

Thornton Rust

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Maps

The Atkinson delivery truck came with our new wheelbarrow. When the driver handed it to me I asked, "Do you have my maps? The maps that show every house in every village?" "No!" he replied very emphatically. "I use the Colin Day maps. I use them every day!"

I had sent a message to the practice nurse from the Friarage about the map of the village. When she came, she got out of her car waving the map. "I wish I had had these 15 years ago!" she said.

Lunching at the Crown in Askrigg we met some tourists who had been staying in Thornton Rust. They came from a tiny village near Cockermouth, maybe 100 miles from here. When I told them about my maps they said, "Oh, we use your map of our village!" One of them said that he worked from home and needed many deliveries. It was a delivery driver who pointed out the map to him.

There are 2,752 maps with 102,653 houses named. These are all free of charge on my web site colinday.co.uk. My biggest problem is getting them known by the people who need them. And it all started with the map of Thornton Rust.

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Mission Room

An evening service will be held in the Mission Room on Sunday 26th February at 3 p.m. All welcome.

Jackie Cook

Memories of Pokhara

The world was shocked when an airliner crashed on January 15 at the end of a flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara in Nepal, with the death of all on board.

Shots of the airport at Pokhara showed a vast expanse of tarmac. The pilot had asked to be switched from runway 1 to runway 3.

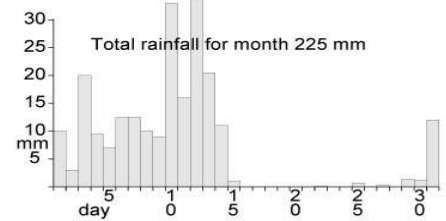
Things were very different when I was in Pokhara 55 years ago. The airport then was just a grass strip. The only planes to land there were Dakotas (DC3). In a country where distances were measured not in miles but in hours or even days trekking, and where bus journeys on mountain roads could be hazardous, plane flights were wonderful.

I remember one sunny day on the airstrip, 2000 feet above sea level. The northern horizon was filled with the snow-covered Fishtail mountain at 26,000 feet, part of the Annapurna massif. We have a large photo hanging in our house of just this scene, with the airstrip simply surrounded by a post and wire fence, and the mountains ranged behind. Come along and see it!

The afternoon brought a magical sound as a train of pack animals, each with a bell at its neck, came down from the hills. Pokhara was very different then.

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Rainfall for January



January last year: 84 mm;

January 2021: 180 mm;

January 2020: 134 mm.

Refuse collection dates

Box & bag	Mon. 6 Feb.
Grey bin	Mon. 13 Feb.
Box & bag	Mon. 20 Feb.
Grey bin	Mon. 27 Feb.
Box & bag	Mon. 6 Mar.

Whist Drive

Marjorie Spence wants to thank everyone for their generous donations of prizes for the hamper on the occasion of the Christmas Whist Drive. The raffle produced a total of £192 for the Village Institute.

Skittles Evening

Thornton Rust Institute invites you to a Skittles Evening on Saturday 11th February, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

The admission is £10 for a team of four (or come to make up a team on the night). There will be light refreshments. To book your place in advance contact Martyn Donno on 662 649 or martyn@donno.co.uk.

Two pages this time . . .

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THORNTON RUST INSTITUTE EVENTS 2023 – SAVE THE DATE

Date:	Event:	Organiser:
11-Feb-23	Skittles evening	Martyn Donno
11-Mar-23	Mexican night	Karen Raven
10-Apr-23	Easter coffee morning	Sue Duffield
06-May-23	Coronation Party – Afternoon tea	Sue Duffield
11-Jun-23	Village treasure hunt	Richard Loukota

Full details of each event and how to book your place will be communicated by the organiser approximately 3 weeks before the event.

To be able to cater for all attendees appropriately, avoid disappointment and to prevent wasting food and charity money, we kindly ask that everyone interested commit in advance.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and understanding.

Rob Cromey-Hawke