

Sheriff Hutton Village News



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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO VILLAGE NEWS

Due to our printers Christmas closedown, the very last date for your entries for January News is December 6th!

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the 14th November 2024. Councillors present at the meeting were Penny Bean (Chairman), Sally Wright, Sam Warriner, Phillip Lazenby, Dave Smith and Ed Stephenson. Louise Pink – Clerk.

No new planning applications were received for consideration this month.

The following new planning decision was received this month:-

ZE24/06706/CAT Land At 465363 466326 Main Street, Sheriff Hutton

Fell and remove 1no. Hawthorn tree including stump removal, removal of damaged limb to 1no. Silver Birch tree.

APPROVED.

Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday 12th December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Miss Ward Room at the Methodist Church.

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

Sheriff Hutton Community Archaeology Project Update

A belated but heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the Sheriff Hutton Archaeology Project! We had a fantastic turnout at the talks on Friday, October 4th, and were thrilled to see so many enthusiastic faces at the archaeological surveys on the village greens on October 5th and 6th. It was a pleasure to chat with everyone, see your archaeological finds, and work together on the geophysical surveys and metal detecting. Your support and interest have given this project a wonderful start!

We're still writing up the geophysical survey results, and will share an email summary, set up a social media page, and provide updates on what we've discovered and the exciting next steps for the project. Thanks for your patience, it's a busy time of year and we haven't forgotten about it!

If you haven't joined our mailing list yet, please send an email to amyhunt15@gmail.com, and we'll ensure you stay updated on all things archaeology in Sheriff Hutton!

Ryedale Food Banks Update

The next delivery of donations from Sheriff Hutton to Pickering Community Food share and Norton food banks will be on Wednesday 18th December.

In addition to the regular staples it would be wonderful to have some festive treats to take.

Donations may be left in the box placed outside the School House next to the Post office and continue to be gratefully received.

Enquiries to John Oakley – 878754 St Helen and the Holy Cross Church

Or Linda Turner – 878037/07453393286

Sheriff Hutton Christmas Tree

Please note change of day this year to fit in with Santa's very busy schedule.

Santa is coming to Sheriff Hutton on **Sunday 8th December at 4pm** to turn on the lights on the Christmas Tree. Please come along to The Square for this short event.

- Young, Very Young and Older People most welcome

Let's start the Christmas Period in traditional Sheriff Hutton style

Supporting Children 2-14 years Joint Fundraiser

Well, another year over!

Our aim was to spread the net and not only support the Samaritan's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal, but also charities closer to home that are involved with children aged 2-14 years old. IDAS came to us through a contact and ongoing support within our core group and the Village, for Malton and Norton Food Banks, seemed like a good fit and enabled us to align our efforts.

So, what were the outcomes?

Firstly, Samaritans Shoe Boxes. We hit our target of 100 Shoe Boxes which is brilliant, and they have now been taken to the Upper Poppleton drop off point.

Secondly, IDAS, a Yorkshire based Charity offering Independent Domestic Abuse Services including refuges. Approximately 5 boxes of cuddly toys, toys and games, crafting material, colouring items, puzzle books, toothpaste, tooth brushes, knitwear and sweets, were donated. This is an increase on last year and they were absolutely delighted.

Thirdly, the money raised and donated. We started the year with a fundraiser, running the Village Market Café, and after other donations and costs deducted, we had enough money to donate the following:

- Samaritans Shoe Boxes to help with carriage and their costs, £330.
- IDAS, £160.50.
- Malton and Norton Food Banks, £160.50.

Saying thank you never seems enough, but please know that to all who contributed their time, donated items, money and craft skills knitting, your support has been amazing, and we could not have achieved what we have, without you. A truly heart felt thank you from us and all the children who will benefit from a little kindness at a time of need.

Special thanks also go to the Methodist Church Community who give us the space to collect, pick and pack all the contributions; and Puddleducks Nursery, who's children wrapped and packed their own Shoe Boxes to help other children.

The Knit and Natter Group continues to meet on Mondays at the Methodist Church 10-12noon, where some of us will start knitting hats and scarves all over again for next year. All are welcome though no matter what project you might be working on, or would like to get involved in.

Merry Christmas and good wishes to all.

Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group

In November Hannah and Stella from Dutch Nurseries, Haxby got Christmas activities started by demonstrating how to make a Christmas wreath and a candle table decoration. Both looked lovely with lots of seasonal greenery fruits and flowers.

