

Topcliffe's New Headteacher

Mrs Abi Clay, Topcliffe School's new headteacher, is understandably feeling very positive about her new role, and is keen to enthuse about the opportunities she has inherited to build on her predecessor's success. The school motto is "learning...fun...inspiration" and she and her staff pride themselves on sharing this ethos with the children.



Recognising the importance of enhancing children's learning opportunities in and out of school, an interesting outdoor area is currently being developed for children in the Early Years. A wildlife garden will become a multi-sensory and spiritual garden, creating a Forest Schools learning site; while playtime equipment and space is being improved. This exciting project is one in which the new headteacher hopes children and parents will become very much involved..

Mrs Clay gained a degree in Business at Northampton University, a qualification which she says is proving extremely useful as a headteacher. She then studied for a PGCE from Sheffield University, followed by two terms at a school in Middlesbrough during her NQT year, completing the necessary third term at Hutton Rudby where she stayed for 13 years, leaving as Assistant Head.

With experience teaching all infant and junior years, Mrs Clay has also gained the Advanced Skills Teaching qualification, which involves supporting other teachers

in their own schools to improve their own practice. Mrs Clay's particular speciality is modern languages which is now statutory for Key Stage 2. While working at Hutton Rudby, she also gained the National Professional Qualification for Headship.

Mrs Clay lived in Germany until she was 5, both her parents teaching in Forces' schools. The family then moved to North Yorkshire and she was educated at Malton School. She now lives in Raskelf with her husband, a building surveyor, and her two sons aged 6 and 7.

An avid sportswoman, Topcliffe's new headteacher is taking part in the York marathon and lists her hobbies as reading, travel and languages. She says "Topcliffe is a wonderful school with well-mannered considerate children and hardworking committed teachers and governors. This in turn creates a calm atmosphere, providing an ideal foundation for learning."

Topcliffe Church of England Primary School

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Abigail Clay as the new Head Teacher of our church school in Topcliffe, and look forward to working alongside her in the nurture of our children. We are planning a formal service of Welcome and Commissioning on Friday 7th November, 2.30pm in St Columba's Church. Please do make a note of the date, especially if you have any connection with the school or are a community representative. Invitations to specific representatives will be issued shortly, but this is an open invitation to anyone in the village to attend. We are a community and we all have a responsibility for 'our' children, and to support Abi in her new role.

Susanne Jukes

The New Improved Tattler

West Park Inns have kindly paid for the entire colour edition of The Tattler which has made a huge difference to its appearance. A programme of events coming up at [The Angel](#) can be found on the back page.

Arctic Cruise

Sandra and I have just returned from an Arctic cruise on a small ship with 100 passengers. The first night was my 70th birthday (19 Jul) and at dinner in the dining room I was presented with a birthday cake and the usual singing waiters. Two more such cakes and singing waiters for 2 other guys followed. Naturally we introduced ourselves at the bar afterwards and it transpired that one couple lived near Malton and the other near Castle Howard – all within ~20 miles of each other. Stranger things ensued - in our chat someone mentions the Crab and Lobster at which point there was tap on my shoulder and I was asked “did someone say Crab and Lobster”. When I replied yes, the lady said “we live in Asenby”!!! It was Steve and Liz Hall – Liz actually attended the art classes in the village hall with Sandra a few years back.



Comrades in full expedition garb

The four couples became comrades in arms for the duration – and with an open bar on the boat we did Yorkshire proud most evenings!

If it is of interest and you want to know more, please give us a call – 578662.

Roy and Sandra Beckwith

New app to make your home BurglarProof

North Yorkshire Police has launched an on-line app to help residents make sure they don't become the victim of burglars. BurglarProof is a quick and easy step-by-step guide to help assess your home's security. A quarter of all burglaries are carried out by opportunist thieves taking advantage of an unlocked door or window. Homes that don't have basic security devices, such as window locks and sturdy door locks, are far more likely to be broken into.

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In-depth guides giving you professional, detailed advice on every aspect of home security.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Sweeting, said: "This app is a great way for people to ensure that their homes are as secure as possible. I urge people to download the app and take the security survey, to help secure their homes from thieves."

To access the app, visit the NYP App Store at www.northyorkshire.police.uk/appstore or visit burglarproof.nyp.mobi from any smartphone or tablet.

