The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Winter edition 2013

November December January 2014

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

Services for the Benefice of Harton

Service Rota

November

Sunday 3 rd November		4 Before Advent
10.30	Benefice Eucharist and Lily Service	Crambe
Wednesday 6 th Novembo	er	
10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
Sunday 10 th November		Remembrance Sunday
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Upper Helmsley
Noon Act of Re	emembrance at Sand Hu	tton Memorial
Wednesday 13 th Noveml		Bossall
10.00	Holy Communion	DOSSaii
Sunday 17 th November		2 Before Advent
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Gate Helmsley
Wednesday 20th Novem	ber	
10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
Sunday 24 th November		Christ the King
9.00	Holy Communion	Foston
10.30	Morning Prayer	Buttercrambe
Wednesday 27 th Noveml	oer	
10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell

December 2013

Sunday 1st Dec	ember	Advent
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Bossall
Wednesday 4 th	December	
10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
Sunday 8 th Dec	cember	Advent 2
10.30	Benefice Carol Service	Sand Hutton
	Amici Singers	
6.30	Carol Service	Howsham
Wednesday 11 th	¹ December	
10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
Sunday 15 th De	ecember	Advent 3
10.30	Toy/Family Service	Flaxton
10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe
Wednesday 18 th	¹ December	
10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
Friday 20 th Dec	cember	
7.00	Carol Service	Flaxton
Saturday 21 st D	December	
6.30	Carol Service by candlelight	Crambe
Sunday 22 nd De	ecember	Advent 4
10.30	Holy Communion	Howsham
Tuesday 24 th D	Pecember Christmas Eve Crib and	d Midnight Services
4.30	Crib Service	Foston
4.30	Crib Service + Christingle	Sand Hutton
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	Bossall
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	Whitwell

Wednesday 25 th Dec	cember	Christmas Day
9.00	Morning Prayer	Upper Helmsley
10.30	Family Communion	Flaxton
10.30	Family Communion	Gate Helmsley
Sunday 29 th Decem	ber	Christmas 1
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Foston
	January 2014	
Wednesday 1 st Janu	uary 2014	
10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
Sunday 5 th January	,	Christmas 2
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Buttercrambe
Wednesday 8 th Janu	ıarv	
10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
Sunday 12 th Januar	ry	Baptism of Christ
9.00	Morning Prayer	Bossall
10.30	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
Wednesday 15 th Jan	nuary	
10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
Sunday 19 th Januar	ry	Epiphany 2
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Howsham
Wednesday 22 nd Jan	nuary	
10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe

Sunday 26 th January		Epiphany 3
9.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
10.30	Family Service	Flaxton
Wednesday 29 th Janu	uary	
10.00	Holy Communion	Foston

February

Sunday 2 nd Februa	Candlemas	
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Howsham
Wednesday 5 th Feb 10.00	ruary Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
Sunday 9 th Februa	4 Before Lent	
9.00 10.30	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Bossall Upper Helmsley



Benefice of Harton Festival of Lilies and Light

a special
Eucharist service
at St Michael's Church, Crambe
at 10.30 a.m.
Sunday November 3rd 2013

at which loved ones will be remembered

candles will be lit in memory of family and friends. a roll of those to be remembered will be read out

If anyone would like to remember loved ones in this way please contact Fiona Le Masurier email: churchmouse@yorlocal.com or tel: 01653 619368, so their name or names can be included in the roll



Welcome to those newly baptised

1 st September	George Thomas Williams	Crambe
8 th September	Lucie Marie Dodsworth	Bossall
6 th October	Harrison Todd	Flaxton
6 th October	Joshua Doughty	Flaxton



Congratulations and good wishes to those who were married recently

10 th August	Katie Woods and Thomas Barker	Whitwell
7 th September	Nicholas Richard Jordan and Louise Wilson	Flaxton
12 th October	Robert McClean and Emma Louise Thomson	Buttercrambe



Our condolences to the families and friends of

10 th August	John Watson		Gate Helmsley
7 th August	Alice Williamson		Gate Helmsley
5 th September	Margaret Leeves	Aged 89	Bossall
27 th September	Pat Chester		Flaxton

A note from the Joint PCC.....

