

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Autumn edition 2014

August September October

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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Services for the Benefice of Harton

August

<i>Sunday 3rd August</i>		<i>Trinity 7</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Foston
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Wednesday 6th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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<i>Sunday 10th August</i>		<i>Trinity 8</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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10.30	Morning Prayer	Buttercrambe
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Wednesday 13th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
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<i>Sunday 17th August</i>		<i>Trinity 9</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Flaxton
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Wednesday 20th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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<i>Sunday 24th August</i>		<i>Trinity 10</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
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10.30	Morning Prayer & Baptism	Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 27th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
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<i>Sunday 31st August</i>		<i>Trinity 11</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist & Baptism	Bossall
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September

Wednesday 3rd September

10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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<i>Sunday 7th September</i>		<i>Trinity 12</i>
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Gate Helmsley
Wednesday 10th September		
10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
<i>Sunday 14th September</i>		<i>Trinity 13</i>
9.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
10.30	Morning Prayer	Crambe
Wednesday 17th September		
10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
<i>Sunday 21st September</i>		<i>Trinity 14</i>
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Sand Hutton
Wednesday 24th September		
10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
<i>Sunday 28th September</i>		<i>Trinity 15</i>
10.30	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
	Harvest Thanksgiving	
October		
Wednesday 1st October		
10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
<i>Sunday 5th October</i>		<i>Trinity 16</i>
10.30	Benefice Harvest Eucharist	Whitwell
Wednesday 8th October		
10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
<i>Sunday 12th October</i>		<i>Trinity 17</i>
10.30	Family Thanksgiving Communion	Flaxton
6.30	Harvest Thanksgiving & Auction	Howsham

Wednesday 15th October

10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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Sunday 19th October***Trinity 18***

10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Upper Helmsley
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Wednesday 22nd October

10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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Sunday 26th October***Trinity 19, Bible Sunday***

9.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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10.30	Holy Communion	Foston
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Wednesday 29th October

10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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November***Sunday 2nd November******4th before Advent***

10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Howsham
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Wednesday 5th November

10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
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Sunday 9th November***Remembrance Sunday***

10.30	Remembrance Service	Crambe
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12 Noon	Act of Remembrance	at the War Memorial in Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 12th November

10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
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Sunday 16th November***2nd before Advent***

10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Buttercrambe
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Wednesday 19th November

10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
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Harvest Thanksgiving Services 2014

- Thursday 25th September 6.30 pm** **Crambe**
Followed by Apple pie and cheese
- Friday 26th September 6.30 pm** **Foston**
- Sunday 28th September 10.30 Benefice Eucharist** **Buttercrambe**
Followed by harvest lunch
- Sunday 5th October 10.30 Benefice Thanksgiving Eucharist** **Whitwell**
- Wednesday 8th October 6.30 pm** **Gate Helmsley**
Followed by harvest supper at Gate Helmsley Village Hall
- Sunday 12th October 10.30 Family Thanksgiving** **Flaxton**
With Holy Communion
- Sunday 12th October 6.30 pm** **Howsham**
Followed by supper and auction at the church



Welcome to those newly baptised

4 th May	Molly Imogen Harran	Gate Helmsley
18 th May	Eile Jane McCandless	Bossall
8 th June	Archie Frederick Whitten	Sand Hutton



Congratulations and good wishes to those who were married recently

2 nd May	Andrew Bartlett and Jennifer Mook	Flaxton
3 rd May	Matthew Cliff and Siobhan White	Sand Hutton
31 st May	Timothy Piercy and Laura Kneller	Flaxton
6 th June	Scott Bascombe and Camilla Lumley-Holmes	Sand Hutton
4 th July	Matthew Cooper and Kayleigh Ellis	Upper Helmsley
26 th July	Alastair Mutch and Natalie Cross	Sand Hutton



Our belated condolences to the families and friends of

10 th February	aged 69	Graham Oliver	Sand Hutton
2 nd July	aged 78	Vera Mary Cussins	Claxton
		Dorothy Conway	Thornton le Clay



*In commemoration of
the outbreak of
the First World War
on August 4th 1914*

Shortly before 11 a.m. on June 28th 1914 Archduke Franz Ferdinand heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, was shot dead alongside his wife, Sophie as they travelled through the streets of Sarajevo in Bosnia in an open motorcade. After the Archduke's assassination Austria delivered an ultimatum to Serbia and finally declared war on July 28th 1914. The following week Germany declared war on Russia and France and invaded Belgium. Britain responded by declaring war on Germany on August 4th 1914.

Many of the young men of Britain responding to the rallying call to join up and defend the country, had watched international events unfold from afar, and were oblivious to the dangers of modern warfare. The excitement of leaving their mundane lives to enlist for foreign adventure was too great a temptation to resist.

