

Sheriff Hutton Village News



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Parish Council

www.sheriffhutton.co.uk The Parish Council met on the 9th July 2021. Councillors present at the meeting were Penny Bean (Chairman), Marcus Oxendale, Martin Dodd, Elaine Nelson and Sally Wright.

The following new planning applications were received for consideration: -

21/00866/FUL Land at Daskett Hill, Sheriff Hutton

Change of use of agricultural land to form a glamping site with 5no. shepherd's huts with patio areas, car parking area and access walkway to each hut.

Decision – No objection subject to satisfactory screening.

21/00862/FUL Gower Hall Barn, Thornton Le Clay, Malton

Change of use of the partially constructed annexe accommodation approved by application 17/00476/FUL dated 06.07.2017 to a mixed use of annexe and tourism accommodation.

Decision – No Objection

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

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

Decision – No Objection.

The following new planning decision was received:-

21/00674/HOUSE Casa Mia, Sheriff Hutton

Erection of single storey side extension together with conversion of garage into additional living accommodation (revised scheme to planning approval 20/01185/HOUSE dated 08.02.2021) (part retrospective).

APPROVED.

Not Parking on Footpaths and Verges

Residents are again requested not to park on footpaths or on junctions throughout the village. Parking vehicles on the footpath causes an obstruction, often meaning that pedestrians have to walk into the road to pass. This is particularly dangerous for children, people with pushchairs, people with mobility scooters and the elderly. New legislation is being introduced in relation to parking on footpaths that carries a £70.00 fine.

Parking on or very close to a junction makes it difficult and dangerous for unsighted drivers to pull out from or turn into the side road. Pedestrians can also be put at risk because of the restricted view this type of inconsiderate parking causes.

Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Friday 13th August 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.

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

The Parish Council would like to hear from people who are interested in joining the steering group to co-ordinate events to celebrate the Jubilee. We would also like to hear from village organizations and individuals interested in organizing an event e.g. village party, Big Lunch, summer fete, exhibitions etc. to involve the whole community in celebrating this wonderful achievement.

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

Friends of Sheriff Hutton Village Hall 200 Club

July £25 prize winning numbers were 5, 25, 117, 192 and 204.

A Request from Lillings Ambo Parish Council

Please will villagers in West Lilling maintain their hedges to give sufficient space on foot paths, particularly coming in to West Lilling from Sheriff Hutton. Will they also take responsibility to clear the footpaths when the job is done. We have people running, jogging and, importantly, parents and grandparents who need space for push chairs and holding hands of little ones. There are foot path boundary edges behind which all hedges and greenery should be kept. Thanking you all for helping to keep our village a safe place to enjoy.

Village Hall

The Government has announced significant changes to the Covid-19 legal restrictions, from Monday 19th July. As Covid cases are increasing, we are not making immediate changes to the Covid-secure arrangements at the Village Hall, but we are monitoring advice provided to community buildings. In the meantime, we will work with hirers to make reasonable adjustments to hiring conditions, on a case-by-case basis. Our aim is to encourage use of the Hall that is as safe as it can be for everyone while we are still living with the pandemic.

Village Hall hire charges from September 2021

The annual review of Village Hall hire charges was delayed while the Hall was closed and the following charges will operate for the year from 1st September 2021. These charges represent a very small increase on 2020 prices.

	1 st 2 Hours	Subsequently		1 st 2 Hours	Subsequently
Main Hall before 6pm	£22.00	£10.00	Committee Room	£6.80	£3.40
Main Hall after 6.00pm	£27.50	£11.00	Each Changing Room	£8.00	£4.00
Refreshment Room	£13.20	£6.60	Stage Set Up	£12.50	
Kitchen	£5.50	£2.75	All Rooms (Jumbles)	£185.00	

Village Ramble

This month's village ramble will be on Thursday August 26th, meeting at the Village Hall car park at 9.30am. The walk will be led by John Williamson, starting in Strensall, but following a different route to the one he led two years ago. It will be about 4 miles long, in a circular route following the River Foss along the Centenary Way towards Sheriff Hutton Bridge, to where the river was once navigable. Walkers will enjoy open views of fields towards the north and will come across the remains of a double rise lock on the river and a good view of the ponds, a favourite haunt of a pair of swans. A little further we shall cross a narrow ancient bridge over the Foss on our return leg to the village.

