

WRNM News!

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



Welcome.... We open with the sad news that Harry Corney of Wykeham has passed away. A tribute to Harry follows, taken from the one given at the funeral by his family. Harry was a stalwart of village and farming life for many years, and will be very much missed. I think he would have approved of our amazing cover photo, courtesy of his grand-daughter Martha, Secretary of Snainton Young Farmers (see the YFC article later), which was taken by drone camera during a ploughing match at Wykeham. Elsewhere there is a very special Royal birthday tea party taking place on 10 June, and every resident is invited by the pupils of Wykeham School to join them in their celebration. Your invitation is on the back page, so please be sure to take it along to the school on 10 June, and join in the fun!

Anne Britton, Editor

HARRY CORNEY 1940-2016

Robert Harry Corney, Harry, H, Dad, Grandad or of course Grandad PopPop.... whatever you knew him as, nobody could deny he was always the life and soul of wherever he was. His unmissable laugh and cheeky character would never fail to draw you in.

Harry was born at Moss End Farm in Easingwold in January 1940, one of seven children, to Ted and Ellen. The family settled in Dalby Forest in 1946 where Ted was a horseman extracting timber with the Forestry Commission. Harry helped his father looking after the giant working horses, and it was a natural progression that he would go on to work for the FC. Later he moved on to work for a company laying new utility pipes in various parts of the country, and met his wife-to-be Maureen whilst working near Otley. He would proudly say he “rescued her from the West Riding”. The family moved to Wykeham in 1969, where Harry started work on the farm, and the family grew to four sons. He remained at the farm until his retirement at 60. Both Harry and Maureen threw themselves into village life, with Harry playing cricket for Wykeham, which he loved. His best bowling average was 7 for 9, the last 3 balls of the over taking a hat-trick.

In December 1999 Maureen passed away and anyone who knew Harry will know that a part of him went with her. He did his best to get on with life: took early retirement, spent the winter months beating for the Keepers on the Estate, took up bowling, and made some great friends. Harry’s love of live music would see him follow his favourite bands around Scarborough with his close group of friends from the village.

The news of Harry’s illness was devastating, and his family, friends and neighbours were amazing in their support. He was a proud man who didn’t easily accept help but was always willing to give it, never interested in gossip and would never judge people. Over £700 was collected at Harry’s funeral, to go to St Catherine’s Hospice and the Hospice at Home Service. Harry’s memory will live on in a new Memorial Trophy to be awarded to the Scarborough Evening League Best Bowler for the “A” team at Wykeham Cricket Club.

PARISH COUNCIL

Here is a selection of items from the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 February. 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 village plan – There was some degree of concern that there were very few new topics that had been identified since the last survey conducted some 18 months ago and consequently there was apprehension on the cost of a similar type of “glossy” publication this time round. It was felt that provision of a faster internet service in the parish and a speed reduction for Ruston were the 2 items that would be the focus of a new village plan. However, it was apparent from recent discussions that there seemed little chance of any success of either of these achieving the desired outcome. Cllr Jeffels advised that Hutton Buscel had recently had a substantial return rate on a recent survey about their village plan and that they had received consultancy support from Chris Brogdan (SBC). It was agreed that Cllr Jeffels would make contact with Mr Brogdan on behalf of the parish council and explore the possibility of inviting him to advise on a potential way forward and maybe explore the possibility of him being a guest speaker at the Annual Meeting.
- Cllr Jeffels also agreed to look into funding possibilities for speed awareness lights for Ruston and the provision of SLOW signage at the entrances of the hamlet.
- NYCC Highways had inspected the ‘sinkhole’ on Town End, Ruston and it was felt that there was not a significant problem. Cllr Colley stated that the road had continued to dip and extended across the full extent of the road. Cllr Jeffels agreed to have the issue checked again with the assistance of Wykeham Estate to clearly identify the exact location.
- Cllr Sword also made Cllr Jeffels aware that the continuation of Eastgate from Ruston, north to Rowe Howe, was deteriorating rapidly and could that be also be inspected on the same visit. It was noted that this road was a “county” highway.
- Cllr Ashman provided an update on the North Moor Speed Reduction Project. Delivery on the first signage was complete and the remaining signage was expected in the near future. A list of NYCC Approved Contractors was reviewed and it was agreed to obtain a quotes from 2 local contractors.
- The clerk and Cllr Ashman reported that the grit bin had finally been installed and filled – NYCC contractors had incorrectly positioned it at the first attempt and then had left debris on the verge at the site which required a further visit to clear. Cllr Jeffels noted the concerns of the parish council on the use of external contractors for this task.
- The clerk reminded members that provision had been made in this year’s budget to commission and install a new notice board for North Moor. The existing board is too small and open and offers no protection against the elements. Cllr Ashman has obtained a provisional quote of £500.00. Cllr Jeffels advised members that he has some provision for funding under the Locality Fund and would be prepared to make £300.00 available to the parish council to assist in the provision of this project. The members expressed their collective appreciation of this gesture and agreed to fund the remaining amount from reserves.
- Grass Cutting Contract 2016/7 - The members acknowledged that Joe Harrison had continued to provide a competitive service and had totally met the requirements asked for by the council in what was a difficult year with the withdrawal of NYCC funding. It was agreed to retain his services for 2016 on the existing basis with the provision of weed control at the start and end of the season. Cllr Day agreed to liaise with Joe Harrison.
- Cllr Ashman had made an informal approach to the Forestry Commission Office at North Moor about the state of the adjoining land. It was agreed that the clerk write to the Forestry Commission on behalf of the council to express their collective concerns and state very clearly that the efforts of the residents to keep the hamlet in good order and the recent speed awareness project partly funded by the council were undermined somewhat by the lack of maintenance of the land adjoining the highway through the village.
- Cuadrilla Resources – North Yorkshire License for ‘Fracking’ - The clerk had forwarded an email from Cuadrilla to the members prior to the meeting but the clerk and members had found it impossible to access and reproduce detailed maps for the area from the provided web link. It was possible however to ascertain that the parish boundary fell inside a map sector that they had approval to explore. Whilst the members were concerned with this development, the clerk confirmed that the council had not been asked to comment on any planning consultations to date.

