



# WRNM News!

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



Christmas is coming!

The Advent Calendar is up which can only mean one thing - Christmas is coming and your Ed is rushing around in her normal state of feverish excitement. So much to do - so little time! Every year I promise myself I will make an earlier start on my preparations but I never do. Sound familiar? No matter how busy you are, grab a cuppa and a mince pie and settle down for a few minutes with your WRNM News! Lots of good stuff inside (don't miss page 5!)

I am leaving you! This will be my final edition as Ed - I am hoping someone will take over the reigns by March and keep this fine publication going. I've really loved the job and want to thank you all for your support over the years, especially my lovely regular contributors. I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year.

Bye bye.

Your Ed



## News from School



Our Christmas production this year is 'Are we nearly there yet....?'. It is being performed in Wykeham Church on Tuesday 17 December at 1.30pm and again at 6.30pm. We would like to welcome all our friends and neighbours to either production so please do come along.



Since September we have been busy fundraising including a British Heart Foundation sponsored skip which raised £197.00. Our efforts for Children in Need this year also raised £203.00. We are continuing with the textile bin situated just outside the school gate. This year alone we have recycled some 427 kgs of textiles - thank you to all our friends in the villages who use it!

We would also like to thank the people who kindly collected and sent in their Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers. This year we collected just over 1600 vouchers which will in turn provide gardening equipment for the children to use in and around school

The school playground received a facelift over half term. The markings had been down for over ten years and had started to crumble. Here it is looking fresh, colourful and exciting.



Our juniors have been studying the Tudors and we just love this photo of them taken during their field trip to Barley Hall in York....

Mrs Field from 'Amanda Field Jewellery and Headpieces' has been running Tudor hat making workshops at school in preparation for our Tudor dance and fashion show later this term!

Our Infants have been studying food from around the world and our colleagues at Yorkshire Coast College provided a cookery morning where they learnt to make Fishfingers from the UK, shortbread from Scotland, beefburgers from America, couscous and banana fritters from Africa, pizza from Italy and chicken korma from India.



*Thank You!*

Wykeham School would like to thank the Editor of WRNM News for the years she has put in to pulling the newsletter together, the quality of the articles and most importantly her patience! (Aw thanks! - Ed)



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## Millennium Footpath Group

It has been a busy time for the Millennium Footpath Group. 1000 bluebells and 500 Farndale daffodils have been planted in various locations in Fish Pond Wood, along the railway track and in the woods down to Abbott's Meadow. There are now steps installed down the side of the railway bridge, making much easier and safer access to the railway path from North Moor Road, and a new wooden way-marker at the foot of the steps. There were several sessions spent pulling up Himalayan Balsam plants along the railway track. This is a serious pest of a weed which grows along riverbanks and gullies, and which can rapidly colonise huge areas, smothering other plants in the process.

Visitors to Ruston Green will also spot two newly installed wooden sculptures of an owl and an eagle, created during a chain-sawing demonstration at the Village Show. Well done to everyone who helped with all the above activities and we hope you all enjoy the flowering bulbs in the Spring.

I'm sure volunteers are always welcome. If you can spare a hand please contact Laurence Day Tel 862990 / 07711 738866  
email [Laurenceday2810@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Laurenceday2810@yahoo.co.uk)

Ed



## Janet's Jottings



Yesterday we had snow! But only just, it melted as soon as it hit the ground but it certainly gave the media something to get excited about, and thus start alarming the driving public. Whenever talk turns to difficult driving conditions, attention is always drawn straight to snow and ice but there are several other weather conditions that can affect driving. Over the last month we have been fortunate to have some lovely sunny days, but with the sun

low in the sky it hits you right between the eyes, and on wet roads, it is even more difficult to see where you are going. Strong blustery winds and driving rain also cause problems, requiring the use of wipers and de-misters to keep the windows clear. Winter usually throws everything, weatherwise at us, so make sure you have good tread on the tyres to hold you on the road, effective window wipers, screen wash not water in the washer bottle, and always travel at a speed you know you can stop.

