

The Benefice of Harton

# The Circular



Winter edition 2015/2016  
November December January

Sand Hutton Claxton Flaxton  
Gate Helmsley Upper Helmsley Bossall  
Buttercrambe Howsham Harton  
Whitwell-on-the-Hill Crambe Foston  
Barton-le-Willows Thornton-le-Clay

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## ***Greetings from St Botolph's Cottage, Bossall***

***My dear friends,***

As I reflect on my recent holiday in Norfolk, I remember the vast ever changing skies, the rise and fall of the great North Sea, the golden sands that stretch unbroken along that coastline for sixty miles. Grey seals riding the surf, unafraid of anyone they might encounter, numerous seabirds and squalling gulls, little terns and diving cormorants, not forgetting fish in abundance especially the sea bass that can be seen at low tide.

What beauty and wonder has God created for us all to see and hear, to enjoy and to learn from. Having time and space to be still and quiet enabling us to reflect and appreciate all that our generous loving Father has given to us. I found in that holy place, with all that beauty, my weak feeble prayers had far reaching consequences, echoing the silent music of God's praise. It is at this point in the depths of our very being we can hear that still small voice of God speaking to us and to know His great love for each one of us.

We spent one day in Norwich, a city I did not know but came to love with its great cathedral standing at the centre of that very busy place, where many people down the ages have worshipped God and borne witness to the world of a God whose love is all embracing and unconditional towards all His children. Two such people I believe we can still learn from today.

***Julian of Norwich*** lived as a hermit in the mid 1300's. In 1373 when she was only thirty years old Julian suffered a severe illness from which she nearly died. During this time she received a series of visions of the Passion of Christ and the love of God. When she recovered she wrote down what she had been taught. Her book 'The Revelations of Divine Love' took her over twenty years to complete and was the first book to be written by a woman. The most well-known quote from the book is "All shall be well, all manner of things shall be well". In other words if we seek to know God first and foremost and seek His



kingdom everything we need in life will be given to us. That is our Lord's promise to each and every one of us.



The second person is **Edith Cavell** born in 1865 the eldest child of a local vicar. Alongside her siblings, she was taught by her father at home. She went on to train as a nurse at The Royal London Hospital in the East End of London from 1896-1898. Her great opportunity came when in 1907 she was invited by the leading Belgian surgeon Antoine Depage, to become a founding director of the first professional nurse's training school in Belgium.

Each summer Edith came back to Norfolk on holiday. In August 1914 she was with her widowed mother in her Norwich home when news came of the threat of German invasion of neutral Belgium. Edith immediately travelled back to Brussels to be with her nurses, and they cared for casualties regardless of national origins.

Although the German occupiers threatened death to anyone assisting allied soldiers, in early 1915 Edith became part of an underground network that enabled those caught behind enemy lines to escape from Belgium. Eventually Edith and the underground group were all arrested and imprisoned. She found her ten weeks in solitary confinement in St Gilles Prison in Brussels a great mercy, a time of healing, peace and calm after the constant anxiety and stress of her work.

Edith was eventually tried along with thirty four others and found guilty of treason. On 11<sup>th</sup> October 1915, she learned that she would be executed by firing squad the next morning. Edith faced her death with calm courage. As a Christian and as a nurse she had committed herself to the service of others, conscious that this might cost her everything even the sacrifice of her own life. Service to our fellow human beings is one of the greatest gifts we can give.

If you were in church for the Benefice Harvest Service you would have seen the response to the Family Shoe-Box Appeal and heard Chris and Sandra Leeming speak on the work of the 'Amen' project in Romania. It is such a little thing we can do for those less fortunate than ourselves, who in comparison have everything.

Standing together as the Benefice of Harton, whatever our church or village, if we could learn together to be still and quiet, listening to the voice of God

as he tries to lead us all into a greater relationship with Himself and each other, drawing from each other's strengths and weaknesses, sharing our resources and ideas and helping one another in love, thus we can like Julian of Norwich and Edith Cavell serve those around us and draw others into God's Family of the Church and so become God's Kingdom People here on earth.

With my continued prayers for you all  
Your loving sister

**Margaret Ann CSPH+**

## Services for the Benefice of Harton

### November 2015

<b><i>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November</i></b>		<b><i>All Saints</i></b>
9.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
10.30	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion	Foston
6.00	All Souls Memorial	Whitwell
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
<b><i>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November</i></b>		<b><i>Remembrance</i></b>
10.30	Benefice Act of Remembrance with Holy Communion	Bossall
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>Armistice Day</b>
10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
<b><i>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November</i></b>		<b><i>2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent</i></b>
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Howsham
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley

<b><i>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</i></b>	<b><i>Christ the King</i></b>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
10.30	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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<b><i>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November</i></b>	<b><i>Advent 1</i></b>
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10.00	Deanery Holy Communion Preacher: Bishop of Selby	St Peter's Church Norton
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**December 2015**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

