Sheriff Hutton

Village News



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Parish Council News

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The Parish Council Meeting was held on Friday 9th November 2012 and attended by Councillors D Wooles (Chairman) (878469), Mrs P Bean (878392), B Parkinson (878373), N Anfield (878738) and S Wood (07834493302). The Clerk was BC Taylor (878060).

There were no members of the public present.

Repairs to Ginnel between Laurels Garth & West End

NYCC have assessed the damage, made it safe and will return to repair it.

The New Access to the Industrial Estate

It is for emergencies only. The gate is locked and the key is held in the nearest unit.

Damage to Seat at Junction of Castle Side and Castle View

The seat has been removed in view of its dangerous state and will be allowed to dry out over the winter period. After repair it will be put out again next spring. Councillor Anfield has undertaken to carry out this work.

Repairs to Bus Shelter

The repairs have been completed. A notice board is ordered to be put up in the shelter in place of the existing Parish Council notice board. It was agreed to look into the provision of a seat in the bus shelter.

Christmas Lights

It was agreed that the lights will be switched on 8th December 2012.

Winter Provision for Snow & Ice

At the end of the Parish Council report is a new set of guidelines for the clearing of snow & ice produced by the Department of Transport.

Planning Applications

12/01027/HOUSE: *Mr & Mrs JG Laville:* Erection of rear garden room to replace existing conservatory at The Vineyard, Church End, Sheriff Hutton YO60 6SY

The Parish Council agreed to support the application in its present form.

Approval by Ryedale DC: 12/00597/HOUSE: *Mr P Cox:* High Cornflower, The Green, Sheriff Hutton YO60 6SA

Approval by Ryedale DC: 12/00845/73A: *Mrs H Wood:* Variation of condition 17 of approval 11/01243/FUL dated 16/2/12: The Cottage (Wood) New Lane, Sheriff Hutton YO60 6QT **Refusal** by Ryedale DC: 12/00696/FUL: *Goodness (Mrs C Barugh):* Siting of temporary agricultural workers dwelling and a general purpose agricultural building at Goodness Strensall YO32 5TP

Parish Clerk

The Clerk, Bev Taylor, is leaving in the New Year after more than 9 years' service. The post will be advertised shortly after formal consideration in the December meeting.

Next Meeting will be on 14th December 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Clearing Snow & Ice from Pavements & Public Places

The Department for Transport recently published new guidance about clearing snow outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces. Read this practical advice on how to do it safely.

The guidance said there is no law stopping you from clearing snow. If an accident did happen, it's highly unlikely that you would be sued as long as you:

- are careful
- use common sense to make sure that you don't make the pavement or pathway clearly more dangerous than before

People using areas affected by snow and ice also have responsibility to be careful themselves.

	Here is some practical advice to help you do this safely:
Start early	It is easier to remove fresh, loose snow compared to compacted ice
	that has been compressed by people walking on it.
Do not use	This will melt the snow, but may replace it with black ice, increasing the
hot water	risk of injury.
Be a good	Some people may be unable to clear snow and ice on paths leading to
neighbour	their property or indeed the footway fronting their property. Snowfall
	and cold weather pose particular difficulties for them gaining access to
	and from their property or walking to the shops.
Clear a	When clearing an area of snow make a pathway down the middle of
central	the area first so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then you can
pathway	shovel the snow from the centre to the sides.
first	
Place	Consider where you are going to put snow before you start shovelling
shovelled	it, so that it does not block people's paths, or block drainage channels.
snow	This could shift the problem elsewhere.
sensibly	
Spread	This will help to prevent any ice forming. Table salt or dishwasher salt
some salt	will work, but avoid spreading on plants or grass as they may be
on areas	damaged by it. A few grams (a tablespoon) for each square metre you
you have	clear should work. The salt found in salting bins will be needed for
cleared	keeping roads clear.
If there is	A little sand or ash is a reasonable substitute for salt. It will not have
no salt, use	the same de-icing properties as salt but should offer grip under foot.
sand or	
ash	D. C. L
Take care	Particular care and attention should be given to ensure snow and ice is
on steps	removed. You might need to apply additional salt to these areas.
and steep	
gradients	Described to the form of the state of the st
Use the	Removing the top layer of snow will allow the sun to melt any ice
sun to your	beneath; however you will need to cover any water with salt to stop it
advantage	refreezing overnight.

