

Sheriff Hutton Village News



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Parish Council

The Parish Council met online via Zoom on the 11th June 2021. Councillors present at the online meeting were Penny Bean (Chairman), Marcus Oxendale, Martin Dodd, Elaine Nelson, Sally Wright, and Dave Smith. Two members of the public (part meeting only).

The following new planning applications were received for consideration:

21/00286/HOUSE 7 Mill Lane Avenue, Sheriff Hutton

Erection of single storey part side-part front extension, construction of dormer window to rear elevation and installation of 1no. rooflight to front elevation to allow loft conversion.

Decision – The parish council's original OBJECTION to this planning application still stands on the following grounds:

Over development of the site - proposed application too large for the plot and very intrusive.

Out of keeping with the area.

Concerns regarding neighbours being overlooked.

21/00739/HOUSE Gower Hall, Thornton Le Clay, Malton

Erection of single storey side extension, erection of open porch to the front elevation (part retrospective).

Decision – No Objection.

21/00710/HOUSE Fieldview, 6 Pecketts Close, Sheriff Hutton

Internal alterations to one of the two attached garages to form additional domestic accommodation to include window at the front to replace the garage door and additional window to the rear.

Decision – No Objection.

The following new planning decisions were received:

21/00626/HOUSE Jubilee House, West End, Sheriff Hutton

Erection of single storey orangery extension to rear following removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension to the existing side extension.

APPROVED

21/00380/FUL Building at Moor Farm, Sheriff Hutton

Change of use, conversion and raising of roof height to agricultural building to form 1no. two-bedroom dwelling to include cycle and bin storage with associated parking and landscaping.

WITHDRAWN.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022

As a Parish we did celebrate the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees, some residents may remember all three. Now we are looking forward to celebrating the Platinum Jubilee next year. It may seem a long time away, but we would like to hear from individuals and representatives of village organisations interested in setting up a steering group to organise/co-ordinate proposed celebrations involving the whole village.

Please contact Penny Bean, Chairman, on 01347 878392 or p_bean@btinternet.com if you are interested in being part of the group.

Neighbour Next door app

The parish council have continuing concerns regarding the neighbour next door app letter and wanted to reiterate to residents that this letter is, in no way, linked to either the parish council or Neighbourhood Watch. The company continue to use the names of residents within their letters without the residents permission.

Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Friday 9th July 2021 in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall. Louise Pink, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted regarding all Parish Council matters at sheriffhuttonparishcouncil@gmail.com or on (01904) 861131. 13 White Rose Avenue, New Earswick, York. YO32 4AG.

Village Ramble

The Village Rambles have got off to a good start and it is especially nice to welcome new ramblers. If you would like to join us just turn up at the Village Hall car park before 9.30am; there is no need to pre-book. The Ramble in July will be on **Thursday, July 29th** meeting in the Village Hall car park at 9.30am. This will be a circular walk of about 5 miles to the north of Castle Howard with beautiful open views – except when you are in the woodland stretches! If you have not been on one of the rambles before, you will find that they are friendly, informal and not too strenuous.

(The pub lunch at the end will not resume until we can book seating indoors and not have to socially distance.)

Sheriff Hutton Oil Buying Cooperative

A reminder that the next cut off for orders for the Village Oil Group delivery, is planned for mid-August. We will contact existing members of the group early August. We also welcome any additional residents of Sheriff Hutton, Lilling, Whenby, Farlington and Stittenham to join. Please email sheriffhuttonoil@gmail.com for more details.

Farlington Pop-up Tea Room

Once again, Government rules permitting, we will be opening the Farlington tea room at weekends 10am -1pm at the village hall commencing July 31st until August 30th. Offers of cakes much appreciated. Please note the tea room will not operate on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd Aug. We look forward to welcoming you and proceeds this year will be in support of St Leonard's Church.

If you would like to offer to help over a weekend, please email secretary@farlington.org.uk

Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group

The Ladies Group Committee held a meeting on Thursday 17th June, at The Lodge.

Unfortunately, due to the covid restrictions not being lifted until the 19th July, we have had to cancel the afternoon tea party due to be held on the 14th July, which everyone was looking forward to. We have provisionally re-booked this event for the 21st July between 2 and 4pm (N.B. this is the third Wednesday of the month). If anything changes, we will inform members.

If anyone wants information about our meetings, please get in touch with:

Barbara Grinham 01347878476 or 07811259184 Linda Turner 01347878037 or 07453393286

Many Thanks, Barbara Grinham (Chair)

Birdwatch

Well, this has to be the best month for enjoying birdlife; the song, the fledglings and the general happiness that warmer weather brings. It remains more important than ever to continue putting out fresh clean water for them to drink and bathe in. If you are able to provide a shallow dish (something that a plant pot stands in is ideal) pop a stone in it and this then doubles up as a fabulous drinking venue for bees too.