Blood, Sweat and Blisters

Walking 84 miles in temperatures touching 30 degrees under an unrelenting sun was, without doubt, a remarkable test of endurance, stamina and commitment for the 9-man team from Topcliffe and Asenby. Ranging in age from 17 to 56, the walkers achieved their target of completing the walk in three days with the help of sun tan lotions, blister cream, talcum powder, many litres of water, and a never ending stream of banter.



Lee Halshaw, Adam Ryan, Chris Moores, Luke Burnett, Kev Young, Andrew Butler, Mark Watson, Rob Macaulay, Julian Hooker

The team were walking in aid of CLIC Sargent in memory of Patrick Hooker a much-loved local boy who tragically died of cancer last November. There have been several fundraising events in his name, but because of the intense heatwave, none more arduous than this one.

Whilst trekking along the often difficult terrain of Hadrian's Wall and on occasion being forced to pitch tents when there wasn't enough room in B&B, persisting through the pain of cramp, blisters, sunburn and fatigue, their camaraderie thankfully helped them through.

The Busby Stoop garage at Carlton Miniott kindly provided a minibus for the team of indispensable supporters who ensured that there was food, water and first aid when necessary.

The next week, and following on from the walk, The Angel Inn, Topcliffe was the venue for a well-attended auction and bbq, with entertainment provided by a video of the Challenge. While there was the inevitable cheering, teasing and heckling, the loud applause at the end was full of well-deserved respect for the team's achievement.

At the last count, £4500 has been raised for the charity, far exceeding the target of £2000, and more money is still to be collected.

A Bit of Quiet ...

If you've ever found yourself sitting at your computer longing for a bit of 'space' ...

If you've ever wanted to pray but found it difficult on your own.

If you've felt the urge to pray but don't quite know how to go about it ...

If you want to deepen your faith then go to the web site 'Sacred Space': www.sacredspace.ie.

This prayer site has been run by the Irish Jesuits for the last fifteen years and is a wonderful resource.

Susanne Jukes

Jean Dickenson

Jean Dickenson, who died recently at the age of 90, was very much a Topcliffe stalwart. She lived in the village her entire life and had moved only once, from the house she had grown up in on Long Street to round the corner on Front Street.

Jean had two brothers, Jeff and Alan, (another brother, Joseph, died before her birth) and told of a happy childhood. Her father was a butcher as well as a great horse lover, an enthusiasm not shared by any of the children. Her mother was an accomplished singer and arranged training for Jean and Jeff. However, neither child showed any musical talent and while the youngest, Alan, had an attractive singing voice, he was a reticent child who declined to draw attention to himself.

There was lots of fun in the Dickenson household and a cheerful atmosphere apparently prevailed. Jean's famous sense of humour stayed with her till her final days when her various visitors to the Friarage enjoyed sharing a joke with her whether it was about her hospital-enforced cigarette deprivation or the forlorn possibility of meeting any Clooney lookalikes amongst the medics.

On leaving Thirsk school, Jean began work in the butcher's shop but when Alan and Jeff were called to serve in the Second World War, she began driving the van, delivering meat. Tragedy struck when Jeff, her handsome and academically gifted brother, contracted TB. Whilst unscathed by active service, he had returned home suffering from what was at the time, a deadly illness. Sadly, his baby daughter also became fatally infected, and between the late 40s and early 50s, Jean's parents also died.

Perhaps the tragic loss of so many loved ones, inspired Jean to begin nursing, a career which she absolutely loved. She worked at Ripon Hospital in the days of matrons and strict discipline although she typically found lots of funny anecdotes and incidents which provided her with many happy memories. She was clearly a natural carer and 50 or 60 years later she still remembered many of her patients and spoke of them fondly and with great empathy. With her new-found independence, she was free to enjoy several hobbies. She had a wide circle of friends whom she met regularly. She played golf for many years, loved to read, sew, embroider and walk. After retirement she also developed a taste for foreign travel, visiting France, Germany, Austria, Norway and Portugal.



In the 1970s Jean inherited the house on Front Street that she had shared with a relative. She loved her home and carried out various alterations to ensure that it became her own, saying that "it had grown around her." Her younger brother, Alan, lived at the top of the street and each day, would be seen visiting her on his bike, with his collie running alongside. A gentle and courteous man, Alan died about 8 years ago, leaving his wife, Eileen, and daughter, Jan.