10.00	Holy Communion	<b>St Andrew</b> Bossall
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<b><i>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>Advent 2</i></b>
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10.30	Benefice Carol Service	Sand Hutton
6.00	BCP Holy Communion	Howsham

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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<b><i>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>Advent 3</i></b>
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9.00	Morning Prayer	Gate Helmsley
10.30	Nativity and Toy Service followed by refreshments	Flaxton
10.30	Holy Communion	Bossall
6.30	Carol Service	Buttercrambe

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
6.30	Nine Lessons and Carols	Foston

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

7.30	Carol Service Followed by refreshments	Flaxton
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**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

6.30	Celebration of Christmas by candlelight	Crambe
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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December****Advent 4**

9.00	Mattins	Foston
10.30	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
6.00	Carol Service	Howsham

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December****Christmas Eve**

4.30	Crib Service	Bossall
4.30	Crib Service	Foston
4.30	Christingle and Crib Service	Sand Hutton
11.30	Midnight Mass	Bossall
11.30	Midnight Mass	Whitwell

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December****Christmas Day**

10.30	Christmas Holy Communion	Flaxton
10.30	Christmas Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December****St John**

10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Crambe
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**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December****Holy Innocents**

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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**January 2016****Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January****2<sup>nd</sup> after Christmas**

10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
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<b><i>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</i></b>		<b><i>Baptism of Christ</i></b>
10.30	Family Service	Flaxton
10.30	Holy Communion	Bossall
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
<b><i>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</i></b>		<b><i>Epiphany 2</i></b>
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
<b><i>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January</i></b>		<b><i>Epiphany 3</i></b>
10.30	Holy Communion	Foston
10.30	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
<b><i>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January</i></b>		<b><i>Epiphany 4</i></b>
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Howsham
<b>February 2016</b>		
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>		<b>Candlemas</b>
10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
<b><i>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February</i></b>		<b><i>Sunday next before Lent</i></b>
10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe
10.30	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
10.30	Family Holy Communion	Flaxton



Who are these men who march so proud,  
who quietly weep, eyes closed, head bowed?  
These are men who once were boys,  
who missed out on youth and all its joys.

Who are these men with aged faces,  
who silently count the empty spaces?  
These are the men who gave their all,  
who fought for their country, for freedom for all.

Who are these men with sorrowful look,  
who can still remember the lives that were took?  
These are the men who saw young men die,  
the price of peace is always high.

Who are these men who in the midst of pain,  
whispered comfort to those they would not see again?  
These are the men whose hands held tomorrow,  
who bought back our future with blood, tears and sorrow.

Who are these men who promise to keep  
alive in our hearts the ones God holds asleep?  
These are the men to whom I promise again:  
Veterans, my friends, I will remember them.

*Anonymous 12yr old girl 1966*



*A Benefice Service of Remembrance will take place at Bossall Church on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 followed by an Act of Remembrance at Sand Hutton and Claxton war memorial at 12noon.*

# **THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS**



**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**St Mary's Church**  
**Gate Helmsley**  
**At 7.0 p.m.**

Two sessions led by Revd. Chris Wingfield offering a time of peace and reflection on the Christmas Celebration in the midst of the Advent mayhem

This will be followed by refreshments

**Do come and join us as we learn and prepare for the Christmas Season**

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## **Welcome to those newly baptised**

9th August

Phoebe Grace Jackson-Clark

Bossall



## **Congratulations and good wishes to those who were married recently**

27<sup>th</sup> June

Allan Cardiss and Wendy Hall

Flaxton

1<sup>st</sup> August

Jamie Watson and Angela Mary Evans

Sand Hutton

29<sup>th</sup> August

Mark Smith and Danuta Brown

Flaxton

26<sup>th</sup> September

Oliver Calpin and Annabelle Eugenie Carr

Sand Hutton

# **SAND HUTTON AND CLAXTON VILLAGE HALL**

## **Forthcoming Events**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January** Burns Night Supper - Kilts, Haggis and Whisky

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** Our pop-up pub, "Synolda Arms" with music of the 60s from a great band, "Beatlesque"

All our usual clubs are running throughout the winter; come and join us for good company and activities:

- Indoor Bowls
- Women in Harmony
- Knit and Natter
- W.I
- Tai Chi

And the Community Library is open every Monday morning 10am – 12 for books, chat and coffee

**For further information on events, see the parish website**

**[www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk](http://www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk)**

*We are currently looking for people who are willing to take an active role in organizing the Village Show that returns to Sand Hutton next year; please contact Rachel Hirst 468336 or Caroline Hall 468376*

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## **Claxton and Sand Hutton Parish Council**

### *Christmas Saturday Social*

**Come along to Sand Hutton Village Hall  
for real coffee, Yorkshire tea and mince pies**

**Saturday 12 December 10.30am – 12.30**

- **Meet our special guest, new M.P. Kevin Hollinrake**
- **Local products including award-winning pork pies; fresh bread from the "Loafing on the Green" bakers; beautiful Fairy Primroses; Gifts for Christmas**
- **Charity stall: run by the church, supporting this year's chosen charities, Ryedale Special Families and Zambian group, Tehila: (don't forget your Penny Pots of spare loose change)**
- **Community Library will be open, with Jigsaw swap**
- **New stall "Watch this Space" with information on current activities and future plans for the Village Hall**
- **Children's activity table**
- **Interlude at 12 noon for mulled wine and Christmas songs**

*The best kept secret.....*

## **GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS**



our stalls this year include.....

