

WRNM News!

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



Welcome....Our cover photo (courtesy of Sue Long) records a very special event – the day the Archbishop of York walked into a flooded Ruston and carried out a spontaneous baptism of little Amelia Florence! Other exciting events: a new opera company launched in Wykeham Church, and a second Village Memories and History day, to be held in September. There will also be new signs and maps at strategic points along the Millennium footpath, and new dates set for walks around the area with our very own Village Walking Group. Time to get out there, blow away a few cobwebs, roll a few Easter eggs, and make the most of our lovely surroundings! Happy Easter to all.

Anne Britton, Editor

PARISH COUNCIL

Here is a selection of items from the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015. The full minutes may be found on the Parish Council website www.wykehamparishcouncil.org.uk Current legislation now dictates that the draft minutes are to be available online within a month of the meeting.

- The ‘sinkhole’ on Town End, Ruston had been reported to Wykeham Estate and NYCC highways in October but no feedback had been received. The clerk reported that Cllr Sword had recently advised him that the sinkhole had diverted water from the beck and that the beck was dry downstream until the recent rainfall. The clerk reported that this additional information had been passed onto Cllr Jeffels.
- Maintenance of West Gate beck had been reported to Wykeham Estate and the clerk was assured that this would be addressed in the Estate’s budget proposal for next year.
- Cllr Ashman provided an update on progress [with the signs at North Moor] and outlined the plan of action moving forward. It was noted that the application for a Central Area Grant had been successful with an award of £1450 towards the cost of the project. Final details of the project were to be confirmed with a further site visit by NYCC highways pending in the near future.
- NYCC were currently awaiting delivery of the grit bins [at North Moor] and asked for a more precise location of the gulley problem. Cllr Ashman AGREED to act as a point of contact for positioning of the grit bin and also be actively involved in the resolution of the gulley problem.
- The clerk distributed ‘Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – Preferred Options’ Consultation to the members. No sites are proposed in the parish for either mineral extraction or waste management.
- The clerk referred to Planning Applications that had already been distributed for comments relating to a Biomass Storage Shed at Wykeham Abbey and a Manager’s Dwelling and associated parking at St Helen’s Caravan Park. Lady Downe and Cllr Sword had declared an interest on both applications advising the clerk by email prior to the meeting and declined to offer any opinion. Cllrs Day, Ashman and Colley AGREED that the clerk could advise that the council had no objection to either application.
- An email had been received relating to the Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations next year. The Mayor of the Borough is keen for the occasion to be celebrated locally alongside the celebrations in London but advised that any events of a ‘street party’ nature involving road closure/restriction would require the appropriate forms to be completed.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Further to my small article about the village shop, I propose to take our readers on a house-by-house trip around Wykeham – starting of course with that lovely house the Abbey, which nestles in the ground as if it were grown, not built. This quiet building presides over a serene and tranquil park. At the end of the drive is the gatehouse, a picturesque building, always a delight to see, especially when Steve and Lynn Dees have their pretty floral displays. Next we go down the lane to Abbot's Meadow – a fine house. It was occupied some years ago by a Mrs Bell, who ran the Foxhounds pub at Flixton. Mrs Bell could be seen progressing up the village in a stately manner in her red Jaguar car. She sadly died quite suddenly and the house was then occupied for some years by Tony and Dilys Lewis. They had lived in Liberia, where he dealt in rare woods. Tony was a buccaneer of a man – he thought he could operate in England as he had in Africa, but was quietly reminded by my late husband that he could not bribe the taxman, who was paying him a visit. Tony came out of Africa in the boot of a car being sprayed by machine gun fire due to a military coup!

Now on to what I call Banker Baker's House. Banker Baker was John Baker, who managed a bank in Scarborough, and had served in WWII. Many of his tales of wartime derring-do were told in Peter's shop. His wife was Margaret, a very good painter and watercolourist. Then moving along we find the sweet little cottage where Mrs Gough lived for many years. An elegant lady, she lived to be 90. She had been a nurse in WWI and married Willie Gough, who I believe was the head woodsman on the Estate. Every Thursday Mrs Gough could be seen walking up to catch a bus to Scarborough. Her niece, Mary, would visit her every Sunday. Mary had been Head Milliner at Marshall & Snelgrove on St Nicholas Street in Scarborough. Her hats had adorned the heads of many fashionable ladies!

