

Sheriff Hutton Village News



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A Very Happy New Year to All Our Readers

May we start the New Year by thanking the groups and organisations which make donations towards the running costs of the News for their support, and our Advertisers old and new

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The Parish Council met on Friday 13 December 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

13/01293/CAT – Weeping beech – to fell poplar with cancer – to fell at Old School House, Main Street, Sheriff Hutton for Mr John Oakley – Church of St Helen & The Holy Cross. **No objections.**

13/01385/FUL – Erection of 2 bay practise cricket cage at Cricket Field, Strensall for Sheriff Hutton Bridge CC (Mr Shaun Sutcliffe). **No objections.**

Ryedale District Council – Decisions and Appeals

13/00863/FUL – Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of produce and housing of livestock at Land at Cornborough Road, Sheriff Hutton for Mrs L Banks. **Approved.**

Parking

Verbal and written complains in strong terms considering inconsiderate and illegal parking throughout the village have been received by the Parish Council. Particulars of offending vehicles places and times have been identified in these complaints, the Parish Council has consulted District and County Council authorities and the Police about the problems caused. PC Paul Fenwick and PCSO Nicki Pounder attended the meeting to give advice on possible remedies that could be taken within the village. Additionally illegal parking within 10 metres of any junction would be addressed by the Police with increased visits. Parking on yellow lines would be reported for enforcement by visiting Traffic Wardens the remedy as far as this is practicable is up to individuals to assist by recognising the difficulties and problems inconsiderate parking causes. Please help.

Industrial Estate

Concerns from a business on the Industrial Estate regarding the lack of white lining on the roads within the estate were supported by the Parish Council. The matter would be taken up with NYCC Highways who are responsible for the white lining on the adopted sections of road.

Christmas Tree Lights

Councillors Dodd and Smith had put up the Christmas tree lights. Unfortunately there had not been a switching on ceremony due to the unavailability of Santa this year. This would take place next year.

Coach Road

The Rights of Way Officer at North Yorkshire County Council confirmed that the file regarding the Coach Road would be sent to the Secretary of State in the New Year.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Friday 10 January 2014 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

Neighbourhood Watch

Following last month's burglary in Castle Side (Sheriff Hutton) there have been further house burglaries in Welburn and Whitwell, along with a theft of farm equipment from just outside of Sheriff Hutton. I further understand that there have been a number of burglaries in the Strensall area, of which I have no details, it being outside of Ryedale. In light of this the Police have asked that householders review carefully their home security – ensure that doors and windows are locked. If you have ladders, lock them away. Consider also moving garden furniture away from the house – burglaries are often facilitated by the use of the householders own 'facilities'. If leaving the house for any length of time leave the lights on or have them set with a timer device. Consider also leaving a radio on, in short, anything to give the illusion that someone is home.

Poaching is as anticipated starting up again in the area. Please note that poachers do not merely kill animals – they are often responsible for damage to gates, fences and crops and use poaching as a means of assessing farm properties for subsequent equipment thefts. If you see anything suspicious, ring the Police. The association of poaching with the harmless antics of 'Greengrass from Heartbeat' is entirely misplaced. Poaching is a crime.

The Police advise that the use of mobile speed cameras is to become more widespread. Judging by the number of people I know of who have had the 'misfortune' to get caught, I would imagine that this is a considerable money-spinner. I would urge motorists to abide by the declared speed limits, not only in Flaxton which historically seems to have been the main 'base' for the van, but in all villages as the van is being deployed in ever more locations . Or be prepared to pay the price. Some of the speeds recorded by these vans are eye-watering. Be careful.

Also for drivers, the Police will be on the lookout for the 'usual' seasonal drink-drivers. Don't drink and drive.

STILL no data from the speed matrix signs. Now somewhat intrigued as to why the data is taking so long to obtain.

The next NHW meeting will be held on 8 April at 7.15pm. My thanks to those who attended December's meeting. Anyone interested in joining the scheme as a coordinator should contact either Alan Pitman at the Post Office in Sheriff Hutton or by calling Chris Hudson on 01347 878389. Alan Pitman 14 December 2013.

Stillington Surgery ~ PATIENT NOTICE

Dear Patients, we are in the process of changing our clinical computer system. This is not a 'choice' for us; our existing system is no longer being supported. During January and February we will be training and transferring data from the Old system to the New.

What will this mean to you?

