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A Diamond Couple

A very special party planned for a is Topcliffe couple who about are to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Peter and Mavis Boothroyd of Long Street are taking over the Topley Suite for friends and family and decorating it with balloons and streamers. showing everyone just how happy the past sixty vears have been. The following dav there will be а

thanksgiving service at St Columba's conducted by the Rev Christine Haddon-Reece.

Peter and Mavis are relative newcomers to Topcliffe, having only moved here eighteen months ago; both were originally from villages near They met at church in 1941, when Barnslev. Mavis was thirteen and Peter was fifteen. She

was a girl guide and he was in the Church Lads' Brigade. For 35 years they lived in Leyland, Lancashire where Peter worked firstly as section manager, then administration officer, at the Refuge Insurance Company in Chorley. Thev have two daughters, still living in Chorley, and one son in Taunton plus seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The couple have settled happily in Topcliffe, joining both the indoor

and outdoor bowling clubs and attending church regularly. They still keep in touch with friends and neighbours from "over the border" and many will be travelling over the Pennines to join in the celebrations. New friends and old will come together to make sure the couple have an evening to remember.

Support Your Local Pub

Far be it from us to encourage irresponsible drinking and rampant pub crawling, but instead of sitting with your feet up watching telly, why not visit your local? We're about to have two pubs again and both sound worthy of investigation. John Heidstrom, well known councillor and local builder, is taking over The Swan which is very welcome news, and The Angel too has new management.

The general grumble (well, one of them) is that we haven't had a "proper local" for years where you can sit comfortably and have a drink with friends and neighbours. Nothing is more central to community spirit than a good village pub -Prince Charles says so, so it must be true.

So, see you there then – your round I think!

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Topcliffe Crime Update

by PC 97 Sarah Jobe (13th May 2008)

From mid-January to mid-April this year, there were 4 reported crimes in Topcliffe. You may already be aware of the most serious of these, as it was covered by various news sources. This involved the arrest of two people for the offence of allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place and injuring any person contrary to the Dangerous Dogs Act. This month one person was charged in court for this offence. The child victim involved suffered serious bite injuries to her face and is still recovering.

The second crime involved a drunken assault late one night on Long Street. The offender on this occasion was given a police caution.

The final two crimes relate to damage to Topcliffe Primary School. These both occurred over the same weekend in March and were discovered by staff on the Monday morning. Damage was caused to shed buildings, hanging baskets, play equipment and a window. So far these remain undetected. Please can local residents be aware of this happening on a weekend and if you are passing and see anything suspicious, please call the police.

You can contact any member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team on 0845 6060247 or, if you have access to email, the address is: hambletonNPT@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Topcliffe Neighbourhood Watch by Dave Bowman

The Parish Council is looking into the possibility of establishing a No Cold-Calling Zone in Topcliffe. Unfortunately the size of the zone will be limited and will need the backing of 100% of the residents who live in the zone. Swale View has been identified as a good area to have a No Cold-Calling zone.

Most of you in Topcliffe village should have received a newsletter from North Yorkshire Police. Many thanks go to David Pilgrim for offering to deliver the newsletter throughout the village.

Latest Topcliffe crime news: Thieves have stolen the lead from one side of the church porch roof. The crime occurred approximately May 23rd.

Chill out Yoga Yoga Class at Topcliffe Village Hall Yoga class Tuesday evenings 7.00 to 8.30 pm at Topcliffe Village Hall near Thirsk Beginners and those with some yoga experience are all welcome Gently develop your flexibility and flowing movement **Experience real relaxation** Yoga for everyone For further details and class enrolment contact Barry Walmsley (British Wheel of Yoga Qualified Teacher) on 01845 577976 Last Copy Date for Autumn issue is 15th August 2008

Topcliffe and Asenby Football Club By Dave Bowman

The team have had a great season in the Black Sheep Hambleton Combination and have just about secured second place in the league. With just one game to play, they need four goals to reach a magnificent 100 goals in the league this season.

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Many thanks go to Stuart Pierce (Manager), Dan Binks (Secretary), and to the rest of the players for giving us a very entertaining season.

Late breaking news:

Topcliffe and Asenby Football Club have just ended a successful season in a show of glory by beating their final opponents 4-2. This means that they have reached their 100 goals and have once more shown themselves to be a team to be proud

of. Well done, lads!

