

# Sheriff Hutton Village News



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## Parish Council

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Due to Covid19 restrictions and the lockdown imposed by the government on the 5<sup>th</sup> January the planned parish council on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January did not take place. Therefore, items were communicated via email.

Planning Applications for consideration:-

20/01185/HOUSE Casa Mia, Sheriff Hutton

Erection of single storey side extension together with conversion of garage into additional living accommodation.

Decision – No Objection.

The following new planning decisions or appeals were received:-

20/00875/HOUSE 1 Warwick Close Sheriff Hutton

Alterations to dwelling to include the erection of first floor extension to side elevation, erection of single-storey extension to rear elevation to replace existing conservatory, replacement porch to front elevation and removal of dormer windows to front and rear elevations with replacement dormers to rear elevation.

APPROVED.

19/01263/MFULE Land Adj To River Foss, Lilling Low Lane, West Lilling

Formation of flood storage area consisting of construction of earth embankment with spillway, excavation of two temporary and two permanent borrow pits, erection of river flow control structure, re-profiling of sections of the River Foss, realignment of short section of Black Dike, raising of section of Ings Lane, carriageway edge protection to part of Lilling Low Lane and associated new and improved access arrangements, drainage, accommodation works, landscaping and biodiversity mitigation (cross boundary application with York).

APPROVED.

## Appeal to dog owners

Whilst not being a dog owner myself I do appreciate the pleasure owning one can bring. Owning a dog brings responsibilities that the majority of owners accept readily, however, there are some who seem to ignore their responsibility to clean up after their pet.

Most of the village is blighted by the increasing amount of dog muck. Main Street, North Garth Lane, The Park and The Conservation Area are particularly affected. After the recent snowfall there were 22 piles of dog muck on the grass verges between the Post Office and the dog waste bin on Main Street. When the paths are icy residents walk on the grass rather than the path and have to dodge the piles deposited there.

The Parish Council has provided dog waste bins but with the increased amount of dog walking over the past months the bins are soon full up again after being emptied. Ryedale Council advises that this is happening all over the district and they are unable to increase their emptying schedules, so please if the bins are full be prepared to take your dog poo bags home to dispose of them in your own waste bin. Please do not leave them scattered about. No one else will pick them up.

When exercising your dog, particularly at night please be aware of what it is doing and clean up after it.

Parish Councillors have received many complaints about the amount of dog fouling and we would remind you that it is an offence not to clean up after your dog. Anyone seen not clearing up after their pet can be reported anonymously to Ryedale District Council on 01653 600666.

Penny Bean

Chairman of Sheriff Hutton Parish Council

## Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Venue TBA but may need to be an online Zoom meeting due to Covid19 restrictions.

Louise Pink, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted regarding all Parish Council matters at [sheriffhuttonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sheriffhuttonparishcouncil@gmail.com) or on (01904) 861131. 13 White Rose Avenue, New Earswick, York. YO32 4AG.

## Sheriff Hutton History Group

**Programme 2021** We were feeling rather too positive that the Covid situation would maybe be easier this year, but at the time of writing this we are steadying ourselves for another lockdown. Due to the ongoing crisis the History Group Committee has decided to cancel all meetings, with a review in September. We hope that by September the vaccine will have been rolled out, many people are then protected against the virus and that our daily life will have been returned to some kind of normality.

As we will have no meeting news to update we thought that villagers might like a monthly insight into life in Sheriff through the years with extracts from publications which we use for research. We hope it will be of interest to all, maybe some will say 'I remember that', for newcomers to the village it will give an insight into the enterprising community that is Sheriff Hutton. As always the History Group welcomes any historical information that villagers may have in any articles.

**SH Impressions of a History** published in 2000 is a collection of essays by local authors, each taking an aspect of the village in which they have an interest. In July 2017 the Village News showed an extract from this publication titled The Village I Remember by Alan Farnaby, a snapshot of the farming community in which Alan was raised.

This extract starts 'In the 1930's most people were occupied in farming or allied trades. There were eight working farms and six smallholdings within the village and thirty seven outlying farms. Almost all were mixed farms, and it was only after the 1939/40 war that farmers began to specialise. Many increased their dairy cows because of the stability which the Milk Marketing Board brought to the industry. The milk was collected from the farm gate daily, and for the first time farmers had a regular monthly income.