**Interior design, Wooden toys, Jewellery, Scarves and Bags, Willow baskets, Books,  
Sloe Motion, S&V pottery**

and (of course!)

**Sand Hutton Gifts with lots of handmade gifts, wreaths and winter planters with bulbs.**

and more stalls too...



Join us at

**Sand Hutton Village Hall**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 10am to 3pm**

**Raising money for St. Mary's Church**

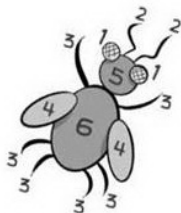
**giftsforchristmas@hotmail.co.uk**

## **Family Table-Top Games**

(e.g. jigsaws, beetle drive etc)



all in aid of St Peter's Church



**on Sunday 15th November**

**in**

**Sand Hutton Village Hall**

**from 2pm - 4pm**



**Admission is £3.00 and includes tea or coffee and a cake.**

**Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated**

**or further information please contact**

**Rachel Harrison 01795 371240 or mob 07847 329015**

**Mari Richards 01759 372757 or mob 07930338516**

# Dot and Bryan's

# quiz night!

***Friday November 20th***

***7.0 pm***

***at Sand Hutton village hall***

**Tables of four at £5 per person to include supper**

**Bring your own drinks**

**Raffle**

**Tickets available from Dot and Bryan**

**Tel: 01759 372 601**

**Proceeds to St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton, Tower Restoration Project**

Gate and Upper Helmsley Village

## **AUTUMN DANCE**

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**

Dancing to

## **PRIMAL SUSPECTS**

Two course supper all for £10 pp

Please bring your own drinks, glasses will be provided

Tickets available from

**Mandy 01759 371 148    and    Chris 01759 371 687**

Barton le Willows Village Hall  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 4th at 7.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS

QUIZ!

with

THE DYNAMIC DUO  
Includes £50 draw for 100 Club  
Max 6 people per team  
£5 per person to include snacks

For more information contact Mike and Jo Viner 01653 619282  
All proceeds to Barton Le willows Village Hall

St Mary's Church Gate Helmsley

Saturday 5th December  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
At Orchard House  
Gate Helmsley

CHRISTMAS  
FAVRE

TOMBOLA ❄️ RAFFLE ❄️ GIFTS ❄️ CAKES ❄️ PRODUCE

Adults £3 Children 50p  
Includes tea/coffee and mince pie  
(or admission by donation)



St John's Church, Whitwell

*Back by popular demand!*

**CHRIS CADE  
in 'SCROOGE'**

**Thursday December 10th  
6.30 p.m. for 7.0 p.m.**



All are welcome to come along to offer some audience participation and laughter

**Refreshments will follow the performance**

All donations to St John's Church, Whitwell

*For more information please contact Anthea Mitchell*

*Email: [antheamitchell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:antheamitchell@tiscali.co.uk)*

St Michael's Church, Crambe

Come and join us on

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 19th**

at 6.30 p.m. for

A candlelit celebration of Christmas

in carols, prose and poetry

with

**THE RAILWAY INSTITUTE BAND**

and soprano soloist

**CAROLINE HALL**

All are welcome



The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies  
Please bring a torch, the village and car park have no lighting!



All Saints Church Foston

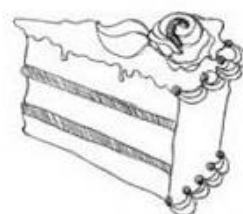
***Good news for all cake lovers!!***

**SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER**

11.0 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Thornton-le-Clay village hall

Come and enjoy friendly chat  
With delicious roast pork sandwiches  
Coffee and cakes



**VILLAGE CAROL  
SINGING**  
at St Mary's Church  
Gate Helmsley



**Saturday  
12th December  
at 12 noon**

Do come and join us for the very enjoyable annual family event

Refreshments will be provided afterwards

the exact arrangements and venue for refreshments

will be publicised later



**Carol Singing in Claxton**

**Monday 21st December**



(meet at Anne White's house— Middle Cottage, Claxton at 6.15 p.m.)

