Sheriff Hutton

Village News



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We Need Your Items for January's News EARLY

We have to get Janaury's Village News to the printer early to ensure it is printed before Christmas Please let us have your contributions by <u>midday</u> on Wednesday, December 13th



Twelve Events for Christmas Something for Everyone

| 1 st | Grand Christmas Prize Bingo for St Leonard's, Farlington | | | | | | | |
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| Friday | Sheriff Hutton Village Hall, doors open at 7.00pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. | | | | | | | |
| 111009 | Come along for this fun-filled evening with lots of top-quality prizes | | | | | | | |
| and | Victorian Christmas Market in St Helen's Church, 11am to 3pm | | | | | | | |
| 2 nd | Lots of stalls and opportunities to buy Christmas presents and to order from Village | | | | | | | |
| Saturday | Market stall holders for collection at the December Market on 17th December. | | | | | | | |
| | Melanie Hunt running the cafe with lots of festive goodies | | | | | | | |
| 17 th | Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church, Marton in the Forest | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | 3pm, lasting under 1 hour Light festive refreshments after the service | | | | | | | |
| | Christmas Celebration at St Helen's Church | | | | | | | |
| 21 ^{s†} | led by The Drummers (as in previous years) Traditional carols and folk traditional | | | | | | | |
| Thursday | carols, poems. Duration - about 50mins Christmas refreshments afterwards | | | | | | | |
| • | Very informal and families welcome | | | | | | | |
| 22 nd | Carols by Candlelight at St Leonard's, Farlington | | | | | | | |
| Friday | An hour-long celebration of Christmas with traditional carols and readings. | | | | | | | |
| Triday | Seasonal refreshments will be served at the end of the service | | | | | | | |
| | Holy Communion at St Leonard's. 1030am | | | | | | | |
| o ath | This is the only daytime service in the CofE Benefice | | | | | | | |
| 24 th | Carols in the Churchyard at St Helen's. 11.00am for 30 minutes - carols | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | and other Christmas songs, for all the family. Mince pies, mulled wine, tea and | | | | | | | |
| Christmas | coffee. | | | | | | | |
| Eve | Family Craft for Christmas at the Methodist Church at 2pm | | | | | | | |
| | Make your own Christingle and other Christmas items. Good Family Fun. | | | | | | | |
| | Short Christingle Service at 3pm in the Chapel (about 15 mins) | | | | | | | |
| 25 th | 9.30 Christmas Day service at the Methodist Church lasting about 40 mins. | | | | | | | |
| Monday | 10.00 Family Christmas Day service with shortened Holy Communion at St | | | | | | | |
| • | Helen's church lasting under an hour | | | | | | | |
| Christmas | 10.30 A celebration of Christmas for all the family embracing a shortened | | | | | | | |
| Day | Holy Communion at St Leonard's, Farlington | | | | | | | |

Sheriff Hutton History Group

The end of October saw the History Group hosting its second History Fair – which like the first Fair in 2009 was a thoroughly successful event. This time we had some 19 guest organisations taking stalls and a significant number of guests from other organisations who came along for the first part of the event. When we opened our doors to the general public at lunchtime, the number of visitors exceeded our most optimistic expectations and the short talks and Castle tours were booked out early.

The theme of the event was around the issues faced by many small local groups, including the limited number of people willing to help with organisation and the more general issues of falling memberships. The event gave an opportunity for these issues to be discussed and we are hopeful that some potential solutions will emerge in the coming months. Certainly it has given us all a chance to meet and talk with our peers and to start to establish a forum, where we can not only discuss matters of interest but have a more centralised list of local groups, which will make the organisation of an event such as this much easier.

Running an event of this sort is not difficult at the outset once one has a good mailing list, but making it all happen on the day is an entirely different matter. We owe a great deal of thanks to everyone who helped with this on the day. The kitchen and catering were managed by Janie Wheeler assisted by Anne Grogan, Jill Johnson, Beryl Haigh, Linda Turner and Alex Holford, while the whole event was kept running to time by Meg Ashbridge. John Williamson and Peter Brown led three Castle tours and Rob Burnett, John Armitage and Keith Grogan assisted on the door and with managing the short talks. The overall event was put together by Hugh Ainsley, Meg Ashbridge and Peter Brown who assisted by Neil Hodges also prepared our own table and display.

