

The Thornton-in-Lonsdale Community Newsletter

Autumn

2010

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Cave Rescue (CRO)

The Kingsdale Master Streamway has been the scene of a many a dramatic life-saving call-out by Clapham Cave Rescue. Chairman Jack Pickup of Thornton says the annual call-out rate is rapidly rising - more than 40 this year so far- most recently two cavers lost overnight in Swinsto Hole above dangerous floodwaters which took altogether 386 group manhours to bring to the surface; and a caver too exhausted to ladder climb to the roof Tunnel, hauled out and escorted to safety.

Jack is very grateful for generous donations towards the great £150,000 new extension to the Depo: eg, a young enthusiast's Bay Walk Team's £11000 and a percentage of Dent Breweries' limited edition 'Resc-ewe' Beer!

Celebrating its 75th Anniversary later this year with a grand dinner for rescued and rescuers, it was the first volunteer rescue team in the country, possibly the world - operational since 1935 when senior clubs set it up along with the Police and St John's Ambulance after a very protracted rescue of an injured caver.

The team is voluntary, made up of local experienced cavers, climbers and walkers who give their time freely to help those in need of assistance on the fells and down the caves, funded entirely by charitable donations and on call at all times, day or night. This year the Queen recognized the team's exceptional public service with the prestigious award of the M.B.E.

Contact secretary@cro.org.uk or write to the Chairman, CRO Depot, Clapham, North Yorkshire LA2 8HH

North Craven Heritage Trust

The congregation of St Oswald's were delighted with our donation towards the repair of the tower. The medieval tower needed repointing, repair of stone window louvres and worn and unsafe spiral staircase. Happily the work was carried out to a high standard.

The summer **Know Your Area Walks** (around 1.5 miles) went in June around Horton in Ribblesdale and July, Ingleton.

The June **Sunday walk** took members to the Summit of Burn Moor with Bill Hinde and the 5 September one will be to see *Curious Rock*.

Features on Pen y Ghent.

On 3 Oct. Sheila Gordon will lead 'Cows and Coney's' at Giggleswick and on 7 Nov - around *Austwick and Feizor* with the Cullingworths.

The next three **Tuesday Talks** will be:

7 Sept. *Tot Lord, local archaeologist and collector.* Richard Whinray

19 Oct AGM and 'Some Backward Glances- *Public Health and the NCHT*' (us.) Harold Foxcroft

9 Nov *Upper Ribble Wetlands Project.* Adrian Shepherd

If you would like to come to the sumptuous *Christmas Party* on 3 Dec please ring **Heather Jemson** 41480 as for any other information you may need.

In the Garden

I'm afraid gardens have suffered from late planting after the cold frosty spring and now the lack of sun this strange 'summer.' Beans and potatoes may be needing some fungicide this wet weather. (But in the greenhouse a pot of peas has given me a huge crop!) We have had also a lot of trouble with weeds which love the wet-hoeing is best in dry weather but can still save your back if it's damp!

Looking ahead – get on with sowing Pansies and Polyanthus now in September and they will be strong when you need them-or if you leave it, buy plugs. Separate your strawberries and replant the bed (basket or pot) Also bulbs, of course, for the house at Christmas and the garden early spring. There will be more flushes of mushrooms -very good this year-and the blackberries will be marvelous as are the apples.

Storage – apples, beetroot etc : keep cool and separate. Check regularly as you use them- least perfect first.

I counted 24 brilliantly coloured butterflies on my Buddleia one sunny moment – a must for every garden along with Cotoneaster for the birds and nettles for nature. Soak some in water and give it your plants – unbeatable!

Alan Collier 41868

Ideas and contributions for Site or Newsletter

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Chris 41336 cr.jenk@hotmail.co.uk

Our Natural History

Blue, Great and Coal Tits have been numerous this summer having bred well in spring; Redpolls have visited the table regularly for the nyger seeds and Nuthatches for the black sunflower. Our Swallows chose a new site for nesting this year. The Blackbirds are now on their third brood, the rain making worms available for them and snails for the Thrushes! A resident has reported chaffinches feeding on Amelanchier berries in her garden.

In Edith's Wood, Meadow Brown Butterflies and Skippers are flying on sunny days. This Woodland Trust area is turning into an excellent nature reserve. We have seen few Small Tortoiseshells, Painted Ladies and Red Admirals in the garden but hope that August and September will bring more of these beauties as some may migrate from the continent where they have bred more successfully.

Yellow Underwing Moths emerge abundantly now from grassy places leaving their maroon pupae in the soil. In our (humane) moth trap we have had the Poplar Hawk and the Elephant Hawk moths – both very impressive – and the small, white, dotted Bird Cherry Ermine whose caterpillars, as seen on television, weave protective webs in trees (also in Edith's Wood.)

At the pond, Broad-bodied Chaser dragonflies have laid eggs, and several Blue Damselies – one identifiable as the rarer Azure. August will have brought our usual Common Darters and the great Southern Hawker Dragonfly, given some good weather!

Liz and Roger Neale 41155 for your reports and information.

