

### Topcliffe gets the tidy up bug

The village of Topcliffe was virtually gleaming after villagers got together to give it a fantastic scrub and polish, worthy of an anticipated royal visit!

Well over 30 volunteers, with an age range from 20 months to 77 years, donned high-vis jackets and spent their Sunday morning sweeping, washing and weeding, not to mention trimming over-grown trees and hedges. Even road signs suddenly became visible after vigorous treatment with soapy water, while the playing field was treated to much-needed improvements. The derelict former changing rooms were dismantled and removed and children playing on the swings later in the afternoon were delighted that bushes and high weeds no longer restricted their access.

Tea, coffee and cakes were available for the workers throughout the morning, though everyone was so enthusiastic and involved that few were to be seen in the village hall until after noon.

A big thank you is in order to everyone who did their bit and worked so hard...but special thanks go to the tidy up coordinator Heather Holt, Josh Barningham, Andrew and Amanda from Swaleview Holiday Park, to Karen Morley and Vicki Moores who provided the refreshments and to Hambleton Council who provided equipment and removed the bags of rubbish.



*Some of the volunteers get ready for action*

Things went so well that the Parish Council hopes to hold two tidy up days each year, plus special project days when specific jobs will be tackled. The first of these special project days will be Sunday 13 October when work will start on either The Cemetery or Jubilee

Gardens, or both. If you can join in, please meet at the Village Hall at 10am.



*20 month old Nya Watson is eyeing up the cake*

### Swaleside fundraisers hit new heights

Generous caravanners and their friends have raised a massive £2,700 from just two events held at the Swaleside Holiday Park last month.

Over £1,500 was raised for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance at the site's annual BBQ and social day when hundreds turned out to enjoy a lovely summer day with entertainment, stalls, games, karaoke, food and drink.

Just a week earlier another extremely successful fundraising event, this time supporting Priory Woods School in Middlesbrough which caters for children with special needs, raised over £1,250.



Manager, Amanda Kenney, said: "I'm always amazed at how generous residents at this site are and on these two occasions they surpassed all expectations. I'd like to thank them all, and anyone else who joined in these events, for their kindness and generous support."

## The Perfect Golden Party

There was a fine Golden Wedding Anniversary party held in the The Angel recently and everyone who was invited felt extremely fortunate - first of course that they were having a wonderful time, and secondly that they could count Peter and Judith Lowe as friends. About 100 guests were helping the couple to celebrate fifty years of marriage and the fun and the warm atmosphere were exactly what anyone who knows them would expect. There were lots of laughs and even a few tears.



Many old friends from their school days had travelled miles, as had various family members. Friends and neighbours from Topcliffe and Asenby were in their best attire and couldn't wait to be up and dancing. Staff at The Angel laid on a good spread and the DJ had clearly been primed to bear in mind the age group. He provided old Tamla Motown hits: impossible to sit still while The Supremes, the Four Seasons et al are taking us all back to moving on the dance floor in 1966.

The speeches were emotional. Eldest son, Ben, and Peter were overwhelmed (it was that sort of party) and everyone loved them for it. They were sincere and, from such sturdy and practical blokes, very affecting. So - pretty much everyone shed a sympathetic tear. And why not?

Peter had a moment, best described as panic, when Tracey Brown demonstrated her physical prowess,

dancing for him in a way, euphemistically described as comically sensuous. It was extremely hilarious for the audience and thankfully the slightly confused Peter took it all in good part!

Judith and Peter have known each other since youth club days and been courting since they were 16. Everyone knows they're a lovely couple, fine friends, good neighbours and splendid parents. Topcliffe and Asenby certainly wouldn't be the same without them and we all know that each of them wouldn't be the same without the other. They really are a very special husband and wife.

## TOGs

Anyone walking or driving along Long Street around 9am most mornings can't help to have noticed the gathering of elderly gentlemen at the entrance to Barningham's Farm...and maybe wondered what's going on!