Here I end my little journey – but we will continue in the next edition!

LAYLA BRADLEY



Janet's Jottings

You wouldn't believe it but only ten minutes before we had learned the emergency stop (or controlled stop as it is called these days), but EMERGENCY was certainly the more apposite word on this occasion! We were on a housing estate, going round a right hand corner which has a junction on the left;

there is no visibility so we were hugging the kerb when suddenly, and at great speed, a pickup shot across in front of us into the side road. Robert hit the pedals and we screeched to a stop! Did you plan that, he asked? We both took a deep breath and off we went again. Not five minutes later there were two pedestrians waiting to cross the road.

They looked at us, and I started to say, if you see the whites of their eyes, they are unlikely to cross, but no, across they went, so another controlled stop was required. These were not children/teenagers messing about, or older people who may not have seen us, but these incidents demonstrate you should treat everybody and everything as a hazard until it proves otherwise.

Safe travelling!

Janet 07713 646461

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WRNM VILLAGE SHOW

At the village show meeting on **Tuesday 2 February** Laurence Day (chairman) and Anne Britton (secretary) retired, and with no-one coming forward to take their vital roles, and a lack of helpers, it was decided not to hold a village show this year.

Instead we will concentrate on holding a second "Village Memories" event, to be held in September (further information elsewhere in this newsletter). Thank you very much to everyone who worked so hard to put on the show in previous years.

SHARON COLLEY

NEWS FROM WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB

Wykeham win awards in the close season.

Wykeham Cricket Club has been gaining recognition in the recent round of presentation events. The club has won the Beckett League trophy for the most improved ground for the third year in a row. Not entirely surprising as the Beckett League website shows a view of the Wykeham Ground on its home page.

As predicted in the Christmas edition of WRNM News, first team fast bowler Dave Pearson won the John Lockey Memorial Award for the bowler with the most wickets in the whole of the Beckett League. Pearson's total of 52 victims made him far and away the most successful bowler in the leagues and Wykeham have high hopes that he will lead a charge towards the ultimate aim of the club: a place in the Premier League.

The efforts of Wykeham Juniors have also been recognised with three of the under 13s winning awards: Adam Eustace won the batting award, scoring 140 runs. Providing a significant boost for "girl power", Leah Dobson captured the bowling award with her total of 14 wickets. Max Lane completed the hat trick for Wykeham by snaffling the wicket-keeping award. When you can boast the best batsman, best bowler and the best wicket-keeper it must give you a good chance for the coming season.

The Drobe triumphs in Annual Darts competition

The annual darts competition, held at the Anglers Social Club at the start of February, proved once again to be a reserved and sophisticated affair with few cases of alcoholic poisoning and only superficial injuries reported.

The final saw Scotty "Drobe" Wardman beat Luke "The Merlin" Marshall 2-1 in a match of surprisingly high quality darts. Brian "The Handyman" Hoole and Ian "Small Boy" Thompson were the beaten semi finalists. The surprise result of the night, and another triumph for girl power, was the defeat of last year's winner, Ian Spence, by Maxine Holt in the first round.

Matches scheduled for the early part of the season at the Park

Saturday 30 April	Wykeham 2nds v Heslerton 2nds	Beckett League Division 3
Tuesday 3 rd May	Wykeham A v Ganton	Evening League Division A
Saturday 7 th May	Wykeham 1sts v Brompton	Beckett League Division 1
Thursday 12 th May	Wykeham B v Flixton A	Evening League Division B
Tuesday 17 th May	Wykeham A v Heslerton	Evening League Division A
Saturday 21 st May	Wykeham 2nds v Nawton Grange 2nds	Beckett League Division 3
Thursday 26 th May	Wykeham A v Scalby A	Evening League Division A
Saturday 28 th May	Wykeham 1sts v Cayton 2nds	Beckett League Division 1

