

WRNM News!

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



WELCOME.....to the last WRNM news of 2018. Writing this towards the end of November, in glorious sunshine and temperatures of around 14degrees, it's hard to imagine the snow and wintriness shown on the jolly front cover. In this festive edition, hellos and goodbyes, reports from the very moving Remembrance Day service, the January treat of an excellent operatic evening at the church, and lots of lovely local news. Make 2019 the year you resolve to get a photo, article, story or poem into WRNM News! Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year. **Anne Britton, Editor, 07866106093, britters54@gmail.com**



PARISH COUNCIL

Here is a selection of items from minutes of the most recent Parish Council Meetings. The full minutes may be found on the Parish Council website www.wykehamparishcouncil.org.uk The next meeting will be held at **6pm on 21st January 2019** at 4 Langley House, Wykeham Business Centre.

From the meeting on 5 September:

Parish Field – The Clerk advised that an email had been received from David Barrett of Wykeham Estate saying he had been successful in obtaining a grant for the stone wall of £10,000. It is hoped the amount will cover most of the repairs necessary. The work must be completed by September of 2020 and the contractor will be available to start the work in the next few months. The Clerk will write to David thanking him for his efforts on our behalf.

Speeding – an email from Cllr Day stated that he had been approached by a number of parishioners who had witnessed incidents of speeding and general bad driving on the A170. Cllr Jeffels advised that the Police would not support a reduction in the speed limit as the A170 did not pass through the actual village. He also told Councillors that Parish Councils will most likely be able to purchase vehicle-activated signs. Meanwhile the Clerk will download online forms for members of the public to report incidents and these will be posted on the Council's website and also posted on the village noticeboards.

Cllr Jeffels advised that the 128 bus service through the villages will continue, and it was also hoped there would be a new railway station and improved parking facilities at Seamer within the next few years. He also noted that Wykeham School had had a new, improved playground completed during the summer holiday.

From the meeting on 7 November:

Police Report - PC Lockey attended and appraised the Council of the recent crime figures and went through the crime report. She reported an increase in the number of burglaries from farm buildings in the district. The police are involved in giving presentations in the area and arranging marking of property in a drive to prevent thefts. PC Lockey will arrange such a presentation in this area if the council wish it.

Grass cutting - Councillor Colley suggested that Mr Harrison be asked to clean up the footpath at the top of Ruston which is covered with leaves and mud. Councillors agreed with this.

Speeding - The Clerk read a copy of a letter from a constituent detailing a near-miss incident on the A170 at the top Ruston turn-off. PC Lockey was present and took note of this. The Clerk has put details of the complaints procedure on the website but the Clerk will also copy the necessary forms to be handed out at various venues including the school and businesses on the A170.

Clerk's Briefing -The Clerk advised Councillors that there would be an election on 2nd May 2019, as it was likely that there would be a vacancy. There will be further discussions at future meetings. *[The vacancy has arisen as Cllr Colley is standing down - Editor.]*

MILLENNIUM FOOTPATH GROUP

Thanks to the efforts of Laurence and Steve the woodwork holding the Ice House metal gates in place has been replaced, and with the light now working, it is possible to see the impressive construction and depth of this remarkable building.

Our work to develop the link path leading to Hutton Buscel as part of the Wykeham Fund project has been temporarily halted whilst we check various issues related to the sewage pipe which runs underneath the old railway line. Some trees have been felled to let in more light (thanks to the Dawnay Estate for their assistance with this). We are in the process of commissioning some bird and bat boxes, which will be put up at various locations along the way.

Yorkshire Water and their contractors have yet to complete their work on the damaged sewage pipe, but information posted on a board at the Ruston end of the Millennium footpath states they expect the scheme to be completed by late December 2018. There is also a reassurance that the footpath surface will be restored to its previous condition. Local residents have received letters updating them on progress.

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 0771173886.

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS.....

