

The Thornton-in-Lonsdale *Parish Newsletter*

Autumn

2009

Hello, residents of the Lower, Higher and Far Westhouses, Gale Green, Masongill, Thornton and Ingleton, and welcome to our new seasonal publication! In it you will find a summary of the interests, events, programmes and happenings of groups active in our community, with contact numbers should you want to know more.

Farm Women's Club

Started by the *Farmers Weekly*, this group of 10 or 12 now meets on the first Thursday in the month in members' homes, when not out walking the beautiful local fells. Meetings consist of conversation on themes of mutual interest as speakers are rather expensive.

Contact: Elaine Butterfield on 015242 61047

Ingleborough Archaeology Group

In addition to the huge quantity of University approved knowledge amassed by the group, recent results have been very exciting. 'We are daily watching the trench made by the electricity supply going underground in the Twistleton Lane area, for early evidence. We have already found a fire site (possibly Mesolithic?) and there are weeks to go! Noel Crack and Arthur Batty have found a sword blade in Kingsdale. Charcoal dating from the site gives us 760 AD and 900 AD-so Anglo-Saxon (or Viking?) More timbers have emerged from the riverbank at

Sandymire which may be part of a prehistoric track or causeway.'

Checkout:

www.ingleborougharchaeologygroup.org.uk

September Meeting: *Walk on Malham Lings*, led by David Johnson on Sunday 20 Sept. Meet at Ingleton Community Centre, 9.30 am; Monday, October 19th: '*Stone Structures in Ireland*' and Monday, November 16th '*Cattle Droving - the Birdwhistles of Craven and Galloway*'

Both at Ingleton C. Centre 7.30pm.

Further sessions planned at Westhouse Village Hall, Lower Westhouse.

Contact Jeff Price 41303

Natural History

Notes from a Wildlife garden and the Wider Parish:

Have you seen many butterflies in your garden this summer? The white ones seem to cope with the rain but apart from welcome painted ladies, it has been a red-letter day when we have spotted a Small Tortoiseshell, once the commonest butterfly. This species is now the target of a

parasite which consumes the caterpillar. Red Admirals and Peacocks have enjoyed the Buddleia but not in their usual numbers and a few Meadow Browns have drifted in from the neighbouring fields. Three Years' wet summers have contributed towards a dramatic reduction in our butterfly numbers and varieties nationwide. An encouraging sign: we now see Speckled Wood butterflies in places with semi shade - recently spread into our parish.

Previously we have had the occasional nuthatch on the feeders but this year we have had a whole family and seen others quite frequently. We are thrilled that we now have enough mature trees in the garden and nearby hedgerows to attract this handsome bird which has spread into Northern England during that past 20 years.

As Swallows and House Martins gather to leave us in September, we look forward to the fruits and colourful fungi of autumn and the noisy visiting fieldfares and Redwings which spend the winter with us to escape the harsh weather in their native countries.

We hope this column will be a regular contribution to the newsletter and would welcome

your own wildlife records.

Contact: Liz and Roger Neale, Bankhouse Lane, 41155, Craven Conservation: John Osborne on 07967 971523 and on the net:

<http://www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk/>

~~~~~ **Parish Council**

Your parish council is the tier of government closest to the people, directly representing and promoting the interests of the community.

Your councillors and their **contact** numbers are:

Bryan Lund 41458,
David Wiper 41391,
Janet Thompson 41556,
Brian Ramwell 41662 and
Nick Townley 41345,

and your parish clerk is:

Christine Jenkinson 41336.

Councillors would be pleased to see you at the meetings on **28 Sept.** and **30 Nov.** in

Westhouse Village Hall at 7 pm. Residents are cordially invited to attend and may bring their concerns for discussion. (Decisions can be made if your question is previously put on the agenda and special meetings can be arranged with three days to inform the public.)

At the Annual Parish Meeting Mr James Ferguson of the YDNP and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust addressed a good number of interested residents on the importance of our roadside verges. He organized a party of volunteers to manage a very good verge on Thornton Lane on Tues. 29 Sept. and Wed 7 Oct. Details: contact James on 01756 751603 or the clerk: 41336.

The council has ordered two new notice-boards, one for Gale Green and one for Far

Westhouse to be sited near the post boxes.

Communication should also be improved when we go online with The Local Channel this month. Mr Florentine, CDC's Waste Recycling Manager, will speak at the meeting on 30 November about the decisions taken by that department this August. Watch the notice boards!

Organized for **Friday 13 November** - an important 'Date for your diary!' We'll be showing the brilliant Oscar-winning '**Slumdog Millionaire**' at 7pm in Westhouse Village Hall. Tickets £4, £3.50 children (over 15s for this one) from Ramwell's Joiners Works, Lower Westhouse: 41662. Numbers are limited, so book early! Refreshments for sale on the night.

