

## A Topcliffe Welcome to the Rev'd Susanne Jukes

On February 22 Archbishop Sentamu of York performed a service at St Columba's, inducting the Rev'd Susanne Jukes as Vicar of Topcliffe, Baldersby with Dishforth, Dalton and Skipton-on-Swale, as well as Chaplain at HM Prison Kirklevington Grange. The atmosphere in the packed church couldn't have been more welcoming. For those who haven't had the pleasure of meeting our new vicar, we hope you find that reading about the person she is will encourage you to greet her warmly when you see her out and about.



*Archbishop Sentamu tweeted, following the Induction Service: "Service a real celebration. Church full, singing fantastic. Anthem Beloved Let Us Love was brill. Prayers by Revd Jukes uplifting. Food galore."*

Born in Grantham, Lincolnshire and spending much of her childhood on her grandparents' farm, instilled in Susanne a love and appreciation of nature. She grew up in Oakham where she attended the local school and was a member of the local church. Whilst studying Theology at Leeds University, she met Keith, a fellow Theologian, who she would later marry.

During her degree course, she was beginning to sense a calling to the ministry but went on to become a primary school teacher and the wife of an ordained member of the clergy. She had two

children, Laura and Matthew. Susanne continued teaching while the children were growing up, but in 1998 the family moved to Selby and it was then that she decided to offer for ordained ministry. It was while she was studying with the North East Oecumenical Course that she did a placement at HMP Full Sutton which inspired her interest in prison ministry.

After her ordination the Rev'd Jukes worked full time for six years, at Monk Fryston and South Milford, a parish west of Selby. She also worked at the Acorn Healing Foundation, tutoring listening courses, the aim of which is to encourage us to listen to each other and to what God is saying. She moved to Ripon when her husband was made Dean, and she combined working full-time as chaplain at HM Full Sutton with the duties entailed with being the Dean's wife.

Sadly Keith died very suddenly last year, not only leaving a wife bereft of her husband but also finding herself obliged to leave her home. However, moving to Topcliffe means that she is not far from Ripon, enabling her to keep in regular contact with her well-established friends, as well as making lots of new ones.

Apart from a very busy clerical life, Susanne's hobbies are gardening, cross-stitching and being a member of the Choral Society in Ripon. Also, two days after the Dean's funeral, their daughter-in-law gave birth to Noah their first grandson. Anyone who was at the Induction Service would have felt that the lovely and placid little boy came quite close to being the star of the show.

Susanne's hope for the parish is that she will develop a culture of listening. She believes in encouraging people to develop their own spirituality in whatever form that takes, and to think about what God is calling them to be or do. She believes in bringing Christ alive for young people and emphasises the importance of listening to each other.

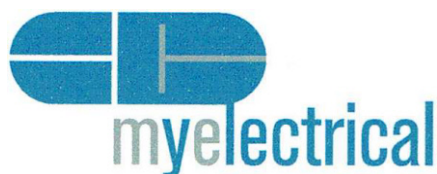
With her years of experience, from helping prisoners to adjust to a society that may not always be welcoming, to her own history of a life-changing tragedy, the Reverend Jukes is clearly a thoughtful and positive woman with a strong faith in God.

## Parish Clerk needed for Topcliffe Parish Council

A position for Parish Clerk will be available for Topcliffe Parish Council from April.

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## Background Boys

As everyone knows, it's the behind-the-scenes workers who keep everything running smoothly in life generally. With that in mind, here are the background boys (I know, being vague and a tad flattering here) who helped to make the new vicar's ordination a stress-free event for visitors.



Starring as car park attendants were from left to right: Roger Wood, Peter Lowe, Lee Clayton, Chris Milross, Geoff Colls, Alan Nuttall, and Steve Hall. Jane Graham and Linda Nuttall had also donned their high vis jackets but presumably had disappeared to get changed in time to get to the service.

Thank you very much everyone for your labours.

## Asenby Parish Council

Asenby Parish Council would like to thank Jacqueline Naylor for her contribution during her time as a Councillor. Following her resignation, an official notice regarding the procedure for replacement has been displayed on the village noticeboard.

Should there be no requirement for an election for the vacant post, the Parish Council will seek to co-opt an additional Councillor to serve until the next full election in 2016.

*Asenby Parish Council*

## Note from Topcliffe Parish Council

Please note that The Parish Council is only a commenting body for planning purposes. Executive authority rests with Hambleton District Council.

