



THE WORLD FAMOUS BURNS SUPPER

Poems, music, dancing and haggis are some of the first things that come to mind when thinking about Robert Burns.

So on 25th January, Jayne, Andy, customers and staff at the Station Hotel celebrated in their own style, toasting Robbie Burns with a hot toddy and a glass of plum wine and then eating a traditional Scottish meal. Karen Calvert won a prize for wearing her tartan skirt.

The evening was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended.



LADIES LUNCHEON

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

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

Compliments to the Chef went to Jim Matthews who made the yummiest fish pie.

(I think that Jim should send the recipe in for the next issue of Picton Press)

The afternoon was a great success 26 people attended the luncheon and raised £550.



SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Following the freezing cold, snowy and wet months of this winter it is so nice to see residents emerging once again from their winter retreats. Going for walks, taking in the spring air, and working in the garden, eventually cutting the grass.

Thank you to Jenny, Les, Ron and Andrew for keeping both entrances into Picton looking so pretty all the year round.

Because of the amount of heavy vehicles going past the Picton sign, the verge is now very uneven. Does anyone have a roller that Jenny can borrow so she can flatten the surface and restore the grass? Roll on summer!!!!



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As the weather starts to improve we take the opportunity to restore our gardens, grass verges and homes from the rigours of our recent hard winter.

This usually involves using lawnmowers, ladders, tools and other equipment normally stored in sheds and garages. Thieves are always on the look out for unattended kit to steal and on occasion use for further crime.

Jim's top tip A spade is a very good lever to lift a patio door or force entry to a poorly secured back door. Make sure yours is locked away when not in use.

You will have read elsewhere the problem of poachers, these people don't restrict their activities to poaching and are often on the prowl looking for any opportunity that comes their way, it might just be your lawnmower, shed, garage or home. So be aware.

I mentioned a year or so ago about problems with the theft of heating oil/diesel. With ever increasing prices the problem has got worse and taken a rather sinister turn with reports of delivery vehicles being followed to farms and households so thieves can identify a worthwhile target to return to. Most tanks are easily accessible in order to fill them so it is worthwhile:

- Securing the tank.
- Installing security lighting.
- Concealing the tank, if possible.
- Checking you are properly insured.

Anyone stealing oil has to have something to put it in so keep an eye out for suitably equipped, suspicious vehicles or persons taking an undue interest in deliveries. Use 999 if urgent or 08456060247 if it's not.

Jim Ackrill



POACHERS IN OUR AREA

Following recent reports of gangs of poachers 'working' in the Picton and Appleton Wiske area, the Police caught a group of poachers, but there are more roaming in our area.

The Police are unable to follow reports or make enquiries unless they have registration numbers of vehicles. Farmers are locking gates and putting large bales of hay or felled trees in gaps to try and keep the poachers out of the fields.

You Can Help

- Please be vigilant whilst out walking or driving home.
- Take registration numbers of any vehicle that is acting suspiciously especially if they have dogs, and are trespassing on farmland.
- Use your mobile to jot down Registration Numbers, if you haven't got a pen and paper handy (only if it is safe to do so).
- These people should not be approached.

Members of the public can help by being the eyes and ears of the Police and report any suspicious activity or vehicles to the police on telephone 0845 6060247.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

At The Station Hotel -

8th March Charity Music Quiz—Fish and Chip supper. Proceeds will be donated to the Mowbray Suite at Northallerton Hospital. £5 Per Person.

8th March The draw for 'The Mike Farbridge Painting will be made. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets please contact Jayne Kitchen . All proceeds go to Cancer Research.

17th March St. Patrick's Day. The Station will be hosting an evening of fun. Supper will have an Irish theme and of course there will be lots of Guinness to drink. Irish dress optional. £10 Per Person.



16th July. Picton Sports Gymkhana and Horticultural Show, to be held at a new venue

PCRA - Watch this space for details of the return of the Wildflower Ark Ranger.

Worsall Village Hall

23rd March 10am/12 noon Flower Arranging

30th March 10am/12 noon Flower Arranging

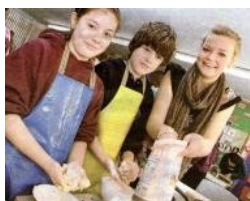
15th April Inter Village Quiz. **If anyone is interested. We need a team to represent Picton.**

WHAT A TREAT

Suzie Brown and her fellow students enjoyed a taste of the Tudors with a medieval cookery lesson.

Suzie is a 1st year student in childcare and as part of her course work she encouraged the younger children to cook up a tasty treat for pupils at local schools.

What a great and interesting way to explore our history.



LIBRARY BUS

North Yorkshire County Council Library Bus calls at the village every third Tuesday from 1.55 pm to 2.10 pm.

The next 6 visits will be:

8th March	29th March
19th April	10th May
31st May	21st June



These dates are subject to any change due to the local governments library review.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS



**HAMBLETON
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

March 10th - Black (alternate weekly collections start again)

March 17th -Green Bin/Blue Box

March 24th –Black Bin

March 31st –Green Bin/Blue Box

April 7th –Black Bin

April 14th –Green Bin/Blue Box

April 21st –Black Bin

April 29th –Green Bin/Blue Box

May 6th –Black Bin

May 12th –Green Bin/Blue Box

May 19th –Black Bin

May 26th –Green Bin/Blue Box

June 3rd –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.



