

Topcliffe's Own Royal Wedding

Year 1 and 2 children from Topcliffe CE Primary School organized and took part in a Wedding Ceremony recently. The ceremony took place at St. Columba's Church and the service was adapted and administered by Reverend Elizabeth Clark.

Head Teacher Mrs. Shepherd said "It was the most wonderful experience. It was the culmination of work centred around Religious Education, the Royal Wedding and incorporated every other curriculum area! Learning at its best! Children cooperated superbly, all knowing and enjoying their roles and being fully supportive of each other. The organisation of the event was shared by so many people - brilliant team work!"

Class Teacher Mr. Nick Rathbone instigated the work from an idea given by voluntary helper Rachel Clark. Every aspect of a Christian Wedding was included - the children made invitations, favours; they even constructed a car made of cardboard to travel to the church in. They photographed the event, gave speeches and cut the cake after a splendid Wedding Breakfast!



Topcliffe's Own Royal Wedding starring Emma Dunkley as Kate, Alfie Spencer as Prince William and Isaac Lowe as Prince Harry.

Multi-coloured Play School

The children of Topcliffe Play School have been having a great time since their play area was given an ingenious and creative makeover. Multi-coloured astro-turf, a wooden car complete with chunky gears and steering wheels, and lots of water to splash in have proved to be very popular, as have a huge sandpit and a climbing wall for the most adventurous. Thanks to Ben Lowe of Wensleydale Fencing, and father of to one of the children, the source of many imaginative games has been a revamped log cabin and recently added sturdy wooden staircase, complete with integral secret hiding places.

The lucky children are certainly busy having great fun in their very own special area of Topcliffe CE School.





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Family Fun Day

Thirsk Children's Centre is holding a Family Fun Day on June 11th from 11.30am – 2.30pm. It's hoped that the sun will shine so that all the activities can be held outside. Things to look forward to are:

A drumming workshop

Face painting

Outdoor games with Carlton Lodge staff

Art and craft activities

Refreshments will be available.

The more families the better, so spread the word. Everyone's invited to

Thirsk Children's Centre on June 11th for the very best Family Fun Day!!!

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Topcliffe's Got Talent

The young entrants of Topcliffe's Got Talent must have been mighty relieved that the Evil Simon



Cowell wasn't asked to judge their own talent competition. All the children gave their very best (in some cases as much as 110%!) and had a remarkable journey when they performed in front of a large audience. There was an impressive range of activities including singing, gymnastics, poetry, dancing, mind-reading, piano, keyboard and violin playing. The judges had a difficult ask to reduce the contestants to five, then everyone had a vote! The results were as follows:

1st prize to Louise and Georgie for gymnastics to music.

2nd prize to Katy, Lauren, Alice N, Fay and Shannon for their dancing

3rd prize to Joe and Jed for their eerie mind-reading

4th to Tim Durkin for his piano playing

5th to Ella Durkin who also played the piano.

All the children put on some wonderful entertainment and Jasmine Hill and Alice Robinson easily out-competed Ant and Dec



Asenby News

The recent sunshine brings to mind this year's Asenby Barbeque.

Put the date in your diaries:

Saturday 11th June

There will be the usual bar, raffle, family fun and bouncy excitement for ALL the family!! Watch out for more details nearer the time! The start time may be earlier this year so keep an eye out for posters and fliers.



Thanks to funds raised at the mince pie evening, we have managed to fix the see saw, clear the playground of algae and pay for some small repairs. Many thanks to Chris for all his work!

Hopefully the St George's Quiz proved to be a success and with your support for the Barbeque we will be able to continue mowing the grass and improving Asenby for everyone....as always we are keen for your ideas!

Asenby Institute

Thank You Topcliffe Ward

I would like to thank all residents of Topcliffe Ward for voting for me in the Hambleton District Council election. I am delighted you have given me the opportunity to serve again. In 1999, when I first stood for election, I told you I would represent your views and keep in regular touch with you. I have done this by attending Parish Council meetings and delivering numerous newsletters. I intend to continue in the same way. As Leader elect of Hambleton District Council, I am extremely busy, but my first call of duty will always be to those who have elected me.

Thank you for allowing me to be your District Councillor.

Neville Huxtable - District Councillor - Topcliffe Ward.

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Thirsk Rotary Ceilidh

Thirsk Rotary Club are having a ceilidh on Saturday 18th June at Thirsk Auction Mart (foyer area). We would be delighted if you could come. All profits to Thirsk Rotary's Benevolent Fund.

