

Sheriff Hutton Village News



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Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the 12th February 2026. Councillors present at the meeting were Penny Bean (Chairman), Marcus Oxendale, Sally Wright, Philip Lazenby, Dave Smith, Sam Warriner and Ed Stephenson. Three members of the public (part meeting only).

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

ZE25/01350/FUL Cornborough, Whenby Lane, Sheriff Hutton.

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single-storey infill extension; construction of a first-floor extension; enclosure of existing open porch; conversion of former outbuildings to form a dual use; two-bedroom holiday let and residential annex incorporating the erection of a oak framed porch extension to the west elevation. Decision - No Objection.

ZE25/01411/ADV Land Off Stittenham Hill, Bulmer.

Installation of 2no. non-illuminated signs on the entrance to the site.

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

The site sits within an area of National Landscapes.

The site is in a prominent position, located on a very narrow road with poor sight lines.

There is insufficient information, including the proposed size of the signs on the application.

The following new planning decisions were received this month:

ZE25/01076/FUL 1 Woodend Cottages, Ashbank Lane, High Stittenham.

Change of use of bed and breakfast with owners' accommodation (use class C1) to dwellinghouse (use class C3).

APPROVED.

ZE25/01075/GPCOU Cavenagh House, The Square, Sheriff Hutton.

Change of use from commercial, business and service (Use Class E) to 1no. two-bedroom flat (Use Class C3).
WITHDRAWN

ZE25/01282/HOUSE Glebe House, Coble Lane, Sheriff Hutton.

Erection of attached oak frame carport to side elevation of dwelling as replacement to orangery structure as approved in application ZE24/09341/HOUSE on 30.01.2025.

APPROVED.

Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday 12th March 2026, in the Miss Ward Room at the Methodist Church @ 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.

Village Ramble

This month's ramble on Thursday 26th March, will be a circular walk about 5 miles long. The route, which starts at Naburn, takes us along the disused railway line by the river Ouse and Naburn Locks followed by a pub lunch at the Blacksmith's Arms. We meet as usual at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall car park ready to leave at 9:30am. New ramblers are always welcome with car sharing available.

Spinning Group dates for 2026

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

Village Charity

The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for March 10th. Applications for grants should be with me at the Old School House, Main Street, Sheriff Hutton, by Sunday 8th March. John Oakley, Secretary.

Sheriff Hutton Nature Group

A reminder about the aims of the group

Our aim, through our talks and summer activities, is to bring people together to enjoy, learn about, and appreciate nature while also raising awareness of its importance and how to help. The group is run by a surprisingly small group of volunteers and, for it to continue long term, we do need additional people to help in big ways or small. Even a small contribution of time can make a big difference. We would love to hear from you.

Reminder of our AGM and talk, 4th March at Sheriff Hutton Methodist Church Hall

AGM 6.30pm start. For members, here is your chance to actively contribute to our Nature Group's direction and development. We welcome your ideas, feedback, and involvement. Come along and have your say. Our AGM papers will be circulated to all members before the meeting.

After the AGM at approximately 7.30pm, we are serving tea, coffee and biscuits and our talk starts at 8pm. So, if you would like to come to hear just our talk you are very welcome to arrive from 7.30pm onwards.

Talk 8pm 4th March. Restoring Nature on a Small Holding, by Adam Mogg. We very often have a slightly shorter talk by a member on AGM evening, and Adam is kindly filling this slot this year talking about the amazing work he has done on his land locally, to invite nature to return since taking it over. £3 non-member fee for talk.

Issuing of New programme 2026/27

We have been beavering away at the new programme of nature group outdoor events for this summer and for our new evening programme commencing this autumn. We are pretty excited about the new events we have planned and will share the new programme at the March meeting. We will be opening the 2026 outdoor events up to members for booking, at this meeting.

Reminder: Membership Renewal will renew in April this year, after the annual fee is confirmed at the March AGM. New members very welcome.