- The clerk had been contacted by the clerk of Ebberston PC regarding a planning application for an aircraft runway at Langdale End. The clerk advised that Wykeham Parish council had not been consulted.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Following my last little piece, I continue my toddle round Wykeham, and my next call is at the first of four houses built after WWII. The first house, with a lovely garden, was occupied for many years by the late Les Dees and Mavis, his wife. Les died last year and is greatly missed by us all for his joie de vivre and his cheerful presence. Mavis worked for many years for Dr Spence in Hutton Buscel. Further along the row came the Stockdales and at the end lived Mrs Palmer, who was always good for a cup of tea and a generous donation to the Poppy Appeal! The first house on the corner, where Craig and Karen live, was at one time occupied by the retired butler from the Abbey, Mr Brown. At the back of Rose Cottage, the small cottage was lived in for some years by Pat and Peter Pengelly. Peter had been at sea for many years and had some great stories to recount. Then comes the second block of post-war houses where Mr and Mrs Warry lived. They were great supporters of the Church, as is their daughter Margaret, who still lives there. Next door lived the late Harry Corney, a much-missed and respected resident. He and his wife Maureen planted the shrubbery which is such a joy for me to look out onto. Their youngest son Stuart and his wife Zoe resided for some time in the end house. Stuart is now a gamekeeper in Shropshire. Then we move on to Lilac Cottage, with its wonderful garden, created by Ray Kirk and Jacqui Hardy – a truly remarkable feat which enhances that charming cottage. When I first came to Wykeham the late Ron Shepherdson, who lived in the house at the back of Lilac Cottage, could be seen every evening driving his fine herd of cattle up the village street, cleaning up the “detritus” they made during their slow and stately progress. Many a garden was well-fertilised as he threw it over the various garden walls!

Next time my odyssey will continue along the other side of the village. Watch this space!

LAILA BRADLEY



Janet's Jottings

“Mini roundabouts are dangerous, they should be banned” a student told me recently. It is not the roundabout that is dangerous, I explained, it is the drivers. A roundabout is a roundabout whatever its size. You give way to traffic from the right, simple, and it works well if people approach the roundabout at a speed at which they can stop (as they should approach any junction) BUT some people don’t,

hence the near misses, and worse. When I was learning to be an ADI it was drilled into us, choose your words carefully. If you instruct a student to drive “straight over the roundabout” they probably will, therefore we say “go straight ahead.” So please be reassured, every driver you see driving straight over a mini roundabout rather than going round, has not been taught to do so! Safe travelling!

