

Village News

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The Parish Council met on 13th February 2015. Councillors present at the meeting were Douglas Wooles (Chairman), Penny Bean (Vice-Chairman), Brian Parkinson, Sally Downing, Martin Dodd, David Lea and Dave Smith. The Clerk was Nigel Knapton and County Councillor Clare Wood was present. No members of the public were present.

Planning Applications for consideration

15/00001/FUL – Change of use, alteration and extension of a one bedroomed self-contained residential annex to form a three bedroom separate residential dwelling not annexed to Wellington House to include erection of a single storey extension to south elevation at Annexe, Wellington House, The Square, West End, Sheriff Hutton for Mr Stuart Vass. **No objections.**

15/00888/HOUSE – Erection of entrance porch to north elevation and single storey rear extension at Garth End, 14 Coble Lane, Sheriff Hutton for Mr R Singleton. **No objections.**

Ryedale District Council – Decisions and Appeals

14/01106/HOUSE – Erection of a single storey rear extension at Church Cottage, Church End, Sheriff Hutton for Mrs Sheila Everist. **Approved.**

14/01187/FUL – Removal of roller shutter door to north elevation and replacement by 2no. timber windows and surrounding brickwork at 4 Dale Road, Sheriff Hutton for Ryedale DC. **Approved.**

Public Forum

No matters were raised.

Affordable Housing

Colin Huby, the Ryedale DC Rural Housing Enabler had not received any more information from the partner housing association and so would attend the March meeting to give an update. The housing association were putting together the costing information.

Cornborough Road

On 20 January the Council was represented by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the appeal regarding the unlawful development on Cornborough Road. They spoke regarding the Council's objection to the residential part of development including the business case and the incorrect siting and design of the storage barn. A decision was expected in the next few weeks.

Parking

The Managers of the Primary School and the Owners of the Methodist Church have agreed that four members of the School staff will park their cars at the south end of the Church Car Park during school hours, beginning 1st March 2015. This was welcomed by the Council.

Elections

Parish Council elections take place on Thursday 7 May 2015. Seven Councillors are required to fill all the seats on Sheriff Hutton Parish Council. If you would like to stand for Parish Council nomination papers are available direct from Ryedale DC and more information including a video briefing for potential candidates is available at www.ryedale.gov.uk

Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Friday 13 March 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Nigel Knapton, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted regarding all Parish Council matters at nigel.knapton@townandparish.co.uk or on 0777 999 4712

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall – 200 Club

247 members took part in the February draw. £25 winners were: 106, 150, 180, 191 and 193.

Robin Hood - 2015 Pantomime

Robin Hood was a huge success! We have enjoyed the process of the pantomime so much again this year, and we are extremely grateful that the village is still supporting us. We would therefore like to say a huge thank you to the cast and all the crew, including our directors: Meg Ashbridge and Caroline Hunt, and also our very talented writer Keith Mulhearn. Meg and Jack, Lara Willan, Paul Frost, Andy Hunt and the lighting team (Terry Johnson, Steve Page and Richard Gordon) all worked incredibly hard on costume making, sets, lighting, music and props this year, and we are extremely grateful that they found time to do this for us, as it really made a difference to our performance. Also a special mention to the Youth Group, who gave up their Thursday slot for us to perform. Finally, we would like to say a massive thank you to the audiences from each night, and to everyone who has supported us in any way with 'Robin Hood', as without you it wouldn't have happened! Thank you again! Jasmin Frost and Amy Hunt

Glebe Conservation Area

Yet again it is all too apparent that a number of could-not-care-less dog owners are regularly allowing their pets to foul the Glebe, and are simply ignoring their legal responsibility to CLEAR UP after their dog. At the time of writing, one of the Glebe friends recently counted no less than twenty separate piles of poo at various locations in the Glebe.

The trustees have no wish to restrict the many responsible and observant owners who make proper use of the Glebe when exercising their dogs, watching them when off the lead, and clearing up when necessary. For some months now there is a poo bin located at the entrance from The Croft. It is an offence not to clean up after your dog: the penalties are stated at each of the area entrances.

There are many users of our beautiful area, including young children, so please be vigilant and conscientious when walking your dog.

Ryedale Dog Warden has been informed of the trustees' concern.

Message from the Jumblies

The January jumble sale is always a good one and this year was no exception. Thank you to everyone who sent all the good jumble which filled the hall and who donated cash and prizes. The total raised was £2,240 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind, and got us off to flying start of 2015.

