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# WRNM News!

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



Welcome to this edition of WRNM News from your new Ed. Jude Terry has stood down after an admirable 8 years in the job, and on behalf of all readers I would like to say a huge thank you to Jude for her commitment, good humour, and patience. Well done – enjoy your “retirement” – and I will attempt to carry on the good work!

There’s plenty of news to catch up on, and plenty to look forward to – particularly the Village Show to be held on 20 July (see the schedule enclosed). Start knitting and taking photos now! The next edition of the WRNM News will be in June, so please let me have your comments and contributions **by 23 May**. It would also be good to showcase your skills as photographers and have your pictures featured on the front cover, so do email me local views for the June edition.

Your New Ed  
Anne Britton

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## Parish Council

**Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6.30pm on Monday 20 January 2014 in the St John Office, Wykeham Business Centre.**

### **Present:**

Cllrs. Lady Downe (Chairman), J P Terry (Vice Chairman), R A H Sword, G Barnett, L S Day and Mr C H Holmes (Clerk). Also present for part of the Meeting was PC Bilton.

### **Apologies for absence**

All Members were present. Borough and County Councillor D Jeffels sent apologies.

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 November 2013 and Matters Arising.**

Cllr. Sword said that he will research the possibilities of finding a location for housing a computer for use by the community before the next round of funding bids to the Borough Council’s Central Rural Committee.

### **Finance**

Members received the latest **Financial Statement** and noted the receipt and the payments made since the last Meeting. The Clerk had updated the Council’s **Financial Regulations** to take into account the current arrangements for payments of salary and income tax and also the need to maintain up to date online records with HMRC. It was agreed to adopt the amended Financial Regulations. The Clerk confirmed that the Borough Council’s Cabinet has approved the £190.00 Localisation of Council Tax Support Grant for 2014/15.

### **Community Projects, issues and initiatives**

Cllr. Sword reported that the **Village Hall Committee** has met on several occasions. Discussions have focused on the proposed site in the Hillyard (building floor area of about 120 sq.m.) and funding opportunities.

Advice on funding continues to be received from Sarah Lally-Marley from Ryedale Action/Seachange and the options range from a Big Lottery bid to a “jig saw” approach involving tapping into several funds.

Cllr. Day provided an update on the **Millennium Walk and Ruston Village Amenity Area project** and referred to a meeting of the Working Party that is planned for 2 February. The National Park Authority has donated two seats, one of which is already in place. He confirmed that Mrs Risker has organised repairs to post and rail fencing. The re-hanging of a gate beyond East Gate in Ruston will be carried out shortly.

With regard to the **WRNM News**, discussions continue with a possible candidate for taking over the role of editor but there is still the issue of having to make a computer and broadband services available. It was agreed that Cllrs. Day and Sword would continue to research these issues.

Cllr. Sword reported that the **Derwent Valley BRIDGE** project continues to thrive. He commented that Parish Councils will again be asked to support the BRIDGE financially to help with running costs.

The need to review the **Parish Plan** was considered and it was agreed that all Members will assess the current document in time for a discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting. Cllr. Terry said he may have spare copies available but, if not, he will arrange for some to be printed at the Estate Office.

Under **Other Community Issues**, Cllr. Day reported that there is to be a meeting on 20 February to discuss the **Village Show**. Central to the discussions, will be the need to find additional help on the day of the event.

Cllr. Terry expressed concern about the implications of **shale gas and other extraction** given the current high levels of interest and the Government’s support, in principle, for such enterprises. It was agreed that the situation should be closely monitored although it was acknowledged that there is little specific information about the prospects for North Yorkshire at the present time.

At this point, PC Bilton arrived and Lady Downe suspended the agenda so he could make his Report, a copy of which had been circulated previously.

PC Bilton concentrated on crime and other significant incidents that had occurred since the last Meeting. He referred to damage to signs at St Helen’s Caravan Park, for which an arrest was made, and to thefts of diesel and other burglary at commercial premises in Sawdon. In the latter case, some items have been recovered and enquiries are ongoing. The case involving livestock that was described by PC Bilton in November, has been before Magistrates and is due to be heard in Crown Court today.