This is a brilliant venue for a ceilidh as there is so much space to cavort about!

We have booked a band – The Polka Dots - who come with an excellent recommendation. So, there will be about 2.5 hours of dancing, ½ hour of eating (cold buffet – no need to eat before you come!) + some extra home-grown entertainment! 7.30 to 11.00 pm.

All for £12.50!

Please email me at alan.nuttall@virgin.net if you are interested – I am making up tables.

Alan Nuttall

Changes in Thirsk and Easingwold

As of January 10th 2011 Sgt Frances Hannan has taken over responsibility for Thirsk and Easingwold Safer Neighbourhood Teams and will be based at Thirsk Market Place Police Station.



Sgt Hannan is keen to engage with all locally based organisations and the wider community. She has an excellent knowledge of the local area and is well aware of all the problems that Thirsk and Easingwold residents encounter. Together with her teams at both Stations she is looking forward to working with residents and visitors alike to Thirsk and Easingwold to maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment.

In addition Inspector John Wilkinson assumed command of Hambleton South Neighbourhood in November last year. The Inspector is based at Easingwold Police Station and will be working closely with Sgt Hannan to promote positive policing throughout the area.

Sgt Hannan can be contacted on: 01609 789592 or in person at Thirsk Market Place Police Station when she is on duty.

A Final Goodbye to The Tattler???

As you know, the Tattler relies entirely on volunteers to both produce and distribute our free quarterly newsletter, and also the annual donations from both Parish Councils, to pay for printing. Our advertisers must be feeling the pinch, as within the past year, we have gone from having nine advertisers to an all time low of only four. This is quite worrying as, without further income, we have sufficient funds in the Tattler bank account to be able to produce only two more issues. Our printers in Thirsk closed down unexpectedly a few months ago, requiring us to change to a different, more expensive, firm to print for us.

Unless more funding can be found, this will be the last year of Tattler production. If anyone has any ideas, they would be more than welcome.



Ange Hook and Vicki Moores
(Tattler Editors)

Topcliffe Parish Council News

Elections took place on 5th May but not for Topcliffe as, yet again, too few people put their hat into the ring to bring about an election. Is this a sign of satisfaction or inertia, I wonder? Notwithstanding, it is gratifying that current councillors have agreed to take civil responsibility and stand for office. Your council for the next four years will be Amanda Jameson-Allen, David Bowman, Mark Bowen, myself and please say a warm hello to Lynn Heidstrom, who joins as the new member. Isobel Peters is the clerk and appointed internal auditors are Tony Bruce and Jim Brame. My thanks to them. The council had budgeted for an election, which required a small hike in parish precept to cover expected costs. On a positive note, this should mean that the parish precept should remain stable for the term of the council. However, this cannot be guaranteed as we are not party to any curve balls that central or local government may throw. Rest assured that the council will continue to deliver its legal duties efficiently and at best value.

The parish council will continue to meet on a monthly basis and both the Annual and Parish Meetings, to which you are all invited, will be in May. Please attend as we the council would like to hear your thoughts, issues and any suggestions for future projects. Council meetings are a public affair at which you are entitled to speak. Please come along, observe proceedings, participate and

St Columba's Church Topcliffe

would like to say a huge

Thank You!

to everyone who has supported and made donations towards the Pancake Party and Lent Lunches this year - these events would not happen without your support and generosity. In addition to all the generous donations of eggs, milk, flour and all the other ingredients for the soups we have received a balance of

£451.15

which will be put towards the continued work of the Church. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Thank you!



remember this is your parish, your money and potentially our future! Looking back at the last Tattler, those injured in the car accident last year have made a good recovery and we give thanks for that, pay tribute to the medical teams that looked after them and wish them and their families joy of the day and felicitations for the future. We are a community, we live in a fine part of the land, we benefit through having a school, shop and post office, a surgery and bus routes and we can still have our milk delivered in glass bottles. We have much to be thankful for, but things could be even better. If you see something needs to be done, do it, or if you don't have the wherewithal, ask. Litter, pick it up. If someone needs help, don't wait to be asked. We are after all, in this together and let us look forward to a great summer.

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The Length Of Britain By Bike

Ben Halliday and Luke Shaw have just completed a longstanding ambition and cycled the length of the country, from Land's End to John O'Groats. They travelled by train down to Penzance on Friday the 13th of May (obviously not superstitious then!) and set off from Land's End the following day. They had taken a fortnight off work and hoped to do the journey in stages of around 70 miles per day.



