



# WRNM News!

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



Spring lambs - photo Tris Terry

Do I see a hint of Spring? I think so. There are definitely some shoots peeping through in the garden, the snowdrops are out and I've managed a couple of days without my thermal vest - always a positive sign. Easter is on the horizon so we can start to look forward to longer evenings, warmer weather and gardening! The schedule for the next Village Show - which will take place on 21 July - is enclosed in order to give you plenty of time to plan your entries!! Last year's show was a fantastic effort, let's make this one amazing!! Unearth those hidden talents and enter something!

Your Ed

## Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 29 January 2013 and the following notes may be of interest:

All Members were present and no members of the public attended

### Declaration of interests

In accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct, it was agreed to grant dispensation to all Members to allow them to contribute to the discussion of all agenda items. This decision is in the interests of the inhabitants of the Parish and will facilitate effective consideration of the business. Voting dispensations will be considered as and when they become necessary.

Lady Downe and Cllr. Sword declared an interest in the York Potash Ltd. planning application (listed in correspondence) and it was agreed that they would not take part in any decision.

### Finance

The Clerk had attended a presentation by Scarborough Borough Council on the implications and effects of the **Localisation of Council Tax Support**. He had prepared two briefing papers for Members which had been circulated with the agenda.

The Clerk confirmed that the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) has reduced the local tax base by taking income from Council Tax Benefit Relief away from Town and Parish Councils. This means that the Parish Council has to rely on the Borough Council to pass on a share of the Government's Council Tax Support Grant to supplement its income.

The practical effect of these changes means that if the Wykeham Parish electorate were asked to contribute the same amount in Council Tax for Parish services in 2013/14, the sum raised would be reduced to £1,810 compared with £2,000 in 2012/13. The Borough Council has offered a grant of £190 to make up the shortfall. This grant is a "one off" and there is no guarantee that it will be made available in future years.

The Parish Council has also been advised that the Government could, in future years, cap the amount a Parish Council can increase a Precept by and that any higher amount would trigger the need for a Referendum. Even a 5% increase in a £2,000 Precept would only raise an extra £100 and the cost of a Referendum, which would have to be borne by the Parish, would be prohibitive.

Members considered the changes made by Government and examined a Report by the Clerk which sets out the Key Income and Expenditure figures for the period 2012 to 2014. These include a Model Agreement grant from the Borough Council of £2,482 for 2013/14 which is a 2.5% rise on 2012/13. The Report concludes that there will be uncommitted balances of £1,710 in the Community (Current) Account at the end of the present financial year and £2,220 at the end of March 2014.

Members were mindful that there is no guarantee that a grant will be available from the Borough Council in 2014/15 to support the Parish Precept and that it is essential that a minimum of £2,000 be raised to provide Parish services at their current level. It was, therefore, agreed to:

- Accept the Borough Council's grant of £190 in 2013/14.
- Raise a Parish Precept of £2,010 in 2013/14.
- Operate a budget based on the Clerk's Key Figures Report for 2013/14 (with income raised by £200).
- Accept the Borough Council's Model Agreement grant of £2,482 for 2013/14.
- Write to Mr Robert Goodwill MP asking him to urge the Department of Communities and Local Government to put in place arrangements for 2014/15, and beyond, to ensure that smaller Parish Councils are adequately funded by Government and the principal authorities i.e. Scarborough Borough Council. Furthermore, smaller Councils should be allowed to agree a reasonable level of Precept that is unconstrained by an onerously low level of capping.

The above decisions will result in an increase of £2.16 a year for the typical Band D taxpayer for local services in 2013/14 but will ensure that contributions at that level in 2014/15 would generate about £2,000 even if a grant from the Borough Council is not forthcoming.

### **Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that a site meeting has been held to finalise plans for the **new road signs for Ruston**. This was attended by Cllrs. Day and Barnett along with Ms Aitchison from NYCC Highways and Mr Henderson from Wilf Nobles. Ms Aitchison is happy with the locations at either end of the Village and will now complete the necessary safety assessments. Cllr. Day and Mr Henderson have examined the piece of stone that was formerly used for a road sign in Wykeham and have agreed that it would be practical to use this at the site at the east end of Ruston as an alternative to a dressed stone structure. The Clerk said that he is still waiting for a decision from the Planners at Scarborough Borough Council regarding the need to obtain planning consent for the signs.

