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Hovingham & Scackleton NEWS

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Welcome

Welcome back to another edition of the Hovingham & Scackleton Newsletter, proudly sponsored by the Hovingham Village Market. If you have any suggestions or contributions for future editions, please don't hesitate to contact Steve Martin.

If you could include your name, contact details & any pictures would be wonderful.

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Hovingham WI is approaching its 2nd anniversary!

What have we been up to since our last Newsletter entry? Well, it has been busy. I know that! At our July Meeting our Guest Speaker was Sarah Curnow from Wild Bee Flower Farm. Fantastic flower arranging using the beautiful wildflowers in the countryside around us. So, it was time for something a little more 'educational'! A warm and sunny Sunday afternoon in July and 20 ladies from Hovingham WI were off to Ryedale Vineyard, one of the most northerly commercial vineyards in the UK. A beautiful setting for what promised to be an interesting and informative visit. After the tour of the Vines, Pressing and Bottling Rooms it was straight on to the important task of tasting! That included 2 white wines, a red wine, some cider and a plum cup, which could be diluted with lemonade to make a low alcohol summer drink. Following an opportunity to buy we were treated to a Cream Tea. A fitting end to a delightful day at this family run vineyard. Thoroughly recommended! Many thanks to The Fletcher Family – www.ryedalevineyards.co.uk

To round off our catch up since the last Newsletter – Our August Meeting was a Garden Party which took place at the home of one of our very kind members. How lucky were we with the weather! Tyrannical rain before hand and, on cue, more rain just after 9pm to make sure that we didn't settle down until midnight! Don't forget we also have a few clubs to 'dip your toe into' – Cinema/Theatre, Walking ,Ladies That Lunch, and of course, Wild Swimming. Something for everyone to try and always something new to learn. There is always plenty of chatter, tea and biscuits! **We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Hovingham Village Hall. Don't miss out! Join a trial meeting, or 3, for a charge of £5, just to see if you like it? You will be welcome.**

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A Sizzling Success: The Hovingham Community BBQ

What a fantastic evening we had at Hovingham Village Hall! On Saturday 8th August villagers gathered for our Community BBQ; organised by the Hovingham Branch of The Royal British Legion. With fabulous food, great music, and wonderful company, the summer evening proved to be an absolute triumph from start to finish.

A Feast fit for the Village

The smell of sizzling delicacies greeted everyone long before they reached the tables. Our master grill team—Tony, David, Lucy, Mark, Sally and Stuart Dean—worked their magic over the open flames, serving up mouth-watering burgers and sausages. The meat was top quality; sourced from Tancred Farm Shop in nearby Whixley.

Accompanying the main grill was a spread of salads that rivalled any high-end buffet. Prepared by Kay Dean and topped off with delicious contributions from several talented villagers, the food table in the Community Room was brimming with vibrant colors and flavors. From roasted butternut squash and beetroot to creamy potato salad and crisp fresh greens, there was something to satisfy everyone.

And then came dessert! Sophie Smith treated us to some astonishing bakes, including zesty lime and courgette cakes alongside decadent chocolate choux buns stuffed with Chantilly cream and whipped caramel. A huge thank you also goes to the other villagers who brought along equally delicious cakes and sweet treats—safe to say, nobody went home hungry!

Atmosphere, Stars, and Good Spirits

The weather was firmly on our side. Outside, long tables stretched out beneath the warm summer sky. Many chose to sit outdoors soaking up the pleasant evening air right until the stars came out overhead. Inside the hall, others gathered around large round tables seating ten apiece, buzzing with lively chatter and laughter late into the night.

Special Presentations and Celebrations

Following pudding, everyone gathered inside for a touching moment of recognition. Stuart Dean took to the stage to present a beautifully gifted cornet—kindly donated by a generous local villager—to Catherine Dunn who played "The Last Post" so movingly at our recent Act of Remembrance at Hovingham War Memorial on Saturday 4th July. The celebrations didn't stop there. Rob Sanderson and Stuart led the entire hall in a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" to two of our own, Mark Wilson and Rosie Barnett, who were celebrating their special days. Rob also took the opportunity to announce that AllSaints Bingo will be returning on Tuesday, September 29th—so mark your calendars, as he hopes to see a full house!



Raffle Excitement and A Great Result

No community gathering is complete without a bit of friendly competition, and Stuart stepped up to draw the raffle prizes onstage. Lucky ticket holders went home with some truly fabulous prizes, including a bottle of champagne, a luxury wicker hamper packed with four bottles of wine, a scented candle, a stylish perpetual calendar and floral diary set, and a pampering Noble Isle hand-wash and hand-cream set.

Best of all, thanks to everyone's generosity, the evening raised a fantastic total of £790 after costs! Every penny will go directly toward the maintenance and smooth running of our beloved Hovingham Village Hall.

Dancing the Night Away

To top off a memorable night, Rob kept the dance floor moving until it was time to wrap up.

A heartfelt thank you to Stuart & Kay Dean, the Royal British Legion team, our cooks, bakers, and every single person who bought a ticket, brought a salad, or helped set up and clear away. Events like this remind us what a vibrant, tight-knit community we are fortunate to be part of. Here's to the next one!

Robert Sanderson



Ryedale round up

What's Happening at Hovingham Repair Café & Community Hub?