All went well in the South West, despite the best efforts of Cornwall's numerous hills to slow them down, and after three days they were in Bath. Then their route took them the length of the Fosse Way from Cirencester to Leicester, where Luke's brother, Richard, provided them with a billet for the night. With another overnight stop near Doncaster, a week of cycling saw them back home again. After a night for Ben getting rested up at The Forge in Asenby and for Luke at his home in School Lane, Topcliffe, the pair were off again.

The journey to the Scottish border was a struggle, with gusting winds of 50 miles an hour, the pair pushed on at a slow pace for the 70 miles from Newcastle to Melrose. This was but a glimpse of the weather to come. Heavy rain and strong winds that brought trees down slowed their pace right down and caused the pair to stop after 40 miles of torment in Edinburgh.

A little behind schedule, the boys pushed on, trying to catch up the lost ground. This included a punishing ride of 105 miles in a day. By dint of several long days on their bikes, they managed to reach the small town of Wick, 17 miles south of John O' Groats with a day in hand. Finally, early in the morning on Friday 27th July, the boys stood on

the headland at the most northerly point of mainland Britain, looking out to sea towards the Orkneys in the distance.

A bike ride took them back to Wick. From there the midday train took them on a slow, stop-start rail journey south through the highlands to Perth, where Ben's girlfriend, Sara, was waiting to take two very tired young men back to Yorkshire.

Was it worth it? Well, apart from achieving a longstanding ambition, the boys were sponsored and have raised over £1,000 for the local charity Herriot Hospice Homecare, which provides support for people with terminal illnesses. Rather than having a hospice building, Herriot Hospice Homecare aims to provide people with the support which helps them to continue to live in their own homes despite their illness.

Any friends or neighbours of Ben and Luke who would like to support them in their effort to raise money for HHH can make an online donation at www.justgiving.com/lukeshaw1 or by sending a donation to Luke Shaw, Pond End, School Lane, Topcliffe, Thirsk YO7 3RG. (please make cheques payable to Herriot Hospice Homecare and include home address with postcode to qualify for gift aid).

Ben and Luke would like to thank Cowleys Cycles of Northallerton and Zyro of Thirsk for helping them with cycling equipment and all the people who offered them hospitality and kindness on their journey.



**Just a reminder that
dogs are NOT allowed
on the playing fields
in Asenby and Topcliffe!**



Produce Show grows bigger and better

With the second annual Topcliffe & Asenby Produce Show only three months away, the Tattler is devoting a part of this edition to the event, so that everyone has plenty of information about the show and the categories that are up for competition.

The readers who participated in last year's show, or just came along to the Village Hall to see what locals can produce, will know that very high standards were set.

Already, despite the fact it's only the second show, we can state that the event is growing bigger and better, with extra categories to tempt more competitors to have a go.

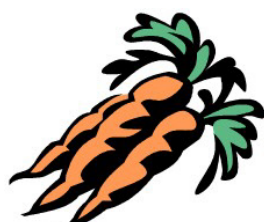
For the many gardeners amongst you, there are 26 classes (up from 21 last year) in the horticultural section, including a wide range of popular home-grown fruit and vegetables. But it's not just the green-fingered brigade that can compete: there are baking, flower arranging, painting and sewing classes, in which you can show off your talents. There are 19 categories for you to consider.

And, for the youngsters aged 15 and below, there are 8 categories, including painting, growing the tallest sunflower, baking, model making and handwriting. But, of course, there's nothing to stop them also entering any of the other classes as long as the exhibit their own work!

The date for the second Produce Show is Saturday, 3 September. Now that full details have been included in The Tattler, the organisers aren't planning to distribute a leaflet to each house, as they did last year. However, you can view the official leaflet on both village websites - www.topcliffe.net and www.asenby.net

Horticulture

- Class 1 3 red potatoes
- Class 2 3 white potatoes
- Class 3 tomatoes on the vine
- Class 4 3 beef tomatoes
- Class 5 3 regular tomatoes
- Class 6 3 yellow tomatoes
- Class 7 3 shallots
- Class 8 3 white onions
- Class 9 3 red onions
- Class 10 3 runner beans
- Class 11 3 courgettes
- Class 12 1 marrow
- Class 13 1 white cabbage



