

WRNM News!

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



As I write this there is a very definite hint of Spring in the air. There are lambs in the fields, buds on the trees, an abundance of snowdrops and even a hint of sunshine. Although we doubtless will still have the odd cold snap to deal with, I think we can safely say that Winter is behind us. I'm sure most of us are starting to think about our gardens and it would be great to have some gardening hints and tips from those experts out there (of which I know we have plenty in our villages) to help those who are keen, but a bit of a horticultural disaster area, such as myself. Who will rise to the challenge for the next edition?

Your Ed

School News

As we are presently cooking and tossing pancakes our Christmas activities seem a long time ago.

The highlight of these was our Christmas production 'The Crib in the Churchyard'. This play was specially written for us by Mr Baird and was about a nativity tableau in which the characters come to life to explain the Christmas story to a new figure. Mr Baird ensured that all our song choices fit in perfectly with the story. All the children had a part to play and they all performed brilliantly to full audiences of family and friends and we were especially thrilled to see the Wooden Horse nursery at our afternoon performance. There was a heart tugging solo from Esme Fowler as the little star. (Not a dry eye in the audience).





The costumes were fantastic and thanks go to the parents who kindly helped by making them, and a special thank you again to The Downe Arms for the use of the room. As always the Friends of the School held their annual Christmas Fair following the performance and raised over £670 which included the Christmas draw and the Christmas disco.

We also held a Christmas Carol Service in St Helen's and All Saints Church on 20th December for parents and friends. Once again we had a full church. The parents were treated to readings and poems from the Key Stage 2 children, a short play about the Fox visiting the stable at Christmas by Key Stage 1 and music for our orchestra and Holly Shepherdson performed a solo on the piano.

At the end of February Zoologica brought a range of interesting creatures into school for the children to see handle and learn about. These included a giant snail, tarantula, snake and giant millipede.

Pic 1 The infants getting to know a corn snake

Pic 2 Caitlin meeting a giant snail

Pic 3 Harry stroking??? Well what do you think it is?



As we move into a new year there are big changes taking place at Wykeham School. I have decided to give up my job and take early retirement from September. This news has given the governors lots of extra work as they have spent many hours sifting through application forms looking for my replacement. I am pleased to say they have appointed Mr James Pynn who will take up the post on the 1st September. [\(More details in the next edition – Ed\)](#) During the next few months there will be a lot of meetings to ensure a smooth transfer. It is going to be a big wrench handing over the reins as I have been at Wykeham for over 13 years and I have had a wonderful time here and feel very much part of this close knit community. I know Mr Pynn will be given the same warm welcome I received and I am sure he will quickly settle into life at Wykeham.

Sue Clothier (Head teacher)

Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 23 January 2012 and the following may be of interest:

All the councillors were present with the exception of Cllr Sword who sent his apologies. Also present were Borough Councillor David Jeffels and PC Bilton who joined the meeting towards the end. No members of the public were present.

Borough Council Update

Cllr. Jeffels provided an update from the Borough Council. The application to extend the mineral workings at Wykeham Quarry will not be considered by North Yorkshire County Council before March 2012 at the earliest. He still hopes to be able to provide the Parish Council with a readable summary of the Minerals and Waste Forward Planning documents.

Cllr. Jeffels spoke about the County Council and Borough Council Budget setting processes for 2012/13. He explained that the Borough Council is being recommended to increase its share of Council Tax by 3.0% rather than accept a one off grant from the Government which would allow it to freeze its share of the tax for a year. Cllr. Jeffels said that the Borough Council's Head of Finance considers that there will be adverse implications on services in the longer term if the grant is accepted. He said that the County Council is being recommended to accept the grant and thus freeze its demands on the taxpayer. The Police and Fire Authorities have also been made the same offer by the Government but their position is not known. On 15 November 2012, the public will elect a Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire. He/she will have responsibilities including setting the Police precept, budgeting and holding the Chief Constable to account.

Cllr. Jeffels said that Cllr. Sword is playing a vital role, along with others, in the work to safeguard the future of a Library service in East Ayton. The Business Plan needs to be submitted to the County Council by mid February 2012 and there will be an open coffee morning on Saturday 04 February when volunteers and others will meet to review progress and make plans.