Welcome to Wykeham residents Kay and Luc D'hont. Writes Kay: "I was born and raised in the Scarborough area but Luc is Belgian by birth and has lived over here since 1980. In 2007 we started working for St Helen's in the Park as wardens and we only retired in October 2017. As I have always loved animals, I naturally started looking after the alpacas on the park. Sheep and piglets have also been resident at St Helen's over the years. Then, for my 60th birthday, Luc bought me two donkeys! (an unusual present you might say) but they have slotted in so well with the alpacas and are a real attraction on the park. So, even though we have now retired, we can still be seen up there twice a day checking all is OK with them. We moved to 100 Wykeham in May of this year and we love living here. We have a very large garden which has kept us very busy over the summer but it is encouraging to see the results!

DID YOU KNOW #1

The first match played by Wykeham Cricket Club was thought to have taken place in 1875?

KATHLEEN SHEPHERDSON 1933-2018



We were very sad to learn that Kath Shepherdson, formerly of Wykeham, passed away in June of this year. Kath was a mine of information about village history and kindly agreed to be interviewed in 2016. She is sadly missed by many friends and family. Here are some of her many recollections: “I was born in Bridlington and I came to Hutton Buscel with my family, to West End Farm, in 1946. My father was originally from Hutton Buscel. He was a Nellis, and my mother was a Steele from Ruston. Fred Steele was my mother’s brother. I met my husband-to-be Ron Shepherdson at a WI party, and we got married at St Matthew’s Church in Hutton Buscel. We moved to No 30 Wykeham, which became known as Village Farm, in 1956. We held about 30 acres, and we kept cows and had a byre in what is now a furniture workshop.

My husband used to play the saxophone in a band called the Moonrakers. The Moonrakers were like the Beatles of their day. There were three in the band – Ron, Frank Stockill (drums) and Harry Staveley (trumpet). They each carried their equipment in little trailers that they pulled behind their bicycles. They earned seven shillings and sixpence for a performance.

Wykeham Abbey was used as a convalescent home during the First World War. Wounded soldiers would arrive at Wykeham Station on the train and be taken down to the Abbey by farm carts or rulleys. My mother and her sisters went to Wykeham School at the time and they used to watch over the wall as the soldiers came and went from the station. I believe that all able-bodied local women were paid to work in the laundry at the Abbey, washing bandages and bedding. My grandma (Elizabeth Steele) claimed she had scrubbed every floor in the Abbey! “

NEWS FROM WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB

Chairman’s report 2018

On the face of it 2018 was, to the casual observer, an uneventful season for Wykeham CC but that was certainly not the case; there were undoubtedly some setbacks but at the same time much to be pleased about. For me the biggest success of the season has been the **Junior section**. Not in terms of actual trophies won perhaps, although the Under 15s were one of the strongest teams we have turned out for some time. They won their zone league with a one hundred percent record and followed this up by winning the cup competition. Their only defeat was in the inter zone final at the hands of the very powerful Flixton side, a club which has some claims to being the strongest in the area after their triumph at Lords. I must obviously congratulate coach Ian Thompson for his part in this success but I want to extend congratulations to all our junior coaches. The feature I most like about our junior section is the inclusivity: every player is given an equal chance.

I especially liked Dan Bateson's idea to have two more or less equal sides instead of a strong one and a weaker side, a strategy which in the long run might well pay off. Dan is not going to be coaching for us next season, a great loss, and I would like to thank him for all the time and effort he has put in for the club over the last eleven years. I certainly hope we shall see him again in a coaching capacity.

We may well be struggling next season because Tom Poor, who has been helping out with the **under 13s** as well as scoring centuries for the seconds, is now at York University and may not be able to devote as much time next year. It would also be very remiss of me not to mention the efforts of Clubman of the Year Pete Shepherdson with the **under 9s**. His infinite patience and positivity are rare in cricket coaches. My wife, a fairly perceptive woman (she did after all marry me) observed at the junior presentations that she thought all the coaches came across as completely genuine and took great pleasure in the success of their charges.

