



THE JUBILEE

JUNE 2022

# Warbler

In an attempt to record the unique celebrations which took place in our valley, it seemed prudent to collect and reproduce reports and photographs of as many of the festivities as possible. So here goes!!

## WEAVERTHORPE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

In spite of the weather, which to be fair could have been a lot worse, we all appeared to have had a fabulous Jubilee Weekend Celebration.

I think everyone will agree that the organisation was excellent and superbly executed throughout. First of all, we, as a village and surrounding community, must thank the organisers for all the effort and hard work put in to making this event happen. In my opinion all those that attended any part of the event have benefitted from being there. Be this from having a long conversation with your neighbour, or perhaps chatting to someone you have never met before. The Dog Show was a great place to meet new people – if only to nod or perhaps get to know someone else's dog's name.

It was in early February that the planning began. Ideas were bandied about but eventually a consensus was agreed as to the number, type and timings for each of the events for the weekends programme.

Planning is one thing, executing the plan is a whole other ball game.

In order to get set up, work started in earnest early on Friday morning with the erection of the main marquee on the Village Green. But some of you may have noticed that the previous Sunday the bunting was strung along the whole village – well nearly the whole village. Thanks must go to the Village Hall Knit and Natter group for their sterling efforts in producing yards and yards of colourful bunting.

Friday pm saw the marquee go up at the Village Hall.

Saturday morning saw the finishing touches to the main marquee, including the putting up of the fairy lights and attaching of the bunting. Seating was brought in - in the form of straw bales - security fencing put in place, the BBQ area agreed and the power cables installed.

On Saturday afternoon the tables and chairs were put out of for Sunday's Afternoon Tea together with trestle tables for the craft displays.

### **And then the show began.**



First off there was a morning walk through the village to find the 'Best Dressed House'. Stiff competition brought the number of serious contenders down to just over a handful. The Judge had a problem on her hands. Another walk through the village was required in order to inspect again those in contention. And then there were three! Pat Hill from Middlefield Close was the eventual winner – see the picture in this edition.

As evening approached the Weaverthorpe School African Drum players put on an exciting and musical rendition of harmonious drumming at the main marquee. There were some very young drummers - but the output was quite something to listen to. Well done you drummers.

Our live act for the evening was a duo named Marcus and Amanda. They took the stage shortly after 19.00hrs and provided us all with two fantastic 'sets' of music – many of which the majority of the audience were able all join in. And so the dancing began.

Whilst Marcus and Amanda were performing, and also during their interval, the Hog Roast and Bar-b-Que provided superb victuals – whilst The Blue Bell and The Star Inn supplied the liquid refreshments.

By half past eight all the food had been sold – either it was great food, there was not enough, or



people were hungry – many came back for either an extra burger or hot dog! Judging from the received comments my guess it was the former!!

Marcus and Amanda kept the entertainment going for an excellent second and final set, but the popular music continued for a while from an uploaded phone amplified through the speakers. As the evening cooled people drifted towards the pub of their choice to continue the evenings celebrations.

Sunday morning saw not the best of weather - but at least it was neither raining nor blowing a gale.

The mornings events set off with a superbly well organised Dog Show. This was extremely well attended indeed – both by dogs and spectators. Seven categories were available with many dogs entering at least two categories. What a cross section of breeds was on show - it was just fabulous to see so many dogs and so well behaved. Hardly a cross word between any of them.

As the Dog Show neared its end the children had already taken their places in the main marquee. What fun they all had. Possibly as many as thirty children enjoyed being able to make their own crowns (and possibly the odd one for Mummy) – with some very imaginative creations. The crown making was accompanied by free juice and homemade ice-cream – Raspberry Ripple for the children and Rum and Raisin for the adults (although the Rum & Raisin did cost £1 per cone).



Back in Mark's Field the Dog Show arena was replaced to make way for the children's games i.e. Splat the Rat, Wellie Wanging and Football Shoot-out. Great fun and all enjoyed by many.

At around midday, at the east end of the village, a display of vintage tractors was available – with, in contrast, an up to date (almost brand new) modern equivalent. What a difference between these machines - the vintage tractors being smaller even than the tyres of the modern colossus.

The other extreme of the village i.e. at the village hall; the crafts people of our community were setting up their displays. And what talent we have amongst us! Quite amazing does not cover what was on display by any means. From hand crafted walking sticks, deadly catapults, paintings which would not be disgraced in the Louvre, quilts, dolls house, flower arranging were just some of the things for people to see and marvel at.

From around two o'clock the fabulous celebratory Handmade Boxed Jubilee Teas were being delivered to the village hall – many of which were enjoyed whilst at the village hall and being entertained by the Pickering Pop Ukuleles. What a lively time was being had by all - with the marquee filled to bursting at one point.

