

The Swan Challenge Ends in Triumph

The Very Famous Swan Challenge certainly lived up to its name. Day 1 consisted of a gruelling climb up the Yorkshire Three Peaks with several volunteers supporting the stalwart crew every step of the way. The second day involved cycling from Scarborough to Topcliffe, which apparently was the



easy part! Their efforts have been justly rewarded. At the time of going to press over £10,000 has been raised for Clic Sargeant, the children's cancer charity.

Asenby's Jubilee Party

Asenby had lovely day for their Jubilee Party which included a bbq and the planting of a horse chestnut tree.

The story of the tree is particularly interesting as it was cultivated from a conker that had fallen from a chestnut tree which stands on the village green. The original tree had been planted in 1897 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Couldn't be more appropriate!



Chris Millross planted the sapling with the encouragement of the Playing Field Committee.

The plan to raise money for this worthwhile charity came about when a local youngster, Patrick Hooker, became seriously ill. Wanting to do something to help him, the Swan regulars set themselves some very daunting tasks for which they sought sponsorship, as well as arranging other fundraising activities. Patrick, however, selflessly wanted the money to be used to help other children in his situation and requested that the money should go to Clic Sargeant, which had provided his family with so much support.



Incredibly, it's thought likely that the actual sum may be even higher than £10,000 thanks to the many donations, the raffle, karaoke, sponsorship and auction. Many thanks to all the generous people who have given either gifts or money but, most of all, to the brave and big-hearted adventurers.

Everyone wishes Patrick and his family lots of positive thoughts and the very best of luck for the future, and hope that it won't be too long before he's giving his supporters a run for their money should they be rash enough to set themselves another challenge.



Jubilee Celebrations



Isabella had a grand time at Alanbrooke Nursery's Jubilee Party.



The babies weren't bothered what was going on as long as there was plenty of food.



Major Kevin Young planted an oak tree at Alanbrooke School as a constant reminder of the Diamond Jubilee.



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Topcliffe School children had a very memorable Jubilee Party followed by a disco in the evening.

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Give us a song Mike – But we need to be home by 10 o'clock

There was a good turnout for Mike Barfield, a man of many talents. He had certainly had a varied past, having drawn cartoons for Private Eye, written jokes for Spitting Image and interviewed contestants for Who Wants to be a Millionaire. And he played the ukulele and sang a few funny songs.



He told some amusing stories about telephone calls from Ian Hislop, life with rubber puppets and interestingly, how the Big Scam happened on Who Wants to be Millionaire. Using a chosen volunteer, the editor's husband since you ask, he demonstrated how a member of the audience coughed whenever a certain contestant gave the right answer. It was so blindingly obvious, you had to wonder if the producer, Chris Tarrant and their team were even listening. However, it was an interesting story on which to end the show. Except it didn't. Mike jovially offered to give us an extra ukulele-accompanied song and everyone assented accordingly. However, one member of the audience clearly had had more than enough wit and humour for one night and stated dryly that she was off home. Hopefully, it won't affect the comedian's confidence too much – just another story to add to his repertoire.

The Deer Shed Festival

The Deer Shed Festival is taking place in Baldersby Park on July 20-22 this year. **Deer Shed Festival Ltd** are promoting this event and, as part of our premises licence, we are obliged to inform all local residents within 500 metres of the event site, of a telephone number which they can call to complain about any aspect of the festival relating to noise.

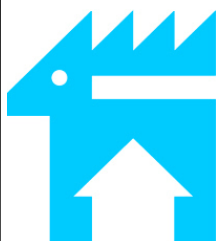
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Please be aware that noise from the site may be audible during the festival but should not be audible after 11pm on any day. The noise levels will be monitored by an independent party throughout so that they fall within the limits set by Harrogate council.

We did not receive any complaints regarding noise or any other matter in 2010 or 2011. We sincerely

wish that this will also be the case in 2012 and we will continue to strive to comply with all noise control guidelines.

If you have any questions relating to this letter please free call me on 595980



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Baldersby 's Bumper Book Sale

Baldersby St James Church is holding its Bumper Book Sale again this year on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September. Everyone is welcome to come and stock up with books for winter reading for a donation to the church.

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Topcliffe Church Choir

Topcliffe Church Choir is about to forge links in France when they travel to the Limousin, where they will be staying close to the market town of Nexon, 15 miles south of Limoges. From July 14-21 the choir is booked to perform in various churches in the area, celebrating in memorable style, their 20th anniversary under the direction of Linda Hewlett.



Unusually, the sixteen or so choristers, who make up the choir, are a mixture of Anglicans, Catholics and Methodists. They are united in their appreciation of traditional music and have sung at a number of churches in the north of England, both Catholic and Anglican, as well as Ripon Cathedral and Ampleforth Abbey. Their repertoire is varied, and they are as happy to perform Gilbert and Sullivan as a more traditional Mass.