We have some good news to report: there is an applicant for the post of Rector for the Benefice of Harton, who will be interviewed on Monday 28th October. We ask for your prayers for a successful result and we hope to find the person who is right for the post and for our benefice.

I would like to express gratitude to the members of the Ministry Team, Sister Margaret Ann, Rachel Baker and Tony Hewitt, who are keeping things going in the Benefice during the interregnum. We realize that the burden on them is heavy in the absence of a vicar, especially in making sure that the church services run smoothly. We thank them very much for their continuing hard work. The new Rural Dean, Reverend Rachel Hirst, is supporting the Ministry Team at this time and will be involved in the appointment of a new incumbent.

As you will realize, we are also dependent on retired clergy for leading communion, baptism and marriage services during the interregnum— those services that can only be conducted by a priest. Among them are Reverend Rachel Benson and Reverend Jeremy Valentine. We are particularly grateful to Rachel and Jeremy for their willingness to help out, especially with Wednesday communion services.

However, it must be emphasised that the responsibility for running the churches during interregnum falls to the churchwardens. We appreciate the hard work this entails and thank you all. Help and advice is available to you from the Rural Dean or the new Archdeacon, the Venerable Sarah Bullock.

Bishop Martin Wallace retires at the end of October. We send him and his wife our good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

The next meeting of the Joint PCC will be held at Abbey House, Claxton at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th January 2014, courtesy of Brian Atkinson. If you wish to have any specific matter discussed at that meeting, please tell your representative on the JPCC so that the item can be added to the agenda.

As the year gallops on, the members of the Ministry Team join me in sending you the season's greetings: a very happy Christmas to you all.

Delyth Harran, Lay Chairman



GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday 2nd November 2013

Sand Hutton Village Hall 10am to 3 pm ********

This will be our 18th Year! Have you been to see why?

Quality stalls at affordable prices for all your Christmas giving. Stalls include Sand Hutton Gifts, Chocolates, soaps, jewellery, toys, books, Jams, bags, Christmas decorations....etc.



For information on stalls and details send an email to giftsforchristmas@hotmail.co.uk





Centenary Pipes





Wednesday 13th November at 7pm in the church Tickets £7.50

Includes wine & canapés

Parking opposite the Village Hall

Come and enjoy an informal evening with a talk and recital on the organ of St Mary's Gate Helmsley by Geoffrey Coffin of Principal Pipe Organs to mark the Centenary of the organ installation. Learn more about the plans for restoration of this historic instrument

Tickets from Michael Harran (01759 372215)

GATE & UPPER HELMSLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE INVITE YOU TO

DANCE AND LISTEN

TO THE MUSIC OF

NORTHERN ROCK

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

7.30 PM - 11.30 PM TICKETS £10 ADULTS

INCLUDES SUPPER
PIE AND PEAS & PUDDING

(BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS - GLASSES PROVIDED)

Tickets available from any committee member or ring DEBBIE 01759 372558 or LORRAINE 01759 373052 PARKING IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

Come to

A NIGHT AT THE RACES! Friday November 15th 7.30 p.m.



have some fun, bring your friends! entrance including light refreshments is FREE!

tickets available from

Fiona Le Masurier 01653 619368 email: churchmouse@yorlocal.com
or Espie Bleasdale 01653 619358 email: espie3@hotmail.co.uk

all proceeds from this evenings event will go to
Barton Le Willows Village Hall and St Michael's Church, Crambe
BYO wine beer glasses etc. soft drinks available

Gate and Upper Helmsley Craft Group

The group continues to meet every last Wednesday of each month (not December) 7.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m.

Gate and Upper Helmsley Village Hall

Join us for tea/coffee and biscuits learn a new craft! and enjoy our craft demonstrations

For further information contact M Parker 01759 371318



St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley

Saturday 7th December 2 - 4pm

Orchard House

Cakes * Gifts * Produce

Adults £3.00 : Children 50p Includes tea/coffee & mince pie

Claxton and Sand Hutton Parish Council



invite you to a

Christmas Saturday Social Call in and catch up!

