



## **A Very Happy New Year to All Our Readers**

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## **Golden Anniversary of an Annual Village Celebration**

### **The New Year Party**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017 we will be holding a very special party in honour of the older members of our community. The United Christian Churches Committee (UCCC) was founded in 1966 with a remit to provide a free New Year Party in 1967 for elderly residents in Sheriff Hutton, Lilling and Stittenham. Now, fifty years later, the party is still going strong.

The first parties took place in the old Village Hall, which used to be opposite the Highwayman. This involved constructing a stage incorporating a huge snooker table with two big tables on top, just to fit everyone in! Many features of the party have remained the same: we still deliver teas out for anyone who is too poorly to attend, and each guest is still given half a dozen (free range) eggs at the end. At some point the committee daringly decided to add Lollo Rosso (dark red lettuce) to the salad, and have now even swapped to butter dishes and bread rolls (instead of sitting and buttering 16 loaves of bread). The recent addition of a glass of wine has been very well received and we now have more gluten free/vegetarian options available.

The committee continue to personally deliver invitations between Christmas and New Year, ensuring that everyone over 60 has at least one visitor during that time. However, '60' is the new '40' so it's not unusual for some potential guests to be away skiing that weekend.....

We have had so many great nights of entertainment – from brass bands to choirs to the 'homegrown' acts provided by very talented villagers and friends. Who could forget Jim Day, Dick Johnson, Keith Roberts and Brian Shepherd performing 'Swan Lake' in their lovely tutus, and also some wonderful poems recited by Joan and Howard Maw when our booked entertainment cancelled at the last minute. We had to postpone the whole party in 2010 when the weather conditions were too appalling; the snow was piled up so high in the Village Hall Car Park that it was impossible even for a snow plough to get in! So, we had a Spring Party instead that year, with daffodils instead of holly.

Fundamentally though, this party is all about people. Many of our guests were once committee members or hostesses or drivers, and each year we have new helpers, making this truly an all-age village celebration. We are immensely grateful to the original committee (who we think were Alan Farnaby, Charles Megginson, Frank Haworth, Barbara Metcalfe, Margaret Dobson, Pop Wright, George Pearson, Mrs Coverdale, Craig Douglas and Joy Farnaby) and all those villagers, friends and neighbours past and present who have been involved over the last fifty years – THANK YOU! If you have any fond memories of these events do please bring your reminiscences to the party this year and we will make sure they are archived!

The UCCC

## **Super-Mobile Library**

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

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

The Parish Council met on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Councillors present at the meeting were Douglas Wooles (Chairman), Penny Bean (Vice-Chairman), Marcus Oxendale, Brian Parkinson, Martin Dodd and Dave Smith. The Clerk was Louise Pink.

### **Planning Applications for consideration**

16/01835/HOUSE Dorlin House, Cornborough Road, Sheriff Hutton

Formation of vehicular access to serve land to rear of Dorlin House.

Applicant – Mr. James Shaw Decision – No Objection.

### **The Parish Council were also sent the following pre planning application:-**

Proposed base station installation Land at Carr Hill, Sheriff Hutton

Installation of a new 15.0 slimline phase 4.5 Phosco monopole column with 3 no antennas on the headframe, 2 no 300mm diameter dishes below the antennas at a height of 11.0m and 11.5, 2no equipment cabinets at ground level on a new concrete foundation, the development to be enclosed by a new 1.1m wooden stock proof fence and ancillary development. Clarke Telecom

Telefonica have assessed a number of options in respect of the site search process and now consider the best solution as Carr Hill. The site is required in order to provide new 4G coverage for Vodafone and improved 2G/3G services.

Comments to be submitted – The Parish Council have no objection to the proposal but would like to request that, if approved, any mast and equipment installed is to be painted green, in order to help it be in keeping with the area.

### **Ryedale District Council – Decisions and Appeals**

16/01691/FUL 38 Alan Farnaby Way, Sheriff Hutton

Installation of windows at ground floor and mezzanine level to allow the use as offices of part of the existing industrial unit. Approved.