We were particularly pleased to welcome Amy Hunt from within our village, who has carried out a local one square metre excavation in her garden and was able to present a most interesting display of her finds. We hope this will encourage other people in the village to carry out similar limited excavations. All of this will add enormously to our knowledge and understanding of village history and will be supported by our local Community Archaeologist.

A special event was the presenting to one of our members of an original copy of the 1975 Treasure Survey of Sheriff Hutton. We have for a long time wished to update and republish this but without an original copy with photographs it was never going to be possible. Unfortunately, we did not note the name of the donor(s) and if they are local could they please let us know so we can properly thank them. It is impossible to say just how important this document is for us.

As we approach Christmas, this is also an opportunity to wish everyone who has supported us a Happy Christmas and Health and Good Tidings in the New Year. There are no meetings now until February, however as always we welcome any requests for information or material for our archives.

For further information contact
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Peter Brown at peterbrown222.brown@btinternet.com

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

My thanks to everyone who supported our local Poppy Appeal. At the time of going to press the final figure is not yet available so will be reported in the January News.

Sincere thanks to Jackie and Giles Shepherd Cross who went house to house in the Whenby and Skewsby area and to Claire, Barry and staff at the Post Office, Quarmbys and The Highwayman for taking part in the campaign. Many thanks also to the staff and pupils at the local School for their donations.

Your donations are greatly appreciated by all who benefit from the work of the Royal British Legion.

The Garden of Remembrance in the Square once again played a vital part in our Remembrance Day Commemoration and it was good to see that residents had taken the opportunity to remember their loved ones by placing their small wooden crosses there. Thanks to Barbara Grinham, Margaret Frank, Justine Warner, Neil Hodges and Jock Fairclough for their contributions to making it a focal point in the middle of our village. Thank you also to Barbara, Margaret and Kay Smith for the post box topper. An appropriate tribute.

Penny Bean

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser.

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the 9th November 2023. Councillors present at the meeting were Penny Bean (Chairman), Marcus Oxendale, Sally Wright, Sam Warriner and Phillip Lazenby, Louise Pink – Clerk. One member of the public, (part meeting only).

The following new planning applications were received for consideration this month: ZE23/00437/FUL Land at Cornborough Road, Sheriff Hutton

Change of use of former agricultural building for use as a (small breeds) dog breeding kennel and domestic storage, together with an extension to the building to provide toilets and external alterations, including the installation of insulated acoustic sheeting to the exterior of the building (part retrospective).

Decision – The parish council object to the above planning application, on the following grounds:

Planning permission for the dog breeding kennels expired on the 21st of January 2023, as no part of the planning permission has been started on site or any of the conditions adhered to this planning application must be fully resubmitted. This is not a retrospective application.

Not all neighbours have been consulted on this application by North Yorkshire Council.

On the planning application, it states there is no parking. However, a huge area of hard-core has already been put down covering approximately an acre of land which could easily park a large number of vehicles.

Partly due to this new area that has been stoned over there are drainage issues that have resulted in an increase of run-off to the fields below. The applicant states that the run-off goes into the gutter. However, this is above the site and therefore run-off cannot go into it. They also state that any run-off goes into a soak away, where is this soak away and when was it put in and did it follow any building regulations?

When the kennels were given permission, it was on the proviso that there was no residential element to the site. This is no longer true as the applicant has lived on site over a year.

The planning application states that there are no employees on site. However, the whole family has been living on site for over a year now.

The planning application states that the opening hours are irrelevant. However, one of the conditions when planning permission was granted is that there were stricter hours in particular for the dog walking area.

The application states that it cannot be seen from the road or public footpath. However, a public footpath runs right through the centre of the site. Therefore the site can be fully seen by the public.