Come along to Sand Hutton Village Hall for real coffee, Yorkshire tea and mince pies Saturday 7 December 10.30 – 12.30 noon

Fairtrade stall - household goods, gifts and treats

Festive flowers, Christmas wreaths, foliage and decorations

Cake stall / sale of other local products eg honey, pork pies and flour

See what local groups are doing

Get information on what's going on in the Village Hall

The Community Library will be open

For further information see our website:
claxton-sandhutton.org.uk
Next Parish Council meetings: 11 November & 9 December

Gate & Upper Helmsley Jubilee Fund Christmas Event Saturday 14th December.

Carol singing in St Mary's Church Gate Helmsley at 12 noon All welcome - no auditions, just sing your favourite carols!

1.15pm lunch in the Duke of York

free to those from the villages age 70+ or under 13 £6 for others.

Santa will visit at about 2.30pm.

From 8-11.30 pm there will be a BBQ

- yes, we know it is December!

Live music with "Uncut" Tickets £10.

More information and booking forms for lunch and the evening event will be circulated around Gate & Upper Helmsley in mid-November.

Enquiries to Dee at the Duke of York - 01759 373698.

CAROL SINGING IN CLAXION



Wednesday 18th. December 2013

(meet at Anne White's house - Middle Cottage - at 6.15pm)

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

If you would like to sing some Carols around Claxton & raise money for

Macmillan Cancer Support

please ring Anne Atkinson on 01904 468226

GREEN FINGERTIPS

The Gardening Club of Claxton, Sand Hutton and District

WINTER PROGRAMME 2014

All talks commence at 19.30hrs in Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall. Please arrive beforehand for a chat before the programme begins.

6 February, Peter Williams "Wonderful Weeds"

Have you ever wondered why weeds thrive despite your best efforts to kill them, while cherished plants die even though you cosset them?

This talk looks at the amazing strategies for survival that weeds use in their battle against the gardener.

6 MARCH, ALISON PRINGLE "A MUSEUM GARDEN THROUGH THE SEASONS"

Alison will use her extensive and experienced background as the Head Gardener of Cragside, and now of York Museum Gardens, to describe her Gardening Year.

3 APRIL, TONY POWELL, "A HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE LANDSCAPE"

A look at how architecture has influenced garden design through the centuries – ziggurats to mounds, Palladian bridges to grottoes, orangeries to conservatories and a lot more besides.

Visitors will be made very welcome at the small charge of £3 per evening.

Please book in advance.

For further information please contact: Jane Nicoll 01653 619149

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ YOUR CIRCULAR ONLINE? If you would please go to www.sandhuttongroup.org.uk

On entering the site (which refers throughout to Harton Benefice) there is a row of tabs near the top. One near the centre is headed "The Circular – latest". Click on this to get the link to the current Circular in pdf format. A printable version is there too.

Other tabs across the top of the page will access a calendar of services and events, links to pages about various events across the Benefice and to individual church websites within "A Church Near You".

INCREASE YOUR ADVERTISING COVERAGE

If you would your special church event to be included on the Benefice / local church website please contact Michael Harran who will be happy to discuss this with you

Please contact Michael on 01759 372215

Email: mj@mharran.freeserve.co.uk

Around the Parishes.....

News views and information from:

BOSSALL

We are sad to report the death and funeral of Margaret Leeves - widow of our long time former churchwarden -Alan Leeves. Margaret had been at the Home at Stamford Bridge for some time but - until recently was still eager to receive visitors and to have news of Bossall and the Benefice. It is pleasing to remember that their long-time family membership of the Bossall church is remembered by the window engraving in the church.

In September Lacie Marie Dodsworth -great granddaughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Dodsworth was baptised here at Bossall. Mr and Mrs Dodsworth were residents at BelleVue Farm as successors to Alan and Margaret Leeves. Our supporters may be few but they are active and constant.

On Yorkshire Day - Aug. 1st - Christine Keller and Lisa Fitzgerald held a celebration in Harton which was much appreciated by the residents and some friends and a collection was given to the Church.

