

Sheriff Hutton Village News



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Parish Council News

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The Parish Council met on Friday 8 November 2013. Councillors present were Douglas Wooles (Chairman), Penny Bean (Vice-Chairman), David Smith, David Lea, Martin Dodd, Brian Parkinson and Sally Downing. The Clerk was Nigel Knapton.

Planning Applications for consideration. None were received.

Ryedale District Council – Decisions and Appeals

13/00781/FUL – Change of use of agricultural land to allow the formation of a fishing pond for the use of caravan site residents with use of existing hardstanding area for associated parking and turning at Land at OS Field 0055, Sheriff Hutton for Mr Donald Armstrong. Approved.

13/00829/FUL – Erection of an industrial unit for the storage of materials with ancillary office for WHL Roofing Ltd (existing site occupier) at 8-10 Alan Farnaby Way, Sheriff Hutton for WHL Roofing Ltd (Mr Bill Wilson). Approved.

Ryedale Plan

A survey of village facilities was completed for Ryedale District Council.

Howardian Hills

The draft management plan for 2014-2019 had been published and is available for download at www.howardianhills.org.uk

Noticeboard

It was agreed to obtain prices for the replacement of the Parish Council noticeboard near the Church.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Friday 13 December 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Nigel Knapton, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted regarding all Parish Council matters at nigel.knapton@townandparish.co.uk or on 0777 999 4712

West Lilling

Following complaints parishioners and their visitors are asked not to park vehicles on the footpath as this causes problems for pedestrians and pushchair users.

Thank You.

A.Bailey.

Parish Council Clerk.

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall –200 Club

235 members took part in the November draw. Lucky winners were £150 – 144, £100 – 55, £60 – 186, £50 – 50, 70 and 221, £25 - 34, 38, 121, 139 and 194.

Super-Mobile Library

The super-mobile library will visit the Village Hall Car Park between 10.00 and 12.00 on Friday 13th December.

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 Saturday 7th December. The sleigh sets off from The White Swan at Thornton le Clay at 4pm visiting Foston, Thornton le Clay, and Lilling on the way to Sheriff Hutton, where he will hope to visit as many houses as possible.

The Chanticleer Singers Christmas Concert

7.30 pm Friday 13th December 2013 at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall

The Chanticleer Singers are delighted to bring their Christmas Concert to Sheriff Hutton.

Please join us for a feast of Christmas Carols, Christmas Songs and Christmas Readings with wine and mince pies at 7pm.

Tickets are £10 or £7 for concessions, children and students free Tickets available from Sheriff Hutton Post Office or Telephone 01347 878180, or on the door on the night of the concert, if any tickets left.

Get into the Christmas Spirit with an evening of festive entertainment for all ages.

Watch this space, we will be back in Sheriff Hutton on 29th March 2014 to give a concert for the Village Hall as a Thank You to the Jumbles for their wonderful fundraising on our behalf.

Friends of the Village Hall

The Foresters

Yet again the Foresters gave a near capacity crowd an excellent evening. Everyone seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves and the opportunities to join in. We have had lots of very positive feedback. The Foresters seem to go from strength to strength!

A big thank you to anyone who helped in any way –another great team effort! We raised a brilliant £615 for Village Hall Funds

Christmas Coffee morning Saturday December 14th

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 and decorations etc.

A warm welcome for all at this sociable annual event!

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

The next Friends meeting is on Tuesday January 14th 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

New Friends are always welcome. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Sheriff Hutton Gardening Club

In October more than 100 members and visitors from all around the area had a very enjoyable evening being entertained by National flower arranger David Ryland. Several lucky people had the added bonus of winning one of the excellent arrangements to take home.

At the time of writing we have not had the AGM but the good news is that there **WILL** be a Village Show next year so please keep it in mind when planning your growing, knitting, sewing, craft work, photography etc.