We will be taking a little longer to produce your repeat prescriptions. During the next 3 months the turnaround time will be **48 hours (2 working days)** instead of the usual 24 hours. We are asking for your support and patience during this time. This is a new way of working for EVERYONE in the surgery.

There will be occasions over the next three months where the surgery will be closed over the lunchtime period in order for staff training to take place. We will give plenty of notice for these sessions. Please look for notices on the entrance doors.

Access and availability of routine appointments will be reduced for the week commencing 17th February 2014. We may also have restrictions on the information like Blood Results, X-ray results, etc. for a few days during this time.

Please be patient with us, we will as always, do our best to deal with you as efficiently as we can.

The Partners

New Toilet Facility in the Village Hall

Village Hall users will have noticed that there is a new toilet for the disabled – and other people with mobility problems – in the foyer of the hall. The Trustees of the hall are very grateful for the legacy from Helen David which has funded this development. The old toilet for the disabled was compliant 30 years ago when the hall was built but standards have changed – for the better – and this improvement is to be welcomed.

During 2014 the other toilet facilities, which are also 30 years old, will be thoroughly renovated.

Luncheon Club

Luncheon club re-starts on Tuesday 7th January, 12.30pm.

We provide a home-cooked two course lunch followed by tea/coffee for those over 65 years. If anyone new would like to come along and enjoy a meal with friendly company please ring Jill Johnson (878545) or Wendy Haste (878581).

Transport can be arranged.

Pantomime

To cheer you up during February, why not come to see our

Cinderella Pantomime

in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall

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

We hope this will put a smile on your face, whatever the wintry weather!

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

Ice-creams and soft drinks will be available during the interval.

Amy Hunt

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

Sheriff Hutton History Group

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning, £112.45 was raised during a very interesting session. We set out the Millennium albums along with maps and other documents, this gave us a lot of feedback and reminisces from villagers who had so much to record. The Archive room build starts in January, so exciting !! We are now sorting and recording all new information into boxes for moving in to the room in the Spring. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the project in so many ways, we are very grateful. The fund raising will continue with a number of events throughout 2014 to raise money for shelving, computer, scanner and more archive boxes - the Sponsor an Archive box is on-going, contact Meg for further details.

The next group meeting will be on Tuesday 14th January 2 – 4pm Village Hall, new members are very welcome. If you would like to be involved in the project please ring Margaret 878465 or Meg 878136.

Oil Initiative

A few people have indicated an interest in ordering oil in about February/March. If anyone is interested in an oil delivery at the end of February/first week of March, please let me know by Wednesday 20th February, together with how much you want to order. I will possibly put another reminder into the Village News in February. I will NOT be sending out an e-mail.

Mrs Clare Prosser

Telephone number: 878 609

Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists January 2014

Field Nats have been busy with two meetings in as many weeks. Dave Newman spoke about sea shells, exoskeletons for the life forms they cover and protect. Everyone had lots of questions and it was a fascinating evening. The following week Alison Reboul of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust spoke about bumblebees, their habitats and how we all can help in protecting both them and their habitats. She also provided a very useful identification guide to the main six bumblebee species we see in this country.

Our January meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th January at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall refreshment room when Andy Chapman will show a film following a year at the RSPB's flagship reserve at Minsmere in Suffolk with a question and answer session following.

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.

Youth Club Trip to Xscape

This year saw the biggest ever group of young people going on Youth Club's trip to Xscape! The group went tobogganing on the real snow slope, and then experienced some tactical light-zapping in LaserZone.

Many thanks to Carolyn Addy, our Youth Leader, for organising the trip and for many phone calls to confirm details and negotiating a good deal. Our grateful thanks also to Andrew Morse of Morse Coaches for generously subsidising the cost of the coach to and from Wakefield.

Also, many thanks to the volunteer parents and helpers who gave up their evening to make this event possible.

Youth Club will be back after the Christmas break on **Tuesday 14th January 2014**.

If you're having a post-Christmas clear out, please hang on to any unwanted good condition toys and games. We're thinking about a Youth Club fundraising Toy Fair in 2014, so please watch this space!

Message from the Jumblies

A Very Happy New Year to you all from All The Jumblies

Our Jumble sales continue to be very popular and 2013 broke all previous records. The last Jumble Sale of the year was yet another huge success. The car park was full by 1.00 pm with people raring to go for the 2pm start. We finished the year on a high with yet another fantastic total of £1925 being raised for the NSPCC Strensall branch. This brought our total for 2013 to £17122.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us during 2013 to help us reach this total. All those who benefited from the Sales would also like us to pass on their thanks.

