

# PICTON PRESS

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## Spring 2010

The Picton Press team have asked Anna to report on children's events which take place in the village, she will have a regular spot in our newsletter. Thank you Anna for this month's contribution. Well Done.

### Competition!

The Picton Press have decided to introduce a children's corner to the newsletter. In this, children's events will be reviewed.

We would like this section of the newsletter to have a catchy name, and are hoping that all of the children might send in ideas for our new name. This competition is open to any children under 14 that live in Picton and wish to enter. The winning entry will be used as the name and the winning entrant will receive a prize. If you would like to enter then remember to include your name, age and address in your entry. Submit entries to Carole Ackrill and make sure you've sent them in by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Your entry should include a name and a logo if desired. The lucky winner will be announced at the Easter Eggstravaganza.

Good luck!



### **What's on**

#### **At the Station Hotel**

**Sunday 14th March**

Mothering Sunday bookings being taken now.

**Wednesday 17th March**

St Patrick's day evening. Tickets £10 incl. food, music & fun

**Thursday 22nd April**

St Georges Day Evening

#### **At Worsall Village Hall**

**Saturday 13th March** 7.30 - 11pm

Barn Dance - Admission £5 (pooled supper)

**Wednesday 17th March** - 10 - noon

Spring Flower Arranging

**Friday 19th March** - 6.45pm

Youth Group - Arts Workshop

**Wednesday 24th March** - 10 - noon

Flower Arranging Workshop

**Saturday 19th June**

Village Society Summer Buffet

#### **Play Area Events**

**Friday 2nd April**

Easter Eggstravaganza (Winner of the children's competition to be announced)

**Monday 12th April**

Wildflower Ark, Martin Allen is returning.

**Saturday 12th June**

Safari Supper

**Saturday 20th March**

Hurworth Hunt Point to Point at Skutterskelfe. If you fancy a bit of horse racing

**Saturday 17th July**

Picton Sports, Gymkhana and Horticultural Show

In between Newsletters you can remind yourselves of these dates by going to the forthcoming events section of the Website.

### **Dog Fouling**

Hambleton District are getting tough on dog fouling. As well as issuing instant £50 fines they are encouraging residents to report incidents to them. It is the responsibility of the dog owner or person in charge of the animal to pick up. Dog fouling is not only unpleasant, it is a real danger to public health, particularly so for children. Please consider the farmers' fields when walking your dog (its not very pleasant to have to remove dog muck from a baler)

Pick up after your dog. Use the bins provided or take it home.

**Please keep Picton Clean**

Tony Grainger

Chairman - Picton Parish Meeting



# Flora and Fauna Event

The PCRA arranged for Martin Allen from the Wildflower Ark to come to the play area to help with natural planting and to get the children interested in flora and fauna. Martin involved them in examining leaves and sowing seeds, each plant pot personally identified. Martin has taken the pots back to Natures World and will look after them until he returns on **12th April** he will then demonstrate planting them out. Jayne and Andy invited everyone into the pub for hot chocolate and cookies provided by Karen Davies and Yvonne Robinson. Please join us if you can.



This year the PCRA committee are fundraising for the annual running costs of the play area, mainly insurance and rent. Still on the wish list is a train spotting tower and toddler equipment which it is hoped will be installed by the summer. They would also like to extend the area in the near future, so a grassed area can be used for ball games, village activities and picnics. The committee are still hoping for volunteer's to join the team. If you can help in any way please contact:-

**Yvonne Robinson - Eileen Grainger - Judy Matthews - Phillipa Grainger - Karen Davies.**

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I recently attended my first Worsall Village Hall Management Committee Meeting where I represent Picton Village. Throughout the meeting it was obvious that much has been achieved, through a lot of hard work and dedication. Some of the facilities available include Badminton, Yoga, Dance classes and the Women's Institute meetings. The large hall is perfect to hold Discos, dances, meetings and Wedding Receptions. I will keep you informed of any dates for your diaries. For further information please contact:- Carole Ackrill e-mail jim.ackrill@mypostoffice.co.uk Or the bookings clerk - Helen Craggs 01642 781815 or e-mail her through the website, the link to which can be found on the Picton website.



# Burns Night

Robbie Burn's birthday was celebrated in style on 25th January at the Station Hotel. On arrival everyone had a hot toddy, and listened to Scottish music. Andy read out his 'haggis speech' with great gusto, and then presented the haggis. A traditional Scottish meal was served. Andy and Karen both wore tartan kilts which made the evening even more authentic. John Gibson won a prize for wearing his tartan tie. The evening was a great success and well supported by local people.



# Refuse Collections

Just a reminder that we have **THREE Monday** bank holidays coming up in the near future, this normally means that bins are collected a day later.

**Good Friday** however they are normally collected a day early. At writing Hambleton haven't published their Easter dates. **HOWEVER** the calendar published for the blue box collection does say that they will be working on Good Friday. The Hambleton district Council website also indicates that green bins will be collected as normal Thursday 1st April (it's been wrong before).

