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# Thornton le Dale Show

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Thornton le Dale Show on

## Wednesday 7 August

*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 rural 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, 'Have a Go' Dog Agility, 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 and 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 Sausage Rolls, the finest Victoria Sandwich 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, handmade 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 region 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 (to be confirmed), include a number of National Championship contestants many of whom featured in the popular TV programme, One Man and his Dog and more recently Countryfile.*

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



*Always popular is the Craft Marquee which will once again be featuring 'Made in Yorkshire' [www.madeinyorkshire.org.uk](http://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 original animal & wildlife paintings and drawings, giclee prints, fine art cards and calendars; luxurious natural skin care, bath & body products; corn dollies & strawcraft; handmade gift boxes, notepaper, cards; handstitched baby sets & friendship bracelets; art gift wrapping; hand painted signs and murals; expressionistic charcoal drawings and limited edition prints; creative and abstract photography; contemporary pen and watercolour paintings of Yorkshire; landscape and seascape photographs of the North Yorkshire Coast, British Wildlife and Flowers; greeting cards; unique jewellery designs crafted from silver, copper, crystals, shell, pearl, glass, minerals and fossils; bespoke, hand crafted pieces of wooden art; handmade studio stoneware ceramics; beadwork, stained glass angels, fairies & gifts made from glass; high quality water colour prints; unique handmade cards, bookmarks, gift boxes and paper frame pictures; wood turning & other hand made wooden items; hand thrown reduced stoneware, raku and horsehair pottery and hand turned pens.*

*This year the marquee will also be highlighting the wonderful range of food manufactured and produced in Yorkshire.*

*Alongside classes for dairy and beef cattle, Rare and Minority Breeds, goats, sheep and pigs, visitors will also be able to enjoy long established horse and driving classes. 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, an extensive variety of Trade Stands and Demonstrations ranging from Wood Turning to Gun Dog, Falconry, Ferreting and Sheepdog displays ensure a full day's entertainment for all the family.*

*In the Main Ring, a wide range of traditional and not so traditional attractions will be on view throughout the day climaxing with **'Jamie Squibb'**, by popular demand a now regular feature at the Show and guaranteed to thrill the audience.*

*Also performing at the Show this year, will be Ryan Kay with his highly acclaimed **'FarlaVale Gundogs'**, **James McKay** – Falconry & Ferreting Roadshow and the hugely entertaining **Steven Longton** with his sheepdogs, ducks and geese.*

*As if all this were not enough, this year we have even more entertainment; **Defying Gravity** (Freestyle BMX & Extreme Sport) and **Billy Biscuit** (Magician & Children's Entertainer).*

*No matter what the weather, a glorious day can be guaranteed at the Show. There is a wealth of entertainment on hand for the entire family to enjoy; don't be disappointed, come early if you want to see it all!*

*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 Rural, Village Agricultural Show. There are first class catering and refreshment facilities offering a wide range of both hot and cold food, and a seemingly ever-expanding entertainment programme. Following on from last year we will once again have 'Wonder Wheelers' and the 'Avago Circus' workshop for the young and perhaps not so young, to have a free go at!*

*Live music is now a well-established and highly popular attraction at the Show. Featured bands this year once again include the highly acclaimed **'Dave Clegg Swing Band'** together with **'The Robert Schmuck Trio'** who will be bringing to the Show an eclectic program of classics dating from the 50's onward. But that's not all, the hugely popular **'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 **Robert Schmuck!***

*In addition to all these attractions there are Trade Stand Exhibits, a Children's Fun Fair and the chance to try out the bungee Trampoline for example.*

*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.*

*The Show will also be celebrating all things food and drink in Yorkshire and offering a range of home-grown goodies and mouth-watering delights typically including gourmet scotch eggs; beautiful cakes and patisserie; award winning locally produced oils, dressings and mayonnaise; handmade speciality toffees & fudges; award winning pickles and chutneys; luxury puddings; finest quality homemade gins and liqueurs; honey, preserves, chocolates and premium vodkas – you're bound to find something to take your fancy.*

*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; it is beyond doubt the best bar at any Show!*

*The 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 & Ferreting Roadshow**

[www.honeybank.co.uk](http://www.honeybank.co.uk)

