

# Sheriff Hutton Village News



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## January's Village News

Please let us have any items for next month's news no later than **Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

### Parish Council News [www.sheriffhutton.co.uk](http://www.sheriffhutton.co.uk)

The Parish Council met on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Councillors present at the meeting were Douglas Wooles (Chairman), Penny Bean (Vice-Chairman), Brian Parkinson, Martin Dodd, Dave Smith and Sally Downing. The Clerk was Louise Pink. 1 member of the public was present for part of the meeting.

#### Planning Applications for consideration

15/01151/FUL Outbuilding at Castle Farm, Main Street, Sheriff Hutton

Change of use and alteration of domestic garage/store to a one bedroom dwelling with parking and amenity area by Mr James Howarth. **No objections.**

15/01215/FUL 1 Woodend Cottage, Ashbank Lane, High Stittenham, Malton

Change of use of single residential dwelling (use class C3) to a bed and breakfast establishment with owners accommodation (use class C1) and change of use of an adjacent detached self-contained residential annex to a ground floor self-catering holiday apartment with first floor accommodation for either additional members of the same party or for separate bed and breakfast guest accommodation and use of agricultural land for associated car parking for Mr Richard Burn. **No objection but comment made that adequate and appropriate signage directing people to the property must be displayed, in order to ensure no inconvenience to other local residents.**

#### Ryedale District Council – Decisions and Appeals

15/00977/FUL High Roans Farm, Strensall to Sheriff Hutton Road, Sheriff Hutton

Change of use of existing building to use class B1 and use class B8 together with the erection of extension to the east elevation. **Approved.**

15/01051/HOUSE Laburnum Cottage, West End, Sheriff Hutton

Erection of replacement front entrance porch and rear single storey extension. **Approved.**

15/01095/HOUSE Ostlers Lodge, West End, Sheriff Hutton

Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation. **Approved.**

The following applications were withdrawn:-

15/00736/MFUL Peckets Yard, East End, Sheriff Hutton.

15/01158/HOUSE Land Rear of Midway, North Garth Lane, Sheriff Hutton.

#### Public Rights of Way

Residents are politely reminded that it is their responsibility to maintain public rights of way across their land. The Parish Council would very much appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

#### Parish Councillor Vacancy

Due to the resignation of a Parish Councillor a vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council that we are now able to fill via co-option. Are you looking to give something back to your community? Do you have a strong interest in what goes on in Sheriff Hutton? If so, we would like to hear from you. Interested parties should send a letter of application to the Clerk via email or post.

#### Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**Louise Pink, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted regarding all Parish Council matters at [sheriffhuttonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sheriffhuttonparishcouncil@gmail.com) or on 01904 674552. 1 Sirocco Court, Fossway, York. YO31 8FE.**

#### A Message from Your District Councillor

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I will continue to do my best for everyone with any issues they may have.

Health and happiness to all, Best wishes, Eric and Daphne Hope.

## **UCCC New Year Party 2016**

We're looking forward to our Annual New Year Party at 5pm on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016**, to which all residents over the age of 60 and their partners are invited. We'll give you a warm welcome, party tea with a hostess to serve you, and an evening's light entertainment!

Invitations are delivered to all eligible residents during the week between Christmas and New Year's Eve. We do our best to knock on every door, but if we don't catch you in we'll leave an invitation. Each invitation has a contact phone number for you to confirm if you will be attending, so we can make sure we can cater adequately for everyone coming! By request, lifts are available to and from the party, and teas are also delivered out to anyone who is too poorly to attend on the day.

If you have moved into the village recently, are 60+ and would like to attend, please contact Caroline Hunt (878242) with your name and address. If you haven't received an invitation by New Year's Eve, please also contact Caroline.

The United Christian Churches Committee (UCCC) was formed in 1966 to provide an annual free tea-party for older residents in the village, funded by an annual Village Auction (which will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016). We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary Tea in 2017! We actively recruit new helpers each year, and although we all know that 60 is laughably young nowadays, we still 'retire' our helpers at this age so that the committee and team are always involving new young people.