Prior to planning permission, a noise survey was carried out. However, this has now been ruled invalid by the changes to the design of the barn with a large new opening fitted with a roller door, which has no soundproofing whatsoever.

The site is not being used for dog breeding. All dogs on site are kept in wooden kennels outside. The shed only appears to be used for storage for the number of businesses running from the site.

Planning permission for the barn was granted on the proviso that no new openings were made, again this has not been adhered to.

How can this shed be made into a dog breeding centre when there is not a single window for natural light within the barn are the dogs to live in darkness, their whole lives?

Why is there a need for four toilets? If this is simply to be used for anyone visiting the site surely this is excessive at present a portaloo is used on site if this works now why is there a need for a further extension?

The Parish Council query what is the need for a domestic storage when the site should have no domestic usage.

Since the first application over four years ago there are thousands more dogs that require re homing. Therefore, the parish council query why there is even a requirement for a puppy farm.

There are constant noise issues on site with dog's barking at all hours with no effort made to stop them. NYC has been made aware of this but no action has been taken.

No planning decisions were received this month.

Neighbourhood Plan

You may have seen that North Yorkshire Council is in the early stages of preparing their Local Plan covering the whole of the area. Sheriff Hutton needs to start preparing its own Neighbourhood Plan which when adopted by NYC will be taken into consideration when future planning applications are submitted and will play a big part in ensuring no undesirable development is imposed on us.

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We need to have our say on what happens to our parish in the future. To take this forward we need to form a working party comprised of local residents with representation from the Parish Council. So far we have received expressions of interest from two residents but we need more people to take part. A lot of work is needed to formulate an acceptable Neighbourhood Plan which will take time to complete. If you see yourself as being a long term resident of Sheriff Hutton and want your views taken into consideration regarding future development of our parish please contact the Parish Clerk.

Christmas Tree Lights

Please note the lights on the Christmas Tree in The Square will be turned on at 4pm on Saturday 2nd December. There will be a short ceremony and it would be good to see you there.

Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday 14th December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Miss Ward Room at the Methodist Church.

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.

Stillington Surgery

Please note the last day for ordering your repeat prescription for over the Christmas period is **Friday 15**th **December.** Please see Stillington Surgery Christmas opening hours below:

| | | | | Decem | nber 2023 | | | |
|----------|------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|--------|
| Friday | 22 nd | 8.30 - 6.00pm | Tuesday | 26 th | Closed | Saturday | 30 th | Closed |
| Saturday | 23 rd | Closed | Wednesday | 27 th | 8.30 – 6.00pm | Sunday | 31 st | Closed |
| Sunday | 24 th | Closed | Thursday | 28 th | 8.30 – 6.00pm | | | _ |
| Monday | 25 th | Closed | Friday | 29 th | 8.30 – 6.00pm | | | |

| | | January | 2024 | | |
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| Monday | 1 st | Closed | Tuesday | 2 nd | 8.30 – 6.00pm |

Happy Christmas to all our patients and thank you for your continued support.

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall Friends – 200 Club

November's £25 prize winners were 13, 97, 181, 221 and 236.

December's draw will include the usual half-yearly prizes of one each of £150 and £100, three of £50, and an extra one of £20, which is to reflect the year's membership of 232.

200 Club subscription renewals: thank you to those who have already renewed. The **deadline for subscriptions** this year is **10**th **December**.

The Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning and Jigsaw Exchange

A new day and a bit different. This year's Christmas Coffee Morning will be on Friday 8th December between 10.00 and 12.00.

Come along for the traditional tea, coffee, mince pies and Christmas cake, not to mention the always-popular Raffle, Bottle Bags and Small Festive Gifts. To this you can add the opportunity to exchange of pick up a jigsaw or two to help while away the long, dark evenings.

There is no charge for admission and the refreshments will be very affordable.

So, come along and enjoy the occasion. You can win something, bag a bargain puzzle and enjoy excellent refreshments in good company.

Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group

There will not be a Ladies Group meeting in December. On Wednesday 13th December, it is our annual Christmas lunch outing, which this year will be held at The George Hotel in Easingwold.

Would everyone attending the lunch please arrive by 12 noon.

If anyone would like information about any of our meetings, please get in touch with:

Barbara Grinham 01347878476 Mob 07811259184 Linda Turner 01347878037 Mob 07453393286

Many Thanks. Barbara Grinham - (Chair) - Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group

St Leonard's, Farlington

Here we are at the end of another year and we look forward to all the joy and happiness which Christmas offers us including, at St Leonard's, our *Carols by Candlelight* and *Christmas Day* services. And then, just around the corner, is a new year with new beginnings to look forward to. This includes our celebration of the start of the farming year which we celebrate with our Plough Sunday service and Ploughman's Lunch on January 14th.

But, for now, A Very Happy Christmas to you all.

Services at St Leonard's in December

We have four services this month:

| Sunday | 10" | 10.30am | Shortened Matins (BCP) |
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| Friday | 22 nd | 6.30pm | Carols by Candlelight followed by seasonal refreshments |
| Sunday | 24 th | 10.30am | Holy Communion (BCP). This is the only daytime service in |
| | | | the Benefice on this Sunday |
| Monday | 25 th | 10.30am | Christmas Day. Our much-enjoyed celebration of Christmas |
| - | | | for all the family embracing a shortened Holy Communion |

St Leonard's Christmas Grand Prize Bingo Friday, December 1st in the Sheriff Hutton Village Hall Eyes Down at 7.30pm Join us for a Fun, Fundraising Evening (Please note – there will be no cash prizes)

Marton Church

We plan to have two services in Marton Church in December:

Sunday 3rd December at 3pm Advent Celtic Eucharist Sunday 17th December at 3pm Carols by Candlelight

Our collection at the Carol Service will be for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) Christmas Appeal. Their vision is that no one in the farming community should ever have to face adversity alone. You are very welcome to join us for this atmospheric all-age friendly service followed by light seasonal refreshments. Please note that we always try to reserve parking in the layby immediately outside the church for anyone with mobility difficulties.

Over the last few years we have started to collect baubles and other decorations on our church Christmas tree which are dedicated to the memory of a loved one. If you would like to add your own this year, then please come to Marton Church any time and write their name on a tag (these are on the altar) and attach it, so that we can ensure your decoration comes out each year.

Marton Church will remain open throughout Christmas and the New Year and you are always very welcome to visit for some peace and quiet.

Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club

The bowls club takes its winter rest from outdoor bowls with green maintenance in hand looking forward to an exciting season in 2024. However, the club plays regularly on Wednesday afternoons at Ryedale Indoor Bowls in Norton. For anyone interested in playing there, lifts could be available, contact the Assistant Secretary Cherry Whitbourn-Hammond on 077849326664

Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club Bingo at the Village Hall £100 major prize and many others including meat and confectionary Friday December 15th – 7.30pm doors open 7pm Refreshments provided in a relaxed and fun atmosphere

Sheriff Hutton PTFA

The PTFA is excited to present our Christmas Raffle and Silent Auction. This year has many wonderful prizes donated by local businesses including vouchers, hampers, gifts and goodies.

Tickets are available by emailing: ptfa@sheriffhutton.n-yorks.sch.uk or contact Elaine on 878552.

Tickets are £1 each. Please look out for a Silent Auction bidding form through your letter box or alternatively please contact using the above details.

Please return all tickets and forms to the school post box by Thursday 14th December.

The Raffle will be drawn and Silent Auction winners announced on Friday 15th December at school and winners will be contacted by email or text message.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our wonderful village Primary School fundraising team and from us all on the PTFA we wish a very 'Happy Christmas' to you all.