Beef and arable farmers also played an important role in the economy of the Parish. Almost all the village farmers and smallholders farmed land outside the village, several had 'gaits' (shares in) the Ings Pasture situated at the bottom of Carr Hill and Carr Pasture the first field on the right when entering Carr Lane, the main access to Sheriff Hutton Carrs. All who owned the 'gaits' were the joint owners of the land and each year in turn they acted as Pasture Master seeing that the rules were strictly adhered to i.e. that gait owners only grazed the correct number of stock between May and October each year and that fences, hedges and gates were maintained. All the cattle put in the Ings Pasture were dairy cows and together with animals from other farms had to be walked twice daily to and from the fields for milking. Cows belonging to Hodgsons, Calverts, Pearsons, Hulls, Farnabys, Simpsons and Sollits could be on the move at any time mornings and evenings'. We have heard people say that one had to be very careful whilst cycling or driving not knowing how many cows they could encounter on the narrow lanes.

Alan continues his farming memories but also includes the village Youth Club, the yearly visit by the Circus and Village Outings when nine coaches would take many of the villagers out for the day. His memories of a Sheriff long-gone make for an entertaining and informative read.

## Super-Mobile Library

A new temporary timetable has been set up but for now can only offer a 'Select and Collect Service'. To arrange to collect your books call 01609 533878 or email [supermobile@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:supermobile@northyorks.gov.uk)

The library van will be in the Village Hall car park on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 10.00 to 12.00 noon, (lockdown rules permitting). There continues to be a range of e-books and publications available to download, for further information visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries>

## **Friends of Sheriff Hutton Village Hall 200 Club**

Despite the lack of personal contact during the Covid-affected renewal process, the membership numbers for the 2021 draw year have held up well at 245, (compared to last year's 252). Grateful thanks are due again to Club members for their support, and to the renewal letter distributors: Sandy Anderson, Lynne Blair, Philip David, Sarah Douglas, Dick Johnson, Richard and Wendy Haste, Jenny McMillan, Lyn Minto, Lynne and Brian Shepherd, Ida Terry and Alison Wardell; thank you also to Barry and Claire at the Village Shop for hosting a collection box.

January £25 prize winning numbers were 31, 45, 49, 153 and 211.

## **St Leonard's, Farlington**

The services planned for January were cancelled at short notice and there is every likelihood that there will be no services in February. They will resume just as soon as possible. The church continues to be open for private prayer and quiet time each Tuesday and Saturday, 10.00am – 3.00pm.

On a happier note, the church looked wonderfully decorated at Christmas thanks to the hard work of three Farlington supporters. We were delighted with all the appreciative comments we received. Usually, half of the collection at our *Carols by Candlelight* service would be donated to the Salvation Army. This year we had a collecting box for them on each of the church 'open days' and we thank people for the generous donations they made. A total of £130 was collected and all of this has been sent to the Salvation Army to support them with the valuable work they do.

## **Lillings Ambo Parish Council: Vacancy for a Parish Councillor.**

If you enjoy village life and would like to help in maintaining and improving life in West Lilling, then perhaps you, as a resident, would like to consider being one of our five parish councillors. Please don't think you can't do the job, that you are not qualified or for any other reason this isn't for you, think again.

You can help then your village by giving just a little of your time. Your experiences and opinions matter.

Please email our Clerk, Fiona Hill, at [lillingsamboparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:lillingsamboparishcouncil@outlook.com)

Helen Loynes

Chairman of Lillings Ambo Parish Council

## **Message from the Jumblies**

Now that the programme of vaccinations is proceeding well we are all feeling more optimistic about being able to start our Jumble Sales again, although we cannot yet make any definite plans.

We are anticipating that our first sale will be a bumper one as everyone will have had plenty of time to sort out cupboards to off load their unwanted articles. Just a reminder that if you have clothes and linen you intend to pass on to us please ensure it is stored in a damp free place to keep it smelling fresh.

In the meantime if you have time to knit and don't have a specific project in mind James Cook Hospital is appealing for knitted cardigans, jumpers and hats for premature babies. If you are able to help please contact Pat Cooper on 878677.

Please remember to wear masks, wash hands, keep your distance **And Keep Smiling**

## **Penny Bean and all the Sheriff Hutton Jumblies –**

**Turning cast offs into cash**

**01347 878392**

## **Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club**

The courts are closed to all members due to the coronavirus lockdown measures. I am writing this in mid-January so it is difficult to say when the measures will be eased but I hope that tennis courts will be one of the first sporting facilities allowed to reopen. The weather should have improved by then and the welcome sound of balls on rackets, and the usual cries of "yours" will be heard at the courts again. Please visit our website for up to date information.