*Topcliffe Parish Council Chairman Garry Key  
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District Councillor  
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[www.Topcliffe.net](http://www.Topcliffe.net) & [www.Asenby.net](http://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.

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## Spring is here...so think Produce Show

After a cold and particularly wet winter isn't it great to look forward to a sunny summer?

Springtime means those gardeners among us will be out in our garden or allotment...and making plans for this year's Produce Show, which will be held on Saturday, 30 August.

Now's the time to start thinking of what you might grow and what you intend to enter in the Show. It's all about knowing the target date for honing our crops and ensuring they are at their best for showing on the big day.

As last year, the 2014 Show has 42 horticultural classes, so there's lots of opportunity to grow some winners!

There's also 16 baking/preserves classes, 3 floral classes, 10 hobbies classes and 5 specific classes for entries from children. It's worth checking the list and rules, which are now available on both village websites - [www.asenby.net](http://www.asenby.net) and [www.topcliffe.net](http://www.topcliffe.net)

Alternatively, email [doug@dougallan.co.uk](mailto:doug@dougallan.co.uk) and he'll send you a copy.

*Doug Allan*

## Topcliffe & Asenby Produce Show

**Saturday 30 August 2014**



Open to all residents of Topcliffe and Asenby and all registered owners at Swaleside Caravan Park.

A list of Categories and Classes plus the Show Rules can be obtained from Show Secretary, Judith Lowe (577911) or can be viewed on either village website:

[www.asenby.net](http://www.asenby.net) or [www.topcliffe.net](http://www.topcliffe.net)

## "UP THE GARDEN PATH"

Does your:-

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.



Then contact me, Heather, on 01845 578796 or 07752653034 and I will pop round and see if I can help you.

## Please keep your trees...

Please keep your trees and bushes trimmed. Branches which overhang footpaths cause both inconvenience and a danger



## Twitcher Alert

An alert to all you twitchers, would-be twitchers and those who think they'd like twitching but haven't a clue what a twitcher\* does.

Red kites have been seen swooping and hovering round Topcliffe and Asenby. They're identifiable by their deep forked tail, reddish brown colour and their shrill calls in flight, which apparently sounds like someone whistling for their dog. They have a wing span between 145-165cms.



\*Twitchers are birdwatchers.

It's great, The Tatter, always something to learn.

## Topcliffe School

Topcliffe School fully entered into the spirit of World Book Day with everyone dressed as Wallies, Twits and just about every other character dreamed up by Roald Dahl.



Breakfast was served on arrival to children, friends and family followed by lots of stories read by parents and staff to the pupils.



## Anyone for Table Tennis?

If you're not attracted to Zumba, averse to Aerobics and put off by Pilates perhaps a fun indoor sport with a competitive edge may be the keep-fit activity you've been looking for. Cheap as chips, lively and safe, it's a perfect sport for local youngsters during the damp school holidays. There is no age limit, and no experience is necessary so, if you are interested, give Linda Nuttall a call on 577315 to book. The village hall will be the convenient venue for our new community sport on Tuesday afternoons and will cost £1 each. Should several people wish to hire the hall with a table tennis tournament in mind, the price is £6 per hour.



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## Tough Stuff

A Superhero Van Pull has so far raised £826 for North Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Sports Relief, with more still to be donated. The challenging journey which involved hauling a transit van from Thirsk School at 9.30am, finally arrived at Powerburn Studio at Alanbrooke Barracks.



To welcome Superman and friends, hog roast and salad was served, a bar laid on, and there were lots of children's activities, including an opportunity to have a photo taken with their favourite superhero.

Brave and powerful participants were Donna Moore, Tiff O'Kelly, Dan Dixon, Steven Purvis, Nicola Wakefeld, Diane Hunt, Gemma Magnusson, Carole Welburn, Mick Wilkin Trevor Rand and Rob Macaulay. They all said they'd had great time but admitted that it was the hardest thing they had ever done.



## It's not like there's anything on the telly!

Stuck for something to read? Can't be bothered trailing into Thirsk or Ripon to the library?

Why not visit our very own library in the village hall, open every Tuesday afternoon from 3-5pm. There's an excellent range of books from thrillers and murders to romances and family sagas. Lots of very recent books pack the shelves and anyone who enjoys a good read can't fail to be pleasantly surprised.