Moving to the **Senior teams**, a setback was the relegation of our **First Team** from the A Division. I was very impressed with the attitude and determination of our captain Ethon Pashby in his first season in charge. I hope Ethon will stick at it for next season when I am sure he will have greater success. The **second team** under the ebullient leadership of Josh Hill came within a point of joining the firsts in the B Division. Personally I thought matches between the two sides could have been quite an event! It was a question of maintaining the status quo on a Saturday, with all three sides finishing comfortably in mid table. The seconds finished the season pretty strongly to allay any fears of relegation.

The biggest disappointment of the season for me was that we were not able to turn out a representative first team on the day of the World Cup quarter finals. The **first team** did at one stage look as though they could challenge for promotion but faded a little as the season drew to a close. I know that skipper Sam Colling is full of hope and enthusiasm and, with any luck, two good legs. **The thirds** were again able to offer our young players an introduction to senior cricket; it is no good having a good junior section if you cannot offer players an opportunity when they leave the juniors and Graham Shannon is certainly keen to do this. It is also very pleasant to see the number of father and son combinations we have in the club. I must say how impressed the committee are with the admin organisation of the thirds, mainly due to the efforts of Tim Metcalfe I suspect. **Off the field** the Eighties night was again a great success, and the darts night continues to be an evening of sophistication suitable for all those who like top class sport combined with fine dining.

The Senior Presentations, combined as they now are with a race night, are a source of considerable income. I must say that the junior presentations went very well once we were able to find a spot offering some shade. The Party in the Park was again a very pleasant occasion. We have been able to provide a set of covers thanks to a grant from the ECB and our principal sponsor Scarborough Flooring, and we will have a brand new sight screen at the pavilion end for the 2019 season.

As ever I would like to most sincerely thank all those who have helped to run the club this season: the committee, ladies and gents who helped with the scoring and the teas and with the general management of events. Thank you all.

D GRIMWOOD

Janet's Jottings



It's that time of year again! For the next month we will all be dashing around like headless chickens. For some it will be the school play, carol services etc, for others it will be the office party. Then there are the presents to buy, and the night out

with friends. And don't forget bracing yourself for the supermarket shop! It seems never-ending, and all this in addition to your normal routines.

This stress and pressure can affect our driving in various ways. For example, you may have to drive in conditions or situations you are not used to, like night driving or busy congested roads. Solution: ask for a lift, or travel when the roads are quieter. When you've been shopping, don't carry that stress back into the car - have a coffee, or just sit in the car, and put some music on until you feel calmer. Attending the office party? Remember the police catch more drink drivers the morning after, so if you've had a heavy night, calculate one hour for every unit of alcohol drunk (half pint of normal strength beer/lager, 125ml glass of wine, single shot of spirits). Put all the above together with the challenging weather that we may get, and you may think it best to stay at home.... But no, get out and enjoy the festive season, visit friends, see the school play, and one night you may see a sleigh driven by a man dressed in red, with a long white beard!! Well, he's busier than all of us, and he only has one night to get round the world - now there's a driving challenge!!

Have a safe and happy Christmas and I will return in the New Year for more tales from the passenger seat. Safe travelling.

Janet 07713 646461

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DARK WINTER SKIES.....

We are lucky to live in an area with so little light pollution. Make the most of it at the 2019 National Parks Dark Skies Festival, which will take place from 15 February to 3 March. Activities will include stargazing, night walks, games and all manner of fun. For further information, visit www.darks skies national parks.org.uk

BROMPTON AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our final meeting of 2018 was the Annual General Meeting and Christmas celebration. We have had a great year, with some excellent speakers at our meetings, a fun Plant Swap evening in June and a very successful Annual Show at Sawdon in August.