[www.sheriffhuttontennisclub/clubspark/ta.org.uk](http://www.sheriffhuttontennisclub/clubspark/ta.org.uk)

Or contact [josephinejohnson6@gmail.com](mailto:josephinejohnson6@gmail.com) or telephone on 01347878626

## **Playgroup**

We currently have spaces available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and are accepting golden tickets for two-year old children, funding subject to availability. If you are interested in your child attending our setting, please get in touch and we can organise a taster session. Playgroup is a great place to send your child and makes the transition to school very easy for the children who attend here. Please contact Angela on 07717 799646 or visit the website for availability.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and commitment to playgroup with the challenging times covid and lockdowns have set us! Also a thank you to our committee members who without we wouldn't be able to stay open!

### **Babies and toddlers**

Unfortunately we still won't be able to hold our Thursday morning group in a safe way following government guidelines so will have to remain closed until we get told otherwise! Don't forget about our lovely group and hopefully it won't be long before we can have our coffees and biscuits while our children have lots of fun!

We have a Facebook page too so keep an eye on there for further updates as well!

Jess Dunford  
Chairperson

## **THE METHODIST CHURCH**

Today I phoned a friend, I hadn't spoken to for over 40 years but always shared a Christmas card. We shared memories from when we met on our first day at work after leaving school and the people and events we enjoyed in the office. It was a wonderful time and we said what happiness this telephone call had brought to us both.

A lady wrote in today's newspaper that she had seen the first sign of snowdrops in her garden, bringing hope that spring is coming.

The vaccine is now being provided more widely another strong sign of hope.

It may be lockdown and our church building is closed but we can be sure that there is always hope. You cannot shut God out of his world.

So take care, follow the rules, help the NHS and share hope with that letter or telephone call you have been promising to make for such a long time.

When the time comes we will gladly open our doors once more and hope to share the Good News that God is with us. God Bless.

## **Notices for St. Helen's for February 2021**

Thank you to everyone who decorated the church for Christmas. Although we only had one service inside, and that was on Christmas Day, it still felt important to make the church as Christmassy as possible as we know people use it for private prayer and as somewhere quiet to just sit and think. It really did look lovely.

We had a super Christmas Carols get-together outside on Christmas Eve morning. It snowed as well to add to the occasion. Everyone who came really enjoyed themselves, even if it was a little cold!

### **Opening times**

We felt it sensible not to have any services in the church given the number of covid cases, but it is still open for private prayer and reflection. We are keeping this under review. However, we do have Zoom services and Steve sends round a weekly update with prayers and reflections. If anyone would like to receive this either by email or to have a paper copy, then please let me know and I'll arrange it.

The church is still able to be open for private prayer and reflection on the following dates:-

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> February

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February,

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February

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.

Jill Hodges, 878595 or [jill.hodges57@btinternet.com](mailto:jill.hodges57@btinternet.com)

## **Marton Church**

As I am writing this, we have temporarily suspended opening for prayer sessions.

This is to help us all focus on reducing unnecessary journeys or contact with people from other households. We look forward to opening up the church again as soon as it is safe to do so!

## **Village Volunteers**

Just a reminder that the Village Volunteers are continuing so please do call on them if you would like any help or support. Everyone should now have a postcard with their Village Volunteers' contact details. Please do contact them if you would like help with shopping, medicines or would just like to chat on the phone, or indeed anything else! If we don't know something, we know people that do, and who can help. I was pleased to be on Radio York again to promote the Volunteers and the community spirit in Sheriff, and I've also contributed to a press article about community projects in the area. Everyone always seems very impressed by all the activity in the village.

If anyone has difficulty organising transport to have their vaccination then we do have some offers of help, although I should say that this could be a risk for both the driver and the passenger. However, we are exploring with North Yorkshire CC about the best way to minimise risks. Sensible behaviours like sitting in the back, having both windows open, wearing masks and gloves, having antiseptic wipes and hand sanitiser will all help to reduce risk. We are also looking into ways about how transport could be provided as we recognise that it could be a very real problem for some villagers.

Jill Hodges 878595 or 07968 052118

## **Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists**

### **AGM Update**

With the continued uncertainty surrounding Covid it is clear that we are likely to have some sort of restriction on our freedoms of movement and ability to meet up together for some time to come. As a consequence, there will not be a physical AGM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021, as previously arranged. However, the committee will notify members of an alternative in due course.

