

The Thornton in Lonsdale Community Newsletter

Autumn

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By popular request another gentle **Nature Walk** is planned for *Monday September 19th at 2.00pm*,
Meet at St Oswald's to find out where we're going!

Pause for Thought

I suspect that, like me, you might have watched the events unfolding on the streets of our major cities in the first half of August with a mixture of disbelief, distress and deep concern. In the period following there has been no shortage of views as to the causes of the disturbances and an equally diverse range of views as to the remedies. I won't rehearse them here.

I do, however, find myself asking searching questions about the moral strength of our nation. What is it that holds our communities together, whether urban, suburban or rural communities? How robust is the moral fibre of our nation and its citizens? While our television screen delivered footage of the mobilisation of mobs wrecking and looting what others had worked hard to build, it also delivered into our living rooms a dignified, gracious citizen of our country who, in spite of the death of his son at the hands of the rioters, addressed his community appealing for calm and a halt to the violence. What he did required courage, discipline and a dignity that not only moved me to tears but provided that moral compass and voice of integrity that the situation so desperately needed. To my mind, in addressing his community he spoke to a need in the heart of our nation.

At a time of deep personal distress, he put others before self. When he could have reacted with anger and blame, he appealed to the best that is within the human heart. When he could have retreated into his home and closed the door, he came onto the streets of his community and acted as a force for good.

Riots and looting seem a long way from our rural environment. Thankfully, our community has a reputation for mutual cooperation and care for those who live here and visit here. But hard times in any number of guises can visit a neighbourhood, including ours. Should that day come, will the moral fibre of our community be robust enough? I would like to think that there will be those in our community, including me, who would be able to put others before self, stand up for what is just, speak and act with discipline for the good of the community.

Sheila Hunter

Nature this Summer

Despite very mixed weather with periods of rain interspersed with sunny periods the wildlife has not suffered too much. Our verges have been full of flowers and birds have reared their young successfully. We have had fledgling goldfinches, greenfinches, bullfinches, robins and even a young nuthatch in the garden and our swallows have reared a brood of six, a record number. Certainly there have been lots of flies about for food. Christine Jenkinson reported a pair of Siskins feeding regularly on nyger seeds. These attractive small birds are not common in our parish; check them in a bird book and let us know if you have seen them. In July we heard two adult and two young tawny owls calling to each other. They must have bred locally. Do you hear owls?



In June a dead Roe Deer was reported on the A65 roadside in our parish; these deer are now common in any woodland patches and we have heard them

barking at night from inside Edith's Wood.

In July we walked round the Wood, now proving an ideal habitat for butterflies, with two Settle experts for a survey. 53 Meadow Browns were counted along with Large Skippers, Small Skippers, Small Tortoiseshells, Red Admirals, Green-veined Whites and Small Whites. They are hoping that Ringlet Butterflies will breed here soon as they are spreading into our area and the long unmown grass is what they need. They are dark brown and unlike Meadow Browns they have pale circles on their wings with dark centres. Look out for butterflies in sunny weather.

The Thornton Lane bank is producing a mass of flowers now the scrub has been cut back, admired by our group of rambles walking the parish on a pleasant June evening. Two Spotted Orchids flowered this year. Look out for green woodpeckers here feeding on their favourite food, Yellow Meadow ant pupae – very rare.

Let us know what you see this autumn.

Liz and Roger Neale 411

An old farmer used to say this: "It's not best to swap horses while crossing streams."
and "It's a good horse that niver stumbles."

St Oswald's

All parishes in the Bradford Diocese were allocated tickets to the Enthronement of The Right Reverend Nicholas Baines as the tenth Bishop of Bradford on Saturday, 21 May, 2011, at the Cathedral. This meant that a small group of people from the Benefice of St Oswald's and All Saints', were lucky to be able to attend this special event. It was a wonderful occasion and will be long remembered for its 'pomp and ceremony'.

The Ascension Day service on 2 June was held at All Saints' and on the Sunday following, it was decided to celebrate at St Oswald's with a further service preaching the Ascension message. At Pentecost the Open Air Service on the village green at Burton was held indoors, as the there was a chilly wind. The church room at All Saints' was full to capacity. Robert Lawson gave the sermon.

Sunday, 19 June was the 60th Anniversary of the Ordination of Canon John Hunter and the morning service was a Celebration of this event. Friends and family of John and Sheila were in attendance as were many parishioners who wished to celebrate this special occasion with him. Canon John took the service and The Dean of Bradford, The Very Revd Dr David Ison, preached.