Following the walk, some ramblers may wish to partake in a little light refreshment and 'al fresco' pub lunch, weather and covid rules permitting at the time.

New ramblers always welcome to our friendly, informal, not too strenuous group. For more information contact John on weum9@yahoo.co.uk or 01904 491278. '

Anne Thompson, BA (Hons) Sculptor and Painter

It is now 10 years since Anne's retrospective exhibition was curated by Patrick Smith and opened by Bob Brumby. Her studio and garden sculptures at May Rose Cottage may be visited. either as part of the Open/Social Gardens event on **Saturday 31st July or Sunday 1st August** (11am to 4pm) or privately by arrangement telephone 07716338924 or thompsonroy5@gmail.com. Donations to St Helen's Church and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Super-Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 13th August 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

St Leonard's, Farlington

Sunday services are continuing and being enjoyed by the people who come and join us. Also, we are hoping that by August we shall be able to sing in church after a gap of 17 months. Some mask wearing may still be a requirement – we need to see how the situation unfolds..

Services in August

- Sunday : August 8th : 11.15am : **Lammastide**. A special service celebrating the ancient festival of Lammastide (loaf-mass); the start of the harvest. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the churchyard
- Sunday : August 22nd : 11.15am : Holy Communion (BCP)

Pre-booking for these services is not necessary.

Private Prayer. The church has reverted to being open every day for private prayer and 'quiet time.'

Farlington Pop-up Tea Room

In a change to last month's announcement, the Pop-up Tea Room returns to Farlington Village Hall but, for this year, it will only operate over the August Bank Holiday weekend – **Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th and Bank Holiday Monday, 10.00am – 2.00pm**. Join us on one or all of those days for delicious cakes, scrumptious tarts as well as tea and coffee.

Collective Village Oil Buying Group.

Just to advise the Village Oil Buying Group members and in addition anyone who wants to join in Sheriff Hutton, Lilling, Whenby, Farlington and Stittenham that the next oil order is planned for:

Approximately Late August with Order cut-off Sunday 15th August

You can of course still join even if you only order occasionally. If you have already given your details to the group, you will receive a reminder in advance of the deadlines asking for confirmation on whether you require an order and if so the details.

The group run by volunteers purely for the convenience and to provide savings to Villagers was set up many years ago buying heating oil as a group for Sheriff Hutton and Lilling. It now includes in addition Whenby, Farlington and Stittenham. On the last 2 orders despite very different oil prices each person saved 10% or more on the standard order price including VAT. If you would like to join email us at sheriffhuttonoil@gmail.com with your name, email, back up phone number, address, location of oil tank and oil order or request to be added to database.

After the deadline and we have the total number of litres required we will discuss the price with BATA and then let each person know how much their order will cost and the planned delivery date. We aim to place the order two weeks before the actual delivery date to try and get a more accurate delivery date from the supplier.

The minimum quantity which can be ordered is 500 litres, but you can order any number of litres above that. Payment can be made to the driver or by phone to BATA within 7 days of the delivery.

Please note to enable the group to work your details will be held on a database, and certain details e.g. name and order shared with the rest of the group and name, address and contact details will be provided to BATA or a future oil provider in connection with oil orders. Privacy statement available on request.

Contact sheriffhuttonoil@gmail.com to join the group we look forward to hearing from you.

A "head's up" for Malcolm Winstanley

During the various and challenging phases of the Covid-19 lockdowns and re-openings with almost weekly changes in regulations and brewery rules, Malcolm, licensee and manager of Sam Smiths' Castle Inn, has worked almost single-handed. He has provided table service in a quiet, efficient and unfailingly courteous way to the many grateful regulars, villagers and visitors (many of whom carry little cash!) He deserves our thanks, not only for near normal service but also for funeral wakes and social events from tractor rallies to family-friendly gatherings. He is also liked by the dogs for fresh water and special treats. Locals have almost welcomed him – not bad as a lad from Barnsley.