D GRIMWOOD

VILLAGE MEMORIES EVENT

Following the great success of the event held last year, and by popular demand, a second "Village Memories" event will be held on **25 SEPTEMBER 2016, 2-4.30pm**, in Wykeham Cricket Club Pavilion. There will be displays of photos, maps and documents, and an opportunity for villagers to tell their stories, as well as enjoy meeting up with residents past and present. Refreshments will be provided, and we are grateful to the Cricket Club for the use of their facilities. We would love to see your photos on the day, particularly from the 1950s through to the present day. These could be from your school days, from events such as the Whizz and functions at the Downe Arms, Church events, sporting events etc. The plan is to hold all the material in a secure location as a growing record and archive of village life. More info in the next WRNM News in June! If you would like to share memories and photographs, please contact Anne Britton 07866106093.

MILLENNIUM FOOTPATH

Great progress has been made with the design of our new maps/signs, which are being finalised at the time of writing. They will show two different walks linking Wykeham and Ruston, and include points of interests and the location of benches. They will be put up at key points along the walks. We are indebted to the William Dean Foundation, which very kindly allocated us a grant. Other work done by the group includes planting more snowdrops, repairing steps and handrails, putting up new waymarkers and cutting back brambles. A major concern is the amount of dog poo on the path leading from the Downe Arms carpark into Fishpond Wood, and on the railway line. Several walkers and local residents (dog-owners among them) have complained about this issue. It is truly disgusting and a health hazard. Dog owners should be encouraged to clear up and remove the mess, as it is spoiling the walks for everyone else.

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

THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK



Photos: Katrina Shamel

As part of his walking pilgrimage around North Yorkshire, the Archbishop of York came to Hutton Buscel, then, joined by Church members and supporters, he progressed through Revenge Wood, past the Estate Office, and on to the school.



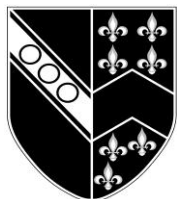
Left: Mum Katy, Amelia, and the beautiful christening cake provided by kind members at Messy Church

Far left: A delighted Charleigh meets the Archbishop of York at Snainton School
(Photos: Sue Long)

Writes Sue Long: My husband Dave and I, and my daughter Katy, her husband Dan and their baby Amelia were hoping to see the Archbishop on his pilgrimage round North Yorkshire. He came down into Ruston and stopped on the bridge to look at the flooded beck and road. He asked if we had been waiting in all this rain to see him, which of course we had! The Archbishop then enquired who was in the pram. Dave asked, as more of a joke really, if the Archbishop would christen Amelia, given that there was so much water everywhere. He said “Of course, what a fantastic idea – this is what baptism is all about!” So he sent a helper to the support car to get his robes, walked in to the middle of the flood and blessed the beck. He then took Amelia and christened her using some (clean) blessed water, but he also dipped his thumb into the flood water to mark the cross on her forehead. There were no godparents present, so the Archbishop designated Dave and me to have the role. He was clearly delighted at carrying out a christening in this way, and said later on Radio York what a happy occasion it had been. The Archbishop then went on to Snainton school, where he met my other two grandchildren, Bryony and Charleigh. It was a magical day, and we just couldn’t believe what had happened!

DID YOU KNOW...? #1

When the flour-milling company Fitton's held a competition in 1890 to name their new wheatgerm-enriched flour, the winner used the Latin words for "the strength of man" (hominis vis) which became shortened to HOVIS.



NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL

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After managing Wykeham CE Primary School since September 2015, **Mrs Isaac** will be leaving us at Easter to start her new headship at Seton Primary School near Whitby. We would like to thank her for the incredible support she has given us through this transitional period and wish her every success in her new position.

From April 2016, **Mrs Wilkinson**, Headteacher at Hackness CE Primary School, will be our new Headteacher and she will support and guide us through a formal collaboration to become federated Church of England schools. It is an extremely exciting time for both schools as we look forward to fresh challenges and opportunities.