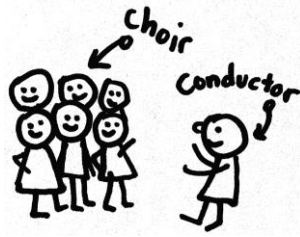
All singers are invited to Vicarage Farm  
for refreshments before setting off

If you would like to sing some carols around Claxton  
and raise some money for **Macmillan Cancer Support**

**Please ring Anne Atkinson Tel: 01904 468226**



# The Benefice Choir



## **Tenors and Basses urgently needed! Can you help?**

The Benefice Choir sings at the regular Benefice services and other special services. Our repertoire includes hymn settings, anthems, responses, Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis etc.

**We rehearse on a Thursday evening, generally twice a month,  
from 7pm - 8pm at St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton.**

We thank choir members for their regular support and contribution.

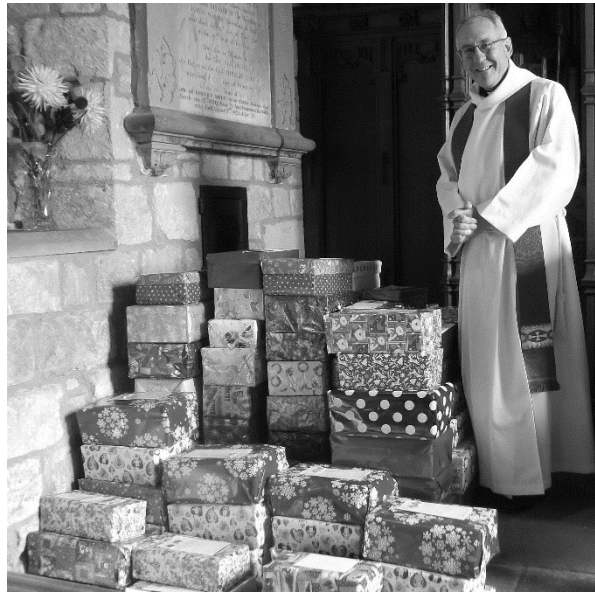
**For more information please contact Peter Stott: 01904 468404  
or Email - [petermstott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:petermstott@yahoo.co.uk)**

### ***From the Benefice PCC.....***

The Benefice PCC last met on 15<sup>th</sup> October. The main discussion was about the service schedule for 2016. The plan for this year, 2015, had been something of an experiment, such as having the Wednesday morning Holy Communion services in monthly blocks at individual churches. Feedback from parishioners was collated through their local representatives on the Benefice PCC and this has very much influenced the schedule for next year. In 2016 there will be more Benefice services, where we all gather together for one church service for the whole Benefice; these services provide an excellent opportunity to meet and socialise with people from different parishes and to get to know all the beautiful church buildings we have in the Benefice. Other Sunday services and the Wednesday morning services will be more evenly distributed across our ten churches.

**The Benefice PCC will next meet on 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm.** Any agenda items may be sent to Wendy Holman direct or through the local parish representatives.

## **'AMEN' PROJECT CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**



*Chris with the shoebox mountain*

The shoe box appeal to support needy families in Romania has been a great success. Heartfelt thanks to all in our communities from our various villages and congregations who gave so generously. This will make a tremendous difference to those families receiving these gifts in Romania at Christmas time. As a result, 138 boxes were blessed by the Rector, Reverend Chris Wingfield, at the harvest service in Bossall church on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

**Shoe boxes can still be submitted until mid-November.**

**Please contact either David Tel: 01759 371513**

**or Christine Tel: 01759 371926**

**To arrange either collection or delivery**

We offer thanks to David Fletcher and Christine Watson, who organised the appeal, and who have worked so hard to bring it all together.



So many people in the world are less fortunate than we are and often hungry. A small project on Summer Sundays to offer surplus garden produce, has encouraged giving of donations to Christian Aid. I

have added this money to the envelope collection earlier in the year and sent £280 to this charity. Christian Aid has asked me to thank you for your generosity.

***Wendy Holman***

## ***My visit to Buckingham Palace by Celia Todd MBE***



It was an early start from Strensall as our London train left York at 6.40am. Staff were waiting to ensure that, with the wheelchair, I joined the train with as little fuss as possible.

London was its usual busy beehive of people rushing around but once again the station staff were ready and waiting as we arrived. Our taxi ride was not pleasant as traffic was heavy, and with security checks outside the Palace we were a little late, but once inside the grounds we were able to relax and enjoy the magnificent surroundings.

The Palace staff were wonderful talking to us as we walked through the various rooms and halls to a small reception for all those receiving awards. At this point my daughter-in-law Valerie and grandson Craig left us and Geoffrey and I were given an insight into how proceedings would follow.

After a short wait the formalities commenced at 11.00am when in small groups we were ushered through rooms highly decorated with paintings together with wonderful ceramics. Eventually we passed through the Great Hall where we saw Valerie and Craig watching the proceedings. I was then introduced to a member of the Palace staff who took over from Geoffrey and waited with me to be presented to Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal.

