



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's favourite time of year is once again upon us. So I am trying to put this edition together between making chilli jam (delicious and essential to the Terry family Christmas), bunting and baubles whilst writing cards and wrapping presents with my other hand. Loving every minute! So, busy as you all are at this time of year, take out 10 minutes for that cuppa and your WRNM News! So much good stuff to read this time, so enjoy. Wishing all my readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year,
Your Ed

Parish Council



A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 12 November 2012 and the following notes may be of interest:

All the Councillors were present with the exception of Lady downe who sent her apologies. Cllr. Terry was in the Chair. Also present, for parts of the Meeting, were County and Borough Councillor D Jeffels, Borough Councillor M Jay-Hanmer and PCSO R Newcombe.

Community Projects, issues and initiatives

The Clerk reported that Scarborough Borough Council's Central Rural Committee has agreed to pay 75% of the cost of constructing new signs for Ruston up to a maximum of £1,500. Cllr. Terry thanked Cllrs. Jeffels and Jay-Hanmer for supporting the project.

The signs will be located just off the A170 at either end of the Village and will take the form of a stone feature incorporating the words "Ruston - Please Drive Carefully" ([What a good idea - Ed](#)) How to finance the required 25% was discussed and it was agreed that some monies can be used from the "Marquee Funds". The project's final cost will depend on the nature of the stone features and various options are being considered.

Three quotations have been received from Contractors who are on the County Council's Highways approved list and these have been based on illustrative designs. It was agreed that Wilf Noble will be the Parish Council's preferred Contractor.

Cllr. Terry reported that the Christmas edition of the WRNM News is being prepared ([It most certainly is - Ed](#)). The funding position is unchanged with the Parish Council committing a maximum of £250.00 in 2013 if the community is able to match this figure. It is hoped that the Village Show in 2013, and other local activities, can raise funds for printing the WRNM News.

Cllr. Day provided an update on the Millennium Walk and Ruston Village Amenity Area project. Discussions continue with National Park Officers in order to establish the details of the support that their Authority is able to offer. In practical terms, this is likely to result in the provision of gates, seats and fencing and the Authority will use its apprentices and volunteers to carry out the work. The Estate will also be contributing to these improvements. There was a discussion about the nature of the public's access to and from the amenity area onto Eastgate and it was acknowledged that children leaving the site will need to slowed down as they approach the public road. Cllr. Sword referred to concerns about the effect horses are having on the state of the land and it may be that a hardcore path will need to be considered. He also reported that the Estate had arranged for work to be carried out to ensure the free flow of Ruston Beck but that further work needs to be done by hand.

Members had received a copy of a letter from Cllr. Jeffels which confirms that the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service is meeting on 12 December 2012 to decide the future of Snainton Fire Station. Attached to this letter was a list of all the Fire Authority's Members. The Parish Council has also received correspondence from the Fire Brigade's Union which is seeking support for the campaign to reject any proposal to close Snainton. The issues regarding Snainton and Sherburn Fire Stations and the need to provide adequate cover either side of the A170 were again discussed and these included the potential delays at railway level crossings on the roads connecting Sherburn with the A170 and also the contention locally that Snainton Fire Station could be refurbished at a far lower cost than the quoted £650,000 for replacing the facility. It was agreed to add the above two points to the Parish Council's original letter of objection to the possible closure of Snainton Fire Station and to send a copy to each Member of the Fire Authority.

Members had received a copy of a letter from East Yorkshire Motor Services regarding the viability of the 128 Evening Bus Service. The Company says that the evening services are very marginal as far as profitability is concerned and, whilst it will continue to run them over the winter, people must show that they value them by using them. Parish Councils are being encouraged by the Company to make sure that this message gets as wide a publicity as possible. Posters, provided by the Company, have already been displayed on the Council's Notice Boards and an article will be prepared for the next edition of WRNM News. It was agreed to write to EYMS to point out that running the service in mid evening does not allow people to enjoy a full evening out in Scarborough or Pickering and the points in between.

