



TERRINGTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL 2007



A resounding success

The idea of the Festival came from the Terrington Arts Working Group meeting in June 2005 when we realised that Terrington Arts would be 10 years old in 2007. Reflecting on those years, it was obvious that this had been a **golden decade for the whole village**, with other groups setting up, and established organisations continuing to do well. We circulated a proposal to all village organisations in January 2006, and held a Village Meeting in March when representatives of every group in the village turned up with ideas. The shape of the Festival - over 10 days – emerged that night. An application for an *Awards for All* grant was successful, so by November it was full steam ahead, with monthly Steering Group meetings through to the Festival itself. There were times when the Steering Group wondered what they had taken on, but everyone worked so well together we need not have worried. It was a resounding success for the village both socially and economically.

You can see pictures of all the events on www.terringtonfestival.org

DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE FESTIVAL

DAY 1 FRIDAY 22 JUNE *CELEBRATING WITH SONG*

The Festival Opening Concert with Terrington Village Choir and children of Terrington CE School

The concert was preceded by a reception hosted by our President, Bridget Nuttgens, for elected Councillors, Officers from Ryedale DC and supporters. The concert was a sell out with over 200 people enjoying traditional English songs and a selection of songs from shows by the Choir, and a medley of songs from the children including some from World War II.

A CD *Sounds of Terrington*, made in time for the Festival by the **Yorkshire Sounds** project, was launched in the interval. This has tracks from both schools, the choir, the band, Terrington Players and ambient sounds, and is on sale price £8.

DAY 2 SATURDAY 23 JUNE *Historical walk around Terrington*

Over 40 people strolled round the village to hear stories of days gone by with John Goodwill and Gerry Bradshaw, an event several people said should have been put on video for the village archive.

Village Sports – postponed to 1 July

HATSTAND OPERA

Love, Lust and a damn good Chardonnay *(supported by Tate Smith Fine Wines)*

A capacity audience of 140 thoroughly enjoyed the cabaret style evening, with Toni Nunn and Kirsty Young, and Jeremy Fisher at the piano filling the hall with songs from opera, musicals and jazz.

Day 3 SUNDAY 24 JUNE *Open Gardens in aid of All Saints Church*

11 gardens were open to view and there was a fine entry of Scarecrows on the theme of Legends. The Church was decorated with flowers on the theme of Country Pride; music was provided by **Amici Singers** and **organists** in the Church, **Tiefprung Gleemen** at the Village Hall and the **Gaslight Trio** around the gardens. Lunches and teas were on sale in the Village Hall where there was a **WI cake stall**, with their AONB

sponsored recipe book compiled for the Festival entitled **A Taste of Terrington** on sale, and a **Garden**

Club plant stall. Showers in the afternoon did not deter the 700+ people who made it a day out to remember and contributed significantly to the upkeep of the Church.

DAY 4 MONDAY 25 JUNE *Guided Walk by Terrington Walking Group* – a casualty of the wettest June day on record.

Resident Artist Workshop 1
Shelley Hughes, brought up in the village but now working for Sheffield Art Galleries, opened up her drop-in workshop, inviting residents and visitors to do a self-portrait. Working throughout the week with adults and children, she achieved 80 portraits on 40 cm square boards which will be mounted in the Village Hall in due course.

**DAY 5 TUESDAY 26 JUNE
*Celebrity Wine Tasting***
Sarah Kemp from Decanter Magazine fought her way through the flooded rail network to lead a superb tasting of wines from Australia, Italy and France with 80 people. Wines were firstly tasted on their own, then with meat, fish and cheese to assess the changes in flavour with food. An absorbing evening, and thanks to the generosity of the wine merchants, the **Wine Society** was able to give a donation to the children's play area.

**DAY 6 WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE
*Guided Walk***
10 people accompanied Tom McAuley on a 5 mile walk North of the village.

Lino Print workshop
The 8 places on this workshop were soon booked by people keen to make a lino print of their house. Frances Brock (our second resident artist) managed to help all 8 participants to cut, ink and print their work in half a day!

Resident Artist Workshop 2 – see Monday
Celebrity Author – Richard Benson *The Farm*
Organised by the small **Reading Group** in the village, this proved remarkably popular with both readers and

the farming community. Over 100 people heard his talk about the decline of his family farm on the Wolds and the strains of writing what became a best seller after being chosen as a Richard and Judy book.

DAY 7 THURSDAY 28 JUNE

Textile and Craft Exhibition and talk by Ebor Textiles

A talk and demonstration by the Ebor Textile Group was enjoyed by around 40 people. After lunch several groups visited a display of Stained Glass at Bridget Nuttgens' house, while another 40 visitors, mostly from the village, marvelled at the stunning work done by the group over 10 years, including the new 'sliced picture' of Terrington (taken from a painting by Jane Naughton) in which 16 panels were embroidered by different people to make up the whole. It will be mounted in the Committee Room. The open competition, Ten TArts in any medium, produced excellent and humorous entries, the winner receiving a box of materials donated by Barnyards.

