

Sheriff Hutton Village News

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Welcome to 2024

The Editors wish all readers of the Village News a **Very Happy New Year**. The News is what everyone makes it – contributors, distributors and the printing team. We depend on all of them who work so hard to ensure that an enjoyable Village News is delivered (in all weathers), to 670 letterboxes across Sheriff Hutton, Lilling, Farlington and Whenby, every month.

The businesses who pay to advertise in the News ensure it continues to be free for everyone. Please read all the ads – there are new ones this year – and use their services if you can.

Finally, we extend our greetings to those around the world who read it online:
Happy New Year *wherever you are*.

Pensioners Luncheon Club

The Pensioners Luncheon Club will resume on **Tuesday 2nd January at 12.30pm** in the Village Hall. For the first time in 10 years, we are having to put the price up! The new price for a two-course, home cooked meal followed by tea or coffee, will be **£7.00**.

If you are a pensioner and would like to join, please contact Wendy Haste on 878581 to book your place. Transport can be arranged for those who live in Sheriff Hutton.

Help Needed

We still need some more helpers. We have two teams cooking and serving, doing two weeks on and two weeks off during the winter, and once a month in the summer. Or, perhaps you could cook the occasional main dish or a pudding? Please let Wendy (or any other team member) know.

Village Ramble

This month's ramble will be on Thursday 25th January. This will be a "town walk" in and around Kirkbymoorside. It will include an excursion of about 2 miles (optional), on tarmac tracks and minor roads over higher ground to the north of the town. Kirkbymoorside has a long history and we will visit the site of a stone hunting lodge built by the Neville family around the same time as they built Sheriff Hutton Castle. The town was an important stopping point on the route between Thirsk and Scarborough and boasts several long-established inns.

Meet at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall car park at 9:30am, from where lifts to Kirkbymoorside will be available. The ramble will be followed by a pub lunch and new ramblers are always welcome.

Super-Mobile Library

The next visit will be on **Friday, 26th January, 10am – 12 noon**. Then Fridays 23rd February and 22nd March. The mobile library can be used as a drop-in facility to select or return books as it used to be before the pandemic. If you wish to request a specific title, please browse our online catalogue at <https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/northyorkshire> and place a reservation using your borrower number and your PIN, selecting 'Supermobile' as your pick-up location. There may be a small charge for this service. Free downloads of eBooks, e-audiobooks and magazines are available from our website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/digital-library. If you are not a member of our libraries, you can join at the SuperMobile Library. It is FREE! For enquiries, please call 01609 533878 or email supermobile@northyorks.gov.uk

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

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

Ryedale Talking Magazine

The Ryedale Talking Magazine provide a free monthly magazine on CD for everyone who finds reading either a problem or impossible, including the housebound and lonely. They provide a wide and interesting selection of articles. Whilst not being a local newspaper, its main aim is to provide interest and entertainment.

Do you possibly have 15 minutes to spare once a month? If so, we at Ryedale Talking Magazine are wondering if you would like to use the time to help our very worthy cause. It would simply involve recording an item of your choice at a given venue. If you have an interest in the work of the group, please ring Val on 01751 476499.

The Herbert Protocol: Keeping People with Dementia Safe

According to Alzheimer's Research UK, every day in this country, 600 people develop dementia.

Sometimes people with dementia wander off, often into the garden, but sometimes they get lost and unintentionally go missing. When someone is reported missing to the police, they need to ask lots of questions about the person and will ask for a recent photograph.

The Herbert Protocol has been designed to speed up the process of collecting this information, keeping it in one place that is then available to pass quickly to the police if it's needed. Keeping a completed form means you don't have to try to remember the information when you are under stress if someone goes missing, and it saves time, so we can start the search sooner. The form includes things such as the person's interests, places they like to visit and their daily routine. The form should be stored in a safe location and only passed to the police if the person goes missing.

Why not spend some time very soon completing a form, or updating your existing form and photograph? The Herbert Protocol form is available at www.northyorkshirepolice.uk

St Leonard's, Farlington

Welcome to 2024 – we wish you a very Happy New Year.