Thank you, Malcolm, from the regulars.

Village Volunteers

Just a reminder that we are still here if you need us. Although many folk will be double vaccinated and increasingly so, the number of infections is rising rapidly and whilst the vaccination programme has weakened the link between illness and hospitalisations/deaths, it isn't broken so we still have to be careful.

Jill Donaldson Hodges 878595

Sheriff Hutton History Group

This month's extract is taken from the Sheriff Hutton Women's Institute Treasure Survey 1975 and published in 1979.

SHERIFF HUTTON CASTLE - a research by ladies of the WI - Ida Medd, Edith Kenniwell, Nancy Meggingson and Nancy Wallis.

"When William the Conqueror ordered a survey, resulting in the Domesday Book in 1086 with a view to raising taxes the village was named Hotun or Hoton which was Old English for a town (or settlement) on a hill. "Sheriff" was prefixed when Bertram de Bulmer was appointed Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1139 by King Stephen. The King then ordered de Bulmer to build a castle because of border interference from Scotland. The Normans were anxious to build castles rapidly all over the country and these early ones were nearly all built of wood. In Sheriff Hutton the original site is next to the Church, on the south side just below the top of the hill where it would be partly concealed from enemies but well positioned for defence. It was probably finished in 1141 and was of "motte and bailey" construction which means its fortifications consisted of ramparts and ditches, outlines of which can still clearly be seen today.

In 1382, Lord John Neville obtained a King's licence to enclose a plot of land on the estate to build a new castle of stone. This was constructed of gritstone quarried in Terrington, Stittenham and Mowthorpe and transported across the marshy Ings and Carrs, probably on rafts. The castle was in the Forest of Galtres and it was believed that a beacon was burnt at night to guide travellers back through the Forest. There were also paid guides to escort and protect them from footpads, wild boars and wolves.

The castle, built on a steep hill, was in part protected by a double Foss or two oblong moats, each 200 yards long and six yards wide divided by a strip of land. The moats did double duty as a line of defence and as fishponds, they still exist but are overgrown and drained. The castle was five storeys high with walls 8' thick as can be seen from the ruined towers. The south west tower is 100' high and beneath it is a dungeon 40' by 20' with a perfect barrel-vaulted roof. It has one doorway directly out to the hillside while one on the opposite wall leads to a beautifully built circular stairwell, though all the stairs on the lower storeys are missing. Above the dungeon is the Sounding Hall of the same size and with a similar roof. The windows were unglazed but the fastenings for wooden shutters can still be seen. There is a large fireplace and a doorway 10' high. One local theory for its name is that its echoes were unusually loud but a recent Belgium visitor said that in her castle the room was so called because the guards were on duty there; so long as they were patrolling and making a noise the family in the Royal Quarters above knew all was well".

*Today the castle is in private ownership but visitors can walk around the moats to view the towers from all angles.

Gardening Club

The weigh-in for the potato competition will be at the village hall on Tuesday 10th August from 7pm to 8pm, so don't forget to bring your pot of potatoes along. Although the legal requirement ended in July, please wear a mask.

In view of the uncertainty about how the covid situation is developing, we are looking at the possibility of doing another garden visit in September rather than the usual talk. We will update members once arrangements are finalised.

Village Show

The annual show is taking place on Saturday 14th August. The detailed show schedule was in the July Village News. But it's still not too late to plan entries for many classes, so do consider making this the year you join in and show us what you or your children can do. Maybe garden produce, but also flower arranging, craft items, cookery and preserves or photography. You just need to bring your entries to the hall between 9.30 and 11.30am.

It should be a great village event for all. Even if you aren't entering the competitions, why not join us to see the display of entries (and enter the raffle) between 2pm and 4pm, and/or the prize giving at 4pm. We are also hoping to be able to run a cafe in the hall during the afternoon and have an ice-cream van outside like last year. So do come along.

