

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Summer edition 2015
May June July

Sand Hutton Claxton Flaxton
Gate Helmsley Upper Helmsley Bossall
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Barton-le-Willows Thornton-le-Clay

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Services for the Benefice of Harton

May 2015

Sunday 3rd May		Easter 5
9.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
10.30	Morning Prayer	Upper Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion At Methodist Church	Thornton Le Clay
6.00	Evensong	Whitwell
Wednesday 6th May		
10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
Sunday 10th May		Easter 6
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion	Flaxton
Thursday 14th May		Ascension Day
7.30pm	Holy Communion	Howsham
Sunday 17th May		Easter 7
9.00	Matins	Foston
10.30	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
10.30	Holy Communion	Howsham
Wednesday 20th May		
10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
Sunday 24th May		Pentecost
9.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
10.30	Family Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe
Wednesday 27th May		
10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham

Sunday 31st May

Trinity

10.30

Benefice Holy Communion

Upper Helmsley

June 2015

Wednesday 3rd June

10.00

Holy Communion

Corpus Christi
Buttercrambe

Sunday 7th June

Trinity 1

10.30

Benefice Holy Communion

Buttercrambe

Wednesday 10th June

10.00

Holy Communion

St Barnabas
Buttercrambe

Sunday 14th June

Trinity 2

9.00

Holy Communion

Gate Helmsley

10.30

Family Service

Flaxton

10.30

Holy Communion

Bossall

Wednesday 17th June

10.00

Holy Communion

Buttercrambe

Sunday 21st June

Trinity 3

9.00

Matins

Foston

10.30

Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

10.30

Holy Communion

Whitwell

Wednesday 24th June

10.00

Holy Communion

St John the Baptist

Buttercrambe

Sunday 28th June

Trinity 4

9.00

Holy Communion

Flaxton

10.30

Holy Communion

Gate Helmsley

10.30

Holy Communion

Crambe

July

Wednesday 1st July

10.00

Holy Communion

St Peter and St Paul

Flaxton

Sunday 5th July

Trinity 5

9.00

Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

10.30

Holy Communion

Foston

10.30

Holy Communion

Upper Helmsley

6.00

Evensong

Whitwell

Wednesday 8th July

10.00

Holy Communion

Flaxton

Sunday 12th July

Trinity 6

9.00

Holy Communion

Gate Helmsley

10.30

Family Service

Flaxton

10.30

Holy Communion

Bossall

Wednesday 15th July

10.00

Holy Communion

Flaxton

Sunday 19th July

Trinity 7

9.00

Matins

Foston

10.30

Holy Communion

Howsham

10.30

Holy Communion

Sand Hutton

Wednesday 22nd July

10.00

Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalen

Flaxton

Sunday 26th July

Trinity 8

10.30

Benefice Holy Communion

Gate Helmsley

Wednesday 29th July

10.00

Holy Communion

Flaxton



Welcome to those newly baptised

25th January
19th April
19th April

Arabella Ava Pellen
Imogen Mae Hardy Morris
Elsie Roe Crabtree

Flaxton
Whitwell
Foston



Congratulations and good wishes to those who were married recently

15th February
25th April

James Reid & Amy Leeming
Jonathan Eccles & Lisa Goodson

Bossall
Sand Hutton



Our condolences to the family and friends of

13th February
14th February
20th February
23rd March

John Arnold Morris
Lesley Mary Norris
Frank Wray
David William Thompson

Sand Hutton
Sand Hutton
Gate Helmsley
Sand Hutton

Revd Dr Quentin Wilson

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death on February 16th 2015 of Quentin Wilson. I first met Quentin when he was Rural Dean when our group of parishes was in an interregnum. Quentin and I had a certain amount in common (don't laugh!) in that he had previously had a parish in Burnley, heartland of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment, my former regiment, and knew many of the old and bold of that regiment.

As Rural Dean he was very supportive of us all during the interregnum not only taking services, but also joining in with many of our local fundraising activities, always accompanied by Anne. As a priest he was warm, sincere and articulate and his generosity and humour always shone through. He was a kind and lovely man who will be much missed by us all.

We extend our love and condolences to Anne on her loss and hope she knows that she will always have the support and affection of their many friends in the benefice.

Mike Le Masurier

Ken Waller

We are sad to report the death of Ken Waller who died on February 28th 2015 at the age of 86. Ken was a well known figure to the congregation of St Michael's Church, Crambe. As a boy Ken had lived with his uncle and aunt, Thomas and Edith Wood at the far end of the village and from that time to his death had a very special fondness for the church. Most of his later life he lived in Norton with his wife Dorothy and family. Over many years Ken supported all the fundraising events that were held either by attending or through generous donation, and attending services when he could.

Ken was a man of many parts. He spent twenty seven years as a policeman and later worked in the legal department of Ryedale Council. He designed the coat of arms for Ryedale Council and the emblem worn on the shirts of the Malton cricket team.