Members are being asked to give their views on the type and subject of the talks and visits that they like and don't like. We probably can't please everybody all the time but we can try and make sure that there is something for everyone so your opinions will be very welcome. Members who were at the AGM had a questionnaire and these are still available or just let us know your interests.

Seed catalogues are now available from Pat Sanderson - or ask any committee member.

There is no meeting in December but we look forward to seeing both old and new members joining at the start of the New Year in January. Visitors are always welcome. In the meantime we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lyn Minto

Message from the Jumbles

As our November Jumble Sale in aid of the NSPCC was after the closing date for items for the News the amount raised will be published in the January News

All the Jumbles would like to thank you all for your continued support of our events and wish you a very Merry Christmas. Our first sale of 2014 will be on the 11th January, raising money for our Parish Church. All your donations of unwanted clothes, bric-a-brac, toys and books will be very much appreciated. Full details will be published in the January News.

Thank you
Penny Bean

Yorkshire Countrywoman

29 YCA members attended our meeting on the 13th November, we were also joined by members from other Yorkshire Countrywoman groups. 5 from Flaxton, 6 from Easingwold and 4 from Sutton on the Forest and 4 visitors from the village, so it was very busy. Chris Cade a professional actor gave an outstanding performance about George Hudson "The Railway King" he dressed in costume of the time and regaled us with the story of this famous person with much hilarity. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

There will be no meeting next month due to our annual Christmas lunch. On Wednesday 11th December 29 of us are going to The Feathers Hotel at Helmsley. Would the people who are going on this trip be at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall at 11.30 am prompt . We are travelling by mini bus which the cost will be £5, would everyone bring this with them on the day please.

A reminder about our Xmas Fayre on the 7th December, do come along and do some Christmas shopping from the various stalls and also enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Refreshments will also be available. See you there 7th December 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Many Thanks
Barbara Grinham

Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club

Christmas Bingo in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall

Friday December 20th - 7.30pm

Special Christmas Prizes

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal. The total raised from the sale of Poppies and other items was £1217.84 and the amount from the Church Collection was £220.

My thanks to the House to House Poppy Sellers, Joan Armitage, Julie Bartlett and family, Dave and Karen Galvin, Ann Jeffrey, Laura and John Oakley, Ann Warrington and Jen Whitworth, for giving their time and to Alan and Gill Pitman at The Post Office, Dave Lea at The Castle Inn and the owners of the Highwayman Inn for selling poppies on their premises, resulting in such a fantastic total for a community of our size.

Penny Bean
Hon Poppy Appeal Organiser

Thanks

A sincere 'thank you' to all those friends and neighbours who came to help me celebrate my 90th birthday on 1st November. I am singularly short of 'real' family, so I did appreciate having so much company on that date. So, again 'Thank you'
Dorothy Alderson.

Yorkshire Area Point To Point Club

A date for your diary after Christmas! The Sheriff Hutton point to point is Sunday 12th January 2014, the first race is at 12 noon. Please help us raise funds for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We hope as many people from the village will come along and support us – wrap up warm and come and have some fun! £10 per person – under 15 free. There will be hot food and a bar. This year we have raised over £7,000 for the Air Ambulance. Anyone who would like to advertise in the race card or sponsor us in anyway please phone Chris Drury on 01347 878439.

*** Next year we will be hosting another point to point on Easter Monday 21st April 2014 – this is the Staintondale Hunt point to point and we will be raising funds for the 'Jack Berry House for injured Jockeys' being built in Malton. Keep the day free – more information about this later. ***

Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists December 2013

Due to circumstances beyond our control the November meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday November 27th at 7.30pm in the refreshment room of the Village Hall as usual. Our speaker will be Dave Newman. Following on from his previous, very insightful talks on the geology of the planet and fossilised trees and plants, this autumn Dave will be talking to us about sea shells.

Our December meeting will be on Wednesday 4th December when our speaker will be Alison Reboul from The Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

Anyone wishing to join the group or needing more information about Field Naturalists, please get in touch with either Andy on 878785 or Tricia on 878995.