Janet 07713 646461

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SNANTON YOUNG FARMERS



We are delighted to welcome Martha Corney of Wykeham, Secretary to Snainton Young Farmers, as a new contributor this issue. The Snainton branch has been going for 69 years, and meets every Monday at 7.30pm in Snainton Village Hall. The membership, currently standing at 65, is open to those between the ages of 10 and 26 and covers the Wykeham/Ruston area too. Says Martha "You don't have to be a farmer to join, but you should definitely have an interest in farming life!". Activities include talks, judging livestock on local farms, competitions with other groups, fund-raising, an Annual Rally and ploughing matches.

The ploughing match featured on the front cover took place on Sunday 13 March, a misty spring morning, and fortunately the soil had dried out a little following what felt like weeks of rain. There was an impressive array of tractors (and ploughs) of all ages and the competitors included two girls. It was an open competition and included young farmers from other areas. A sponsored 24 hour Ploughing Marathon took place, where a succession of drivers ploughed for stints of one hour using a Massey Ferguson 230. The money raised will go to the local Mountain Rescue branch, the Multiple Sclerosis Society and club funds. Well done to all those who took part. **If you would like to know more, please contact Martha on 07896960768 or visit www.snainton-young-farmers.co.uk**

NEWS FROM WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB

Lord Downe Offers Cricket Club Generous Help

We are most grateful to Lord Downe, who has offered the cricket club a substantial sum towards the cost of installing electricity at the club house. Members are to provide the labour and it is hoped to complete the work in early September when the cricket season has finished. Electricity connection will open up facilities and opportunities for the club: lighting, heating, possibly showers and electronic scoreboards and will certainly make the building more attractive to other organisations in the village.

Mixed start to the Season

The cricket season has got off to a mixed start. It is immediately apparent that the first eleven are going to miss their best bowler of last season Dave Pearson, who has had surgery on his heel and Achilles tendon. In addition, their best batsman Craig Bateman is returning to New Zealand and considers the travelling involved might be too much for him to play regularly. The team has already had one of their customary batting collapses but spirits are high and youngsters like Adam Eustace getting a chance in the side is bringing energy and enthusiasm into the team.

What is already clear is that the A Team in the Evening League, who have struggled for the last two seasons and have only just avoided relegation from the top Division, are not likely to suffer the same problems this year. One reason for this is the recruitment of Jack Holt, the Scarborough opening bowler on a regular basis. Strangely it is Jack's powerful batting which has been most influential: a quick-fire innings of thirty or forty can quickly sway a game. Jack has been ably supported by the Bruce brothers who also only play for Wykeham in the Evening League and the whole squad looks pretty competitive although they are yet to meet really top opposition.

The junior squads have also been hit by injuries, most notably to Henry Tubbs who has had appendicitis and Pressley Carr who has broken his leg playing rugby and is likely to be out for the whole of the season. This has weakened the under 13s side who were expected to do particularly well this season. The junior side that is living up to expectations is the under 16s; the Eustace brothers, Ben Norman, Tom Poor, and Max Lane are forming the core of what looks like a particularly powerful side and so far, with the side unbeaten, things are looking very promising.

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VILLAGE MEMORIES EVENT

The second "Village Memories" event will be held on **25 SEPTEMBER 2016, 2-4.00pm**, in Wykeham Cricket Club Pavilion. There will be displays of photos, maps and documents, and an opportunity for villagers to tell their stories, as well as enjoy meeting up with residents past and present. Refreshments will be provided, and we are grateful to the Cricket Club for the use of their facilities. We would love to see your photos on the day, particularly from the 1950s through to the present day. These could be from your school days, from events such as the Whizz and functions at the Downe Arms, Church events, sporting events etc. The plan is to hold all the material in a secure location as a growing record and archive of village life. If you would like to share memories and photographs, please contact Anne Britton 07866106093.