Our thanks to everyone who has stepped in during the year when we have needed extra help and to the Oakleys, Tim Hunt and John Williamson for their help with setting up and clearing away, which all helps us enormously.

Following a fall at home, sadly May Barner has had to reluctantly hang up her Jumbly T Shirt. May is one of the original Jumblies, and has been at almost all the sales since we started in 1986. She always enjoyed keeping up with the progress of the "children" she taught at the Primary School and seeing some of them bring their own children to the Jumble Sales. They always enjoyed seeing "Mrs Barner" who was a very popular teacher.

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. We will be at the hall from 9.00 am to receive donations, with the sale starting at 2pm.

Reminder that we will not be having any more dedicated book sales but if you would like to have a clear out of your reading stock, jigsaws, dvds and cds, we will be very pleased to receive your unwanted articles for our jumble sales. The book room is always very popular and brings in a lot of money. If you would like to come along just to buy books, the room is open from 1pm.

Donations of raffle and tombola prizes and cakes will also be very much appreciated. Please contact John Oakley on 01347 878754 if you are able to help with this.

A date for your diary – on the 29th March the Chanticleer Singers will be coming to Sheriff Hutton again to give a concert, hosted by the Jumblies, as a reciprocal gesture for the Book Sale we held last year to raise money for them. Full details later

Thank you, Penny Bean 01347 878392

Yorkshire Countrywomen

On Wednesday 11th December 27 of us went to The Feathers Hotel in Helmsley for our Christmas meal. The food was lovely and everyone enjoyed themselves. A few people decided to go home straight after the meal as it was a chilly day but a few of us stayed for a bit of retail therapy.

I would like to thank everyone who baked, made things, helped and attended our Christmas Fayre. I haven't got a total as to how much we raised.

Our meeting next year on the 8th January 2014 Claire Hall who works for Ryedale carers support will talk about her work and have lots of information as to what help is available. As usual all are welcome January 8th 2014 7.30pm Sheriff Hutton Village Hall.

Many thanks, Barbara Grinham

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall – 200 Club

At the time of writing, the annual renewal process was not quite complete, so the result of the December draw will be published in February's News.

Sheriff Hutton Pre-School Playgroup - Something to Celebrate!

At Sheriff Hutton Pre-School Playgroup, we are celebrating something more than the beginning of a new year. We are grateful to the Village News team for allowing us to include, in this first edition of 2014, a little bit more about our pre-school playgroup and its place within our community.

Ofsted

Did you know that playgroups are subjected to rigorous Ofsted inspections, just like schools? Sheriff Hutton Pre-School Playgroup underwent an Ofsted inspection recently. We get no notice of these inspections and, to make matters worse, the knock on the door came as we were busy getting ready for a trip into York to look around the fire station – what timing! Staff, whilst inwardly quaking, carried on as normal, taking our Ofsted inspector with us on our visit and then returning to the setting where the inspector conducted observations; scrutinised documentation (including planning, assessment records and policies); and held discussions with the team leader, Chair, key workers, volunteers and parents. Our inspection fell within the new ‘tougher’ Ofsted early years inspection framework (introduced in November 2013) and at the end of the visit we were judged as **‘Good’** in all areas. The report states that our provision is good because: **‘Children benefit from a wide range of purposeful play experiences to support their learning and development, as a result of the carefully organised learning environment and skilled practice, where practitioners have high expectations of all children.’** The report also states that we have **‘strong partnerships with parents’**; that **‘children’s communication skills are promoted extremely well’**; that our key person system **‘helps children to settle and develop secure emotional attachments’**; and that **‘all children are supported extremely well in order to progress and be ready for the next stages in their learning’**. What more could we ask for?

Playgroup in 2014

Playgroups have been required to change, for many reasons, from a network of mums providing mutual support and a safe place for children to play and make friends, to a fully-fledged business (we are also a registered charity) accountable to Ofsted and North Yorkshire County Council. We have to prove that we not only provide a high standard of care, but are challenging and developing the children in seven broad and extensive areas of learning. Paid staff (our team leader is a qualified teacher and our play leaders both hold level 3 childcare qualifications) and a volunteer committee work tirelessly to ensure that Playgroup thrives. Why? Because we passionately believe that it is important, not only for our children, but our village.