Sheriff Hutton History Group

The Coffee morning on the 30th November will be our final fund-raising event for 2013, the Community archive building will be completed over the winter months and we can then start moving in!! Without the help of the villagers in the Parish we would still be on the long fund raising trail. We want to pass on our very grateful THANK YOU'S to everyone who have supported us by giving up time to help, attended our events and specially to those parishioners who have so very generously donated money.....we have been so lucky to have people who like us want to preserve the history and memories of this wonderful village.

We have still work to do in 2014, ongoing fund raising to equip the room - shelving, computer, scanner, more archive boxes, the 'Sponsor an archive box' scheme has been very successful. We have a programme of events booked for 2014, a wide range of topics of interest to all ages. If you would like to be involved in the project contact Meg 878136 or Margaret 878465 for more details, new members are always very welcome.

We are researching the history of Drama / Pantomime in the village prior to 1993, we know that the WI and Sheriff Hutton Players were very active in the Memorial Hall and the New Village Hall. The Richard III fundraising also gave a lot of entertainment to the village. We are looking for photographs, posters, programmes but especially memories of those times and productions.

If you have information from those special days and would be willing to meet and share personal experiences we would love to hear from you.

Contact Meg Ashbridge 878136 for further details.

On behalf of our members we would like to wish everyone a very peaceful Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

Pantomime

The idea for a new pantomime came about in February 2013. It seemed at the time almost like a joke, and something we wouldn't be able to achieve! D.I.S.H.Y (Drama in Sheriff Hutton Youth) was formed when we had our first meeting about the pantomime.

We are two teenage girls from the village (Amy Hunt and Jasmin Frost) who are often involved in volunteering and this was one thing we thought the village and community would enjoy. We have since got very interested in our roles as organisers, and are really enjoying this experience, along with the other actors and backstage crew, who are all local young people.

Of course we couldn't do any of this without some adult help, and are really grateful to our directors, Meg Ashbridge and Pat Cooper, and also all the other adults who are involved with helping us pull everything together.

The pantomime we chose is the classic Cinderella, but it does have a few twists!

The dates of the performances are:

Thurs 6th Feb 2014 at 7pm, Fri 7th Feb at 7pm and Sat 8th Feb at 5pm.

There will be NO TICKETS on sale at the door on the night, so put these dates in your diary and book your tickets now! Tickets will be available (from 1st December) from Meg Ashbridge (878136) or Pat Cooper (878677). Adults £5/ 5s-18s £3 / under 5s free seat (please book a free ticket)

Jasmin Frost

Vera Donaldson and the family would like to thank everyone for their help and support both during Dennis' short illness and after his death on October 27th. Dennis really embraced village life when he and Vera moved up here in August 1999 and he was actively involved in many things right up until three months ago. We were all both touched and proud that so many people came to his funeral to say goodbye. We are also very grateful for all the donations we received and we'll be sending over £800 to St.Leonard's Hospice where he was so well looked after in his final days.

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a lovely time - all the lights, carols, presents, parties and food. People seem to be in a better mood. It is the time when we are encouraged to give and be generous to one another, to let bygones be bygones. The message of the angels was peace and goodwill to everyone. But once Christmas is over and the decorations taken down, cards and trees recycled, and everything is packed away, most people get on with life, and go back to what they were like before.

But the baby whose birthday we celebrate - Jesus - didn't just want us to sing happy birthday and enjoy his party at Christmas. He came to say that his birthday was the beginning of a new kind of world - one where people should be kind, loving, giving and forgiving to others all the time. Wouldn't it be great if we were to really give it a go - to make our bit of the world a better place to live in - and then the world.

The churches warmly invite you to celebrate Christmas with them. So come along and make it the start of a new kind of life for you, or a re-commitment to a way of being that Jesus embodied. May you have a blessed, joyous and peaceful Christmas.

