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WRNM News!

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



Welcome.... to the final edition of 2015. It has been a great year for innovation – new groups, new activities, new events and a new footpath. Particularly successful were the Village History day held in September and the first Wykeham Arts Festival – well done to all those involved. As ever the Village Show produced champion bakers, flower arrangers and welly-wangers, amongst others, and planning for the 2016 Show is due to start soon. Pauline Ashley and Ingrid Ashman have done a great job with the Walking Group – try joining one of their walks to work off those Christmas mince pies! Finally, several new residents have moved in over the last year and we bid them a very warm welcome. Time to crack open the sloe gin now, and best wishes to everyone for a happy festive time this Christmas and New Year. **Anne Britton, Editor**



PARISH COUNCIL

Here is a selection of items from the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 October. The full minutes may be found on the Parish Council website www.wykehamparishcouncil.org.uk Current legislation now dictates that the draft minutes are to be available online within a month of the meeting. **The proposed date for the next meeting is Tuesday 8 December at 6pm** in the St John Ambulance meeting room, Wykeham Business Centre.

- Several aspects of the previous village plan were discussed in relation to the survey conducted in 2014. It was agreed to defer the agenda item in the absence of Cllr Sword and discuss or review any additional documentation at the next meeting.
- The Clerk reported that the external audit had been completed and displayed on parish notice boards and the website in accordance with statutory requirements.
- Various highway maintenance issues that had been previously reported had been completed or scheduled for action. Cllr Colley advised members that a 'sinkhole' on Town End, Ruston that had been addressed before was again showing signs of subsidence. It was AGREED to make highways aware of the problem initially through Cllr Jeffels.
- The lack of maintenance of West Gate beck, particularly the shrubs adjoining the wall of Cottage Farm had been brought to the attention of Cllr Colley by 2 residents of Ruston. The clerk confirmed that the responsibility of the beck lay with Wykeham Estate and it was AGREED that the matter should be brought to their attention.
- A further update on the [North Moor] speed project was discussed. Following a site appraisal visit by NYCC highways attended by Cllrs Ashman and Day, the specification of the signage had to be revised as Highways would not agree to construction involving the use stone plinths as this gave rise to a potential road safety issue for any speeding motorist in the event of an accident. A method of partially funding the project by way of a grant scheme through the Central Rural Committee had been confirmed and it was AGREED that a revised costing for the project would be done to support the grant application and that the parish council in principle, would financially support the project cost from reserves.
- The grass cutting budget was discussed in relation to the overall cost to date and the impending budget process.

- It was noted that there would be probably 2 further cuts to be done before the end of the season and this together with the previously agreed increase of scope to include West Gate beckside (confirmed at £20 + VAT) would form the basis of the budget to be approved before the end of the year.
- Cllr Day advised that the bus shelter and seating maintenance had not been completed due to a perceived 'health and safety' risk. If absence of support through the community payback scheme continues to prevail, it was suggested that volunteers from the community could undertake the work. It was AGREED to review this at the next meeting, as it would then be clear what action was required.
- Cllr Colley confirmed that Wykeham Estate had sprayed the roadside verges in Ruston under a new 'cost reduction' regime.
- The clerk provided additional details of the proposed re-structuring of north Yorkshire Fire Service that would mean a reduction of firefighting equipment and shift staffing at Scarborough Fire Station. It is firmly the view of the Fire Brigade Union that this would have a serious impact on the reaction time of the fire crews to respond to emergency calls. Support from the Fire Brigade Union had been requested from the parish council and the clerk provided details of how this could be done to the members.
- The Police Report detailed reported incidents during 01/4/2015 to 13/9/2015 compared to the same time period over the last 2 years. Some concern was expressed to the increase in the following categories : Victim Based Arson & Criminal Damage, Sexual Offences and Violence with Injury. Whilst it noted that even a small increase has a dramatic percentage effect in the parish statistics, it was thought that a review of the data with our beat officers would be valuable in understanding the presented data.
- An email had been received from Mr Tony Auckland concerning an intermittent fault on the Ice House light. This has been referred to Cllr Day for review.
- The clerk briefed members on a letter received from NYCC concerning the forthcoming provision of 'Winter Service' and Grit Bin and Heaps Review. NYCC highway officers had carried out a survey and some Bins/Heaps have been scheduled for removal as they do not meet the current criteria for continued support from NYCC. Fortunately, none were identified within the parish. However, the letter also included the assessment criteria for provision of bins/heaps and this was appraised for the grit bin that had been deferred earlier in the year for North Moor. To qualify for NYCC funded grit/salt replenishment, the location needs to gain more than 100 standard assessment points and North Moor gained zero over the 7 'characteristic' criteria. The council AGREED to fund the purchase of a grit bin and NYCC annual service charge of £75.00, which includes pre season fill, and mid season refill.
- A letter from Scarborough Citizens Advice Bureau asking for consideration of a donation had been received. It was AGREED that the council would not make a donation at this time.