The Methodist Church

In October I posted about my imminent holiday in Florida and my excitement about going to see the expanded area of the Universal Studios theme park dedicated to Minions. Well, to say I was disappointed would be an understatement. The new ride, "Illumination's Villain-Con Minion Blast" where we were told "New York has been hit by an epidemic of aliens and it's up to you, Agent Trainee, to blast them into oblivion" was rubbish. We went 4,264 miles (according to Google) for a ride which broke down and ray-guns which were too heavy for children to wield. And that could have been that if we hadn't then gone on the old ride "Minion Mayhem" which was and remains fantastic. Where the new and novel let us down, the tried and tested was the one that gave us a smile and raised our spirits.

I wonder if sometimes Christmas can be like that. How often do we look forward to huge feasting, presents and partying only for it to leave us unsatisfied. Is the treasure of Christmas hidden in the old and familiar rather than the latest whizz-bang gadget (batteries not included) or designer clothing or celebrity endorsed perfume.

Perhaps the true meaning of Christmas is found in something much more ordinary. There is certainly something of the ordinary in many of the characters in the story of the first Christmas in Luke's gospel. A teenage girl and a carpenter from a provincial northern town, an inn keeper, shepherds on a hillside; outsiders to polite society and far from the seat of power. Yet God took this unpromising, ordinary cast list to create something extraordinary. A cold, bleak winter's night became lit by angels and Jesus, son of God, the Messiah was born in an ordinary stable and laid in the feeding trough because there was nowhere else to lay him.

As we ponder that story, we should look around us at our own families and friends and see through their ordinariness to the extraordinary people that they are to us. They may give us Christmas presents which delight or disappoint us but that is unimportant. The most important and extraordinary thing they bring us is their love. We might not always recognise it as such, but it is there, hidden in the ordinariness or our relationships. It is there in a touch, a smile or a kind word.

I hope and pray that you all have a Christmas filled with the old familiar people and things that bring real value to your life. May you treasure them alongside the new and novel. And as you ponder on the story of the first Christmas may you recognise God's greatest gift, a child called Jesus.

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Reverend John

Sunday Services in December:

| 3 rd | 10.30am | Mrs Francis Priestnall |
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| 10 th | 10.30am | Rev. John Hayward (Communion) |
| 17 th | 10.30am | Rev. David Bidnell |
| 24 th | 3.00pm | Short family service after Family craft from 2.00pm |
| 25 th | 9.30am | CHRISTMAS DAY Rev John Hayward |
| 31 St | 10.30am | United Service at Strensall Methodist Church |

Additional Activities on Wednesdays

| 9.30am | Morning prayers and quiet meditation in the Chapel |
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| 10.00am | Drop in for Coffee and Chat in the Miss Ward room |
| 11 15am | Advent study group in the Changl followed by a light li |

11.15am Advent study group in the Chapel followed by a light lunch of soup and bread in the Miss Ward room. The studies will be on December 6th, 13^{th,} and 20th led by Rev John Hayward. Everyone welcome to one or all studies. We hope you can come.

Lillings Ambo Parish Council

Due to a resignation, there is a vacancy of Clerk of Lillings Ambo Parish Council.

It is a small parish with five Councillors. We have four statutory meetings a year plus extraordinary meetings called when necessary.

Please contact helenloynes@hotmail.com or lillingsamboparishcouncil@outlook.com for further information of this position.

There has been an increase in dog fouling in West Lilling, which is an offence. Please could dog walkers be responsible and ensure they remove their dog's waste to keep the streets clean.

Notices for St. Helen's December 2023

A very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to everyone.

We have several events and services happening in December. Something to suit everyone. The Victorian Christmas Market is on Saturday, 2nd December 11am to 3pm. There are lots of stalls and opportunities to buy Christmas presents and to order from Village Market stall holders for collection at the Village Market on 17th December. There will be other stallholders beside some familiar faces from the Market. Melanie Hunt is running the cafe with lots of festive goodies.

There is the usual Christmas Celebration led by The Drummers (as in previous years) on Thursday. 21st December at 6.30pm with traditional carols and folk traditional carols and poems. There will be Christmas refreshments afterwards. It lasts about 50 minutes and is very informal and families are welcome.

