

Sheriff Hutton Village News



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Christmas is Coming

We need to get the **JANUARY** edition of the Village News to the printer by Monday December 16th

Please let us have your contributions no later than **SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th** *Thank you.*

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the 8th November 2019. Councillors present at the meeting were Penny Bean (Acting-Chairman), Elaine Nelson, Sally Wright and Martin Dodd. One member of the public (part meeting only).

Planning Applications for Consideration:-

19/00603/FUL Land At Cornborough Road Sheriff Hutton

Change of use of agricultural land and building for commercial dog breeding and kennels with alterations to include formation of up to 10no. kennels within existing building.

Decision – The Parish Council strongly object to the above planning application. A government planning inspector has previously ruled that this is an unsuitable use for the site. The site is agricultural land. The objection still stands from the previous objection under the previous owner.

The following new planning decisions or appeals were received:-

19/01014/HOUSE Laburnum Cottage, West End, Sheriff Hutton

Erection of replacement outbuilding to form artist's studio for personal use of the applicant.

APPROVED

19/00888/FUL Land Rear of Park View, Finkle Street, Sheriff Hutton

Erection of 2 no. four bedroom detached dwellings with detached double garages together with formation of vehicular access and associated landscaping.

APPROVED

Speeding in the Village

The Parish Council have recently paid to have some speed checks carried out by North Yorkshire County Council Highways. The data obtained from these checks has now been received and the Parish Council are carrying out further investigations.

Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Friday 13th December 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Louise Pink, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted regarding all Parish Council matters at sheriffhuttonparishcouncil@gmail.com or on (01904) 861131. 13 White Rose Avenue, New Earswick, York. YO32 4AG.

Super-Mobile Library

The Super-Mobile library will visit Sheriff Hutton Village Hall Car Park between 10.00am and 12.00noon on **Fridays 6th and 20th December.**

Health Visitor Drop-in

The Health Visitor will be next at the Village Hall from 9.30am – 11.30am on **Thursday, December 5th** 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 in to Toddlers (if not attending anyway) while they are waiting but consultations with the Health Visitor are confidential and in a separate room.

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall – 200 Club

November £25 winners were 9, 118, 145, 153, and 185. December's draw will consist of the half-yearly prizes of 1 each at £150 and £100, 5 at £50, 5 at £25 and the end of year extra of £40, to reflect this year's membership of 254.

Christmas Message

I hope this isn't too early – seasons greetings! I must admit it does seem to be a tad too early as this is written mid November! Christmas is coming, that we cannot deny, and I can't help but reflect on just how frenetic things have been as we hurtle towards the season of peace and goodwill, it has been anything but peaceful, with the tricks and treats of Halloween, closely followed by the bangs and booms of Bonfire Night, then Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, busy, busy time!

Now we change our focus to the 25th December, and the reality is that much of the season to come is far from peaceful for many of us, with frantic Christmas shopping in crowded stores, tiring journeys to far flung relatives, fractious children and excesses of good food and alcoholic drinks. Don't get me wrong, I'm not knocking it, I join in the seasonal melee with the best of us. But! Stop, pause and reflect for a moment. Stop in the midst of all this jollity and mayhem, because maybe we can seek moments of peace, we can reflect on what Christmas really means.