Very best wishes for the festive period and we will return to the tales from the passenger seat in the New Year

Ps Gift Vouchers available if you are stuck for a Christmas present

Janet 07713 646461

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## Wykeham Cricket Club



### **STOP PRESS.....**

#### **Several members stay awake during Cricket Club AGM sensation.**

The AGM of Wykeham Cricket Club, held once again at The Downe Arms on the first Thursday in November, a date which seemed to surprise some members despite the fact that it has been held on the first Thursday in November for the last 125 years; was advertised in the fixture card at the start of the season and had subsequently been noted on face book and the club website as well as by letter and telephone, got off to a satisfactory start when enough members turned up to make the meeting quorate.

The chairman's address, concentrating largely on the successes of the 2013 season, whipped up enthusiasm to a level of mild apathy. One member, waking inadvertently, loudly ordered a pint of bitter before realising where he was. The election of officers also failed to cause a lot of comment with the incumbents being re-elected almost to a man, the only significant change being the election of Pete Shepherdson as captain of the Evening League B team. Jayne Graves, obviously new to AGMs, made the elementary mistake of making the very sensible suggestion that as the club now had female junior members it would be a good idea to have a female child welfare officer as well as the two male officers. Everybody agreed and immediately elected her to the position before she had a chance to protest.

The item that did manage to raise those present from their state of torpor was the venue for third team home matches next season. As Wykeham has only the one ground it can only accommodate two sides at the Wykeham Park and so the third team has to play elsewhere. They have done this at the Burniston Road Ground which they share with Scalby Cricket Club for the last two seasons. Reservations have been held about the facilities at the ground and news that a water supply had now been connected did not seem to satisfy all members. Concern was voiced about the nature of the toileting arrangements. There is a chemical toilet at the ground but it was pointed out that not every player had had the necessary inoculations that would make a visit relatively safe. Some of the more alarmist tales about members entering and never being seen again were dismissed on the grounds that their disappearances almost certainly had a perfectly logical explanation. It was agreed that the financial implications of either hiring a portable toilet or changing venues would be investigated.

It was thought that it was probably too late to launch the inaugural Wykeham Cricket Club Calendar for 2014 and that this would be a project for next season. The treasurer announced that the eagerly anticipated Christmas draw would be held at The Downe Arms on Sunday 22 December.

Members, some of whom had gone almost ten minutes without a drink, greeted the end of the meeting with rather unseemly enthusiasm and repaired to the bar. (love it –very amusing – Ed)



## Christmas Carols and Crafts

Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.45<sub>pm</sub> – 8.00<sub>pm</sub>  
St Helen and All Saints Church  
Wykeham

A Family Friendly Christmas Celebration

Craft stalls to browse, festive refreshments  
and a chance to sing all your favourite  
Christmas Carols and Songs

2.45pm Music and songs  
by Wykeham School 25 piece orchestra & pupils

Children's Craft session –  
make a Christmas Wish Decoration  
to hang on the Christmas Prayer Tree

4.00pm Children's Carols & Christmas  
sing song for all to join in

7.00pm Carols by Request  
an opportunity for all the villagers to get together  
to sing those favourite carols and  
celebrate the true spirit of Christmas

All proceeds to St Helens and All Saints Church



## Festive Garden Notes

Why not use your talents as a gardener to create some pretty and unusual Christmas presents this year?

It's not too late to plant tulips, for example, and they would look lovely in a pot of a contrasting or matching colour. Look around for unusual containers such as old baskets, small wooden crates or old cooking pots. Tulips flower from march through to late May, so by careful choosing and mixing of varieties you can create a really long-lasting display. It's also worth noting the eventual flowering height of the tulips (some grow up to 3 feet/ 90cms) so they are in proportion to the container. Whatever container you use, make sure excess water can drain out - tulips, in particular, hate wet bottoms!