WI



Our WI is a small, friendly group on the eastern outskirts of the former county of Westmorland in this beautiful parish of sparse

population. HOWEVER - it benefits from all that is on offer to larger Federation groups.

The monthly newsletter WI News contains information on all current activities so please let us know if you would like a copy. There is a very good choir, drama, art, craft, food, farm, gardens, walks, current affairs and trips out to name but a few!

Now the Great Garden Festival at Holker is over. the Westmorland County Agriculture Society Show on Thursday 9 September, is the last 'communal' event of the summer, (for both of which reduced and even complimentary tickets are available to members.)

So to our own events of the Autumn:

7 September Mike Wynne from Walks Worldwide,

5 October The Jordon Challenge by Teena Douglas Taylor,

12 October Lunch out,

3 November AGM.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm in Westhouse Village Hall, 1st Tues. in month. We have something for everyone to enjoy so come and meet us! You would be very welcome.

Anne Hunter 41120

Ingleborough Archaeology Group

The dig at Kingdale Head in May/June yielded an extra 800 "small finds," most worked pieces of chert (available locally) with a much smaller number of worked flint pieces (the flint got from trading or possibly odd pieces washed up on the coast.) They show us that the people at Kingsdale Head 8500 years ago were making a variety of stone tools to help them acquire food, shelter, clothing and defences against predators. Their ingenuity in using local resources to create sharp-edged stone tools is astonishing.

During the year a significant number of sites have been identified from the "Dark Ages" (between the Romans leaving Britain in the 5th century and the establishment of the great Anglo-Saxon kingdoms in the 9th.) Previously nothing was recorded from this period locally but we now know that farmers, woodworkers and smiths were at Chapel-le-Dale and Clapham who were affluent enough to own a high status sword. Arthur Batty has an excellent article on the website

(www.ingleborougharchaeologygroup.org.uk) with photos and full details.

Pre-Roman sites have been noted by members on Leck Fell, Twistleton Scar End and Scales Moor. The latter two locations will be subject to extensive mapping over the next couple of years. The Traditional Farm Buildings census and survey in the parish is almost complete following the work done in the early summer.

Forthcoming events (for which a small charge is made,) include:

Sunday 9 Sept Visit to Ilkley Moor to see the prehistoric art on the rocks in the company of an expert. No dogs on this walk please. - Chris Bonsall on 41931.

Monday 18 Oct The Ingleborough Project - Yvonne Luke.

Monday 15 Nov Later Prehistoric Settlement in the Yorkshire Dales. - Tim Laurie.

Jeff Price 41303

Young Farmers

- an organization for young people from 10-26 years not necessarily from farming families - anyone can join. We have a good varied weekly programme: eg. Thai Chi, the District Rally, flower arranging, stock judging, cooking, doing the obstacle course, judging handbags etc.

There is something for Everybody!

Rachael Easterby 07817918234 or **Gemma**

St Oswald's Parish Church

LOOKING BACK- a number of successful events over the summer: *The Ceilidh* in Westhouse Village Hall was a most enjoyable evening with an excellent band and delicious refreshments! A hugely successful *Jumble Sale* at Ingleton Community Centre raised £870 and the *Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band* entertained an appreciative audience to an evening of varied musical pieces. All raised money towards the building of kitchen and toilet facilities in the church. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make these events such a success!

Hear about what the Christian faith has to say about living creatively in today's world, 9.30 on a Sunday Morning.

LOOKING FORWARD to the Autumn we have a series of events which we hope you will put in your diary:

Sat. 11 Sept. *St Oswald's Harvest Supper with light entertainment* 7pm Westhouse Village Hall

Sun 12 Sept. *Joint Harvest Festival Service with Westhouse Methodist Chapel* (No 9.30am service)

Sat 16 Oct *Churches Celebrate Together Workshop.* Revd. Richard Hardy, Ingleton CC

Sun 17 Oct *Churches Celebrate Together Service* Preacher: Revd. Richard Hardy, in St Oswald's.

Sun 31 Oct. 9.30am in St Oswald's *'In Loving Memory'* Joint with All Saint's

Sun 14 Nov. *Remembrance Service* 9.30am, St Oswald's Church.

Sat 27 Nov 10.30am -1.00pm (time may change!) in St Oswald's, *'Christmas Fayre'*

We would love to welcome you to all these events and also our regular morning services.

Rosemary 42207 and **Jean** 41137

Westhouse Methodist Chapel

Our new superintendant minister, Stephen Normanton with his wife Philippa, will start his appointment 1 Sept and live in Settle. His welcome service is Sunday 6 Sept at 6.30pm at St John's Methodist, Settle.

We are continuing to have good numbers at all our services:

There is to be an adult baptism by total emersion on Sunday 12 Sept, 6.30pm at our church.

Harvest Thanksgiving is on the weekend 2 and 3 Oct., the Sunday services at 11am and 6.30pm.

Keith Willis will be our speaker.

