

# WRNM News!

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



**WELCOME** to our September newsletter. The cover photo was taken last year at Ruston Farm gate, showing an impressive range of pumpkins for sale. It's harvest time – on the farm, in gardens and allotments, and in the hedgerows – and it seems to be a bumper year for blackberries, plums, damsons and gages. Time to dust off the jam pan! In this issue we have an exciting update on Ruston's favourite Highland bull, a splashing new development at Wykeham and many more reports of what has been going on in the WRNM area. A great big thank you to all our contributors – keep your photos and news coming!  
**Anne Britton, Editor, 07866106093**

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Here is a selection of items from the draft minutes of the most recent Parish Council Meetings. The full minutes may be found on the Parish Council website [www.wykehamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.wykehamparishcouncil.org.uk) Current legislation now dictates that the draft minutes are to be available online within a month of the meeting.

### Meeting held on 3 July:

- The clerk reported that letters to the businesses using advertising A-boards on the A170 had largely met with a positive response. The Oak Furniture board remains a concern due to its close proximity to the road. The Clerk and Cllr Jeffels will contact Highways about the matter.
- Cllr Day has obtained a quotation for repairing the bus shelter. At present the alternative materials are felt and plastic with estimates coming in at £1150 and £1105 respectively. Cllr Day will obtain further quotations.
- Cllr Phillips reported that there had been 11 crimes in the area between 1/4/17 and 28/5/17. These were mainly vehicle-related with one matter of dangerous driving reported in Wykeham.
- Concerns have been raised by members of the public and Councillors at the incidences of speeding. Cllr Jeffels and the Clerk will write to the Highways dept to arrange a site visit. PC Bilton has indicated to the Clerk that Scarborough Police would also be willing to attend a site visit. The Clerk will write to the Forestry Commission regarding speeding in North Moor.
- Cllr Jeffels will raise the issue of flooding outside North House, Wykeham with Highways.
- Cllr Sword gave Councillors a report on the recent venture at Wykeham Lakes. There will be a Press day on 17 July and the Park will open on 18 July. The Councillors wished the venture every success.
- As yet there is no information available regarding the possibility of a grant in addition to existing funds to repair the stone wall and gate to the Parish Field. Cllr Sword will look into this.
- The Clerk reported that the damaged water post in Wykeham had been repaired by Yorkshire Water. The Clerk has contacted Yorkshire Water regarding the damaged water post near the noticeboard at North Moor.

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## SNANTON YOUNG FARMERS

We meet on Monday evenings at Snainton Village Hall, 7.30pm, and have regular competitions and visits. Come along and see what we're about! You don't have to be a farmer, just an interest in all things agricultural. Visit [www.snainton-young-farmers.co.uk](http://www.snainton-young-farmers.co.uk)

## YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT UP.....

Some years ago Wykeham opened its gardens in aid of the church, and I was asked to help. Well... To call my garden environmentally friendly would be kind. I call it wild. However, Chris Thomson mowed, edged and pruned, and we licked it into a presentable shape. Still quite nervous, I made a sign for the entrance, which said "This garden was designed by a well-known Swedish landscape gardener called Hap Hazard" (joke).

On the day of the garden opening, up comes a gentleman of military bearing, wearing a tired linen jacket, a shabby-chic panama hat and a pair of highly-polished brogues of very fine quality. He viewed my sign, as I sat at my little bric-a-brac stall, happy to make a few shillings for the church. He said "Ah. Is that the same man who did Scampston Walled Garden?". To my eternal shame, I said "Yes". He obviously did not see my tongue in my cheek!

He walked off, returned after about 10 minutes, pronounced "Not his finest hour" and marched away before I could explain. Dear Reader, I resorted to the last bastion of privacy – my own thoughts – and concluded "what a twit". And no, I did **not** make it up!

**Laila Bradley**

## MILLENNIUM FOOTPATH GROUP

We were delighted to hear that our bid to the Wykeham Fund (money available through Hansons for local environmental improvements) was successful. Well done everyone! The next step is to hold a planning meeting in early September. We intend to improve the link footpath through to Hutton Buscel, as well as clear and enhance the area in front of the Ice House. There will also be an interpretation board sited on the railway track to provide information about the history of the railway as well as flora and fauna.

