

Sheriff Hutton Village News



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Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the 12th March 2026. Councillors present at the meeting were Penny Bean (Chairman), Marcus Oxendale, Sally Wright, Philip Lazenby & Ed Stephenson. 1 member of the public (part meeting only).

The following new planning applications were received for consideration this month:-

ZE26/00046/CAT May Rose Cottage Main Street Sheriff Hutton
Removal of privet hedge. Decision - No Objection.

ZE25/01269/73M Land Off Daskett Hill Sheriff Hutton

Variation of condition 04 of planning approval ZE23/01660/MFUL dated 16.08.24 to allow for wording of condition to be changed to 'the holiday accommodation hereby permitted shall be available for holiday use for at least 140 days a year but shall not be occupied between (and including) 6 January and 6 February each calendar year'.

Decision - The parish council OBJECT to the above planning application, on the following grounds:-

The site needs to stick to the original, approved conditions, only to be used as a holiday site, as validated by the inspector. Extending to an 11-month licence would turn the site into a residential site in all elements but name. The 31-day maximum stay is in place to protect this.

ZE26/00025/HOUSE Lamb Hill Cornborough Road Sheriff Hutton

Erection of garden store for land maintenance equipment and supplies.

Decision - No Objection.

The following new planning decision was received this month:-

ZE25/01411/ADV Land Off Stittenham Hill Bulmer
Installation of 2no. non-illuminated signs on the entrance to the site. APPROVED.

Parking on Mill Lane Avenue

The parish council would like to again request that residents in Mill Lane Avenue and their visitors do not park on the pavements and grass verges. Parking on pavements and verges causes issues for people with mobility issues and pushchairs and is also causing damage to the grass verges. The parking enforcement officer will be informed of offending vehicles.

Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday 9th April 2026 in the Miss Ward Room at the Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

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 Annual Art Exhibition and Sale

Easter Sunday April 5th 2026 and Easter Monday April 6th 2026

10.30 - 4.30 pm, Entry £1 - children free

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall, York Road, Sheriff Hutton, York. YO60 6RA

Free Parking. For more information contact Anne Russell 07582043452

Thank You

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Mobile Library

The next visit of the new smaller mobile library will be on **Friday, May 1st** **There will be no visit in April.** Please note the NEW TIME of **10am – 11am.**

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 through 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

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

Dog Fouling

We are experiencing increased problems with people allowing their dogs to use our grass as a dog toilet in West Lilling. This is on New Lane and the occupants on both sides of the single track road have grass which they cut. My husband picked up 4 piles before cutting the grass last week. The beginning of New Lane is within the village boundary and dog fouling is unacceptable. In addition, I also cleaned up dog poo on the pavement leading to the post box yesterday morning

Lorraine Liddle at West Lilling Farm

Village Ramble

The April Village Ramble, led by Peter Brown, will take place on Thursday 30th April. This ramble of about 5 miles is over rolling pasture fields and more solid surfaces, with some distant views. It will visit the small villages of Dalby, Whenby, Foulrice, Stearsby and Skewsby. Lunch after the walk will be at The Highwayman, Sheriff Hutton. Please e-mail me (peterbrown222.brown@btinternet.com) if you want to join us and are not already on the mailing list for the village rambles. If you wish to bring a dog into the pub at lunchtime, please let me know.

New ramblers are always welcome. Meet at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall car park at 9:30 am on 30th April for car sharing.

New Cycling Group

We are starting a cycling group in the village. Everyone welcome on any type of bicycle - road bikes, gravel bikes, mountain bikes, e-bikes - just not motorbikes!

The idea is a friendly group, cafe stop to be included in most rides, lycra optional.

If you are interested in joining or want to know more please contact Steve Baker - 07502066083 or Fiona Baker - 07760129340

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Howardian Dental Practice is looking for an apprentice dental nurse to join our friendly team. The successful candidate will be given full training both in house and at the local college or online leading to qualification as a Dental Nurse.

Please apply either by email to info@howardiandental.co.uk or leave a message on the answerphone on 01347 878111. Postal applications are also accepted.

All applications should be marked for the attention of Jan or Christine. We look forward to hearing from you.

