

Thornton Rust

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Welcome

Peter, Jack the cat and I arrived in Thornton Rust 3 weeks ago and are settling into Manor House Farm.

We moved from Kent and have been learning all about oil fired heating and water treatment systems - something totally alien to simple city dwellers such as us.

Since moving in we have been welcomed warmly by people in the village with many tips and local contacts shared - all of which have been invaluable.

Thank you for the many kindnesses you have already all shown us, as each has been very much appreciated and we hope that over time we will have the chance to meet everyone in the village.

Stella Beale

Lent Lunch

It was a happy event at the Institute with some tremendous fare and great to see people supporting from around the Dale, as Revd. Tom observed. A total of £173 was raised for the Christian Aid Emergency Appeal.

The K6

Our K6 phone box in the east end of the village was recently beautifully repainted by Barry and we are looking at ways of improving the inside with a view to having, for example, an art installation in there again. If you are interested in this project it would be great if you let us know your thoughts! Contact me on 07789 839770 or at Brindley House.

Of course, in any developments the accessibility of the emergency public 'phone in the box remains essential.

Gilly McQueen

Dates for your diary

Please save the dates for the following events at the Institute:

- Easter Coffee Morning, **Monday 6 April**. 10.30 am – 12. £3
- Skittles, **Saturday 18 April**
- Village Works Day, **Saturday 9 May**
- Yorkshire Day meal, **Saturday 1 August**

Good Friday - Witness of the Cross

A short service will be held outside the Institute on **Friday 3rd April** at 11.05am. All welcome.

Mission Room

- A Holy Communion service will be held for Maundy Thursday in the Mission Room on **Thursday 2nd April** at 7pm.
- An Evensong service will be held in the Mission Room on **Sunday 26th April** at 6pm. All welcome.

Jackie Cook

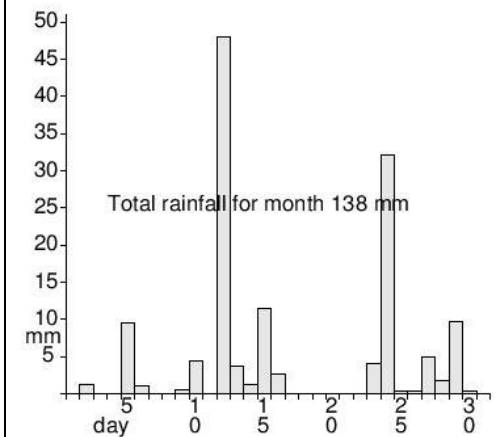
Upper Wensleydale Newsletter

The annual subscription for the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter is now due. If you have the newsletter delivered to your home each month, and would like that to continue, would you please send the subscription of £5.50 to Penny Noake at Low Town Cottage by the end of April.

Penny has very kindly agreed to deliver the newsletter around Thornton Rust and Aysgarth. Many Thanks.

Alan Cook

Rainfall



Mar. 2025: 33 mm;
Mar. 2024: 138 mm;
Mar. 2023: 151 mm.

Refuse collection dates

Garden & Recycling	Thursday 2 Apr.
Grey bin	Thursday 9 Apr.
Garden & Recycling	Thursday 16 Apr.
Grey bin	Thursday 23 Apr.
Garden & Recycling	Thursday 30 Apr.

No more rainy Days?

Since 1997, at 9 every morning I have measured the rainfall for the Bulletin. Perhaps my time for doing this is drawing to a close. Are you able to help? You could share in examining the rain gauge in my garden. Or you may want to set up your own gauge in your garden, which could be done without much expense. I will tell you more if you contact me on cj@colinday.co.uk or 663 034.

Colin Day

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Institute AGM

Thank you to those who came to the annual meeting. The committee said farewell to Paul & Karen Raven after several years of service and elected 3 new trustees from the village (Barry, Sheryl & Vanessa). The full minutes are available on Pip's Patch website [here](#) and will be on the Institute noticeboard.

Rob Newall

Annual TR Parish Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined especially on such a stormy evening. We discussed a wide range of topics, including holding a Village Works Day on **Saturday 9th May**. The full minutes are available on the new Aysgarth & District parish council website [here](#) and will be added to the Institute noticeboard shortly.

Rob Newall

The Outgang Gang

At the recent annual Parish Meeting in Thornton Rust Deborah Millward asked for volunteers to take over care of the Outgang parking area and its associated environment. I volunteered Barry Willis and myself. Thankfully, though unsurprisingly!, he agreed.

As the weather improves (ho ho), we should be able to get going - a gentle clearing up of the vegetation, parking spaces, and sprucing up of the seating areas, while respecting habitat etc. Hopefully this will meet with fellow villagers' approval.

Tim McQueen

Two Trees

In amongst all the weird weather last week, the two Rowan trees were planted on the village green. Many stones were encountered, but thankfully no bedrock. They are two-year-old specimens hence their limited stature, but this should enable rapid establishment. Please wish them well as you walk by! And have a word with any of our canine friends who are tempted to leave a little message...

Tim McQueen

PS Deborah Millward has donated some cowslips to the village and they can be seen in the bank beside the Mission.



Skittles

Skittles Night returns to the Institute on **Saturday 18th April**. £10 per team, cheese and wine provided. We have several regular teams and would love to have more, so if you enjoy a bit of competition or are tempted by a fun evening on your doorstep then now's your chance!

Please book your spot to help us make sure we have enough food for everyone. Call 662649 or email martyn@donno.co.uk

Martyn Donno



Thank you to Pip Pointon for the Outgang gang at work photos