They could never have anticipated what was to come. They left believing they 'would be home for Christmas' and the war would be over. Instead the four long years that followed brought death, disfigurement and mental anguish to hundreds of thousands of men from Britain and the Empire through the horrors of trench warfare, and heartache and loss to their families left behind, changing the face of our nation and Europe for ever.

The Pity of War

The Dancers

All day beneath the hurtling shells
Before my burning eyes
Hover the dainty demoiselles –
The peacock dragonflies.

Unceasingly they dart and glance
Above the stagnant stream –
And I am fighting here in France
As in a senseless dream.

A dream of shattering black shells
That hurtle overhead,
And dainty dancing demoiselles
Above the dreamless dead.

Wilfred Wilson Gibson



From the Vicarage



Thank you!

Thelma and I just want to send you our profound thanks for all your care, concern and support during Thelma's recovery from her two broken arms. It has been quite an ordeal for her as you can no doubt imagine, especially as she had only started her new job two days before! However, with her right elbow now nearly back to rights and good (but still painful) progress being made with the left wrist, she is finally able to drive and has resumed work – it's been a very long nine weeks for her relying on me!

And thank you all for your tolerance and patience whilst I had to re-prioritise my early plans as the new Rector. It has been a challenging time for both of us – but a fruitful one nevertheless. It has allowed us both to explore the parishes and the countryside nearby as well as further afield. And it has allowed us to discover the generosity and hospitality of so many of you through your many inquiries, offers of help, coffee mornings and meals, soups, cakes, pies and all manner of gifts.

So once again, our heartfelt and sincere thanks.

Perhaps it is when one is 'vulnerable' (and we were only mildly so) that the community spirit becomes most visible. In close knit communities, and perhaps more especially in a rural setting, this spirit of care is often the life-blood of the people concerned. And hopefully it is refreshed anew each generation. For without it, there can often be a sense of soullessness – lifelessness – apathy – often with a focus on self-centredness.

As a Christian, following the teachings of Jesus, this self-centredness is an anathema.

St Paul, that great disciple of Jesus, replying to some questions about 'relationships within the community' wrote about the need for patience, kindness, selflessness to keep relationships alive and with purpose.

And the great St Benedict, the archetype of 'Community' wrote the following about living in community:

'They (the monks) should each try to be the first to show respect to each other, supporting with the greatest of patience one another's weakness of body or behaviour' (Rule 72 'The Good Zeal of Monks').

Both Thelma and I have felt many of the above elements since we've arrived here and I hope that we can return the same as we become part of, and share in, that spirit within the community of the Benefice of Harton.

For I think that is what God is asking each of us to do – to develop, refresh and ensure that the spirit of respect, support, patience, kindness and above all selflessness prevails within our community.

For with these simple criteria in our hearts - and more importantly in our deeds – our communities will remain alive - and with purpose for ours and hopefully generations to come.

Yours in Christ

Chris

Revd Chris Wingfield
Rector Harton Benefice

A note from the Joint PCC.....

The next meeting of the Joint PCC will be on September 4th at 7.30 p.m. at Upper Helmsley Hall. Items for the agenda should be sent to Wendy Holman Email: wendy_e_holman@hotmail.com by August 20th

Delyth Harran, Lay Vice Chairman



**Poppy collectors for Sand Hutton,
Bulmer and Whitwell**

needed for this year's Poppy Appeal
from October 25th to November 8th

Please could you spare a little time between these dates
to collect for the Poppy Appeal, no counting required!

Please get in touch with Fiona Davies on 01904 468001.

**The Sand Hutton, Claxton & District
Produce Show is having a break in
2014.**



Talks are ongoing to bring it back in a new form, ie in conjunction with other village hall committees. In the meantime I should be very grateful if the 2013 trophy winners could return their trophies to me by September 1st. Fiona Davies, Balnakeil, Claxton, York, 468001.

Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall

Saturday 6 September Saturday Social: in place of our regular Produce Show with a new twist
Friday 17 October Film Night
Friday 24 October Harvest Supper

**the “Synolda Arms” will be popping-up again on
28th November from 7:30pm**
when there will be a selection of local ales and hot punch on offer!

Don't forget all our usual activities!

Singing Bowls Knitting W.I. Garden Club
Library open every Monday (except Bank Holidays)
From 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Monday morning walks leave the village hall at 9.30 a.m.