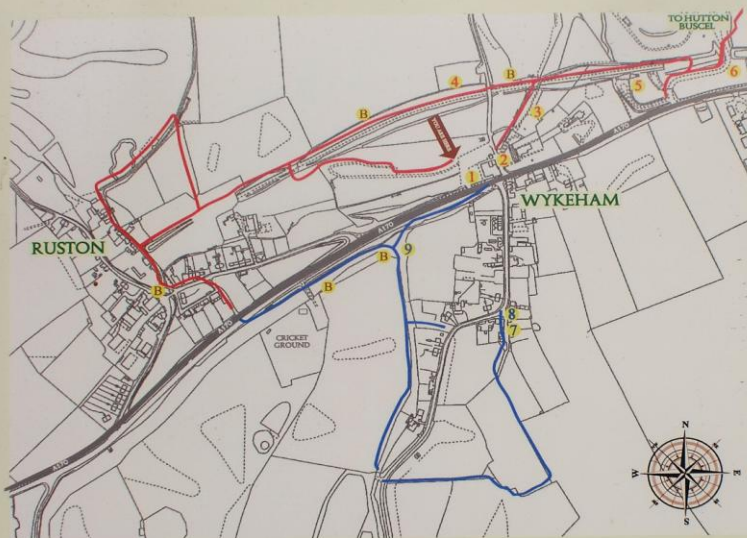
MILLENNIUM FOOTPATH GROUP

Sharp-eyed walkers will have noticed we have put up the new footpath signs, as shown overleaf! We took up various suggestions from residents and walkers, and the new maps include additional information such as "you are here" markers and the location of seats. Particular thanks go to Elaine Day for liaising with the designer and maker Don French, who has done a great job; to the William Dean Educational Fund for awarding us a grant; and to Laurence Day for putting up the new signs.

Other jobs carried out by the Footpath group have included lifting, splitting and replanting clumps of snowdrops in the top woodland near the cricket pitch and planting a new batch of bluebells in Fishpond Wood. There is ongoing work to keep the seat areas clear of nettles and other invasive weeds as well as cutting back the brambles and wild raspberries along the footpath through Fishpond Wood.

If you have suggestions for improving the footpath, or would like to join us on our working parties please get in touch with Laurence Day on 07711 7438866

WYKEHAM & RUSTON WALKS



POINTS OF INTEREST:

WYKEHAM TO RUSTON MILLENNIUM WALK

1. The Downe Arms Hotel, built as a farmhouse in 1725
2. St Helen and All Saints Church, designed by William Butterfield and completed in 1853
3. The Ice House, dating back to the 18th century, built to store ice collected from the adjacent pond for use during summer, which used to extend from the Ice House across Fish Pond Wood
4. The former Forge Valley Railway Line, which ran between Pickering and Seamer, was opened in 1882 and closed in 1950
5. The former Wykeham Station building and remains of the original station platform
6. Revenge Wood, planted in 2005, named after HMS Revenge, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar

WYKEHAM CONSERVATION WALK

7. The two ancient sundials located on the gable ends of adjacent houses
 8. The former Reading Rooms, built to give local people access to newspapers
 9. Views across to Staxton and the Yorkshire Wolds across what would have been the leading edge of the North Sea Ice sheet during the last Ice Age
- B. Bench

The Millennium Group was formed in 1999 to renovate the Ice House and create a path along the old railway line to Ruston linking the two villages of Wykeham and Ruston. Since then the walk has been extended with all the work being carried out by volunteers. Please observe the Countryside Code: take home your litter, clear up and remove dog mess, keep dogs on leads, close gates and take great care crossing the A170.



PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH: Members of the public are permitted to walk along this footpath until such time as the Dawney Estates withdraws permission. Persons using this path do so entirely at their own risk. Please keep dogs under control and please follow the Countryside Code

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WRNM Social Walking Group Summer Evening Walks programme

- Friday 13th May Snainton (Village Hall)
- Friday 20th May Wykeham Tea Rooms
- Friday 27th May Opposite Forge Valley Inn
- Friday 3rd June Wykeham Forest (1m N of North Moor)
- Friday 10th June Wykeham Tea Rooms
- Friday 17th June Brompton (Village Hall)
- Friday 24th June Opposite Forge Valley Inn
- Friday 1st July Ruston (Bus shelter)
- Friday 8th July Hackness near school
- Friday 15th July Wykeham Tea Rooms
- Friday 22nd July North Moor (Forestry Offices)
- Friday 29th July Snainton (Village Hall)

Summer walks start at 6.00p.m., are about 4-5 miles and last about two hours

ALL WELCOME!

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

DID YOU KNOW?...#1 Hedgehogs roam between 1-2km each night during their active season. To make sure they can access a wide range of gardens, make 13x13cm holes in walls or fences so they can squeeze through on their journeys.



Tuesday Singers - The SWING IT BROMPTON event (a musical review and supper) at Brompton Village Hall in March was a huge success. Also appearing were students from the Academy and guest star - "Chris Rea."

