## **Sheriff Hutton**

# Village News



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#### **Parish Council**

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The Parish Council met online via Zoom on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Councillors present at the online meeting were Penny Bean (Chairman), Marcus Oxendale, Martin Dodd, Elaine Nelson, Sally Wright, Dave Smith and Sam Warriner.

#### **Annual Meeting of the Council**

Councillor Penny Bean was re-elected as Chairman and Councillor Marcus Oxendale as Vice Chairman to serve for the year 2021/2022.

The Chairman's Report that was read out at the Annual Parish Council meeting is available to view on the website – http://www.sheriffhutton.co/uk/chairmans-report

#### The following new planning applications were received for consideration:-

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

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

Decision - No Objection.

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).

Decision - No Objection.

#### The following new planning decision was received:-

21/00371/HOUSE 1 Cornborough Road, Sheriff Hutton

Erection of part side- part rear extension with installation of woodburning flue following removal of existing garage, and erection of a porch to the front.

APPROVED.

#### **Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 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.

## **Sheriff Hutton Play Area**

Following the appeal in the May News for people interested in joining the Play Area Committee it is disappointing that only one person has expressed interest.

The Play Area is well used by families in the village and it is essential that we have a few more members of the committee to ensure its upkeep and future development.

If you enjoy living in Sheriff Hutton and would like to give something back to the community by being involved please contact me.

Thank you

Penny Bean Tel 01347 878392 Or email p\_bean@btinternet.com

#### **Sheriff Hutton History Group**

This month we continue with Victorian Villagers an account by Barbara Walker with pen snapshots from Edwin Dalton's personal writings.

#### Rev. Benjamin Lumley (1824)

'Everyone acknowledged that the vicar, Rev. Benjamin Lumley was a man of God who laboured hard to provide for the spiritual needs of his parishioners. He was welcome in people's homes and in great demand in surrounding parishes. Churches were crowded when he was preaching. One day he was trying to persuade Nanny Shields to prepare for when death came knockng on her door. To his astonishiment she replied, "Ah san't be in. Al sal be weshing at Robert Addison's."

This greatly beloved man, whose home was a refuge for the needy, died in office. On his death the living was given to Rev. Thomas Myers (1849) who possessed a strong desire to do his duty but he was different in every respect. Despite having a tall manly bearing he failed to command respect and became known as 'Tommy Myers'. Within a few years he resigned the living.

#### Thomas Belt (son of Willam Belt)

Whilst doing some repairs at the vicarage Thomas had an accident. Gently tended by a pretty young servant girl, he was overcome by more than her kindness. Blushing bright red he faltered, "Silver and Gold have I none, but such as I have I give thee. Ah'll give yo' a kiss if yo' like." Tempted, but bashful, the answer came, " Now Thomas Belt, behave yourself." Some days later they met 'casually' in the Park where the debt was paid in full, with interest. One thing led to another and they eventually married in St. Helen's church.

#### **Robert Rounthwaite**

A true Yorkshire farmer, Robert enjoyed a prosperous time in farming, possessing a strong disposition to make money. An honoured trustee of the Wesleyan Church, he nevertheless couldn't keep trade out of his mind, even on the Sabbath. It is said that whilst returning home from church one Sunday, in company with a competent judge of cattle, he pointed out some splendid bullocks. "Now supposing it were Monday, what are those bullocks worth?" he asked.

#### **Mr Linton**

A gentleman farmer, Mr Linton's shorthorned stock were famous in all cattle breeding districts. This Wesleyan of lordly breeding sat in the gallery of the chapel, a suitable elevated position for a man whose decree was law with preacher and people alike. Being a sub-agent of the Lord of the Manor, he was very powerful, the poor regarded him with awe. In his youth Edwin Dalton thought the whole family haughty but in his later years, when he had come to know them better, he found genuine goodness in them.

We hope that you found these extracts from Impressions of an History interesting; as always we welcome any historical information on these articles. Meg 878136

**History Group update**: We are very, very pleased to welcome Linda Turner as our Admin Secretary, Linda will be a valuable addition to furthering the work of the History group.

Our 2022 programme has been organised and we look forward to opening up in February with **The Battle of Towton- what we know and what we think we know**. Presented by Chris Berendt TBS Chairman.