- Class 14 1 red cabbage
- Class 15 3 sticks of rhubarb
- Class 16 3 eating apples
- Class 17 3 cooking apples
- Class 18 3 plums
- Class 19 6 blackberries
- Class 20 3 Beetroot
- Class 21 1 cucumber
- Class 22 3 leeks
- Class 23 3 carrots
- Class 24 3 parsnips
- Class 25 plate of 4 vegetables
- Class 26 funniest shaped veg or fruit

Baking

- Class 27 Victoria Sandwich using 3 eggs, 6oz sugar, 6oz flour, 6oz butter
- Class 28 3 fruit scones
- Class 29 3 cheese scones
- Class 30 3 sausage rolls using short-crust pastry
- Class 31 decorated homemade chocolate cake
- Class 32 your own choice of home-baked cake
- Class 33 3 biscuits
- Class 34 1lb brown loaf (not using a bread-maker)
- Class 35 1lb jar of jam - any grown fruit
- Class 36 1lb jar of lemon curd
- Class 37 1lb jar of marmalade

Flower Arranging

- Class 38 arrangement in unusual container
- Class 39 vase of garden flowers

Hobbies

- Class 40 piece of embroidery
- Class 41 piece of knitting
- Class 42 photo showing life in Topcliffe or Asenby
- Class 43 painting - any view of Topcliffe or Asenby
- Class 44 painting - any Yorkshire view
- Class 45 painting - any other

Children's Classes (max. age 15 on the day)

- Class 46 painting of a garden or allotment
- Class 47 painting of a flower/flowers
- Class 48 tallest sun flower (photograph of plant with grower, showing plant height)
- Class 49 4 jam tarts
- Class 50 4 cup cakes
- Class 51 model of creature using vegetables and fruit
- Class 52 piece of writing entitled 'Why I like living in Topcliffe (or Asenby)'
- Class 53 handwriting sample (subject of your choice - 12 lines)



Produce Show Rules

- 1) The appointment of judges rests with the Village Hall Committee.
- 2) The competition is open to residents of the villages of Topcliffe and Asenby and registered owners at the Swale View caravan park.
- 3) All horticultural exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor and other exhibits made/baked/written by the exhibitor.
- 4) Numbered tickets for exhibits will be handed out on Show Day.
- 5) Adult entries 50p per exhibit and children's entries 20p per exhibit.
- 6) Entries must be delivered to the Village Hall between 9.30am and 12 noon on the day of the show and exhibitors must leave the Hall by 12 noon.
- 7) Judging takes place between 12 noon and 2pm. Judges will be at liberty to taste all entries in the 'baking' section.
- 8) Certificates will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- 9) Three points will be awarded for a 1st; two for a 2nd and one for a third. The exhibitor with most points wins the 2011 trophy.
- 10) Public viewing will be between 2pm and 4pm.
- 11) All exhibits must be removed at 4pm or they will be auctioned.
- 12) The Village Hall Committee is not responsible for exhibits.

All enquiries to Judith Lowe - 577911

The Topcliffe Educational Foundation

The Topcliffe Educational Foundation is a charity which makes small grants for the purchase of books, to students who have recently left school and are in their first degree course at university or the equivalent. To be eligible, the student must live in the parish of Topcliffe, which is broadly the area covered by the parish as now constituted together with Marton le Moor.

The Charity's income is fixed and limited, therefore the value of any single grant will depend not only on the funds available to distribute but also on the number of successful applications.

Applications are sought in September/October and the Trustees meet in December to approve grants. Students who have received grants in previous years will automatically receive an invitation to apply for 2011.

Anyone seeking further information, wishing to apply or questioning their eligibility to apply should ring Geoff Hall on 01845 578324.

A Diamond Wedding Anniversary

A well-known stalwart of Topcliffe's Senior Citizens' Club, Dorothy Hunton and her husband, Wilf, celebrated sixty happy years of marriage with friends and family at their daughter's home in Upsall recently. Originally from Newcastle, Mrs Hunton was evacuated to Sowerby during the war where she met her husband at a bonfire held to celebrate VE Day. Mr Hunton is from Stokesley and the couple now own a smallholding in Dalton. They have two children, Colin and Barbara, and five grandchildren aged between 21 and 29.

Mrs Hunton said that she was particularly thrilled to receive a congratulatory card from the Queen which had been the icing on the cake.



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The third annual Raft Race will take place on June 11th when rafts will set sail from Holme-on-Swale at 10 am.

It costs £50 to enter with proceeds going to the Forever Fourth Charity.

For more information contact John or Carrie-Anne at The Swan.

So, you've just got time to fettle that raft and dust down the life jackets.

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