Under Other Community Issues, Cllr. Day asked about arrangements for providing a Christmas Tree at the usual site outside the former Reading Room in Wykeham. Parked vehicles are an issue in this location but Cllr. Sword said he would ask the Estate to source a tree. Cllr. Sword said he has been in correspondence with the Highways Authority about rubbish that has been tipped adjacent to the North Moor Railway Bridge but the matter has yet to be resolved. Cllr. Day referred to a dip in the road close to the telephone kiosk at the western end of Ruston near the junction with the A170 and Cllr. Jeffels said he would ask the Highways Authority to investigate. It was agreed to investigate the need for refurbishing the Parish Council's seats and bus shelters.

At this point PCSO Newcombe arrived and Cllr. Terry closed the Meeting to allow him to make his presentation. He took the Meeting through the latest Police Report, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda. PCSO Newcombe said that there is a new Inspector (Andrew Shaw) at Eastfield. The 101 system for contacting the Police is working well and the priorities for Derwent Ward i.e. Safer Roads including Speeding, Poaching, Fly Tipping and Dog Fouling are unchanged. Any suggestions for changing these priorities will be considered.

The crime figures for Derwent Ward are up on the same period from last year and this is a matter for concern. The largest rise is in cases of theft and handling and Police presence in rural areas is being increased. It is known that all such incidents have not been reported and PCSO Newcombe stressed that it is important to contact the Police so that the type and patterns of criminality can be assessed.

Cllr. Terry thanked PCSO Newcombe for attending.

Cllr. Jeffels provided information about his work as County and Borough Councillor and drew attention to the fact that both Authorities are still having to make significant savings on their Budgets. In the case of Scarborough Borough Council, Management is being restructured with the loss of some Senior Posts. One of the savings being made by the County Council is the switching off some streetlights between the hours of midnight and 5.00am, an approach that has worked well in pilot areas. Cllr. Jeffels confirmed that the

Waste Recovery Park at Allerton has been approved. He also mentioned the increased emphasis that the Forestry Commission is placing on its tourism activities.

Consultations and liaison

Cllr. Sword has completed the assessment of Scarborough Borough Council's draft Review of the Conservation Areas in Wykeham and Ruston and a copy of his comments and the response to these from the Borough Council's Conservation Officer were circulated to Members with the agenda. It was noted that observations about opportunity sites and alterations to the limits of village development are matters for consideration during the Local Plan process.

Members had also received the Summary Documents produced by Scarborough Borough Council to assist the consultation on Delivering Housing Need. It was agreed to support Option D which allows for 7,600 to 9,500 dwellings to be built in the Borough over an 18 year period at an average of 400-500 a year. This Option reflects the rates of growth achieved during the housing "boom years" between 2000-2007 and is seen as the most realistic scenario in which to promote economic growth and at the same time widen housing choice, support existing community facilities and attract new ones. The Borough Council will be asked to recognise and encourage, in all its strategies, the opportunities for allowing appropriate residential development in rural areas

Planning Application

The Clerk confirmed that the application to extend Wykeham Quarry has been approved subject to the applicant concluding a legal agreement with the County Council.

Date and time of next Meeting

Monday 21 January 2013 at 6.30pm in the St John Office at Wykeham Business Centre.

Chris Holmes – Clerk to the Parish Council

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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 magnificent publication is available there in case you inadvertently used yours to wrap up that last minute Christmas gift or want to send it on to a friend, relative or ex-villager

Wykeham Tea Rooms



There will be a Christmas Market event at the Tea Rooms on Thursday the 6th December 4pm to 8pm. Santa will be in his Grotto from 4- 7pm, as well as market stalls selling bakery products, preserves, pickles, cheese, chocolate gifts and more. Do come along to find that Christmas gift with a difference. Santa will also be visiting on the Friday 14th and 21st December 3- 5pm

Jayne Tweddle



Millennium Footpath and Ruston Green



On September 19th there was a short public meeting to find out who was interested in helping with the above projects. There was a good turn out of Ruston residents who all had some good ideas. Since this meeting I have had meetings with the National Parks and Wykeham Estate, the Estate is in agreement with the plans and will contribute. The National Parks have offered to put up fencing and gates in the horse field to create horse free paths, along the old Railway line and on the new path to the

Quarry Road. The National Parks have also offered some seats for the Millennium Path and re- surfacing work.

