

# 95 and Looking Great

A 95th birthday party was held at a recent meeting of the Tuesday Club for a lovely lady who many of our readers will know. A surprised Nellie Ashcroft celebrated with her friends and neighbours, by enjoying a very good lunch, followed by birthday cake, a chorus of Happy Birthday and the presentation of a bouquet. Nellie seemed quietly touched by the fuss everyone made of her.



Happy Birthday Nellie

The lunch was followed by a trip down Ripon Canal on a pleasure cruiser. It proved to be a very relaxing hour on a particularly sunny day and everyone was intrigued by the loveliness of the riverbank and the interesting and unfamiliar aspects of Ripon.



Gus and Sylvia soak up the sun

Judith and Kaye did a good job with the locks while the rest of us could only watch and wonder at their obvious expertise. For those with a thirst for knowledge, or those who sometimes set quiz questions, the captain was very informative about both the city and the canal network.



Judith and Kaye get stuck in with the lock

The next visit is to the Mouseman at Kilburn on August 5. If you would like more information about the Tuesday Club ring Judith Lowe on 577911.

# World Cup? Don't Think So

Topcliffe School held a great sports-filled afternoon in aid of CLIC Sargent. There was netball and football with everyone joining in, which seemed to work better than you might think. It was a competitive combination of small people and big people and everyone was out to win. Parents were running one or two stalls and a teacher gamely allowed herself to be the sitting target of a cold wet sponge, thrown at her by gleeful pupils.



Nobody gave Gareth Southgate a thought when the match went to the dreaded penalties.

£246.39 was raised for this wonderful charity whilst everyone was having a grand afternoon even though the football match went to penalties - and you know what that means!

# **Topcliffe Surgery News**

Following a positive response to a question in the recent patient survey regarding practice nurse appointments, the practice will be introducing the following change:

Walk-in appointments for practice nurses between 9.00 am and 10.00am will be phased out with immediate effect and the session will become fully pre-booked from July 1st 2014.

Please speak to one of the receptionists or Practice Nurses if you have any questions.

Operations Manager David Clarke, Topcliffe Surgery

# Blue Suede Shoes and Red Satin Shirts

There have been a few events recently in memory of Patrick Hooker, with all the profits going directly to CLIC Sargent. And the good thing is that there's another in the pipeline.

So, the event a few weeks ago was a 50s/60s dance in the village hall starring The Cadillacs who must be getting to know us all by now. It was terrific fun with a great feeling of friendliness and joie de vivre. The music was perfect and I couldn't have been the only person who knew all the words to all the songs.

There were some cool retro outfits. John Mulley in a hot pillar-box red satin shirt for example. I know so appropriate - while Anne-Marie Mulley was one of two pink ladies with pink wigs and white jackets. Lots of ladies in fifties gear all looking bang on trend now!

Those who didn't come to the dance, missed a brill night whether it was "their kind of music" or not. And most importantly £464.20 went to CLIC Sargent. Thank you so much to everyone who came. Thank you to the washers up and clearers up, and all those who generally helped. It was fab!



# 'Up The Garden Path'

Lawn need Mowing? Dog need walking/sitting? 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.

## **Feoffees News**

The Feoffees have news: We are changing the plans this year, to provide a Christmas Lunch at the Angel, rather than the £10 normally given. We will continue to give the cash, however, to those who prefer it. We would like to arrange a lovely meal this time, as we know lots of people attend lunch clubs and Lent Lunches and get enjoyment from them. Please tell Anne-Marie or myself if you prefer to have the money, otherwise we will assume you will accept a lunch invitation before Christmas.

Amanda Jameson-Allen

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# **Asenby Institute News**

#### Who Are We?

Many of you, especially if you are from Asenby, are aware of who we are and what we do, but we are occasionally asked so, briefly, here goes.

In 2000 the Institute was set up to oversee the upkeep and development of the playing field in Asenby. It's run by a group of volunteers from the village and they form the committee. There have been many fantastic committee members over the years who have worked tirelessly to raise funds. We have had our ups and downs but the committee is still going strong - although we always welcome new members! Although our primary role is the upkeep of the playing field (this includes paying for the grass to be cut, safety reports and any upkeep and repairs) we are always open to any suggestions for developing the village in any other way we can.