My name was announced and I went forward to receive my award and meet The Princess Royal, who was most gracious and chatted for a few moments. Her Royal Highness was keen to hear why I been nominated and about the time I had spent in Foston playing the organ, and engaging in other church and village activities. I then re-joined Geoffrey, Valerie and Craig to watch and listen to the remaining awards. After the ceremony we left the Palace staff and made our way back to the quadrangle. Once outside we waited for the official photographs to be taken and found a small area where we could take some for ourselves.

At 2.00pm we left The Palace grounds went to St Pancras station for a late lunch. We used the opportunity to look around the building which combines the original structures with modern conversions and additions and saw the Euro Star leave leaving. Back at Kings Cross the ramps were ready for us to board the train to York arriving home at 7.30 p.m. A long but wonderful day.

I would like to conclude by thanking those who kindly nominated me for this award.

## ***Around the Parishes.....***

***News views and information from:***

### ***BARTON LE WILLOWS***

A highly successful Village Party/Pulled Pork Extravaganza was held on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. A grand total of £450 was raised for Village Hall developments. Many thanks to all those who attended brought food and raffle prizes and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. As always the Management Committee gave freely of their time to make the event such a success.

#### **Refurbishment Programme**

As a result of the above and other fund raising events and the huge efforts of all the Committee and especially its fund-raising coordinator Jo Danischewsky, the village hall can begin the first step in its refurbishment programme with the upgrade of its toilet and cloakroom facilities, ensuring full disability compliance. Building work has now commenced and will be completed by mid-October.

#### **Joint Village Produce Show**

The combined villages Produce Show was held successfully on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Many thanks to all who competed attended and organized this event which was held in Barton le Willows for the first time and returns to Sand Hutton in 2016.

#### **Produce Show Trophy Winners**

- Freda Goodrick Cup for overall Best Fruit Entry: Jo Viner.
- Gordon Shield for Best Cookery Exhibit in all cookery :Julie Wills
- Shackleton Plate for Highest number of points in fresh flower classes: Julie Wills (more entrants scored the same points. but agreed Julie should have the trophy.)
- Jackson Trophy for best adult handicraft: Caroline Sherlock
- Dixon Challenge Cup for Best Exhibit age 5+ : Oliver and Hollis Hudson
- Under 5's plate for best exhibit under-fives: Pascal South (He isn't taking the trophy back to Australia with him! He is leaving it in the care of his cousins)

## **Future Events:**

- Due to building work the next main event will be the Christmas Quiz on December 4<sup>th</sup> starring the Dynamic Duo with full Committee support, including the live drawing of the December £50 100 Club prize.
- Photos: please see the Village Hall website for details of a photographic competition on the theme of Barton Old & New, which could be incorporated into a possible calendar for 2017.

## ***BOSSALL***

**Treasurer:** No final or long term arrangements have yet been made but in the meantime Jacqui Cadman has accepted the role of Treasurer with Teddy Denison as deputy with lessened responsibilities.

**Visitors:** By the time of this report we shall have been visited by a band of Sunday Service bell ringers one of whom has been a ringer all his life and has rung bells at over 6000 churches which includes virtually every U.K. church with 'ringable' bells!

**11<sup>th</sup> October:** This was the Benefice Harvest Service with the church being beautifully decorated by many helpers and the attendance was much appreciated because for some the road closure due to a marathon, created difficulties. The theme of the service was the collection and blessing of the 137 shoeboxes of gifts for Romania for Christmas.

**Remembrance Sunday:** The service is this year at Bossall on 8<sup>th</sup> November a service always and deservedly well attended this will be reported more fully in the next circular.

Otherwise 'onwards and upwards' towards a happy festive season!

## ***CRAMBE***

July started with a real taste of summer, but it didn't last for the whole month!

August was as usual, not too good and made the farmers work hard, one year they'll get harvest in summer.

The August communion was followed by Pimms at Bobby's in the sunshine, a real treat, thank you Bobby.

We have said goodbye to the final harvest for our last farmer in the village, as Peter Clark retires. Good luck for the future, and we hope you enjoy your retirement. We have also said goodbye to the Borthwick's, they will certainly be missed, and especially their young dog Oscar, who often visited around the village.

Our Harvest Festival and supper was a great success and as a prominent resident said 'an apple pie without cheese is like a kiss without a squeeze'. The PCC acknowledged all the hard work that has been done re 'the Way Ahead' project, but have set it aside for the foreseeable future.

We are looking forward to the usual carol concert, followed by a festive time next door at Bobby's.

## ***FOSTON***



### ***Hello from All Saints Foston!***

We all enjoyed a lovely Harvest Festival evensong. As you can see from the photograph the church was beautifully decorated,

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make it look so welcoming.