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

Mobile Library

The next visit of the new smaller mobile library will be on Friday, March 6th and then March 27th because of the Bank Holidays. Please note the NEW TIME of 10am – 11am. There will be no visit in April.

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

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 of Google Play.

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

Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club

We would like to thank the Jumbles and all the volunteers who helped at the February Jumble Sale, together with everyone who donated jumble and all the customers who attended. It was a very successful day and we really appreciate your support.

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.



Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group

The film afternoon which was our February meeting was enjoyed by everyone. Our next meeting is **Wednesday 11th March** in the Village Hall. We will meet at 1pm for lunch so please bring some food for a finger buffet. This will be followed by our AGM where we will be able to pay our subscriptions and get the programme for the coming year. We have interesting talks, an outing and Christmas lunch to look forward to, more details will be in the next newsletter.

Anyone wishing to join please come along or contact Anne 07391515299 or Gail 07711079653.

Spring Fling Tea Party

Sat 21st March at 3pm - Don't Forget to RSVP!

The annual free 'Pensioners Party' has been a great community event for nearly 60 years. We now try to avoid the numerous New Year bugs and colds by meeting for a 'Spring Fling' Afternoon Tea Party, for everyone aged 70 or over who lives in Sheriff Hutton, Lilling and Stittenham (plus their partner of any age).

If you haven't been before, you can expect a warm welcome, scrumptious afternoon tea, a free raffle, locally-sourced entertainment and, on leaving, the traditional gift of half a dozen free-range eggs for every household. This year's musical entertainment will be provided by Caryn Douglas and Andy Hunt, performing a set of their favourite songs for about 40 minutes.

Invitation to a Spring Fling Afternoon Tea Party

Saturday 21st March 2026, 3pm in Sheriff Hutton Village Hall.

RSVP (with any other booking details) via Caroline 01347 878242 or cjhunt.home@gmail.com
by **Sunday 15th March** please.

We can provide vegetarian and gluten-free options but, please let Caroline know when booking if you have any specific dietary requirements. We can also provide a lift to and/or from the party, please let Caroline know your address when you book. I'm afraid we can't give a precise time for lifts: it will be any time from about 2.30pm onwards. If you are too poorly to attend the party then please book a 'TEA OUT' with your address, and this will be delivered to your home sometime after 2pm by our lovely drivers.

2027 will be the Diamond Anniversary of these parties, and it's something we'd love to continue if we can. Many of our guests once helped to organise the party; our youngest helpers often first came along with a Mum or Dad, so it really is an all-age occasion with a long history in the Village. We already have a lovely team of helpers in place for this year's party but, if you would like to be involved with parties in the future, do please get in touch with Caroline.

Sheriff Hutton Jumbles

After many dark, cold, rainy days, the sun shone on us for our first Jumble Sale of the year, and the crowds came along to snap up the bargains, resulting in £2,000 being raised for the Bowling Club.

Thank you so much to those people who brought all the good condition jumble for us to sell, as usual we received some lovely cast offs and we do really appreciate your generosity in supporting our events.

However, we did receive some "rubbish". It is not really fair on us to send dirty, damaged, worn out, torn articles or those with bits missing, as we are unable to sell them and they have to be taken to the tip. A good guide to whether it is jumble or should be dumped, is to ask yourselves "would I buy it in that condition?" If the answer is "no", then no one else would, so please **DO NOT** bring it.

With the extra help from Bowling Club Members, we were able to clear up in record time and we were glad to sit down with a welcome cuppa at the end of the day.

The members of Cowlam Church, near Sledmere are raising money for their Church restoration, and are happy to collect our leftover bric-a-brac and toys at the end of the next few sales. They hold sales of furniture and bric-a-brac every Saturday at Church Farm (next to the Church) YO25 3AD, from 11am to 2pm. However, from June we will need someone else to take this on. If you are able to help please contact me.