Our March Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 21st March 2pm to 4pm, raising money for York SANDS which is a group of volunteers who support parents through the loss of their children. They have a bereavement midwife and they visit parents on a one to one basis at the hospital and in their own homes, listening to their stories and offering support and friendship. They host meetings twice a month at the bereavement suite dealing with recently bereaved parents and also parents who are maybe considering another pregnancy and need a different kind of support. Members of York SANDS will meet parents anytime and for as long as they feel they need to talk.

We are hoping to be able to raise a good total to help them to continue their invaluable work. Your donations of clothes, toys, books, bric-a-brac, will be most welcome. As usual we will be at the Hall between 9am and 12 noon to accept your contributions. The Book room will be open at 1pm with the main Jumble Sale starting at 2pm

An additional event this year, will be held **on Saturday 11th April. The Jumblies will be hosting a Coffee Morning at the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon raising money for the Alzheimer's Society** in memory of our late departed and well-loved Jumbly May Barner, who died last Autumn. Many of you will remember "Mrs Barner" who was Reception Teacher at the Primary School for a great number of years. She was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Admission will be £2 including refreshments and there will be a cake stall, book stall, and tombola. Bonnie Lawson will also have her Fantastic Second Hand Jewellery Stall selling beautiful items at bargain prices to swell the funds.

Please make a note in your diary and come along to join us, whatever your age there will be a warm welcome waiting for you. Alzheimer's is a most cruel disease, and it does not discriminate –as well as it affecting many older people an increasing number of younger people are now being diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's. If you are not able to come along but would like to make a donation in May's memory, please contact any of the Jumblies. Thank you. Penny Bean 878392

Save your right to walk!

Where: **Sheriff Hutton Village Hall**

When: **Tuesday 17th – 19th March 2015 at 10.00am**

For as long as anyone can remember people from Sheriff Hutton village have walked freely along the single lane track next to the Lodge at the Lilling turn off, which leads past Sheriff Hutton Hall and through to routes to Flaxton and Thornton le Clay - commonly known as the Coach Road. It links many of the footpaths across the fields around the village, creating a choice of enjoyable circular walks. On Tuesday the 17th March a Local Public Inquiry will commence in the Village Hall held by an Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol. The Inspector will decide ultimately if the Coach Road is to be made a definitive Public Footpath, **which was the decision of NYCC in 2011, or whether the objections to NYCC's decision are indeed valid. If his decision goes against NYCC then the right to enjoy this historic route will be lost for ever.**

It has been a 20 year effort by the Parish Council and supporters to clarify the status of the Coach Road. Now it is time for everyone who is able, to come along and show how important the Coach Road is to people in the village. There will be people speaking in favour of the footpath, and also objectors. A robust turnout from the village will impress upon the Inspector how strongly people feel. **It's now or never. Please come.**

Any questions? Contact Dick Johnson 878545 or Helen Spath 878487

Village Charity

The next meeting is on Monday 9th March – 7.30pm in Village Hall. Requests should be with the secretary [John Oakley - Old School House tel:878754] by Thursday 5th March at the latest."

Diane Coulton

Eddie, Angela, Lorraine, Josh and Evie would like to express their thanks to all the people who have shown such care and compassion at the sudden loss of Diane.

The messages, cards, visits, flowers and good wishes from everyone were overwhelming and very much appreciated. It makes us all appreciate what a special village we are lucky to be part of.

A total of £636.00 was raised for Hull ICU which showed extreme care and compassion to Diane and her family during her short stay with them.

Diane will be greatly missed by everyone.

Eddie, Angela, Lorraine, Josh and Evie

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

The meeting we held on the 11th February was a very jolly event .We had a quiz which tested everyone (sorry I made it so hard) and was followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Everyone really enjoyed just chatting with friends and relaxing.

Our next meeting is our Annual Branch Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 2pm. Would members bring a plate of food which will be served after the meeting. We have lots of news to get through so would as many members as possible try and get to this meeting. Thank you.

Barbara Grinham .

Forest of Galtres Churches

Care in the Community EXHIBITION

Information and advice on:

social services, health, benefits, home security, home help, residential care, wills, pensions, recreation

Citizens Advice, Social Services, Care suppliers, Housing Assocs., Doctors' Surgeries, House Improvements

Advice on staying healthy and happy in your own home with community support. For adult carers and older residents. Come and explore some options which might help you now or in the future.