The Christmas elves have been very busy at Foston Church. Between us we have been able to contribute a fantastic eighteen, filled to the brim Christmas shoe boxes to be sent to Romania. This is a very impressive result for us and a huge thank you to all who took time to donate and pack the boxes. I'm sure they will be very much appreciated when they are distributed for Christmas in Romania.

Good news for all cake lovers. Our famous coffee morning will be having a revival Saturday 28th November 11am-12.30 Thornton-le-Clay Village Hall

Come and enjoy Hot Roast Pork sandwiches, and catch up with your friends in the village over a cup of coffee and some delicious homemade cake.

We are also hoping to hold further fund raising events which include, a literary event and a music evening these dates will be announced soon.

As winter and the Christmas season is fast approaching we would love to see you in church. Our lovely Churchwardens, Karen, Pam and Joan are a very friendly bunch and really welcome everyone. The Church always looks very special at Christmas, and if you would like to help us decorate, or have any fund raising ideas please just let us know.

## **FLAXTON**

At the end of August Danuta Brown and Mark Smith celebrated their wedding. We wish them good health and happiness.

Following a busy year of fundraising we are now taking a well-earned break to refresh and put our thinking caps on for new fundraising ideas during 2016.

**Our last fundraiser for the year was at St Crux** in September and was very successful. We raised just over £1,000. Of course this success does not come without a lot of effort and support from the people of the village whether it be baking cakes, provision of jams and fresh produce, working in the kitchen and last but not least the giving of time. The day starts at 8.00am when a team are waiting for Clive & Jeff to arrive with a van loaded to the ceiling with the days goods to sell. Within half an hour the van is unloaded and we start to set up the stalls. Margaret and Alison did an excellent job by acting as coordinators for the day. You can always count on having a laugh and banter with the customers but the highlight of the day was dodging peaches falling from the old peach tree in the grounds of St Crux. The day is extremely hard work (away by 5.00pm) but the results are fantastic.



*A plate of fallen peaches!*



*On the beach in Scarborough*

At the beginning of September we had another **Sunday school outing** this time to Scarborough. We caught the train from York which was very busy but we managed to get window seats so we could spot familiar places as we sped by. It wasn't the warmest of days but it didn't deter the children

from putting on their swim wear and going into the sea. We spent the day on the beach having plenty of sustenance of fish & chips, ice creams, cups of tea. A fun day was enjoyed by all. Who knows where our next trip will be!

**Sunday School (no homework!) has now restarted 9.30-10.30 in church.**

The door is always open to new members. We are very easy going – it is not a commitment to come every week and parents are welcome to stay. For more information please ring Ida 01347 878 432. Our Nativity and Toy Service is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30. If there are any young people who would like to take part please drop by for a chat any Sunday or ring me on the above number. Gifts of new or good quality second hand toys/books/games etc. (age range 0-16) will be gratefully received at this service. They will then be passed on to the Salvation Army for their Christmas Appeal.

Though the **Harvest Festival celebrations** were early for Flaxton, and a number of people were on holiday, the church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, and vegetables. People were extremely generous in providing non-perishable goods which the children presented at the altar for a blessing. As before the produce was given to the Salvation Army and a letter of thanks has been received. The food will be used in the Salvation Army food parcel distribution programme that is run to help those who find themselves in crisis. The service was followed by a “bring and share” lunch in the Village Hall.

Our Carol Service is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. The Flaxton Singers are already tuning up under the direction of Dick Blackford. Please come along and join us – the more people in church the warmer it will be and there is hot mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

## ***GATE HELMSLEY***

On the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> October, St Mary’s Church – beautifully decorated with flowers and produce – was full to celebrate the harvest festival. The church service was followed by a sumptuous harvest supper in the village hall. Our grateful thanks to all those who helped in any way to make the evening a success. Our next fund-raising event will be the Christmas Fayre at Orchard House on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. On the following Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon, St Mary’s Church will be the venue for the annual village carol singing. See separate notices for both these events.



We must appeal to those who attend services at St Mary's Church to – if at all possible – park their vehicles in the designated car park opposite the village hall. While we fully realize that some people who find walking difficult must leave their cars close to the church, we ask others not to park on the back lane. Local residents have had difficulty recently getting in or out of their own drives because of cars parked on the grass verges. The verges are also planted with spring bulbs. If you need help with parking, please contact Delyth Harran. Thank you for your co-operation.

The new churchyard, to the North side of The Lane, is now looking much tidier. The section to the left of the footpath has just been seeded and should be ready for consecration once the grass is established. Gaps in the hedge on either side of the gate will also be filled.

The building alterations at the village hall are now complete, providing a greatly improved facility for the villages of Gate Helmsley and Upper Helmsley. County Councillor Clare Wood officially opened the building on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October during the Christmas Craft Fair. Fund-raising needs to continue so that the kitchen can eventually be improved. Do come and support our next fund-raising event, a dance on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November – details are on a separate notice in the Circular.

