

COWLING NEWS

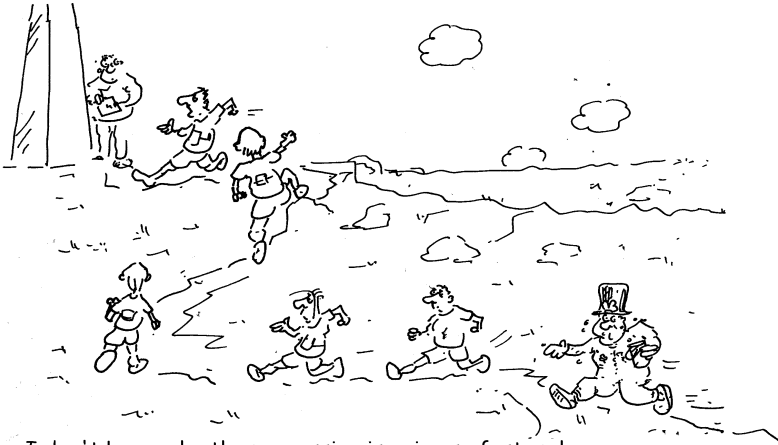
August 2009



Fantastic fairies fluttering in and out of the bushes
Around and around they go.
Invisible to all around
Rarely seen
Invincible fairies that a witch can't beat!
Elegant and beautiful
Shimmering wings which shine in the sun.

Winning poem in the category 'Written entries' at Cowling Gala 2009, age group 5 – 7 by Eleanor Brigg

COWLING GALA 2009



I don't know why the procession is going so fast up here
there's nobody to collect money from

Doug Lawrence

YOUR LETTERS

COWLING MEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES WW1 AND 2

Dear Readers,

Thankfully my own Grandad and a number of others were lucky enough to return home from WW1, but around 60 of our Cowling men died, 10 men in WW2. I am told that Grandad was never the same again, which made me wonder what it must have been like for Cowling to have lost so many young men – sons, brothers, fathers and friends!

A few years ago, and after lots of research- I put two albums together, and am constantly updating with any new information – the list may be found on either Cowlingweb or Cowling Council sites.

Lately the Commonwealth War Graves Commission have been in touch as they are coming to the village to clean and restore their military graves here – and presumably must have many thousands of such like graves to upkeep!

I have now asked the CWGC if they would kindly check over my list, which has now been forwarded to their head office, so I hope to hear of any queries or corrections later on. I would now like to find out if there is any local person/artist who would be willing to write out and decorate (calligraphy?) this list with a view to having it framed and hung in the village – expenses only to be reimbursed. Very sadly I do know that the late David Hoyle (artist) would have been proud to have done this for “his” village and the men who lost their lives, but not an option now.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Tindale, 17 Pinnacle View.

Also:

Raymond Blackstone (formerly of Cowling) would be very grateful for any photos or copies of photos of his family, especially his father Morris Blackstone who passed away when Raymond was a baby, and his sister Sheila who also very sadly died at an early age. Please contact Joan@Cowlingweb.co.uk or Mark@Cowlingweb and I will pass anything relevant on to Raymond. Thanks

[You can also leave a message in the newsletter box if you do not have email. The ed.]

Village of the Year Competition

Cowling did not get shortlisted for the Village of the Year competition by Rural Action Yorkshire but we have been formally invited to the Awards Evening on the 18th September at North Stainley near Ripon. Thank you to everyone who helped with completing the entry form and volunteering information, returning phone calls and giving some time to the project. Special thanks go to Anne Hinckley whose support, skills and dedication made it a joy to work on this project and learn more about the village!

Kirsten

COWLING GALA

What a brilliant Gala Day it was! Sincere thanks go to the organisers, and especially Joanne Winstanley, for all their hard work before, during and after the event and for making it such an enjoyable and fun day. The street collection raised an amazing £209.65 and Alan Perrow was the one with the most money in the bucket: £33.68. No doubt you have recognised yourself on the front page of this newsletter – going the extra mile! The money raised in the collection will be distributed to local groups and charities. Please apply in writing by 28th August 2009 if you wish to be considered for a donation to: Joanne Winstanley, Alverna, Gill Lane, Cowling, BD22 0DF

Here are the results from the floats, fancy dress, shows and written entries. For full results including handicraft entries please see Kathryn Wilson's article in the Craven Herald!