Once again the group will be visiting Orchard House Care Home to entertain the residents. Visits to the Stephen Joseph Theatre to see the opera screenings live from the R.O.H. have also proved popular with the group.

We are nearly half-way through 2016 and so much has happened since the New Year. We are delighted to share our successes with our readers and thank everyone for your continuing support. The Academy has been overwhelmed by the outstanding successes achieved by our students, of whom many would like to make music their career. Several pupils have been successful in gaining places at colleges and Conservatoires. The **Singaround** evenings at the Academy [in Wykeham Business Centre] are becoming increasingly popular with more people attending each time. The fun and enjoyment gained from singing in a relaxed environment, with the support of friends, is a fantastic experience. This is what Singaround is all about! Individuals spoke of their feelings of joy and achievement and how they had gained in confidence singing a solo for the first time. The next Singaround will be held on the **6th June 2016, 8 until 9.30 pm**. All welcome – especially if you are early-on in your singing career!

The Academy continues to go from strength to strength. As well as singing and piano playing, drumming and drama are also popular options. It is a joy to see the pleasure the students gain from their music-making. Long may it continue!

Contact Sue or Gerda at the Scarborough Academy of Music at No 2a Langley House, Wykeham, tel: 01723 330000 or email scarboroughacademyofmusic.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW?...#2 Hedgehogs are adept swimmers but if they can't climb out of steep-sided ponds or pools they will drown. Make sure you provide an exit ramp for them. (Info courtesy of www.hedgehogstreet.org, the national campaign to save the hedgehog)

THERE BE DRAGONS IN WYKEHAM.....

Don't miss the Dragon Boat Races at Wykeham Lakes on Sunday 12 June, 10am–4pm. Organised by the Rotary Club of Scarborough Cavaliers this will be the sixth time the races have been held in Wykeham.

In 2015, 23 Dragon Boats took part and raised approx £8,000 for local charities – and organisers are hoping to beat this in 2016.

Each boat has 16 paddlers, a drummer, and a professional helmsman or woman. Races take place in heats, over a 250 yd course, and teams bring bands of supporters to urge them to victory! There are children's entertainments and refreshments, and it's a great fun day out for all the family.

For further information, contact Mike Wilkinson on 01723 870670.



NEWS FROM ST HELEN AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Services continue during the summer based on the rota:

1st Sunday – 6.30pm Evensong
2nd Sunday – 9.30am Eucharist
3rd Sunday – 8.00am Holy Communion
4th Sunday – 11.00am Eucharist

No Festival Services are planned until the Autumn.

The church is hosting not quite as many Downe Arms weddings as in previous years, but it still continues to be a popular venue for a Christian wedding service – arrangements can be made directly with Jane Bower at the Downe Arms.

The Organ Appeal continues, with £39,300 having been raised towards the target of £70,000. A local update and fund-raising event is due to be arranged.

Do not forget to book for the annual (now in its eight season) **“Opera at Wykeham”** which will be taking place in St Helen and All Saints church on Saturday evening, 10th September.



An afternoon Strawberry Tea is due to take place at Lilac Cottage (29 Wykeham), kindly hosted by Ray Kirk and Jacqui Hardy. Please put the date in your diary – **Sunday 3rd July**. The event coincides with the White Rose Classic Car Rally which will be driving through Wykeham Village at the same time. An opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea, cake and view British Motoring Heritage!

Robert Sword
Churchwarden
(01723 862434)

Anthony Tubbs
Churchwarden
(01723 850620)

Rev'd Stuart Hill
Vicar
(01723 859694)

WYKEHAM AND HUTTON BUSCEL WI

Our Spring Show on 23 April, at Ayton Village Hall, was very successful, with around 300 entries, from eight local WI groups. This year's theme was "Children's Books" and the entries – from cookery to handicrafts to stories – showed great artistry, skill and imagination. The hall looked a picture and the quality of exhibits was very high.

Forthcoming events:

May 10th Laughter Lines with Anne Pilgrim-Green

June 14th Elizabeth Botham: The Story of Her Bakery, with Jo Botham.

The July meeting will feature a talk given by a local author who lives six months of the year in America.

July Theatre outing – a trip to see the Phoenix Drama Group at the YMCA Theatre in Scarborough.

There will be no meeting in August but we will hope to organise an outing.

If you would like to join us to see if it appeals to you we will be delighted to welcome you. If you need any more information I will be happy to help.