## **Bring & Buy Plant Sale & Cafe**

Just a reminder that the Bring & Buy plant sale will take place at Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club off of North Garth Lane on Monday 31st May. Please bring any seedlings, cuttings or plants down between 10am-11.45am, the gate will open for sales from midday until 3pm

#### Super-Mobile Library

### The next visit will be on Friday 18th June 2021 10.00-12.00 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 our 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 <a href="mailto:supermobile@northyorks.gov.uk">supermobile@northyorks.gov.uk</a>

#### **Courtside Advertising at Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club**

For £30 a year (from 1st May 2021) local businesses can have their advertising banner displayed courtside for members, visitors and spectators to view. With daily coaching sessions, weekly club play, children's holiday camps, weekly interclub competitions and our forthcoming Bring & Buy plant sale and cafe, we have plenty of footfall and this is a great way to advertise whilst supporting your local tennis club.

Please contact Louise on 01347 878619 to book your banner space (only 12 spaces available).

## Yoga with Sarah at the Village Hall

Yoga at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall on Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.00am will restart on Wednesday 2nd June. This will be a six-week block running until 7<sup>th</sup> July. Owing to Covid restrictions, initially the class will be limited to 10 participants. For the final 3 sessions from 23<sup>rd</sup> June onwards, I hope to be able to open the class to more people, if restrictions are lifted. Please contact Sarah for more details 07854 801260, sarah.j.douglas@btinternet.com, or see my website SarahDouglas.co.uk

#### **Birdwatch**

As spring is in full flow, some avid birdwatchers have noticed that the Chiffchaffs have arrived and, a potential sighting of a Lesser Redpoll (from the Finch family). The Redpoll is one to look out for, slightly bigger than a Blue Tit, this lovely bird is streaky and brown with patches of red on its head and breast. The common way of spotting one is by noticing how they feed as, like a Dunnock, they like to hang upside down!

So, not much change to the popular birds that we are seeing at the moment. The top five are as follows: 1 Blackbird, 2 Pigeon, 3 Blue tit, 4 Great tit, 5 Robin.

Hopefully there are plenty of birds nesting in hedges, bird boxes, roof tops and so forth. It's such a wonderful time of the year but please, should you come across what seems like an abandoned chick, it probably isn't abandoned and still under the watchful eye of its parents. The RSPB advises NOT to handle chicks unless they are still bald and featherless and strong in appearance in which case it may be possible to put them back into the nest if you are sure it's their nest. If the chick appears weak and lethargic do not return it no matter how tempting it may be. Often the parents eject weaklings so as to focus on the stronger babies.

Remember to clean your feeders regularly, put out fresh water and AVOID feeding peanuts now until September so as to avoid choking the babies. Find a quality bird seed mix that does not include lentils, split peas, beans and dried rice. These are all cheap fillers and only larger bird species such as pigeons can digest them. Also should you spot large pieces of pink or green lumps that clearly aren't suet are likely to be dog biscuit (strange, I know!) this can choke the small birds.

There are a few outlets in the village selling good quality bird seed mixes, fat balls, sunflower hearts and calci worms (alternative to meal worms also making great hedgehog food when soaked). Buy a decent bird seed mix and you won't get seed mess either which encourages rats and the growth of crop in your lawn which nobody wants.

Do pass on your bird life feedback to enquiries@everythingbutthepet.co.uk Many thanks, Louise

#### Message from the Jumblies

Just a few weeks to the next stage in the easing of restrictions and we are still planning on our first Jumble sale being on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

We are also hoping to hold our Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on 25<sup>th</sup> September which will be held at the Village Hall. There will be some minor alterations in the format but we will still be having our Famous Money Tree, so please keep saving all your small change ready to bring along on the morning to add to it.

A reminder also to those lovely Sheriff Hutton knitters to keep knitting poppies for the Remembrance Day Memorial Garden display. If you need a pattern please contact Barbara Grinham on 878476. Barbara is collecting the knitted poppies.