Every blessing,

Ann Vaughan

A Partridge in a Pear Tree on Saturday 7th December, 7.30pm in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall

Join members of York Musical Theatre Company as they bring you an evening of festive fun and cheer – with music, songs and readings. Traditional carols, popular modern tunes and readings, some of which will make you laugh out loud. A festive treat for everyone.

Get in the mood for Christmas. Tickets £10.00 each to include a glass of wine and mince pies, available from Moira Murphy, 01347 878117, the Village Shop (with thanks to Alan and Gilly), or on the door.

Farlington Carols by Candlelight Friday December 20th 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 **Friday 20th**

St Leonard's Remembrance Day Lunch Raises £197 For The British Legion

St Leonard's church, Farlington, held a traditional Service of Remembrance on Sunday, November 10th when the war dead of Farlington were remembered. In addition, the names of the eight men from the village who served in WW1 but survived were also recalled. A bugler sounded the Last Post before the Two Minutes Silence.

Afterwards the congregation was invited to a casserole lunch followed by sumptuous puddings at High Towthorpe farm. The lunch was provided free by church members. However, a box was available for anyone who wished to make a donation towards the work of the Royal British Legion and a generous £197 was collected.

New Year Party

The New Year Party for Over-60s and their partners will be on **Saturday 4th January 2014 at 5pm**. Invitations are delivered between Christmas and New Year, but if you have recently moved into the villages of Sheriff Hutton or Lilling, or have recently become eligible to attend, please phone Caroline Hunt on 878242 to ensure you receive your invitation!

This event is a celebration tea followed by entertainment, run by the United Christian Churches' Committee. Guests are waited on by our team of volunteer hostesses. Drivers are available to transport guests to the party and home at the end, and also provide a 'teas-out' delivery service for anyone who is unable to attend the event because of ill health.

If you are able to help again, or would like to get involved for the first time as a hostess or kitchen helper please phone Ruth Carter (878538), or to offer your help as a driver please ring Andrew Hawkswell (878426). New helpers are always very very welcome; we can provide a 'buddy' service so that you can relax and work alongside someone who can show you the ropes!

We hope you can join us for a very enjoyable evening and to celebrate a great mix of ages, friends, neighbours, newcomers and regular attendees!

The United Christian Churches' Committee.

St. Helen & the Holy Cross Sheriff Hutton

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	1st	9.30am	Holy Communion CW-O1		
	8th	9.30am	Morning Worship		
	15th	10am	Benefice Service at Stillington	6.30pm	Joint Carol Service at Parish Church
	19th			7.00pm	Primary School Carol Service
	22nd	9.30am	Advent Service		
	24 th	3pm	Christingle at Methodist Church	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
	25th	9.30am	Family Christmas Celebration		
	29th	10.30am	Joint at Parish Church		
Farlington	8th	11.15am	Holy Communion		
	15th	10am	Benefice Service at Stillington		
	20th			6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
	22nd	11.15am	Advent Service		
	25th	10am	Christmas Festival Matins		
Marton	1st			5pm	Celtic Advent Eucharist
	23rd			7pm	Lessons & Carols
Stillington	1st	10am	Morning Prayer		
	8th	9.30am	Holy Communion		
	15th	10am	Benefice Service at Stillington		
	22nd			4pm 6.30pm	Crib & Christingle Service Carols & Readings at Methodist Church
	24th			11pm	Midnight Eucharist
	25th	9.30am	Joint Service in Chapel		
	29th			6pm	Joint Carols & readings in Chapel
Sutton	1st	8.00am	Holy Communion	5pm	Carol Singing at Rose & Crown
	8th	10.45am	Holy Communion	5pm	Christingle
	15th	8.00am	Holy Communion		
		10am	Benefice Service at Stillington		
	22nd	10.45am	Family Carols	6pm	Carols & readings for Christmas
	24th			11.30pm	Holy Communion
	25th	10.45am	Family Christmas Celebration		
	29th	10.30am	Joint Meditation in Huby		

EVENTS

13th December St Crux Day
 15th December Joint Carol Service in the Parish Church at 6.30pm
 19th December Primary School Carol Service at 7.0pm
 24th December Christingle in the Methodist 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**'. There will be Christmas card boxes in both village churches. The Parish Church box will be removed on Sunday 15th after the Carol Service and the Methodist Church box after Drop in for Coffee on the 18th. 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. The money will go to Action for Children and CRISIS. Any offers of help with deliveries, please call Caroline on 878242.