DENISE HOLTBY, Secretary – tel 01723 863149

GARDEN NOTES

It is surprising just how many edibles can be grown in pots and containers – on a balcony, in a yard, on a sunny windowsill or by the kitchen door. To pick a few salad leaves or a handful of fresh parsley is so satisfying – fresh, a fraction of the cost of bought, and delicious. Radishes, different types of lettuce and carrots can be easily grown in pots, as well as French and climbing beans. There are now varieties of tumbling tomato that can be grown in hanging baskets, as well as strawberries (out of the way of pesky slugs). Sow the seed of herbs and vegetables little and often to get a steady supply. Terracotta pots, while looking pretty, tend to lose moisture more quickly than plastic ones, so if you use terracotta, line inside the pot with a perforated plastic bag and plant into that.

The current fashion in restaurants for microleaves (salads or herbs that are picked whilst very small) shows no sign of diminishing and these tiny leaves pack a surprising punch of flavour – beetroot is especially good, and looks very pretty scattered over other salad leaves. Sow seed thickly in a pot and harvest with scissors when the first set of leaves come up. Even growing mustard and cress on damp kitchen paper is worthwhile, and so easy. My favourite herb for growing in a pot has to be French tarragon. It is not particularly hardy and needs to be sheltered over winter – but its unusual, mild aniseed flavour goes well with fish and chicken and creamy pasta sauces, and is well worth the effort.

Anne Britton

TALES FROM THE WARREN...

We are very sorry to report the sad demise of Henry, erstwhile WRNM correspondent from North Moor. Henry ran free around the village for four years and was instrumental in the campaign to slow down traffic. He brought much entertainment and joy to residents and will be much missed. The good news: his role as roving reporter has been taken on by Henrietta, a black and white guinea pig who also has free run of the North Moor patch. She reports the following story: I was minding my own business underneath a hedge when I saw two elderly gentlemen cyclists pull up at the new sign to North Moor. One said to the other: "North Moor?? I've never heard of North Moor!" The other said: "I didn't know it existed!". So I squeaked at the top of my voice "Yes!! That's exactly why we've had the new signs done!" And here below is a report on our lovely new signs.



Looking resplendent in the spring sunshine is one of the new signs at North Moor. There will be one wooden planter at each end of the village under the main sign, probably with some open planting under the smaller sign. The signs are testament to the hard work and persistence of local people, in particular Parish Councillor Ingrid Ashman.

Thanks and appreciation also go to Don French Signs for the design, to Alan Howells (Ash Construction) of Ruston for making them and to Paul Atkinson for putting them up. The signs were financed by a grant from Scarborough Borough Council and by the Parish Council. Well done everyone.

FROM THE ARCHIVES.....

To commemorate the Coronation of HM The Queen in 1953, Frank Temple, of Manor Farm, Ruston donated a bench seat for the bus shelter in Ruston. It bears a dedication to his parents Mr and Mrs R G Temple.

TRAMP TO BERLIN THEN VICTORY! Many thanks to **JOYCE ROBINSON** of Hutton Buscel for getting in touch regarding the wonderful old photo in the last issue. The photo was taken around 1941, and features twin brothers Geoffrey Hudson and Alan Hudson as a tramp and a sweep. The little girl in the background is Marina Rjby.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

June 6	Singaround, Scarborough Academy of Music, Wykeham, 8-9.30pm
June 10	Royal Birthday Tea Party, Wykeham School, 1.30-3.30pm
June 12	Dragon Boat Races, Wykeham Lakes, 10am-4pm
July 3	Strawberry Tea, Lilac Cottage, 29 Wykeham
July 4	Parish Council meeting 6.30pm, St John's Offices, Wykeham Business Centre
Sept 10	Opera At Wykeham, St Helen and All Saints Church
Sept 25	Village Memories Event, 2-4pm, Wykeham Cricket Club

WHAT A HOOT.....



Spotted enjoying the sunshine in the paddock behind Town End in Ruston is this adult Little Owl. The Little Owl was introduced to the UK in the 19th century. It can be seen in the daylight, usually perching on a tree branch, telegraph pole or rock. It will bob its head up and down when alarmed; its diet consists of small birds and mammals, beetles and worms. Little Owl numbers are on the decline, with the UK population estimated to be down by 24 per cent between 1995 and 2008.

(Info courtesy of RSPB; Photo submitted by Sharon Colley.)