Look out for the info from the council!!





Welcome To - Gareth, Angie their son Seth and Digby the dog. Who have moved into Park House  
Goodbye to - Elaine who has moved out of Park House  
The Picton Communications team would like to wish Cecelia a speedy recovery after her skiing accident.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The current local priorities for the Police in our area, which were set after community consultation, are:

- ◆ Anti-social behaviour
- ◆ Vehicular nuisance – Speeding & 'Boy Racers'.
- ◆ Travelling Criminality.

Picton doesn't attract anti-social behaviour but certainly has a problem with speeding vehicles, an issue which has been raised with the Highways Authority and is ongoing.

Travelling criminals continue to pose a threat with easy access to the village from the A19 and B1264. By definition travelling criminals obviously need transport and this is where our vigilance can deter, prevent and detect these people as well as helping the Police and our neighbours.

If you see any vehicle in unusual or suspicious circumstances make a note of as much information as you can, in particular registration number and contact the Police. Use 999 if you think it's urgent or 08456060247 if it's not.  
Jim Ackrill

This lovely light recipe was sent in by Pam Williamson, who made this as a starter for our last Safari Supper.

### SALMON PATE

Serves 8

#### Ingredients

- 1 (7 oz) can salmon, drained, flaked and bones removed
- 1 (8 oz) packet cream cheese, softened
- 1 tsp prepared horseradish
- 1 tbs lemon juice
- 2 tsp grated onion
- 1 tbs chopped fresh parsley
- ½ cup chopped pecans (Optional)

#### Method

In a bowl, mix together the salmon, cream cheese, horseradish, lemon juice and onion. Chill if necessary until firm enough to handle, and then form into a ball. Roll in parsley and/or pecans. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve with assorted crackers.

We need a recipe for the next Newsletter; if you've got one give it to Carole Ackrill please, we don't mind how. E-mail or a piece of paper pushed through her door would be fine.

## PICTON SPORTS, GYMKHANA And HORTICULTURAL SHOW Followed by EVENING BARBEQUE Saturday 17th July 2010

This year's Picton Show will be held on the above date in a field kindly loaned by Ronnie Tate, most of you know were that it is but for the newcomers to the village it is the field near to Ashlea. There are lots of things to do,

**For the Children** Sports and Classes including crafts, painting, writing... as well as the fancy dress, and scarecrow class

**For Adults** Horticulture, Crafts, and baking classes - also a bar

**For All** The dog show, nothing fancy just a bit of fun

Also of course The Horse and Pony section

Refreshments are available on the field

Schedules for 2010 will be available from May either off the website or in paper form From Judith at Four Wynds.

If you want to see what sort of things you could do the 2009 schedule is still available on the Picton Show page of the website.

## Affordable Housing Update

In the recent Parish Housing Needs survey, 60 questionnaires were distributed to a total of 55 households. There were 24 replies of which 62% were in favour of a small development of affordable housing at Picton.

Before any development can be considered there must be a **need** for such property and that **need** must meet agreed national and local guidelines. The survey indicated that the actual need was very low, in fact only one property would meet the criteria. This would tend to indicate that the proposal is not viable at this moment in time.

Further information can be obtained from:  
Amanda Madden, Rural Housing Enabler. Tel 01609 768048 or e-mail [Amanda.madden@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:Amanda.madden@hambleton.gov.uk).

## PICTURE DRAW

The much awaited for Picture Draw has taken place at the Station Hotel.

The lucky winner was Gerry Glover from Kirklevington.

This year Mike Farbridge donated his beautiful painting to the Picton Play Area. The draw raised a massive £966.00. A big thank you to Mike, who's generosity once again has made so many people happy.

## Public Rights of way

I've been speaking to people in the Village and they tell me that they don't know where the public rights of way are. Here is a map showing the ones that start in Picton Parish.

The red dotted lines show footpaths, and the red dashed lines show bridleways, you can walk on a bridleway but horse riders can't use footpaths.

There are other tracks around the area which are accesses to farmland and not public rights of way. The use of these is at the discretion of the landowner, who may lock gates at certain times of the year.

The Bridleway which goes down Staindale lane is way marked and although it appears to stop dead that is a misprint on the map and it does go through. The footpath which is shown on the map commencing at Kay Ho and crossing to Mt Pleasant does stop dead, so if you were to get onto this path at the top of the lane near Rose Cottage you would have to follow the bridle road to Rounton (last time I went that way the path went through the middle of the cow yard at Carr Bridge), or back to the road. The path which goes straight on at Rose Cottage goes to the railway, crosses on styles (watch out the Transpennine express & Sunderland - Kings Cross trains come fast and quietly) coming out at the T junction going down to Crathorne. When you are walking with a dog be aware that cattle with calves will defend their calves against a dog, dogs have a nasty habit of hiding behind the owner making you the target. We did do an article about this last summer in the wake of several attacks by cattle nationwide on dog walkers, all previous newsletters are available on the website.

