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WRNM News!

The village newsletter of Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor
LOCAL NEWS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE



WELCOME to the 34th edition of WRNM News.

We start sadly with the news of the sudden death of Gordon Barnett of Manor Farm in Ruston. Gordon was a much liked and long-term presence in Ruston and his inimitable character, his commitment to farming and his involvement in village life will be much missed. I take comfort knowing that my garden will grow stronger as a result of the pile of muck he obligingly dropped over the wall for me. Ruston is a sadder, quieter place without him and I am sure you will all wish to join me in sending Ann our deepest sympathies and condolences.

I hope you like the cover photograph. Does anyone know the identity of the man leading the horse? And can you recognise where he is? If anyone has old photographs showing village life it would be great to have an exhibition at the Village Show. Please get in touch if you would be prepared to loan them. There is also another Schedule included in this newsletter to get you fired up for the best WRNM Show yet!

The next edition of the WRNM News will be in September, so any comments, photos and contributions should reach me by **26 August** please.

Your Ed, **Anne Britton** (britters54@gmail.com or tel. 07866106093

Parish Council

Notes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at 6.00pm on Monday 19 May 2014 in the St John Office, Wykeham Business Centre.

Present: Cllrs. Lady Downe (Chairman), J P Terry (Vice Chairman), R A H Sword, L S Day and Mr C H Holmes (Clerk). Also present was Mr G Parkin (newly appointed Clerk) and W Jackson a resident of Wykeham.

Lady Downe announced the death of Cllr. G F Barnett of Manor Farm, Ruston who had made such an effective contribution to the work of the Council and who would be sadly missed amongst the local community. It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Barnett and that a tribute be included in the next edition of the WRNM News.

1 Apologies for absence - Borough and County Cllr. Jeffels had sent apologies but had submitted a report for circulation at the Parish Assembly Meeting. Lady Downe emphasised the value that is placed on Cllr. Jeffels unstinting efforts to support local communities and follow up any concerns and other issues with the relevant authorities.

2 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2014/15 - Cllr. Terry proposed that Lady Downe be elected as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr. Day. The proposal was agreed and Lady Downe signed the acceptance form. Lady Downe proposed that Cllr. Terry be elected as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr. Sword. The proposal was agreed.

3 Declaration of Interests and Register of Interests - In accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct, it was agreed to grant dispensation to all Members to allow them to contribute to the discussion of all agenda items. This decision is in the interests of the inhabitants of the Parish and will facilitate effective consideration of the business. Voting dispensations will be considered as and when they become necessary.

4 Minutes of the Meetings held on 17 March and 16 April 2014 and Matters Arising - Under item 5 on 17 March (Community Issues), Members had raised the issue of numerous potholes remaining unfilled and there was general agreement that much of the required work has now been completed. Lady Downe said this was an example of Cllr. Jeffels applying pressure to achieve results when a significant problem needed to be addressed.

Cllr. Day referred to another action initiated by Cllr. Jeffels as the bus shelters have been repainted by the Community Pay Back team organised by Scarborough Borough Council.

It was agreed that Cllr. Jeffels should be formally thanked for all his efforts.

5 Finance

- I. Members had received a copy of the **Summary Receipts and Payments Account** for the Year ending 31 March 2014 and this was agreed.
- II. The Clerk reported that Mrs M Welsh has carried out the **Annual Internal Audit** required under section 4 of the Annual Return for the Year ended 31 March 2014. Mrs Welsh confirmed that all of the internal control objectives have been met.
- III. The Clerk drew Members attention to the information to be included in section 1 – **Accounting Statements** in the Annual Return and explained that the figures are derived from the Summary Receipts and Payments Account. He went on to highlight section 2- **Annual Governance Statement**. It was agreed that all of the statements in section 1 are approved and that all of the requirements in section 2 have been met.
- IV. Lady Downe and the Clerk signed off sections 1 and 2 in the **Annual Return**.
- V. The Clerk reported that the **Parish Council's 3 Year Insurance** scheme concludes at the end of Ma. It was agreed that Mr Parkin will complete an assessment of quotes and then contact Members for agreement to proceed with a recommended quote.