Cllr. Barnett has spoken to BATA and Hardwick Agricultural Engineers about sponsorship for the **WRNM News** and is hopeful that some financial support will be offered. Cllr. Barnett will also speak to Mrs Shamel to discuss the possibility of attracting similar support from occupiers of the Business Centre. Cllr. Sword was pessimistic about the likelihood of any contributions from stall holders at the weekly Market.

Cllrs. Day and Terry described an encouraging meeting to discuss the **Village Show** which was attended by 15 people. This year's Show will be held on Sunday 21 July. ([more elsewhere – Ed](#))

Cllr. Day provided an update on the **Millennium Walk and Ruston Village Amenity Area project**, in particular, the work carried out by the National Park team. Gates, fencing and groundworks will be followed by seating, signage and drainage work. Residents will be involved in progressing the scheme once the National Park team has finished. Cllr. Sword commended what he said had been a superb effort by all concerned. A letter of thanks will be sent to the National Park in due course and consideration will be given to organising an "opening ceremony".

Members discussed the need to maintain the Amenity Area, and its link to the Millennium Walk, at a high standard and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mrs Risker explaining the controls that should be exercised when she is using the area for her business activities.

Cllr. Day reported that he has spoken to Mr Pearson about the need to renovate some of the Council's benches and it was agreed that these, together with the bus shelters, will be surveyed in the Spring when the need for renovation will be established.

Concern was expressed about the state of roads in the Parish, particularly the large number of potholes and the Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Area Office.

Cllr. Day asked questions about responsibility for cleaning the bus shelters and pavements and also maintenance of the planter opposite the bus shelter in Wykeham. He also referred to the tipped rubbish adjacent to the North Moor Railway Bridge which has still not been cleared. Cllr. Barnett raised the need for further clearance of the Beck in Ruston downstream of the ford as far as the telephone kiosk at Town End. The Clerk and Cllr. Sword will follow up on these queries.

#### **Derwent Valley BRIDGE (formerly Ayton Library)**

Cllr. Sword reported that the project is going well and there are numerous volunteers providing services within the building and also with tasks such as gardening and cleaning. It was always going to be difficult to be certain about income and expenditure in the first year of the project and whilst grants have been received to upgrade doors and windows and concessions have been made on business rates, income from fines has been less than expected.

Parish Councils in the BRIDGE's catchment area are being approached to see if they can help financially in the coming year and Members discussed the extent to which people in Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor use the facilities. In this regard, it was suggested that the BRIDGE's management team should be asked to monitor use of the facilities to determine where users come from.

It was agreed to contribute £100.00 from the general budget to the running costs of the BRIDGE in 2013/14.

#### **Grasscutting 2013 Season.**

Quotations had been received from J J Harrison Ltd and Advanced Trees and Grounds. North Yorkshire County Council has confirmed that it will grant £724.95 towards the overall cost.

It was agreed to award the contract to J J Harrison and the Clerk was asked, when writing to the Company, to compliment the workforce on their efforts in 2012.

#### **General correspondence**

Cllr. Day to contact Scarborough Borough Council to organise a further supply of sandbags.

The Clerk to assess whether there is anything in Scarborough Borough Council's Revised Contaminated Land Strategy that affects Wykeham Parish.

The Clerk to inform the National Park Planning Authority that the Parish Council supports, in principle, the planning application by York Potash Ltd for the winning and working of minerals (Lady Downe and Cllr. Sword did not vote).

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

Monday 18 March 2013 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](http://www.wykehamparishcouncilk.org.uk) and that this magnificent publication is available there in case you inadvertently used yours to wipe your muddy trowel on or want to send it on to a friend, relative or ex-villager



## Millennium Footpath

The cold damp weather did not deter an enthusiastic group of 20 local residents from turning out on 9 and 10 February to help with work on the Millennium Footpath near Wykeham railway bridge. The group comprised adults and children from Wykeham and Ruston, under the supervision of Martyn Williams from the North York Moors National Park Authority as part of its Community Access Programme. The funding for the project was made available through the rural Development Programme (jointly funded by DEFRA, The European Union and the NYMNPA). The tasks included digging out blocked drains, laying and rolling gravel, and removing undergrowth and cut timber. A huge amount was achieved, the footpath is much improved, and we are very grateful to Martyn, and the NYMNPA, for their support and financial assistance. Well done to all who came along to help. Martyn has also asked for his thanks to be passed on to everyone who participated on the day.



