

# Sheriff Hutton Village News

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## Parish Council News

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The Annual Parishioners' Meeting on 13th April 2012 was attended by Cllrs D Wooles (Chairman) (878469), Mrs P Bean (Vice Chairman) (878392), B Parkinson (878373) and N Anfield (878738). Clerk BC Taylor (878060). No Parishioners attended. An apology was received from County Cllr Clare Wood. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming District Councillor Eric Hope.

### Chairman's Report 2011/2012

My previous Annual Reports were lengthy. Although this one is shorter, this is no reflection on the time given and contributions made by your Parish Councillors to the matters arising in the past year.

Apart from 'care and maintenance' items we had a regular flow of planning applications and related site visits. The profusion of vicarious gossip and rumours embracing the possible reduction or even loss of vital facilities and services were kept under review. These have included the closure of the very popular Post Office and Shop, the weekly Doctor's Surgery in the Village Hall, the end of the visits of the Library van in late 2011 and possible reduction of the 'bus service.

In the event, compromise solutions were developed. Plans for public discussion to examine the possibility of maintaining the Post Office and Shop were put "on hold" pending clearer information about developments. Alternative arrangements for the Doctor's surgery service and Supermobile Library have been introduced and have been accepted generally, whilst the present 'bus timetable has been retained unchanged for the immediate future.

**The long outstanding issue** of the Rights of Way over the Sheriff Hutton Park Coach Road moved nearer resolution, following consideration and decision by 'NYCC Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee'. An order was made recording this as a public footpath along its full length. As objections were subsequently made the Order was passed to the Secretary of State for determination. It is understood the outcome will be published in mid year.

**Although seemingly routine**, inevitably there has been a steady flow of time consuming 'care and maintenance' matters under attention. The need for repair and refurbishing of the 'bus shelters in Main Street is overdue. Quotations have been accepted and the work will now take place when the weather is suitable. Also a grant has been obtained which will pay for the installation of a replacement Parish Council Notice Board at the same time.

**The Council** was asked by a number of residents to publish a notice clarifying the rights and responsibilities of householders for the clearance of snow and ice from footpaths and driveways. The information from the Official Government Website was printed in the Village News last year and was repeated this year. This was put into practice during the snow fall with some relief to pedestrians. The Council backed these arrangements engaging a local contractor to carry out snow clearance and gritting on icy side roads and public pathways. The first trial operation has provided valuable information regarding our stocking levels for grit and salt and enabled us to prepare for similar eventualities.

**Village Grass Cutting** was maintained at a high standard, and has earned appreciative comments from residents and visitors. The same contractor has been awarded the contract for this year and the first cuts have already been made. Whilst the NYCC grant has been maintained, they have warned that future grants will be reduced.

**The need for safe crossing places** at the Square and between Castle Side and the Village Hall is increasingly evident. The Council have continued to press for the loan of a mobile matrix to monitor speeds through the village. Up to date these have to be seen as failed objectives for the Parish and County Council.

**On a happier note**, the Council has resolved to donate £250 towards the cost of the Village Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. It was also agreed to reserve a further £250, if the need is established, when the actual costs of the events are known. To mark the occasion in the long term, an oak tree will be bought. The site for the tree and the appropriate 'celebrity' to plant it are still to be decided.

**Our annual source of income** is the Precept. Bearing in mind the current financial situation the Council managed to restrict the increase in the Precept for 2012/13 to 3%. This will ensure that all normal running costs and maintenance needs will be met in the coming year. Grass cutting continues to represent 25% of our annual expenses. In August or September of this year the Audited Annual Return will be advertised on the Parish notice board as in previous years.

**The Council** has a small reserve which is available for essential projects in the foreseeable future such as the overhaul of the lighting equipment for the village. In addition there is a sum of £2,000 which is the compensation from the District Council for the mobile phone mast incident and which has yet to be allocated to a special project for the benefit of the community.

**Looking ahead**, there is a list of matters which are likely to require Council's attention

- i. A Contingency Plan to be used in the event of emergencies, will be drawn up in the coming year using a template supplied by NYCC. This is a matter of some urgency and will take precedent over other projects.
- ii. Any developments in the Post Office and Shop situation should be kept under review for local participation
- iii. Proactive involvement for possible financial support for the all weather pitch scheme
- iv. In conjunction with the Village Hall Trustees, continue development of Village Archiving provision
- v. Sheriff Hutton has an ageing population; consider the possibilities of more support for the elderly
- vi. With Ryedale District Council, re-examine the need for 'affordable housing' and the possibility of providing 'affordable housing' stock from existing properties
- vii. To improve the 'greenness' and serviceability of street lighting
- viii. To consider the possibility of replacing the outdated 2009 Parish Plan with an up to date Neighbourhood Development Plan

**In conclusion**, we have been fortunate not to have been faced with major issues such as mobile phone masts and wind farms, as in previous years. Nevertheless there has been a steady workload. Sometimes progress and completion has been frustratingly elusive. The only satisfaction is when a job is completed.