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]

Farlington Circle

Please note the venue for the meeting on December 3rd is Ashbrook Barns

The Methodist Church

Last month we remembered, now we have come to the month of giving particularly when we are being constantly reminded that Christmas is coming. Our early Christmas preparation was of course in October when we filled the Christmas shoeboxes for "Operation Christmas Child". It was another great effort by a lot of people and the result we hope will bring joy to needy children somewhere in the world. We've just seen how generous people can be when presented with an appeal like "Children in Need", an amazing millions of pounds raised and now money is being given to the people of the Philippines who have suffered so badly. Giving is something we can all share in, so as we lead up to Christmas let us not forget people who in our lives have given us so much and be thankful and also why we have chosen Christmas as the time to give.

The mural we put up at the front of the Methodist Church shows why we celebrate Christmas so do please give thanks to God for His great gift to us as you pass by. On the other side of the mural is the empty tomb where Jesus body was laid after he was crucified. Another wonderful gift of God but that's for another time.

Have a very happy Christmas.

December services at the Methodist Church

Sunday	1st	10.30 a.m	Mr Ralph Frankland
	8th	10.30 a.m.	Revd Elizabeth Cushion (Communion)
	15 th	10.30 a.m.	Mr John Freeman
		6.30 p.m.	VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE at PARISH CHURCH
	22 nd	10.30 a.m.	Revd Ann Vaughan
	29 th	10.30 a.m.	UNITED SERVICE at PARISH CHURCH

Christingle Service

There will be the village Christingle Service at 3 p.m. in the Methodist Church on Wednesday 24th December -
Christmas Eve led by Revd Ann Vaughan. A service for all the family.

Additional activities

Mondays	7.30 p.m.	Guild in the Miss Ward room (2nd, 9th and 16th) see seperate notice
Wednesdays	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayers (except 25th)
	10.00 a.m.	Drop in for Coffee in the Miss Ward room (except 25th)
	6.15 p.m.	Singing Group in the Miss Ward room (4th and 18th)

Christmas Day

There will be a United Christmas Day service at 9 a.m. at Thornton le Clay Methodist Church this year. The service will be led by Revd David Godfrey.

Guild

Monday	2nd	7.30 p.m.	A Charles Dicken's Scrooge evening with the actor Chris Cade
	9th	7.30 p.m.	Christmas music and carols arranged by Tony Thompson
	16th	7.30 p.m	Christmas Party Night

Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our "Operation Christmas Child" effort in October. We filled 132 shoeboxes and received £426 towards the cost of postage. A great effort by a lot of people thank you everyone. The money was sent direct and as a result we should be able to find out where the boxes were distributed. So as soon as we know we will let you know, in a future Village News. A lot of children will have some joy this Christmas with your gifts. Thank you.

Barbara Walker

Bernard Walker and family would like to thank the many people in the village for their messages of sympathy and help following the sudden death whilst on holiday of Barbara. These were much appreciated.

Village Hall Hiring Fees 2014 – It's More Good News!

An even sunnier summer has led to even better earnings from the installation of the photo-voltaic panels on the roof of the village hall during 2013. As a result, we are pleased to announce that for 2014 there will be **no increase** in the current hiring fees.

We are aware that some groups want to hold short meetings in the Small Committee Room but do not want to hire it for 3 hours. As an experiment (for one year) this room will be available for a 1½ hour hire at a cost of just £5. Less than 3 hour hiring will not be available for any of the other facilities.