### **Pecketts Yard**

The Parish Council feel that the recently released Construction Traffic Management Plan is totally unacceptable. One of the particular areas of concern was the statement – ‘Subject to the agreement of Scarborough Borough Council, no waiting cones shall be provided along East End and at the proposed holding area(s) to assist deliveries and construction traffic accessing the site safely.’

The Parish Council are now raising this with Ryedale District Council (RDC) and have requested a site meeting with RDC, the Parish Council and Daniel Gath Homes.

### **Closure & Removal of Telephone Boxes in Ryedale**

As advised in the last Village News the Parish Council were recently consulted on the removal of the telephone box on Main Street. As the Parish Council received no requests from residents wishing to see the retention of the telephone box we have now advised British Telecom that we have no objection to its removal.

### **Dog Fouling Poster Competition**

In conjunction with the Primary School the Parish Council recently ran a poster competition to try and help highlight the issue of dog fouling within the village. The school children were all asked to produce a suitable poster and the Parish Council were extremely pleased to have received 42 entries in total. The standard received was extremely high and the Chairman and Clerk had a very tough job choosing the winning entries. The Parish Council would like to thank the school for their assistance with the competition and to all the children for entering. The winning entries were:-

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Kirsty Noble, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Daisy Summers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Tommy Marwood.

The Parish Council hope the winning children enjoy spending their book tokens. In the New Year the Parish Council will be converting the winning entries into posters for displaying throughout the village.

### **2017/18 Precept**

After discussion it was agreed for the 2017/18 precept to be raised by 2% to £16,126.20. This small increase is due to ever decreasing grants being given to the Parish Council by North Yorkshire County Council for grass cutting and the filling of salt bins.

### **Happy New Year**

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents a very Bright and Happy New Year.

### **Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Louise Pink, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted regarding all Parish Council matters at [sheriffhuttonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sheriffhuttonparishcouncil@gmail.com) or on (01904) 272079. 8 Stratford Way, Huntington, York. YO32 9YW.

## Message from the Jumblies

### Happy New Year to one and all

To bring you up to date our November Jumble Sale for the NSPCC raised another super total of £1537 which brought our total for the year to £17,021. As many of you will know fund raising is not an easy task and sadly the ladies of the Strensall NSPCC Support Group whom we have worked with for many years have now reluctantly decided to hang up their fundraising hats. They join with us in thanking you for all your support. We wish them all well - they have been a wonderful group to work with.

After the Christmas and New Year celebrations we are ready for action again and our first Jumble Sale of the year will be on 14<sup>th</sup> January raising money for the United Churches New Year Party Fund. We look forward to receiving your donations of Jumble: clothes, books, bric-a-brac, shoes, household linen. Please could you also ask all your friends and relatives from outside the village if they have anything that we can turn into cash to help us raise a good amount. If you would like to bake some cakes for sale and for the refreshments or donate prizes for the raffle and tombola, please contact Caroline Hunt who will be delighted to hear from you on 878242.

The New Year Party is a true community event and enjoyed by all who attend and we are appealing for your help to ensure we raise as much money as possible to fund future parties.

Your contributions can be brought to the Village Hall between 9.00 am and 12 noon on the 14<sup>th</sup> January. The Book Room and Cake Stall will be open from 1pm with the main sale starting at 2pm.

We thank you for all your support during the last year and hope we can look forward to your continuing support during the coming years.

Penny Bean                      01347 878392

### UCCC Golden Anniversary New Year Party – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017

This year we have a GOLDEN THEME so please feel free to wear something gold if you wish to! Please also bring any reminiscences or photos of past parties – we would like to keep copies of these for the archives.

As usual the Party invitations will be delivered after Christmas. If you are 60+ and have not received your invitation by Monday 2nd January, please contact Caroline Hunt on 878242. If you are not eligible to attend but would like to come and help us in what is one of the greatest village all-age events to start the New Year, please also call Caroline: it only takes 2 - 3 hours and is a great annual meet and greet for the whole village.

Offers of transport are also needed to help with ferrying guests to and from the party and to deliver teas out to those unable to attend due to illness. Even one trip can make a big difference so please call Andrew Hawkswell on 878426. As always gifts of cakes and pastries for the party are very much appreciated and can be left at the Hall between 10am and 12 noon, after 2pm or with a committee member.