Carols in the Churchyard is on Christmas Eve at 11am. It will last for about 30 minutes and there will be mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee. Not just be carols but other Christmas songs also, a real family occasion. Please also bring your pets along.

Our Family Christmas Day service at 10.00am will have a shortened holy communion and will last for under an hour. It will be very family friendly and there will be no refreshments as people usually want to get home.

We hope to see you at some point over Christmas.

Please contact Jill Donaldson Hodges on 878595 or 07968 052118 if you have any queries.

Sheriff Hutton Nature Group

Report on 'Grass Verges and Wildflowers of Yorkshire' with Margaret Atherden

At our November meeting we had an absorbing and entertaining talk by Dr Margaret Atherden on the road verges of Yorkshire. Margaret told us about her years of detailed research on verges across Yorkshire from the Wolds to the Dales and the huge variety of species associated with the diverse geology. She explained that with careful management, for example cutting the verges at the right time of year and in bands of different heights, road verges could become a network of habitat corridors across the country, enabling plants, mammals and insects to move between areas of grassland, forestry etc. So, she called for us to abandon pristine verges, with the tell-tale stripes of the sit on mower and allow biodiversity and nature to thrive.

Our next evening talks are:

December 6th, Protecting Freshwater Wildlife and Habitats with Anne Carter of the Freshwater **Habitats Trust.**

The Freshwater Habitat Trust create, restore and protect freshwater wildlife looking at a national network of streams, ponds, wetlands, lakes, rivers and ditches. The talk will focus on the work Anne has been doing as Northern Regional Officer including on the Yorkshire Flagship Pond sites. This includes locally ponds at Strensall Common.

January 2024 - no meeting

We are back on 7 Feb 2024 with a talk on the Cropton Beaver Project.

Our talks are open to all and £3 per evening for non-members.

Nature ideas for Christmas presents

There are an amazing number of ideas for presents for nature lovers. For people with gardens why not think of plants or trees to support birds and insects, animal habitats eg hedgehog houses or solitary bee homes, or bird feeders and food. What about a virtual present to support nature? There is a lot of choice out there. Even just looking at examples for UK charities. From adopting plants with Plantlife, the Hedge Fund with the Woodland Trust, Lifeline for Stag Beetles or Water Vole SOS with Peoples Trust for Endangered Species and Tuppence a Toad with Froglife. Or gift membership to a relevant nature charity to provide enjoyment all year round. If you would like any more information on the Sheriff Hutton Nature Group or would like a copy of the evening programme, please contact Sally on 01347 878272 or email shnaturegroup@gmail.com

Village Ramble

There is no Village Ramble in December but we welcome you all along for a refreshing walk on Thursday 25th January. More details will be in the January Village News. Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2024.

Sheriff Hutton Bridge Cricket Club

November 2023

All change at the cricket club, details will be published after the AGM at the beginning of December. Suffice to say that age is giving way to the younger element who hopefully have the stamina to push the club forward. They have exciting plans.

A big thank you to all who supported us with your Tesco shopping and the blue tokens, we managed to come third and will receive a much needed £500.

An even bigger thank you, to the Jumblies and all who contributed to the sale last month. As a result we will be the beneficiary of a very large cheque, again most welcome funds. There is a lot of hard work in putting together a jumble sale and we really do appreciate it, special mention must go to our own Margaret and Joan.

Still on funding we have a draw for the "twelve days of Christmas" with over £1000 worth of prizes. To enter go to, crowdfunder.co.uk/p/shb-xmas-prize-draw#start or visit our website.

Prizes include – All room speaker, Wine, Whiskey and cut glass decanter, £100 cash, Cricket shirts etc. £4 per ticket or 4 for £15. Please help as much as you can.

On the cricket front we wish Matthew Fisher all good fortune as he heads off to the UAE with England Lions. We also wish all our young cricketers who have been selected for Regional Training Pathways the best of luck as they try to impress those who choose representative teams.

