

# The Hovingham and Scackleton Newsletter

June 2015



#### Welcome to the Hovingham and Scackleton Newsletter

Welcome to this June issue, when (perhaps) the time is here to sing to 'rota' one of the oldest canons in print (1226): Sumer is icumen in; Lhuda sing cuccu!; Groweth seed and bloweth mead; And springeth the wde nu, Sing cuccu! Looking back, as the lovely above 'rota' does, our newsletter also has many breaths of the past. We have a number of articles about and from the past exploring and describing Hovingham people and places- such as the history of the Methodist Chapel and of Pasture Lane, changing as the years go by. And we have the present: the market, the playground, the village cleaning. And the future: the Parish Church Garden Festival at the beginning of July, and the possibility of our landscape changing through fracking. Enjoy our interesting history, our moving stories from our parishioners and the present good happenings in our parish.

\*\*Margaret Bell\*\*

# Hovingham Playground - Plaque Ceremony 12th June 3.30pm

On the 12<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30 pm at Hovingham Playground we will be having an informal ceremony and unveiling a plaque in memory of Sir Marcus Worsley, who was a great benefactor to the village and friend of the playground.

The plaque will be unveiled by his son Sir William Worsley, Lady Worsley will also attend.



The schoolchildren from Hovingham School will be there and the invitation is extended to everyone in the village to come along and see what a wonderful asset the village has. The tunnels are decked out in artwork painted by the school and new equipment has added more fun by way of a small slide, climbing frame, roundabout, climbing log and basketball hop.

Come and Enjoy the Playground - for the young and young at heart .



David Richardson

# Ending a lifetime of driving - no it's not all bad news!

Whether you are driving a much-loved old banger, reliable family saloon or a Rolls Royce Silver Cloud, your happy driving years will one day sadly end.



Ending a life-time's driving on realising you can no longer ensure the safety of others and yourself when driving. Giving up your long treasured driving licence becomes an essential, immediate decision. A tough one we all have to face if we have genuine regard for the safety and well-being of others on our roads.

I know all about it. I had to make that decision last week!

So, being fastest away from the traffic lights; cutting seconds off the drive to and from work and 'just nipping into Malton' are over!. But, and this I can promise, there are many unexpected benefits and pleasures.

No more tough decisions on those annually increasing insurance premiums and eye-watering costs of the car's replacement. New-found space in our garage for that ever-expanding list of items that, 'just might come in'. And, not least, those oft repeated family criticisms of our driving abilities are, finally, silenced!

Significantly and more meaningfully, you will be overwhelmed by the many generous offers of help from friends, neighbours and family, all anxious to assist you in coping with your new, unexpected, disability.

To all of you kind people of Hovingham who have recently offered such help to my wife and I, a very sincere thank you.

No, it's not all bad news!

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The festival will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of July at Hovingham All Saints Church.



Sir William Worsley will open the festival on the **Friday evening** the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at 6.30pm.

This will be an all ticket event and will include wine and canapés. There will be music from the Lally family, the Ampleforth and Ryedale Concert Choir and organ music by Will Dore.

Tickets £10, which will give you free access all weekend.



On the **Saturday** the Church festival will open at 11am with the Swinton Brass Band followed at 2pm by the St Peter's School Jazz Band and music from the organ. Come and enjoy a Pimms in the Church Yard, the flowers and the music. Tickets £5 this will include Sunday.

**Sunday** will be from 11am to 4pm with Music by Phillip Moore and others finishing with Songs of Praise at 4pm.

If you want your favourite hymn please let us know. Tickets for Sunday £5

Tickets are available from 01653 628386 / 01653 628352 / 01653 628922 and at the June and July Hovingham Village Markets

# Hovingham Village Market News - anyone for Icecream?



Over the next three months, we've treats in store with ice cream (June); the Flower & Music Festival (July); and a Focus on fish (August).

We attract guest stalls to the Market, so look out for Helmsley Brewing, Funky Country and Dippy Designs in coming months.

The May Tour de Yorkshire themed Market got off to a flying start. The winner of a £150 cycle voucher for Northern Ride was Rosie Shaw from Pasture Lane. Rosie was delighted with her prize and is looking forward to choosing a new bike to enjoy the countryside around Hovingham. Our Community Police Officer, Nicky Pounder ran a Word Search competition with a cycle safety theme. The winner received a robust cycle lock.

At our Easter Market we held a successful egg decorating completion involving pupils from Hovingham School. The Easter Hen trail was enjoyed by families from across the Region.



Unique features of our special Market are the Community Café and Community Stalls. You can look forward to café delights from Scackleton Action Group; Scackleton Over 60's; and the Bowls Club; and Community Stalls from Hovingham Church; Ryedale Community Transport and Homestart Ryedale.