Farlington Circle There will be no Farlington Circle in December.

Village Ramble

There is no village ramble in December so have a relaxing Christmas and have your walking boots ready for a new year of rambling which will start in January.

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall -200 Club

247 members took part in the November draw, winners were £150 - 142, £100 - 38, £50 - 178,185,129 and 61; £25 winners were 62, 194, 193, 187 and 11. The 2 consolation prizes of £40 to reflect the year's average membership of 247 went to numbers 97 and 82.

Super-Mobile Library

The super-mobile library will visit the Village Hall Car Park between 10.00 and 12.00 on Friday 14th of December. **No visit on the 28th**.

SHERIFF HUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 1st December 2012 2 - 4pm at Sheriff Hutton Primary School

Xmas Craft & Gift Stalls including

Phoenix Trading: Handmade Cards: Flower Arrangements: Cakes

Raffle, Tombola, Name the Bear and much more

Admission charge to include festive refreshments

If you are interested in having a stall please contact Claire at the school on Tel: 01347 878441

Proceeds in aid of Sheriff Hutton Primary School PTFA

A message from Sheriff Hutton Youth Club

Our heart-felt thanks for all the support shown at last month's Jumble Sale. The amount and variety of jumble was tremendous; every Tombola prize was won; tasty cakes and cup-cakes kept us all going and the great team of parents, friends of the club and 16 club members, all worked their socks off alongside the Jumblies to achieve a record fundraiser for the club. I mustn't, of course, forget the Jumblies either, who give up their time for others, it is hugely appreciated; and finally a big thank you to everyone who came and spent their pocket money. Results are in the Jumblies' report.

The club is now on a stable footing for remaining in the Hall and able to buy some more new equipment. One or two people have expressed an interest in helping at sessions too, which is fantastic. Remember, no training is needed but is available if wanted, as a voluntary club we are not as bureaucratic as some others, so don't hesitate in coming forward if you are interested and you can help keep this much needed resource alive. Currently we have 40 young people of 11–16yrs on the register, with 20-25 on average attending weekly sessions through term time only.

Q: How many year round, regular activities/clubs are aimed at 11–16 year olds within Sheriff Hutton?

Anyone wanting more information please call Melanie on 878711, Mike 878794 or Mick 878919, all welcome.

Sheriff Hutton Christmas Tree Saturday 8th December 3.30pm

Following his visit to the Toy Fair in the Village Hall, Father Christmas has kindly agreed to come along to the Square at 3.30 to switch on the Christmas Tree Lights, so please come along and join in. Looking forward to seeing you there.

There will be a Warm Welcome at the Friends of the Village Hall

Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday December 15th

From 10 am – 12 noon in the Village Hall.

Admission £1.50 to include Coffee/Tea and Mince Pie or Biscuits (Children 50p)

Raffle Tombola Bring and Buy Christmas Cards etc.

Offers of raffle and tombola prizes, items for the Bring and Buy and mince pies would be most gratefully received. Tel Margaret 878314

The next meeting of The Friends is on Tuesday January 15th at 7.30pm in The Village Hall. New Friends are always welcome.

Sheila Metcalfe

Frank, Richard, Stephen and Susan would like to thank everyone who sent cards, letters, messages of sympathy and offers of help during their recent loss of Sheila.

Sheila lived in Sutton on Forest and Sheriff Hutton all her life and will be greatly missed.