We have recently bid farewell to the landlady of the Duke of York pub, Dee Hillier, and her daughter, Jo. Dee is retiring after 15 years at the Duke, but will continue to live in the village. We send our good wishes to Dee, Jo and the family for the future.

### ***Christine's Fun Walk***



Keith, Shan and Ceri would like to thank everybody who took part or sent a donation for the walk to remember Christine.

**we raised £900.00**

of which 'York Against Cancer' and 'York Breast Campaign Now' were each given £450.00.

Thanks also to Dee and her gang at the Duke of York cooking and preparing the lovely pork and apple rolls we enjoyed after the ten mile walk.

# “Pipe Up!”

## St Mary’s, Gate Helmsley Centenary Organ Restoration Fund

The last 3 months have been quiet as we wait for Principal Pipe Organs (PPO) to give us a date for work to begin. We should have definite news of progress for the Spring edition of The Circular. We hope so, as notes often fail to sound or (even worse) sound when they are not supposed to! Perhaps organists who play at services will miss the excitement that this uncertainty brings?

We now have a recording of the organ in its pre-restoration state.

As mentioned in our last report, we still need to raise a little more to cover unforeseen contingencies – so you can still help by sponsoring one or more pipes or by just making a donation.

For more information about the history of the organ, the restoration plans or to make a donation, contact Michael Harran – 01759 372215 or [mj@mharran.freeseerve.co.uk](mailto:mj@mharran.freeseerve.co.uk)

*Dick Garnons Williams, Michael Harran, Andrew Podmore*

## **HOWSHAM**

**The Church & Churchyard Clean-Up** on Bank Holiday Monday was a great success, very well supported and followed by a jolly barbecue.

**Harvest Festival** went exceedingly well. A full Church enjoyed a lovely Evensong led by Chris. A delicious supper with wine loosened the purse strings and the auction raised £380 for “Mind”. Thank you to Jim Stephenson and everyone who contributed decorated the Church and brought food.

**The Christmas Raffle & Cake Stall** will take place at York Auction Centre (Murton) Christmas Fatstock Show on **Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am**. Do come along – there is a great atmosphere.

**The Carol Service** will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies at the Great Barn.

We would welcome any fund-raising ideas - every little helps.

## ***SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON***

### **TO THE ANONYMOUS GIVER!**

On behalf of our daughter Hannah, Graham and Rachel thank you so much for the very generous gift given to enable her to have further x-rays on her foot. For those who wonder what all this is about, Hannah, with Sam her husband and young daughters Isla and Amba, live and work in Zambia. Their charity Tehila promotes the protection of children and prevention of child cruelty. They are now going into their fourth year but in their first year Hannah was knocked off her bike and sustained injuries that are still requiring treatment. When this gift came Hannah was needing an x-ray on her foot to determine where the ongoing problems lay but had no way of financing the advice given as they live totally by faith and trust God for their every need. This gift exactly covered the x-ray and subsequently she has had major surgery to replace a fragmented bone. We now pray for a total healing of the foot as this is the final treatment available. **THANK YOU!**

### **Autumn Leaves – September 20<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

Allen Warren writes : As two years ago we were blessed with a fine afternoon for Autumn Leaves and some 150 people enjoyed meeting old friends and new and were entertained in the garden by the Selby and York Districts Scout and Guide Band. In aid of Sand Hutton Church and the Scouts, some £1600 was raised after expenses and with anticipated gift aid, which was very generous from those who attended and by those donating although unable to come. Many thanks to them and to both hardworking teams from the church and York Scout Adult Support. It was an enjoyable afternoon

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday November 7th** 10am -3pm Gifts for Christmas . Sand Hutton Village Hall.

**Friday November 20th 7pm Dot and Bryan Mills Quiz Night.** Sand Hutton Village Hall

**Sunday December 6th at 10-30 am** in St. Marys Church, we look forward to our Carol Service with the Amici Singers

A warm welcome to you all as we begin to celebrate the Christmas Season.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, SAND HUTTON TOWER RESTORATION PROJECT



### ***Tremendous news!***

Following our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, we have been awarded a first-round pass and a 79% grant towards the development stage works. This will enable us to proceed with specialist investigations and reports which will inform future work. HLF believe our project has the potential to deliver high quality outcomes. This is only the start of

our journey – development stage works will cost in the region of £25,000 but the whole project will cost approximately £227,000. So much fundraising will continue!

Following the development stage works we aim to submit a second-round application to HLF for a further grant towards the delivery phase and capital costs.

The PCC would like to thank Heritage Lottery Fund for their backing and contribution but, in particular, the members of our local community and Benefice who work extremely hard and generously support our fundraising.

If you feel able to make a financial contribution to this worthy cause it would be much appreciated.