We have now hopefully contacted all previous hostesses to see if they are available to help this year. If you would like to be a new helper, please contact Caroline. We also welcome offers of help delivering teas out, and driving guests to and from the party - please contact Andrew Hawkswell on 878426. It's a really great village event - and we'd love you to be involved too! The UCCC

## **Message from the Jumbles**

Stop Press: The total raised to date at our November Jumble sale for Friends of Chernobyl Children was £1958.

Tickets for the Christmas Concert on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30, given by the Swinton and Excelsior Brass Band are on sale and can be obtained from Penny Bean on 878392 or Pat Cooper 878677. £7 and £5 concessions. They are selling well so don't delay. Come and join us for some excellent Christmas entertainment. Transport can be arranged for anyone who would like to attend the concert but would have difficulty getting there. Call Penny or Pat so arrangements can be made.

On behalf of The Jumbles I would like to express sincere thanks for the fantastic continuing support that we receive, your donations of jumble and cash donations go to help many worthy causes. Full details of our 2015 total and our 2016 programme will be published in the January Village News. Our first Jumble Sale will be on 24<sup>th</sup> January to raise money for The Parish Church.

**The Jumbles would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.**

Penny Bean

## **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal. The total raised from the sale of Poppies was £1245.52 and the Church Collection amounted to £207.89, making a grand total of £1453.41.

My thanks go to the Poppy Sellers Joan Armitage, Julie Bartlett, Sally Downing, Ann Jeffrey, David Galvin, Laura and John Oakley, Ann Warrington and Jen Whitworth for giving their time in this worthy cause. Thanks also to the Post Office and Castle Inn and The Primary School for selling poppies.

Penny Bean, Hon Poppy Appeal Organiser

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

As explained in November's News there was no draw in November. December's draw which is covered by subscriptions paid last year, will have in addition to the usual £25 prizes, the half yearly prizes of £150, £100, four of £50 and a top up prize of £70 to ensure 50% of draw income is paid out as prizes. The renewal of subscriptions for 2016 has now commenced, and the Trustees hope that members will continue to support this vital fundraiser.

## **Sheriff Hutton Primary School**

### **Christmas Celebrations**

It's the time of year when all the children take part in a range of Christmas celebrations. Our younger children will be performing their nativity on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December during the afternoon and at 6.00pm. On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our annual Carol Service in the church at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### **Ofsted Inspection**

On 20<sup>th</sup> October the school was inspected by Ofsted, their judgement is that we are a good school. Everyone worked hard and we are very pleased with the outcome. We would like to thank the local community for their continued support and commitment to the school and also a very big thank you to the children. The inspectors were particularly impressed with the children's lovely manners and their eagerness to learn. The report is now available online.

You can find out more about the school and the activities the children are involved in on our school website [www.sheriffhuttonschool.org](http://www.sheriffhuttonschool.org)

### **Sheriff Hutton Primary PTFA News**

Not long now until our Christmas Fair on 5<sup>th</sup> December from 12 noon – 4pm. This is one of our main fundraising events and this year we're raising funds to buy a bike and scooter shelter, some new outdoor play resources and also contribute towards the costs of school trips and other learning opportunities. Be sure to pop by for a festive and fun afternoon - a great way to support your local school!

- Do some Christmas shopping – we've got beautiful, pre-loved jewellery (perfect presents for mums, sisters, daughters and friends), Cards, Books, Hand-made homewares and gifts.
- Join us for lunch – we're serving delicious hot roast turkey and stuffing sandwiches and festive refreshments.
- Raffle prizes this year include a brand-new TomTom Sat Nav (generously donated by Stoneacre Ford), a large food hamper, restaurant vouchers and many more amazing things. Be sure to take part!
- Family fun – Santa's Grotto, meet some real reindeer, tombolas, children's games, crafts and more!
- At the end of the fair, join in with the carols as Santa leads a parade from school up to the tree on Main Street for the official switching on of the village Christmas lights.

