

Thornton le Dale Show

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Enjoy a really great family day out at the 92nd Annual Thornton le Dale Show on

Wednesday 3 August

Fortune seems to favour Thornton le Dale Show and no matter what the weather is doing around us, a glorious day is always to be guaranteed at the Show. The Gods have definitely shone upon us in recent years but no matter, whatever the weather decides to do there is always plenty of entertainment on hand for the entire family.

Thornton le Dale is rightly the most popular show in the locality and considered to be the best and friendliest of the County's traditional village shows. The Show is not only the high spot in the annual calendar for locals, but it also acts as the focal point for our many friends throughout the country, and indeed further afield, who return year after year to renew acquaintances on Showday. It is this particular and unique blend of social interaction, which so characterises the Show and gives it its distinctive relaxed, friendly, family atmosphere.

The Show starts at 9:00 a.m. and continues well into the evening with the Working Terrier Show, Lurcher Show, Junior Show Jumping, Children's Fancy Dress and Sports Events ranging from the Men's 400 yards race (tradition forbids adoption of the metric system of measurement) to a real crowd puller, the hugely entertaining, children's Tug of War competition.

If you are pleased with your pastries, jealous of your jam making, proud of your patchwork, admired for your art or creative in your craftwork, then why not enter the handicrafts and produce section. Can you make the supreme Fruit Liquor, the tastiest Home Made Sausages, the finest Pork Pie or the scariest Scarecrow, do your sheep have the finest fleeces? There are classes to cover every conceivable interest and skill ranging from chutney making to crochet and from photography to patchwork and quilting. Or perhaps you have green fingers and enjoy gardening or flower arranging, whatever your interest the Show is sure to cater for it.

On display will be many fine examples of local craft skills typically including wood turning, furniture making, handcrafted greetings cards, pottery, silk printing, painting and dyeing, hand embroidered pictures, jewellery making, candle making, stained glass, fine art, cold cast bronze, hand made soap, patchwork and quilting etc.

There are long established classes for cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and horses and an ever-popular fur and feather section. Traditional rural crafts not surprisingly figure prominently, and the Show boasts the best Shepherds' Crook and Walking Stick exhibition in the area with a quality second to none and regular entry and attendance from the top stick dressers in the Country.

Entrants in the renowned Open Sheepdog Trial include a number of National Championship contestants many of whom featured in the popular TV programme, One Man and his Dog.

Approximately 150 trophies are there to be won and cash prizes in over 450 classes.



Always popular is the Craft Marquee which this year will once again be featuring 'Made in Yorkshire' www.madeinyorkshire.org.uk an organisation whose aim it is to inspire and enlighten Yorkshire design led craft businesses under the recognised quality of the 'Made in Yorkshire' brand. With a reputation for quality and good design, their characteristic marquee is now recognised throughout the region for exhibiting the very best in art, craft and design. Typically on sale will be paintings, fine art prints & original graphite pencil drawings, handcrafted greetings cards, hand embroidered pictures & gifts, individual hand-made pottery,

bead work, stained glass, contemporary furniture & home accessories, bespoke, hand crafted pieces of wooden art, handmade sarongs, wood turning, designer fused glass, individually hand-modelled Teddy Bear Collectables & personalised china & porcelain, slip cast earthenware ceramics, handmade soaps, body lotions & bathmelts, essential oils, corn dollies & strawcraft, quilted cushions, individually hand painted ties and scarves, designer crochet, jewellery, mounted & framed photographs, fine giftware, pine, oak, ash & beech furniture, traditional wooden rocking horses, original wildlife paintings and limited edition prints.

Alongside classes for dairy and beef cattle, goats, sheep and pigs, visitors will also be able to enjoy the long established horse and driving classes and the ever developing and improving Rare and Minority Breeds exhibition. Children in particular will find the hugely popular Fur and Feather section and the Companion Dog Show most enjoyable. These together with additional attractions including Vintage Tractors, miniature steam railway, an extensive variety of Trade Stands, Displays and Demonstrations ranging from Stick Back Chair, Hurdle and Shepherd's Crook manufacture to Gun Dogs, Ferrets, Falconry, and Sheepdog displays will ensure a full day's entertainment for all the family.