Also at the village hall cakes and tea or coffee were available, as well as a slide show of Old Photos of Weaverthorpe. The latter intriguing many a guest with such comments as 'where was that then?' being frequently heard.

Along the whole length of the village, and up towards the church, groups of people could be seen taking part in the Treasure Hunt – enjoyed by many trying to decipher the 21 clues.

The main marquee was also back in action - the entertainment continuing with Southern Comforts taking to the stage and providing excellent renditions of more popular songs and music.

However, all things must eventually come to an end and towards four o'clock the rain had begun - not too hard but, you know, just there! And, by this time, the scheduled events had almost begun to run their course.

An excellent weekend all round enjoyed by many from Weaverthorpe, the surrounding villages and also by visitors to the area.

Many, many thanks to the Weaverthorpe Jubilee Festival Committee.



MARTIN PEARCE

p.s. As part of the food provision the Festival Committee commissioned the construction of an oil drum BBQ which has, very kindly, been donated to the village. However, we now have a problem of storage. Is there anyone in the village who could possibly find room to store the BBQ for us? My view is that, in reality, it will most likely be the Village Hall Committee who will make the most use of this equipment but would prefer that it be kept under cover between uses.

Should you be able to help please give me a call on 07971963797 or email me on [martin.pearce54321@gmail.com](mailto:martin.pearce54321@gmail.com). Thanks in anticipation.



## Platinum Jubilee Festivities in Weaverthorpe

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came to any of the Jubilee events, held in Weaverthorpe. I hope you enjoyed it?

The English weather could have been kinder, but we are all used to this and it was so gratifying to see so many people at all the events.

But the biggest **THANK YOU** goes to the other people on the organising committee, without whose tremendous joint efforts the events could not have happened.

They are (in alphabetical order!):

Ian Carter, John Carter, Natalie Carter, Tracy Chapman, Mo Lake, Julien Martel, Trish Milner, Hazel Morley, Julia Norton and Andy Thompson.

There was also a small army of volunteers from the valley who provided invaluable assistance in many different ways. They are too numerous to mention. They know who they are and this is our 'public thank you' to them.

It was a lot of effort, but I feel the events were successful and enabled the 'Folk of the Wolds Valley' to have a long awaited 'social gathering' and commemorate this unique event for our country.

Sue Pearce

Chair, Weaverthorpe Festival Committee.



The Bunting Song (To the tune of Day Trip to Bangor)  
by Mo Lake

We didn't have a lovely time, the day we hung the bunting.

By eleven o'clock, we were soaked to our socks!

We had Jordy on the JCB.

There was Ian and Me and his wife Natalie.

John Carter and Dave and Tracy.

So waterproofs donned, we just soldiered on,

As the wheels went round.

We tied bunting by hand to bailer band and sent Ian up in t'cage.

He shot up int' tree, arghh\*, I'm glad it weren't me!

Still, he was only in 'ospital for a week.

Fixed it high up the pole, by Chalk Pit Farm,

Who mentioned Elf 'n' Safety?

Then I went home to fetch, a big set o'steps,

As the rain eased off.

By quarter to three, we couldn't agree where next to put the bunting!

Which post to that tree .....? Oh! ff...fiddle-de-dee!!

Meanwhile, we did some Morris Dancing.

Then we finished t'Blue Bell, but we couldn't dwell,

There was still t'Village Hall to do!

We'd hung flags at the Star, were treated to a jar,

As the wheels went round.

BIG Thanks are due, to the ladies who, made the lovely bunting.

They were cutting up sheets, week after week,

And sewing it all together nicely.

Three cheers for the Queen, so amazin' she's been.

The Paddington film was a1!

I wrote this in fun, so thanks evrywun!

.....As the years roll on!

(Admit it, you're still singing aren't you?)









The Jubilee Committee would like to thank all the households that put out decorations, models and flags in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was great to see the ingenuity and enthusiasm displayed throughout the village and this could only be fully appreciated when walking around.

The independent judge had a very difficult task with the eventual win awarded to Pat Hill of Middlefield Close who was presented with the engraved glass bowl at the village hall on Sunday.

The judge found that in her opinion, the display incorporated innovation, humour, attention to detail and personal involvement in the various details of this setting.

Once again, sincere thanks to the participants. Your efforts went to make the event most successful.

John Carter on behalf of the Jubilee Committee

**BEST  
DRESSED  
HOUSE**







# Thank You...

On behalf of everyone at The Blue Bell Inn we'd like to say a heart-felt thank you for a fab weekend.

It was great to see old faces as well as some new ones we haven't had chance to meet since taking over.

As some of you know, there was a tragic accident early on Saturday evening where we lost Elsie our loving dog. This made the evening really challenging for us, and we wouldn't have got through it without you.

Hopefully, we've made some new friends over the weekend and we do hope to see you again soon.