What we all need in our hearts and minds is peace. Reflect on what you hear while Christmas shopping; think of the carols and hymns we know so well and how in addition to praising the wonder of the Nativity, they frequently mention peace... *Peace on earth and mercy mild... Peace on the earth, good-will to men... Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!* Of course, peace can mean many things to us. For some it is a quiet early morning, before the bustle of the day begins, for others it is when we escape the clamour of our families to walk the dog or, better still, when the family walks the dog and we have a chance to read and relax. And when we share the Peace in our church services, we are not asking for quiet as we move from pew to pew shaking hands and sometimes embracing, we are pledging to share the peace that comes from being reconciled with God and encouraging each other to be on peaceful terms with our neighbours and friends. It is Christ's peace we share, not ours, but His. Peace is a central theme in the Bible, Jesus often using the greeting "Peace be with you", a translation of the Hebrew *shalom aleichem*. *Shalom*, most usually translated with the English word 'peace' can also be translated as harmony, wholeness, completeness, welfare or tranquillity. *Shalom* can describe both the peace between two entities (especially between man and God or between two countries), and the wellbeing, welfare or safety of an individual or a group of individuals. And so I hope that all of us, this Christmas will enjoy true peace - one of harmony, wholeness, wellbeing and completeness. If we are besieged by friends and family and begin to feel fractious may we be tranquil; if we are alone over the holidays may we experience completeness and may others offer friendliness. And praying that we will find some kind of peace at Christmas, we will be better able to face the challenges of the year ahead with mental and spiritual calm.

God Bless. And a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New year.

Rev Steve

Village Ramble

There is no Village Ramble in December. So please put Thursday, January 30th in your diary when a new year of rambling starts. More details in next month's News.

The Board Game Cafe

Although not as many people as we had hoped have come along to the sessions we all had a good time. As December is always a busy time with lots of things going we have decided to suspend our bi-weekly sessions until January. Watch out for details in the next edition of the Village News.

Penny and the Jumbles

Sheriff Hutton Art Group - October and November's Workshops

The November weather may have been gloomy but 23 enthusiastic members met again to spend the day testing their artistic skills in a full day's workshop. Shirley Vine, a talented watercolourist from Harrogate led the day and it proved to be as enjoyable and inspiring as ever.

Shirley demonstrated her watercolour techniques using colourful autumn leaves as her focus to create contemporary designs. Many members of the Group have worked in the medium of watercolour for several years but exploring Shirley's techniques proved quite challenging. However, many vibrant paintings were produced throughout the day. The results of the day were shared and we all agreed that the day had provided a new experience in the use of watercolour. It was particularly interesting that many members remarked on how relaxing and even therapeutic the workshop had been.

October's workshop was run by Tracey Krupianka who had created African sunsets and animal silhouettes with the Group last year using watercolour. Tracey is a passionate artist whose endless energy and enthusiasm is totally infectious. We were pleased she could return this year and looked forward to another inspiring workshop. However this time we were to be challenged in the techniques of acrylic paints, a medium which is less familiar to several members. A nautical theme was the day's focus and she demonstrated how to achieve distance and reflection by painting a group of yachts with the most vivid of backgrounds. The attention she gave in supporting individuals throughout the day was much appreciated.

We now look forward to the next workshop in January when Jeremy Ford will be guiding us in the use of pastels to create a painting of a landscape seen through a misty dawn.

Friends of the Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 7th December

Join us from 10.00am to 12.00 noon in the Village Hall for this annual festive event. Admission £2.00, to include Coffee or Tea and Mince Pie or Christmas cake, free entry for children under 16.

Raffle – Tombola – Cakes – Christmas Wreaths – Christmas Cards and other Christmas Stalls

A warm welcome for all at this sociable annual event!

Donations of raffle prizes, cakes and mince pies for refreshments would be extremely welcome.

Contact Jenny McMillan 879175 or Richard Haste 878581

Aluminium Foil and Can Collection

As I have said previously I shall be giving up aluminium foil and can collection on behalf of Guide Dogs for the Blind, as from the end of November. I am very grateful for all the help and involvement I have received from everyone in Sheriff Hutton. Together and with help from collectors in York, we have recycled about 30 tonnes of foil and cans raising over £12,000. Thank you all for your support. The good news is that **Linda Turner, 16 The Croft Tel: 878037** has agreed to take over. Please contact her if you have aluminium foil or cans.

Many thanks - John Oakley

Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club

We would like to thank the Village Market officers and volunteers for their invitation and assistance when we ran the Village Market café in November, we raised £527 so thanks also to donors and especially to Joe who made a lemon drizzle cake so lemony, so drizzly, that we rewarded our own staff with a piece each! Please excuse the sticky fingers.