Lady Downe thanked PC Bilton for attending and he left the Meeting.

### **Consultations and liaison**

Members considered a request from the National Park Planning Authority for comments on its **review of local vetting criteria** for information to be submitted with planning applications. It was agreed that Cllr. Sword will draft a response to the short questionnaire for comment by the other Members.

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council can supply Members with details of the **Register of Electors** and individual forms were completed to be forwarded to the Town Hall.

### **Planning Application**

Members agreed that there is no objection to the proposal to build **a grain store at Ruston Farm (13/02596/FL)** but wanted the Borough Council to assure itself that the arrangements for dealing with surface water run-off from the new building will have no adverse effects on adjoining land or property or the level of water in Ruston Beck.

### **General correspondence**

Members received and considered the list of general correspondence. In particular, it was noted that:

- York Potash Ltd's planning application has been withdrawn and that a new application is expected to be submitted at the end of July 2014;
- The planning application for a wind turbine at Kirk Gate, Sawdon has been withdrawn;
- The six Household Waste Recycling Centres with low usage are at Thornton le Dale, Leeming, Leyburn, Settle, Tholthorpe and Wombledon;
- The Section 137 expenditure limit for 2014/15 is £7.20 per elector.

### **Public Question Time**

No members of the electorate attended the Meeting.

### **Grass Cutting Contract 2014/15**

The Clerk explained the process that had been followed inviting quotations and it was agreed to award the contract to J J Harrison Ltd. of Whitby. The Clerk was asked to inform the company of the decision and at the same time confirm that, whilst the Parish Council is pleased with the standard of past grass cutting, more attention needs to be paid to weed control as this was not effective enough in 2013.

### **The Clerk's Retirement**

Lady Downe confirmed that she has received notice that Mr Holmes will be retiring as Clerk and that the latest date will be the end of June 2014. Thought will now be given to appointing a replacement and expressions of interest from locally based persons will be welcomed.

### **Date and time of next Meeting**

Monday 17 March 2014 at 6.30pm in the St John Office at Wykeham Business Centre.

Chris Holmes – Clerk to the Parish Council - 01723 379749 - holmes31ch@btinternet.com

P.S. from your Ed - Don't forget the Parish Council has a website [www.wykehamparishcouncilk.org.uk](http://www.wykehamparishcouncilk.org.uk)

## **Millennium Footpath**

Work continues apace on the footpaths, including clearing gullies in Fish Pond Wood, removing redundant tree protectors in Abbot's Meadow Wood, and clearing the steps from the main road up to the wood alongside the cricket pitch. There are plans to lift and replant some of the existing snowdrops as well as tidying up the steps and path at the Ice House. We are also hoping to put up maps showing the routes at various strategic points along the walk. Volunteers and ideas always welcome! Working parties and meetings are publicised by email and via posters on noticeboards in the villages. Look out too for the daffodils and the bluebells planted in September at various points along the paths – beautiful! Contact **Laurence Day on 07711 7438866 for more info.**

## Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor Village Hall – To be or not to be?

Recently a resounding “to be”! The Trustees of the Village Hall Funding with several “observers” have re-formed to explore the possibility of a Village Hall in the Hillyard adjacent to the village school. James Pynn, the school Head, is very supportive as are many of the pupils who wrote asking when they could expect a Hall which could provide them with additional space for gym, theatre and music.

Sarah Lally-Marley (Ryedale Action) is helping us with funding, and provided costs are kept in proportion there is a real prospect of a Hall being constructed similar in style to the new cricket pavilion.

In the not too-distant future it is likely that either a public meeting or a questionnaire will be organised to brief villagers and also to seek support for what I hope will be a successful outcome – third time lucky!