Every morning Wilf Barningham stands behind his farm wall to watch the world go by and within minutes he's normally joined by friends and neighbours - mainly dog walkers - who stop for a chat and to put the world to rights. Recently, some wag thought the daily gathering should be formally recognised and organised some artwork describing the "talking shop". The poster could well have been created by Banksy or some other mischievous, but well-informed, character.

Long may Topcliffe's 'old geezers' enjoy their morning get togethers.



A TOGs meeting underway: Leslie Binks (left), Wilf Barningham (centre), Geoff Lamb and his dog Hallie.

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## Snooker Club

The cost of annual membership of Topcliffe's very own snooker club will remain at £25 for the third year in a row. The club's financial year started on 1 September and all existing and new members should pay their fees to Treasurer, Dave Bowman (01845 577843).

The snooker club, which has two tables, one full size and another three-quarter size, is heated and members hold their own key so they can gain access at any time.

Dave said: "We're always happy to see new members join the club. Members must be aged 18 and over, though youngsters can visit the club if accompanied by a member or other adult.

"Anyone who is not intending to continue their membership should return their key to me as soon as possible."

## Defibrillator installed in Asenby

Asenby Parish Council has installed a defibrillator in the village's bus shelter

Over 30 people - mainly from Asenby, but also from Topcliffe, Catton and even Boroughbridge - attended an informal training session in Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall aimed at familiarising them with the equipment and how it works.



*Asenby residents Angela Dale, Mel Arkley and Peter Palmer, who is Chair of Asenby Parish Council, with First Responders Steve Smith and Stuart Mountford.*

Organiser Peter Palmer said: "It was great to see so many people turn out on a stormy evening to acquaint themselves with equipment. Obviously, we all hope that we never have to use the defibrillator, but everyone agreed it was reassuring to know how this life-saving equipment works."

Editor's Note: Topcliffe has its own defibrillator which is located on the outside wall of Topcliffe Surgery.

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## Surgery News

Here are a few bits of news from Topcliffe Surgery.

### New Texting Service

The surgery is introducing a new text messaging service which will enable it to provide patients with test results, appointment reminders and other important information by text to our mobile telephones. For it to work well it is important that the surgery has the correct home and mobile telephone numbers as well as current address. If you're a patient and any of your contact details have changed recently please let reception know.

### NHS by App

In the last edition of The Tattler we announced that the surgery has connected to the NHS App which provides a simple and secure way for people to access a range of NHS services on their smartphone or tablet. This month the NHS will be undertaking national advertising about the app, so we thought we would remind you about it.

The app can be used to check your symptoms, find out what to do when you need help urgently, book and manage appointments at the surgery, order repeat prescriptions, securely view your medical record, register to be an organ donor and allows you to choose how the NHS can use your data. Visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/the-nhs-app/> for the latest patient information on how to register for, and use this App.

## Change4Life

These days, modern life can mean that we're a lot less active. With so many opportunities to watch TV or play computer games, and with so much convenience and fast food available, we don't move about as much, or eat as well as we used to. Evidence shows that activity is crucial for healthy living: active people live longer and have better physical and mental health. Being active helps children to maintain a healthy weight, build social skills, boost self-confidence and mental wellbeing, and improve bone and heart health.

Children and young people should achieve a total of at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day, but many children and young people in the UK are not achieving this recommended target. There's lots more information about how to get your family moving at the NHS's Change4Life website - [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life)

### Survey produces good results

The service that the surgery provides is constantly being monitored and part of this process involves an annual questionnaire. Doctors and staff welcome patients' honest feedback. This year our questionnaire was conducted in June and we would like to thank the 121 patients who responded. On the whole, the results were very pleasing and the full report is available in the surgery waiting rooms or on the website at: [www.topcliffesurgery.co.uk](http://www.topcliffesurgery.co.uk)

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## Parish Chairman's Report

It's only four months since the new Parish Council was formed and in that short time a great deal has been achieved.

