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## Parish Council News

The Parish Council Meeting was held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013 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). County Councillor Clare Wood was present as a guest. There were no members of the public present.

**County Councillor Clare Wood's Report :** NYCC are looking to achieve further savings over the next 4 years. This will mean that the state and condition of side roads will continue to deteriorate as NYCC prioritise the main highways and pothole repairs will have to be pursued by Parish Councils. She undertook to chase NYCC regarding their failure to repair the Ginell between Laurel's Garth and West End for which a job number had been issued prior to last Christmas. It remains in a dangerous state for pedestrians and care should be taken in using it until the repairs are carried out.

**Maintenance of Trees :** The tree surgeon will attend the Parish Council meeting in March to provide a full report on the state and condition of the trees in the Village and to discuss the immediate pruning requirements.

**Street Lights :** It has been suggested that the work required to reinstate street lights in the village could be finished by the end of February or the beginning of March. The actual date is dependent upon the weather.

**Christmas Tree :** The tree surgeon will advise on remedial work for the tree at the March meeting

**Litter Bins :** Complaints have been received about the condition of the Dog Litter bins outside the Village Hall and in the Croft. Their replacement will be discussed at the March meeting when price quotations will be to hand.

**Review of Decision on Matrix :** There was nothing to report at the meeting. (Since then a letter has been received from NYCC stating that Sheriff Hutton is one of the three villages selected to take part in the initial trials of their 'Matrix for Hire' scheme. This is being followed up).

## Planning Applications

12/00080/HOUSE: *Mr G Lindsell*: Alterations & extension to include raising of roof height to form first floor accommodation and erection of single storey extension to front elevation (revised details to approval 11/00314/HOUSE dated 27/5/2011) at 17 Castle View, Sheriff Hutton YO60 6SR Councillors agreed to support the application in its present form.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All residents of Sheriff Hutton are welcome to attend.

## Health Visitor Drop-in

The Health Visitor will be at the Village Hall from 9.30am – 11.30am on **Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## Super-Mobile Library

The super-mobile library will visit the Village Hall Car Park between 10.00 and 12.00 on Fridays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.

### **Two Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor**

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 notice is given that two vacancies have arisen in the offices of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Sheriff Hutton and Cornborough.

The Parish Council is proposing to fill the vacancies by co-option and is inviting anybody living within three miles of the Parish or community to apply in writing for the post giving details of his or her background for consideration by the Council at its next meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Disappointingly there was no response to the Council's advertisement in the June and July editions of the magazine. Without the valued contribution of residents in this matter the interests of the village will not be protected. In the absence of a response it will be necessary to seek Ryedale District Council's permission to co-opt a representative from outside the Parish.

All correspondence should be directed to the Clerk at The Mill House, Lilling, York YO60 6RP or by email to [btaylor123@btinternet.com](mailto:btaylor123@btinternet.com)

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

235 members took part in the February draw, £25 winners were 22, 36, 98, 125 and 155.

### **Thank You – Farlington**

Village News would like to thank the people of Farlington for the £55 collected recently to support production costs of the News. The donation is much appreciated.

### **King Richard III's Connections With Sheriff Hutton Church**

Many residents of the village will be aware of the connections of King Richard with Sheriff Hutton Castle but the recent exhumation of his skeleton in Greyfriar's Car Park in Leicester, close to Bosworth battlefield where he died has raised the interest in the last of the Plantagenet Kings. Media interest and especially the e-petition on the Government website calling for his remains to be buried in York Minster has been frantic in the last few days. The e-petition includes the words that Richard could be re-buried in York "close to those of his son, Edward of Middleham, Prince of Wales, at Sheriff Hutton Church".

Although we have many Plantagenet visitors to St Helen and the Holy Cross, from all over the world, we still have many residents who are surprised to find Edward here, the only Prince of Wales in a parish church. He died at Middleham, aged 11, in April 1484, and was brought to Sheriff Hutton to meet King Richard and Queen Anne Neville, his mother. The alabaster effigy is housed in the North East St Nicholas Chapel and was probably destined to be moved to York Minster to Richard's planned Chantry Chapel, if events had not been overtaken by the Battle of Bosworth.