In order to fund this, we work hard to organise and hold events that depend on the support of the villagers. Any money that is raised is put back into the village. In the past, we have held a whole host of events ranging from the BBQ, cream tea afternoons and hallowe'en parties to shopping trips and quizzes. Although admittedly it is hard work and a disappointment if the events are not supported as well as we would have liked, we continue to try and make Asenby an even better place to live!

If I have tempted you to be part of this fabulous (and fun!) group, please get in touch.

#### St George's Quiz

An enormous thank-you to Steve from The Lamb in Rainton for, yet again, hosting a fantastic and fun quiz and meal. We raised £150!

#### Summer Events

After very careful consideration and soul-searching, we have decided not to hold a summer BBQ this year. Last year was, literally, a washout and it's only thanks to the few of you who supported it that we didn't make a loss. We know this will be a disappointment to some of the children so are hoping to hold an event for them later in the year. However, instead......many of you have already bought tickets for.....

#### The Summer Ball

This to be held at The Angel on Saturday July 18. Tickets are £25 per person and include a 3-course meal, tea or coffee and music. There will also be a luxury raffle. Please support us!

#### Marquees

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#### Awarded for the third consecutive year 'Highly Effective Setting'

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Topcliffe Playgroup, The Portacabin, Topcliffe C of E School, School Lane, Topcliffe, Thirsk YO7 3RG

# Topcliffe And District Carpet Bowls Club



Want to get some exercise and have a social evening? Then why not try your skill at carpet bowls. A keen eye and a steady hand are all you require - together with a sense of humour.

We are looking for new members and if you would like to "have a go" we meet every Thursday evening in Topcliffe village hall at 7.30 p.m. No experience is necessary but would be an advantage. All equipment is provided as well as tea and biccys - all for the vast amount of £2.00 per week all year round, and an annual club fee of £10.00 (to help to pay for the hall!)

We are members of the Vale of Mowbray Carpet Bowls League and play inter-club matches between September and April.

We are a happy bunch and have many a laugh so why not join us one Thursday evening - you never know, you might just like it.

Mel Arkley

www.Topcliffe.net & www.Asenby.net

Keep up to date with Parish information, meeting minutes, a colour version of The TATtler and all the pictures of Topcliffe, Asenby and the surrounding area.

# **Up The Revolution**

Persuading children to enthuse about green vegetables in the same way that they might get excited about crisps and Smarties can be an uphill struggle. However, it seems that Alanbrooke Nursery's Busy Bees are very happy to tuck into healthy food when it's cunningly disguised as muffins and tastes every bit as good.



Parents and carers are generally aware that encouraging little ones to get stuck into preparing and cooking their own food can prompt a real interest. Mixing eggs, breaking up colourful vegetables and arranging cake cases is more fun that being presented with readymade food when you're 3 or 4 years old.

Responsible for the recent enjoyable cookery lesson at the nursery was Rachel Davidson who is a volunteer for Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution. Wellknown for his mission to promote healthy eating in schools, Jamie has selected a number of volunteers from around the world who show a deep commitment to real food. Rachel was thrilled to become part of this exciting new enterprise.



The Revolution is about connecting with the community in schools, restaurants and local businesses, with the intention of encouraging everyone to reject junk food in favour of wholesome food. Teaching children from an early age the importance of basic cooking and nutrition is a very good start.

For more information go to Jamie Oliver's website at <u>www.jamiesfoodrevolution.com</u> or contact Rachel at RDavidsonfitness@outlook.com.

# ComputerHelp@Home

Have a computer but don't know how to use it? Always wanted to use the internet but don't know how? Have a computing problem but don't know how to fix it? Want to improve your computing skills?



# Walking 84 Miles for CLIC Sargent

Starting on July 25 for three days, a 9-man team from Topcliffe and Asenby will be walking the length of the Hadrian's Wall path, stretching 84 miles from Bowness-on-Solway to Tynemouth. Kev Young, Mark Watson, Lee Halshaw, Rob Macaulay, Chris Moores, Adam Ryan, Andrew Butler, Julian Hooker and Luke Burnett aim to walk an average of 28 miles per day; a trek which includes many miles of steep gruelling mountains.