He will be remembered for his warmth and kindness, his great sense of humour and strong sense of duty, together with the deep commitment he invested in all he did.

In death as in life, Ken has yet again shown his generosity in leaving a much appreciated legacy to St Michael's Church.

We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends He will be remembered in Crambe with affection.

LENT LUNCHES

Thanks to everyone who supported the three soup and cheese lunches held during the season of Lent, and a big thank you to the hosts. **The pleasing amount of £433.40 was raised in aid of Ryedale Special Families.**

This organisation was founded in the early 1990s by parents of children with disabilities and has been a registered charity since 1997. With offices in Old Malton, it has a staff of over 30, both paid and volunteer. It supports the families of children and young adults with disabilities, illness and special needs, currently providing support for 400 families across Ryedale offering respite care and family activities.

It is a registered provider of care with NYCC and is registered with the Care Quality Commission to provide domiciliary care making an important contribution to the provision of family services in Ryedale.



Sunday 12th April saw Mick and Anne Archer celebrate their diamond wedding with those who attended a packed Buttercrambe Church for a service of Holy Communion. Some eighty five friends and family attended, coming from as far afield as Scotland, Buckinghamshire and Lincolnshire, making it necessary to open an additional entrance on the side of the church. The celebrant was the Revd. Chris Wingfield and the organist was Vanessa Simmons, Anne's niece.

Special hymns and readings were chosen by Mick and Anne who had individual seats together at the front and were invited up by Chris for the blessing of a special ring, which Mick then placed on Anne's finger. She has had a wedding ring since their marriage but never an engagement ring in those restrained times.

Afterwards, the family and invited guests attended a lovely lunch at Stockton-on-the Forest Village Hall where £532 was collected in a donation box set aside specifically for St. Leonard's Hospice. Half of the church collection (amount not yet known) will go to Buttercrambe Church and half to the hospice. It was a very special day which will live long in the memories of Mick, Anne and all their family and friends.

From the Vicarage

My dear friends

What DID Jesus write in the sand that day.... ?



There is a well known ‘quote’ of Jesus which goes something like ***‘Let he who is without sin cast the first stone’***. It appears in the gospel of John chapter 8 verses 1 to 11, and tells the story of a woman who was about to be stoned to death by a religious group of Jewish men called the Pharisees. She was accused of adultery and they challenged Jesus to affirm their actions as, according to their ancient law of Moses, this was a fitting death sentence for a woman caught in such an act. Before answering, Jesus apparently pauses and writes something in the sand. But they continue to demand an answer. Jesus then stands up and delivers his famous quote, writes something else in the sand and, one by one they drop their stones and leave. Jesus, now alone with the woman, then says that nobody now condemns her and neither does he, and he tells her she is free to leave.

Now.... there are a thousand and one nuances to dissect from this vivid, vibrant scenario – but that’s for another time perhaps. What bothers me is.... **What DID Jesus write in the sand that day....?** Oh... and just be careful if you want to look up this passage (which I suggest you do) as you may find that some bibles omit these few verses as it was very probably added sometime after the ‘original’ was written – so its authenticity is questioned – but for the sake of argument (and because I like the story so much) we’re going to leave it in!

So.... what did he write? Well in my world of vivid biblical imagination and, given the scenario Jesus was in, where male dominance over the woman was the issue Jesus wanted to address rather than the ‘letter’ of the patriarchal law, I imagine he wrote this

A woman without her man is nothing.

When one of the Pharisees noticed this, he nodded and grinned, nudged his friends, grabbed the stick that Jesus was using and corrected the sentence with some effective punctuation, making it read.

A woman, without her man, is nothing.

This suited the atmosphere and occasion he thought; as he picked up and hefted his stone to throw. The others noticed this, agreed with one another

and demanded Jesus answer their question – did he agree that they stone the woman?

Jesus then delivers his famous quote '***Let he who is without sin cast the first stone***'..... and Jesus then sits down and writes in the sand again. One by one, they look down and see what he has written this time..... and, with disgruntled faces, they drop their stones and walk away. The man who punctuated the sentence Jesus wrote was the last to look – and he saw that Jesus had written exactly the same sentence... but had altered the man's punctuation. He read it, and he too dropped his stone... and ran away.

The woman who was now free to leave also looked and what Jesus had written, through tears of thankfulness, smiled, nodded and walked away.

So what *DID* Jesus write in the sand that day...?

Well, I think the Jesus that I know and love, would have written:

A woman: without her, man is nothing.

But I wasn't there... so what do you think?

Yours in Christ

Revd Chris Wingfield



From the Benefice (or Joint) PCC.....

The next meeting of the Benefice PCC will be at Orchard House, Gate Helmsley at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th May. There is still time for you to contribute to the agenda for this meeting. Please let the Honorary Secretary, Wendy Holman, know of any topics you would like to be discussed.

