

### *Potholers break through the final Three Counties Link*

One of UK Caving's Holy Grails has been found but it sounds very uncomfortable indeed: 'The final connection was made in the much postulated 'Three Counties System'. After over 140m of digging through an horrendous boulder choke, Lost Johns has been joined to Notts 2 - the final link in a 50 year+ saga. It is now possible to go underground in Cumbria, travel below Lancashire and emerge in Yorkshire (if you are hard.) All those involved, from whatever era, should celebrate this fantastic achievement. The system is now approximately 102km.'  
(One of the party)

#### **There have been some brilliant suggestions for THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE in June 2012:**

THE COMMUNITY WALK: complete or in 'legs' (for those whose legs couldn't complete) to start from Westhouse Village Hall, 5 June at 1.30pm, when another group leaves St Oswald's, both groups to meet at Edith's Wood at 1.45pm and continue onto Masongill. Another group to leave Ireby at 2.15pm to meet the groups at Masongill. All three groups to walk together through Gale Green and back to Westhouse Village Hall by 3.30-4.00pm for AFTERNOON TEA.

The Hall will be decorated WITH BUNTING AND FLAGS and a display of photos from the community taken over the last 60 years. A film of the coronation could be shown on the screen which could be buried on the Green in a time capsule with other items from Today!

And a Jubilee Oak should be planted somewhere in the Parish.

#### **Village Hall 'Friday Evenings'**

The next 'Friday Evening' organised by the Village Hall Committee will be a Dominoes, Pie and Peas Night on 27 January 2012 at 7.30 pm, and the 17 February meeting is Malcolm Culshaw's Photo Quiz.

**Please Note:** the Redmayne Trust offers annually financial assistance to parishioners over 80 years. Apply to Catherine Ramwell 41499.

#### **Microsoft buys Christmas**

NORTH POLE - Microsoft announced an agreement with Santa Claus Industries to acquire Christmas at a press conference held via satellite from Santa's summer estate somewhere in the southern hemisphere. In the deal, Microsoft would gain exclusive rights to Christmas, Reindeer, and other unspecified inventions. In addition, Microsoft will gain access to millions of households through the Santa Sleigh

Though specific terms of the agreement were withheld pending final FTC approval, a Santa official confirmed that the deal was "sizeable, even for a man of Santa's stature." Some analysts think that Santa has saturated the Holiday market, and is looking for a means to expand his business to year-round products and services.

Others contend that the Jolly Red Man is looking to retire to the Bahamas.

#### **Visit our Christmas tree on the Green, Lower Westhouse.**

There will be carols round the tree (and round the village) with the Methodists on Tuesday, 20 December, soon after 6.30 pm.

#### **FOOTPATH FAULTS**

For anyone wishing to report problems regarding footpaths in the area contact details are as follows:

**David Gibson** Tel. 61942

Email: cdgibson@talktalk.net

It would be appreciated if as complete details as possible could be supplied regarding location and the nature of the problem. A map reference and footpath number would also be helpful.

Joint Access and Rights of Way Committee for Ingleton, Bentham, Thornton and Burton.



# The Thornton in Lonsdale Community Newsletter

Winter

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**Winter is icummen in, Llude sing Goddamm!** Ezra Pound

#### **On the Farm**

Most of the cattle are inside now as Winter approaches. There are just a few heifers still outside enjoying the mild Autumn. This time last year Ingleborough had its first snowy cap and by the end of November we were all "enjoying" our first Winter snowfall. A few calves are being born at the moment not all straightforward, one breech birth and a cesarean, in the last fortnight. Many of our cows are in calf to a Friesian bull but we also have two other bulls a Beef Shorthorn and an Aberdeen Angus. They are old native breeds.

Most of the sheep are in lamb, just a few hogs (first timers) left to be marked. Hopefully the first lambs should start to appear in early February so fingers crossed for a mild dry Spring!

Farmers fill their Winter months with maintenance tasks such as walling, hedging and fencing and of course spreading the manure - you follow James on that tractor and tanker up the A65 past Country Harvest many a day!

**Malcolm and Hilary Lund**

#### **Thornton-in-Lonsdale WI**

Unfortunately the September meeting, due to illness and the extremely wet weather, had to be cancelled. However the October meeting saw the arrival of our 90th birthday month and we started the celebrations with a delightful visit to the Midland Hotel in Morecambe. Despite the wind nearly decapitating us we started with an escorted tour of this wonderful Art Deco hotel. A really fascinating place and it is so good that much has been saved and renovated. Then came tea;

a real feast and beautifully presented - eaten whilst looking over the incoming tide in the bay, culminating in a 90th birthday celebration cake. This was delicious and specially prepared for us by the hotel chef.

Then, on the 25th October, we had our birthday party at the Westhouse Village hall and celebrated with invited guests from other Institutes and members of the Board of Trustees of the WI. We were also accompanied by the Federation Chairman, Ruth Rigg, and Honorary President of the Federation, Olive Clarke. It was a truly memorable evening with food prepared by our members and a wonderful, musical and slide presentation given by Maurice Steele, entitled 'Sing Penguin Sing'. The slides showed his visit to the Antarctic and the Falkland Islands. Everybody really enjoyed it, and as somebody said, not one closed eye throughout the whole thing!

We shall always have these memories of a very enjoyable 90th birthday.

At our December meeting on the 6th we will be welcoming our WI Advisor Margaret Hodgins.

**Ann Hunter, President**

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**Young Farmers** Rachael Easterby-

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**Poultry Club** Yvonne Metcalfe-

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#### **Our Christmas Movie!**

**Friday 9 December 7.30, Westhouse Village Hall**

*'Lots of fun' 'Their warmth and humour will have you rooting for these underdogs'*

Tickets £4 adults, £2.50 children from councillors or at the door to include tea and mince pies