The RSPB recommends that we continue to feed the birds (seed, sunflower hearts, fat balls, AVOID PEANUTS, until September) as not only does it help them but it also attracts them into our gardens, whereupon they will go on to feast on bugs, aphids and other nasties that we may consider as plant decimators, but the birds devour. A great tip from a village bird expert is to let your forget-me-nots go to seed as the birds love these. Also, why not grow some sunflowers?

As we say each month, please do wash your feeders and drinkers to try and help prevent disease amongst the birdlife. Trichomonosis (Canker) typically affects finches, pigeons and doves more so than anything else, although all species can catch the disease. Canker affects the digestive system, causing lesions in the throat too, making it hard for the bird to swallow. There is nothing that we humans can do to cure the illness but signs to be aware of in birds are lethargy, fluffed up plumage and often plumage which is wet, mucky or matted. The RSPB suggest we then remove our bird food and water until the signs of sick birds diminishes. This helps to disperse the feeding birds and reduce the risk of contamination.

On a chirpier note, so many species have been spotted this month: blackbirds, blue & great tits, robins, array of finches, sparrows, dunnocks, pigeons, collared doves, wrens, thrushes, crows, chaff chaffs and woodpeckers. Do wander around the churchyard at dusk where you may spot the lovely barn owls, or follow the footpaths over the fields and watch/listen to the skylarks bombing about. Meanwhile, a reminder to try and feed clean/'no mess' seed that won't sprout in your lawns. Happy Twitching, please do send your ideas, comments and sightings regarding Birdwatch to enquiries@everythingbutthepet.co.uk

Friends of Sheriff Hutton Village Hall 200 Club

June prize winning numbers were £150 – 100, £100 – 220, £50 – 23, 145, 147 and 165, £25 – 16, 150, 182, 192 and 196.

Super-Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 16th July 10am to 12 noon.

During lockdown we are offering a select and collect service. To pre-order a selection of books call 01609 533878 or email supermobile@northyorks.gov.uk. Alternatively, a selection can be made for you from the vehicle on the day of visit. If you wish to request a specific title, please browse our online catalogue at <https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/northyorkshire>. There may be a small charge for this service and placing of a reservation using your borrower number and your PIN, selecting 'Supermobile' as your pick-up location. Free downloads of eBooks and audiobooks are available from website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/digital-library. If you are not a member of our libraries, you can join at the Super-Mobile Library. It is FREE. For enquiries, please call 01609 533878 or email supermobile@northyorks.gov.uk

Open Gardens

With 9 gardens in the village looking to open their gates on Saturday 31st July and Sunday 1st August 11am-4pm, we have a lovely relaxed outdoor social event to look forward to, here in Sheriff. Please note, whilst the outdoor cafe is dog friendly, the open gardens **are not dog friendly** so please leave your lovely pooches at home to keep cool. Tickets go on sale from the 1st July and will be available from the village shop (thank you to Baz and Claire for this), and via myself. The cost is £5 per adult, children under 18yrs are free. Melanie Hunt will be operating her fabulous outdoor, dog friendly cafe from the grounds of St Helen's church from 11am-4pm, so, whether you are visiting the open gardens or just fancy tea and cake outside, then do pop along. Tickets are valid over the whole weekend allowing multiple visits and includes x1 free drink from the cafe when you show your ticket.

It's not too late to open your garden. You do not need to do refreshments, simply allow ticket holders into your garden and, if you wish, stop and have a chat! To join in on the day by opening your garden, or to purchase tickets, please contact Louise on 01347 878619 or enquiries@everythingbutthepet.co.uk

This is a fundraising event for the church and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Message from the Jumblies

It is very disappointing that due to rising instances of Covid we are unable to go to the next stage of easing the restrictions, but we will just have to bear with it for another few weeks. Unfortunately, with the uncertainty we are unable to confirm the date for our first Jumble sale on 11th September. Hopefully we will know more by August. We are also still hopeful that our Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on 25th September will go ahead, so keep saving all your small change ready to bring along on the morning to add to the Money Tree.

Another reminder that we are needing more knitted poppies for the Remembrance Day Memorial Garden display. If you need a pattern, please contact Barbara Grinham on 878476. Barbara is also the collection point for knitted poppies. Mask up, keep your distance and **Keep Smiling**

Penny Bean and all the Sheriff Hutton Jumblies – Turning cast offs into cash 01347 878392

Community Speedwatch (CSW)

As I reported last month, the team have been authorised to extend our operating zone to Cornborough Road, Daskett Hill and North Garth Lane, this is a temporary arrangement to indicate to the Police that we have a speeding issue in these areas. Accordingly, we have done 3 trial deployments with the following results.