St. Helen & the Holy Cross Sheriff Hutton with St. Leonard Farlington

The Forest of Galtres Benefice of St.Leonard, Farlington: St Mary, Marton: St. Helen & The Holy Cross, Sheriff Hutton: St. Nicholas, Stillington; All Hallows, Sutton-on-the-Forest

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sheriff Hutton	2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion CW-O1		
	9th	9.30am	Morning Worship		
	16th	10am	Benefice Service at Stillington	6.30pm	Joint Carol Service at Methodist Church
	20th			7.30pm	Primary School Carol Service
	23rd	9.30am	Advent Service	·	
	24 th	3pm	Christingle in Parish Church	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
	25th	9.30am	Family Christmas Celebration		-
	30th	10.30am	Joint at Methodist Church		
Farlington	11th	11.15am	Matins BCP		
	14th			6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
	16th	10.am	Benefice Service at Stillington		
	25th	10.30am	Holy Communion BCP		
Marton	2nd			5pm	Celtic Advent Eucharist
	21st			7pm	Lessons & Carols
Stillington	2nd	10am	Benefice Family Celebration of St Nicholas		
	9th	9.30am	Morning Prayer		
161		10am	Benefice Advent Eucharist	6.30pm	Carols & Readings for Christian Aid
23rd				4pm	Crib & Christingle Service
24th				11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
Sutton	2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion	5pm	Carol Singing at Rose & Crown
	9th	10.45am	Holy Communion	5pm	Christingle
	16th	8.00am	Holy Communion	•	
		10am	Benefice Service at Stillington		
	23rd	10.45am	Family Carols	6pm	Carols & readings for Christmas
	24th			11.30pm	Holy Communion
	25th	10.45am	Family Christmas Celebration		

EVENTS

20th December Primary School Carol Service at 7.30pm

24th December Christingle in the Parish Church at 3pm

NOTICES

Many people enjoy sending and receiving Christmas cards to friends, families and neighbours. For anyone who finds delivering cards within the village too onerous once the days shorten and the weather worsens, we have our own 'Sheriff Hutton Christmas Card Delivery Service'. From Sunday 2nd December until Sunday 16th December there will be Christmas Card collection boxes in both churches. These cards will then be delivered by families during the week leading up to Christmas (Thursday 20th December onwards). Last year we had about 600 cards to deliver! Instead of using stamps, we ask for donations to our churches' chosen charities at Christmas, this year they will be York Action for Children; Gateway Soup Kitchen and Crisis. Donations should be put in an envelope marked 'Christmas Card Deliveries' and put safely in the Methodist Church collection box or in the money slot in the wall in the Parish Church.

PLEASE NOTE that we are only able to deliver within Sheriff Hutton itself!

The Vineyard will be closed to all vehicles apart from those requiring access to houses from Midnight Christmas Day until midnight 26th December [a legal requirement]

Yorkshire Area Point- to-Point Club

Date for your diary - the point-to-point will be on Sunday 13th January, 2013. Admission £10, under-14s free. There will be hot food, a bar and a great day out for the family. Help us raise funds for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance – last meeting we raised over £12,000 for this worthy cause.

The Methodist Church

November was a month for Remembrance and now we have a month of looking forward to Christmas. We hope in all the commercial pressures that you will find some time to pause and reflect on what we are celebrating. In our Sunday services we will be following the season of Advent, remembering that the people were waiting for a messiah or saviour and how the prophets foretold that one would come. Then there was John the Baptist calling people to prepare for the coming of Jesus, and Mary accepting the responsibility of being the mother of the Christ Child. All these services will lead us up to the day when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You will be most welcome at all of our services detailed below.

December	2nd	First Sunday in Advent	10.30a.m. Revd Ann Haith (Holy Communion)
	9th	2nd Sunday in Advent	10.30a.m. Mr John Freeman
			6.30p.m Revd Graham Peaden (Holy Communion)
•	16th	3rd Sunday in Advent	10.30a.m. Revd Graham Peaden
		·	6.30p.m. United Village Carol Service
	23rd	4th Sunday in Advent	10.30 a.m. Mr William Swires
2	24th	Christmas Eve	3.00p.m Christingle Service at the Parish Church
2	25th	Christmas Day servce	9.00a.m. Revd Graham Peaden
;	30th	1st Sunday of Christmas	10.30a.m. Mr Peter Halls

Additional mid-week activities.