As for Ruston Green the National Parks will put in a sloped access off the Railway line to Ruston, a pair of new gates on the roadside entrance and some seating.

I would like to thank those residents who turned up for the meeting and to those who are willing to take part in helping with these projects. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 9th January at the Downe Arms 7.30pm to discuss further plans.

All Welcome

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Save Our 128



The Parish Council has received a letter from East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) about the viability of the 128 Evening Bus Services.

EYMS say that the evening services are very marginal as far as profitability is concerned and, whilst it will continue to run them over the Winter, people must show that they value them by using them.

The Parish Council has written to EYMS expressing concern about the potential loss of any buses serving the area and has pointed out that the current timings (8.00pm from Scarborough and 8.55pm from Pickering) do not allow people to enjoy a full evening out in either town or at places and venues between them.

Chris Holmes – Clerk to the Council

(You know what they say –"Use it or lose it!" – Ed)

Village Show 2013



A reminder that the next planning for the Village Show will be on 16 January 2013 at 8pm in the Downe Arms, and everyone is welcome. Ask your children for ideas, and bring along your suggestions for classes, events, stalls, entertainment and organisation – it's going to be an even better show in 2013!



January 2013, Tuesdays 2–3pm



Scalby-born Tim Tubbs is Director of UK Foundation for Dance, based at Woodend Creative in Scarborough. After gaining his MA in English Literature & Language at Oxford University, he pursued a career in the London theatre, but also lectured commercially for ten years for University Vacations Inc. and Cosmopolitan Travel on a range of historical, literary and theatrical subjects. He returned to his native Scarborough in 2008 and continues his career in dance management, while producing and directing locally – most recently *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way To the Forum*.

**Enjoy a delicious 1pm lunch at The Downe Arms, before joining Tim Tubbs
for a series of enjoyable Tuesday lunchtime lectures**

“History Most Foul”

**Probe the murky depths of British history’s most famous murderous mysteries, and
decide for yourself “whodunit”?**



The Princes in the Tower (Tuesday 8 January)

Was Richard III really guilty of having his royal nephews murdered in the Tower of London, or was there a Tudor cover-up, later reinforced by Shakespeare? It all depends who gets to write the history...



An Accident in the New Forest (Tuesday 15 January)

William the Conqueror’s son William II (“Rufus”) was killed in 1100 by a stray arrow while hunting in the New Forest. “Divine justice!” said the monkish chroniclers. A fatal accident? Or was a more sinister human agency at work?



Lady Dudley Falls Down a Staircase (Tuesday 22 January)

In the insecure early years of Elizabeth I’s reign, speculation was rife that the “heretic queen” would marry her handsome favourite Lord Robert Dudley... except that he already had a wife. And then, suddenly, Amy Dudley fell down a staircase and died, creating an



The Guilty Queen of Scots? (Tuesday 29 January)

In 1566, Edinburgh was awoken by an explosion that destroyed the Provost's Lodging in Kirk o' Field where Queen Mary's estranged consort Lord Darnley was convalescing. When his strangled body was discovered, Mary's reputation was ruined. Had the Queen conspired to murder an unwanted

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News from School

This autumn term has been full of change as our new starters have settled into school life and the rest of the school have been getting to know our new Headteacher, Mr Pynn.

The Juniors have been learning all about dinosaurs and fossils and were lucky enough to go Whitby Museum to see their amazing collections. Leaving dinosaurs behind, they are now exploring World War II and working towards a good old fashioned Tea Dance. The children are busily learning the Foxtrot – Strictly watch out!