Although the North aisle has several coats of arms of the Nevilles, their Chantry Chapel is in the South aisle and was visited by King Richard who paid for the stipend of the chantry priest and for repairs to Lord Neville's chapel. You are welcome to visit during daylight hours, the church is always open. We will have another Richard III themed weekend on the 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June.

You can go onto the Government website and register your vote on the e-petition (it closes in September and will trigger off a Parliamentary debate when it reaches 100,000). If you have any requests for more information, please contact, Roy Thompson, Churchwarden 01347 878644

### **Castle Open Day ~ Afternoon of 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Bring your own picnic or enjoy a home-made cream tea; fun dog show; tug-of-war; children's games, fancy dress competition and other activities; various stalls including the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. If you have any ideas for other activities or stalls, please contact Caroline Hunt on 878242 or the Howarth family on 878341 or 878019

### **Village Ramble**

The next village ramble will be on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. Meet the group at the Village Hall car park at 9.30am for a walk of about 5 miles in the glorious North Yorkshire countryside which will be followed by a pub lunch. We return to the village no later than 3pm.

## **An Evening with Phil Beer ~ Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013**

There will be an evening of Folk music in the Village Hall. A very well known Folk music artist – Phil Beer has agreed to come to the village as part of his 2013 National Tour. He is famed as half of the Award winning Folk duo, Show of Hands, but is also known as a brilliant musician in his own right.

Tickets are £12.00 and are available from Neil Hodges Bracken Hill, Sheriff Hutton  
01347878595 07973157127.

## **Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Season Experience**

It was April last year when I was invited to the bowling club for an open day roll up. At the time I thought I would not really like it, not my thing, all the negative things I could come up with in my head. Well, I went along and oh how wrong could I be, I loved it from the start and couldn't wait to join the club and hopefully play with a team when the club thought I was ready.

I found everyone so welcoming and easy to get on with. Their bowling experience passed down to me proved to make me more confident and I was soon enjoying inter club games.

The games against other clubs for me were both a social interaction and a competitive activity that over my "sporting" life I have enjoyed in many forms.

I am looking forward to this season starting in April and if you are reading this and wondering if bowls might be for you, go on give it a try, come and join us, you never know you might just enjoy it too. Look out for a notice re the free roll up March/April in the Village News or see Pat in the shop.

I would like to say a big thank you to the members of Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club for making me feel welcome last season and here's to us in 2013. Good and happy bowling.

Josie Wynn

### **Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club**

#### **FRIDAY BINGO**

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
7.30pm**

**PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!**

**£100 SPECIAL JACKPOT**

### **Guide Dogs for the Blind Proudly present**

#### **An Evening with the Village Choir**

Songs, Quizzes, Raffle, etc.

at Greystones, The Green, Sheriff Hutton

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

£7.50 Admission by pre-booked ticket only  
Includes a cooked supper, and our famous 'Squishy puddings'!

Tickets available from John Oakley 878754 or  
Chris Thompson 878465

## **Puddleducks Children's Nursery – 'Coffee and Cuddles'**

### **new parent and baby group Tuesdays 9.30-11.30**

Puddleducks Nursery is now running a parent and baby group at the nursery on a Tuesday morning. Many local parents already attend the established village babies and toddler group held in the village hall every Thursday, so we hope to give local parents another safe, friendly, relaxed play session with their babies and toddlers. A wide range of new resources and play opportunities are on offer, and parents can enjoy refreshments and a sociable time with others. Parents/carers and babies/toddlers aged 0-2 are all very welcome. There is no charge for attending the sessions and sessions will run all year. Please have a look at our website for further information [www.sheriffhuttonnursery.co.uk](http://www.sheriffhuttonnursery.co.uk).

## **Chancel Repair Liability**

Some of you may have heard about something called Chancel Repair Liability [CRL]. In this connection various alarming sums of money have been mentioned in the press and elsewhere. Can I make it quite clear that as far as Sheriff Hutton is concerned there is no liability attached to any private houses and gardens nor to the village hall, bowls or cricket clubs nor the playing fields. In addition small areas of less than 10 acres are excluded. If anyone is still worried please contact me and I will try to explain this ancient 'right' – John Oakley 878754

## **Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club**

Notice of 2013 Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The Agenda will include Subscription rates for 2013, Teams, Social tennis and Junior tennis. The Committee will be elected at the meeting and new committee members are always welcome. All members and prospective members are welcome, this is your opportunity to have a say in the running of the club.