- 28th May@16.00 North Garth Lane facing East: 85 vehicles passed by travelling West, one at 36mph
- 4th June@16.00 New Lane facing North: 286 vehicles passed by travelling South, one at 43mph
- 15th June@16.00 Cornborough Road facing East: 54 vehicles passed by travelling West, two at 37mph

These results are not surprising, as the presence of the CSW road sign slows the traffic down, which is the aim of the Police as a deterrent. Highways Speed Data for Daskett Hill and North Garth Lane is currently with the Police for their appraisal. With Covid relaxations and the better weather, we will be resuming our deployments around the Village. T. Johnson CSW Lead Resident 01347 878626 or terryj70@btinternet.com

Hedgehog Awareness

The lovely weather has finally arrived, and after so much rain earlier this year, we now have no puddles for wildlife to drink from. Hedgehogs are busy raising their babies, and water is precious for them to survive. Please put out a shallow bowl of water for them, and refill daily if you can. Front and back gardens both, if possible, would be so helpful. Hedgehogs can dehydrate quickly and become very poorly. If you want to feed them too, to supplement their natural diet, kitten biscuits fit the job perfectly. Please don't feed bread and milk as this can be highly harmful, as can mealworms. Enjoy the wildlife around, and if you feel you would like to share your own experience of a hedgehog visitor please do, we continue to hear about new gardens they are seen and fed in.

Lynne and Sally 878310 Emails: lynneatno11@icloud.com sally_harrop@btinternet.com

The Methodist Church

Through the month of June, we have been looking at the book of Mark, the shortest of the four Gospels, with encouragement to read the whole book at a sitting in preparation. After all, most people, when they borrow or buy a book will not read a few sentences, miss a page, read a bit more, move on etc. How is it possible to understand the story? So, many will have discovered that benefit in Mark. The background is a country in the grip of a brutal foreign power; religious leaders more interested in political acceptance than spiritual truth. A Person who comes to declare the Kingdom of God acts with love & compassion, feeds the hungry, heals the sick, raises the dead, sets people free and blesses children, is not understood by his close companions. It attracts such opposition that eventually the religious and political powers combine to kill him on a cross, a brutal end; failure. Except that on the last page, He is raised from the dead. Wonderful! So, Mark tells this enthralling story in a fast paced drama challenging his readers to understand and accept the truth. Through the pandemic, which we pray is drawing to a close, our country owes such a debt to countless thousands of NHS staff, and other services of religious faith or none, who have shown love and compassion, often at great cost to themselves to care for the sick, poor and vulnerable. And yet, in our society there are those who fail to act on advice regarding vaccination, social distancing etc. which makes the work of so many, to bring us to a more normal freedom, difficult. How much we need the grace of God.

Services in July

Sunday	4 th	10.30 a.m.	To be arranged	11 th	10.30 a.m.	Revd Ann Vaughan
	18 th	10.30 a.m.	To be arranged	25 th	10.30 a.m.	Revd Ruth Duck

Drop in for Coffee and Chat

It is still hoped to resume on Wednesday mornings but the recent announcement has caused further delays.

Notices for St. Helen's for July 2021

We are now able to open more frequently, which is really good news! We don't yet know what will happen if restrictions are lifted on 19th July, so these are the opening times for July as things stand at the time of writing.

Opening times for private prayer and reflection

Saturday 3 rd July	Tuesday 5 th July	Friday 9 th July
Tuesday 13 th July	Friday 16 th July	Tuesday 20 th July
Friday 23 rd is a wedding so only open for wedding guests		
Wednesday 28 th July	Saturday 31 st July	Tuesday 3 rd August
Friday 6 th August		

Services

Sunday 11 th July	Morning Worship at 10.00am
Sunday 25 th July	Holy Communion at 10.00am

Please sanitise your hands on entry and departure, and for those of you who have the NHS App please check in with the QR code. Please wear a mask when you are in the church. Thank you.

If anyone would like Steve's weekly updates with prayers and reflections, then please let me know and we can arrange it by email or paper copies. The updates and other church news are also on our Facebook page, 'St Helens, Sheriff Hutton Parish Church'. There is an **Open Gardens fund-raising event** around the village with refreshments at the church on July 31st and August 1st, for more details check out the Open Gardens article. Funds raised will go towards the church and Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Jill Donaldson Hodges 01347 878595

St Leonard's, Farlington

Sunday services are continuing and being enjoyed by the people who come and join us. In the light of the announcement on June 14th, wearing masks will continue to be a requirement until after July 19th.

Services in July

- Sunday: July 11th 11.15am: Shortened Matins (BCP)
- Sunday: July 25th 11.15am: Holy Communion (BCP)

Pre-booking for these services is not necessary.