North York Moors, Coast and Hills  
LEADER Programme





The NYMNPA, with the help of its team of apprentices, has also done tremendous work in putting in a new gates, fences and a safer route down from the railway path onto Ruston "village green". There is now a fenced path through the horse paddocks in Ruston, as well as a new path which leads off the railway track, up over the paddocks and onto Eastgate. Get your walking boots on and take a trip round to see for yourself!

There will be another Footpath Working Group on Saturday 9 March, 9.30am to 12noon, assembling at the "village green" in Ruston. All very welcome!

PS -If you have any spare snowdrop bulbs, please leave them at 61 Ruston as we would like to plant more of these lovely flowers at various points along the Millennium footpath.

## Village Show 2013

The Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor Village Show will be held on **SUNDAY 21 JULY, 1-4pm** at the Wykeham Business Centre.

There should also be a show schedule with your WRNM News to give you all plenty of time to put together lots of entries! If you would like to help out on the day please contact Katrina on 07821 299233.



## News from School

### Robert Goodwill MP visits Wykeham CE Primary School

On Friday 11 January, Wykeham School welcomed Mr Goodwill MP to meet our new headteacher, Mr James Pynn (pictured top middle), and to learn more about the school's innovative, new reward system which the school launched in September 2012.

'The Smooth Run' is a unique and inspiring Primary School reward system created by Mr Zachary Greaves (pictured top right). Mr Greaves was keen to develop a reward system to cover not just performance but health, learning, responsibility, service and lifestyle and has worked very closely with Wykeham School to develop such a system. The weekly reward is given to qualifying pupils in the form of a healthy smoothie drink.

Here they are enjoying their reward!



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](http://www.wykeham.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## Derwent Valley Point to Point

Sunday March 10th  
Charm Park  
First Race 12.30





## Janet's Jottings

"Potholes are damaging cars ..." was a headline on Breakfast News. Immediately a cartoon popped into my mind – a pothole gobbling up a car and spitting out a chunk of chewed metal with an evil chuckle. The statement that a pothole is damaging a car is ridiculous. I do not deny that damage is being caused to cars by potholes but it is the driver who is to blame not an inanimate thing.



Pothole spotting has become part of hazard perception training with my students. It gets them looking far ahead, spotting what could be a hole, checking mirrors and steering to avoid it. If it cannot be avoided, the student is challenged to find an appropriate speed to drive over it. Because they are aware of the hazard early they can plan, deal with it safely and move on.

So to avoid you causing damage to your car, see the pothole early, avoid it if possible and if not slow down (to walking pace if necessary) – I don't want you being gobbled up by a hole!!!

Safe Travelling  
Janet

07713 646461

Helping drive your Aspirations

## Wykeham Cricket Club



Cricket nets for Junior players have begun in earnest and although the response has been good there is still ample opportunity for new juniors to come along. (Come on you young people - drag yourself away from those PS3s and XBox 360s and get out there in the fresh air! - Ed) Nets take place on Wednesdays at The Sixth Form College; Under 9's and under 11's are from 5-6 pm. Under 13's and under 15's are from 6-7 pm. The Club is particularly keen to attract junior players who live in the Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor Area. Just come along or if you would like more details please contact Ian Thompson on 07858065405 or 374905 or Pete Shepherdson on 07837997129 or 865496

The Cricket season begins in May and there will be full range of fixtures at The Park during that month. Please note that spectators are particularly welcome and it will also give you a chance to view the new clubhouse facilities which the club is desperately hoping will be in place by then.



## **May Fixtures at the Park**

Saturday 4 May: 1<sup>st</sup> X1 v Scarborough 3rds (Beckett League Division B)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May: U15's v Flixton

Monday 6 May: U13's v Pickering

Thursday 9 May: Evening League A Team v Seamer A

Saturday 11 May: 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 v Staithes 2nds (Beckett League Division D)

Monday 13 May: U13's v Heslerton

Tuesday 14 May: Evening League B Team v Ebberston B

Saturday 18 May: 1<sup>st</sup> X1 v Bridlington 2nds

Sunday 19 May: U15's v Cloughton

Tuesday 21 May: B Team v Filey B

Saturday 25 May: 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 v Ganton

Tuesday 28 May: A Team v Cloughton A

Thursday 30 May: A team v Ebberston A

For a full list of fixtures please visit our website ([www.wykehamcc.co.uk](http://www.wykehamcc.co.uk)). Please note that the Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Team and The Evening League C Team play their home games at the Burniston Road Site.

Saturday Matches start at 2.15pm; Sunday matches tend to start at 10.00 am and midweek games start at 6.15 pm.

