



Topcliffe Magna Carta Celebrations
Sunday 14th June 2015
1000hrs - 1800hrs

Topcliffe is pleased to announce and confirm that a day of celebration will be held on the above date to commemorate the 800th anniversary and significance of Topcliffe in the Historic application of the Royal Great Seal to Magna Carta. A document which underpins the rule of law of post Medieval Western Democracy. The majority of the events have been provided through a grant from The Magna Carta 800th Committee to whom we are very grateful. The day's events will take place in the church, the playing field and The Angel Inn at Topcliffe. People are encouraged to walk to the events but car parking has been agreed at the Angel Inn car park and Winn Lane farm in the field opposite the playing field. Please do not park on the playing field. Visitors may bring their own refreshments and to dress if they wish in period costume or appropriately for the weather conditions. On the right is the schedule of events for guidance only as timings are approximate and it is not exhaustive. So come along and enjoy the day! Some remaining merchandise will be on sale including cards, tea towels and scrolls.

Garry Key

Fun At Messy Church!

We had great fun at the last Messy Church on 7th March, as we prepared for Mothering Sunday. Children, women, men, parents, grandparents, friends, from four months to eighty-plus years in age - there were about fifty of us in total, all sharing in the worship, the crafts and the meal together. The next one will be on Saturday 6th June, 2.00-4.00pm. Put the date in your diary now, and come and join us! Further details nearer the event. All welcome.

The Rev'd Susanne Jukes



	Time	Event	Location
1	1000	Historia Normansis and Falcons set up Merchandise display	Play Park
2	1045	Guard detachment	Church
3	1100	Church service to celebrate The Magna Carta	Church
4	1145	Unveiling of The Magna Carta	Church
5	1150	Planting of Magna Carta Rose	Church
6	1230	St Columba's BBQ and guided tours of Tower, church and gardens.	Church Gardens
7	1245	Children's Procession	Angel Inn Car Park
8	1300 - 1700	Historia Normansis events including melee, weapons effect, armour displays etc. Village walk and quiz.	Play Park
9	1400	Falconry Display	Angel Inn
10		Ongoing HN events	Play Park
11	1600	Falconry Display	Angel Inn
12	1700 - 1800	Thirsk British Legion Band	Angel Inn
13	1700	Hog Roast. Presentation of children's best period costume	Angel Inn
14	1800	End of Formal Activities	Angel Inn

Topcliffe's Very Own Glasto

The 6th Deer shed Festival returns to Baldersby Park from July 24-26. As always, the organisers have asked us to publish a telephone number that local residents can call over the festival weekend to report any issues relating to noise coming from the site. The number is 07934 349468 and it will be answered while the event is in progress.

As ever, this increasingly popular event welcomes volunteers. If you would like to help in return for a free weekend ticket, please find details at www.deershedfestival.com/volunteer.

If you have any concerns about the festival please email on info@deershedfestival.com.

Headliners this year are Billy Bragg, John Grant and The Unthanks. I know! In Topcliffe!!



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Any Cash In Your Attic?

This year's popular Attic Auction takes place on May 9 at 2pm. All proceeds go to St Columba's Church Funds and the Auctioneer is Mr John Phillips. Viewing will be from noon till 2pm and items can be brought to the village hall between 8-11am. More details on the notice board or ring John on 577034.

Slow Down, You're Moving Too Fast

As we all know, speeding in North Yorkshire is a major issue and has led to some horrific, and even fatal, accidents. Topcliffe has certainly had to contend with motorists who race through the village with little regard for life or limb, and so when Community Speed Watch, a six month pilot programme introduced by Chief Constable Julia Mulligan, Deputy Chief Constable Tim Madgwick and Chief Inspector John Wilkinson, was explained to several concerned volunteers from Topcliffe there was considerable interest.

The scheme will see volunteers and members of the community being armed with a hand-held radar gun or an LED speed sign to record speeds. If motorists are found to be speeding they receive a letter; twice, and they get a more forcefully worded letter but a fine awaits the repeat offenders.

Parish Councillor Lynne Wallis, Jane Colls and Gordon Hatton are hoping that more residents will be concerned enough to get involved. To find out more about the scheme, email: Watch@northyorkshire.pnnpolice.uk.