Our Open Day took place on 20 November where we had the opportunity of showing prospective parents our school. Our new reward system has been very well received and we look forward to Robert Goodwill MP visiting School in early January to hear more about it!



The children raised £300 for Children in Need!



This year, our Christmas Play is taking place in Wykeham Church on Tuesday 18 December both at 1.30pm and again at 6.30pm. Members of the community are most welcome to attend and we look forward to welcoming you.

Thank you to everyone who has been donating their Morrisons vouchers. We collected an amazing 2275 which will be used to buy gardening equipment for school. Thank you also to anyone who uses our textile bin. It is being filled up at least twice a month. (Excellent support for the school – well done everyone and let's keep it up – Ed) All these funds go straight back into school via our very active Friends of Wykeham School.

For all our newsletters, which go out twice a month, and all our contact details please visit our website – www.wykeham.n-yorks.sch.uk

Janet's Jottings



No point in learning to drive because insurance is too expensive. Well, there is good news and there is bad news. Bad news first. Unfortunately for us girls, our quest for equality has jumped up and bitten us because from this month European legislation comes into effect banning discrimination between male and female drivers. Drivers will be given a quotation which does not enter gender into the equation.

Needless to say premiums for young females will rise to that of young males however, there is good news and it comes in the form of "telematics." Basically a black box fitted to the car. www.ingenie.co.uk explains it very well and having a telematic box fitted can reduce insurance for young drivers.

So now there's no excuse – New Year's resolution – learn to drive (Gift Vouchers available from your friendly local driving school)

Seasons Greetings and I look forward to next year, bringing you more tales from the passenger seat.

Safe Travelling
Janet

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Helping drive your Aspirations

Road Safety in Ruston



Following receipt of a petition from residents, the Parish Council has been discussing road safety matters in Ruston with County Highways and Borough Council Planning Officers. As a first step, there is all round support for the construction of two prominent signs, one at either end of the Village, warning drivers leaving the A170 that this is "Ruston – Please Drive Carefully."

The Borough Council's Central Rural Committee, whose members include Councillors Mick Jay-Hanmer (Chair) and David Jeffels, has awarded the Parish Council a 75% grant towards the signs up to a maximum of £1,500. It is proposed to mount the signs in stone features and details of the project are currently being worked up.

Chris Holmes – Clerk to the Council

Christmas is coming - the Geese are getting fat



Wykeham Village Christmas Market - Friday 14th December 8.00am - 1.00pm

Retailers all over the country have had one of the worst year's ever; we all have less money to spend so sales are down and their margins are shrinking. Wykeham Village Market has suffered similarly, visitor numbers have dropped and some stall holders can only make it viable by coming monthly on the first Friday. Despite this the quality and variety of foods on offer has remained as high as ever and the wonderful stall holders still manage to smile even when the week's worst weather arrives on a Friday morning!!

It is an anomaly that at a time when the media and TV chefs are so passionate about using local produce many local producers are unable to balance the books. It may cost a few pence more but would you rather buy supermarket BOGOFs? or food that's been raised or produced locally and tastes a hundred times better? We must be the envy of many city based shoppers having all this available weekly and on our doorstep, but think on if we don't use it we'll lose it. If you're a regular at the market you'll know that the prices are competitive and the food is made with care from the best local ingredients; if you've never been before come and see for yourself.

The Christmas Market on the 14th December will have all the as usual stalls as well as a few special extras - Christmas cakes, chocolate Santas, holly wreaths with mulled wine and mince pies for all our customers; do come and join us for one of the most colourful markets of the year where everything for your Christmas Dinner can be bought without battling through traffic jams and stressed checkouts.



Orders for Christmas goodies are being taken now for collection at the market on Friday 21st Dec, or Monday 24th Dec by arrangement.