We are all about extending the life of your belongings, cutting carbon footprints, and helping you save energy and money. Here is a quick look at the free services and community initiatives we run:

- The Repair Café: Bring your broken items: electricals, household goods, gadgets, jewellery, furniture, bikes, toys, and knitwear. Our fab volunteer fixers will help you repair them for free!
- Home Energy Efficiency: Stop losing heat and cash. Book your free loan of our Thermal Imaging camera and get expert advice on retrofitting and renewables, and learn about the latest energy grants and insulation discounts.
- The Bike Station: Located right outside the Village Hall, this is a dedicated charging and repair station for electric bikes and mobility scooters.
- Library of Things: A handy tool and equipment-sharing scheme exclusively for Hovingham residents.
- Green Living & Travel: Chat with local EV/hybrid drivers, connect with organic food suppliers and local gardeners, and support the Paths4Everyone initiative for multi-user paths across Ryedale.

Come Along and Get Involved!

Our Next Event: Join us on Saturday 12th September from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Hovingham Village Hall.

Whether you have a broken toaster that needs some love, want to find out how to make your home warmer for less, or just fancy a chat about living lightly, we would love to see you. Everyone is welcome to pop in, share skills, and help us make a difference.

For future updates and more information, you can always check <https://www.project-purple.org.uk> We look forward to welcoming you!

Hovingham Market

Our Young Enterprise Award has gained great traction so far, with applications already arriving & features in both the Yorkshire Post and Gazette & Herald. On Thursday 12th August however, we hit a new high with committee member Meg Abdy & Anya, a Stallholder attending Hovingham Market from a young age, spoke live on Radio York about the program.

Find out more about the Young Enterprise Award here:

<https://hovingham-market.org.uk/stalls/young-enterprise-award/>

Wilson's Farm

Well that's another harvest (my 41st) done and dusted, and there certainly was plenty of dust! We thought last year was the earliest harvest in living memory but that was only a practice for this one. At one stage a few months ago it did look like it would be a bit more like normal but then the heat came and crops died off very quickly. We had better yields this year than last year and this was down to more rain in April and May. 11mm and 34mm respectively in 2025 and 23mm and 71mm this year. The crucial month is May when crops are wanting to grow away and need water to do that. Shallow soil like I have up middle way does not like a dry May. Draw a line from mid Lincolnshire South and they didn't get the rain we did and the yields have been very poor so we have fared a lot better. The benefit of the hot summer was that everything came in dry so no need to use the drier. This is a major cost (and time) saving, especially this year with the price of fuel. It is not all plain sailing though as cutting crops in 30 degree heat can be dangerous. Everything runs hotter on the combine and it only takes a spark from a cutter bar or an overheated bearing and you can have a serious field fire. There have been far too many this year and a few locally. Thankfully when this happens the farming community jumps into action and goes with water tankers and cultivators to help the fire service. If the ambient temperature is 30 degrees then the grain comes into the store at that temperature. It may be dry but it can't be stored at that temperature especially if it is piled quite deep and blowing warm air at it is a waste of time. 25 degrees seems to be easier to cool but up at 30 it is not easy. Thoughts soon turn to sowing next years crops and given the early finish to harvest this would usually mean plenty of time to prepare the fields. However the land is bone dry and very hard so cultivations are neigh on impossible. Oilseed rape would normally be getting drilled by now but even if you could get the drill to go in there is no moisture to chit the seed. The sowing window is quite small and it needs to be in by early September. Cereals are usually sown from mid September so you would like to hope by then we will have had some rain. You have to be optimistic in farming so the seed is ordered as is next years fertiliser. Costs are getting higher and the commodity prices really need to be more than they are. The press talk about food prices going up but we are not seeing that at the farm gate. Fuel price is all over the place but going up, fertiliser is about £140/tonne more than it was last year and the Government are planning to put a £50/tonne carbon tax on it!! It used to be that a tonne of wheat bought a tonne of fertiliser, now it takes at least 2. It is said that farmers buy stuff retail, sell it wholesale and pay the haulage both ways. I have decided that after 21 harvests it is time for my combine to go. It was 19 years old when I got it so doesn't owe me much. I have sold it to a local dealer who will package it into a container and send it to Pakistan. They like old ones across there because they have no electrics so can mend them. I have a while to find one which is good because the same day I sold it, my pickup failed the MOT and had to be scrapped. Combine fund is now pickup fund! Oh well onwards and (hopefully) upwards. 14mm of rain in the last 24 hours so that is a start.



Thank you

This newsletter has been proudly created and sponsored by the Hovingham Village Market Committee. We are a volunteer led group dedicated to supporting local producers and fostering community spirit. We look forward to sharing more news in our next edition.

Useful contacts

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Hovingham Methodist Chapel Sue Goodwill 01653 628077

Hovingham Play Park Debs Hugill 01653 628432.

Hovingham Tennis Club Dee D'Alessio 07423 084922. To join and/or book a court visit

Hovingham Tennis Club website.

Hovingham Tennis Club Pickleball Murray Stewart 01653 628741. Every Tuesday evening at Terrington Village Hall.

Hovingham Village Market Graham Mason 01653 628386.

First Saturday of the month. 10.30a.m. – 1.30p.m.

Hovingham Village Baby and Toddler Group Emily Hunter Smith 07815040258 Every Wednesday morning at village hall during school term.

Hovingham and Scackleton W.I. Margaret Creigh 07941822905. Monthly speaker meeting at the village hall.

Hovingham Women's Fellowship Sue Goodwill 01653 628077

Katie May Pilates 07515406097 Monday mornings in the village hall.

Project Purple Frank Colenso 07541854765 Repair Cafe on Saturday morning every three months in the village hall.

Ryedale Family History Group Janice Wood 07813977613. The group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month

Scackleton Church Warden Roland Firby 07970996164.

Seated and Standing Pilates Anne 07899751049 Tuesday mornings in the village hall.

Young Farmers Rob Firby 07557733875. Meet Monday evenings at Hovingham Village Hall.