December 11th is our Christmas dinner at The Worsley Arms Hotel, Hovingham all who have booked please meet there at 12pm.

Happy Christmas to everyone.

Any further information please contact Anne 07391515299 or Gail 01347 878372

Super-Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Friday 13th December 2 to 4pm. (Please note change of time)

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, there is an online catalogue on the following website, <https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/northyorkshire>. 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 also available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/digital-library. If you are not a member of our libraries, you can join at the Super-Mobile Library for FREE! For any enquiries, please get in touch, either 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.

St Leonard's, Farlington

As another year draws to a close we look forward to all the joy and happiness which Christmas offers us including, at St Leonard's, our *Carols by Candlelight* and *Christmas Day* services.

And then, just around the corner, is a new year with new beginnings to look forward to. This includes our celebration of the start of the farming year which we celebrate with our Plough Sunday service and Ploughman's Lunch on January 12th.

But, for now, **A Very Happy Christmas** to you all from all of us at St Leonard's.

Services at St Leonard's in December

We have four services this month:

Sunday	8 th	10.30am	Shortened Matins (BCP)
Friday	20 th	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight followed by seasonal refreshments
Sunday	22 nd	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Wednesday	25 th	10.30am	Christmas Day. Our much-enjoyed celebration of Christmas for all the family embracing a shortened Holy Communion

Gardening Club

As the gardening club year ended with the AGM in November there will be no meeting until Wednesday January 15th, which is subscription night, so come along to collect your new programme for the year. Our speaker will be Roger Burnett, further details in the January issue.

Gardeners can take a well-earned break over the weeks of shorter days but the garden doesn't rest. There are already winter flowering shrubs showing their colour, and bulbs are there waiting their turn. One plant group which often can be overlooked until the flowers appear are hellebores. The old leaves need to be cut down before the flower buds emerge, not only for display purposes but disease control, plus cutting off is a lot simpler and quicker.

Seasons greetings from all the team who look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

St Leonard's Christmas Grand Prize Bingo

Friday, December 6th in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall

Eyes Down at 7.30pm Join us for a Fun, Fundraising Evening!
(Please note – there will be no cash prizes)

Great Fun and Fabulous Prizes

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The total cash raised from the sale of Poppies this year is £1338.41.

My thanks to Claire and Barry and staff at the Village Store/Post Office and the staff at the Highwayman, to Giles Shepherd Cross and The Primary School for taking part in the appeal.

The Church Collection amounted to £234.10 giving a grand total of £1572.51 for the Poppy Appeal, which is an increase of £107 over last year. This figure may increase when any money donated using the RBL app is known.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the appeal.

Penny Bean - Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser.

Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club Bingo at the Village Hall

£100 Major Prize and many others including meat and confectionary
Friday 13th December - Open 7pm - Eyes Down 7.30pm

Refreshments provided in a relaxed and fun atmosphere!
Future dates 17th January 21st February 21st March and 18th April

The Methodist Church

Services in December 2024

1st	10.30am	Rev. John Hayward (Holy Communion)
8th	10.30am	Mr Vic Paylor
15th	10.30am	Mr David Marwood
	6.30pm	Carol service led by Rev. John Hayward
22nd	10.30am	Victoria Etherington
25th	10am	Sister Margaret Ann
29th	10.30am	Rev. Ann Haith

Other activities

Every Wednesday

9.30am Prayers and quiet meditation in the chapel

10am - 11.15am Drop in for coffee in the Miss Ward room.

Coffee, tea and biscuits and friendly chatter. Come and join us. No charge

Advent study course

Commencing Wednesday 4th December 11.15 until approximately 12.15 in the chapel.

To continue on the 11th and the 18th.

Thursday Film Club

Thursday 12th December 2 pm for a 2.30pm start in the Miss Ward room. No charge. Donations welcome. Film stars Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson. Story is about a boy who is born with facial differences and his journey among his family, his school and his community.

It is a PG film and lasts for 108 minutes.

Family Film Night

Friday 20th December 6pm for 6.30pm start in the Miss Ward room. No charge. Bring your own snacks.

Film stars Martin Freeman as a primary school teacher who has to direct the schools musical version of the Nativity story.

Rated U. 101 minutes

Lovely start to the Christmas holidays. Bring all the family.

Lego Church

Saturday 7th December 2pm - 3.30pm in the Miss Ward room.

