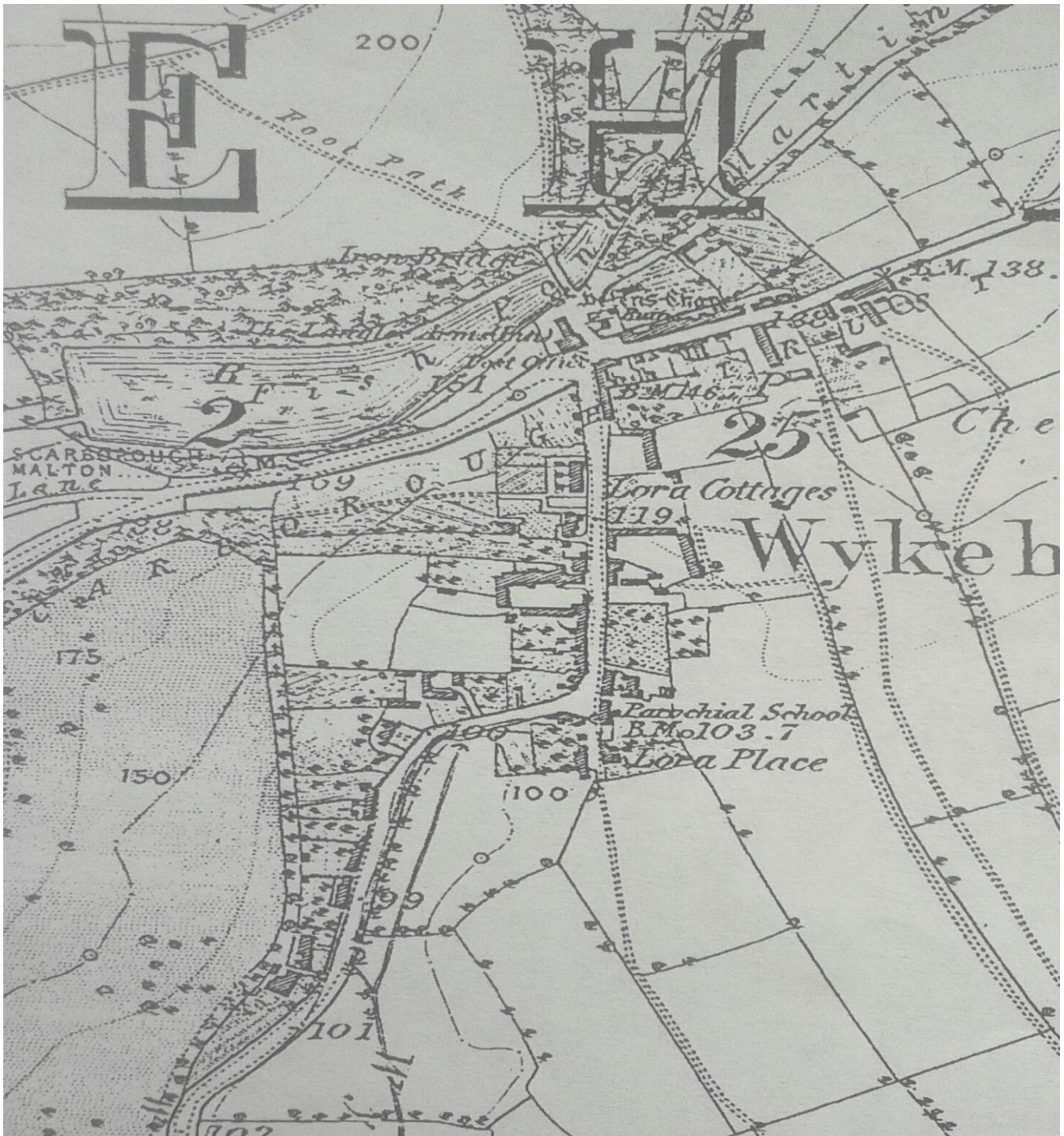


WRNM News!

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



Welcome

Our cover this issue is taken from a map of Wykeham from around 1850, pre railway. It's fascinating to see the extent of the fishpond next to what is now the Downe Arms (then called the Langley Arms), the lane heading towards Hutton Buscel (Martin Garth Road, which no longer exists) and the buildings on the main road below the church (then called a chapel).

