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WRNM News!

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



Welcome to this festive edition of WRNM News. Our lovely cover design is by **Megan Hudson**, a Year 1 pupil at Wykeham School, whose picture was chosen by the school following a competition. Congratulations to Megan on being the winning entry and for providing us with such a jolly introduction to a bumper edition.

Following up from previous issues: Sue Long reports that the man with the horse on the front cover of the June edition was someone who used to live in her house in Westgate, Ruston, who worked as a woodman and used the front room for chopping up kindling! Also apologies to Mary Ann Stockill for giving her a new surname in the last edition...

A new section this issue features memories from around the villages – please let me have any (printable) items you'd like to share.

Finally a very warm welcome to all those who have moved into the WRNM area over the last few months, and a Happy New Christmas and New Year to all. The next edition of WRNM News will be due out in March 2015, so please let me have any contributions (articles, photos, poems, recipes, memories, for sale notices, etc) by 22 February. **Anne Britton, Editor**



Parish Council

No minutes are available for publication in this newsletter. As a result of recent changes in legislation the Parish Council is taking the opportunity to review the publication procedure for minutes of Parish Council meetings. The approved, signed minutes will be available on the website in due course as usual at www.wykehamparishcouncil.org.uk

Millennium Footpath Group



The Millennium Footpath Group and friends met recently to bid farewell to Justin and Jude Terry, who have left Ruston for the sunny climes of Appleby in Cumbria. They were presented with a photo album chronicling events during their time in Wykeham and Ruston. Justin was one of the prime movers (literally) behind the renovation of the railway line as a footpath in 2000, was a staunch supporter of the Whizz and Village Show and was also a Parish Councillor. Jude was WRNM News Editor for eight years, and did a splendid job in keeping us informed with her inimitable style and good humour. We all wish them every happiness and success in their new venture.

VILLAGE MEMORIES

Dave Ward remembers the widening of the A170 between Ruston and Wykeham whilst he was a pupil at Wykeham Primary, how all traffic was diverted through Ruston and how he was allowed to help (Health and Safety Dept, look away now - Ed) with parking and refueling machinery. Phyll Jay Hanmer remembers sledging down the hill in Barnett's field in Town End Ruston when there used to be a pond at the bottom, with her friend narrowly missing the pond and going through the hedge into the beck. Joyce Robinson remembers Moley Bob who used to live in Westgate, Ruston, and was the local postman and mole catcher; she also recalls her father digging through snowdrifts 10 ft deep at the Downe Arms/North Moor road end one particularly bad winter.



MILLENNIUM FOOTPATH WORKING GROUP

It has been a busy end to the year for the group. On 19 October a further 1,000 bluebells were planted in the Ruston end of Fishpond Wood. 16 November saw members clearing the steps leading down to the railway line at Wykeham Bridge, as well as clearing the ditch and planting snowdrops. We are now planning for 2015 (siting another bench and reviewing the signage) and would like to hear your ideas for how the path can be improved. You are also very welcome to come along to working parties which will be held **10am, Sun 11 January** (meet outside the gunshop, Wykeham) and **10am, Sun 15 February** (meet at the Ice House, Wykeham). Contact **Laurence Day on 07711 7438866**.

MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to all those who attended and supported the Macmillan coffee morning held on 13 September, hosted by Jude and Lauren Terry. There was a delicious array of cakes and biscuits, as well as a range of Lauren's cow-themed cards art work for sale. A very grand total of £448 was raised – well done.



Driving Aspirations

Janet's Jottings

Whilst putting away the driving record of a student who had just passed his test I took the opportunity to look back, reminding myself of students from the last year.

There was Lauren and Kathy, both mid 30's mums who needed to drive to run children around, and have an escape for "me" time. There were Lily, Angel and Tara, all college students whose career opportunities will be much broader because they can drive. Similarly Agnes, one of my Polish students, can integrate all the more now she can drive. It was a delight to help Steven, a Cerebral Palsy sufferer, who had been told he would never drive. He had an automatic licence but wanted to overcome the ultimate hurdle of a manual car, which he did with flying colours. As they all begin their journey (no pun intended!) as a fully qualified driver, they will begin to understand what a life-transforming thing being able to drive is.