Play and build with Lego. Use your skill and imagination to build models of your choice, then listen to a Bible story and create something from Lego that is part of that story.

Come along to a fun and interactive and social afternoon and enjoy building with Lego.

There will be refreshments provided and a short time together to share our creations.

No charge.

Carol Service

Sunday 15th December 6.30pm

Lessons and carols. Bring all the family to enjoy this service in preparation for Christmas

Christingle service

Tuesday 24th December in the Miss Ward room.

2pm Christmas crafts and making Christingles

3pm Short service in the chapel with our Christingles

Suitable for all ages

Friends of Sheriff Hutton Village Hall

The Annual Christmas Coffee Morning and Jigsaw exchange will take place on Friday 13th December from 10am to 12pm in the Village Hall.

Please come along for a festive coffee morning with home-made Mince pies and Christmas cake. It's also a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

There will be a raffle, bottle stall and a few other festive stalls and of course the opportunity to stock up on jigsaw puzzles for the festive period or for a perfect Christmas gift.

All profits will go to the Village Hall.

Disturbing the Peace – A Traumatic Story

It will not be unusual if this Advent you receive Christmas cards proclaiming "Peace" in words and images which evoke tranquillity, harmony, creativity and stillness. Yet the way in which Matthew gives us the story of Jesus' birth is shot through with trauma. Joseph struggles with the shame of his fiancée's pregnancy and sees this only as the end of their relationship, not the beginning. Herod is perturbed by the threat of an alternative monarch and perceives that the only way to ensure peace and control is through violence. Numerous parents have their young children ripped from them because a tyrannical king's intelligence techniques let him down. Those who manage to get away find themselves searching for asylum in frighteningly strange places. And all of this while travellers from some distance come and go, leaving their mark by unwittingly and unwisely alerting the current king to the birth of a possible rival, by offering extravagant and thought-provoking gifts, and then clearing off home safe and sound, untouched by the instability raging around Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

The first two chapters of Matthew's Gospel are, of course, a prologue, and as such they encapsulate for us the significant themes of the whole book. Chief among these is the tussle between the values of God's kingdom and the values of Herod's and Caesar's kingdom – the tussle between seeking peace and justice through non-violence and seeking peace through violent control and oppression. Violence and victims are not simply to be found in the story of the massacring of innocent young children, but occur on a number of other occasions too.

Perhaps the question that lies before us this Advent as we engage with Matthew's story is whether we wish to sail through the narrative in the way that the wise men do, coming and then going, bringing their gifts and then returning to the relative safety of their homeland, or whether we are prepared to take seriously the depth of the text in all its trauma, recognising that it poses for us the choice between God's values of trust, hope, vulnerability and community and Herod's values of fear, control, power and isolation.

You might like to take time over the next few weeks to see the story from alternative perspectives, perhaps not only those of the main characters, but also those that remain unmentioned or unnamed: Mary's parents, Joseph's best friend, a soldier ordered to kill a baby, a mother hiding her infant....

And then ask yourself how this may have deepened your understanding of contexts such as Gaza, Israel and Lebanon.
David Bidnell (Methodist Minister)

Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club

The bowling season is now over and the green is being put to bed, so to speak, with careful spiking and feeding under the watchful eye of the green keeper supervising the professional maintenance company.

The club continues indoor bowling at Norton in the Ryedale Indoor Bowling Club with a good regular number travelling over on Wednesday afternoon for social bowling and some involvement in the supervision and competitive bowling there. Contact me on sheriffbc@outlook.com if you are interested.

At the time of writing this, the Club is preparing for its Annual Prize Giving Supper at the Highwayman and a full list of winners will be in next month's VN, when the new and re-elected members will be reported.

Sadly we have to report the death of Michael Waite, long time member who filled several posts over the years, but is best remembered still as running the Village Hall bingo sessions. Our thoughts are with Sylvia.

We continue our monthly bingo sessions, which are proving to be a big draw, although it is cold and dark outside we offer a warm welcome and a fun night out. Christmas Bingo is on Friday 13th December 7pm. "Eyes down" at 7.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you.

We would also like to thank the Village Market for the grant we received which will help towards much needed replacement equipment.

May we wish all our members, supporters and villagers a "Merry Christmas"

Marton Church - St Mary's, Marton in the Forest.