Mask up, keep your distance **And Keep Smiling Penny Bean and all the Sheriff Hutton Jumblies – Turning cast offs into cash 01347 878392** 

#### Staying Safe from Scammers, Fraudsters and Con-artists

It would appear that annoying phone calls, texts, emails and post are very prevalent at the moment. Sadly it is relatively easy for someone unscrupulous to pretend to be from your bank, the HMRC, BT, the Royal Mail, the NHS, a delivery company or Amazon and to weave quite a believable story about why you need to give them your personal information, passwords or bank details asap. Some phone calls are now being made to look as if they are coming from 01347 878\*\*\* numbers as this may make us more likely to pick up. Sometimes they are quite threatening and urgent – we have heard threats of huge tax bills or even going to prison if people don't do what they're asked. There is also the nasty trick of giving you a phone number to ring back on to 'prove' that they are who they say they are – although they don't actually hang up, so they wait for you to dial and then pretend to validate their own call as they're still on the line the whole time.

Please remember that all trustworthy organisations promise that they will NEVER CONTACT YOU to ask for your personal details, passwords or bank details, in this way. If you get a phone call and are suspicious, uncomfortable, surprised or worried, just hang up and then ring someone you know and trust, just to talk it through and help you decide what to do. It is perfectly ok to hang up on a phone call you're not happy about – you really don't have to explain yourself or be polite. But do talk it through with someone you know so you can be reassured that you've done the right thing - and this will also reassure you that you have disconnected the original call.

Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud: <u>actionfraud.police.uk</u> or 0300 123 2040 Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm. They also have links for reporting dodgy texts or emails.

## **Lillings Ambo Parish Council**

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Karen Taylor was co-opted onto Lillings Ambo Parish Council on 3rd May 2021.

We now have our full complement of five councillors.

#### **Planning Applications received for consideration:**

21/00687/HOUSE The Wheel House, Lilling Back Lane, West Lilling

The erection of a single-story extension and porch to the front elevation.

21/00561/FUL The Lodge, Goose Track Lane, West Lilling

The erection of a steel framed building for storage of garden equipment following the demolition of existing timber shed.

Lillings Ambo Parish Council has no objections to either of these planning applications.

#### **Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club**

"The Bowling Club has been one of Sheriff Hutton's great assets for many years, as part of the range of sporting and cultural activities in the village", to quote the Parish Council Chairperson, Penny Bean; "providing a social activity in such lovely and historic surroundings, sadly seen as a healthy pursuit only for senior members of the community".

Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year in its present form and location a year late due to the effects of the Covid pandemic which restricted normal activities last year. Although the Club is still constrained by regulations and advice from the national body, *Bowls England*, it is expected the main weeks of the season for lawn bowls will have more of a normal feel this year as an outdoor sport offering health and well-being. New members are welcomed with free coaching and use of equipment.

The present Clubhouse and green were built on land owned and administered by the Sheriff Hutton Playing Fields trustees as are the facilities for football and cricket and the club is run by the members for the benefit of Sheriff Hutton and surrounding villages. Nim Marwood, a now retired farmer and a trustee, has long been involved with the development of the playing fields including the rearrangement of facilities to accommodate the new Village Hall and has had a close relationship with both cricket and bowls clubs.

The first clubhouse on this site was a wooden building already some decades old and regularly needing repairs and replacements. The minute book for 1959 records the proposal to open the bowling green on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1960 when the president was Mr Jack Fridlington, owner of the farming enterprise which hosts Sheriff Hutton Bridge cricket partner of the village club. A raffle was run with the first prize a pig. A first trophy was presented which has now grown to a collection of 20!

The present brick building opened in 1994 has better kitchen and toilet facilities and accommodation for the groundsman's equipment. When plans were being developed in the early 1990s the minute books show the tensions leading to resignations and conflict with the adjacent cricket club over dual use; not surprising when the funds were in the low hundreds and the projected costs running to more than £20,000. The gap was closed with grants and loans from Ryedale and the Sports Councils and a great deal of soul-searching and hard voluntary work.

The earlier bowling green was on the current site of the tennis club on land owned by Lord Halifax now gifted to the Parish Church: Eric Weightman, well-known local farmer and historian recalls eighty years ago he and other pupils double-digging the land for bowling behind the old Church School under the direction of the headteacher. Most funds were raised through dances and whist drives arranged at Terrington or the old village hall with charabangs running from Flaxton or Malton. Each year a May Bowls queen was chosen and installed at the winter dance. Gymkhanas were arranged jointly with the Trustees and run at Sheriff Hutton Park or the playing fields.