My thoughts also drifted to 2015. I shall be at the University Christmas Fayre attracting new custom, visiting schools promoting the Under 17's Experience, following up contacts who have said "after Christmas I must" and off we go again. Finally, may I wish you all a happy Christmas and I will return in the New Year with more tales from the passenger seat.

Ps Gift vouchers available for those last minute (or difficult to buy for) presents!!

Safe Driving
Janet
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WOOOOOO! SPOOKY GOINGS-ON IN RUSTON.....



Exceedingly spooky goings-on in Ruston this Halloween. Imaginative costumes, deft pumpkin carving and many scary faces. Can you spot your pumpkin? Thanks to D Shepherdson Snr for some fine pumpkins grown in a secret location at Ruston Farm.
Photos: Sharon Colley and Anne Britton



SCARBOROUGH ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Not many will be aware that Wykeham is now home to a brand new Academy of Music, located in the Business Centre. The Academy provides specialist tuition in a variety of instruments and performance skills, including flute, drums and singing. The ensemble Manhattan Voices, which rehearses at the premises, will join Nathan Jenkins, a past student, in "Classics by Candlelight" to be held on **10 December** at 7.45pm in the Queen Street Methodist Hall. For further information telephone 01723 330000 or email info@scarboroughacademyofmusic.co.uk

DOGGIE DELIGHTS

On Sunday 25 August, St Helen's in the Park hosted their very first Fun Dog Show, sponsored by Mrs Patricia Hogg in aid of the Dogs' Trust in Sedbergh.

This was a huge hit with all who attended, with over 70 dogs on show. Cups and rosettes were presented to dogs placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all groups with Best in Show being won by Lola, owned by Mrs Marshall.

Judging was carried out by Irene Grayson, Maureen Pickersgill, and Marilyn Lambert with help from pedigree judge Ian McIntyre. Plans are now in progress for next year's show, so watch this space....! **Pat Hogg**

NEWS FROM WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB

Wykeham Cricket Club's AGM, held at The Downe Arms, attracted a rather larger attendance than usual with all sections of the club being represented.



The Chairman paid tribute to Lisa Remmer who has been secretary for several years but is standing down for personal reasons. He particularly highlighted Lisa's hard work, enthusiasm and generosity. Lisa has been a champion of inclusivity in the club and has continually stressed the idea that every member is equally important; this has been a considerable factor in the success of the club. Mrs Jayne Graves (pictured) was voted in as the new secretary. Jayne has been associated with the club for some time with her husband, Tony, being a hard hitting, if somewhat unorthodox, batsman and her son, Matty, a very promising fast bowler. Jayne has for some years helped out as assistant child welfare officer.

The Chairman noted the success of the club throughout the 2014 season, particularly that the club had turned out three sides on a Saturday and three in the evening. He also congratulated the coaching staff of the junior section, stressing the strength of the whole section but noting that both the under 15's and the under 11's had gone through their respective seasons without losing a league game. He expressed some unease at the use of social media by some members and this has led to the passing of a revised code of conduct for the coming season.

The treasurer concluded that the club was on a relatively sound financial footing but that it was not able to take on any major projects without seeking grants from outside agencies. Electricity connection and improved practice facilities remain priorities.

Gareth Barnard continues as Club Captain, Pete Shepherdson as Treasurer, Steve day as Fixture secretary and Ian Thompson as Grounds man and Manager of the junior section. The meeting was not able to name captains for either the A or B teams in the evening league and these positions were left open. Matthew Remmer was named as captain of the C team taking over from his brother Jonathan.

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm which left the younger, more energetic, members plenty of time to do some serious drinking.

Garden Notes

Bees play a hugely important part in gardening and agriculture, but there has been a worrying decline in bee numbers over the last 30 years. There are several reasons for this decline, including the varroa mite in hives and the loss of habitat and food sources. It has been shown that bees will travel a surprising distance when searching for sources of nectar and pollen, and gardeners can play a significant role in slowing the decline in bee numbers by growing suitable food plants throughout the year. There are beehives situated close to Wykeham, and many of you will have spotted the plaque in the wall on the left just before the Brompton-end turning into Ruston, which commemorates the planting of seven pollen-rich trees by the local bee-keeping association in 1973.