In the interests of helping us all to be and feel safer, we will be asking people to wear masks inside the hall.

We still need more people to help during the day, either with the show itself or the refreshments. It's a really useful and enjoyable way to contribute to village life. So, if you can spare an hour or two to help, please let Amanda Dick know on 878283 or email shgardenclub@gmail.com.

Village Open Gardens

Saturday 31st July & Sunday 1st August 11am-4pm

Ten gardens will be open for public viewing over the two days whilst Melanie Hunt will be running the pop-up cafe from St Helen's church. The long-term forecast looks to be good so do purchase your tickets from the Village Shop or from Louise on 01347 878619. Alternatively, some tickets will be available to purchase from St Helen's Church on the day but these will be limited.

Please do help us to support St Helen's and Yorkshire Air Ambulance, we never know when we may need this important service.

Message from the Jumbles

At last we can make plans!

We are planning to hold a Jumble Sale on **Saturday 11th September at 2pm** in The Village Hall to raise money for Alzheimers Research. We will be open to accept your donations between 9am and 11 am on the morning of the sale. We are particularly looking for clothing and household linen but books and bric-a-brac will also be most welcome – no large pieces of furniture or equipment please. If you are unable to bring them along on that morning please contact me or any of the Jumbles to make alternative arrangements.

To ensure safety of customers and Jumbles, people attending the sale will be asked to wear masks and use the hand sanitizer provided. In addition we have had to make a few changes to the format which means as many stalls as possible will be outside. There will be no refreshments but there will be a cake stall located in the small room to the right in the entrance hall. The books will be relocated to the Refreshment room. There will be a tombola but no raffle.

On Saturday 25th September between 10am and Noon we will be holding our **Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning**. Again there will be a slight change in format with tables being relocated to the Main Hall to allow more space.

Please make a note in your diary to come along and catch up with people you may not have seen for a while. We will be serving delicious homemade scones and hot drinks and there will also be a cake stall second hand jewellery stall, book stall, and tombola not forgetting, of course, the Money Tree.

A Sheriff Hutton Jumbles Facebook page has now been set up which will give up to the minute information so please keep checking for any alterations that may have to be made should there be any changes to the pandemic status. If you are not able to access this you can always contact any of the Jumbles.

We will not be holding any more Jumble Sales this year but hope to start up again in 2022 so watch this space.

Yet another reminder that we are still 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.

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

Art Weekends

Just a reminder to say it looks like our Art weekends can go ahead and myself and Patrick are very much looking forward to sharing our art studios with you. Please come along to look at the art spaces we work in and to see our newest work. We have both been busy creating new pieces for the event and have lots to see.

On Friday 6th August we will both have a Preview Evening from 6pm to 9pm. This is independent of Ryedale Open Studios and an opportunity for people from the village and close friends to see the work first. It is always such a lovely evening and refreshments will be available at both venues.

Ryedale Open Studios is officially 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th August, 10am to 5pm each day. The uptake from local artists has been amazing and there are now plenty of us who have joined this fledgling group. Check out their website to see which other artists you can visit. Your support is always welcome. www.ryedaleopenstudios.com There even looks to be a perfect circular route if you wanted to make a day or two of it.

Both venues are on West End in the village. Patrick will be exhibiting at Nesslyn and Justine at Laburnum Cottage (in the new studio) and will be well sign posted. Keep a look out and we look forward to welcoming you to our studios.

Justine and Patrick

THE METHODIST CHURCH

It's two days (at the time of writing) to "Freedom Day" when the restrictions are withdrawn and we are all asked to act responsibly to ensure Covid can be restrained and people do not become infected. It is each person's responsibility to protect not only themselves but everyone else who you may meet.

Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment and He said "The first commandment is to love God and the second is to love your neighbour. When asked who was his neighbour he told the story of the good Samaritan, when a despised person was the only one to offer help to a stranger.