Social Tennis. There will be a Ladies session on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1.30pm.

The Ladies have continued to play all winter, turning out in the most extreme arctic conditions wearing so many layers that serving became difficult. Hopefully the weather in March will be warmer and the usual Monday and Wednesday sessions will see even more ladies playing.

Men's Tennis. The club would like to run Men's sessions along the same lines as the Ladies sessions. Would you be interested in playing during the day, the sessions would be once a week for players of all standards, so even if it is a while since you played or a complete beginner this could be the opportunity for you to take up a sport. Rackets and balls would be available and if there was enough interest coaching could be arranged.

Please contact me by email or come along to the AGM, if you are interested.

Josephine Johnson Secretary

[Josephinejohnson6@gmail.com](mailto:Josephinejohnson6@gmail.com) or telephone 01347878626

## **Friends of the Village Hall**

### **Easter Coffee Morning Saturday March 23rd ~ 10am – 12 noon in the Village Hall**

Admission £1.50 to include Coffee/Tea and a Hot Cross Bun. Children 50p to include a drink and a bun/biscuit. Raffle and Children's Tombola. Easter Egg Hunt (at 11am) and one or two Easter themed games and a free craft activity table for children and anyone else who wishes to have a go! Friendly company and a warm welcome for all!

Donations of Raffle and Tombola prizes etc. would be most welcome either to Margaret 878314 or on the day.

Other events later in the year include an evening with The Foresters on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>. Margaret Fisher 878314

## **Village Auction 2013 Saturday April 27th**

This year the Auction will be held on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall from 1.00pm until the last item is sold. Viewing and light lunches from 12 noon to 1pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

As previously we will be collecting any household items you are willing to donate directly from homes in Sheriff Hutton and Lilling on the Friday evening and Saturday morning. Due to Health and Safety regulations we are unable to accept upholstered furniture including sofas unless they have a label showing they are not flammable. We also cannot sell mattresses, dishwashers, washing machines, fridges or cookers. We ask that all items are in saleable condition as disposal of left over items is difficult.

The proceeds of the Auction this year will benefit The Play Area, The Village Archive and the Over 60's Luncheon Club.

As ever we are asking for volunteers to help with all aspects of the Auction – in the kitchen, collecting and sorting items and during the Auction itself as “runners”, cashiers etc. Any enquiries or offers of help at this stage to Caroline Hunt 878242 or Margaret Fisher 878314. Thank you!

## **Helping Playgroup**

Playgroup are collecting **Active Kids** vouchers from Sainsbury's - if you shop in Sainsbury's and have no one to give them to please hand them into Playgroup! We are in the Village Hall Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30 - 3.00 and would be very grateful for your support.

## **Sheriff Hutton Gardening Club**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March when we have Sue and Rob Langdale, from Baldersby Nursery near Thirsk. This meeting will be mainly a question and answer session. Questions can be asked at the time or written down and handed in before the start of the meeting.

It is time to start thinking about summer and the Village Show. Potatoes and sunflower seeds will be available at this meeting and also next month.

There will be a few changes to classes in the show this year as follows –

**Vegetables and Fruit** – the following classes are deleted

Onions with tops : 1 lettuce with roots : 1 cactus or succulent

There will be a class for culinary apples

**Flowers and pot plants** - the miniature arrangement will be replaced by a petite arrangement with a maximum size of 25cm cubed. The 4 annual sweet peas can be any colour

**Cookery** - there will be no class for any other type of jam (raspberry and strawberry classes remain)

There will be no class for a celebration cake

**Photography** - Winter scene will be replaced by Trees in winter

Gardens will be replaced by Wild flower scene

Flower will be a garden flower

Portrait will be replaced by Birds

**Children** - The A4 poster to advertise the show can be of any type (i.e. not only computer generated)

The decorated vegetable will be replaced by a vegetable animal.

All other classes will remain the same.

Advance notice - the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October will be an open meeting when we will have David Ryland, a national flower arranger from Cumbria. David is a very entertaining speaker as well as an excellent flower arranger - a date for your diary!