Winter pansies are still available and they also work really well in pots. Try one pansy in a single 6"/15cm clay pot with a layer of gravel or stones to cover the top of the soil or compost - very simple and very effective

Finally, for any cooks on your present list, how about making a mini herb garden? Some of the hardy herbs such as sage or rosemary live happily in pots or containers, and other more delicate herbs (parsley, chives, coriander) can be bought in the supermarket food section and transferred to a pot to be placed on a sunny windowsill indoors.

Happy gardening in 2014! Anne

## Christmas Services

Sunday 8th December

*Family Carol Service*

3 p.m. All Saints, Brompton by Sawdon

Sunday 15th December

*Carols around the Crib*

2.30 p.m. St Stephen's, Snainton

Sunday 22nd December

*Christmas Carol Service*

4.00 p.m. Snainton Methodist Church



*Christmas Carols and Readings*

6.00 p.m. St Matthew's, Hutton Buscel

Christmas Eve

*Family Christingle Service*

3p.m. St Matthew's, Hutton Buscel



*Christmas Eucharist*

8.00 p.m. St Peter's, Langdale End

*Christmas Carols*

10 p.m. All Saints, Wykeham

*Midnight Mass*

11.30 p.m. St Stephen's, Snainton

Christmas Day

*Christmas Eucharist*

9.30 a.m. All Saints, Brompton



*Christmas Day Service*

10.30 a.m. Snainton Methodist Ch

*Christmas Family Eucharist*

11 a.m. St Matthew's, Hutton Buscel

Sunday 29th December

*Holy Eucharist and Christmas Carols*

11 a.m. St Stephens, Snainton



*Christmas Carols and Readings*

2.30 p.m. St Peter's, Langdale End

## Parish Council



A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 18 November 2012 and the following notes may be of interest:

All the Councillors were present and PC Billing attended part of the meeting. Borough and County Councillor D Jeffels sent his apologies.

### Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that he had discussed making a bid for a grant for a computer with the Scarborough Borough Council Officer responsible for servicing the Central Rural Area Committee. She had advised that such a bid was unlikely to be successful but would have stood more chance if the computer would be accessible to members of the public in a venue with regular opening hours. Cllr. Sword considered the suggestion to have merit and mentioned the Tea Rooms as the sort of venue that might be acceptable. It was agreed that he would research the possibilities before the next round of funding bids in 2014.

Cllr. Day confirmed that the bidding list to the Area Committee was oversubscribed but he was pleased to be able to report that Wykeham Cricket Club had received a grant of £1K.

### Finance

Payments to the Wykeham Parochial Church Council and to the Clerk and HMRC as set out in the Statement were agreed in principle. Cllr. Sword will, in due course, submit invoices for Churchyard maintenance and servicing of the Church clock.

The Clerk proceeded to take the Meeting through the **Provisional Budget Figures for 2013 to 2015** as set out in a report that had been circulated with the agenda. He pointed out that the Borough Council has advised that it can be assumed that if the Council Tax payers who do not receive support continue to contribute at the current level in 2014/15, that this will again raise £2,010.00. As reported at the last Parish Council Meeting, the Borough Council may again be able to add a grant of £190.00 to make a total of £2,200.00. The Model Agreement grant will be increased by 3.2% and will total £2,561.59. Members noted that the bus shelters and surroundings will need some attention and commented that the contractor appointed for grass cutting in 2014/15 must pay more attention to weed treatment.

Taking into account likely income and expenditure, the uncommitted balances at the end of March in 2014 and 2015 are projected to be about £2,177.00 and £2,921.00 respectively but no allowance has been made for making financial contributions towards community projects such as the Derwent Valley BRIDGE or the WRNM News.

In addition, the monies available in the Marquee fund will total about £1,249.00 in 2014/15 and the present balance in the Business Account is £1,131.00.