At a wedding reception recently, our team leader bumped into someone from the village whose children are now grown up. One of them, who had just finished university, was preparing to go travelling with someone he first met at Playgroup. Our vision of strong relationships forged and a seamless transition from Babies & Toddlers, to Playgroup, to school, is one we hold very dear, and this ethos can help to build a strong and supportive community.

At the end of the day of our Ofsted (and fire-station!) visit, one little boy reportedly said to his mum, “I’ve had a beautiful day today.” For us, that’s even more to celebrate than a really good Ofsted!

You can view the full report at: www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports

Further Information

Playgroup caters for children from 2-5 years of age, is based at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall, and runs three days a week during term time: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30am-2:30pm with an option to stay for the morning only. Babies & Toddlers is also based at the Village Hall on Thursdays 9:45-11:45am and provides a warm welcome to children (from birth!) and their parents/carers. For further information please visit: www.sheriff-hutton-playgroup.org, or email shuttonpreschool1@yahoo.com, or telephone Julie on 878574.

Events

As a registered charity, we rely upon fundraising activities to help ensure that we remain financially viable. In 2014, we have a range of events planned and hope that you will be able to support us through donations, offers of help or by turning up on the day!

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. A 'one-stop' shop for nearly new children's clothes, school uniform, toys, games, books, DVDs, nursery equipment, outdoor equipment and much more. There will also be a café, raffle and cake stall. We would be very grateful for all donations of unwanted, good quality children's clothes, school uniform, toys, books, DVDs, baby equipment and outdoor equipment (including children's trikes and bikes). No car seats please. Donations can be brought along to the Village Hall during Babies and Toddlers on the morning of Thursday 23 January, during Playgroup on Friday 24 January (9:00-3:00pm) and on the morning of the sale between 9:30am-11:30am on 25 January. All offers of help welcome, including baking for the café and cake stall and any time you can spare on the day. Any queries please contact Julie on 878574.

Jumble Sale on Saturday 22 February 2014 in the Village Hall 2-4pm

We would like to thank the Jumbles for agreeing to run a Jumble Sale to raise funds for Playgroup on Saturday 22 February 2014 at the Village Hall. We will need donations of good quality jumble, bric-a-brac, toys, books, raffle and tombola prizes as well as lots and lots of baking for the cake stall and kitchen! Please bring donations to the hall between 9:30 and 11:30 on the morning of the sale. Thank you for your support.

Race Night on Saturday 15 March 2014 in the Village Hall

Fancy a night at the races? Come along and join in the fun! Further details in next month's Village News.

Table Top Sale at St. Crux Hall, Pavement, York on Tuesday 18 March 10am-3pm

Playgroup will be hosting a café and table top sale at St Crux Hall in the centre of York. We welcome donations of toys, books, bric-a-brac and jewellery as well as cakes and biscuits (sorry no electrical items or jumble). We are also keen to hear from anyone who is able to help on the day.

All proceeds from the above events will go to Sheriff Hutton Pre-School Playgroup and Toddlers (Registered Charity No. 1021113)

Sheriff Hutton Steeplechases

The Yorkshire Area Point to Point Club will be delighted if you will come along and support us on Sunday 12th January 2014 – the first race is 12 noon. This is a great day out for all the family after Christmas – good to get out in the fresh air and have some fun and watch a colourful day's horse racing. Last year we had several winners trained within a few miles of the course so come along and support your local horses.

There will be hot food and a bar. Excellent viewing from the hill all for £10 per person – under 15 free. Help us raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance

*** 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. ***

Friends of the Village Hall

Christmas Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone who attended this seasonal event! We raised an excellent £278 for the Village Hall funds and The Jewellery stall made an additional £100 for The Philippines Disaster Fund. A very big thank you to anyone who helped in any way – another great team effort!

At present our next planned event is the Easter Coffee morning on Saturday April 5th 2014!

The next Friends meeting will now be on **Tuesday January 21st 2014** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please note the change of date.
New Friends are always welcome.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

A very happy new year to everyone and may your resolutions to be better in 2014 and last longer than ever. Yes we do have good intentions and then unfortunately our human nature gets the better of us and we don't live up to the standard we would wish for ourselves. In the Methodist Church we have a special service at the beginning of each year "The Covenant Service" and this will be on Sunday morning 5th January at 10.30 a.m. at Sheriff Hutton. This service is one where both the village churches unite together in worship because the meaning of the service is so important to both churches. It is an occasion when each person is asked to make their own commitment to God and renew their promise to follow the way of Jesus. Like our New Year resolutions this is not easy to achieve and why in the Lord's Prayer we always ask for forgiveness. But don't give up – keep trying for God's love is forgiveness for all whatever failings we may have. So make that resolution and let's join together in making a better world for all of us. A Happy New Year.