The Clerk asked a question about the County Council's new contractors for grass cutting in 2012 and the implications for grant aid to Parish Councils doing this work on County's

behalf. Cllr. Jeffels suggested that a letter should be sent to the County Council (copy to the Yorkshire Local Councils Association) if there are any concerns.

Concern was expressed about the large number of potholes on roads in the Parish including along the route through Wykeham Village and along Hugden Lane. It was commented that lack of regular maintenance such as weed control along kerbs/setts is false economy and leads to higher costs in the future. The Clerk was asked to take this matter up with the Highways Area Office.

Community Projects

There was no progress to report in respect of the Village Hall project.

Cllr. Terry and Cllr. Day reported that there would be a meeting later in the week to discuss further development of the Millennium Walk and the longer loop. Suggestions for improving signage for the walks and for printing a brochure will be considered along with ideas for commissioning sculptures, planting bulbs and the provision of steps and picnic tables at the Ruston end of the Walk.

Cllr. Terry commented that the £500.00 which is to be made available from the proceeds of the Whizz will ensure that printing costs of the WRNM Newsletter are met through to the Summer of 2012.

Cllr. Jeffels had provided an update on the future of Ayton Library earlier in the Meeting and there was nothing further to add.

It was noted that the number of rats in the Ruston area continues to cause concern. Cllr. Barnett explained the efforts that are being taken to reduce the numbers and referred to some alternative methods that are being discussed within the farming community.

Update from PC G Bilton

PC Bilton elaborated on the Police Report that had been circulated to members. He referred to the priority aimed at achieving Safer Roads and said he is trained to use a speed gun. His experience when using this in another village off the A170 resulted in him identifying a top speed of 29mph. Cllr. Terry commented that the Parish Council is in the process of responding to a County Council survey of Highway and Transport issues and that he wanted to raise awareness of the need to prepare young car drivers for the road, particularly when they have been away at College/University and have not been driving regularly. PC Bilton agreed that this is an issue and the practicality of restricting the engine size of cars used by inexperienced drivers, as happens with motorcycles, was discussed.

PC Bilton provided further details of the crimes that have occurred recently including thefts of fuel and other items from vehicles and thefts from outbuildings. He said that many of these and similar crimes could be avoided if the owners took more care. PC Bilton said that many of the vehicular routes off the main highway network are in poor condition and there are no funds to improve them. He talked about the criminals' methods for obtaining details for card cloning and also mentioned Police work in dealing with drugs issues. PC Bilton described the arrest of a local dog owner whose animal had allegedly disturbed a badger sett and said that this did not appear to be a case involving baiting.

Consultations

The Clerk reminded Members that they had considered a draft of the Borough Council's revised Dog Control Orders in November 2010 when the Parish Council agreed a response to the effect that there should be no relaxation of controls. He said that this

was the case with the latest version of the Orders. There are numerous changes to the details and a new power is proposed that will enable Officers to require a nuisance dog to be placed on a lead anywhere on non-exempted land within the Borough. The proposed Dog Control Orders were noted.

The Clerk briefed Members on the National Park Authority's Draft Housing Development Plan document. He reminded them of the consultation in September 2011 when the Parish Council commented that it considered a 40% target for affordable housing on eligible sites to be too high and neither viable or realistic. This figure is retained in the latest document and it was agreed to repeat the previous comment.

The Clerk confirmed that vacancies exist for 2 Members on the National Park Authority. They will be Secretary of State appointments and applications have to be submitted by 13 February 2012. The Clerk was asked to make Cllr. Sword aware of these opportunities.

Planning Application

The Clerk reported the submission of amended details to the application for extending the sand and gravel workings at Wykeham Quarry. The amendments provide details of further measures to record and preserve archaeological deposits and the submission was noted.

Grass Cutting Contract for 2012.

Three quotes were considered and the contract was awarded to J J Harrison of Whitby.