Gardening Club

This year the club's AGM was short on the formalities and long on post-meeting socialising! We welcomed Sarah Shuttleworth as a new committee member and were delighted to confirm Lesley O'Neill as our new Committee Chair.

The club looks forward to running the café at the Christmas Market on 17th December and will be offering seasonal treats as well as delicious bacon and sausage baps and cakes. Come and have a warming cup of coffee or mulled wine!

Warm Christmas greetings to all of our loyal members.

Gardening tips.

Winter doesn't necessarily mean a dreary garden. There should be plenty of coloured fruits until the birds take their fill. There are a variety of winter flowering shrubs, both deciduous and evergreen, which often give off scents to attract pollenating insects.

Variegated evergreen shrubs can brighten up dull spots, often being shaped to size to fit the smallest of spaces. Coloured stems of cornus, dogwoods and willows plus tree barks catch the low sun. If you have hellebores (the Christmas Rose being one of the many available varieties) their old leaves should be cut off now to expose the flowers to come. When the flowers are spent and the seeds begin to show, cut the flower stalks down if you don't want seedlings all over the place. New leaves will emerge to display through the rest of the year.

Early snowdrops can often appear this month. There should be something to catch the eye even if just viewed from the window. If you are keeping warm with your log burner you can put the ash onto the garden but not if you have mixed with coal or smokeless fuel.

Super-Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday, 1st December, 10am – 12 noon

The mobile library can be used as a drop-in facility to select or return books as it used to be before the pandemic. If you wish to request a specific title, please browse our online catalogue at https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/northyorkshire and place a reservation using your borrower number and your PIN, selecting 'Supermobile' as your pick-up location. There may be a small charge for this service. Free downloads of eBooks, e-audiobooks and magazines are available from our website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/digital-library

If you are not a member of our libraries, you can join at the SuperMobile Library. It is FREE!

For enquiries, please call 01609 533878 or email supermobile@northyorks.gov.uk

For more information about library services visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries or download our library App. Search for: North Yorkshire Libraries in the App Store of Google Play

NB. The Super-Mobile Library dates may be subject to change and cancellations at short notice.

Message from the Jumblies

Wow our last jumble sale of the year was our most profitable one to date. We had mountains of jumble and had to stop taking donations in at 9.00 am as the hall was virtually crammed full. We had hardly any room to sort without falling over bags and boxes of jumble. The appalling weather meant we could not have our usual outside stalls so were restricted for space. Our sincere apologies to all those people who we had to turn away. Thank you so much to everyone for all your support. The Cricket Club members had really pulled out the stops and a fleet of cars and vans transferred jumble to the Village Hall from both club houses on Friday night so we could start sorting.

Fortunately the rain eased off for the actual sale and our buyers had not been put off. As usual our regulars started queuing from 12 noon all eager to find bargains and they weren't disappointed with a lot to choose from. Buyers were still sorting through at 4.00pm long after their normal departure time. Thanks go to the Ladies and Gents from the Cricket Club who helped to clear up the left overs and put all the tables and chairs away in very quick time at the end of the afternoon. It had been a very long weekend but well worth it. The total raised was an unbelievable £2838.

Many thanks go to the members of the Bowling Club who have provided refreshments throughout the year, which has been very much appreciated by our buyers and has added over £1,000 to Club funds.

Our next Jumble Sale will be on 17th February 2024 to raise money for the Parish Church and the Bowling Club so please save your cast offs for us.

Now - To get you in the mood for the Christmas Season

Bonnie and Fiona will be at the Christmas Fair in the Parish Church on Saturday 2nd December with the Pre Loved Jewellery Stall raising money for the Parish Church. Handbags and Scarves will also be on sale at affordable prices. All items on sale have been donated and would make lovely Christmas presents or a treat for yourself. Be the envy of your friends when they admire your latest accessories.

Our Christmas Concert given by the Swinton Brass Band will be on Sunday afternoon 3rd December starting at 2.30pm – admission £7 to include seasonal refreshments.

There will be a raffle and all proceeds from the afternoon will go to the Play Area Fund.