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Job Vacancy At Alanbrooke Barracks

We are seeking to employ a full-time room leader for the pre-school room. Applicants must have a Level 3 in Early Learning and childcare and a good knowledge of EYFS. Any interested candidates should contact Lorna Young on 577151.

Baldersby St James School also was considered "Good" by Ofsted. Many congratulations to teachers, governors and of course, children.

The Tuesday Club

The Tuesday club meets on the first Tuesday of every month between 2-4pm in the village hall. Recent activities have included Yoga for Seniors, with no downward dog or salute to the sun, but lots of sitting down, and with a nice cup of tea to finish. And thankfully, no outbreaks of lycra.



The Tuesday Club chilling out with yoga

We also enjoy hearing interesting talks and on April 7, Carole Ford told us about her recent visit to India where she took part in an immunisation programme against polio.

Mary and Ian Guest will describe their recent travels to Peru on May 5. Hopefully with some stunning photographs.

June, July, August and September meetings will involve trips out when the weather should be considerably warmer.

We have about twenty regular members at the moment and anyone over 50, who lives locally and is keen to socialise will be given a warm welcome.

Any ideas for alternative speakers, activities or trips will be gratefully received.

Judith Lowe

Rainton Gardening Club Are Hosting...

An evening with Jim Buttress

Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm Baldersby St James Church

Jim is well known as the gardening judge on BBC2's The Big Allotment Challenge. He is also an RHS judge at Chelsea and former Superintendent of the Royal Parks. Jim will give an entertaining and humorous talk about his time looking after the gardens at Buckingham Palace and Clarence House, judging at flower shows and the making of the TV programme.

Admission by ticket only - £5.00 (including light refreshments) available from Martin Fish - 01845 577157 or martin@martinfish.com

Better Communication About Local Things

Lots of people complain about not knowing what's going on in our two villages...or they hear about events they may have been interested in when it's too late. The Tattler is a great communications tool, but it simply isn't published often enough. And who looks at Notice Boards? Well we know some people do, but you know what we mean.

Boccia Club

Meanwhile, the other Tuesdays are taken up with Boccia which takes place from 1.30-3.30 in the village hall. Sixteen regulars play varied games, and thoroughly enjoy the leisurely exercise while socialising and improving their skills and co-ordination. These are games in which people of all ages, abilities and levels of co-ordination can take part, and a lot of often boisterous fun is had by all.



Inter-club match against Hushwaite Boccia Club

Hushwaite Boccia Club visited recently so pressure was on to play for the shield. Diplomatically, the game was declared a draw but Topcliffe and Asenby have sights on winning the next match. There is also a Boccia Club at Hutton Rudby and it's hoped that a game against them can be arranged in the near future. The sport is growing in popularity in North Yorkshire's rural villages and there is some ambition to start a league.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the games of Boccia and Indoor Curling. Ring Judith Lowe on 577911 or Linda Nuttall on 577315.

Judith Lowe

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So Doug Allan has decided to create an email list so that interesting things can be circulated immediately. But you have to agree to be on the list. Anyone who wishes to add their email address should simply email doug@dougallan.co.uk and he'll do the rest.

He promises that the information will not be misused or used unnecessarily or too frequently.

Villagers Support Brick In The Hall

Residents of Topcliffe and Asenby have shown amazing generosity by supporting the villages' latest fundraising initiative.

In the first two months over £900 has been raised for the Brick in the Hall scheme which was launched to support major village hall improvements planned for the next year or so.

Brick in the Hall is a fund raising event with a difference...and it's probably the most ambitious that the neighbouring villages have ever launched.

The idea is sell "bricks" to raise funds for major village hall improvements which are likely to cost around £120,000.



A special wall of bricks showing foundation stones, full and half bricks has been created in the hall, and they are being sold at £25, £10 and £5 respectively.

Once £1,000 has been raised, a draw will be held offering the chance for buyers to win prize money totalling £100. Similar draws will take place if the scheme is successful and further amounts of £1,000 are raised.

When the improvements are completed, the name of everyone buying a foundation stone or brick will be listed on a commemorative plaque which will be produced and displayed in the village hall.