Early providers of pollen for sleepy bees are the species crocus with their bright orange stamens, followed by tree blossom (the plane trees alongside the road leading out of Wykeham towards the Abbey are always humming with bees in early summer) and then plants such as lavender, heathers and verbena bonariensis. An excellent group of plants for bees are the cotoneasters, and their subsequent berries are also much-loved by birds. Simple flower types, where the stamens are easily accessed by insects, are preferable - so, for example, grow the "single" dahlias rather than the pom-pom types, and include plants such as foxgloves which have open trumpets and markings which "guide" the bees in to the pollen. Try watching a bee tackling a lupin flower - it's very entertaining (honest). Although buddleja is known as the Butterfly Bush, it is also a favourite of bees too. There are many other plants which are good for our gardens and good for bees - so have a buzzy time in your garden in 2015! **Anne Britton**

WRNM VILLAGE SHOW

Hard to believe, but it's nearly time to start thinking about the 2015 Village Show. Use these dark winter months to dig out your knitting needles, sewing box, woodworking kit or paintbox and get creative! The first planning meeting will be held on **17 February at 7pm in the Downe Arms**, and everyone is welcome to come along. Let us know what classes you'd like to see, what type of stalls and entertainment....Your Village Show Needs YOU! **Contact Sue (07806861445), Katrina (07821299233, Laurence (07711738866) or Anne (07866106093)**

THE RUSTON FOLD OF HIGHLAND CATTLE



Alasdair Ruadh of Auchtenny

It is now six years since the first Highland cow arrived in Ruston, and today we have around 70 beasts, consisting of our breeding cows, the calves that were born this spring and summer, heifers waiting to be old enough to breed from, bullocks, which we fatten for beef, and bulls. For the second year, we will be sending a batch of our Highland bullocks to Waitrose. They operate a native breed beef scheme around Christmas, so they will be collected at the beginning of December.

With our connections at Waitrose, we were able to secure some store cattle from the Isle of Mull. We will fatten these for sale for Christmas 2015. We have around 20 cows that will be due to calve in Spring 2015, and these will be the last calves born to our current stock bull Romach Rob of Torloisk. We have had to replace our bull this year to prevent him breeding with his own calves, which we have kept.

The Highland breed is a slow growing breed, so having the right breeding stock is very important. The bull represents 50% of each calf reared, so a good, strong one is a must. We have been looking for a new bull for over a year, but were having trouble finding just the right one, until we saw a brochure for a sale at Chelford Auction Market in Cheshire. We visited the sale and he was just what we were looking for. We brought Alasdair Ruadh of Auchtenny back with us.

He is 4 years old and is the current Royal Welsh Show Champion, so is a bit of a looker. He has been used to being showed, so is a very quiet and calm bull and likes a tickle under his chin. He won't have any 'work' to do until next summer, but we are hopeful that he will produce some cracking calves for us in the years to come.



Edward Geal of Ruston

Those of you with keen eyes will have spotted a young white calf amongst our fold. He was born this spring. We bought his mother last year. She came with a red calf at foot and we were told she was in calf again to a red bull. We were eagerly anticipating the arrival of this calf, secretly hoping it would be a white one! We were very lucky, and a white bull calf was born. He's lucky too - as he's so unusual, he has been kept whole and will grow into a bull (instead of joining the bullocks that go to Waitrose!). He will need halter training and lots of brushing this winter so he can be handled easily. Once he reaches 14 months old he can be officially registered as a pedigree Highland bull. We have decided to call him Edward Geal of Ruston.

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David Shepherdson Jnr

NEWS FROM ST HELEN'S AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Events that have taken place since the last edition of the Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor newsletter include:

Harvest Festival: Held jointly with Hutton Buscel on Friday 28 September – with a congregation of 69 with 11 children. Presentations of harvest goodies were made by Ken and Helen Barnett, Graham Shepherd, Doug and Sue Jewitt, Wykeham School and others.

