

# CONONLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

September 2009

## Pedestrian Safety in the Village



The Parish Council continues to work to try to protect, and make life easier for, those who use their feet, a pushchair or a mechanised aid to get around the village. For more than two years Cononley Parish Council has been endeavouring to persuade North Yorkshire County Council to install more 'dropped kerbs' to enable people to cross roads more easily. In fact, I am writing this after walking round the village with one of the highway staff. Funding is hard to come by, but we may see some improvements to the pavement of Main Street on the side nearest the beck in 2010.

Even these improvements will leave stretches of road in the centre of the village completely without any practical way of even creating pavements. Where there is no pavement thoughtless parking can force pedestrians out into the road at exposed places. Unfortunately I suspect that more radical solutions such as creating stretches of road where pedestrians and vehicles clearly have equal rights are a long way off in rural areas.

At the same time as struggling to achieve these improvements, the Parish Council is undermined in these efforts by thoughtless residents who park vehicles on the pavements that we do have. Earlier in the summer the council discussed examples of this problem and asked me to write in this newsletter appealing to villagers to improve the situation. It is indeed baffling that a person whose car is fitted with child seats can think it right to park in such a way as to *entirely* obstruct one of the village's few good pavements (in Meadow Lane near the school) and force another mother to walk in the road with her child and pushchair. It is clear that villagers are divided on this issue between those who feel they have no alternative but to park thoughtfully on the edge of the widest pavements and those who would advocate the use of yellow lines, bollards and intervention by the police. More considerate parking might avoid the need for these measures.

**David Gulliver, Clerk to the Council.**

### CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE UPDATE

If you don't already know, you can hire the whole of the Village Institute or one of the rooms for private parties, meetings, classes etc. Please contact either Joan Banks on 633519 or Lois Brown on 637176 for more details.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

Saturday **17th October 2009** there will be a coffee morning and an exhibition of Village Institute memorabilia detailing some of its history over the last 100 years. Why not pop in for a cup of coffee or tea and see what has been happening through the ages in your village institute.

**Musical Hall** - Friday 11th and Saturday 12th December. **Arts and Craft Fayre** - Sunday 22nd November 10-4pm.

**A test of time.** If you were unable to join in the 100th birthday celebrations of Cononley Village Institute on 31st July 2009 you missed an thoroughly enjoyable night - a modern meat tea!. Guests were welcomed with drinks, an opportunity to look at the excellent exhibition of local memorabilia put together by Joan Banks and Lois Brown, a chance to try your hand at the jigsaws of the Institute in the 1950's or the Main Street in 1900's. During the meal everyone participated in the table quiz written by Des Fell - with some fairly heated debate about a couple of answers. How would you have fared?: See below.....

1. The Romans would have called it Via Solaris. SUN STREET
2. Sounds like jaunty children's gait followed by a big weight on a horse. SKIPTON ROAD
3. Out of the sun under the trees to play tennis here. SHADY GROVE COURT
4. Spanish sea the most important route. MAIN STREET
5. Did Europe's Arab invaders leave 12 inches along here. MOORFOOT LANE
6. How many clock faces are there on the Institute tower? 3
7. What was presented to the village by Mr & Mrs Horace Green in 1937? PLAYING FIELDS
8. How many names are there on the Remembrance Stone ? 23
9. Name either of the two "lost " pubs of Cononley CROWN INN or BAY HORSE INN

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10. What cost £900 in 1837 and £34,000 when it was done again in 1988? THE OPENING OF THE RAILWAY STATION
11. What did 76 Main St. used to be? CO-OP
12. If you phoned 634300 what would you expect to receive? CHINESE MEAL
13. What is the surname of Marion, Scott & Victoria at the Post Office? WILCOCK
14. What is Frying pan row's correct name? AIREVIEW TERRACE
15. What is the name of the school's Head teacher? STUART ANSLOW

Thanks go to all those who contributed to the evening - the vegetable producers, volunteers, cooks, washerupers and sponsors who helped make the event such a success. We don't think we will be hosting one every year, but are considering having a follow-up meal in the future once all the necessary building refurbishment has been completed.

## The Centenary Music Hall on Friday & Saturday December 11th & 12th 2009.

A pleasing number of people ( 30 or so) offered to participate in various capacities in the Music Hall. Whilst several offered " turns", others offered to be part of a chorus line, act in a melodrama Musically direct, choreograph, be piano accompanists and to help technically and behind the scenes etc. Also pleasing was the age range from teens to the "-more mature" and all ages in between. It was also decided to put on a Musical Hall as opposed to an Old Time Music Hall which gave scope for all types of variety including more contemporary items that people feel comfortable with.