Spinning Group dates for 2026

Meeting in the Miss Ward Room Methodist Church from 10.30 to 3.30pm, on Saturdays Apr 11th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, Aug 8th, Sept 12th, Oct 10th, Nov 14th, Dec 12th.

News about the Play Area - Exciting times ahead!

In the near future the four sided activity unit is to be replaced. For safety reasons this will mean the area will be closed during the time the work is being carried out.

At the moment we do not know the actual date but as soon as we do notices will be displayed on the fence surrounding the area and also on the Sheriff Hutton Community Facebook page.

The Play Area Committee

Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club

At the AGM on 4th March 2026, the following was agreed.

Subscription Rates: To remain unchanged. Subscription are due by 1st April - the lock codes will be changed on this date. On payment of your subs please email the Treasurer to obtain the new code. Full details can be found on our website.

League Tennis 2026: Hovingham League

- Mixed Team; Captain - Tim Dryland
- Ladies Team; Captain - Helen Gillie

Social Tennis: Ladies sessions continue on Wednesday mornings: 10 a.m. start.

Club Nights: As last year we will run club nights from 6 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd and 29th April, 6th and 13th May for members and prospective new members.

Junior Clubnight: for all juniors members aged 9 to 16 years. Fridays: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with coaching available on the top court from 6:30 to 7:30 (regulars please note revised time).

Weekly Commencing 1st May (no session 29th May - half term) - final session (tournament night 19th June).

Website: clubspark.lta.org.uk/sheriffhuttontennisclub

Email: sheriffhuttontennisclub@gmail.com

Gardening Club

Wednesday 15th April 7.30pm in the village hall is the next club meeting when Niki Miller will talk us through the use of chemicals in the garden and their alternatives which should appeal to all however we approach our gardening.

There is still time to enter the potato competition if you would like to email - shgardeningclub@gmail.com - for details. We have a website (www.sheriffhuttongardeningclub.co.uk) for up-to-date information about the club.

Spring is always a busy time in the garden, catching up with the left-over winter jobs especially this year as wet weather delayed progress. Conditions can change quickly so check up on those weeds, any plant in the wrong place, remove perennials altogether and hoe off annuals before they flower and seed, to either leave on the ground to wither in dry weather or put in the compost bin. Extra effort at this time of year will save a lot of work later. Now is a good time to split and move perennials and grasses especially older ones which may need regenerating and cleaning of weed. Take a look at the lawn/grass however you manage it as the ground warms up new grass seed or flower seed can be added for quick growth. Paddled areas appreciate pricking with a fork for aeration. It isn't too late to prune back fuchsias, buddleias for later flowering when the butterflies are about. Don't forget the winter-coloured stems need cutting right down for brighter colour next winter. Also, the vegetable plot and, if there is any time left, enjoy your garden.

Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club

The Fire Service was called to the Club on Monday, 2nd March at lunchtime to deal with a fire in the hedge and equipment shed at the southwest corner of the bowling green. Nobody was hurt. However, the shed and all the equipment were completely destroyed. The fire started following the removal of a metal pole, which generated sparks and set fire to some dry vegetation. The company responsible have been very helpful, clearing away the debris and refunding the Club for the lost equipment. We should be up and running for the start of the season in April. It will be great to be back outdoors bowling again.

Cake & Bowls - Saturday afternoon, 16th of May, 2 - 4pm

If you fancy a shot at Lawn Bowls why not turn up at the Club and roll a few woods (FREE!) and then enjoy some tea and cake in the Bowling Club Cafe, which is always run when the Jumble sale is on. You have to pay for the cakes, but they are homemade and delicious. Some of the members will be there to give you some guidance, on playing bowls - not on eating the cake!

Season opens 13th April

Evening bowling will be a bigger feature of the new season. This will allow those with daytime commitments to take part in club matches, and we hope it will encourage some of you to take up a new sport. Come along for a couple of free sessions on a Tuesday evening and, if you are keen, we will give you the chance to play in the team on a Monday or Friday evening.

More information is available on our website via the QR code.