The Sheep Wash, which was extremely overgrown, has been given a tidy up with many unwanted trees removed and huge nettle beds cleared. All the debris was taken off site to be burnt. The Parish Council paid Josh Barningham to bring in some of his heavy machinery to tackle the work and he has made a great job of it. With the clearance completed - we still need to keep on top of things. Plans are in hand to spray the remaining weeds, reseed, possibly with wildflowers, and make sure the Sheep Wash does not revert to the wilderness that it was before Josh did his sterling work.



*Josh Barningham helps clear the Sheep Wash*

Parish Councillor Heather Holt organised a village tidy day in July and the day was an outstanding success, with both young - some very young - and old helping clean up the village.

Some specific examples of support were:

the verge above Mill Bank was cleared and sprayed by Matthew and Peter.

the road from Topcliffe Bridge to The Methodist Chapel was cleared by Swaleside Holiday Parks management team and some residents.

George cleared up the roads around The Swan. Nigel Johnson weed sprayed the footpaths between Church Street and Front Street, and between Front Street and Back Lane - and pruned back a lot of the overhanging hedges. He is a "licensed sprayer" and his employers, Queen Mary's School, supplied the spray as a good-will gesture to the village. More recently, Nigel has also sprayed the new growth at the Sheep Wash, after Josh Barningham did a sterling job with his initial heavy-duty clearing.

Others, whose names I don't know, worked hard to make the day a success, some worked on earlier days as they were unable to be there on the actual day. In total more than 20 bags of rubbish were collected in the village.

Many thanks to all those who helped with the tidy up and to all who catered for the workers with tea and cakes. Things went so well that I'm hoping there'll be more tidy-up days to come.

The Playing field was in a poor state, the grass was uncut, the old football club changing rooms were in a derelict and dangerous state (it has now been removed) and shrubs were growing into the children's swings (these have been removed), there is a dead tree hanging over the play equipment (to be removed as soon as possible). The hedges are to be cut, the play equipment will be spruced up and general maintenance work will be carried out, and picnic tables will be cleaned and retreated.

What I have described is just the start of the general revamp of our village. There's much more to be done. For example, I know the Cemetery needs quite a lot of work on the trees, as they are encroaching onto the graves. And over at Mill Bank top, we've pestered the highways authority to undertake work to replace the wooden fence and broken bollard above Mill Bank and once that's complete, I hope a team of locals will set about painting them.

Grass cutting has always been a service that is highly visible and well-tended verges are critically important to the look of the village. The Parish Council has recently appointed contractors - Andrew Graham and Josh Barningham - to maintain the Playing Field, the Cemetery and the village's grass verges.

This is an opportune time for me to make a plea to all property and landowners in the village. Please cut back your hedges, conifers or plants where they overhang the village footpaths. This is becoming a serious and dangerous problem as it often forces pedestrians into the road. Please remember that your hedges and trees should not extend beyond your boundary...and certainly should not block any footpaths.

The two metal village seats, dating from 1935, are being renovated, sandblasted (free of charge by Peter Billet) and given a smart new livery by the Parish Council.

For the future we aim to develop a long-term plan to make the most of Jubilee Gardens. The gardens need completely replanting and the hedge needs removing as it's damaging the wall and it's hoped it will be replaced with a new secure fence above the road.

The sale of The Methodist Chapel means that there are two War Memorials that need to be re-sited in Topcliffe. The Parish Council and the Chapel authorities propose to site one in Jubilee Gardens and the Village Hall Committee has agreed that the other should be rehoused in the village hall.

Finally, I am very aware of the ongoing concerns many residents have about speeding and unauthorised access of HGV traffic through the village. These matters will also get urgent attention and I hope to be able to report on them in a future edition of The Tattler.