**Robert Sword, Chairman, Village Hall Trust**

### Village Show 2014

Back by popular demand, this year’s Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor Village Show will be held on SUNDAY 20 JULY, 1-4pm at the Wykeham Business Centre. There should also be a show schedule with your WRNM News to give you all plenty of time to plan your entries. We need more helpers on the day to make it all happen (eg setting up, looking after a stall, selling raffle tickets) so if you would like to help, please contact **Katrina on 07821 299233, Laurence on 077114438866 or Anne on 07866106093**. All are welcome to attend the planning meetings, usually held monthly from now until the show in the Downe Arms, details posted on the village noticeboards or from the people above. **Your Village Show needs you!**

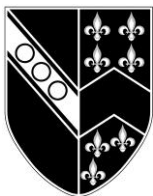


### The Upper Derwent Benefice Choir



Many villagers may not be aware that there is a Benefice choir which sings at the main Festival Services at the five parish churches in the Benefice. The choir practices at St Matthew’s Church in Hutton Buscel at 6pm on Thursdays and tends to follow the school term dates. Rosemary Sword is the Choir Master and produces an amazing sound from a group of about 18 people (many of whom do not read music) from the villages and the eastern end of the Vale of Pickering. The organist is Terry Cartlidge. The Choir is also a social group and often celebrates its achievements with fine wining and dining! If anybody is interested in joining please contact **Rosemary Sword (01723 862434 or [rosemary.sword@virgin.net](mailto:rosemary.sword@virgin.net)**. No audition is required!





**NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL**  
**[www.wykeham.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.wykeham.n-yorks.sch.uk)**  
**Tel : 01723 862413**

From April 2014, the school will be offering the following wrap-around care for all pupils:

**Breakfast Club** – every term time weekday morning from 8 – 8.30am (supervised by school staff from 8.30am). Health breakfast and stimulating activities provided.

**Stay and Play Club** – Every term-time Monday from 3 – 5.30pm and Friday from 3 – 4pm. Extra days available based on parental requirements. Healthy snack and supervised range of activities provided.



The school council has launched their '**Traidcraft Healthy Tuck Shop**' open for business every Friday morning playtime. The council sell healthy drinks and snacks to support both Traidcraft and projects the school council wish to undertake.



Our Year 3 and Year 4 eco team has been awarded the Eco-Schools Bronze Award by putting a school action plan together, answering eco related questions such as the different ways we recycle at school and how we try to help the environment. They are now working towards getting their Silver Award before Easter!



There are nine pupils who form the Wykeham School orchestra. They rehearse every Monday from 3 – 4pm. We are very lucky to be able to offer our pupils such an opportunity and look forward to the orchestra growing and performing in a local venue soon.



The Wykeham School choir rehearse every Tuesday after school and is busy planning for our end of term Easter service being held at Wykeham Church on Friday 4 April. Please do come along at 2pm to hear them sing!

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### **Visit by North Yorkshire MP Robert Goodwill**



NORTH YORKSHIRE MP Robert Goodwill was treated to a tasty lesson in healthy eating when he joined pupils in a “hands on” demonstration of the PhunkyFoodsprogramme aimed at improving children’s understanding of nutrition.

Mr Goodwill said: “The children certainly enjoyed the process of making a healthy and nutritious dessert and indeed, some were trying foods such as kiwi fruit that they hadn’t tried before.” Head teacher MrPynn said: “I liked the ethos of the programme which teaches children about healthy eating through fun activities, games, drama, music and PE lessons. This is particularly important amid all the current publicity surrounding the perils of obesity and the need for children from an early age to learn about healthy eating and lifestyles.”

### **Sling out your Slingbacks!**

To celebrate International Women’s Day and raise funds for The Women’s Centre in Scarborough, we are aiming to collect 1,000 pairs of shoes. These will then be sorted and shipped abroad to provide urgently-needed footwear in developing countries. For each sack of shoes donated the United Shoe Recycling Company will donate £5 to The Women’s Centre Project. Shoes, wellies, boots, trainers – if you no longer wear them, we know others who will. Collection bags and further information from **Katrina Shamel** 07821 299233.

## Janet's Jottings



### Driving Aspirations

I have been reminiscing. Recently I had a look through the photographs I take of students to put on my Facebook Page and website. Memories came flooding back of the plans they had when they were learning to drive – going off to university, foreign travel or getting that job for which a driving licence was essential.

Then yesterday by sheer coincidence I had a new student who was the sister of one of the pictures I had been looking at. Our first few

moments were spent catching up on “what happened next.” Cassie had gained her degree in Scarborough, had been travelling in Australia and was now doing a post graduate course in Leeds. “She drives everywhere” her sister said. I felt very proud that I had been able to play a small part in helping Cassie achieve her ambitions so far and taught her skills which will be a great advantage in her chosen career of marine biology. Very gratifying.