FROM THE ARCHIVES..... a Curious Cure for Coughs, courtesy of the Wykeham Onion Club c2001: to soothe a sore throat and relieve you of a cough, pour one tablespoon of honey over a raw onion cut into quarters. Place in a small dish and bake for 20 minutes. While still warm sip the honey syrup from the onion.

Florence Eunice Robinson deceased 28 October 2015

Flo was born in 1931 to a family of early settlers in Alberta Province, Canada, migrating with her mother to Cayton as a child. She later trained as a seamstress at Tonks, Scarborough before marrying John. They became smallholders in Troutsdale but this idyllic life was hard on a young growing family. They moved to No.7 Northmoor Cottages when John began work with the Forestry Commission and Flo enjoyed working as a Medical Receptionist at Ayton surgery until retirement.

Flo loved sewing - her innumerable skills included dressmaking, alterations, curtains and upholstery. She was also an accomplished gardener, until recently growing fruit and all her own vegetables on an allotment. However, her greatest love was golf which she started playing in 1971. She played off a single figure handicap and held the posts of Lady Captain and Lady President at Filey Golf Club.

Resourceful, intelligent, warm and generous, Flo is greatly missed by John, their three sons and countless friends.

Bryan Robinson

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

I read with interest the reference to Harold Whitaker who ran the village shop at Wykeham. After he retired it was run by his son Peter as a Post Office and Grocers. Peter was ably assisted by the late Elsie Jennings. One could leave an order with Peter and he would deliver to the villages around - eat your heart out ASDA!

After Peter retired, there was a big send-off in the form of a party paid for by the villagers, who all contributed willingly. Lady Downe and the late Lord Downe came, and gifts were presented to both Peter and Elsie. There was wine, on sale or return from Victoria Wines, and needless to say none needed to go back!

After Peter left, Janet Poole ran a tee-shirt printing business on the premises, then Jo Purdy had her lovely flower shop there. The bell was, however, tolling the death-knell of Post Offices and grocers' shops all over the country. Early in this process Wykeham attracted a TV crew to cover the closure of the shop, and I remember saying to the interviewer that the heart had gone out of the village.

But I was wrong. The heart beats steadily on in the shape of the Business Centre, the village school, and the Downe Arms run with such style and expertise by Jane and Paul. The circle finally closes with the Davey family and their excellent shop. It is often said that things must change to remain the same. If one were to return in 100 years then I think we would find Wykeham changed, yet basically the same lovely place it has been for hundreds of years.

LAYLA BRADLEY

Janet's Jottings



Recently I attended a training session to deliver the Enhanced Pass Plus course and the 95 Alive Older Driver Refresher courses. These are designed to give additional skills to the newly qualified or, in the case of Older Drivers, refreshing and updating skills for our fast moving world. Far too many people think once they have passed their driving test that's it, but motoring, like many things in life, keeps

changing, cars become more advanced, new traffic signs and road markings keep popping up and it is vital, if we are all to share the roads safely, that we take individual responsibility and keep up to date, myself included.