The Market is run by a team of volunteers for the benefit of the local community and businesses. Volunteering is a great way to support the Market and to contribute to the local community. New volunteers are always made very welcome and we look after you with refreshments too. Ask a volunteer at the Market for more details.

\*\*Peter Stark\*\*



On Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> July there will be a Duck Race on the Beck at 1pm.

The race is in aid of the Church roof repairs.

Ducks are £1 each; with 1<sup>st</sup> prize £50; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £25; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £15

Ducks are on sale at these phone numbers 01653 628386/
01653 628352. They will also be on sale at the June and July

Hovingham Village Markets.

# Hovingham Methodist Chapel 200 years - June 13th & 14th

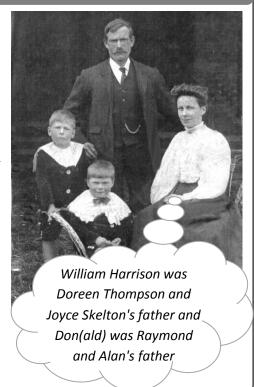
We look forward to welcoming you to our Chapel celebrations over the weekend of June 13th and 14th marking 200 years of the building of our Chapel. There have been Methodists in this village even longer as services were held in houses with a special licence and there was a travelling preacher named Simeon Russel, a farmer living in the parish of Hovingham in 1764. I began the research for my book five years ago, but having young grandchildren around and moving house delayed finalising this book.

I do hope you will have time to call into our Chapel on the 13th to see the exhibition of some of the material I used to compile my book on 'The History of Methodism in Hovingham over 200 years' which will be offered for sale that day. This memorabilia will include old photographs, documents and books. I will give a talk on this history at 3pm on Saturday. In the evening we have invited York City Gospel Choir to give a concert in the village hall and tickets can be obtained from myself on 628077 and Margaret Silver 628922 costing £5 each.

We would love to see you at our Anniversary service on Sunday 14th led by Rev David Emison at 10.30am in the Chapel, which will be concluded with the cutting of the Anniversary cake.

Please join us sometime over the weekend and help us celebrate our anniversary

Sue Goodwill



# Waterloo - a lot of things you didn't know!

June 18th is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

Nationally the powers-that-be have decided not to mention this as it might upset the French. But, here in Hovingham, the anniversary is being celebrated with a tongue-in-cheek look at its lesser known stories. Entitled "Waterloo, not a lot of people know . . .", a display of model figures is accompanied by shocking revelations, including the amorous Wellington's highly exalted French fan club, Napoleon's career as a life model, the Russell Brand fashions followed by bold hussars and how a victory could depend on a pinch of snuff.

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The figures, painted by Hovingham resident Rob Thompson, will be on display at Reception in the Worsley Arms Hotel for the month of June.

Perhaps there's time for a quick half!

I really shouldn't have had that second frog's leg!

# Fund raising event for environmental trip to Peru - 20th June 7pm

Hovingham resident, Annise Bertucci is fundraising, together with her friend (Madi Turner - both aged 15) for their environmental trip to Peru just after they finish their GCSE's in 2016.

A fundraising Race Night will be held at the Hovingham Village Hall on Saturday 20th June 7pm - 9.30pm.

Tickets are £3 each or £10 for a family ticket (2+2) and can be purchased by calling 01653 627184 or email m.bertucci@btinternet.com .

# Secrets of a happy life

On the occasion of his recent 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, a well known gentleman, Dennis Anderson, shared his tips for a long and happy life. "Number one" he said, "is to pick the most wonderful wife, husband or partner you can have. Number two is a little gentle exercise every morning; plus an aspirin a day and one or two glasses of whisky at night, but don't over do it". With tongue in cheek, Dennis also joked about living a "blameless life".

After spending the day quietly celebrating, Dennis thanked his "wonderful friends" and the "kindness of the Yorkshire people". We can all toast to that. Happy Birthday Dennis and many more returns.