## **Cricket Club Pavilion Development Gets a Boost**

The Cricket club has received a grant of over £4000 from LEADER The Scarborough Small Scale Enhancement Scheme. This has enabled the Club to decorate the changing rooms, to put in free standing benching and notice boards and to install high quality carpeting. They have also funded a generator. The Cricket club has deliberately kept the furnishing as versatile as possible in the hope that other sections of the Wykeham and Ruston Community will be able to use this facility. The Club is also extremely grateful to Martin Remmer for the very generous gesture of installing the electrics so that the Club is able to make full use of the generator.



Dave Grimwood

## Garden Notes

At last, some gentler weather....and how cheery it is to see snowdrops and aconites in flower. It's a good time to walk round the garden and make a note of where there are gaps suitable for planting more spring bulbs in the autumn – for example between clumps of perennials (where the foliage will gradually cover over the dying bulb leaves), or under trees shrubs and hedges.



If you haven't room for a greenhouse, then a small cold-frame is ideal for starting off plants such as broad beans and lettuces now, and also for providing a sheltered site to grow lettuces and salad rocket over the winter. The cold-frame doesn't have to be very big, and can be home-made from bricks and old window frames for example, or bought purpose-made with a self-assembly tubular frame and clear plastic covering, which can be dismantled and stored when you need more space later in the summer.

A tip for new gardeners or those on a tight budget – investigate the various "pound" shops, as they often have small gardening sections which sell bulbs, flower and vegetable seeds and plants such as fruit bushes. Also ask around to see if anyone has surplus plants or seeds (most gardeners are more than happy to share), or head for the car boot sales, where it's often possible to pick up more unusual plants very cheaply.



And finally why not try growing some of the more unusual herbs this year? Rocket is really easy to grow in pots or directly into the ground. Its peppery flavour is more intense than in the bought variety, and you can sow at intervals of a couple of weeks throughout the summer to keep up your supply. Also try chervil – again very easy to grow from seed – which has pretty feathery leaves and a faint taste of aniseed which works well in egg sandwiches and omelettes.

Anne Britton

## Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal

Marie Curie Cancer Care is appealing for people to donate an hour of their time this March, to collect for the charity's annual [Great Daffodil Appeal](#).



The Great Daffodil Appeal is Marie Curie's biggest fundraiser which encourages everyone to give a donation and wear a daffodil pin in March.

The charity needs volunteer collectors to encourage people in the local community to wear a daffodil pin and give a donation during March. The money raised locally will support the work of the local Marie Curie Nursing Service.

So be part of something Great. Each March, thousands of people take to the streets to collect vital funds for the Great Daffodil Appeal and there are collections near you that you can get involved in.

Local Fundraiser Kyla Collins said; "This year we're asking people to join us and play a part in our Great Daffodil Appeal by simply encouraging people in your area to give a donation for a Marie Curie daffodil pin. Whether you're new to collecting or an old hand, we'll help you get the most out of your day and your collection tin. Every penny you raise will make a great difference to people in their final hours. Collecting is great fun, some of our collectors get dressed up and wear our wonderful yellow hats, some come along with friends. You always meet lots of people and so many people approach you to tell you about the invaluable support they've received from Marie Curie Nurses and you feel like you are really making a difference."

Street and store collections take place throughout March across the area and Marie Curie need lots of volunteers to help. Donating just one or two hours of your time to the appeal will allow Marie Curie nurses to provide more free care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses in their own homes in this area.

To volunteer to collect for Marie Curie Cancer Care and support the Great Daffodil Appeal call 01904 436625, email [kyla.collins@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:kyla.collins@mariecurie.org.uk) or visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil).

Many Thanks

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**Join us at Walk Ten Castle Howard 2013 on Saturday 20th July - [Register Here Today](#)**



# 80s Disco

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

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, 2011 and 2012**  
**Buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment**



## Never Judge a Book by its Cover

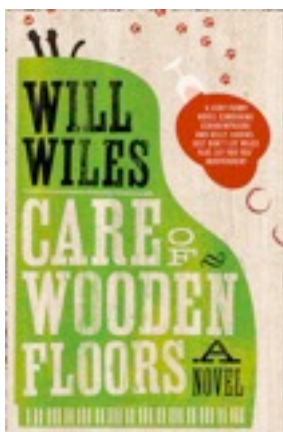
At Waterstones we spend a lot of time talking to our customers. It's what we get paid for, and it's also the best part of the job. In these days of seemingly endless closures on the high street, our staff are the one thing that makes us stand out from the rest, and it's the only thing we've got that will make our high street presence continue.