Monday 7.30p.m. Guild see separate programme

Wednesday 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayers

10 a.m. Drop in for Coffee in Miss Ward room. 6.15 p.m. Singing Group (5th December only)

Wesley Guild

Monday 3rd 7.30 p.m. Andrew Forsyth veterinary surgeon from Strensall will speak on "How long is 24 hours". This is the third time we have planned to hear Andrew and unfortunately bad weather and illness prevented it happening. We hope third time is lucky.

10th Christmas Party night with activities to challenge and amuse we hope. There will Christmas fare to enjoy too.

17th An evening of Christmas carols, song and readings for all to participate.

All guild evenings start at 7.30 p.m. in the Miss Ward room of the Methodist Church.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again we had a wonderful response from the village for this charity. We filled 128 shoeboxes (two more than last year) and received £353 in donations towards the postage costs. So thank you to all who helped in any way. This has enabled children who have nothing, to know that people are thinking of them at this special time of year. The joy on the face of a child receiving a box makes it so worthwhile. We are hoping this year to be able to find out where our boxes went and we will let you know. In the meantime, do please keep any shoe boxes with separate lids for a new effort next year.

Farlington Carols by Candlelight Friday December 14th at 6.30pm

St Leonard's Church in Farlington warmly welcomes everyone to its traditional, candlelit service of well-loved carols and lessons. After the service mulled wine and mince pies will be served along with soft drinks and Christmas biscuits for children. This much-enjoyed carol service is an excellent way to start the season of Christmas and whether you live in Farlington or one of the villages around we look forward to you joining us on the 14th.

Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club – about half of the members pitched up at St Crux Church Hall in York on November 10th to go through the well-rehearsed (for some) ritual of serving refreshments and running stalls amongst the tourists and "regulars" who visit this popular and cheap watering-hole. After plenty of early morning banter with the hawk-eyed dealers offering advice on how to erect gazeboes, the Club was ready to face its most challenging match of the season.

.With the usual book, cake and bric-a-brac stalls and soup 'n sandwiches and advice and offers given (or taken) from anyone who cared to listen, a sunny Autumn day produced a welcome £750 for club funds, likely to be depleted by the cost of repairing the ravages to the green of a difficult Summer. If you want to escape your comfort zone watch out for a St Crux event in 2013, run by one Sheriff Hutton Charity or another.

Christmas is nearly upon us, when we celebrate God here with us. For children Christmas is often a lovely time of year. A time filled with wonderful expectations of what they might get as presents. It is a time when most of us send cards and letters to friends that we may not see very often and those that we see regularly. It is often a time to catch up on the news that is happening in the lives of our friends and family. All of these things make Christmas into a very special time of year. But as Christians, the greatest celebration is that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. It is unlikely that he was actually born in December, but as we don't know any other specific date Christmas is the date that we celebrate his birth.

In the immortal words of St. John "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (John1:3b-4) In the northern Hemisphere here, Christmas falls at the darkest time of the year. When the days are at their shortest and the nights seem to last forever. It is a time when we spend more of our time at home indoors in the evenings, because we don't feel tempted to go out into our cold gardens. So we have this image of a dark world, that doesn't acknowledge God, and into this dark world comes a light, the light of Jesus Christ.

It is wonderful imagery but is lost on us who live in a world with abundant electrical lights. We don't see a great deal of darkness. Our streets are filled with lights from street lamps and from houses and these days from outside Christmas decorations. So in many ways we don't experience much real darkness. The image of the light coming into a dark world would have been a very powerful image when Jesus was born. We have the image of a tiny pinprick of light but one that is going to grow and to spread to every corner of the world.