The best thing is that you can always be sure of a chat and a cup of coffee or tea, and there are no fines and definitely no tellings off.

Go straight through the big room to the small room on the left. You'll get a friendly welcome and a good read.



## Home Library and Information Service

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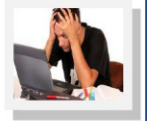


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North Yorkshire County Council's Community Libraries in this area, have a service which provides the delivery of books to those who are housebound or those who care for a housebound relative and therefore cannot get into either Thirsk or Ripon Library.

We have a team of volunteers who select and deliver on a fortnightly basis to residents. Please look at the poster placed on your local noticeboard which will give contact details to those interested in this service.

The delivery of books to those who are housebound is even more important these days.

The mobile libraries have gone apart from one Supermobile (a new one is being converted as we speak) - indeed they finished way back in Sept 2011. The larger vehicle now travels to certain villages for a couple of hours each time rather than for ten minutes at one and then a fifteen minute trip to the next. It makes it more economical and easier for the customer to visit.

To know where the library mobile visits you can just look at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries) and then enter mobile in the search box. It gives the destinations and times of the visits.



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## Dog Fouling

Asenby Parish Council has recently received renewed complaints about dog fouling. Whilst we are pleased to say that the vast majority of local dog owners act very responsibly, we have had two particular complaints.

The most recent one regards regular fouling in the front gardens of houses along the main street.

In addition we have received several complaints from a local farmer who has had to deal with dog fouling on their land on a regular basis.

The same farmer also raised an instance last Bonfire Night when one of their more isolated fields had been used for a small firework display. The remains of the fireworks were left scattered across the field risking the inclusion of the debris in the growing crop when it was lifted from the field. The isolation of this field may well suggest that the culprits were not local.

The Parish Council would ask all dog walkers to follow the best standards of care, as set by the overwhelming majority of dog owners in the village, in order to preserve the proper quality of the gardens, paths and pavements in our village.

*Asenby Parish Council*

## The Millennium Book of Topcliffe - availability running out

There is only a small stock of copies of The Millennium Book of Topcliffe remaining and once these have gone, the only way of obtaining one will be via the second hand market.

That's because it's unlikely any more will be printed as the printer has now gone out of business and the original plates have been misplaced!

So this is the last chance saloon for anyone who wants to add a copy to their book shelf.

The price is £24 - which is the actual cost of printing and no profit is made by anyone involved. If you want a copy please contact Doug Allan at 7 Dovecote Mews or call 578526.

### Postscript

The preparation of the Millennium book was sponsored by Topcliffe Parish Council and printed with a Millennium grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Initially, 300 copies were ordered and these rapidly sold out. Subsequent small run reprints saw the cost per copy rise to the current cost.

So far nearly 600 copies have been sold and there are known to be copies of The Millennium Book of Topcliffe in many corners of the world.

The inspiration for writing this fascinating history of Topcliffe came out of many discussions that former Topcliffe resident, John Graham, and his friends, and particularly Malcolm Morley, had over a pint in The Swan. Although there had been earlier books written about the village, it was felt that there was more to be revealed if someone was prepared to dig a little deeper into the past.

With the approach of the Millennium, John had the perfect excuse for taking his ideas further...and he started planning what he thought would be a fifty page book. After two years of digging in the Archives, following up leads and conversations with anyone who knew anything about the village's past, John ended up with words and photographs covering nearly 200 A4 pages.

## Dog Owners are in it again

Once again there have been complaints about dog fouling down Mill Lane. Walking along nonchalantly swinging a carrier bag full of poo isn't the best part about owning a dog, but when you buy one, you know you have to do it. And putting it in a bag and hanging it from a tree like some mystic message doesn't really make you a better citizen either. If your dog selfishly decides it's his way of showing who's boss, unfortunately you're obliged to grit your teeth and get on with it. It's time another way of shovelling it up and disposing of it was invented but until it is, sorry, best not to forget your Marigolds when you're taking Rover for walks.

Whatever happened to pooper-scoopers by the way?

# 50s & 60s

## Dance at Topcliffe Village Hall on May 31st, 2014

Tickets: £10 (incl. pie and peas)

Please bring your own drink & glasses.