Best wishes to all this Christmas season,                      The PTFA Committee

### **Village Christmas Tree**

**5<sup>th</sup> December is a very busy day for Father Christmas.** After his visit to the School Christmas Fair he will lead a procession up to The Square where he will turn on our Christmas Tree Lights. So come along and join in at 3.45pm.                      Looking forward to seeing you there

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS - local delivery service!**

Once again we are very happy to offer an alternative to trudging around the village in bad weather delivering your Christmas cards to friends and neighbours! There will be 2 collection boxes - one in each church - from December 6<sup>th</sup> until December 20<sup>th</sup> for any cards to be delivered in SHERIFF HUTTON ONLY please. All envelopes need to be clearly named, with a house number and road name if possible. They will be sorted and delivered from 21<sup>st</sup> December onwards by our merry team of volunteers. (Anyone wishing to volunteer to deliver some cards, please contact Caroline on 878242.)

If you wish to make a donation towards both churches' chosen Christmas charity - York Refugee Appeal - then you can put this in the box in the Methodist Church or the wall safe in the Parish Church (emptied daily).

## **A Musical Tea**

You are invited to a Musical Tea – with Ione at the piano and the Celtic Musicians – at Abacus, 13 Castle Side on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December between 3.00 and 4.30pm. Everyone Welcome  
Donations will go to the Sheriff Hutton Village Charity and Uganda Pig for Poverty Appeal.

## **Sheriff Hutton History Group**

Our final meeting for 2015 was a very interesting and amusing look at what those 'Horrid Tudors' did for Sheriff Hutton, a big thank you to Roy Thompson for rounding off our year on such a high note. A well-attended audience enjoyed an illustrated presentation of the dramatic changes during the Tudor dynasty depending on who held the power - Protestant or Catholic - churches and society were subjected daily to an uncertain future.

Roy gave some interesting facts relating to the Tudor years, one in particular: Henry VIII apparently spent many hours in the 'privy' and in order not to waste time he held meetings there with his Council, hence the title Privy Council!! Knowing where the title originated it gives one a smile when it is mentioned in the media. Roy, thank you for your presentation and that amusing piece of triviality.

2016: A programme of monthly events has been planned starting on Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm in the Village Hall. This will be an Open meeting where items from the Archives will be on display, especially photographs!! We have a large number of people and events to be identified and we would appreciate your help in doing some detective work for us. Also if you have photographs or documents you would like us to scan for the archives please bring them along.

Please contact Meg 878136 or Beryl/membership 878363

We would like to wish members a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Also our good wishes and grateful thanks to everyone who has supported us in anyway with History Group and Archive store.

## **Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group**

Well our meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> November was a very lively event. We had 2 visitors from Slingsby Ladies Group who really enjoyed their evening.

Paul Ironmonger and Dr Sue Grace, who are both magistrates at York Magistrates Court, came to talk about their jobs and to conduct a mock trial. The trial was brilliantly acted by a few of our members, who armed with a script gave a fantastic performance. The defendant played by Frieda was unanimously voted to do Community Service for her bad behaviour so all was well and thankfully she was spared jail. The evening was enjoyed by everyone and really opened our eyes to what goes on in the law courts.

There is no meeting next month due to our annual Christmas lunch. This year we are going to The George in Easingwold on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Would people who are going on this lunch and require lifts please meet at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall at 12pm prompt. Transport is by car.

## **Yoga for Spine & Mind**

Do you... need to relax more, suffer from back stiffness or aching joints or just want to take more control of your health and wellbeing? Then Dru Yoga could be for you? A gentle, flowing form of yoga that is suitable for all ages and abilities.

If you would like to know more about Dru Yoga and my new classes "For Spine and Mind" then please come to my new studio open evening and join me for a relaxing evening of mulled wine and mince pies on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December any time between 7.30pm and 9pm at Castlegarth house, Sheriff Hutton.

New classes start Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (1.30-3pm) and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (7.30-9pm) and will cost £30 for 5 weeks. Maximum 6 people per class. To book a place please contact Jenny McMillan (Qualified Dru Yoga teacher) on 01347 879175 or [jamcmillan13@gmail.com](mailto:jamcmillan13@gmail.com). Further classes or individual sessions may be available on request.

