

## Football Club Celebrate Cup Win

In April Topcliffe and Asenby Football Club won the 'Bob Seymour' trophy beating Catterick Village 4-1.

The game was won in the first half when Topcliffe went 4-0 up after a brace of goals by Nigel Binks and one apiece for Dave Young and Chris Moores. Catterick pulled one back in the second half but they were never really in the match.

The team were well supported on the night by many villagers and friends. A big thank

you must go to John Smiths Coaches for providing the transport and The Angel Inn for the after match celebration.

In the league, this season, Topcliffe unfortunately missed out on promotion to Division One, finishing 4th. Mark Cobb was voted Player's Player of the Year and Nigel Binks took the award for being leading goal scorer.

Manager, Dave Thomas, and the team are looking forward to the new season and hope to gain promotion this time.

### Lock those doors!

Police are urging householders to lock windows and doors following a spate of burglaries in North Yorkshire.

Burglars stole handbags, wallets, purses, a video camera and a PlayStation from two houses in Sowerby and two in Thirsk overnight recently.

Police advice is to check and lock all doors, windows and patio doors, front and back, that could be used by a thief.

"Make sure the house is secure before you settle down in front of the telly or take a long relaxing bath upstairs."

### May Local Elections

On 1st May, 2003 you re-elected me to serve for the next four years as your Councillor to represent your views and opinions at Hambleton District Council. I thank you most sincerely for the confidence you have shown in me. Although the turnout was not brilliant, only 39% of the electorate in Topcliffe Ward voted, 78% wanted me to continue in my role. Over the last four years Topcliffe has had a strong voice at Hambleton District Council and this will not change. By working closely with your Parish Council I intend to ensure that the best possible services are provided at a cost that is affordable. Your views are important to me. Please continue to let me know of your problems and concerns and I will do my utmost to be of assistance. Whether you voted for me or not, I am here to help.

Cllr. Neville Huxtable

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## Editorial

Our 'Production' expert Howard (Wilson) was called away to the Falklands on business for an unknown period, and his wife, Julie, offered to take his place to produce this issue. However, in the event, he returned just in time to do his usual efficient job, but we are nevertheless grateful to Julie for offering to step into the breach.

Since our last issue in March, the war in Iraq has come and gone, but who knows what the final outcome will be? The world seems to be in turmoil, and we must keep our fingers crossed that those in power can, and will, see us through safely.

TATtler's production team wish you all well, and hope you will all have a good summer, and refreshing holidays. 'Till September then, it's just 'au revoir'.

**Editor**



## Neighbourhood Watch News

Last Winter there were a number of opportunist burglaries in the villages where doors were left unlocked resulting in theft of property. In many cases the owners were in some part of the house or in the garden. Light nights are now here when people traditionally spend time out in the garden. If you do this then please remember to lock your doors. There also has been thefts from sheds and outhouses in the Thirsk area, again please review your security.

### Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator wanted for Manor Close

Two years ago I took on to be co-ordinator for Manor Close due to no one coming forward from that area. Like many of you my time is limited and the result is that I can't do justice to Manor Close and my original area of Winn Lane. As from the date of publication of the Tattler I will be looking after Winn Lane only. We therefore need someone from Manor Close to take on co-ordinator for that area. **If no one is willing, then it will be the only area in the village not to have someone appointed.**

If anyone is interested or requires information as to what is involved, then please get in touch with either myself or David Bowman. Our contact numbers are on the back page of the TATtler.

**Ian Roberts**

## The Blue Cross (Patron: His Grace The Duke Of Westminster OBE TD DL)

We have had a very busy 2003 so far, having already re-homed over 200 dogs and cats. All these animals are neutered (age permitting), vaccinated, wormed, vet-checked and micro-chipped prior to adoption.

As always, to support this operation we are planning fund-raisers, and in the near future we have a Street Collection in Thirsk on Saturday 31st May, our big Dog Show run by Ripon Dog Training Club on Sunday 6th July at Pateley Bridge, and a Dog Show at Thirsk Festival on Sunday 13th July.

We would welcome help with any of these events, and in particular donations of tombola prizes would be especially appreciated.

Please contact us on 01845 577759.



## Club News

### Topcliffe Playing Field



We are a small band of people who look after, and maintain, Topcliffe Playing Field for the use of all the village. Like all clubs we are always on the look out for people to help in fund raising or in grass cutting during the summer.

#### Playing Field AGM

**Mon 16th June - The Angel**

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 16th June at 9.00 pm in The Angel Inn, Topcliffe.

If you are willing to give up a little of your spare time to help keep this facility going for all the village, especially the children, then come along, have a drink and a chat or call Louise Bumby on 524551.