Our next Jumble Sale will be on the **14th March, at 2pm** raising money for our local School. Donations of good condition books, toys and bric-a-brac and particularly clothes, will be very much appreciated and we will be at the Hall from 8.30am on the morning of the Sale. Nearer the time we will know if we are able to receive your donations on the Friday night. Please check our Facebook page for details. Please note we are unable to accept any large items of bric-a-brac and everything must be in a useable state.

The following sale will be on the 11th April for our Shopmobility York.

Penny Bean – on behalf of all the Jumbles

Working to convert your cast offs into cash for worthy causes

Telephone 01347 878392

A reminder that the clocks change this month.

British summer time is coming, Sunday 29th March 2026.

Remember, clocks go forward one hour, officially at 1am. I won't be staying up to change mine then!



Sheriff Hutton Village Market - We're Back!!

We're kicking off with our first Sheriff Hutton Village Market of the year on **Sunday, 15th March**, from **10:30am to 1:30pm** at the Village Hall, and we'd love for you to join us! With **around 50 stalls both inside and out**, there's something for everyone. Come along, browse, chat with friendly stallholders and volunteers, and support local businesses and good causes. Our much-loved regular stalls will be there, offering delicious local food, fresh bakery goods, artisan cheese, meat and fish, preserves, international flavours, ice cream and sweets, alongside beautiful arts, crafts, homeware and interiors, clothing, beauty products, and pet goodies.

Make sure to step inside, where we have some fantastic new traders joining us this time!

- Berties Dog Treats and Accessories, Cooks Cosy Creations, Eve Martha Floristry, Moorside Mushrooms, Sweet Dreams Sweets and Vermont52 with papier mâché and foam clay sculptures.

Plus, the **Sheriff Hutton Hedgehog Project** will be running the first Market Café of 2026, serving up homemade cakes, tea and coffee, and breakfast sandwiches to raise funds to support their community nature project.

Market Funds Raised

Over the course of 2025, more than £5000 was raised by the Market, and a similar amount was given out as grants to local groups. The application process for grants will start in the summer with the deadline at the end of August, so if you're involved in a group or project within the Village, then start thinking now if there is something you need that a grant from the market might help to obtain.

In addition to money raised from stallholders, funds are also generated by the Café, with the group hosting it keeping the profits. In 2025 the total profits from the café was £6934.29, broken down as follows:

March	Nature Group	£801.19	August	Strensall Tigers U8s	£700.00
April	Sand Hutton School	£794.08	September	Strensall Tigresses U14s	£450.00
May	Sheriff Hutton School PTFA	£739.52	October	Gardening Club	£720.00
June	Tennis Club	£600.00	November	Welburn Hall School	£800.75
July	Village Market	£600.23	December	Shoe Box appeal / IDAS / Toddler Group	£728.52

We have a full Café roster for 2026 but, if you want to put your name down for next year then let us know at mail@shvm.co.uk

Help needed

If you think you might like to join our friendly team and can help with regular market admin such as stallholder bookings, 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.

Stillington Surgery

29 Nursing Appointments were not attended by patients during January. This equates to 7 hours 20 mins of nursing time and results in other patients having to wait longer for an appointment.

Please always try to keep your appointment or let us know in reasonable time if you are genuinely unable to do so. Patients who fail to attend on a regular basis may be asked to register elsewhere.

Drs Metcalfe and Keen

Friends of Sheriff Hutton Village Hall 200 Club

The winners for February are 28, 68, 120, 158 and 230. 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 Parents, Toddlers and Babies Group

Come along to our stay and play group on Thursday mornings at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall 9:45-11:45 term time. We are a welcoming group and it's a lovely, relaxed environment to bring your little ones to meet other families from the village and surrounding areas. We have a cosy baby area and lots of fun activity areas for preschoolers! There is also tea, coffee and biscuits for parents to enjoy too!

Join our Facebook page Sheriff Hutton Parents, Toddlers and Babies Group to find out more!