\*\*Caroline Davis\*\*



# Cricket Fixtures for 2015 - home games at Hovingham Hall

York and District Senior Cricket League 1st Team Fixtures 2015 (Division 2N) Begin at 1.30pm unless indicated (\*) 1pm

Date	Ground	Opponent	Date	Ground	Opponent
April 25 <sup>th</sup> *	Home	Sheriff Hutton Bridge II	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Away	Sheriff Hutton Bridge II
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Away	Londesborough Park	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Home	Londesborough Park
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Home	Thirsk	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Away	Thirsk
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Home	York III	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Away	York III
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Away	Acomb II	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Home	Acomb II
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Away	Harrogate II	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Home	Harrogate II
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Home	Ripon	August 22 <sup>nd</sup> *	Away	Ripon
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Away	Selby	August 29 <sup>th</sup> *	Home	Selby
June 20th	Home	Duncombe Park	August 31 <sup>st</sup> *	Away	Easingwold II
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Away	Clifton Alliance II	Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> *	Away	Duncombe Park
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Home	Easingwold II	Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> *	Home	Clifton Alliance

#### **Bus Service Consultation**

North Yorkshire County Council have announced a consultation over the subsidies they provide to support bus services in the County. Full details of the proposals are available by visiting their website at www.northyorks.gov.uk, calling NYCC by ringing (01609)-780780 or visiting any North Yorkshire Library. The consultation is open until 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

There will be drop-in sessions on 2<sup>nd</sup> June between 11:30 and 13:30 at Malton Library and 12:30 and 14:30 at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall. A questionnaire can be completed online at the NYCC website or paper copies.

Specific proposals include:

- 31X reduction in the service between Helmsley and York
- 181 re-routing of the service which will no longer visit Scackleton
- 840 removal of subsidy during winter months to Whitby

There are NO specific proposals for the 194 service between Helmsley, Hovingham and Malton. The contract for this service is currently being renegotiated for renewal in April 2016. NYCC have indicated they would provide a subsidy for a two hourly service which would be complemented by services provided by Stephensons on a commercial basis.

Any comments on these services and changes to the subsidy should be made directly to NYCC; alternatively you can send your comments to the Parish Council who will incorporate your feedback into a consolidated response from the villages.

Please remember that using these services is the best possible way you can impress NYCC how important these services are and hopefully protect them from further changes.

\*\*Phil Chapman\*\*

# **Ryedale District Council Elections - the result**

I returned home at 11.45 am on the morning of Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> after spending all night at the Count, with the knowledge that I had been re-elected to Ryedale District Council to represent the Hovingham Ward for four more years. The Council will comprise of 20 Conservatives, 3 Liberals, 3 New Independents, all from the Malton Ward, 2 LibDems and 2 Independents, I am one of this Group.

Ryedale District Council is one of the smaller Councils in the Country so is able to continue to use a Committee system where all members are involved for making decisions, as opposed to York City or North Yorkshire CC which have an executive of up to nine Councillors making their decisions. We have three Main Committees; Policy and Resources which decides on the Policy of the Council and sets the financial priorities. The Planning Committee deciding the large and contentious applications and determines Planning Policy. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee which oversees the Audit function, reviews the other Committee decisions and has the role of ensuring the highest Standards are maintained. The accepted practice is that this Committee is not chaired by a member of the ruling group.

There are a number of major decisions to be taken in next four years which include, how can RDC become more efficient and save money without having to make any of our hard working staff compulsorily redundant. Modern computer technology enables us to link up with other neighbouring District Councils to provide back office services. The Building Control Partnership, The Payroll Partnership, The Internal Audit Service and The Procurement Partnership are good examples of our existing joint services. What will happen to Wentworth Street car park? Where will the bulk of the new homes and industrial units be built? Will Malton get a new livestock market? And last but not least when NYCC receive an application for fracking we will be consulted for our opinion.

At the Council AGM on May 21<sup>st</sup> I was re-elected to be the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to be the Council representative on the Howardian Hills AONB.

\*\*Robert Wainwright\*\*

# The Big Tidy Up April 2015

Hovingham Action Group would like to express thanks to everyone who helped out at the Hovingham Big Tidy Up on 11<sup>th</sup> April. It was a marvellous turn out and one the village can be proud of. We even had a family from Gilling who came with their children.

The photograph shows some of the amount of rubbish picked up from each and every verge leading into the village. We really do live in a throw away world! It's estimated the group collected at least 80 bags, plus various other items including a large wheel, complete with tyre, many parts from motor vehicles (it was almost possible to build a car from the parts found), mats, 100's of bottles and cans and even a 10 foot scaffolding pole. The Council needed a large lorry to take everything away.

Many lessons were learnt, if and when the task needs to be done again, but special thanks to Tony & Sally Finn at the Worsley Arms for laying on refreshments. Also to Mark Wilson for collecting all the bags and Murray Stewart for being proactive and bussing pickers out to what must have felt like the back of beyond to those unlucky enough to volunteer to go out into the wilds.



All in all it was a wonderful experience and I for one was glad to be part of it. Although I had back pain from the continuous bending and even my first midge bite of the year, it was all worthwhile and I hope everyone felt satisfied with a job well done.

Unfortunately and not wanting to put a 'damper' on things, I have to report that the next day on a pull off on the road out to Brandsby numerous items were scattered about. Why do these people need to do this and is there any thing we can do about it?