That was the hope of all of the gospel writers. That the message of God coming to earth in Jesus was a message of hope for all the world. That is something that is worth celebrating at Christmas and every day of the year. God is with us in our endeavours for the church. God is with us when we speak to others of our knowledge of Jesus Christ. God is with us as we try to build God's kingdom here on earth in Sheriff Hutton. That is a wonderful message to celebrate, that often gets lost in all of the business of Christmas, when we are all busy with many things.

So I do wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

With every blessing from Graham

Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists December 2012

The winter schedule got underway in November with a fascinating talk by Dave Newman on fossilised trees and plants. Through his talk and many examples which we were able to handle afterwards, Dave took us through millions of years and the evolution of plants. Starting from earliest times, when the British Isles first emerged from below sea level and plants such as Horse Tail, (a plant some of us may wish had never evolved), first appeared and which of course, is still with us today. Other fascinating facts included learning from the geology of the area that Knaresborough was once desert and that the first grasses appeared 67 million years ago. All in all it was a most interesting evening.

Next month's meeting at the Village Hall is on **Wednesday 5th December** when Chris Wilson will be discussing arable wild flowers and looking at what flora can be found in an arable setting. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and all visitors are welcome to come along. Anyone wishing to join the group or needing more information about Field Naturalists, please get in touch with either Melanie on 878711 or Andy on 878785 or 878404.

Flaxton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Quite a number of Sheriff Hutton girls enjoy being members of the Rainbows, Brownies and Guide group in Flaxton. Why not go along and meet them – and see what's for sale – on the evening of their Christmas Fair which will be held in Flaxton Village Hall on Wednesday, 5th December at 6pm. There will be the usual stalls and refreshments as well as craft gifts made by the girls themselves.

If you have any questions about Rainbows (aged 5-7), Brownies (aged 7-10) or Guides (aged 10-14) or you have a daughter who would be interested in joining us then please contact Helen Fagan at helenmfagan@gmail.com or 01904 468523. There is a waiting list for Brownies and Guides

Racing Welfare Bingo

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported this worthy cause. A grand total of £650 was raised. Thanks also to anyone who gave a prize or helped in any way.

Cynth Marshall

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO! BINGO! Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club At the Village Hall December 14th - 7.30pm "eyes down"! PRIZES! PRIZES – EVERYONE WELCOME – PRIZES – PRIZES!

Playgroup News

Sheriff Hutton Playgroup is planning to open for longer sessions starting in January.

An Invitation. We'd like to invite any parents who might be interested in sending their preschool child to the playgroup to an open session during the week beginning 10th December. You can drop in to any of the regular sessions with your child, come and meet us and see what playgroup's all about. Playgroup is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and you can visit anytime between 9:45 and 11:30. We do ask that you stay with your child during this visit, so we can ensure that we don't ever exceed our numbers.

We look forward to welcoming you on 10th, 12th or 14th December. Come and meet the team!

Christmas Toy Sale on Saturday 8th December in the Village Hall 1pm - 4pm

An opportunity to purchase great quality used toys and games at bargain prices as well as Christmas gifts, cards and much more.

There is something for everyone with games, a tombola and free craft activities for the children, raffle, refreshment and festive treats served in the 'café' and an early visit from Father Christmas! Come and join in the festive fun!

Remember! We wouldn't be able to make this wonderful day happen without all your generous donations – so please start collecting together all your unwanted good quality toys, books, DVDs and baby equipment. Donations can be bought down to the Village Hall between 10-11.30am on 8th December. All offers of help are VERY welcome, including baking for the cake stall and any time you can spare on the day.

Proceeds will go to Sheriff Hutton Pre-school Playgroup and Toddlers (Registered Charity No.1021113).

For more information on Playgroup and the above events, contact Gill Fairbotham (01347 878517).

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our local Poppy Appeal. The total raised from the sale of Poppies was £1104 and from the Collection taken at the Remembrance Day Service was £236, making a total of £1,340, slightly down on last year's total.