### **Hellebores Cure The Late Winter Blues!**

The garden is starting to wake up. My hellebores are breaking their buds open. It may be obvious that I like hellebores as my garden is full of them. When Gillian and I first viewed the house, some 10 years ago, I hadn't noticed the hellebores in the ground (I had flu), so it was a full 9/10 months before we actually moved house, and I selected a large number of hellebores from my Somerset garden to bring with us. So finding a place to plant them was a challenge – hence the annual confusion of colour.

The ancients documented Hellebores to treat melancholy, insanity, worms and to induce vomiting. Many species of hellebore are poisonous, so perhaps early people found that out the hard way!

In our local countryside we may find the stinking hellebore (*H. foetidus*) and green hellebore (*H. viridus*), whereas coloured varieties seem to have quite specific geographical areas of origin within the wide, damp areas of Northern Hemisphere. (*H. argutifolius* – Corsica / Sardinia; *H. Niger* – Italy / Austria; *H. lividus* – Balearic Is; etc) which have been introduced as gardening interest spread around the world (USA from circa 1830).

Modern garden centres enable us to purchase many colours, forms and varieties, which when assembled in a garden give pleasure for long periods from late winter through to late spring/early summer.

N.B. Despite names such as Winter rose, Christmas rose, or Lenton rose, hellebores are not closely related to the rose family. Hellebores belong to the Ranunculaceae, a member of the Buttercup family.

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.

## Gardening Club

As expected, we won't be able to meet in person in February. But we are pleased to announce that we have been able to arrange for a meeting with a speaker at **7.30pm on Wednesday 17 February - online using zoom**. Like the talk originally scheduled for January 2021, this will be by Clive Dawson from the Friends of York Cemetery. His talk is called "**An Oasis in the City**" and is mainly about the cemetery's history and gardens. Nearer the time, we will email a link of the Zoom meeting to all members for whom we have email addresses. Many of you will have already been using zoom during lockdown but, if you haven't yet, it really isn't difficult to use. The committee have all been using it for our meetings: so just talk to a committee member if you would like to join in but are uncertain about using Zoom. After not being able to offer any events for so long, we are really looking forward to this and hope that as many of you as possible will join in and enjoy the chance to meet again - even if only online this time.

We are lining up a programme for the rest of the year, including most of the usual talks (in the village hall or via zoom), garden visits, competitions etc. But we won't firm up the details until we are clearer about exactly what will be possible when and we know how popular online meetings are. So, keep an eye out for more information in future editions of the village news.

If you would like to hear February's talk, but aren't yet a member of the club, you are still very welcome to join us. Something different to do on a long cold evening, from the comfort of your own home! Normally there is a small charge if you come to a meeting as a visitor. But there will be no charge to join us in February on zoom. We hope that after that taster session you might decide to become a member! Just email us on [shgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:shgardeningclub@gmail.com) by 10 February if you are not a member but would like to be sent a link to February's online meeting.

### Suggested garden activities for February

- Now is a good time to hard prune overgrown and straggly deciduous hedges whilst they are still relatively dormant. Beech, hawthorn, hornbeam and privet are common examples. This form of pruning rather than clipping may well involve the use of electric or petrol engine powered hedge trimmers or even a chainsaw, so safety aspects and sensible precautions need to be borne in mind particularly with regard to protective gloves, clothing, goggles and footwear.  
Garden hedges do tend over the years to grow much wider and taller than was originally intended. So from time to time drastic treatment is required, a warming activity in this winter season. Don't worry - the hedge will recover and refurbish itself well within the year.
- Aim to complete the pruning of apple and pear trees by the middle of February as they will soon be starting to break dormancy. Plum trees (*prunus domestica*) usually require very little regular pruning however, if any is needed other than the removal of dead wood, the time to do it is in late spring/early summer when there is much less risk of infection by the deadly silver leaf fungal disease.
- Prune back flowered shoots of winter jasmine (*jasminum nudiflorum*) to within 50mm of the shoot base. This gives the plant time and space in which to form new shoots and flower buds for a good display next autumn/winter. Some of the older wood can be pruned out if the shrub is getting crowded.
- Harvest parsnips, leeks and swedes if the soil is not frozen. Guard against woodpigeons by ensuring that brassicas such as purple sprouting broccoli and spring cabbage are well protected with netting.
- A task for a rainy day. If you haven't yet got round to it, the interior surfaces of glass, benches, windowsills and floors of conservatories and glasshouses should be cleaned and disinfected to remove moss, algae, dirt and any lurking pests and moulds. Result, a lovely hygienic environment in which to propagate and grow on your favourite plants. Happy gardening and keep persevering. Spring is on its way.



## Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club

In common with many other sport and leisure organisations, our activities and income have been hit hard by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has had a particular bearing on our income and reserves. Specifically we have lost significant income due to the curtailment of our bowling activities and the loss of fundraising from bingo sessions, a planned jumble sale and Village Market café.

Our running costs are high and if we are to maintain the high quality of the playing surface of the green, (and the clubhouse which is well regarded by local league clubs) we have needed to carry out costly maintenance this winter before we play again in April.

To help replace the loss of income we have received a lottery licence from Ryedale District Council to hold, in this our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, an annual draw, which we plan to cover part of our losses until some or all of our fund-raising events can be fully restored. The draw, to be held in November this year, will pay out half of the draw income as prizes. Each “share” costs £10 and payment can be in singles or multiples.

We hope supporters of the Club and other villagers will want to join in our draw now and in future years. Application forms can be obtained from either Roy Thompson (tel. 07716338925 email [thompsonroy5@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonroy5@gmail.com)), or Terry Fisher (tel 878314 email [terryfis1@btinternet.com](mailto:terryfis1@btinternet.com)).

## There is always hope.

As winter seemingly drags its cold feet from January's ice grip and on into February, and Christmas is no more than a distant memory, we wait with almost bated breath for spring and warmer days, colourful days, longer days, brighter days, and hope rises in our hearts. Hope of better days, hope that at last we can get on top of this virus, hope that we will once again meet face to face, to hug and to embrace, to share a brew, a glass of wine or a gin or two – those days are coming, they will be here, that is a certainty; all we have to do is be patient, be sensible and wise if we want to get those days back – halcyon days. Hope is an underestimated commodity. Hope gives us the courage and confidence to face each new day, hope is what allows us to dream, to plan, to aspire. As Christians' we have a greater hope, we refer to it as 'the hope that is in us' a hope that the world cannot give through the gift of faith.

The writer of the book of Hebrews in the New Testament penned these words: *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* (Hebrews 11:1) In these days when so much of what we were used to has been denied us through lockdown and other restrictions, when, if we are honest with ourselves, our anxiety levels have been through the roof, all we ask, all we want is for life to return to how it was, but I hesitate to say 'return to normal', why do I hesitate, simply I hope for a better world on the other side of the pandemic and I ask myself in the rush to return to normal, which parts of normal are worth rushing back to. This experience has changed us, whether we acknowledge it or not. I hope and pray that this encounter with COVID-19 makes each and every one of us think for a moment, no matter how dark the days have been, that there is light at the end of this tunnel, there is hope on the horizon, there is always hope. Please remember if there is anything I can do, even if it is only to listen, I am only a phone call away 01347 810 251.

Rev. Steve.

## Memory and Myth

*For the record, the following was given to Village News some time ago in case we ever need a 'filler' article. And we needed something just like this for the February News. Edith Kennewell was a keen village historian and a determined supporter of Village News for many years. We have copied this article just as it was written and only added one or two clarifications [in brackets] where we thought it appropriate.*

**Fact or fancy, memory or myth** – these are the ingredients of folklore, and we who spent much of 1975 searching records and turning back the pages of local memory came across a fascinating variety of lore which we can recount for interest, if not always for total acceptance.

Elderly minds naturally vary in clarity, and the same incident can often be clothed in a different guise. We will always remember with pleasure the kind and courteous way in which we were received by two elderly gentlemen who have recently died, and the general willingness of established residents to talk to us about days gone by.

In addition to all the architectural information which has been embodied in the Heritage Folios and which was illustrated at the October Exhibition, you may be interested to read some of the results of conversations which came as a bonus, a side product of our more serious purpose. Myth or memory, fancy or fact, they should be recorded rather than be lost for ever.

“A big windmill stood on the hill above Mill Lane” we were told. “It had very large sails. Fred Bell had it and used the same mill house as today. Farmers took their grain to be ground. Pearson had a stone mill at Chapel Farm. Groves the tinsmith’s place adjoined the Packhorse [*The Highwayman today*]. His father, Tinker Groves, won £100 for running a foot race. There was a lodging house at the top of the hill near the Castle Inn. Men would stay there, going from one town to another seeking work. Men would also stay at The Barracks [*now Bracken Hill*] and there were eight sort of apartments where they stayed. [*This could have been in the days of the Foss Navigation when the bargees would need overnight accommodation.*] Ale was brewed there, and there was a big cellar below the house. Grain used to be carried up the stairs on a man’s back. It was stored on the top floor.”