Although there was a smaller response for the Sign Cleaning Exercise held in May, those who did turn out did a sterling job cleaning all the village signs and signposts. We even washed down the white fencing where it needing cleaning. Thanks to everyone who gave their time on what was a cold morning and I'm sure everyone will agree the results, made the effort worthwhile."

David Richardson

P.S When it's windy can residents living near to the Bakery please ensure when they put items out for collection they are secure and won't blow away, particularly plastic milk cartons. The solution possibly is to make sure nothing can be blown out of the box or the box be blown over.

Things have certainly progressed since my last article. Crops have grown, and spring crops have been planted. We have had spells of warm weather but we keep going back to chilly days and some late frosts.

All the winter crops have grown in height and are looking well. The wheat and oats have now received all the Nitrogen they require to take them through to harvest. This was applied in four split applications to allow the crop to take it up slowly and not to waste it. The wheat has had three applications of fungicide at approximately 21 days interval. If you leave it any longer, you run the risk of disease entering the crop and reducing the yield. Oats and beans have had one fungicide and may only require one more. The timings of spraying can vary slightly due to the weather conditions. If the wind gets up then the risk is that the spray will drift and not do its job, and more importantly could drift onto another crop or garden if the field is near a house. We have to keep detailed records every time we spray a field. This includes date, what growth stage the crop is at, the chemical applied and at what rate, the water volume per hectare, the weather conditions and if there is a slight breeze which direction it is coming from.

I have sown a 10 acre field of barley this spring. It is a field which was "over wintered stubble" This means that as part of my environmental stewardship scheme I leave some stubble to encourage wildlife and you are not allowed to cultivate it after harvest until the following mid February.

All commodity prices are down at the moment, including cereals, beef, lamb and pork with some if not most at below the cost of production.



We do seem to be expected to keep supplying food for such low prices. Seeing the adverts on TV from various supermarkets stating their commitment to low prices is very disheartening. The only reason they can sell food cheap is because they buy it cheap. Why 89p for 4 pints of milk is acceptable when people seem quite happy to pay many times that for bottled water is beyond me. There does seem to have been a swing back towards locally sourced produce in recent times which can only be a good thing. Our monthly village market is proof of that.

In my last article I talked about the form that had to be filled in and sent to DEFRA and what a farce it had become. It has now been completed and sent off. I decided some years ago that I really didn't want to wade through all the paperwork and run the risk of getting it wrong so I ask a professional advisor to help. They can keep up with all the rule changes and therefore make completing the form a quicker job. Last year it took an hour but this year it took nearly three! There have been at least three "helpful" instruction books sent by DEFRA with instructions in that run to over 150 pages. They tell us what a hedge is and how to measure it, how to work out if grass is permanent whether you are an active farmer and lots of other useful tips! It does make you wonder how we managed years ago but at least we can be happy we are keeping hundreds of civil servants in a job!

Just to warn you that if you see me rushing around the village I am trying to be an active farmer!!

**Mark Wilson** 

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2010	83	58	47	21	11	37	42	42	82	64	74	31	<b>592</b>
2011	43	68	6	2	41	52	48	112	25	67	28	66	<b>558</b>
2012	49	16	20	148	48	102	110	76	113	97	137	122	1038
2013	57	24	52	14	83	48	26	55	57	90	55	57	620
2014	127	58	38	23	35	54	52	94	29	72	108	48	738
2015	26	20	26	48	78								
Avg	60	48	38	45	46	58	<b>50</b>	62	53	68	63	58	619

<sup>\*</sup> Still rather dry, April the sunniest since 1929, hopefully this is a foretaste of things to come. Summer strawberries and elderflower - bliss

**AVG** - figures calculated from 1994 to 2013

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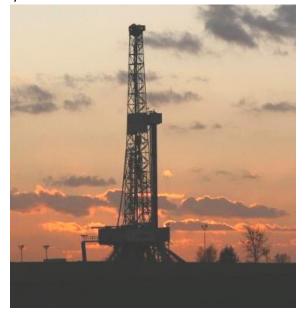
# Fracking - What is happening in Ryedale?

The North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Ryedale Area Committee are to discuss fracking at their meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. The reason for discussing fracking is because of the petition handed in at County Hall in March 2015 asking the Council to consider taking a stance against unconventional fuel extraction by whatever method.

## The meeting is due to commence at 10.30am at Hovingham Village Hall.

Frack Free Ryedale held a 'Rally for Ryedale' through the town centre of Malton at the end of April 2015. It was reported as being the largest rally through the town in 'living memory', with somewhere between 500 and 700 people according to the BBC and the Malton Gazette & Herald.