Isn't this what we are all being asked to do from the 19th July? To think not only of protecting ourselves but other people too, irrespective of skin colour, race or religion. If we all act responsibly then who knows we might even begin to solve all the racial problems that are in our country. Then, who knows we might be more generous to our neighbours overseas with our aid and vaccine resources.

Let each of us act responsibly in what we do.

Church services in August.

1 st	10.30 a.m.	An Own Arrangement
8 th	10.30 a.m.	Mrs Marion Moverly
15 th	10.30 a.m.	Revd Andrew Foster
22 nd	10.30 a.m.	Revd Ruth Duck (Communion)
29 th	10.30 a.m.	An Own Arrangement

Change of Minister

The Revd Ruth Duck will be retiring from the Methodist Ministry at the end of August so her final service at Sheriff Hutton will be on Sunday 22 August. The Revd John Hayward from Barnsley is to be our minister from September. He will also be responsible for the Methodist churches in Strensall and Huntington.

Other Activity

The change in restrictions is now enabling us to consider how we may begin to re-introduce Drop in for Coffee and Wednesday morning prayers, perhaps in September.

Marton Church

As I write this we are still waiting for guidelines about opening up for services again. In the meantime, the churchyard is certainly flourishing! We completed a successful audit of wildflowers for the Churches Count on Nature project in June, and hope to make this an annual event. As you know, our vision for Marton Churchyard is to promote wildflower meadow restoration and pollinator conservation. The churchyard is scythed (by hand) in July/August to help protect wildlife such as insects, birds, small mammals and other inhabitants. Although this does mean that the churchyard looks 'untamed', having one main annual scythe makes it more likely that locally sourced seeds and plug plants will become well established, so the diversity of native wildflowers continues to increase. The main paths are mowed regularly to enable visitors to access the seating areas, pond, bird feeders and wonderful views across open countryside. We are very grateful to all those involved in tending and maintaining our churchyard. Do come and visit this beautiful and peaceful place if you are passing!

Glebe Conservation Area

Have you visited this peaceful and (some say) rather lovely place recently? If you haven't yet discovered it, access is via the gate at the southwest corner of the church yard, or through the gate in The Croft, between numbers 14 and 15. Are you a regular walker through its meadows, or have you rested a while on the bench at the top of the 11th century earthwork castle area and enjoyed the view? If you have, then good and very welcome, but are you a Friend of this place, someone who, for the modest amount of £10 every August, helps to provide an annual income to cover regular yearly outgoings? Insurance alone is over £450 and we have occasional maintenance costs. If not, please consider be-Friending this ancient site. There are now over 30 of us, but we could really do with doubling that number. For further details please contact Simon Sweeney (email simon.sweeney@york.ac.uk, telephone 01347 878562).

Birdwatch

With such an abundance of birdlife everywhere, the village and surrounding fields are teaming with our tweeting friends. Quite a few people have talked about birds of prey proving troublesome in gardens as they pick out chicks and young birds as their prey. A top suggestion is to hang foil or CD's out as this deters them along with Magpies who can also prove to be upsetting.

As we and our birdlife enjoy summer, I will close birdwatch for now but resume again as Winter draws upon us to share some thoughts and ideas. Meanwhile do continue to put out plenty of fresh water and food for these delightful little creatures!

Notices for St. Helen's for August 2021

The great news is that the latest guidance from the Diocese is that we can open every day, that restrictions on numbers are lifted and we can sing so some return to normality. However, we still be respectful of people who wish to keep social distancing and we'll wear masks, at least initially generally and when singing. We'll also keep sanitiser available. We'll phase in changes rather go wholesale with no precautions at all.

Please still sanitise your hands on entry and departure and please wear a mask when you are in the church. Thank you.

Services

Sunday, 8 th August	Morning Worship at 10.00am
Sunday, 22 nd August	Holy Communion at 10.00am
Sunday, 29 th August	Provisional Ecumenical service at 10.30am. Details to be confirmed.

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.

There is an Open Gardens fund-raising event around the village with refreshments at the church on July 31st and August 1st. Melanie Hunt is running a pop-up café with delicious cakes, scones and drinks – well worth a visit. Funds raised will go to the church and the Air Ambulance.