I now have funding to offer a 50% discount on the Enhanced Pass Plus course ie 8 hours training for just £99, available to any young driver who has passed their test in the last nine months. Also for older drivers (NYCC class over 50 as older!!)) I can arrange for a FREE one hour refresher drive. If you have family members, old or young, who you think would benefit I would be delighted to help. Gift vouchers are available (I promise not to write FREE on the Older Driver ones!!)

Finally, best wishes for a Happy (and safe) Christmas and New Year.

Safe Driving

Janet

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WRNM VILLAGE SHOW 2016

The first planning meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2 February** at 7pm in the Downe Arms, and everyone is very welcome to come along. The show will only continue if more people get involved - even if you can only commit to an hour helping to take down/clear up after the show, that would be brilliant. As Anne is standing down, we also desperately need a new secretary to organise and take notes of our meetings, and keep us on-track. Any volunteers?? Contact Anne on 07866106093 if you'd like to know more about what's involved. **MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE SHOW IN 2016!** Contact Sue (07806861445), Katrina (07821299233), Laurence (07711738866) or Anne (07866106093)

TALES FROM THE WARREN...

I am happy to report I have survived another summer free-ranging around North Moor. The arrival of a lovely foal in one of 'my' fields livened things up, as did the temporary escape of a few guinea pigs (who, less experienced in the ways of the wild, narrowly escaped being eaten by Basil, the Patterdale terrier, when he visited my home garden to deliver a letter).

Traffic speeds through North Moor remain a problem, (I am glad of my naturally 'hi viz' black and white colouring), but I hear that a grant has been secured from Scarborough BC and the Parish Council to fund Village name signs for North Moor. Hopefully this will make people aware they coming into our village and that they should slow down. I may not always be fit enough to rapidly hop out of harm's way! With my very best wishes to all my friends/ fans for a joyous Christmas season and all the best for the New Year.

Henry

NEWS FROM WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB

Wykeham Cricket Club Senior Awards 2015

Clubman of the Year Gareth Barnard

Young Player of the Year (The Steve Brice Trophy) Adam Eustace

1st XI Batsman: Craig Bateman, 234 runs

Bowler: Dave Pearson, 52 wickets

2nd XI Batsman: Scott Wardman, 237 runs

Bowler: James Wilson, 23 wickets

3rd XI Batsman: George Shannon, 356 runs

Bowler: Adam Eustace, 29 wickets

Evening League

A Team Batsman: Ian Spence

Bowler: Matty Graves

B Team Batsman: Scott Wardman, 301 runs

Bowler: Scott Wardman, 11 wickets

C Team Batsman: George Shannon, 191 runs

Bowler: Adam Brown 22 wickets



G Barnard and D Pearson



l-r J Turnbull, L Eustace, G Barnard, A Eustace, L Smith

Wykeham Cricket Club Junior Awards

Under 9s

Best Batsman: Charlie Revis

Best Bowler: Sam Norman

Best catch: Owen I'anson

Most Improved: Louis Potter

Under 11s

Best batsman: Sam Owen

Best Bowler: Tom Owen

Best catch: Presley Carr

Most Improved: Tom Hutchinson

Under 13s

Best Batsman: Adam Eustace

Best Bowler: Leah Dobson

Best catch: Jake Turnbull

Most Improved: Henry Tubbs

Under 15s

Best Batsman: Lewis Eustace

Best bowler: Luke Smith

Best catch: Adam Eustace

Most Improved: Jake Turnbull

Chairman's Report

I think we can again look back on a successful season for Wykeham cricket Club. I feel the club is forward-looking and, built on a strong junior section, the future looks promising. If we are to take the next step as a club we will need to improve our batting. This applies almost throughout the club. We obviously have good batsmen but we don't have the consistency or depth of batting to back up our other admirable qualities. Of course I am hoping that the building of the all weather net facility will help with this.

I would like to thank a number of people: firstly the coaches of the junior section. We have a strong and well-balanced team who emphasise that the enjoyment and attitude towards the game is as important as victory. Young players like to feel that they will get a chance to contribute in a meaningful way, that they are making progress, and that they are in a friendly situation. I think our coaches do their very best to inculcate this attitude.