In this issue: It's Show time! Dust off those knitting needles, cake tins and jam jars – the Village Show is set for **SUNDAY 5 JULY, 1-4pm**. Never made a Victoria sponge cake before? Full instructions are given in the enclosed Show Schedule, as well as lots of other classes to enter, with something for everyone to try. The Show organisers are also appealing for helpers, sellers of raffle tickets and donations for the "Everything a Pound" stall and the tombola – details later in this newsletter.

Several readers have suggested that the newsletter should be made available in digital form – if you would prefer your WRNM News to be emailed to you, please get in touch.

The next edition of WRNM News will be due out in September 2015 (yikes, how quickly this year is speeding by), so please let me have any contributions by **22 August**. It's YOUR community newsletter, so please feel free to contribute – poems, photos, recipes, events you are organising, items for sale... lots of scope! Contact me on 07866106093 or email britters54@gmail.com. **Anne Britton, Editor**

PARISH COUNCIL

Congratulations and welcome to our new Parish Councillor, Sharon Colley of Town End, Ruston.

No minutes were available at the time of printing this WRNM News. Catch up on Parish Council meetings and minutes by visiting www.wykehamparishcouncil.org.uk

THE SCARBOROUGH TO PICKERING RAILWAY

Did you know....

- The railway ran a route of approximately 19.5 miles from Scarborough to Pickering with seven intermediate stations (Seamer, Forge Valley at Ayton, Wykeham, Sawdon at Brompton, Snainton, Ebberston at Allerston, Thornton Dale).
- The first part of the railway, from Scarborough to Seamer, was opened in 1845 and the Seamer to Pickering section was opened in 1882.
- There were fourteen bridges, including one over the A170 at Charm Park (remains of the embankment can still be seen) and one at Gallows Hill.
- The last train ran on 3 June 1950.
- The station buildings were all built to a standard template, with virtually identical architecture.
- Wykeham Station was the highest point on the line at 168ft above sea level.
- The naming of some stations appeared confusing (eg Sawdon station was actually at Brompton) but there was already a Brompton station elsewhere in North Yorkshire, so in such cases stations were named after another nearby village.
- Wykeham Station was a passenger station but also had coal depots and a crane to load timber from the Wykeham Estate. The small building by the slope up to the current Estate Office (formerly Wykeham station) is the original weigh office to assess how much would be charged for transporting the timber.

- The last ticket issued at Wykeham station on 3 June 1950 was from Wykeham to Ebberston and is framed and displayed in the Estate Office.

All the above fascinating facts were gleaned from a talk given by Robin Lidster as part of a series of events organised by Brompton Local History Society. Robin has written “The Scarborough to Pickering Railway Through Time”, Amberley Publishing, price £14.99.

(Incidentally, Robin has no photographs of the railway bridges in Ruston, so if anyone has any they would be prepared to share, Robin would be delighted to hear from you – contact WRNM News Editor Anne Britton in the first instance 07866106093 or email britters54@gmail.com).

MILLENNIUM FOOTPATH



Our latest project has been to install a seat alongside the footpath in the wood below the cricket pitch. It has a spectacular view towards the Wolds and is a lovely spot for a rest and picnic.

We will apply to the Royal Horticultural Society for a grant to buy native primroses to plant along the shadier parts of the footpath. There will also be a session to pull up sycamore seedlings adjacent to the path, which threaten to swamp the area in Fish Pond Wood where we planted bluebells. Later in the summer we will also pull up any remaining Himalayan Balsam plants – watch noticeboards for further details! For further information please contact **Laurence Day** on **07711 7438866**.

There has been a noticeable increase amount of dog mess on the footpaths and roads around Ruston and Wykeham, particularly along the railway track and through Fishpond Wood. Allowing a dog to foul in a public area is a legal, finable offence. If you are walking your dog along local footpaths, or allowing it to run free in the local community, please be more considerate of other users and your neighbours, pick up the mess and dispose of it appropriately.

IN MEMORIAM

If you take a stroll through Wykeham churchyard you will espy a curved stone seat under a tree, to the right of the church door. The Parochial Church Council has kindly allowed me to have it placed in this lovely spot, in memory of my late husband, Russell Bradley, who died two years ago. He lived in Wykeham at Number 24 for over thirty years and so loved this place.

Furthermore, if perchance you venture into the church, you will see, on the brass War Memorial, a ceramic poppy resting on an oak stand. This is one of the thousands of poppies placed around the Tower of London in that great display which you all saw.

The oak stand was made and donated by Alan Howells of Ruston. Alan is a professional joiner and I think this piece shows his skill.