The sum raised will go a long way towards our very expensive winter maintenance costs as we approach our 60th anniversary in 2020. If you are interested in joining even as a novice please contact the undersigned.

Roy Thompson – Chairman - Tel 878644 or email thompsonroy5@gmail.com

Stillington Surgery

The surgery will be closed 25th and 26th December and 1st January. Please allow 72 working hours for collection of medication during December.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - With immediate effect medication cannot be collected between 12.30pm and 2.00pm, this is while the reception staff and dispensers are at lunch

Wishing all our patients an enjoyable festive season

Message from the Jumbliies

We have now completed our 33rd year since starting Jumble Sales way back in 1986 and we would like to say thank you so much for continuing to support our fund raising events.

The total raised at the November Jumble Sale and the total for the year will be published in the January News.

Don't forget the Christmas Concert by the Swinton Brass Band on the 1st December

Tickets are selling well at £7 full price and £5 Concessions. Money raised from this event will be towards the cost of new curtains for the Refreshment Room at the Village Hall.

This year we have raised money for The Glebe, the PTFA, RNLI, York Sands, Riding for the Disabled, the Chanticleer Singers, Yorkshire Cancer Research, Marie Curie Support, Ryedale Special Families, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Macmillan Cancer Care. In addition Northern Air Ambulance, SH Playgroup and Huby School have benefitted from recycling left over clothes, linen, shoes and bags. We have also sent left over household equipment to the Rainbow Centre in Scarborough and clothes to Carecent.

Our first Jumble sale of 2020 will be on Saturday 11th January, at 2.00pm to raise money for The Parish Church. Books and cakes will be on sale from 1.00pm. As usual we welcome your unwanted clothes, books, toys, Bric-a-brac etc. between 9.30 and 11.30am on the day of the sale. However if you are not able to bring your jumble on the morning of the sale please contact Pat Cooper on 878677, or myself on 878392 to make alternative arrangements.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a **Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.**

From: Elaine Aconley, Joan and Sheila Armitage, Janet Atkinson, Sharon Bennett, Ruth Carter, Pat Cooper, Sue Dodd, Margaret Frank, Barbara Grinham, Bonnie and Mike Lawson, Moira Parkinson, Elaine Rutherford, Linda Scaife, Fiona Webb, Lara Willans, Ian and Paul.

Penny Bean 878392 - Sheriff Hutton Jumbliies – Turning Cast Offs into Cash

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The sale of Poppies this year raised £1,486.87. The Year Round Box at The Post Office raised £80.58 and the collection taken at the Remembrance Day Service at the Church was £232.12 making a total of £1799.57 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported our Village Appeal.

In addition I would like to thank all the House to House Collectors for giving their time, particularly as the weather was pretty awful: Joan Armitage, Julie Bartlett, Moira Murphy, Laura and John Oakley, Giles Shepherd-Cross, Anne Warrington, Jen Whitworth and Sally Wright, and Barry and Clare at the Post Office, the Highwayman Inn and the Castle Inn.

Finally, apologies to those residents in the Lilling Area who were missed, due to unforeseeable circumstances.

Penny Bean - 878392 - Poppy Appeal Organiser

Playgroup

Our annual Kids' Stuff sale raised a grand total of £415.91. We would like to say a big thank you to all the people that helped make the day a success by either volunteering their time to help on the day or by donating items and baking cakes.

Places are available in the autumn term for 2, 3 and 4 year olds- both funded and unfunded places. Sessions at Playgroup are run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 9.00am – 3.00pm. To find out more or book a taster session please get in touch on 07717 799646 or shuttonpreschool1@yahoo.com.

The Preschool Playgroup is also looking for new members to join the committee. If you are interested please contact Lexi on 07817 599471.

Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club

Winter Tennis - Saturday social tennis will take place on December 7th and 21st from 1.30pm.

Wednesday Ladies sessions continue from 10.30am.

Men's Singles Competition - The last of the club competitions took place in late October. It provided an excellent mornings tennis and congratulations go to the winner Josh Williams.

Details of the club from josephinejohnson6@gmail.com or visit our website

www.sheriffhuttontennisclub/clubspark/ta.org.uk

Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group

Helen Hargreaves from Barley Studios gave a talk on her career as a stained glass artist. She has been responsible for a number of windows, the most famous one she made was designed by David Hockney and is in Westminster Abbey for everyone to see.

The Christmas lunch will be on the 11th December at The Highwayman. Please remember to arrive after 12.00 mid-day, as the pub does not open until then. Lunch will be at 12.30pm.

The meeting on January 9th 2020 will start at 2.00pm. This will be a Bring and Buy sale. If any members would wish to bring any unwanted scarves, jewellery etc. they no longer require we can sell them. Any money we make is to be donated to the Malton Food Bank.

Food Bank - We would like to say a massive thank you for all the donations that are put into the green box which is in the village hall the week of our meetings. They are greatly appreciated.

Barbara Grinham – 878476 - Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group

Neighbourhood Watch

Sadly the village has had another visit from the Fish Sellers, who as before, were using "Hard Sell" techniques to sell large quantities of incorrectly packaged, expensive and dubious quality fish, and purporting to be from a Hull based reputable fish supplier, which was not the case.

Trading Standards and the Police are disappointed that members of the public are not turning these cold callers away, in spite of many previous warnings and incidents. We are a No Cold Calling zone, and Trading Standards advice is never to deal with cold callers at the door, including those selling fish, as well as those offering property repairs and garden services. Incidents should be reported via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506, or 101, in the case of aggression call 999 for a faster response. I have details of the reputable fish supplier mentioned if anyone is interested.

I understand that poaching is still rife in the area, please be vigilant and report any sightings to 101, or 999 if a crime is being committed.

Terry Johnson, NHW Lead Coordinator, CSW Lead Resident, terryj70@btinternet.com or 878626

Sandra Meads

We would like to thank everyone for the lovely messages, memories and support shown to us since Mum died. We moved to the village in 1975 and Mum loved living here entering in to village life fully over the years. She was known to many through various means but most noted are Playgroup, Tennis and walking her beloved dogs.

Thank you to Canon Robert Law for a beautiful service, the church wardens and the expert tea makers!

The Palliative care team at York hospital were very grateful to receive the generous sum of £305 collected at the funeral and we thank everyone for that. Thank you from Andrea, Dave, Amanda and families.

Field Naturalists

Jodie Ellin from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust gave us an excellent talk about the work of her organisation, and the extent to which it has expanded since its inception in 1946. There were some alarming statistics about the decline of some species but also the recovery of others.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm** when we will have a quiz night and social evening, all welcome.

Anyone wishing to join the group or needing more information about Field Naturalists, please get in touch with either Dave on 878672, Jim on 878667 or Tricia on 878995.

Grand Christmas Prize Bingo

in aid of St Leonard's Church, Farlington

Friday, December 13th
Sheriff Hutton Village Hall
Eyes Down at 7.30pm
Join us for a Fun, Fundraising Evening!
(please note – there will be no cash prizes)

December and Christmas 2019 church services and notices

For St Helen's, Sheriff Hutton, St Leonard's, Farlington and St Mary's, Marton

Sheriff Hutton	1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion
	8 th	10.00am	Morning Worship
	22 nd	2pm	Christmas Village Celebration
	25 th	9.30am	Family Communion
	29 th	10.30am	Joint service at the Methodist Church
Farlington	8 th	11.15am	Shortened Matins (BCP)
	20 th	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
	22 nd	11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	25 th	10.30am	Family Celebration of Christmas with Shortened Holy Communion
Marton	1 st	6pm	Celtic Eucharist
	15 th	6pm	Celtic Advent Worship
	23 rd	7pm	Carols