The Ceilidh held at the Village Hall raised £394. Cancer Care benefitted from the visit of the Note-able Girls' Choir and after expenses were paid £155 was raised for the charity. A donation of £50 was given to St Oswald's which went towards the heating. A staggering £873 was raised at the Jumble Sale in the Community Centre. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these events.

On 20 August was "Ireby Day," a Bring & Buy Sale & fun activities at Netherbeck House

In **September** will be:

Saturday 3rd - The Sponsored Walk from St Oswald's to St Andrew's, Dent (10 miles).

Tuesday 20th - Potato weigh-in.

Thursday 22nd - Foxy Lady Fashion Show in church.

(Please see posters) and on Saturday 24th - Harvest Supper.

October

Friday 7th - Coffee Morning at the home of Gillian Ford, Little Barras, Masingill.

Jean Bell 41137

Westhouse Methodist Church.

The Methodist Circuit in this area have appointed a new minister (to replace Rev. Roger Fox who has retired,) his name is Rev. Bryan Yardy his wife Sue and their son Joshua. They will be officially welcomed on the 1st September 7-30 pm at High Bentham Methodist Church where all will be welcome.

Our harvest thanks giving at Westhouse is on Sat. 1st & 2nd Oct. Sat. evening will be the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at 7pm.

The Sunday services are at 11am and 6-30 pm. when all will be made most welcome. The speaker is Rev John Millard. The Fellowship Anniversary will be on 29th & 30th Oct,

7-30 pm on the Sat. and 11am & 6.30 pm on the Sunday. (Carols by candle light will be held on Sunday 18th December at 6-30 pm. There will also be a Christmas day service at 10-30 am.

We extend a warm welcome to you all, to all or any of these services and to our week night meetings that are held on Tuesday evening at 7-30

Who needs men...We do!
 (a gentle campaign to recruit more Men to our choir)
 You are kindly invited to try a few sessions in
 September - *no pressure* -just great **Camaraderie** and
 wonderful **Harmonies.**
Men, KLCS needs YOU !!
 (and your voice-high or low, strong or sensitive)*and*

'Rosie' at *Kirkby Lonsdale Choral Society* 71068



North Craven Heritage Trust (NCHT)

The summer musical evening 'Picnic in the Park' held at Coniston Hall and featuring two excellent young singers was a great success. It was very enjoyable to sit listening to music in the warm evening sunshine whilst eating our picnics.

The next event is a 'Geology Heritage Walk' in Austwick, on Sunday 4 September 2.30pm, leader Michael Southworth. Meet at the Gamecock Sunday 4 September.

The next talk is at Bentham Town Hall about 'The Romans' Departure from Britain' given by Prof. David Shotter, 8 September, 7.30pm.

Our AGM is on 13 October in Victoria Hall, Settle and the next speaker is Roger Martlew, his subject 'The Archaeology of Langcliffe,' on 8 November, Langcliffe Village Hall, both at 7.30pm

(Looking ahead, there will be two events in December: the Christmas party on 2 December at Austwick, 7 for 7.30pm; and on Sunday 11 December Giles Bowring will lead a walk round Lawkland Hall estate, starting at 1.45pm and followed by mince pies at the Hall.

All welcome at any event, members and non-members. However, if you wish to join the Lawkland walk, please ring the Hall first so numbers are known. Offers of mince pies welcome.)

Heather Jemson 41480

Young Farmers Rachael Easterby 0781 7918 23

Poultry Club Yvonne Metcalfe 63114

Ingleborough Archaeology Group (IAG)

Will the excavation at Selside this summer prove to have been ground-breaking? (too good a pun to miss.) We are still awaiting the results of radio carbon dating but the blighters have taken their summer holidays so the tension is mounting. Will the site prove to be an important prehistoric site, the first excavated rectangular stone age structure in the Pennines? Or will it prove to be merely a hut used by the servants of the monasteries in medieval times? Watch this space (if you can contain your impatience,) or visit the website (if you cannot.)

Programme for the next three months:

Sunday September 18th Dr Boughey will lead a walk on Ilkley Moor looking at the prehistoric rock art there. Meet at the Community Centre at (9:00 am) or Settle Market Place (9:15 am) to arrange car sharing or Darwin Gardens Car Park, Wells Road, Ilkley at 10.15am.

The Autumn talks programme (Third Monday of the Month at the Community Centre, 7:30) begins with:

October 17th AGM followed by 'Post-medieval Ribblesdale: historical and palaeoecological evidence of farming and landscape change.' Professor Ian Whyte/Dr Helen Shaw
November 21st 'Craven Merchants and the Virgin Islands In the 19th century.' Dr Mike Winstanley

Jeff Price 41303

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**In the Garden**

I have never seen anything like that rain in 40 years! Another awful summer for us up here has laid low flowers and vegetables, hanging baskets have been bashed about sadly and outdoor tomatoes have not been good. A bad year for garden butterflies but plenty of slugs and snails for the hedgehogs!