Remembrance Sunday: The 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War (or the “Great War”) was commemorated with 2 minutes silence at the War Memorial and the following service which was attended by a congregation of 15. I hope that in four years’ time there will be a much larger number of people supporting the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Baptism: The Baptism of Marley Jorge Close took place on Sunday 23 November with an attendance of over 100! A real party was had by all.

The Flower Festival: Held at the church on 11 and 12 October, the Festival raised £417 for the church funds and £75 for Scarborough Women’s Refuge. Many thanks to Jo Purdy and all helpers/contributors.

For details of services over the Christmas period, see “Dates for your Diary” on page 9.

Messy Church – Highly recommended for families and children A new initiative which is being organised by the Upper Derwent Benefice (Snainton, Brompton by Sawdon, Sawdon, Ruston, Wykeham, Hutton Buscel, West Ayton) which will be taking place on **Saturday 10th January, 4pm to 6pm at Brompton Village Hall.**



The afternoon involves making a mess! Themes include; Do you see yourself as beautiful – like God does? What could you do to make your body more of a temple? Do you worship God with your whole being? Activities include Praise Streamers, Healthy bodies and Heart prayers. There is even participation in a meal based around a Hearty vegetable soup with wholegrain bread followed by apple crumble. Not to be missed – just turn up or ring **Rosemary Sword** (01723 862434). **HAVE A GO!**

Robert Sword, Churchwarden (r.sword@dawnay.co.uk Tel: 01723 862434)

FROM “THE PARISH PUMP”

The Parish Pump magazine was the forerunner of the village magazine, and here is an excerpt from the December 1980 edition: “Our two local “posties” are now preparing for the busiest time of their year... At Wykeham, Miss Annie Ward of Ruston has been regular postwoman for 11 years, but also helped out with mail deliveries during the war. She covers Wykeham, Ruston, North Moor and Hutton Buscel Ings, and used to do the 22-mile round by bike. She now does it by car, starting at 7.20am in Wykeham and finishing at East Moor Farm, Wykeham at about 11.15am. (The other “postie” was Derek Smith of Ayton.)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For Church Services and Events, see contact the Rev Stuart Hill, tel: 01723 859694 or email Brompton.vicarage@hotmail.com

10 December	7.45pm	Classics by Candlelight, Queen St Methodist Hall
12 December	8am-1pm	Village Christmas Market, Downe Arms car park
14 December	4.30pm	Family Carols, All Saints, Brompton
16 December	1.30pm) 6.30pm)	Wykeham School Christmas Play, Wykeham Church
17 December	7.00pm	Rotary Carol Service (Nine Carols and Lessons), Wykeham Church
21 December	6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols, Hutton Buscel Church
24 December	3.00pm	Christingle Service, Hutton Buscel Church
	8.00pm	Christingle Eucharist, St Peter's Church, Langdale End
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass, St Stephen's Church, Snainton
25 December	9.30am	Christmas Eucharist, Hutton Buscel Church
	11.00am	Christmas Eucharist, All Saints, Brompton
28 December	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist with Christmas Carols, Wykeham
10 January	4.00pm	Messy Church, Brompton Village Hall
11 January	10.00am	Footpath Working Group, meet outside Wykeham Gun Shop
26 January	6.30pm	Benefice Post-Christmas Dinner, Downe Arms, Tickets 862227
15 February	10.00am	Footpath Working Group, meet at the Ice House, Wykeham
17 February	7.00pm	Village Show meeting, Downe Arms

WYKEHAM GUN CLUB

There was a good turnout of members and their families for the bonfire and fireworks on 1 November. Refreshments were provided in the form of pheasant curry washed down with home-made cider!

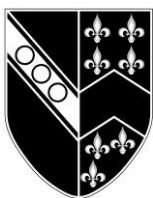
A DTL (Down the Line) shoot was held on 30 November in memory of Mick Jay Hanmer, a very popular member of the club and local councillor. Down the Line was Mick's favourite discipline and this memorial shoot will now become an annual event. The trophies were provided by Steve and Lynne Redley of E Ayton, and were presented on the day by Phyll Jay Hanmer: "A" Class Neil Connor; "B" Class Dave Downes; Ladies Di Stenton. £100 was raised to be donated to St Catherine's Hospice.