We have two services in St Mary's in December:

Sunday 1st December at 3pm: Advent Celtic Communion and

Sunday 15th December at 3pm: Carols by Candlelight, followed by festive refreshments! Everyone very welcome to join us at these services or to drop in at any time for a little peace and quiet reflection. There is a box of blankets in the pulpit and hot drinks are always available. We continue to collect food and other household products for the 'I am Reusable' community foodbank in York. Do write in our Visitors' Book - we love to see your comments. If you're out and about with your family, St Mary's Church is also becoming a geocache site - more to follow in due course!

Friends of the Sheriff Hutton Village Hall 200 Club

The winning numbers for the November Draw are: 4, 43, 70, 79 and 199. Congratulations to all.

Remember, you have until December 12th, 2024, to join the 200 Club for 2025, supporting a great Village amenity, our Village Hall. Membership is £20 for the year, and not only do you contribute to much needed funds, but every month there are 5 chances of winning £25, and twice a year higher value prizes are drawn including £50, £100 and £150.

December is one of the those, so current members watch this space for your number, because the draw will include: 5 x £25, 2 x £50, 1 x £100 and 1 x £150.

If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Melanie on 07721 891758 or email hm99960@rocketmail.com.

Notices for St. Helen's December 24

May we wish everyone a very Happy Christmas!

Services for December are:-

8th December at 10.00am, Holy Communion led by Steve

Christmas Day at 10.00am – Christmas family service with Holy Communion. There won't be any refreshments afterwards so people can get off home quickly.

Other Christmas events:-

A date for your diaries is Saturday 30th November, 11am-3pm when we have our Victorian Christmas Market. Our market starts the festive period off with what promises to be a special event. Ellie the donkey will greet you, mulled wine will infuse the church and there will be over 25 stalls selling a wide variety of food, interiors and gifts. The ivories will fill the air with the sound of Christmas.

The Bluebell Café will tickle your taste buds with sweet and savoury items. Sally will be selling Christmas cakes to take away and is also offering festive baking to order (the café is cash only).

This year we're running a tombola, a few fun games with great prizes and a raffle with some excellent prizes donated by local businesses. Tickets will be available from the village shop in advance or on the day at the Market. The following prizes have been donated: Castle Howard entry, Arboretum entry, Highwayman voucher, Blacksmiths Arms, Farlington voucher, Skelton's garage MOT voucher, Fitness with Linzi either circuits or pilates vouchers, Dogh café Welburn voucher, Strensall Coffee House voucher, York Wines voucher and a designer cake voucher from Lou at Quarmby's. These really are fabulous prizes so please make sure of your raffle tickets.

A huge thanks to all of the kind donors – it is very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you on the 30th. It's always a great atmosphere and the Christmas season's quirkiest event!

We have our traditional Christmas Celebration on the 22nd December at 6.30pm. This involves the Drummers as usual and the new SHOC (Sheriff Hutton Occasional Choir) led by Andy Hunt. There'll be the normal mix of carols, other Christmas music and poems, followed by Christmas goodies to eat and drink. Please bring your festive jumpers and hats! Everyone is welcome. Please note that this means there will be no service in the morning.

Christmas Eve at 11am – Christmas Carols in the Churchyard or in the church if it's too cold, raining or even snowing. There'll be mince pies and mulled wine and it is a chance for everyone to just come along and enjoy a Christmas sing-song. Dogs welcome too. It was a lovely occasion last year, so please do join us this time.

Village Ramble

There is no village ramble in December but we will kick start the new year with a refreshing walk on Thursday 30th January, details of which will be in the January newsletter. Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all in 2025.

Sheriff Hutton Bridge CC

It was a sad end to the season that two finals containing "Bridge" boys were not played due to weather – The National MCC 16 Hub final featuring The North against London at Denby in Derbyshire; Sam Giannini was picked from the York Hub to represent the North. The York and District U9 final against Barnsley with SHB boy Nick Armitage down to play was again abandoned without a ball being bowled. However, it was good to see Will Bennison star in Yorkshire's U18 cup winning side, he is indeed an exciting player.

The MCCF Hub is a wonderful initiative with 126 Hubs around the UK; it is specifically set up by the foundation for girls and boys 11-16 age groups in state education with all the winter coaching and summer games free of charge. SHB had three boys involved in the York Hub at U16 last season with Sam progressing to the North team.

Applications for next year's Hub are open now for girls and boys in State School education.