~~~~~ **The Poultry Club** (Aka "The Banty Show")

...has several big day shows in the year and evening meetings to show birds and eggs at Westhouse Village Hall during the autumn and winter months. Dates available after the upcoming AGM.

Contact: Daniel Nemeth on 0797 052 7559

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The church is in the midst of a huge fundraising project to restore and modernize the building which is iconic in our landscape. The roof is finished and now the tower

needs to be made safe.

Then the plan is to enlarge and modernize the kitchen so that the church can fulfil its role efficiently as a meeting place for the community.

The summer has been very busy and fun with the Launch Day, the Wildlife Open Garden, birthday parties, the garden Fete, coffee mornings and the Airedale Male Voice Choir Concert.

Now for the autumn events:- On Wednesday 16th Sept. in the churchyard at 6.30pm will be '*The Grand St. Oswald's Potato Growing Event!*' (A harvest weigh-in of the seed potatoes bought at the Launch day.)

Then, on Friday the 25th in Westhouse Village Hall will be the '*Jacobs Join Potato Harvest Supper*' at 7pm. £5 or £2.50 if involved in the Potato Growing.

Sunday 27th September will be *Harvest Festival* in the church at 2.30 pm.

On Sat. 10th October there will be *Family Bingo* in Westhouse Village Hall at 7.30, with prizes and raffle and on

Sat. 21 November from 10-12am the *Pre-Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Morning* in the Church.

Pattern of Services:

1st Sunday in the month - All age Worship. 2nd and 3rd Sundays Holy Communion and 4th Sunday: Sung Communion. All at 9.30am. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays there is *Junior Church* at 10.15 am. For details....

Contact: Rosemary Hartley 42207

The Young Farmers Club

...can provide young people aged 10-26 with a wealth of new experience and opportunities. Members come from a variety of backgrounds, all of whom share an interest in the rural environment. As such, the NFYFC is the largest rural youth organization of its kind in the UK.

For your local club...

Contact: Elizabeth Gardner
0787 650 6718

The Village Hall Friday Evenings

Organised by the Village Hall Committee on behalf of the old Redmayne Trust, a programme of interesting talks is arranged for the third Friday Evening of the month throughout the autumn and winter.

The season begins in Westhouse Village Hall on 18 September at 7.30pm with '*Living Below 60 Degrees*' by Mike Tracey; on 16 October '*Life after Foot and Mouth*' by Alison the shepherdess; and An Evening of Christmas Bingo and Mince Pies on 27 November. Entry for the

evenings has had to rise to the princely sum of £2 because of increasing costs.

Contact: Judith Hay on
41193

The Village Hall is **available for hire** for parties, events, dances, barbeques and meetings at £6 an hour.

There is disabled access and toilet facilities, a big kitchen and a large grassed area and yard.

Contact: Doreen Dryden
41448

Westhouse Methodists

In addition to the services every Sunday evening at 11am and 6.30 pm and Prayer Meetings on Tuesday nights at 7.30, there is a full and interesting programme arranged for the chapel:

Oct. 4th: *Harvest Thanksgiving* 11am and

6.30pm with speaker Sue Gilmore, the Capernwray Bible School Registrar for all of its five English speaking European Bible Schools
Oct 11th: *Family Service* 11am.

Oct 18th *Churches Celebrate Together* in Ingleton Community Centre with speaker Capt S Loble from Ripon, who may bring singers from York....

Oct 24th *Fellowship Anniversary* 7.30pm with Capernwray Bible College Students

Oct 25th 11am and 6.30pm with Angela Mills, an excellent speaker who was the first lady lecturer at Capernwray.