**We will have to** continue to be vigilant and active to ensure that local decisions are made in the interests of all, and not just those with personal or commercial motives.

**Following** the death of Bevil Kinloss and the resignation of Kristy Blakeborough we have two vacant positions to fill. We miss the enthusiasm and keen contribution they made during the short time they were Council Members. The process of inviting replacements is underway.

**Our County and District Councillors** have frequently attended our meetings. We appreciate their continued support, whether it is to keep us up to date with policies, or to assist with local concerns, or more importantly to promote our funding applications – with regular success.

**I hope this report** has again provided an insight into aspects of the voluntary work of your Councillors, individually and as a team. They provide invaluable local background knowledge and experience.

**A Council is only** as good as its clerk. Ours has been an invaluable member, providing constructive guidance with clarity and dependability. Together they work with determination to ensure that Sheriff Hutton continues to be a pleasant thriving village with a positive future. As Chairman I am indebted to all of them, for their tolerance, support and contribution. Thank you. Douglas Wooles

13th April 2012

**Parish Council Meeting:** Followed on immediately after the Parishioners' Meeting. Cllr S Wood (07834493302) also attended.

### **Jubilee Oak Tree**

The Parish Council will plant an oak tree to mark the Diamond Jubilee and have approached the Glebe Trust for permission to plant it in the Glebe. This has been granted subject to the siting being agreed with English Heritage.

### **District Cllr Eric Hope: Report**

D Cllr Hope will become Chairman of Ryedale DC in May 2012. He is attempting to obtain a speed matrix for Sheriff Hutton and the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is now up and running. He had heard of the various 'rogue traders' going door-to-door in the village and, in some cases, being threatening and unpleasant. He stresses that if any resident experiences this they should inform the police using the new non-emergency number 101.

### **The Olympic Torch**

Congratulations must be passed to George Conway who has been selected to carry the Olympic Torch on its journey through the area.

### **Work on Trees in a Conservation Area**

Applications to trim trees at Castle Farm and Lime Tree House have been received from the Ryedale Tree & Landscape Officer and noted.

### **Planning Applications**

Approval by Ryedale DC: 12/00154/FUL: Mr P Atkinson: Formation of vehicular access and closing off of existing vehicular access at High Roans Farm Buildings, Strensall YO32 5TP.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Friday 11th May 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

### **Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> in and around the Village Hall**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their invitations – we have had a good response. If you still wish to come but have not replied please ring Jill Johnson on 878545.

We would ask everyone who can, to walk to the Village Hall as car parking will be very limited. If you are unable to make your own way to the Hall and require assistance please ring Cheryl Smith on 879128.

Village Groups and Organisations have been asked to help with providing refreshments for the Street Party Tea and we would be very grateful if each organisation could supply some baking such as scones, cakes and biscuits. However any offers of additional baking from anyone else will be most welcome. These can be left at The Hall from 11am onwards on the day.

All offers of help will be gratefully received as many hands make light work! Offers to Jill/Dick Johnson on 878545 and Cheryl Smith 879128.

It has been suggested that to enhance the Party atmosphere those attending might like to dress in red, white and blue with an accompanying (homemade or whatever) Jubilee Hat!

The programme of events is:

3.00pm	Sports/ Games for Children and Young People
4.30pm	Street Party in the Village Hall Car Park (inside if wet)
5.00pm	A Tea Dance
7.00pm onwards	Disco, Licensed Bar and BBQ (small charge)

The next planning meeting is on Monday May 14th at 8.00pm in The Village Hall – we will be delighted to see anyone interested in becoming involved.

Everyone is welcome to this Village Event

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The Annual Parish Assembly will be held at

'The Lodge'

On Tuesday 29th May 2012 at 6pm.

The Parish Clerk.

### **John O'Groats to Lands End Cycle Ride, June 2012**

Two years ago Steve Loynes and seven friends, known as 'York Pedallers', cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats raising £23,000 for "York Against Cancer". It was very significant that one of the riders had only just recovered from cancer and another had recently lost his wife to this deadly disease.

In June 2012 another Lillingite, Rex Parry, will join the group. Together they will ride for 2 weeks travelling 1000 miles from John O'Groats to Lands End calling in on York on the 8th June.