The following week, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January, the Jumblies will be running a Jumble Sale to raise funds for the UCCC. We're a small committee so we do welcome any offers of help and we need your Jumble! If you would like to, you can bring to the party a bag of Jumble (good quality clothes, shoes, games or bric-a-brac), or items for the raffle or tombola for us to store. We can also receive items on the day, including any baking please. Any queries, call Caroline!

UCC Committee

### UCCC Village Auction – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Every year, the UCCC oversee a village auction which raises funds for the New Year Party or other local organisations. **Any village groups who would like to apply to be involved in the planning and running of the 2017 auction are invited to notify the UCCC in writing (UCCC c/o 10, Warwick Close, Sheriff Hutton, YO60 6QW) by 7<sup>th</sup> January please.**

### ?? PLAYGROUP QUIZ NIGHT ??

Due to the success of our last quiz night in September we have decided to hold another one on the **27<sup>th</sup> January 2017** at the **Village Hall**. Doors open at 7pm with the quiz starting at 7.30. Tickets cost £5 when bought in advance or £7.50 on the night to include quiz entry and a hot meal.

Please contact Molly on 878127 or Emma on 879173 for tickets.

## Gardening Club

Our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 18th January a date I'm sure you already have in your diaries. Just a reminder that our speaker for the evening is to be Jonathan Watkinson on 'Footsteps of the Forest'. Jonathan is attached to Ray Wood at Castle Howard so should be of local interest. Don't forget it will be subscription night at £15 per person.

At this time of year it is perhaps appropriate to remind you of the craft classes for the village show and, should you venture out for some fresh air, the photographic classes:

### Village Show 2017

#### Craft Classes

Work not to have been exhibited in any previous Sheriff Hutton Village Show

- 52 Canvas work - using kit or chart
- 53 Piece of embroidery - exhibitor's own design
- 54 Item of patchwork or hand-stitched quilting, max size 50cm x 50cm/ 20" x 20", not necessarily a finished item
- 55 Knitted or crocheted hat
- 56 Item of hand-knitting, crochet or tatting
- 57 Cushion
- 58 Piece of cross-stitch
- 59 Item of beadwork
- 60 Paper craft item
- 61 Item of woodwork
- 62 Fascinator
- 63 Piece of hand-made jewellery
- 64 Any other hand-craft item not eligible for any other class
- 65 Painting in any medium - completed picture to be no more than A3 size
- 66 Placemat in any medium

#### Photography Classes

Entries to be no larger than A5 (15 cms x 21 cms/ 6" x 8" ) preferably without a border and not to be framed or mounted. Not to have been shown previously at Sheriff Hutton Village Show. All photographs to be taken by exhibitor.

- 92 Any scene - colour print
- 93 Trees in winter - colour print
- 94 Wild flower scene
- 95 One garden flower - no insects!
- 96 Architecture or buildings - colour print
- 97 A view of Sheriff Hutton
- 98 Person or people - colour print
- 99 Bird/s - colour print
- 100 Animal/s - colour print
- 101 A bridge or bridges - colour print
- 102 Black and white or monochrome, any subject
- 103 Sunrise or sunset - colour print

## Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group.

On Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> December quite a number of us went to The Feathers in Helmsley for our Christmas lunch; everyone enjoyed their meal and a few people had a bit of retail therapy afterwards.

The meeting in January is now just a cookery demonstration. We felt our meeting would be too rushed if we had the speakers as well as my cooking demonstration. Everyone wanted to watch me cook a Japanese dish which is quite detailed. On the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 2pm we are going oriental and sampling some Japanese food. I hope you will come along and watch. Sheriff Hutton Village Hall **January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 2pm**

May I wish all my members a very Happy New Year.

Barbara Grinham (01347878476)

### Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club

#### Monthly Prize Bingo

#### Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall

Eyes down at 7.30pm

£100 prize special and raffle

## Friends of the Village Hall

### Christmas Coffee Morning.

Many thanks to everyone who attended this cheerful annual seasonal event! We raised an excellent £364 for Village Hall funds. A very big thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen, on the door and running the Raffle and Tombola and Stalls and for all the kind donations of prizes, Bring and Buy and delicious home-made mince pies. Not forgetting the Cake Stall which was new this year and proved to be very popular.