Wykeham Village Market wishes all our customers a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

For details of the stallholders, their produce and coming events follow us on facebook: Wykeham Villagemarket on twitter: @wykehammarket or look at the Wykeham Village Market page on the Dawnay Estate website www.dawnay.co.uk.

Church News



The Benefice Choir

The Choir has recently been boosted in numbers with a bass and an alto, and has been practicing several new anthems for Advent and Christmas.

The Choir will be singing at the following services:

- Sunday 2 December 6.30 at St Helen and All Saints Church, Wykeham.

Advent hymns, anthems and readings

- Wednesday 19 December 7.00pm at St Helen and All Saints Church, Wykeham.

Rotarian Carol Service

- Friday 21 December 6.30pm at Wykeham Abbey. Carols and mulled wine (by private invitation).

- Sunday 23 December 6.00pm at St Matthew's Church, Hutton Buscel.

Nine Carols and Lessons, candle-lit service.

It is anticipated that Roger Maughan will be singing the solo baritone part in "Three Kings from Persians Land Afar" by Cornelius.

Wykeham Catch-up

There is a hive of activity at the children's corner at the back of the Church to include a display of pictorial brilliance. Please keep at it as we enjoy the variety of pictures displayed on the new display board (- the blu-tak damages the paintwork!).

As the Messenger goes to press the Advent hymns and readings on 2 December will have taken place, ably supported by the ever-expanding (- in numbers!) choir.

We are looking forward to the Rotary Carol Service on Wednesday 19 December at 7pm, to which all are invited, and also the Joint Nine Carols and Lessons which takes place at St Matthew's Church, Hutton Buscel on Sunday 23 December at 6pm. The Benefice Choir will be singing at both services.

The Christmas Day Eucharist will be held at 9.30am on Tuesday 25 December.

Anyone who may have visited the churchyard in recent months will have noticed the bench given by Barbara Fordon which sits alongside the church, and also a recent brass memorial plaque in memory of John Allen, who served as a plumber on the Dawnay Estates for over 30 years - some many miles of copper pipe!

Christmas Services

Sunday 9th December

Family Carol Service 3.00 pm Brompton

Sunday 16th December

Carols around the Crib 2.30 pm Snainton

Sunday 23rd December

Nine Lessons & Carols 6.00 pm Hutton Buscel

Monday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Christingle 3.00 pm Hutton Buscel



Christmas Eucharist 8.00 pm Langdale End
Midnight Mass 11.30 pm Hutton Buscel & Brompton

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day
Christmas Eucharist 9.30 am Wykeham
Christmas Eucharist 11.00 am Snainton

Sunday 30th December
Eucharist & Carols 11.00 am Snainton
Christmas Carols 2.30 pm Langdale End



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Wykeham Cricket Club



Wykeham Cricket Club Presentation Evening 2012-

The Downe Arms played host to Annual Presentation Evening of the Wykeham Cricket Club and once again the event turned out to be a sophisticated event full of witty banter or rather obvious abuse according to your viewpoint. It is a format that is apparently popular with members as a large turnout, of well over a hundred, seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The Chairman reported on the progress of the new clubhouse and then rather set the tone with tips on how to barrack successfully and it was soon evident that several members were anxious to try out techniques.

The New clubhouse featured in the award of 'Clubman of the Year' when it went to Steve Clegg for his magnificent contribution to this development.

The Steve Brice Memorial Trophy for the Young Player of the Year went to the ever popular and ever improving Mattie Graves who accepted the award with his usual urbane grace.

The evening was then presented in two halves with the Junior Awards coming first followed by a buffet and then the senior awards making up the second half.

It was noted by more than one speaker that the only team to really deserve any awards was the under 11s and they duly won a new category, that of most improved team, and received trophies donated by The Fox Driving School.