All money raised will again go to "York Against Cancer". You can donate "on line" to [www.justgiving.com/teams/41club](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/41club) or by sending a cheque made out to 'York Against Cancer' to Steve Loynes, Ghyll House, West Lilling or Rex Parry, The Croft, West Lilling.

You will be able to follow their journey by seeing articles in 'The Press' and listening to Radio York.

### **Sheriff Hutton Gardening Club**

Our first visit of the year is to Brown's Nursery, Corban Lane, Wiggington, YO32 2RD, not far from Moorlands. Please meet in the Village Hall car park on Wednesday, 16th May, at 6.45pm to arrive at the nursery at 7pm. There will be the usual charge for a visit of £2 for members, and £5 for non members.

We would like to remind all those who exhibit in the Village Show, particularly in the craft and photographic sections, that the Show is only three months away. Any needle work: knitting, crotchet, embroidery, canvas work, can be exhibited, as well as craft items made from paper, wood or beads. There will be changes in the photography section. Due to lack of interest, there will be no special children's class, although they will be able to enter in all adult classes. An additional category will be 'A Scene of Sheriff Hutton' taken at any time during the year. So Saturday, August 11th is the date to put in your diaries.

Helen Loynes

### **Sheriff Hutton Village Hall – 200 Club**

247 members took part in the April draw – £25 each to numbers 55, 63, 162, 172 and 246.

### **Friends of Sheriff Hutton Village Hall**

**Easter Coffee Morning.** Many thanks to everyone who attended or contributed to this event in any way. A total of £265 was raised for Village Hall Funds.

The Friends, apart from their involvement in the Jubilee Celebrations, will now be taking a break until the autumn.

The next Friends meeting is on Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm in The Village Hall. New Friends are always welcome.

## Neighbourhood Watch

A meeting was held on 14 March in the Village Hall, Sheriff Hutton, comprising Watch Coordinators, representatives from the Police and Ryedale District Council.

The meeting covered a range of issues, primarily

The role of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), the expectations made of coordinators and of the Police.

Availability of resources to help coordinators and members of the community.

Current crime trends in the Ryedale area.

The Neighbourhood Watch meeting has now been expanded, covering Sheriff Hutton, Lilling, Flaxton, Thornton Le Clay, Foston and High Stittenham, thus giving a sizeable area of coverage and potentially much greater scope for assisting the Police.

Information packs should shortly be available for distribution through all these communities detailing how NHW works, and how best to make use of its resources and abilities – for Sheriff Hutton these pack will be available for collection from the village shop or from your area coordinator.

Of primary concern to members from all communities (except High Stittenham) was the issue of excessive speeds evident in a number of specific areas. Council has been asked to expedite the installation of flashing matrix signs – speeding traffic has long been a source of concern/anger in all our communities and the consensus of the meeting was to ensure that action be taken as quickly as possible. Anyone with strong views on the subject should write to Councillor Eric Hope – the more pressure that can be exerted on Council the more likely we are to get a satisfactory result, quickly.

Police statistics for the area given to the meeting show a substantial fall in reported and/or detected crime over the past year – whilst this is exceptionally good news, especially given the current recessionary circumstances, there should be no reason to be complacent and all members of the community should remain vigilant and take due care with security of vehicles and property.

As a reminder to all, in the event of you needing to contact the Police for non-emergency matters the new telephone number to use is 101. All emergency calls are still to be made to 999.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm, Tuesday 17 July 2012 in the village hall, Sheriff Hutton. Anyone interested in joining the scheme as a coordinator should contact either Alan Pitman either at the Post Office in Sheriff Hutton or by calling Chris Hudson on 01347 878389.

Alan Pitman 16.03.2012

Non-Emergency for contacting the Police



**101**

## Sheriff Hutton Art Group

We would like to thank all members who helped make this year's Easter Art Exhibition another success and to all the visitors who turned out in such horrible weather to come and look at the work. We hope you enjoyed the Exhibition and spent a pleasant hour or two with us at the weekend.

There was an excellent variety of paintings on display demonstrating the talent within the Group along with a delightful display of winning entries from the local School Children's Painting Competition. Thank you to all the children who entered the competition, it is always a very difficult task choosing just a few winning paintings as they are all wonderful.

The Raffle Prize of a framed original pastel drawing by Catherine Inglis went to a lucky recipient in West Lilling. The winning ticket number is no.59.

Organised painting days have now finished until Autumn, but anyone interested in joining the Group from September can telephone the Secretary Jo Gibson on 01653 648301 for further information, or myself on 878699.

Our AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.30pm when Annual Subs are due and Members will receive their Programme for the next year. We look forward to seeing you then, and in the meantime wish you a very happy summer (when it arrives) with lots of painting opportunities.