### The Foresters Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

The welcome return of the Foresters with another lively evening of folk music for all including a 2-course supper. There will be a Licensed Bar and Raffle.

Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets £10 to include supper available from Margaret Fisher 878314

New Friends are always welcome!

Margaret Fisher Tel 878314

## Village Hall Logo Competition ~ Don't Forget

The Village Hall operations group is looking for a logo to use in a variety of publicity and information materials. To get a wide variety of ideas we are launching a competition. So please get your paints or felt tips out and have a go!

The winner will be a design which is: -

- original, distinctive and modern,
- effective in full colour and in monochrome,
- suitable to be used to good effect in a variety of sizes.

The closing date for entries is **31st January 2017** - please send (or deliver) your entry to Sheriff Hutton Village Hall, York Road, Sheriff Hutton, YO60 6RA. (postbox to right of main door). Please ensure that you include with it your name, address and phone number.

The person who produces the design that the Trustees choose to use as the logo for the hall will receive £25 and will be acknowledged as the logo designer on the hall website (with parental consent if under 18).

By submitting your entry to the competition you are confirming that the entry is your own original work and that you agree that should your entry be selected it will be free of copyright to be used as a logo by the Sheriff Hutton Village Hall.

## Plough Sunday at St Leonard's Farlington

If you fancy singing *We Plough the Fields and Scatter* in January this is your best opportunity !

Join us to celebrate the start of the farming year at the

**Plough Sunday Service** in St Leonard's on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** at 11:15am.

The service is followed by an excellent rustic lunch in the Village Hall which includes our renowned homemade soups, fresh bread, pork pie, fruit cake and cheese. Adults £8.00, children free.

**A warm welcome is guaranteed for everyone.**

## Health Visitor Drop-in

The Health Visitor will be next at the Village Hall from 9.30am – 11.30am on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Start the rambling year on our first walk of 2017 on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. The start point and route will be decided nearer the time when there is a better idea of what the weather will be like. However, you can be assured of pleasant walk, in good company, in the lovely North Yorkshire countryside finishing with a convivial pub lunch.

## Sheriff Hutton Village Hall – 200 Club

December £25 winners were 105, 122, 203, 214 and 244. Major half year prizes were £150 – 100, £100 – 160, £50 – 23, 125, 166, 206. The consolation £50 prize to reflect the higher than 200 numbers in the draw year went to number 40, and bringing total prizes paid out in 2016 to £2450.

# 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

<b>Sheriff Hutton</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>		NO SERVICE		
	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Covenant Service at Methodist Church		
	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Benefice Service	6pm	Benefice Reflective Service
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion		
	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Ecumenical at Parish Church		
<b>Farlington</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)		
	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Benefice Service Sheriff Hutton	6pm	Benefice Reflective Service
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.15am	Plough Sunday		
<b>Marton</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>				NO SERVICE
	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Benefice Service Sheriff Hutton	6pm	Benefice Reflective Service
<b>Stillington</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>		NO SERVICE		
	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion		
	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Benefice Service Sheriff Hutton	6pm	Benefice Service at Marton
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion		
	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Covenant Service at Chapel		
<b>Sutton with Huby</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>		NO SERVICE		
	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Holy Communion		
	15 <sup>th</sup>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion Benefice Service Sheriff Hutton	6pm	Benefice Reflective Service
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.45am	Holy Communion		
	29 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Covenant Service at Chapel		

## EVENTS

7 <sup>th</sup> January	United Churches Party in the Village Hall
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Deanery Synod – 7pm

## Bowling Club Awards 2016

Awards made at the Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club Presentation Lunch 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Clubman of the Year	Michael Waite	
	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Brian Shepherd	Michael Waite
Mixed Pairs	Jill Johnson Richard Howson	Ida Terry Brian Shepherd
Charlie Howe comp	John Coombes	
Two woods	Brian Shepherd	Roy Thompson
Harry Goddard Spring Triples	Michael Waite Megan Hammond Betty Crompton	
Monday Club Competition	"Wooden Tops" Brian Shepherd Barbara Brigham Dick Johnson Bernard Walker	"Jack Frost" Jim Day    Norah Clarkson Jill Johnson   John Coombes Terry Fisher
Autumn Fours	Michael Waite Barbara Brigham Megan Hammond Ida Terry	
President v Chairman Challenge	Norah Clarkson	
Ladies Country League	SH 3 <sup>rd</sup>	