We start 2024 with the first in our cycle of services for the farming year, very appropriate for a church at the centre of an agricultural community. This is **Plough Sunday on January 14th**. The history for this service and its relationship to the church goes back a long way. The village plough was often kept in the church and bringing it out was a cause for celebration. Our Plough Sunday will celebrate the start of the farming cycle; seed and the ploughshare will be blessed and then we follow-up with a warming ploughman's lunch in the church. There is no charge for the lunch but donations will be welcomed. Why not come and join us, the service starts at **10.30am**.

Services in January:

Sunday	14 th	10.30am	Plough Sunday service followed by a Ploughman's lunch
Sunday	28 th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Bingo

On December 1st we ran our widely renowned Grand Christmas Prize Bingo in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall. It was a great evening and raised £707 for the church. We give our thanks to everyone who contributed prizes for the event and the band of people who 'made it happen.'

Christmas Cards

At the time of writing profits from the sale of Christmas cards, featuring St Leonard's church, had reached £710, a magnificent result.

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall Friends – 200 Club

Thank you to everyone who has taken up their membership again or for the first time this year, your support is greatly appreciated. The December draw will not take place until after the January news deadline, so details of the winning numbers for that month and January, will be shown in February News, along with the final draw membership number.

Samaritans Christmas Children's Shoe Box Appeal

My goodness, we surpassed ourselves this year. Through the generosity of a lot of people from this wonderful community, we succeeded in creating 119 much needed gift boxes containing essentials, items to support education, and toys for children aged 2–14 year-olds, regardless of religion, gender or ethnicity. The United Kingdom contributions are to be distributed to Ukraine, Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Moldova, and Romania, also the Middle East, Central Asia, and Nigeria.

A heartfelt thanks to all who have spent time and money knitting hats, scarves and gloves, collecting and contributing all sorts of items for the shoe boxes, donating money, and to those who helped with the Village Market Café too. Very many thanks also, goes to the Methodist Chapel, for their generosity in allowing us to meet there, and use their facilities to store and assemble all the boxes.

Our efforts in running a café at the Village Market for the first time this year, contributed significantly to our total donations gathered, and these will go towards the carriage costs of our shoe boxes. A whopping £623.18. Just wonderful 😊

Our merry band is growing, but I would like to highlight the handful of ladies at the core of this little group, who are incredibly generous with their time and support. So, from me to you, a very special thank you goes to Barbara, Kay, Linda, Margaret, and Penny, for sticking with me these last two years especially, and of course Eileen and Cynthia who work behind the scenes in creating such lovely knitwear in large quantities, and indeed have done for many years before I was involved.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2024.

Melanie

North Yorkshire Council (NYC): Changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres

North Yorkshire Council are asking residents to get involved and help develop the service provided at NYC household waste recycling centres. NYC have a legal duty to provide household waste recycling centres for residents to dispose of any additional household waste, free of charge. They currently provide 20 household waste recycling centres, plus mobile sites, across North Yorkshire. This service, including the disposal of the waste delivered, costs more than £5 million per year.

NYC faces many significant challenges now, and in the years ahead, including the impact of inflation, increased demand for services, climate change, and the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on communities.

To help address increasing costs and improve the service provided, NYC is looking at various options for household waste recycling centres, and are asking residents to share their views about changes to the following services: restricting the use of the household waste recycling centres to North Yorkshire residents only; limiting the access for commercial-like vehicles; changes to commercial waste.

NYC are asking residents to complete a survey to help them with their decision making. To do so go to <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/aebbf286-1460-4d66-98f1-c80b330e7a63>

The survey closes on 31 January 2024.

Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club

COURT MAINTENANCE: Advance notice of closure of both courts for a few days April 2024. As always we endeavour to keep the courts in good condition for our members. Contractors will be on site for a short period in April to clean, repair and repaint the courts. The work is reliant on dry weather so the exact dates will be known nearer the event. We will endeavour to keep you informed via the website and club notice board.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members, and the wider Sheriff Hutton Community for your continued support and wish you all, "A Happy and Healthy 2024".

Christine Thomas, Chair

Website: lta.org.uk/sheriffhuttontennisclub Email: sheriffhuttontennisclub@gmail.com

Christmas Coffee Morning & Jigsaw Exchange

What an enjoyable morning. Any doubts about the idea of moving from a Saturday morning to a Friday were proved wrong. Plenty of people came along, there was a lovely warm, sociable atmosphere whilst exchanging jigsaw puzzles, drinking tea/coffee, eating delicious mince pies and Christmas cake, and enjoying the stalls on offer. The profit at the end of the morning was £275, a lot more than last year. The other 'profit' was that we gave a pleasurable morning to a lot of people.

Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group

At our first joint meeting with the Sheriff Hutton History Group, 11 members of the history group, 15 members of the Ladies Group and 9 visitors, were treated to a screening of the York Film Archive's "Jubilees and Royal Visits to Yorkshire". Many months after Gillian Newman came up with the idea, we finally got to watch the DVD. Many thanks to Janie Wheeler and Peter Brown for setting up the equipment, and Terry Johnston for helping with the sound.

Our first meeting of 2024 is on the 10th January, 2pm at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall, and will take the form of a quiz, which has been put together by our committee member Gail Lazenby. Get your thinking caps on!

I would like to wish all my Ladies group members a very Happy New Year, and thanks for the support over the last year.

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

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Many Thanks.

Barbara Grinham (Chair)

Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group

Sheriff Hutton Bridge Cricket Club

Let's hope that the horrific wet weather that we're getting now, at the time of writing, will be enough not to carry into next year, and come spring disrupt the start of the cricket season. I think that the Foss running alongside the ground is as high as it probably ever has.

There are exciting times developing at the club with a project to improve the nets (actually replace them), together with plans to eventually improve the clubhouse and general facilities. We want to improve facilities for the juniors and give them as much chance to develop as they need. Our juniors are the envy of many local clubs and every year at least one of the team secures silverware, and provides players to the representative scene. All of this of course, costs money, and although there are various grants that we can apply for fund raising, is very much at the front of our mind. To this end we had a great response to the Jumble and also to our new initiative, "The twelve Days of Christmas", which has netted over £2000. We are lucky to have secured the sponsorship of RAP for another year which again is highly valuable. If any of you farmers in our locality need a farm track improving, they are the people to speak to! We are increasingly aware that our sponsors in various guises mean so much to us, and we thank them all.

All of this development will be overseen by a new Management team voted in at the AGM, with only the secretary continuing in post. The team is young, professional and keen to go. The new Chairman is no stranger to the club, as Mike Willink steps up from Director of Cricket, to take the reins. The Constitution has changed and the club will now run on a more lean corporate basis; smallish executive with various cells for various roles.

Main roles will be held by M. Willink (Chair), Vince Coan (Secretary), Mark Fisher (Head of Finance), Mr. & Mrs. Bell (Junior Cricket), Rob Stevens (Safeguarding) and Richard Armitage (Facilities).

The club owes a great debt of gratitude to those who have run the club for so long, they have been a source of inspiration for many, many years.

Mark Fisher takes over from his brother to become club captain, with Jack Hugill continuing with the second team.

In the coming year we will be looking for new ground staff as (by their own admission), age is catching up! So, anyone with experience or willing to learn, please give the secretary a shout.

History Group

Last month Sheriff Hutton History Group had a very successful joint meeting with the Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group, to view the York Film Archive's, "Jubilees & Royal Visits to Yorkshire". This was a great trip down memory lane. All the footage in the film was shot by amateur and professional Yorkshire film makers, and those in the audience who could remember it really enjoyed themselves. Some talked about the street parties, pageants and fancy-dress parades, and the abundance of food that had been in short supply for many years which was laid out on tables, ensuring that despite the rain, a great community celebration was had by all.

To celebrate this Royal afternoon, we were very pleased that we were also able to display the carefully preserved and beautifully embroidered table cover that was created by the ladies of the Women's Institute to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II Coronation, in 1953. Though 70 years old, the colours of the silks on the panels of flowers, and the white Yorkshire rose, were as brilliant as the day they were embroidered. On one panel, the 15 ladies had also embroidered their names as a loving reminder of the Coronation Day. This is a fitting tribute to the craft and skill of the embroiderers.

It was an enjoyable afternoon session with a mix of Ladies group members and History Group, and very big thanks must go to Janie, Peter and Terry, for setting everything up and enabling the program to go smoothly.