## **Sheriff Hutton Art Group**

Our next painting day is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March commencing 9.30am in the Village Hall with local artist Shirley Davis Drew. If you are interested in attending (suitable for beginners and those with more experience) there are a few places left so please telephone Joan Smith on 01347 811214 to book a place.

This is a special year for the Sheriff Hutton Art Group being our **40th Annual Art Exhibition** which will be held over the Easter weekend Sunday 31st March to Monday 1st April when we will be celebrating this great achievement with style and extra activities including a group artwork. We look forward to seeing you there. There is always lots to see, people to meet and an amazing array of talent to brighten up the weekend.

## **Yorkshire Countrywomen**

Our meeting on the 13th February was unfortunately cancelled due to the snow; we felt it was too dangerous to ask our members to venture out. I'm sure everyone was pleased to stay by their fires and keep warm. We hope to reschedule the speaker for next year.

Our meeting on the 8th March is our Annual Branch Meeting. Following the business of the evening we are having a Bring and Share supper, would all members bring a small contribution to the supper please.

The numbers of our group are quite low at the moment, if anyone from the village would like to come for a taster session anytime after our next meeting, please come and see what goes on at our very jolly meetings.

Barbara Grinham

## **Village Charity**

The next meeting of the Village Charity is on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Requests should be with the secretary [John Oakley - Old School House tel:878754] by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

## **THE METHODIST CHURCH**

**A happy Easter to you.** Yes it will be Easter Sunday on the 31st of this month. The year is slipping past us so quickly, so do take a time to pause in your busy life to reflect on what Lent means as we go through March to that great day, when Christians throughout the world celebrate the risen Jesus Christ, and because of Easter we can all be forgiven and start again a new risen character. If you would like to share in this great Christian festival then you will be most welcome at the Methodist Church.

The mural outside our church depicts the tomb where Jesus was laid but as you walk past on Easter day do notice that the stone has been rolled away and "He is Risen" Alleluia !

### **Sunday services in March will be led by the following preachers.**

3rd	10.30 a.m.	Revd Ken Marshall	World Missions Sunday
10th	10.30 a.m.	Revd Ann Vaughan	Mothering Sunday
17th	10.30 a.m.	Revd David Wilkes	Holy Communion
24th	10.30 a.m.	Meet at the Methodist Church before processing through the village to the Parish Church	
	11.00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Family Praise Service	
	6.30 p.m.	Revd Brian Tibbetts Holy Communion	
31st	10.30 a.m.	Revd Geoffrey Walton-Pratt	Easter Day Holy Communion

### **Other activities in March**

Mondays	7.30 p.m.	Guild meeting - see separate notice
Wednesdays	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 on 6th and 20th of March

<p><b>GOOD FRIDAY UNITED SERVICE</b> <b>2.00 P.M</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b> <b>at THE METHODIST CHURCH</b></p>
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### **Guild Programme in March**

4th	7.30 p.m.	World Missions - An African adventure in Tanzania with John Hall.
11th	7.30 p.m.	The guild goes to Huntington Methodist Church to share in their Guild Rally
18th	7.30 p.m.	"Jim's Slide Jumble" with Jim Day.
25th	7.30 p.m.	A.G.M. followed by Tony Thompson's "Cherished songs and melodies"

### **Message from the Jumbles**

The results of our February Jumble Sale will be published in the April News

Our next event is the annual Second Hand Book Sale on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March between 11 am and 3pm raising money for The Chanticleer Singers. There will be a tombola, cake stall and refreshments, including light lunches. This is a great opportunity for you stock up on your reading material at bargain prices. Donations of books, cds, dvds and jigsaws, (not videos as sadly they do not sell nowadays) will be most gratefully received and can be left with Penny Bean, Pat Cooper or any of the Jumbles .