On the subject of 'giving' readers will no doubt be aware that the Diocese procedure has changed so that instead of having a fixed quota we have been invited to settle an 'annual giving' BUT the hint is that it should not be less than the previous year's quota!! Let us see what will happen.

In relation to giving we must mention the Bossall 'phantom donor'! Every so often we find a donation in our box or elsewhere in the church from an unknown visitor whose donations are quite regular and much appreciated.

We are in the process of finalising the quotes for the pollarding and tidying up of the boundary trees and surrounds inside the wall from the main gate to the small gate opposite the Old Vicarage so all will look much tidier and the danger of a dead tree falling will be avoided.

At some stage we need to revisit the question of grave maintenance and detailed recording but that is an on-going matter! "

CRAMBE

What a marvellous summer we have had! The sun shone and life seemed so much easier. Now autumn is fast approaching, the harvest is in, the nights are drawing in and the swallows have packed up and gone.

We have only had three services recently, including the baptism on September 1st of George Williams, the son of Ben and Vicky, who live here in Crambe.

Our Harvest Festival on September 20th was a joint service with Whitwell. Following the service everyone enjoyed homemade apple pies and cheese with a glass of wine. The produce which had decorated the church was taken the next day to Spring Cottage residential home in Norton who were delighted to receive it.

Among the visitors to St Michael's this summer was a lady from New Zealand. She is the great, great, great-granddaughter of the Revd. Henry Fendall who was vicar here at St Michael's for twenty years in the mid-19th century. He subsequently emigrated to New Zealand where he established the town of Fendalton which is near Christchurch in the South Island. A few years ago now, a bus load of Kiwis from the area around Christchurch also came to visit the church because of the connection with Fendalton.

One feature of life at Crambe is sheep, mostly Jacob's sheep. Both Ron Verity and Sam Cook keep Jacobs, and Ron's in particular regularly win prizes at the local shows. Amongst this year's crop of lambs are two particularly fine rams currently resident in the churchyard; stocky with very fine horns. These two obviously believe themselves to be dogs. When one is walking through the churchyard they come trotting over demanding to be patted and if necessary nudge our two dogs out of the way to get there. Once stroked, they amble off happily to return to their task acting as mowers of the churchyard.

Finally, our thanks to the entire Ministry team particularly during this interregnum who are doing so much to keep the benefice running smoothly.

We draw your attention to two events in November

The Festival of Lilies and Light, and the Race Night.

Details can be found in the advertisements section of this magazine.

FLAXTON

When I called into church on Saturday morning 12th October preparations by a very enthusiastic team to decorate the church for our Harvest Festival service were well under way. The colours of flowers and leaves were amazing. Gifts of fresh produce and non-perishable produce were being delivered to pass on to the Salvation Army.





On Sunday our Harvest service was well supported, with Simon Hudson, a local farmer, giving an interesting talk on crops and his experience of farming today, thank you Simon. The children set the scene by dressing as farmers and led us in prayers, a bible reading and singing. This is a huge achievement for 3-8 year olds to stand up with confidence in front of a large congregation, thank you and well done.

Following the service we had a "bring and share" lunch in the Village Hall. A huge thank you to everyone who provided food and drink, prepared the tables and a special thank you to those in the kitchen who did never ending washing up and making cups of tea. On Monday morning a team of four packed up the goods and delivered them to the Salvation Army. Thank you to everyone who gave, I am sure the recipients of these goods will be very grateful.

Our two fund raising events reported in the last circular went according to plan. Though we were small in number, the Stella & Dot Jewellery fund raising event hosted by Celia (Greetham) was very enjoyable giving us the opportunity to chat over a glass of wine with time to browse and buy. Thanks again Celia.

St Crux Day in September once again was a success. There is always the worry that we may not have enough cakes, bread for sandwiches etc. but it

all came together with a lot of hard work. Thank you very much to all who provided transport, made cakes, bought goods for sandwiches and, most importantly, your time.

September also saw a major clean-up of the churchyard, painting of the porch, painting/repair of a seat, weeding of the path and the renovation of the outside tap. A huge thank you to those involved. There may have been other jobs done which I am not aware of, if so, please take this as a thank you also.

On 27th September a funeral service was held for Pat Chester and our thoughts are with Brian and the family.