Pensioners' Luncheon Club

Good News. Although my telephone number was incomplete, four people have made contact and volunteered to help run the Luncheon Club. If anyone else would like to help, the number is **01347 878581**, or come down to the Village Hall on a Tuesday lunchtime to see what we do.

Wendy Haste

Jigsaw Exchange

Thank you to everyone who braved the cold, wet, miserable weather and came to the Jigsaw Exchange on February 13th. It was lovely to see you and we raised £121.00.

March 13th 10 - 12noon, is this month's exchange date so please come along to exchange your jigsaws for a bargain price of 50p per jigsaw, or to meet up for a chat with a cuppa and delicious cake with friends and/or neighbours. Everyone is most welcome.

A REMINDER – **April 3rd, Good Friday, our Jigsaw Easter Eggstravaganza**, with an Easter-themed raffle.

Bingo at the Village Hall

There will be Bingo at the Village Hall on Friday 20th March. The major prize is £100, with many other prizes and a raffle. Funds raised go to Sheriff Hutton Bowling Club.

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

Future date: Friday 17th April.

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



Sheriff Hutton Hedgehog Project



☆ **Launching recording of new sightings for 2026** ☆

Hedgehogs may be starting to come out of hibernation now although they can emerge quite a lot later. So, it's time to start keeping a look out and reporting any new sighting records for 2026 to us. We have arranged with the data centre that we will be able to easily distinguish this year's records from last years. Last year was a difficult year for hedgehogs and other animals badly affected by the drought. So, we may have lower numbers this year.

It's good to start putting food out for them if you have stopped. Kitten biscuits or special hedgehog food is great but as wildlife food is unregulated, please check with us if you are unsure. Hedgehog food should have a protein, usually chicken, as the largest percentage ingredient, and not contain any added mealworms or dried fruit etc., which are bad for them.

Let us know if you would like to borrow a night camera to see if they are about.

Hedgehog talks and activities

If you are linked to a group who would like a talk about hedgehogs e.g. WI, or a children's group, (we have done activities with preschool and primary age children), just let us know and we will see what we can do.

Hedgehog Highways! Do you want to put one on our map?

As hedgehogs travel long distance each night to find food and potentially to find mates, travelling freely between gardens and areas of land is really important to them. Some of you have said that you don't see hedgehogs now and have closed up previous holes, put up new fences etc. Be a **hedgehog highways champion** and install a 'hole' **13cm x 13cm**, large enough for hedgehogs but not larger animals. We are happy to celebrate with you by providing you with a hedgehog highway sign and also plotting your new hedgehog highway hole on our local map. Please get in touch if you need further information and/or send us a photograph.

Hedgehog Project Café at Sheriff Hutton Village Market 15th March

It's our first Village Market of the year and the Café is being run by the Hedgehog Project Group. Many, many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help on the day and/or made cakes for us to sell, it is really appreciated. All profits raised on the day will go towards continuing our project locally, expanding into some nearby areas and also our outreach, particularly to children, on hedgehogs as an example of an animal in danger.

Please come and support us on the day!

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

Notices for St. Helen's

Services

Services for March are:

- Sunday, 8th March at 10.00 – Holy Communion with Steve
- Sunday, 22nd March at 10.00am – Morning Worship with Margaret
- Sunday 29th March at 10am – Palm Sunday service at Sutton for everyone

We look forward to seeing you at any service but if a service is not for you, please do enjoy just visiting the Church and having some quiet time; bring your children or grandchildren to have a look around and have a wander. Dogs also welcome. Equally enjoy the lovely and peaceful churchyard. Please make use of anything that the church and its surroundings have to offer.

Please look at notices around the Village and on social media for details regarding Easter Services.

Marking the Month Together

March is one of those months that quietly gathers meaning as it goes along. Some dates will pass us by without much notice, while others may strike a deeper chord, depending on our stories and experiences.