Snooker Club

Sadly the Snooker Club has been well down on members in the past year. With only 3 months left in our financial year, the club is offering 3 months membership for just £5. Anyone wishing to join should contact Dave Bowman on 577843.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Most people would be thrilled to receive an invitation to The Crab and Lobster but the children from the reception class at Topcliffe School had the added excitement of an Easter Egg Hunt. Hotel Manager, Cheryl Hudson, organised the event and the children had a great time scampering round the beautiful gardens searching for eggs.

Cheryl had asked them to take along photographs of themselves and, on arrival, they cut out and decorated Easter-themed picture frames making charming Easter gifts for their parents. Then the Hunt began and, encouraged by Nick Rathbone, their class teacher, the children rushed around, looking under bushes and shrubs till they found the eggs and, more importantly, the golden carrot which assured the finder of a very special Easter Egg.

Climb Every Mountain (But start with the Biggest)

Although keen on outdoor pursuits, Nick Rathbone, Topcliffe School's Reception Teacher, hadn't considered taking up mountaineering until his father was offered a trip to Mount Everest to celebrate his 60th birthday and he invited Nick and



his brother to accompany him. After all, if you're going to take up a new hobby, why not set your sights as high as possible? Hitting base camp, and spending a few days taking in the exotic sights of Kathmandu, made for an unforgettable trip for the three intrepid travellers. Nick recollected seeing funeral pyres, sightseeing by rickshaw and the fabulous Royal Square. He also described a Palinesque internal flight on Yeti Airlines' 16-seater aircraft. Fortunately, none of the men suffered from altitude sickness, an unpredictable and At the end of any good party, orange juice and delicious cakes are served to the tired guests; these lucky children had certainly enjoyed a very special afternoon.



extremely unpleasant condition, but they felt like proper seasoned travellers when they saw a party of big burly Australians being airlifted to hospital for medical treatment.

Nick says that the two and a half week trip was truly unforgettable and, thanks to parents and friends of the school, he has raised enough money to buy the most appropriate piece of equipment to encourage pupils to follow in his footsteps – a very popular horizontal climbing frame. If any of Our Readers would like to make a contribution towards a second frame, please contact the school.

Music for Life

Once again Topcliffe School is giving pupils an opportunity to enjoy an exciting day of education that involves more than sitting at desks.

Janet Fulton, a highly regarded percussionist who has a wealth of experience working with young people of all ages, will be leading the "Music for Life" day at the school. She has played with several leading orchestras including the BBC Philharmonic and receives frequent invitations from the Hallé. She has appeared on Radio 3 and Songs of Praise several times and worked with many famous musicians. She is also a tutor for the National Youth Orchestra of Wales.

Janet is now a patron of Sowerby Music Society and performed for a Sowerby Music concert in February 2007.

The children are promised a wonderful day of making music with such an experienced and popular musician.

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Topcliffe Parish Council news by Garry Key

Jubilee Gardens

We invited the school to re-plant the shrubbery. Severfield-Reeve Projects Limited kindly sponsored the scheme and their Managing Director, Lindsay Ross, presented the council with a cheque for £150 and attended the planting. Our thanks go to both Severfield –Reeve for their sponsorship and to the school for their hard work.

Playing field

We have instructed a contractor to power wash the safety mats at the playground: we are having the current swings refurbished and we are currently seeking funding from the lottery and HDC to replace the wooden swings that were taken down last year. These will probably cost about £3,000 to have installed. We have also replaced the worn bearing of the roundabout. The playing field subcommittee is looking for additional members to help improve the playing field environment. If you are interested, please contact John Heidstrom 07795362335 or the Clerk Angela Hook 577863. Or pop along to a Parish Council meeting and have your say.

Sheepwash

The gully adjacent to the sheepwash has been excavated and a new control valve fitted by the bridge. This has really opened up the area and should aid security and help prevent Leeds Water fishermen invading our fishing pegs. Anyone wishing to fish can do so, but it is recommended that you join the fishing club, which is free to

Village Hall News by Linda Nuttall

Top marks to Rural Arts North Yorkshire (that's RANY to their friends). An invitation arrived on the mat asking the village hall committee to send representatives to an "Arts in your Village" day of discussion. Mmm, we thought. It's all day Saturday and there are rather a lot of speakers but then we spotted the carrot, "**Free lunch**". Then there were also the lunch time craft taster sessions to try. Oh well, perhaps we could fit it in after all. What a great day it promised to be, and not just the food!