**So come and walk, browse the shelves,
and have a chat over coffee!**

For further information on events, see the parish website
www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk,
or contact Caroline 01904 468376 or Fiona 01904 468001



The Mills Cycle Ride 'Tour de Harton'

Saturday August 16th

sponsored 10 mile circular bike ride

beginning at St Mary's Church Sand Hutton at 10.00am

**This will be a fun occasion whatever the weather,
so please get out your cycling gear and join us!**



For further details contact Dot and Bryan Mills 01759 372 601

Claxton and Sand Hutton Parish Council

Saturday Social

6 September 10.30 am – 12.30

Holidays over? Back to school? Time to get involved in village life!
Saturday Socials are the ideal way to find out what's going on



- activities and events in the Village Hall
- local businesses e.g. Ducks & Daffodils
- local issues e.g. "green waste" charges
- local produce and plants to buy



The Village Hall Committee did not have enough support to run a Produce Show this year but at this Saturday Social there will be some children's competitions, an open exhibition of photographs celebrating where we live and an adult cake competition. And as usual, you can just call in for coffee and cake, pick up a pork pie and have a chat with your friends.

Call in and catch up!

For further information see our website claxton-sandhutton.org.uk

Next Parish Council meeting: 18 August 2014

GATE HELMSLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Invite you to join them for

COFFEE/TEA

and delicious homemade cakes

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 10 am-12noon

Admission includes refreshments adults £2 children under 12 yrs 50p

bric a brac, book and cake stalls

Help us to raise funds to improve the disabled facilities in the village hall



whilst having an enjoyable and relaxing morning

Thornton Le Clay Village Hall
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Come to a Ceilidh!

From 7.30 pm onwards

Tickets £10 includes supper

Book early!

This promises to be a very
entertaining evening!

For tickets contact: Linda Fothergill Tel: 01904 468760
and Karen Armistead Tel: 01653 619964



'If it's legal and moral, I'll do it!!'

St John's
Church,
Whitwell on the
Hill



Thursday 25th
September
At 7.0 pm

Come and be highly entertained by Reena

telling stories of her working life as a house sitter for landed gentry,
and looking after royalty, with amusing tales from her travels with
the rich and famous.

There is no charge for the evening just come along to St John's and enjoy!
Followed by refreshments

The Stamford Bridge Singers present:

Just one of those things

A cabaret evening with pie & peas supper and licensed bar



***Saturday 27th September at 7.30pm
in Gate Helmsley Village Hall (doors open 7pm)***

***in aid of Pipe Up! – St Mary's Gate Helmsley
Centenary Organ Restoration Fund***



Conductor – Stuart Nettleship

Accompanist – Geoffrey Coffin

Tickets, price £12.50 (under 16s £5), to include a two-course meal,

from Michael Harran (Tel. 01759 372215 / 07980 003679)

Further information by email info@stamfordbridgesingers.co.uk

IT'S SILVER!!

Gifts for Christmas

Has been running for 25 years

*25th
Anniversary*

Saturday 1st November

Sand Hutton Village Hall

10 am to 3 pm

Quality stalls for all your Christmas giving

Proceeds to St Mary's Church

Never been?..... come and see what you have missed!

Wedding coming up?.....'Sand Hutton Gifts' are selling Rose petal confetti

Contact: Rosie Miers

giftsforchristmas@hotmail.co.uk



***Looking ahead.....
dates for your diary!***

*Full information about the events listed
below will be in the Winter Edition of
The Circular*

November 27th Christmas Coffee Morning at Crambe House, Crambe
10.30- 12.30 Proceeds to St Michael's Church

December 6th Christmas Fayre at Orchard House, Gate Helmsley
2.00-4.00 Proceeds to St Mary's Church

Around the Parishes.....

News views and information from:

BOSSALL

Strangely - we have enjoyed a comparatively quiet period over the last 3 months, but our share of services has been well supported. The only special occasion was the service on 18th. May which included the baptism of Eile Jane McCandless of Harton which was well attended.

In these summer months we continue to have visitors - both regular (notably cyclists of all ages) plus individuals from many parts of the U.K. and from abroad leaving encouraging and complimentary comments - and often some donations!

The necessary faculty procedure for the repair of the churchyard wall from the main entrance to the side gate round the bend in the road has had to wait for a final decision on the choice of the replacement stone. The variety of stones available is amazing.

Visitors and worshippers will have noted that we have had a first 'cut' of the grassed area and we are grateful for the assistance we receive for this work which has to be carefully planned because of the churchyard status as a Site of Special Scientific Interest!

We are looking forward to August 5th when Chris will visit the parish of Bossall and hopes to meet many of the residents.

BUTTERCRAMBE

The March 2014 concert held at Aldby Park in aid of church funds resulted in £981 being banked. The usual thanks go to all our supporters, the majority of whom are attracted from outside the Benefice, the audiences having been built up over many years. We are especially grateful to Raymond Barry whose initiative and enthusiasm brought together the performers, selected material and organised the many rehearsals. Particular thanks also to his wife Jo Barry and to my wife Sara for the preparation of the excellent buffet and for handling ticket sales.