The month opens with St David's Day on the 1st of March, a reminder of cultural identity and the strength that comes from belonging. International Women's Day on the 8th of March invites us to celebrate the achievements, resilience, and contribution of women in every walk of life. Mothering Sunday follows on the 15th of March, a day that can be joyful, complicated, tender, or all three at once, and one that gently reminds us of the importance of care, gratitude, and nurture. St Patrick's Day arrives on the 17th, bringing with it colour, humour, and a reminder of faith expressed through everyday life. As the clocks move forward on the 29th of March, we also reach Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week, alongside the welcome promise of lighter evenings and warmer days.

All this got me thinking about how meaning is often found not only in big moments, but in the small, shared rhythms of life. Dates in the diary matter because they help us pause, remember, celebrate, or reflect. They remind us that we are part of something wider than ourselves; a community, a nation, a shared human story.

Whether you are someone who regularly worships in church, someone who hasn't been for years, or someone who simply enjoys Village life, this season offers an invitation. An invitation to notice one another, to show kindness, to listen well, and to take hope from the fact that change is possible, in the natural world, in our communities, and in ourselves.

As spring unfolds, may March be a month that brings encouragement, connection, and renewed hope for us all.
Rev Steve

St Leonard's, Farlington

By the time you read this the spring flowers in the churchyard should be offering a welcome blaze of colour and they should not need watering!

Services in March

Sunday 8 th	10.30am	Shortened Matins (BCP)
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

During the six weeks of Lent the five churches of our Benefice are coming together on Monday afternoons between 2.00 and 3.30pm in the Church Room at Sutton-on-the Forest, for a Lent course of talks addressing issues of the day and what the Christian church's response to them might be.

The topics are:

- February 23rd Our Changing Climate
- March 2nd The Challenge Of Immigration and Emigration
- March 9th Seeking Wisdom In A Digital Age
- March 16th Racial Justice
- March 23rd Artificial Intelligence And Identity – What Does It Mean To Be Human
- March 30th The Food We Eat

All today's issues for the church of today. Do come, hear what is being said and join in the discussion if you wish. There will be light refreshments.

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. Previous music evenings have been very enjoyable and have sold out so please book early as tickets are very limited.

Contact: secretary@farlington.org.uk

St Mary's Church, Marton in the Forest.

Marton Church and churchyard are open daily to visitors. We are now registered as a 'Pilgrim Place', with the Small Pilgrim Places Network, and also the Church of England's 'Faith in the North' project. You don't HAVE to wear a rucksack, tufty beard and shorts to be a pilgrim, it's just a word to describe someone on some sort of a journey, and everyone is welcome to journey to Marton, whether it's because you like old churches, wild churchyards, peace and quiet, birdsong, history, countryside views, labyrinths or a nicely placed picnic table.

We have had a lovely showing of snowdrops this year, and look forward to the daffodils in March. Our services in March will be at 3pm on **Sunday 1st March** (Celtic Communion), and **Sunday 15th March** (Celtic Worship). Weather permitting, there will also be a Quiet Dawn Easter Vigil in the churchyard on Sunday 5th April at 6am. If the clouds stay away, this is a wonderful way to greet a new morning, surrounded with birdsong.

Methodist Church

Services in March 10.30am

- 1st Mrs Frances Priestnall
- 8th Rev. Ann Vaughan
- 15th Rev. John Hayward – includes Holy Communion
- 22nd Mr David Marwood
- 29th Rev. Ann Haith

Other activities

Every Wednesday:

9.30am – 10am – prayers and quiet meditation in the Chapel.

10 am – 11.15am - drop in for Coffee. All welcome. No charge. Coffee, tea, biscuits and chat.

Lego Cafe

Saturday 7th March 2pm – 3.30pm in the Miss Ward room. Come along, play with lots of Lego. Hear a story and build something wonderful! No charge. Refreshments available.

All children must bring an adult.

