



Village Hall News

I am very happy to report that the major improvement work at the village hall is now completed.

Over the last six months the village hall committee has invested over £140,000 on a large extension to provide new toilet facilities, together with a much enhanced lobby and entrance area, access ramps and storage areas. We have also undertaken other works including a total refurbishment of the kitchen, re-decoration of the main hall and ancillary rooms, new lighting and many other smaller improvements.

To mark completion of this significant project, we are planning an opening event on the afternoon of Saturday 15 October.



Thirsk-based Vet, Peter Wright, who co-stars in the "Yorkshire Vet" series on Channel 5, has accepted our invitation to perform the opening ceremony and he'll be ably assisted by Nellie Ascough, who at 96 is believed to be the oldest resident of our two villages.

Everyone is welcome to attend the opening - or should that be re-opening - ceremony and to have a look around the improved village hall.

Beyond that, the village hall committee is hoping to attract many more activities and events that will be of interest to residents and other users. Watch out for further announcements over the next few weeks and months.

Andrew Eckersley
Chairman of the Village Hall Committee

Thanks To Our Main Grant Giving Bodies

Without the support of a range of grant-giving bodies we wouldn't have been able to undertake the major improvements that have been made at our village hall.

Our thanks go out to the following organisations:

- Armed Forces Covenant Fund - £8,100
- Barchester Healthcare Foundation - £1,000
- Bernard Sunley Foundation - £2,500
- Broadacres - £500
- Garfield Weston Trust - £7,500
- Sir George Martin Trust - £1,000
- Hambleton Council - £5,000
- Harrogate Council - £2,994
- Jack Brunton Trust - £1,000
- National Lottery: Awards for All - £10,000
- NYCC Locality Funds (county councillors Margaret Atkinson and Bob Baker) - £600
- Paristamens CIO - £250 (for operational development)
- Skinners Company - Lady Neville Charity - £650
- Two Ridings Community Foundation - £1,000
- WREN's FCC Community Action Fund - £49,860
- Yorventure - £37,020

Of course, we are also very grateful to the many local residents who purchased a Brick in the Hall and to those who participated in the wide range of events organised to raise funds. Many thanks to you all.

Helping Hands

The community group that gave tremendous support to our fund-raising for the village hall improvements has a new look and identity.

Hambleton Community Action (HCA) is the new name of the charity which supports the voluntary sector in the district, helping existing volunteer groups and helping to establish new ones. It used to be called the Northallerton and District Voluntary Service Association - which is quite a mouthful.

The new identity was unveiled at a special launch event held at which Rishi Sunak MP for Richmond was the main guest.

Before cutting a specially-made cake to launch the new organisation, Mr Sunak spoke of the achievements of the old association. He said it worked with about 160 different charities and community groups and in the last year alone secured more than £1.2m in grants for community groups.



Village hall representatives Amanda Jameson-Allen, Linda Nuttall and Doug Allan with Nicky Smith, the HCA officer who helped us to get many grants, just before the cake was cut.

Millennium Book Goes Online

Sixteen years after the Millennium Book of Topcliffe was first published, the book has gone online and can be accessed on the Topcliffe village website.

Whilst in print, over 600 copies of the book, written by former Topcliffe resident, John Graham, were sold to local residents and some to interested individuals from all over the world.

The book is now available on www.topcliffe.net

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**Thursday 6th October
The Elm Gallery Topcliffe
10am to 2pm**

10% of our gallery takings at this event will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support

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Those of us who haven't ventured into the Deer Shed dimension yet should definitely make the effort next year. It looks fab. The website is www.deershedfestival.com. Read the reviews; they say it all.

Fun in the Sun at The Angel Family Day

There was a fantastic atmosphere in the gardens of The Angel at Topcliffe this Bank Holiday Monday as children big and small (even grown up ones!) gathered for the latest Family Fun Day.

The highlight of the day for many was the chance to meet reptiles and creepy-crawlies with some brave children (and their parents!) even getting the chance to hold the snakes and mini-beasts.