SHERIFF HUTTON VILLAGE HALL - APRIL 25th 11am to 3pm

Entry free, light refreshments available (not lunches)

INFORMATION TEL Roy Thompson on 01347 878644 or email: thompsonroy5@gmail.com

Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club

Notice of Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday March 4th 2015 at 7.30pm. Items on the Agenda will include subscription rates for 2015, future court maintenance, junior tennis, teams and social tennis. This is your opportunity to have a say in the running of the club. The club is dependent on having a committee who work towards providing the best facilities and playing opportunities they can for this small village club. The tennis club is an important village facility and the courts have been in use for over 100 years but we need the backing of the members to continue this long tradition. If you have any comments about the club or any items you would like to be discussed and most important of all if you would like to join the committee, please get in touch at Josephinejohnson6@gmail.com or telephone 01347878626

Ladies Session. There will be an additional Ladies session on Saturday March 7th from 1.30pm. All other sessions continue as normal, Damian is running his Wednesday morning coaching sessions from 9.30 to 10.30 £5.00 per session.

Friends of the Village Hall

Easter Coffee Morning Saturday March 28th

10am – 12 noon in the Village Hall

Admission £1.50 to include Coffee/Tea and a Hot Cross Bun. Children 50p to include a drink and a bun/biscuit.

Raffle and Tombola. Easter Egg Hunt (at 11am)

Free craft activity table for children and anyone else who wishes to have a go!

Friendly company and a warm welcome for all!

Donations of Raffle and Tombola prizes etc. would be most welcome either to Margaret 878314 after March 25th or on the day.

Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

What an amazing January Jumble sale! The total raised was over £2,240! Very many thanks to the Jumblies, and of course to all the customers, for getting our fundraising for the year off to such a fantastic start!

The Annual General Meeting of the Easingwold and District branch will take place on Tuesday, 17th March, at the Old School House, Main Street, Sheriff Hutton, at 1.30pm. You are all welcome to come and see what we have been doing, and how we raise funds for this excellent cause (and hopefully how you can help us in future!)

Sheriff Hutton Village Auction - Saturday 2nd May

This year our annual village auction will be jointly run by the UCCC, Friends of the Village Hall, School PTFA, Playgroup and Youth Club! As ever, we depend completely on your donations of saleable items, so please keep an eye out for possible items during the next few months! Items can be brought to the Village Hall on Friday 1st May (6-9pm) or Saturday 2nd May (9am to 11am only please) or we can arrange to collect items from you during these times. We can sell most household and garden items (sports equipment, furniture, office items, tools, kitchenware and tableware) but are not able to sell large white goods, microwave ovens, mattresses or any upholstered furniture without current fire safety labels. We can also arrange to collect items in advance if you need: please phone Caroline Hunt (878242) to find out more.

Saturday 2nd May - the Auction itself - viewing is from 12-1 only, and bidding starts at 1pm. Light lunches and refreshments are available all day, and we welcome any kind donations of cakes to sell on the day. The auction is a really great village event with great bargains and a lot of laughter too - this really is recycling at its very best! If you would be willing to help for an hour or a couple of hours on the Friday night or Saturday please let Caroline know.

Health Visitor Drop-in

The Health Visitor will be next at the Village Hall from 9.30am – 11.30am on **Thursday 5th March** 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.

Edith Mabel Cooper (née Pallister) 1918 - 2015

The small family funeral took place at York Crematorium on Friday 13th February to give thanks for the life of Edith.

Edith was born at East End, Sheriff Hutton and lived there most of her life until she had to move to residential care and sheltered housing in Norton.

A retiring collection raised £112 for Save the Children. Although Edith had no children of her own she took great pleasure in helping to care for nieces and nephews and later Great and Great-Great nieces and nephews!

If you have fond memories of Edith and would like to add to that collection please give Richard a call on 01347 878534.

Super-Mobile Library

The super-mobile library will visit the Village Hall Car Park between 10.00 and 12.00 noon on **Friday 6th and 20th March**.

Development of Sheriff Hutton

Soon after the History Group was formed we started a project to trace the development of the village, listing the buildings street by street and starting to research the date they were built, the original landowner and the builder/developer. When we held the Exhibition and Opening Day for the Archives last July there was a lot of interest expressed and I captured a lot of useful information.