Music by the  
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## Animal Cruelty Again

Regular and loyal readers to The Tattler may remember that a couple of years ago we included an article about two cats being shot in Topcliffe. Unfortunately the sadistic person responsible was never found and now the same thing has happened to another cat. The owner is, of course, very distressed that her pet is suffering a shattered bone, and the vet's bill has been enormous. If anyone knows who has done this, please report him or her to Thirsk Police Station. It is definitely a criminal offence.

## Deer Shed News

The Deer Shed Festival will take place on 25-27 July this year at Baldersby Park, and has been named in The Times' list of the UK's top 20 festivals for families. And it's right on our doorstep so get booking! As well as everything else, there's a cardboard city, rounders and 8 tonnes of play sand.

A grand way to get a free ticket is to put yourself forward as a volunteer. For a 7 hour shift (2 x 3.5 hrs) over the festival weekend you will receive a weekend ticket to the event. All sorts of roles are available - parking cars, litter picking, helping out in workshops, working on ticketing and many more. It is also possible, and perhaps more appealing to local people, to work your shifts before the festival starts or after it has finished as lots of help is needed here too.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Andy Dalton by email on  
[andy.dalton@deershedfestival.com](mailto:andy.dalton@deershedfestival.com).

As always, the organisers have made available a contact number should anyone wish to complain about noise levels. The number is 07523 537146. They do go to considerable effort and expense to comply with all appropriate noise regulations.

## Proposed Hydro scheme at Topcliffe Weir - update March 2014

The proposed Hydro scheme at Topcliffe Weir by UK Hydro Ltd is still active, although planning permission has not yet been submitted to Harrogate Borough Council.

Planning permission will be applied for through Harrogate Borough Council as the other side of the river is not in Hambleton District Council. We are informed however, that Hambleton District Council are entitled to receive notification of submitted planning application.

If anyone wants to know anything specific about the scheme please email us [topcliffeweir@gmail.com](mailto:topcliffeweir@gmail.com) and we will do our best to answer and/or address any queries.

When the application is submitted there will be a public meeting for people to voice their opinions on the proposals.

Our facebook page is Topcliffe Weir, please visit and LIKE our page. We have some great old pictures of the mill and the weir on there. If you have any more, please feel free to post online or email them to us. You can also follow us on twitter @TopcliffeWeir

Many thanks for your support.

*Topcliffe Mill Residents*

## Pilates at the Village Hall

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Tuesday 9.30-10.30am

**BALL PILATES CLASS**

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## Give 'em the cold shoulder!

North Yorkshire Trading Standards is asking residents to report traders who cold call at local homes in an effort to obtain work.

A spokesperson for Trading Standards said, "We have a zero tolerance approach to cold calling and doorstep crime because we are aware of the detriment that it can cause vulnerable residents.

"Itinerant traders use this approach to take advantage of vulnerable people, often acting aggressively to railroad them into agreeing to over charged and unnecessary work to their homes.

"At this time of year, with improved weather, the number of cold callers increases. Our advice is to be vigilant of anyone approaching you at your door or the door of any vulnerable neighbours".

If you see anything suspicious please report it to the Police by ringing 101 or to Trading Standards by calling 0845 40 40 506 or emailing: [investigationsandsafeguarding@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:investigationsandsafeguarding@northyorks.gov.uk)

**Just a reminder that  
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on the playing fields  
in Asenby and Topcliffe!**



## Snooker Club

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## Totally Cool Running

Topcliffe sportsman, John Baines, made a name for himself when he was selected to compete in the two-man, as well as the four-man, bobsleigh team in this year's Winter Olympics in Sochi. John, who was born in Middlesbrough, had already been selected as part of the GB2 squad when an injury to former Olympic sprinter, Craig Pickering, created a vacancy in the two-man team, and John was chosen to fill it. John had already competed in the two-man event in this season's Americas Cup tour, achieving a number of top-ten results.

John joined the RAF at the age of 20 and his first bobsleigh experience was on an RAF bobsleigh team. A few months later, he tried out in the Team GB trials and was accepted. The RAF gave him two years of support so that he could train for the 2014 Winter Olympics.

This was John's first Olympics. His race in the two-man bobsleigh began on February 16 when he was partnered with Lamin Deen. The pair finished in 23rd place. The four-man bobsleigh was on the final weekend of the Olympics and John's team, GBR2, finished 19th. At both events John acted as brakeman.

John did extremely well and it's amazing that Topcliffe is the home to a competitor in the Winter Olympics.

## Local Telephone Numbers & Websites

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