Other awards were:

U15s Batsman– Brendan Wilson– McGarry Bowler– Matty Gibson

Best Catch– Harry Gunning Most Improved–Christopher Fox

U13s Batsman– Toby Wrightson Bowler– Aaron Fox

Best catch– James Fox Most Improved– Ben Norman

U11s– Batsman – Aaron Fox Bowler– Adam Eustace

Best catch– Cameron Brown Most Improved–Jack Bagshaw

U9s Batsman –Henry Tubbs Bowler – Jamie Dennis

Best Catch – Josh Bagshaw Most Improved – Jacob Twedde

First Team – Batsman – Ian Spence Bowler– Matty Vincent

Second Team –Batsman – Mark Vasey Bowler– John Palmer

Third team – Ben Metcalfe Bowler– Chris Remmer

Evening League A Team – Batsman Mark Bruce Bowler– Matty Vincent

B Team – Batsman – John Hoggarth Bowler– Ethan Pashby

C Team – Batsman – Adam Bailey Bowler– Adam Bailey

Wykeham Cricket Club AGM

The first Thursday in November saw the AGM of The Cricket Club, held once again at The Downe Arms . Although by no means as well attended as the Presentation Evening numbers were well up on previous years. Considerably less alcohol was consumed than at the Presentation Evening with the result that attentions were rather more focused and the level of debate somewhat higher.

The Chairman pointed out that although it had been a slightly disappointing season on the field the club had progressed in other ways notably the start in the building of the new clubhouse and the fact that the club had fielded three teams on a Saturday and in the Evening League, a feat that few other clubs in the area had matched. He also made glowing reference to the continued popularity and success of the Junior Section and thanked all those responsible for this.

The Election of Officers saw the re election of most of the incumbents but there were some changes: Sam Colling was elected as vice Captain of the First Eleven, Sam was not present at the meeting but as he was attending the birth of his first child this was considered a good enough excuse for non attendance; Chris Briggs takes over as Third Team Captain. The Evening League sides will have new captains with Steve Day taking over as A Team captain, Dan Bateson being in charge of the B team and young Jonathan Remmer captaining the C Team.

Three matters commanded most debate: firstly whether the club should continue with three senior teams on a Saturday and in the Evening Leagues, it was decided that this development had largely been a success and was certainly worth another try; secondly it was decided that a major reconstruction of the committee was needed to make it a more wieldy and accountable entity but at the same time making it accessible to all members; thirdly the perennial debate on the level of subscriptions for the coming season. It was decided to raise the level to £55 for those wishing to make a one off payment but keep match fees at £3 for those wishing to pay on a match to match basis. This decision was not greeted enthusiastically by the Treasurer who maintained that levels were too low compared to other clubs and to maintain the financial stability of the club.

Dave Grimwood



Girl Power!

In recent months two female artists have emerged from the villages and launched their own ranges of cards alongside original works of art. Charlotte Corney of Wykeham and Lauren Terry of Ruston were both pupils at Lady Lumley's School, Pickering where their artistic talent was encouraged with amazing results!

Pumpkin Patch Designs are unique cards and cushions all designed and handmade at home by me Charlotte Corney. I get my inspiration from my surroundings, living on a farm in the countryside. but my main source of inspiration for my designs are my dog Alfie and my cat Pumpkin which is were I got the name, Pumpkin Patch Designs from. The cheeky characters appear on



many of my products and I plan on doing many more. I have always been interested in art and design from a very young age and I am currently doing my degree in design at Bishop Burton College as well as doing my cards and crafts which you can find in Wykeham tea rooms, and at Wykeham farmers market on the first Friday of every month..



You can also find Pumpkin Patch Designs on Facebook.



Lauren's Cows

I'm Lauren and I paint cows. Why cows? To tell the truth I have no real answer.

My work is simple, I find a cow, photograph it, take it home (the photo not the cow) and paint it. The trickiest bit is finding the cow. Luckily my subject is relatively slow, and although it may not stand still long enough for me to paint it in the flesh, once I have found it I usually have to time hop the fence and get a few snaps before it decides to wander off.



I have original paintings, prints and cards available. My painting 'The Meeting of the WI' hangs in reception at the Estate Office where you may have seen it.