My thanks to the House to House Poppy Sellers, Joan Armitage, Julie Bartlett and family, Dennis Donaldson, Anne Jeffrey, Karen and Dave Galvin, John and Laura Oakley, Anne Warrington, Jen Whitworth, Thanks also to Sheriff Hutton School Alan and Gill at the Post Office, and the landlords of the Highwayman and the Castle Inn for selling poppies.

Penny Bean, Hon Poppy Appeal Organiser.

United Christian Churches Committee New Year Party – Saturday 5th January 2013

As usual the Party invitations will be delivered after Christmas. If you have not received your invitation **by Tuesday**, **1**st **January**, please contact Cheryl Smith on 879128. Please also let us know if you are eligible to attend and have not received an invitation.

After a warm welcome and a glass of sherry or orange juice, guests are served a delicious turkey and ham tea with vegetarian and diabetic alternatives all followed by an hour's entertainment and a farewell gift of half a dozen eggs – who could ask for anything more!

We would like to take this opportunity once again to thank all hostesses and kitchen helpers who are now eligible to attend the party, (ladies over 62 and gentleman over 65; and their partners). Many of our guests have helped out at previous parties over many years, and we are always delighted that now we can wait on them, and introduce new faces to our ever-evolving team of helpers.

If you are not eligible to attend but would like to come and help us in what is one of the greatest village events to start the New Year, please call Sally Cliff **ASAP** on 878455 for hostessing: it only takes 2-3 hours and is a great annual meet and greet for the whole village.

Offers of transport are also needed to help with ferrying guests to and from the party and to deliver teas out to those unable to attend due to illness. Even one trip can make a big difference so please call Andrew Hawkswell on 878426.

As always gifts of cakes and pastries for the party are very much appreciated and can be left at the Hall between 10am and 12 noon, after 2pm or with a committee member.

May God Bless you all and we hope to see you at the Party!

UCC Committee

Message from the Jumblies

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Jumble Sale on 20th October, which raised £1784 for the Youth Club. We had masses of jumble, plenty of buyers and we were able to have stalls outside. Members of the Youth Club, Leaders and parents all worked so hard, alongside the Jumblies. It was a fantastic sale and the proceeds were very much appreciated.

The results of the November Sale will be published in the January news, along with our total for the year.

The next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 12th January, raising money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Further details in the January news.

Christmas Concert on Sunday 2nd December at 2.30 pm, by the ever popular Swinton Brass Band

Tickets are £5 adults and £3 children, including refreshments, available from Penny Bean (878392) or Pat Cooper (878677), or on the door.

Come along and spend Sunday afternoon with a difference.

If the weather is bad and you need help with transport please give Penny or Pat a call.

Money raised will be donated to the Village Hall.

Penny Bean 01347 878392 Pat Cooper 01347 878677

The Jumblies would like to express their sincere thanks for all the support you give to our events, which is very much appreciated. We hope you feel able to continue in 2013.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sheriff Hutton History Group

The coffee morning held on November 17th was very successful, attracting about 50 visitors including some who came from outside the village. These people, and other locals, brought photos and articles about family and friends who had lived in the village, some of them many years ago. We were able to take photocopies and also scan the items to disk in most cases. There was hurried note-taking to hopefully identify all these copies when we have time to sift through everything. Many thanks for all you brought to share with us!

The total raised (after expenses) was £136 which was very pleasing. We need more such events and hope to hold another coffee morning after Christmas. Maybe this will become a regular event, attracting more visitors with connections to the village offering us items to add to our archives.

A planning application has been submitted to Ryedale District Council for the building of the archive room as an addition to the Village Hall, and a grant application has been submitted to hopefully raise a significant amount towards the cost of the building. We are keeping our fingers crossed for success with both of these applications. We shall need to raise a great deal more money through further grant applications and the funding bodies do expect us to raise money ourselves within the community. Any ideas for a fundraising event? See Meg's 'sponsor a box' appeal. We have had 5 sponsors so far!

Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday December 11th at 2.pm at the Village Hall (after Lunch Club) as it is felt that evening meetings in winter are not very popular. We hope some new members will attend. Our current topic is based around developments in the village from about 1950 onwards as quite a lot of research has previously been carried out and documented about the early part of the century, but we are flexible! Margaret Thompson Chairperson Tel 878465

Sheriff Hutton History Group Sponsor an Archive Box Project

In response to community feedback in the 2009 Parish Plan, the History Group has chosen the task of raising £15,000 to build and equip a community archive centre attached to the Village Hall.

This will enable the History Group and Villagers to collect, store, copy and preserve vital documents and photographs that record the daily life of Sheriff Hutton, past and present.

To help raise part of the total, we are inviting villagers and groups to sponsor an archive box for £25. Your name and group will be printed on the box recording your support. These details will be in the archives for future generations.

This is part of an on-going fund-raising appeal, your support would be very much appreciated. Ring Margaret 878465 or Meg 878136 for further details.

Santa and his Sleigh in Sheriff Hutton

Malton, Norton and District Lions Club will be bringing Santa and his sleigh to visit Sheriff Hutton on Wednesday 12th December. The sleigh run begins at 5pm and Santa will be visiting Foston, Thornton le Clay, and Lilling on the way to Sheriff Hutton, where he will hope to visit as many houses as possible. Up-to-date information is available on the Lions' website: www.maltonnortonlions.co.uk, and any special request can be left on the Lions' Facebook page.

Message from Eric Hope

I was elected to Ryedale District Council in 2007, and as your councillor I have met some wonderful people in my role.

This year 2012/13 I have the privilege and honour to be Chairman of Council. The role is very time consuming, with many varying events and functions to attend to represent Ryedale District.

Events like the Ryedale Show, picking out the best trade stand. They were all excellent, but a winner had to be picked. The Folk Museum at Hutton-le-Hole, judging the vintage tractor/engine display.

I have tried to support as many meetings and functions as possible. I have been active in my ward in planning issues and grant aid for Sheriff Hutton cricket club, Flaxton village clock repairs, Thornton-le-Clay village hall refurbishment, and many other causes.

If you have any problems I can help with please contact me at home or at Ryedale House, please remember, I can only help if you let me know.

Daphne and I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Eric Hope Chairman

Ryedale District Council for Sheriff Hutton Ward.

Neighbourhood Watch

I have now issued documentation to NYCC Trading Standards requesting that Sheriff Hutton be designated a 'No Cold-Calling Zone' and am currently awaiting a response – I hope to be able to report back to you in December. In the meantime I am issuing 'No Cold Callers' stickers to those households I deem to be in greatest immediate need of assistance – there are a number of spare stickers available-if you want one, please come and see me in the shop. If the scheme is accepted for this village I would hope to be extending it to cover Foston, Thornton Le Clay, Flaxton and Lilling in due course. I stress again that if you do have someone uninvited knocking on your door, do not enter in to conversation with them, rather be polite and close to door on them. If you do find yourself subject to any unpleasantness, ring 101 immediately.

I have nothing further to report on the issue of the hoped-for Traffic Matrix, however I do hope to be able to give some news in the next Village News. Be aware that the Police will continue to operate speed checks at irregular intervals within Sheriff Hutton and surrounding villages.

Whilst crime levels continue to be low, all previous cautionary notices still stand for owners of ALL 4x4's and bicycles. Theft of fuel oil persists in the area, both from vehicles and storage tanks. As a matter of interest to local landowners I am aware that there is a metal-detector operating in the hours of darkness – I am advised by the Police that this is not a criminal offence. Contrary to his assertion, he does not have landowner permission. He MAY be the owner of a red Ford Ka car – keep a lookout for him.