One of our members, Janice Burley of Sawdon, offers a range of gardening training sessions on such topics as how to prune an apple tree. For further information Janice can be contacted at Janice.2dE@googlemail.com, telephone 07813576214. We are always happy to welcome new members to our club (remember we are the Brompton-by-Sawdon and *District* gardening club, so residents of villages such as Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor are always very welcome to join us). All members enjoy discount on purchases at a variety of garden and plant centres, and our membership fee is still an amazing £6.00 per year.

To find out more about joining the club, or to come along to one of our meetings, contact Mrs C Towse on 859375.

LITTLE MONSTERS IN RUSTON

All manner of spooks and horrible creatures were on the prowl in Ruston this Halloween, and there were some equally scary attempts at pumpkin carving too. Who can you spot?



DID YOU KNOW #2

An archaeological dig carried out in 1951 at a former quarry, now the home of St Helen's camping and Caravan site, revealed remains of an Anglo-Saxon village? Ron Peacock, former resident of Wykeham and long-time worker on and around the Dawnay Estate, recalls helping out at the dig which uncovered some amazing finds. More details to follow in the March 2019 edition of WRNM News.

ST HELEN AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH History on our Doorstep

Did you know that the present church is the third to have been built in Wykeham? Did you know it is virtually unique in the country for having a separate spire and gatehouse? Did you know it was designed and built by the renowned Victorian architect William Butterfield, the designer of Keble College Oxford?

Because of the Butterfield connection we have many visitors to the Church, but have little information to pass on. For example, it is said that the 7th Viscount Downe, a patron of William Butterfield, commissioned him to build a rectory, church and school on each of his then seven estates in Yorkshire, Rutland and Leicestershire in an attempt to persuade the Bishop of Bath and Wells to give his daughter's hand in marriage? Now whether this is true or not it would be wonderful to have a short leaflet on the history of the church. Do you have any information about the church? Were you, your parents or your children christened or married there? Would you be interested in getting a small group together to look into the history of the church? If you have any information, stories and/or photos please contact Laila Bradley on 01723 863169.

INCREASE YOUR FUNGI-STANDING OF TOADSTOOLS



This beautiful toadstool seen growing on a fallen tree trunk in Abbot's Meadow Wood prompted me to look further into these much-misunderstood inhabitants of woods, fields and gardens. Often associated with witchcraft and magic, toadstools belong to the fungi family, as do mushrooms. Usually more visible in Autumn, they play a vital function in breaking down waste matter and often have a complex relationship with their hosts and environment. The fungi we see above ground are the fruiting bodies of a vast underground network of threads (mycelium) which can be hundreds of years old and cover huge distances. Some fungi will only grow on a single variety of plant or tree; some toadstools are good to eat, but some are deadly poisonous or hallucinogenic, which may account for their association with witchcraft.

Fungi vary tremendously in their size, shape and location and their young form might look nothing like their mature appearance, which makes accurate identification tricky. One of the most popular mushrooms growing wild in the UK is the cep (aka porcini) or Penny Bun – so popular with commercial collectors that large areas of the New Forest are now off-limits, to protect the fragile underground mycelium. Much-prized for their culinary value were puffballs and horse mushrooms, once commonly found on undisturbed pasture. And truffles, an underground fungus, are one of the most expensive items on the menu in restaurants. The range of fungus is vast and fascinating. Organisations such as the North York Moors National Park run special Fungiwalks at various times which are informative and fun, and a great opportunity to learn more.

ANNE BRITTON



Wykeham Village Market

meats, cheese, fish, veg, bread, cakes, poultry, game, gifts

The stallholders at Wykeham Village Market would like to wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas.

