



# PICTON PRESS



Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for 2009 from all of us on the Picton Press Team

Visit our web site at: [www.picton-north-yorkshire.co.uk](http://www.picton-north-yorkshire.co.uk)

## PLAY RANGER VISITS PICTON

Play Ranger Nicole Graham visited Picton during the October half term holidays. She led a wide range of activities for our village children, who enjoyed themselves enormously. The children were encouraged to "play dirty" as they built dens, made mud pies and explored the local wildlife as part of a new scheme to bring back adventurous play. The Play Ranger Scheme for Hambleton Council is funded by the Big Lottery and is



targeting rural areas where access to play activities is low. Nicole plans to visit Picton again next year when the weather is warmer, so watch out for details in forthcoming newsletters and on the web site.

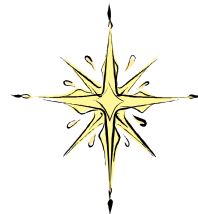
## PIE AND PEA SUPPER

On October 11<sup>th</sup> 2008 a very successful fundraiser was held by the Picton Show Dance Committee and no wellies were needed this time!!

Everyone who attended the function had a great time and danced the night away. The prizes left over from the Show Dance on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2008 created a fabulous tombola and the Committee would very much like to thank you all for the donation of such fantastic prizes.

The evening raised £1016; £716 was donated to the Ainderby Ward at the Friarage Hospital and £150 each to the Picton Show and Picton Recreation Garden.

The overall donations from the two events on July 19<sup>th</sup> and Oct 11<sup>th</sup> raised a grand total of £2076, a superb effort by all once again.



## Church Events

You will no doubt be pleased to know that in spite of the closure of our St Hilary's church, Picton has not disappeared altogether from the list of parishes. We are now known as the parish of Kirklevington with Picton.

Linda Mottram represents Picton on the PCC.



### Carol Services

Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> 7.0pm at All Saints church, Low Worsall.

Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.0pm at St Martin's church, Kirklevington.

### Christmas Services

Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm Crib Service at St Martin's church Kirklevington

Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup> 10.0pm First Eucharist of Christmas at All Saints church, Low Worsall.

Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion at St Martin's church Kirklevington.

### Bishop's Retirement

Our local bishop, the Rt Reverend Robert Ladds, will be retiring on December 31<sup>st</sup>. He will take up a post as a priest in the Parish of St Mary and Christ Church, Hendon early in the New Year.

### Parish Magazine

This is published monthly and is available to all for an annual subscription of £5 payable in January. To subscribe please contact Linda Mottram or George Knowles.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm  
Christmas Victorian Evening in All Saints Church, Low Worsall. Seasonal refreshments will be served. Victorian dress very welcome. Tickets are available from Linda Mottram at £6 for adults with children under 11 admitted free.



**Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>** Music Quiz at The Station, Picton. This promises to be great fun. Please ring Jayne and Andy Kitchen to book a table for your team. Entry fee £2 per team player.

**Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm  
Picton Show Raffle Draw plus a domino drive at Crathorne Reading Rooms.

Raffle tickets are £1.00 a book - 30 prizes to be won. Contact any member of the Show committee (Marian Huggill, Sandra Goodrum, Tony Grainger, Jane Brown, Andrew Birkbeck)

**Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>** Please welcome us as we go carol singing around the village. We will meet at 5.30pm at Woodside View, visit the Station Pub and continue on into the village. Why not come and join us if you are able. Carol sheets available. It is good to see this old village tradition being revived.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** 10.45am  
Hurworth Hunt will be meeting at the Station Pub.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** 12.30-2.30pm  
There will be a children's Christmas party at the Station Pub. Please ring Jayne and Andy Kitchen if you would like your children to attend.

**Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2009**  
A Ladies Lunch. £12 per head for a two course lunch including a glass of wine, soft drinks, tea, coffee. Contact Judy Matthews at "Roseberry" if you would like tickets.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 8pm Picton 2009**  
Picton Show Domino Drive - at Kirklevington Village Hall



## PICTON VILLAGE MEETING

A meeting of Picton Parish was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Mr Tony Grainger has been officially appointed as Chair to Picton Parish Meeting.

Mrs Yvonne Robinson resigned her post and Mrs Pam Williamson has been appointed to the position of Clerk to the Parish Meeting.