In the Main Ring there will be a wide range of traditional and not so traditional attractions throughout the day climaxing with 'Jamie Squibb' and Rockin' Horse Productions 'Orc Show', two internationally renowned acts that are guaranteed to stun the audience.

*The Show continues to evolve with the organisers keen to see the introduction of new attractions whilst maintaining the traditional character and charm of a Village Agricultural Show. Recent years have seen the introduction of the Rare and Minority Breeds classes, the provision of first class catering and refreshment facilities offering a wide range of both hot and cold food and an ever expanding entertainment programme. Live music is now a well established and highly popular attraction at the Show. This year two new bands will be featured, the much acclaimed ‘**Sounds Easy Swing Band**’ together with ‘**Ali & The Beachcombers**’ who will be bringing to the Show for the first time, their infectious reggae groove. If that were not enough ‘**The Railroad Hobos**’, with their distinctive blend of Skiffle, Country and Celtic music will also be performing. Thornton le Dale is the only Show in the area to feature a big, swing band and vocalist, let alone additional bands of the calibre of the ‘Hobos’ and ‘Beachcombers’!*

*To complement the ‘Made in Yorkshire’ Marquee, the Show will once again feature a Marquee supported by ‘**Deliciously Yorkshire**’ and devoted to the wonderful range of food manufactured and produced in Yorkshire.*

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www.deliciouslyyorkshire.co.org

Deliciouslyyorkshire is a celebration of all things food and drink in Yorkshire, but it especially honours the champions working across the region’s industry whether producing, selling or cooking our glorious food! Showcasing Yorkshire and Humber food heroes at this year’s Thornton le Dale Show, deliciouslyyorkshire’s range of homegrown goodies and mouth watering delights will typically include supa-dupa meringues, award-winning sausages, scrumptious Yorkshire cupcakes, handmade toffees & fudges, award winning pickles and chutneys using local produce with a spicy twist, cookie, muffin & gingerbread baking mix gift sets and tantalising chilli jams – you’re bound to find something to take your fancy.

In addition to all these attractions there are Trade Stand Exhibits and a Children’s Fun Fair. Careful screening and selection of Trade Stands ensures the widest possible variety of stalls offering something of interest, value and entertainment to visitors of all ages. Alongside wood-turning demonstrations and an exhibition of bygones and rural artefacts from Ryedale Folk Museum, there will also be the chance to try out the Climbing Wall for example. Also this year, in the extended ring created for the immensely popular Companion Dog Show, will be a Dog Agility Display throughout the morning.

Catering and refreshment facilities are of the highest quality and offer a wide range of both hot and cold food all sourced and produced locally. The bar, which is open all day long, offers refreshingly cool draught beer and lager together with a variety of wines, spirits and soft drinks.

This years Show as ever boasts an extensive array of special attractions and entertainment unrivalled in the area and catering for all the family, including:-

James McKay - Falconry

www.honeybank.co.uk

Following on previous year's successes, James will again be providing the Falconry Display.

Falconry or hawking, was first recorded in 1700 BC. Throughout the centuries since, the sport has continued to elicit a feeling of tradition, excitement, splendour and pageantry. Although today falconry is arguably as popular as it has ever been, it is still true to say that most members of the public know little about this ancient sport, and even fewer have had first-hand experience.



In his displays, James simulates the sport of falconry, using live raptors in conjunction with inanimate dummies (lures), while still conveying the spirit, excitement and glory of this ancient sport. This enables visitors to see the spectacle and get as close as humanly possible to a wide range of tame raptors, to have their questions answered by an expert, while at the same time being able to handle and even fly the birds.

