

WRNM News!

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



Welcome.... The communities of WRNM and Hutton Buscel were saddened to learn that Wyn Jackson of Wykeham has passed away. Wyn had been at the centre of local farming life for many years, and was a long-time supporter of the WI. An excerpt from the eulogy at Wyn's funeral, kindly supplied by her niece Evelyn, follows later. I knew Wyn through my own family connections (my father, aunt and Wyn had been members of Catterick Young Farmers Club together) and through my work with her on helping to create our village memories archive. She will be very much missed, by many people.

Our cover this issue features a rare and exotic visitor to Ruston, which has also been spotted perching on a bench and in the flower trough outside Ruston Farm. If anyone can identify this species, please do let me know...

Elsewhere, preparations are being made for the second Village Memories event, our young cricketers have achieved huge success and there's a chance to see hear some world-class opera right here in Wykeham.

Anne Britton, Editor

PARISH COUNCIL

Here is a selection of items from the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in May. 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.

- Cllr Sword proposed that Lady Downe be elected as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Day. The proposal was unanimously agreed by all members. It was agreed that the council would not formally elect a Vice Chair and maintain the flexibility of allowing any of the members to deputise if required due to the enforced absence of Lady Downe.
- The Clerk reported that Mrs J Stockdale had conducted the Annual Internal Audit on 16th April 2016 certifying that all of the internal control objectives had been met, that the financial statements represented the true financial position of the council and that the Bank Reconciliation in Annual Return format had been duly completed and signed by the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.
- Proposals for a gate on the path behind West Hill in Ruston leading up to the main A170 Pickering road were considered, and it was suggested that NYCC be consulted in the first instance.
- In relation to the village plan, the Clerk advised that Chris Brogdan (SBC) had other commitments and could not add to his workload at this time.
- The clerk reported that no response had been forthcoming from the Forestry Commission to the letter of complaint sent. However, Cllr Ashman confirmed that some improvements had been noted.
- NYCC Locality Fund Award - confirmation of grant of £300 towards North Moor notice board.
(courtesy of Cllr Jeffels).
- There were discussions relating to the Parish Field.
- Lady Downe informed the members that it was with sadness that she had to report that Gary Parkin had tendered his resignation as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council, having accepted a full time position at the Stephen Joseph Theatre as Finance Manager. Lady Downe stated that it was a wonderful opportunity to pursue and that Gary left with her and the council's best wishes and appreciative thanks for his commitment and input to the council during his tenure. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Cllr Sword on the process of recruitment.

WYN JACKSON 1928 - 2016

Here is an excerpt from the eulogy read at Wyn's funeral:

Winifred Smith was born at Cote House Farm, Hunton, between Wensleydale and Swaledale, and was educated at Hunton Primary School and Richmond High School for Girls. By all accounts Wyn enjoyed school enormously. As we all know she was a very sociable person and made many friends and it was of some regret that she had to leave school early to look after her mother and the farmhouse. Wyn joined Catterick Young Farmers and became secretary, travelling all over the county to competitions and social events, meeting many new friends and learning many new skills, particularly in the field of cookery. It was in the YFC that she first met Bill Jackson.

In January 1949 a huge and tragic accident happened to the Smith family. When returning from a Christmas visit to relatives on a foggy night their car crashed into the back of a stationary lorry on the A1. Wyn's father and mother were killed; her brother, her sister and Wyn herself were all injured and were all still in hospital at the time of their parents' funeral. Some eight months later Wyn was back in hospital where she spent her 21st birthday. Wyn, her brother and sister were left to run the farm and house alone.

On a happier note, in April 1951 Wyn aged 22 married Bill aged 21 at Hornby Church near Bedale and so began a partnership that lasted 52 years in what was to Wyn a very different and distant part of the North Riding. Managing Manor Farm at Hutton Buscel was no easy task for two very young people. Bill had also lost both his parents by the age of 21, but as you all know they succeeded fantastically well. Wyn also kept hens and reared turkeys and geese for Christmas, and Manor Farm became noted for its very generous hospitality with Wyn's expert cooking and Bill's very generous drinks measures.

Wyn went on to play a leading role in the local WI, supported Bill with his cricket, served on the Parochial Council, became a magistrate on the Scarborough Bench, and was latterly a very competent bowls player. She and Bill had considerable success in breeding racehorses, and were followers and supporters of the Derwent Hunt. Wyn was a great family person and loved entertaining her nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces, sometimes hiring a beach chalet and once even an open top bus for all the family.