Until 30 years ago most playing members were employed in agriculture and the large numbers of vice-presidents were local landowners and gentlemen farmers. The social changes which came about due to the Agricultural Wages Act meant fewer employees on farms and an influx of commuters and retired management into a village with new housing estates. A wider use of private cars lead to a call for league matches to be arranged and the emergence of the Hovingham League and the Ryedale Veterans League both of which Sheriff Hutton was a founder member.

The bowls club has always been better known for its enthusiasm than its high achievements although several individuals have represented Yorkshire teams including Barbara Brigham and its Ladies team has won their league cups and is the York League trophy. Sheriff Hutton is rightly proud of its community spirit and its sports and recreational groups so it is appropriate to celebrate the notable anniversary of one of the oldest institutions in this remarkable village.

As Tony Baker, Chairman of the Ryedale Veterans League comments, "What could be better than playing a gently competitive game in good company under the shadow of the castle associated with the Nevilles and Richard III".

## Friends of Sheriff Hutton Village Hall 200 Club

May £25 prize winning numbers were 32, 98, 106,110 and 207. June's draw will include the half-vearly prizes of £150, £100 and four of £50.

#### St Leonard's, Farlington

Sunday services are continuing and being enjoyed by the people who come and join us. At the time of writing, wearing masks continues to be a requirement but we are hoping that this may be eased towards the end of June. Being able to sing would be a very welcome relaxation, too.

#### Services in June

- Sunday : June 13<sup>th</sup>: 11.15am : Shortened Matins (BCP)
- Sunday : June 27<sup>th</sup> : 11.15am : Holy Communion (BCP)

Pre-booking for these services is not necessary.

The church will continue to be open for **private prayer** on **Tuesdays** and **Saturdays** between 10.00am and 4.00pm but the plan is to revert to daily opening from Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Churchyard remains open at all times for people to enjoy 'quiet time' in lovely surroundings. Looking ahead, we are planning to resume our cycle of farming services the first of which will be

Lammastide on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and, after that, Harvest Festival on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **Sheriff Hutton Open/Social Gardens**

Saturday 31st July & Sunday 1st August 11am-4pm, pop up cafe outside St Helen's Church 11am-4pm, raising funds for St Helen's Church & Yorkshire Air Ambulance Tickets go on sale in June, watch this space.

We need more village gardens to participate so please please do think about opening yours for two days. There are no awards, no judging, no provision of refreshments required, just a chance for us villagers to have a date in the diary and something to look forward to.

Please contact Louise on 01347 878619 <u>enquiries@everythingbutthepet.co.uk</u>

#### **Glebe Conservation Area**

Recent work has been carried out to provide more light to the floor of the two copses, by cutting back much of the tall growth ivy on tree trunks, and the creation of nine standing dead trees suitably and safely positioned. These trees hopefully will eventually provide a home for all sorts of wood-boring insects and possibly even woodpeckers. The elimination of leaf cover will also allow more light onto the copse floor. As well as spotting volunteers' handiwork this spring you should also have seen primroses, bluebells, wild garlic, and cowslips.

April was one of the driest months on record in the UK, followed thankfully in early May by a few good spells of rain, and so far the newly planted hedging on the southern boundary appears to be thriving.

## Bluebell pop up Cafe

Thank you to everyone who ventured up to High Stittenham recently to enjoy the Bluebells and support my pop up cafe. I'm pleased to report that thanks to all your support £100 was donated to Alzheimer's Research UK. I'm aiming to open up again very soon so do keep an eye out for posters which will be displayed in the village and on the village Facebook page. Look forward to seeing you soon and thanks again for supporting a fabulous charity.

Sally Hemingway Hall Farm B&B

High Stittenham

#### Notices for St. Helen's for June 2021

We're hoping that we will be able to be open more often as the restrictions relating to covid are partially lifted. But at the time of writing, we don't yet have any information, so these are the opening times for June as things stand at the moment. They are in addition to the two Sundays when the church is open anyway as services are on.

#### Opening times for private prayer and reflection

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> June Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> July

#### Services

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June Morning Worship at 10.00am Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June Holy Communion at 10.00am

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

If anyone would like Steve's weekly updates with prayers and reflections, then please let me know and we can arrange it.

Please look out for information next month about a fund-raising event at the church on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. Funds raised will go to the church and the Air Ambulance.