Benefice	15 th	10.30am	Benefice Service at Stillington
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Notices for Sheriff Hutton

Firstly, a very Happy Christmas to all our readers! We look forward to welcoming you to two very special Christmas services. Firstly, the Village Christmas Celebration on the 22nd December. It's a mix of seasonal folk songs and poems and traditional carols and readings. It's not a service but an occasion to celebrate together as a village. People who have come before have always really enjoyed it. The Celebration is followed by mince pies, Christmas cake, Stollen and other festive goodies as well as mulled wine (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic). The service on Christmas Day is a family service where the congregation choose the hymns and volunteer for the readings! So please do come to one or both of these very special village occasions.

Carols by Candlelight at Farlington ~ Friday, December 20th at 6.30pm

St Leonard's Church in Farlington warmly welcomes everyone to its traditional, candlelit service of well-loved carols and lessons. After the service, mulled wine and mince pies will be served along with soft drinks and Christmas biscuits for children. This much-enjoyed carol service is an excellent way to start the season of Christmas and whether you live in Farlington or one of the villages around we look forward to you joining us on the **Friday 20th**

Chips and Sandwiches will be available at the Blacksmith's Arms, afterwards the Carol Service, at £5 per head. If you wish to join us for this please let Richard (878581) or Sally (878745) know by December 13th so that we know how many to cater for.

Sheriff Hutton Cricket Club

Sheriff Hutton Cricket Club held its annual dinner and awards evening at The Highwayman Inn on Friday 15th November. A great turnout from players past and present and supporters of the club provided a fitting occasion to reward those who had contributed most to the club in the course of the 2019 season, on and off the field:

1 st XI Batting	Dave Hull	2 nd XI Batting	Josh Moate
1 st XI Bowling	Khalid Shefta	2 nd XI Bowling	Wayne Fawcett
1 st XI Fielding	Matt Maltby	2 nd XI Fielding	Alex Eardley
Most Improved Player	Josh Moate	Young Player	Tom Bews
Club person of the Year	Vince Coan	On and Off the Field	Margaret Frank

A big thank you to Lisa, Ian and all at The Highwayman Inn for hosting the event. The great food and atmosphere really helped to make it a special evening for everyone.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

December, getting into the winter, cold, frost, ice maybe snow, dark nights. Many people dread it and long for spring, others like it, the cosy times by a nice fire and good company, depends how you feel about it. We would like you to feel the joy of Good News, that Jesus Son of God was born as our Saviour, not for one Christmas Day but all your life. So, we wish you a joyful, peaceful, loving Christmas and we would be very pleased to welcome you to any of our services which are detailed below.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

December Services

1 st	10.30am	Mr Ralph Frankland
8 th	10.30am	Revd Ann Vaughan
15 th	10.30am	Mr Ian Atherton
22 nd	10.30am	Carol Service
24 th	3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE led by Revd Ruth Duck
25 th	9.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP Revd Ruth Duck
29 th	10.30am	United Service

Additional Activities in December

Mondays	2.00pm	Guild meetings in the Miss Ward room.
Wednesdays	(NOT ON CHRISTMAS DAY 25th)	
	9.30am	Prayers and Quiet Meditation in the Chapel.
	10.00am	Drop in for Coffee and Chat, Miss Ward room.
	11.00am	Advent Study Group in Chapel
Thursday	2.00 for 2.30pm	Feature Christmas Film in Miss Ward room (December 19th)

Guild Programme

Monday	2 nd	An illustrated trip to Vietnam by Peter Bullivant
	9 th	Carols and Christmas readings by Howard and Joan Maw
	16 th	Guild Christmas Party

Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you for all the gifts and donations 96 boxes have been taken to a York collection centre and £400 sent to cover the cost of transport. Thanks.