Prior to 1953 there wasn't any 'private building'. Most of the properties were workers cottages and council houses which had invariably been built to replace poor quality cottages, some barely suitable for habitation. I have found a great deal of information regarding the newer buildings, BUT I would like to hear about many others post 1953.

Do you have the deeds for your property (any age)? These are an invaluable source of historical information. Our house deeds date back to 1905, though from a document in the archives dated 1765, we have identified a property on our site. Prior to 1953 it was a lovely cottage (we have pictures of this) which was demolished and rebuilt, mostly on the same footprint. The documents listed the previous owners, when the property was sold and to whom and the price paid – very interesting!

We also have, in the archives, a document from 1624 which details the lands of 'Sheriff Hutton Manor' in the hands of the Ingram family, listing the residents, the cottages and amount of land they 'rented' and showing fields, with names. A map dated 1765 shows 'fields and properties'. The 'manor' remained in the Ingram family, being passed down through the heirs and eventually sold by Lord Halifax in 1920. Properties in the east of the village will probably have similar details which may help to identify the oldest properties.

Would anyone like to be involved in future research? Do you have a copy of your deeds that I could look at? Could we write a summary of the history of your property? There are many tasks that need some further manpower to help us with this project, which I have found fascinating so far. Please help us!

Please contact me on 878465 Margaret Thompson

Glebe Conservation Area - Thank You!

The trustees would like to say a big thank you to the enthusiastic and energetic bunch of thirteen volunteers who turned up on Saturday 14 February. In well under two hours we dragged, cut and burnt the piles of brushwood, resulting from wind damage and the ongoing thinning of the hedge on the area's southern boundary by John Eastlake and Tim Hunt (Thank you John and Tim!). We also cleared and burnt the brambles which were spreading onto the grass areas and gradually smothering one of the ancient castle mounds.

Our thanks also go to Andy Chapman and Jim Warrington for their strimming and hedge work on the Saturday 7th.

Village Ramble

Spring will be in the air for the morning ramble on **March 26th** along the Selby Canal – nice and flat! We meet at the Village Hall car park at 9.30am, travel by car to the start of the walk (about 5 miles long) and then enjoy a friendly pub lunch. We get back to the village between 2 and 3pm. Lifts can be provided.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

At Christmas the village churches raised over £500 towards the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone and Revd Francis Nabieu, one of our circuit ministers whose family lives there is keeping us up to date with the current situation. The immediate effect of the epidemic was that Christians were not allowed to congregate in churches for Christmas and watch night services. Families were asked to lead prayers at home on Christmas day and very few people went home for Christmas. A cure may not be far away but that is just the first phase of the problem. The York Methodist churches are now supporting "Children of Hope Foundation" with which Revd Francis Nabieu has links. It is hard to imagine children being orphaned twice first by losing parents in the civil war and then other caring relations to Ebola. There are situations where 13 year old children are head of households and a 12 year old was thrown out of her home by the landlord because her family had died from the disease and then refused food from a shop because the owner did not want Ebola money.

It may have disappeared from the TV news and our newspapers but these people still need our support and prayers. We will be pleased to receive any gift to this cause, our church treasurer is David Marwood 878937.

Sunday Services in March

1 st	10.30am	Revd Ann Vaughan		
8 th	10.30am	Revd Dr Peter Doble		
15 th	10.30am	Mr Ralph Frankland	6.30pm	Revd Ann Vaughan
22 nd	10.30am	Revd Elizabeth Cushion		
29 th	10.00.am	United Palm Sunday Service at the Parish Church		

Additional Activities

Mondays	7.30 p.m.	Guild in the Miss Ward room. (See programme below)
Wednesdays	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayers
	10.00 a.m.	Drop in for coffee and chat in the Miss Ward room.
	2.30 p.m.	A sing-a-long-together hour in the Miss Ward room. (March 4th)
Thursday	2.30 p.m.	Feature Film afternoon for charity in the Miss Ward room.

Wesley Guild.

Monday evenings in the Miss Ward Room at 7.30 p.m. After a short devotional opening the following programme is planned. You will be most welcome if you wish to join us.

- 2nd A world missions evening when Christine and Andy Bull from Wales will bring us up to date about life in the village for orphans at Bulabakulu, Kampala, Uganda which they have recently visited.
- 9th Tonight we visit Huntington Methodist Church for their guild rally. An evening when local guilds get together for worship and supper. The preacher will be Revd Hazel Hanson.
- 16th "You don't look well" is the title of an evening with Linda McCarthy of the Dickens Society.
- 23rd Slides of the Southern Hemisphere will be presented by Peter Bullivant.
- 30th The last meeting of our 2014/15 programme when the AGM will be followed by a Singalong and verse evening.