In addition to the flying, there will also be a static exhibition of the birds including the beautiful and highly endangered barn owl, and the largest species of owl on earth – the Eurasian eagle owl, with a wingspan of over 2 metres. James, the director of the National Hawking School, mans the stand throughout the event. He is a zoologist and professional lecturer, and has the ability to educate and entertain his audience at the same time. Visitors will also have the opportunity to take photographs of the birds, and might even have their photographs taken, while holding one of them.



In today's "green" society, many people realise that raptors are a barometer for conservation, and would dearly love to be able to get up close to real, living eagles, falcons, owls, vultures and other raptors. At Thornton le Dale Show you can! Take this opportunity to experience an array of real owls and other birds of prey – in the flesh and quite literally, face-to-face. You might even meet one of the owls supplied by James and

used by Warner Bros. in the Harry Potter films.

James McKay, is a regular guest/presenter on TV, and an author of over 20 animal-related books. A scientific fellow of the Zoological Society, James has kept and flown raptors for some 30 years and has been giving falconry demonstrations around the UK for over 20 years.

Of particular appeal to children and adults alike, will be the Children's Entertainer and the celebrated Sheepdog Demonstrations by Elaine Hill, the difference with Elaine being that instead of sheep, ducks and geese are used.

Uncle Mal's Crazy World of Magic

http://website.lineone.net/~magic_mal/greetings_page.htm

*Regardless of whether he is entertaining children or families, Mal Sanderson's novel nonsense and hocus pocus creates a delightful atmosphere of fun and fantasy! An effervescent entertainer, he projects his personality to reach any audience. Mal's humorous approach to magic will leave you laughing, mystified and most importantly **entertained!***

It is a special delight to watch his rapport with children. Boys and girls become guest stars in a succession of mystifying surprises as they help perform Mal's tricks! Never patronising, he performs with them not at them.



When Mal steps on stage, don't expect vanishing lions or a hat full of pigeons,

*expect to hear the laughter of the audience enjoying comedy at its best,
expect to see an audience gasping in amazement at the impossible made possible,
expect the magic of people enjoying top quality professional entertainment.*

If Mal could be summed up in one word, that word would be "FUN". When you see his show you will know why Mal Sanderson is one of the leading performers in the field of magical entertainment.

Elaine Hill - Sheepdog Handling (with ducks and geese)

www.elainehill-sheepdogs.cp.uk



Shepherdess, Trainer and Sheepdog Trial Competitor, Elaine has been presenting informative and amusing displays for many years and has become a regular feature at Thornton le Dale Show. Elaine demonstrates the skill, intelligence and flexibility of her Border Collies in her entertaining and educating displays, which appeal to both adults and children alike. Elaine's dogs normally work sheep both in a working environment and on the trial field, however, during the displays at the Show, they work geese, ducks and ducklings!

Elaine has been involved with Sheepdogs from being a child. In addition to running the family farm, situated high on the Yorkshire Pennines, she writes weekly sheepdog trial reports for two newspapers.

A typical display includes one dog shepherding geese around a sheep dog trial course. Ducks are driven by a second dog around an obstacle course - through a tunnel, up a slide and down into a paddling pool of water etc. Children are also invited into the ring.



The conclusion is a parade of ducklings, which are finally driven into their own miniature trailer in which they leave the arena. Elaine's act is immensely popular with all audiences and is ideal family entertainment.

John Cavana - The Patanavac Gundog Display



John is a full time professional dog trainer with a vast experience of working gundogs, having bred, trained, worked and competed with many different breeds throughout the U.K.

He also has extensive knowledge on pet training problems. His good reputation has extended throughout the U.K. and into several countries with overseas clients regularly trading with him.

Over the years John has performed different displays with his animals throughout the length and breadth of the country. His outgoing personality extends through his animals to give an exciting display with something for young and old alike.

The arena demonstrations make use of artificial lures and canvas training aids coupled with a quality commentary from John. Add the excitement of the dogs, and you have a fast moving spectacular display. As a contrast to man's best friend the dog, John is also well versed in performing a trick or two with his ferrets!