Andrew Eckersley, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, said "The planned improvements to the 1960's building will include an extension to accommodate new toilet facilities, extra space for community activities, new storage areas, massively improved access for people with disabilities, improved entrance lobby and much-needed enhancements to the external appearance of the building. In addition the kitchen will be totally refurbished.

"It's a major project for the two villages, but we are determined to provide a modern, spacious and accessible village hall which meets the needs of current user groups and encourages the development of further activities.

"The Brick in the Wall scheme will hopefully raise several thousand pounds, which will go into our development fund and will be used to supplement the grants that we will be applying for.

"The residents of our two villages have always been extremely supportive of any local fund raising efforts, but I have been staggered by their generosity in backing the Brick in the Hall scheme. It certainly seems to have captured locals' imaginations and many residents have dug deep in their pockets to support our proposals for a better village facility. I am extremely grateful to them all."

Anyone wishing to reserve a brick can do so by calling Doug Allan on 578526. or by contacting any member of the Village Hall Committee, namely Andrew Eckersley, Judith Lowe, Linda Nuttall, David Bowman, Ray Parkin, David Winfield, Jane Graham or Amanda Jameson-Allen.

Millennium Sell-Out

Fifteen years after the book was first published, the last copy of the Millennium Book of Topcliffe has been sold. In all, nearly 600 copies of the book, written by former Topcliffe resident, John Graham, have sold to local residents and others, from all over the world, with an interest in the village.

There are no plans for further reprints, but consideration is being given to the book becoming available on the Topcliffe village website.

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Asenby Spring Update

After another successful Christmas shopping trip and Mulled Wine Evening, plans are in place for this year's events.

The first of which is the St George's Quiz at The Lamb in Rainton on Thursday April 23. This is always a fun event. Contact Lisa on 595052 or look out for the posters.

The Asenby BBQ didn't go ahead last year, mainly due to poor support, especially in bad weather! As you can imagine, this is frustrating when so much effort has been made. This year there will be a Picnic in the Park on June 20. This will be a lovely afternoon for all the family so look out for more information.

Other dates for your diary - looking way ahead - a Christmas shopping trip on December 5 and the Mulled Wine Evening on December 13.

The Asenby Playing Field Committee is a small friendly group who raise funds for the playing field to ensure that the equipment is maintained and the grass is cut. We have 4 or 5 meetings a year, as well as social events. We always welcome new members, so if you are new to the village or would just like to get involved, please call Lisa on 595052.

Emma McCormick

Events In The Hall

18 April - 7pm Ukulele Extravaganza (£8)
19 April - Northern Hamster Show
7 May - Elections - nb no other activities
9 May- Attic Auction
16 May- Howdenjones in concert (£8)
www.howdenjones.co.uk/audio/player.php
29 May am - Children's art workshop with a Magna Carta theme - illuminated lettering
29 May pm - Stephen Brindle (English Heritage) on Magna Carta
30 May 9am -3pm Cycle event stop
30 May pm - Return of the Cadillacs - Dance
Plus all your usual classes & clubs

Get Thinking!

It's still going to take a lot of hard work and enthusiastic fundraising to achieve our ambition for a state-of-the-art village hall, so any help will be gratefully received, as will any ingenious money raising schemes. Please contact Doug Allan on 578526, Judy Lowe on 577911 or Linda Nuttall on 577315 with your brilliant ideas.

(This was in the last edition of The Tattler. You must have missed it!)

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



St Columba's Lent Lunches

On the five Wednesdays from 25th February to the 25th March, the Village Hall was the venue for bread and soup Lent Lunches. We averaged, at a guess, somewhere around forty 'diners' each week, who enjoyed not only the food but also the fellowship as well. Many thanks to all who came; to those who provided the delicious bread and soups; and to those who helped behind the scenes. An especially big THANK YOU to the children from Topcliffe Church of England Primary School who came each week and so competently and politely waited at table; and to Margherita Blair, who wonderfully took over the co-ordination of the event for the first time this year.

The purpose of the Lunches is to have a simple meal to help remind us of the needs of others as we journey through Lent in preparation for Easter. We don't charge for the Lunches ... but people have been very generous in wanting to leave a donation. We are thrilled to be able to pass to Christian Aid the magnificent sum of £500. This will form part of the pledge that the Thirsk, Northallerton and Ripon branches of Christian Aid have pledged to raise to support women and new-born babies in Kenya, where infant and maternal mortality is very high. Through 3:1 European match-funding, our Lent Lunch money will be worth £2000 and will enable significant work to be done for maternity care in Africa. Thank you, everyone.