## 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

<b>Sheriff Hutton</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.30am	Short said Holy Communion Stillington St Nicholas Celebration	6pm	Celtic Advent Eucharist
	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship		
	15 <sup>th</sup>			7.00pm	Primary School Carol Service
	18 <sup>th</sup>			6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight at Farlington
	20 <sup>th</sup>		<b>NO MORNING SERVICE</b>	3pm	Ecumenical Christmas Celebration
	24 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Christingle at Methodist Church		
	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Christmas Celebration		
<b>Farlington</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Stillington St Nicholas Celebration		
	13 <sup>th</sup>	11.15	Shortened Matins		
	18 <sup>th</sup>			6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Christmas Holy Communion		
	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Benefice Morning Worship Stillington		
<b>Marton</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Stillington St Nicholas Celebration	6pm	Celtic Advent Eucharist
	23 <sup>rd</sup>			7pm	Carols & Readings for Christmas
<b>Stillington</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Family St Nicholas celebration		
	12 <sup>th</sup>			5-6pm	Carols round Stillington Village
	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion		
	20 <sup>th</sup>			4pm	Crib & Christingle Service
	22 <sup>nd</sup>			7pm	Lessons and carols
	24 <sup>th</sup>			11pm	Midnight Eucharist
	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Joint Service in Chapel		
	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Benefice Morning Worship		
<b>Sutton</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion Stillington St Nicholas Celebration		
	13 <sup>th</sup>			5pm	Christingle Ecumenical Service
	20 <sup>th</sup>	8am 5pm	Holy Communion Lessons and carols		
	24 <sup>th</sup>			11.30pm	Midnight Mass
	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Family Christmas Celebration		

### EVENTS

15<sup>h</sup> December Primary School Carol Service at 7.0pm  
 20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Celebration at 3pm in the Parish Church songs and readings followed by refreshments  
 24<sup>th</sup> December Christingle in the Methodist Church at 3pm

### NOTICES

**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]**

### *The Village Christmas Celebration for all the family – Sunday 20 December at 3pm*

The Village Carol Service will take a new form this year. Instead of the traditional 9 lessons and carols the service will consist of some carols; appropriate readings including some from the Bible and music and songs from a folk group. The celebration will last about an hour and be followed by tea/coffee/mulled wine with biscuits and mince pies and the folk singers will continue to entertain during refreshments.

We hope the earlier time will appeal to old and young alike and we'd be delighted to see you all in church for this joyful occasion.

### **Health Visitor Drop-in**

The Health Visitor will be next at the Village Hall from 9.30am – 11.30am on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## THE METHODIST CHURCH

We are into Advent "The time for waiting". At a recent primary school assembly with the Revd Elizabeth Cushion the children knew that advent was waiting for Christmas and they really knew about advent calendars and opening windows for chocolates. This year in conjunction with the school the village churches have arranged for a nativity trail and 25 children and parents have agreed to take part. So what are they going to do? On Advent Sunday at the united service in the Parish Church a shoebox will be handed to the first family who will look after it at home before handing it to the next family on the "Nativity Trail" and the last family to receive it will bring it to the Christingle service in the Methodist Church on Christmas Eve.

In the shoebox there is a model nativity scene to remind us that we celebrate the birth of Jesus and that his family were refugees seeking shelter. Also for each family to keep there is a booklet about the Christmas story and a knitted sheep for each child in the house. It is hoped that on Christmas Eve the children will bring their sheep to the Christingle service. Here is a challenge: can you find who has the box on its advent journey?

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH

### Services in December

6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mrs Lydia Harrison
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Revd Ann Vaughan (Communion)
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Revd Leslie Newton
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE at THORNTON LE CLAY
27 <sup>th</sup>	NO SUNDAY SERVICE	

### Additional Activities

Monday	7.30pm	Guild on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> December (see programme, below)
Wednesday	9.30am	The Church is open for private prayer and meditation
	10.00am	Drop in for chat and coffee in the Miss Ward Room
	11.15am	Advent Study Group and Soup and Roll lunch
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 for 2.30pm	Film afternoon with a Christmas flavour in the Miss Ward Room

### Advent Study Group

A time to reflect on the period of Advent at 11.15 a.m. with the Revd Elizabeth Cushion and at 12 noon there will be a soup and roll light lunch. This will be on Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December. Open to everyone.

