



HAPPY EASTER



LADIES LUNCHEON

Once again Judy Matthews hosted the Picton Ladies Luncheon in aid of funds for the PCRA.

Thanks go to Judy for her generosity and hospitality, also to Jayne and everyone who provided the delicious food.

The afternoon was such a treat and £513.00 was raised for the play area.



PICKTON'S FAMOUS BURNS NIGHT SUPPER.

Burns Night celebrates the life of the poet Robert Burns, who was born on January 25, 1759. Burns' best known work of course is "Auld Lang Syne".

Picton Burns evening centered on the entrance of the haggis. When the haggis was on the table, Andy then read out a very funny ode to "Address the Haggis" At the end of the reading, the haggis was sliced and the meal began. The food was delicious starting with Scots Broth the main course was haggis, tatties and neeps and pudding was Scottish cranachan, followed by cheese and oatcakes.

After a lot of friendly good humoured banter, Andy decided to award the prize for the best Scottish outfit to himself—Hilarious. The second prize went to Graham Penman for wearing his amazing tartan trews – very daring.

The evening was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended Thanks to Andy, Jayne and all the staff at the Station for a brilliant evening.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PICTON SHOW

Saturday 20th July 2013 in Peter Brown's field.

PCRA—SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday 29th June -to be confirmed when details of venues are known. Watch this space

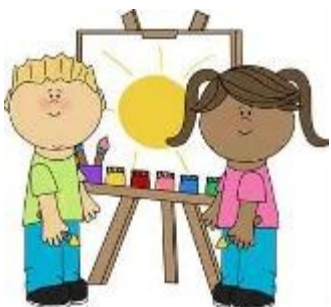
STATION HOTEL

Family quiz to be held Sunday 7th April for the Cleveland Pony Club. 6.30pm for a 7pm start—tickets £2 per person, which will include supper.

Mothers Day Lunch on 10th March

St.Patricks Day Celebrations

Monday 18th March .



Talented local artist Anthony Taylor has once again kindly donated this year's lovely painting.

The lucky winner was John Gibson from Picton. Anthony drew the winning ticket and then presented the painting to John who was absolutely delighted with his prize. Hope that the picture brings you a lot of pleasure. There were a lot of other prizes with winners from the village.

The draw raised a massive £815 for McMillan Cancer Care.

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



REFUSE COLLECTIONS

w/c March 25th Green collections as normal including Good Friday.

w/c April 1st Black Bin

If you have not received a bin tag showing the waste collections for the next 12 months you should contact the council on **0845 1211 555** or visit **www.hambleton.gov.uk** for further information.



Many Happy Returns and Best Wishes to Ron Tate on your special birthday.



A warm welcome to Rachel and Steve Jamieson— Gaffney and family. Hope you will all be very happy living in Picton.

OIL SYNDICATE

The cost of heating oil is rising all the time, we are able to save money on bulk ordering from one supplier. If you would like to be included in the syndicate please contact: Mark Alder at Kestrel with your details (name, address, telephone number and email address). **mark@alderconsulting.ltd.uk**



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Spring 2013

North Yorkshire has seen an increase in thefts of scrap metal lately, unfortunately, not all of it was scrap, with farm gates being a popular target and your lawnmower if left on the drive. Picton has had its fair share of visitors in the Ford Transit flat backed wagon so favoured by the scrap thief. These characters have started to carry 'fliers' in the cab and claim they have asked residents to leave things out for them. If challenged taking something they then claim they 'thought it was left out for me'.

Scrap metal dealers need to have a Waste Carrier Licence and should log where they get items from and give receipts and some do just that, rather than have hassle from the Police. They also know that proving theft as opposed to them making a 'mistake' is difficult.

Jim's top tip. Keep your garage door closed during the day and keep vulnerable items out of sight of sharp eyed villains. These people miss nothing.

Please report any scrap dealers, including their vehicle details, to North Yorks. Police, so they can confirm they have the relevant Waste Carriers Licence and with a view to having them stop checked.

As usual, the telephone number is 101 or if urgent 999.

Jim Ackrill-Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator



The PCRA committee would love to know what social events Picton residents would be interested in attending, in support of the play area They look forward to hearing from you and hope to receive a lot of ideas.