The church will continue to be open for private prayer on Tuesdays and Saturdays between 10.00am and 4.00pm. We hope to revert to daily opening from Tuesday, July 20th.

But there are things to look forward to:

- **The Pop-up Tea Room** returns on every Saturday and Sunday in August and August Bank Holiday Monday. Come along between 10.00am and 1.00pm to enjoy good company and delicious cakes.
- Our cycle of farming services resumes with **Lammastide on Sunday, August 15th** and, after that, Harvest Festival on Friday, September 24th.

The Churchyard remains open at all times for people to enjoy 'quiet time' in lovely surroundings.

Village Show

The usual village show will be taking place on **Saturday 14th August**. See pull out schedule for more details. At time of writing covid restrictions may have lifted entirely by then but, even if not, we hope to be able still run the show with extra safeguards, as we did last year. Although the show is organised by the gardening club, it is open to everyone to join in and we hope lots of people will do that. More details are in the pull-out show schedule included in this edition of the news.

So, get the date in your diary, have a good look at the schedule and start planning your entries now: whether they are things you have grown in the house or garden, art or craft items, cooking or photography. And don't forget there are several classes for children (from pre-school to 14-year-olds), so encourage them too.

Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club

The courts continue to be busy with players of all ages and abilities, enjoying playing tennis in the sunshine. The teams are all in action with the Hovingham teams half way through their fixture lists and the mixed team making good progress towards being promoted. The York League teams will start their shortened fixture list this month which will be a welcome return to League tennis for their players.

Junior Tennis. The Juniors have enjoyed their free coaching sessions, have made good progress and enjoyed their tennis. The club would like to thank the Sheriff Hutton Charities for their grant towards the cost of the lessons. Junior Club Night continues on Friday evenings for Juniors aged 9 to 16 years. The sessions will end on July 16th with the Junior Competition which will start at 6.00pm.

Coach Ben continues to provide coaching opportunities for players of all ages and standards. Contact Ben on benortontennis@outlook.com for details of coaching offers.

Plant Sale. The sun shone, the plants and cakes arrived and the sale was a great success, A big thank you to Louise and her helpers for organising it, the members and friends who gave the plants, baked the amazing array of cakes, helped in the café and on the plant stall, and for all the donations which pushed the final total to an incredible £700. A very welcome boost for Club funds.

Courtside Advertising Banners. The club would like to thank the firms who have supported the club by purchasing courtside advertising banners. The funds raised will be another welcome boost for club funds. If you are interested in having a banner please get in touch.

Parking Problems. The club have received a complaint from the Parish Council about cars blocking the footpath outside the courts. Members and guests are asked to take care not to obstruct the footpath when parking.

Covid restrictions are still in place, current LTA guidelines are available on the LTA website, Visit our website for up-to-date information on tennis news.

www.sheriffhuttontennisclub/clubspark/lta.org.uk

Or contact josephinejohnson6@gmail.com or telephone on 01347878626

Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club

Celebrating 60 years of sport in this community

Despite the strictures of Covid regulations we were able to hold a very successful Big Bowls Weekend event. The Spring Triples won after a shoot-out by Brian Shepherd's team, before the cutting of a wonderful cake, made by Andrea, featuring an immaculate green and icing, miniature players, and deftly sliced by Bernard Walker, our President. Thanks to Ann Warrington for the outside tea party.

The pandemic continues to affect the availability of players in the Ryedale Leagues, but our Club has a programme of matches and competitions on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2pm, which has been blessed by the arrival of several new players, all resident in the village.

Our AGM is in early July this year as we plan for life returning to "normal". Lawn bowls is a healthy and socially inclusive sport and we aim to welcome new members, including those who have not played before. If you are interested come down on the days mentioned above and you can try it for yourself with equipment and coaching provided. We have all started from scratch at some time.

Come on down!

Roy Thompson, Secretary Mobile 07716338924 thompsonroy5@gmail.com

NHS Blood Donors UK

There is to be an NHS Blood Donors session at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall on Thursday, July 8th. Please visit www.blood.co.uk or ring 0300 123 23 23 to make a reservation

Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists

"Make hay while the sun shines".

As grass growth is seasonal and our animals' needs are not, we need to have a way of preserving grass to ensure a constant, year-round supply. There are two main methods of forage conservation: controlled fermentation where the pH is reduced to a level where growth of bacteria ceases, or dehydration where moisture content is decreased to reduce microbial activity.

Hay is an example of forage that is conserved using dehydration - the main challenge with preserving forage in this way being that it requires a longer period of dry weather to produce, whereas haylage is an example of grass preserved using controlled fermentation. (It is the same with silage).