Jean Dickenson continued to drive until she was 83 but stopped when she began to struggle with her eyesight and, in more recent years, she became partially sighted. However, she was not a complainer and sat in her chair with the radio on or dwelled on her vast supply of memories. All who visited her could be sure of a wholehearted welcome and an interesting and usually comical story, whether about her nursing days or some fascinating snippet of local history.

Despite having living for many years, she was a lady with friends of all generations. She was broad-minded, interested in new ideas and never seemed less than content with the way her life had panned out. If asked, she would probably claim with typical modesty that she had led a small life. But she hadn't. Her life had been gentle, not small, and full of interests and companionship and, in many ways, her peaceful passing was fitting for a lady with such a huge heart.

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Message From Down Under

Doug Allan, who holds the remaining copies of the Millennium Book of Topcliffe, recently received an interesting letter from a descendant of a family who used to live in Topcliffe.

Richard Thwaites wrote from Australia to request a copy of the book as his ancestors lived in the village from 1830 to 1900. Richard's great- great-grandfather, George Thwaites, who was originally a local farm labourer and later a grocer in the village, is buried in St Columba's graveyard. Apparently his great-grandfather, John, who died in 1914, is probably buried in Boroughbridge, alongside his wife Phoebe (Hardwicke) Thwaites, who died in 1924.

The Australian end of the family living in Australia now numbers about fifty, and there are others in Canada and the United States. Richard is now researching his family roots and suggests he has abundant information about the Thwaites and related Rayner and Hardwicke families, which he is prepared to share with any Tattler readers who might be interested.

Having a copy of the Topcliffe Book will greatly assist Richard in understanding what life was like when his direct family lived here and in continuing his family background.

Doug has sent a book to Australia...and that leaves just five books available for purchase.

Things Could Only Get Better For Retiring Head Teacher

Wendy Shepherd described her first year as head teacher of Topcliffe School as a "difficult" one. It was certainly challenging from the outset. Margaret Whittaker, the long-serving school secretary, suffered a stroke on the first day of term. She thankfully recovered but wisely took it as a sign that it was time to retire. A new member of the teaching staff left after three weeks when her daughter became gravely ill. The school had a financial review followed by an Ofsted inspection. And, if all this wasn't daunting enough, the premises were badly flooded, resulting in a fair amount of necessary structural repair and general upheaval.

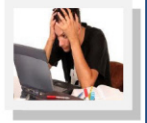
Mrs Shepherd has said that she never wanted to do anything other than teach. She was born in Harrogate and brought up in Tadcaster, going on to attend Ripon and York St John Training College where she met her future husband Graham, the retiring head teacher of Le Cateau Junior School. After working as deputy head of Bedale and of Carlton Miniott, Mrs Shepherd took over the headship of Topcliffe from Lynne Chatwin at the beginning of 2009.

Despite the traumatic beginning, Topcliffe School has benefited enormously from Mrs Shepherd's leadership. There is an atmosphere of wellbeing and cheerfulness where children are noticeably well-mannered, thoughtful and respectful. Education standards have improved dramatically with an outstanding report from Ofsted, and

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Le Tour de Topcliffe

Dave Veazey, of Church Street, Topcliffe, has asked if anyone knows of any local cycling groups. Dave is fairly new to the area and to cycling, and would like to hit the pedals over the weekends, Thursdays or Fridays. If anyone is interested or could give him some useful contacts, please ring 078280 64110 or email daveveazey@hotmail.com



Goodbye to an enthusiastic and popular headteacher

the head teacher acknowledges that much of this is down to her excellent team.

Having made such a terrific impact on the village school, Mrs Shepherd is joining her husband in a slower pace of life. They are looking forward to a retirement which they hope will include travelling to Australia and New Zealand, Arizona and Canada. They are both keen geographers and historians and intend to spend time discovering places of interest round Britain. Gardening, knitting, sewing, cake decoration and meditation are also on her to-do list, as well as spending more time with her family and domestic menagerie. A strong believer in lifelong learning Wendy Shepherd foresees a busy retirement but one taken at an easier pace.

UPDATE

Proposed Hydro Electric Scheme by UK Hydro Ltd Topcliffe Weir

The proposed planning application by UK Hydro Ltd is currently with Harrogate Borough Council along with many comprehensive and serious points of objection.

The decision as to whether this scheme goes ahead will be made by Harrogate planning committee but at the time of writing there is no date set as to when the plans and objections will be put in front of the committee.