It is probably time to reflect on the first season under "new management" and by most peoples' standards it has been very successful. On the playing front all the goals set have been met with the continued youth policy starting to pay dividends not only in the senior teams but in the juniors where the experience of playing with and against adults on Saturday gives much more confidence when playing in their own age group during the week; four trophies out of six contested bears testament together with two U13s topping bowling and batting stats. A new kit supplier with newly designed one day shirts and training gear has brought a feel-good factor throughout all the players including the juniors. We are very grateful to the sponsors who add their name to the shirts and advertise through boards around the ground. A seniors dedicated training night has allowed some of 3rds and 4ths to train with the more senior players, the more able juniors also have been involved which helps them learn and gain experience.

The clubhouse furniture being replaced may sound trivial, but it goes a long way to endorse a period of change and hopefully a more willingness for people to belong to a developing club and encourage others to come and join us. Everyone is welcome at "The Bridge" whether as a player or helper.

We have four early recruitments, the return of Ben Gill, wicketkeeper/batsman who has had a five year "sabbatical" at Malton and Scarborough. Ben was part of the success in winning the Yorkshire Bowl in 2019, the whole club is looking forward to having him back; his experience will be invaluable. *Continued overleaf*

Tom Shorthouse a batting all-rounder, joins us with an RAF pedigree and looks to be a very exciting player, he is joined by Yorkshire 2nd XI player Clarke Doughney, a left arm orthodox spinning all-rounder who has had three years with the Yorkshire academy having recently played for Middlesbrough in the NYSD league.

The fourth recruit is not really a new boy, Revaant Rakyen returns as our overseas player. He was a wonderful addition to the club last year not only as a player but was always first to put his hand up to help out as necessary, A great hit with the juniors who he was always willing to help. We are looking forward to seeing him again.

The success of the 75th birthday party also seemed to galvanise the membership. It was a great day bringing old and new members together. The 100 and 500 club was launched at the party to raise funds for the new nets which are now seen as a priority, anyone who feels they can help either through business or personally please contact Mark Fisher or any other senior member via the club website or directly. There is some news breaking on this front which hopefully we will be able to share in the next copy of The News.

There is to be an overhaul of the league system with The Vale League and Beckett leagues supposedly joining the existing clubs in what will become a huge operation to administrate. There will be some great match-ups as some clubs face each other for the first time; no doubt on field discipline will have to be tightly controlled. More on this as it unfolds.

Another note for the diary – Golf day 24th November at Sandburn Hall.

The ground staff have more or less put the grounds “to bed”. Now that the grass has stopped growing the cutting equipment will be ready for sharpening together with all the required maintenance.

If anyone would like to join the ground staff they would be made very welcome. There are many, many jobs that different skills (or none!) can be applied to. Just another pair of hands is often all that is needed. Come and give it a go (unlimited tea!)

Message from the Jumbles

We started 2024 with a massive jumble sale and ended the year with another one. Masses of good jumble and plenty of customers queuing from 12 noon to buy the bargains. Despite not being able to have stalls outside everything went off well and a fantastic £2100 was raised for the Swinton Brass Band. The Bowling Club members were kept busy all afternoon supplying delicious refreshments giving a record total raised for their funds. Swinton Brass Band are a wonderful group to work with and with their help to clear away we were finished in record time. Thank you also to those volunteers who come along at the end of each sale to help us clear the village hall. At the end of a busy afternoon what a relief it is to have those extra pairs of hands.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated jumble, and cakes for the cake stall. Particular thanks to the person who donated 3 wonderful instruments. These were passed on to the Band who were so delighted to receive this added bonus and in turn these have been loaned to three youngsters to extend their training programme.

In a reciprocal gesture the Band will be giving us a Christmas Concert next year. This will be held on Sunday 30th November 2025 so mark it down on your next year's calendar. Don't miss out, it will be a brilliant afternoon and is always very popular.

The total raised for this year so far has reached £17,153 which gives us a grand total raised since we started in 1986 to a mammoth £405,068. (the amount raised from the Preloved Jewellery Stall at the Victorian Fair will be given in next month's Village News) Just to remind you that in addition to the actual cash raised from our sales so many other organisations have benefitted from your generous donations. Left over jumble has been taken to Carecent in York, The Rainbow Centre in Scarborough by David Marwood, a Catholic hub in Middlesbrough which provides support for needy people, the Great Northern Air Ambulance and our own school PTFA.

We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who has stepped in to help us throughout the year - hope we can call on you next year if needed.