## Topcliffe Bowling Club

This year's season has just begun and, as usual, we are looking for new members. Anyone who would like to give outdoor bowling a try please come along and have a go. We have spare woods so there is no need to buy any. You can play just for fun or enjoy some competition in the JSW League which we play on a Wednesday evening and every other Friday. For more information call Louise Bumby on 524551.

## Snooker



The Snooker Club meets upstairs at the Toll Booth and is always on the lookout for new members from Topcliffe and Asenby. The Membership is £10 covering from September to September. Members must be 18 or over, but under 18s are allowed in with members. The Club has two tables, one full size and one  $\frac{3}{4}$  size. The light meter costs only 10p for 8 minutes. The Club is no longer in a league.

Anyone interested in joining should contact David Bowman on 577843.

## Carpet Bowls

You never know what goes on in the evening at the Village Hall, especially in the winter when the curtains are closed! But have no fear, nothing improper occurs. On Thursday evenings, members of the Carpet Bowls Club practice on their 'magic carpet,' and would welcome some new faces. It is a very friendly Club, and there would be plenty of help for anyone wishing to give it a try, which you can do for nothing, just by coming along. The members, all local residents who meet weekly and play non-competitively for their own amusement, will be only too willing to teach newcomers. The Club is in a League of 15 Clubs, and teams from local villages play one another during the winter months, but of course you don't have to do that if you don't want to.

Do give it a try, you will be made very welcome, and can be sure of pleasant company. Enquiries can be made by ringing the Secretary, David Winfield, on 01845 - 577930. We look forward to meeting you.



*try something Exotic.....  
try Carpet Bowls.....*

## **School Report** by Simon Ashby (Headteacher) (School Web Site [www.topcliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.topcliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk))

At the time of writing (14 May) plans are being drawn up for our hall extension and our phase 2 bid to the New Opportunities fund is about to be submitted. One of the off-shoots of the project will hopefully be the development of the school playground to create more space for the children. The Friends of Topcliffe School have agreed to support this venture and we have set the ambitious target of raising £5000 by next year.



Our work towards this was greatly helped on Shrove Tuesday, when children from Class 4 went along to the Crab & Lobster restaurant to take part in a Pancake Race. The event was very enjoyable for all of the children, not least because of the wonderful refreshments served up afterwards inside the restaurant. The school had been very kindly nominated as the charity to benefit from the event, and in the end £1150 was raised towards our playground fund, which was absolutely fantastic and greatly appreciated by everyone.

We would like to express our thanks once again to everyone who supported the recent collection of used clothing. This raised £122 towards school funds which is tremendous. Also, many thanks to everyone who helped with our collection of Tesco "Computers for Schools" vouchers and Nestle "Box Tops".

### **School Summer Fayre: Sat 28th June 2-4 pm**

between 2 and 4 pm. The event promises to be great fun again, with a "Welly Wanging" contest being added to the usual attractions this year. Children will also be taking part in a marathon 2 hour sponsored skip.

The school is currently involved in two national accreditation schemes. If we are successful we hope that some time next year we will achieve the "Healthy Schools Standard" and gain "Active Mark" status. Both schemes focus on the overall personal, social and health education in school.

To this end, children have been involved in a number of extra "healthy" activities over the last term. When the "Freddie Fit" project visited school all of the children had 2 hours of very active (but fun) aerobic activity, interspersed with learning about their bodies and fitness. The project came back to school in March for an after-school session which was attended by over half of the children! We have also benefited from football coaching sessions for all children through the Umbro "School's Football Initiative" and at the minute coaches from Sunderland AFC's Football in the Community scheme are visiting school. For the third year running we have just received a "School Achievement Award" from the government, in recognition of

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The major fundraising event for FOTS this term will be our Summer Fayre, which will take place at school on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June

## **TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL Councillors Needed**

Topcliffe Parish Council is looking to co-opt 2 councillors to fill the current vacancies. The positions will run until the next council elections in May 2007. If you would like to apply for one of these positions, discuss the matter informally, or find out more about what a councillor does, please contact Garry Key on 578900.

# Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall

Enquiries/Bookings: Lois Hooker 17 Manor Close Topcliffe YO7 3RH Tel: 01845 578007  
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## Serving The Local Community

For the last year all the users of the hall have had their heating costs free as, following the installation of the gas heating system, the Parish Council paid for the first year's gas bill. Prior to the installation of the gas heating everyone had to shovel pound coins into the electric meters to pay for the electric heating. Now, unfortunately, it is time to set the hall rates at such a level that the gas bills AND the yearly maintenance of the heaters is paid for. We have looked at the yearly costs and the number of lettings over the year and basically it means adding £1 per hour to all the letting rates. Hence the rates will be as follows:

Regular club Users £4/hour  
Parishioners £4.50 / hour £30 / day  
Non- Parishioners £7 / hour £60 / day  
Parish Council £8 per session  
Other charges remain the same.