The static display has been developed to offer an attractive feature in its own right. As well as serving as a rest area for the animals, it offers show visitors an opportunity to meet the animals at close quarters. John is available to talk to visitors and answer questions, specifically about the display or perhaps concerning their own canine companions.

The Kangaroos Gymnastics Team

First appearing at Thornton le Dale in 2009, the Kangaroos were formed in 1981, and over the years has grown in popularity at all types of venue. The Kangaroos are now recognised as one of the leading Gymnastic Display teams in Europe, and one of the top indoor and outdoor arena acts of any kind in Britain.

The early outstanding performances were two appearances at Wembley Stadium, the first for the F.A. Cup Final, and the second for The European Final of The World Series American Football League. For the second of these appearances, the Team gave a superb display in front of over 51,000 people at half time. This was broadcast live to millions across Europe on Sky Television.



The most prestigious performance was undoubtedly when the Kangaroos were asked to perform in front of Her Majesty The Queen, as part of the opening ceremony of London's Broadgate Complex. Nine International Television companies filmed the event. The Kangaroos also completed a spectacular and successful challenge on LWT's 'YOU BET!' and has performed on BBC's 'BLUE PETER' three times. The Team has also given two European displays, at the Rhine Army Show, in Paderborn, North Germany.

The true quality of the Team's performances are shown in the fact that they were asked to perform at The VE Day Celebrations in Hyde Park, The Victory Air Show at RAF Fairford, and at Sandringham Castle (4 times), and have now made more than 15 Television appearances.

In addition to these performances, in the last few years The Kangaroos have also appeared at many major shows from as far north as Keith in Scotland to Guernsey (5 times) in the south for 'The Battle of Flowers', and including two day shows such as Bolton, Derby, Eastbourne, Hastings, The Taunton Flower Show, The Shrewsbury Flower Show (4 times), The Malvern Autumn Show at The Three Counties Showground and three day shows at Southsea (8 times), St Helens and Northampton, and many more.

The level of performance is now so high that at least six members perform double somersaults over a car (such as a Land Rover 'Discovery'), and perform an Olympic vault simultaneously over a six foot vaulting table, and several perform triple somersaults at the end of the incredible 'Big Move', the longest and highest continuous vaulting move, we believe, in the World! In an average display well over 250 somersaults of all kinds are performed, producing an enthralling and exciting spectacle for any audience. They also have their famous Comedy Display giving two completely different shows in one programme

THE MAIN DISPLAY consists of a series of 7 increasingly difficult and more spectacular moves with over 200 somersaults including many doubles, and if conditions are right, some triple somersaults (not performed by any other team in the U.K.). The highlights of the Display are multiple somersaults over a car, motorcycles or sometimes the bucket of a J C B, and the final 'Big Move' which is the longest, highest and most spectacular Vaulting move performed possibly anywhere in the world.



THE COMEDY DISPLAY is based on a classic Victorian theme. It includes Victorian clad Gymnasts, a 'Gentleman', two Cricketers, a Robber and a Policeman, who are all involved eventually in a classic chase. This display has many exciting, spectacular and very dangerous vaults and somersaults and its climax is the Gymnasts performing double somersaults over the others sitting on top of a vaulting box!

The **Kangaroos** hold several performance World Records; one is for the longest and highest continuous vaulting move, (223 feet long), with 19 performers in the air at the same time and another for 43,629 somersaults in 24 hours performed with pupils of Polesworth High School, North Warwickshire, for 'Children in Need'.

Two brand new acts for 2011

As if all this weren't enough, in addition, visitors will be able to enjoy and marvel at the skill and daring of the Jamie Squibb FMX Display Team and

Rockin' Horse Productions 'Orc Show'

www.rockinghorseproductions.co.uk



Back in the country to kick start the Show season, the team has just returned from Oman where they have once again been working with the Omani Royal Cavalry, training riders and horses for several major events in honour of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.

Totally unique and although fierce looking, these orcs are funny rather than scary and promise 45 minutes of action mixed with plenty of comedy and laughs.