Members received the latest **Financial Statement** and noted the receipts received and payments made since the Meeting on 17 March 2014. Requests for payment were noted and cheques authorised. Cllr. Terry asked if there is still an outstanding account to be settled following use of the Marquee in 2013. Cllr. Sword said that the Estate will make a contribution to Marquee funds.

6 Consultations - Members noted that Scarborough Borough Council is consulting on a **Draft Street Collections Policy** and is asking for comments by 31 July 2014. The Clerk was asked to highlight any specific implications for the Parish in time for the Parish Council's next Meeting which will be in July. The Clerk reported that there is a new entry in the **Forestry Commission's Register of Grant Schemes and Felling** and Cllr. Sword confirmed that licences have been applied for on land within the Estate. The Clerk described the content of the National Park Authority's consultation on its **Draft Statement of Community Involvement in Planning**. It was agreed to respond with the following comments:

Policy Plans

- Executive summaries are essential if Parish Councils are to be effectively involved. These should highlight those matters that Parishes can most usefully comment on.
- Parish Councils must be consulted by email or letter and should be asked to acknowledge receipt of the notification. It is not sufficient to simply place documents on a website.

Planning Applications

- Where planning proposals have cross boundary implications, all of the affected Parishes must be consulted by email or letter.
- Decisions on planning applications should be transmitted to the affected Parishes by email or letter.

7 General correspondence - Members received and considered the list of general correspondence. In particular, Members noted:

- North Yorkshire Council's decision to cut grass cutting subsidies from 2015. This matter needs urgent attention and requires discussion with Cllr. Jeffels and a site meeting with County Council Officers.
- Details of the National Park Authority's Community Grant Scheme for 2014/15, details of which were passed to Members for their consideration.
- The Northern Villages Community and Police Support Group meeting on 11 June. Wykeham Parish Council will not be represented.
- The request from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Members to complete a short on-line survey of Road Safety matters.
- Receipt of the YLCAs Provision of Services Agreement which will be particularly useful to Mr Parkin.
- Invitation for one member to attend the Cottam Airfield Wind Farm project workshop. Cllr Terry will attend at Weaverthorpe on 02 June.

8 Confirmation of Mr G Parkin as Clerk to the Parish Council starting 26 May 2014

Members were in receipt of Mr Parkin's acceptance of the position on the terms set out in Lady Downe's letter to him on 17 April 2014 and also 2 references. Lady Downe welcomed Mr Parkin and wished him every success in his new role.

9 Dates and times of next Meetings

Monday 21 July 2014

Monday 22 September 2014

Monday 17 November 2014.

All Meetings to start at 6.30pm with the venue to be confirmed.

THERE FOLLOWED THE ANNUAL WYKEHAM PARISH ASSEMBLY

In addition to the above attendees there were eight members of the public present.

Lady Downe welcomed everyone and paid tribute to Gordon Barnett, a Parish Councillor and well known farmer from Ruston, who sadly passed away earlier that day. She also mentioned the recent passing of Borough Councillor Mick Jay-Hanmer who represented the Derwent Valley Ward.

On a happier note Lady Downe emphasised the valuable work that County and Borough Councillor David Jeffels undertakes on behalf of local communities. Cllr. Jeffels' report to the Assembly was circulated and it was noted that he has been nominated to become the new Vice Chairman of North Yorkshire County Council. Also circulated were the notes of the last Assembly held on 13 May 2013.

Lady Downe explained the ways in which the Parish Council operates and encouraged residents to attend meetings and routinely ask questions of Members. She mentioned some of the practical achievements of the last year including the construction of village entrance signs in Ruston and the erection of a notice board at North Moor and said that Councillor colleagues would provide updates on other projects. The current position regarding finances and audits was spelt out and a cautionary note was sounded about the County Council's decision to cut grass cutting subsidies from 2015.