Our next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April raising money for Ryedale Leisure who give support to people with Learning Disabilities. More information in the April News

Thank you for your continuing support, Penny Bean 878392

### **Farlington Circle**

This month's meeting of the Farlington Circle will be on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the home of Dorothy Hawkswell



# 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 MARCH

<b>Sheriff Hutton</b>	1st	2.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer – Parish Church		
	3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	5pm	Benefice Celtic Worship-Marton
	10th	9.30am	Morning Worship Mothering Sunday		
	17th	10am	Benefice Family Eucharist at Stillington	5pm	Benefice Celtic Eucharist-Marton
	24th	10.30am 11am	Meet at Methodist Church to process Palm Sunday – Parish Church		
	29th	10am 2pm	Messy Church at Sutton Watch at the Cross – Methodist Church		
	31st	9.30am	Family Easter Celebration		
<b>Farlington</b>	10th	11.15am	Matins		
	24th	11.15am	Holy Communion – BCP		
	31st	11.15am	Easter Communion – BCP		

Those of you who are observant will have noticed that I have omitted services at Stillington and Sutton. This is to save space in the village news and also to save me some work. If you would like this information restored please let me know – incidentally the information is in the church and is in the detailed service plans which are circulated every month. If you don't receive a copy of the plan please give me your e-mail address and I will add your name to the circulation list. – John Oakley

## EVENTS

1 <sup>st</sup> March	Women's World Day of Prayer – 2.30 in Parish Church
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Benefice Council – 7.30pm Sutton Parish Room
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Village Charity 7.30 Village Hall
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Parish Meeting - 7.30 - Miss Ward Room
29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Messy Church 10-12 at Sutton</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Clocks SPRING Forward</b>

## Neighbourhood Watch

Very little criminal activity in the area has been noted of late by the Police, however they are asking landowners to be vigilant for poachers, active again now the hours of daylight are increasing – if you see anything you are asked to ring 999 immediately. Further, the Police are keen for any information regarding a blue Ford Transit van, registration HJ11WKD, seen recently in Gennel Lane, Flaxton, the occupants of which are selling tools from the back of the van – whilst there is nothing to suggest the tools are stolen the Police are keen to receive any information concerning the movements of this vehicle – please ring 101 if you can help.

The proposed designation of Sheriff Hutton as a no-cold-calling-zone is due for discussion by NYCC during March, so I would hope to be able to report the outcome to you next month. Be advised that during February the Police and NYCC Trading Standards were made aware of an attempt to sell paving services in Sheriff Hutton – if you have a similar experience, please ring 101 to report it.

Speeding within Sheriff Hutton and surrounding villages continues to be something of an issue, one incident involving a mother and her children crossing the road being particularly concerning. I understand that PC Fenwick should shortly be commencing random speed checks in our area.

There appear to be a number of 'scams' operating locally regarding parcel delivery companies, either by e-mails advising of parcels awaiting collection but requiring pre-payment, or, more worryingly, a more complex arrangement whereby an individual takes a 'phone-call advising of an imminent delivery, which is followed up by the arrival of a package (local incident involved flowers and wine), the delivery agent requesting payment of a fee/charge via debit/credit card, payable on a handheld device. The victim subsequently found that a considerable sum of money had been taken from their account in the London area, their card having been 'cloned'. If you are in ANY doubt as to whether messages relating to parcels are fraudulent do not under any circumstances give any payment either in person or by 'phone/internet. On a personal note, please note that this does NOT apply to surcharge notices issued by Royal Mail or the Post Office....

The next NHW meeting has been scheduled for 7.30pm on the 18 March, in the Village Hall, Sheriff Hutton. 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 19 February 2013.

## SHERIFF HUTTON HISTORY GROUP

Our 'Drop in for Coffee' with lots of items on display from the Community Archives was a resounding success! I would like to thank all the people who helped to make this a wonderful occasion, particularly the 'kitchen staff' and everyone who baked for us!

We asked our visitors to 'sign in' and say where they came from and their connections (if any) with the Sheriff Hutton area. We had approximately 75 visitors with 2/3rds coming from the locality, of the others 7 were just 'passing through' and called in out of interest, and the others had either lived in the area themselves (some for many years) or had family connections. There was a real 'buzz' in the room as our photos triggered happy memories for many people, some of whom could identify the faces in the images. Many thanks! There were lots of complimentary comments made so we have decided to hold similar events at regular intervals with different themes each time. Watch this space for dates and details.

We raised approx. £200 for the Community Archive Room building fund and another archive box was 'sponsored'. Thank you everyone. Would anyone else like to 'sponsor a box' for £25 or give us a donation towards the building fund? If so please contact Margaret Thompson 878465 or Melanie Hunt 878711.