The team hopes to raise over £2000 for CLIC Sargent, the UK's leading cancer charity for children, young people and their families. The walk is being completed in memory of Patrick Hooker, a young resident of Topcliffe who sadly died last September at the age of 13.

Also, on August 1 from 7.30pm at The Angel Inn, Topcliffe, a BBQ, auction and raffle will take place. Tickets at £6.95 are available at the bar and a further donation will be made to CLIC Sargent.

Anyone wishing to donate, please follow the link: <u>www.justgiving.com/Lois</u>

# **Messy Church!**

What do you enjoy best? How do you learn? For most of us, we enjoy being creative in some way, and we learn about the world we live in, about other people and about ourselves by having a bit of fun, making something ... and having some food together. These are all the principles of Messy Church - a scheme that has been going for the last ten years, seeking to share with young people (of any age) what the Christian faith is all about.

We are planning to introduce Messy Church to this area in the autumn. If you are interested and can help in any way - with the craft activities (all the planning is given with the scheme), with working alongside a young person, with the food ... and especially if you are interested in coming to take part - we would love to hear from you. *Rev'd Susanne Jukes* 

# Topcliffe Parish Council

Having had very little to mention, like London buses and policemen, they all come at once. At the end of May, the parish council said thank you to Isobel Peters, who had been the parish clerk for 4 years. Isobel resigned due to additional work commitments. During her tenure, she delivered impeccable financial accounts and contributed several cost-saving measures. From June 1, the new clerk is Carrie Defty. She lives in Topcliffe with her partner and her children, who attend the school here. On behalf of the residents, welcome Carrie. May also saw the resignation of Councillor Mark Bowen for personal reasons. Mark has been a staunch supporter of the council for many years and I would like to offer, on behalf of the council. gratitude for his service and offer my personal thanks to him. No election has been called by the residents, so the council is moving to co-opt a replacement. The appointment is only until the elections in May next year. Volunteers for the position of parish councillor, please contact me. Finally, the parish council recently bought a goal for the playing field but someone almost immediately vandalised it by cutting a big hole the net. It is very frustrating and costly to the village, that such mindless acts take place.

NYCC has announced that as of April next year, they will be cutting the roadside verges for safety reasons only. They'll withdraw the grass cutting ground maintenance service and and consequently will cease to pay the subsidy to this council for cutting the verges. This currently stands at around £700pa. The implication for Topcliffe is maintaining public amenity. We will have find a new contractor and if current standards are to be maintained, raise the precept to cover any deficit resulting from the NYCC decision. If you have any suggestions on levels of amenity, please contact a councillor.

I have also written to NYCC Trading Standards via our local councillor, asking for action to enforce the 7.5ton weight restriction in the village and surrounding area. In response I received a lack lustre response stating in short that they do not have the resources and that It is also a low priority for the police, who need evidence to act but which we cannot supply. This response is all the more frustrating as we offered to provide volunteers to man entrances and exits (Topcliffe both ends, Busby Stoop and Baldersby St James.) and to provide following vehicles and photo evidence. The support we asked for was only 2-3 times per year, which if backed up by a concerted media campaign, may help to reduce flagrant violations. In defence of the transport industry, we have a

number of legitimate businesses requiring heavy vehicle access and when contacted have been very co-operative.

If you have any comments on the above two issues write to your NYCC Cllr Robert Baker or e-mail:

cllr.robert.baker@northyorks.gov.ukexpressing your views and that there is an election next year!

Speeding I shall be writing to Hambleton and Richmond safety partnership for data equipment to be placed on Long Street and for camera enforcement action to take place. This approach has been very successful by the school.