And finally, it was really lovely to have Sarah and Harry's wedding in church in April. Of course, only 15 people could actually be in church, but a few friends gathered outside, all socially distanced of course, to wish them well. It was especially kind of them to leave all the beautiful flower displays so that others could enjoy them over the next week or so. Thank you and many congratulations to Sarah and Harry.

Jill Donaldson Hodges 878595

### The Methodist Church

On Sunday 16th May we had a service based on Christian Aid and how we can help our brothers and sisters throughout the world. It was a very challenging service particularly when you see and hear how people have to live, because of climate change. One example was of a Kenyan widow with four children who had to walk 6 miles <u>every</u> day to get water from a stream in a jerry can. With financial aid they have built a dam to create a lake and now they are able to get water more easily. The quality of the water didn't look very clean to me, yet the lady was smiling, singing, and full of grateful thanks to the people in the UK who had helped them.

Some words included in our prayers.

God of abundant life, we see your goodness all around us and we thank you for every part of it.

We recognize the damages we see done to the Earth and the injustice we see in society every day, fuelled by worship of profit and possession.

WE pray for a better world with justice, kindness and humility at its heart.

Give us confidence to stand against injustice to people and to planet.

So that together, in your strength, we stop this climate crisis.

#### Adapted words from Micah 6:1-9.

Listen up mortal. God has told you what is good. So do it. Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with your God.

#### Services in June

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30 a.m. Revd Ruth Duck 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30 a.m. David Marwood

#### Drop in for Coffee and Chat

It is hoped this activity may be held again as soon as the regulations with Covid allow and are practical.

#### Village Ramble

The re-start of Village Rambles in April took us up to Stittenham through the bluebell woods which were looking at their best. The May walk (May 27<sup>th</sup>) is another walk from Sheriff Hutton which has not been done before and promises to be interesting.

The ramble this month will be on Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>, meet at the Village Hall car park at 9.30am. The ramble will be the popular circular walk round Nunnington, taking in Caulkleys Bank, the river Rye and even a glimpse of the otters near Nunnington Hall. It is about 4.5 miles, easy walking with just a couple of stiles.

The usual pub lunch at the end of the ramble will not take place but there is a very pleasant coffee shop in Nunnington which serves coffee and light lunches.

The ramblers are a friendly group and new walkers are always welcome.

This month's walk will be led by Ann Cawood and Josephine Johnson, contact josephinejohnson6@gmail.som for more information.

If you have not been on one of the rambles before, you will find that they are friendly, informal and not too strenuous.

#### **Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club**

The courts remain busy as more of the organised club activities return The Hovingham League has started and the Mixed and Laddies teams are in action. The other teams will start their matches from June 21<sup>st</sup> which means the courts will be even busier. Please book your court before coming to play to ensure court availability.

Junior Tennis. Junior coaching with Ben is running on a Saturday morning and Junior Club Night has started on Friday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The courts are available for juniors to stay on and play unsupervised after 7.30pm. Juniors attending must sign in with contact details. Junior Competition. This will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Wednesday morning Ladies sessions remain popular and run from 10.00am, new members are welcome.

Coaching. Ben continues to provide coaching opportunities for players of all ages and standards, Contact him on <a href="mailto:benortontennis@outlook.com">benortontennis@outlook.com</a> for details of coaching offers

Lost tennis balls. Members are reminded that when balls go out of play into adjoining properties they must not enter any part of the properties to retrieve them.

Plant Sale and Café. May 31<sup>st</sup>, Bank Holiday Monday, 12.00 to 3.00pm. Lots of plants to buy, gardening advice on where to plant them and then coffee and cake and a look at the courts and what is on offer at the club.

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

www.sheriffhuttontennisclub/clubspark/lta.org.uk

Or contact josephinejohnson6@gmail.com or telephone on 01347878626



SPRING TRIPLES – May 31<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday Monday – 2pm \*a covid-safe BowlsEngland event\*

This is a team triples match – draw made on the day.

Visitors and potential new players will be welcomed with tea and cake (please let us know you are coming).

Contact the Chairman on thompsonroy5@gmail.com or 07716338924

## **Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group.**

The Ladies Group Committee held a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in the garden of The Lodge. Only 6 of us were allowed to attend due to Covid restrictions. Luckily it was a lovely sunny day and we were all happy to be back together again.

We are delighted to be able to announce that our first Ladies Group meeting, an afternoon tea, has been organised for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm 2021 in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall. This meeting is for members only as it's been over a year since we got together and we feel we need to take things easy to start with.