At the time of writing Len Taylor intends to contact all persons who showed interest to ascertain exactly what they want or are willing to do. Then a schedule can be drawn up for rehearsals and a running order for the show made. The next few months in Cononley will be exciting and will involve a lot of hard work for all involved. Tickets could be very limited as it is only for two nights, so look out for when and where they are on sale.

"Whilst a good number turned up at the meeting on Tuesday September 1st, a few were missing who had attended the initial meeting. Maybe holidays intervened, The next meeting will be on Monday 28th September, please make every effort to be there . We need one or two more men for the chorus!! Plus someone to play a villain in a melodrama!!!"

### **DRYSTONE RADIO** – The Voice of South Craven

Drystone Radio is based in Cowling and operates on the internet ([www.drystoneradio.co.uk](http://www.drystoneradio.co.uk)) and on FM 106.9 mhz.

Run mainly by volunteers, the station is always looking out for programme producers, editors, fundraisers etc., and particularly sports contacts who can broadcast live from local matches as they happen (football, cricket, rugby).

If you're interested, why not call us on 01535 635392 or email on

[email@drystoneradio.com](mailto:email@drystoneradio.com) and who knows – you could be the next Terry Wogan or John Motson.

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### **Cononley Show**

The Show Committee would like to thank all who supported the Show this year. Over £200 was made. We were unsure how dropping the the house to house delivery of schedules would affect the entries. Entry numbers were in fact down, but this could be due to a number of reasons.

The quality of the entries was very high and impressed the judges. We would especially like to thank all who entered in the baking and fruit/veg classes for their generosity and also to those at the auction who bought it all! Details of the distribution of the proceeds will appear in the December 2009 issue of the Newsletter following the next committee meeting.

Finally, a personal thank you to all those who came forward this year to help. Without you the Show would once again have been in danger of folding.  
Marion Rankin ( for the show committee. )

**PS** A painting of a west highland white dog has been mislaid following the Show. If anybody knows of its whereabouts please ring me on 634980.

We are also in possession of a large patterned flat plate used, we think, to enter a cake. Please ring above number to claim.

### **Winter Warmer Disco**

Saturday, 14th November  
Kids Disco between 5 - 6.30pm  
£2 per child for Disco including Party  
Tea and Squash



Adult Disco from 7.30pm

## **DOORS WIDE OPEN AT RIVERDALE INGS**

**The doors to the new designer Show Home at Riverdale Ings are now wide open, giving purchasers the chance to see for themselves the Antler Homes difference.**

**The development's new Show Home, plot 15, is a three bedroom townhouse which is part of a crescent of three storey homes on the banks of the River Aire. The practical design of the home makes it appealing to purchasers across the entire buying spectrum, in particular those looking for the flexibility of split level living.**

**The Show Home has been decorated and furnished by leading designer Alexander James Interiors. And is open daily between 10am and 5pm. Call 01535 637826 for more information, or visit [www.antlerhomes.co.uk](http://www.antlerhomes.co.uk)**

### **CONONLEY GALA 2009**

This year's Gala was a hugely enjoyable event for the village and raised vital funds for the Cononley Playing Fields Committee to put towards the new play equipment project. For the first time in three years, the rains stayed away! The theme of the day was "Heroes and Villains" and the effort put into the fancy dress costumes was brilliant with many action heroes and fearsome villains filling the village. The colourful and imaginative floats in the procession were judged by guests of honour, Pam Stott and Marten Lougee.

The joint 1st winning floats were the 'Cadbury's Miniature Heroes' of Stepping Stones Preschool & Nursery and 'Dr Who' of Cononley Hall Bed & Breakfast and Oakhouse Foods, each of which won £100 to go to a charity of their choice. These prizes were kindly donated by local businesses "**The Secret Drawer**", "**The New Inn**" and "**Fastec**".

The fancy dress prizes were sponsored by **Jackie's Hairdressers** and **Harrisons Builders**. 11 year-old Sally O'Hara was crowned Gala Queen, ably attended by Lucy Calvert and Harriet Mason.

The park looked wonderful following the spring tidy-up. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to dig beds and paint the play equipment, bandstand and gates. This will now become an annual event to keep on top of maintenance. Thanks also to **Aire Valley Tree Surgeons** for donating the bark mulch and also **David Loss** for giving the grass a free short back and sides.