As part of our local Churches Celebrate Together this year our visiting speaker is Rev. Richard Hardy. On Sat. 16 Oct. we have arranged a seminar when Richard will talk about encouraging the next generation of Christian Workers. He will preach at our church on Sun. 17th at 11am and at the event on Sun, 6.30pm at High Bentham.

Jean and Thomas will be showing slides and talking about their trips to Uganda 'A Walk

Through Uganda' on the 'Friday Evening ' of 22 Oct. in Westhouse Village Hall.

It is our church Fellowship Anniversary at 7.30pm on Sat. and 6.30pm on Sun. 23 and 24 Oct. The speaker is David Percy.

And finally on Sat. 13 Nov. at 2pm we are having a musical afternoon led by Simple Harmony, a group of five ladies.

Anyone who would like to join us at any of our services will be made most welcome.

Thomas Fawcett 41222

The Village Hall 'Friday Evenings'

The Village Hall Committee has decided not to have a meeting in September. Its programme is:

Fri. 22 Oct *A walk through Uganda* – Thomas and Jean Fawcett

Fri. 26 Nov. *Christmas Bingo*

No meeting in December.

Please send your ideas for good meetings to **Judith Hay** 41193. To book the Hall: **Doreen** 41448

Parish Council

'How to run a club and keep people interested' turned out to be the theme of the Parish Assembly Meeting in May. Some good advice was given.

At the AGM, councillor Bryan Lund stepped down as chairman after 14 faithful years. He nominated councillor David Wiper as his successor, supported by councillor Ramwell, and in turn was elected vice-chairman. After his annual report he said a big thank you to the clerk and all the councillors for their support over the years and wished the new Chairman well in his term of office.

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that in spite of the state of the national economy, the general financial position of the Council was still very sound.

At the Ordinary Meeting, Dr Sheila Hunter was welcomed as the new member.

The council was asked whether the newsletters, after a year, were useful and should continue. It was decided that they were and that they should. Also the clerk had asked parishioners for practical help to set up an independent website, since received.

The new indestructible seat had been installed on Westgate Lane by councillors Ramwell and Lund who received thanks from the chairman.

Minutes of the July Meeting will be posted on the Website. **Chris Jenkinson**, clerk. 41336

The Poultry Club (Banty Show)

There will be a meeting in November to decide on the next shows so – watch this space! Info. from **Yvonne Metcalfe** 63114

Old Houses of Thornton Thornton Hall (1.)

Although, judging by the archaeological dig at Broadwood, Thornton may have existed in Romano-British times, most of our old houses only date back to the Elizabethan period.

One of the most interesting was Thornton Hall, now alas no more. Our 'best window' on the hall was when it was used by Sir John Redmayne in the seventeenth century. There with Lady Sarah his wife and his children he presided as Lord of the Manor of Thornton. Thornton was an ancient manor, part of the 'honour' of Richmond, so when the Duke of Richmond became Henry VII in 1485, Thornton became a Royal manor in the hands of the king. (Therefore later, the Redmaynes were bound to fight for Charles 1 in the civil war in which Sir John was killed.)

So Thornton manor had probably been half timbered, its position on the Dent road chosen for its defensive position commanding the valley. As an ancient hall, the family and retainers would all live in the great central space, with a platform at one end as the apartment for the Lord and his family. The communal fire for heating and cooking would be in the centre of the hall floor, with a hole in the roof for the smoke. Its tower would provide a defensive look out. (*Continued*)

John Hunter

Fishing Club

The sad reduction of fish numbers in the Greta is much to do with predation from Goosander, Cormorant and Mink. We can't do much about the first two, but sightings of mink would be much appreciated. Just tell us where!

Also, the club would like to develop a pond somewhere in the area. So, to prevent damming the river from Scroggs Wood to the Iron Bridge (joke!), if anyone knows of, or has, a suitable spot, please contact: **Glenn Jenkinson** 41336

Westhouse Village School

Sheila Hunter is looking to collect information on the history of the school in Westhouse. She is interested in hearing from anyone who has personal memories, photographs or historical information that would help build a short history.

contact **Sheila** via
drsheilahunter@gmail.com or on
015242 41305.

FLU VACCINATION CLINICS 2010

LUNESDALE SURGERY KIRKBY LONSDALE &
WEST VIEW SURGERY HORNBY

Tues 12 Oct 9.30am - 12.30pm Kirkby Lonsdale Institute

Wed 13 Oct 9.00am - 12.00pm Hornby Institute

Fri 22 Oct 9.30am - 12.30pm Kirkby Lonsdale Institute

These clinics are for patients who are over 65 **or** who fall into a priority group entitled to free vaccination (Phone 71210)

Healthy people under 65 years old do not need to be vaccinated.

This is our iconic Thornton-in-Lonsdale image. Our community is small but considerably larger than this - five hamlets equally significant - and deserving of a fine Website. So here it is:

www.thornton-in-lonsdale.co.uk

For the almost 70% of us who have internet access, it gives us News, community contacts and information, clubs and societies, our council's activities, local history, geography, projects, achievements, useful links, stories, articles, your photos of our beautiful landscape, villages and people and **COLOUR!**

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See you online!