A question was raised about the damage caused to the grass verge by buses exiting Ruston village at its western junction to join the A170. It was suggested that the problem mainly involves the Coastal and Country operator and Clerk said he would speak to the Company about this.

The Clerk referred to the latest Police Report for Derwent Valley Ward which confirmed that the Force's priorities remain that of Safer Roads, Poaching and Fly tipping/dog fouling. Speed camera checks along the A170 have resulted in a substantial number of fixed penalty tickets being issued and also the seizure of a number of vehicles, mainly for no insurance.

A couple of poaching incidents were reported but there were no incidents of fly tipping/dog fouling. There was a theft of diesel fuel from Wykeham Quarry. Overall, crime figures were down from 81 in 2012/13 to 68 in 2013/14.

Cllr. Day reported on the progress made by local Working Parties focusing on the Ruston recreation area and the Millennium Walk where the path has been improved, including bulb planting, and also the area around the Ice House. He paid tribute to the local volunteers who have carried out the work and also to the National Park Authority for its support. The residents present added their congratulations and thanks, commenting that the Walk is well used. Cllr. Day confirmed that the Village Show will be held on 20 July this year.

Cllr. Sword provided information about the Derwent Valley BRIDGE, formerly the Ayton Library, where he is a Committee member. He reminded the meeting of how the BRIDGE came into being and said that there are now about 60 volunteers keeping it running as more of a community centre than a library.

Cllr. Terry spoke about the continuing success of the Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor News (WRNM News) and thanked Jude Terry, who was present, for acting as its editor for the last 9 years. Lady Downe echoed these sentiments and a bouquet was presented to Jude who spoke a few words of thanks. Also present, was Anne Britton who has taken over from Jude Terry and who was congratulated on producing her first edition in such a seamless manner.

Cllr. Sword gave a presentation on the Village Plan 2006 and listed the achievements which include pressurising the County Council to implement the road safety scheme on the A170 through Wykeham, supporting the development of a thriving local economy and the development of the Millennium Walk and associated facilities. A new cricket pavilion has been built, village and street signs have been erected in Ruston and a new notice board placed at North Moor. There remains a desire to see additional street lighting particularly between Ruston and the Downe Arms.

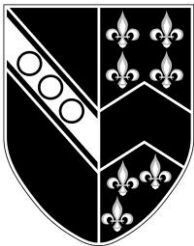
Cllr. Sword said it will be important to review the Village Plan and seek the views of the whole community about future needs and projects. The Village Hall Committee is keen to work with the Parish Council to establish peoples' aspirations and following a leaflet drop, members will visit every household with a questionnaire. The Village Hall itself remains a possibility and it is acknowledged that previous bids for Lottery funding failed because the scheme was too ambitious. A much more modest development is envisaged, similar in scale to the new cricket pavilion, and the Village Hall could be sited off the Hill Yard behind the School. Sarah Lally-Marley from Ryedale Action/Seachange is helping to prepare a bid to the Big Lottery and prospects of success appear to be brighter this time.

Comments from the residents present included a desire to be involved via the questionnaire and one hoped that there would not be too much of a focus on the Village Hall project. Some concerns were expressed about the need for a Village Hall and its viability and whether the main user of the facility would be the School to the detriment of other potential users. Cllr. Sword reiterated that the current plans were of a modest scale with development costing in the region of £150K as compared with £800K for the original scheme.

He acknowledged that the balance of about £10K in the Village Hall fund must be safeguarded for the development and said there will be no funding consultant this time. Whilst the County Council's Education Dpt. would not be contributing to the cost of the Hall, the School would have to pay to use it. Cllr. Sword concluded by saying that once the questionnaire results have been analysed, it is planned to hold a public meeting to decide the way forward on the Village Hall and other projects.