Hay tends to be cut between the end of May to the end of July, while haylage tends to be cut before the middle of June. Haylage is baled and wrapped within 4 to 6 hours to avoid degradation. As hay is not wrapped, it should be stored in a dry well-ventilated area that allows bales to be kept off the ground. As haylage is wrapped it can be stored outside. Another element in the timing decision is that wild flowers are usually left until they have flowered and dropped their seed before cutting the grass.

I rather like the saying "Make hay while the sun shines", but combining it with a reference to the speed with which some folks operate, it does give a different slant to this.

"Wise men make hay with the grass that grows under other men's feet"

Thank you Google!

Dave Newman - Field Naturalists

If you are interested to find out more about the Field Naturalists group, please get in touch with either Dave on 878672, Jim on 878667 or Angela on 878347.

Some suggested gardening activities for June

- This month you may be able to start harvesting the "fruits of your labours" from your vegetable and soft fruit areas. Happy eating and enjoy, perhaps the first digging of new potatoes followed maybe by fresh strawberries or raspberries.
- Dead head roses at regular intervals, this will encourage a second or even a third flush of flowers on most varieties later in the year. Give the bushes further encouragement by applying a generous high potash liquid feed at ten-day intervals, apply to soil that is moist. Watch out for any signs of greenfly, black spot, mildew or rose rust and deal with accordingly.
- Cutting back some of the early flowering herbaceous perennials by half to two thirds, will tidy them up and often results in attractive new foliage and possibly a second crop of flowers in late summer/early autumn.
- Later this month the summer pruning of apple and pear trees grown on intensive systems e.g., cordons, espaliers etc., can be carried out.
- Water and feed at regular intervals the summer flowering plants in hanging baskets, troughs, tubs and other containers. Pick off any faded flowers to encourage the plants to keep on producing new flower buds. Watch out for any pest and disease problems.
- Plant brussels sprouts and other winter cropping brassicas, firm in well and protect the plants with mesh netting against birds, cabbage white butterflies and cabbage moths. Sow seeds of spring cabbage and late leeks in a prepared seedbed in open ground or in a cold frame.
- Make further successional sowings of lettuce, radish, spring onion and salad leaf subjects such as rocket, mustard, pak choi, mizuna, land cress, spinach, beetroot leaves etc.
- Runner and French beans love deep soil rich in organic matter. Their large, thin leaves can get scorched on hot sunny days, so make sure that the plants get a thorough watering at regular intervals. Pinch out the top of lead shoots once they reached the top of supports. Watch for signs of black fly (black bean aphid) on the underside of leaves and deal with the problem promptly before the infestation rapidly increases.
- This is the month to take semi-ripe wood cuttings of many shrubs, some herbaceous perennials and alpine plants such as pinks. Choose side shoots that have just started to ripen (harden) at the base. Grow in gritty compost in containers, sited in a well-drained shady place. It may be several weeks before roots are produced - be patient.
- Garden mint comes in many forms and with differing tastes. This is a versatile herb with refreshing taste and smells and in addition to the traditional mint sauce (with lamb), mint has many other uses. Apple mint is probably the most popular type and can easily be grown in a large container which will usefully restrict its wandering roots. Keep mint plants healthy by regular cutting and by propagating new plants every year or second year, divisions or cuttings root very easily. By doing this the problems with the fungal mint rust disease can be avoided. If grown in the open garden soil, try to provide a new site for mint every three years so as to avoid the chance of rust infections.

Gardening Club

We had a most enjoyable visit, on a glorious day, to Tudor Croft gardens in June.

On **Wednesday 21 July** we are meeting outside the village hall at 7pm before setting off for a walk round areas of the village. This will be led by Charles Lane, Consultant Plant Pathologist at FERA Sciences (Sand Hutton), who will point out trees of interest which may have health problems and telling us more about those issues.

Can members wanting to come please book by 14 July, by emailing shgardeningclub@gmail.com or phoning/messaging Jane Burnett on 07985 930581. Jane can also answer any queries.

If you are not a club member but would like to come, let us know in the same way and we may be able to offer you a place too.

Ryedale Open Studios- Art Weekends

We are once again opening our art studios up to the public this summer with Ryedale Open Studios. This is a new venture involving approximately 20 local Ryedale artists in the area.

Justine Warner and Patrick Smith on West End, Sheriff Hutton will be exhibiting a wide range of work based on the local landscapes. Justine is a textile and mixed media artist who will be opening up her new studio at **Laburnum Cottage**. Patrick is a painter and printmaker who will be exhibiting from his well-established studio and home gallery at **Nesslyn**. There will be work for sale including cards, prints and originals and also opportunity to see how the artists' work in their own environment. Previously it has always been a lively and exciting social event for the village and we hope this year will be no different. We will obviously be following government advice on the Covid situation, planned dates are:

Friday	6 th August	Preview Event- 6pm- 9pm
Saturday	7 th August	10-5pm
Sunday	8 th August	11-5pm
Saturday	14 th August	10-5pm
Sunday	15 th August	11-5pm

Any changes to this information will be published on the local notice boards to keep everyone up to date. More information on the work and participating artists can be found on www.ryedaleopenstudios.com We very much look forward to sharing our work and our studios with you this summer. Justine and Patrick

Sheriff Hutton Bridge Cricket Club: June 2021

It seems that with the return of better weather we have returned better results. The month started well with the 1st team beating Driffield, then following up on Bank holiday Monday with a resounding win against Stamford Bridge. Highlights were a hat-trick for Mark Fisher and a debut to the team by 14year old Will Warren.