Yes, there were seven speakers (and a magician) but they all kept us wide awake and amused as well, and most importantly, inspired. The day was largely to promote the use of RANY, through giving examples of projects in Scarborough, Helmsley, Terrington and Bransdale. Each of these was very different, however it became rapidly apparent that these projects had the common factor of facing social needs and enabling the villagers to develop community actions. Parish residents and seek the expert advice of Graham Price on 07773677754.

Local Housing

A recent survey has highlighted the need for some additional social housing for current residents. The council is working with HDC and NYCC to seek available sites. These are not easy to find in Topcliffe.

Please keep your trees trimmed. Branches which overhang footpaths cause both inconvenience and a danger to the public when they have to step into the road to get past.



Finance

The Parish council accounts are healthy through careful management and cost control and this year we have been able to avoid raising the precept, despite soaring grass cutting bills and insurance costs.

Vandalism

The spate of petty, mindless vandalism continues: a bench at the corner of East Lea was smashed, as was a bench in Jubilee Gardens. A new tree recently planted by the school children was ripped out and one of the established ones was destroyed. There was also damage to the huts on the playing field. In total, this amounted to over £700 worth of damage, funded by **your** tax. Most repairs were made by members of the parish council.

So what use is this to Topcliffe? Well the message that came over loud and clear was that if you want to do something you probably can, but don't try to do everything yourself. Instead, find other likeminded people. Do the research and share the tasks.

If anyone wants more details, Ange Hook and Linda Nuttall have brought back sheaves of paper work, some of which is specific to arts projects, and much that has relevance to wider community projects. Get in touch if you think we can help. Call Linda at 577315 or write to Ange at tattlereditor@surfree.co.uk

Can you spare a hand?

Help is occasionally needed to set up chairs

etc. at the village hall in preparation for shows. If you feel you could sometimes lend a hand in doing this, please contact Linda or Ange (577315 or angeh@surfree.co.uk).



ASENBY NEWS by Emma McCormick

By the time the Tattler is delivered to your door, a cream tea afternoon will have been held. Hopefully the sun shone down and it was a great afternoon.

The Asenby Institute continue their voluntary work to organise fun fundraising activities for all. Now the climbing frame and baby swing are installed, we asked, via the newsletter delivered to all Asenby residents, for new ideas for improving the village. Unfortunately, we have only received one reply to date! We are trying to take on board some of this resident's ideas but really need an idea of what the **whole** village wants! PLEASE share your ideas with us, it is the only way we can be sure that our efforts benefit everyone.

Cream Tea in idyllic surroundings

Just imagine sitting in a lovely garden, enjoying scones with fresh cream, whilst listening to a band softly playing. The only thing missing was the hot sun beating down. Despite this, the afternoon was lots of fun for both adults and children. Vicar Christine Haddon-Reece certainly had an unenviable job choosing the winners of the fancy dress competition. There were SO many wonderfully dressed children. Fortunately no one went home without a prize.

Thanks to Judy Lowe and all who helped organise this special afternoon.

ST. COLUMBA'S NEWS by Margaret Gimblett

FUTURE EVENTS

At St. Columba's we are preparing for a period of intense fundraising over the next few months to fund our share of the cost of the urgent repairs to the Church. The total cost of £109,918 is met largely by the grant of £73,000 from English Heritage but that still leaves £40,000 to come from other sources. Some of this we hope will come from further grants, but, we need to demonstrate that we are prepared to do our bit if we are to be looked upon kindly by other grant-aiding bodies. The rewards are considerable - a church that is waterproof, restored masonry to improve the exterior attraction of the building and with a drainage system that works. All of which means that we can then set about decorating the interior of the building to attain our vision of a church that is attractive, comfortable and welcoming to all who come into it. We hope that the residents of Topcliffe and Asenby will support us in this

Fresh faces for Asenby Parish Council

Asenby Parish Council took on a new look as three new parish councillors replaced retiring members Chris Millross (Chair), Jacky Avison (Vice-chair) and Steve Hall. The three were thanked for all their hard work and dedication in the past. New councillors Peter Palmer (Chair), Judy Lowe (Vicechair) and Grahame Marsden joined Mel Arkley and Les Chapman to form what promises to be a very successful Parish Council.

Don't forget Asenby annual BBQ on Saturday June 28th!

The Topcliffe Educational Foundation.