Saturday 7th September saw the wedding of Jeff & Alison Jordon's son Nick to Sarah. We wish them much happiness in their married life.

The Benefice Service on Sunday October 6^{th} was standing room only. We had two christenings, six month old Harrison Todd and eight month old Joshua Doughty. We welcome them into the family of the church.

Over last few weeks we have had two visiting organists – Ann Archer and Peter Stott both of whom stood in when our own organist wasn't available. Thank you very much - this was very much appreciated by everyone.

Our next fund raising event is on Saturday 23rd November when we shall hold a book sale/light lunch in Flaxton Village Hall from 11.00am – 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.

The Nativity and Toy Service is on the $15^{\rm th}$ December at 10.30 and the Carol Service is on the $20^{\rm th}$ December at $7.00 {\rm pm}$

GATE HELMSLEY

Harvest

We had a full church on the evening of Wednesday 2nd October for the annual Harvest Thanksgiving service. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and harvest offerings; thank you to all who contributed. The harvest gifts were subsequently given to the residents of Prospect House Care Home.

We would like to thank Sister Margaret Ann for leading the service. Sister took a slightly different approach to the harvest, concentrating on the fruit of

After the service, we enjoyed a sumptuous harvest supper in the Village Hall. Thanks are due to those who prepared and served the food, to Dick Garnons-Williams for running a very successful raffle, and to all who helped to clear up afterwards. It was an enjoyable and convivial evening.

On 15th October, we were privileged to welcome the pupils and staff of Sand Hutton Primary School with their families and friends to the church, where they held their Harvest Service. It was a pleasure to listen to the children enthusiastically presenting words, songs and prayers on the theme of sharing. They showed that they really had understood the meaning of sharing and brought along a wonderful selection of harvest produce to be shared with homeless people in York through the charity Arc Light. At the end of the service, the children shared with the congregation some of the bread they had baked earlier in school.

Christmas

Not long to go till Christmas now, so we must make plans. Once again this year we look forward to welcoming everyone from the village to an hour of carol singing in St Mary's Church. This will be at midday on Saturday 14th December and will be followed by lunch at the Duke of York, prepared by Dee and her staff. A similar event held last year was greatly enjoyed by all. On Christmas morning there will be a Family Communion Service at St Mary's Church at 10.30 am. This is a lovely opportunity for the generations to come together for all-age worship in a relaxed atmosphere. We will have mince pies and hot drinks at the end of the service.

Also around Christmas we have two of our usual annual fund raising events:

- **Saturday 7th December** Christmas Fayre at Orchard House 2.00 to 400 pm (*not* 2.30 4.30 pm as listed in the previous Circular). For details see separate flier. Tickets from the Harrans 01759 372215 Adults £3, children 50p
- Sunday 19th January 2014 Parish Lunch at Orchard House 12.30 for 1.00 pm. £15. Book as soon as possible with the Harrans as above

Belated thanks

Anne and Andrew Podmore send belated thanks to all those who helped with the Parish Lunch they held at their home in May – those who helped with food preparation and Dick for running the raffle. Sadly this was the last

Parish Lunch to be held at Fox Farm. We are very grateful to Anne and Andrew for all their hard work for the church.

Recipe collection

Do you enjoy cooking?

Do you have any favourite recipes you would be prepared to share with us? We would like to bring a collection of recipes together to raise funds for the church. Please send any recipes to Delyth Harran - 01759 372215 email: mj@mharran.freeserve.co.uk

Thank you.



"Pipe Up!"

St Mary's, Gate Helmsley Centenary Organ Restoration Fund

Those who came to the **Summer Garden Tea Party** at the Manor House, Gate Helmsley on 11th August enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. We were fortunate to escape the rain almost completely and so were able to appreciate Dick Garnons Williams' lovely garden to the full. The refreshments were excellent – including raspberries and ice cream! Thank you to all who supported the event and especially to Dick for the use of his garden, to Anne Podmore and Delyth Harran for much of the catering and the flower arrangements and to all who helped with setting up and manning the stalls. Andrew Podmore and I are also grateful to Mandy and Charlie for help with the tables and chairs from the village hall. The event raised over £400, including generous donations.