Sunday services

5th	10.30 a.m.	United Covenant Service	Revd Ann Vaughan
12th	10.30 a.m.	Revd Brian Tibbetts	6.30 p.m. Revd Elizabeth Cushion (Communion)
19th	10.30 a.m.	Revd Ann Vaughan	
26th	10.30 a.m.	Revd Elizabeth Cushion	

Other activities

Mondays	7.30 p.m. Wesley Guild in the Miss Ward room. See details later.
Wednesdays	8.30 a.m. Morning Prayers
	10.00 a.m. Drop in for coffee and chat in the Miss Ward room
	6.15 p.m. Singing Group in the Miss Ward room (15th only)

Wesley Guild

Every Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Miss Ward room about 30 people gather for a fellowship evening. You will see there is a very varied programme and if you would like to come along we will be most pleased to welcome you. Each evening starts with a short devotional time before the main programme item and there is a cup of tea and biscuit at the end. We aim for people to be home by 9pm. No charge but we do take a collection to cover expenses and any surplus, usually about £300, is given to charity. Why not come and see us if a night takes your interest.

- 6th January "The Visit of the Magi" is the subject of our superintendent minister Revd Paul Turner from Haxby.
- 13th A night of music with the Flaxton Singing Group. If you were at the New Year party at the village hall last year then you will know what a treat there is in store as the singers were the entertainment after tea.
- 20th "From court to cab". This must intrigue you. Our village taxi driver Helen Hendry will enlighten us how she has journeyed from the intrigues of the courtroom to the provider of an excellent service to many people in the village.
- 27th "Visit to Zanzibar and the Serengeti" The speaker with illustrations is Mike Parish who visited his daughter last year and combined it with a trip in the Serengeti.

Day of prayer for Christian Unity

The 22nd January, Wednesday has been set aside as a time when Christian churches should celebrate their unity in serving Jesus Christ and share together in a time of prayer. Revd Ann Vaughan is to lead a time of "Lunch and Prayer" at 12 noon in the Miss Ward room and a warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to come and share in this hour of fellowship.

St Helen and 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 JANUARY

Sheriff Hutton	5th	10.30am	United Covenant Service at Methodist Church	5pm	Benefice Epiphany Eucharist at Marton
	12th	9.30am	Holy Communion		
	19th	10.30am	Benefice Service at Sutton		Benefice Service at Marton
	26th	9.30am	Holy Communion		
Farlington	12th	11.15am	Holy Communion		
	19th	10.30am	Benefice Service at Sutton		Benefice Service at Marton
	26th	11.15am	Plough Sunday & lunch		
Marton	5th			5pm	Benefice Epiphany Eucharist
	19th	10.30am	Benefice Service at Sutton	5pm	Benefice Reflective Service
Stillington	5th	9.30am	United Covenant Service in Chapel	5pm	Benefice Epiphany Eucharist at Marton
	12th	9.30am	Holy Communion		
	19th	10.30am	Benefice Service at Sutton	5pm	Benefice Service at Marton
	26th	9.30am	Holy Communion		
Sutton with Huby	5th	8am 11am	Holy Communion United Covenant Service	5pm	Benefice Epiphany Eucharist at Marton
	12th	10.45am	Holy Communion		
	19th	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion Benefice Service	5pm	Benefice Service at Marton
	26th	10.45am	Holy Communion		

EVENTS

4 th January	United Churches Party in the Village Hall
22 nd January	Deanery Synod – 7 for 7.15 at Tollerton Church
25 th February	PCC Meeting , 7.30pm in Miss Ward Room
12 th March	Parish Church – Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm in Miss Ward Room
24 th March	Village Charity Meeting in Village Hall
7 th July	Village Charity Meeting in Village Hall
10 th November	Village Charity Meeting in Village Hall

Evening Circuit Training and Pilates - Different Day and Venue !!

New Year , New You !!!! Come and try out a new class this year, Circuit Training and Pilates will now run on a TUESDAY in Sheriff Hutton School Hall. Circuit Training at 7.00 pm and Pilates at 8 pm. Starting on TUESDAY 14th January. Daytime Pilates every Tuesday at 9.15am and 10.30am in the Village Hall. Please book your place as numbers are limited. Please contact Linzi on 07583 936246 or email info@linzifitness.co.uk for more details.