Our next Jumble sale will be 8th February 2025, raising money for The Glebe Conservation Area which is a fantastic asset to the village. Whilst this is overseen by a hard working band of volunteers funds are needed to maintain the area so please over the next couple of months have a good sort out and let us have your cast offs.

It just remains for us to wish you a very Merry Christmas and thank you for all your support – We are The Jumbles - Pat Cooper, Sue Dodd, Margaret Frank, Barbara Grinham, Joan Armitage, Janet Atkinson, Bonnie & Mike Lawson, Fiona Webb, Moira Parkinson, Sharon Bennett, Kay Smith, Elaine Aconley, Elaine Rutherford, Sheila Armitage, Linda Scaife, Lara Willan, Caroline & Amy Hunt, Paul George and Penny Bean

Penny Bean 01347 878392

Sheriff Hutton Jumbles - Turning cast offs into cash

Sheriff Hutton Nature Group

Review of the year and looking forwards

This year, the Nature Group has enjoyed a rich and varied season of talks, many with a local focus. From **Bird Surveys on Strensall Common** and the **Cropton Beavers** to the **Forest of Flowers Project** and the **Work of the RSPB Investigations Team**, we've been both entertained and educated. We give our very grateful thanks to the speakers who are so generous with their time and interest in our group. Also to our members and visitors who have come to listen. We had 17 visitors to our last evening talk and it is always great to meet new people and have their input into our group.

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Sheriff Hutton Nature group continued from overleaf

We are always talking to potential future speakers and will soon be starting to schedule our evening talks from next autumn onwards and also our summer outdoor activities. So if there is anything particular you would like to hear about, or visit, or you have an idea for a speaker please let us know.

Thank you to the Sheriff Hutton Village Market

We are immensely grateful to the **Village Market Volunteers** and everyone who supports the market as stallholders and visitors. Your efforts make it possible to distribute proceeds to local community groups, including ours.

It is important to say that having run cafes at the Village Market for the last two years we have been able to put the profits to good use. This has given us more available funds for speakers, projects and enabling us to increase our standard charity donations when requested by speakers in lieu of a payment or expenses.

This year, we were delighted to receive a grant from the Village Market for our upcoming **Hedgehog Project**. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for Sheriff Hutton Primary School and the wider community. We're currently in the planning phase and look forward to sharing more details soon. The project, starting in early 2025, aims to involve all the school children and welcome participation from the whole community. The plan is for this to be enjoyable, educational and good for hedgehogs.

So, watch this space!

Report on November talk – Yorkshire Butterflies, Past, Present and Future

Nick Hall from Butterfly Conservation gave us a detailed talk starting with the history of the study of butterflies. This included identifying species found in Yorkshire and species changes found over time in county. We were shown the influence of yearly weather on butterfly numbers with a review of fluctuations in numbers of species in different years and the number of new species moving northwards into Yorkshire due to warming of the climate. The talk concluded with points on helping to encourage butterflies into gardens and green spaces. If you are interested in more information, see the Yorkshire Butterfly Conservation website <https://www.yorkshirebutterflies.org.uk/>

Our next Evening Talk

Wednesday, 4th December – 7.30pm - Yorkshire's Wild Beauty with John Gardner – Sheriff Hutton Methodist Church.

For our December talk photographer John Gardner will showcase stunning nature shots from some of his favourite places in Yorkshire. John is a professional commercial, portrait and event photographer and since childhood has been a passionate nature lover. So come along and celebrate with us our last event of the year with a beautiful slideshow followed by tea and coffee and some festive cakes. All are welcome. £3 fee for non-members.

We have a break for January 2025 and come back with our next evening talk on 05 February.

If you would like any more information on the Sheriff Hutton Nature Group, please contact Sally on 01347 878272 or email shnaturegroup@gmail.com or see our Facebook page for upcoming events

Annual PTFA Christmas Raffle & Silent Auction to raise money for our Village School

We're doing it again! Our annual Christmas Raffle and Silent Auction has launched! Last year we managed to raise £2363.25 for school, which went towards funding new Chromebooks, a new outdoor shelter, raised veg beds and swimming lessons. This year we have had some truly lovely prizes donated by very generous local businesses, and are hoping to raise a similar amount!