The organist, Matthew Atherton, has a Diploma (MA) in Musicology from the University of Durham and is a Fellow of Trinity College, London. He studied the organ with Ian Little at Ampleforth Abbey and with James Lancelot and Keith Wright at Durham Cathedral. He is currently the organist and director of music at the famous college of Barnard Castle in County Durham and has given recitals in a great many churches and cathedrals.

John and Clare Phillips, members of the choir, arranged this remarkable trip with the help of various people they have met in the Limoges area since buying a second home there eight years ago.

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Easter Parade

The children of Alanbrooke Nursery were resplendent in a glorious array of Easter bonnets. Parents and grandparents had gone to town creating yellow confections of feathers, straw and ribbons, adding eggs, chicks and rabbits for extra effect. It all goes to show that, sometimes, more can definitely be best.



Money Saving Tip

Nowadays, more than ever, we all seem to be doing whatever we can to spend less. Did you know that there are small grants available to Topcliffe and Asenby students for the purchase of books?

Last year, surprisingly enough, nobody from either Topcliffe or Asenby applied for Educational Funds

As promised in the spring Tattler, here is the information on how to apply for the Educational Funds.

The Topcliffe Educational Foundation

The Topcliffe Educational Foundation is a charity which makes small grants for the purchase of books, to students who have recently left school and are in their first degree course at university or the equivalent. To be eligible, the student must live in the parish of Topcliffe, which is broadly the area covered by the parish as now constituted together with Marton le Moor.

The Charity's income is fixed and limited, therefore the value of any single grant will depend not only on the funds available to distribute but also on the number of successful applications.

Applications are sought in September/October and the Trustees meet in December to approve grants. Students who have received grants in previous years will automatically receive an invitation to apply for 2012.

Anyone seeking further information, wishing to apply or questioning their eligibility to apply should ring Geoff Hall on 578324.

Want to Shape Up?

Feeling sluggish? Want to lose weight or feel fitter? Sparkle in the mornings instead of dragging yourself out of bed? Perhaps the answer lies in what you eat – or what you don't eat. Help in making you feel brighter, slimmer and generally happier with yourself is, amazingly, no further away than Asenby.

Local resident and parish councillor, Jacqui Naylor has joined the health and nutrition company Herbalife and is very enthusiastic about their products, and keen to encourage others to take their own diet seriously. Jacqui had been working for several years when an opportunity arose to fully use her degree in Food Science, and to realise her ambition of becoming self-employed. At this time, the company was offering training courses and support to suitably qualified people who were interested in developing a career as a Personal Wellness Coach.

Jacqui is fully trained in all aspects of nutrition and works with people on a one-on-one basis, or within a group environment, to enable them to reach individual goals and, equally importantly, to maintain them once they have been reached.



The company she has joined, Herbalife International, has an overall mission to promote "healthy active lifestyles" and improve nutritional habits. It has been a worldwide leader in nutrition for over thirty years and stands at the forefront of the Wellness industry in 80+ countries. As the Official Nutrition Sponsors of David Beckham's LA Galaxy team and, more recently, having been appointed nutritional suppliers to FC Barcelona, Herbalife has become a symbol of good health, vitality and wellness.

It has become increasingly recognised that good nutrition can play an important part in protecting

against serious health problems such as diabetes, cancer, osteoarthritis, liver disease and coronary health disease. Jacqui, in her role as Personal Wellness Coach, is keen to support anyone who wishes to lose or gain weight within a balanced and healthy regime. Helping people to increase their energy levels is also in her remit, and she works with several athletes to help them maintain fitness. She says that the supplements provided by Herbalife are of such a high nutritional value that it would be difficult to attain such a standard in a normal diet.

Jacqui is happy to provide free wellness checks. Ring her on 07769219070.

A Message from Sally Dowkes of North Yorkshire Police

Please be aware of a possible NHS scam. A North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator received a telephone call lately from a female with an Indian accent, claiming to be speaking on behalf of the NHS and requesting to clarify the recipient's private details. The co-ordinator did not divulge any information and discovered that the caller's number had been withheld. The local surgery and the local PCT, neither of which is aware of such an NHS request, are passing the report further up the chain.

Please remind your neighbours, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, not to pass personal details over the phone.

The Lent Lunch Tradition Continues

Every Wednesday during Lent, a group of public spirited ladies from Topcliffe have served free soup and rolls to visitors. Small tables adorned with cheerful gingham cloths and glowing candles gave the hall an almost bistro ambience. The atmosphere was friendly; everyone taking the time to chat to friends and neighbours, as well as people they may not have met before. This year a very welcome addition was the involvement of children from Topcliffe School. Each week two pupils waited on tables, a gesture that was greatly appreciated.



On the left Frances Ventress, and Alice Newton who could show the waitresses at Betty's a thing or two.