Residents raised issues about the state of the footpaths in Eastgate, Ruston and also between Ruston and the Downe Arms where leaves and other debris have made walking hazardous. Concern was also raised about the quality of weed control along footpaths and verges. The Clerk said he will take these issues up with the Highways Area Office and the Parish Council's grass cutting contractor, Harrison's.

To conclude, Lady Downe thanked Chris Holmes for his 12 years as Clerk and he responded by thanking Council Members and local people for making his job so enjoyable and worthwhile. Mr Gary Parkin will succeed Chris on 26 May and Lady Downe introduced him to the meeting. There being no further business, Lady Downe thanked everyone for attending and their contributions and closed the Meeting.



NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL

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Wykeham School is taking part in 'The Really Big Sing' taking place on 24 June 2014 at the Open Air Theatre in Scarborough. The organisers are hoping that over 5000 pupils from across the region will take part in this momentous occasion as they mark the Tour de France passing through North Yorkshire. We are very proud to be sending our Juniors to represent the school.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils spent three days at East Barnby Outdoor Centre spending their time canoeing, bush crafting, orienteering and cycling through Dalby Forest. They all came back rather wet and tired but a fantastic experience for all of them!



Our Infants came dressed as their favourite book character to recognise World Book Day 2014. We particularly liked Mrs Greaves dressed up as the Lady Artist from the Katie Morag books!



The Rag Bag bin outside the school gates has now collected over 500kg of recyclable items in the last year. Thank you to everyone in and around school who uses the bin. All the money raised goes to Friends of Wykeham School which in turn is used to enhance further the opportunities available to our pupils.



Our newly launched Breakfast Club is proving to be very popular with both pupils and parents alike. Pupils can be dropped off at 8.00am enabling parents to get to work, the pupils are given a healthy breakfast and provided with stimulating activities! This club is exclusively available to Wykeham School pupils only.

INFANT CANOPY - As part of the school's development, we have received planning permission to build a permanent canopy in our existing play area for our Early Years pupils to enjoy. The building work will take place over the summer holidays ready for September. Outdoor learning is an essential element of the curriculum and an area that we feel could be enhanced. To support the project, we have received a very generous donation from the Hutton Buscel Educational Trust to enable us to 'furnish' the canopy with motivational activities for our pupils. A huge thank you from all the Governors, staff and pupils at Wykeham School for the Trust's invaluable support.

YEAR SIX LEAVERS - A lot of our Year 6 pupils have been with us since they were 4 years old and have helped to make Wykeham School what it is today. They leave us in July to start their new lives at Secondary School at Lady Lumley's School, Scalby School, Pindar School or Filey School. We wish them all the very best as they start this new chapter. They will be missed by the school community but thankfully some have younger siblings still at school so know they will keep in touch!



We would like to thank all the members of the Collective Worship group who come to school every Wednesday to lead our assembly. Collective Worship forms an important part of the school day and we always welcome visitors. Thank you to Reverend Hill for planning the programme for us.

If anyone knows of any young families moving to the area, please do encourage them to make an appointment to look round our school!

VILLAGE SHOW – 20 July, 1-4pm

Your copy of the Show schedule is included with this Newsletter. The Show is great fun and a real showcase for all the local talents. Could YOU be the next Mary Berry or Alan Titchmarsh? Has your dog got the waggiest tail? The raffle (to raise funds for the WRNM News) will have some spectacular prizes, including a flight in a microlight, a hamper of Jamie Oliver goodies and a doggie grooming session. Come along and throw wellies, eat cake, marvel at the tallest weed, bring friends and family and have a great time. If you would like to help with setting up or on the day itself, please contact **Katrina on 07821 299233, Laurence on 07711738866 or Anne on 0786610609. Your Village Show needs you!**

MILLENNIUM FOOTPATH



A group of intrepid walkers enjoying a well-earned rest on the Millennium Footpath in Ruston. Photo courtesy of Bill Baxendale. Further work has been done to improve the footpath, including removing redundant tree protectors in Abbot's Meadow Wood. New information boards have been put up at strategic points along the walk which give additional information and orientation maps. Have you seen them? Have you any suggestions for improving them?