Raffle

Tickets for the raffle cost £1 each or a book for £5, and will be on sale at 4pm on Sunday 8th December at the Village Christmas Tree Light Switch On, so remember to bring some cash, or a card and look for the PTFA sweetie stall! Prizes this year include: £50 M&S voucher, donated by Persimmon Homes; £40 Boyes Voucher; Luxury fruit cake from Malton Relish; 2 gorgeous handbags from Clarksons of Petergate; Hamper of sweet treats from Sheriff Hutton Post Office & Stores; Festive wreath or Planter from Willow Farm Produce; Cafe Nero gift card and 1kg sweets from Sweet Feast Shack, and many more. The full prize list is on our Facebook page, and we have posted leaflets out this weekend. If you can't make the lights switch on, but would like a ticket or two, please contact the School Office on 878441 and we will get it sorted for you. The draw will take place on Friday 13th December and winners notified by email or phone that day.

Silent Auction

Prize lists and Bid forms have been posted to every house in the Village and sent home to each family at school. The lovely prizes this year include: a Justine Warner Artwork & Gift voucher; family pass for Cannon Hall Farm; Ryedale Vineyard Tour and Tasting for two; Fish and Chip supper for 2 from Chippys; Afternoon tea for 2 at Sandburn Hall and Tickets to a YCFC home match. Closing date is 6pm on Thursday 12th December and winners will be notified by email or phone on Friday 13th December. Not got a bid form? Want more info? Please contact the School by phone or email ptfa@sheriffhutton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Thank you in anticipation of your support, and happy bidding!

Elaine, Hannah, Lizzy PTFA Committee 2024-25

History Group

After last month we must say a big thank you to the audience of 90 plus who came to listen to and meet with Alison Weir. It was a long awaited event and we were very pleased to welcome such a large audience.

Alison gave us a very interesting account of her early days as an historical novelist and the ups and downs of writing and then took us through her research into the history behind the novel "Elizabeth of York- the Last White Rose", the final Plantagenet dynasty. Sheriff Hutton Castle was highlighted, since Elizabeth was sent to Sheriff Hutton in 1487 whilst waiting for her marriage to be arranged by Richard III.

After the presentation Alison chatted with members of the audience and signed books supplied by Kemps bookstore of Malton. Alison has sent personal thanks to everyone who had attended: for her it had been a most memorable meeting, as everyone was so friendly and welcoming. Alison is currently writing a new novel and during her tour in 2025 is hoping to visit us again.

A big thanks must also go to those members of the History Group Committee who helped with the setting up and catering for the event, and also to Beryl Haigh and John Armitage and to Geoff Milton who has been co-opted onto our committee and will be taking over as Archivist from Peter Brown in due course.

There are no meetings scheduled in December and January, and we will resume our programme at 2pm on the 26th of February with a talk by Malcolm Brooke on "The Vanishing Coastline of East Yorkshire with some Military Customs added".

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

The UCCC

We are looking ahead to 2025 with two planned events for your brand new diaries:

a **Spring Fling Afternoon Tea Party on Saturday 22nd March**
and **A Village Auction on Saturday 17th May 2025.**

The Spring Fling is a free tea party in the Village Hall for all residents of Sheriff Hutton, Lilling and Stittenham aged 70+. These annual parties have been running for well over 50 years, hosted by a team of all-age volunteers providing a warm welcome, scrumptious spread and entertainment! More information about the party, invitations and how to RSVP will follow in the New Year. Please see below if you might be interested in helping on the day.

The Village Auction is the event which funds Spring Flings! It is a great opportunity to have a good Spring Clean to pass on household, garden and sports items that are no longer needed. We are always amazed by the generosity of villagers who donate such a wide range of good quality pre-loved goods to be auctioned off! We can arrange to collect any large or heavy items from Sheriff Hutton village and Stittenham on the Friday night. It's always a very friendly atmosphere on the day and you won't believe the bargains that are available! We are hoping to run this event with a York Recycling Group, which would mean that whenever possible any unsold items will be reused, repurposed or recycled rather than ending up in landfill. We will circulate a more extensive list of any items we can't accept in due course: but it may help to know in advance that we can't sell large white goods, mattresses, bike helmets, car seats and upholstered furniture without fire safety tags. All monies raised are shared between the groups who have helped to run the event. In 2025 the UCCC will be sharing the proceeds with the History Group and we do have space for a third local group (especially one willing to be involved in running the kitchen) so please just get in touch (see below) if your group would like to be involved. We would also be really grateful if anyone can offer temporary dry storage, as we do often have offers of items before the actual auction.