At the time of writing, the energy company who wish to 'frack' (Third Energy) has published notices saying that they have applied for planning permission to carry out a test 'frack' at Kirby Misperton. The notices are displayed on site and within the village. There has also been a public notice in the Malton Gazette & Herald (13 May 2015). However at the time of writing (26 May 2015) no documentation is yet publicly available in connection with the application on the North Yorkshire County Council website but this should be available shortly.



A precursor to the planning application, known as a 'scoping opinion request' was made in connection with this proposal earlier in year. Many of the statutory consultees raised concerns in their responses. Ryedale District Council raised concerns about traffic, air quality, hydrogeological assessment, noise, operational waste, seismicity, water resources and flood risk. The Environment Agency had concerns too, in particular in respect of, ground water protection, water resources, ecology, waste, greenhouse gas emissions, and environmental permitting. The County Council's own Director of Public Health also responded with many additional concerns relating to public health.

When the documentation is available Ryedale residents will be able to see what is exactly proposed and how the concerns raised will be mitigated. If you have concerns or disagree with the proposed mitigation measures, all members of the public have a right to object.

This planning application to carry out a test frack at Kirby Misperton is important and significant. In planning law, granting permission for the test frack will set a precedent. Once a precedent is set, we can expect to see fracking operations across David Davis, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Ryedale.



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#### Hovingham Village Website - contact Caroline Davis, Janice Wood or David Richardson.

• The website sponsored by the Action Group is in the process of major revision and updating. All local businesses and services have been added to provide a comprehensive source for local people and visitors to the area.

#### **Environment and Wildlife - contact Ann Chapman or David Richardson**

- The Big Tidy Up was completed on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. There was a wonderful turnout and all routes into the village were stripped of litter. It was amazing what was removed and put into over 80 bags. Some items were too big for the bags, wheels, vehicle parts, mats, cement, you name it, it was picked up. The council were very prompt in collecting all the bags. All in all a job well done!
- The Coronation green, damaged by market traffic has been repaired and reseeded.
- Cleaning of signs, signposts etc in the village limits which need cleaning are scheduled to be tackled on the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Market - contact Peter Stark

- Visitor numbers at the April market broke all records with over 1200 adult and child visitors. The market is very successful and going from strength to strength. The PR efforts put in by the market Group are paying dividends.
- The market on 2<sup>nd</sup> May will have a Tour de Yorkshire theme.
- New volunteers who wish to contribute to the running of the market will be made very welcome; also any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.

#### Playground - contact Ann Chapman, Carol Battersby, Rosemary Stewart or David Richardson

- A memorial plaque to commemorate Sir Marcus Worsley is planned to be unveiled at a ceremonial event in June on the covered shelter, all are welcome to attend.
- The Playground will run the café at the market on 2<sup>nd</sup> May to raise funds. The Playground is self funded and events like this pay for regular maintenance of the equipment and grass cutting which is obviously ongoing in the warmer periods of the year. Any donations would be gratefully received.
- Contact us if you would like to be involved in various ongoing initiatives.

#### Neighbourhood Watch - contact Phil Chapman

Regular emails and information on criminal activity from the police continue to be sent out. Villagers should be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

\*\*David Richardson, 30 May\*\*



# The Hovingham Village Market

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As the last of the houses in the new development are finally completed and the residents in Pasture Lane take their place in our community, Hovingham is becoming a much busier place. The mix of ages in the new part of our community seems to me to be just about right.

This was apparent at a well supported village gathering at the Worsley Arms to welcome the completion of the extension to the village shop by the younger members of the Blades family. At this event I spent a pleasant afternoon talking to some of the new Pasture Lane residents and sharing the history of the land they now occupy. I was asked to put my knowledge into print for the benefit of the rest of the village. I am now one of the oldest natives with roots in the district going back well over three hundred years.

Pasture Lane was always part of the village being the farmyards and buildings belonging to Hall Farm occupied by Robert Wainwright It was a mixed arable and livestock farm whose old fashioned buildings were replaced with the new shed nest door to the Railway Station. Next door to this was the farm occupied by the Coatsworth family, who were my Grandparents, who as well as having just a few cattle, were the first proper farm contractors in our area. Grandad Coatsworth and his brother John had the first corn binder in the district as well as two steam engines which provided the power for their threshing machines which went from farm to farm, threshing the stacks of corn on the farms around Hovingham and the surrounding district.