Best Gala Queen - Cowling Retiring Queen,

Best Gala Queen Float - Cowling Gala Queen Float

Best General Float - Bay Horse

Best Vintage Vehicle - Tom Edmondson

Best Vintage Tractor - David Gott

Best overall children's fancy dress - The Powerpuff Girls

Fancy dress adults - Jemma Towell

Age 6 and under - Sorcerer's Apprentice

Boys 7 - 11 - Cowling Cragmen

Girls 7 - 11 1st - Princess Chloe

2nd - Witches

Winner of Baby Show - Millie Brown

Winner of the pet show - Anita Gridley with Onyx the dog

Written Entries:

4 & under Cloe Emmott, Kieran Akrigg-Barrett

5 - 7 Eleanor Brigg

8 - 10 Rebecca Buffey

11 - 16 Callum Rogers

We are hoping to publish more winning magical and spellbinding poems in the next issues of the newsletter all the way up to Halloween! Could the parents of the winners please confirm that they are happy to have their children's poems published in the newsletter by contacting the editor on 631348.

COWLING PARISH COUNCIL

House Calls - A Cowling first?

Public dissatisfaction with councillors and police is very high, and a report from a recent Whitehall survey reported that neither councils nor police forces listen to what people have to say. It goes on to state that fewer than 3 in 10 thought they could influence council decisions, and that two thirds do not believe that local government gives value for money.

This is not the way that life should be, and so Cowling Parish Council and the local police force thought about what could be done.

It was noted that West Yorkshire ran trials whereby councillors and a local police officer would call directly at houses, and see if they could learn first hand what, if anything, troubled residents, and what improvements might be made to the village in the opinions of those residents.

So we did just that, calling at houses and speaking to people, and we learned a lot. We learned that people DO want to be involved in decision making in this village, and that they also want to be consulted. Cowling Parish Council has already had two major meetings this year with superb attendances from the villagers who made their viewpoints very clearly known, not just to the Parish Council, but also to the District and County Councils.

More public meetings will be held, it is important that all villagers feel that they are part of the decision making process around here, whether that be with housing, with speeding traffic, or with crime in general. We shall also continue with our house calls, these are especially important for those who cannot attend public meetings, or do not have access to the internet or the local newsletter.

Should you feel uncomfortable at being called upon by the police and councillors there is no need, simply put a notice in your window or door stating that you do not want such a visit, and we can save our time and efforts for those who do, meanwhile Cowling Parish Council and Local Constabulary are very happy to be the first in North Yorkshire (as far as we know!) to undertake these house calls!

There is much misunderstanding concerning these visits, indeed there is much misunderstanding concerning parish councils and councillors. If you go to the Parish Council website (www.cowlingcouncil.co.uk) , you can see exactly what a Parish Council's duties and responsibilities are, and also those of District Councils and County Councils.

There is one very big difference between Parish and District and County councillors, - unlike the last two, Parish Councillors do not get paid for their work, neither do they receive any allowances of any sort. Rest assured you are not paying to have your Parish Councillor knock on your door!