We have booked some speakers and they are as follows:

August - Jean Harrod who is an author of crime and thriller books.

**September** - Richard and Jan Crouch "Life in ration book Britain".

October - "Happy Feet" Chiropody.

November - Poppleton Railway.

If anyone wants 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

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Thank You Day from 3pm – Let's get involved.

Summer is coming and the lifting of lockdown is well underway. Although some caution is still needed depending on your circumstances, it would be great to celebrate this time together.

After a hard 18 months, I am sure we all have someone to say thank you to. Whether it's the neighbours for checking we were okay, the delivery drivers who kept food on the shelves, the volunteers who helped get the vaccine out, or the children for learning from home – we want to get together to say thanks to them all.

Sunday 4th July is Thank You Day, so let's join some amazing organisations who are getting involved, including the NHS, Royal Voluntary Service, The Big Lunch etc., to say thank you to those who deserve it.

There is no strict plan for the day, all that is needed is to come out of your house with a drink of your choice, some nibbles, or a piece of cake perhaps, giving everyone a chance to catch up with the people around you. Why not go mad and put up some bunting, decorate the garden, paint small stones, and leave them around the village for children and others to find.

For more information and download a poster to put in your window to show you are 'in', go to https://thankyouday.org.uk

## **Community Speedwatch**

At long last the team are now authorised to extend our zone of operation from Finkle Street to Farlington Road, Dasket Hill and North Garth Lane, areas where we have been well aware for some time of the speeding issues, which has also been confirmed by a recent Highways survey. This will also enable us to monitor the effectiveness of the roving Speed Matrix, purchased by the Parish Council. We would welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the team, so that we can improve the coverage, and to please get in touch with me.

Terry Johnson, Lead Resident 01347 878626, terryj70@btinternet.com

## **Sheriff Hutton Bridge Cricket Club: May 2021**

The season has started with wet and cold weather, especially in the evening when the juniors have been playing most of their cricket.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI have not fared too well losing the opening match to Acomb and falling again to Woodhouse Grange; their other matches fell foul of the weather. They clearly have a lot to do to move up the table. Our Sri Lankan overseas player Dulash Udayanga has now returned and having served his quarantine will hopefully add some strength to the side.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team have fared much better in the Championship with a win against Welton and a losing draw against Beverley - potentially the strongest side in the league. There are sides in this very strong league that they should overcome to give this young team a bit of comfort in the league.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI are also struggling in Galtres 2 with none from two with two rained off.

The 4<sup>th</sup> XI have won two of the fixtures played with a bad loss to Heslington in the mix. Again there are sides that should be beaten to give some opportunity to secure a high finish.

Junior cricket has also been affected with most of the sides only completing one or two games. U15's had a good win at Malton, U13's win at Londsborough Park, U11's win against Ovington and a loss at Acomb, the U9's have started well with newcomers slotting in well.

The Pilmoor league Wednesday side has had the best start with two convincing wins.

The grounds are in decent condition considering the poor Spring with the Castle ground suffering the most from the rain.

A thank you dog walkers who have respected the grounds, please pass to others who still have not got the message.

The burning question now that restrictions are relaxed is "will cricket teas return"? watch this space!

Full results can be found on the Yorkshire league North website.

## **Sheriff Hutton Preschool Playgroup**

We provide a great environment for your children to enjoy playing, making friends and starting their learning journey which helps make the transition to school very easy once that time comes for them. Places subject to availability so please contact Angela on 07717 799646 or visit the website.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank our dedicated staff for all their hard work and constant commitment to keeping playgroup a clean and safe environment for the children going there.

#### **Babies and Toddlers**

We are back, up and running! We have had 3 fantastic sessions so far with regular parents and children returning to the group and also new families joining too!

It's been lovely for families to socialise again and it's also a great place to come and meet people from the village and surrounding villages too!

We are taking bookings to attend so please contact Jess on 07817891339 to book or visit our Facebook page Sheriff Hutton Parents, Toddlers and Babies Group.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

I would just like to thank the Village Hall committee too for all their help and support in getting our group back up and running it really has been greatly appreciated by all families attending!