Save the Day! Tim and Sally Dykes are organising another musical evening for a different genre of music on Saturday 21st September.

Sara and I are delighted to be hosting it here at Aldby. (see boxed advert for more information)

George Winn-Darley

CRAMBE

Well here we are, high summer, warm and mostly dry days and farmers are talking guardedly of a fair harvest to come. The country shows are under way and Ron and Florence Verity's Jacobs sheep have already clocked up a First and three Thirds at the Malton Show.

A successful and very lively Quiz Night was held in conjunction with Barton Le Willows village hall as a tribute to the much missed Espie Bleasdale. The Crambe team once again emerged winners despite objections that we were fielding a foreign player (Sister Margaret Ann!) and that Fiona had set the Quiz. A super evening, which included a delicious pie and peas supper, was had by all and £112 was raised for St Michael's.

On July 1st a public meeting was held in the church chaired by Chris Wingfield, and attended by the Church Architect, The Diocesan Buildings Advisor and the Archdeacon of York, to discuss a tentative proposal for improving the facilities at the church, and finding a way of ensuring that St Michael's will have a sustainable future for many years to come. Our grateful thanks go to Ellen Stott who took minutes of the meeting. By the time you receive your copy of The Circular these minutes will be on display in the church together with the research carried out by The Way Ahead Committee on behalf of the PCC. Should anyone wish to receive a copy of the minutes via email please contact churchmouse@yorlocal.com.

The church is open every day until about 5.30 p.m. if anyone would like to see the display, it will remain in the church until 11th August.

Our other fundraiser was a concert given by The Ad Hoc Ensemble a group of five very talented musicians, which was held in the church on the evening of July 12th. It was a beautiful balmy summer's evening (the expected rain held off!) and saw some seventy people enjoying two hours of wide ranging musical items celebrating the music of Great Britain, entitled 'This Green and Pleasant Land'. Our thanks go to all who helped in any way, the wine and canapés served during the interval were delicious. A wonderful £722 was raised.

Chris Wingfield will be visiting the parish of Crambe and Barton le Willows for the day on Tuesday August 12th and hopes to meet as many of our residents as he can. Chris will be in the church between 7pm and 9pm and would be delighted to see anyone who would like to drop in to chat informally about any needs and concerns of the parish that anyone would like to raise, or indeed just to say Hello! There will be light refreshments available

FLAXTON



On 21st June we were fortunate to be able to hold our church fete in the garden of Trevor and Jane Corner. As ever the day took a lot of hard work and team effort and the PCC are very grateful for your help and support. A fantastic day was had by all and it was good to catch up with friends particularly those who have moved

away. A big thank you to all who manned the stalls, the kitchen and all who provided the superb refreshments; thanks to everyone who gave their time to erect and dismantle gazebos (thankfully these were needed to give shelter from the sun and not the rain). Finally a special thank you to the parents of the children of Flaxton Nursery who organised additional events; The children's competition was a decorated bicycle. We had five entries all of whom won a prize.

Well done to you all and thanks again to Trevor and Jane.

FOSTON and THORNTON LE CLAY

All the gardens in the villages are looking lovely at the moment and the roses along the side of the churchyard are particularly spectacular this year. However, last month our plans to hold a garden party in the grounds of The Old Brewery were changed at the eleventh hour due to the prospect of unsettled weather. Happily the event was transferred to the Village Hall and went ahead regardless. Chris kindly agreed to open the proceedings and stayed to meet some new friends. A very satisfying £600 was raised and it was good to have the support of the community. Thanks to all who helped, in particular Nigel and Paul for helping to set things up and to Tom Coe who made delicious pancakes for the teddy bear's picnic!

The funeral of Dorothy Conway took place recently at All Saints Church Foston. Dorothy was deaf and her sister Mrs Marjorie Dandy asked that half of the collection from the service be donated to the local deaf society towards continuing their good work. Our thoughts are with Marjorie and her family.

Forthcoming events.....We hope to continue our coffee mornings in the autumn when everyone is back from their summer holidays. Look out for a notice outside the Village Hall.

GATE HELMSLEY

The main development in Gate Helmsley over recent weeks has been the work undertaken to begin to establish the churchyard extension on the north side of The Lane opposite the back gates of the existing churchyard. Contractors have built a path into the piece of land, made good the entrance and installed a matching pair of gates which were given in memory of a parishioner. We are now waiting for the ground to be cleared and re-seeded.