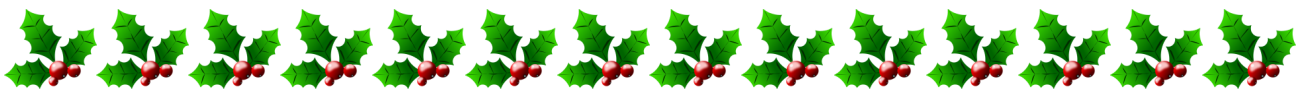
In the Hillyard every Friday morning from 8am to 12noon there's fresh fish and shellfish from John Johnson; bread, cakes and savouries from Thorleys bakery as well as Yorkshire cheeses and butter. Also on offer are vegetables, fruit and honey from Johnsons; lamb, pork and sausages from Thornybeck Farm, and Roanne Nurseries selling plants, bulbs and bird seeds.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM WYKEHAM VILLAGE MARKET!

£5 VOUCHER!

With Christmas round the corner now is the time to put in your orders for Christmas cakes, stollen and mince pies; that large, whole salmon for Boxing Day; or a joint of lamb for New Year. And don't forget all the sprouts you can carry, plus beautiful Christmas wreaths and planters. There really is everything you need to make your Christmas table groan under the weight of all these goodies – without the stress of supermarket queues and saving thousands of airmiles in the process!

The Market will be open as usual on Friday 7, 14 and 21 December and then again on 4 January 2019. By way of an early Christmas present **PLEASE BRING ALONG THE VOUCHER INSIDE THIS WRNM NEWS WHICH WILL GIVE YOU £5 OFF WHEN YOU SPEND £20.**



OPERA @ Wykeham

You are invited to an evening of Opera and Song at St Helen and All Saints Church, Wykeham

A Concert featuring Voices from the English National Opera

19th January 2019

Drinks and Canapés at 6.30pm

Concert at 7.00pm

**Tickets £16 (Concessions £10)
(including Drinks & Canapés)**

**RSVP
email: pa@dawnay.co.uk
Tel: 01723 866600**

Fundraising for St Helen and All Saints Church

SOUTHERN AREA PARISH FORUM MEETING

Three members of the Wykeham Parish Council attended this meeting on 9 October 2018. Amongst the topics discussed was mobile phone coverage. NYCC's Programme Manager Michael Grayson (01609 533257 Mobile 07773573720 email Michael.grayson@northyorks.gov.uk) outlined areas currently suffering from no/poor coverage and the programme of new masts to be erected to help rectify this. The focus will be on getting G4 coverage for emergency services throughout the area, with the intention that there will be some scope for this to support general mobile coverage as well.

Issues of concern across the whole of the Southern area were presented by Sergeant Stuart Grainger and included flytipping; theft of cars, farm machinery and quad bikes; sheep rustling; off-road 4x4 vehicles and motorcycles; persecution of birds of prey; cockfighting and hare-coursing. Stuart provided a lot of useful information and advice to prevent theft and aid recovery of stolen items, for householders as well as farmers. His suggestions included fitting trackers on quad bikes and high-value cars and motorcycles, and leaving car keys well away from doors where they cannot be "fished" out via the letterbox.

Car thieves now use electronic scanners, which can easily be bought online, to access keyfobs from outside the house, relaying the information to the vehicle, thus allowing them to start it and drive away. The best way to prevent this is to keep your keyfob in an "electronic signal blocker pouch". These are available online from around £10 and can also be used to keep phones and credit cards safe.

The police now have marking equipment for property tagging which is suitable for almost all materials and they will be happy to come and mark high risk items at your home eg vehicles, power tools, electrical and equine equipment. Sergeant Grainger urged the public to report rural crimes – the police need your help and support. He also stressed that incidents can be reported anonymously.

To discuss scanning, or any of the above issues, telephone 101 (Eastfield Police Station). To report incidents requiring immediate police action telephone 999.

Other helpful contact details:

Twitter @NYorksPolice-Force Twitter
Facebook North Yorkshire Police-Force Page
Local Beat Manager PC595 Graham Bilton graham.bilton@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
Community Support Officer Ria Lockey ria.lockey@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
Highways 01609 780780 **Dog Warden** 01723 232323 NHS 111
Action Fraud 0300 1232040 **RSPB** 0300 9990101 **Crimestoppers** 0800 555111

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the Parish Forum meetings.