**The new rates will apply from 1st June 2003**

John Graham (Treasurer)

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## ASENBY BARBEQUE - Sunday 29th June

The barbeque will be held on the Playing fields with Asenby Hall Barn as the wet weather venue. The Butcher's Shop will be selling meat for the barbeque and vegetarian options. There will also be a bar.

The fun starts at 4 pm with games, bouncy castle, welly throwing, raffle, tombola, greasy pole etc., and the barbeque will start at 5 pm.

Adults:	£2.50
Children under 12:	£1.50
Family (2 adults, 2 child):	£7.00

Bring your own table, chair or rug!

If you would like tickets or have any donations for the raffle/tombola, please contact Jackie on 578871.

## ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

The Asenby Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the litter pick on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Litter was collected from around the village, along the sliproad off the A168 and between Asenby and Topcliffe.

Over 30 bags of litter were collected in just one hour, including a television set, a wheelbarrow, tyres and other items.

Thanks to the Crab and Lobster who kindly provided refreshments for everyone afterwards.

## St. Columba's Church Services

(Visit the Church website at [www.st-columba.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.st-columba.fsnet.co.uk))

<b>Jun</b>	Sun	1st	Benefice Family Service	10.30 am
	Wed	4th	Holy Communion in the Percy Chapel	9.00 am
	Sun	8th	Holy Communion Pentecost Celebration & Thanksgiving	10.30 am
	Sun	8th	Songs of Praise for St. Columba	6.30 pm
	Sun	15th	Holy Communion	10.30 am
	Sun	22nd	Matins	6.30 pm
	Sun	22nd	Choral Evensong	6.30 pm
	Sun	29th	Prayer Book Holy Communion	10.30 am
<b>Jul</b>	Sun	6th	Benefice Family Service	10.30 am
	Wed	9th	Holy Communion in the Percy Chapel	9.30 am
	Sun	13th	Holy Communion	10.30 am
	Sun	20th	Holy Communion with Baptism	10.30 am
	Sun	27th	Matins	10.30 am
	Sun	27th	Choral Evensong	6.30 pm
<b>Aug</b>	Sun	3rd	Benefice Family Service	10.30 am
			<b>NB. No midweek Holy Communion in August</b>	
	Sun	10th	Holy Communion	10.30 am
	Sun	17th	Holy Communion	10.30 am
	Sun	24th	Matins	10.30 am
	Sun	24th	Choral Evensong	6.30 pm
Sun	31st	Prayer Book Holy Communion	10.30 am	

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the improvement of our results since 1999. Whilst everyone at the school firmly believes that there is far more to education and childhood than test results, it is nonetheless pleasing to receive recognition in this way.

Finally, a very important and exciting development in school recently has been the creation of a student council, run by the children for the children. Each class held elections to the council which has now met twice. Their first achievement has been to draft and agree a bullying policy for the school, which will be presented to the Governing Body later this term. Minutes of their meetings are displayed in the school entrance.

### PRIZE BINGO

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## Topcliffe

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Tel 578900

**Howard Wilson,**  
Eldmire House, Long St.  
Tel 577039

**Russell Smith**  
The Swan, Front Street,  
Tel 577239

## Asenby

**Chris Millross (Chair)**  
Topcliffe House  
Tel 577961

**Jackie Avison (Vice Chair)** 2 Orchard  
Cottages Tel 578871

**Peter Dale** The Warren  
Tel 577373

**Steve Hall** Orchard End  
Tel 578379

**John Sharp** 16 Cundall Road  
Tel 578406

## Topcliffe Parish Council - Neighbourhood Watch - Co-Ordinator List

Co-Ordinator	Address	Tel:	Area Covered
Dave Bowman	21 East Lee	577843	East Lea
Lynn Heidstrom	32 East Lee	577437	East Lea
Linda Carver	Green Acres	578014	1 - 12 East Lea
Ian Roberts	13 Winn Lane	578181	Winn Lane
Grant Pryce	Little Beeches, Long St.	578235	Back Lane & Long St east of Back Lane
John Key	Cliff House Cottage, Long St.	577072	Long St west of Back Lane
Mrs Acaster	4 Swaleview	578036	Swaleview
Jenny Trollope	Kenilworth, Church St.	577397	Church St.
Peter Brown	Ashleigh, Front St.	577594	Front St.
Doug Allen	7 Dovecote Mews	578526	Dovecote Mews
Pauline Hindmarch	Moot Hall, Dean Square	577508	Dean Square
Sandra McGrail	Kyber House, Station Road	577675	Station Road

## Useful Telephone Numbers

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