Delyth Harran

Lay Vice Chairman



Open Garden

The Manor House
Gate Helmsley

Sunday June 7th 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Dick Garnons Williams is opening his garden
in celebration of his 90th birthday

Entrance is by donation, all proceeds will go to

The Pipe Up! Organ Appeal
St Mary's Church Gate Helmsley

Refreshments will be available



CRAMBE OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 14th June

1.30-5pm

Come and enjoy
Crambe's lovely and varied
hidden gardens

See the display of classic cars

Entry fee £6 adults, children free
Refreshments included

In aid of St. Michael's Church





CHRISTINE'S FUNWALK.



Join us for a charity walk in memory of Christine.

Sunday 21st June 2015. 12.00pm

Starting at The Duke of York Pub, Gate Helmsley at 12pm.
Going through Scoreby, Kexby, Low Catton, Stamford Bridge and then back to The Duke of York.

Please feel free to stay with us for drinks and pulled pork and apple rolls will be available for everybody after the walk

£10 per walker—wear pink where possible!

All proceeds will be divided between:
Breast Cancer Campaign and York Against Cancer.



To join us telephone Keith on:
07708980558

National Music Therapy Week

Musical Milestones”

21st – 28th June



North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre (reg. charity no.702533) takes music therapy into schools, hospitals, care homes and day centres, helping to meet the needs of children and adults whose lives have been affected by illness or disability. Throughout this year, NYMTC is running a special project “Musical Milestones” that celebrates the achievements of 25 years of this vital work, and lays out the next steps forward to bring music therapy to more people, young and old, across North Yorkshire.

With your help, we can go further along the road. During National Music Therapy Week in June, we are organizing our own musical happenings, and co-ordinating events arranged by local groups – orchestras, choirs, rock bands - in support of the charity.

Please come to the events, learn more about the work we do, and perhaps become a Friend of the charity, supporting us with regular donations.

Special Events include:

- **Sunday 21 June:** Samba Band Workshop, Easingwold
- **Monday 22 June:** Musical Soirée at Helmsley Arts Centre
- **Tuesday 23 June:** Arts and Health Conference
- **Wednesday 24 June:** Musical tea party for Senior Citizens in Sand Hutton Village Hall
- **Friday 26 June:** “A Tudor Revel” with York Waits & Deborah Catterall, St Olave’s Church, York
- **Sunday 28 June:** Young Performers Piano Concert, Sherburn in Elmet
- **Sunday 28 June:** Picnic with Music at the Yorkshire Arboretum

For full details on these events and information on NYMTC activities, see www.music-therapy.org.uk

SAND HUTTON AND CLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming Events

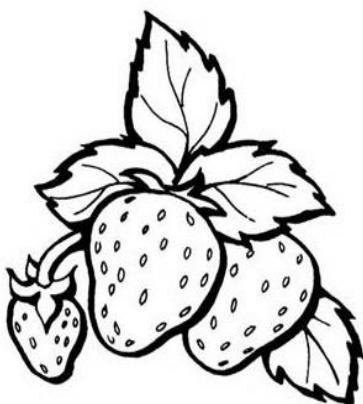
- Friday 15th May 6.30 pm** Asparagus Supper: bring your favourite (or experimental!) dish featuring our delicious local seasonal delicacy to share with friends

Special Musical Events in National Music Therapy Week

- Wednesday 24th June 2 pm** “Songs and Scones”: tea party for Senior Citizens

- Thursday 25th June 11 am** Women in Harmony invite you to join them for an open rehearsal: coffee from 10.30 am

- Friday 26th June 7 pm** Pop-up Pub: the “Synolda Arms” will be open for beers, wines, soft drinks, with musical entertainment



STRAWBERRY TEAS!

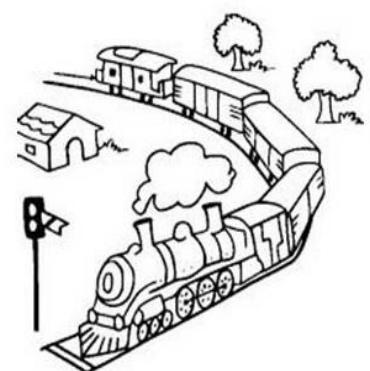
Saturday July 4th 2.0 pm– 4.30pm

Holderness House Claxton

Table Top Sale ★ Plants ★ Cakes ★ Raffle

**G scale and Heritage 00gauge Trains operating.
(weather permitting!)**

All proceeds for St. Marys Church Tower Fund



St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley

**Strawberry Lunch
in
Gate Helmsley
Village Hall**



**Sunday 5th July
12.30pm
£10 per person**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Soft drinks provided - Bring your own wine

**Tickets from Harrans or Podmores —
01759 372215 or 372320**

GATE HELMSLEY VILLAGE HALL

Barbecue

SUNDAY 19th JULY

12.30 PM – 4.00 PM

WHINFIELD , THE LANE, GATE HELMSLEY

PARKING IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

BRIC A BRAC : BOOKS : RAFFLE : TOMBOLA

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS
GLASSES WILL BE PROVIDED**

TICKETS: £10 ADULTS £5 CHILDREN 5 – 12 (INCLUSIVE)

available from

DEBBIE 01759 372558 MANDY 01759 371148 LORRAINE 01759 373052
Charity No. 523351

CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 5th September 2015

Save the date!