Pupils vs Teachers and Parents

Netball and football matches between adults and children might not sound like a level playing field but what the youngsters lacked in height, they more than made up for in fitness and enthusiasm.



Topcliffe pupils were keen to take part in Sports Relief and equally keen to involve their teachers and parents. £89 was raised for charity. And the score? Let's just say everyone was a winner.



Produce Show - only three months to go!

Springtime means those Topcliffe and Asenby gardeners will be actively working on their garden or allotment and making plans for this year's Produce Show in September.

In the last edition of The Tattler I suggested that dedicated gardeners would have started to plan for the Show as far as a year in advance. Many will have, but even now it's not too late to start thinking about it.

There's still time to take onboard Grahame Marsden's commonsense approach to the three key elements of successful vegetable growing – planning, dedication and selection – though it may be too late to sow some produce such as onions, and particularly large ones. But as we pass the usual date for frosts in these parts, we can plant out many vegetables that could easily be award winners by September.

Cycling against ME

Alan Nuttall cycled from Carlisle to John O' Groats recently in aid of ME Research UK. He has raised £2000 so far for a charity which is close to his heart. His daughter, Rhona, has battled this difficult illness for several years and Alan has been resolute in also supporting other sufferers.

A couple of friends accompanied him who were raising money for their own favourite charity. The group travelled up the west coast and reaching John O' Groats on schedule. On the fourth day of the trip, arriving in Arran, they celebrated Alan's 70th birthday.



It's still possible to donate via www.Justgiving.com/alan-nuttall. To find out more about ME look on the website: www.mereseach.org.uk/research/index. The local ME Support Group meets once a month in the meeting room of Northallerton Methodist Church. Sufferers and carers are very welcome.

Ring 07949 694640 for more details.

Remember, if you have any queries about veg growing – whether you are a regular or new grower - Grahame is always prepared to pass on useful information and answer questions. Just call him on 578156 if you want any advice.

This year the Produce Show, will be held on Saturday 1 September. There's a whole batch of new classes in the horticultural category, making 42 in total, including one for the heaviest single onion.

The baking category has been extended to 14 classes.

If you would like to see the full list – and read the revised Show Rules – check out either village website – or email doug@dougallan.co.uk and he'll send you a copy. The village websites are: www.asenby.net and <http://www.topcliffe.net>

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TOPCLIFFE AND DISTRICT CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Carpet Bowls Club had a very good last season, coming 5th out of 14 clubs in the Northern Division of the Vale of Mowbray League.

Peter Boothroyd and David Winfield were runners-up in the League Pairs competition, and Peter Simmerson was the runner-up in the League Men's Singles Competition. The ladies did not fare so well - but that's how it goes!!

We are looking for new members, so if you would like to "have a go", we meet every Thursday evening in Topcliffe Village Hall at 7.30p.m - experience is not 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.

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

Dot Arkley

St George Quiz

Many thanks to those of you who came to support our St George Quiz in April. Yet again, The Lamb Inn, festooned with St George flags, hosted a really fun quiz. In true 'everyone's a winner' style, everyone won something....well almost! From free drinks, to raffle prizes, to lunch for four, to cash! Thanks to all at The Lamb Inn for a great evening. We raised almost £150, so well worth a Monday night of fun!

Emma McCormick

Topcliffe's Got Lots of Talent

Topcliffe's Got Talent certainly showed that the Dark Force known as Simon Cowell doesn't know where to look. The school children put on a great show with acts consisting of gymnastics, violin playing, singing and dancing. Two young ladies stood in for Dermot O'Leary (or do I mean Ant and Dec?) and the more kindly judging panel didn't leave anyone in tears. Overall, a good performance all round.



Sophie Atkinson who came 2nd in the contest

The winners were Gymfantastics with Sophie Atkinson and Adam Radford runners up.

Topcliffe Reunion

There will be a reunion at The Angel on Wednesday July 18 from 11am for old friends who attended Topcliffe C of E School or lived in Topcliffe or Asenby up to the late 1950's. This will be a great opportunity to reminisce about our life and times, especially during the war years. Please contact friends and acquaintances who no longer live in the area, if possible. Do bring anything along such as old memorabilia or photographs that you think will be of interest.

For more information contact Richard Chapman on 01904 629243

Topcliffe Playgroup Open Afternoon

Friday 29th June 2012
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For more information phone Jessica on 578959

The George Clooney of the Hamster World

This what goes on at the Great Northern Hamster Show in Topcliffe Village Hall. One of the contestants was a perky little hamster called Badger who actually did look surprisingly like a miniature badger. When I commented on this to his owner she said that he had a great future ahead of him as a stud. Obviously I had to take a photo of him, but sadly it's somewhat blurry owing to my hands shaking, being so overwhelmed in the presence of the magnificent (yet little) stripey stud. Also, I didn't wish to upset the very nice owner, but a hamster never has a great future ahead of them. Sadly, they only have a very small future – two years, tops.



**Just a reminder that
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