Next door in the farmstead I now occupy is the site of the first two houses of the new development. When my wife Pat and I were growing up in the village, this was the home of the Magson family who also had a small farm. They had lived there for over three hundred years and the family still live in the district. The first member of the family was a blacksmith who came to Hovingham from York where he had been a blacksmith at York Minster. This house must have been thatched before the war and replaced with pan tiles. It is one of the oldest houses in the village.

The site next door was the stack yard and barns of Manor Farm. Over the years it was farmed by both the Prest and Harrison families. My family are related to both of them. The Prest family still farm at Fryton and I was the last Harrison to farm on the Hovingham Estate. During the last great war, Manor Farm buildings were the centre of the civil defence operations for the village. It was the home of our fire engine with all its equipment stored in a shed in the farm yard and also the site for our air raid siren and the focal point for air wardens and civil defence in the village.

Fairly early on during the war, the only bombs dropped in our district fell on my home at Lodge Farm some two miles out of the village. Dad had a hay stack burnt down. We still plough up the occasional incendiary bomb and have to call out the army bomb disposal squad to take them away.

From Manor Farm upwards the rest of the building site as far as the Malt Shovel was gardens and orchards which were let off to villagers as allotments and orchards. They had been allowed to run wild but the hedge between the orchards and the field was a mass of damson trees from which Pat always made nice plum jam and potent damson gin. If the residents on the field side of their gardens are careful, they will most likely find small damson suckers growing which quickly turn into very nice plum trees which bear delicious fruit.

\*\*Ken Harrison. 2015\*\*



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# Parish Council - Chairman's Report

During this last year we have continued successfully consolidating the foundation established by previous Councils and the Community. We have carefully managed and monitored all expenditure and with the support of the Action Groups, Community Groups and Residents continued to build upon the foundations established by our predecessors.

Financially the Parish Council has had another successful year; thanks to the Parish Clerk again kindly waiving her allowance, and repairs have not yet being completed to the cemetery wall, a surplus of £1,400 was achieved. A neutral budget has been approved by the Council for this year and this position has already improved following announcement of a partial grant of over £900 towards grass cutting by NYCC.

Continual financial pressure on North Yorkshire County Council has led to consultations on the library and bus services. Unfortunately cuts in service levels have been to be expected and we continue our efforts to focus and promote comments from residents and propose improvements when these are possible. Residents must be reminded to use these services, or we may loose them further.

The Playground Team of David Richardson, Carol Battersby, Rosemary Stewart and Ann Chapman have continued to maintain a Playground very popular with those of all ages from Hovingham and Scackleton, plus many from villages along the street. This year some new already well-liked equipment focused on younger children has been installed, together with some tunnels and the children's own art which has been added to the fort, mostly funded by the "Pasture Lane Fund". The Team's own fund raising efforts, plus generous support from the Village Market and Parish Council, continue to make the Playground sustainable however, they are always looking for new volunteers and donations to help. The memorial to Sir Marcus will be opened in June.

The Village Newsletter continues to provide a high quality publication, free to every household in Hovingham and Scackleton. The wide variety of articles must be commended, together with the opportunity to publicise events to residents and circulate information useful to residents.

Leadership of the Market Group has now been transferred from Martin Bell to Peter Stark, who together with a core team of more than a dozen volunteers, continue to provide a very successful monthly focus for the Community. It is now completing its sixth year and via the unique Community Café and Stalls, plus donations, has raised nearly £50,000 for the Community. Easter saw the most popular market ever with a record 1,200 visitors and nearly 40 stalls. We must thank all of the team for this unique contribution to our Community, and thank residents for supporting it making it so successful.

Both the Hovingham and Scackleton Action Groups have continued to enable residents to support their own Communities and complement what the Parish Council can offer. In Hovingham a recent rubbish tidy up saw over 24 volunteers collect over 80 rubbish bags which Ryedale District Council collected within a day. Thank you to both Action Groups for all they do and we will continue to support them.

Groups have nearly completed the projects supported from the Pasture Lane Open Spaces Fund and these must be completed so none of the money is handed back to the developer.

2015-16 will again be a challenging year; cuts will continue and turbulence created by proposals over fracking will create controversy and stress, however, I am confident that we, as a Community, will be in the best possible position to maintain the standards already established by the Community Plan and the involvement of residents.

We must say thank you to Councillor Margaret Bell who stood down from the Parish Council and thank her for her contribution and her efforts leading the Community Plan team. We welcome Monica Gripaios to the Parish Council.

Finally; thank you to everyone for their help and support across the Parish Council and also to our hard working Parish Clerk; doing our very best for the future of Hovingham and Scackleton.