St Mary's Annual Strawberry Lunch was held at the Village Hall on Sunday 6th July. It was a very happy and successful afternoon, raising £600 for church funds, which is very welcome as the PCC endeavours to balance the books. Thank you to all who supported us by attending this event, and especially to those who provided the food for the sumptuous lunch and helped with the setting up and clearing up. We very much missed the presence of Dick Garnons-Williams, who usually runs the raffle on these occasions. Dick was in hospital at the time and we are very pleased that he is making a good recovery. Hopefully he will be in fine voice to call out the winning numbers at the raffle on 27th September during the cabaret concert by the Stamford Bridge Singers (see Pipe Up report).

On 15th July, we were pleased to welcome the Reverend Chris Wingfield, our Rector, to the village. Chris spent most of the day here on a “getting to know you” visit, and was able to meet and chat with many parishioners as he walked around the village. During the evening, there was an opportunity for people to pop into church to meet Chris. As it turned out, the weather was warm enough for everyone to sit outside the church enjoying the evening sunshine over wine and cheese.

“Pipe Up!”

St Mary's, Gate Helmsley Centenary Organ Restoration Fund

The last 3 months have seen exciting progress for the Organ Restoration Fund appeal. We now have the Faculty that allows us to proceed – once there are sufficient funds in the coffers!

We have a received generous grant from the Sir John Priestman Charitable Fund and a further offer from the Diocesan Board of Finance. These will bring the fund total to just over £28,000. We await the outcome of other grant applications. With an additional £7,000 set aside by the PCC to meet

the VAT bill (that we should be able to reclaim in due course under HMRC's Listed Places of Worship Scheme) we are close to the point at which we can agree a contract for PPO to begin work.

There is still some way to go to reach the £40,000 that we need, so fundraising will continue for a while yet!

With the York & District Organists Association, Michael and Andrew were interested recently to visit Winksley church (near Ripon) where the Abbott and Smith organ is a twin to the one in St Mary's Gate Helmsley.

The Winksley instrument has been restored by PPO and it was pleasing to hear just how much better the St Mary's organ should sound once the work is completed. We will be making a "before and after" recording to highlight the improvement.

A small number of visitors enjoyed a warm summer afternoon in Capt. Dick Garnons-Williams' lovely walled garden in June. The afternoon raised £178 for the organ fund. We were sorry that Dick wasn't able to be there – *"Just one of those things"* (the title of our next event on 27th September!)

The "Race Night" will take place early next year and we have plans afoot for other fun events.

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.freeserve.co.uk

This, and previous articles, together with a piece about the organ written for "Pipe Line" (the newsletter of the York and District Organists Association) can also be found in the St Mary's Gate Helmsley section of the Benefice website (www.sandhuttongroup.org.uk).

Dick Garnons-Williams, Michael Harran, Andrew Podmore

HOWSHAM

We had a very successful Bank Holiday Cake Stall on the Bridge. We were very well supported and are most grateful to everyone who brought along cakes, plants, jams etc. and to all those who bought them! A record profit was made and it stayed fine!





We had a wonderful visit to Charles and Gilda Brader's garden in Thixendale.

A magical place on a beautiful evening. Again an excellent amount was raised for Church funds.

We look forward to the Rector's day in the village on 13th August - more details later. We wish Thelma well in her continued recovery.

The village has been delighted to have 2 new babies in the last few weeks - brothers for Albert & Ollie. Other children have moved in or coming shortly too!

**Date for your diaries –
Annual Bank Holiday Church Yard clean-up and Barbecue
on Monday 25th August.**

SAND HUTTON

Gift Day at St Mary's 10th May

We asked for help on this day towards the preservation of our lovely church and churchyard for worship, special occasions, to visit and a meeting place for the community and we were very pleased with the response with some £1220.00 given for the church general funds. The PCC are very grateful to all who contributed in any way. Thank you.

Strawberry Teas at Holderness House June 28th

We would like to say a sincere thank you to all who supported us at this fund raising event for our church tower restoration fund. Despite a lack of sunshine in the afternoon a very pleasant time ensued for those attending, resulting in some £600.00 being donated. Particular thanks to both Paul and Louise Coulter for the provision of an excellent selection of plants for sale and the hard work of the many volunteers helping with the catering.

Life in Zambia

We enjoyed an informative presentation by Rachel of "Zambia in a nut shell" including charity work for Child Protection, development of Football

academies and the progress of Shika's Dental studies which some of you are sponsoring . A big thank you to those who came, and for your support. Rachel is willing to visit any group interested in seeing the presentation and can be contacted on 01904 468809 or gnrfastline@btinternet.com

A CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE

St Leonard's, Sand Hutton



On Tuesday 1st July, a celebration was held to mark the completion of restoration work on the grade 2 listed St Leonard's ruins, located in St Mary's Churchyard at Sand Hutton.