**For more information or to make a donation please contact:  
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### ***News from our schools.....***

#### ***SAND HUTTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL***



*Camouflage kids!*

#### **ROBINWOOD OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE**

One of the highlights of this term has been the keenly anticipated residential visit for the Year 5 and Year 6 children. The children and staff were joined by Warthill Primary school to return to the Robinwood outdoor pursuits centre at The Old School Todmorden.

We set off in very high spirits and had a trouble free journey allowing the children to notice the significant change in scenery as we followed the

beautiful Rochdale Canal, although not as far as Lancashire, we stayed firmly in Yorkshire!

When we arrived the children had to prepare their own beds and struggled impressively with duvet covers and pillow cases before enjoying a well-deserved lunch. The fun could then begin in earnest as we embarked on the first of many exciting and challenging activities. This included an uphill walk on the fells above the centre to scramble in, under and through a series of boulders and crevices. These varied in size and required a lot of wriggling, squirming and squeezing to get through, not really assisted by the mud and puddles along the way. The children (and Mrs Fraser and Mrs Edmondson) showed determination and resilience to be rewarded with a tremendous sense of achievement at their success. The children also had opportunity to try archery, trapeze, climbing, problem solving, map reading, adventure obstacle courses – not a minute was wasted, resulting in tired but happy children. Such a valuable experience for everyone who took part.



*Pause before the final assault*



*Scaling the wall or hanging about?*

## **BAG PACKING**

Any of you who shop at Sainsbury's at Monks Cross might have been assisted to pack your bags by the children of Sand Hutton and Warthill as they helped raise money for each PTA. It was a very successful morning as £408.43 was raised without any eggs being broken or tomatoes squashed. Shoppers were very generous but also complimentary about the politeness of the children who gained confidence as they dealt with the varied packing requests of a Sainsbury shopper!

**Our Christmas Fair will be on the evening of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December,  
everyone welcome.**

## **FOSTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Welcome back to a new school year with a few changes at Foston from September. The new school year has got off to a fabulous start. As of 1<sup>st</sup> September Foston has lowered its age range in order to take 3 year olds. As most of you will be aware we had a new classroom built for our juniors last year and this has allowed us to have a dedicated Early Years Room. It has also allowed for a separate quieter room for our Year 1 and 2 children to work in. We are extremely flexible with our Early Years Provision and currently have 6 children attending on a part-time – full time basis alongside our 4 reception children.

<b>Options</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Funding</b>
1: Free Hours	3 hrs	This will not affect your funding. We are offering 3 free hours to aid transition into school.
2: Share your funding	1-15 hrs	You can share your funding between our-selves and another setting.
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4: Extra hours	Any amount	You can pay for extra hours if you are using your funding elsewhere. We charge £4.60 per hour.

The learning environment for all children looks fabulous with the new classroom and early years room. **Please join us for our open day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30 p.m. until 3.15.p.m.**

We are all missing Mr Popplewell, our junior class teacher, who is currently Acting Head at Leavening Primary School whilst the Head Teacher is on maternity leave. It is fabulous to welcome Miss Charlotte Pope to school for this academic year. She has settled in well and is doing some fantastic work with the juniors.

This term the juniors are learning about life in the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's. If you have any photos of the village and its inhabitants during this time, any clothes from the period or artefacts please let us know. If you came to Foston School during these times would you be willing to talk to the children about it? You could also look to see if you carved your name in the bricks at the back of the main school building!

This term the infants' topic is 'I want to be...' The children will be looking at what characters they aspire to be, and we will also be looking at different jobs. We are looking for volunteers to talk to the children about their job. The children are keen to find out about different jobs and what they entail.

**Foston School is still looking for an additional midday supervisor.**

I understand that 5 days a week, every lunchtime, can be very tiring. We would most definitely be keen to employ someone for one or more days a week if this would suit you better. Please pop down or give us a ring on 01653 618265 if you are interested.

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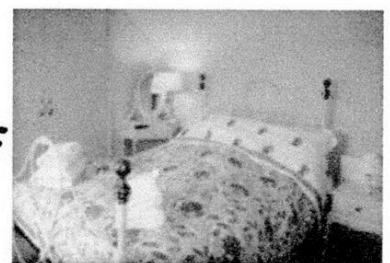
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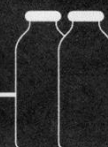
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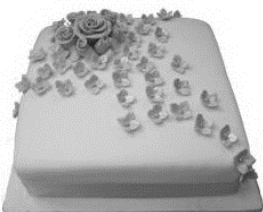
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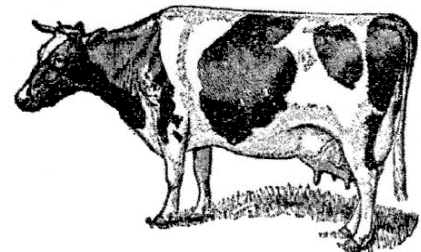
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