The 2019 meetings are to be held at 7pm on **4 April and 15 October**. Venues to be confirmed. More details and full minutes on the North York Moors National Park website.

MOVING ON.....

Several familiar faces (and regular dog-walkers!) are moving on to pastures new. Best wishes to Mandy and Mick from Ruston, who are now living in the Newby area, and also to Claire, Chris and Oliver, also of Ruston, who will shortly be moving to Seamer. We wish them every happiness in their new homes.

A BURNING MYSTERY.....Part II

In this edition, I pick up on my last article when I wrote about the incense burner placed in the Valley Gardens by John Sharpin, the first lessee of the Crown Hotel. The burner was one of four placed on London Bridge to mask the smell from the Thames so as not to offend the Royal nose of Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

With the help of my late husband I traced this artefact to a Council store in Eastfield, to where it had been removed because of vandalism. I put all this to the Fine Arts Society in Scarborough and said I thought it would make a good Millennium project to restore it. They said "go for it!" so a conservator, Alison from Sheffield, was engaged. She worked on the burner for six weeks at Woodend Museum.



Restored to almost its former glory it was unveiled at the Crown Hotel at a luncheon attended by cosmetics company Rimmel & Co. I had written to them to see whether they were interested in our project. They certainly were, and sent a representative who came bearing gifts of their products. Each lady had a small parcel of goodies to take home. The restored burner stood in the entrance of the Crown Hotel until a change of management required its removal. The last I heard, this famous artefact it was in the entrance hall at the Town Hall, a tiny piece of national history, and a fairly significant bit of Scarborough heritage.

Photo courtesy of The Arts Society Scarborough

LAILA BRADLEY

THE DOWNE ARMS

There has been pub on the site of the Downe Arms for hundreds of years, providing villagers and visitors with hospitality, refreshments and a handy meeting place. Over the festive period there is a wealth of events on offer at our local – Christmas Party Night, Christmas Day lunch, New Year's Eve Party, and December Festive Lunches. More info: 862471



MICHELLE COLLINS 1968 – 2018



Photo courtesy of Chris Richardson

Many will have noticed that a patch of ground near the start of the ‘Dog Walk’ out of Wykeham has been tidied and cleared to make way for a beautiful new tree and garden area. Christine Shepherdson explains: This tree was planted in memory of Michelle Collins, who passed away in Seahouses in June this year. Michelle was the daughter of my friends Peter and Shirley Burdis of Wykeham, and she attended Wykeham, then Scalby, School. After school, Michelle worked in retail management and moved to Doncaster, and married Tony. At the age of 35 she was diagnosed with cancer and given three months to live. She survived for an amazing 15 years; she was so brave and resilient and constantly set herself goals to make herself survive. I and others wanted to create a permanent memorial to Michelle, so after consultation with the Dawnay Estate, we set about clearing a patch of ground ready to plant a tree.

The tree we chose was Sorbus “Sunshine” because it has golden leaves, and berries in the autumn, and it will always remind us of Michelle’s sunny nature. Thank you to Paul Lakin for his advice and help in planting the tree. We have also put up a plaque in memory of Michelle which has the dedication “Many happy years spent at Wykeham”.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Brrrrrr!

What a happy, if rather chilly-looking band of children, taken in the snow at North Moor in the early 1950s. It was not uncommon for there to be 10ft snowdrifts up on the moor, which meant that children couldn’t get down to school, sometimes (in the 1900s) for weeks on end. Thanks to the Stephenson family for this lovely image.

Pictured left to right: Peter Stephenson, Barry Stephenson, Jean Gough, Paul Gough, ?Dennis Atkinson, Sheila Anderson (just peeping out) and ?Dennis Atkinson’s sister. If you are able to help confirm these identities, or have your own photos you would like added to the village archive, please contact Anne Britton on 07866106093 .