The UCCC are now quite a small committee so we are looking for anyone with a little free time in March and/or May to join us in planning for and running either or both of these events. If you are new to the village or have been wanting to get involved in something a bit different, do please get in touch. We're a very friendly group and they are both lovely community events. We have a Sheriff Hutton Village Auction Facebook Page or you can ring Caroline on 01347 878242 or email cjhunt.home@gmail.com if you might be able to help with either or both of these events. Thank you!

Sheriff Hutton Village Market

Sadly the nasty forecasted storm in October put paid to the market last month. Covid aside, this was the first time we've had to cancel since starting up in 2019 so not bad going given the Yorkshire weather!! This month (Nov) was a whole new story. The most gorgeous winter sunshine which gave us a stunning morning filling the market with so many happy faces both familiar and new.

Strensall Tigresses U14's led by dedicated coach Graham, along with his team of organised parents and hardworking girls hosted the cafe this month. Serving up the most delicious butties and baking, they cleared £756.95 which is very much needed to enable the girls to progress in 2025. Well done team, you really did create a busy cafe environment which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Our stallholders, a whopping 22 indoors and 25 outside, had a bustling day. It's so heart-warming to see our visitors supporting the small, local businesses that love trading at our market. They'll all be back again on 15 Dec, that's **15 Dec 10.30am-1.30pm for our Christmas Market** where we'll have the fabulous Swinton Brass Band playing followed by a live singer to entertain you whilst the aromas of mulled wine and mince pies fill the air. We've also been assured that Mrs Christmas will be joining us to hand out chocolate coins to those who have been good, so get that oven cleaned, house hoovered, car washed and garden put to bed then you might be in for a treat!!

Meanwhile, as the year fast approaches a close, please please can we put out a serious plea for new Village Market committee members who would be prepared to help us run the market next year? Can you spare some time to help us with some admin work? No cold calling etc, just answering emails etc. If you can spare 30 mins a week or maybe an hour, we'd love to hear from you. Please drop us an email at mail@shvm.co.uk

Sheriff Hutton Village Market Team



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Regular Activities

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 December

Wed	4 th	7.30pm	Nature Group talk: Yorkshire's Wild Beauty, with John Gardner, in the Methodist Church
Fri	6 th	7.30pm	St Leonard's Grand Christmas Prize Bingo in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall
Sat	7 th	2 -3.30pm	Lego Church in the Methodist Church
Sun	8 th	4.00pm	Christmas Tree lights switch on in the village square
Thur	12 th	2.00pm	Thursday Film Club in the Miss Ward room Methodist Church
		7.30pm	Parish Council meets in the Miss Ward Room Methodist Church
Fri	13 th	10.00am	Sheriff Hutton Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning & Jigsaw Exchange
		2 – 4pm	Super Mobile Library in the Village Hall car park
		7.30pm	Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
Sat	14 th	10.30-3.30pm	Spinning Group meets in the Miss Ward Room Methodist Church
Sun	15 th	10.30-1.30pm	Sheriff Hutton Village Market held at the Village Hall
		3pm	Carols by Candlelight at Marton Church
		6.30pm	Carol Service at Methodist Church
Wed	18 th		Last date for items for Food Bank
Fri	20 th	6.00pm	Family Film night in the Miss Ward room Methodist Church
		6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight at Farlington Church
Sun	22 nd	6.30pm	Christmas Celebration in the Parish Church
Tues	24 th	11am	Carols in the Parish Churchyard
		2 -3.30pm	Christingle in the Methodist Church

Dates to Note 2024/2025

2025			
Jan	17 th	7.30pm	Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
Jan	24 th	10 – 12noon	Super Mobile Library in the Village Hall car park
Jan	30 th	9.30am	Village Ramble meet in the Village Hall car park
Feb	5 th	7.30pm	Nature Group <i>Farmland birds</i> with Andy Chapman in the Methodist Church
Feb	8 th	2pm-4pm	Jumbies Sale for The Glebe Conservation Area
Feb	21 st	7.30pm	Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
Feb	26 th	2.00pm	History Group <i>Yorkshire's Vanishing Shoreline</i> in the Village Hall
Mar	21 st	7.30pm	Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
Mar	22 nd		UCCC Spring Fling afternoon tea
Mar	26 th	7.30pm	History Group <i>Violence and sexual slander</i> in the Village Hall
Apr	18 th	7.30pm	Sheriff Hutton Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
May	17 th		UCCC Auction in the Village Hall

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