This is, I know, a small but deeply symbolic gesture to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice. I thank the PCC, Robert Sword, Stuart Hill, Chris Thompson, Alan Howells, Graham Thompson and the wonderful Steve Dees who fixed the seat and made sure it met 'ELF and Safety Rules' - what would we do without him. I could not have completed this small project without their help. **Laila Bradley**

ALL OF A TWITTER



Early one morning recently, my granddaughter and I were astonished to see several cars parked on the side of the lane and groups of men staring at a tree. The binoculars gave us a clue. However being only just on time for school we couldn't stop to investigate. On my return even more cars, more men and very impressive monoculars on tripods. Time to find out more! This accidental birdwatcher was doubly lucky. The bird in question was a Balearic Woodchat Shrike. Very rare but not in the least shy, and happy to pose. I was loaned binoculars and educated at the same time. An unexpected, delightful start to the day. It also appealed to my sense of the ironic that Twitter was the main way the news of this visitor spread....

Photo courtesy of Nick Addley, words by Julie Saunders.

Janet's Jottings



I have been driving since 1977 and recently I came as close as I ever have to being involved in a head-on crash. I was with a student at the time but in all my years of driving it has never been so close.

We were driving along a nice broad road, car behind, one oncoming van. Nothing untoward at all. The van was about 12m away when out from behind popped a little green Corsa. The van totally blinded his view of us and vice versa so his appearance was a shock to all

concerned. Emergency stops all round, except the cause of our problem, who had to swerve so violently that his car rocked from side to side, but then he continued on his way whilst the van driver, the car behind, my student and I took a minute to collect ourselves. Whilst I wouldn't want to repeat it, it was a good learning tool as we discussed why it was wrong to overtake where he did - ie he couldn't see a blooming thing!

So the moral of this tale: please, please, please do not overtake if you cannot see it is clear, ie not near a bend, blind summit and most definitely not from a behind a big van.

Safe Driving

Janet

07713 646461

Driving Aspirations, helping drive **your** aspirations

NEWS FROM WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB

A mixed start to the new season

Wykeham cricket teams have enjoyed a mixed start to the new season. There have been some promising results but also some alarming batting collapses. This particularly applies to the **Saturday first eleven**. The bowling looks to have a familiar and reliable look with Dave Pearson, the captain, Gareth Barnard, spinner, Matthew Vincent and the up-and-coming Matty Graves all giving good service and looking comfortable at this level. The batting is not so solid however and much will depend on the efforts of players like Craig Bateman and Ethan Pashby if the side is to continue where they left off last season and push for promotion.

The **second eleven** does not as yet have a settled look but already some personalities are emerging. Scott Wardman has been giving some very impressive, hard-hitting performances and has been useful with the ball and on at least one occasion behind the stumps.

Chris Briggs has been packing his **third eleven** with younger players: Ben Norman and the Eustace brothers are now established and on occasions have been performing for higher teams.

The **evening league** programme has made a stuttering start because of the inclement weather but one very useful addition to the A Team has been Jack Holt, older brother of the flamboyant Megan. Jack is a Scarborough opening bowler and has been playing in Australia. He is the fastest bowler to represent Wykeham for some years and has also been particularly impressive with the bat.

The **junior section** continues to flourish and this year the under 13s seem particularly strong. They have so far been unbeaten and their victory over Pickering by just two runs was watched by a large and decidedly vocal crowd. The “**junior, junior**” section looks very enthusiastic with the under 11s and under 9s both having excellent support.

New Clock for the Cricket Pavilion

The Wykeham cricket pavilion is adorned with a splendid new clock this season, courtesy of Antony Tubbs who presented it to the club. Mr Tubbs, who is the father of Henry Tubbs, promising junior left arm bowler and attacking batsman, has also promised £50 to any batsman who hits a six and strikes the clock. On the evidence of most of the Wykeham batting this season so far his money looks pretty safe!

Wykeham Cricket Club Sale

To help raise funds the cricket club is offering for sale some high class and unique items:



Three original paintings: ‘Cricket in Wykeham’ an original painting by Heather Stacey (pictured far left); “Wykeham” by Don Micklethwaite, (left) and “A view of Wykeham” by Don Broadbent (not shown).