*Malcolm Morley  
Chairman, Topcliffe Parish Council*

## Produce Show a huge success

This year's annual Produce Show at the Village Hall was a huge success with stunning array of produce across all categories. What was undoubtedly the biggest crowd ever to visit the Show mingled among the record number of exhibits, drank tea and chatted with competitors, friends and neighbours.



*A packed audience enjoyed a great show*

Dave Bowman won the horticultural produce award for his brilliant fruit and veg as well as the award for most firsts across all categories.



*Two-trophies winner Dave Bowman with judge Grahame Marsden*

There were three new trophies on offer in other sections of the show. The arts and crafts trophy, which had been donated by Terry and Carole Ford, was won by Heather Holt for her fantastic apple tree blanket which reportedly contains over 341,600 stitches and required 23 balls of wool.

Cath Towers won the floral trophy for her beautiful floral arrangements and Lynn Wallis won the baking trophy for her outstanding cakes, flans and quiche.



*The Village Hall gate beautifully decorated with knitted vegetables created by Shirley Brown.*

The date of next year's show is Saturday, 5 September, so make a note in your diary.

## Scarecrow Mania

This year also marked the first Topcliffe and Asenby Scarecrow competition. The theme was nursery rhymes and with fourteen fantastic entries across both villages, judges had a hard time picking the winner of the hamper, generously donated by the event sponsor, Debora Roberts of the Little Yorkshire Hamper Company.

In the end, however, it was Liz and Dave Marsh of the Elm Tree Gallery who won with their entry 'sing a song of six pence'. But everyone who constructed a scarecrow and put it on display for the enjoyment of the many villagers who trailed around to see them, deserves a big thank you.



The scarecrow competition was such a success it is thought that plans are already being discussed to make it a regular event on the villages' calendar in the years to come.

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## Scouts go Euro-jamming

1st Topcliffe Scouts are thrilled to have three young people attending the 2020 European Jamboree (Eurojam), as representatives of North Yorkshire Scouting.

Eurojam 2020, which will be held in Gdansk, Poland, is the first European Jamboree since 2005 and will take place in a purpose built camp just outside the Polish city.

Topcliffe's three scouts will be part of a unit of 36 from North Yorkshire who have been through a variety of team activities and creativity tests in order to demonstrate that they have the skills and attitude to positively embrace this experience.



*Emilia Little, Ellie Lonsdale and Charlotte Pollard raising funds for their trip.*

Their unit, to be called the 'Jorvik Yorkies', will be part of approximately 25,000 participants expected to attend.

Dave Baker, Assistant Scout Leader at 1st Topcliffe explained: "North Yorkshire Scouts aim to make this a youth-led event, which promotes the valuable experiences scouting brings to all young people."

There has been a number of successful fundraising events so far, with £342 being raised at a stall on Thirsk Market Square. More events, including a coffee morning and car wash in September, are being organised to support this trip. Hope to see you there!

Anyone interested in learning more about 1st Topcliffe Scouts should check out [topcliffescouts@outlook.com](mailto:topcliffescouts@outlook.com) to find out more.

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## The Flying Oysters make Village Hall rock

The roof was nearly blown off the Village Hall on 6 July when Teesside's popular rock band The Flying Oysters blasted out classic songs that had everyone dancing from the word go!

They brought enough gear with them to perform on Glastonbury's pyramid stage and the packed hall had never experienced anything quite like it...the music may have been ear-splittingly loud, but the new acoustic panels really earned their keep. One or two covered their ears but most of the audience loved it and had a fantastic night. The band thought the hall was a great venue and we were one of their best-ever audiences.



Organiser, Doug Allan, said it was a financial gamble bringing the band to Topcliffe, but it paid off and the costs were covered and even a small profit was made for village hall funds. He added that quite a few people have asked if the group will return to play again next year and he thinks that's a real possibility.

## ART CONNECTIONS

Artists Barry and Vivien Wilton-Middlemass take art classes at Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall every Monday afternoon from 1pm to 4pm. Classes restart on **Monday, 16 September**.