Sheriff Hutton Village Market

As we approach the final market of the year, we would like to thank everybody for their ongoing support and patience with us on market day particularly when we've been busy with traffic and parking in the village.

The Cricket Club ran a fantastic Cafe in October with a yummy BBQ and raised £550 whilst Bowls Club raised £527 during November's market. It's been great that local groups have been able to benefit from the Market and we hope the funds they have raised have provided a real boost for their causes. We welcome the History Group to December's Cafe and we know we can rely on them to put on a top spread!

December will be our Christmas Market. Be sure to stop by the local Alpaca stall with beautifully spun Alpaca fibre, we will also have wonderful vegetarian soups, handmade dog products and a new cheese stall. Also, we will have a very special Visit from a man in a red suit! So if you have a child, 12 years or under, they can meet Father Christmas and receive a small free gift. There will also be a Christmas themed competition for the children, mulled wine and cider available and we encourage all to get into the Christmas spirit and don their favourite Christmas jumpers.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who without their constant enthusiasm and commitment, this would not have been possible. Thank you to local residents for your support and a huge thank you to Andy Tim and Terry for all your help at the hall. You have gone above and beyond to help us and we couldn't have done this without you.

Christmas Market: Sunday 15th December

'Light Up Sheriff Hutton' Christmas Walk

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December

As everyone gets into the Christmas spirit, we'd like to encourage those who can and are able to light up their Christmas trees or festive window displays and enjoy a stroll around the village all lit up in Christmas splendour to get into the festive spirit. There are no rules, no competition, just encouraging the Sheriff community to get out and have an early evening walk, taking in all the seasonal delights of the village.

Merry Christmas everyone

Sheriff Hutton History Group

History Fair 26th October: We were so very pleased to welcome 20 Historical Societies plus an information outlet for other groups. This was our first attempt at such a gathering and what a successful day for everyone. We met and learned from groups about the projects they were involved with, exchanged information and developed a contact list for future meetings. Thank you to Pat Brooks (Castle Keeper) we took groups of people on Castle tours and enjoyed talks on a wide range of subjects from individual groups, the overall result a very positive day and a start to future cooperation. Feedback from groups thanking Hugh Ainsley for his organization of the event and to all those involved in making the day a success.

Today 13th November we were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of our very good friend and colleague John Hendry, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family. Our loss of John is immeasurable; the gap he has left can never be filled. John joined the group in 2013 and was instrumental in the throes of raising funds to build the Archive Store, as the donations to the store steadily came in John committed much of his time to indexing the information working from his dining table! His love of delving into the history of Sheriff Hutton and his amazing memory for facts and order meant that we could always depend on him for any information. We coerced him into being our Chairperson which he carried out diligently keeping us in order with a firm hand and making sure the meeting ended within the allotted time. A great sense of humour, a twinkle in his eye, a great presenter - Mrs. Batty in particular comes to mind, the skill of making everyone feel at ease with a smiling welcome. A true Gentleman

Our lasting memory of John will be of his input at the History Fair in October where he was in his element meeting other historians and proudly showing them around our Archive Store - Thank you John from the bottom of our hearts it was a privilege knowing you.

Diary date: On Sunday **15th December** the History group will be hosting the Cafe at the Village Market come and join our fund raising festivities and get into the Christmas spirit with a wide range of foods and gifts from 50 stalls.

We come to the end of our 2019 programme and wish to thank everyone who has supported the group in so many ways. **Merry Christmas.**

The Gardening Club

We do not have a meeting this month so we can tell everyone the trophy winners at this year's village show.