I have recently launched my website www.laurencows.com and you can also see my work at The Picture Place, Wykeham.

Please take a look - the cows are waiting!

Garden Notes (on a Christmas Theme)



What to give a gardener for Christmas....? A few suggestions for all budgets: a subscription to the Royal Horticultural Society (includes a free monthly magazine and free entry to many gardens); a packet of plant labels with pen/pencil; a small hard-backed notebook; a pack of summer-flowering bulbs; a frost-proof pot planted up with tulips (see below); a tin of string; garden centre vouchers; the NGS Yellow Book of gardens open to the public 2013; a frost-proof garden pot; a subscription to a gardening magazine.

Can't find any holly with berries for Christmas decorations? Have a look round for other berries in your garden eg cotoneaster for bright red, pyracantha for red, orange and yellow, symphoricarpus (Snowberry) for white. Also attractive in decorations



are the stalks and seed pods from honesty, sprigs of conifer or juniper, patterned ivy leaves and ivy seed heads, poppy seed heads, and the beautiful silvery-white leaves of lavender and cineraria.

And finally it's not too late to plant some tulips, before the end of December – in pots or in the garden between other plants and shrubs, and with different varieties you can have a colourful (and sometimes fragrant) flowering season right through until the end of May.

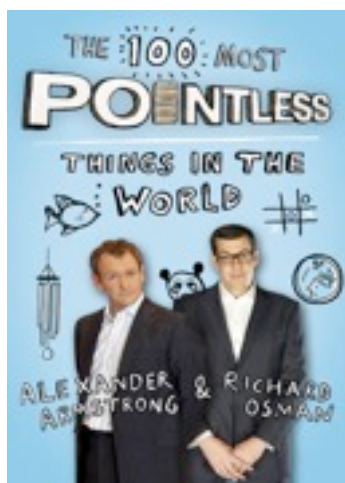
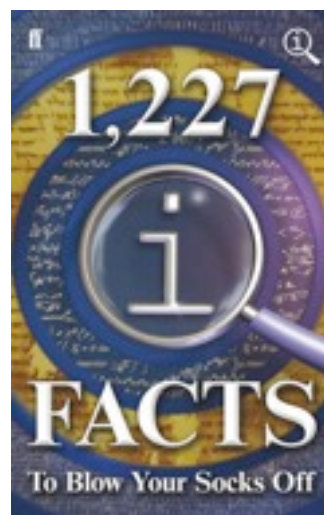
Happy Gardening in 2013!

Anne Britton

Give a Book this Christmas



'Did you know that: cows moo in regional accents; the entire internet weighs less than a grain of sand; the dialling code from Britain to Russia is 007; potatoes have more chromosomes than human beings; the London Underground has made more money from its famous map than it has from running trains; Tintin is called Tantan in Japanese because TinTin is pronounced 'Chin chin' and means penis; the water in the mouth of a blue whale weighs more than its body; Scotland has twice as many pandas as Conservative MPs; Saddam's bunker was designed by the grandson of the woman who built Hitler's bunker; Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981, it is explicitly illegal in Britain to use a machinegun to kill a hedgehog. "1,227 QI Facts To Blow Your Socks Off" will make you look at the universe (and your socks) in an alarming new way. £9.99



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Di Ruston



Dates For Your Diary



Thurs Dec 6	Christmas Market	Wykeham Tea Rooms	4.00-8.00
Friday Dec 14	Christmas Village Market	Downe Arms	8.00-1.00
Tues Dec 25	CHRISTMAS!!!		
Tuesdays in Jan	Tim Tubbs Lectures	Downe Arms	2.00-3.00
Weds Jan 9	Millennium Footpath Meeting	Downe Arms	7.30
Weds Jan 16	Village Show Meeting	Downe Arms	8.00
Mon Jan 21	Parish Council Meeting	6.30pm	

Next Edition March 2013

All contributions to the Ed by February 21st please

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



WITH ALL BEST WISHES,

YOUR ED XXX