NEWS FROM RUSTON FARM



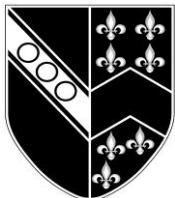
After the last 12 months of extremes in the weather it was nice to have one of the easiest autumn drilling campaigns I can remember, with the weather remaining settled right through September and October. We managed to sow all our cereal crops (feed wheat and winter malting barley) with the direct drill putting the new seed straight into the previous crop's stubble, eliminating the need for any ploughing this year. This helps to reduce establishment costs and to conserve the little moisture we had in the soil to get the crops up and away. On the cattle side we've just sent 34 cattle to Dovecote Park where they will be processed for the Christmas highland beef scheme at Waitrose. The biggest difficulty this causes us is trying to get all the cattle which were born at different times of the year fit and up to weight for this once-a-year event.

Due to the dry summer and lack of grass growth we only got a very small crop of silage, which is now all gone! So the young cattle we are bringing into the sheds for the winter and Christmas 2019 will be eating a straw-based diet sweetened up a little with a drop of molasses. Hopefully we'll get an early spring, so the straw lasts and we can get them turned out of the sheds and onto the pastures. To try and ensure we don't have a shortage next year we have sown a field down to a grass and red clover mix to hopefully give us a good quality feed for the cattle to eat.

At this time of year the working days are much shorter, governed by the lack of daylight, but there are always tasks to be done. Plenty of stock need to be fed each day; you are most likely to find me round and about trimming various hedges, both for the Estate and on our own farm. I leave ours 'til late winter for a trim, to meet our environmental commitments, and I cut them in rotation over three years with the aim of leaving the berries until the birds have eaten them.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you from all of us at Ruston Farm !!

DAVID SHEPHERDSON JNR



NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL

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Year 6 learned some invaluable cycling safety skills recently, both in the school and around Wykeham and Ruston. Thanks to JEFF and ASHLEY for their help!

We have been able to send over 20 shoeboxes to children in Eastern Europe this year, as part of Operation Christmas Child Shoe box. Well done everybody! We have a busy December ahead of us - here are some of our events:

- 12 December **Dance Club Performance, 4pm**
- 13 December **School Christmas Lunch**
- 14 December **Christmas Jumper Day; School Disco & Dance
4pm, Downe Arms**
- 17 December **Nativity Play, Wykeham Church, 2pm**
- 20 December **Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre**

We have lots more information on our website so do have a look and see what we are up to! **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

ST HELEN & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Festival Services

Leading up to Christmas, St Helen and All Saints Church is hosting the following festival services:

Sunday 2nd December at 6.30pm – Benefice Advent Hymns and Readings with the Benefice Choir.

Sunday 16th December at 6.00pm – Joint Nine Lessons and Carols with Hutton Buscel at St Matthews Church, Hutton Buscel.

Wednesday 19th December at 7.00pm – Scarborough Cavaliers Rotary Club Nine Lessons and Carols with the Benefice Choir.

Sunday 23rd December at 11.00am – Eucharist and Baptism, Graeme and Sally Shepherdson.

Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December at 9.30am – Eucharist and Carols.

The Organ

The refurbishment of the organ is completed and the congregation can enjoy listening to the improved and greater variety of sound. The PCC's thanks go to all the individual donors, trusts, charities, York Diocese and York Pipe Organs who have made the refurbishment possible, the final cost amounting to a little over £72,000. The congregation is looking forward to its inauguration in the New Year.