Whilst acknowledging that clean green renewable energy is something the UK is committing to finding sources of, the proposed Archimedes screw installation at Topcliffe weir is opposed for a variety of very valid reasons.

These valid objections can be viewed online at the Harrogate Planning portal ref 14/02806/FUL or by visiting the planning department at Harrogate Borough Council. Alternatively for further information, you can visit the Topcliffe Weir blog at topcliffeweir.wordpress.com or visit our facebook page - Topcliffe Weir.

Everyone affected by this installation has made a careful and considered assessment of any likely value from this scheme, either for Topcliffe, Asenby for the UK as a whole and responded accordingly.

Thank you for your support.

Snooker Club

At still only £20 a year, the Snooker Club situated in the Toll Booth, is excellent value. There are two tables, one full size and one three quarters; the club is heated, and you get your own key so you can play whenever you like. The club welcomes new members but under-18s must be accompanied by parents. Contact Dave Bowman on 577843



The Topcliffe Educational Grants

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 2014.

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

Bake and Buy

Topcliffe Playgroup is holding a fundraising stall at Thirsk Market on Saturday October 25. Homemade cakes, buns, biscuits, scones, jams, pickles, quiches etc will be on sale and the donation of any of these items will be very gratefully received.

To arrange for collection call Emma on 595918/07731 776294 or drop any donations into Topcliffe Playgroup, situated in the portakabin next to the school, on Friday October 24 between 9am-11.30am.

Please support our fundraising event.

Baldersby News

Wednesday 15th October. 7.30pm

Come and meet John Grundy of TV Grundy's Wonders Series. He is giving a talk about local history entitled "Baldersby, Butterfield and other beauties..." Anyone who saw the series will remember that John is an interesting character full of energy. If you would like tickets they are £12.50 including supper.

For details of the above event contact Sue Brown on 01765 640398 or on c.b.brown398@hotmail.co.uk. If anyone is interested we always welcome helpers!

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News From St Columba's The Parish Church of Topcliffe And Asenby

Autumn days ... and into Remembrance

We're well into the thick of Harvest Thanksgiving now, and this will be followed by the season of Remembrances.

Neptune Service - Sunday 12th October, 10.45am

On Sunday 12th October we will welcome those who remember the RAF Neptune of Coastal Command, which flew out of RAF Topcliffe in October 1956 and sadly crashed on 10th, on the Mull of Kintyre, whilst returning from an anti-submarine course in Londonderry. After the morning service at St Columba's (10.45am), we will visit the graves of the nine crewmen who died and are buried at Winn Lane Cemetery.

All Souls - Sunday 2nd November, 6.30pm

On the weekend of 1st/2nd November we shall remember All Saints and All Souls. At our Evening Service at 6.30pm at St Columba's on Sunday 2nd November, there will be an opportunity to remember people who have died ... and who are still loved and missed, no matter how much time has passed. Names can be written on a list at the back of church. These names will then be read out during the prayers at the Evening Service. There is an open invitation to everyone to attend the service during which they will also be able, if they wish, to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

St Columba's church is open every day during the hours of daylight, and the list will be available for names to be added during the coming month, but if you want to have a name included and can't get along to church, please do give me a ring (leave a contact number in case I need to confirm a name or spelling).

These services will be followed by Remembrance Sunday itself - 9th November, 10.45, at St Columba's.

At this time of great tension and uncertainty in the world, it is good to remember those who have gone before us, and learn from their stories.

*The Rev'd Susanne Jukes Vicar of Topcliffe, Baldersby with Dishforth, Dalton and Skipton on Swale.
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Advice About Smoke Alarms

Latest fire statistics reveal that one smoke alarm may not be enough to provide you with the best chance of escaping a fire in the home.

The Fire Kills campaign and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service (NYF&RS) are encouraging people to think about the smoke alarms.

The campaign organisers would also urge carers and people who keep a close eye on less able friends or relatives to check that these homes have enough smoke alarms in the right places too and that they are regularly tested.

NYFRS offers a free Home Fire Safety visit scheme and where appropriate may be able to supply and fit smoke alarms for free. For further fire safety advice or to book a visit go to www.northyorksfire.gov.uk or call 01609 788545.

'Up The Garden Path'

Lawn need Mowing?
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House need a bit of a tidy or sort out?
Shed need clearing?
Shopping need doing?Or

Any other little jobs 'Up your garden path' that I can help you with.



