



## The Queens Diamond Jubilee



To mark 60 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign. Our Diamond Jubilee celebrations were held at the Station Hotel. The fun started early with games for the children. Competitions took place for the best dressed Prince and Princess, best dressed mum and dad, best home made bunting and the best picture of the Queen.

The 'Big Jubilee Lunch' was a huge success and really was fit for a Queen. The tables were laden with gorgeous cakes, sandwiches and lots of other goodies.

To celebrate this grand Royal occasion the children who reside in Picton all received a lovely silver £5 commemorative coin, set in a presentation folder. Betty and Ron Tate presented the children with their gifts. What a beautiful souvenir for the children to keep.

The evening barbeque was held in the beer garden, and when it rained, moved inside the pub. On arrival we all enjoyed a glass of Pimms, followed by the Jubilee Barbie. The food was cooked in the beer garden by 'chefs' Andy and Dan, they provided some delicious food all served with lovely platters of salads.

It truly was a fabulous day, and residents of Picton had a wonderful time. Thanks go to Jayne Andy, Dan and everyone else who contributed to the Jubilee party.



# Safari Supper



This years Safari Supper was just fabulous. Every year it just seems to get better. It is so nice to see everyone, on what seems to be becoming a much looked forward to annual event. A big thank you goes to our hosts for the evening.

Tony and Philippa for hosting the starters

Jono and Karen for hosting the main course. Jono deserves a special mention for making his tasty Cumberland Pie that everyone seems to be talking about.

Rob and Nicky for hosting the desserts

Jim and Judy for hosting the Coffee, cheeses and games.

Thank you to everyone who organised and supported this event, with special thanks to those who donated prizes and provided the delicious food and venues.

The evening was fun filled and went on until the early hours, as usual the Safari Supper was a huge success. An amazing £601.50 was raised for the Picton play area



## **PICTON SHOW AND AFTER SHOW DANCE**

Once again we will be holding the annual Picton Show & after show dance on 21st July.

The show and dance will be in a field at Picton Manor Farm kindly lent by the Brown family, which is just a nice walk from the village

This year the 'after show dance' will be slightly different. There will still be a disco, raffle and tombola. The main change is that there is to be a delicious hog roast supper (with a veggie alternative) and home made desserts, all this for only £12.50 per head.

All money raised will be split between The Mowbray suite (where Jayne has been having her chemo) and the holistic centre, which offers cancer patients the chance of alternative therapies to help with the side effects of their medication. This unit is reliant on donations to keep it up and running, Both of these units are at the Friarage hospital, Northallerton.

Tickets will be on sale soon from Jayne Kitchen, Jane Brown and Sandra Goodrum. The girls would be grateful for any donations of tombola and raffle prizes

The show schedule is available on the website and paper copies can be obtained from the Secretary Judith Bainbridge, Four Wynds, Kay House Lane, or any committee member. *Let's hope that the sun shines all day.*

# Charity Music Quiz



The Charity Music quiz was held at the Station Hotel .What a great night out for everyone who loves music. Eight teams took part. Jayne provided some lovely snacks and charged £2 per head for entry into the quiz. It was hoped to raise as much money as possible for McMillan Cancer Care.

The evening was a huge success and raised £80. The Betterdaze quizmaster Gary Lewis generously made the total up to £100.



**Children** can you find the picture of a cat in this Newsletter. If you can and it is YOUR cat please telephone Carole on 700602 and you will receive a prize.

I think I know where this cat lives!!!!



Talented local artist Anthony Taylor donated this year's beautiful painting of 'Commerce on the Tees'.

The lucky winner was Gerry Glover from Kirklevington. Gerry really wanted to win this picture and therefore bought lots of tickets. Hope that the picture brings you a lot of pleasure. Other winners from the village were Danny and Yvonne Robinson and Ella Kitchen who won a box of chocolates.

The draw raised a massive £1096 for McMillan Cancer Care.

A big thank you goes to Anthony and everyone who bought tickets, donated prizes and came to the draw.

**Lizzie Hugill** would like to thank all of you who sponsored her when she ran the London Marathon on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 in memory of her Grandmother Annie Hugill & Parkinson's UK. Completing it in a time of 4hr 50min 47secs.

At the time of writing she still has some sponsorship money to come and is hopeful that the final total might be approaching £500.

Her next project in September is her 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt at the Great North Run, which she should find easier this time after training on the hills of Edinburgh.