Waste Collections : A Reminder

The tag which you currently have on your wheelie bin – telling you of revised collection dates – is the last one you will receive. As an economy measure the tags are being withdrawn and the information will only be online at www.ryedale.gov.uk

Not everyone has access to the internet. If you are one of those people who is not 'online' you will need to ask a neighbour or friend to get the information for you.

Gardening Club.

November's AGM looked back over the year with officers' reports and a film show by Keith Roberts; followed by a raffle and supper.

The following officers and committee were elected :

Chair, Lyn Minto; Vice Chair, Tony Thompson; Secretary, Judith Goodwill; Treasurer, Jim Warrington; Programme Secretary, Christine Drury; Show Secretary, Sarah Anderson; General Committee, Jane Burnett, Ann Cawood, Helen Loynes and Pat Sanderson.

15th January, Wednesday evening, 7.30pm at the village hall. Roger Burnett will take us 'behind the scenes at Chelsea'. As the first meeting of the year it will be subscription night. £10 per member, including 10% discount card for local garden outlets. Otherwise £2 will be charged as a visitor.

A reminder for the village show on Saturday 9th August. The craft classes will be as follows:

50. Canvas work - exhibitor's own design. 51. Piece of embroidery - using kit or chart. 52. Piece of hand-stitched quilting - 50cmx50cm, not necessarily a finished item. 53. Item of beadwork. 54. knitted or crocheted hat. 55. Cushion. 56. Piece of cross-stitch. 57. Handmade toy, any material. 58. Paper craft item. 59. Item of woodwork. 60. Item made of buttons. 61. Piece of handmade jewellery. 62. Any other handcraft item. 63. Painting in any medium. Completed picture to be no larger than A3 size. 64. Place mat in any medium.

Please note, Margaret Thompson (on the Green) has patchwork kits and fabric if required for a donation to charity. She will be at the January meeting.

For photographers the classes will be as follows:

90. Scenes - any - colour print. 91. Trees in winter - colour print. 92. Wild flower scene. 93. 1 garden flower. 94. Architecture or buildings - colour print. 95. A view of Sheriff Hutton. 96. People - colour print. 97. Bird/s. 98. Animal/s - colour print. 99. Object/s - colour print. 100. Black and white or monochrome, any subject. 101. Humorous – colour print with caption.

Many best wishes for the New Year, Judith. Secretary

Super-Mobile Library

The super-mobile library will visit the Village Hall Car Park between 10.00 and 12.00 on Fridays 6th and 20th January.

Farlington Circle of Friendship

There will be no meeting of the Farlington Circle in January. But please join us on **Tuesday, 4th February** at the Village Hall at 3pm.

Health Visitor Drop-in

The Health Visitor will be next at the Village Hall from 9.30am – 11.30am on **Thursday 9th January**, 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.

Village Ramble

Welcome in an active new year and join us for the first ramble of the 2014 season on **Thursday, January 30th**. Meet the group at the Village Hall car park at 9.30am for a ramble of about 5 miles starting from Aldwark. The walk will be followed by a pub lunch; back home by 3pm.

God's Christmas Message

I Care Passionately About Your Happiness and the Harmony of The World

My Christmas Present to you is My Son, Jesus Christ

In Him you will See How to Live

Learn From Him – Your Future Depends on it

LOVE GOD.

However, if God's present is to be any use to us we need not only to unwrap it but also to follow the maker's instructions in order to understand how it works; and then we need to use it/play with it/make a 'friend' of it. If we only take off the wrapping paper, have a look to see what it is, and then put it down amongst all our other presents, it will be of no use to us.

Today, many people do not even unwrap God's present. Others unwrap it and have a look – attending the Christingle or the Carol Services – and then put it down among the other presents. Some realise the enormous potential of the present if they learn how to use it. We learn this by

- discovering the meaning of Jesus Christ
- by learning about prayer, stillness, deep contentment and peace – no matter what life throws at us
- by discovering how to set goals, priorities and principles that are in harmony with God's way of life.

Your Church is there to help you achieve this.

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Plough Sunday at St Leonard's Farlington

Once again it is time to sing *We Plough the Fields and Scatter* in January!

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The service is followed by a rustic lunch in the Village Hall which will include our renowned homemade soups. Adults £5.00, children free. A warm welcome is guaranteed for everyone.

An Evacuee Remembers

It was 1941 and for the second time an evacuation was on.