For all villages of
Barton Hill, Barton le Willows,
Claxton, Crambe,
Harton, Howsham
Sand Hutton

To be held at Barton le Willows Village Hall – classes for

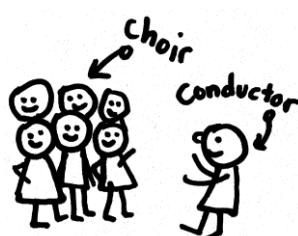
fruit and vegetables ★ cookery ★ crafts:

entries invited from all ages.

Get growing and crafting, we want to see you there!

More detailed information in the next Circular

The Benefice Choir



We welcome members old and new!

The Benefice Choir is gradually becoming re-established, singing at Benefice services and the occasional Evensong - the next of these being at Whitwell church on May 3rd at 6pm. We are still looking for new members particularly tenors and basses.

Rehearsals are once or twice a month, on Thursday evenings from 7-8pm at Sand Hutton Church.

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

Around the Parishes.....

News views and information from:

BARTON LE WILLOWS

The Village Hall committee continues to actively raise funds for maintaining and improving the hall. The current priorities are updating the kitchen, better toilet facilities including disabled access, and more storage space. To this end the following grants have already been confirmed £2000from Ryedale, and £300 from the Norman Collinson Trust. Additional involvement and support is being sought from Stronger Communities Fund.

The hall continues to host the Playgroup on Fridays, and artists are meeting every other Tuesday. The Stretch n'Flex class is proving very popular meeting every Monday and on alternate Friday evenings at 7.15. There a few spare places for the Friday class if anyone is interested Please email Jo Viner at **mijovin963@btinternet.com** for more information.

The Quiz went well about 45 people attended with quite a few new faces. It was a good quiz, very techie and a bit difficult but very well-received. Congratulations to the winners who were from bottom end of Barton le Willows and who are dead keen to do the next one!

Some dates for your diary:

Saturday July 4th: a Hog roast will be held at the village hall.

Saturday September 5th: Craft and produce Show. This event will be run in collaboration with Sand Hutton. So get growing and crafting!

Full details will be available closer to the events with posters being put up in the villages and on the Community email.

The Village Hall now has a website!
www.bartonlewillowsvillagehall.weebly.com

Do take a look at it. Feedback, comments and ideas for content are very welcome. Please contact Clare Taylor at ctaylor@yorkat.co.uk or drop a note into Little Holme (next to the village hall) The website is very flexible, it can be changed easily and extra titles added so don't be shy with any feedback!

BOSSALL

Little to report for this Circular which must be good news in one sense!

The new boundary wall continues to attract favourable comment but there is still some tidying up to be done re the tombstones previously leaning on the inside, and at some stage we hope to tidy up the path with some more gravel.

The most obvious new work has been the making and fitting of new oak railings to the lychgate which has been carried out by Chris Jilbert of Stockton -on - Forest on the basis of material only cost. This is a most generous contribution for which we are most grateful

It does now 'show up' the boundary fencing on the other side of the entrance but we hope to be able in the future to replace that with a matching wall.

We will report on the Quinquennial in the next Circular but we have not been advised that anything spectacular will be noted.

Another box of circulars re the history of the Church has been found so that a reprint has been deferred for the time being.

The A.G.M. of the three churches comprising our parish has been held with a great deal of work required by our Asst. Treas. - Jacqui Cadman and all was well received - even the proposal to increase (slightly) our parish contribution to the Diocese!

BUTTERCRAMBE

Aldby Park was again the venue for a musical concert held on March 15th, with proceeds of £1,200 going to Buttercrambe church funds. There were the usual, popular and classical musical items with readings from members of the audience. The concert was followed by a buffet supper. Also as usual, the logistical work was smoothly handled by Sarah and her team.



The church's officers send their thanks to all the friends who support these pleasant evenings. Appearing in the photograph are the usual suspects who turn up year after year and thanks also go to these talented musicians who give their time to substantially provide the necessary to keep the little church open in the village. It is rumoured that the church bell is to become operative again this year, after being rung 'over the top', reportedly by an enthusiastic person attending a wedding.

CRAMBE

March came in like a lion and went out in the same way! It has been a very cold month and spring is struggling to get a foothold, however Ron's lambs have arrived on time.

Florence Verity had a significant birthday, which I'm sure she enjoyed, but I'm not saying which one!

We have welcomed back David and Deborah Cole to the newly renovated School House. Ray and Gill Quinn have moved into Church Farm House, welcome, and I'm sure they will be a great addition to the village.

Ian and Sarah Bradshaw have moved into the new house, welcome to them too.

Liz and Laura Jay made their successful annual trip to Crufts. Laura's dog was 2nd in Post Graduate dog, and Liz's dog Abbie, won Graduate Bitch. Well done.