Remembrance 100 – 11.00am, 11th November 2018

A memorable and moving service took place at the War Memorial and in St Helen and All Saints Church on Remembrance Sunday, involving a wide range of members of the community. Over 90 people attended and stood at the War Memorial, with the two minute silence being introduced by the Last Post and ended by the Reveille. The names of the fallen were read by Lord Downe, poems written by Mary Henderson and Eleanor Farjeon were read by Laila Bradley and Rosie McIlroy and perhaps the most poignant moment was the Soprano soloist singing the first verse of I Vow to The My Country and We'll Meet Again. Much appreciation goes to Jo Purdy, Laila Bradley, Jaquie Hardy, and Janet Crossley for the flowers. Also to Richard Wood for the trumpet-playing and Suzanne Booker for the solos. Anthony Tubbs took the service with Andrew Davison playing the organ. Finally the School held their own Memorial on the previous Friday and "planted" 30 Memorial Crosses on each side of the gravel path leading up to the Church.



These lovely photos taken inside the Church on Remembrance Sunday give some idea of the moving and artistic decorations contributed by members of the public and the school to commemorate this most historic day.



Scarborough

**Academy of
Music**

Our Tuesday singers, led by Sue Hartley, were honoured to take part in the WW1 Centenary evening at All Saints Church, Brompton-by-Sawdon on 10 November. The centrepiece was John Rutter's "A Flower Remembered". The concert at Snainton Village Hall on 23 November was a huge success – great singing, an appreciative audience and delicious refreshments. Our thanks to all involved at Snainton for giving us such a warm welcome!

The Tuesday singers are great favourites at the Orchard House Day Care Centre on Scalby Road where they will be singing Christmas Carols on 11 December. Our all-female group, Manhattan Voices, will be performing at St Andrew's United Reform Church on South Cliff on 1 December at 4.30pm in "Carols by Candlelight".

24 of our students have taken singing and piano exams this term, achieving remarkable results – congratulations, and to our trophy winner Gemma Whyte!

Vouchers for music (singing, piano and guitar)and drama lessons are available at the Academy for those of you who know someone who would find it the perfect Christmas gift. Please contact Sue or Gerda at the Scarborough Academy of Music at No 2a Langley House, Wykeham, tel: 01723 330000 or email scarboroughacademyofmusic.co.uk

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE SCARBOROUGH ACADEMY OF MUSIC!

LENTIL & CRANBERRY PATE

Here's a treat for the festive vegetarian in your life....

4 oz brown lentils ½ pint water 1 bay leaf 4oz Cranberry sauce
3 tablespoons olive oil 1 medium onion & 1 clove of garlic, finely chopped
2teaspoons chopped thyme 1 tbsp tahini 1 tbsp brandy

Cook the lentils with the water and bay leaf until soft and all the liquid has been absorbed. Remove the bayleaf and crush the lentils with a potato masher. Fry the onion and garlic gently until soft and golden. Mix in the lentils, Cranberry sauce and thyme. Remove from the heat and beat in the tahini and brandy. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Press into ramekins, or a single larger dish, and chill. Serve with hot, buttered toast. The pate can be frozen.



OUR FESTIVE POEM

1. The bells of waiting Advent ring,
The Tortoise stove is lit again
And lamp-oil light across the night
Has caught the streaks of winter rain
In many a stained-glass window sheen
From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

2.The holly in the windy hedge
And round the Manor House the yew
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,
The altar, font and arch and pew,
So that the villagers can say
“The Church looks nice” on Christmas Day.

3.Provincial Public Houses blaze,
Corporation tramcars clang,
On lighted tenements I gaze,
Where paper decorations hang,
And bunting in the red Town Hall
Says “Merry Christmas to you all”.

These lovely verses are from the poem entitled “Christmas” by John Betjeman (1906-84), and were submitted by Laila Bradley with good wishes to one and all for a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

AND FINALLY.....your much-anticipated, predictably terrible Christmas jokes:

How did Good KING Wenceslas like his pizza? **Deep and crisp and even!**
Who did the police find hiding in the bakery at Christmas? **A mince spy!**
Where will Father Christmas go for his holidays? **Santa-parcs!**

The next edition of WRNM News will be due out in **MARCH 2019**, so please submit any contributions (articles, photos, poems, recipes, memories, for sale notices, etc) by **24 FEBRUARY**.

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