I would also like to thank all those who work behind the scenes: helping with refreshments; scoring; clearing up. Thanks to Mrs Barnard who is retiring from her position as chief sandwichmaker. My personal thanks to the rabbit-proof fencing crew who answered my desperate cries for help and worked so efficiently. Thank you to Mark Bruce for his help in moving the fence in the first place. Thanks to Ian Thompson for letting me have a go at cutting the grass on the square - I can definitely now report that being a groundsman is not as easy as it looks! Thanks too to the committee for all their commitment throughout the year.

Well done to the members who got the new shirt initiative off the ground - they look very smart – and particular thanks to Richard Creaser for very generously sponsoring them. Congratulation to the “B” team in the evening league for gaining promotion to the second division; well done to all the captains both on a Saturday and in the evening. This is not an easy job; the on-the-field aspect is stressful enough but is nothing compared to the effort required in getting eleven players on the field at the right time. I would particularly like to commend our third team captains.

I cannot let the opportunity pass without recording my thanks and indeed the thanks of Wykeham CC for the contribution of Gareth Barnard, our Club captain. The expression “stalwart of the club” is often overused but I think few would deny that Gareth has been one for Wykeham CC. Gareth is retiring from his position this year although I believe, and sincerely hope, he will be continuing in his support for the club in other roles. Good luck to his successor - he will have a hard act to follow. So in conclusion; well done in 2015 now let's try and make 2016 even better.



Wykeham Cricket Club Get All Weather Net Facility

The cricket club has had an all weather net facility built at their ground at a cost of £15000. It consists of a dust and aggregate base covered by shock pads and then a carpet and surrounded by a cage. It will allow the club coaches to offer concentrated coaching to small groups and individuals.

This will, it is hoped, be of benefit to all players and most particularly to the junior members. It will extend the period when coaching is possible as the surface will not be susceptible to the vagaries of the weather nor will it be damaged by extensive use. The club is extremely grateful to Hansons, Yorhub and Scarborough Borough Council for their grant aid in building the facility and to the Dawnay Estates for allowing us to extend the ground to accommodate the net.

D GRIMWOOD

GARDEN NOTES

Is it too late to plant spring bulbs? Not if it's the lovely tulip! They often flower better for being planted later, and stand a greater chance of avoiding the viral disease Tulip Fire (which attacks the foliage causing it to mottle and shrivel). There's a tulip for every situation, and what could be nicer than a jolly pot of them as a Christmas present? By choosing a range of early, mid and late season tulips, you can have flowers from February through to May. Some are scented too, like the spectacular orange, lily-type "Ballerina". Another good lily-flowered tulip is the tall, elegant "White Triumphator", excellent for planting among perennials. Or try the dark purple "Queen of Night". At the other end of the scale are the miniatures, such as praestans "Van Tubergens", a bright red multi-headed variety which looks spectacular in the rockery or a pot. Make sure your bulbs are firm and free from mould or damage, and plant them at a depth equal to three times their own height. **HAPPY GARDENING IN 2016! Anne Britton**

VILLAGE HISTORY EVENT



Sunday 20 September saw a special event held in Wykeham to celebrate and gather the history of the past and present residents of Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor. We had an excellent turnout and many people brought along photos and documents, as well as memories and stories.

We were particularly grateful to Wyn Jackson for the loan of her 1965 scrapbook, and to the school for the loan of their Headteacher's Log Book covering the period 1899 to 1965. So popular was the event that a second one will be held in the Spring – more details to follow. If you would like to share memories and photographs, please contact Anne Britton 07866106093.

MILLENNIUM FOOTPATH

It has been a quieter time out and about but we are busy applying to a charity for funds for new map/information boards along the paths. We have also had regular assaults on the prolific weed Himalayan Balsam which threatens to infest an area near the railway bridge. Our working parties will resume in the New Year (keep an eye on local noticeboards) and we would like to thank everyone for their efforts and support during 2015. **Well done, and a Merry Christmas to all!**

If you have suggestions for improving the footpath, or would like to be involved please get in touch with Laurence Day on 07711 7438866.