No matter what your level – beginners to advanced – we would be delighted if you come and join us. There's always something new to learn and if you are not sure of your capabilities please simply come along and have a chat and a try.



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## Topcliffe Heritage Weekend

Topcliffe's annual look back at its history and heritage, organised by St Columba's Church, is always an interesting experience, but an expanded event this year (8th and 9th June) had added appeal in several ways.

In particular, the launch of a Topcliffe Heritage Trail, meticulously researched by Roz Norris, was a fascinating new feature. The Trail meandered around the village and described the life and times of the people from the 19th century who were associated with over twenty of the oldest properties. Our thanks go to the owners for their cooperation in displaying the Trail logo!

Thanks also go to Doug Allan who worked hard to arrange for the Methodist Chapel to be open as part of the Trail and to give people perhaps a last opportunity to look around this local gem before it's converted into a house. In excess of 130 visitors toured the building over the weekend.

Roz's illustrated guidebook, produced by her husband Kit, is still available in church and is an important addition to our village archive. Kit also composed the beautiful setting of the Sunday service that was sung by St Columba's choir led by Linda Hewlett. The church and church yard looked wonderful, thanks to our team of volunteers and especially John Blair who cut the grass and refreshed the gravel paths.

Children from Topcliffe Academy provided a talented display of paintings in the Village Hall depicting Topcliffe's Heritage and, over tea on the Saturday, prizes, kindly provided by the Village Hall Committee, were presented by Revd. Susanne Jukes. That evening Karen Morley and her team offered a delicious supper to celebrate the weekend, and Malcolm Morley presented a wonderful show of old photos of the village dating as far back as the 1860s.



Art Competition for Topcliffe Heritage Weekend

Throughout the weekend visitors were welcomed to the church and invited to explore its history, architecture and artefacts, and Chris Hewlett gave a most eloquent commentary to his ever popular guided tours of the Tower, including the clock, bells and the fabulous views



Fantastic views from the top of the Tower

from the very top. In the Percy Chapel, Linda Carver and her team provided delicious irresistible refreshments. Donations received amounted to nearly £800, a fantastic sum, which will be added to the church's Disabled Access Appeal.



Inside the Methodist Chapel

Many thanks to our huge team of volunteers, especially those not mentioned here, without whom the weekend would not have been possible. Next year we intend to focus on Topcliffe in the 17th Century, with particular reference to the Civil War and Restoration. If anyone would like to get involved please do get in touch: we have started planning already!

John Phillips

Topcliffe Heritage Weekend Committee

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## News from Topcliffe Academy

### Willow Class Published Riddles

Last January the Reception children were invited to enter the Young Writers 'My First Riddle' competition and they set about the task with great enthusiasm. Most of the children chose to write one and they came up with interesting clues to build their riddles.

They were very excited when Mrs Massey received a letter telling them that all the riddles had been accepted into an anthology of North Yorkshire riddles and the school received the published book.

Mrs Massey said: "It's wonderful that some of the Reception children are already published authors and hopefully they'll enter more writing competitions as they move up the academy".

### Sports Day

*Report written by Stephen Kenny*

Friday, 7th June was Topcliffe CofE Academy's annual sports day. The weather during that period had not been particularly good so we waited to find out if the forecast of rain would put a damper on our big day. Luckily, although it was quite windy, it didn't rain, so the event went ahead...and how exciting it was!

Before the races all children and parents had a picnic. We all sat on blankets and had a great time. Then we got into our teams, which were red (Saturn), yellow (Jupiter), green (Earth) and blue (Neptune) and took part in lots of races including egg and spoon, sack, sprint, hurdles, skipping, long distance, water relay and bean bag. For the record I came 1st in long distance and 3rd in egg and spoon. I was quite pleased with that achievement.

Overall, the winning team Neptune (blue) were outstanding winners and deserving trophy winners. Well done to all team members. Even though the blue team won everyone got lollies at the end. It's the taking part that counts.

