

Thornton Rust

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Cuisine française!

There will be an evening of French themed food at the Institute on **Saturday 10 October**. Doors open at 7pm, with food served at 7.30pm. £10 a head for 3 courses. Bring your own drinks, glasses, cutlery, plates and bowls.

The menu to include a main choice from Boeuf bourguignon, Coq au vin, or Cassoulet, with a vegetarian option (meat-less Cassoulet). French themed Desserts, and Cheese course to follow.

Book your place and choice of main course (beef, chicken, cassoulet or veg cassoulet) with Sue Duffield 01969 663504 / su.trust@gmail.com
Tim McQueen

Lynda's fundraiser

The Afternoon Tea in aid of Breast Cancer Now and in memory of Lynda Denny was a huge success - if a little chaotic! We had guests from Leyburn, Thoralby, Carperby, West Witton, Hartlepool, York and East Retford. £1560.55 was raised for the charity. In addition, the Just Giving page has raised £3441, plus £688.71 in Gift Aid.

I would like to thank everyone who came along, donated, baked, helped on the day making sandwiches, serving and manning stalls and creating the marvellous balloon arch. All very much appreciated. A special thank you to Caroline Bowers, human dynamo and co-organiser!

The Guess the Weight of the cake was won by Ali from Thornton Lodge Cottage, who in turn donated it to the residents of Sycamore Hall.

Karen Raven

Dates for your diary

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

- Skittles – **Saturday 19 September**, 7pm. £4 per head.
- French Food Night – **Saturday 10 October**, 7pm. £10 per head
- Christmas Quiz – **Saturday 12 December**. 7pm. £4 per head.

Local food dates

- Pizza Night with [What a Pizza](#) – **Friday 4 September**, 5-7pm. Outside Bainbridge Village Hall
- Pizza Night with [What a Pizza](#) – **Saturday 5 September**, 5-8pm. Outside the George, Thoralby
- [Gratest of All Toast \(G.O.A.T\)](#) – **Friday 25 September**, 5-8pm. Outside the George, Thoralby
- Pulled pork dishes with [The Suckling Pig](#) – **Saturday 26 September**, 5-7pm. Outside Bainbridge Village Hall

Harvest Festival

A Harvest Festival service will be held in the Mission Room on **Sunday 27 September** at 6pm. All welcome.

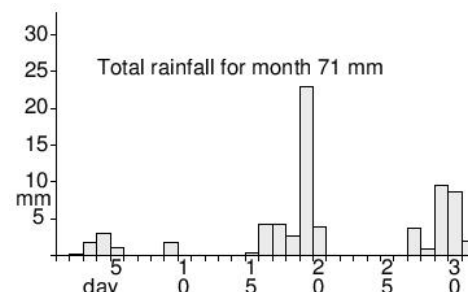
The Mission Room will be open on Saturday 26 (until 4pm) and Sunday 27 (until 3pm) for anyone wishing to decorate the room or leave donations of tinned/dried products for donation to the local food bank. The collection will go to the RABI charity for farmers.

Carol Rimmer

George & Dragon

The new owners have announced that they are starting to restore the pub in Aysgarth. They think it will take until the end of the year.

Rainfall



August 2025: 39 mm;

August 2024: 92 mm;

August 2023: 110 mm.

Refuse collection dates

Garden & Recycling	Thursday 3 Sept.
Grey bin	Thursday 10 Sept.
Garden & Recycling	Thursday 17 Sept.
Grey bin	Thursday 24 Sept.

The Mobile Household Waste Recycling will be at the Village Green, Aysgarth on **Saturday 19 September** from 9am to 10.30am. This is a drop-in where you can ask questions about the new recycling service. The new bin collections start in October.

Skittles Night

Skittles returns to the Institute on **Saturday 19 September**. 7pm. £4 per head. Cheese and wine provided, plus you are welcome to bring your own drinks and favourite snacks.

We always love to see new people have a go. We can help people get into teams of 4 on the night.

Please book your place for a fun evening on your doorstep - 662649 or Martyn@donno.co.uk

Martyn Donno

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Lloyds Tour of Britain in Wensleydale

This stage of the Men's Cycle Race will take riders from Helmsley to Leyburn, passing Kidstones Bank to Aysgarth before eventually finishing in Leyburn on **Saturday 5 September**. The A684 will be closed at Aysgarth from 1.10pm to 2.30pm. For more information if you'd like to watch the race or avoid local road closures then visit -

[Stage Four: Helmsley to Leyburn - Lloyds Tour of Britain](#)

West End Bank

For over 15 years contractors employed by Aysgarth Parish Council have strimmed the West End Bank twice each September. Unfortunately, the council are no longer able to use their limited funds to pay for the work to be done. If we want the wild flowers on the bank to look as good as they did this year, the strimming needs to be done by someone else.

I will therefore be strimming the bank this year and wondered if anyone was willing and able to help with the raking and removal of the strimmings. I plan to have the bank strimmed ready for the raking to be done on **Saturday 12 and Saturday 26 September**. If anyone would like to help, please meet on the bank at 9am on those Saturday mornings. I can provide rakes for anyone who needs them.

I am very grateful to Councillor John Dinsdale for all his help over the years, and his personal offer of help with the bank in the future.

Alan Cook

Kennel Field drainage work

It may seem perverse that whilst everyone else is endeavouring to slow the flow of rainwater running off the hills and creating new wetlands yet in the Kennel Field, we are doing just the opposite and draining a bog.

Several centuries ago much time and effort was invested in building a stone drain across the Kennel Field so that both sides of the field could be easily accessed during wet weather. By the 1980s this drain had begun to fail, and a pond had developed below the barn. As is the way with ponds it gradually vegetated over and developed into a bog putting cattle and people at risk of getting stuck in the mud and preventing access to the barn.

By restoring the collapsed historic drain and ensuring water could escape through the field beyond we have also prevented the bog from encroaching further into the more species-rich grassland at the base of the hill where the Marsh Marigolds grow so profusely in the spring.

Deborah Millward



Whist newcomers

Whist is played at the Institute on a regular basis. Please feel free to come along on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 7.30pm. Newcomers are very welcome to join. Any questions contact me on 650622. Marjorie Spence

Thornton Rust WhatsApp

Please let us know if you'd like to be added to the village WhatsApp to see quick local updates from anyone in the group. Rob & Rachel Newall

Local police updates

You can sign-up to receive email alerts about local policing activity - [Home Page - North Yorkshire Community Messaging](#)



KFT 100 Club

The 100 Club was set-up by Lynda Denny to help fund the insurance and any maintenance costs that arise. Membership of the Club remains at £12 per ticket, per year.

If you'd like to support the trust's work looking after the Kennel Field for the benefit of the village and be entered into our quarterly draw with the chance to win one of 3 cash prizes, then please get in touch - rob_newall@hotmail.com