All evenings aim to end by 9p.m. after having had a cup of tea and biscuit.

Gardening Club

Wednesday 18th March meeting is a trip to South Africa to look at the flowers with David Slade. Having been there myself I can assure you they are amazing and diverse. Available at the meeting will be the potato sets (Charlotte) with pots, £2 each, 50p for children, for the potato competition on 4th August. For the sunflower competition we have a new variety this year as we are still looking for the best option for Yorkshire.

There are still a few seats left for the day trip to Stoke Bardulph and Burton Joyce on Tuesday 9th June and the overnight garden visits to Northamptonshire. Please contact Christine on 878439 if you wish to add your name.

Roger Burnett and his team answered a variety of questions and gave their topical tips along with a few extra anecdotes to liven up the evening at the February meeting.

St. Helen & the Holy Cross Sheriff Hutton with St. Leonard Farlington

The Forest of Galtres Benefice of St. Leonard, Farlington: St Mary, Marton: St. Helen & The Holy Cross, Sheriff Hutton: St. Nicholas, Stillington; All Hallows, Sutton-on-the-Forest

SERVICES IN MARCH

Sheriff Hutton	1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion	6pm	Benefice Celtic Eucharist at Marton
	8 th	9.30am	Morning Worship		
	15 th	10.30am	Benefice Family Eucharist at Sutton	6pm	Benefice Celtic Reflective Worship at Marton
	22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion		
	29 th	10.00am	Joint Palm Sunday Service at Parish Church		
Farlington	8 th	11.15am	Shortened Matins		
	15 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)		

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

EVENTS

9 th March	Village Charity 7.30 Village Hall
10 th March	Annual Parish Meeting - 7.30 - Miss Ward Room
29 th March	Clocks SPRING Forward

Sheriff Hutton History Group

The North Duffield Conservation & local History group gave a very interesting and amusing presentation about the activities of the group, from its beginning to the present day. We were invited to handle some of the artefacts on display, view a model of the Iron Age round house and enjoyed slides of the Celtic festival and the activities with the local schoolchildren. Thank you Bryan and Tony for a very, very informative talk.

Our next meeting will be: **Wednesday March 25th 2pm Village Hall**

High Wolds Heritage Group - Thixendale Through Time an illustrated presentation by Lesley and David Sharpe, Lynne Boyes. The talk will cover the story of Thixendale an isolated village in the High Wolds from pre-history to the present day. Artefacts, maps and photographs will be on display. This promises to be a very interesting talk. Entrance £1 for members. £2 for visitors. Tea/coffee biscuits available

Diary of Events:

Wednesday 22nd April 7.30pm Miss Ward Room SH Methodist Church Annual General Meeting with films and general discussion.

Wednesday 27th May 7.30pm Village Hall. Holgate Windmill - the Restoration of this York landmark, includes sale of flour. Presentation by Richie & Helen.

Friday 26th June 7.30pm Village Hall

New light on the Middleham Jewel - presentation by Dr Kate Giles

Wednesday 22nd July 7.30pm Village Hall

Presentation by Ryedale Family History Group

Contact Margaret 01347 878465 or Meg 01347 878136 for further information.

Sheriff Hutton Cricket Club

As we enter March thoughts begin to turn to the start of the new season. With that in mind pre-season Indoor Net practice will start on Friday 6th March, for 6 weeks to the 10th April from 8.15 – 9.15pm at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold.

If you are interested in attending or in finding out more about how to get involved with the club in a playing or non-playing capacity, please contact Tony Fisher (01904 491832) or John Armitage (07931 384227).

DISHY

Well you did it again DISHY – Last year's pantomime was always going to be a hard act to follow but you did it. What an absolutely brilliant performance. So much talent! So much commitment! Just what we needed to brighten up a miserable February. We were all exhausted with all the clapping. To everyone involved in the production, cast, backstage, production team, parents, everyone **THANK YOU SO MUCH**

Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists March 2015

Our AGM on Wednesday 25th February was too late in the month to be able to report on for this edition of the Village News. But I did want to remind everyone that our next meeting will be our final indoor meeting of the winter season. It will be on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when John Millet from The River Foss Society will be doing a talk on the History and Wildlife of the Foss. This will be a mainly history orientated talk, as John explains how the river has changed through the ages.