Association Cup for most points in the show
Warwick Cup for vegetables and fruit
Richard the Third Cup for flowers and pot plants
Homecraft Cup
Neville Shield for best exhibit in the craft section
Cookery and Preserves
Photography Cup
Children's Junior Cup
Children's Senior Cup
Children's Shield for best exhibit
Alan Farnaby Trophy for most points in children's section
Heaviest Potato Crop
2nd Heaviest Potatoes
Heaviest Potato

Jim Warrington
Tony Thompson
Jim Warrington.
Amanda Dick.
Amanda Dick.
Sally Hemingway.
Garry Laville.
Holly Shipley.
Robin Townsend.
Kirsty Noble.
Holly Shipley
Derek Forsdyke
Tony Thompson.
Derek Forsdyke

Gardening tips for December

Any dry weather this month will provide “windows of opportunity” for gardening. Rainfall levels during the past two months have made it difficult to carry out many tasks in the garden. In such conditions its best to keep off the soil and the lawns to avoid damage to the soil structure.

If the planting of trees, shrubs and roses etc. is deemed essential try to work off boards or planks. Incorporate some dryish compost into the soil at the planting sites.

Planting of onion sets, shallots, and garlic may have to be delayed until late February or March. However, these can be started off in pots or modules using multi-purpose compost. Do this early in January and place in a cold frame or unheated greenhouse with some ventilation. Provide good light and avoid overwatering. Growth will be slow but good root systems will develop and the plants can be planted in the open early to mid-March or as weather and soil conditions allow. This same system can be used for broad beans, garden peas and sweet peas.

Prepared hyacinth bulbs in containers for flowering at Christmas to early New Year need to have made 40 to 50mm of shoot growth before they are brought into the light otherwise growth and flower spike will be stunted. Grow on in good light and not too much heat. Keep the compost moist but do not overwater.

Wash flower pots and seed trays, clean the glass, benches and other surfaces in the greenhouse and or conservatory in preparation for the spring rush.

Make planting plans for your 2020 vegetable and flower plots and aim to rotate crops if possible.

Purchase flower and vegetable seeds and also gift tokens for your gardening relatives and friends from your local garden centres and nurseries.

On a dry day, wrap up warm and indulge yourself in some gentle, therapeutic gardening activities.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

UCCC New Year Party – Saturday 4th January 2020

The United Christian Churches Committee was set up over 50 years ago by representatives of the two village churches who wished to provide a free party in early January for all ‘senior citizens’ in Sheriff Hutton, Lilling and Stittenham. We typically cater for about 100 guests and offer a warm welcome and a seated supper (waited on by a lovely team of volunteers) followed by festive entertainment. Our party begins at 5pm (although most guests arrive at about 4.45 for a glass of sherry or fruit juice) and is usually finished by around 7.30. This year, by popular request, the Thornton-le-Dale Ukuleles will be returning, hopefully with more kazoos! They are currently fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support and are donating all proceeds to this very worthy cause. It’s also an opportunity to meet Rev Steve Whiting and Rev Ruth Duck who will greet you on arrival, say grace and stay for supper. We offer a ‘teas out’ service for anyone who is too poorly to attend and can also arrange a lift to and from the Village Hall.

Everyone aged 65+ (and their partner) who lives in the parish of Sheriff Hutton is eligible to attend the party. Part of the tradition has always been for the committee to walk around the parish personally delivering invitations to ensure that everyone sees at least one friendly face between Christmas and New Year! This means that we really need to keep an invitation list with names (because it is more pleasant to greet someone by name) and the first line of addresses. From a Data Protection perspective, the list is updated each year and the digital version is password protected.

If you are new to the village (or are newly eligible) and **would like to receive an invitation for the first time**, please contact Caroline Hunt (878242 or cjhunt.home@gmail.com) or Sue Dodd (879065 or suedodd@ymail.com). If you have neighbours who are eligible and would like to attend, do encourage them to contact us! If you aren’t at home when we call (between Christmas and New Year) we will post an invitation through your letterbox with our own names, email addresses and phone numbers so you can contact us if you would like to attend or have a tea delivered. However, if you have an objection to your name being on this list, please do feel free to contact us asap to opt out, and we will remove your name and make a note that an invitation should not be left at your address either this year or in the future.