Our next event "Centenary Pipes" is on Wednesday 13th November at 7pm in the church. A recital and talk about the organ by Geoffrey Coffin of PPO marks the centenary of the dedication of the organ in 1913. Geoffrey and his team at PPO has nurtured the organ over recent years and kept it in a playable condition – sometimes against the odds! PPO will undertake the restoration and Geoffrey will explain some of the work required. The evening will be informal and not just for "organ buffs", so do come along!

Tickets from Michael Harran (01759 372215) or by e-mail (mharran80@gmail.com) price £7.50. The ticket price includes wine/soft drinks and canapés.

There will be further events next year, including an evening with the Stamford Bridge Singers on 27th September.

We are heartened to learn that the government scheme allowing VAT to be reclaimed for church organ restoration – suspended a few years ago, has been re-introduced. We hope that this will substantially reduce the final cost of the restoration

This centenary is a particularly apt time to "sponsor a pipe" – with a dedication if you wish – or just make to a donation. All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged. Sponsors can opt to have their names or dedications entered in the sponsors' book for posterity.

Sponsorship forms, information about the organ and tickets for events are available from Michael Harran - 01759 372215 / mj@mharran.freeserve.co.uk Thank you again for your support

HOWSHAM

The Bank Holiday Clean-up & Barbecue were very well supported. A tremendous amount of work was done and the evening was beautifully warm for the barbecue.

We had a very successful fund-raising event in Church in October, when Chris Cade presented his one man show on "The Rise & Fall of George Hudson-The Railway King". A large audience thoroughly enjoyed the show and also the delicious canapés provided by the village. Many thanks to everyone who helped.

The annual Christmas Cake Stall & Raffle at York Auction Centre Fatstock Show will be held from 10.30am on Monday 2nd December.

Our Carol Service, earlier than usual, is at 6.30pm on Sunday 8th December, followed by mulled wine & mince pies.

WHITWELL

If anyone would like to decorate a church window or part of a window, please do so before Thursday 12th December. The window decorations can be entirely your own choice.

A Christmas Carol Play and Carols at St John's Whitwell, 12th December 7pm. Mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Many thanks to Michael Goodwill who keeps the churchyard and surrounding grounds so well kept. The church yard at St John's regularly receives comments about how well maintained it is.

Thank you to everyone who helps on the church cleaning and flower rota.

SAND HUTTON

AUTUMN LEAVES GARDEN PARTY

This event, hosted by Allen Warren, provided a wonderful opportunity to enjoy perfect weather, warm company and harmonious music whilst enjoying raffle, tombola, activities and purchases from stalls. This was topped off with a delicious afternoon tea.

An approximate total of £1350 was raised, to be shared between St Mary's, Sand Hutton Tower Fund and North Yorkshire Scouts.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the event.

News from our schools.....



SAND HUTTON CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been such a happy start to the new school year! All children have settled extremely well and there has been a wealth of good news stories.

FOOTBALL

The season got off to an excellent start when our Joint Sand Hutton/Warthill team had their first home match of the season against Bugthorpe CE Primary School. Spirits were high as the boys and girls put on their brand new kit, kindly sponsored by Mr Hogg of Sand Burn Hall. In lovely sunshine everyone worked hard as a team encouraged by shouts of 'Come on SandHill! The



final score was 9 - 1 to our joint team! Everyone was delighted, especially as the match was played with such excellent sportsmanship.

A very good start to the season – the new kit obviously brought us luck.

CROSS COUNTRY

Everyone enjoys winning but often sports men and women are admired for their endurance and determination, this was the case when children of different ages took part in the interschool Cross Country event at Huntington Secondary School. Having enjoyed the lovely summer and early autumn warmth, the weather waited until everyone was assembled before the heavens opened. In torrential rain the children battled cheerfully through the mud and cold and said it was 'great' which was probably not how the many supporting parents would have described it! A fantastic effort!

SPONSORED WALK RESULTS

The PTA was able to announce the final total of the sponsored walk which took place before the summer holidays.

Children, friends and families raised the grand total of £1130.00.