\*\*Phil Chapman - Chairman\*\* May 2015\*\*

#### Hovingham Estate www.hovingham.co.uk

**Residential property - The** Estate has residential property to rent, ranging from 2 bedrooms to 5 bedrooms, all situated within the village. **Contact:** The Estate Office on 01653 628771

**Logs for sale** - The Estate sell logs in varying load sizes which can be delivered within 1 mile of Hovingham Village. **Contact:** David Blades on 01653 628357

Please note due to harvest logs cannot be delivered during the months of August and September.

**Holiday Cottage** – Spa Cottage; is an attractive 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom cottage that sleeps 6 in comfort. For bookings please contact Rural Retreats at www.ruralretreats.co.uk or telephone 01386 701177



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Pilot session for regular use – up to 100% off !!! Residents or regular use – up to 25% off

Will it work? Will it be affordable? Will the first session succeed? The only way to know for sure is **to try it and see.** Your Village Hall would like to help you. Give us a call - we can offer practical advice and even advise on publicity.

Your Village Hall supports new activities
Call Janice on 01653 628952 or visit www.hovingham.org.uk

#### **GENERAL - Hovingham & Scackleton**

- Bus Services NYCC have announced consultation over future of bus service and subsidies. This is covered elsewhere in this Newsletter.
- **Election Procedures** Councillors must submit expense declarations by 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- Grass Cutting NYCC grant now £910.74 split over 6 payments. Request to cut bank by phone box turned down.
- Maintenance Projects The Chairman asked Councillors to bring a list of projects that are the responsibility of the Parish Council to the July meeting for consideration and prioritisation.
- Police The new police officer and our PCSO will be invited to September PC meeting.
- Winter Grit Both villages need to replenish supplies and prioritise those sites maintained by NYCC. To be determined at the July meeting.

#### **SCACKLETON**

- Action Group Report Problems still obtaining suitable oak bench for the Pinfold.
- Mobile Phone Mast Consultation now on site at the Sawmill. Site visit by Councillors on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May organised by Cllr Matthews.

#### **FINANCE**

- The PC has received an unexpected grant from NYCC towards grass cutting of £910.74.
- A VAT Return has been submitted.
- An insurance renewal for PC, including the Action Groups and Playground, has been received from Zurich for £556.69, which is £140 less than expectation based on last year.

#### **HOVINGHAM**

- Action Group A report was submitted. During sign cleaning it was noted that the 30mph roundel sign at the Terrington entrance to the village was rotting. This has been reported to NYCC Highways for repair.
- Cemetery Maintenance Cemetery Wall repairs in progress.
- Pasture Lane Footpath This is nearly complete.
   Fence and shrubs need to be planted and footpath extended to reach public footpath.
- Pasture Lane Fund Groups who received grants are reminded they must complete claims by Feb 2019.
- Pasture Lane Road and Pavements Residents are reminded that it is the responsibility of Trilandium to complete prior to possible adoption by NYCC.

#### RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

#### from Councillor Robert Wainwright (Hovingham)

- Robert was congratulated by the Chairman on his recent election, receiving 58% of the votes. Ryedale District Council is now made up of 20 Conservative, 3 Liberal, 2 Liberal Democrats, 2 Independent and 3 New Independent members.
- The first meeting of the new council is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- The Local Development Framework proposed locations will be out for consultation in June and the Parish Council will arrange a public exhibition in the Village Hall.

#### **Any Other Business**

- **EBOR Way Dog Bin** A proposal for a dog bin at the top of the village was discussed and it was decided demand did not justify the cost.
- Handrail on new York Hill footpath Hovingham Estate are to be reminded about this.
- Hovingham Ford Cllr Gripaios expressed concern over cyclists falling in the ford at the beck, and if extra signage could by erected. This has been raised with Richard Marr of NYCC Highways who said extra signs would not deter people from riding through the beck even when a bridge is available.
- Scackleton Speeding Cllr Matthews raised problem of lorries speeding over 60mph in village. This issue will be raised with the Police at September meeting.
- Scackleton Verges they are growing back.

# Annual Parish Meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015

- Councillors signed their Declarations of Office.
- The Chairman gave his report for the year.
- Annual Accounts to March 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 were presented. They were accepted subject to completion of their inspection.
  - Income for the year was £8,433; which included the Parish Precept (71%) and the NYCC Grass Cutting Grant (18%).
  - Expenditure for the year was £7,034; which included Grass Cutting (40%) and Village Maintenance (22%).
  - A surplus of £1,399 was achieved, mainly due to the Parish Clerk waiving her allowance and delay completing of repair the cemetery wall.
- Councillors Phil Chapman and Ian Battersby were unanimously re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015 - all start at 7pm