Magna Carta The 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta beckons next year. Topcliffe has joined the Magna Carta Barons association comprising the locations of the 25 Barons appointed as sureties to ensure abeyance. Unfortunately, King John reneged after two years. The importance for Topcliffe was that Sir Richard de Percy of Topcliffe was nominated as head of the team. We are exploring a number of ideas including:

Purchase of a Magna Carta rose for Jubilee Gardens (1 of only 18)

A facsimile of Magna Carta for display (vellum or Parchment)

Village signage "A Magna Carta village". We are currently awaiting decision on a motif.

We are also looking at the market cross area to see what might be done but we have difficulty in tracing through stakeholders.

There is talk of parades and markets

We shall be setting up a Magna Carta subcommittee in the near future to steer events. If you would like to participate, please contact me.

Finally, this summer term we say farewell to Wendy Shepherd who is retiring as Head Teacher at the school. We wish her and her husband a long, active and healthy retirement. And a warm welcome to the new Head Teacher, Abi Clay.

Enjoy a safe long summer.

Garry Key garrykey@aol.com Topcliffe Parish Council Chairman NYCC Cllr Phone 578900

## Please keep your trees...

Please keep your trees and bushes trimmed. Branches which overhang footpaths accepted by inconvenience and a danger to the p they have to step into the road to get

# Let's get on with The Show

This year's Topcliffe and Asenby Produce Show will be held on Saturday 30 August in the Village Hall. Here is the complete list of categories and classes. The show organisers hope that you enjoy preparing your entries and look forward to seeing you on the day. Please read the Produce Show Rules carefully - they are available on the two village's websites - to ensure your entries conform to the regulations. All enquiries should be made to the Produce Show Secretary, Judith Lowe, on 577911.

#### Category 1: Horticulture

Category	
Class 1	3 Red potatoes
Class 2	3 White potatoes
Class 3	3 White onions (flat shaped)
Class 4	3 White onions (global shaped)
Class 5	The heaviest single onion (in sound
	& clean condition - no stalk or leaves)
Class 6	3 Red onions
Class 7	3 Shallots
Class 8	
	3 Pods of peas (one to be open)
Class 9	3 Runner beans
Class 10	3 French beans
Class 11	3 Courgettes
Class 12	2 Sweetcorn
Class 13	1 Marrow
Class 14	1 Pumpkin
Class 15	3 Parsnips – with 8cm stalks
Class 16	3 Carrots – with 8cm stalks
Class 17	1 White cabbage
Class 18	1 Red cabbage
Class 19	3 Capsicum Peppers (sweet/ hot
01233 13	varieties)
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Class 20	3 Beetroot
Class 21	3 Leeks
Class 22	Any other vegetable not listed above
Class 23	4 different veg (4 families of veg
	displayed on plain white dinner plate)
Class 24	Funniest shaped vegetable
Class 25	1 Cucumber
Class 26	Tomatoes on the vine (must be ripened)
Class 27	3 Beef tomatoes
Class 28	3 Regular red tomatoes
Class 29	3 Regular yellow tomatoes
Class 30	5 Red cherry tomatoes
Class 31	5 Yellow cherry tomatoes
Class 31 Class 32	
01855 32	3 of any other type of tomato
01 00	(including plum varieties)
Class 33	3 Sticks of rhubarb (to include sheaf
	and 8cm of leaf only)
Class 34	3 Eating apples
Class 35	3 Cooking apples
Class 36	3 pears
Class 37	3 Plums
Class 38	6 Blackberries
Class 39	6 Raspberries
Class 40	Any other fruit
Class 41	4 different fruits (4 families of fruit
	displayed on plain white dinner plate)
Class 42	Funniest shaped fruit
Class 42	Fullillest shaped fruit
Category	2: Baking and home produce
Class 43	Victoria Sandwich using 3 eggs, 6oz each
-	of sugar, flour and butter
Class 44	Decorated homemade chocolate cake
Class 45	Own choice of home-baked cake
Class 45 Class 46	Savoury flan (maximum 21cm tin)
Class 40 Class 47	
JIA55 47	Sweet flan (maximum 21cm tin)