After Bill died in April 2003 Wyn moved to Wykeham and still lived life with great gusto with many friends, and still being very involved in the local community. We should today give thanks and celebrate with a smile the life of Wyn Jackson.

FOLLOW UP.... Ellen Mason of Ruston has kindly got in touch with additional information, following on from the last edition of WRNM News: "Jeff and Annie Stockill and their two children used to live in the house between Les and Mavis Dees and Mrs Palmer. Annie worked in housekeeping at the Abbey and Jeff worked in the gardens, which I believe is how they met. Jeff became head gardener there until his retirement. My parents became very good friends with them when we lived at the old railway station [the current Estate Office] between 1959 and 1971. Mrs Palmer's husband worked as the Estate joiner."

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Continuing my toddle around Wykeham, I am now on the left hand side, going up to the top. I have passed what was the Shepherdson farm and am now at the top three cottages where three lovely ladies live – Rosie, Christine and Dot.

Progressing back down the village past the smart Business Centre we come to the Home Farm, occupied for many years by the late David Perry, who was then farm manager to the Estate. Later, Col and Mrs Nigel Plowright lived there for about two years, until they reluctantly had to leave as Nigel was made CO at Leconfield. On to No 23 where Jo Purdy does her stylish flowers and B&B. I understand the Dennis family once lived there, and their daughter Dorothy married Len Hutton, the great cricketer, at Wykeham Church. Later of course they became Sir Len and Lady Dorothy. A nice piece of cricketing history!

On down the lane past the old Reading Rooms, occupied by the lovely Paul and Jane, and to the cottage where the late Wyn Jackson lived. Magistrate, farmer's wife, art-lover – a most interesting lady. Opposite live Decima and Phil – their late husband and father Brian is much missed – and then on to Christine's house, next to the shop. I am told this cottage was once part of the grocer's shop, which started off my comments on the various properties. Here, Christine raised three splendid daughters – Sally, Lisa and Nicky. An admirable quartet of ladies if ever there was one!

Finally I turn back to my own cottage at No 24. I was very undecided about living in Wykeham, but my late husband really wanted to come. One day, when I was looking around the property, I saw on the wall in the barn a hand-written message. It said "Clover died here at 2am on 19 February 1975". I thought this was such a kindly thing to do, and it gave me such a nice feeling about the place. Clover is buried in my garden next to her companion Rex, one cream Labrador and one black, both with little headstones. Also buried around them are various other animals, including hens and my fearsome cockerel Chico. Sometimes, in the early hours, I fancy it's him I can hear greeting the dawn...but of course not, he has gone to that "great unchartered land from which no traveller has ever returned". Chico was a real character, and he deserves an article to himself, which I will write one day!

LAILA BRADLEY

EVENTS IN THE NORTH YORK MOORS

Looking for things to do this Autumn? The North York Moors National Park has lots of activities lined up, many on the WRNM doorstep. On Wednesday 7 September, for example, there is an exploration of East and West Ayton, starting from Derwent Valley Community Library, and on Wednesday 5 October there is a Discover Ebberston event. There are also bushcraft and country skills events in Dalby Forest. Booking for all events is essential – contact 01439 772738 for more information.

Janet's Jottings



“One in two learner drivers are given tuition by their parents, but according to research by Young Driver mums and dads show a lack of knowledge of basic skills.” This was an article in July's Intelligent Instructor.

Dads are twice as likely as mums to take their offspring out for practice, and one in ten youngsters relies purely on tuition by a family member. The following may suggest this is not such a good idea:

- 46% insist on hands at 10 to 2 on wheel, whereas because of airbags, 9 and 3 are recommended.
- 82% wouldn't teach push/pull steering technique, leading to octopus arms (my words!!)
- 39% had forgotten Mirror, Signal, Manoeuvre with 47% not teaching their children the importance of blind spot checks.
- 38% would insist on moving up and down gears sequentially, and no block changing.

I have had several students who have had additional practice with their parents, usually near the test, to polish all they have been taught by their professional instructor and I have no problem with this, but when a student says “My Dad says ...” I shudder!