Jess Dunford Chairperson

#### **Marton Church**

In June we'll be taking time to celebrate wildlife as part of a national event called 'Churches Count on Nature' (<u>caringforgodsacre.org.uk</u>). Spring flowers are now starting to come out - bush vetch, cow parsley, stitchwort, yellow archangel, some bluebells, campion, forget me nots, and some cuckoo flowers - these are all being enjoyed by the bees and butterflies! The churchyard is open daily if you're passing by. Marton Church is open for personal prayer Thursdays 9-12 and Sundays 2-5. https://www.facebook.com/martonchurch https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/

#### **Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists**

Dominance in Nature

For centuries males were assumed to be the superior sex. But, the more we look at nature, the more we should realize that females have an equal claim to that title. (Do I get brownie points for saying that?)

Queen Bees have it sorted, some males perform the arduous task of mating and then they die! Other species have females that are normally bigger than the male, frogs, turtles, lizards, snakes and spiders. A female octopus is up to 40,000 times heavier than her male mate!

There are other animals where females rule the clan, such as clown fish, naked mole rats, topi antelopes, orcas, spotted hyenas, lemurs, bonobos, and not forgetting lions. All of these are physical differences, but what happens with species where the sexes are more or less the same size?

In most social groups, someone emerges as "top dog". "The Pecking Order" is the term given to the establishment of a hierarchy of importance. Imagine a newcomer or youngster like a chicken or small bird like a canary. The reaction of the existing strongest or oldest member is to seek to impose its' superiority by force. Evidence for this is the absence of feathers on the neck of a bird being pecked or "educated" about his/ her position in the hierarchy.

Consider the rutting of deer; fighting to establish or re-establish a male deer's ability to continue to dominate the other males. This is an annual event whereby the older deer are replaced by younger, fitter animals. Survival of the fittest under Darwinian Evolutionary theory.

There are parallels in human behaviour, so an interesting area of research.

Dave Newman B.Sc - Chair, Sheriff Hutton Field Naturalists.

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

## **Gardening Club**

First thanks to all who helped with the very enjoyable visit to Judith Goodwill's garden in Stittenham, which replaced the previously planned May visit. Special thanks to Judith for inviting us to her wonderful garden.

Our visit to Tudor Croft Gardens, near Guisborough, is going ahead at 2pm on Wednesday 16 June. This will include an introductory talk followed by a conducted tour of the gardens, plant sales and afternoon tea and cakes. If you want to come but haven't already booked your place you need to do so by 9 June, by emailing <a href="mailto:shgardeningclub@gmail.com">shgardeningclub@gmail.com</a> or phoning/messaging Jane Burnett on 07985 930581 / 01347 878143. We will then provide directions and parking details. Members need to contribute £5 per person, payable to the treasurer on the day. Please have the correct money with you.

On the evening of Wednesday 21 July Charles Lane, Consultant Plant Pathologist at FERA Sciences (Sand Hutton), will take us on a walk around Sheriff Hutton - pointing out trees of interest which may have problems and telling us what can be done to prevent or to treat them. It promises to be an enjoyable and interesting evening. Again, you need to book your place by email or phone as above, and we will provide more details.

#### Some suggested gardening activities for June

Most spring flowering Primulas and Polyanthus have faded now and the larger plants can be lifted and divided into smaller clumps - discarding any old woody central sections of the parent plant. These divisions can be replanted in a partially shaded spare bit of the garden and watered in well. Some wilting may occur until the divisions form new roots, but they should grow on to form good plants for use in four months' time to plant up beds, borders and containers and flower in spring 2022.

To provide additional plants for spring, the seeds of Sweet William, Wallflower, Myosotis (forget-menot), Bellis (daisy) and Aubretia can now be sown in a prepared seedbed. Sow the seeds thinly in pre-watered shallow drills and cover lightly with fairly fine soil. Protect from the activities of birds, cats etc.

Protect plants and crops from slugs and snails which, although fairly dormant during a particularly dry April, are now very active. Use control methods and materials that are not harmful to birds, hedgehogs, frogs and toads etc.

Cut off the old flowerheads of Hellebores particularly the orientalis (Lenten Rose) type to prevent them seeding, otherwise they may provide a generous carpet of mostly poor quality seedlings by September.

Weather permitting, mow the lawns regularly at a cutting height of 30mm - which is quite low enough particularly during hot dry periods. It is mid-May and not a hint of anything like that on the horizon!