Our Rector Chris Wingfield welcomed everyone, the Venerable Richard Seed conducted a re-dedication ceremony and music was provided by Tim Bayley; also the children of Sand Hutton Primary School, who in addition designed the motif for the commemorative stone. Organised visits to the crypt followed and refreshments were partaken in the warm sunshine.

Our thanks go to all who attended this special occasion. Also to all who contributed to fundraising and the restoration process, enabling this ancient monument to be preserved for future generations.

Booklets about the ruins are available from St Mary's Church.

WHITWELL

Whitwell PCC gave Margaret Bradshaw a 'thank you' gift for all her years in helping with the church. Thank you Margaret for your work over the years it has been really appreciated.

On 2nd July, Reverend Chris visited Whitwell to meet up with villagers. Reverend Chris intends to keep popping in to the village from time to time to meet more residents. Whilst enjoying this beautiful area of outstanding natural beauty that we live in, it is an ideal opportunity for walking his dog too.

Whitwell will hold their Harvest Festival on Sunday 5th October at 10.30 am. Anyone wishing to decorate a window or donate produce is more than welcome to do so. Any gifts can be placed on the window sills or at the back of the church. Afterwards, any produce donations will be taken along to a local charity.

After the success of the 'Christmas Carol' play by Chris Cade held last year, it is hoped to hold another play in December. Dates have not yet been finalised but will be circulated as soon as they are confirmed.

The Retired Bishop of Liverpool, The Right Reverend James Jones will be taking the Midnight service on Christmas Eve at St John's, Whitwell.

During his time in Liverpool, The Right Reverend has been highly involved in urban regeneration across the city, and has championed community-led regeneration in lectures, articles and broadcasts. He was appointed by the home secretary to chair the Hillsborough Independent Panel in 2009. We look forward to welcoming him to our Midnight service.

After such a splendid display in church last year, once again, Whitwell residents, family and friends will be decorating the church windows inside. Anyone wishing to decorate a window with any sort of display is more than welcome to do so.

News from our schools.....

SAND HUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



As the summer term draws to a close we can reflect on the many events that have taken place at Sand Hutton CE Primary School. It very much is a case of what we can leave out as so much has been going on!

ON STAGE

Class 3 spent the half term preparing the play 'Little Criminals' a brand new play by Canadian playwright Evan Placey. The play dealt with modern issues of prejudice, discrimination and hypocrisy which the children portrayed with maturity and sensitivity. The children performed the play on the Studio Stage at York Theatre Royal for parents and grandparents. They were delighted when Evan Placey was in the audience and personally congratulated them on their excellent portrayal of his work. A proud moment for us all.

OUT AND ABOUT

All classes have been out and about enjoying first hand learning in many different surroundings. Class 1 & 2 visited Tesco at Clifton Moor for a behind the scenes look at how food is made, transported and stored on an enormous scale. Class 2 went back in time to Roman Britain when they visited the Yorkshire Museum exhibition and learned about Roman way of life.

Many of our visits are joint with Warthill CE Primary School. This was the case when Class 3 took part in REaction along with other North Yorkshire church schools. Through dance, music and drama they explored the concepts of Peace and Conflict in an effective and moving way.

SAND HUTTON SPARTAN

All children demonstrated their level of fitness by taking part in a sponsored Spartans event at Sandburn Hall sports hall by kind invitation of Mr James Hogg. The hall was full of sporting activities designed by Mrs Fraser, each class having their own circuit. Much needed refreshment was provided by the PTA to keep the children going for an afternoon of non-stop sport raising the magnificent amount of £845.00 so far, sponsorship is still coming in.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the event through sponsorship. The money will be spent on new permanent playground markings which will be used by all the children.

**Thank you to everyone who supported our
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the two collections raised £770.00**

We hope everyone has a lovely summer



The Parson and the Victorian Parish by Peter C Hammond

The following delightful extract about Sydney Smith former vicar of All Saints, Foston, taken from Peter Hammond's book, was sent by Paul Conder who, with Pat, recently moved to Chester. How different life was in those days!.....



.....Sydney Smith had been presented to the living of Foston-le-Clay in Yorkshire in 1806, but remained in the south for the next three years, visited the parish only once in that time, and appointed a neighbouring curate to take the duty.

In 1808 Vernon Harcourt became Archbishop of York and the placid man began to demand residency of his clergy so that Sydney Smith found himself compelled to move to Yorkshire, though not into his parish, for he lived at Heslington, near York, driving over to Foston every Sunday, which was a dozen miles away.

The parsonage at Foston was a hovel as there had been no resident incumbent since the days of Charles II, and the amiable archbishop did not demand that a new one should be built; but since it appeared probable to Sydney Smith that he would be immured there for the rest of his life he decided to build and move into the parish.