Janet 07713 646461

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OLD WYKEHAM



Many thanks to Veda Poole for letting us have this lovely photo of 20 Wykeham (Lora Place) taken c1935. Veda's grandfather John Storey, formerly cowman to Lord Downe, lived here when the property was a farm. It is interesting to see that the property was larger then. The end section (now part demolished to form two garages) was used as a workshop, together with the building next door, by the Estate carpenter and joiner Mr Dennis. I am sure Wyn Jackson, late resident of No 20, would have been delighted to see this photo of her much-loved home.

THE R V ROGER APPLE WEEKEND

The annual Apple Weekend will be held on 10 and 11 October 2015 at the RV Roger Nurseries, Malton Road, Pickering. It's a great celebration of Britain's favourite fruit! There will be a display of over 150 varieties of orchard fruit, as well as expert advice from experienced nursery staff on all aspects of fruit growing, apple identification and tasting, trees for sale or to order. Info: tel 01751 472226 or visit www.rvroger.co.uk

SNAINTON YOUNG FARMERS



We have had a busy few months, with Ryedale Show, stockjudging, the YFC Rally, the Sports Night and playing squash at Malton. **If you would like to know more, please contact Martha Corney on 07896960768 or visit www.snainton-young-farmers.co.uk New members always welcome!**

NEWS FROM WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB



The WCC Junior Presentation Day was well attended and the atmosphere was definitely positive which was no great surprise because once again the junior section of the club had achieved considerable success. Probably pride of place went to the Under 16 side who won their league, edging out the much vaunted Flixton side by a single point. Several players in the team have already made their debuts in senior cricket, most notably: Lewis Eustace, Max Lane, Tom Poor and Henry Tubbs. So has top bowler Ben Norman but unfortunately for us he has made his for Snainton!

l-r: Ben Norman (Best Bowler); Tom Poor (Best Batsman) and Lewis Eustace (Best Catch)

The Under 13s were just pipped into second place in their league by Pickering but gained revenge to a certain extent when they beat them in the final of the knockout cup. This was a particularly good game full of high class cricket. Player of the match was Henry Tubbs who gave a first class all round display scoring an unbeaten 26 and then removing the Pickering danger men with a spell of accurate swing bowling. This was essentially a team effort however, typified by the enthusiastic fielding of the young Wykeham side, most spectacularly demonstrated by Lotfi Berkache who has the throwing power of an Exocet missile.

A special mention should be made of the under 13s B Team. They did not win a game but faced by older opposition all season they battled on bravely, chasing everything down with extraordinary enthusiasm.

The Under 11s finished in a comfortable mid table position but were not flattered by this as they were only two points behind Kirkbymoorside who finished second and had two of their games rained off; a victory in either would have seen them finish as runners up.

The avuncular Peter Shepherdson has gathered together an extremely enthusiastic and promising bunch of Under 9s. They have taken part in several mini-tournaments and played well, and although the experience is much more important for this age group rather than worrying about results they certainly seem to have held their own.

Individual Awards for 2016

Under 9s

Best Bat: Max Barber Best Bowler: Tom Palmer Best catch: Miles Johnson
Most Improved: James Hutchinson and Joe Norman

Under 11s

Best Bat: Charlie Revis Best Bowler: Oliver Barnett Best catch: Jamie Barret
Most Improved: George Jackson

Under 13s

Best Bat: Max Lane Best Bowler: Sam Owen Best catch: Tom Hutchinson
Most Improved: Ben North

Under 13s B

Best Bat: Charlie Revis Best Bowler: Jack Norman Best catch: O Barnett
Most Improved: Oliver Farnon

Under 16s

Best Bat: Tom Poor Best Bowler: Ben Norman Best catch: Lewis Eustace
Most Improved: Ciran Hunter

Wykeham Maintain Status in Evening League

All three Wykeham Evening League Teams finished in comfortable mid table positions in their respective leagues. The most impressive performances came from the A Team in Division One. Recent years have seen the Wykeham outfit struggling against relegation and indeed in 2015 they only managed to avoid the drop in the very last game of the season. Not so this year however, a vastly stronger team than in previous years was actually top of the table for a good part of the season. They faded slightly late on to finish fourth although still only four points behind the winners Heselton. Notable individual performances came from the captain James (Jammie) Bryant who scored a rapid 71 not out against Filey and Darren Mills who recorded bowling figures of 5 for 23 against Scalby. Darren had a particularly good game that day as he also scored 36 not out with the bat.