For others it was just a great chance to sit back and enjoy the sunshine, BBQ food and relax as the children played on the Bouncy Castle and Garden Games set up for the event - one of which raised a hundred pounds for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Greg, the Manager at The Angel, said "The day was a great success: it was fantastic to see so many families out having fun together. Everyone here is really looking forward to our next family event this December - when we're expecting a visit from Santa himself!"



Remembering the Neptune

60th Anniversary Service
Sunday 9th October 10.45am
St Columba's Church, Topcliffe

You are warmly invited to join family, friends and colleagues and members of the local community along with representatives of the RAF (Linton on Ouse) and members of the armed forces currently stationed at Alanbrooke Barracks.

Members of local community organisations are particularly invited to take part. Please contact the Vicar for further details

The Story Of The Neptune

No 36 Squadron was originally formed in 1916. After a chequered history it was reformed in July 1956 at RAF Topcliffe, flying Neptunes for maritime reconnaissance duties.

In October of that year, seven Neptunes were sent to RAF Ballykelly in Northern Ireland to participate in a month-long course at the Joint Anti-Submarine School in Londonderry.

The first major exercise on the evening of 9 October involved a joint ships and aircraft operation against submarines in inshore waters. These exercises, in which the Neptunes simulated attacks on Royal Navy submarines, involved them flying at a height of about 50 feet above sea level.

Shortly after midnight on 10 October, Neptune WX545 had just completed a simulated attack on a submarine close to the Mull of Kintyre when it failed to clear the Mull on pulling out of the attack. All nine of her crew were tragically lost.

Geoff Finding Jim Campbell Gil Rishton
Cyril Armstrong Ray Fox Roy Noble
Eric Honey Roy Smith Taff Lynn

Since that time, their family, friends and former colleagues have met at Topcliffe Parish Church on the second Sunday in October to pray and to make an Act of Remembrance, both in church, where there is a memorial board, and at Winn Lane Cemetery, where many of the graves are.

Please, do join us if you can this year, the 60th Anniversary, for a special service dedicated to the Neptune men. The preacher will be an RAF Chaplain, and a trumpeter from the RAF Band will be in attendance to play the Last Post.

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6.30pm
St Columba's Church, Topcliffe



'Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.'

All Warmly Welcome

Messy Church



the next Messy Church will be on
Saturday 24th September
at Baldersby St James Church

2.00 - 4.00pm

contact Rev'd Susanne for further details
578513

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

If you have a youngster who has lots of energy but doesn't quite know what to do with it, why not try the Beavers (little Cubs) at Our New Improved Village Hall on Wednesday nights from 6.15-7.15?

If he's too old for Beavers then point him in the direction of Cubs (little Scouts), also on Wednesday nights from 7.15 - 8.30.

Scout meetings are held on Friday nights but the arrangements are slightly more complicated, so ring Stuart Carter on 01765 640360 for details.

Topcliffe School's New Reception Class



Lots of smiling happy faces looking forward to life as school children in Topcliffe.

News From The Elm Gallery

We've really enjoyed our first summer in Topcliffe and it's lovely to have been able to be in the garden such a lot. Dave has started work on renovating the old wash house and fuel store, both of which are in a sorry state but will be very useful once they are watertight.

One of the things we like most about this property is the way that the back room of the gallery overlooks the garden and outhouses - it seems to make the gallery more colourful!

We have continued to get new people coming to the gallery, as well as expanding our range of lovely handmade things. New additions include handpainted stones by Denise Mathers (the guinea pigs are so cute!), glass dragonflies by Magdooshka Creates, ceramic pigs by Christine Cummings and beautiful creations in wood by David Lowe. I have also been busy sewing. Having made my daughter-in-law's wedding dress recently, I got bitten by the sewing bug again and have been making unique bags of various designs and sizes which are now on sale in the gallery.



It's really fun thinking up new window displays for the gallery and a recent one had an Italian theme. We collected together our Italian landscapes and various souvenirs and Italian wine bottles (empty!) to create the display. When all the family arrived for my son's wedding, I was cooking a big meal and searched high and low for the olive oil and balsamic vinegar. I knew I had both, but they weren't anywhere in the kitchen. Then I remembered - I had put them in the window display!