## **The Methodist Church**

Twelfth night, January 6th, tradition is that Christmas is over and the lights should be turned off and the evidence of Christmas put away for another year. How wrong can we be? The baby Jesus has only just been born, we have to celebrate his growing up and becoming a man and then his ministry. So don't put Christmas away, keep on celebrating the coming of Jesus and the message of peace and goodwill to all. What a good year we are going to have if we can keep that spirit going.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

### **Sunday Services in January**

8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	United Covenant Service with Communion - Revd Ann Vaughan
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Mr Robin Jackson
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Revd Elizabeth Cushion
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	United service at the Parish Church

### **Additional Activities**

Monday's	2.00 p.m.	Guild in the Miss Ward Room, see separate programme later.
Tuesday	2.00 p.m.	Craft and Chat in the Miss Ward Room on 17th January
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Drop in for Coffee in the Miss Ward Room
Thursday	2.30 p.m.	Film afternoon in the Miss Ward Room (tea from 2 p.m.) on 18th January.

### **Guild Programme**

Meet in the Miss Ward Room at 2.00 p.m. when we open with a short devotional time before the main programme item. This is followed by a cup of tea and biscuit and we end by 3.30 p.m. or when you've ceased to chat with friends. A collection is taken to cover expenses and any surplus will be donated to charity at the AGM. You'll be very welcome at any time to enjoy the following.

- 9<sup>th</sup> Revd Ann Vaughan will be the speaker.
- 16<sup>th</sup> The Music of Andrew Cleaton, a composer living in our own village who will share his kind of music with us.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Peter Bullivant recently visited Zanzibar and the Serengeti when he captured a kaleidoscope of wildlife pictures which he will be showing.
- 30<sup>th</sup> A chance to bring along an antique item and test the knowledge of Nancy Megginson who has collected for many years.

## **STOP PRESS Christmas Shoeboxes**

We have just heard that on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December a Lorry and Trailer arrived at Scarborough from Poland to collect the shoeboxes of this area of North Yorkshire. So 9,160 boxes were loaded and the driver commenced his return journey to Poland. On arrival, the trailer will be linked to a Lorry which has come from Ukraine and then transported back there for distribution to children in the deprived areas. It is anticipated our Christmas shoeboxes will be there by Sunday 18th December, just in time to make this Christmas special for over 9,000 children. Thank you once again to everyone who has shared in this project. Merry Christmas.  
Eric

## **Sheriff Hutton Primary School**

December was, as usual, a very busy time in school. Our younger children enthusiastically performed a lovely nativity. Their two shows went very well and the children enjoyed taking part in this wonderful seasonal celebration. The children in Key Stage 2 led our Carol Service again, this was very well attended and we would like to thank everyone for joining us. The children sang beautifully and shared their superb musical accomplishments with us all.

Our annual PTFA Christmas Fair was another amazing success with over £1500 raised for the school and Sheriff Hutton Pre-school Playgroup. The children loved visiting Santa and having a go at the many games and activities. Thank you to both committees and to everyone who came along – we hope you enjoyed the event.

The new school term begins on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and our topics for the first half term are 'Where do you live?' and 'Around the World'. We hope the children will learn a lot about different countries in these interesting geography themes.

Our school continues to grow and we all feel very proud to be part of such a supportive and inclusive community. We would like to wish everyone a successful 2017!

The closing date for applications for starting school in September 2017 is 15<sup>th</sup> January, if you would like to visit school or have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Neighbourhood Watch

### 1. Dates to Note 2017

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm, Neighbourhood Watch Meeting with Police and Crimestoppers in Village Hall

### 2. Neighbourhood Watch

The next NHW meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, the Police will be present, and there will be a talk on the "Crimestoppers" Organisation.

Unfortunately, the talk on "Cold Calling & Scams" which was to be hosted by Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group at their next meeting has had to be cancelled. But, please see advice (below) from North Yorkshire Police.