The contact me, Heather, on 578796 or 07752653034 and I will pop round and see if I can help you.

Asenby News

Asenby Institute would like to invite you to a Shopping Trip to The Trafford Centre on Saturday 6th Dec. The bus will leave Topcliffe at 8.25am near the Angel and 8.30am from Asenby near the bus shelter. Cost is £10 per person. We will get back around 7.15pm. Please contact Gail Horabin on 07825 271577 for tickets.

Asenby Institute would also like to say a Great Big Thank You to all those that came to the Summer Ball on Friday 18th Jul. A special Thank You goes to the Angel at Topcliffe for letting us hold this event and for their kind donation of a raffle prize. Thanks also go to Simon Horabin at Lookers for their generous raffle prizes. We managed to raise just over £900 towards Asenby Park.

The Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Evening will be held on Sunday 14th December 6-8pm in the Crab and Lobster conservatory. Please contact Lisa Harvey on 595052.

Lisa Harvey, Chair

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Tuesday Socialising

The Tuesday Club enjoyed an afternoon of poetry, stories and memories from Rhoda Fraser, a lady with a good memory and an amusing way with words. Very much a Yorkshire lass, born and bred in Arkengarthdale, she happily cited her influence as a cross between Joyce Grenfell and Pam Ayres. It was an especially good audience and there was much chuckling as Rhoda reminded us of the culinary joys of Findus crispy pancakes as well as the domestic drudgery involved in spring cleaning.



Then out came the candles and cake to celebrate two birthdays. Joan Allard and Jean Port had a combined birthday of 174 years but clearly health and safety discouraged more than a few candles. Flowers were presented, Happy Birthday sung, and cups of tea poured. A very pleasant afternoon.

The Tuesday Club is held on the first Tuesday of every month and everyone is welcome. Contact Judith Lowe on 577911 for more details.

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Topcliffe Playgroup Fundraising

Topcliffe Playgroup will be holding a fundraising stall at Thirsk Market on Saturday 25th October.

We will be selling homemade cakes, buns, biscuits, scones, jams, pickles, quiches etc. We would be very grateful for any donations of these items.

To arrange for collection call Emma on 595918 / 07731 776294 OR drop any donations into Topcliffe playgroup on Friday 24th October between 9am - 1130am. Many thanks for your support with our fundraising event.

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**THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER
GAME NIGHT IN OUR GRILL RESTAURANT**

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**FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
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**FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT**

Make the Angel a stop on your Trick or Treat tour this year: we've got a great themed menu for all the family and there'll even be a prize for the spookiest costume.

**TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
KILL FOR A SEAT COMEDY CLUB**

Joining Silky for our November Comedy Club are two critically acclaimed comics: David Hadigham and Jonny Pelham.

DOORS 7PM, TICKETS £10

**THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU EVENING**

Traditionally celebrated across France, the third Thursday in November marks the release of the first wines from the Beaujolais region. Our French-themed festivities give you the opportunity to be one of the first to try the 2014 vintage alongside some delicious French dishes.

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The perfect antidote to festive stress! Join Silky, Gavin Webster and Barry Dodds for an evening of food, drink and laughter.

DOORS 7PM, TICKETS £10

**6TH, 13TH, 19TH, & 20TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHTS**

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**WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
DECORATE YOUR CHRISTMAS CAKE**

Get creative this Christmas and decorate your own Christmas Cake with the help of the lovely ladies from Two Bee's Treat Boutique in Thirsk. Workshop includes Lunch.

9.30 – 3PM, £35

**THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER
FASHION SHOW AND SHOPPING EVENT**

Join us in the elegant Plaza Suite for a night of socialising, shopping and supper. Fashion Show provided by Well Heeled Boutique in support of Thirsk Christmas Lights.

7PM, TICKETS £20

CHRISTMAS DAY

Avoid the Christmas Stress and join us for a Classic Christmas Lunch at the Angel - delicious dishes for all!

RESERVATIONS BETWEEN 12.30 – 2.00PM, £49.50

**31ST DECEMBER
NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS**

We've got two fabulous events planned to welcome in 2015: get dressed up for the red-carpet experience at our New Year's Ball, or choose the more laid back option of a special meal in the Grill Restaurant followed by drinks in the Bar.

Please see www.theangelatopcliffe.co.uk for more details of all our events.

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