Doors will be open from 2pm so get there early as this is always a very popular afternoon.

If you would like to come but may have a problem getting to the Village Hall there is no need to miss out. Just call me and we will arrange transport.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

The grand total raised during 2023 will be given in the January Village News. Until then we would like to thank you all for your continuing support and wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Penny Bean and the Sheriff Hutton Jumblies

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Strensall Tigers Junior Football Club

Having undertaken renovation work on the Playing Fields over the summer, the football season is now well underway. This year Sherriff Hutton Playing Fields hosts 11 teams of boys and girls aged 4 to 11 years of age, with girls football showing an exciting growth in participation.

Now the winter conditions are upon us, the teams have moved evening training to artificial venues to help protect the grass surface. Until March the teams will only be at the Sheriff Hutton Playing Fields for match fixtures on Saturday and Sundays with matches usually completed by 1pm.

Fixtures and kick off times are regularly changed with the age group coaches in charge of their own fixtures. Therefore, each week we collect information from each age group coach and publish a compiled list of finalised kick off times on our regular 'Tigers Talk' post on the Club's Facebook page. To see 'Tigers Talk' and more information about Strensall Tigers JFC please search and follow "Strensall Tigers Junior Football Club" on Facebook.

If you would like to contact the Club, please email us at info@strensalltigers.com

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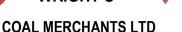


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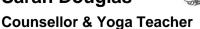
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| Sun | 10.00am | Morning Service | Parish Church but check in church for details | | | | |
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| | 10.30am | Morning Service | Methodist Church | | | | |
| Mon | | | | 7.00pm | Badminton | Village Hall | |
| Tues | 9.15am | Pilates | Village Hall | 7.00pm | Circuit Training | Village Hall | |
| | 10.30am | Pilates | Village Hall | 8.00pm | Pilates | Village Hall | |
| | | | | 12.30pm | Luncheon club | 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 | | | | |

Additional Activities in December

| Fri | 1 st | 10.00-12noon | Super Mobile Library, in the Village Hall Car Park |
|-------|------------------|--------------|---|
| | 1 st | 7.30pm | St Leonard's Grand Christmas Prize Bingo in the Sheriff Hutton Village Hall |
| Sat | 2 nd | 10.00-5.00 | Open Studios, Laburnum Cottage, Nesslyn West End and Church View, East End |
| | 2 nd | 11.00-3.00 | Victorian Christmas Market at St Helen's Church |
| | 2 nd | 4.00pm | Christmas Tree Lights Illumination, in The Village Square |
| Sun | 3 rd | 10.00-5.00 | Open Studios, Laburnum Cottage, Nesslyn West End and Church View, East End |
| | 3 rd | 2.30pm | Swinton Brass Band concert in the Village Hall |
| Wed | 6 th | 7.30pm | Nature Group, Protecting Freshwater Wildlife and Habitats, Methodist Church |
| Fri | 8 th | 10.00-2.30 | Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange and Coffee Morning in the Village Hall |
| Sat | 9 th | 10.30-3.30 | Spinning and Craft Group, Miss Ward Room, Methodist Church |
| Thurs | 14 th | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting, Miss Ward Room at the Methodist Church |
| Fri | 15 th | 7.30pm | Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club Bingo, in the Village Hall |
| Sun | 17 th | 10.30-1.30 | Sheriff Hutton Village Market at the Village Hall |

Dates to Note 2024

| Jan | 19 th | 7.30pm | Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club, Bingo in the Village Hall |
|-----|------------------|-------------|--|
| | 25 th | 9.30am | Village Ramble, meet in the Village Hall Car Park, route to be decided |
| Feb | 7 th | 7.30pm | Nature Group, Cropton Beaver Project by Rachel Midgley, Methodist Church |
| | 9 th | 7.30pm | Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club, Bingo in the Village Hall |
| | 17 th | 2.00-4.00pm | Jumblies Sale in the Village Hall in aid of the Bowling Club and the Parish Church |

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