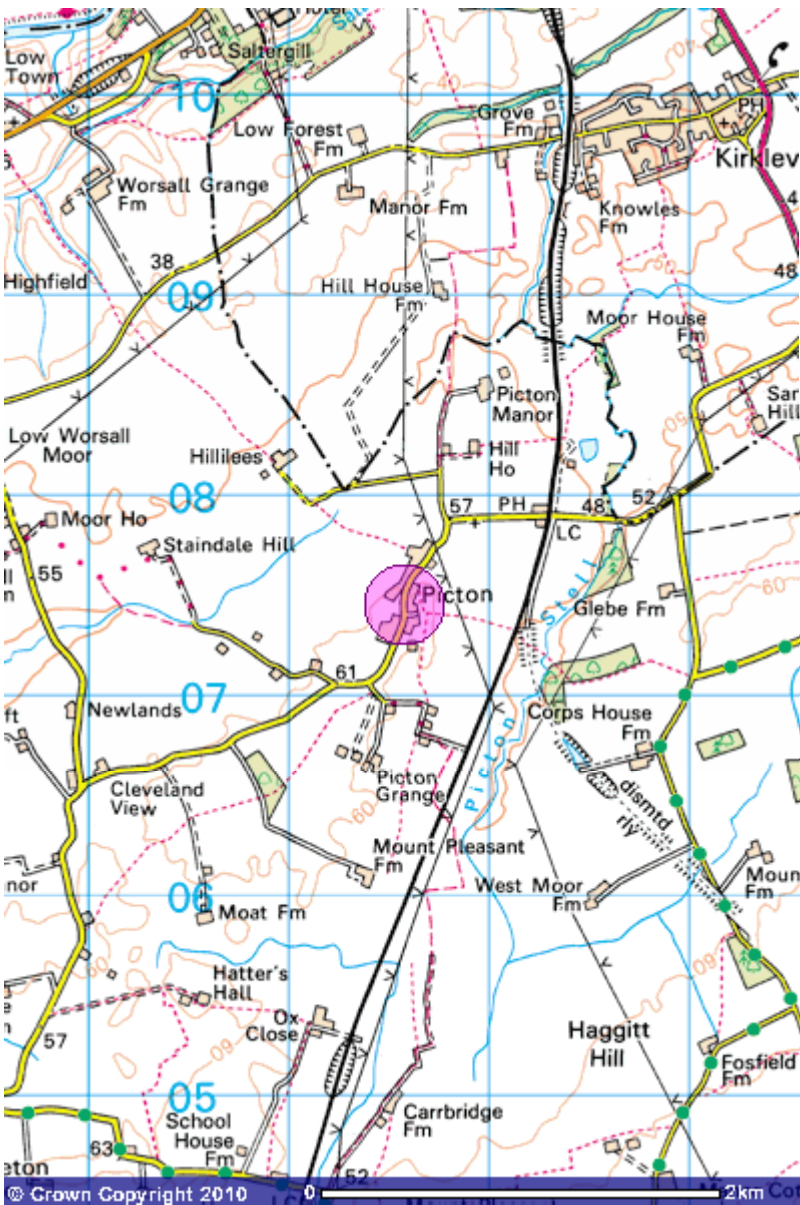
## PICTON PLAYGROUND LOTTERY DRAW

To raise money for the playground the PCRA are attempting to start a monthly lottery draw. There is still an opportunity to subscribe to the draw. A minimum of 30 people are needed for the syndicate to operate.  
30 subscribers @£24.00 per year = £720 per year  
This gives the playground £300 and prizes £420  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize = £20.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize = £10.00 3<sup>d</sup> Prize = £5.00  
If you are interested Please contact:-  
Phillipa Grainger - Rowanside before 26<sup>th</sup> March

## Picton Oil Syndicate

Throughout last winter our village oil syndicate successfully purchased domestic heating oil at very competitive prices. If you would like to be included in the syndicate please contact Mark Alder, Kestrel with your details (name, address, telephone number and e-mail address).

**A typing error in the last newsletter means that the oil syndicate e-mail address was incorrect it should read:-**  
[mark@alderconsulting.ltd.uk](mailto:mark@alderconsulting.ltd.uk)



## Ladies Lunch

Ladies from the village, together with their friends enjoyed a lovely lunch given in aid of funds for the PCRA. Thanks go to Judy for her hospitality and also



Jayne, Karen and everyone else for their generosity in providing such delicious food. The afternoon was a real treat and raised £430

## Newcastle Santa Run Dec 09

Thank you to those of you who sponsored Elizabeth to do this run. She completed the 4 km run in a time of 20.14 mins raising just under £100 for of Zoe's place and the Sunshine Fund