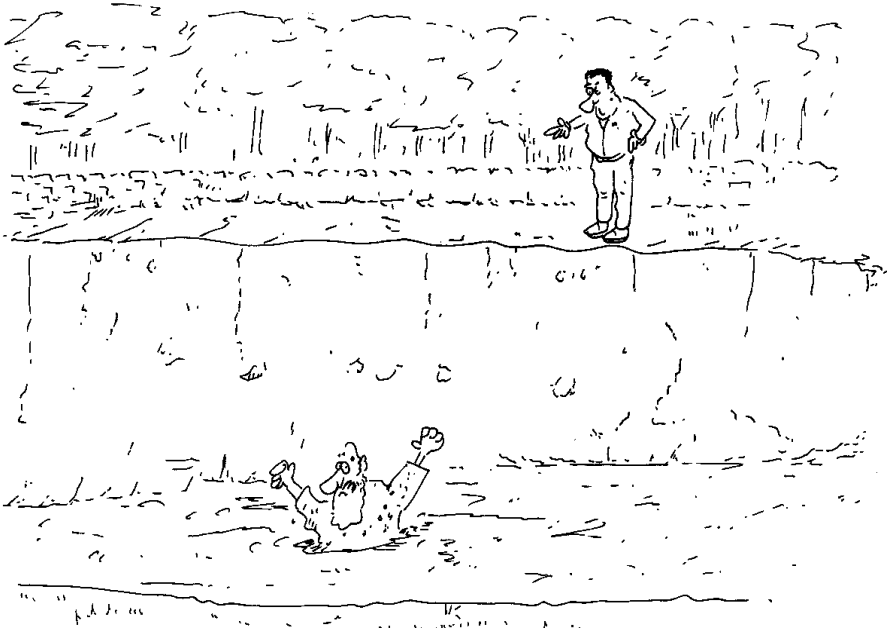
Parish Plan

No - not another expensive non-happening, but a very simple plan. In listening to people we have come across certain common complaints and requests. At the August meeting it will be proposed that all houses be given a questionnaire listing these points, and asking villagers to put them in order of preference. There will also be space to add further comments and suggestions, and all of these will be documented and heeded - your views are what drive the Parish Council, and it is important that we ask for them.

We know about the speeding, and about Ridge Mill Bridge for example, and these are problems of the County Council. We have a new County Councillor, and he is now working on these amongst other problems. Rest assured, we shall not forget them.

Surprisingly, the District Councillor stated that not one villager has complained to him about the state of Ridge Mill Bridge!

You're nearly across you don't need a bridge just a pair of wellies



Cartoonist: Doug Lawrence

COWLING COMPANIONS

The Companions' Wednesday drop-ins have finished for the summer and will begin again with Bingo on 2nd September. Bingo for Village Hall funds will continue on the first Wednesday of each month.

There are still a few seats still available on the trip to Filey on Tuesday August 18th; cost for members is £11.00 and for non- members £13.00. We will be leaving Cowling at 9.00am, returning from Filey 4.00 pm. Please contact Irene or Dorothy by Tel: 634112 or 634983. Seats can be paid for Wednesday August 5th at the Village Hall between 1.30 & 3.15pm.

Membership of £5.00 is now overdue, anyone wishing to renew, or become a member please contact Mona on Tel: 632023, when she will make arrangements to collect your membership.

Mona Townson has compiled a Quiz Sheet about Yorkshire. Sheets are £1.00 each and proceeds are for Village Hall Funds. The quiz sheets are available from Mona or Richard. Entries close on Friday Sept 11th and winners will be announced at the Village Hall Ceilidh on Saturday September 26th!

Thanking you in anticipation

Mona Townson

Please buy a quiz sheet and have a go to help our funds!

MOONRAKERS

www.moon-rakers.co.uk

At the July meeting items discussed were Cowling Hill's 19th century mine, a walk for Cracoe, Hetton and Boardley Local History Group, Drystone Radio tribute to David Hoyle, Gala stall game, Cowling Water Company and a Commonwealth war grave at Cowling Hill.

Moonrakers meet once a month (most months) to discuss aspects of local history and then plan ways of recording celebrating and sharing it with the parish community and beyond. Some members are working continuously to research and record Cowling history. We have held Nostalgia afternoons and organised local walks to entertain, inform and record local history.

Our next meeting is:

Thursday 7.30-9.00 pm 6th August At the beginning of each session there is a chance to bring historic questions or information without having to stay for the full session. We look forward to seeing members old and new. All are welcome.

Venue: Village Hall, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

For more information about Moonrakers contact Mark Barnes 01535 637352 or Mark Wilson 01535 631225 Or email us at mail@moon-rakers.co.uk



The little girl said to her mum: "Don't wash my face today. It's got a smile on!"

VILLAGE HALL Circles or Straight Lines?

Where are we up to with the new village hall for Cowling? Why is it all taking so long? One villager was heard to remark – “it all seems to be going round in circles!” Certainly there have been distractions and hold ups and the village needs to understand these.

Some months ago we reported in this Newsletter the requirement to install in the building a low carbon energy source instead of the traditional gas boiler. The recommended alternative was air-source heat pumps. Since then some have insisted that gas **could** still be used by making energy savings in other ways. It has taken **six months** to receive a definitive “no” to gas. At the same time the village hall committee’s research has discovered that the only cost-effective way with heat pumps is to install underfloor heating rather than radiators. The builders have resisted this because of cost. It has taken a further **three months** to hopefully resolve this by our offering to pay the difference.