It was agreed to accept the Provisional Budget for 2014/15, in principle, including a Precept of £2,010.00, the Model Agreement proposals and the Borough Council's grant of £190.00. This agreement is subject to the Borough Council confirming that the 2013/14 level of Council Tax payments will again raise £2,010.00 in 2014/15 and that a grant of £190.00 will be made.

The Clerk confirmed that the agreed Parish Council response to the Borough Council's consultation on Local Support for Council Tax was submitted following receipt of the further information that had been requested.



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

Cllr. Sword reported that the Annual General Meeting of the **Village Hall Committee** was held on 16 October. All but one of the original Trustees remain “on board” and two new ones have been appointed. Other people would like to help and five members of the public attended the meeting. A follow up meeting has taken place when a location for the Village Hall, in the Hillyard near the School, was discussed. Advice on funding was received from Sarah Lally-Marley from Ryedale Action/Seachange. It is intended to hold regular meetings from now on.

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

PC Bilton concentrated on crime and other significant incidents. He said that the drugs incidents were relatively minor and the numbers reflect increased Police activity in dealing with such matters. Other incidents of note involved two individuals assaulting each other, the theft of a canoe from Wykeham Lakes and several incidents involving vehicles. These included a complaint about the way a vehicle was being driven, a car that was overloaded with passengers and several instances of break-ins/attempted break-ins of vehicles. PC Bilton stressed the need for people to not leave property on display when they park their vehicles, even for a short period. Some of the vehicle incidents happened in adjoining Parishes but it is clear that venues and facilities along the A170 are a target for criminals.

The wider area is also experiencing a spate of poaching which PC Bilton says is a regular occurrence at this time of year. He has been offering advice to farmers and other landowners about how to secure their boundaries and reduce the scope for access. Regarding the theft of live stock, PC Bilton described one particular case which has many aspects and he explained how the Crown Prosecution Service will always focus on a limited number of the most significant crimes committed by an individual when the matters are taken to Court.

PC Bilton noted Cllr. Terry’s comment that a burnt out car had been found along the road up to Rowe Howe. Cllr. Sword said the car had been removed by the Borough Council.

Lady Downe thanked PC Bilton, (and his colleagues), for their efforts on behalf of the community and he left the Meeting.

Lady Downe reopened the agenda and Cllr. Day provided an update on the **Millennium Walk and Ruston Village Amenity Area project**. Bulbs have now been planted, work has taken place to construct steps at the Downe Arms bridge and drainage work is to be carried out at Fishpond Wood. Cllr. Terry remarked on the increase in the number of walkers using the Millennium Walk.

Cllr. Barnett commented on the potential damage to fencing being caused by horses and Cllr. Day offered to discuss this with Mrs Risker. Mention was also made of the need to re-hang a gate beyond East Gate in Ruston and Cllr. Day said this would be addressed by the Working Party which will be meeting shortly

Cllr Terry confirmed that the Christmas edition of the **WRNM News** will be the last to be edited by Mrs Terry. Discussions have taken place with one possible candidate for taking over the role of editor and there is still the issue of possibly having to make a computer and broadband services available. It was agreed that Cllrs. Day and Sword would continue to research these issues, including whether a local firm might have a spare computer available.

Cllr. Sword reported on the recent AGM of the **Derwent Valley BRIDGE** which was attended by 60 people. A new Committee has been appointed and a Steering Group

Meeting will be held on 19 November. Cllr. Sword commented that Parish Councils will again be asked to support the BRIDGE financially and, with this in mind, it was noted that last year Wykeham Parish Council did request information about how well the facility was used by its residents.

Under **Other Community Issues**, it was noted that the carriageway where the road from Ruston joins the A170, at the top of the hill, has still not been repaired. Cllr. Terry expressed concern about the state of the road at Burton Terrace, Ruston and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask Cllr. Jeffels to take these matters up with County Highways.