A Cartoon History of Terrington by Ian McMillan and Tony Husband

(supported by Saville audio visual)

Ian McMillan began the evening with a stand-up tour de force, before introducing Tony Husband, a cartoonist with flying pen. As Ian coaxed a Terrington story from the audience, Tony did lightning cartoons which were eagerly snapped up after the performance. Over 90 people left aching with laughter and those who had decided to have an evening off are still regretting it.

DAY 8 FRIDAY 29 JUNE

Guided Walk – about 8 people enjoyed another walk.

Resident artist – see Monday

Yorkshire Remembered

The Yorkshire Film Archive brought a wonderful selection of old film clips, many of which related to rural life. After the presentation the 90 strong audience divided between two local films: one was *Threshing Time*, made by the children of Terrington CE School with Ryedale Folk Museum, and the other a compilation of film taken on Eric Weightman's farm in Sheriff Hutton in the 1970s. Enthusiasm for seeing people they knew and old tractors meant that the latter was seen twice through!

DAY 9 SATURDAY 30 JUNE

Have a Go! Family Day, organised by Terrington CE School

100 children scarcely seemed to notice the weather as they proceeded to try out the variety of sports on offer. The School Sports Partnership provided Coaches from York City Football Club, Malton Rugby Club, Tennis and Cricket Clubs. There was Street Dance at the Hall; the North Yorkshire CYC Mobile Skate Park in Robert Goodwill's barn; a Climbing Wall and Orienteering at Terrington Hall School; Snooker and Bowls by the Terrington clubs, and a Creative Den by Sally Beausang (another resident artist), Junk Sculpture (from Rural Arts) and a crèche at Terrington CE School. There was also another Guided Walk by the Walking Group. One parent remarked to the **Over 60s** who were providing refreshments all day, 'This is the best thing for children there has ever been'.

WATERSON: CARTHY

220 people squeezed in to the Hall to experience Waterson:Carthy, the legendary Yorkshire folk group. Unfortunately Norma Waterson was taken ill on arrival so the group had to revamp their programme, but they were enthusiastically received by fans from all over the County and by local people who had not heard them before but came to find out what all the fuss was about. They were not disappointed. Thanks to Ian Hughes at Terrington Stores for setting this up.

DAY 10 SUNDAY 1 JULY

A Taste of Thai Culture

The Village Hall was turned into a Thai Bazaar with stalls selling arts and crafts, and the Martial Arts team from Manchester and a troupe of Thai Dancers from London entertained alternately all afternoon. Both were superb and a real eye opener, especially for the children and their parents who rushed into the Hall when the heavens opened at the end of the postponed Village Sports. Thanks to Stewart Marr of the Bay Horse for organising the display and refreshments.

Festival Thanksgiving

A short service of Thanksgiving was held in All Saints Church, led by the Reverend Christopher Parkin.

Final Knees Up and Barn Dance

A hardy group of about 70 people braved the rain to enjoy a shared supper and Barn Dance with music by the 7 member village band, **Tiefprung Gleemen**.

Exhibitions

An Exhibition **10 years of Terrington Arts** compiled by Anita Barber was much admired in the Hall all week, along with creative work done by the **Playgroup**. The photographic competition did not get enough entries by the end of May to take forward. The Flowers in the Church and the Scarecrows were enjoyed by visitors to the village throughout the week.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

Press publicity prior to the event was sparse despite the efforts of the organisers, but the attendance figures for the 24 events show that the programme reached the right people as around 2000 people bought tickets for the various events and another 250 attended the free ones. This suggests that the programme was distributed very effectively by the village community.

THANKS

Thanks are due to all the many people who gave so willingly of their time to make the Festival a success. The Steering Group is listed below, but as secretary I would like to thank especially Gerard Naughton for designing such a striking programme that tickets were selling the moment it was launched in March; Elizabeth Strickland, who looked after the ticket sales so professionally; Cathy Harrison who helped out on a weekly basis from January onwards, and Yvette Turnbull, Ryedale Arts Development Officer, who gave us the courage to apply for a grant to bring about our ambitious plans.

Lesley Bradshaw, Secretary

President: Mrs Bridget Nuttgens **Festival Steering group membership:** **Terrington Arts Working Group:** Sally Smith (chair), Lesley Bradshaw (secretary), Gerry Bradshaw (treasurer), Anita Barber (exhibition), Shirley Drury, Elaine Hubery (Textile and Craft), John Hubery (Tiefprung Gleemen), Janet Goodwill, Gerard Naughton (graphic design) and Jane Naughton, Elaine Taylor (Film) Ali

Wilson (Minutes) **plus** Angela Barnett (Book Group), Frances Brock (artist, Church and Garden Club), Jon Glen (Terrington Hall), Sally Goodrick (Flowers in Church), Cathy Harrison (WI), Ian Hughes (Terrington Stores), Stewart Marr (Bay Horse), Denise McAuley (Over 60s), Tom McAuley (Walking group), Donna McCally and Lyn White (Terrington CE School), Maggie Nesom (Playgroup), David and Maggie Raggett (Open Gardens), Elizabeth Strickland (Box Office), Susie Wildey (Wine Society).