Estelle (Treasurer)

## **Sheriff Hutton Cricket Club**

Sheriff Hutton CC held its pre-season work morning Sunday 8th April to prepare the ground for the season. Unfortunately, due to the adverse weather conditions our first outdoor net practice could not be held as scheduled on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. Despite a huge effort from the 'ground staff' to get the ground ready for play, both friendly fixtures for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> also had to be called off.

League matches for both first and second teams commence on Saturday 21st April. The firsts are away at Duncombe Park and the seconds are at home to Stillington 2nds. Both matches start at 12.30. After the games there will be an 'open mic' night at the club where all would-be crooners (or not) can come and have a sing-song.

Finally, a reminder that outdoor net practice is at the cricket ground from 6pm every Tuesday evening throughout the season, weather permitting. If you are interested in playing whatever your ability, please come down where you will be sure of a warm welcome.

## **Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club**

Home Fixtures for May.

The courts are used on some Monday and Thursday evenings for Hovingham League matches. The York League Ladies play on a Saturday morning and the Men's team on a Sunday morning. As I don't have all the fixture lists to hand details of the court bookings will be on a notice on the gate.

Social Tennis continues with Club Night on a Wednesday evening from 7.00pm and Ladies Tennis on a Monday afternoon from 2.00pm and Wednesday mornings from 11.00am.

Junior Tennis. Practice sessions for 7 to 11 year olds will start on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4.00 to 5.00pm. These sessions aim to develop ball skills, improve co-ordination and to introduce the different aspects of tennis. Some of the sessions will be run by Rob the coach we have had for several years. Please contact Helen Dryland 01347878762 or email at [helendryland@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helendryland@yahoo.co.uk)

Junior Club Night for intermediate juniors aged 11 to 16 years will start on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>. The sessions will be from 6.30 to 8.30pm and will be supervised by a committee member. The intermediate subscription is £20.00

The Junior subscription is £14.00. Juniors are only allowed to use the courts under the supervision of an adult.

If you haven't renewed your subscription it is now overdue. Please pay to Josephine Johnson, Cherry Tree Cottage West End, cheques to Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club. Tel 878626 or email [josephinejohnson6@gmail.com](mailto:josephinejohnson6@gmail.com)

## **Hidden Gardens of Stittenham**

The residents of High Stittenham are opening their gardens on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012 between 11.30 and 4.30 to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The entrance fee will be £5 including tea. Please come along and support this event.

## **Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association**

38 members attended our March meeting. Ruth Boyes came along with her wonderful Airedale Terrier called Charlie, who is a P.A.T. dog. They go into hospitals, schools and various other places where people can stroke Charlie and it helps with their therapy.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.30pm and will consist of a talk entitled "Origins & History of Nursery Rhymes" given by Jane McKeown –and who knows she may tell us why Humpty Dumpty fell off his wall?

Barbara Grinham

## **Health Visitor Drop-in ~ Please Note Change of Date**

The Health Visitor will be at The Village Hall from 9:30am - 11:30am on **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May** during the Toddler Session for anyone with pre-school children who would like to see her. Anyone waiting to see the Health Visitor is more than welcome to pop into Toddlers (if not attending anyway) while they are waiting, but consultations with the Health Visitor are confidential and in a separate room.

## **Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club**

The new season is upon us and all of our members are keen to get out on the green again and fire up the woods.

The following committee members were voted into office for the coming year at the Annual General Meeting of the club on April 12<sup>th</sup>:

Chairman	Michael Waite	Committee members	John Coombes
Secretary	Brian Sanderson		Betty Crompton
Treasurer	John Clarkson		Pat Sanderson
Club Captain	Michael Waite		Roy Thompson
Ladies Captain	Joan Williamson		
Veterans Captain	Brian Sanderson		

The club is hoping to recruit new members of all ages at the beginning of this new season and all potential players would be most welcome to come along and have a trial roll-up.

Please contact Brian or Pat Sanderson on 01347 878014 or any committee member if you are interested.

Our first match is a Veterans game against Welham on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and all teams are keen to show increased performance this season come rain or shine!

## **Sheriff Hutton History Group**

A group has now been formed with two main aims:

1. To raise funds to build an appropriate storage room for the preservation of the current archives and any further materials we collect.
2. To record how Sheriff Hutton has evolved over the past sixty plus years. There have probably been more changes to our village in the past century than in previous years and if we do not record these now, whilst there are people who remember this period, we will lose a wealth of valuable information.

We invite anyone to come and share their experiences either at one of our monthly meetings or we could come to your home on a one to one basis. Things that seem ordinary for instance clubs, shops, sports activities, the doctors surgery or community services - we would be interested to hear about them. You wouldn't have to speak to the whole group( unless you wanted to!)