Some people genuinely expect that if you work at Waterstones you will in fact know everything. What was on the radio at 11pm last Friday? What won the best film Oscar in 2004 and the book it was based on? What was the green book that was at the front of our shop in Brighton last June?.....I kid you not. These are the expectations that we have to manage on a daily basis but the satisfaction when we DO know the answer is immense.

So how do we choose which books to recommend if the customer doesn't know what to buy?

Firstly we ask questions. Listening and amassing clues it gives us time to think on our feet as we veer towards the appropriate section in the shop. Fortunately publishers are very good at putting lots of information on books nowadays and of course technology is a marvellous thing, but you just can't beat being told by someone you trust, that they loved a book. It is this that sets us apart. Of course, this takes you back to the question of how do we choose what WE read? Despite the old adage of not judging a book by its cover, that is still probably the first and key reaction that will influence a decision. We get sent books on a daily basis from publishers with all sorts of pleas and promises enclosed as to why we should spend our free time reading their author's new work. These are often unfinished proof copies that are bound rather plainly and in themselves are not at all attractive to look at. Every delivery brings new surprises and we all go ooh and ah when we discover something that looks interesting. Are we guilty of judging a book by its cover? Absolutely. Do we try things outside our comfort zone? Yes, we have to.

So what have I been recommending lately? Some I've already told you about in previous newsletters but here are a few that look pretty ropery (what are the publishers thinking?) but that I think you'd enjoy.

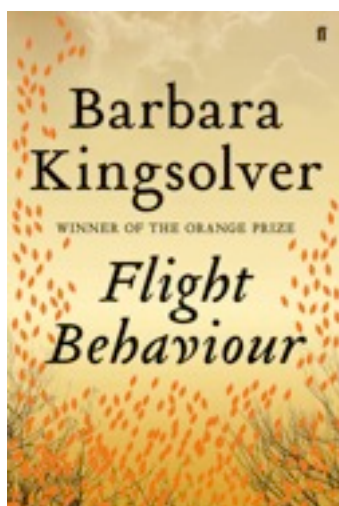


'Care of Wooden Floors' is about loneliness, friendship and the quest for, and struggle against, perfection. And it is, a little, about how to take care of wooden floors.

""Why" is a word that plagues Shannon, the narrator of this assured debut novel ...a sharp and compassionate exploration of the split nature of decisions". (Sunday Times).



And one where the jacket absolutely sums the wonderful book up but is much better in the flesh so to speak as the 'leaves' are all gold foil:



On the Appalachian Mountains above her home, a young mother discovers a beautiful and terrible marvel of nature. As the world around her is suddenly transformed by a seeming miracle, can the old certainties they have lived by for centuries remain unchallenged? "Flight Behaviour" is a captivating, topical and deeply human story touching on class, poverty and climate change. It is Barbara Kingsolver's most accessible novel yet, and explores the truths we live by, and the complexities that lie behind them.



Sadly the paperback that is due in May has a different cover. Which entices you more? If you've been watching Brian Cox's Wonders of Life you'll know all about the incredible Monarch butterflies. Which captures the spirit the best do you think?

So until your next purchase, happy browsing.  
Sometimes it's good to judge a book by its cover.

Di Ruston

## Church Services for Easter

Palm Sunday (24 March)	10.40 am 11.00am	Palm procession from Ruston Benefice Eucharist, Wykeham
Maundy Thursday (28 March)	7.00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Brompton
Good Friday (29 March)	10.30 am  12 noon 2.00 pm	Stations of the Cross, Hutton Buscel Hymns & Readings, Wykeham Good Friday Liturgy, Snainton
Easter Sunday (31 March)	9.30 am  11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Eucharist, Hutton Buscel Holy Eucharist, Snainton All Age Eucharist, Brompton Holy Eucharist, Wykeham

## Dates for your Diary

Sat Mar 9	Footpath working Group	Village Green Ruston	9.30
Sun Mar 10	Mothering Sunday Derwent Point to Point	Go on - spoil her!! Charm Park	12.30
Sun Mar 31	Easter Day		
Fri April 19	80s Disco	Downe Arms	7.00
Sun July 21	Village Show	Advance Warning	

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**All contributions to the Ed by May 25th please**

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And finally - thoughts on wives from the rich and famous!

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.  
**Lee Majors**

I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me.  
**Bill Clinton**

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once...  
**Kobe Bryant**