The following matters were among those discussed:

### Village Plan

This is now complete and has been circulated to a large number of local and district agencies. The Plan will form the basis of future development with Picton village,

### Village Website

The Communications Group has

now set up a village website. The Group's next task is to populate the website with information about the village. The Group has also published the September issue of the village newsletter.

### Picton Recreation Area

There is sufficient funding now in place to start work on this major project. It is intended to include within the recreation area a St. Hilary's Remembrance Garden. Residents feel that although the village no longer has its church, it is important to maintain the link with the name of St Hilary. Alongside this there will be a children's play area. A number of activities to raise further funds for the play area are in the pipeline.

### Road Safety

With the development of the recreation area there is now an urgent need for the provision of

more footpaths within the village. Also needed are road signs indicating the play area and an extension of the 30mph speed restriction.

There is a large increase in the volume of heavy traffic passing through the village, possibly as a result of drivers being directed through these narrow lanes by satellite navigation. Concerns have been raised about the possible damage to the bridge at Picton Stell and weight restrictions may be needed to resolve this problem. Advice will be sought from County





# PICTON COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA

The PCRA AGM was held in November. The minutes from the meeting can be found on the village website

[www.picton-north-yorkshire.co.uk](http://www.picton-north-yorkshire.co.uk).

Work has started on the recreation area with the erection of close board fencing to two sides of the space. Our grateful thanks go to the Kirklevington Grange Prison Task Force under the guidance of their manager Steve Wilson, who have constructed the fence at no cost to us, as part of their community service.

We are looking for volunteers to

provide refreshments for the Kirklevington Task Force in the new year. Please let us know if you can help.

Special thanks to Alex Mackie and the team at Simply Landscaping who supported the Task Force on a daily basis, providing the ever important tea making facilities and tools and supplies when we ran short.

Thanks also to Jayne and Andy Kitchen for their unending support

in getting this project off the ground.

Currently we are awaiting a decision on our Stage 2 Big Lottery - Changing Spaces bid, which will be decided in January 2009. We hope we will be successful—fingers crossed everyone! The recreation area will develop more quickly in the New Year and should be ready for use in the warmer weather.

## WHO WILL BE WEARING A LONG WHITE BEARD BESIDES SANTA CLAUS???

### Picton Calendar 2009

Thank you to everyone who had purchased the 2009 Picton Calendar.

We are on to our second printing. If you would like a copy they are now on sale at the Station Pub.

**“We think she will look great in her long white beard!”**

### Sponsored Run

On December 7<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Hugill will be taking part in a 4km sponsored run around Newcastle. Did we hear the cry of “easy”? Not so easy, as Elizabeth will be completing her run in full Santa Claus costume. We think she will look great in her long white beard! She will be raising money for Zoë’s Place - our local hospice for babies, and would be

very grateful for all sponsorship.

Please contact Marian Hugill to sponsor Elizabeth.



### VIKING

We are sure that many of you did not know that several very important and valuable Viking Stones have been standing for many years at the back of Kirklevington



### STONES

Church. Now thanks to the efforts of Tony Hampton (secretary to the PCC) these stones are now safe in Preston Park Museum,

where they are displayed to excellent effect in their own room. Why not go and have a look at them. They are part of our local history.



## CONGRATULATIONS

To Betty and Ronnie Tate who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

To John Gibson who has recently celebrated a significant birthday.



## IT'S QUIZ TIME

First the answer to our picture puzzle in the September newsletter. Did you all find the owl? For those who did not, it is located in the garden of Chez Nous. Thanks to Joan Beech for letting us use the photograph.



## A SEASONAL PUZZLE.



Can you identify the twelve Christmas Carols below.

1. H.T.H.A.S.....
2. G.K.W.L.O.....
3. S.A.T.W.S.....
4. A.I.A.M.....
5. O.L.T.O.B.....
6. D.T.H.W.B.O.H.....
7. I.S.T.S.C.S.B.....
8. O.C.A.Y.F.....
9. I.C.U.T.M.C.....
10. G.R.Y.M.G.....
11. W.T.K.O.O.A.....
12. T.H.A.T.I.....

Answers in the Spring edition