The B team who had been promoted in 2015 were widely expected to struggle in Division B but such fears proved groundless and they finished in a comfortable fourth place. The bowling was perhaps a little stronger than the batting. The rather underrated James (Basher) Wilson was probably the pick of the bunch and his 5 for 11 against Scalby B was the stand out performance of the season although Ian (Spener) Spence's 4 for 13 in a losing cause against Cayton was also praiseworthy.

The C team were a real "swing the bucket" side and were involved in a number of thrilling games but were nevertheless mainly very competitive and also finished in a respectable mid table position. The top batting performance came from junior Tom Poor with 67 not out against Cayton while the most consistent performer, and candidate for captaincy in the future, was Adam Brown who scored 50 not out against Forge valley and turned in bowling figures of 4 for 17 against Cayton.

D GRIMWOOD

VILLAGE MEMORIES EVENT

The second "Village Memories" event will be held on **Sunday 25 SEPTEMBER 2016, 2-4.00pm**, in **Wykeham Cricket Club Pavilion**. There will be displays of photos, maps, memorabilia 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 and memorabilia on the day, particularly from the 1950s through to now. These could be from your school days, from events such as the Whizz and functions at the Downe Arms, Church events, sporting events etc. We will be able to take photos and copies of material on the day. The plan is to hold all the material in a secure location as a growing record and archive of Village life. Come along and find out more about where you live!

For further info about 25 September please contact Sharon (01723 863198) or Katrina (07821 299233).

MILLENNIUM FOOTPATH GROUP



As ever, there is plenty to keep us busy around the villages. Summer brings much denser growth of vegetation along the various paths, and it is a constant task to keep seating areas clear of overhanging brambles, wild raspberry canes, thistles and nettles, as well as keeping the paths passable.

We have been treating the benches along the railway track with preservative oil, and there was a working party to clean and re-paint the Ice House doors (Ingrid and Laurence hard at work, pictured left), as well as the adjacent seat.

Our old friend the Himalayan Balsam is back, but considerably less than last year, so our vigilance is paying off, although clambering up the bankside to pull out seedlings is increasingly challenging. The plant is capable of catapulting its seed across several metres – entertaining to watch when the seed pods explode, but not so clever when you get an eyeful!

If you would like to know more about the group, or would like to come along to a working party, please contact Laurence on 07711738866.

LEATHER ON WILLOW.....

On 10 July the Estate's employees played the Gisborough Estate in the inaugural inter-Estate cricket match at Wykeham. The Estate lost the match, bowled all out for 125 off 25 overs chasing 145. Notable contributions with the bat were Matthew Rennoldson (24), Dan Bateson (23) and William Richardson (20). The team, [featuring several WRNM lads], comprised Lee Yarrow, Josh Briggs, Chris Briggs, Jake Finnegan, Peter Snaith, William Richardson, Matthew Rennoldson, Dan Bates, Stephen Day, Andrew Backhouse and David Barrett. The match was followed by a hog roast and drinks attended by the opposition and the Estate's team and families. It was a fantastic day out in unexpectedly glorious sunshine. The result was not as we had hoped, but we intend to make amends at the return fixture next year.

David Barrett

WRNM Social Walking Group

WRNM Walking Group continues to attract regular support and this summer we have enjoyed some wonderful evening walks in new locations, led by Pauline. Walks will start again soon, probably on Wednesday afternoons. Start times and locations will be published on local noticeboards in due course.

For more information, please contact Pauline 864734 or Ingrid 863490



Fun at the Filey Festival with the Tuesday Singers - Tuesday 31st May

The Tuesday Singers are a Community Group formed by Sue Hartley at the Scarborough Academy of Music for the residents of Wykeham and the surrounding area. The group took part in the Filey Festival at the end of May, and entertained the audience with old favourites from the musicals Oklahoma, South Pacific, Calamity Jane and Carousel. Special congratulations go to the guys on their lively performance of "There is Nothing Like a Dame." The Tuesday Singers have only been together for a year, so Well Done! Performing at a festival like this can be quite daunting and some of the group have never experienced anything like this before. They also took the same programme to Orchard House, a day care home on Scalby Road, to entertain the residents.

A HUGE "Thank you" to Sue Hartley, who rehearses the group every Tuesday morning, giving so many people the opportunity to experience the joy of singing.