Within the last few days, a resident received a phone call claiming that Sheriff Hutton was a "chosen area" for an "Awareness Scheme" which could help in the event of a break-in etc. The resident said they needed to confirm this with the Parish Council, whereupon the caller hung up, so no further information was gleaned. This was passed to 101 and referred to Trading Standards. If anyone has had a similar call, please let me know.

I have had a report of a further incidence of Hare Coursing in the Lilling area; when out and about, please keep an eye open for such activities, common at this time of the year.

Please come along to our next meeting, and as always report any suspicious activity IMMEDIATELY to 101.

Terry Johnson, Lead Coordinator

01347 878626, [terryj70@btinternet.com](mailto:terryj70@btinternet.com)

### Bogus tradesmen/Doorstop callers

Following a recent incident in the Whitby area we would urge everyone to be aware that Bogus tradesmen may be operating in the North Yorkshire area.

These people may appear genuine and may even have transport with a company name on it. However they may charge exorbitant fees for small works, or claim works need doing that you are unable to check yourself e.g. a broken tile on the roof when in fact there is nothing wrong.

The following is general advice to prevent you becoming a victim of these unscrupulous individuals:

- Never accept to have work carried out by an uninvited caller. This applies to people calling at your home or telephoning you.
- If in doubt about claims your property is damaged delay the person involved and call a local builder, family member or friend for advice or a second opinion.
- Do not give permission for any tradespersons to carry out inspections in or on your house if you have not invited them before they arrived.
- Never pay money for work before it is started.
- Always ask for some identification, write the details down along with any vehicle details.
- Do not, under any circumstances, allow the contractor to take you to a bank or building society to take money out for them. No professional or reputable tradesperson will do this.
- If you are having work carried out and the estimate is over £42.00, the contractor, IN LAW MUST provide you with the estimate in writing with the contractors contact details and exactly what work is to be done.
- It is always a good idea to get a number of quotes prior to having work carried out.
- If you are in doubt about the person, then contact North Yorkshire Trading Standards on 01609 780 780 and they will offer advice.
- If you are visited by anyone wanting to carry out work on your home and you did not invite them and you are in any way suspicious about them, phone the police immediately.

## Youth Club

Many thanks to Jess and Richard for organising a fabulous Christmas trip to the Energi trampolining centre! Jed and Ryan also did a great job of supervising and helping out as well, thank you.

Also, a massive thanks to Andy Morse for providing a lovely bus and very helpful driver to get us there and back. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year - sessions start again on **January 12<sup>th</sup>**.



## Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists

Andy Chapman spoke to us about his work for Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity for our December meeting, talking about the organisation's (and indeed his) work in improving conditions for wildlife through Greener Greenways. This is a biodiversity project that focuses on 38 traffic-free walking and cycling routes owned or managed by Sustrans, across Wales, North West of England, Yorkshire and the Humber, the Midlands and Scotland.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Aimee Nicholson, the RSPB's Hen Harrier Project officer will be speaking to us about these most persecuted of moorland birds of prey, explaining to us what is being done to safeguard populations of this most wonderful and endangered raptor.

We hope you can join us at any of our meetings. 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.

## Sheriff Hutton History Group

**4 Cakes a Minute** - at last we understood the title of the presentation!! But firstly a BIG thank you to Richard Haste for his humorous and personal account of the Richard III Fairs, which took place over 4 years in the early 80's to raise funds towards building the new Village Hall. Many of the audience enjoyed a trip down memory lane, remembering their own involvement which brought many laughs and sighs! It was a grand village event with the whole family taking part. A lot of hard work but listening to people it was fun, especially the dressing up in period costume! It was a huge task; planning starting in January to the event in July then completion round about September for a four or five hour Fair which welcomed around 3.000 visitors ... roads sealed off, large parking areas, crafts, games and activities, marching bands, street parades, an abundance of food outlets, hot dogs and ice cream being very popular as was the Women's Institute cake stall, the ladies baked 1,000 cakes to sell in four hours - hence the title **4 Cakes a Minute**. Well done everyone involved.