Also available: 'Henry's hammer' – framed photograph of Henry Cooper knocking down Muhammad Ali, signed by Sir Henry; "Gordon Banks' Save" – framed photograph of Gordon Banks saving from Pele, signed by Gordon Banks; England Rugby Squad - framed, and signed by all the 2014-15 England Rugby Squad; Views of North Yorkshire – eight vintage postcards of views of North Yorkshire splendidly framed; Ipswich Town Football – a football signed by the 1997-98 Ipswich Town Football Squad. Not of particular interest here perhaps but if you take on your holiday to Suffolk (and you should go!) the locals will be falling over each other to get their hands on it.

The Don Micklethwaite painting is on show at the Wykeham Tea Rooms, the other items at the Cricket Pavilion or at the Wykeham Show. Contact me for further information: dgrmwd@aol.com

Dave Grimwood

GARDEN NOTES

June is the time to enjoy the delicious scent and beautiful flowers of roses. Thought to have been cultivated for over 4,000 years, some 150 species have been found in the wild, all in the Northern hemisphere. There is now a rose for virtually every situation in the garden, from ramblers such as "Paul's Himalayan Musk" (capable of reaching 40ft or more) to "Little Bo Peep", a tiny patio-style rose about 10" high, to "Roseaie de l'Hay", a vigorous, thorny, spreading shrub excellent for hedging. Roses are not just lovely to look at – the petals are used to create perfumes, the hips are decorative in the autumn (see Rosa "Geranium"), red roses are a traditional expression of love, and their image was adopted by both the Houses of York and Lancaster during the Wars of the Roses. One of the earliest to flower, at the beginning of May, and a welcome source of pollen for insects, is "Canary Bird", a single-flowered, buttery-yellow rose, which can be grown as a shrub or as a stunning standard. My personal favourite is "Gertrude Jekyll", a strong cerise pink, with a wonderful fragrance, which can be pruned to a traditional bedding size or left to grow taller in the border. Every garden should have at least one rose!

Anne Britton



GORDON'S SEAT

Well done to Barrie Ruston, Paul Lakin, Sharon Colley, Mary Ann Stockill, Anne Britton and Josh Shepherdson, who worked hard to raise funds to buy and site a wooden bench in Town End, Ruston to celebrate the life of Gordon Barnett. The seat is set against stone troughs planted with year-round flowers and bulbs donated by local residents. Gordon's widow, Ann, who chose the wording of the dedication (shown left), visited recently to see the completed seat and was touched and very pleased with the result. It is a very positive thing to come from such a sad event, and I urge everyone to go down to Town End to see the seat. We all wish Ann well in her new home.

VILLAGE FUND

Following the decision to put the Village Hall idea on hold – I hope, temporarily – various activities have been organised in the villages to include: a walking group, the WRNM choir, a book club, Keep Fit, and Yoga.

If anybody has any ideas which might require funding (hire of a hall, for example) please apply to me (01723 866600 or r.sword@dawnay.co.uk) and the Trustees of the Village Hall may well agree to support your project. The project should be based in either Wykeham, Ruston or Hutton Buscel and be primarily for the benefit of people living in Wykeham Parish.

Robert Sword, Chair, Wykeham Village Fund

WRNM Social Walking Group

The walking group has been meeting for walks every Friday afternoon since February. We have explored many paths in the parish, which many of us did not know existed, thanks to Pauline's excellent local knowledge. Our group varies from week to week, but we have all met new people and made new friendships. Our dogs have also enjoyed the walks and made new friends. Lynne has documented our adventures and there's one of her photos below.

Most walks start at Wykeham Tea Rooms, but we have also rung the changes by starting some walks in Ruston and North Moor. Evening walks have made a lovely addition and allow us to enjoy the longer summer evenings. We hope others who can't make the daytime ones will come along when they start again on 2nd June.



Please check your local village notice boards for the new walks programme & come and join us on **Fridays at 1.00p.m.** and **Tuesday evenings at 6.30p.m.**



For more information please call Pauline on 864734 or Ingrid, 863490.

All welcome !

VILLAGE SHOW – APPEAL FOR ITEMS FOR THE POUND STALL

Julie Saunders is on the hunt for items to sell on the “Everything a Pound” stall at the village show to raise funds for WRNM News. Please take any items up to Julie at Forest Lodge in North Moor or ring her on 07769903302 and she will be happy to come and collect them from you.