*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.*



*James McKay is a zoologist and former CEO of the UK's National Federation of Zoos, who is known to thousands as "**THE ANIMAL MAN**", thanks to innumerable appearances on television, including Blue Peter, Calendar, Midlands Today, Central News, Look North, News at Ten, BBC News, GMTV, It's A Vet's Life, "Tracks", "Watchdog", and BBC Breakfast News.*

*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.*

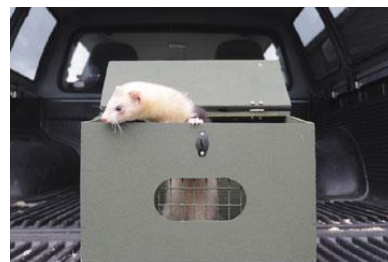
*In addition to the flying, there will also be a static exhibition of the birds where you can meet James in person and where you will also have the opportunity to take photographs of the birds. You might even have your photograph taken while holding one of them.*



*A trainer of animals for TV and films, James is also a regular contributor to many radio programmes, newspapers and magazines, and is the author of many books on animals and animal-related subjects. A professional, qualified lecturer and scientific fellow of the Zoological Society of London, James McKay not only knows his subject, but also has the rare talent of being able to communicate the topic with enthusiasm and zeal, to audiences of all ages and levels.*

*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.*

*The Ferret Roadshow is the UK's leading, best, most comprehensive, and professional ferreting display. With dogs, hawks and a large number of ferrets of all ages on show throughout the event, combined with two ring displays featuring ferrets, rabbits, dogs, guns, nets and hawks, this is without doubt the pre-eminent ferreting display*



*in the UK and one you really must see. There is even a display of historical artefacts – traps, tools, equipment etc. In other words, the COMPLETE ferreting display, presented by The Ferret Man – James McKay, a true countryman.*

*Of particular appeal to children and adults alike, will be the Children's Entertainer, 'Billy Biscuit' and the celebrated Sheepdog Demonstrations by Steven Longton, the difference with Steven being that along with sheep, ducks and geese are used.*

***Billy Biscuit***

<http://www.billy-biscuit.co.uk/>

**BILLY BISCUIT**



**CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER**

***Billy Biscuit - Magician and children's entertainer.***

*When Billy works his magic, the air is sprinkled with magic dust, and you're in for a big surprise...*

*Wait for the giggles and laughter to follow and watch the children's faces light up with disbelief -*

***There's fun and games, balloon modelling and lots of magic.***

*Children just can't resist balloons, can they? They're fun, ...and with Billy, about as colourful as you can get.*

*Well, what else do you expect when Billy begins twisting balloons into all sorts of magical shapes?*

***Punch & Judy Show***      *"That's the way to do it!!"*

*Here comes the outrageous Mr Punch – and don't we just love the old rogue!*

*Shrieks of laughter from the children say it all.      **A non-stop comedy of laughs!***

*Hold your breath during Mr Punch's encounters with the forces of law and order.*

*The adults just love Billy's fun-filled traditional Punch & Judy show as much as the children. You'll be helpless with laughter. Slapstick comedy at its entertaining, giggling, shrieking best!*

*Billy Biscuit has appeared at Windsor Castle and on The Sooty Show with Matthew Corbett*

*Billy has been a professional children's entertainer for over 20 years and he's really experienced in entertaining all ages and numbers of children.*

*He's a member of Equity and a Member of The Magic Circle*

## *Steven Longton - Sheepdog Handling (with sheep, ducks and geese)*

[www.shepherdsbarn.co.uk/longton-sheep-dogs/](http://www.shepherdsbarn.co.uk/longton-sheep-dogs/)



At this years' Show, we are delighted to welcome for the first time, Steven Longton and his amazing Sheepdog demonstration.

Steven is an experienced shepherd and sheepdog trainer and is currently competing alongside his Dad, Thomas Longton at various sheepdog trials.

He has appeared on the BBC and represented England on 'One Man and His Dog'.

Steven has been giving sheepdog demonstrations with either sheep, geese and or ducks throughout the British Isles at large country shows or small village fetes. The display presents an educational experience, where the skill and commitment of a working sheepdog, doing its daily work, is exhibited.