### **Consultations and liaison**

Members considered a briefing note from the Clerk which summarised the implications for the Parish of North Yorkshire County Council's **Proposed Reductions to Bus Service Subsidy**. It was agreed to support the overall Strategy as there are no adverse implications. As regards a separate County Council consultation on **Post 16 Home to School and College Transport**, it was agreed that increasing the charge from £360 to £480 p.a. for unsubsidised students would be excessive and that any savings should be made by spreading the cost more evenly amongst users.

The County Council was also consulting on a range of measures to save money on **Household Waste Recycling Centres** in 2014/15 and later years. It was agreed that none of the proposals could be supported as they would lead to fly tipping and a subsequent burden of responsibility on landowners, District Councils and the Police. The modest level of savings being aimed for should be made by cutting back on non-essential services.

Scarborough Borough Council was consulting on the submission version of the **Whitby Business Park Area Action Plan** and it was agreed to continue to support the expansion of the development. Members were pleased to note that in the two areas for development on the eastern edge would be for buildings which are low in height and scale to protect long distance views and the setting of Whitby Abbey.

### **Planning Application**

Members considered an application to develop a **Wind Turbine at Kirk Gate in Sawdon**. It was agreed to object to the proposal because it would have a detrimental visual effect on the landscape/countryside. Furthermore, the Parish Council considers that this type of proposal may only be acceptable, in principle, where it is specifically needed to serve a development.

### **General correspondence**

Members received and considered the list of general correspondence. It was noted that the Planning Inquiry into a proposed Wind Farm at West Heslerton commences on 19 November in Malton and that there is to be an open day regarding another Wind Farm proposal at Cottam Airfield which will be held in Driffield on 30 November. With regard to the latter proposal, Cllr. Sword had attended a preliminary meeting to discuss the applicant's plans for public consultation.

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

Monday 20 January 2014 at 6.30pm in the St John Office at Wykeham Business Centre.

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P.S. from your Ed

Don't forget the Parish Council has a website [www.wykehamparishcouncilk.org.uk](http://www.wykehamparishcouncilk.org.uk)

## The Joys of Reading

As the year draws to an end and the darkness lengthens, the time to read expands to fill the void left by gardening and outdoor pastimes. Some people read regularly all year round and feel bereft without a book on the go, some read not at all and some as and when their busy lifestyle calls out for some quiet time.

Maybe you are someone who reads to improve their knowledge, or maybe you like

to escape the harsh realities of everyday life. I read to relax and often have very little recollection of the finer details of the plot but more a remembrance of how a book made me feel. One of my greatest joys is passing on a great book to someone that I think will enjoy it. Book clubs are a great way of sharing a passion for books and certainly encourage you to try books that wouldn't necessarily be at the top of your reading pile. I have recently read *Northanger Abbey* for the very first time! Are you a hoarder who boasts proudly of the number of books in your house, or do you use your local library and not feel the need to keep a copy of everything on display in your home? There are very few books that I hang on to and feel precious about but there are a few. Many are signed copies that I have been lucky enough to get my hands on, one or two are first editions that may one day provide me with a bit of extra income (I can live in hope) and some are thoughtful gifts that I love just because of that. I thought I would share a few with you that sit on my 'do not part with' shelf that I would happily recommend to anyone.



### [A Prayer For Owen Meany – John Irving](#)

Eleven-year-old Owen Meany, playing in a Little League baseball game in Gravesend, New Hampshire, hits a foul ball and kills his best friend's mother. Owen doesn't believe in accidents; he believes he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen after that 1953 foul ball is both extraordinary and terrifying

### [Alex Woods versus the Universe – Gavin Extence](#)

Alex Woods knows that he hasn't had the most conventional start in life. He knows that growing up with a clairvoyant single mother won't endear him to the local bullies. He also knows that even the most improbable events can happen – he's got the scars to prove it. What he doesn't know yet is that when he meets ill-tempered, reclusive widower Mr Peterson, he'll make an unlikely friend ([One of the best books I've read in a long time – Ed](#))

### [Frankenstein – Mary Shelley](#)

Obsessed with the idea of creating life itself, Victor Frankenstein plunders graveyards for the material with which to fashion a new being, shocking his creation to life with electricity. But this botched creature, rejected by its creator and denied human companionship, sets out to destroy

### [The Woman in Black – Susan Hill](#)

Arthur Kipps, a junior solicitor, is summoned to attend the funeral Mrs Alice Drablow, the house's sole inhabitant of Eel Marsh House, unaware of the tragic secrets which lie hidden behind the shuttered windows.