### Coming events

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** Monthly meeting 2 – 4 pm Village Hall Theme – Building developments in S.H.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Open evening 7.30** pm Village Hall Speaker Tony Wright - Richard III and S.H. Light refreshments followed by video introduced by local farmer Eric Weightman.  
**Tickets £5.00** from Meg Ashbridge 878136 Margaret Thompson 878465

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** **SHHG AGM** 7.30pm Village Hall. Coffee break followed by speaker.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** **An evening with Jack, Caryn and the Elastic Band**  
Two course supper Cash Bar Tickets £8.00 **BOOK EARLY!**  
Tickets from Meg Ashbridge 878136 Margaret Thompson 878465

Further enquiries to Margaret Thompson, Chairperson.

## Saying Sorry & Being Forgiven

*The Christian season of Lent (Ash Wednesday to Good Friday) is a time for reflection on human weakness, failure and hurt and an exploration of how to handle it creatively, bringing about the resurrection and new beginnings of Easter.*

When you live in close proximity with other human beings there will be many times that you will offend each other. Families inevitably hurt each other from time to time. Saying "I'm sorry" are the two words that can repair a relationship. Without apologies the bad feelings are allowed to grow until eventually they grow into something so big and ugly that it is almost impossible to repair. It is difficult to humble ourselves and admit that we have made a mistake. However, when you think about the repercussions of not making a simple apology, you will realise that it's worth the effort.

Anne Gallagher is a former nurse from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. She tended to victims of bombs and bullets on both sides of the sectarian divide, as well as many policemen and soldiers. She has experienced the pain of having close relatives imprisoned and killed. She says: Forgiveness isn't something that's talked about with reconciliation, but it's needed to bring closure to the pain and suffering experienced in Northern Ireland. You can't contemplate hope unless you address despair. You can't just 'get together again' and live in newness and positive hope unless you have addressed the rejection, suffering, pain and despair. It needs to be wrapped up in love and forgiven. You need once again to want the best for the other person. To heal the wounds of Northern Ireland I believe you have to see humanity in the face of the enemy. But forgiveness is a journey. For me, forgiveness is about grace. To be able to forgive someone who has hurt you is a moment of grace.

It involves sharing and listening deeply and creatively to each other's feelings - their story. When you hear my story and I hear your story, it becomes our story. Understanding, compassion and forgiveness grow and seeds of hope and love are sown.





Each time we witness an act of forgiveness, we marvel at its power to heal, to break a seemingly unending cycle of pain. Yet saying 'sorry' and forgiving is something people find hard to do. Perhaps this is because forgiveness is something we don't fully understand or perhaps it's because we associate forgiveness with weakness. In fact the opposite is true. Those who have studied it tell us, without qualification, that forgiveness is a sign of deep strength. Remember Christ's words on the Cross, '*Father, forgive them.*'

Not only is it a very human quality: displays of forgiveness and reconciliation are common among monkeys, apes and other primates. It suggests this behaviour has been at the heart of 'relationship' for over thirty million years!

Revd. Chris Ellis

### **Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists March 2013**

This year's well-attended AGM provided us with the opportunity to both look back over the past year's visits and speakers, and forward to decide what the group will do this year. The programme is currently being finalised and will be in next month's Village News in full. A reminder to all members, subs are due and must be paid by our final indoor meeting in March. Subs remain at £10 for adults and £5 for members up to the age of 18.

Next month's meeting at the Village Hall is our last indoor meeting of the winter and will be on **Wednesday 13th March**. Our speaker will be Ivana Jakubkova who will be giving us an insight into the wildlife of St Nicholas Fields Nature Reserve in York and how it has developed. The meeting starts promptly at 7.30pm and we respectfully ask that you be there by 7.20pm, 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 Tricia on 878995 or Andy on 878785 or 878404.

### **Guide Dogs for the Blind Association**

The AGM of the Easingwold and District Branch will be held at the Old School House, Main Street, Sheriff Hutton on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. You are welcome to come and see what we have been doing, and how we raise funds for this excellent cause (and hopefully how you can help in the future!)