Enjoying a pancake-themed phonics lesson. Pupils integrated pancakes into their provision to inspire pupils in Reception to practise their phonics.



We have also been looking at the Mandarin language and comparing it with English, as we investigate Chinese New Year.

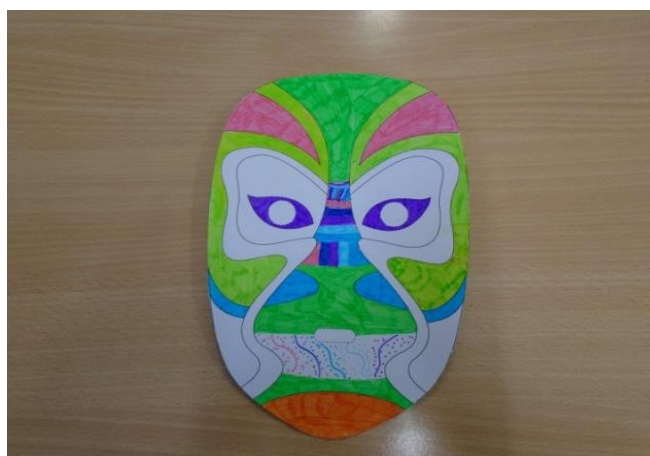
[How impressive is that?? Ed]

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We were delighted to welcome the Archbishop of York to our school in January.



As well as being 'interviewed' by Juniors and joining in with the Infants' RE lesson, the Archbishop found out about the research on 'inspirational people' which our Year 5 and 6 children had completed, as part of their Youth Leaders Award. We sang a special song of hope together during our Collective Worship and the Archbishop delivered a blessing before he left to continue his pilgrimage.



The Juniors have been celebrating the Chinese New Year by making Chinese opera masks.

The children have also used instructions to make indoor kites which they have decorated with Chinese writing.



***As always, if you know of any families with young children moving into our area, please do encourage them to make an appointment to visit our school.
Thank you!***

WRNM Social Walking Group Spring Programme 2016 – Come and Join us!

Friday 11 th	March	Opposite Forge Valley Inn
Friday 25 th	March	North Moor (Forestry Offices)
Friday 8 th	April	Snainton (Village Hall)
Friday 22 nd	April	Brompton (Village Hall)
Friday 6 th	May	Wykeham Forest (1m N of North Moor)

All walks start at 1.00 p.m.

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



THE PICCALILLI OPERA COMPANY **Launch Concert**



Piccalilli Opera Company **St Helen and All Saints Church, Wykeham**

Piccalilli Opera decided to launch their new North Yorkshire-based Opera Company at Wykeham on 20th February 2016. The Company is the brainchild of Nathan Jenkins who comes from Burniston, near Scarborough. Nathan, who has attended both the Royal Northern College of Music and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, was originally taught by Sue Hartley of the Scarborough Music Academy at the Wykeham Business Centre.

The launch itself was supported by an enthusiastic audience of about 80 people and the atmosphere was enhanced by plenty of Prosecco on arrival. Eight performers, mainly from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, sang a variety of popular Opera arias, with Nathan explaining the reasons for establishing Piccalilli Opera: the creation of projects and filling the void from the lack of Opera performance and live acts, mainly in the rural communities of Yorkshire. Nathan hopes to capitalise on the regional pride in Yorkshire. Piccalilli Opera has access to young professional performers and composers, few competitors, and has a good geographical location for Arts Council funding - in all a recipe for great success! It was a privilege to host this launch concert in Wykeham.

Robert Sword
Churchwarden

HARRY STAVELEY 1928-2016

Harry Staveley, a well-known and much-loved former resident of Ruston, has died at the age of 88. Harry was born in Ruston to Charlie and Rhoda and attended Wykeham School. He began his long association with the Dawnay Estate when he became an apprentice in painting and decorating at the age of 14. After a short spell working on a farm at Ebberston he returned to work on the Estate, living at No 54 Ruston, with his parents living at No 59. Harry was famous for his deck-chair, which went with him on all his jobs, and it was always the first item to be unloaded from the van.