The PCRA are always looking for new members to join their committee. If you are interested please contact any of the team.



CHURCH NEWS AND FESTIVITIES

As always, everyone in Picton is most welcome to all services at this special time of the Church's year.

Sunday 10th March Mothering Sunday service 11am Kirklevington

Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday service 11am Kirklevington

Tuesday 26th March Communion in Holy Week 8am Worsall

Thursday 28th March Maundy Thursday Communion and Stripping of the Altar 8am Kirklevington

Saturday 30th March Easter Eve Service of Light and Vigil 9.30pm Worsall

Sunday 31st March Easter Day Eucharist 11am Kirklevington

Carols by Candlelight

This year Christmas celebrations started in a traditional way with our own Candlelit Carol service, held at All Saints Church, Worsall. The Christmas story was told by readings from the Bible and of course lots of Christmas Carols were sang , including Away in a Manger which was sang by the children.

Mulled wine was served after the service along with a lovely buffet, full of Christmas goodies all provided by the community. The service gave everyone the oppportunity to get in a seasonal mood. We hope this will become a yearly event. Thanks to Pam our Vicar for conducting such a lovely service, also to Richard Ward for assisting and Liz Robinson for organising the event.

Later the same evening the children sang more Carols around Picton and both events raised a massive £94.65 from the Church collection and £80 from the Carol singing round the village. All the money raised was for the Picton Play Area.





PICTON BIRDWATCH

Although winter feeding benefits birds most, food shortages can occur at any time of the year, particularly during the breeding season. Extra food on your bird table can make a big difference to the survival of young chicks.

Some foods that the birds love are: - Currants, raisins, sultanas, black sunflower seeds, mild grated cheese and seed mixes. They also enjoy chopped up bananas or soft apples and pears. Remember children, large chunks of bread and whole peanuts can choke young chicks.

I wondered if any of the children and mums and dads would be interested in having our own Picton Birdwatch.

If so then please can you complete the questionnaire below, by ticking next to the species of birds you spot in your garden, and then let me know the details.

- Sparrow
- Blackbird
- Thrush
- Starling
- Robin
- Pigeon
- Blue Tit
- Woodpecker
- A different type of bird visiting your garden

I will gather the information you provide, including photos if you have any, I will report back to you in the summer edition of the Picton Press, with what I hope will be some interesting information.

If you are interested in taking part, please can you send Carole Ackrill the results, by **Sunday 19th May.**

Nature really is amazing., this blackbird made friends with us and as you can see she loves currants.



RECIPE CORNER - Minted lamb and leek casserole

INGREDIENTS

- 4 Lamb steaks
- 1/2 oz butter and 1 tbsp oil
- 2 Leeks—sliced
- 4 small carrots—sliced
- 400ml hot stock
- 2 oz frozen peas and 3 celery sticks
- 3 tbsp mint jelly and 1 tsp cornflour



METHOD

1. Cut the steaks into large chunks. Heat butter and oil and fry lamb until browned. Remove from pan.
2. Add leeks and carrots to casserole and fry for 2mins, add hot stock, bring to boil .
3. Return lamb to the casserole with the celery. Simmer for 40 mins until meat and veg are tender.
4. Pour off most of the liquid into a pan and add mint jelly. Blend cornflour to a paste and stir into the hot liquid. Simmer for a few minutes. Return to the casserole and add S and P to taste.
5. Serve casserole with puff pastry squares on the top

ENJOY

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

Music Quiz

What a great night out for anyone who loves music. At the recent music quiz which took place at the Station., twelve teams took part, and only 7 points separated the top six teams.

Team Karen and Mark Calvert along with family members came first with lots of competition

The evening was a huge success and well attended by local people.

Quizmaster Gary Lewis would like to thank everyone for supporting the music quiz over the years. He writes each quiz individually, therefore it would be very helpful if you could let him know the type of music you like, also suggestions of what you would like to see featured in future quizzes as it is quite tricky to know where to aim the questions in terms of difficulty or variety unless he knows your musical preference

Email your suggestions to Gary at better.daze@virgin.net