With all the rainfall, some plants have had a field-day and have grown into monsters. Brambles particularly have become real thugs but the upside is a bumper crop of fruit. The wild raspberries are also beginning to invade certain areas alongside the footpath and will need to be dug out. As usual, Mary Ann and Sharon have done a smashing job in destroying stray Himalayan Balsam plants!

If you would like to know more about the group, have ideas for improving our local footpaths, or would like to come along to a working party, please contact Laurence on 07711738866.

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**DID YOU KNOW?.....#1** Wykeham maybe a small village but believe it or not it is home to over 35 businesses ranging from a manufacturer of 4 x 4 all-terrain wheelchairs to a firm of solicitors; and recently Wykeham has welcomed two more - Clarity Home Care (care at home services for elderly and disabled people) and CCG Supplies (equipment, consumables and stationery direct to surgeries, pharmacies, Hospitals and Dentists all over the country).

## NEWS FROM RUSTON FARM

Due to a sunny and dry June, the winter barley harvest started very early on the 16<sup>th</sup> July. It needs to be around 14% moisture to avoid any penalties being imposed on it when sold. Unfortunately the frustrating wet weather during late July and early August has meant some was cut at over 20% which resulted in it going through the grain dryer to prepare it for sale!

On the cattle front, our white Highland bull, Edward of Ruston, has a finally provided us with his first group of calves including a very special white heifer calf (shown below) born on 28<sup>th</sup> July. She has been named Heidi.

You may have spotted small areas in the fields around Ruston covered in wild flowers. These are not just to look pretty, but are part of a five-year agreement with Natural England to plant areas across the farm which would benefit a variety of wildlife. With low cereal prices it is becoming uneconomical to grow cereals on the poorer quality land or smaller areas of the farm so we have transformed a total of 18 acres into wild bird feed plots and pollen and nectar plots for the bees and the butterflies. It really has been amazing watching these plots develop. They are created with a mix of seeds so that something is continuously in flower - we've had cornflower, crimson clover and cow parsley in one plot which has been very colourful.

On the rest of the farm we will continue with our rotations of wheat, winter and spring malting barley and spring beans used as a break from cereals. We're also trialling a small area of winter oats this year as an alternative to oil seed rape. The last 12 months have seen us take a different route from the traditional farming methods. We have had a complete change of machinery for establishing our crops. The plough has been put to rest and instead we now directly sow the crops into the stubble of the previous crop, without disturbing the soil. This method reduces the number of passes over the field to establish a crop, meaning less diesel being used and less time taken to do it!



**DAVID SHEPHERDSON JNR**

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## WRNM Social Walking Group

The walking group will be starting up again in mid September and a walks programme will be posted on noticeboards in due course. If you have ideas for routes or would like to help by leading a walk, please do get in touch with me - Ingrid 863490



## RUSTON GETS A CLEAN-UP



Every year at Brompton Hall School we hold an annual curriculum project week. This year it was entitled "Community and Citizenship". Working together in small groups we participated in a range of different activities to benefit our local community. Our task in Ruston was to clear as much of the overhanging greenery running up the side of the beck in Westgate as time allowed. We had three visits into the village and the boys worked hard cutting back the thickest of the vegetation so that a little of the adjoining stable walls became visible. The greenery was bagged up and removed from the village, some fed to my goats, some composted on our school site and some disposed of. We had a warm welcome from residents on Westgate and the boys really enjoyed the challenge. I would like to pass on a Thank-you from everyone at Brompton Hall. As a school we value very much our links with the community, in particular the Dawnay Estate.

**Sarah Nicholson, Learning Manager  
Brompton Hall School**



## NEWS FROM WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB

### **Wykeham Juniors Make Progress**

This has been a slightly disappointing season for the junior section of the club in terms of trophies won but it has been quite positive in the number of young players who have appeared in the senior sides, most of them making a definite impact. In fact the Third Saturday side has been packed with juniors, some of whom (for example Tom and Sam Owen, Lee Eyre, Jake Turnbull and Henry Tubbs) have persuaded their fathers to play as well. Tom and Sam did not stop there - they also persuaded their mother to make the teas! Some like Max Lane and Tom Poor have played for higher teams and Adam Eustace is already a fixture in the first eleven and, not to be outdone, his brother Lewis has just made his first team debut. Max could not persuade his dad to play but he is the team's official photographer.