The Rev'd Susanne Jukes

Quality Folk At The Village Hall

Anyone who hasn't already bought a ticket to see Howden Jones on May 16th needs to crack on. Look on their website to read their many fab reviews - I know, no-one would put poor reviews on their own website but it's clear that we're lucky to have the opportunity to catch a performance by musicians whose reputation has been earned by entertaining their audience with gentle songs and engaging anecdotes. At only £8 - and don't forget all proceeds go towards the Village Hall improvements - it's a bargain night out. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

For tickets ring Linda Nuttall on 577315. The website is www.howdenjones.co.uk where you can even listen to their music.

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The 5th Topcliffe & Asenby Produce Show

This year's Topcliffe and Asenby Produce Show will be held on Saturday 29 August in the Village Hall. Here is the complete list of categories and classes, which includes several new classes this year. 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

- Class 1 3 Red potatoes
- Class 2 3 White potatoes
- Class 3 3 White onions (flat shape) on rings
- Class 4 3 White onions (global shape) on rings
- Class 5 Heaviest single onion (in sound & clean condition - no stalk or leaves) displayed on rings
- Class 6 3 Red onions on rings
- Class 7 3 Shallots - on rings or sand
- 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 1 Squash (any type)
- Class 16 3 Parsnips - with 8cm stalks
- Class 17 3 Carrots - with 8cm stalks
- Class 18 1 White cabbage
- Class 19 1 Red cabbage
- Class 20 3 Capsicum Peppers (sweet or hot)
- Class 21 3 Beetroot
- Class 22 3 Leeks
- Class 23 Any other vegetable not listed above
- Class 24 4 different veg (4 families of veg displayed on plain white dinner plate)
- Class 25 Funniest shaped vegetable
- Class 26 1 Cucumber
- Class 27 Tomatoes on the vine (must be mostly ripened)
- Class 28 3 Beef tomatoes
- Class 29 3 Regular red tomatoes
- Class 30 3 Regular yellow tomatoes
- Class 31 5 Red cherry tomatoes
- Class 32 5 Yellow cherry tomatoes
- Class 33 5 Orange cherry tomatoes
- Class 34 5 Black cherry tomatoes
- Class 35 3 Plum tomatoes
- Class 36 3 of any other type of tomato
- Class 37 3 Sticks of rhubarb (to include sheaf and 8cm of leaf only)
- Class 38 3 Eating apples
- Class 39 3 Cooking apples
- Class 40 3 pears
- Class 41 3 Plums
- Class 42 6 Blackberries
- Class 43 6 Raspberries
- Class 44 Any other fruit
- Class 45 4 different fruits (4 families of fruit displayed on plain white dinner plate)
- Class 46 Funniest shaped fruit

Category 2: Baking and home produce

- Class 47 Victoria Sandwich using 3 eggs, 6oz each of sugar, flour and butter
- Class 48 Decorated homemade chocolate cake
- Class 49 Own choice of home-baked cake
- Class 50 Savoury flan (maximum 21cm tin)

- Class 51 Sweet flan (maximum 21 cm tin)
- Class 52 3 Plain scones
- Class 53 3 Fruit scones
- Class 54 3 Cheese scones
- Class 55 3 Sausage rolls using short-crust pastry
- Class 56 3 Biscuits
- Class 57 1lb Loaf of bread (not using a bread-maker)
- Class 58 1lb Jar of jam - any home grown fruit
- Class 59 1lb Jar of lemon curd
- Class 60 1lb Jar of marmalade
- Class 61 Jar of chutney
- Class 62 Jar of Piccalilli

Category 3: Floral

- Class 63 Arrangement in unusual container
- Class 64 Vase of garden flowers
- Class 65 Houseplant

Category 4: Hobbies

(items must have been created between Sept 2013 and August 2014)

- Class 66 An item of embroidery
- Class 67 A hand knitted or crocheted item
- Class 68 An item of textile craft
- Class 69 A scenic photograph
- Class 70 A person or people photograph
- Class 71 A watercolour painting
- Class 72 An oil painting
- Class 73 Pencil, pen, charcoal or pastel sketch
- Class 74 A handmade greetings card
- Class 75 Any other handicraft item not specified above