We do hope very much that you can attend – it’s a great all-age celebration and village event!

Gifts of cake can be dropped off at the Village Hall from 2pm on the day.

<p>STILLINGTON FISHERIES for the finest skinless haddock and cod Tuesday to Thursday 5.00 – 7.00 Friday & Saturday 11.45 – 1.30 & 5.00 – 7.00 Closed Sunday and Monday The Green, Stillington, YO61 1JX Tel : 01347 811 747</p>	<p>Sheriff Hutton Post Office and Stores 01347 878 331 opening times : • Mon – Fri 8.00am – 5.30pm • Sat 8.00am – 12.30pm • Sun 10.00am – 12.00pm • Post Office opens at 9.00am Find us on Facebook</p>	<p>CASTLE QUALITY MEATS Unit 2a Sheriff Hutton Industrial Park 'Quality Meats at Competitive Prices' Hot Sandwiches Mon – Fri 8.30 – 2.00 Jerry Petch Tel : 01347 878 222 jerrytech1958@aol.com</p>
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Village Regular Activities

Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	Parish Church but check in church for details			
	10.30am	Morning Service	Methodist Church			
Mon				7.00pm	Sewing Class	Village Hall
				7.30pm	Yoga	Village School
				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	8.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Wed	9.00am	Playgroup	School			
	9.30am	Yoga	Village Hall			
	10.00am	Drop-in for Coffee	Miss Ward Room			
	10.30am	Ladies Tennis	Tennis Club			
Thurs	9.45am	Babes and Toddlers	Village Hall	6.30pm	Youth Group	Village Hall
Fri	9.00am	Playgroup	School			

Additional Activities in December

Sun	1 st	2.30pm	Christmas Concert by <i>Swinton Brass Band</i> in the Village Hall			
Mon	2 nd	2.00pm	Methodist Guild <i>An Illustrated Trip to Vietnam</i> by Peter Bullivant			
Wed	4 th	7.30pm	Field Naturalists <i>Quiz Night and Social</i> in the Village Hall			
Thurs	5 th	9.30 – 11.30	Health Visitor in the Village Hall			
Fri	6 th	10 – 12 noon	Super-Mobile Library Van in the Village Hall car park			
		7.30pm	Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club <i>Bingo</i> in the Village Hall			
Sat	7 th	10 – 12 noon	Friends of the Village Hall <i>Christmas Coffee Morning</i> in the Village Hall			
Mon	9 th	2.00pm	Methodist Guild <i>Carols and Christmas Readings</i> by Howard and Joan Maw			
Wed	11 th	12 noon	Ladies Group <i>Christmas Lunch</i> at the Highwayman Inn Sheriff Hutton			
Fri	13 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall			
		7.30pm	Farlington Church <i>Grand Christmas Bingo</i> in the Sheriff Hutton Village Hall			
Sat	14 th	10 – 4.00pm	Spinning Group meet in the Village Hall			
Sun	15 th	10.30 – 1.30	Village Market at the Village Hall			
Mon	16 th	2.00pm	Methodist Guild <i>Christmas Party</i>			
Thurs	19 th	2.00 for 2.30	Feature Christmas Film in the Miss Ward Room Methodist Church			
Fri	20 th	10 – 12 noon	Super-Mobile Library Van in the Village Hall car park			
		6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight at St Leonards Church Farlington			

Dates to Note

Jan	4 th	4.45 for 5.00	UCCC <i>New Year Party</i> in the Village Hall			
	9 th	2.00pm	Ladies Group <i>Bring and Buy Sale</i> in the Village Hall			
	11 th	2.00pm	Jumble Sale in the Village Hall			
	12 th	11.15am	Plough Sunday and Ploughmans Lunch at St Leonards Church Farlington			
		11.45	Yorkshire Area Point to Point Club at Sheriff Hutton			
	30 th	9.30am	Village Ramble further details in January edition of the Village News			

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