On the 6th of October from 10am to 2pm, we are holding a Coffee Morning in the gallery for Macmillan Cancer Care. This will be run by myself and Debbie Alderson, our neighbour over the road. Dave will take the dog out for the day so that we can put some chairs and a table in the garden. (If Rocky was there he would pinch cake!) All proceeds from refreshments will go to Macmillan Cancer Care and 10% of our gallery sales during the event will go to the same cause. Please come and bring a friend.

With Christmas starting to appear on the horizon, several people have suggested that a late night opening once a week would be a good idea. So, starting on Wednesday the 12th of October, we will stay open until 9pm every Wednesday evening till Christmas. There will be mince pies and nibbles with a glass of something to wash them down - anything to help make your Christmas shopping more enjoyable!

Also with Christmas in mind, did you know that we do Elm Gallery Gift Vouchers? These are available on our website www.the-elm-gallery.co.uk and can also be purchased from the gallery. We don't have them ready printed like the big shops do, but we print them to order for any amount you like. If you want to order by phone, our number is 577316.

Gift vouchers can be spent on anything in the gallery and are valid for a year.

Parish Council News

Though the Parish Council continued to meet during the Summer months, there is little to report. The John Deere is working well and the mulching equipment is a great addition. The roundabout in the playground is to be looked at again although it was repaired in the Spring. The Village Hall is looking great so well done to everyone concerned. Congratulations to all the Produce Show competitors. The standard was, as usual, very high.

The next project will be the setting-up of a Yorkshire Magna Carta Trail, comprising Pontefract, Skipton, Topcliffe, Thirsk and Helmsley. Representatives of the Parish Council will attend a meeting at Pontefract later in September.

The PC was pleased to see that we have finally, after many years of effort, achieved the moving of the 30mph signs further out beyond the sharp bends. The electrical lighting is yet to be moved.

Garry Key
garrykey@aol.com

Village	Hall	Events
Monday Morning	Pilates	N. Brule Walker 07887 581364
Monday Evening	Yoga	B. Walmsley 577976
Tuesday Afternoon	Boccia/Tues club	J. Lowe 577911
Tuesday Afternoon	Book Exchange	L. Nuttall 577315
Tuesday Evening	Footloose Dance	E. Jakeman 07912 147386
Wednesday Morning	Daisychain	N. Fox 577739
Wednesday Afternoon	Hatha Yoga 2 - 3:15pm	Yvonne Lovatt 07944 436718 Sept 21 st Onwards
Wednesday Evening	Beavers & Cubs	
Thursday Morning	Pilates	
Thursday Afternoon	Brownies	K. Roberts 577177
Thursday Evening	Indoor Carpet Bowls	D. Arkley 578728
Friday Morning (monthly)	Toddlers	A. Binks 577304

A Worthy Trek

A mixture of Topcliffe Playgroup's staff, committee, parents past and present, and an enthusiastic grandma set forth along the Cleveland Way, walking 22 miles to raise funds equally for the playgroup and the North East Autism Society.

It took place on a typical English summer's day - sunshine and showers - but the ladies took it all in their stride and enjoyed the gorgeous scenery from Helmsley to Osmotherley via Sutton Bank. They were rewarded with a good meal and a medal to mark their achievement at the end of the walk.

£1000 was raised for their chosen charities. A huge success for a small friendly playgroup!



From left to right: Jackie Balderston, Katie Watson, Jessica Robertson, Emma Driffield, Lisa Harvey, Angi Tait, Rhona Whorley, Becky Banks

Wipe But Don't Flush

There seems to be wipes for everything. Every item in the house is catered for, should they need a quick clean, and every part of our bodies. However, while our concern with hygiene is to be applauded, it's not so impressive when the wipes are thrown down the toilet.

When Yorkshire Water was called out recently to clear the drains in Dean's Square, vast amounts of wipes were discovered to be the cause of a massive blockage and a back-up of sewage. Disgusting and not quite so hygienic after all.