**The Under 15s** were slightly unlucky to finish only fourth in their league because they lost only two of their games but unfortunately had four rained off. **The under 13s** went one better and finished third behind Pickering and Mulgrave in their league. We fielded two teams in the **Under 11s** league and the A team went closest of all the sides, finishing third but on the same points total as the first and second teams, losing out only on some fiendishly complicated count back rule. The B Team finished bottom but played with much enthusiasm throughout the season, thoroughly enjoying themselves, which is really what it is all about.

**The Under 9s** do not play in a league but play a series of mini tournaments. Wykeham was in fact the only club to host two such tournaments. Guided by the avuncular Pete Shepherdson the large squad of players has enjoyed considerable success. Once again our thanks to the coaches, particularly Ian Thompson and Dan Bateson for their untiring efforts.

### Wykeham CC Junior Awards

The Junior Awards Day was again a joyous success. Attended by a large crowd of parents, friends and thrill-seekers the event consisted of a series of players' and parents' games, a homily from the chairman and the actual presentations. These were:

#### Under 9s

Best batsman: Harry Wood    Best bowler: James Hutchinson    Best catch: Iestyn Jones  
Most improved player: Jonathan Stockill

#### Under11s B Team

Best batsman: Ieuan Jones    Best bowler: Harry Wood    Best catch: Noah Mummert  
Most improved player: Wilf Fountain

#### Under11s A Team

Best batsman: Kasey Clegg    Best bowlers: Liam Marley/Myles Johnson  
Best catch: Oliver Barnett    Most Improved player: George Jackson

#### Under 13s

Best batsman: Sam Owen    Best Bowler: Tom Hutchinson    Best catch: Brad Spillar  
Most improved player: Charlie Revis

#### Under 15s

Best batsman: David Haywood:    Best bowler: Tom Hutchinson  
Best Catch: Jake Turnbull    Most improved player: Max Lane



### Wykeham Hold Inaugural 6-a-Side Competition

Wykeham's efforts to introduce a 6-a-side competition for the under 11s was greeted with only limited enthusiasm by other clubs and only four, Cayton, Cloughton, Scarborough and Wykeham actually turned up to contest the competition. What the competition lacked in numbers was not reflected in the standard of play which, particularly the fielding and catching, was extremely high. Cloughton clearly had the best squad and won all three of their games without too much trouble and in fact the only side to give them a close game was Wykeham who saw off Cloughton and Scarborough to claim the runner up spot.

Above: The Wykeham Runners-Up - Dan Bateson (Coach), Oliver Barnett, George Jackson, Kasey Clegg. Myles Johnson, Liam Marley and Tom Palmer.

## **Wykeham Have Mixed Evening League Season**

If there was any doubt that Wykeham is a club that caters for players of varying standards it was put to rest this season in the Andyhire Evening when at one stage the Wykeham First Team was top of the First Division and the Third Team was bottom of the third. The first team was not quite able to hold on to this place but finished a very creditable third, a particularly good effort considering they lost, possibly, their best player (the Scarborough opening bowler, Jack Holt who, romantic soul that he is, left to go to Australia to be with his girlfriend). Jack will probably get plenty of cricket there as he spent last winter playing at quite a high standard in Australia as a sponsored player. Both our players James Bryant and Matty Graves, who left the Saturday side to go to play for Scarborough, continued to play for Wykeham in the evening and proved to be the best batsman in the case of James, who also captained the side, and Matthew, the most successful bowler.

**The second team**, as was predicted, struggled throughout the season and finished in a relegation position, although they did not finish bottom of the league and their demotion was not confirmed until the last game of the season. It should also be pointed out that their league largely consisted of other clubs' first teams. **The third team** finished bottom of their league without winning a league game all season but under the leadership of team captain Adam Brown, who was their best bowler for the fourth season in a row, and manager Tim Metcalfe, they played wholeheartedly and with a good spirit throughout and turned out full squads. The side also offered numerous opportunities for young players to have experience of senior cricket and indeed Lewis Eustace was their most successful batsman.

## **Saturday Leagues go right to the wire**

The situation in the second division of the Becket League is on a knife edge because with (at the time of going to print) one game to play, Wykeham Seconds are just two points above the relegation zone. You may remember that they got promotion by one point last year on the final day of the season so life in the Seconds is never dull. They should survive because on paper they have a much easier fixture than their direct opponents Ravenscar but as many people have said before we play on grass not paper. The First Team have easily maintained their Division One status and, in recent fixtures, were beginning to look quite strong. With the addition of a couple of strong batters the side might yet push for the Holy Grail next season: namely a place in the premier league. The Thirds under the jovial leadership of Graham Shannon have had some notable successes and have again introduced many of the promising Wykeham youngsters to senior cricket.