Bingo at the Village Hall

The final Bingo of the winter season will be held at the Village Hall on Friday 17th April. The major prize is £100, with many other prizes and a raffle.

Doors open at 7.00 pm and "eyes down" at 7.30 pm.

Back again in September!

Sheriff Hutton Jumbles – 40 years of fund raising.

The uncertain weather did not put our regular buyers off attending the February Jumble Sale with queues forming from noon, despite the cold wind. Thank you so much to everyone who supported on the day and with donations of jumble and cakes resulting in another successful sale raising £1822 for the school PTFA

The left over bric-a-brac was again collected by volunteers from Cowlam Church who have so far raised over £40,000 towards the cost of renovations and repairs. They reported that most of the things they collected after the last sale had already been sold on. It is so satisfying to know that several charities and worthy causes are benefiting from our Jumble Sales.

Our next Jumble sale will be on the 11th April raising money for Shopmobility – York. As the name indicates this is an organization which provides manual or power wheelchairs, or mobility scooters for use by those with either temporary or permanent mobility problems, to enable easier access around York, for a very low fee, or sometimes free. This is such a valuable service available to all and is already used by some residents of Sheriff Hutton on their excursions to York.

Your donations of **clean, useable cast off clothes, books, toys, linen and bric-a-brac** will be very much appreciated. As usual we will be at the Village Hall on the day of the sale to receive your donations between 8.30 and 10.30 am. Please check our Facebook page or give me a call during the week before to check if we will be taking donations in on the Friday evening.

You may have noticed that after many years of service the commemorative seat on the brow of the hill on Main Street has become dilapidated. Sadly it would be too expensive to keep repairing it so it is being replaced with a new one, made from recycled plastic. This is being funded by the Jumbles with some of the money raised from the Pre-loved Jewellery sales last year, with the Parish Council paying for its installation. We hope this will give many years of service to the village residents and provide a useful resting place for those struggling up the relatively steep path between the Post Office and The Green.

Our Pre-loved Jewellery sales are always very popular and Bonnie and Fiona take great pride in preparing your donations for selling on. So please keep sending us your unwanted jewellery, handbags and scarves for someone else to enjoy wearing, whilst raising money for worthy causes.

Penny Bean – on behalf of all the Jumbles

Working to convert your cast offs into cash for worthy causes

Telephone 01347 878392

Sheriff Hutton History Group

Last month we were treated to an extremely interesting talk by Malcolm Brooke on “The Rise & Fall of the Berlin Wall”. Malcolm – who worked in Berlin towards the end of the Allied presence in the City – told us how Berlin became to be a divided city within a foreign country – East Germany – the GDR. Initially the East-West German borders were open, but the haemorrhage of people leaving the East (some 25,000 between 1949 & 1952) prompted the creation of barriers that eventually were close to impenetrable.

He told us about the 318 days of the Berlin airlift, when West Berlin was cut off and entirely supplied by air and he explained the complexity of the “wall” itself – not one, but two walls, with a killing ground between and patrols, watch towers etc at close intervals for the whole 1400km approx right across Germany.

Taking us through the history of how the wall was created in stages right through to the collapse of the GDR Malcolm illustrated his talk with anecdotes about his own time in the divided city and imparted little known facts - like that of the 31 houses which were part of West Berlin, inside East Germany, behind the wall – supplied for a while by helicopter until sense prevailed and a narrow corridor was opened to give the inhabitants direct access to the West! All in all, this was one of the very best talks we have had and we thank Malcolm for sharing it with us.

Coming up

Wednesday April 22nd is the date of our AGM **which will be held in the Miss Ward Room of the Methodist Church at 7.00pm.** (Please note the venue!) Following the AGM. at 7.30 pm, we are pleased to welcome Professor Kate Giles who will tell us about “Henry VIII on Tour: the Royal Progresses of a Tudor Monarch” – with particular reference to Sheriff Hutton and its castle. This is open to all.

Advance notice

In May – on the 27th at 7.30 in the Village Hall, Jane Ashby will be talking to us about exploring the historic Silk Road from Turkey through Asia and beyond.

Entry to our meetings is free to members or £3 on the door to visitors and includes refreshments.