THE WYKEHAM ARTS FESTIVAL - A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Festival in October was designed to showcase the talents of local singers, musicians and artists whilst raising funds for North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre and the restoration of St Helen's Church Organ.

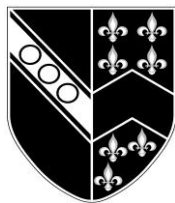
The whitewashed walls of St Helen's Church were the perfect backdrop on which to display the many artworks, and the soft glow of candles created a wonderful setting for the musicians and singers. The Friday night kicked off with a team of five local and visiting ringers from the Scarborough and District branch of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, ringing a Quarter Peal; a pretty tall order as this involved 1,260 uninterrupted changes and lasted for nearly an hour!



The "Tuesday Singers" then gave a fantastic performance. The group is made up of local people, many of whom have never sung in public and who only started singing together a few months ago. Then followed some super talented students from the Scarborough Academy of Music, based at the Wykeham Business Centre. The audience were "wowed" by these young people who gave some exceptional performances.

The second half saw a wonderful group of 11 to 15 years olds - The Mini Manhattans - thrill the audience with their harmonies and a fantastic rendition of "Bohemian Rhapsody". The Church was open on the Saturday so folks could wonder round and look at the paintings, join in the bell ringing and drumming workshops or spend the afternoon knitting and crafting. The Saturday night showcased the Manhattan Singers, a group of solo performers who create a unique and energised vocal ensemble, and then a set from Ged Brockie - one of Scotland's best jazz guitarists, who captivated the audience with his amazing playing. The Festival was a success on all fronts, for the performers, the audiences and the local causes, as a total of £500 was raised for North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre and £78 for restoration of St Helen's Church Organ. Plans are already in place for Wykeham Arts Festival 2016!

For further information on the Scarborough Music Academy, please contact Sue Hartley on 07770976750 email: susanhartley668@btinternet.com



NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL

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Science Prize

Mrs Thorp, Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 teacher has successfully won a £5000 science prize sponsored by Rolls Royce. The objective of the programme is to link science with the arts by teaching science creatively and imaginatively. To this end, Wykeham School will be working very closely with the Stephen Joseph Theatre during November and December as we prepare to perform a shadow puppetry masterpiece at the theatre on Friday 11 December. Tickets on sale shortly!



**AT WYKEHAM SCHOOL ON SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2015
2PM – 4PM.**

This year we are organising a joint Christmas Fayre with our friends at Brompton and Sawdon Primary School. For all stall enquiries, please contact Jean Barnett on 07771 871334.

All welcome to attend.

Our Junior pupils have been exploring the world of the Aztecs and made some stunning masks as well as Aztec huts.





Featured on the left is our stunning poppy display to commemorate Armistice Day 2015.

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.

WRNM Social Walking Group

Our group has continued to meet regularly and has enjoyed many walks together. Here are the walks to end our year:

4 December - Meet Wykeham Tea Rooms 1pm

11 December - Meet North Moor Forestry Offices 1pm

We are also planning a Christmas get-together on Friday 18 December at 2pm at Wykeham Tea Rooms. Come along and meet us, find out more, and discuss our 2016 walk programme.

We will start 2016 with two walks: Jan 29 at 1pm – meet Wykeham Tea Rooms and Feb 26 at 1pm – meet Wykeham Tea rooms

Please keep an eye on local noticeboards for further information or contact Pauline on 864734 or Ingrid on 863490.





MORE SPOOKY GOINGS-ON IN RUSTON

Some very scary monsters were prowling the streets of Ruston this Halloween, with fangs to the fore and gallons of fake blood. There was a fine display of pumpkins again from Ruston Farm and some very creative carving too.





NEWS FROM ST HELEN'S AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

All are welcome to services taking place during Advent (the beginning of the Anglican Church year) and Christmas. Details are as follows:

Advent Carols and Readings (with the Benefice Choir), Sunday 6th December, 6.30pm

Rotarian Carol Service (with the Benefice Choir), Wednesday 16th December, 7pm

Candlelit Nine Carols and Lessons (with the Benefice Choir), (jointly with Hutton Buscel), Sunday 20th December, 6.00pm (at St Matthew Church, Hutton Buscel)

Christingle and Crib Service Thursday 24th December, 3.00pm (at St Matthew Church, Hutton Buscel).