Singaround The Academy's "Singaround" is proving to be very popular with singers wanting to have a go at both solos and duets. It is on the first Monday of the month between 8.00 and 9.30 pm. June's meeting gave us a wonderful mix of musical genres and styles. These included Michael O'Brien and Pauline Ashley performing "I Have Dreamed," from The King and I. Eileen Biggins and Janice Knight got together at short notice to give a superb performance of "We Kiss in a Shadow," another song from The King and I. We seem to have fostered a truly relaxing and supportive atmosphere at the Singaround. This is helping people try things out, to take risks and have a go without any fear of judgement of any kind. It is proving to be a fun, popular and energizing experience. All welcome – especially if you are at an early stage in your solo singing!

Contact Sue or Gerda at the Scarborough Academy of Music at No 2a Langley House, Wykeham, tel: 01723 330000 or email scarboroughacademyofmusic.co.uk



MEMORIAL SEAT FOR WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB

A big "Thank you" to everyone who gave so generously towards a seat for Harry and Maureen Corney. A total of £400 was collected.

The 5ft beech seat with plaque (pictured left) is situated outside the cricket pavilion where Harry and Maureen spent memorable time together.

NEWS FROM ST HELEN AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Matters

The Harvest is now already well in-hand and this will be followed soon after by the **Harvest Festival at 11.00am on Sunday 25th September**, followed by lunch in the Downe Arms. The service is held jointly with Hutton Buscel and alternates between the two churches. It is Wykeham's turn this year and is a welcome opportunity to join in and give thanks. The harvest can mean many things to include the farming harvest, but it also involves schools, work and leisure.

The Helmsley Chamber Choir will be singing at a traditional sung Evensong at 6.30pm on Sunday 16th October. There will also be a visiting preacher.

The Advent Carols will be taking place at St Helen and All Saints Church at **6.30pm on Sunday 4th November.**

Looking further ahead **Rotary Cavaliers** will be holding their **Carol Service on Wednesday 14th December at St Helen & All Saints Church.**

The combined **Candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols** will be at **St Matthew's Church, Hutton Buscel at 6.30pm on Sunday 18th December.**

You may not know, but the Upper Derwent Benefice publishes a monthly "Messenger". This newsletter provides a summary of what is going on in the Benefice, to include church services, concerts and events. Copies can be obtained from the Estate Office (01723 866600).

Concerts

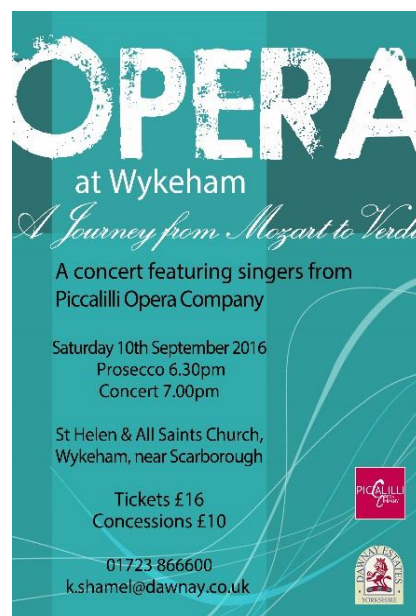
Wykeham village has entered its autumn concert season with three concerts, all at St Helen and all Saints Church, on:

Monday 15th August, 7pm: North York Moors Chamber Music Festival

Saturday 10th September, 6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Following on from highly successful concerts in previous years we are very proud to once again present **OPERA @ Wykeham** in the wonderful setting of St Helen and All Saints Church. With singers from North Yorkshire's (and from Scarborough's) own Opera Company, Piccalilli Opera, this concert is a must and is always a very popular event.

Tickets from the Estate office (tel 01723 866600, email. k.shamel@dawnay.co.uk).



Friday 11th November, 7pm: A Pocket Version of Gilbert & Sullivan's Mikado (or the Town of Titipu) performed by Bill Scott's Sandside Players. This is a chance to enjoy a fun evening, and you might even recognise one or two of the performers!

The Organ Fund

Many people will not realise that the St Helen and All Saints organ achieved its 100th birthday six years ago. In this case no Queen's telegram but a desperate need for a complete overhaul at a cost of £70,000.

The Organ Fund Committee has raised just over £42,000 so far – well over half way - but it is proving increasingly challenging to achieve the finishing line.