Sunday Communion on March 22nd was taken by Revd. Rachel Benson, it was well attended and followed by coffee and biscuits at Kyreham House, many thanks Bobby.

The annual coffee morning was held at Barton Village Hall and raised £377 for church funds. Thanks to everyone who made it a success.

The last service before Easter was the Maundy Service on the 2nd April taken by Revd. Chris Wingfield and well attended.

On February 28th Ken Waller died. Though no longer living in Crambe, Ken was a loyal supporter of St. Michael's, attending many of our fundraising events until fairly recently. We offer our condolences to Ken's family and friends. He will be missed.

On the 28th of March Nigel Copsey married Vanessa at Ellerburn Church. Nigel in his role as a stonemason and has done a great deal of work on the church and is soon to start restoring the western doorway.

**Sunday 14th June: Crambe Open Gardens
with lots of super gardens and a display of classic cars.**

FLAXTON

On the 25th January we welcomed Arabella Ava Pellen into the family of the church.

In February we had an excellent turn out for the book sale/light lunch fund raising event. Plenty of books were given and equally plenty were sold. People were able to enjoy homemade soup, a ploughman's lunch or cake.

Also in February we had our pancake party which was a great success with over 60 people attending. The Flip a Pancake competition was very popular with twenty one teams entering. There were some magnificent scores but the winning teams were: The Bush Beating team (age 10 and under) = 173 flips, The Girls Team (age 11-18) = 235 flips, Bone in the Leg (Adults) = 310 flips. Thank you to everyone who came along to make it a very enjoyable evening.

On Friday, 8th May in St Lawrence Church, Flaxton, at 7.30pm (***not 7.00pm as previously advertised in the Flaxton Newsletter***) you are warmly invited to come and enjoy a Spring Musical Evening (with a little bit extra!!) organised by Dick Blackford and the Flaxton Choir. Following the entertainment there will be a glass of wine and light refreshments. Donations gratefully received which will be shared between the church and a charity of the church's choice.

Last year we held our Garden Fete for the first time at Draft Farm at the home of Jane and Trevor Corner, a very successful event. Jane and Trevor have very kindly offered to host us again this year on Saturday 20th June opening at 2.00pm. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us, but if not, the Fete will still go ahead but it will be in the Village Hall.

GATE HELMSLEY

St Mary's Church

Thank you to everyone who supported our most recent fund-raising event, afternoon tea at Fox Farm. We are grateful to Anne and Andrew Podmore, who hosted the event, and to all their helpers. It was a very pleasant afternoon, raising over £470 for church funds.

The next event will be the annual Strawberry Lunch. This will be held at Gate Helmsley Village Hall on Sunday 5th July at 12.30 pm. See the separate poster for details. Please book your places in advance.

We are pleased that we can now have more regular services at St Mary's Church. Generally speaking, there is a service at 9.00 am on the second Sunday of each month, and at 10.30 am on each fourth Sunday.

We extend sympathy to Pam Wray and all the family following the recent death of Pam's husband, Frank, whose very well attended memorial service was held at St Mary's on 9th March. The obituary below is from the family.

Frank Wray who died on February 20th 2015, was born in 1929 at Bartherope Grange, the youngest of eight children. After farming at Poplar House, Leppington, the family moved to Manor Farm, Stamford Bridge when Frank was seventeen. Later, he went into partnership with his brother, Fred, until Fred moved to Bugthorpe in 1961.

During this time, Frank had married Pamela, and their children, Maureen, Michael and Carol were born. In 1965 the family moved to another Manor Farm, this time in Gate Helmsley, where Frank carried on farming until his retirement. When it came to retirement, Frank was happy to stay at Manor Farm and took up the game of bowls, both indoors and out. He had a long and happy life and bore his illnesses without complaint.

He was well respected in the farming community, and the packed church bore testament to his popularity. Always generous and kind, he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

The family would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the collection that was taken in Frank's memory. This totalled almost £900 and was shared between the Church Organ Fund and St Leonard's Hospice.

Gate Helmsley Village Hall

The annual Village Hall barbecue will be held on Sunday 12th July. Details can be found on the poster elsewhere in this Circular. The barbecue is a very popular event, so advance booking is essential.

“Pipe Up!”

St Mary's, Gate Helmsley Centenary Organ Restoration Fund

The Race Night on 7th February was much enjoyed by all. The evening raised almost £700 for the Organ Fund and we are grateful to everyone who helped to make it such a success. Particular thanks to those who sponsored races and “bought” racehorses (and gave them some interesting names!), to those who decorated the hall and helped to prepare and serve the food, to Dee and Jo at the Duke of York who supplied the delicious pies, to Tyrone of

“D J Ollie” who was compère for the night and to everyone who came along to join in the fun.

To continue with a racing theme, we are into the final furlong and the finishing post is in sight! The fund has reached almost £38,000 with just over £6,000 to go to reach our target and we await the outcome of two further grant applications in the coming weeks.