The next NHW meeting has been scheduled for 7.00pm on the 10th December. My apologies for cancelling the last meeting. Anyone interested in joining the scheme as a coordinator should contact either Alan Pitman at the Post Office in Sheriff Hutton or by calling Chris Hudson on 01347 878389.

Alan Pitman 18 November 2012

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our speaker at our November meeting was Louise Hudson from Easingwold, who is one of the co-ordinators of the Children from Chernobyl group, who raise funds to bring groups of children over to live with a family for a month. She showed a slide show of the children having fun on the beach, something they had never seen before. The difference from these children arriving very pale and thin and going home looking healthy and happy was lovely to see. Every member gave a very generous donation to this cause and it was so gratefully received. Thank you.

There is no meeting in December, as 35 of us are going on our annual Christmas lunch. Would the people who are going to The Feathers at Helmsley on **12**th **December** be at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall at 11.45 am prompt, as the bus is leaving at 12 noon. After lunch there will be an hour or so to walk round Helmsley, before the bus leaves at 4 o clock.

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Village Regular Weekly Activities

Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	Parish Church but of	check in church	n for details	
	10.30am	Morning Service	Methodist Church			
Mon	9.30am	Playgroup	Village Hall	2.00pm	Ladies Tennis	Tennis Club
				7.30pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Tues	9.30am	Pilates	Village Hall	7 – 8.30pm	Youth Group	Village Hall
	12.30	Luncheon Club	Village Hall			
Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayers	Methodist Church			
	9.30am	Playgroup	Village Hall			
	10.00am	Drop in for Coffee	Methodist Church			
	11.00am	Ladies Tennis	Tennis Club			
Thurs	9.45am	Babes & Toddlers	Village Hall	6.00pm	Gentle Exercise	Village Hall
				7.00pm	Endurance and	Village Hall
					Cardio	
				8.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Fri	9.30am	Playgroup	Village Hall			
	12 – 1pm	Playgroup Lunch Club	Village Hall	_		

Additional Activities in December

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1	2 – 4pm	School PTFA Christmas Fair at the School		
2	2.30pm	Swinton Brass Band Concert in the Village Hall		
3	7.30pm	Methodist Guild 'How long is 24 hours' in Miss Ward Room		
5	6pm	Flaxton Brownies and Guides Christmas Fair in Flaxton Village Hall		
	6.15pm	Singing Group		
	7.30pm	Field Naturalists 'Arable wildflowers' with Chris Wilson in the Village Hall		
8	1 – 4pm	Toy Sale for Playgroup in Village Hall		
	3.30pm	Christmas Tree Lights switch on with Father Christmas		
10	9.45 – 11.30	Open Session at Playgroup in the Village Hall		
	7.00pm	Neighbourhood Watch meeting in the Village Hall		
	7.30pm	Methodist Guild Christmas Party in Miss Ward Room		
11	2pm	History Group meets in the Village Hall		
12	9.45 – 11.30	Open Session at Playgroup in the Village Hall		
	11.45am	YCA meet in Village Hall Car Park for Christmas outing to Helmsley		
	After 5pm	Santa and his sleigh visit Sheriff Hutton		
14	9.45 – 11.30	Open Session at Playgroup in the Village Hall		
	10-12 noon	Super-mobile Library in Village Hall Car Park		
	6.30pm	Farlington 'Carols by Candlelight' in St Leonards Church		
	7.30pm	Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall		
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall		
15	10am – 12noon	Friends Christmas Coffee morning in the Village Hall		
17	7.30pm	Methodist Guild Christmas Carols and readings in Miss Ward Room		
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Dates to Note

January	5 th		New Year's Party in the Village Hall
	12 th		Jumble Sale for Guide Dogs for the Blind in the Village Hall
	13 th	11.l5am	Yorkshire Area Point to Point fundraiser for Air Ambulance
	15 th	7.30pm	Friends of the Village Hall meeting in the Village Hall
May	11 th	7.30pm	York Philharmonic Choir sing in aid of St Leonard's heating fund
August 2013	10 th		Annual Village Produce Show

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