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.

Farlington Bridge Closure

Please be advised that Farlington Bridge will be closed from Monday, March 2nd for major engineering works anticipated to last 8 weeks. There will be **ABSOLUTELY NO ACCESS**. Please use an alternative route and drive safely and respectfully through the village as there will be an inevitable increase in traffic on single track roads. Thank you.

Sheriff Hutton Primary School

We have really enjoyed exploring our 'What's cooking!' theme during the first part of this term. A trip to a local farm and a visit from a tractor were exciting highlights for our younger pupils. We would like to thank everyone involved for their time and patience! All the children had the opportunity to spend an afternoon at Tesco; they were fascinated by the large freezer and how many loaves of bread and bread buns are baked there every day. For the second part of the term our theme changes to 'Power it up!' This is a science based topic and we hope the children will be able to find out more about electricity and what it is used for. This theme also provides an opportunity to think about environmental issues and the older children may consider renewable energy sources.

We continue to welcome many people from the village who help in school; listening to reading or joining in with school activities. If you would like to help or just pop in for a visit we would love to hear from you!

You can find out more about the school and the activities the children are involved in on our school website www.sheriffhuttonschool.org

Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club FRIDAY BINGO

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall Friday 13th March : 7.30pm
PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

£100 SPECIAL JACKPOT
Everyone Welcome

Lent

'What have you given up for Lent?' That seems to be the main question as we begin a new month. During Lent it is tradition to give something up for the six weeks leading up to Easter. Lent is a time for giving up, whether it is chocolate or biscuits, or giving up some time to go to Lent meetings or to visit someone. But I think that sometimes by the end of the month, giving up is exactly what we do. We start out with the best of intentions and firm resolve, but then we give in to that biscuit or slip in our efforts and lose some of our dedication.

Sometimes that can be how we feel about our work in our church. God calls us to do something and we start out with good intentions and lots of enthusiasm, but then things go wrong and we get disillusioned and we want to give up. So perhaps what we need to do in Lent is give up giving up. To think about what God wants us to do and go for it, whether it is something we have been doing for a while or something new we feel He is leading us to. As we move through Lent, may we give up giving up, focus on Jesus and, as St Paul puts it, press on with determination towards the goal set before us and the calling given to us.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Police advise that thefts from sheds/garages continue in Ryedale, though thankfully not in our immediate area. Target items are batteries, garden equipment and (from farm properties) quad bikes. As previous advice, ensure outbuildings and sheds are securely locked.

There have been a number of cold-calling incidents in Sheriff Hutton over the past month, from a double-glazing firm, an 'energy' company and one, or possibly two, groups touting for milk deliveries. The full range of explanations given when challenged were: 1) we are working for the government (no, they weren't) 2) we have a licence (no, they didn't) 3) rules don't apply to us (yes, they do). Whilst there is nothing to suggest that any of these callers were anything other than sincere, it should be remembered that there is an identifiable link between cold-calling and subsequent criminal activity, so I would suggest that we are all vigilant over the coming weeks, just in case.

Nationally the Police advise an increase in telephone fraud involving people being requested for card details over the 'phone. NEVER give card details over the 'phone. A legitimate bank would never ask you for account details as they already have them. Under NO circumstances give the 3 digit number on the rear of the card.

Of further note nationally there has been a marked increase in thefts of Land Rover Defender cars and parts – no matter how old and tatty your Landy is, it's of value to someone.

With the onset of lighter nights there will inevitably be an increase in road usage by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Can all road users take additional care, particularly in the evening.

Subject to confirmation I have rescheduled the next meeting to 14 April, at 7.30pm. I believe that Nicki will be attending with the new beat manager. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact me at the shop or pop along to the next meeting. If you have anything to report regarding crimes either in process or evident or have information regarding cold-callers, ring 101.... PLEASE don't report it to me first hours/days after the event.

Alan Pitman 16 February 2015

Youth Club

Just a quick reminder that Youth Club now runs on THURSDAYS from 6.30pm to 8pm in the Village Hall. All secondary school-aged young people very welcome. For only £1.50 per session you can meet up with friends, enjoy a range of activities, visit the tuck shop, and there's even the mobile fish and chip van on site! As the weather gets warmer and days get longer there will be more opportunities to get sports equipment outside too..... Recent activities included a very popular Dragons Den - watch out world there are some budding entrepreneurs just waiting for their time to come.....