We have therefore been able to sign a contract with Principal Pipe Organs (PPO) who will undertake the organ restoration and hope that the work can begin later this Spring.

Of course we will need to continue with fundraising for a while so watch out for news of further events. At least we may be able to add organ recitals to the options once the instrument has been restored! We will also make plans for a dedication service later in the year.

We thank all those who have supported our project so far. There is still plenty of time to sponsor one or more pipes or just make a donation that can be entered in the Sponsors’ Book for posterity – why not do it NOW?

Future event: August 16th Annual open garden at The Manor House, Gate Helmsley 2 pm to 5 pm refreshments and stalls, further details in the next edition of the Circular

For more information about the history of the organ, the restoration plans or to make a donation, contact Michael Harran – 01759 372215 or mj@mharren.freeserve.co.uk

Dick Garnons Williams, Michael Harran, Andrew Podmore

HOWSHAM

Annual Bank Holiday Cake & Plant Stall
Monday 4th May
from 10.30am on Howsham Bridge.
Please support this popular fund-raising event
for St Johns Church

May is our month for Wednesday morning Holy Communion (with coffee). We should like to welcome everyone - even, or especially, if you haven't been before.

The village was delighted to welcome baby Ruby May Stephenson born to Tom & Vanessa on 22nd January.

SAND HUTTON

HOW TIME FLIES!

It is just over a year since Chris our Rector, his wife Thelma and Alfie, their lovely golden retriever, came to live in the Vicarage in Sand Hutton.

As a PCC we want to thank Chris for giving so much of himself (and his boundless energy!) to us. In just a very short time he has mastered the names of so many and shared his life and ours, in the communities within the Benefice. During the past year we have been encouraged in our faith, often perhaps in a new or different way by Chris's style of ministry. His year ended with a very special time as Chris took us through Lent with 'Mark my Word'- a four week course, that took us up to Holy Week. Chris taught us so much in a meaningful and sometimes dramatic way that you could not help but find what he said to be interesting, challenging, thought provoking and sometimes tough. Thank you Chris- we look forward to completing what Marks Gospel has to say to us on April 29th!

BEHIND THE SCENES!

Thank you to those who keep our villages running smoothly-those who look after the village hall, those who organise Village events, those who spend endless hours doing necessary paper work for the Parish Council, those who keep the village greens and verges tidy including the band of 'litter pickers!', those who look after our church and church yard and others who perhaps we don't see but give of their time and energies- **THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to Brian Atkinson who has just stepped down from his role of Deputy churchwarden. We welcome Ian Lyall who has taken up the post of churchwarden, and we look forward to working with him.

Autumn Fund Raising Events for St Mary's Tower Fund.

'AUTUMN LEAVES' GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 20th September 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm
The Lodge, Sand Hutton

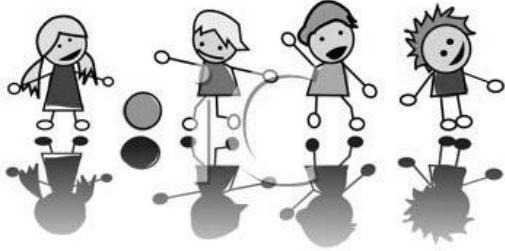
QUIZ NIGHT !

Hosted by Dot & Bryan Mills

Friday 20th November 7 pm

£5 per person, to include light supper

More information on both these events in the next Circular



News from our schools.....

SAND HUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term Class 3 at Sand Hutton had two fascinating visits within a week of each other, very different experiences but with an underlying connection. Firstly, they went to the National Coal Mining Museum. As with all national museums entry is free and we are very fortunate to have the cost of the coach paid for by Sand Hutton PTA.

The children were shown how to adjust their miner's helmets and lamps before being taken underground; travelling huddled together down a mine shaft in a lift that certainly came to stop with a bump! We were escorted by ex-miners who had many tales to tell along with amazing facts of life down the pit long ago and not so long ago. The children were horrified to see a scene from the eighteenth century where the father was hacking the coal from the coal face, Mum's job was to push the heavy cart containing the coal whilst a small child, usually aged between 5 and 9 years, had the task of opening and closing the entrance door to ventilate the tunnel. They could afford a candle for Dad and Mum to see what they were doing but the child spent up to twelve hours a day in the dark.

The second visit was much closer to home; Howsham Mill provided a wonderful opportunity to see life in the past as the children were able to bake with flour that had been milled at Howsham. The setting itself is beautiful and provided such a contrast to the children's experience underground. Once again we were warmly welcomed by experienced, enthusiastic guides who brought the past to life. Certainly both visits allowed the children to reflect on the contrast between their own lives today and what challenges life presented for adults and children in the past.

Meanwhile Class 1 went off for a farming adventure at 'Piglets' and Class 2 became archaeologists for the day at 'Dig' before enjoying the Jorvik Centre. Happy times.