In order to inform and spread the word an evening of drinks, canapés and short talks is to take place in the church at **6.30pm on Friday 9th September** (see the invitation on the next page). There is also at the back of the church a display and encouragement to make a donation and "take an old pipe home". To find out more call in one Saturday or Sunday when the church is open, or attend the event on 9th September.



**St Helen and All Saints Church
 Wykeham
 Organ Restoration Fund**

**6.30 pm, Friday 9th September
 St Helens and All Saints Church**

**An invitation to drinks and canapés
 to hear about the progress
 in restoring the Organ
 and to discover how you can contribute
 to its successful restoration**

RSVP
 01723 866600

pa@dawnnav.co.uk

The Benefice Choir

The Benefice Choir has commenced rehearsals (6pm, Thursday at Hutton Buscel Church) and is always keen to recruit new members. At present the choir is rehearsing for the Harvest Festival services, followed by Advent and Christmas anthems and carols. If you are interested please contact Rosemary Sword (01723 862434) – not being able to read music is not a hindrance; just a good voice and a desire to sing are all that is required!

Robert Sword
 Churchwarden
 (01723 862434)

Anthony Tubbs
 Churchwarden
 (01723 850620)

Rev'd Stuart Hill
 Vicar
 (01723 859694)

WYKEHAM AND HUTTON BUSCEL WI

Our June event (a talk by Joe Botham, grandson of Elizabeth Botham the famous baker) was very popular and Mr Botham was a very entertaining speaker. Our July speaker was Tim Tubbs, who gave a fascinating talk on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, both nurses in the Crimean War.

Forthcoming events (meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Hutton Buscel Village Hall):

September: A talk by a member of the RNLI **October:** A Fashion Parade by Bon Marche **November:** The Annual General Meeting **December:** Our Christmas meal.

I am sad to report that two of our long-standing members have recently passed away – Valerie Garson and Wyn Jackson.

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

Many of us have bird feeders in our gardens and yards, and it is fascinating to see the extent and variety of plants that spring up from seeds discarded or dropped by the birds. Some birds are especially good at selecting their favourite seeds whilst tossing the duds to one side! Although there is usually a grateful pigeon or dunnock hoovering up the rejects, many seeds will take root, often where they are least wanted, between cracks in paving slabs or in flower pots. Last year, I had a very pretty sunflower appear in the middle of a pot of petunias – it wouldn't have occurred to me to deliberately put one there, but it worked! This is often the case in gardening, that nature takes an independent hand to create a plant combination that works a treat.

A gardener in North Moor contacted me to help identify a rather spooky plant which had mysteriously appeared in her garden (see below).



This is apparently *Acmella oleracea*, also known as the Toothache Plant, Paracress or the Electric Daisy, and it belongs to a group of plants originating from Brazil. It is said to contain a numbing agent and to be an effective painkiller for toothache (best not try this at home folks, just in case....).

Photo and information courtesy of Wikipedia

Underneath my birdfeeder this year I have what look like two sweetcorn plants and an unusual grass, as well as a stray oilseed rape plant and the usual sunflowers – who knows what else may turn up!

Anne Britton

TALES FROM NORTH MOOR



Our lovely new village noticeboard is in place now (thanks to Alan Howells of Ash Construction) and was erected with help from Laurence Day and North Moor resident Steve Turner, who helped plant the posts, level the ground, clear vegetation and overgrown laurels, as well as laying the base for the trough. Thank you too to the Shepherdson family of Ruston Farm for their help with transport.

I am delighted to report that planters have now been installed under the village signs and are looking colourful to welcome visitors and hopefully slow them down as they drive by. I hear too that more planting is planned in the autumn at the other side of the road, under the exit signs. All in all North Moor is very much more on the map, colourful and 'noticeable'!

Please don't forget to put copies of posters and notices of local events on our new noticeboard, which is weatherproof and means that notices no longer need to be laminated. They won't blow away either (which means I don't have to clamber over them on my travels through the undergrowth!) We would all love to hear what is going on in surrounding villages, so do bring us your posters.

(as reported by Henrietta, our roving four-footed correspondent)

FROM THE ARCHIVES.....

The following are excerpts from the Headmaster's logbook 1899:

31 July: The attendance is very poor, only 29 here out of 44 in the Mixed and 15 out of 20 in the Infants. On inquiries I find that the children are away helping their parents in the hayfields. Today is the hottest day we have had this summer, and with all doors and windows open, the thermometer registers 82 deg F. Because of the absence of so many boys the drawing was taken on slates this afternoon.