The new house cost over four thousand pounds, was ready for occupation in 1814, and was commodious and pleasant, even though the chimney-pieces had to be of Portland stone, not marble. Unusual features of this residence included air tubes which pierced the outer walls and opened into the centre of the grates, keeping the fire bright; a great speaking trumpet near the front door, through which he could shout directions to his labourers in the fields; and a telescope, with which he could keep them under observation.

Sydney Smith was not a man to suffer in silence and complained – ‘a diner-out, a wit, and a popular preacher, I was suddenly caught up by the Archbishop of York, and transported to my living in Yorkshire, where there had not been a resident clergyman for a hundred and fifty years. Fresh from London, not knowing a turnip from a carrot, I was compelled to farm three hundred acres and without capital to build a parsonage house.’ ‘My living in Yorkshire,’ he said ‘was so far out of the way that it was actually twelve miles from a lemon.’

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To find our more, please visit our website www.sash-uk.org.uk or call 01904 652043. I am happy to talk to churches and other groups about our work, so please contact me:

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(SASH is the charity to which proceeds of this year's Lent Lunches was sent)



HIGH SPEED BROADBAND

Where we are now.....

Many of you may suffer from inadequate broadband speeds and may be aware of a movement that got started two and a half years ago. You may have heard little since and be wondering what is happening. An update meeting took place in Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall, Sand Hutton Monday 12 May 2014 at 6.00pm. Here is a general summary. For those who want to know more, and keep updated, there are detailed notes of the meeting plus some key slides of the two presentations which can be found at <http://www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk/>

Colin Garner, Chairman of the SW Ryedale HSB Steering Committee, briefly outlined the history of the project to bring high speed broadband (HSB) to the area. SW Ryedale, The Wolds and Thixendale and NE Selby groups were working as one to bring HSB to this area. The SW Ryedale group arose from a meeting at Sand Hutton & Claxton Village Hall attended by over 100 people held on 2nd November 2011. The meeting sponsors at the time were North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), Ryedale District Council (RDC) and NYnet. A working group was subsequently established, initially chaired by Andrew Fawcett.

Colin stated that there was no time at the meeting to go into the considerable detail to explain the work of the committee over the past two and a half years. However this detail is available for those who want to know more if they care to contact committee members - or if they wish to take a look at the documented chronology. Suffice it to say that Colin highlighted that HSB was no longer to be regarded as a luxury in today's global world. Indeed HSB should increasingly be regarded as just as important as basic utilities such as water, electricity, sewerage and good roads; and essential if the UK was to be competitive in world markets. An absence of HSB results in a frustrating communications process and a substantial disadvantaging of rural communities. The disadvantages include: making working from home difficult or impractical, disincentives for small business to locate in the area and thus to bring employment and the driving away of families with children who increasingly require good internet speeds for their school homework. Also it is generally accepted that poor broadband speeds could depress house

prices by as much as 20%. As examples of the difficulties, Colin cited his own experiences of poor Skype performance and of it taking him half an hour to upload a 12 Mb document. He referred to the piecemeal approach to bringing HSB to the area; that the Government's target had slipped from 2015 to 2017 and that we were in a "not spot".

In conversation with a Civil Servant responsible for rural broadband rollout the Committee has established that The Government has revised its position as follows:

- the new deadline is 90% coverage (of the UK) by early 2016;
- a new deadline has been set for BDUK to deliver 95% by 2017; and, in addition;
- to explore innovative solutions to cover 99% by 2018.

Colin welcomed the two speakers: John Moore, Chief Executive of NYnet, who gave a talk of that organisation's work to bring HSB to North Yorkshire and Gerald McDonald, Sales Director of Fast Satellite Broadband (FSATB). NYnet is tasked by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) in providing an ultra-high-speed internet network to ensure North Yorkshire is not left behind as information technology advances. Gerald is a farmer who suffered severely in the foot and mouth crisis and had to diversify; choosing high pressure water cleaning. He found it very difficult running a business with poor broadband and adopted the "Tooway" satellite system. He subsequently became a reseller for Tooway. (*See also the Tooway website for more information - <http://www.tooway.com/>.*)

John Moore explained that NYnet's work had been split into two phases, Phase 1 being a pilot. NYnet's vision is for North Yorkshire to have universal coverage by 2017 with an emphasis on high quality rather than just speed. The aim of Phase 1 was, by the end of 2014, to achieve 77% access to 25Mb/second download speed - N.B. this is asymmetric; upload speed would be lower and of the order of 6 Mb/S; AND for there to be access to 2Mb/s for 100% of the population. NYnet obtained its own contract and its own state aid but public money can only be spent where Virgin and BT are not already providing a commercial service.