This charity makes small grants to students who have recently left school and are now in, or are about to start, University education or the equivalent, for the purchase of books. To be eligible the student must live in the old parish of Topcliffe, which is broadly the area now covered together with Marton le Moor. Applications are sought in September/October and the Trustees meet in December to approve grants. Students who have received grants in previous years will receive an application to apply for 2008 automatically. Anyone seeking further information, wishing to apply or questioning eligibility should ring Geoff Hall on 578324.

worthwhile project.

Our next major event is the GRAND ATTIC AUCTION which takes place on Saturday June 14th in Topcliffe Village Hall. The auction starts at 2.00pm with viewing between 12 noon and 2pm. Those wishing to contribute items to the sale are asked to bring them to the hall between 8.00 and 11.00 am but please no televisions, computers, clothes or used soft toys. This is always a fun afternoon and includes refreshments and a raffle as well as some wonderful bargains. For help with large items, please ring John Phillips on 577034. On Saturday July 12th at 1.00pm there will be a barbecue in the Vicarage garden with games and competitions - an opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of friends and neighbours in a very pleasant setting. There are no plans for August but come September onwards, we will be producing a varied programme of events including a concert. quiz and other events for the autumn. See the September issue of the Tattler for more information.

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Chur	chward	dens: L	inda Carver, 578014, and Margaret Gimblett, 577882			
JUN Sun 1			Prayer Book Holy Communion			
			Family Worship	10.45 an		
	Sun	8th	Holy Communion	10.45 an		
			Crèche / Sunday School in the Church Hall			
	Sun	15th	Holy Communion (Modern)	10.45 an		
			Crèche / Sunday School in the Church Hall			
	Sun	22nd	Celebration of 60 years of Marriage and Renewal of Vows. Everyone welcome	10.45 an		
			Choral Evensong	6.30 pn		
	Sun	29th	Benefice Holy Communion at Baldersby St James. <u>NB: no service at St Columba's</u>	10.30 an		
JUL	Sun	6th	NB: No Prayer Book Holy Communion at 8 am			
			Benefice Confirmation and Holy Communion with the Rt Revd Robert Ladds,	10.30 an		
Sun	13th	Holy Communion	10.45 an			
			Crèche / Sunday School in the Church Hall			
	Sun	20th	Holy Communion (Modern)	10.45 an		
			Crèche / Sunday School in the Church Hall			
	Sun	27th	Matins	10.45 an		
			Choral Evensong	6.30 pn		
AUG	Sun	3rd	Prayer Book Holy Communion			
			Family Worship	10.45 an		
	Sun	10th	Holy Communion	10.45 an		
			Crèche / Sunday School in the Church Hall			
	Sun	17th	Holy Communion (Modern)	10.45 an		
			Crèche / Sunday School in the Church Hall			
	Sun	24th		10.45 an		
			Choral Evensong	6.30 pr		
	Sun	31st	Benefice Holy Communion (Modern)	10.45 ar		
SEP	Sun	7th	Prayer Book Holy Communion	8.00 an		
			Family Worship	10.45 ar		

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NEW NOTICE BOARD

A new notice board for the church is being planned to replace the present very shabby one situated at the entrance to the churchyard. The cost will be in the region of $\pounds1,000$, which is not cheap, but it will be well designed, attractive and sturdy. It will be worthy to grace our soon-to-be-restored Church and most importantly will be a visible improvement to the village scene.

If there is anyone in the community who would like make a donation to help pay for this essential item any sum, however small, will be gratefully accepted. Please send any donations to Linda Carver at Greenacres, East Lea, Topcliffe, Thirsk, YO7 3RY or Margaret Gimblett at Charvil House, Rainton, Thirsk, YO7 3PX. Thank you all for your continued support.

Editors' Comment: All the notice boards are, of course, very useful but it's perhaps a good idea to

display information on a couple. While the one outside the Methodist Chapel is ideal for churchgoers, the street itself isn't very pedestrianfriendly. Sometimes, important pieces of information or notices advertising forthcoming events are only placed on this board, although the one in Front Street is seen by far more people. To maximise publicity it would surely be best to place a notice on both boards. No point going to the trouble of holding a coffee morning if only you and three of your closest friends turn up.

CHURCH CRIME

Like many churches round the country, St Columba's uses Smartwater to mark valuables and lead which means that, on analysis, stolen items can be identified and traced. This is an important advancement and its use has been recommended by the ecclesiastical insurance company which currently pays out £1,250,000-£1,500,00 in claims per month nationwide.

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