor learning space in Baldersby Park, run by Hannah Secouet. Within the 90 acres of parkland, Hannah and her staff facilitate school visits, run an after-school club and also host holiday camps utilising all the wonderful natural attributes the park has to offer. This coming summer holiday Base Camp is hosting four adventure days, each offering something very different.

Tuesday 22 August - Kayaking on the lake.

Friday 25 August - African drumming in the woods and creating with clay.

Tuesday 29 August - Archery with Thirsk Bowmen.

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Topcliffe History Weekend

Last weekend's big event to mark St Columba's Day and to celebrate the history of Topcliffe and the role of the church over the centuries, will hopefully have been a huge success. This Tattler was already at print before the event took place, so it was impossible to present photographs taken on the day.

The programme was extensive so there's little doubt that there was something for everyone. These village History Weekends usually attract significant interest from residents and visitors who are interested in exploring how Topcliffe developed, particularly in the 17th century, which was a main theme this year.

It's not everyday that a visiting army is given access to Topcliffe...but members of Sir Thomas Lunsford's Regiment, a re-enactment group specialising in recreating the battles and lifestyles of the English Civil War, were welcomed with open arms. The regiment assembled at Topcliffe playing field to undertake training and drill formations, and they will have been a great attraction for residents of all ages.

The weekend also featured a celebration of the beauty, poetry and majesty of the Book of Common Prayer as re-issued for use in church in 1662. Expert Iain Milne, of the Prayer Book Society gave a fascinating talk '1662 and All That'.



Blister pack recycling locally

Are you hoping to be more green this year and boost your recycling? Well now you can do a little bit more by saving your medical blister packs...and you can do it locally in Topcliffe.

The scheme is run by Superdrug and they will take blister packs from brands such as Anadin, Panadol, Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Nexium, Piritze, Rennie, Nicorette, Imodium, Sudafed and Benadryl.

But you don't have to go far to join this scheme as Topcliffe residents Heather Holt and Kim Hughes have set up a collection point at their home at 4 Dovecote Mews.

They have placed a bin next to their log store at the front of their house and you can deposit blister packs there at any time.

So, start collecting empty medicine blisters today and when you have a few, simply drop them off at your local dedicated collection point.

The Flying Oysters raise Village Hall roof

The dance night at the Village Hall featuring The Flying Oysters - reputed to be one of the best bands in the North of England - was a sell-out and an amazingly successful evening. The band had everyone up dancing and having a really good time. The meal cooked and served by Karen and Malcolm Morley and Linda Carver was excellent. The event raised £389 to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the Village Hall.




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