The development of the potential broadband scheme for the SW Ryedale/Wolds and NE Selby cluster relies upon NYnet running a formal procurement process. There are a number of aspects which must be drafted carefully, not least the issues around State Aid; which is also linked to EU conditions. This has caused great difficulty to NYnet - and delay. A further complication is that since NYnet awarded a major contract to BT to help NYnet deliver its objectives, NYnet has also had to face the commercial reality that BT's focus has been to place the greatest effort in the areas of

greatest population. An examination of a broadband map of North Yorkshire shows that in practice, commercially-driven rollout plus intervention (i.e. NYnet) - driven rollout would amount to 90% coverage. This leaves the remaining 10% not yet reached; which geographically represents a huge area of North Yorkshire (50,000 premises).

SW Ryedale was not in Phase 1 and Phase 2 will operate from November 2014.

In order to achieve HSB speeds it is necessary to use optical fibre - not the traditional copper wire. High speeds can only be achieved if the final copper wire link to the household is kept at less than 1.2 Km (actual wire length) from a cabinet which is linked to the optical fibre network - or, very unlikely in a country area, the household is directly hooked up with fibre. BT have focussed their efforts on upgrading these cabinet “distribution points” and have so far upgraded some 462 of the 700 cabinets in the county.

SW Ryedale is in the final 10% and no one solution can be applied to this 10%. Other solutions are point-to-point radio and satellite. Point-to-point radio is found in several areas elsewhere in the county but they are very localised.

The Satellite Solution

Having been introduced as a satellite “expert”, Gerald delightfully undersold himself as being a “mere” farmer. However, he noted that:

- farmers these days mastered and drove GPS - aided tractors (requiring satellite use);
- consumers have access to satellite TV;
- consumers could make global telephone calls;
- all were readily accessible.

He then went on to ask how was it that the provision of HSB presented such obstacles? As a public, we should be more demanding - and less accepting of the excuses. Having told us why and how he became introduced to HSB, he said that if he were able to obtain a broadband service through fibre, this would be his preferred choice. However, he noted that (like us) this was not going to happen anytime soon; so satellite broadband was his only option.

Mr McDonald is a reseller for Tooway and the Committee must point out that there are other providers.

FSATB typical start-up and running costs (+VAT):

- Satellite dish: £245
- Installation cost: £199
- Switch-on fee: £30
- 10Gb/month plan: £30

Conclusion

- For many of us it would appear that we will not be getting HSB via NYnet in the foreseeable future. Colin is interested to explore the satellite option as a community scheme. If we can get enough people interested then we should be able to negotiate a discount with a satellite provider such as FSATB.
- Colin has written to all attendees who left their contact details to ascertain interest and move this on.
- For further information contact Professor Colin Garner – colin.garner3@btconnect.com



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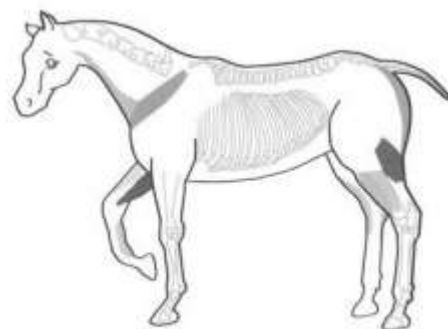
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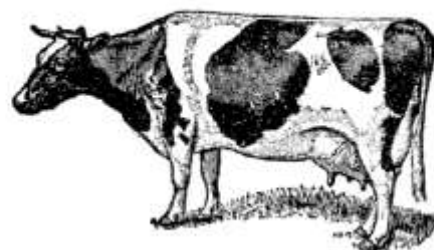
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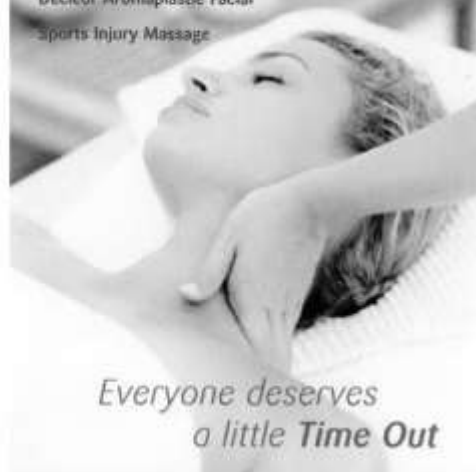
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Teacher: Ben, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

Ben: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

Teacher: No, that's wrong

Ben: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: David, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your Brother's, did you copy his?

David: No, sir. It's the same dog.

Teacher: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

Simon: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

Teacher: John, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

John: A teacher.

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