Class 49	3 Fruit scones	
Class 50		
Class 51	3 Sausage rolls using short-crust pastry	
Class 52	3 Biscuits	
Class 53	1lb Loaf of bread (not using a bread- maker	
Class 54		
Class 55		
	1lb Jar of marmalade	
Class 57	Jar of chutney	
	Jar of Piccalilli	
Category 3: Floral		
Class 59	Arrangement in unusual container	
Class 60	Vase of garden flowers	
Class 61	Houseplant	
Category	4: Hobbies (items must have been	
	created between Sept 12 and Aug 13)	
	An item of embroidery	
	A hand kitted or crocheted item	
	An item of textile craft	
	A scenic photograph	
Class 66		
Class 67		
Class 68 Class 69		
Class 09 Class 70		
Class 70 Class 71	Any other handicraft item not	
0103371	specified above	
Category	5: Children's section	
Class 72	A painting or drawing	
Class 73	A model of a creature using vegetables	
	and/or fruit	
Class 74		
o	months	
	3 jam tarts	
Class 76	3 biscuits	

Class 48 3 Plain scones

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# News from St Columba's, the Parish Church of Topcliffe and Asenby

With all the joy of the Easter ceremonies behind us, and having celebrated the new life that Jesus offers to us all through his death and resurrection, we began to look forward to Pentecost (8th June this year) - Whit Sunday as it used to be known. For us at St Columba's it was a time of double celebration. Not only did we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and that sense of God resting in the heart of each one of us, but we also remembered St Columba, our patron saint, who died on 9th June in AD597. St Columba originated from Ireland, but eventually found his way to lona, that tiny island off the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. From here he brought the Christian message to Scotland and the north of England. It's amazing to think how that small place has been such a power-house through so many centuries.

We took the opportunity of the Pentecost/Columba double celebration to have a Heritage Weekend. We were blessed with super weather as we enjoyed a barbeque outside the Church Hall, and waved to those who were brave enough to climb the tower and enjoy the amazing view of the countryside hereabouts from that vantage point. For those not inclined to tackle the tower, there was opportunity to have a guided tour of the church and churchyard. There are so many stories to be told, so many lives to be heard about, so many joys and sorrows held in the stones - it is heart-wrenching to know that our own stories, so personal and new to us, are part of a tapestry of life that has seen it all over the years. The story goes on in our own stories, as we become his-story.

The story of the parish goes on through the events of our Church School too. At the end of this term we shall say goodbye to Mrs Wendy Shepherd, as she retires as Head Teacher. Wendy has worked to forge links between the Church and School, and we thank her for her commitment to exploring with the children what it means to have faith. We wish her and her husband well as they embark on the next stage of life.

I am enjoying getting to know people, and it's always good to hear from folk. Please do get in touch by whatever means is easiest.

#### Susanne

The Rev'd Susanne Jukes, Vicar of Topcliffe, Baldersby with Dishforth, Dalton and Skipton on Swale. susanne.jukes@gmail.com Tel: 578513 Mob: 07764 375430

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



# St Oswald's Plea

The vicar and churchwardens of St Oswald's Church, Sowerby, are seeking relatives of Mary Elizabeth Jackson, formerly of Topcliffe, born July 25 1864, died October 10 1923, buried in Sowerby. If you can help, please contact the vicar on 01845 522814 or churchwardens on either 01845 522520 or 01845 522030.

# 'Brrr.... It's a bit chilly in here.'

We heard that a lot at St Columba's before the weather began to perk up. The boiler had been on its last legs for a while, but finally gave up being 'persuaded' to carry on by a gentle hammer.

We're pleased to say that most of the money for the replacement boiler is now in place and would like to say a big Thank You to all who have so generously responded to the letter that was circulated recently round the parish. We're still just a little short - and any further contributions would still be much appreciated. We look forward to welcoming you to a warmer St Columba's this coming winter.

Rev'd Susanne Jukes



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# **Topcliffe Summer Fair**

The Topcliffe Annual Summer Fair will be held from 7-9pm on Friday July 11 from 7-9pm. Lots of stalls, a raffle, cakes and tombola. Entrance is £1 which includes tea and coffee.

# **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.





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For more information please contact the children's centre on: Tel: 01609 533068 Email: thirskcc@northyorks.gov.uk

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