For further information contact Meg on 07732 008557 or Linda at linda@turner.stargate.co.uk or Peter Brown at peterbrown222.brown@btinternet.com

Notices for St Helen's

Firstly, a very Happy Easter to everyone!

Services for St. Helen's April 26

Palm Sunday, 29th March - service for everyone at Sutton at 10.00am

Easter Day, 5th April - family Holy Communion at St. Helen's at 10.00am followed by our traditional Easter Egg hunt

12th April - Holy Communion at 10.00am with Steve

26th April - morning worship at 10.00am with Harold

We'll be holding our usual Easter Egg hunt around the church after the service on Easter Day so do please come and join us. There'll be enough for everyone! We look forward to seeing you over Easter.

It will be very different to the one six years ago when we were in the middle of Covid. The only person allowed in the church at that point was the organist who had to play the organ to keep it working so it didn't seize up. I still remember walking around the churchyard listening to my favourite Easter hymns coming through the walls of the church. It was a beautiful sunny day and it felt like real hope in the middle of all the uncertainty and dread around Covid.

Methodist Church

There are no services at the Methodist Church on Good Friday or Easter Sunday.

Good Friday- 3rd April

2pm at Strensall Methodist Church or 4pm Thornton-le-Clay for a reflective service

Easter Sunday - 5th April

Easingwold Methodist church – 10am (includes Holy Communion)

Sheriff Hutton Methodist Church, 10.30am

12th Rev. Hazel Hanson

19th Mrs Marion Moverley

26th David Marwood

Other activities

Every Wednesday

9.30am – 10am Prayers and quiet meditation in the chapel

10am – 11.15am – Drop in for Coffee in the church hall. All welcome. No charge.

Coffee, tea and biscuits and friendly company

Film Club

Thursday 23rd April 1.45 for 2pm start in the Methodist church hall.

Showing a film based on a true story about a single father and his two children trying to make a fresh start. He buys a zoo! Stars Matt Damon and Scarlett Johanssen. PG 2 hours

No charge. Donations for charity welcome. We are supporting Martin House children's hospice at the moment.

Refreshments available at the beginning.

York Hygiene Bank

We are a drop off point for the York Hygiene bank which supplies products to the homeless and those in need.

They are asking for toothpaste and brushes, unopened nappies and sanitary products, unisex shampoo and deodorant, shaving foam, razors, wipes and laundry detergent.

There is a yellow dustbin in the Methodist church hall. Drop things in on a Wednesday morning and stay for a coffee!

St Mary's Church, Marton in the Forest

Wishing everyone a Very Happy Easter! As usual, we will be celebrating Easter Sunday with a **6am Easter Sunrise Gathering** (not a service, but just a quiet appreciation of dawn with hot drinks) followed by our **Easter Celtic Communion at 6pm**. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be at **5pm on Sunday 19th April**, followed by tea and cake before our **Celtic Evening Worship at 6pm**. Everyone is very welcome to attend our services and events, or simply drop into the church for a bit of peace and quiet!

Our seasonal labyrinth is gradually disappearing as the Spring Meadow grows, but we plan to keep it topped up with sawdust lines until the end of April. There are now at least 18 labyrinths in various locations across Ryedale and Hambleton, so if you're planning some local days out, do pick up a map/guide from Marton Church!

St Leonard's, Farlington

The churchyard is bright with the colour of spring flowers and new growth on the trees. It is all looking wonderful. Why not come and sit on one of our two outdoor seats to enjoy some 'quiet time' in this area of peace and tranquillity.

The Church is open daily for private prayer; the Churchyard is open at all times

The services at St Leonard's in April are :

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| • | Sunday 5th | 10.30am | Holy Communion for Easter Day (BCP) |
| • | Sunday 12 th | 10.30am | Shortened Matins (BCP) |
| • | Sunday 26 th | 10.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| • | Sunday 27 th | 10.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |

St Leonard's follows the tradition of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). You are assured of a warm welcome at any of our services.