There is no meeting in January, but the next meeting is on Wednesday, February 21st at 2pm, in the Village Hall, when Malcolm Brooker will be talking to us about Yorkshire's Baedeker Raids. We wish you all a Very Happy New Year

For further information contact Meg on 01347 878136 or Linda at linda@turner.stargate.co.uk or Peter Brown at peterbrown222.brown@btinternet.com

Message from the Jumblies

We would like to wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our December fund raising events. The Preloved Jewellery Stall at the Victorian Christmas Market was extremely popular and raised £320 for the Parish Church.

Unfortunately, the bad weather affected attendance at the Christmas Concert given by the Swinton Brass Band, but an audience of over 50 were in good voice and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. £390 was raised for the village Play Area.

Additional money received, plus money raised from the auction of two Aston Martin suitcases resulted in a revised total of £3200 being raised for the Cricket Club, and the sale of three handbags on an online site raised £140 for Marie Curie.

Our total raised for the year was £20,009, bringing the total since we started in 1986 to £386,751.

Our first Jumble Sale of 2024 will be on 17th February 2024, to raise money for the Parish Church and the Bowling Club. If you are having a clear out, anything you don't need we will gladly take off your hands including, books, toys, bric-a-brac, linen and of course clothes. We are however, unable to receive clothes, linen etc., until February, as we do not have anywhere suitable to store it but we will gladly accept donations of bric-a-brac beforehand. Please contact me to arrange a suitable time. We would also welcome donations of cakes for the cake stall and prizes for the tombola.

Looking forward to your continuing support

Penny Bean and the Sheriff Hutton Jumblies

Elaine Aconley, Joan and Sheila Armitage, Janet Atkinson, Sharon Bennett, Pat Cooper, Sue Dodd, Margaret Frank, Paul George, Barbara Grinham, Caroline and Amy Hunt, Bonnie and Mike Lawson, Moira Parkinson, Elaine Rutherford, Linda Scaife, Kay Smith, Fiona Webb, Lara Willan

Turning cast offs into cash

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Notices for St. Helen's

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wishing everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Services for January are:

14th January, 10.30am at the Methodist Chapel. This will be our annual joint covenant service.
28th January, 10.00am at St Helen's. This will be a morning worship service.

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

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The total raised for the 2023 Poppy Appeal was £1,465 which is an increase of £200 from 2022. Once again thank you to everyone who contributed to our local appeal.

Penny Bean

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser.

Sheriff Hutton Gardening Club

A bit sticky in the garden at present, but it's the right time of year for planning ahead, perhaps with the Suttons seeds website or catalogue, where you can get 50% off your seed order if you're a gardening club member. So many reasons for joining us!

'Special Money Back Offer'

Pay only £2.00 for our fascinating January talk on 'Composting',
and get your money back when you become a member for 2024.

Membership is only £15.00 and gives you 10% off at EIGHT local garden centres!
(Terms and conditions apply)

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 17th January 2024, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, 'Composting' by John Cossham

The Methodist Church

Sunday Services in January.

7th. 10.30 a.m. Rev Andrew Foster.

14th. 10.30 a.m. Rev John Hayward, 'United Annual Covenant service with the Parish Church which includes Holy Communion'.

21st. 10.30 a.m. Mr David Marwood.

28th .10.30 a.m. Mrs Marion Moverley.

Additional Activity every Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayers and Quiet Meditation in the Chapel

10.00 a.m. Drop in for Coffee and a Chat in the Miss Ward room.

Lillings Ambo Parish Council

We are very pleased to welcome Rex Parry onto the Parish Council. We now have our full complement of five councillors.

The Parish Council are still looking to fill the vacancy of Parish Clerk. Please contact lillingsamboparishcouncil@outlook.com

Spinning and Craft Group

We meet every second Saturday in the month throughout the year in the Miss Ward Room at the Methodist Church, from 10.30.to 3.30pm. 2024 dates are:

Jan 13 th ,	Feb 10 th ,	Mar 9 th ,	April 13 th ,	May 11 th ,	June 8 th ,
July 13 th ,	Aug 10 th ,	Sept 14 th ,	Oct 12 th ,	Nov 9 th ,	Dec 14 th .

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Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club Bingo at the Village Hall

£100 Major Prize and many others including meat and confectionary

Friday January 19th - Open 7pm - Eyes Down 7.30pm

Refreshments provided in a relaxed and fun atmosphere!

