

# Thornton Rust

## Bulletin

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### Skittles

The Institute brings to you for the first time a Skittles Evening with a purpose-built skittle alley. Come along for what promises to be an eventful evening on Saturday 12th February at 7 p.m.

Teams of four will compete for a cash prize. Admission £3.00 per head (children free) to include light refreshments.

To book your place in advance contact Martyn Donno on 662649 or [martyn@donno.co.uk](mailto:martyn@donno.co.uk) by February 7th.

This event will be subject to government guidelines prevailing at the time and dependent on sufficient numbers wishing to attend.

Karen Raven

### Seen . . .

On 17th January, 10 a.m. in Worton. There were three pheasants, one a Chinese cock pheasant with white collar, the second a normal hen pheasant and the third was an albino hen pheasant! ("It'll be all white on the night"?)

Colin Day

### The Mission

The collection at our Carol Service on 19th December amounted to £71.80p which was donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Our grateful thanks go to all who attended.

Our service this month will be on Sunday 27th February at 3:00 p.m. The service on 27th March is on Mothering Sunday and will be at 6:00 p.m.

Lynda Denny

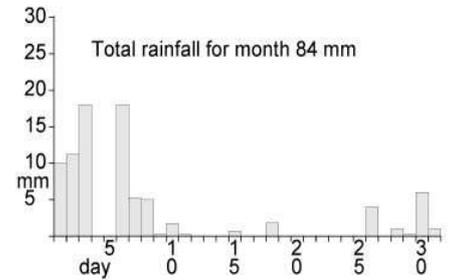
### Common land

Thornton Rust village greens are Common Land where villagers may "disport" themselves. The Outgang car park and picnic area is also Common Land known as Manorial Waste. The two lanes leaving the Outgang are Common Land as far as the second gate. The quarry off the East Lane is Common Land where certain households in the village have rights to take stone. These rights are written in their house deeds. Thornton Mire, which lies about halfway along the bridleway to Carperly Green is also Common Land and here certain householders may cut peat.

Thornton Rust parish owns all its Common Land but this is not always the case. The National Park own Free Holders Wood down at Aysgarth Falls, having acquired it from the Bolton Estate. Here certain householders in Carperby have the right of estovers, that is to gather kindling.

After the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (CROW Act) all Common Land became Open Access Land. The Kennel Field is not Common Land, it is owned by a charity, Thornton Rust Kennel Field Trust, so in effect it is owned by the parish. After the CROW Act the field was registered as Open Access by the Trustees, one of very few places to do so. Most Open Access Land lies above the Moorland Line. The CROW Act created this new area in England and over 50% of it lies within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Other parks like the Lakes and Peak District already had large areas dedicated.

### Rainfall for January



January last year: 180 mm;

January 2020: 134 mm;

January 2019: 39 mm.

### Refuse collection dates

Box & bag	Mon. 7 Feb.
Grey bin	Mon. 14 Feb.
Box & bag	Mon. 21 Feb.
Grey bin	Mon. 28 Feb.

### Common land (Contd)

On Open Access Land you may wander wherever you wish on foot but from the 1st March to July 31st your dog must be on a lead to protect ground-nesting birds. All Open Access land is marked on the OS map.

Deborah Millward

### Wild life

Some years ago I spotted a couple who had parked their car not far from our gate. They were engaged in stripping sheets of moss from the roadside walls to take away for their hanging baskets. I had thought they were day-trippers. They were not. They were day-strippers. Leave the wildlife alone – it will flourish that way!

Colin Day

Two pages this time . . .

### Outgang Picnic Area

Many will remember in 2017 when the community secured funding from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Sustainable Development Fund to refurbish the Outgang car park, once a rundown site hosting abandoned cars and accumulated rubbish over many years.

Work started in the summer clearing the site to provide a hard standing for cars. As so often happens with such projects, an element of mission-creep became inevitable with the realisation that many people had little knowledge of the sheep fold just yards away. The restoration of the boiling pots became pivotal in securing the grant. Funds were available for the provision of an interpretation board giving an insight into what happened here many years ago, using the infrastructure which remains in place today.

The aim of the working party was to provide improved parking facilities for our many visitors, but we also wanted to demonstrate what a unique habitat we have on our doorstep and at the same time maintain the integrity of a working environment. Under the guidance of Deborah appropriate plants and seeds were sown.

Now the snowdrops will soon be flowering beside the car park and this gives an opportunity to see where more clumps could be added by those who have plants to spare. Village efforts to restore the whole area to a wildlife-friendly place have faltered over the last two years because of Covid restrictions. However, the wild irises, ragged robin, cowslips and primroses have got established and the willows have finally taken off after the onslaught by lambs. This year we need to take off the coarse grasses

in the autumn and perhaps eliminate the docks, so volunteers will be called for at the Parish Meeting in March and a new team formed. In the meantime please remember to clear up after your dog so children can safely play.

Martyn Donno & Deborah Millward