Contact **Laurence Day on 07711 7438866 for more info.**

Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor Village Hall Fund

A revitalised and enthusiastic Village Hall Committee has already been reconstituted with representatives from Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor. Reality has sunk in and also a determination to revisit the idea of a much smaller Village Hall (Cricket Pavilion style) located in the Hillyard adjacent to the Village School playing field – a potential and significant user.

Advice has been sought and all indications are that the BIG Lottery would accept a “Stage 1” application. If this proves successful there is a real chance of building a Village Hall, and even better ring-fencing the £10,000 in the account to invest directly in the building or equipment.

The Estate is keen to support this venture. It is now up to the community to respond to a questionnaire (For more information about this see the Parish Assembly Notes earlier in the Newsletter – Ed) so the Committee can identify the support and use your views to put together a workable project. The questionnaire will also contribute to a revitalised Village Plan which has not been reviewed since 2006. Hopefully community spirit will trigger both a new Village Plan and a Village Hall. **RAH Sword**

NEWS FROM WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB

Damp Start to the Season for the Cricket Club

Bad weather has meant a rather slow start to the season for the cricket club with the Evening League A team being particularly badly hit: their first three fixtures have been cancelled. It has been a rather more profitable start for the B Team which has recorded two impressive victories, beating Scalby 2nds with Wardman clinching victory with a six off the first ball he received. In their next match they, rather against the odds, overhauled a total of 134 set by Staxton; Hoggarth, Johnson and Wood all contributed big hitting efforts and young Ezra Pashby showed some effortless class.

Local cricket seems to be going through something of a mini-crisis at the moment with previously established sides like Oriel and Hunmanby withdrawing from the leagues because of a lack of players. The shortage of players does not seem to be affecting Wykeham at present, in fact there has been talk of fielding a fourth team on a Saturday to accommodate all those wishing to play. The club continues to field three teams on a Saturday and three in the Evening Leagues as well as under 15, under 13, under 11 and under 9 sides.

The third team has moved from their Burniston Road venue to Snainton for their home games in the 2014 season. This has involved an increase in rent but also a considerable improvement in the facilities available. It is always nice to have a toilet!

The club is grateful to Scarborough Borough Council for a grant which has enabled the purchase of a new sight screen for the far end of the ground. It is particularly pleasant to have a sight screen which is tall enough to actually do its job and does not take a team of oxen to move....

Fixtures at the Park in June:

Sunday 1 June - U15 v Pickering

Monday 2 June – U13 v Pickering

Thursday 5 June- Evening League A Team v Heslerton

Saturday 7 June- 1st X1 v Scalby

Monday 9 June – U13 v Duncombe Park

Thursday 12 June – Evening League A Team v Forge Valley

Saturday 14 June – 2nd X1 v Cloughton 2nds

Saturday 21 June – 1st X1 v Grindale

Sunday 22 June – U15 v Duncombe Park.

Friday 27 June – U11s v Pickering

Monday 30 June – U13 v Heslerton

Saturday Games start at 2.00 pm; Sunday games at 10.00 am; and mid week games at 6.15 pm

(Well done Wykeham. Take along a deckchair and picnic and support your local teams! Ed)



Nice Weather for Ducks

Well done to Lauren Terry, artist and former Ruston resident who raised funds to support Somerset farmers affected by flooding. She created this painting which was then used to produce prints and cards, the proceeds from which continue to be put into the appeal funds.

For more information contact jude@laurencows.com or visit www.laurencows.com

JANET'S JOTTINGS

“There is no-one in the driving seat of that car behind.” A rather startled student immediately looked in her mirrors. She quickly realised the car was a left hand drive but this did lead to a discussion about visibility, especially when overtaking so, if you see a vehicle whose front number plate is white, it will be a foreign driver and car so be extra vigilant. I mention vigilance as this week in another incident we were cut up by a wagon. My student was rather frustrated and shouted something that I didn't understand, then she translated - **** Polish Drivers!!! The reason she had to translate? She is Polish!