### Guild Nights in December

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Emily Finch will tell us how she has used a bus to reach out to people in remote areas. She titles her talk " <i>The Bus Stop</i> "
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	The Guild Party, with carols, poems and readings <i>Monday Night is Guild Night in the Miss Ward Room at 7.30pm</i>

### Christingle Service

A great family occasion to meet on the eve of Christmas at 3 p.m. in the Methodist Church. It will be led by the Revd Elizabeth Cushion and in addition to the presentation of Christingles there will be the final stage of the Nativity Trail. We will be completing that time of waiting for the Main Event THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

### Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you once again, we had lots of support for the charity Samaritans Purse. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October a band of people completed the filling of 120 shoeboxes with gifts for children, for whom this will be the only gift they receive at Christmas. The boxes have now been collected and taken to a warehouse in Scarborough, where with other boxes from the North Yorkshire area they will be checked and packed ready to go to their destination. At this time we do not know where this will be but should know before Christmas and we will let you know in next month's village news. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for your help again. WELL DONE !

## Village Hall

As we move towards the close of the year we have been looking back over the many and varied uses of our Village Hall during 2015. These range from frequent activities such as badminton, keep fit, luncheon club and toddlers, through regular village activities like the art group, gardening club and history group to one off or occasional bookings, for example the annual auction and the Halloween disco. Some are private functions, whilst others are seeking to provide a venue for debate and discussion within the village, such as the public enquiry that took place in the summer. Overall the Village Hall, our Village Hall, continues to offer a venue and to be one of the key focal points of community activity within Sheriff Hutton and the surrounding area.

In honour of the season, here is a summary of a few of the bookings the Hall has hosted in 2015, with a little artistic licence:

Twelve Parish Councils, eleven country women, ten jumble sales, nine children's parties, eight merry men and women, seven bowls bingo evenings, six field naturalists, five Elastic Band members (plus Jack & Caryn), four cycle races, three wedding receptions, two touring theatre companies and one general election!

Thank you for your support and Happy Christmas!

## Village Hall Charges for 2016

Good News for Hall Users. There will be no increase in hiring charges for 2016. And, as an experiment, for one year, the charge for Friday and Saturday evenings will be reduced to the standard weekday evening rate.

## Friends of the Village Hall

**The Elastic Band Concert** in mid-November, including a surprise visit from Father Christmas himself, was a very enjoyable and successful evening raising a fantastic £685 for Village Hall. A massive thank you to Andy, Caroline, Jack, Caryn and The Elastic Band for a wonderful evening and all the hard work that led up to it. A further huge thank you to Meg who planned and masterminded the evening and to everyone who rallied round to help prepare and serve the supper including the most amazing array of puddings, run the Bar and the Raffle and undertake all the other jobs involved in staging such an event.

The next Friends meeting is on Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New Friends are always welcome.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club

### CHRISTMAS FRIDAY BINGO

SHERIFF HUTTON VILLAGE HALL

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30pm**

**PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!**  
£100 Special Jackpot

Future Dates  
January 15<sup>th</sup> February 19<sup>th</sup> March 18<sup>th</sup> April 15<sup>th</sup>

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

*It's the Village Hall ....*

### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10 am – 12 noon** in the Village Hall

Admission £1.50 / Children 50p  
includes Coffee/Tea and Mince Pie or Biscuits

Raffle : Tombola : Bring & Buy : Christmas Cards  
small gifts : 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

## Super-Mobile Library

The super-mobile library will visit the Village Hall Car Park between 10.00 and 12.00 noon on  
**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**



## **Carols by Candlelight at Farlington ~ Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Chips and Sandwiches** will be available at the Blacksmith's Arms, afterwards, at £5 per head. If you wish to join us for this please let Louise (811626) or Sally (878745) know by December 15<sup>th</sup> so that we know how many to cater for

## **Joy to the World**

Dear friends,

JOY is said to be those experiences in life which give us delight or pleasure - which makes us glad inside. These experiences are to do with awe and wonder, the unexpected, and they often include other people. We think of children's faces when they visit Father Christmas, or look at the Christmas lights - on Christmas day opening their presents. These things give us joy too looking at them. There is joy at a wedding, at a birth and all the unexpected good news.