Harry was a musician of some renown, playing (among other things) trumpet and tuba. He was a member of a band called the Moonrakers, along with Ron Shepherdson on saxophone and Frank Stockill on drums. The band would play in all the surrounding villages, and would load their gear into a little trailer that Frank pulled behind his bicycle! Few people knew that Harry also worked as a stage-hand at the old Floral Hall, nipping across the road for a quick pint between lighting changes and curtain-raising. Harry was also a keen cricketer, playing both for Wykeham and Ebberston, becoming an umpire in later years, and a loyal supporter of both teams.

Harry retired about 20 years ago, and moved to Scarborough. His funeral was at Wykeham Church, and we gave him a rousing, musical send-off. He will be very much missed.

Steve Dees

SUNDAY 6th March
9.30am

**St Helen and All Saints
Church, Wykeham**

**Eucharist and
distribution of Daffodils**



The daffodil is the most popular flower given on Mothering Sunday. In the language of flowers, the daffodil signifies respect and admiration. "The love of a mother is the veil of a softer light between the heart and the heavenly Father" (Samuel Taylor Coleridge).



WRNM Village Choir

We have gone from strength to strength, have great fun, and sing a wide range of songs. Come along and join us! Contact Sue Hartley at the Scarborough Academy of Music at No 2a Langley House, Wykeham, tel: Sue or Gerda on 01723 330000 or email scarboroughacademyofmusic.co.uk

Our next performance is a medley of Beatles songs, as part of the Swing It Brompton! music and supper evening on 12 March, 7.30pm, Brompton Village Hall. Tickets £5 from the Scarborough Academy of Music. All very welcome!

ST HELEN AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH ORGAN FUND

Good progress is being made with the Organ Appeal with the following funds being raised:

Wykeham Parochial Church Council	£10,000
LPOWGS (VAT reclaim):	£11,000
Trusts and Charities:	£15,000
Local Private Donations (Gift Aid):	<u>£ 2,750</u>
	£38,750

This results in a further £31,000 required to meet the target of £70,000.

A local initiative is soon to be organised with a social fund raising event taking place in the church as well as giving an opportunity for local people to support the renovation of the organ. Further details are soon to be announced!

Robert Sword, Churchwarden





To celebrate the 90th birthday of HM The Queen, a tea party will be held at Wykeham School on the afternoon of 10 JUNE, to which all WRNM residents are invited! More info in the next edition. A big thank you to the school for hosting this event.

NEWS FROM ST HELEN AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

For further information about church events or services, please contact the Vicar, Rev'd Stuart Hill, tel: 01723 859694 or Robert Sword, Churchwarden, Tel: 01723 862434

Festival Services planned for March and April:

Sunday 6th March 9.30am **Mothering Sunday**, at Wykeham (jointly with Hutton Buscel).

Sunday 20th March 10.00am **Palm Sunday**, Procession and Dramatic Reading of the Passion at Snainton.

Thursday 24th March 7.30pm **Maundy Thursday**, "Gospel of Mark", Drama by Ian Birkinshaw at Hutton Buscel.

Friday 25th March 2.00pm **Good Friday**, Commemoration of the Passion (with the choir) at Wykeham.

Sunday 27th March 9.30am **Easter Day**, Eucharist (with choir) at Snainton (please note: no service at Wykeham).

Sunday 1st May 10.30am **Rogation Sunday**, Procession and Rogation at Brompton by Sawdon.

WYKEHAM AND HUTTON BUSCEL WI

We are a small, very friendly group, and meet every second Tuesday in the month at 7pm in Hutton Buscel village hall (next to the church). We usually have a speaker or do hands-on things or go out to the theatre – we try to have a very varied programme each year. Our WI belongs to the Derwent Valley group so we join with them each Spring, Autumn and Christmas for talks, lunch and Carol service. Each WI takes a turn in arranging these events, so it's an opportunity to mix with other groups along the valley.