If the Welcome to Yorkshire team have got it right we are about to be inundated with visitors from all over the world, so it is up to us to welcome them into God's Own County and be a tolerant of their driving foibles as they explore this magnificent corner of the world.



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GARDEN NOTES

I have been doing some digging in my garden recently and was amazed at the “finds” that came to the surface in the process. A silver sixpence dated 1963; a small glass bottle with the name Evan Williams embossed on the side; an ornate metal belt buckle; an amber-coloured glass bead; several stems and broken bits from clay tobacco pipes; an undamaged pot used to store cream; and what I'm told is a cow's ankle bone!

It's fascinating to imagine who has tended our gardens before us and what life would have been like at the various points in history.... Has anyone else unearthed any "treasure"?

Doing particularly well in my garden at the moment is the perennial form of white stock (*Matthiola incana*). It has grey-green leaves, forms a bush about 30cm high, has the most wonderful perfume and the cut stems make a lovely posy which will scent a whole room. The plant will provide lots of seed so you can keep up a future supply, as it is only a short-lived perennial.

One of the popular "designer" plants at this year's Chelsea Flower Show was the white Cosmos 'Charity'. This is a tall, white daisy-like flower with pretty, ferny leaves with a long flowering season. It is easy to grow from seed sown directly into the soil.

And finally it's also time to carry out the "Chelsea Chop" on suitable perennial plants in the garden, such as michaelmas daisies, phlox and sedum. By cutting the plants down by half now, they will be bushier, have more flowers, and also flower later. It's a technique you can also use on any leggy or over-grown bedding plants.

Anne Britton

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Mondays all day

FRIDAY FIZZ
Fridays 5pm-closing

For more info contact
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WYKEHAM GUN CLUB

The Club has got off to a convincing start this season by winning the first two sporting competitions against visiting teams. The first against Derwent Valley (Elvington) was won by seven clays and the following week against the Flask Club (Whitby) by 12 clays. Wykeham also won the Interclub sporting hosted by Ryedale Club at Thorntondale on 18 May with a good turnout by 27 members.

In 2013 Wykeham took 14 of the trophies out of a possible 18 throughout the five clubs in the League. Let's see what we can do in 2014!

The President's Trophy (a two-man flush) in memory of John Malthouse was won by Mick Holmes (Malton) and Dave Turner (Ganton). The first of six sportrap competitions was held on 1 June with A Class winner Mick Holmes, B Class winner Dave Downes and Ladies winner Mandy Knight.

On Wednesday 18 June the club will be hosting an annual charity shoot. It is supported by a BBQ and raffle – so even if you don't shoot, come and join in anyway!

For more information contact Mick or Mandy on 01723 862236.

(Welcome to Mandy as a new contributor to WRNM News. It's good to hear from our local groups! Ed)

Dates for your Diary

June 22	Eucharist and Baptism, Wykeham Church, 11am Open Gardens, Hutton Buscel, 2pm
June 29	Benefice Eucharist, Hutton Buscel Church, 11am
July 20	Village Show, 1-4pm, Wykeham Business Centre
July 21	Parish Council Meeting, 6.30pm, venue tbc
August 24	Car Boot Sale, from 7am, St Helen's Caravan Park, Snainton Bowls
August 25	Concert of Chamber Music, Wykeham Church
August 26	Deadline for contributions to September's WRNM News
September 7	An evening of Opera and Songs, Wykeham Church
October 9-11	Flower Festival, Wykeham Church

Church Services and Events: contact the Rev Stuart Hill tel. 01723 859694 or email Brompton.vicarage@hotmail.co.uk

....AND FINALLY.....Why did the chicken cross the road? Because it seemed like an eggcellent idea at the time!