I would like to say a big thank you to Friends of Topcliffe School for organising the refreshments.

### Heritage Weekend art competition

A large number of our pupils created wonderful artwork for the competition that was held as part of Topcliffe's Heritage Weekend in June. A big thank you to everyone who took part and special congratulations to the following children who were awarded prizes donated by Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall Committee:

	<b>Willow Class</b>	<b>Ash Class</b>
1st place	Kensie Chapman	Oliver Robertson
2nd place	Ava Smith	Ben Graham
3rd place	Eleanor Gath	Joshua Bellwood
	<b>Silver Birch Class</b>	<b>Maple Class</b>
1st place	Heidi Wilson	Lexi Ramshay
2nd place	Harry Graham	Isabel Broadbent
3rd place	Sebastian Bissett	Alice Dunkley

### Year 5 Animation Competition

The Year 5 children recently had an incredible opportunity to attend an animation competition held at Queen Mary's School. It was delivered by the team that produced Wallace and Gromit, Shaun the Sheep and Early Man. The pupils were split into teams and had to follow instructions to make a model Gromit out of plasticine - just how he was really made. They were then required to work together to create shadow puppets and a flick book, following a story board.



The teams were allocated points according to how successful they were in their creations. Out of the sixteen teams entered, one of the teams from Topcliffe was chosen as the third-place winner, receiving some animation software for the school as a prize. This is a fantastic result and will allow us to experiment with some very different ways of learning in the future. Well done to all involved.

### Big Day for Graduates

It's a big step when very small children move up to school and Alanbrooke Nursery loves to make it an event with their four-year olds wearing mortar boards, receiving certificates and singing their favourite songs. Interestingly, The Greatest Showman songbook seems to be more popular than Frozen this year!



The children seemed to be somewhat puzzled that the event warranted so many of their teachers and parents to shed more than a few tears, but happiness took over when the ice lollies appeared and a party spirit prevailed.

## Events planned at Village Hall

**Grand Attic Auction - Saturday, 14 September** (see article on page 11)

**The Hidden Talents of Topcliffe and Asenby - Saturday 28 September - 2 'til 4pm**

This event is being staged in St Columba's church. The organisers are looking for examples of the hidden talents of residents of our two villages. It can be any hobby or skill such as knitting, embroidery, woodturning, metal working, sewing, modelling, baking...or anything else!

Exhibits will be displayed on the day and the public will be invited to come and see them and witness the talents that exists but that no one normally sees. Some people may be prepared to donate their exhibit to the church and any such items will be sold to raise funds for church restorations. Exhibits to be dropped off at the church between 10am and noon on the day or left earlier with Linda Carver, Karen Morley or Liz Marsh (The Elm Gallery).

**Sunday Brunch - Sunday, 24 November**

Bacon or sausage and egg butties, along with endless cups of coffee or tea, will be on the menu at the next Sunday Brunch. Newspapers will be available. Serving from 11am until 1pm. Come along and meet friends and neighbours over a leisurely breakfast. No tickets required.

**Blues & Country with Five Loose Chippings - Saturday, 30 November**

This Thirsk-based group of musicians play a whole range of music from Blues, Country, Bluegrass and classic western swing. They have all played in other formats to sell-out audiences over the last few years.



Audiences have described them as "amazingly entertaining and foot-tappingly sensational". Tickets are £8 including supper, available from Doug Allan (578526), Judith Lowe (577911) or Amanda at Swaleside Holiday Park. Bring your own drinks.

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## Canine Ambassadors

The Blue Cross centre is looking for dogs of all different shapes and sizes to be ambassador dogs which will help socialise the dogs in its care.

Not surprisingly, the centre finds that many of the dogs in its care are under a lot of stress and pressure being in a kennel environment and the idea is to use a confident, happy ambassador dog to help get them to a point where they are ready and able to be rehomed.