Here is our programme for the next few months: **March 8th** Music Quiz with Terry Cartlidge; **April 12th** Pot2DoodleDo pot painting; **May 10th** Laughter Lines with Anne Pilgrim-Green; **June 14th** Elizabeth Botham: The Story of Her Bakery with Jo Botham. In addition, our **Spring Show** will be held on **23rd April** at Ayton Village Hall.

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

DENISE HOLTBY, Secretary – tel 01723 863149

GARDEN NOTES

We gardeners and rose-lovers are very lucky to have a nationally-renowned Rose Nursery on our doorstep – R V Rogers, situated on the Malton Road, Pickering. On 9 – 10 July, the company, in conjunction with the British Isles Rose Society, will be hosting the Ryedale Rose Festival. There will be a show of blooms by top rose exhibitors, a chance to look round the nearby rose trial grounds, and the opportunity to talk to rose experts. One of life's great pleasures is to look over a gorgeous array of roses and inhale their different perfumes.

Of course there are other rose nurseries further afield and I thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the David Austin rose business near Wolverhampton. There are roses grown in spectacular clay pots, along colonnades, pergolas, walls and fences; in formal beds and informal herbaceous borders; and in splendid isolation in lawns. Although some settings are way too grand for the average garden, there are good ideas that can be borrowed for the smaller scale. And there is a wonderful tea room too!

Growing roses from cuttings can be very satisfying, and it's a great, economic way to build up your own collection. In late summer, take a cutting of the current year's growth, about 30cm long, and insert the bottom 20cm into a well-drained bit of ground. Keep it watered, and the following spring there should be new shoots, showing the cutting has rooted. Leave it in the ground for a further 12 months, and you will have a new plant identical to its admired parent!

Anne Britton

TALES FROM THE WARREN...

My goodness how green the grass is up here at North Moor after this mild winter! It hasn't stopped growing all season, and so I've had lots to nibble at, lucky me. I have heard plenty of mutterings about the grass from the humans whose gardens I visit, and the air will soon be filled with the sound of lawnmowers.... But then we had a cold snap on Valentine's Day and I had to dig out my woolly hat again. The first snowdrops have been out for a while now and they look very pretty in the sunshine. Not so the huge molehills in the field – how come they are so big this year? I wouldn't like to meet the moles that make them on a dark night....

I hear that our new signs should be ready to be put up at the beginning of April, which should make crossing the road a whole lot safer for all of us! Happy Easter from your very own bunny.

Henry

The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monster's head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

By G K Chesterton
Submitted by Layla Bradley

FROM THE ARCHIVES.....

Writing in the Spring 2000 edition of the Parish Mag, on the subject of the church clock, Chris Tedman reported that the clock was made by North Yorkshire firm Potts of Leeds in 1901, was due for only its third ever service, and was shortly to be 100 years old! Chris was for many years responsible for winding the Church clock (which would apparently go for eight days between windings), and for helping to raise funds for its servicing and maintenance.

[Incidentally, Chris and his wife Jane have retired from their posts at St Helen's Caravan Park, and have left the village of Wykeham. We wish them every happiness and success in their new life – Ed]

DID YOU KNOW...? #2



Photo : Botham's website

...that Mrs Elizabeth Botham, of scrumptious cakes and biscuits fame, started her married life on a farm in Wykeham? She and husband John had fourteen children, and some family members are buried in Wykeham Churchyard. Apparently the family had to leave Wykeham when the farm was sold. They eventually settled in Whitby, where Elizabeth started to sell her pies and cakes from a green handcart. The rest is very tasty history! (see the article from Wykeham and Hutton Buscel WI for details of a talk on Elizabeth Botham - Ed)

An Easter treatApricot Fruit Loaf

7oz self-raising flour	a pinch of salt	4oz glace cherries
2 large eggs, beaten	15oz can of apricots, drained	
2 tbsps milk	5oz butter	4oz sultanas
4 oz currants	4 ½ oz caster sugar	

METHOD: Grease and line a 3lb loaf tin. Sieve salt and flour together. Halve the cherries, and roll $\frac{3}{4}$ of them in the flour. Reserve the others for topping. Chop the apricots finely. Cream the butter and sugar together. Beat in the eggs in stages, adding a teaspoon of flour in the last stage. Fold in the remainder of the flour, milk, and all the fruit apart from the cherries for the topping. Pour into the tin and scatter the remaining cherries over the top. Bake at 160 deg C for two hours or until cooked. Leave to cool in the tin. Freezes well. Serve on its own or buttered.