But most substantial of all has been the economic downturn. In April Craven District alerted us to the fact that the builder’s completion deadline “could be extended in the event of adverse conditions in the local housing market”. In May at a joint meeting in the Skipton Council offices, together with representatives from our own Parish Council, we were informed that this extension could (would?) be for two years. If we wanted a quicker result we would have to pay an ‘incentive’ figure up front. After a further two months in which we have been informed that the builder’s financial position has become ever more precarious we have at last received a firm proposal for a path to completion of the project.

Basically, this proposal amounts to either a hefty incentive payment, which we can’t afford, or a long wait. Certainly, the whole village would love to be able to get on with it now and see workers back on the site. But ours is not the only project to suffer at present. Bradford City Centre is another example. However we must not slacken our resolve. Money will always be required. The more we can build up our own resources the better. We ask folk to continue to use the old Village Hall in Park Road despite its rather run down looks – rooms and the main hall are available for use!

Garage Sale and Garden Party

On Saturday August 15th. between 2.30p.m. and 4.30p.m., at No.21 Mill Croft, the home of Richard and Mary Price, there will be a “Garage Sale” and Garden Party to which all villagers are invited. Entrance fee of £1 will cover refreshments and all sale proceeds will go towards the new village hall.

In the meantime we appeal for good saleable items that folk are prepared to let go

for a good cause.

We do not want clothing or electrical goods, but books, CDs, DVDs, toys (in good condition), jewellery, ornaments, etc. will all be welcome. There will also be a cake and preserves stall (all contributions welcome) as well as a plant stall.

Secretary Required

The Village Hall requires a secretary. Computer skills, filing and general administrative skills are needed. Variable workload, meetings generally 3rd.Monday of the month.(except this Sept. when it is on the 28th.) All enquiries – 01535-637699.



Pinnacle Productions



We would like to thank everyone who came to see and supported us in our recent production 'Pass the Butler'. It was well attended and we hope the audience enjoyed watching it as much as we did performing!

It was favourably reviewed in the Keighley News and I would particularly like to thank Tony Tate for stepping in to direct his first ever play - a baptism of fire!

PANTOMIME 4th & 5th DECEMBER 2009

Hansel & Gretel

By popular demand and after last years huge success, we are going to present a Pantomime again this Christmas. The panto is Hansel & Gretel and we shall be casting it and looking for additional backstage help towards the end of August. If anyone is interested please get in touch with any member of PinProd. Carolyn Bell has agreed to direct and Julia Benfield is going to be producer. Rehearsals will start late September. Angela Scott - 01535 634936

St Andrews/Churches Together in Cowling

Following the success of our "Songs of Praise" service in July, our next 'special' event will be on 16th August at 10.30 am. It is to be an informal café style service which will be led by Rev Charlotte Common and will be shared by friends from Holy Trinity. We hope you can join us, and look forward to a new type of worship with our newly ordained minister.

Cowling Youth Club

Well done to all the young people who danced at the North Yorkshire Culture Shock Festival held at Pickering. Once again they gave a great performance and had a great day out. Well done!
Joan Green

Cowling Village Hall

Park Road

Three rooms available for hire: small & medium rooms on ground floor and a large upper hall with staging facility. Bar can be provided (6 weeks notice required)

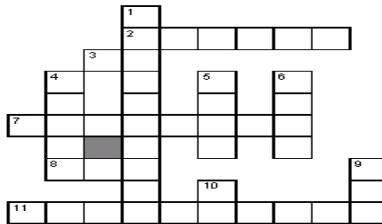
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For further details please contact Kevin Brigg on 01535 633162 or email cowlingvillagehall@live.co.uk

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PUZZLE CORNER

Summer Words



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Across

2. The month at the end of summer.
3. The book is ___ the table.
7. The time when you don't go to school.
8. How's the weather in summer?
11. A big fruit you eat in summer.

Down

1. What do you make at the beach?
4. You go to the _____ in summer.
5. What do you do at the beach?
6. The month at the beginning of summer.
9. A machine that makes you cool?
10. I ___ swimming.