The hiring fees for 2014 will, therefore, be :

Prices for 3 hours

(Minimum Hire Period)

Main Hall before 6pm	25.20
Main Hall evening except Fri and Sat	31.95
Main Hall Friday and Saturday evening	39.30
Refreshment Room	17.40
Kitchen	4.50
Committee Room	9.45
Changing Rooms including Showers (each)	9.45
Each additional hour, per booking, is charged at 1/3 of the above prices	
Small Committee Room for 1½ hours	5.00
Wedding (whole Hall, all day to 6pm)	240.00
Late parties (whole Hall, 6pm – 1am)	240.00

As usual, to make a booking please :

- call **07913 409 689** or
- email villagehall@sheriffhutton.co.uk

Richard Haste
Operations Group, Chairman

Health Visitor Drop-in

The Health Visitor will be next at the Village Hall from 9.30am – 11.30am on **Thursday 5th December**, during the Toddler Session for anyone with pre-school children who would like to see her. Anyone wanting 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 Pre-School Playgroup News

We have had a busy but enjoyable time at Playgroup over the last term. Several children have been very interested in fire station role play and so in November our staff organised a Playgroup trip to York Fire Station. It was wonderful to talk about the changing landscape as we travelled from the countryside to the city and to spot some famous York landmarks as we neared our destination. The children were fascinated by the fire engines and those who wanted to were even allowed to sit in the driver's seat! On Friday 15 November, the children were involved in several activities to support Children in Need. We created spotty t-shirts and baked spotty buns which went down very well with our parents/carers who were invited to stay for tea and coffee while they looked at the children's 'Learning Journeys' and watched the children perform some well-known action songs! We are now looking forward to Christmas, with a nativity performance planned and, of course, the Playgroup Christmas party. On that note, and on behalf of all at Playgroup, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Fundraising Events

Kids' Stuff Sale on Saturday 25 January 2014 in the Village Hall 2pm-4pm

A fantastic opportunity to purchase great quality used children's toys, clothing and equipment at bargain prices. All offers of help, and donations – contact Julie 878574. More details in January's Village News.

Race Night on Saturday 15 March 2014 in the Village Hall

Further details in January's Village News.

Neighbourhood Watch

On 15 November between 16.30 and 21.15hrs a property in Castleside Sheriff Hutton was broken in to and a laptop computer stolen, entry being gained by breaking a conservatory window. If you heard or saw anything suspicious around these times, please contact the Police on 101. Further, earlier in the month a copper tank was stolen from Old Mill View, in broad daylight (registration details have been passed to the Police for suspect vehicle thanks to an alert neighbour).

The Police are reiterating previous advice regarding thefts from fuel tanks, both domestic heating oil and farm-based motor fuel – it is nearly a year since the last spate of such thefts and, based on the price of oil currently being charged it is clearly a valuable enough commodity to warrant protecting (or stealing, depending upon your perspective!). If you should see anything suspicious, particularly during the hours of darkness, contact the Police. If possible, try to record vehicle type and registration details of unfamiliar vehicles, especially transit-type vans, both during evenings and day-time – this information would be most useful in the event of thefts being identified.

I have been asked to arrange for the village hall in Sheriff Hutton to be booked for a Police-organised winter driving event on 12 December between 17.00 and 19.30hrs. Details are not currently available for what is entailed or available, however I shall post a notice in the shop window as soon as I can – this winter is forecast to be a bad one, so there will be some benefit to all drivers to attend.

Perhaps unsurprisingly I am still awaiting data from NYCC at the time of writing for the speed matrix signs which have recently completed the first installation in the village. Judging from local feedback there should be some interesting statistics to review.

In view of the two thefts detailed in the first paragraph, and the warnings issued by the Police, I would ask that EVERYONE is vigilant, not just those directly involved in Neighbourhood Watch. With Christmas fast approaching the last thing anyone wants is the stress and upset caused by criminal activity.

The next NHW meeting will be held on 3rd December at 7.30pm. 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 2013.