Use control measures - non-chemical if possible -- against greenfly on roses and many other succulent young shoots. Blackfly (bean aphid) on broad beans can be controlled or even prevented by pinching out the tips of growing shoots (providing that the plants have made sufficient height) when blackfly is first seen. The trick is to keep a sharp eye out for aphids and "squish" them between finger and thumb - do like likewise with the red lily beetles though you have to be quick to catch them. No spraying involved, but do wash hands thoroughly afterwards.

Use twiggy brushwood or bamboo canes and garden twine to support the medium to tall herbaceous perennials and minimise wind damage. Do the same with rows of garden peas which may need added protection eg chicken wire mesh to ward off the wood pigeons and house sparrows.

Further earthing up of potatoes should be done to protect the tubers from greening and from blight infection. Do not water potatoes too much until the flowers appear, otherwise excess excessive stem and leaf growth may occur with fewer potatoes on the roots.

From about the tenth day of June it should be safe to plant out frost susceptible plants of vegetables eg courgettes, runner beans and sweet corn, also tender ornamentals such as dahlias and pelargoniums.

Start feeding (with high potash liquid feed) indoor tomato plants as soon as the fruits on the first truss have formed. Use the recommended dilution rate and do not feed any plants that are dry at the roots. Watch out for glasshouse whitefly and if possible "squish" them either early or late in the day when they are less active.

#### **Dear Friends**

How are you? How are you really? We often put on a good front to family, neighbours and friends, perhaps feeling that if we show what we are really feeling, they will grow tired of us, and not want to spend time with us. There has been a great emphasis in the media over recent weeks about the need to talk – and how this can help our mental and emotional well-being. Talking, and the flip side of that, listening, are both very important, and being honest in our conversation is vital.

Steps are being taken for us to be able to meet inside and in greater numbers outside. How does this make you feel? Excited, nervous, or cautious?

A few weeks ago I took part in a Bible Study about Noah. You may remember the story of the ark which was built by Noah and his 3 sons before a devastating flood. The 4 men and their wives were shut up in the ark for months with animals of every known kind. It can't have been easy being in lockdown in that way! The ark was designed to float, not to be sailed by its passengers. It was at the mercy of the elements, much as we have been floating along with little control of the direction our lives have taken. How must they have felt? At long last the ark came to rest in a safe place — on a mountain top. They had to climb out of the ark, and down the mountain, and begin to rebuild their lives — much as we are doing now.

I wonder if you want to rebuild your life with different priorities to those you held 15 months ago? Perhaps we recognize the importance of people rather than possessions: to be kinder to others, and ourselves.

The story of Noah and the flood ends with God's Covenant with all creation – that it will never be totally devastated again. The last months have been devastating for many – but God's promise still holds – and the sign of the rainbow is a reminder that we have seen displayed in many places. God's loving presence is still with us – in the lockdown and beyond.

May God bless you as you meet, speak with, and listen to, those whom you are now able to see again.

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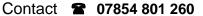
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				7.30pm	<del>Yoga</del>	Village School
				<del>7.30pm</del>	Badminton	<del>Village Hall</del>
Tues	9.15am	<del>Pilates</del>	Village Hall	<del>7.00pm</del>	Circuit Training	<del>Village Hall</del>
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Wed	9.30am	Yoga	Village Hall			
	<del>10.00am</del>	Drop-in for Coffee	Miss Ward Room			
	10.00am	Ladies Tennis	Tennis Club			
Thurs	9.45am	Babes & Toddlers	Village Hall	<del>6.30pm</del>	Youth Group	<del>Village Hall</del>

#### **Additional Activities in June**

Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall	
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Gardening Club visit to Tudor Croft Guisborough Pre-booking essential	
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 12 noon	Super Mobile Library in the Village Hall Car Park	
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Village Ramble meet in the Village Hall car park	

#### **Dates to Note**

July	21 <sup>st</sup>		Gardening Club Tour of village trees with Charles Lane plant pathologist
July	14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 to 4.00pm	Ladies Group Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall (members only)
July	31 <sup>st</sup>	12noon-3.00pm	Sheriff Hutton Open/Social Gardens
Aug	1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 - 4.00	Sheriff Hutton Open/Social Gardens
Sept	11 <sup>th</sup>		Jumblies Sale (provisional date)

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