The 1st XI has gone on to register another league win against Clifton Alliance, with a superb hundred from Tommy Hudson and a Cup win by 3 runs against Dunnington, with another century this time from Mark Fisher.

The second team have had mixed fortunes with a losing draw to Sessay, but highlighted with a great ton from Mathew Maltby, a youngster with a good future. They managed a good win in a fractious game against Hull Zingari, which gives them some comfort in the league but still with a lot to do to climb up into a reasonably safe position. The young leadership is showing the way with the fearlessness of youth.

Unfortunately, **the 3rd team** have yet to register a win and sit precariously in Galtres 2. There is serious work to do to retain position. They have also exited the Readman trophy at Scarborough. However, there are some good performances from younger players, who are really hungry now for success and will savour it when it comes.

The 4th team sit top of Galtres 4 with local wins over Hovingham and Stillington. Also, a good day against New Earswick has given them joint leadership with probably their biggest rival, Heslington.

The 4ths unfortunately lost to Westow in the Hunters cup, a game that was theirs for the winning.

The Pilmore side has not improved since their great start, by losing to Helperby, Clifton and Sessay. Danny Cass does a great job getting a side out every week, and needs support from throughout the club.

The junior section of the club is playing well and producing some good results with 9's, 11's, 13's and 15's sitting in good league positions. The U13's is currently unbeaten in the league and cup, but with some serious opposition to come will have to continue to play well. There were convincing wins against Dunnington and Acomb with an easy victory in the cup at Saxton. There are some talented cricketers coming through the ranks, if they can be channelled together with some good coaching, they should be the backbone of the club in future years.

As usual all results can be found on the club website or Playcricket.

40 years since the first Richard III Fair

Four Cakes A Minute

40 Years Ago: The First Richard III Fair

Between 1919 and 1984 Sheriff Hutton's village hall was a former 1st World War wooden army hut. It was known as the Sheriff Hutton Memorial Institute and was located on land opposite The Highwayman, where Moat Side now stands. It was a cramped site with no room for parking and, importantly, the land still belonged to the family who had allowed the Institute to be built upon it. In a nutshell, the building had served the village well but by the late 1960's was failing structurally, its facilities were inadequate for the growing village and the modern expectations of would-be users. There were several attempts at initiating plans for a new hall and in 1976 a committee was formed which saw the project through to the completion of the Village Hall we now have at the playing fields. That's the background, now read on.

(Sums of money shown below are what they were at the time. The sums in brackets are today's values)

Fundraising Starts. From the outset it was glaringly obvious that money would be the key issue which would drive the project. The first fundraising event organised by the new committee was, almost inevitably, a coffee morning! It raised £50 (£425). But, with the prospect of the new hall costing about £130,000 (£747,000) and the village having to raise £44,000 (£255,000) of that, the balance came from various grants. It was clear that fundraising had to be notched up several gears with a focus on big on annual events.

Sheriff Hutton Country Fair. The first big event was a Country Fair held in 1979 in the grounds of Sheriff Hutton Park, by the kind agreement and generous cooperation of Mr & Mrs Blenkinsop, who owned the house at that time. 400 people came to enjoy the fair and we made a profit of £1,257 (£7,285). That gave the confidence to go even bigger when the right circumstances presented themselves. Those 'right circumstances' arrived during 1980. John & Elizabeth Howarth, who owned Sheriff Hutton's historic castle and Castle Farm, were highly supportive of the new village hall scheme and they offered the committee the use of the castle for a summer fair. The chance for use of the castle, and surrounding land, brought in the Richard III connection and opened the door to even better fundraising.

