

Thornton le Dale Show

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'The Best in Entertainment at The Best of Country Shows'

Enjoy another really great family day out at the 98th Thornton le Dale Show on

Wednesday 9 August

Fortune seems to favour Thornton le Dale and no matter what the weather is doing around us, a glorious day can 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 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, 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, 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 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 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.

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 Pole Lathe turning and Hurdle manufacture to Gun Dog, Falconry, 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 ‘**The Knights of Nottingham**’; two internationally renowned acts that are guaranteed to thrill the audience. Also performing at the Show this year, and following on from his hugely successful debut in 2014, will be ‘**Joseph Peace**’ with his incredible Fire Stunts spectacular.*

*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 Agricultural Show. Recent years have seen the introduction of the Rare and Minority Breeds classes, Valais Blacknose Sheep, the provision of first class catering and refreshment facilities offering a wide range of both hot and cold food and a seemingly ever expanding entertainment programme. This year **Stephen Harrison** will be making his first appearance at the Show with his highly acclaimed Gundog Demonstration.*

*Live music is now a well-established and highly popular attraction at the Show. Featured bands this year once again include the much acclaimed ‘**Dave Clegg Swing Band**’ together with ‘**Ali & The Beachcombers**’ who will be bringing to the Show their infectious reggae groove. 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 ‘**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.*

deliciouslyyorkshire

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 home-grown goodies and mouth-watering delights will typically include award-winning sausages and beef burgers; beautiful cakes and patisserie; pies and ready meals; 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; handmade muesli and granolas; honey, preserves, chocolates and premium vodkas – you’re bound to find something to take your fancy.*

In addition to all these attractions there are Trade Stand Exhibits, a Children’s Fun Fair and the chance to try out the Climbing Wall and 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.

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. Once again traditional Yorkshire cask ales will be available in what 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 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.

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.

The Crazy World of Magic with Uncle Mal

www.magicmal.co.uk

*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.co.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.

Stephen Harrison - One Man & His Gundogs

www.onemanandhisgundogs.co.uk



An entertaining & educational demonstration of dog training methods, gundog skills and a wonderful array of tricks – a real crowd pleaser at any event!

Stephen & his team have appeared at many events including at the New Forest Show, Bisley Show, Salisbury Jubilee, Wessex Country Fair, Ellingham Show and many village & local events.

A typical show lasts 30-40 minutes and has 3 elements: first, a demonstration and explanation of basic reward-based dog training techniques, including how to address common problem areas such as: pulling on the lead; jumping up; running away; barking etc. This is followed by a demonstration of gundog skills, including: retrieving; hunting; steadiness to shot and flush; distance control using whistle & hand signals; and steadiness to distractions – all accompanied by an amusing and informative commentary.

The final part is the real crowd pleaser: a humorous and comprehensive display of tricks, including balancing a sausage on the dog's nose, reverse parking, walking on toes, jumping through hoops, dancing, meerkat impressions, saluting, playing dead, marching, and many, many more. The highlight and final trick steals the show:



Daisy is placed in a suspended collar while Stephen explains something to the audience. Whilst Stephen's back is turned, Daisy slips out the collar, steals some food and puts her head back in the collar, leaving Stephen perplexed as to what has happened to the missing food!



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

Stephen's story is a simple one: ex-Army, now a Magistrate and an intelligence and security consultant who has a passion for training and demonstrating gundogs. Stephen lives in the tranquil and picturesque village of Codford, Wiltshire and works as Head Trainer at Mullenscote Gundogs at weekends.

Joseph Peace – Fire Stunt Spectacular

www.josephpeace.com

The Joseph Peace Fire Stunt Spectacular is a highly original show, blending amazing fire stunts with comedy and audience response in a fusion of modern circus and pantomime fun. The show has a lot of banter and Joseph works hard involving the audience and incorporating their comments into the show as much as possible. This makes the show fresh and exiting each time he does it. There are people who have seen the show many times and keep coming back for more.



Blasting huge balls of fire up into the sky with a flame thrower is the first stunt of the show and used to get the attention of the audience, which it does very well indeed!



Jumping through a wall of fire on a BMX bike is the grand finale and a really big stunt. Cotton fabric is held up in a wire mesh window and soaked with paraffin and set alight. The flames can reach a height of around 6 metres and the heat can be felt 20 metres away. A very spectacular finale!

In between amongst other equally amazing stunts, Joseph will ride a burning gyroscope. The gyroscope is wrapped in Kevlar wick which has been soaked in paraffin. All 3 rings of the gyroscope are blazing as he spin round with the flames licking at his hands and feet.

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



www.knightsnottingham.co.uk

Equine Stunt Show

The distant thunder of mighty steeds over the fanfare of trumpets, sends a tingle of anticipation through an expectant crowd. The Black Knight has come to do battle; boos ring out at the underhand and dastardly deeds of the Black Knight and his evil entourage. The crowd cheers, willing the White Knights camp to victory over their formidable foes. There is laughter too, at the antics of a drunken Sir Fredrick, the only Knight left in the Kingdom fool hardy enough to support the White Knight's cause.

Welcome to the Knights of Nottingham. Twice World Champions and the original British jousting display team performing worldwide since 1970.

Knights and Horses combine for hard hitting Medieval Jousting displays with added sword swinging, gut punching thrills on show, anything can happen and often does with fantastic audience participation and comedy included!



The Knights of Nottingham have represented the UK in the World Jousting Championships twice in past years and on both occasions, have come away with team and individual trophies.

Marvel at their skill and prowess as the unremitting action unfolds before your very eyes.

Will Good Triumph over Evil?

Hear the thunder of the charging forces as the great Knights battle on the jousting field at Thornton Le Dale



The show is a fully scripted theatrical performance perfected over 45+ years of displays to a wide variety of audiences. With a mix of jaw dropping action, mind blowing skills and a touch of comedy you are sure to be entertained

The Knights of Nottingham truly are world champions and you can see them in all their splendor at Thornton Le Dale Show. Don't miss out on what is sure to be a day you will remember for a very long time, you may even come across Robin Hood and his Merry Men!!



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 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.

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 George and Edna Hodgson.

Entrance fees are:	Adults	£9.00
	Children 5 - 16 years	£4.00
	Children under 5 years	Free
	Admission to the Showfield after 4.00 p.m.	£2.50

Car parking is free of charge and in excess of 14000 visitors are expected to attend.

For further information and entry details contact the Show hotline

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