There will be a celebration for the wedding of:-
HRH PRINCE WILLIAM AND KATE MIDDLETON
AT THE STATION HOTEL, PICTON.

Details will follow nearer to the time.



PLAY AREA NEWS

At the PCRA Annual General Meeting it was agreed to maintain the current position, with the extension to the play area and any new equipment to be put on hold. New committee members are always welcome. The committee decided not to fundraise quite so much this year, and feedback from the villagers would be appreciated as to which events they would like to support:-

- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Safari Supper
- Sponsored Walk
- Halloween Disco

Any suggestions for new fundraising ideas would be much appreciated.

If you have enjoyed any of the events please let the committee know.



DYDD DEWI SANT YN HAPUS

St. David is the patron saint of Wales and his day is celebrated around the world. It is the custom to wear either a leek or a daffodil on the day. The Station Hotel at Picton put on a party and a good time was had by all. Jayne and Andy served lots of traditional Welsh food, including Chicken and leek pie, Welsh cakes, Welsh Tea Brack and everyone drank lots of Welsh 'Brains Beer'. They flew the flag with the help of resident Welshman Eddie Kapps. The event was well supported by villagers.



SAFARI SUPPER

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

This is a very popular event, enjoyed by many people in Picton. The PCRA are looking for volunteers to host this years supper. If you would like to see this event continue, then please can you offer to hold one of the courses, you will be given all the necessary support.

- Plates
- Cutlery
- Food
- Chairs and tables.
- Help from committee members.

The committee would be so grateful to anyone who offers their home as a venue. The supper may not go ahead without your support.

For further details –please contact

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| Judy Matthews | Eileen Grainger |
| Yvonne Robinson | Karen Calvert |
| Phillipa Grainger | Angie Harston |



The Easter Services are as follows at Kirklevington and Worsall; I would be delighted to see people from Picton at any or all services

April 17 Palm Sunday: 8am Worsall (Holy Communion); 11am Kirklevington (Holy Communion)

April 21 Maundy Thursday: 8am Worsall Communion and Stripping the Altar

April 22 Good Friday: 11.30am United Act of Witness in the centre of Hutton Rudby to which everyone is invited

April 23 Easter Eve (Saturday): 9.30pm Worsall Service of Light

April 24 Easter Sunday: 11am Kirklevington Easter Day Communion Service



Pam Sanders –Vicar

Sponsors for Picton web-site.

Do you or someone that you know want to advertise your business and sponsor the Picton Web-page?

At the present time Picton web site has three sponsors advertising their businesses. The charge is £5.00 per year any cheques should be made payable to Picton Parish Meeting.

For further information please contact any of the Communications Team

Cecilia Cordova

Marian Hugill

Carole Ackrill

Karen Curran

Picton web-site got 5,146 hits last year.

Why not have a look at the Web-site and see for yourself.



**Happy Easter to you all
from the Picton press team!**



The lottery has proved to be so successful that the PCRA are continuing with their monthly draw. The draw will start again on April 1st 2011

The money raised goes towards the upkeep of the play area.

There is still an opportunity if you would like to subscribe to the draw.

30 subscribers @£24.00 per year = £720 per year

This gives the playground £300 and prizes £420

1st Prize = £20.00. 2nd Prize = £10.00

3rd Prize = £5.00

If you want to renew your subscription or are interested in joining the lottery draw, Please contact:-

Judy Matthews before **24th March.**

Lucky winners for March are:-

1st Prize Joan Bainbridge

2nd Prize Dave May

3rd Prize Jane May

RECIPE CORNER -

POTATO SALAD WITH LEMON, MINT AND CHILLI DRESSING

Serves 6

750g salad potatoes such as Anya

¼ red chilli

6-8 mint leaves

½ green pepper

Small handful parsley leaves

6 spring onions

Pinch of sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper

4 tbsp olive oil

2 tbsp lemon juice



METHOD

Boil or steam the potatoes until just tender. Drain well. This can be done a day ahead, if liked.

Very finely dice the pepper and chilli, then finely chop the mint and parsley, and slice the spring onions. Add to the potatoes with the seasoning, oil and lemon juice, and toss well to serve.

Why not try this easy potato salad with a difference it is soooo!! nice served with barbequed food.

If anyone has a favourite recipe that they would like to share, please send it to Carole Ackrill.

CINDERELLA at Worsall Village Hall

Cinderella, a glittering fairytale of magic. The cast of the show was made up of mainly residents of Worsall and their friends. The children from WVH dance class were also stars. I am sure that you will recognise someone from the photograph. It was a fabulous fun filled performance, enjoyed by local people including quite a few from Picton.



APPLETON WISKE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Since its formation in 1991, this foundation has supported young people from Appleton Wiske, Picton and East and West Rounton with grants towards their education and training. Also as part of its remit the trust has provided extra benefits to Appleton Wiske Primary School.

Over the years the trustees have been able to balance the investment income with the grants that have been made. In some years there has been a small surplus and in others a small deficit.

The trustees will continue to review the income available against the applications received whilst ensuring that the long term viability of the foundation is protected.