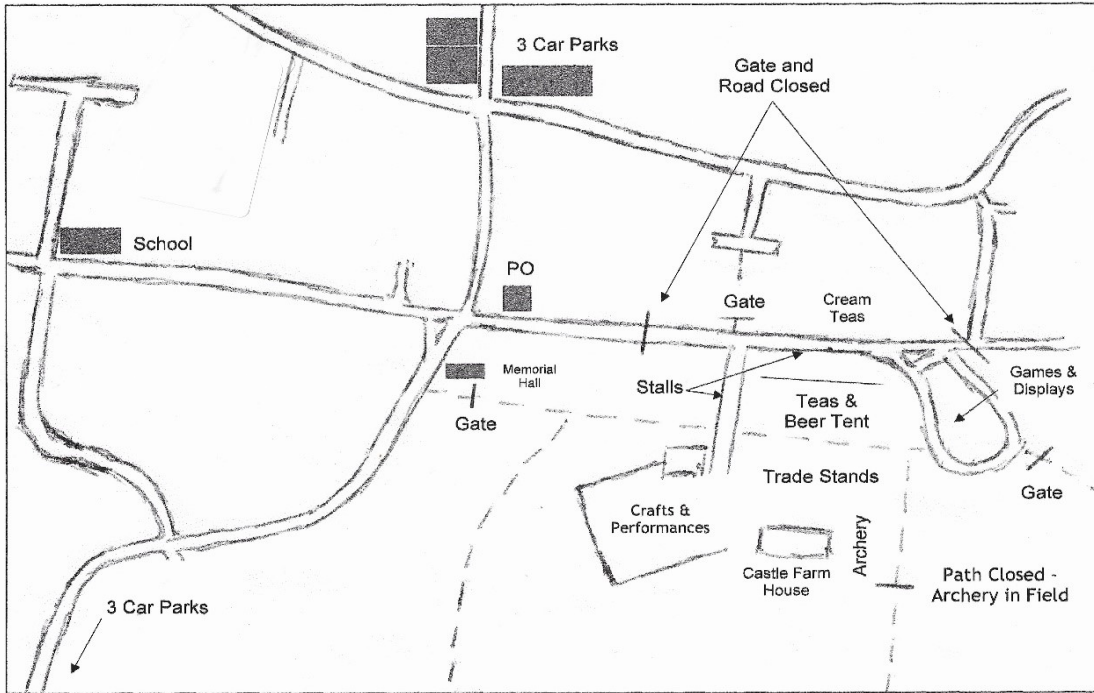
Getting Organised for the Richard III Fairs. We had about 9 months in which to plan the first Sheriff Hutton Richard III Fair, which was to be held on July 11th 1981. Now, 9 months is quite long enough for the creation of a new human but what we had conceived, and needed to deliver, really required 18 – 22 months of an elephants pregnancy. However, the die was cast, the date was settled and we set-to with lots of willingness, and rather less experience. But what started with the nucleus of a small committee, rapidly grew to involving just about the whole village in one way or another. (Well, there were a very small number of people who didn't think the Institute needed replacing, driven by a malicious rumour that the cost of building the hall would fall on the Council Tax.)

Now, let's see what needed to be planned for. Well, there had to be sideshows, entertainment, games, crafts, teas, hot dogs (a medieval speciality, you may be rest assured), soft drinks, beer tents, a creche where people could leave their children (hopefully collecting them again later), and of course, a cake stall. That's all. Except that wasn't all. To deliver all of those things we needed an abundance of licences, a road closure order, marquees, lots of tables and chairs, toilets, market stalls, car parking for several hundred cars and signage (many of the signs are still under the stage in the Village Hall), not to mention all the goodies to make the refreshments work. Oh, and a day of good weather would be nice, too. That's all.

Small groups of people, each led by one Trustee or other close supporter, took responsibility for organising different aspects of the fair to avoid all the burden falling on just a few people. These small groups, effectively cottage industries run by people with 'day jobs', had a fair degree of autonomy but there were regular meetings of the 'inner organising committee', to ensure that everything was moving forward in the right direction. Activities became more frenzied as the great day approached. Posters started to appear, there were advertising car stickers, articles in local newspapers and reports on local radio. Behind the scenes lots was happening not least among members of the Women's Institute, who had accepted the challenge of producing 1,000 cakes for the cake stall, and all the people wondering how to make medieval dress. It was very much a case of everyone pulling together and having fun.

The scale of the event cannot be overstated. Car parks on the village approaches have already been mentioned. There were crafts and a stage for performances within the castle keep, stalls both sides of Castle Farm drive, stalls on the side of Main Street (which was closed to traffic), games, entertainment and teas on The Green, commercial stalls and a beer tent between The Green and The Castle (this was one big field at that time, before it got enclosed to just a footpath).

Preparation peaked on Friday 10th with as much as possible of the setting-up being done. Car parks were made ready (there were 7 of them) and equipment put in place. One of the little 'behind the scenes' activities happened that afternoon when the Treasurer collected £500 (£2,200) in change from the TSB on Haxby Road in York.



Also, that afternoon, in preparation for one of the activities, which wouldn't be seen today, involved the village school who doing a gymnastic display on the Village Green. About 3.30pm a battered pick-up went to the school for the gymnastic equipment to be loaded by a team of children, who then climbed on top and rode in style along West End and Main Street to the Green. We can only assume they all found their way home, afterwards.