Midnight Mass Thursday 24th December, 11.30pm

Christmas Eucharist Friday 25th December, 9.30am (at St Matthew Church, Hutton Buscel)

For further information please contact the Vicar, Rev'd Stuart Hill, Tel: 01723 859694 or Robert Sword, Churchwarden, Tel: 01723 862434

“NEARLY THE GOAT”

Friday 11th December at 6.30pm
St Helen & All Saints Church, Wykeham

An action-packed Christmas play for families, and other animals.....! Somewhere between the tinsel and crackers comes the remarkable story of “Nearly the Goat”; bending his amazing talents to impersonate a host of harassed innkeepers and help George tell a spell-binding Christmas story..... to say nothing of the wolf! Will Nearly in his DIY travelling machine get to Bethlehem before the wolf? And how can the three Kings return to Persia without their camels? This night of nights is heading for a flock of disasters. Well Nearly, if it wasn't for one relentlessly cheerful, extremely interrupting goat butting in.....

RIDING LIGHTS Theatre Company brings you the Christmas story in an unforgettable style. Hilarious and magical, Nigel Forde's delightful one hour play has drawn acclaim from both young and old.

ORGAN APPEAL – ST HELENS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WYKEHAM

The organ which was last restored in 1910 needs another overhaul to put it in a good and even better condition for the next 100 years.

This will be possible with the help and assistance of Geoffrey Coffin, of Principle Pipe Organs and **YOU**. The cost is estimated to be £67,000, a large amount of money, but we already have £20,000 to put towards the cost and donations are already coming in.

At the launch of the project held on 9th October, Geoffrey Coffin gave a fascinating talk on the workings of a pipe organ and why restoration is so valuable to the future of a church with a tradition of choral music. The Bishop of Whitby (Paul Ferguson) also attended the launch and praised the efforts of the working group for deciding to restore the existing pipe organ, as opposed to replacing it with an electronic organ.

Wykeham is fortunate in having its own organist (Terry Cartlidge) and also has a tradition of choral music with performances by the Benefice Choir and other choirs at Festival Services and concerts – even hosting its first ever Wykeham Festival.

There are over 600 pipes in the organ, which is equal to a cost of £110 per pipe – a sum which can be raised by individuals either as a donation or sponsorship. Your support will really matter and the outcome will last for at least 100 years! 186 pipes have already been donated – only another 414 needed! Any ideas or fund raising initiatives would always be welcome. In the meantime the churchwardens will be contacting specialist Trusts, Charities and organisations who might be willing to provide funding.

Robert Sword
Churchwarden



BRRRR! Residents of North Moor and Wykeham circa 1947 trying to dig out their vehicles stuck in snowdrifts on North Moor Road.

The Village History Day provided lots of photos illustrating local life – thanks to all who came along and shared their memories and photos.

Thank you too to the Robinson family for this chilly photo!

WYKEHAM VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Friday 11th Dec 8.00am – 12noon

If you want meat, fish, bread and vegetables that are fresh, delicious and have zero air miles why not spend some of your weekly food budget at the market on a Friday morning? Every week there are lots of top quality, locally produced foods on offer and with it being the Christmas Market there will be many seasonal favourites.

AND REMEMBER WE HAVE MOVED TO THE HILLYARD NEXT TO WYKEHAM TEAROOMS AND THE PICTURE PLACE!!