Nov 8th *Family Service* 11am.

Contact Mr Thomas Fawcett
41222

W.I.

Our branch of the Cumbria-Westmorland Federation holds meetings in Westhouse Village Hall at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday in the month and there is always something for everyone to enjoy. The excellent monthly magazine reminds us of the opportunities it provides for all kinds of women and that the WI is as relevant and radical as it ever was, enabling

women to make a difference to their lives, their community and the world in which they live.

Meetings consist of 'business' when members peruse the multitude of activities in the monthly area newsletter, choosing those in which they would like to participate; and a talk or hands-on activity from our own programme. Our last meeting for example was an outing to the superb Ingleton bowling green for expert tuition in the sport.

For the autumn programme: on Sept 1st Mrs Scholes will be teaching *Rag Rug Making*
Oct 6th Jeff Woods will be giving a talk on *The Life and Times of a Sewer Rat*;

Friday Oct 9th is the special Open Evening when all are invited to the members' fine, traditional *Hot Pot Supper - with entertainment.*, This is not to be missed, though numbers are limited and should be booked. Entry £6. Contact Nancy Lund 41458.

Oct 27th *W.I. Lunch.* - venue tba. Three times a year the group lunches together, sampling the menus at local eating places, combined once a year with the Day Out!
Nov 1st the AGM and annual competition with a small but tasty Jacob's Join to follow.

Contact Sheila Parkinson
on 015242 72353

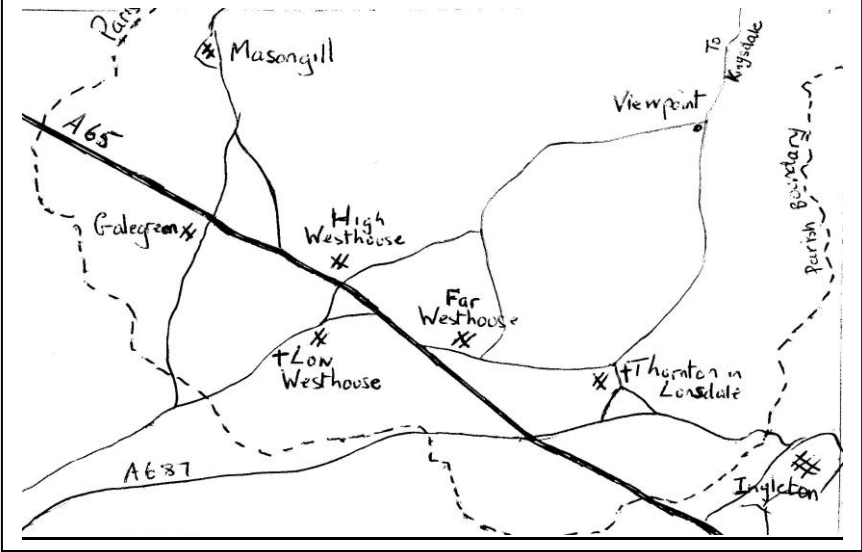
In Your Garden: Though the summer weather has been variable, it has been reasonable compared to the last two years!: the Busy Lizzies stood a better chance, the geraniums were lovely and the tomatoes are hanging like grapes, though strangely there seems to be fewer mushrooms than usual. **To do** in September: plant your bulbs for Christmas and Spring and do your winter baskets – possibly an ‘Irish Dawn’ Hebe, tinged with red, in the centre to plant out next year. In October trim down, though not too hard - leave some pruning ‘til spring. You can be too tidy! Then in November it’s time too ease off and watch out for holly for your wreathes (‘Mayqueen’ is special) and gather moss now to dry for your winter creations. **Contact:** Alan Collier 41868

St Oswald’s historic church tower



The tower is all that remains of the ancient Norman church dating back to the 13th century. During a blizzard in 1933 a fire gutted the church which was rebuilt as a replica of the 1870 building, in a decorative 14th century gothic style by Austin and Paley. Standing near the foot of Ingleborough, It is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful churches in the diocese. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was married here and there is a compelling argument that Emily Bronte’s’ *Wuthering Heights*’ was set in this vicinity.

Most of us live here:



Suggestions and contributions for the next edition in November would be very welcome: please **contact** 41336.