We have had further reason to be very grateful to the fund raising of the PTA as they have paid for bright new playground markings which will last for a number of years. The children are enjoying playing all kinds of traditional

games such as hopscotch, giant chess and snakes and ladders as well as new games they have invented themselves.

A very big thank you to parents and friends who have made this venture possible.

FOSTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

I hope everyone is enjoying the run up to what will be hopefully a beautiful summer. After a very successful Ofsted health check by the local authority we were rewarded with outstanding behaviour and safety and outstanding practice was identified throughout the school. Well done to our fantastic team of teaching and support staff who enable such an inclusive education for every child in our school. Miss Stringer has been chosen by the local authority to be a lead teacher for early years after a gruelling interview and observation and has also gained a distinction in her special educational needs qualification. Mr Popplewell is a specialist maths teacher and is currently supporting in another school sharing best practice.

This term across our confederation with Terrington, we will all be studying the seaside. A visit to enhance this is always a highlight of mine and the children's. Our small mixed age classes of about 15 allow for an individually tailored curriculum to suit your child's needs.

Don't forget if you would like to help hearing readers or are interested in visiting as a prospective parent please get in touch on 01653 618265. We can take children from the beginning of the term in which they turn 4 which allows a fantastic transition into our reception class. Transport is available from Flaxton and Barton Le Willows.



SHIKA..... an update

During my stay in Zambia, I had the privilege and experience of staying with Shika and her family overnight in her house on the very poor compound of Ngombe. It was good to meet her neighbours and learn at first hand how these dear people live in such, to us, difficult surroundings. I have to say it was very humbling. Shika and I did a lot of talking about her life and future. She is such an inspiration- she is so grateful to God and those who have given her the chance to further her education and skills, asking me to write the following to her “unknown friends in the U.K.”

I quote:-

'Tank you so much for de help you give me in kindness and donations and am praying dat de Lord vil bless you all. I look forward to see you all one day when I graduate. De monies have really worked for de past year and next year for a certificate. My oder wish is to have my Diploma of which would be easier for me to get a job. It means a year 3 and I would not have to go back to school at a later date. My aim is to open my own Dentistry and serve de community which I live. This for me is a challenge. When I finish I look for a job which may take time to find but will work to raise monies for equipment to start my own business. I also will be able to help my children in education'



In addition she told me that if she could get a work placement here in U.K. in her third year, then the experience would give her a greater chance of getting work. Shika works very hard during the day to live and feed her family. On looking at her written work the results are very good. When I stayed at her home, all five of us slept in a little room, me sharing Shika's bed. As it was pitch black, I felt her get up during the night and thought she could not sleep with me in her bed. On getting up in the morning at 5 o'clock, I apologised for disturbing her, only to be told that she gets up at 2am most nights to study for 2 hours! She has a great work ethic! Thank you so much to those who have supported Shika in the past year. If you feel you would like to help towards Shika's further studies then please let me know.

Rachel Baker

A SIGNALLER'S LIFE..... by Peter Boulton

Many years ago by chance, I came through Crambe in the car which led me to Howsham Gates. I remember thinking what a lovely place it must be to work with the flower boxes adorning the gates and cabin so lovingly tended by George Chapman who was the crossing keeper then.



I was working as a taxi driver at the time. A few years later my wife, a crossing keeper of some twenty plus years at Marston Moor on the Harrogate line, persuaded me to apply to Network Rail for a job, which I did.

Happily I was successful after some ten months of waiting. From 2003 for three years I worked at Wilstrop crossing on the Harrogate line.

When Valerie Chapman retired, somehow, I just had to apply for the position at Howsham Gates and happily I was given the job.

There is more to the job than people may think. It is safety critical with medicals every year now for me, with the lives of people going over the crossing as well as on the trains, we all have to ensure that no mistakes are made, as the railway can be a dangerous place so when trains are about, extra vigilance is always required .

The working day begins at 0620 through until the last train at 2300 hours. The crossing is looked after by Kevin Horton, Simon Exley and myself. We work a shift system of early and late turns broken up with days off in between different turns of duty. There are about 35 trains each day running between Scarborough & Liverpool Lime Street.

It is a job I love doing very much indeed and were I a Lottery winner, I would happily do it for nothing but I do get paid , and as well as being my job it is also my hobby which I have enjoyed from childhood, so it is perfect. Watching the trains whizz by, the waves from all the drivers, well, who could ask for more ~~ I couldn't.

When steam trains and specials run through Howsham it takes me back to my childhood when the magic of steam was strong, it hasn't died and long may it continue for me.

It is a very rewarding job in what to many people is a magical world in a signal box ,with its levers and the gentle tingling of the block bells of trains approaching being sent in both directions between Kirkham Abbey and Barton Hill in special codes that no one else can understand except us, and

this method is still used unlike the big signalling centres where you never see a train only a blip on a computer screen.