**WELL DONE LIZZIE**







## **St Martin & St Hilary Church News**

Summer Church services for St Martin and St. Hilary, Kirklevington are as normal. Everyone is very welcome.

**News Item**—The Bishop of Whitby, Martin Warner, has been appointed Bishop of Chichester and will probably be moving in the Autumn. Bishop Martin has not been in the diocese for very long, but in his time here has taken the Service of Rededication of St Martin and St Hilary at Kirklevington last year.



## **Neighbourhood Watch**

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Picton received praise at the Hambleton North NHW Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May as being the most organised along with those at Appleton Wiske, Kirkby-in-Cleveland and Potto, in respect of the cascading of information. It has now been functioning since 2003 and has been successful in preventing and detecting a number of crimes in that time.

The scheme does depend on you being vigilant, noting and reporting unusual or suspicious activities, so keep it up.

Now Summer is at last here you will be thinking of holidays. Try and get a friend, relative or neighbour to keep an eye on your property whilst away. Give them a key and a contact number if you can and ask them to:

- See anything suspicious dial 999
- Push letters etc. through the letterbox out of view. Move parcels.
- Check doors and windows
- If you think someone has been in or tried to get in, call the Police.

Try and make the property look lived in, lights on timers, bins in/out etc.

Jim's top tip: If you are out and about in the garden make sure your doors are locked. It only takes seconds to sneak in and steal.

**Jim Ackrill**

**NHW Co-ordinator.**





This lovely photo of Ella and her friends from the Pony Club games team was taken just as they found out they had qualified for the Zone competition which is held in Doune, Scotland. This event takes place on 14th July, there are five team members the youngest is only six and the others are aged nine. GOOD LUCK GIRLS.



Thank you Jenny, Les and Ron for keeping the Picton sign gardens looking so nice. They look lovely as you drive in at either end of the Village.

## **HERE COMES SUMMER — TOMATO TIME AGAIN**

It is tomato time again and with Picton show looming it is time to get serious with our crop of tomatoes. There are a couple of problems which seem to arise every year, I hope that the tips below may help.

Sometimes if you water really well and then stop watering for a few days while on holiday, or just busy, you will find splitting tomatoes on your plant. A split tomato is really caused by a lack of water. If you take the water away the plant will not stay fresh and the skin will crack, then when the tomatoes receive a large amount of water, they will fill with water and the skin will burst like an overfilled balloon.

To prevent cracking make sure that you water evenly, on a regular basis.



Bruising or 'Rotten Spots' at the bottom of the tomato can also be caused by inconsistent watering or a calcium deficiency. This is most common with plants grown in grow bags that dry out easily, so you need to ensure that the compost doesn't dry out

So good luck if you are entering tomatoes in Picton show this year.

## RECIPE CORNER - Cider Chicken with Tagliatelle

### INGREDIENTS

4 Boneless Chicken Breasts  
210 ml dry cider  
2 tsp wholegrain mustard  
1/2 oz butter  
3 oz small mushrooms  
100 ml double cream  
Fresh chopped chives to garnish  
400g White & green tagliatelle



### METHOD

1. Heat 1 tbsp oil in a pan and fry chicken for 10 minutes, turning occasionally until golden.
2. Add cider and mustard. Simmer for 6 minutes until well reduced.
3. Melt butter in a separate pan, add 1 tbsp oil and cook mushrooms for a couple of minutes.
4. Add mushrooms to chicken, stir in cream and simmer for 2 minutes.
5. Cook tagliatelle and serve with the chicken, and garlic bread.

### ENJOY

Has anyone got a recipe that they would like to share, if so please sent it to Carole Ackrill, Easedale, Picton.

## Easy Chocolate Mousse

125g plain chocolate—broken into pieces  
4 large eggs  
50g white chocolate



### METHOD

1. Put the chocolate in a heatproof bowl. Place the bowl on a pan of simmering water to melt the chocolate.
2. Separate the eggs, put the egg whites into a mixing bowl and the yolks into a small bowl.
3. Remove the melted chocolate from the heat and stir well. Cool a little.
4. Beat the yolks and slowly add them to the chocolate, stirring well.
5. Whisk the egg whites in the mixing bowl until they are white and firm (soft peaks).
6. Gently fold the whites into the chocolate mixture until evenly mixed.
7. Pour the mousse into serving dish and leave to set in the fridge for 2 hours.
8. Decorate with grated white chocolate.