WRNM VILLAGE SHOW 5 JULY

WE NEED HELPERS PLEASE..... On Saturday 4 July, help with the collection and erection of tables (people with muscles particularly appreciated) – meet at 9am at Wykeham Business Centre; come along at 10am on the morning of the show to set up the marquee and display areas; help with the running of stalls 1-4pm; put your pinny on and help with the teas; sell raffle tickets (see below); go through your attic/garage/shed and donate items for the £1 stall (or sell them from your own stall); have a go at baking a Victoria Sponge cake and enter it in the show; bring along your photos of old Wykeham/Ruston/North Moor for display; donate items for the tombola (contact Sue, below). And put in some entries to the many classes (a show schedule is enclosed with this WRNM News) – the more the better! We are going to have a great day, and look forward to seeing you there. **YOUR VILLAGE SHOW NEEDS YOU!** Contact Sue (07806861445), Katrina (07821299233), Laurence (07711738866) or Anne (07866106093)

WRNM VILLAGE SHOW RAFFLE

We have a brilliant array of prizes, generously donated by local businesses and individuals. Here's a selection: The Crown Spa Hotel (a weekend pass for two to the Health Spa); The Denison Arms (Afternoon Tea for Two, and 50% off a meal for four people); Walkers of Ayton (a bottle of Prosecco); Ye Olde Forge Valley Inn (Two carvery vouchers); Wykeham Tearooms (Afternoon tea for two); Wykeham Gun Club (a one-hour lesson); Wykeham Village Market (a £30 voucher); a bouquet of flowers, a planted hanging basket; four hours of gardening or babysitting. Tickets are £1 each and available now, and on the day of the show. If you would like to buy some, or take some to sell (even better) please contact Laurence (07711738866) or Anne (07866106093) or Katrina (07821299233).

NEWS FROM ST HELEN'S AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Bishop of Whitby – The Very Rev'd Paul Ferguson

The village of Wykeham is fortunate in hosting two visits by the Bishop of Whitby, the first being a Benefice confirmation service on Thursday 11th June at 7pm and the second on Sunday 19th July at 10.30am. The latter visit is a chance for everyone to meet the Bishop who will be conducting the service and also preaching the sermon.

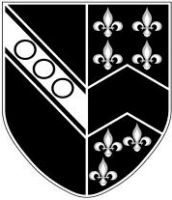
Concerts at St Helen and all Saints Church, Wykeham

North York Moors Chamber Music Festival – Monday 24th August at 7pm. For further information contact bookings@northyorkmoorsfestival.com

Opera – Voices from English National Opera - Saturday 5th September. For further information contact k.shamel@dawnay.co.uk.

In both cases the box offices are open for ticket sales.

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



NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL

www.wykeham.n-yorks.sch.uk

Tel : 01723 862413



Mr Pynn, headteacher, will be leaving Wykeham School at the end of the summer term. Mr Pynn has enhanced our school enormously and we thank him for being such a super headteacher! We wish him well in his new position as headteacher at Hovingham and Ampleforth CE Primary

Schools. From September, Mrs Isaac, headteacher at Brompton and Sawdon Primary School, will be looking after us until Christmas. She will spend 50% of her time at Wykeham and will just be down the road if we need her. We look forward to working with Mrs Isaac as we start an exciting new term with a very nearly full Reception intake. Equally, Mrs Isaac is looking forward to working at our school and getting to know the school community. Mrs Thorp, our Early Years and KS1 teacher, recently attended and submitted a piece of work and was awarded a Special Merit award from the Rolls Royce science programme. Many congratulations Mrs Thorp!



Mr Wood, a resident in Hutton Buscel, came into school to speak to the Juniors. He recounted the day he witnessed a Liberator airplane crashing in the village during World War II killing seven out of the nine airmen on board. This inspired our Juniors to write some very moving and thoughtful poetry. Grateful thanks to Mr Wood for giving up his time.



WORLD BOOK DAY

As we do every year, we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book character. Here are our Infant pupils, and Mrs Thorp looking rather terrifying!



Many thanks to Jacobs, our neighbours at Wykeham Business Park, who arranged a safety poster competition following a presentation from the Community Safety Officer. Thank you to Andrew Stamper who arranged the competition and sponsored the wonderful prizes of book tokens for Molly, the Junior winner and Poppy, the Infant winner.



The choirs at both Wykeham and Brompton & Sawdon Primary Schools performed at St Catherine's Hospice in May. This was very kindly arranged by Miss Dew, our specialist music teacher who works at both our schools.



We are proud to announce that since the autumn term all our pupils are now receiving French lessons, including our 4 year olds!

Madame Cordingley visits our school every week to teach French to our Juniors and now our Infants can count up to 30! This is very rare and we embrace offering a unique and challenging curriculum to all our pupils.