Would you like to be involved in recording this information? (help and /or training will be given if needed)

Our meetings are held in the village hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm and aim to be very informal. Why not come along for a chat on May 23<sup>rd</sup> or visit our stand at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on June 4<sup>th</sup>?

Margaret Thompson

(Chairperson) tel 878465 email [cfg.thompson@btinternet.com](mailto:cfg.thompson@btinternet.com)

## **Property Wanted!!!**

Please forgive this unusual approach, but my family and I would like to move to Sheriff Hutton and we are looking for a house to buy. We are only from up the road at Welburn and have sold our house already, we would love to make Sheriff Hutton our new home. If anybody is maybe \*thinking\* about selling their house perhaps they could let us know as we would be very interested in buying it!! Ideally we would like at least 3 bedrooms and a garage, but are open to any offers. Maybe you could save some Estate Agency fees?!! If anyone would like to get in touch my details are: tel 01653 618054 or 07957 501012. Or email [lucypinx@hotmail.com](mailto:lucypinx@hotmail.com)

## **The Blakeboroughs Say Goodbye**

In the sudden rush of moving out, Janet and Nigel are sorry they did not have time to say a personal farewell to all their friends in Sheriff Hutton.

We would like to say a very big thank you for all the friendship shown to us – and Kristy and Philip – over the 30 years we have enjoyed living in the village.



## 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 MAY

<b>Sheriff Hutton</b>	6th	9.30am	Holy Communion CW-O1		
	13th	10.30am	Joint Communion in Parish Church		
	20th	9.30am	Holy Communion CW-O1		
	27th	11am	Pentecost & Lunch Westfield Farm		
<b>Farlington</b>	6th	11.15am	Holy Communion CW-O2		
	13th			3pm	Rogation Service at Woodside, Farlington
	20th	11.15am	Holy Communion CW-O2		
	27th	11am	Pentecost & Lunch Westfield Farm		
<b>Marton</b>	6th			6pm	Celtic Worship
	20th			6pm	Benefice Celtic Eucharist
	27th	11am	Pentecost & Lunch Westfield Farm		
<b>Stillington</b>	6th	10.am	Family Service – Parish Church		
	13th	9.30am	Holy Communion		
	20th	9.30am	Morning Worship		
	27th	11am	Pentecost & Lunch Westfield Farm		
<b>Sutton-on-the-Forest</b>	6th	8am 10.45am	Holy Communion Morning Prayers		
	13th	10.45am	Holy Communion		
	20th	10.45am	Morning Worship		
	27th	11am	Pentecost & Lunch Westfield Farm		

### EVENTS

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Benefice garden Party 2pm at the Vicarage in Sutton
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rogation Day Service – 3pm Robin Jackson's Woodside Farm, Farlington
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	St Crux all day

### NOTICES

Can I make a plea to all dog owners. There has been a sharp increase in dog fouling in the churchyard which is particularly annoying to Phil and John who cut the grass as they get sprayed with dog poo which is very unpleasant.

On a pleasanter note the church's plans for the Jubilee are on notices throughout the village but briefly they are:

**Sunday June 3** - a special service at 11am followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch

**Monday June 4** – coffee morning at 10am. This leaves you free to enjoy the Village Hall activities in the afternoon & evening

**Tuesday June 5** – Watch the Jubilee Service from St Pauls on the big screen followed by the BIG LUNCH [a national event]. After lunch there will be a showing of the 1953 Coronation Film. See the notices for timings and costs of tickets.



## **THE METHODIST CHURCH**

Minister:- Revd Graham Peaden, 28 Balfour Way, Strensall, York. YO32 5AH Tel. 01904 491950

Services in May and Preachers appointed:-

Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Revd Graham Haslam
	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	United Communion Service at Parish Church
		6.30 p.m.	Revd Graham Peaden (HC)
	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Revd Graham Peaden
	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Mr Stephen Spain

### **Other Activity**

Wednesday 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayers  
10.00 a.m. Drop in for coffee in the Miss Ward Room.  
6.15 p.m. Singing Group meets on May 2nd and 16th in the Miss Ward Room.

## **Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists**

In April, nine members braved the brisk head winds of Bempton Cliffs near Bridlington to see the largest breeding colony of sea birds in England. Cliffs alive with gannets, kittiwakes, razorbills, herring gulls and guillemots, all perching on the thinnest of ledges was an amazing spectacle. Some of the group were lucky enough to spot the odd puffin, visitors to this part of Yorkshire between April and July. A weasel, presumably predating eggs was also spotted although it would be imagined that gannets with their six foot wing span would have given him a run for his money.