Karl and Julia xx



Congratulations to all of the rosette winners in the fun jubilee dog show on the Sunday morning. We had so many dogs turn up and it made the job of our judge Lora Lane really difficult. A massive well done to Cali, Fergus, Wilf, Ron, Sam, Poppy and Buzz who were all first place winners. Cali was our overall best in show winner with Wilf as the best in show runner up !. An amazing £56 was raised towards village funds. Thanks to all who turned up

# FUN DOG SHOW





The bike leaning against the tractor front wheel has spent all its life in Weaverthorpe. It has seen in the WW2 years, the Queen's Coronation through to the Platinum Jubilee with only two owners the former one and myself. Apart from a new saddle, new tyres and tubes and a coat of paint it's as it was when bought new. Not bad for an old Bike.  
Chris Howe



## VINTAGE TRACTORS



WOLD NEWTON certainly takes the biscuit for their Jubilee Afternoon Tea!





### **A Special Message from the West Lutton Jubilee Organisers**

I just don't think we can thank everyone enough for the day we had at the West Lutton Jubilee event...the celebrations were started by the stars of the show our lovely Queen and Prince...they both were and looked fabulous....thanks to Maggie Pickard for planning and arranging their costumes and arrival...it was all very regal!!!

Thank you to those who manned stalls, offering entertainment and prizes, the face painting and glitter tattoos were a huge hit, lots of very shiny little faces running around...hopefully lots has been raised for the school through FOLS.

The village was enthusiastically decorated by so many volunteers it really made the atmosphere for the day...so much work went into each of the activities which were enjoyed by both adults and children, although the adults may have been slightly more competitive.

The music was incredible...after lockdown with little opportunity to attend events and live music it was really appreciated to hear such talented people, the choir had clearly worked hard and sounded brilliant, Amy's flute playing was sublime, the ukulele band was amazing! West Lutton band were great and the ceilidh got people dancing! Singing along and enjoying such a range of music has been a real treat....

Our huge thanks to our very own "Chuckle Brother" chefs....they just kept flipping...whilst there was food to cook and people to feed they, they kept feeding them....The cakes were absolutely delicious, baked by skilled bakers and so gratefully received and enjoyed.

We have such a lovely community who braved the cold wind and supported the efforts made...it has been so good seeing families, friends and neighbours enjoying themselves and getting to know each other better.

Apologies for the very lengthy waffley post, we just wanted to let you all know that every person who turned up made our day a success. We would love to have thanked you all individually and personally but unfortunately we just didn't get the chance.

Please keep coming along to events, enjoy getting to know each other and if you have ideas about what our community can do please get in touch.

A hugely massive thank you to each and every one of you...  
Jess Haslam

**WEST  
LUTTON**







### Kirby Grindalythe Jubilee Celebrations

The village celebrations started with a delicious community lunch on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June in the village hall. (See separate feature)

Our thanks also to Kirby Grindalythe Village Hall committee for hosting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Tea Party on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June (Fred's Birthday). The weather was typically British but didn't detract from our festivities. Everyone brought their own picnics. Val Ford gave out her village quiz which was won by David and Liz Jordan and Steven and Liz Bums. The Duck Race and Fancy Dress took place next. The Fancy Dress was won by Lorelei and Millie both receiving a knitted Royal Corgi made by Betty Crompton. The cutting of the Jubilee Cake made by Lynne Woodburn then followed. This was cut by Fred Husband with a ceremonial sword. After a rendition of Happy Birthday to Fred, a sing-a-long of traditional British songs was accompanied by Caroline Bentham on the keyboard. A sound track of British artists put together by Tom Bentham was played during the whole event. Everyone enjoyed the wine provided by the village hall and all received a Commemorative Jubilee fifty pence coin to go home with. Thank you once again for a wonderful celebration.







**KIRBY GRINDALYTHE JUBILEE LUNCHEON CLUB**

This month's Community Lunch at Kirby Grindalythe Village Hall was a special Jubilee Lunch. The happy bunch of 30+ folks were treated to a traditional Sunday lunch including succulent roast beef, Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes, sweetheart cabbage and carrots followed by heavenly Trifle, tea and coffee and Jubilee themed Buns. Each of the diners was given a Platinum Jubilee souvenir pen to remember the occasion and were also treated to the usual free raffle.

The Community Lunch takes place on the first Friday of each month, but there is limited seating capacity so if you would like to give it a try please ring Marylyn or John on 01944 738044 or Email [cleggjohn1946@gmail.com](mailto:cleggjohn1946@gmail.com) to reserve a seat.







## **FOXHOLES JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

A few shots from our wonderful Afternoon Tea Party at the Village Hall. Plus, we planted a Jubilee Tree as well after the tea. A good turnout and everyone enjoyed the food which Gill made and her team of helpers. Thank you to all who made it happen!







*I think you'd agree that everyone  
in the Valley had a great time!*