Date and time of next Meeting

Monday 19 March 2012 at 6.30pm. Venue to be confirmed

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P.S. from your Ed

Don't forget the Parish Council has a website www.wykehamparishcouncilk.org.uk and that this wonderful publication is available there in case you inadvertently use yours to light the fire or want to send it on to a friend, relative or ex-villager

Wykeham and Ruston Millennium Project

The Wykeham & Ruston Millennium Project was completed in the year 2000, 12 years on and we need to do a revamp and make it better. We have some ideas as to what we can do but we would welcome other suggestions and some new volunteers would be a great help, come and join us.

There will be a meeting at The Downe Arms on Wednesday 21st March at 7.30pm. If you can't make it to the meeting but you are interested please contact Doug 07876201035, Tim 862414 or Laurence 07711738866

Everyone welcome (the more the merrier - Ed)

Events at the Downe Arms

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the various local Shoots for all their custom this year- we hope you all had a great season!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 8 March WEDDING FAYRE 6-9pm
- free entrance- COME AND SEE SOME OF THE TOP LOCAL WEDDING SUPPLIERS



Friday 9 March EDGAR DUO play in the bar 9.15-11pm - free entrance

Wednesday 14 March WOMEN IN RURAL ENTERPRISE

Meeting at the Downe Arms 9.45-11.30

Sunday 18 March MOTHER'S DAY CARVERY LUNCH £12.50 2 courses £14.75 3 courses Treat Your Mum!

Friday 23 March KEITH SWALES DUO play in the bar 9.15-11pm - free entrance

Saturday 24 March 80's NIGHT DISCO- Come along in Fancy Dress! 7.30pm onwards in aid of Wykeham Cricket Club. Tickets from Pete Shepherdson 07837997128 or Downe Arms 862471 £5

Friday 30 March MARIE CURIE CHARITY EVENT-1.30-3.30pm

Embroidery by the late Edith Eastern

Organiser Jilly Pigg 862113

Friday 30 March TAKE THAT TRIBUTE

The UK's ultimate Take That tribute! Doors open at 8pm £10 pp Tel: 862471

Wykeham Whizz

Inspiration and help required for the 2012 Whizz

Are you interested? Can you help?

Meeting at the Downe Arms 7.30 Wednesday March 28th



If you can offer help/suggestions but can't make the meeting contact Laurence on 07711738866 (Time for some new blood - Ed!)

80s Disco

Saturday 24th March

Downe Arms, Wykeham – 7pm till late
£5 per ticket

**Come in 80s fancy
dress or school uniform!**

For tickets please call Pete – 07837 997128
or Ian – 07858 065405 – Tickets also
available from the Downe Arms

Entrance by ticket only

All proceeds to Wykeham Cricket Club

This event sold out in 2010 and 2011
Book early to avoid disappointment!

Janet's Jottings

To use that well worn reality show phrase "We've been on a journey." This is what John said when I asked if he wanted me to go on the test with him, "you were in at the start so I want you there at the end."



I often feel like a surrogate parent during the few months we are together. We start with faltering steps in a large open space where nobody can see you fall down, then move out onto quiet side roads as confidence builds, although panic sets in when other cars come. With lots of encouragement their self belief grows and we move out onto busier roads with roundabouts and traffic lights, a bit like going to school, having to interact with people and situations you don't know. The confidence soars as they deal with these situations but then a curve ball, we now have to go backwards – manoeuvres. With some guidance these become routine and before you know it they don't need me anymore, I'm just along for the ride.

Test time, I have given them the best instruction I can, offered advice on exam techniques etc and now I send them off without me to hold their hand, nothing more I can do. I am as nervous as they are awaiting the results, the tears (happy and sad), frustration, disagreement etc once the results are known are all part of our journey together. I drop them off, and with a big hug and best wishes for the future, hope the skills I have taught them will take them wherever they want to go. (ps, John passed)

Safe Travelling
Janet

07713 646461

Driving your Aspiration

Bellringing



Looking for a new challenge in 2012? Want a fascinating hobby with endless scope? Need a gentle work out for mind and body? Interested in the preservation and continuation of a unique part of our heritage? Want to meet new people and make new friends? Why not try Bellringing? A course for beginners is starting shortly at The Bell Tower, Wykeham Church, on Thursday evenings from 7.30 – 9pm aimed at teaching basic bell handling and the elements of ringing. No particular strength, skill, or musical ability is required, though you should be in reasonable health and able to manage stairs. Youngsters are welcome dependant a little on size and age, and with parental permission. Anyone interested in learning (or dusting off their ringing skills) please contact Martin Tubbs 01723 850000 martin@matubbs.co.uk for further information.