Next month's event: a joint fundraiser with the Trustees of the Conservation area. Please see the separate entry for more details. Anyone wishing to come along and 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. Membership is £10.00 for the year.

## **Breakfast, with or without a Dawn Chorus guided walk 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Join us for a wonderful walk, guided by Andy Chapman (an RSBP volunteer), listening, identifying & learning about the population of birds around Sheriff Hutton. Having worked up an appetite you can then enjoy a cooked breakfast at Heather Grange.

If you prefer a more gentle start to the day, stroll down to Heather Grange and be treated to breakfast cooked by someone else! Newspapers also available to read..

**Where & when:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May starting at Heather Grange, (The Old Vicarage), Church End, next to the Church yard.

Guided walks: 6.30am & 8.30am for approx 1 ½ hrs. Cost: £5 including breakfast.

Breakfast / Cafe open, 8 – 11am.

Funds raised go to Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists & the care of the Conservation Area, The Glebe. All welcome but no dogs please. For more information please call either Melanie 878711 or Helen Hendry 878710.

## **Alan Glover**

Alan Glover, our Reader, here and previously at Clifton, York, has retired after 40 years ministry. We shall miss his service to us and our other Benefice churches. We wish him well in his retirement. Churchwardens, St Helen & The Holy Cross

## **Rogation Sunday at Farlington**

The Rogation Service at Farlington – to bless the crops, farm animals and the work of farmers – will be on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and this year will be at Woodside Farm on the minor road south from Farlington (it will be signposted). The service will take place in and around the farm and after the service there will be an afternoon tea (£5 adults, children free) for all to enjoy.

Come along for this service for a farming community, meet the animals and enjoy the tea!

## **Super-Mobile Library**

The Super-mobile Library will visit the Village Hall Car Park between 10.00 and 12.00 on Fridays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May

## Seeds That Sprout New Life

Jesus asked his disciples 'Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened?....Don't you remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets of pieces did you pick up?' 'Twelve', they replied. 'And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many baskets of pieces did you pick up?' They answered, 'Seven.' Jesus said to them, 'Do you still not understand?'

### Mark 8:19-21

Once Ninian sat down for dinner with his brothers and realised that there were no green vegetables on the table. 'Run down to the garden and pick some of the vegetables that are springing up.' He asked someone. The chief gardener intervened: 'There won't be any growth yet, I was still planting seeds this morning.' 'In that case,' said Ninian, 'go in the faith of the Lord to search for vegetables, for God Almighty can accomplish anything.' The gardener quickly made his way to the heart of the garden, and to his surprise found all sorts of vegetables springing up and sprouting. He returned to the brothers and was able to share vegetables with them all.

Ninian was given a gift of faith for a particular occasion. This was possible because he constantly cultivated an article of faith. We, too, can cultivate an attitude of faith by frequently meditating on Scriptures and stories like those for today. As we do this, we will be given promptings that are in fact a gift of faith for a particular need. Look out for such an occasion today.

May the blessings of the five loaves and the two fishes which God shared out among the five thousand be ours.

May the King who did the sharing bless our sharing

May the food we eat restore our strength, give new energy to tired limbs, new thoughts to weary minds.

May our drink restore our souls give new vision to dry spirits, new warmth to cold hearts.

And once refreshed, may we give new pleasure to you who gives us all.

*Chris Ellis, The Vicarage.*

## The Sheriff Hutton Play Area

The Play area is managed by a small committee, under the umbrella of the Village Hall Trustees. Funding for repair, refurbishment and replacement equipment is the responsibility of the Committee Members, which is a very onerous task as most of the members of the committee are also involved in other organisations within the village and they too are seeking to raise money to fund their varying activities.

The Play Area has served the community well and following the annual safety inspections the committee endeavours to keep the equipment in a safe and serviceable condition. However, some of the older equipment is now looking a bit sad and we would like to formulate a programme for replacements to keep the Play Area up to a high standard and attractive for the younger members of our community who use it. Play equipment is extremely expensive, with the added cost of safety surfacing to meet Safety standards, so we are looking at needing to raise several thousands of pounds.

Some of the existing committee are now finding that other commitments are preventing them playing as active a part as they would have wished. We are, therefore, looking for one or two new people to join. Do you have any time to spare?

Someone who has a knowledge of how and where to obtain funding would be welcomed with open arms. Do you have that expertise? Would you like to be involved?

If you would please contact Penny Bean on 878392 or Caroline Hunt on 878242

## Village Ramble

The next Ramble will be on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May meeting at the Village Hall car park at 9.30am. A gentle 5 mile stroll followed by a pub lunch returning to the village by 3pm.