All of us kids who were to be evacuated collected at the pickup point, each of us carrying two paper carrier bags with string handles, one containing a change of clothes and the other containing a ration pack of food, biscuits and suchlike. We must also have had our gas masks, identity cards and ration books. Around our necks was tied a label with our name and addresses. As far as I know our parents did not know where we were going.

The coaches arrived and off we went on our big adventure with our mothers waving goodbye and crying. We didn't know it but we were all off to some exotic place called Yorkshire. Every now and again the coach would stop and drop several of us off, not that I was taking much notice being terribly travel sick the whole journey. I was eventually put off the coach with several others at a village named Sheriff Hutton at the village institute. One by one each kid was selected by one of the locals until I was the only one left, (I think nobody was keen on having a kid that looked green and smelled of sick). Eventually this man came in and asked if there was a little girl left and the lady sitting there told him I was the only one left. "He'll do" he said and took me outside to where he had a car, I don't think I had been in a car before, I am fairly sure that it was a Morris Minor and the number plate was BAT something." What's your name" he asked me and I told him my name was Chris Pearson." No" he said "That's my name" so I showed him the label round my neck. His name was Arthur Pearson and he took me to this big house at the top of the village green. In this house he lived with George his brother, his sister Bessie, and I have a memory of an old lady who I thought was their mother. (She may have died while I was there but my memory is a bit vague on that point).

In my memory that house was the whole building and it looked strange to me when I saw it in 2008 with an entrance door at one end.

I will describe the house as best I can remember. The living room overlooked the green; it had a cool room, stone floored and walled where the milk and meat was kept and the cream was skimmed off the milk by hand and then churned, again by hand into butter, a job I loved.

The lavatory was a slab of timber with a hole in it outside near the orchard, where when you finished you sprinkled a shovel of ash on it from the back. Once a week it was cleaned out and put on the dung heap. The orchard had apple trees (Bramley's?) and I think plum trees (greengages?) Looking at the house from the front on the right was the farmyard with the outbuildings, a stable for the horse, there was a rolley which was a large flat-bed wagon for the horse to pull and used to deliver and collect things, a byre for the cow (Daisy), a pigsty complete with pig, a dung heap and the workshop where all the carpentry was done. I understood that George and Arthur were the carpenters for the village and surrounds. Through the farmyard was the field, to me it looked quite large, and the field had a couple of crab apple trees at the end nearest the house, willow trees on the left boundary which were very good to make bows and arrows, Pear trees on the right boundary which bore small russet pears, very hard but occasionally produced a large sweet yellow pear. Somebody in the village may remember what we boys would do with the crab apples, they were much too sour to eat but if you cut a long willow wand, sharpened at one end, stuck the crab apple on the sharpened end and then swung with all your might you could make it fly for miles.

Coming out the front of the house and turning right I seem to remember there was a way across the fields that took you to a manse, stately home or some such place that had a name but I can't remember. Next door on the left lived a boy named Jerry who became my best friend and taught me to speak Yorkshire, (do you still say thee, thou and thine, and "ista gannin yem), he was such a good friend I wanted to be called Christopher Gerald Pearson instead of just Christopher Pearson. It may have been Jerry's father or someone close to who was a mole catcher and frames of pegged out moleskins and sometimes fox skins would be outside drying in the sun.

Coming out the house to the left and walking round the front of the houses between two of the houses was where the path to the castle started. When we turned to go down the path the house on the right was where another evacuee lived. I remember that one of his jobs was to sieve the fire ashes to recover any unburnt charcoal to reuse. Continuing on we walked to the castle alongside the moat, (is that correct?), the sides of the moat were overgrown with small trees and shrubs. The castle

was our playground with no restrictions on us. We explored wherever we wished going underneath into the dungeons which smelled of cow manure. The main tower which we said was 100 ft high could be climbed to the top. One tower had a window high up which was inaccessible and the local kids said sometimes you could see two little princes' faces at this window and sure enough, if you stared at it long enough you would see them.

On Sunday all the family would go to Church. It was a lovely church. Inside were old tattered banners hanging up which I was told were old knights banners, also hanging up was what I was told was the skin of the last wolf killed in England.

Go to the bottom of the green and go left along the road and not too far along was the one roomed school next to the institute. It seemed, looking back that there were a lot of kids to be taught in that one school room. A small shop was near the school.