Safe Driving

Janet

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Driving Aspirations, helping drive **your** aspirations

## Garden Notes

What's the definition of a weed? A plant growing where it's not wanted. Sadly they seem to grow much better than the plants we would prefer to have in our gardens although many do provide essential food and homes for a whole host of beneficial insects and butterflies. (And the tallest specimens also provide a fun and popular class in the Village Show). Another apt saying is “one year's seeding is seven years' weeding” which is a good reminder to dig up weeds at an early stage before they infest a much larger area. Some weeds, such as groundsel and dandelion, will even turn to seed after they have been pulled up and left for dead, so not ones to put in the compost heap.

Here is a novel approach to controlling nettles, which is not as painful as it sounds – turn them into soup! Fry one chopped white onion in butter, and add two small diced potatoes. Add two large (gloved) handfuls of young nettle tops, one and a half pints of vegetable stock, salt and pepper and simmer for 30 mins. Liquidise, reheat and serve – it tastes very similar to pea soup, with no sting in the tail. In this case, revenge is definitely a dish best eaten hot!

Anne Britton

\*\*\*\*\* FOR SALE \*\*\*\*\*

CHAPPELL IRON FRAME PIANO - well-used and free to a good home.

LATHE - CORONET TOOL CO - “The Major”. Design 854791. 3' 2" bed with a saw.  
£50 or near offer.

Contact Helen Evans on 864962



## The Flowery Muggers

Having left Waterstones in July I was pleased to be able to continue attending the Reading Group there. It was lovely to be able to go without being the staff member and having to look after everything on the night. Sadly however the Reading Group was discontinued so I put out an appeal to see if there was any interest in starting up a new one. The challenge was taken up by Debbie, an old school friend (yes, I know that's going back some way) and we met for the first time in January when we discussed the pros and cons of how we wanted our group to work. That's the great thing about Reading Groups, they can be whatever you want them to be – there are no hard and fast rules.

At the moment it is an all-female group but we would love to have a male perspective on things so don't let that put you off! We meet on the third Tuesday of the month and have all put nominations into a hat to be picked from. This month we have quite aptly selected Debbie's choice which One Fine Day in the Middle of the Night by Christopher Brookmyre. In the hat there are some fabulous titles just waiting to be picked and I look forward to the next meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> when we get to see what's next.

If anyone would like to join give me a ring (01723 864356) or join us on Facebook, We are the Flowery Muggers. A member complimented Debbie on the beautiful mugs she had made our tea in and Debbie confessed that she had bought some new non-chipped, matching mugs for the occasion – thus we were named! There is no pressure to attend every month or indeed to read the book if you have a busy few weeks, but if you like to read outside your chosen genre occasionally or enjoy discussing books with others this may be the group for you.

**Di Ruston**

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## THE DOWNE ARMS

Mother's Day Carvery Lunch 30 March, 12-2pm.  
Early booking essential

COMING SOON....to celebrate the completion and relaunch of our function rooms, and to thank our customers and suppliers, we will be holding a Community Cocktails event in the near future – publicity to follow.

Tel. 01723 862471  
[www.downearmshotel.co.uk](http://www.downearmshotel.co.uk)

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## Flower Festival

Following the huge success of the Flower Festival held in Wykeham Church last year it has been decided to repeat the event, in October. Very well done to all the organisers. More information to follow in the June edition!

## Dates for your Diary

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| Mon Mar 17  | Wykeham Parish Council<br>6.30pm St John's Office, Wykeham Business Centre |
| Sun 30 Mar  | Mothering Sunday Service<br>11am Wykeham Church                            |
| Fri April 4 | Wykeham School End of Term Easter Service<br>2pm Wykeham Church            |
| Sun July 20 | Village Show, 1-4pm, Wykeham Business Centre                               |
| October     | Flower Festival, Wykeham Church, date to be confirmed                      |

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

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....AND FINALLY.....Why did the cow cross the road? To get to the udder side!

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### Next Edition : June 2014

All contributions to the Ed by May 24th  
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