## Sheriff Hutton Village Hall Annual General Meeting 2012 - Chairman's Report

I am delighted to be able to say that our village hall continues in good health, both structurally and financially, due mainly to the dedication of our committee of trustees.

Our treasurer, Brian Shepherd, who is to be succeeded by Caryn Douglas, who have worked together to prepare our accounts this year, together with Ian Read, Operations Group treasurer, will give us a detailed summary of our financial status shortly. But I can give an overview. The Trustees philosophy is that the day to day running of the Hall must be met by hiring charges, and any extra fundraising such as from the 200 club, and events organised by the Friends Group is for capital expenditure such as the recent installation of solar pv panels. During the past year this has been achieved and our reserves are adequate for our needs, even though bookings over the year were slightly down due mainly to the periods of bad weather we experienced over the year. Looking ahead, our next capital project is planned to be the installation of a disabled toilet which meets modern standards. This is planned in the next 2 – 3 years.

Structurally the Hall is in good overall condition. We have budgeted for the replacement of the composite flooring in the main hall which was estimated to have needed replacement in 2004, but we are delighted that an inspection by the manufacturers, last year, predicted that it should last 10 years longer i.e until 2022. They congratulated us on our high standards of maintenance. Similarly we have budgeted for the replacement of the oil heating boiler which will be necessary at any unpredictable time soon. The money is available.

An exciting development this year has been the installation of solar panels on the roof of the hall. We just managed to have this work completed in time to benefit from the highest rates of the Feed In Tariff before the government reneged on their previously agreed terms. This project is already reducing our electricity costs, and we estimate to be in profit within 9 years.

The administration of the Hall is overseen by four groups;

- The Operations Group oversees the day to day running of the Hall under the expert chairmanship of Richard Haste. The group reports that 2011 was, overall, a successful year with bookings remaining at a high level. As will be seen from the annual financial report (on the Village Hall noticeboard, the village website or, in an abbreviated form at [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk)), the Group continues to manage the tricky balance between expenditure and income without compromising the maintenance of the Hall in excellent condition for its hirers.
- The Friends Group under the expert chairmanship of Margaret Fisher, have continued their success by organising several community and fund raising projects which have raised the wonderful sum of £3500 over the past year.
- The Health & Safety Group oversees that aspect of the Hall. Their recent annual review showed that overall the Hall meets all sensible Health & Safety requirements.
- The Play Area Group oversees The Play Area. The Group report that they are awaiting their annual inspection by Ryedale. All faults noted at the time of the previous inspection have been remedied and they have planned for maintenance and replacement of life-expired equipment.

I would especially like to thank Brian Shepherd who is stepping down as Treasurer after 20 years, and to thank Caryn Douglas who is stepping into his shoes; also Richard Haste who will be stepping down as Secretary next year after 35 years, and to thank Martin Willan who will be shadowing Richard for 12 months before stepping into his shoes at the next AGM. It is worth reiterating that it was agreed in 2010 that the period of office for officers of the Trust will now be 3 years !

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my fellow Trustees and the many volunteers who support The Hall with their work and dedication in maintaining a hall to be proud of for the people of this village.

Finally, I would like to record that it is encouraging to see younger people volunteering to help in the running of The Village Hall, but it is vital that as Trustees retire their role is taken over by the next generations. We are lucky to live in a village with a vibrant community, but it won't survive unless we all make some small contribution. So, I appeal to everyone listening to or reading this to please think about supporting Sheriff Hutton village life in this way.

## **Message From the Jumbles**

As the April Jumble Sale raising money for the Bowls Club was held after the closing date for items for the News we will bring you the result in the June News.

Our next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May raising money for the Malton Citizens Advice Bureau. Due to funding cuts the advisers are having to do their own fund raising to ensure they are able to continue their invaluable work. Their help and advice is provided free of charge and is available to everyone. In the present economic climate they have a tremendous number of calls for their service, they need our support. If you have used their services you will already know what great work they do, if you haven't, well we want to ensure they are there should you or us ever need them.

Please let us have your unwanted items of clothing, books, toys, bric-a-brac so we can achieve another fantastic sum, which will greatly help the CAB.

As usual we will be at the Hall between 9am and 12 noon to accept your donations and the sale will start at 2pm.

Looking forward to your continuing support

Penny Bean                      01347 878392

## **Castle Open Day 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

There will be a meeting at Castle Farm at 6.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May for all those interested in organising stalls and activities. Apart from people bringing their own picnics, it is hoped to have a childrens' fancy dress competition (1950's dress), a fun dog show, maypole dancing, children singing and a tug of war amongst other activities. In the meantime, anyone with bright ideas, please contact Richard or Jenny Howarth on 878341.