Please don't throw any wipes or cotton wool down the toilet. Our drains have been troublesome enough over the years. Also, the fish don't exactly thrive on non-biodegradable matter. You really wouldn't want to revisit one of your wipes, or, even worse, one of your neighbour's, when you take a bite into that lovely piece of seabass in The Angel.

Snooker Club

At only £25 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



Wining And Dining At The Swan

Don't forget that on alternate Fridays Topcliffe and Asenby over-65s are invited to share a delicious 2-course lunch at The Swan. Two courses for £5 is quite a bargain and it all goes to show that getting on a bit isn't all doom and gloom. Ring Judith on 577911 to book.



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Produce Show 2016

Although there were fewer entries in this year's Produce Show the standard was still very high. The overall winner was, once again, Dave Bowman who regained the cup from Peter Brown.

There are many classes in the show from best onion and most handsome sweet potato to best-risen Victoria sponge without a soggy bottom, and artwork that would make David Hockney blink in wonder.

Take a look at the list of next year's options. Most of us have something we're good at. Not me, sadly, but you might have. It's time an enthusiastic rising star gave Dave and Peter a run for their money.



Breaking Out Was Easy to Do

The weather matched the very warm welcome members of the Tuesday Club received from Susanne Jukes and the offenders of Kirklevington Prison when they accepted an invitation to spend a day there.

Everyone was very impressed by the surroundings and the work being done in the prison. Offenders who are coming to the end of their sentence are given the chance to train in woodworking, metalwork, gardening and baking. They also provide a car valeting service.



The residents were very helpful and polite and the visitors enjoyed a pleasant and interesting afternoon. A shop on site contained good quality goods at reasonable prices and we all decided that this was not only a worthwhile place to visit, but also somewhere to buy some original Christmas presents!

Judith Lowe

A Date For Your Diary

By popular request, CALL MY WINE BLUFF is returning to Topcliffe and Asenby village hall.

Chris and Pauline Millross, who have been in Asenby for 22 years, previously organised this event in the village hall as well as at Asenby Hall and will do so again on 30th September.

For anybody not in the know, CALL MY WINE BLUFF is a fun evening based on a combination of a wine tasting (but not a serious one) and the TV panel game 'Call My Bluff'. There will be six wines (3 white, 3 red) for sampling. Three 'experts' will give a different description of each wine, only one of which will be true. The object is to guess (or, if you are lucky enough to have it, use your knowledge of wine to work out) which is the correct description and the price of the wine.

The event is being held to raise funds for Chris & Pauline's 16 year old granddaughter Molly who is joining a Camps International expedition to Tanzania in 2017. Whilst there Molly could be involved in projects such as:

- Refurbishing homes for the elderly
- Refurbishing schools and making desks
- Interactive sport sessions with schools
- Wildlife conservation and environmental projects

Your support would be much appreciated.
For more information contact Chris or Pauline on 577961.



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There have been some horrifying descriptions of dogs almost choking, and hurting their mouths, because they have found bits of fishing lines and hooks at the Sheepwash and, dogs being dogs, have tried to chew these dangerous items of litter.

Wild animals are also at risk of becoming entangled which would almost certainly result in a slow and painful death.

It's unbelievable that people could be so lazy and thoughtless as to leave this kind of rubbish in such a lovely public space. Please don't leave any litter at the Sheepwash but especially anything that could cause serious damage to children or animals.

Yoga Class

A new Hatha Yoga class is starting in Our New Improved Village Hall on Wednesday September 21 from 2 - 3.15pm. It will be a mixed ability class and will be run by Yvonne Lovatt who already takes classes in several local villages.

The first class will be a free taster then the following four weeks will cost £28 for the block. Classes resume after half-term for seven weeks.

For more information ring Yvonne Lovatt on 07944 436718

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Thank you to everyone for their patience throughout the building and refurbishment work. I think you will all be pleased with the results and will enjoy using the halls new facilities.

L. Nuttall Bookings 577315

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