The League Competitions have now finished and Wykeham has taken 14 out of a possible 18 trophies for the sporting and DTL. The Skeet trophy (WGC v The Flask) stays with Wykeham and so does the Sportrap (WGC v Ryedale).

Our Christmas competition, Bring a Prize Win a Prize, will be held on **14 December** with a buffet lunch and Christmas hamper raffle. Best wishes to all for the festive season and a Happy New Year!
Mandy Knight

NEW COUNCILLOR

A very warm welcome to Ingrid Ashman from North Moor, who has joined the Parish Council.



NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL

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Official opening of new outdoor learning area

On Tuesday 14 October, Mr James Pynn, headteacher at Wykeham Primary School, welcomed the Mayor, Cllr Pat Marsburg and Mayoress, Mrs Hilary Groves of the Borough of Scarborough to officially declare the recently built outdoor learning area open. Driving rain and wind did not deter proceedings and emphasised what a super facility the small, village primary school now has to promote outdoor learning whatever the weather.

Following a recent HMI monitoring visit, the inspector wrote 'the outdoor learning area is used well to develop pupils' physical, social, emotional and intellectual skills'. This is an area the school intends to develop still further and is extremely grateful to the **Hutton Buscel Educational Trust** for their generous support. Governors, friends, parents, pupils and prospective 2015 parents all arrived to join in with the celebration. Thank you to Jayne Tweddell at Wykeham Tearooms for providing such excellent refreshments.



Many thanks to Tesco Stores plc who recently hosted two store trails for our pupils. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, sampling new food, watching demonstrations on the fish counter and even spending time in the enormous freezers! Brrrrrr!



Many congratulations to David Ralph in Year 5 who won the recent Derwent Valley Bridge Library writing competition. His piece entitled 'the day the inspector came to school' wowed the judges and deservedly awarded him first prize!

Our fundraising afternoon on 14 November raised just under £100 for Children in Need. The theme this year was 'wear a crazy tie to school'. A fantastic assortment of ties arrived including fishes and snakes. A super effort from everyone!



INVITATION!

Our Christmas play, 'It's a party' is being performed in Wykeham Church on Tuesday 16 December at 1.30pm and again at 6.30pm. We would love to see as many friends and neighbours of the school as possible, so please do come and join us at either performance.

As always, if you know of any families with young children moving into our area, please do encourage them to make an appointment to visit our school. Thank you.

Cockleshells

The cockle leads a simple life
a-swimming in the sea,
and sometimes ends up on a plate
with buttered toast for tea.

But should you find a cockle shell
just lying on the sand,
examine very carefully
the wonder in your hand

Think how that humble shellfish
plays out its tiny part
and glorifies creation
in Nature's sculptured art.

Enchanted by those shore-cast shells
I'm hoping I shall find
at journey's end, I too may leave
some lovely thing behind.

Submitted by ANN KENWORTHY, North Moor, from a collection entitled "People's Poetry"

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WYKEHAM VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET **FRIDAY 12 DEC 8.00AM – 1.00PM**



*In an increasingly tough retail world our Village Market is under threat; if you want food that is fresh, delicious and has zero air miles why not spend some of your food budget at the market on a Friday morning? Every week there are lots of top quality, locally produced foods and goods on offer and with Friday 12 December being the Christmas Market there will be a few special extras – **including a voucher which will save you £5.00!***

Voucher conditions - spend £10.00 at the Christmas Market on Friday 12 December at one or more of the stalls, ask the Stallholder to fill in the amounts spent and when the total reaches £10.00 or over bring the voucher to the Dawnay Estate stall for your £5.00 refund. The £10.00 can be spent at more than one stall. One voucher per person.

Friday 19th December open as usual
Friday 26th December and 2nd January – No market
Weekly market as normal from 9th January 2016

Wishing all our customers a very Merry Christmas – and don't forget to bring your voucher!!!!

Wykeham Village Voucher	Christmas Market <small>£5.00 off when you spend £10.00 or more</small>
Stall	Amount Spent
_____	£ _____
_____	£ _____
_____	£ _____
Name	Total
_____	£ _____

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AND FINALLY..... What do you call a woman who climbs up houses? **IVY!**

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