## **Monkey-bikers at the Castle on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July around 4pm**

Monkey-bikes are very small motorcycles of Japanese origin suitable for adults – not bikes ridden by monkeys! There is quite a large group of enthusiasts from West Yorkshire who ride these strange bikes, dressed in medieval costume, quite long distances to historic sites to raise money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. They came briefly to the Castle last year, liked it and want to come for a longer visit at the end of their run on 7<sup>th</sup> July. They might also organise a flying visit by the Air Ambulance helicopter whilst they are there. Anyone from the village is welcome to come and see them and talk to them and, it is hoped, make a donation to the very worthy cause of the Air Ambulance.

Richard Howarth

## **Village Auction 2012**

Once again there was a fantastic atmosphere and community spirit at this year's auction. As always we had a large number of generous donations from our friends and neighbours and a good turnout of buyers from far and wide. The kitchen was a popular as ever serving up delicious lunches and cakes. All in all a great day (despite the rain!).

Although we're still awaiting the final total, it looks like this year we have managed to raise just shy of £2,500 after costs. What a great result! This will be divided equally between Sheriff Hutton Primary School and the Sheriff Hutton Preschool Playgroup.

On behalf of the school and playgroup we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success – those who donated and bought items, those who helped collect and organise; everyone on stage; in the kitchen; those running items; helping with security; and cash-iering and generally helping the day run smoothly– we couldn't have done it without you!

## Christian Aid

During the week, 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May we will be delivering envelopes for donations to this very worthy cause. We know money is tight these days, but please, do give as generously as you can. Envelopes may be left at either of the village churches or at the Post Office.

Many thanks, Freda Piercy

## A Heart-Felt Thank You

You may have seen me hobbling around in my 'moon boot' – a kind of deja vue. I have had the second foot 'done' and, I am glad to say, it is progressing well.

Many thanks to all those who have visited me, sent cards, plants and flowers and offered lifts, all of which have helped enormously,

Your care and concern has been much appreciated. Freda Piercy

## Exercise News Flash

Good News! All Fitness Pilates classes have been extended to a full hour.

Bad News! Unfortunately, due to low attendance, all other classes on a Tuesday morning in Sheriff Hutton have been discontinued.

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## Dates to Note

June	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 – 5pm	Castle Open Day
	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 3pm onwards	Jubilee Coffee Morning at the Church Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in/around Village Hall
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Jubilee Service on screen and Lunch at Church
	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am – 4pm	Hidden Gardens of High Stittenham
July	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Friends of the Village Hall meeting in the Village Hall
	7 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Monkey Bikers at Castle
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Village Charity meeting in the Village Hall
	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Neighbourhood Watch meeting
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Gardening Club overnight outing
August	5 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 – 10pm	Summer Banquet for Farlington Church – save the date
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Village Produce Show in the Village Hall
September	12 <sup>th</sup>		Art Group AGM
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
October	20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup>		Richard III at Sheriff Hutton – Revealed! At St Helen's
November	12 <sup>th</sup>		Village Charity Meeting in the Village Hall
December	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.30pm	Swinton Brass Band Concert in Village Hall

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A person is required to assist the Village Hall Caretaker in setting out tables and chairs and the stage when needed. Also, to cover the Caretaker's job when he is on holiday. The person needs to be physically fit and have self-employed status.

For more information please contact Richard Haste on 01347 878581

## Village Regular Weekly Activities

Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	Parish Church but check in church 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
Wed	8.00am	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 Cardio	Village Hall
				8.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Fri	9.30am	Playgroup	Village Hall			
	12 – 12.30	Playgroup Lunch Club	Village Hall	12.30 – 3pm	Playgroup	Village Hall

## Additional Activities in May

Tues	1 <sup>st</sup>	1230	Luncheon Club in Village Hall
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.15pm	Singing Group in Miss Ward Room
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 1200	Super-mobile Library at Village Hall
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 and 8.30am	Field Naturalists Dawn Chorus Walks and Breakfast at Heather Grange
Mon	7 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Benefice Garden Party at Sutton on Forest Vicarage
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Yorkshire Countrywomens' Association meeting 'Origin and History' of Nursery Rhymes
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Rogation Service at Woodside Farm, Farlington
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.15pm	Singing Group in Miss Ward Room
		6.45pm	Gardening Club Outing to Brown's Nursery
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 1200	Super-mobile Library at Village Hall
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Jumble Sale for Malton CAB
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	History Group at Village Hall
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 4pm	Church fundraising at St Crux in York
Tues	29 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Lillings Ambo Annual Parish Assembly at The Lodge
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Village Ramble. Meet at Village Hall car park

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