8<sup>th</sup> July - Scackleton Church 9<sup>th</sup> September - Hovingham

11<sup>th</sup> November - Hovingham

# The Hovingham and Scackleton Village Diary

# **June 2015**

<b>1</b> st Mon	Landfill Waste Collection – Green Bin Supermobile Library in Hovingham – 5pm until 7pm – Location Hall Green				
and Torre	Hovingham Women's Fellowship - meet at Pat Hewitt's for lunch at 12 noon				
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Tue	Scrumptious Fish & Chip Van - 5:35pm Hall Green, opposite Village Hall				
	Hovingham Village Market - 10:30am to 1:30pm - Hovingham Village Hall -				
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Sat	Please come along and support the Market;				
	Scackleton Action Group will be running the Community Café.				
<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup> Sun	BCP Eucharist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Church				
/ Sun	Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel with R. Stannard				
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Mon	Recycling Collection – Recycling and COMPOST Bins				
<b>9</b> <sup>th</sup> Tue	Scrumptious Fish & Chip Van - 5:35pm Hall Green, opposite Village Hall				
<b>12</b> <sup>th</sup> Fri	Opening of New Hovingham Playground - 3:30pm - Everyone welcome				
	200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hovingham Methodist Chapel				
	10am to 4pm - Exhibition and memorabilia in the Chapel				
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Sat	3pm - Talk on the History of the Chapel by Sue Goodwill				
	7pm - York City Gospel Choir in the Hovingham Village Hall				
	Tickets £5 available from Sue Goodwill (628077) and Margaret Silver (628922)				
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Sun	Joint Anniversary Service- 10:30am Hovingham Chapel with Revd. David Emison (200 <sup>th</sup> )				
	Eucharist Service - 6:30pm St. Georges Scackleton Church				
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Mon	Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin				
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> Tue	Supermobile Library in Hovingham – 5pm until 7pm – Location Hall Green				
16 Tue	Scrumptious Fish & Chip Van - 5:35pm Hall Green, opposite Village Hall  Race Night at Hovingham Village Hall - 7pm to 9:30pm - Perfect night out for Dad's				
<b>20</b> <sup>th</sup> Sat	with it being Fathers Day the morning after, in aid of environmental trip to Peru. Tickets are				
<b>20</b> Sat	£3 each or £10 for a family ticket, call 01653 627184 or email m.bertucci@btinternet.com				
	Father's Day Lunch - Worsley Arms Hotel. Bookings essential, please contact the Hotel				
	Probably the most important day in the year?Serving our traditional Sunday lunch menu				
<b>21</b> st Sun	Morning Praise – 10:30am Hovingham Church				
	Methodist Service – 10:30am Hovingham Chapel with A. Corner				
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Mon	Recycling Collection – Recycling and COMPOST Bins				
<b>23</b> <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Scrumptious Fish & Chip Van - 5:35pm Hall Green, opposite Village Hall				
<b>26</b> <sup>th</sup> Fri	Organ Crawl - Starting 6:20pm at Hovingham Church with Philip Moore				
	Benifice Eucharist – 10:30am Coneysthorpe Church				
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b> Sun	Methodist Service – 10:30am Hovingham Chapel with J. Clark				
4h	Landfill Waste Collection – Green Bin				
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b> Mon	Supermobile Library in Hovingham – 5pm until 7pm – Location Hall Green				
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b> Tue	Scrumptious Fish & Chip Van - 5:35pm Hall Green, opposite Village Hall				
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# **July 2015**

<b>3</b> <sup>rd</sup> Fri	Hovingham Flower and Music Festival - Preview Evening				
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Sat	Hovingham Village Market - 10:30am to 1:30pm - Hovingham Village Hall				
	Please come along and support the Market;				
	Terrington & Scackleton Over 60's will be running the Community Café.				
	Hovingham Flower and Music Festival				
	Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel with B. Shackleton				
<b>5</b> <sup>th</sup> Sun	Hovingham Flower and Music Festival				
	Songs of Praise - 4pm Hovingham Church				
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Mon	Recycling Collection – Recycling and COMPOST Bins				
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Tue	Scrumptious Fish & Chip Van - 5:35pm Hall Green, opposite Village Hall				
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Wed	Parish Council Meeting - 7pm - Scackleton St. Georges Church - All Welcome				
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Sun	Eucharist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Church				
<b>12</b> Suii	Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel with F. Allison				
13 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin				
	Supermobile Library in Hovingham – 5pm until 7pm – Location Hall Green				
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Tue	Scrumptious Fish & Chip Van - 5:35pm Hall Green, opposite Village Hall				
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b> Sun	Morning Praise - 10:30am Hovingham Church				
	Methodist Service - 10:30am Circuit Service at Kirby Moorside				
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Mon	Recycling Collection – Recycling and COMPOST Bins				

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