Jill Donaldson Hodges, 878595

Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club

The courts continue to be popular and with the approach of the school holidays members are asked to use the booking system and book a court before coming to play.

Junior Section. The junior coaching sessions were completed in July and the winner of the shield for the Most Improved Junior was Orlando Goor. Ben congratulated and presented the shield to Orlando who had made good progress during the coaching sessions.

The Junior Club Night was well supported and concluded with

The Junior Tournament. This provided the juniors with the opportunity to show how their tennis had improved and close games and long rallies were the order of the day. In a very close round robin competition, the result came down to the last match which was between the defending champion, Kirsty Noble, and her sister Rosie, A close match saw Kirsty edge ahead and get her name on the shield for the second time.

Congratulations to Kirsty and all the Juniors who took part and provided an entertaining night for players and spectators alike.

The competition demonstrated how fortunate the club is to have such a group of talented young players.

League Tennis. The Hovingham Mixed team continue to make good progress and are unbeaten and top of the division. The Hovingham Ladies team are doing well and are in mid-table.

The York Men's team made a good start to their season and the Ladies matches have been delayed due to rain

Competitions. The Club competitions will take place in September; more details will be on the website and in next month's Village News.

Social Tennis continues on a Wednesday morning from 10.00am. Ladies of all standards are very welcome.

Coaching. Ben continues to offer excellent coaching opportunities for adult and junior members; he is also running junior tennis camps in the summer holidays. Please contact Ben for more details and to book sessions on benortontennis@outlook.com

Visit our website for up-to-date information on tennis news

www.sheriffhuttontennisclub/clubspark/hta.org.uk

Or contact josephinejohnson6@gmail.com or telephone on 01347878626

Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club – 60 years of Community Sport

As we emerge from a very painful series of shut-downs, play has resumed this season in a different but healthy way and with a friendly competitive programme. We are grateful for the support of Ryedale and our own Parish Council for helping with unforeseen costs in a period when our fund-raising income shrank to nothing.

New members or those keen to make enquiries can find us on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 2pm and we may even be able to offer a cup of tea!

Contact – Roy Thompson, Secretary on 0771633 or thompsonroy5@gmail.com

Dear Friends

This is in many ways a 'farewell' as I step down from my post as Methodist Minister for Sheriff Hutton. My part time role back in the area for the past two years has not been anything like that I had envisaged. I am sure that I am not alone, as none of us could have guessed or predicted how our lives would be changed by a microscopic virus sweeping across the world. The unpredictability of life and the certainty of death are something that we acknowledge as a fact but until they touch us personally, they can stay as a theory rather than a reality.

Jesus told a story about a man who was a success in monetary terms. A successful harvest led to him building bigger barns in order to store all of his grain and goods. He thought he was set up for many years, and could relax, 'eat, drink and be merry'. The unexpected happened and he died without enjoying what he had valued. Jesus' parable reminds us all not to put all of our time and energy into 'things', for 'we cannot take them with us'!

Jesus' priorities were to love God with all of our heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. He called this, storing up treasure in heaven.

As I retire at the end of August, I will need time to look at what my life will consist of in the future. I hope that I, and you, will hold fast to the priority of love for God and for our neighbours, near and far.