Tickets for the *Evening with the Village Choir* on 8<sup>th</sup> March are still available at the time of writing from John Oakley 878754 or Chris Thompson 878465 (see separate ad)





### **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES**


We have been told that the 128 shoeboxes we filled at Sheriff Hutton were part of the 80,000 boxes sent from the UK to children in Swaziland. More than a quarter of Swaziland's population lives with H.I.V. and most of them live in poverty. This equates to lots of children without parents and there are not enough adults in the country to care for them. A lot of hard work has been done to distribute the Christmas shoeboxes to the thousands of children living this way in Swaziland and bring them some hope.

Tekugana is 11 and is part of a child-headed household (no adults). When he received his Christmas shoebox his face lit up with a dazzling smile. He was thrilled to get a notebook with pencils and pens and avidly started writing and drawing.

Edward 8 was lying in hospital with two broken legs. To his surprise and delight there were several small cars inside his shoebox. As the cars were pushed around on his hospital bed, Edward started to smile, then chuckle and then burst out with a bright hearty laugh that reached his eyes. His mother also began to laugh as she encouraged him to push the cars around. She explained "Without these gifts my son's six week stay in hospital would have been unbearable".

So well done Sheriff Hutton ! We will be doing it again this year and already people are knitting and looking out for those bargains in the shops which will eventually bring great joy to children. So keep thinking of Christmas shoeboxes and save the boxes with separate lids so that we can fill them again. We will be happy to receive them any time at the Methodist Church.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Linzi</b></p> <p><b>Exercise Classes (RSA)</b> in Sheriff Hutton Pilates, Circuits and Stretch. <b>Swimming Teacher (STA)</b> Private or group lessons</p> <p><b>01347 878743 or 07807 331838</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spanish  Talk</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Spanish Talk is on Maternity Leave back in September</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TimetoDrive.biz</b> </p> <p>Driving school based in Thornton Le Clay Lessons for new and qualified drivers <b>1 HOUR £24 / 2 HOURS £45</b> Find out loads more on my website <a href="http://www.timetodrive.biz">www.timetodrive.biz</a>  or contact me directly on <b>07708 188792</b></p>
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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
	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 & Cardio	Village Hall
				8.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Fri	9.30am	Playgroup	Village Hall			
	12 – 1pm	Playgroup Lunch Club	Village Hall			

## Additional Activities in March

Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Phil Beer concert at Village Hall
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Guild – World Missions in Miss Ward Room
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Guide Dog AGM at Old School House, Main Street
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.15pm	Singing Group in Miss Ward Room
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	09.30 – 11.30am	Health Visitor at the Village Hall
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting in Village Hall
		7.30pm	Bowls Club Bingo in Village Hall
		7.30pm	Village Choir for Guide Dogs at Greystones, The Green
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Art Painting Day in Village Hall
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	11am – 3pm	Book Sale for Chanticleer Singers in Village Hall
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Guild <b>at Huntingdon Methodist Church</b>
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	2 – 4pm	History Group meeting in Village Hall
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	7.20pm	Field Naturalists in Village Hall
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Yorkshire Countrywomen's AGM and Supper in Village Hall
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Neighbourhood Watch Meeting in Village Hall
		7.30pm	Guild – Slide Jumble with Jim Day
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Tennis Club AGM in Village Hall
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.15pm	Singing Group in Miss Ward Room
		7.30pm	Gardening Club – Gardening Questions in Village Hall
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	History Group Open Evening with Tony Wright in Village Hall
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10 – 12am	Easter Coffee Morning in Village Hall
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Guild AGM
Tues	26 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Farlington Circle at Dorothy Hawkswell's house
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>		40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition in Village Hall

## Dates to Note

April	1 <sup>st</sup>		40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition in Village Hall
	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	SH History group AGM
	13 <sup>th</sup>		An evening with Jack, Caryn and the Elastic Band In the Village Hall
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Jumble Sale for Ryedale Leisure
	27 <sup>th</sup>	1pm	Village Auction
May	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	York Philharmonic Choir sing in aid of St Leonard's heating fund
June	29 <sup>th</sup>		Castle Open Day
	29 <sup>th</sup> / 30 <sup>th</sup>		Richard III themed weekend at Sheriff Hutton church
August 2013	10 <sup>th</sup>		Annual Village Produce Show
October	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Gardening Club – Flower arranging with David Ryland
November	15 <sup>th</sup>		An evening with the Foresters

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