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.



Wykeham Watersports and Fishery

I have recently been asked by a number of people: what is going on down at Wykeham Lakes? There are two activities, the first being the Fishery which is ably managed by Jake Finegan (tel: 07515 992981). The Fishery is based on three types of still water fishing – Trout, Coarse (mainly carp) and Pike (the fishery holding the English record). Day or part day tickets are available by contacting Jake.

The second activity is Wykeham Watersports, also open for business, although on a low key basis. Permits are available for sailing, windsurfing, canoeing and kayaking. Unfortunately tuition or training is not yet on offer and all activities are dependent on you providing your own craft.

It is expected that by 2017 Wykeham Watersports will be a fully RYA accredited centre with tuition, boat hire, permits and a fully catered watersports lodge managed by the Dawnay Estates. At present Eric Casson is the seasonal supervisor and enquiries should be directed to Caroline Bamforth (pa@dawnay.co.uk) at the Estate Office.

Robert Sword, Estates Director, Dawnay Estate

JIM

I'd like for you to meet my mate, goes by the name of Jim.
I got him from a sanctuary 'as kindly took him in.
They rescued him from off the streets
Where he was sleepin' rough,
But nobody adopted him for he was not 'enough'.
Not tall enough or short enough, not 'andsome, awful thin,
And parts of him was pitiful with sores and broken skin.
But soon as I clapped eyes on him I knew somehow that he
Would be my good companion. Yes....he would do for me.
And by my side he's been since then, stuck fast as superglue.
I've never known a love so strong nor heart so brave and true.
'Course, there are times we disagree, Like when I'm in a rush
And he decides to stop and sniff at every bloomin' bush.
And sometimes when I settle down and try to watch the match,
He'll see the ruddy football and Decide it's time to "Catch"!
But when we beg to differ, instead of getting tense
We use a bit o' give and take....It's only commonsense!
We're going for a walk now, before we have our tea.
I've got a bit of stewing steak to share twixt 'im and me.
And as we make our promenade to keep us fit and trim,
I wish the whole wide world could be best pals...like me...an' Jim

Submitted by ANN KENWORTHY, North Moor, printed with permission from "Cockleshells" by Tricia Sturgeon.

Scarborough Heirloom

QUILT SHOW

Friday 10 and Saturday 11
July 2015 (10am-3pm) and
Sunday 12 July (10am-
3pm) at the Ocean Room,
Scarborough Spa. Entrance
£3. Quilt raffle, mini
workshops, group
challenges, tombola, sales
table, trade stands and
more.

**Thinking of clearing
out your loft or
garage? Then take a
stall at the Village
Show Table-Top sale
on 5 July and sell
your unwanted
items! £5 entry fee,
bring your own table.
To book a space
please contact
Katrina on
07821299233 or
01723 866600**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

July 5	WRNM Village Show, 1-4pm
July 27	Parish Council meeting
August 24	Chamber Music Concert, 7pm, Wykeham Church
September 5	Opera at Wykeham Church
September 21	Parish Council meeting
November 9	Parish Council meeting



WRNM Village Choir (Or - Can't sing Won't Sing!!!!)

The WRNM Village Choir meets regularly on a Tuesday morning, 11-12am at No 2 Langley House, Wykeham. Our numbers are steadily growing but it would be great to have more members.

So far we have "done" Les Miserables and Mamma Mia and had tremendous fun, under Sue Hartley's brilliant direction. Come along and join in – no experience necessary !

Contact Katrina on 07821299233

FROM THE PARISH PUMP MAGAZINE 1981

George Dawson recalled: The Abbey's fire engine was a horse-drawn machine bought from the London Fire Brigade in 1922. It was brought by train to Weaverthorpe station and met by horses for its journey to the Abbey. It was fitted with a steam-operated drive to the pump but the steam engine was replaced by a petrol-driven one in 1923. Its first fire was at Gallows Hill in 1923, which George remembered well. They dammed the beck at Ruston to fill the engine and ran the hosepipes across the fields. The engine's last fire was at Charm Park in 1935, where it pumped water continually for more than two days.

AND FINALLY..... Two fish sitting in a tank ... One says to the other: Do you know how to drive this thing?

The next edition of WRNM News will be due out in September 2015, so please let me have any contributions (articles, photos, poems, recipes, memories, for sale notices, etc) **by 22 August.**
Anne Britton (britters54@gmail.com) or 07866106093