8 August: Dr Hope, Medical Officer of Health, reported two cases of Scarlet Fever and advised the Managers to close school at the end of the week.

9 August: School closed today owing to so many children visiting Barnum and Bailey's Show in Scarborough. Only 18 present at 9 o'clock out of 64 on the books.

20 October: The Infants were dismissed at 3.40 this afternoon because everyone had made full attendance this week. Many children were away in the Mixed School picking potatoes this week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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| Sept 9 | 6.30pm, Organ Restoration Event, Wykeham Church |
| Sept 10 | Opera At Wykeham, Wykeham Church, 6.30 for 7pm |
| Sept 25 | 11am Harvest Festival, Wykeham Church, followed by lunch at the Downe Arms
Village Memories Event, 2-4pm, Wykeham Cricket Club |
| Oct 16 | 6.30 Evensong with the Helmsley Chamber Choir, Wykeham Church |
| Nov 4 | 6.30pm, Advent Carols, Wykeham Church |
| Nov 11 | Pocket Mikado – Opera at Wykeham Church, 7pm |
| Dec 14 | Rotary Cavaliers Carol Service, Wykeham Church |
| Dec 18 | 6.30pm Candlelit Carols, Hutton Buscel Church |

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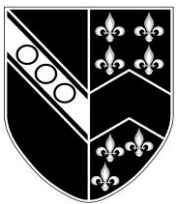
Contact 01723 850620

POET'S CORNER – IN MEMORIAM

The General

“Good morning, good morning” the General said
When we met him last week on our way to the Line.
Now the soldiers he smiled at are most of ‘em dead
And we’re cursing his staff for incompetent swine.
“He’s a cheery old card” grunted Harry to Jack
As they slogged up the Arras with rifle and pack.
But he did for them both with his plan of attack.

**By Siegfried Sassoon
Submitted by Laila Bradley**



NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL

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Our celebrations to mark the 90th birthday of HM The Queen went with a real swing. Sadly the weather was not kind on the day, but staff and pupils showed great resourcefulness when activities were moved indoors at short notice. Visitors were treated to very skilful and energetic displays of dancing, as well as a Fancy Dress Parade, judged by Lady Downe. The winners of the Fancy Dress were invited to help with the planting of a commemorative tree in the school grounds. There were delicious cakes and refreshments and a variety of games and raffles run by the pupils.

We will have lots more news for you in the December issue!

***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!***

AROUND THE VILLAGES



Keen-eyed walkers will have noticed some welcome changes along the walks around Wykeham and Ruston, all courtesy of Wykeham Primary School. Pictured left is a walker enjoying the views from the new bench situated along the “Dog Walk”, which was donated by the school. Also spotted were several colourful posters encouraging dog walkers to be responsible and clear up their dog poo. We look forward to hearing more details about these excellent projects after the summer holidays.

MARROW CHUTNEY

It's that time of year again where courgettes turn mysteriously overnight into huge great marrows, so here is a delicious recipe to deal with them.

2lb peeled courgette/marrow, diced small
1lb cooking apples, peeled, diced small
½ bottle of plum sauce
10oz Demerara sugar
8 oz raisins
1 tsp pickling spice

1pt malt vinegar
8 oz peeled onion, diced small
1in piece of fresh ginger, chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
2 tsp salt

Put half the vinegar, the marrow, garlic, apples, onions, raisins, salt, spices and ginger into a large pan. Cook until the mixture becomes a pulp. Add the plum sauce, the remainder of the vinegar and the sugar and cook until really thick. Pour into hot sterilised jars. Leave to cool completely then cover/seal.

AND FINALLY.....Two caterpillars are watching a Chrysalis. It bursts open to reveal a beautiful butterfly that stretches its wings and flies away. One caterpillar turns to the other and says: “You'd never get me up in one of those things....”

Walking round the garden, a small boy asks his grandfather what he puts on his rhubarb. Grandad says: “Well, horse muck usually”. Small boy: “That's funny...I usually put Custard on mine”.

The next edition of WRNM News will be due out in December 2016, so please submit any contributions (articles, photos, poems, recipes, memories, for sale notices, etc) by **23 NOVEMBER**.

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