The Annual Parishioners' Meeting is on Wednesday 22nd at 2.00pm, in church. This meeting is open to residents of Farlington Parish and those who regularly attend services at St. Leonard's Church and is an opportunity to come and hear how the church is being run and perhaps have a say in its future.

The Church Bells

Late in March the church bells were put back into the bell turret of St Leonard's. The first service for which they will be rung is on **Easter Day**. Come and hear them ringing and stay for the service at 10.30 and which will last for about 1 hour.

EASTER

Easter, with its signs of spring and renewal, is a time of year where the church season is reflected in the natural world. For many, it's simply a time for chocolate eggs, perhaps a family meal, and a couple of bank holidays. Yet, as spring flowers emerge and birds are busy nesting, it's worth pausing to reflect on the deeper meaning of Easter; something that speaks to all of us, regardless of how or whether we practise faith.

At its heart, Easter is a story of transformation. The world wakes up from winter's sleep, trees bud and bloom, as the days lengthen and the sun's warmth strengthens. This natural rebirth echoes the themes that have made Easter meaningful for centuries: the journey through darkness towards hope, and the promise that even after loss, new life begins.

For Christians, Easter commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus, an event that sits at the centre of our faith. Christ's victory over death and sin promising eternal life for all. Even if church isn't part of your routine, the symbolism of death giving way to life is universal. Every one of us, at some point, faces endings. Endings of relationships, jobs, or chapters in our lives. We experience loss and grief, and the ache of things changing. The Easter message reveals that endings, painful though they may be, are not the final word.

In the quiet aftermath of winter, we see that nature teaches us resilience and renewal. Trees that appeared lifeless only weeks ago are suddenly green again. Gardens, once dull, burst into colour. There's a reassurance in this cycle; it suggests that, just as nature finds its way back from the brink, so too can we find hope after heartache.

So, as this Easter comes around, perhaps we might let its symbolism guide us. It's a time to remember those we've lost, to grieve what's passed, but also to look for the shoots of something new; friendships rekindled, communities coming together, or the simple pleasure of watching children, covered in chocolate, eating their Easter eggs.

Easter invites us all, whatever our beliefs, to believe in the possibility of renewal. It's a reminder that, even after the deepest winter, spring will return, and with it, the chance to begin again.

Reverend John

Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group

In March we had a very well attended AGM and lunch which was enjoyed by all. We now have our programme for next year with talks demonstrations and outings. If you would like to join the group or come to any meetings you are very welcome.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th April at 2pm in the Village Hall. Claire Wesley A Past Member of the Merchants Taylors will talk about her role and wonderful Guild Hall in York.

The May 13th meeting is about York Radio

For any further information please contact Anne 07391515299 or Gail 07711079653

Planning Application for Housing Development to North of Sheriff Hutton

North Yorkshire Council has received an application on behalf of Stittenham Farms for the erection of 12 dwellings with associated works and infrastructure on the land to the north of North Garth Lane (also known as Back Lane). The application is for 12 houses with a housing mix of 3 four-beds, 5 three-beds and 4 two-beds (proposed to be affordable units under the First Homes scheme).

The full planning application, Reference ZE25/01393/MFUL, can be viewed on the North Yorkshire Council website. The Neighbour Consultation Expiry Date is Mon 06 Apr 2026



Sheriff Hutton Hedgehog Project



Hedgehog Project Café – Thank you!

We ran our café for the first village market of the year on 15th March. Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported us under challenging weather conditions. Also to the families who took part in our hedgehog trail, looking for pictures associated with hedgehogs, around the market, rewarded with a badge. We had 24 volunteers involved in the café rota/and or providing cakes. A massive thank you again to everyone. We had a great team and also fun doing it. We raised £611.27 profit, which considering the outdoor market had to close early due to the high winds was a great total, and will really help us with moving forward with the Sheriff Hutton Hedgehog Project.

Hedgehogs are about – please send in your 2026 sightings !

Hedgehogs are out and about feeding up after winter hibernation so please send in any sightings for this year on the google form link or the manual form. If you need any help let us know. We are starting the project earlier this year so it would be great to get your records from now. We are happy to take records from anywhere in North or East Yorkshire for the local ecological data centre if you see a hedgehog whilst out and about. If you see a road casualty please use what.3.words to get location to report this as a sighting.