WykehamMarket <u>New Year Offer</u>		£5.00 voucher when you spend <u>£50.00 in January 2016</u>
Stall	Amount Spent	Date
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Email address		

December dates:

Friday 11th 8am -12noon
 Friday 18th 8am – 12noon
 Friday 25th December and
 1st January – No market

***Keep this voucher and
 use it in January 2016 to
 save £5.00!***

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 £50.00 in January 2016 to receive
 a £5.00 voucher - ask the
 Stallholder to fill in the amounts
 spent and when the total reaches
 £50.00 bring this offer to the
 Dawnay Estate Office for your
 £5.00 voucher.*

**Weekly market as normal
 from 8th January 2016 –
 don't forget to bring your
 voucher!**

***Wishing all our customers
 a very Merry Christmas
 and Happy New Year!***



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

8 December	Parish Council Meeting, 6pm, St John's Office, Wykeham Business Centre
11 December	Wykeham School puppetry event at the Stephen Joseph Theatre
11 December	Wykeham Village Christmas Market 8-12noon
11 December	"Nearly the Goat" performance, Wykeham Church, 6.30pm
12 December	Wykeham School Christmas Fayre, 2-4pm, Wykeham School
18 December	WRNM Walking Group Social, 2pm, Wykeham Tearooms
2 February	WRNM Village Show meeting, 7pm, Downe Arms

NOT SO "LITTLE" WHITE BULL NOW!.....

Edward is now 18 months old and is due a DNA test and vet inspection to gain his full pedigree status. This involves plucking hairs from his tail, which not only confirms his parentage, but is also used to confirm any calves he sires are his. Hopefully he will pass ok and we will be able put him to work next summer. We are going to alternate him with our main stock bull Alasdair, who now seems to have settled in to life at Ruston and is quite happy with his new role as number one bull!!

David Shepherdson



Edward Geal of Ruston now with some substantial horns to play with



Alasdair of Auchtenny

WYKEHAM SUNDIALS

Tucked away on the former Reading Rooms and adjacent building at the bottom of Wykeham are two unusual sundials. Further investigation, and the expertise of the British Sundial Society, has revealed that they are of the vertical type, and would normally be found on the south porch of a church, or on its tower. The metal pointer on a sundial is known as a gnomon.

One bears the Latin inscription "Deus adest laborantibus" which broadly speaking means "God is with us as we work" or "God favours the diligent". The lettering suggests that it dates from the 18th century, and the style is Georgian or Regency. There are apparently two other known buildings bearing sundials with the same motto – one in Wortley, near Sheffield, and one in Leighton Buzzard. The other sundial has an inscribed date of 1830.

If you know anything about the sundials, please contact Anne Britton 07866106093.

FLOWER POWER.....

During the past year, we hope you have enjoyed the flower troughs in Town End Ruston and next to the entrance to Ruston Farm. Thanks to Sharon, Mary, Tom, Ben, Lesley and David for filling the troughs with plants and for looking after them, and thanks to Barrie for organising the troughs at Town End in the first place.

Sharon Colley

DID YOU KNOW...?

Wassail, from the Old Norse, is a hot drink made from cider, traditionally drunk as part of wassailing, a drinking ritual meant to ensure a good apple harvest for the following year. 2015 was a fantastic year for apples, and at least one villager took their surplus apples to the community apple-pressing held in Seamer. Depending on the amount of apples people take, they are then entitled to a percentage of apple juice and cider. What a great idea! The original version of wassail apparently included roast crab apples but here is a more modern version: Take eight cups of cider, 2 cups of orange juice and half a cup of lemon juice. Add four whole cinnamon sticks, 12 whole cloves, a quarter teaspoon of ground ginger, and a quarter teaspoon of nutmeg. Add one cup of brandy (optional). Simmer gently for 45 mins. Share with friends, enjoy, and toast the apple harvest of 2016!

HENRY TUBBS KINDLING

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THE NORTH WIND DOTH BLOW

The north wind doth blow and we shall have snow
And what will poor robin do then, poor thing?
He'll sit in a barn, to keep himself warm
And hide his head under his wing, poor thing.



AND FINALLYas it's Christmas, **TWO** silly jokes.....you lucky people....

Why did Scrooge buy everyone budgies for Christmas? Because they were going cheep!
What's a meerkat's favourite musical instrument? Ceeembals!

The next edition of WRNM News will be due out in March 2016, so please let me have any contributions (articles, photos, poems, recipes, memories, for sale notices, etc) **by 20 February**.
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