Sheriff Hutton Pre-School Playgroup News

In Playgroup this half term we will be thinking about travel and transport. We are really looking forward to this theme as it reflects the current interests of many of our children and provides lots of potential for writing, stories and role play. We will be setting up a railway station with a train, tickets and timetables. We are also planning a visit to the National Railway Museum in York.

Playgroup sessions are led by a qualified teacher and are held each week during term time on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00-12:00 (morning); 12:00-3:00pm (afternoon) or 9:00am-3:00pm (all day) with an optional After Playgroup Club from 3:00-3:20pm. If you would like further details on session times or to discuss a place for your pre-school child, please contact Julie on 878574 or email: shuttonpreschool1@yahoo.com

Website

For further information on all of our Playgroup news and events, please visit our website at: www.sheriff-hutton-playgroup.org

BABIES and TODDLERS -Thursday March 19th 2015

Please note that there will be **NO** Babies and Toddlers Session on Thursday March 19th as the Village Hall is being used for a Public Enquiry into Sheriff Hutton Coach Road.

There will be a session as normal on Thursday March 26th before we break for 2 weeks for the Easter Holidays.

Sheriff Hutton Pre-School Playgroup and Toddlers is a registered charity no. 1021113

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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	Over 60's Lunch				
Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayers	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 March

Mon	2 nd	7.30pm	Guild – <i>Orphans of Bulabakulu, Uganda</i> . Miss Ward Room
Wed	4 th	7.30pm	Field Naturalists – <i>History & Wildlife of the River Foss</i> in the Village Hall
		7.30pm	Tennis Club AGM, Village Hall
Thurs	5 th	0930 – 11.30	Health Visitor in the Village Hall
Fri	6 th	10 – 12 noon	Super-mobile Library in the Village Hall car park
Mon	9 th	7.30pm	Guild at Huntington Methodist Chapel Rally
		7.30pm	Village Charity meeting in the Village Hall
Tues	10 th	7.30pm	St Helen's Church Annual Parish Meeting in the Miss Ward Room
Wed	11 th	2pm	Yorkshire Countrywomen's Annual Branch Meeting in the Village Hall
Fri	13 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall
		7.30pm	Bowls Club Prize Bingo in the Village Hall
Mon	16 th	7.30pm	Guild – <i>You Don't Look Well</i> by the Dickens Society. Miss Ward Room
Tues	17 th	10.00am	Coach Road Enquiry in the Village Hall
		1.30pm	Guide Dogs AGM at Old School House
Wed	18 th	10.00am	Coach Road Enquiry in the Village Hall
		7.30pm	Gardening Club – <i>The Flowers of South Africa</i> . Village Hall
Thurs	19 th	10.00am	Coach Road Enquiry in the Village Hall
			No Toddler Group because of the Coach Road Enquiry
Fri	20 th	10 – 12 noon	Super-mobile Library in the Village Hall car park
Sat	21 st	2.00 – 4.00	Jumbles Sale in the Village Hall in aid of York SANDS
Mon	23 rd	7.30pm	Guild – <i>Slides of the Southern Hemisphere</i> in the Miss Ward Room
Wed	25 th	2.00pm	History Group – <i>Thixendale Through Time</i> . Village Hall
Sat	28 th	10 – 12 noon	Friends of the Village Hall Easter Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Mon	30 th	7.30pm	Guild – AGM and Sing-a-long in the Miss Ward Room

Dates to Note

April	11 th	10 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning in aid of The Alzheimer's Society in the Village Hall
	14 th	7.30pm	Neighbourhood Watch meeting in the Village Hall
	22 nd	7.30pm	History Group AGM in the Miss Ward Room
	25 th	11 – 3pm	Care in the Community Exhibition in the Village Hall
May	2 nd		Village Auction
	27 th	7.30pm	History Group Holgate <i>Windmill Restoration</i> in the Village Hall
June	9 th		Gardening Club outing to Newark
	23 rd /24 th		Gardening Club outing to Northamptonshire
	26 th	7.30pm	History Group <i>New Light on the Middleham Jewel</i> . Village Hall
July	4 th		Jumbles Coffee Morning at Midway, Main Street
	22 nd	7.30pm	History Group presentation by the Ryedale Family History Group

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