The message of the angels to the shepherds was one of joy. Why? Why would it gladden not only the shepherds but all people in all times and places? The message was of a baby, Jesus, who would grow up and show how the world could be a different place, a better place - if only the people in it would choose to live different lives. WE get a glimpse of this at Christmas.

At Christmas time, people are encouraged to be kind, loving, generous, caring towards one another - to let bygones be bygones & start again. But Jesus reminds us of the need to be like this all year round, not just while the decorations are up. If we are, then we would not only be glad, but so would our communities & our world. The joy that Jesus offers is not just for Christmas, it's for life. So how about giving it a try?

Christmas blessings to you all, Ann Vaughan

## **Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists**

Philip Whelpdale gave us a fascinating insight into the work of the Yorkshire Wildlife as well as his own specialised area as GIS and Data Officer. The Trust now has ninety nine sites of varying sizes in their care, all of which are managed to maximise and safeguard their biodiversity. The Trust uses staff and volunteers to survey a site to see what is there. Continued surveying and recording indicates the health of the site and its populations showing if there has been a change in the populations or community structures on the site and establish whether this is due to the effects of management or natural variation. It's something everyone can join in so if you visit a YWT site and see something unusual, do let them know.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Dave Newman, our resident geologist returns with his latest talk, 'A new look at crystals, gemstones and light'. We hope you can join us. New members are always welcome. Anyone wishing to join the group or needing more information about Field Naturalists, please get in touch with either Andy on 01904 491308, Jim on 878667 or Tricia on 878995.

## **Guide Dogs for the Blind**

We'd like to thank all our supporters who came to the last village fair on November 14<sup>th</sup>. You all helped to raise £750. As we announced, the Group is closing down – Chris and Margaret Thompson are leaving the village and that reduces us to one car which makes it impossible to attend and man a stand at shows etc. In addition our tent is worn out and it is not cost effective to replace it – we're also a little ragged at the edges! In total we have been going for 25+ years; in that time we have raised £263,000; attended 54 agricultural shows; held 80 street and store collections. In addition Sheriff Hutton has sponsored 12 Guide Dogs so grateful thanks to you all. PS we will continue to collect foil and aluminium cans – drop them off at Old School House.



## **Christmas Decoration Making in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December      12 years old and under, 5.30 – 7pm, £5 per child  
(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

Over 12's and adults 7pm – 9pm, £6 each

Come along and enjoy being creative. Includes all ideas, materials and use of equipment.

Contact Janet Hull to book your place      01904 491001 or 07979484663

## **DISHY Pantomime**

It's that time of year again...oh no it's not ....oh yes it is..... DISHY cast and crew invite you to join them in their third production - **DISHY and the Beanstalk**. A script, specially written by the talented Amy Hunt and Jasmin Frost which has all the usual fun of pantomime.

Performance dates: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 5pm.

Tickets - Adults £5, 5 - 18s £3, Under fives free but must have a ticket. Tickets now on sale from Meg 878136 Nic 878309.

DISHY cast and crew would like wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at our pantomime in 2016.

## **Gardening Club**

Time for gardeners to take a winter break, much needed, a time to reflect, plan and order seeds, etc. for the New Year. We meet again on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2016, at the village hall, 7.30pm when Terry Frazier will look at 'Gardens through the Ages'. Season's greetings to all.