*****EASTER EGGS*****

Eggs have been associated with the Christian festival of Easter, which celebrates the death and resurrection of Christ, since the early days of the church. However, Christian customs connected with Easter eggs are to some extent adaptations of ancient pagan practices related to spring rites. The egg has long been a symbol of 'fertility', 'rebirth' and 'the beginning'. In Egyptian mythology, the phoenix burns its nest to be reborn later from the egg that is left, and Hindu scriptures relate that the world developed from an egg.

Chocolate Easter eggs were first made in Europe in the early 19th century, with France and Germany taking the lead in this new artistic confectionery. Some early eggs were solid, as the technique for mass-producing moulded chocolate had not been devised.

The production of the first hollow chocolate eggs must have been painstaking, as the moulds were lined with paste, one at a time. Progress in the chocolate Easter egg market was slow until a method was found for making the chocolate flow into the moulds. The modern chocolate Easter egg owes its progression to the two greatest developments in the history of chocolate - the Dutch invention of a press for separating cocoa butter from the cocoa bean in 1828 and the introduction of a pure cocoa by Cadbury Brothers in 1866. The Cadbury process made large quantities of cocoa butter available and this was the secret of making moulded chocolate.

The earliest Cadbury chocolate eggs were made of 'dark' chocolate with a plain smooth surface and were filled with sugared almonds. The earliest 'decorated eggs' were plain shells enhanced by chocolate piping and marzipan flowers. Decorative skill and variety bloomed and by 1893 there were 19 different lines on the Cadbury Brothers Easter list in the UK.

In 1905, Cadbury's launched its Dairy Milk Chocolate. The popularity of this new chocolate vastly increased sales of Easter eggs and establish them as seasonal best sellers.

(Info courtesy of Cadbury's website)



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE CHILDREN IN THIS PHOTO?



This is one of many fascinating photos brought along to the Village Memory day held last year by Joyce Robinson, former resident of Ruston. The sign on the handcart reads: "Tramp to Berlin then Victory".

If anyone knows anything about the location or people or event, please contact Anne Britton at britters54@gmail.com or ring 07866106093.

We would love to see more such photos at the next Memories Day in September.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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| March 8 | Music quiz with Terry Cartlidge, WI, Hutton Buscel Village Hall |
| March 12 | Swing It Brompton! music and supper evening, Brompton Village Hall, 7.30pm |
| April 6 | Brompton Local History Society talk on "Dialect" 7.30pm Brompton Village Hall |
| April 12 | Pot2 DoodleDo Pot painting, WI, Hutton Buscel Village Hall |
| April 23 | Wykeham & Hutton Buscel Spring Show, Ayton Village Hall |
| May 4 | Parish Council Meeting, 6pm, St John's Offices, Wykeham
Annual Parish Assembly 7.15pm, St John's Offices, Wykeham |
| May 10 | Laughter Lines with Anne Pilgrim-Smith, WI, Hutton Buscel Village Hall |
| June 10 | Royal Birthday Tea Party, Wykeham School |

AND FINALLY, as it's nearly Spring, two very silly jokes...

What did the Klondyke prospector say to the shopkeeper when he bought his Gold Prospector Starter Kit? I'LL SEE HOW IT PANS OUT!

Patient: Doctor, I keep thinking I'm a tipi or a yurt!

Doctor: CALM DOWN, YOU'RE TOO INTENTS....

The next edition of WRNM News will be due out in June 2016, so please let me have any contributions (articles, photos, poems, recipes, memories, for sale notices, etc) **by 20 May**.
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