Ambassador dogs will be playful and act calmly with other dogs and be capable of walking calmly past another dog. If you think you and your dog can help, please get in touch with Charlotte at the Thirsk Rehoming Centre, Parklands, Topcliffe, Thirsk, YO7 3SE. Ring 0300 777 1540 or email [thirsk@bluecross.org.uk](mailto:thirsk@bluecross.org.uk).



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## Grand Attic Auction

The annual Grand Attic Auction, which is usually held in May, has this year been postponed until next Saturday 14 September.

The auction, which is conducted by Asenby resident John Phillips, is held in the Village Hall and all proceeds go to St Columba's Church Funds.

The organisers are hoping that residents will save and store any items that can be donated for auction on the day. They'll be looking for anything saleable including furniture, books, bric-a-brac and even antiques! But some things are not wanted, including bedding, clothes, computers, TV sets and used soft toys.

As usual all donations can be dropped off at the Village Hall on the morning of the auction between 8 and 11am. Limited storage might be available if items cannot be held until the sale. John can be contacted on 577034.

Put the time and date in your diary - Saturday 14 September. Viewing from 12 noon until 2pm, with the auction commencing promptly at 2pm.

## Rural Arts Sessions

Over the last twelve months or so there have been regular monthly sessions held at the village hall at which a group of villagers have been guided through various art and craft techniques.

Organised by Rural Arts North Yorkshire, the sessions have proved very popular and have uncovered many hidden skills among the participants. Lots of different materials and techniques have been used including clay sculpture, mosaic making, printing, card making, silk painting and tile painting.

These sessions will continue throughout the autumn and winter on the following Tuesdays - 8 October, 5 November, 3 December, 7 January, 4 February, 31 March and 28 April, between 1.30 and 3.30pm. The sessions are free to attend and all materials are provided.

If you are 50 or over and would like to spend a sociable afternoon getting away from the humdrum of everyday routine come and have a go, you might surprise yourself.



Examples of the silk paintings created at recent classes.

## The Good Old Days remembered

Songs from the old-time music hall and the war days stirred some fond memories during a grand evening's entertainment in the Village Hall on 10 August.

The likes of 'Pack up your travels' and 'Roll out the Barrel' got the audience going and the songs of days gone by came thick and fast.



Presenter, David Kear - whose professional stage name is Charlie Chuck - led the singing, told some jokes and involved the audience in lots of silliness!

Everyone enjoyed corned beef sandwiches and homemade cakes and participated in the raffle. A great evening was had by all and £150 was raised for the planned disabled access path in St Columba's churchyard and other improvements.



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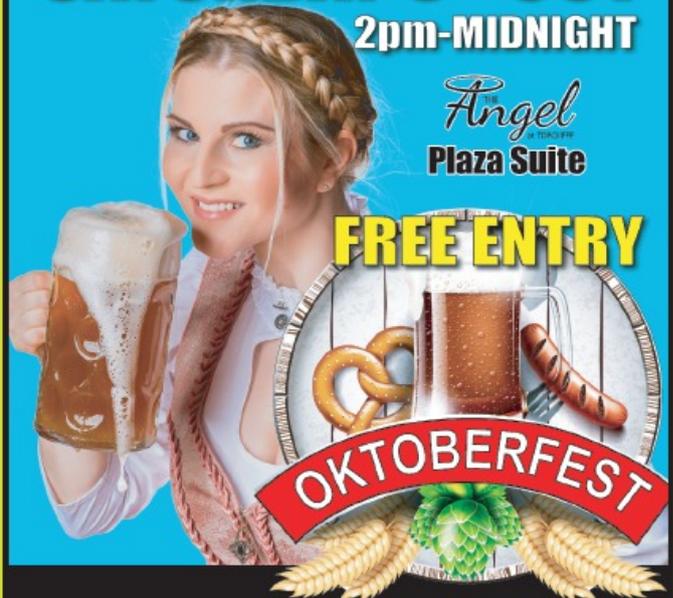
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