Future dates 9th February, 22nd March and 19th April

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Sheriff Hutton Nature Group

After our December meeting we now have a short break over Christmas and New Year, until our next evening meeting in February 2024 as below.

Thank you and plans for 2024

We would like to thank everyone involved with the group, for their tremendous support in 2023. We've had a busy year with talks and outdoor summer events, and running our first and very successful Volunteer Café at the Village Market.

We are already looking at outdoor events for 2024 and will soon move onto planning the evening programme from October onwards. Any ideas or requests for outdoor activities or evening talks are gratefully received. See contact details below.

We also want to wish all our members and supporters a Happy New Year.

As a New Year resolution let's think of ways we can connect with nature for mutual benefit. It's a great time to be thinking about plans for next year, of creating habitats for wildlife in our gardens.

A few starters for ideas:

- <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-start-wildlife-garden-scratch>
- <https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/encourage-wildlife-to-your-garden>
- <https://www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/what-you-can-do/activities/planting-plan-for-wildlife-gardens>
- <https://www.soilassociation.org/take-action/growing-at-home/nature-friendly-gardening-guide>

Report on our last evening talk, 6th December 2023, Protecting Freshwater Wildlife and Habitats

For our final evening talk of 2023, we welcomed Anne Carter, Northern Regional Officer of the Freshwater Habitats Trust. Anne gave us a presentation on her project work with the Trust, illustrated with some great photographs. The work very often involved volunteers and covered such diverse topics as creating new areas for Pillwort, Great Crested Newt surveillance and surveying for Medicinal Leeches. This covered various sites around York, including Strensall Military Training Area. It was great to hear about the collaboration between various groups and agencies.

Our next evening talks in 2024

- January 2024 - no meeting.
- February 7th 2024 - The Cropton Beaver Project with Rachel Midgley, Forestry England. As featured this year on the Channel 5 programme, The Secret Life of the Forest. Come and hear about the background and status on the introduction of beavers to an enclosure in Cropton Forest, as part of looking at ways of reducing flooding locally.
- March 6th 2024 - Our AGM (Members only), planned for 6.30pm followed by a talk given by a member. Details to be released in Feb 2024.

Our talks are open to all, starting from 7.30pm in the Sheriff Hutton Methodist Church Hall. £3 per evening for non-members. The year's subscription for membership starts in March 2024 following the AGM.

If you would like any more information on the Sheriff Hutton Nature Group or would like a copy of the evening programme, please contact Sally on 01347 878272 or email shnaturegroup@gmail.com

Twelfth Night – the Feast of the Epiphany

[I know you may well be reading this ahead of New Year, if you just imagine you're now into January] Well, that was Christmas, over and done with for another year – turkey finished (don't know about you but I can't get enough turkey and cranberry sauce), tree down and decorations boxed up ready for next Christmas, presents put neatly away and 'thank you' letters written. Christmas over and done with for another year... or is it??

As we step across the threshold of a new year it might seem as if carol singing and 'baby Jesus lying in a manger' are a dim and distant memory of the 'old year'. The shepherds have done what shepherds do and have gone back to watch their flocks and there is not an angel in sight. You might even reckon that the wise men have ridden off across moor and mountain on their camels, travelling far to wherever they came from. But, just hang on a second, these wise men haven't gone anywhere just yet, that's because the wise men actually turn up a little later, we have made them part of the Christmas story in a sort of condensed version of events,

The wise men or the Magi (pronounced Mah-ji), their part in the story, for us, comes in January, on the 6th, when the Church celebrates the season of Epiphany (Epiphany meaning 'to reveal that which is hidden'). Baby Jesus was probably a little older and Mary and Joseph were unlikely to still be sheltering in a stable and this part of the story is set against a backdrop of the reign of a jealous tyrant king (Herod) whose cruelty will mean the young Holy Family will soon need to flee and become refugees in another land. The season of Epiphany is like a continuation or the next chapter following Christmas with the wise men visiting the infant Jesus bring their gifts from afar. This moment is much bigger and has more relevance than we may first realise as this part of the story, the Christmas story is about revealing to the world who this child really is. And this child will grow up and change the world.

Let's just think of the gifts these men bring, these are not minor-league gifts by any measure, they are top drawer, first rate expensive gifts, they are the best that these wise men could give. And they give them to a baby, but no ordinary baby, but a child who is God. It always amazes me that the gifts are presented and the men simply up and leave for home by another route having first found the King they were looking for by following a star.