**2017** programme starts on February 28<sup>th</sup> titled '**Live to fight another day**' an illustrated presentation by Peter Braithwaite. Contact Meg 878136 or Beryl 878363 for membership details

## Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club

A Very Happy New Year to all our Members.

2016 was a year to celebrate in the tennis world; Andy Murray won Wimbledon, ending the year as the number one player in the world with his brother Jamie ending the year as number one in the Men's Doubles rankings.

The Ladies tennis in 2016 was well represented by Johanna Konta who continued to improve her ranking.

Will this success lead to an increase in tennis participation? This is the challenge for the LTA and tennis clubs of all sizes... How to translate the huge interest in watching tennis into people actually playing the sport. How to make the game attractive and affordable to players of all ages and ability, this is the challenge we face in 2017. Will we be able to rise to that challenge; we hope so and will be running initiatives to encourage tennis participation throughout the year.

Social Tennis. To start the year we have a Ladies Session on January 6<sup>th</sup> and social tennis on Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> both at 1.30pm.

Details of the club are available from [josephinejohnson6@gmail.com](mailto:josephinejohnson6@gmail.com)

## Happy New Year!


January is usually a time for writing thank you notes. When I was younger, Mum would make a list of all the Christmas presents I was given with the name of the person who had given them. Then, when all the excitement was over, she would encourage me to write a letter to each person to say thank you for the gift. At the time it was quite laborious, but it has stuck with me as I have grown up and this has become the season to say thank you. So I would like to say thank you to all of you for your cards and good wishes this Christmas.

Saying thank you is important, even though we sometimes forget, not just for Christmas presents but for other things as well. Perhaps being thankful could be a good new year's resolution. If someone does a lot for us or in church, a thank you often makes a big difference.

And we also need to remember to say thank you to God. As we look back over the year just ended and think of all the things that have happened, let us make time to thank God for His faithfulness and many blessings to us. For He gave us the best Christmas present ever in Jesus, so that He could be with us, this New Year and forever.

Revd Elizabeth Cushion

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Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	Parish Church but check in church for details			
	10.30am	Morning Service	Methodist Church			
Mon				7.30pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Tues	9.00am	Playgroup	School			
	9.15am	Pilates	Village Hall	7.00pm	Circuit Training	Village Hall
	10.30am	Pilates	Village Hall	12.30pm	Over 60's lunch	Village Hall
				8.00pm	Pilates	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 January

Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Field Naturalists with RSPB Hen Harrier Project officer
Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 – 11.30	Health Visitor in the Village Hall
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 - 1200	Super-Mobile Library in the Village Hall car park
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	UCCC New Year party in the Village Hall
Mon	9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Guild in the Miss Ward Room with Ann Vaughan
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Sheriff Hutton ladies Group demonstration of Japanese cookery
Thurs	12 <sup>th</sup>		Youth Club re-starts
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 – 4.00	Jumbles sale in aid of the UCCC New Year Party
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Guild in the Miss Ward Room – The Music of Andrew Cleaton
Tues	17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Craft and Chat in the Miss Ward Room
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Film Afternoon in the Miss Ward Room
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 – 12.00	Super-Mobile Library in the Village Hall car park
		7.30pm	Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.15am	Plough Sunday at St Leonard's, Farlington
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	Guild in the Miss Ward Room with Peter Bullivant – Zanzibar and the Serengeti
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Village Ramble – meet in the Village Hall car park
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Guild in the Miss Ward Room -Test Nancy Megginson's knowledge of antiques

### Dates to Note

Feb	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Friends of Sheriff Hutton Village Hall present The Foresters concert and supper in the Village Hall
	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	St Helen's PCC Meeting in the Miss Ward Room
	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Neighbourhood Watch with Police and Crimestoppers in the Village Hall
	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	History Group in the Village Hall – <i>Live to Fight Another Day</i>
March	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Charity meeting in the Village Hall
	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	St Helen's Annual Parish Meeting in the Miss Ward Room
	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
April	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
May	6 <sup>th</sup>		UCCC Auction in the Village Hall
July	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Charity meeting in the Village Hall
	15 <sup>th</sup>		St Leonard's, Farlington, Barn Dance in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall
Nov	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Charity meeting in the Village Hall

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