The most fantastic Joust/Stunt Show this country has to offer.

Masterminded by Guido Louis who joined the Golgojev Russian Cossack family in 1982 and trained in the art of trick and stunt riding according to the 'old school' of the Don Cossacks he has been performing world wide ever since. His partner Sophia Sandow Alvarez was born in circus and showed a huge interest in horses from a very early age. A career with horses was inevitable.





When Guido and Sophia met in 1997 it soon proved to be the perfect combination and in 2004 they decided to start **Rockin' Horse** and employ fellow trick riders Daniel Fowler Prime, Zana Cousins and show narrator Karl 'Feth' Greenwood.

Don't miss the 'Orc Show', a brand new production that is already taking the nation by storm!

And yet still more!



Jamie Squibb

Freestyle MX

(www.squibbfreestyle.co.uk)

Since the age of 6 Jamie has been a two wheel fanatic with a determination to get both wheels off the ground at any opportunity. As he grew and progressed to full on motocross race bikes, the increased power and suspension allowed the possibility of getting seriously airborne. A nearby quarry and woods, provided endless possibilities with almost sheer rock faces and spoil heaps galore.

Now with greater airtime and inspired by the visual display of one or two world class motocross riders, Jamie decided to follow suit

– and put on a local 'jump' party for a few close friends – but in almost total darkness. Soon afterwards, the first ever stadium supercross event was held in the UK. Jamie decided to have a go and suddenly found himself running head to head with all his heroes. He made his mark, coming runner up to the world champion in the interval 'freestyle jump' contest - and this his first ever public appearance!



As they say, the rest is history. Jamie soon became the UK's number 1 FMX rider and has represented Britain in Dubai, South Africa, Belgium, and many other shores, including getting massive TV coverage throughout the whole world for the last 2 years.

So what is FMX?

Born from unofficial jump competitions at dirt bike race meetings FMX has become one of the worlds biggest spectator attractions at all sorts of events.

MX also known as FMX, developed from motocross racing. As dirt bike suspension evolved, the man made jumps at races got bigger and the bikes became airborne for longer. Some riders started to use this air time to show off. They soon got noticed and in a very short time became a big attraction for the watching crowd



Eventually unofficial jump competitions at motocross and supercross race meetings became such a big attraction that they got promoted at separate events and FMX was born. Take off ramps were developed and in recent times lorry based landing ramps have evolved. Jamie's shows include radical airborne motorcycle aerobatics while the rider performs airborne gymnastic moves, - which can have multi rider line-ups and may also be choreographed to music and commentary. He has performed at most major venues throughout the country and has featured on Top Gear, Eurosport and Motors TV plus many more.

A typical show includes up to three riders who will demonstrate various tricks and bike skills on the ground, while warming up their engines. The main routine starts with a couple of 'normal' jumps across a 60ft gap and then runs through a routine of different moves, with riders gymnastically positioning themselves above, beside and behind the bike, all whilst 40ft above the ground, - sometimes even landing with no hands on the bike. The biggest and best moves and tricks are saved till last, leaving the watching crowd stunned.

Don't miss the opportunity to see this thrilling display.

The Showfield is ideally sited in the centre of Thornton le Dale, a village acknowledged to be one of the most picturesque in the area. Gateway to the North York Moors National Park and the Great Yorkshire Forest in Dalby where this year the first stage of the Mountain Bike World Championship is to be staged. The village is also renowned for its stunning Christmas Lights display and free programme of Band Concerts which are held every Sunday afternoon throughout the Summer. Any opportunity to visit this beautiful part of North Yorkshire should never be missed!


*This year's **Show President is Mr Charles Hill***

Entrance fees are:	Adults	£7.50
	Children 5 - 16 years	£3.50
	Children under 5 years	Free
	Admission to the Showfield after 4.00 p.m.	£2.00

Car parking is available free of charge and in excess of 15000 visitors are expected to attend.

For further information and entry details contact the Show hotline

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