The Day Dawns. By the dawn of July 11th, the village was already highly colourful with bunting, and much of the preparation had taken place in areas where it was safe to leave things out. Three huge marquees arrived from Strensall Camp, fortunately with Army personnel to put them up. Stalls were erected, sideshows laid out, games made ready and people running craft displays, moved into their places. As time permitted, people rushed home to change into their mediaeval attire. By 1pm everything was ready, which was fortunate because about that time people started to arrive, happy to pay their 60p (£2.60) admission, children half price.

All the fun of the Fair. There was a formal opening ceremony at 2.00pm, after which The Corps of Drums, Yorkshire Volunteers, Richard III and his Queen and the dancers of The Friends of Richard III, led the parade along Main Street to the village green. From that time until 6.00pm there was always something happening at the castle and on the Green, in addition to the stalls, sideshows and craft displays. The events and displays included maypole dancing by children of Strensall School (twice), three performances of a pageant by the Society of Friends of Richard III, children's fancy dress, three more displays by The Corps of Drums, Yorkshire Volunteers, egg catching (messy), a tug of war, find the needle in the haystack, thread the needle (after it had been found in the haystack) and three sessions of the po-pulling game. This involved people standing on stainless steel bed pans from York hospital to which a rope was attached. Another person had hold of the rope and had to try to dislodge the 'po person.' All good clean fun. If the activities made people feel tired there were several places to sit down, relax and enjoy refreshments including teas, beers, ice creams, those authentic medieval hot dogs or, in the front garden of Rose Dene, cream teas and medieval music played by pupils of Huntington School. The day ended with the Yorkshire Volunteers beating the retreat and the Grand Prize Draw being drawn.

Except, of course, that was not the end of the day for the team. We had a lot of clearing up to do and the money had to be counted before we could wind down and have a brief rest. On the Sunday morning all the rest of the fair had to be cleared away, and borrowed property returned to the places it had come from. Looking around the village on Monday morning it was as though nothing had taken place.

Was it Worth Doing? When the money had been counted and all the expenses deducted, we had made a clear profit of £2,200 (£9,530). It was an excellent reward for all the hard work and gave everyone the incentive to do even better the next time. There were three more Richard III Fairs (1982/83/84) and together the four fairs raised a total of £12,155 (£52,650) – quite an achievement for a small village in North Yorkshire.

And, yes, it was very well worth doing. We achieved the objective of a new, purpose-built village hall which has served Sheriff Hutton for 37 years.

Richard III would probably be proud of us!

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Sheriff Hutton Village Market

The market committee will meet on Monday 5th July to discuss the future of the market.

We very much hope to resume in September all being well however there are lots of considerations to be made. The AGM will follow the committee meeting however, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to open the AGM to members of the public. Please do be sure to check your next issue of the village news where details regarding the market's future will be published.

Village Regular Activities

Sun	10.00am	Morning Service	Parish Church but check in church for details			
	10.30am	Morning Service	Methodist Church but check for details			
Mon				7.00pm	Sewing Class	Village Hall
				7.30pm	Yoga	Village School
				7.30pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Tues	9.15am	Pilates	Village Hall	7.00pm	Circuit Training	Village Hall
	10.30am	Pilates	Village Hall	8.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Wed	9.30am	Yoga	Village Hall			
	10.00am	Drop-in for Coffee	Miss Ward Room			
	10.00am	Ladies Tennis	Tennis Club			
Thurs	9.45am	Babes & Toddlers	Village Hall	6.30pm	Youth Group	Village Hall

Additional Activities in July

Thurs	8 th	Booking Required	NHS Blood Donors UK – booking essential
Fri	9 th	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall
Fri	16 th	10 – 12noon	Super Mobile Library in the Village Hall Car Park
Wed	21 st	2 - 4.00pm	Ladies Group Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall (members only)
Wed	21 st	7.00pm	Gardening Club Tour of village trees with Charles Lane, plant pathologist. Pre-booking essential.
Thurs	29 th	9.30am	Village Ramble meet in the Village Hall car Park
Sat	31 st	11-4pm	Sheriff Hutton Open/Social Gardens and café at St Helens Church

Dates to Note

Aug	1 st	11- 4.00pm	Sheriff Hutton Open/Social Gardens and café at St Helens Church
Aug	10 th	7-8pm	Potato weigh-in, prior to Village Show
Aug	13 th	10 – 12noon	Super Mobile Library in the Village Hall Car Park
Aug	14 th	9.30-11.30am	Village Show entries to be submitted
	14 th	2-4pm	Village Show open to all
Sept	11 th		Jumblies Sale (provisional date)
Sept	25 th		Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning (TBC)

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