Hedgehog Project Plans for 2026

We are currently working on our plans for 2026 working with the local ecological data centre on expanding the project to get more sighting records and outreach to raise the profile of hedgehogs as an example of an animal in decline and needing help. We will keep you updated on this.

International Hedgehog Conference

In January Sally attended dialled remotely into the 2-day International Hedgehog Conference held in Helsinki. This conference was attended by 500 delegates (in person and online) from 22 countries. It was an amazing, very inspiring meeting with so many people doing research, on many different aspects, committed to helping hedgehogs.

Not Joined Yet? We'd Love to Hear From You!

Whether you've seen hedgehogs, want to borrow a wildlife camera, or just fancy learning more, or you have a question, we'd love you to join our project and help build a better picture of our local hedgehogs.

Contact Us: sheriffhedgehogs@gmail.com | 01347 878272.

Sheriff Hutton Village Market

We were delighted to be back with our first market of 2026 on Mother's Day and it was great to see so many people visiting despite the chilly weather. We welcomed a number of new stallholders and hope they enjoyed their first market with us. Unfortunately, the wind increased towards the end of the market and started gusting which led to a premature end to the market for the outdoor stalls, and a brilliant team effort to get the tarpaulins off the stalls in tricky conditions.

The Sheriff Hutton Hedgehog Project were on café duty this month and raised £611 which will support their efforts to protect local hedgehog populations.

Our next market is on Sunday 19th April between 10:30am and 1:30pm, with Strensall Tigers running the café. We'll be hoping for a warmer and less windy day and we'd love to see you there!

Help needed

We need more individuals to help with organising and running the market in order for it to keep going. There is a significant amount of work that goes into finding and booking stallholders, ensuring documentation is up to date and arranging payment of stallholder fees.

If you think you might like to join our friendly team and can help with regular market admin, or you would like to help with our social media, or anything else, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch at mail@shvm.co.uk or speak to a volunteer on market day.

Jigsaw Exchange

Again, another cold, wet miserable morning for the March jigsaw exchange but thank you to all our regulars and some new faces for turning out to support our popular monthly fund raiser. We raised £135

The **Easter Jigsaw Exchange** takes place on Friday April 3rd (Good Friday) at the village hall 10a.m -12 noon. We are holding an Easter themed raffle and will also have a few second hand books for sale.

Tea/coffee, with hot cross buns or Simnel cake will be available for refreshments.

Everyone will be made most welcome.

York Open Studios

Preview Evening: Friday 17 April, 6–9pm **Open:** 18, 19, 25 and 26 April, 10am–5pm

Justine Warner – Venue 50

It's that time of year again when Open Studios begins, starting with York Open Studios. This year I will be the only artist exhibiting in the village for this event, and it would be lovely to welcome you over the two weekends.

I'll be showing a selection of new work, including some more experimental mixed media pieces. There will also be information about upcoming workshops, along with demonstrations and opportunities to have a go yourself. Times for these will be advertised during the event.

I'm also planning a **studio sale**. My work has changed considerably over the years, and I now want to focus on exhibiting newer styles and subjects. As a result, a selection of earlier original pieces will be available at reduced prices to make way for new work.

I do hope you can come along, and I look forward to seeing you. Refreshments and a warm welcome awaits.

Best wishes, **Justine**

If you wish to see what other artists are taking part visit www.yorkopenstudios.co.uk

Sheriff Hutton Bridge Cricket Club

At long last the weather is easing and some work can begin on the grounds. The outfield has been cut and the square rolled at the Bridge and is looking good, it's a bit slower at the Castle which doesn't drain as well but is progressing.

It was recently reported that it was hoped a ladies team would be formed; at their first training session 30 women and girls turned up! Initially it is hoped to play "Softball" friendlies until such time that a league is formed.

Again through February both junior and senior nets are being well attended, there is a bit of a buzz with so many youngsters pushing for places in the senior teams. The junior representative (N.Yorks) boys are training at Ampleforth College and some of the CAG boys who are netting three times a week at Headingley but also having a day at the centre of excellence at Loughborough University, an experience in itself.