Women in Rural Enterprise



The Scarborough and District branch of WiRE - the only national UK organisation promoting, supporting and developing women running rural businesses - is based in Wykeham. This local network is run by Tina Carne whose business Four Degrees West is based in Wykeham and Katrina Shamel who looks after the rental properties on The Estate. Only six months old the group is having great success in attracting large numbers of rural business women to its meetings held every second Wednesday of the month from 9.45 am until 11.30am.

WiRE meetings offer practical business information and an opportunity to network and develop skills. The meetings are open to all women running businesses that deal with, cater for, or are based in rural areas, whether these be new, long established or still in the planning phase. WiRE understands that the usual problems of running a business are often exacerbated by a rural location - poor communications, lack of services and isolation and the WiRE network enables like minded business women to make connections and share solutions.

In the past few months The Scarborough and District WiRE group, has invited experts to advise on self assessment tax returns, approaching banks for funding, social media and marketing. In the coming months there will be presentations on Time Management, "How to Put your Pitch" and a vocal workshop.

Importantly, in addition to providing information and advice the meetings are a platform for marketing businesses and many Members have already made sales and found clients among the group and through referral.

To find out more about WiRE and our local network go to www.wireuk.org/scarborough-network.html www.facebook.com/ScarboroughWiRE or email Tina and Katrina on wire@4dw.co.uk

New Start

My name is Elaine Day and I have lived in Wykeham for the past 34 years. I am married to Laurence Day who works for Wykeham Mature Plants and we have three children and one granddaughter. After the children had grown up I returned to full time work, but then in October 2010 after being in a stable job for 10years I was made redundant. What was I going to do? The jobs that I had any interest in were few and far between. At first it was like being on holiday but after a while I started to feel brain dead (remember that feeling when you are stuck at home with small children only talking baby talk) Then one day while talking to someone they gave me the idea of machine embroidery and so I started to explore the idea.

After a lot of thought, a visit to a trade show and a visit to a machine supplier I did it, I actually made the decision to go self-employed. I never thought I would it was something that I had always dreamt about I suppose. My own boss, nobody to tell me what to do, BRILIANT

ELADAY STITCHES was formed. I purchased an industrial embroidery machine and I work from home in a wonderful summerhouse with a fantastic view. Here I do machine embroidery, at present logos for individuals or companies. My first customers were Wykeham Mature Plants putting their logo on Polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleece jackets. I can supply garments for customers or they can supply their own.

Hopefully my business will grow as word gets around that I am here and luckily for me if I'm not doing embroidery I'm sewing gifts or doing patchwork as these are my other interests.

Who knows where this venture will lead but in the meantime if I can be of any help to you please don't hesitate to contact me.

Elaine Day

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Now there's a true rural enterprise - congratulations to Elaine for taking the plunge and whilst we're on the subject - don't forget that we still have a florist in our midst! Although Jo Purdy no longer has a shop, she is still producing flowers for weddings , funerals and celebrations and can be contacted on 07773 693460 - Ed



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

Important Dates for your Diary

Mar 14	WiRE	Downe Arms	9.45 - 11.30
Mar 18	Mother's Day (don't forget!)		
Mar 19	Parish Council	TBC	6.30
Mar 21	Millennium Project Meeting	Downe Arms	7.30
Mar 24	80s Disco	Downe Arms	7.30
Mar 28	Whizz Meeting	Downe Arms	7.30
Apr 8	Easter Sunday		

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If you would like to host a
Jamie at home party....great
fun evenings with lots of free
gifts.....call Jo Purdy on
07773 693460

And finally: A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds: "Husband Wanted".
Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing:
"You can have mine."