### [Candlemoth – RJ Ellory](#)

Daniel Ford has thirty-six days to live. Accused of the horrific murder of his best friend Nathan twelve years before, he has exhausted all appeals and now faces the long walk to the electric chair. All he can do is make peace with his God. Father John Rousseau is the man to whom the last month of Daniel's life has been entrusted. All the two men have left to do is rake over the last ashes of Ford's existence.

### [Memoirs of a Geisha – Arthur Golden](#)

A young peasant girl is sold as servant and apprentice to a renowned geisha house. She tells her story many years later from the Waldorf Astoria in New York. Her memoirs conjure up the perfection and the ugliness of life behind rice-paper screens, where young girls learn the arts of geisha – dancing and singing, how to wind the kimono, how to walk and pour tea, and how to beguile the land's most powerful men.

If anyone is interested in starting up a village reading group please let Di Ruston know ( tel 864356) and if there is enough interest we will get one set up.

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## Wykeham Village Christmas Market

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 8.00am - 1.00pm

Do come along on the morning to buy some top quality, locally produced foods and goods and bring this flyer with you to enter the prize draw for two £50.00 hampers full of Wykeham Village Market goodies.



The flyer has a light blue background with a subtle pattern of white snowflakes. At the top, there are three illustrations: a pig, a bunch of red radishes, and a fish. Below these is the text 'Wykeham Village Market' in a large, dark serif font, followed by a list of market goods in a smaller, cursive script. A decorative border of holly leaves and red ribbons separates this from the 'Christmas Market' title, which is in a bold, dark green serif font. The date and time are listed below in a dark green sans-serif font. A promotional message about a prize draw is in bold dark green, with a note about validity in a smaller font. The location and contact information are in a dark green sans-serif font. At the bottom left, social media and email details are listed. At the bottom right is the Dawnay Estates logo, which features a red lion rampant on a shield with the text 'DAWNAY ESTATES' and 'YORKSHIRE'.

Wykeham Village Market  
*meats, cheese, fish, veg, bread, cakes, poultry, game, gifts*

**Christmas Market**  
13th December 2013 - 8.00 am until 1.00 pm

**Bring this flyer along to enter the FREE  
prize draw to WIN one of two £50 hampers!**  
(only valid at Christmas Market on 13/12/2013)

**Downe Arms car park**  
(A170 just 7 miles from Scarborough)  
Tel: 01723 866600

facebook: Wykeham Villagemarket  
twitter: @wykehammarket  
email: estates@dawnay.co.uk

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Our market is under threat - it needs your support - Ed

## Village Show 2014

The first planning meeting will be held in February. More details to follow via email and on the noticeboards.

## Lauren's Cows



Lauren's Cows Christmas cards are available from your Ed at West Hill, Ruston or visit her website [www.laurencows.com](http://www.laurencows.com)

All local orders can be delivered



## Dates For Your Diary

Thurs Dec 5	Christmas Carols and Crafts	St Helen's	2.45-8.00
Friday Dec 13	Christmas Village Market	Downe Arms	8.00-1.00
Tues Dec 17	School Christmas Play	St Helen's	1.30, 6.30
Tues Dec 25	<b>CHRISTMAS!!!</b>		
Mon Jan 20	Parish Council Meeting	6.30pm	
Next Edition	???		

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL MY READERS

WITH ALL BEST WISHES,

YOUR ED XXX