PLANTING TIME IN RUSTON

Volunteers Mary Ann, Barry and Anne are shown planting up the troughs next to "Gordon's Bench" in Town End. The colour scheme this year is a suitably Royal red, white and blue, with added gold for good measure! Thanks to all involved for their efforts – the entrance to Ruston is a much brighter place, and Gordon would certainly have approved.

Photo: Sharon Colley

From **ELEGY WRITTEN IN A COUNTRY CHURCHYARD** by T Gray

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd wind slowly o'er the lea,
The ploughman homeward plods his weary way,
And leaves the world to darkness, and to me.

Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight,
And all the air a solemn stillness holds,
Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight,
And drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds.

Submitted by Laila Bradley

SITUATION VACANT

A vacancy has arisen for the position of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to Wykeham Parish Council. The Parish Council is seeking expressions of interest in this post. Please contact Gary Parkin (Clerk) in the first instance by email or letter for further details.

Email: clerk.wrpc@btinternet.com

Letter: Mr G Parkin, Clerk, Wykeham Parish Council, 70 Garth End Rd, West Ayton, Scarborough YO13 9JH

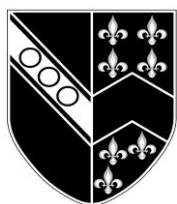
MY EARLY LIFE **By Norman Slack**

The following piece comprises excerpts from a fascinating, undated and incomplete document we have found amongst some old Parish documents. If anyone can provide more information about Mr Slack, please contact Anne Britton 07866106093 or email britters54@gmail.com

"My first recollections are of the day on which the 1914-18 War broke out. I would have been about five years old at the time. My father was, as his father had been, Groom to Lord Downe. My father came off the 3.30 train and went to get two ponies, Dolly and Mick.

Dolly had been Lord Downe's pony in the Boer War and I learned to ride on her along the usual path at that time round the back of Gallows Hill to the top end of Ruston. The other horses that I can remember from that time were found by Major Hugh Dawnay yoked into a gun-carriage. These were Lookout and Starlight, who wore their campaign ribbons in their bridles and the Mons Star. Major Dawnay was killed in the War.

During the 1914-18 War a light railway ran from Wykeham Village up onto Wykeham Moor to lead timber. £48,000 worth of timber was said to have been got out. To start with horses pulled the wagons up onto the Moor and they ran down again by gravity. Later a Mr Young, a blacksmith, converted a small road engine to run on the railway. We children used to push the rullies up from the depot just over the railway bridge in Wykeham on the right and ride down for fun".



NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL

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CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

HACKNESS CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOL

and

WYKEHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROPOSAL FOR FEDERATION

CONSULTATION PERIOD: 27th MAY to 8th JULY 2016

The Governing Bodies of Hackness C.E. Primary School and Wykeham C.E. Primary School are consulting parents, staff, the local community and other stakeholders on a proposal to formally change how the two schools are governed and led. The consultation document describes what federation would mean to both schools, how this would differ from the current shared head teacher arrangement and, most importantly, what the impact would be on the children of each school.

The proposal to federate has the support of North Yorkshire County Council and the Diocese of York and staff from both organisations have assisted with the extensive research undertaken by the Governing Bodies to create the document.

A copy of the consultation document is available to view on the school's website which can be accessed by visiting www.wykeham.n-yorks.sch.uk. Alternatively, you may view the document at Wykeham School. Please call 01723 862413 to make an appointment.

***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!***



**HM Queen Elizabeth II's
90th birthday tea party at**

**Wykeham CE Primary School
Friday 10 June 2016
1.30pm – 3.00pm**

**Dancing, singing, poetry, tree planting
and commemorative coin presentation.
Admission by invitation only.**

**Tea and cake, raffle and ice creams all
available.**



All proceeds will be sent to Barnardo's.

THIS IS YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO JOIN THE ROYAL TEA PARTY AT WYKEHAM SCHOOL

Please cut out the ticket invitation below and present it at the School gate to gain entry. Invitations are strictly limited to residents living in Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor.



AND FINALLY.....Two garden-related bits of silliness:

**What sort of an animal is a slug? A SNAIL WITH A HOUSING PROBLEM!
How do you stop moles digging in your garden? HIDE THEIR SHOVELS!**

The next edition of WRNM News will be due out in September 2016, but I will need to have any contributions (articles, photos, poems, recipes, memories, for sale notices, etc) rather earlier than usual please - **by 16 August.**

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