Film Club

Thursday 26th March, 1.45pm for 2pm start. Refreshments available at the beginning. No charge. Donations welcome. Showing the last film of a trilogy about the Crawley family in their stately home with Carson and Mrs Hughes around to help. Stars Hugh Bonneville and Elizabeth McGovern.

PG 2 hours 4 minutes

Sheriff Hutton History Group

On March 25th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, we will again welcome Tony Morgan who is going to tell us about York in the time of James I. He will be exploring such topics as the plague, local politics, the effects of a severe frost and most importantly all about a Royal Visit to Sheriff Hutton. Tony has shared his encyclopaedic knowledge of York, its surroundings and its history with us before and we are greatly looking forward to this return visit.

We must now give formal notice of our AGM which will be held, as usual, in the Miss Ward Room of the Methodist Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd April. There will be a meeting afterwards, details next month.

We are pleased to say that we have now received the Report on the geophysical survey which was carried out on the Village Green last year. While it mainly serves to confirm what could be found from historic maps, it was a very worthwhile exercise and we hope will lead to further archaeological investigations in the future. Copies of the survey are available on request and will of course be available to view in our archives.

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

Knit and Natter

Our informal, friendly group meets every Monday morning 10-12noon, at the Methodist Church. It's free to come along and a hot drink and biscuits are always available for a small donation.

Dates for your diary: March 9th and 16th

At the normal time above, the lovely Nicola Joy-Smith is giving up her time to help the group start, or improve upon, crochet. A great opportunity, and all we ask for is a donation of £1 to cover the costs of a hot drink. We do have some crochet hooks and wool to get started but please let me know if you are coming along, so we can plan refreshments and equipment. If you have any questions about the group or the crochet lessons, get in touch with Melanie with the following hm99960@rocketmail.com or 07721 891758.

Gardening Club

Our March meeting is in the Village Hall, 7.30pm, on Wednesday the 18th when our speaker or should we say demonstrator, John Armitage (not resident in Sheriff Hutton), will make a Bonsai out of a small shrub. He will then donate it to the club to raffle. It is a fascinating procedure even if bonsai is not top of your list.

For those interested in the potato competition this year the chitted potato sets (Charlotte) will be available at the meeting along with a pot and guidelines at the cost of £2 per adult and £1 per child. Only one pot per person please.

Village Show 2026

As Spring approaches with (hopefully!) warmer, better weather, the planting season will soon be underway, and we thought it timely to give you notice of the classes for exhibiting vegetables, fruit, flowers and pot plants. We hope you enjoy growing your produce and wish you every success at the Village Show on Saturday 8th August. New gardeners and competitors are always very welcome, so why not give it a go this year.

Vegetables and Fruit

1	3 Potatoes, white (any variety)	15	1 Marrow, max length 38cm/15"
2	3 Potatoes, coloured (any variety)	16	Any other Vegetable single variety max 6
3	3 Beetroot, round, tops trimmed to 7.5cm/3"	17	1 Vegetable and 1 Flower
4	3 Onions, white (dressed)	18	Display of Mixed Vegetables
5	3 Onions, red (dressed)	19	3 Salad Vegetables
6	6 Shallots (dressed)	20	4 Tomatoes, ordinary, calyces attached
7	2 Bulbs of Garlic, stems trimmed to 2.5cm/1"	21	5 Tomatoes, small fruited, calyces attached
8	3 Carrots, tops trimmed to max 7.5cm/3"	22	3 Dessert Apples, same variety
9	6 Pods of Peas	23	3 Culinary Apples, same variety
10	6 Runner Beans	24	3 Stalks of Rhubarb, tops trimmed to max 7.5cm/3"
11	6 French Beans	25	4 Plums with stalks
12	1 Cucumber	26	Any other fruit, single variety max 6
13	3 Courgettes, with or without flowers	27	Display of Mixed Fruit
14	Selection of 5 different Herbs, not in flower	28	Any Wonky/Misshapen vegetable/fruit