There was a large number of attractions including inflatables sponsored by **Antler Homes** and the "Surf Simulator" which was sponsored by local businesses **Andrew Clark UPVC Specialist** and **Cononley Carpet Mills/The Carpet Gallery, Silsden**. Unfortunately, for those who were expecting the bug ride, carousel and boat swings for the younger children, the supplier could not get his vehicle on to the park and had to turn back. Also the small bouncy castle collapsed due to a generator problem. These problems were beyond our control but these attractions will be back next year!

For the second year running, the Marquee was a great success, housing both the "Treasure Chest Tea Room" and other stalls during the day as well as a lively "Hoe Down and Hog Roast" in the evening. The evening event was well attended and was supported by "**The Railway Inn**" who generously provided the draft beer and equipment free of charge which made a healthy contribution towards funds at the expense of some unhealthy revellers!

After last year's wet weather problems, the Sports went ahead with the addition of 'Welly Wanging'. The prizes were sponsored by **Cononley Hall B & B and Oakhouse Foods**. The fell race, which had to be abandoned last year for safety reasons, was won by Russ Fairhurst and Mary Naylor.

#### **Football Tournament    Sunday 13th September 2009**

To end the summer on a high and to make the most of our newly installed goals Cononley Village Playing Field Committee are planning to hold a Village Football tournament for all ages. So whether you are interested in taking part as an individual and joining a team on the day, or you wish to enter your own team, or your business/village group would like to take part, please enter a team. Entry forms available from the Post Office.

## WHO ARE YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS?

**Standing left to right:** Alan Parker, Marten Lougee, Alan Wade, Richard Mansell, Gavin Shepherd, Mark Allum

**Seated:** David Gulliver (Clerk to the Council & Resp Financial Officer, Lois Brown (Chairman)



**Alan Parker.** I moved to Cononley from Halifax in 1998. In 1999 I formed my own company, Alan Parker Consultancy, and now spend my working day assisting people and companies, both in the UK and overseas, with their business plans, budgets and management accounts. I am married with four children and six grandchildren (with another due any day!)

**Alan Wade.** I am a farmer and landowner, with the majority of our land in Cononley Parish. I have lived here for 43 years, am married to Janet, with three grown up children and three grandchildren. I have good local knowledge and hope that I use this for the benefit of the village as a member of the Parish Council"

**Richard Mansell.** I am 41, married to Michelle with 3 children aged 9, 7 and 3. Born in Sutton Coldfield in West Midlands. Graduated Leeds University in 1989 and moved to Yorkshire after law school to follow career as a criminal barrister Moved to Cononley from Leeds in 2000. Interests include all sports, mainly football (support Aston Villa and occasionally, Bradford City!). Also golf. Keen cook.

**Mark Allum.** I moved to the village with my wife, Becky about 12 years ago, coming over from Otley. My life tends to revolve around the outdoors both in work for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, and as hobbies where I am keen on such things as cycling, climbing and caving. We have had an allotment for 10 years and really enjoy growing our own fruit and veg, and living in the village.

**Lois Brown.** Lived in Cononley for the past five years and became a Parish Councillor in September 2005, then latterly was made Chairman of the Council in July 2007. Married with two young children, Toby (4) and Amelie (1) Worked for IBM as an IT Specialist in Application Support and Maintenance for the past nine years. Active member of the Cononley Village Playing Fields committee. Enjoy playing the piano and cello and looking forward to taking part in the upcoming Village Institute Centenary Music Hall in December.

**Gavin Shepherd.** Married to Taryn with 2 children, Isabel(10) and Camilla (13). Lived in Cononley for 20 years, my family 20 years before. I run a small business in the village which takes me overseas several times a year. I enjoy walking and am Vice chairman of the Village Institute Committee.

**Marten Lougee.** Retired Headteacher. Councillor for 18 years. Ex-member of Institute Committee and Playing Fields Committee. Vice Chairman of British Transport Police National Independent Advisory Group. Vice Chairman of Aire Valley Railway User Group. Secretary for Rail Group Campaign for better public transport. Vice President of Rotary Club,Keighley

**\*A last minute addition from a Council Meeting on Tuesday night** – a CDC Councillor would like to receive any views and ideas on recycling and waste management from the residents of Cononley. Please address them to David Gulliver in writing at 3 Tillotson's Court, Meadow Lane, Cononley BD20 8NG. Thank you.

Any contributions for **Dec 2009** edition should be submitted by **01 Dec 2009** to: Sue Whitehead. Prospect House, Crosshills Road, Cononley BD20 8JZ. Tel 01535 633150 or email [susan.whitehead@talktalk.net](mailto:susan.whitehead@talktalk.net)