I hope you have been able to keep Christmas going beyond celebrating the New Year and on up to the 6th of January, (the Feast of the Epiphany) and beyond. Traditionally the 6th of Jan is when we take down our Christmas decorations, yet the season of Epiphany lasts until the 2nd of February. Maybe, somehow, through the season of Epiphany is means of extending into the New Year so we can take on board the fuller meaning of Christmas and the reason for the season, and by it be reminded that the story of Christmas doesn't end with our New Year celebrations; the Story continues, the story of our God and Saviour who came to walk among us, to live as one of us 2,000 years ago, and still does today.

Wishing you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Blessings,
Rev Steve.

Marton Church

We plan to have services at 3pm on Sunday 7th January and Sunday 21st January. If the weather isn't looking too promising and you want to confirm we're going ahead before you set out, we will do our best to update any cancellations on our Facebook page facebook.com/martonchurch and website achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/ or feel free to call Caroline on 878242 or the Vicarage on 810251.

As we look ahead to 2024, we are hoping to have a Quiet Day (focussing on 'rest'), and are also looking forward to our History Day on Saturday 17th August. If you have any stories of key people associated with Marton and Moxby, or photos of weddings or baptisms in church, do let us know. Please remember the church is always open for visitors if you are looking for somewhere quiet and peaceful for a little while. We look forward to the snowdrops in the churchyard!

UCCC Spring Fling

Just a reminder that we are planning to have a get-together on Saturday 9th March, so, if you are over 65 and would be interested in meeting up for refreshments, good company and light entertainment, please keep this date in your diary! We will be contacting potential helpers in January but if you are new to the village and would like to help prepare the hall or serve food please leave your contact details with Caroline (878242 or cjhunt.home@gmail.com).

Did you know?

Local residents were once responsible for the up keep of roads and bridges, and a market and visiting fair have been a long-standing part of our history?

The parish of Sheriff Hutton with the township of Cornborough covers an area of 5,634 acres; Lillings Ambo and Stittenham, its other townships, contain respectively 1,769 and 1,676 acres, and Farlington, a chapelry in 1831, but in and since 1871 described as an independent civil parish, [\(fn. 1\)](#) extends over 1,465 acres. In Sheriff Hutton, Cornborough and Stittenham there is less arable land than pasture, but in Lillings Ambo and Farlington the proportions are reversed. In the whole parish there are above 180 acres of woods and plantations, 51 of which are in Sheriff Hutton and Cornborough and 75 in Stittenham. [\(fn. 2\)](#) The soil is mixed, on a subsoil of Lower, Middle and Upper Lias. Wheat, barley, oats, turnips, potatoes and beans are the chief crops. The land, which rises to a level of 250ft. and sometimes 300 ft. above ordnance datum in Stittenham, and 200 ft. near the village of Sheriff Hutton, sinks from 150 ft. to 100 ft. in Farlington and Lillings Ambo.

The principal road in the parish is the highway from York to Hovingham, which enters it from Strensall on the south and leads north and north-east through Sheriff Hutton and Cornborough. Lillings Ambo is connected with this thoroughfare by Lillings Low Lane and New Road. In the 17th century the inhabitants of all three townships were accused of neglecting the repair of their roads [\(fn. 3\)](#) and bridges, and in 1680 and 1693 gratuities were granted for making a stone bridge for coaches and carriages in Sheriff Hutton and repairing two bridges here and one in Farlington. [\(fn. 4\)](#) All three were over the little River Foss, which enters Farlington from Moxby and separates it from Sutton on its east and south-easterly course to Sheriff Hutton and Lillings Ambo, where in the 14th century the townsfolk appropriated a part of the king's demesne to make a dyke for it. [\(fn. 5\)](#) A still smaller stream, Farlington Beck, falls into the Foss from the village of Farlington on the north, and in the extreme east of the parish Bulmer Beck separates Stittenham from Bulmer.