On paper the 1st and 2nd teams are starting to evolve, some of the younger elements of both sides have been working hard through the winter to improve technique and strength and hopefully come April will have points to prove. It could be a young side with many under 20 pushing for places.

The Village cup fixtures have just been released and we have Dunnington away in the first round on Sunday 26th April. A tough fixture under any circumstances.

Rockets (4-8yr old) sign up, start dates and cost went live on 14th March, if you want to sign up and haven't, check the website

There have been a few pre-season friendlies arranged for all levels.

4th April - Collingham CC - Bridge ground (sees the return of Dulash, with this Notts side)

11th April - Stokesley CC – Bridge ground

11th April - Emley Clarence CC - Castle ground

18th April -Malton and Old Malton CC – Bridge ground

18th April Inter club friendly - Castle ground

19th April - MACC Academy XI – Bridge ground (pink ball) MACC = Moin Ashraf ex Yorkshire

The annual workday was on 21st March trying to get many of the small jobs tidied up before the season starts proper.

Friends of Sheriff Hutton Village Hall 200 Club

The winners for March are 102, 114, 156, 178 and 224. Many congratulations to all. If you are interested in becoming a member, please get in touch and I'll send you all the details needed in November, the next opportunity to join. Melanie. Email hm99960@rocketmail.com

Sheriff Hutton Nature Group

Thank you to all who joined us for our AGM in March. It was a valuable chance to look back over the past year, discuss plans for the future, and discuss making individual pledges to support nature in practical ways.

We also welcomed some changes to the committee. Elaine Rutherford has taken on the role of Treasurer, and Kath Parkin has joined us as Secretary. We're grateful to Lesley O'Neill and Vince Coan, who have stepped down after three years of committed service. Our thanks to them both for everything they've contributed.

After the meeting, member Adam Mogg gave an engaging talk, "*Restoring Nature on a Small Holding*," illustrated with his own photographs. He shared the story of restoring his land at High Roans over the past eight years, towards its biological rich past, to reflect how the entire Vale of York and surroundings would have been less than a century ago. His experience gave us plenty to think about and encouraged us to consider the small steps we can each take to support nature.

Membership Renewal Reminder

A reminder that Annual Group Membership renewals are due on 1st April. For renewals we do not require a membership form completing, unless there are any updates to your details. We are happy to receive payment of £15 per individual membership by BACS or by cash at our next membership meeting. We are also ready to welcome any new members to our group. Email us if you would like details. The Nature Group is open to anyone with an interest in nature.

New Annual Programme Launched

At our March meeting, we were excited to launch our new programme of talks and summer outdoor activities. Spaces for outdoor activities are limited to ensure a great experience with direct access to the activity leader and require booking in advance. Please get in touch if you would like a copy of our programme.

New activities in April and May

April 1st Talk on The Lower Derwent Valley National Nature Reserve - A Jewel in the Crown with Craig Ralston – Senior Reserve Manager. There is also a chance to visit the reserve on 23rd May with the Nature Group for a walk led by Craig. Booking required.

April 18th Castle Howard Ancient Tree Walk. We are delighted to be linking with the Castle Howard Estate Natural Environment Group with this walk led by Duncan Leckie – Forestry Manager. If you are interested let us know by email or phone as below as there are limited places.

Our talks are open to all, starting from 7.30pm in the Sheriff Hutton Methodist church Hall unless otherwise stated. £3 per evening and outdoor activity unless otherwise stated for non-members.

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

18th World Labyrinth Day – Saturday 2nd May 2026

To take part in World Labyrinth Day 2026 we are opening our garden for the day (10.00 am – 4.00 pm) on Saturday 2nd May and you are invited to join us. By "Labyrinth" we are referring to a single winding path that takes you to the middle of the design. Images of such designs date back at least 3,500 years and have been found in many parts of our world. There is a tradition of drawing or walking labyrinths as a form of meditation.