Every blessing,
Revd R Duck

Ruth

Some Suggested Gardening Activities for August

- Harvest soft fruit when they are in peak condition. Small "end of the crop" strawberries are ideal for jamming and "Cambridge Favourite" is the best cultivar for the purpose. If your strawberry plants are three or four years old they may well be in decline healthwise with the yield of fruit also falling. Time to source some new virus free certified plants and get them planted (not too deep) on a fresh site - crop rotation is desirable. There are lots of cultivars available but for flavoursome eating "Marshmello", "Malling Centenary", "Malwina" and "Elsanta" will certainly tickle the taste buds.
- Harvest time also for early potatoes, onions, shallots and garlic. Potatoes, when dry, can be stored in breathable sacks and kept in a cool dark and rodent free place. The onion "tribe" should be allowed to dry naturally in a dry airy place but not in full sun. Leave the tops on until they are dry and brittle when they can be "tidied up" but resist the temptation to remove too many skins as these are essential protective layers for the bulbs.
- When the above-mentioned crops, plus broad beans and peas, have been harvested the vacated soil areas can be dug or forked over and some compound organic fertiliser added for the imminent planting of winter/spring crops such as leeks, spring cabbage, over- wintering cauliflower etc. The old stems (haulms) should be sliced off with a spade at soil level. The roots of legumes (peas, beans and also clover and lupins) have bacterial nodules on them which fix nitrogen (from the soil atmosphere) which will be of nutrient value to the next crop on the site. Just dig these useful roots in as you go.
- Beech and hornbeam hedges can be given their main trim of the year in mid to late August. This will allow sufficient time for new growth to be made before late autumn. The leaves on this growth will be retained over winter, giving good cover and colour.
- Deadheading on a wide range of flowering plants will improve appearances and encourage production of more flowers. This also includes plants in hanging baskets and other containers which may benefit from a light pruning of some straggly growth. All container- grown plants will need regular watering and feeding - early morning being the best time to do the job if maximum benefit and minimal evaporation and water wastage are to be achieved.
- Large clumps of bearded Iris can be lifted, divided and replanted on fresh sites. This will give the new divisions time to get well established before winter and should lead to a good display of flowers next year.
- Avoid using high nitrogen fertiliser on lawns from this month onwards as this can lead to soft, lush grass growth in the autumn which will be prone to a range of fungal diseases. A compound fertiliser with the emphasis on potash will give a healthy, hardy grass growth needing less mowing.
- Keep going with the push hoe to control annual weed seedlings which spring up overnight in showery weather and quickly become a carpet. Watch out for caterpillar, slug and snail problems, also green and black aphids. Don't allow white flies to become established on plants - tomatoes and cucumbers in particular - under glass or polythene. Whitefly sticky secretions attract sooty mould fungus. Avoid this potential mess by eliminating whitefly as soon as it appears by early morning squishing twixt finger and thumb or use yellow sticky traps hung among the plants. Spray with an approved insecticide as a last resort and wash the tomatoes etc thoroughly before eating.
- Garden centres and nurseries will soon be stocked up with new bulbs and corms to provide welcome spring colour in 2022. So maybe it's time for some gardeners' retail therapy before all the choice cultivars are sold out.

Sheriff Hutton Bridge Cricket Club

The club continues to be competitive in most areas with the 2nd and 3rd teams struggling the most.

The 2nd XI are still holding their own in the Premiership with a win over Welton but that is mixed with losses/draws against Whitkirk and Pickering; they currently sit just above the relegation zone but have the capabilities to finish mid table – a long way to go but young captain Danny Cass is leading from the front.

The 3rd XI however are really up against it and are currently bottom of Galtres 2; again a long way to go but in a difficult league it will take all the experience in the side to keep them going.

The 4th team are continuing to go well with some good results especially over current league leaders Heslington.

The 1st team continue to do well with wins over Acomb and Dunnington. The spoils with both bat and ball have been shared around the side with some good individual performances propping a good team effort.

They lost narrowly to Appleby Frodingham in the cup but with a young side much experience was gained and banked for the future - 14 year old Will Warren continues to perform well beyond his years.

They have now also reached the 20/20 final with a win over Harrogate who they surprisingly lost to in the league.

The juniors continue to go well but with many schools experiencing self-isolating of children at various ages it has disrupted the programme.

The u11's reached the semi-finals of the cup and lost narrowly to Clifton Alliance, probably slight favourites to win it.

Rockets has been a success again this year with so much enthusiasm from the children (and coaches).

We are progressing well with our girls cricket development with numbers increasing. Hopefully it won't be long before we can get a full programme of fixtures.

All this wouldn't happen without the backroom staff, especially the ground staff who cater for so many different matches on so many different days and nights.

Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists

Murmurations or Starling roosts.