That Sheriff Hutton and its townships were once part of Galtres Forest, is shown by the 14th century petition of their inhabitants against threatened reafforestation and other records of later date. [\(fn. 6\)](#) Wood as well as pasture always belonged to the manor, [\(fn. 7\)](#) and from its revenues fees were paid to the foresters of Galtres. [\(fn. 8\)](#) In the 16th century, however, Leland saw low meadows, moorish ground and but very little wood in this quarter of the forest, [\(fn. 9\)](#) and at the present day there is not very much woodland apart from Sheriff Hutton Park and Stittenham Wood.

The village of Sheriff Hutton is long and straggling; it is built, as a writer of the first quarter of the last century describes it, on each side of a cutting which runs through the greater part of its main street, [\(fn. 10\)](#) and is crossed near its western extremity by the highway from York. The castle stands toward the west end immediately to the south of the village street. No other buildings except the church are of any interest or antiquity. There are both Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist chapels. The church stands at the eastern extremity of the village, where the main street forks into two-foot tracks. Next to the church and west of it is the vicarage, successor of the toft which in 1273 was set apart as a dwelling-place for the vicar of Sheriff Hutton; 4 acres of meadow were appropriated to the maintenance of his horse. [\(fn. 11\)](#) His dwelling-house, described as valueless in 1535, [\(fn. 12\)](#) had been succeeded before 1651 by a parsonage-house, then sold, with lands and tenements of the rectory, by the trustees of the Long Parliament to John Drake. [\(fn. 13\)](#)

Between the castle and the vicarage is the marketplace, now grass-grown and until recently occupied in part by buildings. John de Nevill obtained the grant of a market here on Mondays and a fair on the vigil and feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in 1378. [\(fn. 14\)](#) This market does not seem to have survived at this site, but restarted in 2019 at the Village Hall, and the fair appears among the appurtenances of the manor three centuries later, [\(fn. 15\)](#) and has been succeeded by a hiring fair for servants held on the second Wednesday in Martinmas. Although the fair continued to call each year, it finally stopped relatively recently, can anyone remember when?

Source <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/yorks/north/vol2/pp172-187>

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Sun	10.00am	Morning Service	Parish Church but check in church for details			
	10.30am	Morning Service	Methodist Church			
Mon				7.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Tues	9.15am	Pilates	Village Hall	7.00pm	Circuit Training	Village Hall
	10.30am	Pilates	Village Hall	8.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
				12.30pm	Luncheon club	Village Hall
Wed	9.30am	Yoga	Village Hall			
	10.00am	Drop-in for Coffee	Miss Ward Room			
	10.00am	Ladies Tennis	Tennis Club			
Thurs	9.45am	Babes & Toddlers	Village Hall			

Additional Activities in January

Tues	2 nd	12.30pm	Pensioners Luncheon Club re-starts, in the Village Hall
Wed	10 th	2.00pm	Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group meeting for a quiz in the Village Hall
Thurs	11 th	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting in the Miss Ward Room Methodist Church
Sat	13 th	10.30-3.30pm	Spinning Group meets in the Miss Ward Room Methodist Church
Wed	17 th	7.30pm	Gardening Club, Composting, in the Village Hall
Fri	19 th	7.30pm	Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club Bingo in the Village Hall
Thurs	25 th	9.30am	Village Ramble at Kirbymoorside, meet in the Village Hall Car Park
Fri	26 th	10-12noon	Super mobile library in the Village Hall car park

Dates to Note 2024

Feb	7 th	7.30pm	SH Nature Group, Cropton Beaver Project by Rachel Midgley, Methodist Church
	9 th	7.30pm	Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club, Bingo in the Village Hall
	10 th	10.30-3.30pm	Spinning Group meets in the Miss Ward Room Methodist Church
	17 th	2.00-4.00pm	Jumbles Sale in the Village Hall in aid of the Bowling Club and the Parish Church
	21 st	2.00pm	SH History Group Yorkshire's Baedeker Raids in the Village Hall
	23 rd	10-12noon	Super mobile library in the Village Hall car park
Mar	6 th	7.30pm	SH Nature Group AGM and member's quiz in the Miss Ward Room Methodist Church
	9 th	10.30-3.30pm	Spinning Group meets in the Miss Ward Room Methodist Church
	9 th	TBC	UCCC Spring Fling, more details to follow
	22 nd	10-12noon	Super mobile library in the Village Hall car park
	22 nd	7.30pm	Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club, Bingo in the Village Hall

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