## **Facts Before Frack Talk 6<sup>th</sup> November**

This was a well-attended meeting which I hope you agree was useful. There were 3 guest speakers: Chris Redstone from *FrackFreeRyedale*, Dr Tim Thornton a retired Ryedale GP and Reverend Graham Cray from Kirby Misperton, where there is a current application to Frack, who all gave very interesting and informative talks. It was good to see so many people signing up to the Sheriff Hutton Group against Fracking and if anyone else does not want Fracking to happen in this area here please join the group. You can do this by contacting Lynne Blair 878536

## **Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club**

At the recent very enjoyable Presentation Lunch at Malton and District Golf Club, the President Norah Clarkson presented the 20 trophies to the winners and runners-up; the principal winners included:

- Ladies' Singles      Winner - Barbara Bringham  
                                 Runner up - Megan Hammond
- Men's Singles winner      Brian Shepherd  
                                 Runner up - Nim Marwood

## **Memories ~ Memories of Mill Hill farm from 1932**

A book written by Eric Weightman recounting life in and around Sheriff Hutton since his birth in 1932 will be available to purchase from early December.

The book contains many anecdotes and photographs of life and people collected by Eric over the years. The photographs and stories will bring back many memories to all who live or have lived in and around Sheriff Hutton.

Copies of the book will be available to purchase from Sheriff Hutton Post Office or direct from Eric 01347 878319 or Barbara 01347 878 522. The price of the book is £12.00 and it would make a first class Christmas present! Part of the proceeds from the sale will be given to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

## **Village Ramble**

There is no village ramble in December but we look forward to seeing you when we resume our programme of walks on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

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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	9.00am	Playgroup	School	2.00pm	Ladies Tennis	Tennis Club
				7.30pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Tues	9.00am	Playgroup	School	7.00pm	Circuit Training	Village Hall
	9.15am	Pilates	Village Hall	8.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	10.30am	Pilates	Village Hall	12.30pm	Luncheon Club	Village Hall
Wed	9.30am	Personal Prayer	Methodist Church			
	9.00am	Playgroup	School			
	9.30 am	Tennis Coaching	Tennis Club			
	10.00am	Drop in for Coffee	Methodist Church			
	10.30am	Ladies Tennis	Tennis Club			
Thurs	9.45am	Babes & Toddlers	Village Hall	6.30pm	Youth Group	Village Hall
Fri	9.00am	Playgroup	School			

## Additional Activities in December

Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Field Naturalists <i>A New look at crystals, gemstones and light</i> , in Village Hall
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 – 11.30	Health Visitor at the Village Hall
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon – 4pm	PTFA Christmas Fair at the School
		3.45pm	Santa switches on the Christmas Lights at The Square
Mon	7 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 – 7.00pm	Making Christmas Decorations, under 12 years age group, in Village Hall
		7.00 – 9.00pm	Making Christmas Decorations, 12 years – Adult, in Village Hall
		7.30pm	Methodist Guild <i>The Bus Stop</i> in the Miss Ward Room
Thurs	10 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 – 4.30pm	A Musical Tea at 13 Castle Side
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 – 12 noon	Super-mobile Library in the Village Hall car park
		7.30pm	Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 – 12 noon	Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning at the Village Hall
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 – 7.00pm	Making Christmas Decorations, under 12 years age group, in Village Hall
		7.00 – 9.00pm	Making Christmas Decorations, 12 years – Adult, in Village Hall
		7.30pm	Methodist Guild Party in the Miss Ward Room
Tues	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Sheriff Hutton School Carol Service at the Parish Church
		7.30 – 9.00pm	Yoga for Spine & Mind at Castlegarth, York Road
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight at St Leonard's, Farlington
		7.30pm	Bowls Club Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Family Christmas Celebration at St Helen's Church
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Christingle Service at the Methodist Church

## Dates to Note 2016

Jan	9 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	UCC New Year's Party in the Village Hall
	24 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Jumbles Sale on behalf of Parish Church in the Village Hall
	26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	History Group Open Evening in the Village Hall
	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Village Ramble, meet at the Village Hall
Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Friends of the Village Hall meeting in the Village Hall
Feb	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>		Dishy Panto in the Village Hall

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Items for the January Village News should reach the Editors by **no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>**

## Stillington Surgery

The Surgery will be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

Deliveries to Sheriff Hutton Post Office will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December.

Please allow at least 48 hours for ordering your medication.