Message from Eric Hope

How time flashes by it seems to be a very short while since I was sending Christmas greetings last year many things have happened some for the good some which are not so good,

On a personal note I have had the honour and privilege of holding the office of chairman of Ryedale Council I tried to do the role to the best of my ability attending many events over Ryedale and raising a fantastic amount of money (over £6,000.) for my charities Macmillan and Ryedale Stroke group.

Times are getting more and more difficult to balance the books so to speak.

Christmas is getting near and the presents are getting more expensive, and harder to find the right one to please all pockets.

On a brighter note things in our area are going well the Jumbles are going from strength to strength with records broken as soon as one is made.

The History group is growing in strength the new build is well down the road.

I have tried to support as many meetings and functions as possible, if you have any issues I can help with please contact me at home or at Ryedale house.

Daphne and myself would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and Prosperous new year.

Eric Hope

District Councillor. Sheriff Hutton Ward.

DR. P. R. JONES. MB, ChB

DR. B. McPHERSON. MB, ChB

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www.stillingtonsurgery.co.uk




IMPORTANT NOTICE

The surgery is changing to a new computer system on 20 February 2014.

As this will be a new way of working for everyone in the Surgery, we would be grateful for your patience and support whilst we get used to the new system.

The twelve weeks of training for all staff begins in November 2013.

Thank you for your cooperation

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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	9.15am	Pilates	Village Hall	12.30pm	Luncheon Club	Village Hall
	10.30 am	Pilates	Village Hall	7.00pm	Youth Group	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	7.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
				8.00pm	Circuit training	Village Hall
Fri	9.30am	Playgroup	Village Hall			

Additional Activities in December

Mon	2 nd	7.00 – 9.00pm	Christmas Craft Workshop in the Village Hall
		7.30pm	Guild 'Scrooge Evening' with Chris Cade in the Miss Ward Room
Tue	3 rd	3pm	Farlington Circle of Friendship at Ashbrook Barns
		7.30pm	Neighbourhood Watch meeting with police
Wed	4 th	6.15pm	Singing Group in the Miss Ward Room
		7.30pm	Field Naturalists – Alison Reboul on Bumblebee's in the Village Hall
Thurs	5 th	9.30 – 11.30	Health Visitor in the Village Hall
Sat	7 th	1.30 – 3.30pm	YCA Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall
		After dark	Santa and his Sleigh visit the village
		7.30pm	"A Partridge in a Pear Tree" in the Village Hall
Mon	9 th	7.30pm	Guild Music and Carols with Tony Thompson in the Miss Ward Room
Wed	11 th	11.30am	YCA Christmas Lunch, meet in Village Hall car park
Thurs	12 th	5pm – 7.30pm	Police organised winter driving event at the Village Hall
Fri	13 th	10.00 - 12.00	Library Van in the Village Hall car park
		7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall
		7.30pm	The Chanticleers Singers Christmas Concert in the Village Hall
Sat	14 th	10.00 – 12.00	Friends of Village Hall Christmas coffee morning in the Village Hall
Mon	16 th	7.30pm	Guild Christmas Party Night in Miss Ward Room
Wed	18 th	6.15pm	Singing Group in the Miss Ward Room
Fri	20 th	7.30pm	Bowls Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall

Dates to Note

Jan	4 th	5pm	New Year Party in the Village Hall
	11 th		Jumble Sale in aid of Parish Church in the Village Hall
	12 th	12 noon	Point to Point meeting, fundraiser for Yorkshire Air Ambulance
	14 th	7.30pm	Friends of the Village Hall meeting in the Village Hall
	25 th	2.00 – 4.00pm	Playgroup Kids Stuff Sale in the Village Hall
Feb	6 th and 7 th	7pm	Cinderella pantomime in the Village Hall
	8 th	5pm	Cinderella pantomime in the Village Hall
March	15 th		Playgroup Race Night in the Village Hall
	29 th		Chanticleer Singers in the Village Hall
April	14 th		Folk concert in the Village Hall
	26 th		Village auction

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