## **D GRIMWOOD**

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## **PARTY IN THE PARK**

Wykeham Cricket Club extended a warm welcome to local residents to join an end-of-season BBQ and disco up at the pavilion on 19 August. Led by its lively secretary Jayne Graves, the club decided to take advantage of the marquee being erected at the ground and hold a party on the Saturday evening after the first team game against Staxton. Proceedings continued well into the night. Pete Shepherdson provided his disco and Jayne the burgers and hot dogs, with Dave Grimwood displaying hither-to unknown skills as a BBQ chef. There was a vegetarian option although vegetarians seemed to be pretty thin on the ground..... Patrons brought their own drink and there were indications that things were going to be fairly jovial as more than one reveller brought his own tent to sleep in rather than go home, and breakfast was on offer for those conscious the next morning.



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## VIVA ESPANA!

Friday 14th July was a night to remember when we hosted a fun-packed Spanish evening, with sangria and tapas. The spirit of Spain resounded throughout the Academy and the warm balmy weather enabled us to spill out into the courtyard and enjoy the beautiful Wykeham countryside.

Sue gave us a pleasant surprise when she sang "Quando Sali de Cuba" accompanied by Gary Wilshaw on guitar, Julia Sinclair gave us a Spanish cabaret - Y Viva Espana! - and Wendy Banner put her heart and soul into her flamenco dancing, accompanied by Bob Muir on guitar.

"Ole, Ole," reflected the mood of the evening from beginning to end. The Spanish theme was embraced by all as we dressed to impress. Gary had written a song especially for the evening, "Tu eres el amor de mi vida," which when translated means "You are the love of my life." The guitar accompaniment had a true Spanish flavour and his performance was superb. The Tuesday Singers performed a variety of Spanish / Latin songs. The evening came to a close when they joined together with Manhattan Voices in a Mamma Mia medley.

Two exciting new developments: one of Sue's singing students, Robyn Keech, who has just graduated from Leeds College of Music, will be based at the Academy taking music into the community, working within care homes, care communities, playgroups and nurseries. We also welcome Jordan, our new Ukulele / Guitar tutor. Whether you are a complete beginner wanting to learn the instrument from scratch, or simply a hobbyist striving to improve upon existing skills, Jordan will tailor each lesson to fit your needs as an individual.

With so many exciting things happening, everyone at the Academy is looking forward to the new term in September. We invite you to be a part of it.

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

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**DID YOU KNOW?.....#2** The Perseid meteor shower is the most famous of all the meteor showers, providing an opportunity for non-enthusiasts to see a meteor. The Perseids are actually tiny pieces of the Swift-Tuttle comet that can be seen every year when the Earth passes through a cloud of the comet's debris. They're bits of ice and dust, which can be as small as a grain of sand or as big as a pea. The fragments were left behind whenever Swift-Tuttle passed close to Earth - the last time was in 1992.

The Perseids can be seen from the end of July with one meteor an hour crossing the skies. By the 10 August up to 15 meteors an hour can be seen on a clear night. The peak dates to see the Perseid meteor shower are between the 12-13 August with up to 100 meteors visible per hour. We are lucky to live in an area of low light pollution to be able to see the night sky more clearly. There was mixed viewing success across our area this year, due to cloudy skies, but still spectacular. Make a date in your diary for next year! **(Technical info courtesy of Meteorological Office website and Wikipedia)**

## GARDEN NOTES



There have been spectacular displays of annual poppies this year, including this self-sown strip of beautiful *Papaver somniferum* in Eastgate, Ruston. Its common name is the Opium poppy but fear not – Ruston has not become an overnight centre of the drug trade. *Papaver somniferum* cannot achieve maturity in colder climates, and is grown purely for ornamental purposes, including its delightful seed pods.

Photo courtesy of Bill Baxendale

Poppy seeds are known to be able to survive many years in the soil, waiting for the right conditions for germination. The violent disturbance of the earth during the 1914-18 war resulted in the germination and flowering of millions of Common Poppy seeds (*Papaver rhoeas*), and this simple red annual poppy became an emblem for the deaths of so many. Certain types of Poppy seeds have been used for culinary purposes for many hundreds of years (but to be on the safe side, only use bought seeds in your poppy seed and lemon drizzle cake!). The small grey or black seeds contain oil, and add a lovely, nutty flavour to bakes and salads.