Whilst living in Somerset, my wife and I visited the nearby Somerset levels near Glastonbury to witness a starling roost. This event was both very noisy and spectacular. But it got us thinking.

Scientists believe that murmurations offer safety in numbers; protection from predators like peregrine falcons that are attracted by the sheer number of birds. After all, it can't be easy to single out just one starling from a whirling group of hundreds or even thousands! Experts still aren't completely sure how each starling knows which way to turn without bumping into the others.

Murmurations always form over the birds' communal roosting site. The starlings twist, turn and swoop and swirl across the sky in beautiful shape shifting clouds. Making what to the human eye are patterns where the density of bodies gives the appearance of solidity. What appears solid one moment is a different shape somewhere else the next.

As the number of starlings reaches its peak and the last of the daylight begins to fade, an unspoken signal seems to tell the group to funnel towards the ground with one last sweeping motion and calming *whoosh* of wings. Roosts can be anything from a reed bed to a seaside pier where the group can huddle together for warmth and chatter about the best feeding grounds.

Why is it so noisy? The answer might be very simple. The enormous flock of birds is made up of families, and in a crowd the fledglings might get separated from mum and dad. So, thousands of mums and dads are calling out for their little ones, and thousands of fledglings have realised that they're hungry and what to sit down and eat!

There are many sites in the United Kingdom where roosts may be observed, a local one is the West Yorkshire Nature Reserve at Fairburn Ings near Castleford.

Dave Newman, Chair SH Field Naturalists

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Since the last issue of the News, the team have been able to continue trialling the recent newly approved locations and have carried out 4 deployments :-

- 1) Tuesday 22nd June at 16.00 on Finkle Street facing North, 175 vehicles passed through in one hour travelling South with 1 offender
- 2) Tuesday 29th June at 16.00 on Cornborough Road facing West, 47 vehicles passed through in one hour travelling East with 5 offenders
- 3) Wednesday 7th July at 10.00 on New Lane facing North, 75 vehicles passed through in one hour travelling South with 1 offender
- 4) Tuesday 13th July at 16.00 on North Garth Lane facing East, 56 vehicles passed through travelling West with 7 offenders

The results from Cornborough Road & North Garth Lane are more encouraging, and we are seeking to improve coverage of Daskett Hill, as a result of the Highways Data obtained.

Terry Johnson, CSW Lead Resident

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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 August

Sun	1 st	1100 – 4.00	Village Open Gardens (<i>also takes place on Saturday, July 31st</i>)
Fri	6 th	6.00 – 9.00pm	Preview evening for Ryedale Open Studios weekend
Sat	7 th	10.00am – 5.00pm	Ryedale Open Studios at Nesslyn and Laburnum Cottage
Sun	8 th	10.00am – 5.00pm	Ryedale Open Studios at Nesslyn and Laburnum Cottage
Tues	10 th	7.00 – 8.00pm	Weigh-in for the Potato Competition at the Village Hall
Fri	13 th	10.00 – 12.00	Super-mobile Library in Village Hall car park
		7.30pm	Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall
Sat	14 th	9.30 – 11.30	Entries for the Village show to be taken to the Village Hall
		10.00am – 5.00pm	Ryedale Open Studios at Nesslyn and Laburnum Cottage
		2.00 – 4.00pm	Village Show in the Village Hall
Sun	15 th	10.00am – 5.00pm	Ryedale Open Studios at Nesslyn and Laburnum Cottage
Thurs	26 th	9.30am	Village Ramble – meet at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall car park
Sat	28 th	10.00am – 2.00pm	Farlington Pop-up Tea Room, Farlington village hall
Sun	29 th	10.00am – 2.00pm	Farlington Pop-up Tea Room, Farlington village hall
Mon	30 th	10.00am – 2.00pm	Farlington Pop-up Tea Room, Farlington village hall

Dates to Note

Sept	11 th	2.00 – 4.00pm	Jumbies Sale in the Village Hall
Sept	25 th	10.00 – 12.00	Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Nov	18 th	2.00 – 7.30pm	Blood Donor session in the Village Hall

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