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the walk, and well done to the children for walking cheerfully and with such determination. The PTA has had an excellent year both in the funds they have raised and the enjoyable social events they have organised for families and staff.

CLASS 3 VISIT TO EDEN CAMP

Mrs Fraser took her class to Eden Camp as part of their World War 2 topic jointly with the Junior class from Warthill. It was a very successful day for everyone involved; the children soaked up information and were a credit to the school by behaving so well and by being such good company.

NEW CLOAKROOM AND TOILET BLOCK

The building and grounds at Sand Hutton are both extensive and very attractive combining the beautiful Victorian rooms with up-to-date facilities. We have added a new extension of cloakroom, infant toilets and a wet room. It looks fabulous and it is going to make such a difference to Class 1 whilst Class 2 and Class 3 can now have the luxury of having their own cloakrooms.

What a positive start to the term, long may it continue!



CHRISTMAS FAIR
Friday 22 November 6pm
Everyone very welcome

MY TRIP TO ZAMBIA

I have just returned from Lusaka the capital of Zambia, after spending a month with our family Hannah, Sam and their little ones Isla and Amba.

They are working voluntarily with a charity alongside the Government, developing a



Sam, Hannah, Isla and Amba

Child Protection Programme to be implemented throughout Zambia. The project is called 'Tehila Project ' and can be viewed on line.



The family live a very busy life style with locals constantly in and out of their home, perhaps more little people than big! Whilst being part of their everyday life, I had the privilege of understanding a little more the struggles these dear people face on a daily basis.

Rachel teaching Jerry to read

I particularly spent a lot of time with Shika, a mum of three children, who helps in the house. Her past is one of abuse and severe poverty and although she has escaped the abuse she still struggles to feed and clothe her children. She is a very intelligent lass who has, through gaining 3 jobs (one being :- rising at 4am to bake dozens of scones to sell on the roadside) been able to go back to school to take her exams. She desperately wants to be a Dentist and has a place in college for the New Year but has to pay £350 a term. The course is for 2years. Her aim is not to move to better surroundings (she lives on a compound with 96,000 people) but to fund her children's education to lift them out of poverty.



Shika

I could tell you lots more about dear Shika but space does not allow! What remains for me to say is would you be able or willing to help me please, to sponsor her through the next 2 years, any contribution would be so well used and life changing?

If you do want to know more please contact me on 01904 468809.



Are you aware of Community First Responders operating in your area?

Thanks to the publicity and help from the Parish Council I am pleased to report that the Stamford Bridge Community First Responders are once again up and running! We currently have seven people on the team and provide a really valuable service which has already helped many of you in the village.

So, what do we do?

Community First Responders (CFRs) respond to emergency calls received by the Ambulance Communications Centre and can often provide life-saving treatment to patients before the ambulance arrives on scene. Yorkshire Ambulance Service operates a Community First Responder (CFR) scheme which sees volunteers from many communities in Yorkshire being trained in life-saving skills to be used in their local areas.

CFRs give as much time as they can each week to be 'on call' and may be activated by the Ambulance Communications Centre should a suitable call be made from the Responder's local area. Because they work in their own communities they can often arrive sooner than the ambulance which can make all the difference in situations such as cardiac arrest.

The equipment Responders carry includes an automated external defibrillator (AED) and oxygen and they can often provide much needed reassurance and assistance to a patient and their family in an emergency situation.

Why do we need you?

In order to keep the scheme running we are constantly in need of new recruits to replace members who, for various reasons, leave the team. If numbers fall too low the scheme is unworkable. Being a CFR is not a huge commitment, you give as much or as little time as you wish, and there are no obligations!

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Flaxton & Sand Hutton already have defibrillators but Stamford Bridge is lucky to have a CFR scheme already in place and needs your help to ensure its continued success.

If you are interested in finding out more you can use any of the contacts below.

Diane Green, Stamford Bridge Community Responders Team Leader, 01759 371428 or diane1806@hotmail.co.uk
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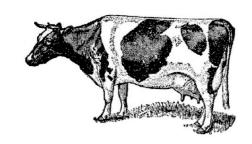


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