We will lay out a seven circuit "Ancient" or "Classical" labyrinth on our lawn, using retired rope, all donated by climbers based in Snowdonia. You will have the opportunity to walk the labyrinth or just come for a look! We will be on hand to discuss our understanding of labyrinths and show you how to draw a labyrinth, using this design and the "seed" structure on which the design is based.

We will lead a "walk for peace" around the labyrinth at 1.00 pm, which will be part of the wave of such walks taking place around the planet, each at 1.00 pm local time.















Sarah & Steve, Church View, East End, Sheriff Hutton, YO60 6SX [Sarah's mob: 07854 801260]

Farlington Acoustic Music Session

Wednesday 1st April, 7.30pm - 10.30pm (doors open at 7.15pm).

Come and enjoy an evening of acoustic music played by local musicians in Farlington's intimate and cosy Village Hall. Admission is £10 by advance ticket only, which includes a drink.

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	10.30am	Morning Service	Methodist Church			
Mon	10-12pm	Knit and Natter	Methodist Church	5.00pm	Back to Fitness	Village Hall
				6.00pm	Bootcamp	Village Hall
				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			
Thur	9.45am	Babes & Toddlers	Village Hall			

Additional Activities in April

Wed	1 st	7.30pm	Talk <i>The Lower Derwent Valley NNR</i> in the Miss Ward Room
		7.30pm	Farlington Accoustic Music Session in Farlington Village Hall
Fri	3 rd	10.30 – 12.30	Easter Jigsaw Exchange in the Village Hall
Sun	5 th	6.00am	Easter Sunrise Gathering in Marton Churchyard
		10.30 – 4.30	Easter Art Exhibition in the Village Hall
Mon	6 th	10.30 – 4.30	Easter Art Exhibition in the Village Hall
Wed	8 th	2.00pm	Ladies Group in the Village Hall – <i>The Merchant Taylors' Guild Hall</i>
Thurs	9 th	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting in the Miss Ward Room
Sat	11 th	10.30am	Spinning Group in the Miss Ward Room
		2.00pm	Jumbles Sale in aid of Shopmobility (York)
Wed	15 th	7.30pm	Gardening Club in the Village Hall – <i>Use of chemicals and alternatives</i>
Fri	17 th	7.30pm	Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
Sat	18 th		Nature Group <i>Castle Howard Ancient Tree Walk</i> (need to pre-book)
Sun	19 th	10.30	Sheriff Hutton Village Market at the Village Hall
Wed	22 nd	7.00pm	History Group AGM <i>in the Miss Ward Room</i>
		7.30pm	History Group <i>Hennry VIII On Tour in the Miss Ward Room</i>
Thurs	23 rd	1.45pm	Methodist Film Club in the Miss Ward Room
Thurs	30 th	9.30am	Village Ramble meet at the Village Hall car park

Dates to Note 2026

May	6 th	7.30pm	The Sheriff Hutton Hedgehog Project in the Miss Ward Room
	9 th	10.30am	Spinning Group, Methodist Church 10.30-3.30pm
	13 th	2.00pm	Ladies Group in the Village Hall – <i>York Radio</i>
	16 th	2.00pm	Jumble sale in the Village Hall
	17 th	TBC	Festival Church Group Folk-Rock in St Helen's church
	23 rd	9.30am	Nature Group <i>Nature Walk at Lower Derwent Valley</i> Pre-booking required.
	27 th	7.30pm	History Group <i>The Silk Road from Turkey</i> in the Village Hall
June	6 th	10.30am	Nature Group <i>Walk at Bempton Cliffs</i> Pre-booking required
	13 th	10.30am	Spinning Group, Methodist Church 10.30-3.30pm
	13 th	2.00pm	Jumble Sale in the Village Hall
Aug	8 th	TBC	Sheriff Hutton Village Show in the Village Hall

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Items for April Village news must reach the editors no later than 18th April

The Festival Church Group

On the early afternoon of Sunday 17th May 2026 There will be a Folk Rock gig at St Helen's.

Mining For Fish with Pete Anderson will be playing a selection of their music.

We hope that this will be the first of a series of gigs for the Festival Church Group'

Look out for posters and Facebook posts with more information about this gig and

Many other things that the Festival Church Group will be putting on.