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Dairyman – Milk, cream, fruit juice and eggs delivered by Keith Hiscoe 01535 608790

Drystone walling and landscaping – Chris Swales 07864991286

Fish & Chips – Cowling Chippy 01535 630110

Hair Studio – TRUE COLOURS – 93-95 Keighley Road, Cowling, 01535 636611, open Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-5pm, Thurs 9am–7pm, Sat 9am – 1pm

Interior designer Pinnacle Interior Design on 07810 571019 www.pinnacleinteriordesign.co.uk

Nail Technician – Ashlea Green at Panache Hairdressers 07546679610

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Sicilian Pizza – 74/76 Keighley Road, open Mon – Thurs 12.00pm – 10.30pm, Fri & Sat 12.00pm – 11.30pm, Sun 5.00pm – 11.30pm 01535 631890

Photography – **Martin Robson:** weddings, group and family occasions and family portraits. www.robsonphotography.com Tel:07788-642623

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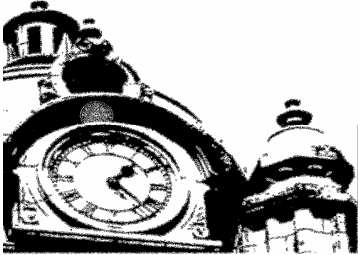
Pork – N+S Bell. Local produced pork. Free delivery in Cowling. Tel. 01535 636953

Village Shop – I+S Bains, open Mon – Fri 7.40am – 8.30pm, closed for lunch: 1 – 2pm, open Sat 7.40am – 8.30pm, Sunday: 9.00am – 3pm

OVER YONDER - WHAT'S ON IN OUR REGION?

GLUSBURN INSTITUTE

'Community & Arts'



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Keighley
W. Yorkshire,
BD20 8PJ
Tel: 01535 630223
Email:

info@glusburninstitute.org.uk

OLIVER!

3rd, 4th and 5th of September 2009

Performed by actors and students from the local area, including the students of the Glusburn Theatre School.

This high-energy, up-beat show is great for anyone who enjoys a good laugh and a thrill at the same time. The ups and downs of Oliver's travels will leave you wanting to see more!

Showings start at 7.00pm

Saturday 5th - 2.00pm and 7.00pm

Tickets from £6.00 are on sale at FORGET-ME-NOT, Crosshills
or can be obtained by phoning Glusburn Institute on 01535 630223

Thank you as ever for all your contributions. If you have any items for the next issue please put them in the yellow box in Bains' shop before the 20th of the month. You can also email any items for inclusion to the editor, Kirsten Guschal: kguschal@talk21.com.

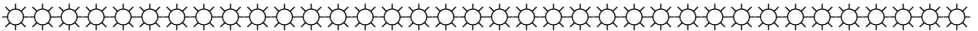
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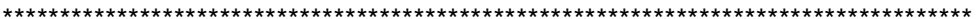
COWLING CALENDAR August 2009

Sat	1 st	Yorkshire Day
Sun	2 nd	Holy Trinity, 9.30am: Holy Communion St Andrew's, 10.30am: All Age Worship
Mon	3 rd	Cowling Parish Council 7.00pm Village Hall
Wed	5 th	Cowling Companions: BINGO, Village Hall, 1.30pm
Thurs	6 th	Moonrakers, 7.30 – 9.00pm, Village Hall
Sun	9 th	Holy Trinity, 9.30am: Holy Communion (modern) St Andrew's, 10.30am: All age worship
Mon	10 th	Cowling Walk – from now on on the 2 nd Monday of the month at 6.30pm– please look out for further notices!
Sat	15 th	Garage Sale and Garden Party for Village Hall funds, 21 Mill Croft, 2.30 – 4.30pm
Sun	16 th	Joint informal cafe style service, 10.30 am St Andrew's
Tues	18 th	Cowling Companions: Trip to Filey leaves 9.00am
Thurs	20 th	Have you got anything to put in the Cowling Newsletter? Today is the cut-off date for the next issue!
Sun	23 rd	Holy Trinity, 9.30am: Holy Communion (modern) St Andrews, 10.30am: All age worship
Sun	30 th	Joint benefice service, 10.30am St. Thomas, Sutton Songs of Praise, 6.30pm St. Thomas, Sutton
Mon	31 st	August Bank holiday



WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesdays	Cowling Toddlers resumes in September Cowling Youth Club resumes in September
Thursdays	Mobile Library, top of Walton Street, 10.00am – 6.00pm St Andrew's Choir 7pm
Fridays	St Andrew's Coffee Morning 10.00 – 11.00am



- For details of Cowling Playgroup resuming in September for children aged 18 months+ please contact Kathryn Wilson on 0778901788150 or 01535 631225

'In summer, the song sings itself' William Carlos Williams