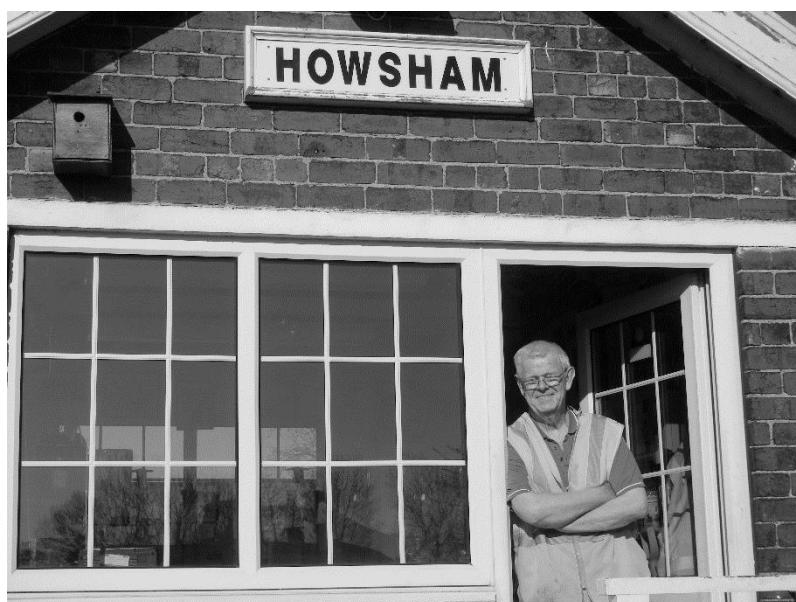
The bells do the talking between one signal box and another not the phone. Trains have to get a line clear run always, and with the new system we have now, the signals down the line have to be set a few minutes before the train is due. The down side of the job is trying to get the public to understand this and sometimes sadly, we all get abuse with people saying and doing silly things through impatience, putting themselves in great danger at times which we have to prevent from happening for all our sakes.

Though a rewarding job it can also be a very lonely job due to working on your own all the time, one does have to be able to handle this, there are people who can't. I have got used to it and I could not go back to working with large numbers of people now.

We can have a radio, but no TV, and we have no one to keep us at it, so we have to focus when trains are about.

Trains and railways have a fascination for young and old alike and it is lovely when parents ask if their children can have a peep into my magical world, which I let them do, just seeing their smiles when the drivers wave and pip their horns at them, makes it even better.

The magic and beauty of the wildlife is always ever present from coming early on a morning when I see foxes, badgers and birds, and on a night the owls, especially in the summer sat in the cabin with the door open listening to all the beauty of God's creation all around me makes it hard for me to ever understand why certain individuals might wish to harm what we have in a lovely place where I am very fortunate indeed to be able to work in and hope to do so for many more years to come.



Peter Boulton



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We have recently been awarded money from the Big Lottery fund with the remit of extending our service into Southern Ryedale (areas South of the A64 between Foxholes and out towards Sand Hutton) to support families. We are really keen to get our service better known in these areas so that families know about the support that may be available to them.

Can you help?

We want to recruit new volunteers to help with our expansion into Southern Ryedale. We look for volunteers from all ages and walks of life – the only common thing is that volunteers have parenting experience themselves, which enables them to empathise with the families about the early parenting years. Being a Home-Start volunteer is a hugely rewarding experience and can bring about positive change for young families in the local area.

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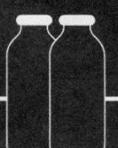
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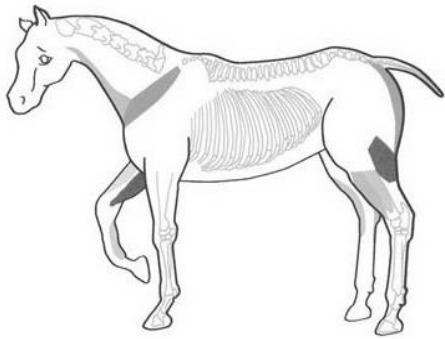
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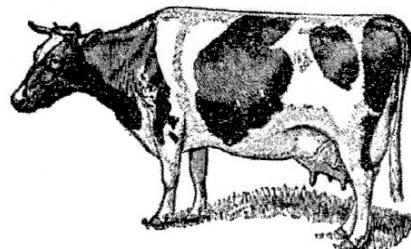
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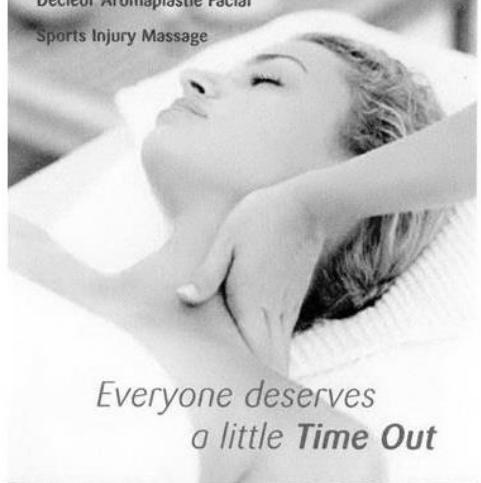
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