“Castle Farm house and buildings used to be thatched, but there was a big snowstorm and they came down. I remember the new farmhouse being built. The old house was near the stackyard. There was a pinfold near the entrance, and a fee had to be paid when lost animals were retrieved. I climbed up the tower of the Castle nearest the moat dozens of times. I remember when ‘Rose Dene’ was thatched. Carriers were Hull, Calver and Ward. John Purdy kept Manchester House, also Hutchinson and Armitage. My mother used to do dressmaking and was paid 1/- [*5p*] for making a shirt.”

“A large cruckhouse, thatched, stood where the Institute now stands. Mr Cattle lived there. [*The Village Institute stood opposite The Highwayman from about 1920 until 1984 when the new Village Hall replaced it.*] The rent dinners use to be held in the old barn behind The Packhorse in a good big room with a fireplace in it, at the top of the outside steps.”

“I regularly attended steeplechases on different farms. ‘Tal’ (Alfred) Ridsdale lived at Cape Farm.”

These recollections (above) are presented as they were told.

From other sources we learn that in the very early days of horseracing this area achieved some importance because of an annual event mentioned by an historian as ‘a Solemn Horse Running.’ The winning horse was awarded a little golden (some say silver) bell which was attached to his forehead and he was paraded around to show off his trophy. This event, it is recorded, was held “somewhere on the border line between Sheriff Hutton and Sutton.”



Some time later in the village's history, "three or four hundred people would collect around The Green, along the street and outside The Packhorse, at the Easter Fair. After judging had taken place there would be a grand parade round the village." This was one of the great events of Sheriff Hutton's year.

"The Hirings [*the fairs when farm workers would be hired for the coming 12 months*] always attracted large crowds of people, and there were caravans, coconut shies and stall" Varying memories of the other fairs suggest Michaelmas or Martinmas when Bostock & Wombwells or Barnham & Baileys occupied the fields in the area of our present playing fields. It could have been either or both at different stages of the past.

Old village characters who have been resurrected in the minds of our informants include Mackeral Joe who used to carry his basket of fish up to the village from York; Peg-leg the cow-tenter; and Teddy Clifton, the stone breaker, who lived at Lilling. This man, who did not of course appear to be very affluent, nevertheless possessed a dirty old bag containing £50 in gold and £50 in half-crowns. This was kindly taken care of by a good neighbour until the old man was taken to live with relatives.




Old Bridger lived in the Lower Lane at East Lilling in a tiny cottage which is no longer there, and she used to carry a basket of watercress on her head to York for sale. One old lady who suffered from rheumatics used to say "if only I could get as far as St John's Well [*between Sheriff and Sutton*] and put my feet in it, I'd be better in no time." There was great faith in the properties of this water – which had been known as beneficial since the Middle Ages – and apparently there was a quaint local saying that if you left a cheesecake at St John's Well it would be turned into a stone overnight. Why, one wonders, would anyone wish to solidify a perfectly good moist cheesecake? However, the hardening qualities could conceivably have benefited sore feet!

Our old friend Dr. Tempest whose 1875 publication on Sheriff Hutton has been referred to previously [*today's editors do not know where*] stated "on good authority I record with regret the immense decrease in houses and population of our Village, during the last 50 years there is more than 40 houses given way to the ruthless hand of time; and as only a few have been rebuilt, there is about that number of families less in the village. Many of these houses had a portion of land to them, and as they fell down, the lands were added to the larger farms; consequently that useful class of people have, to some extent been forced to seek employment and shelter elsewhere, to the serious loss of the this place.

We, too, deplore the loss of both old families and old cottages. some which would presumably be thatched and of cruck construction. On the other hand they would certainly be dilapidated and insanitary, and perhaps the best have been preserved to provide us with a back ground to the myth and the memory. As for the families, how much richer our folklore would be if we could have drawn on the memories of their descendants!



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Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	Parish Church but check in church for details			
	10.30am	Morning Service	Methodist Church			
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			
	10.30am	Ladies Tennis	Tennis Club			
Thurs	9.45am	Babes and Toddlers	Village Hall	6.30pm	Youth Group	Village Hall

## Additional Activities in February

Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting venue to be advised
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gardening Club meeting by Zoom <i>An Oasis in the City</i> :non-members are welcome –see inside for details
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 12 noon	Super-mobile Library in the Village Hall car park

## Dates to Note

Mar	20 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Bowls Club AGM in the Clubhouse
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