Flowers and Pot Plants

29	Fragrant Flower Posy	37	Hardy/Half-hardy annuals, 5 stems single kind
30	4 Pansies or Violas	38	3 Dahlias, same variety and colour
31	5 Annual Sweet Peas	39	1 House Plant
32	Small flower arrangement, max 15cm/6" in all directions	40	Display of 4 kinds of herbaceous perennials, in a vase not exceeding 15cm/6" diameter
33	3 Gladioli, same variety and colour	41	Hand tied bunch of flowers and foliage
34	1 Specimen Rose, state variety if known	42	Arrangement of foliage cut from own garden
35	1 Stem of Roses, multi-stemmed (ie rambler or floribunda)	43	Arrangement of flowers and foliage cut from own garden
36	Rose with fragrance		

Memorial Exhibition

In the upstairs gallery at City Screen Cinema, Coney Street, York, there's a memorial exhibition of paintings by Penny Marrows. It's on until Saturday 6th March, and the Cinema is open daily from 10.30am to 9.30pm, with a very good cafe. The paintings are seen to great advantage in the natural light there. Penny loved drawing trees, and three pastels in the show depict a particular tree, now just a stump, on the mound in the Sheriff Hutton Conservation Area.

Penny died from pancreatic cancer in August 2023. She lived in Sheriff Hutton East End with her husband Tim Morrison, and their son Billy Marrows, who grew up in the Village. Billy is now making a name for himself in the London Jazz world. He chose his mum's paintings for the covers of his Penelope albums, released in memory of Penny, which have raised nearly £7,000 for World Child Cancer. The first Penelope album was shortlisted for Album of the Year, Parliamentary Jazz Awards. Many of you will remember the wonderful concert in the packed-out Church last May. To look at pages from Penny's scrapbook and sculptures go to Penny Marrows funeral pages.

Sheriff Hutton Bridge Cricket Club

February 2026

Another quiet month mainly because of the weather where any work on the grounds remains impossible. Junior and Senior nets have been going really well with good attendance at both, especially pleasing to see so many Juniors at Senior nets. It is also interesting on the recruitment front, that the club are having an influx of Regional and County Juniors, again it bodes well for u13/15 and Senior weekend sides, and of course the future.

The Juniors who are in Regional and County programmes, continue with their winter training. The one bit of really good news is that Matthias is returning from New Zealand as the 1st XI overseas player; he made a huge impression with the second team last season scoring over 1000 runs (and is an all-round nice guy), which we hope can be replicated in a higher standard this year.

The 2nd XI, have as yet to appoint an "overseas". On the downside it looks as though Isaac Gianinni who has played for the club at all levels since he was six years old, will now ply his skills in the Cheshire league where he is based with work.

It is now official that SHBCC have a ladies softball team, currently training on a Tuesday night 7.30 – 8.30pm. Anyone interested should contact Caroline Bell on 07743 946493.

On the political front there is a proposal to remove Sport England as a statutory consultee on Planning Applications, this has serious implications for the sport of cricket and also for sport in general. Some examples of how Sports facilities could be affected are :

- Playing fields are not lost unnecessarily
- Reduced pitch sizes
- Local authorities may choose not to notify governing bodies or clubs
- Greater risk to clubs in deprived or fast-growing areas
- Currently developers are often required to fund mitigation e.g. ball stop netting, fencing, access charges etc without Sport England these costs could fall directly on clubs.
- Please support the petition <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/735586>

100,000 signatures are required to trigger a debate in the House of Commons

Sheriff Hutton Village Collective Oil Buying Group

It is surprisingly time for our last group oil delivery before the summer.

Planned delivery, late March / early April, with order cut-off Friday 20th March.

Our other deliveries in 2026 are currently planned for late August / early September, and late November / early December.

If you have already in the Oil buying group, you will receive a reminder in advance of the deadlines, asking for confirmation on whether you require an order and if so, the details. If you live in Sheriff Hutton, Lilling, Whenby, Farlington and Stittenham, and are interested in joining please get in touch. You can email us at sheriffhuttonoil@gmail.com with your name, email, back up phone number, address, location of oil tank and oil order or request to be added to the database.