And the runner beans are quite good! And the strawberries.  
So now it's a matter of sowing and storing. Sow Spring Cabbage and any greens for next year, also winter pansies now. Lift potatoes,

unless you want them to grow big, especially if plants look blighted as they won't keep but are fine to use. Early autumn is the time for cuttings, like Veronica and Escallonia. So prune hedges, too, and soft fruits. Blackcurrants and raspberries need old growth taken out right to the bottom, but just a light touch on gooseberries. Apples are very good. Thin out if crowded and you'll have bigger ones, and plums, too, if you have a lot. Good Gardening!

**Alan Collier** 41868

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(and to link with the next item...)

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit;
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad!...

Thornton-in-Lonsdale WI

In April we dabbled with water colour paints, again with one of the members. Who said we couldn't go back to our childhood and play and get a bit messy? There were certainly some very interesting and eye pleasing results however. May and June we attended to business matters and in July we all learnt how to make and wear a Fascinator with Zena Herbert from Morecambe. Again we made it an open meeting and we had a very lively audience. We watched intently as Zena expertly put together various items to form these lovely fascinators and then we had a fashion parade with everybody wearing one for a time. Zena very kindly donated one for our raffle and the winner, one of our visitors, was highly delighted with her prize.

This year we celebrate our 90th birthday and we are having a party to celebrate on the 25th October. Invitations have been sent out and we are looking forward to making it an event for our WI, to remember. As a group we are going to the Midland Hotel in Morecambe for afternoon tea - something to really enjoy.

All in all we have had a very eventful year and we now look forward to our 90th.

Ann Hunter 74379

Ann and Richard Hunter, late of Chalybeate Kennels, would like to thank all for their good wishes on their retirement, which they are now enjoying and making the most of the so called extra time. Don't know how we found the time to work! (know it's an old cliché.) Best wishes to all and see you around.

Ann and Richard

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**Thornton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council**

Recent finance: Since June the council has been acquiring and considering tenders from three local builders for installing the steps at the Memorial, relaying the paving and mending the crack at the base. An application for a grant for the work is now with the War Memorials Trust. The council is confident that all will be completed before Remembrance Sunday in November.

The council is obliged to be insured, also audited internally and externally and has this summer paid for a new seat for the Village Green and tub plants for the Green and the Memorial. Small donations have been sent to the Lune Rivers Trust and the CAB. There have been Election Charges to pay, the monthly grasscutting of the Green and a small charge for the printing of the newsletter which will be retrieved from a CDC grant already acquired. Transfer of deposited funds to an account with a good rate of interest has recently been arranged.

More next time, perhaps planning, highways, floods...

(Next meeting 26 September, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

All welcome)

**Christine Jenkinson** 41336



**Class of 2002**

Some of those assembled for the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations in that year.

And Now:

There will be a **VERY IMPORTANT MEETING**

in **Lower Westhouse Village Hall** on **29 September 2011** at **7.30pm.**

involving everyone in Masongill, Higher Westhouse, Far Westhouse, Thornton and Lower Westhouse  
to **Discuss and Arrange**

**CELEBRATIONS !**

for the Queen's **DIAMOND JUBILEE** next year

Your attendance is **Vital** as are your **Ideas** for future programmes.)

**Glimpses into the history of Westhouse  
Methodist Church-Episode 1**

**Early days**

Bearing in mind that John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, lived from 1703-1791, it is interesting to find that a Methodist Society consisting of six members was formed in Westhouse as early as **1806**.

Ten years later, land and a cottage were sold by John Town for a preaching house to be used for Methodist purposes only. So in **1816** the first Chapel was built at Westhouse. It was part of the Lancaster Circuit and had Richard Thornton as one of its trustees.

**Sheila Hunter**

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**Be careful where you tread!**

Most of us coming into a church take no thought of what lies below us as we tread. At St Oswald's, in-church burial entries began in 1615, the earliest being that of 'Ja: son of Leonard Craven' in 1614.

In 1705 the in-church burial of a child was charged at 6d, adults remaining at 4d. Usually there was no exact position mentioned in records. Rarely 'in the n.aisle' or 'in the porch,' for example, may be indicated.

With the development of scientific secularism In the 18thC the practice faded and, considered 'unhygienic' by Parliament, was ended in 1848.

*(Excerpts from) John Hunter's article in the NCHT Journal 2011*



*I trust in Nature for the stable laws  
Of beauty and utility  
Spring shall plant  
And Autumn garner to the end of time.*

**Robert Browning**