Memories

I was allowed to take Daisy the cow out by myself along the roadside so that she could graze on the long grass. Bessie packed me a lunch with a drink so that we could spend all day out. I was given a walking stick to control Daisy and off we went out of the gate. Daisy kicked up her heels a few times at this bit of freedom but she soon settled down and off we went out of the village and down the road to Malton. A coach passed us and the passengers waved and laughed as they went by. I was only a little bloke and Daisy was a very large cow so we must have looked like Sabu and his elephant. When it felt like lunch time I had my lunch and spent the time walking with Daisy and when it felt like tea time we set off for home. We got home at 11 o'clock in the morning, time doesn't fly when taking out a cow.

At hay making time we all went out in the fields raking the new mown hay and stacking it in stooks to dry. The rakes were made of wood with wooden teeth.

At harvest festival in the church sheaves of wheat and barley decorated the altar with loaves of freshly baked bread and the congregation actually did sing "Bringing in the sheaves".

The pig was a good companion, I would collect acorns and horse chestnuts and feed them to it. It responded to all this kindness by letting me sit on its back then one day we took it down to the slaughter house not far from the school where it was shot in the head with a stun gun, put in a large tub, washed and shaved, cut up and taken back to the cool room to be hung up and some of it was salted to make bacon, it made very good bacon. Shortly after this we went out on the rolley to pick up two piglets that we brought home in a sack, me holding the sack of two little very lively piglets.



A young girl about my age had died somewhere outside the village and Arthur and George made the coffin. When it was finished they laid me in it and pretended to put the lid on.

Sometimes we would drive to York in the car.

There was a huge snowstorm and afterwards I went for a walk and the snow was drifted into large strange shapes. Arthur and George made me a sledge with steel runners with the name "snow princess" painted on the side. All us kids went sledging, first of all down the little hill at the top of the green and then to the castle where it had a good steep hill, the only drawback to this is that you had to fall off before you got right to bottom otherwise you ended up in the little stream.

George and Arthur were in the home guard. One day a German reconnaissance plane resembling a British Lysander flew very low over the village, George and Arthur were leaning out of an upstairs window shooting at it.

This is my little story. I remember it as one of the happiest times. I cannot remember feeling an outsider but always felt at home, maybe sometimes a little bit homesick and I am sorry now that I didn't keep in touch with these lovely people.

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

Additional Activities in January

Sat	4 th	5pm	New Year Party in Village Hall
Mon	6 th	10 – 12noon	Super-mobile Library van in Village Hall car park
		7.30pm	Guild <i>The Visit of the Magi</i> in Miss Ward Room
Wed	8 th	7.30pm	Yorkshire Countrywomen Claire Hall talks about Ryedale Carers
		7.30pm	Field Naturalists <i>A Year at Minsmere</i> in Village Hall
Thurs	9 th	9.30 – 11.30	Health Visitor at the Village Hall
Fri	10 th	7.30pm	Parish Council in Village Hall
Sat	11 th	2.00pm	Jumbles Sale for Parish Church
Sun	12 th	12 noon	Sheriff Hutton Steeplechases
Mon	13 th	7.30pm	Guild, Flaxton Singing Group in Miss Ward Room
Tues	14 th	2 – 4pm	Sheriff Hutton History Group meeting in Village Hall
Wed	15 th	6.15pm	Singing Group in Miss Ward Room
	15	7.30pm	Gardening Club <i>Behind the Scenes at Chelsea</i> in Village Hall
Fri	17 th	7.30pm	Bowls Club Bingo in Village Hall
Mon	20 th	10 – 12noon	Super-mobile Library van in Village Hall car park
Mon	20 th	7.30pm	Guild <i>From Court to Cab</i> in Miss Ward Room
Sat	25 th	2 – 4pm	Kid's Stuff sale for Playgroup in Village Hall
Mon	27 th	7.30pm	Guild <i>Visit to Zanzibar and the Serengeti</i> in Miss Ward Room

Dates to Note

			Farlington circle
Feb	6 th and 7 th	7pm	Cinderella pantomime in the Village Hall
	8 th	5pm	Cinderella pantomime in the Village Hall
	25 th	7.30pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting in Miss Ward Room
March	12 th	7.30pm	Parish Church, Annual Parish Meeting in Miss Ward Room
	15 th		Playgroup Race Night in the Village Hall
	24 th	7.30pm	Village Charities meet in Village Hall
	29 th		Chanticleer Singers in Village Hall
April	8 th	7.15pm	Neighbourhood Watch Meeting in Village Hall
	14 th		Folk concert in the Village Hall
	26 th		Village Auction
August	9 th		Village Show

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