Category 5: Children's section

- Class 76 A painting or drawing
- Class 77 A model of a creature using vegetables and/or fruit
- Class 78 The best photograph I've taken in the past 12 months
- Class 79 3 jam tarts
- Class 80 3 biscuits

The Day The Bishop Came To School



The children of Topcliffe, Baldersby and Dishforth Church of England Primary Schools had a wonderful time on Monday 9th March, when Bishop Paul Ferguson, the Bishop of Whitby and Ambassador for Schools, visited for the morning. Bishop Paul took part in Collective Worship, answering innumerable questions and showing the children how he was transformed when he wore his vestments.

He toured the school and met with the Foundation Governors and Mrs Clay, the Head Teacher, to discuss some of the challenges of managing schools today. A great day was had by all.

The Rev'd Susanne Jukes

Topcliffe Bowling Club

The Bowling Club has enjoyed a re-vamp to its facilities since receiving grants from the Big Lottery Fund and Hambleton District Council. Sincere thanks to the members of these organisations who helped with the applications. The Big Lottery Fund grant has been used to allow various facilities at the club to be upgraded, while grants from Hambleton District Council have enabled the club to purchase green-keeping equipment. Thanks also to Northallerton & District VSA for their help in obtaining the grants.

These improvements should help the club to attract new bowling members to ensure the continuation of the club and to allow other organisations to use the facilities.

Two Open Days have been arranged to encourage visitors to view the facilities. The first of these is planned for May 17 from 1pm, when there will be a member-plus-visitor bowling competition. On July 12 an official Open Day will be planned when the club will be holding a whistle stop competition for teams of four players from other clubs in the area. Refreshments and raffle are planned.

Everyone is very welcome to the Open Days. New members are essential for the continuation of the club and anyone interested can contact:

Les Chapman (Chairman) on 577026
Louise Bumby (Treasurer) on 524551
Janet Sissons (Secretary) on 01609 781471

Special Magna Carta Service

Sunday June 14th 11.00am at St Columba's Church

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John Alfred Morley (Alf)

For those readers who've occasionally wondered why there's a bullet hole in a pew door in St Columba's Church, thinking it's not the obvious venue for a duel or a gunfight, you may be interested to know that Alf Morley had a slight accident with his rifle, whilst on night duty with the Home Guard during the War. Fortunately, only the furnishing suffered.

Alf Morley, father of Linda and Malcolm and grandfather of Dawn, died recently at the respectable age of 92. He was well-known round Topcliffe for his warm and friendly manner and his outgoing nature. He had always worked hard and had been brought up in a large farming family at Fordington Lodge, outside Tollerton. The family moved to Arum Grange while Alf was a boy and he started school at Topcliffe. On leaving, he worked as a gardener at what is now Queen Mary's School, joining the Home Guard when the War broke out... and then when he was called up, going to the very north of Scotland to work on the flying boats.

A natural mechanic, he had a wonderful ability to understand how things worked, and if he didn't know, he would apply himself and work it out. He was a skilled joiner and always happy to share his knowledge with others.

Alf met Margaret, his future wife and a native of Durham, while she was visiting her sister and brother-in-law who were then working in The Angel. Alf and Margaret were married in Durham and moved to Horsforth when he was de-mobbed, then moving again, this time to Meanwood where their young family grew up in idyllic surroundings whilst their father worked as a fitter in Alwoodly.

The family later moved to Topcliffe, to be near elderly relatives, and Alf took a job working for Yorkshire Agricultural Driers. However, when someone from the Camp asked if he knew anything about central heating, he had the self-confidence to claim that he did, and then set about becoming proficient, which soon led to the offer of a job.

After their retirement, Alf and Margaret enjoyed travelling to Italy, the Rhine, Spain, Monaco and Venice. They also had many happy times in their caravan in Scotland.

Life inevitably changed for Alf when Margaret died but he still rang and met up with friends. He also enjoyed playing Solitaire and Sudoku on the computer. He retained a strong interest in technical matters, church news and current affairs. Mainly, he was very much a family man and will be hugely missed by Linda, Malcolm and Dawn.

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