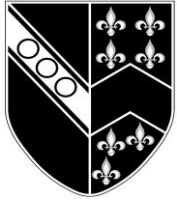
The RV Roger Apple Weekend is on 7 and 8 October at their garden centre just outside Pickering, and it's a lovely way to spend a couple of hours – sample the many varieties, get advice from the experts on planting and growing apples, and take along any apples to have their variety identified. Also keep an eye out for community apple pressing, where you can take along your surplus apples and receive apple juice or cider in return. It's always nice to leave a few windfalls for the birds but an even better idea to turn them into something humans can enjoy! Happy autumn gardening.

Anne Britton

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 **WE'LL DRINK TO THAT!** 

The small but perfectly-formed Old Post Office Tavern in Brompton-by-Sawdon is run by Ruston residents Neil and Sue Sands. The Tavern offers a select range of cask ales, ciders (some of which are produced as locally as Suffield), lager, wine, malt whiskies and specialist gins, as well as snacks and light meals. Small parties are also catered for. Neil is proud to report that in 2016, the first year of operation, the Tavern was awarded one of only two runner-up places for CAMRA rural pub of the year in the Scarborough district. Further information: tel 850202 or email [opotbrompton@gmail.com](mailto:opotbrompton@gmail.com)



## NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL

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

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The summer term in school is always a busy one and this year has been no exception. Funded by our ongoing Rolls Royce Science prize the whole school went to Dalby Forest to hunt for mini beasts. The children had a fantastic day exploring and experiencing the woodland habitat and its creatures through a range of art and hands-on science activities. July also saw a joint visit with Brompton School to London for our Year 6 pupils, Bikeability training and awards for Key Stage 2 children, and a wonderful day at Hackness School to celebrate our school federation. The children were treated to a picnic and a magic show by Magic Mike! Pupils in Oak Class held their first science fair showcasing their wonderfully-researched projects as diverse as chromatography, space and edible putty. The weather unfortunately spoilt many of our sports plans during July including our School Sports and Cluster Sports days. However, cricket coaching with the YCC has proved a great success once again.



The end of term brought a number of changes in school. We were sorry to say goodbye to Daisy, Ben, Oliver, Bob, Lily, Molly and Adam as they move onto new schools, new friendships and new challenges. We thank Mrs Tubbs, our administrator for the past five years, for all her hard work and wish her all the best in her new role as Business Manager at Thornton Dale School, and we welcome Mrs Strachan as her replacement.

August also brought the retirement of our headteacher Mrs Wilkinson. We are very sad to see her go after twenty five years of teaching at Hackness School and eighteen months supporting us here at Wykeham School and overseeing the school's federation. We are sure that the whole community will join staff, governors and parents to thank her for her dedication to our children and wish her a very happy and relaxing retirement.

We are welcoming seven new pupils in school in September, the return of our Infant teacher Mrs Thorp from maternity leave, as well as Mr Talbot our new headteacher.

### EXCITING TIMES AHEAD!

***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!***

## MATCH-WINNERS THREE TIMES IN ONE DAY

The return leg of the highly-contested Guisborough v Dawnay Estates' cricket match was held at Westerdale on Sunday 16 June. The Dawnay Estates fielded a representative team of players from nearly all departments, but, with some key figures unable to travel, the bookmakers' offerings on a reversal of last year's disappointing result were long.

The pitch, secreted away at the bottom of Westerdale, had borne the brunt of the recent rains and the wicket could be described as soft to sodden. The Dawnay team won the toss and, wanting to take advantage of the high water table, opted to field. Guisborough set off strongly and the scoreboard galloped away. Thankfully some tight bowling from the Danby contingent wrestled things back under control and Guisborough closed their innings at a very defendable 181/7.

The Dawnay Estates took to the chase with gusto, none more so than opener Jack Kelly, striking a six off his first ball. The early wicket of Josh Briggs brought in Peter Snaith to steady the ship. Peter, Jack Kelly, Geoff Simpson and Michael Wearmouth were all required to retire with their full complement of 25 runs, with David Barrett pulling up just short with 24. The score was poised at 145/6 but despite the Dawnay team only having 10 players, and with the help of much pinot-grigio induced cheering and applause from the travelling support, Guisborough's target was exceeded – or so it was thought. After some very creative accounting the Dawnay score went down and the Guisborough score went up, and the Dawnay batsmen were put back to work. Another target came and went and it was only as night closed in that a Geoff Simpson boundary put victory beyond doubt with the Dawnay Estates finishing on 193/8 off the final ball!