However, there is also plenty of amusement for the family, especially when the ducks start to misbehave... this is a display not too be missed!





# FARLAVALE GUNDOGS

[www.farlavale.co.uk](http://www.farlavale.co.uk)



*FarlaVale Gundogs is a family run business based in a small hamlet on the outskirts of York. With an appreciation for all breeds of gundog, Ryan and Alison Kaye put on an entertaining & educational demonstration of dog training methods and gundog skills – a real crowd pleaser at any event! Farlavale Gundogs have now become a regular feature at the Show.*



*Ryan has been involved with gundogs since a child and was brought up working his father's Labradors and Cockers on a small shoot in North Yorkshire.*



*He is also a gundog correspondent for 'Sporting Shooter' magazine, contributing on a regular basis with stories from the field.*



*Ryan involves members of the audience and invites everyone to come and meet the dogs afterwards and ask questions on any aspect of dog training.*

*As an added bonus Ryan and Alison also provide a fun over the bales scurry throughout the day, open to all dogs and with excellent prizes to those in the placings.*

# ***Jamie Squibb*** – ***Freestyle MX***

[www.squibbfreestyle.co.uk](http://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 world over recent years.*

## **So what is FMX?**

*Born from unofficial jump competitions at dirt bike race meetings FMX has become one of the world’s 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.*



Circus Avago is a day you'll never forget!

## High Energy Entertaining Circus Skills Workshops

*A superb, completely interactive Circus Skills attraction*

*Ever wanted to run off to the Circus! – now's your chance to try walking the tightrope, riding unicycles, juggling, diabolo, plate spinning, stilts, Chinese ribbons and much more in this non-stop session for all ages.*



*Circus Avago are one of the UK's leading performance workshop providers and have presented workshops at the Singapore Intentional Arts Festival, Galway Arts Festival and the largest and smallest festivals in the UK - Edinburgh and Chiddingly.*

*Circus Avago works with all ages. It's total participation for everyone. It's your chance to be a Circus Star!*

*A non-stop (10:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) drop-in, have-a-go session for all ages from 3 to 103! You're never too old to have a go.*

*So come on, be a Circus Star!*

*A full day of fantastic fun.*



# WONDER WHEELERS

*Alongside Circus Avago there is also the opportunity to try - Wonder Wheelers*

*Weird and Whacky bicycles, unicycles, Penny Farthings, bendy bikes, tall bikes, mini-bikes and mini-tandems, eccentric wheelers, circus bikes, balance trikes, fun wheels, pedal goes and more!*



*Try the unrideable bicycle challenge - steer one-way and it goes the other!*

*Huge fun for all ages, participants and spectators!*



# Defying Gravity

*(extreme urban sport)*

*Savage Skills are the UK's leading freestyle mountain bike stunt team providing interactive, jaw dropping shows suitable for audiences of all ages throughout the United Kingdom and Europe.*

*With a selection of the World's leading stunt riders, an experienced commentator and uniquely designed display rig. The squad pride themselves on being the most accomplished stunt show team in the United Kingdom and quite possibly the World.*



*The facts speak for themselves, with 8 World and over 25 British Championship titles you're sure to see some of the most impressive tricks, jumps and stunts possible, many of which would not think possible on a bicycle – prepare to be amazed!*

*We are excited to launch their new arena show for the 2024 season **"DEFYING GRAVITY"**.*

*This new arena performance is the only show of its kind in the world, it's fresh, new and has never been seen before.*



*The performance combines freestyle BMX and the extreme sport of mountainboarding which results in a breathtaking, jaw dropping ariel performance which*



*is suitable for audiences of all ages.*

*The Showfield is ideally situated 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 any opportunity to visit this beautiful part of North Yorkshire should never be missed!*

*This year's Show Presidents are Mr & Mrs Adam Collier.*

<b>Entrance fees are:</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>£14.00</b>
	<b>Children 5 - 16 years</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
	<b>Children under 5 years</b>	<b>Free</b>
	<b>Family Ticket (2 Adults plus 2 Children</b>	<b>£34.00</b>
	<b>Admission to the Showfield after 4.00 p.m.</b>	<b>£3.50</b>

*Car parking is free of charge and in excess of 10,000 visitors are expected to attend.*

*For further information and entry details*

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