The group is run by volunteers purely for the convenience and to provide savings to Villagers. This offers a potential saving on ordering individually of up to 10%.

The minimum quantity which can be ordered is 500 litres, but you can order any number of litres above that. Please send your most accurate estimation as the use of the 'to fill' option would depend on the supplier used and the availability of spare oil in the tanker.

Please note to enable the group to work, your details will be held on a database, certain details e.g. name and order, are shared with the rest of the group and name, address and contact details will be provided to the oil provider in connection with oil orders. Privacy statement available on request.

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Sun	10.00am	Morning Service	Parish Church but check in church for details			
	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 March

Wed	4 th	6.30pm	Nature Group AGM. Members talk from 8.00pm <i>Restoring Nature on a Small Holding</i>
Fri	6 th	10-11am	Mobile Library at the Sheriff Hutton Village Hall carpark
Wed	11 th	1pm	Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group, lunch and AGM, members only, Sheriff Hutton Village Hall
Thur	12 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Methodist Church
		1pm	Sheriff Hutton Ladies Group, lunch and AGM, members only, Sheriff Hutton Village Hall
Fri	13 th	10-12noon	Jigsaw Exchange, Sheriff Hutton Village Hall
Sat	14 th	2.00pm	Jumble Sale in the Village Hall 2-4pm
		10.30-3.30pm	Spinning Group, Methodist Church
Sun	15 th	10.30am	Sheriff Hutton Village Market, Sheriff Hutton Village Hall 10.30-1.30pm
Wed	18 th	7.30pm	Gardening Club, Creating Bonsai with John Armitage, SH Village Hall
Fri	20 th	7.30pm	Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
Sat	21 st	3.00pm	Over 70's Spring Fling, Sheriff Hutton Village Hall
Wed	25 th	7.30pm	History Group, <i>York in the time of James 1st</i> , talk by Tony Morgan, Village Hall
Thur	26 th	9.30am	Village Ramble, meet at the Sheriff Hutton Village Hall carpark
		2pm	Film Club, Methodist Church
Fri	27 th	10-11am	Mobile Library at the Sheriff Hutton Village Hall carpark

Dates to Note 2026

Apr	1 st	7.15pm	Acoustic Music Session in Farlington Village Hall
		7.30pm	Nature Group, Lower Derwent Valley National Nature Reserve, Methodist Church
	3 rd	10.00am	Jigsaw Easter Eggstravaganza, Sheriff Hutton Village Hall 10-12noon
	5/6 th	10.30	Sheriff Hutton Art Group Exhibition in the Village Hall, open until 4.30pm
	11 th	2.00pm	Jumble sale in the Village Hall
		10.30am	Spinning Group, Methodist Church 10.30-3.30pm
	17 th	6-9pm	Open Studios preview at Laburnum Cottage
		7.30pm	Bowls Club Bingo in the Village Hall
	18,19 th	10-5pm	Open Studios at Laburnum Cottage
	19 th	10.30am	Village Market at the Village Hall
	22 nd	7.00pm	History Group AGM, Methodist Church
	25,26 th	10-5pm	Open studios at Laburnum Cottage
May	9 th	10.30am	Spinning Group, Methodist Church 10.30-3.30pm
	16 th	2.00pm	Jumble sale in the Village Hall
Jun	5 th	6-9pm	Open Studios preview evening
	6,7 th	10-5pm	Open Studios in the Village
	13 th	10.30am	Spinning Group, Methodist Church 10.30-3.30pm
	13,14 th	10-5pm	Open Studios in the Village
	13 th	2.00pm	Jumble Sale in the Village Hall
July	11 th	10.30am	Spinning Group, Methodist Church 10.30-3.30pm
Aug	8 th	TBC	Sheriff Hutton Village Show in the Village Hall

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