The game was contested in the best of spirits and followed by a fantastic spread enjoyed by all. We look forward to a return match next year.

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## THE WORLD COMES TO WYKEHAM!

Enterprising Wykeham resident Garry Pullen has turned his love of globetrotting into a dream job – working as an independent travel agent. Among his favourite destinations are the Maldives, for their sheer beauty and relaxation value; Mexico for its vibrant culture alongside wonderful Mayan temples and history; and Costa Rica and Panama, with cloud forests and volcanic springs.

Garry worked for over 10 years in the travel industry, five of which were as branch manager for Going Places (part of Thomas Cook). He now works for the company Independent Travel Experts, and is enjoying the challenge of sourcing the perfect ATOL-protected, tailor-made holiday for his customers. To find out more contact Garry via Freephone 08000 315 282, visit [WWW.independenttravelexperts.co.uk](http://WWW.independenttravelexperts.co.uk) or email [garry.pullen@independenttravelexperts.co.uk](mailto:garry.pullen@independenttravelexperts.co.uk)

## NEWS FROM ST HELEN AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### Festival or Special Services at St Helens Church in the months leading up to and including Christmas:

**Harvest Festival** (choir – joint with Hutton Buscel) St Matthews Church, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 11.00am.

**Remembrance Service** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10.55am

**Advent Carols and Readings** (choir), Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 6.30pm

**Nine Lessons and Carols** (choir – joint with Hutton Buscel) St Matthews Church, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00pm

**Rotary (Cavaliers) Lessons and Carols** (choir), Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm

**Christmas**, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00am

Dates and timings for all other services and events are summarised in the monthly “Messenger”, copies of which are available from the Dawnay Estates Office, or by contacting Caroline Bamforth ([pa@dawnay.co.uk](mailto:pa@dawnay.co.uk) / 01723 866601).

### Events at St Helen and All Saints Church, Wykeham

The **OPERA @ Wykeham** concert which was planned for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September has been postponed. A new date is yet to be confirmed, but is likely to be in January / February 2018.

“**Quilts and Flowers**” is taking place in Wykeham Church over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> October. For further information contact Janet Crossley (01723 864285) or Christine Cartlidge (01723 563170).

### Messy Church

Messy Church is becoming increasingly popular, being held once a quarter at the Village Hall, Hutton Buscel. You will see the banners on the A170 which are erected a week before the event, the next one being on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00 to 5.30pm. Messy Church is family-orientated and involves games, crafts, reading, prayers and cooking a light meal. For further information contact Pat Wood (01723 862227 / [patriciawoodthenook@btinternet.com](mailto:patriciawoodthenook@btinternet.com)).

### The Organ Fund

The refurbishment of the organ has been booked for January 2018. The restoration is likely to take three months at a cost of £70,000 (incl. VAT). So far £55,000 has been raised or pledged and the Appeals Committee is planning on organising several events to raise the final £15,000. Any ideas would be welcome! Please contact Robert Sword (01723 862434 / [r.sword@dawnay.co.uk](mailto:r.sword@dawnay.co.uk))

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## FUNDRAISER IN RUSTON

Sunday 25 June at Ruston Green was bright, breezy and sunny, and the perfect setting for a tremendous fund-raising event in support of the Weston Park Cancer Charity. The organisers were Ron and Angie Mushet, with great support from family, friends and local residents, and the amazing sum of £2,270 was raised for the charity which was such a support to Ron and Angie's grand-daughter Rebecca during her illness. Very well done to all involved!



Rebecca, Tomas and Angie



A great turnout at Ruston Green (photos courtesy of Sharon Colley)

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### SNAINTON BOWLING CLUB

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**Further details: Ed on 01723 859261**

### WYKEHAM AND HUTTON BUSCEL WI

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 7pm, in Hutton Buscel Village Hall, and we are always delighted to welcome visitors and new members. There are lots of interesting events throughout the year. Come along and see for yourself!

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## Janet's Jottings



Yell SOS is run by a group of proactive, dedicated staff who know how difficult it can be for vulnerable individuals to navigate through life. They enable people to find a way forward by increasing their skills, abilities and, where possible, qualifications. From an unassuming office on Victoria Road, Mandy Jayne Lace and her team

offer help and training in all manner of life skills, together with advice on access myriad services, advocacy, and form filling!

I have been delighted and very proud to help several of Mandy's clients through their driving tests. It takes patience, and I learned very quickly not to try and explain something on the move!! You must take things slowly, both literally and metaphorically. However, with lots and lots of practice their confidence grows and they become good drivers.

One cautionary note to the rest of the driving public: for these students there are no shades of grey, it is black and white. If the Highway Code says you should/should not do something, you should comply. They get very cross if they see someone doing something wrong, so you have been warned!

Safe driving

Janet 07713 646461

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## BROMPTON-BY-SAWDON AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our club meets on the last Wednesday of every month, 7.30pm, in Brompton Village Hall, and new members from Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor are most welcome to join us! Membership of the club brings 10% discount on trees, shrubs and plants at various local garden centres, as well as regular talks and events. Come and support your local gardening club! The best £6 you will ever spend!



The Annual Show was held on 13 August at Brompton Village Hall. The weather was sunny and dry and we had a record number of entries. Particularly popular this year were the classes "Ten Flowers in A Vase" with around 20 entries and "One Vegetable & One Flower".

The photos show (far left) Helen Evans of Ruston helping out at the plant stall, and Ingrid Ashman of North Moor with her haul of well-deserved trophies.



**OUT AND ABOUT.....**  
 Left: An enormous marrow at Ruston Farm, with a label reading: “Housing crisis solved – grow your own – live in a marrow”. Right: does anyone have any information about this object? It is outside the house nearest to Ruston bridge, appears to be of cast iron and ornately decorated. Please contact the Editor.



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**MAKING WAVES IN WYKEHAM**



Members of the Rose family of Ruston ready for the off

On 21 August, tenants and local residents were invited by the Dawnay Estates to spend an early evening at the new North Yorkshire Water Park, an exciting development at Wykeham Lakes. There was a good turnout of intrepid adventurers and their supporters. After an induction and safety briefings, water babies of all ages made the plunge and had great fun exploring the various floating challenges. Refreshments were available afterwards in the cafe. This is a tremendous new local attraction, already proving popular with visitors and locals, and thanks go to the Dawnay Estates for providing this special opportunity. Photos courtesy of Anne Britton



David Hudson & son, and Richard Nicholson offering encouragement from the sidelines as our water babies wade in.



Monsoon conditions hit the area on 23 August, with the coast being particularly hard-hit. This photo shows contractors completing the work of digging out silt from the beck in Ruston. Work had fortuitously already started prior to the deluge which meant the potential for flooding was much reduced. In addition a huge “thank you” goes to Mark Rose for all his hard work in rodding out the drainage pipes which run underneath the road, and thereby keeping the two becks flowing.

**As Imperceptibly as Grief**  
 As imperceptibly as grief  
 The Summer lapsed away –  
 Too imperceptible at last  
 To seem like Perfidy –  
 A Quietness distilled  
 As Twilight long begun,  
 Or Nature spending with herself  
 Sequestered Afternoon –  
 The Dusk drew earlier in  
 The Morning foreign shone –  
 A courteous, yet harrowing Grace,  
 As Guest, that would be gone –  
 And thus, without a Wing  
 Or service of a Keel  
 Our Summer made her light escape  
 Into the Beautiful –  
**By Emily Dickinson**  
**Submitted by Laila Bradley**

**Wykeham Cricket Club**  
**PRIZE QUIZ**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30p.m.**  
**Hutton Buscel Village Hall**  
**£4 per person (to include supper)**

**RASPBERRY LIQUEUR**  
 Pack 500g raspberries into a dark 1litre bottle. Add 200g sugar and 500 ml Vodka. Seal. gently shake to mix and repeat once or twice daily for a week or so until the sugar has dissolved. Be patient! Tip the bottle over once a week or so for three months, and ideally leave to mature for a total of 6 months. Then strain into a clean bottle through sterilised muslin or paper kitchen towel. Taste and add more sugar to taste, if required. **Enjoy !**

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**AND FINALLY... two primate-based silly jokes...don't be gibbon me a hard time....**

Why did the monkey take his banana to the vet? Because it didn't peel very well...  
 What do you call a monkey who makes potato crisps? A chipmunk!

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