



The Hovingham and Scackleton Newsletter

December 2013



Welcome to the Hovingham and Scackleton Newsletter



And so it is Christmas time again. Out here in the beautiful countryside we see there are lots of berries on the holly, and on the ivy, and (we hope) the turkeys at Starks are getting fat. There's nothing new about how important our surroundings are for making us happy at Christmas. As long ago as 1297, "at Hovingham at Christmas, Roger de Mowbray granted to Ralph de Kirketon the forestry of Hovingham with trees blown down, their branches and bark, a quarter of wheat every ten weeks, and a robe of the suit of Roger's esquires or 20s. in lieu thereof". Not bad, eeh? So, to all here now in Hovingham and Scackleton, a very happy Christmas.



Margaret Bell (with the help of British History Online)

Get into that Christmas mood

**JOHN RUTTER
BROTHER HEINRICH'S
CHRISTMAS**



Saturday 7th December at 5.00pm

A Concert of Advent and Christmas Carols - All Saints' Church, Hovingham -
in aid of repairs to church roof at Hovingham Church

Ampleforth & Ryedale Concert Choir - Conductor: William Dore

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**Wednesday 18th December - 2.30pm Joint school Christingle Service at
Hovingham Church - everyone welcome**

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Sunday 22nd December - 6.30pm Joint Carol Singing Concert -

Worsley Arms Hotel

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Tuesday 24th December 4.00pm Christingle Service

The Christingle Service will take place in Hovingham Church at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Everybody is welcome, especially children. Traditional Christingles will be given out during a short festive family service. Please join us as it really is a special way to start Christmas



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Winter is upon us and it's only a matter of time until we get a dusting of snow. The Action Group have volunteers standing by to remove substantial falls of the white stuff! Priority pavements and roads will be targeted; however we desperately need more people to come forward to help. It isn't over demanding, normally about an hour.

Any time anyone can give will be very much appreciated. It would certainly help if you can clear the snow in front of your property and perhaps any neighbours who are unable to get out.

Salt grit is also available again for householders to use on paths in the village.

Please contact David Richardson (628227), Mark Wilson (628235), Carol Battersby (628388) or Murray Stewart (628741) if you need more information or can help out.

David Richardson, Action Group Chairman

Newsletter Editorial Team

We are glad to announce that Caroline Davis has joined our editorial team. Her help is much needed and we still hope to attract another new helper. Caroline, with her husband has moved into the new houses on Pasture Lane. Most of the houses in the first phase of building are now occupied and the village is already benefiting greatly from this influx of new blood. As well as the Newsletter Editorial team, Hovingham Church PCC and the Market have also been happy to welcome more help from our Pasture Lane residents.

Eddie Lucas

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Hovingham Village Shop - a new era

As you all know, Margaret and Martin Goodwill have managed Hovingham village shop for the past decade, and are now enjoying very some well deserved peace and quiet up the hill in Wiganthorpe. Their hard work is to be celebrated in Hovingham Village Hall on November 27th.

The shop has been taken over by Mark Blades, a professional electrician who runs Cooper and Westgate, a building and electrical company in York. Mark used to live in Hovingham where he was employed as a newspaper delivery boy, helped out in the shop and worked in the kitchens at the Worsley Arms to earn extra pocket money. Mark has now taken on the long-established Hovingham business, which will be run by his mother, Linda, who worked in the shop about 20 years ago.

Linda, whose husband David is farm manager on the Hovingham Estate, said: "It is going to be an exciting challenge and we are really looking forward to it, especially as I once worked in the shop, and Mark has memories of it when he was a school boy delivering papers each morning."

Mark and Linda will be helped by his wife, Rose, mother of their four children, Ellie, eight, Charlie, seven, Annie, three, and Billy, 20 months, and the family will be moving from their home in Amotherby to Hovingham.

At a time when many villages are losing their local shop, Mark hopes that the shop will grow and is planning to extend it so that it can expand its range.

"One of first moves is to ascertain from the existing customers what they want to see the store selling because it is a shop which covers a number of villages," said Mark.



(Taken from the article written by David Jeffles and published in the Malton Gazette. Margaret Bell).



The Hovingham Village Market

www.hovingham-market.org.uk themarket@hovingham.org.uk



The November Market broke all records for numbers of stalls and numbers of visitors. Many thanks to our volunteers, stallholders, and all who come to buy and support the market, and to enjoy the market café, every month.

There are two markets in **December, on Saturday 7th and 21st**, so do come and do your Xmas shopping **LOCALLY!** At both markets there will be seasonal music provided by Swinton Brass Band. The café will be provided by Friends of Hovingham School on 7th, and by Hovingham Action Group on 21st. The market on 21st December will be our **FIFTIETH** market, and we hope to celebrate with another record market.

Our AGM will be held on the 21st of January, contact us for details and we are always looking for volunteers to assist with running this market

There will be no market in January, but we will be back on 1st February, when Jade Delaney will be running a community stall to help raise funds for her 6 week voluntary placement in Nepal next summer where she will be teaching English to both monks and children while living in a monastery. Jade was a regular volunteer at the market before she went off to university, and we hope the village will support her community stall in February.

Martin Bell

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Do you know where your local Methodist Chapel building is? The Chapel is behind the red-bricked Chapel House off Hovingham's Market Square in Church Street.

It has had work done on the roof this year plus a new heating system, so we are as warm as toast! You must come along and let us show you round.

Our services are held most Sunday mornings at 10.30am by ministers or local preachers - details are in the Village Diary at the end of this issue.

Sue Goodwill

British Legion - local generosity raises £1,379

Poppy Appeal raises £1,379 - another Hovingham area record!

For the tenth year running, the generosity of residents and friends of Hovingham and the surrounding villages has ensured an increase in donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The Poppy Appeal supports retired and wounded ex-service personnel and bereaved service families.

"With calls for help increasing after recent conflicts, such sustained generosity is vital and very much appreciated" says local Poppy Appeal Organiser Rosemary Stewart. "We would like to thank both donors and our team of loyal volunteers."

This year, our door-to-door collections and boxes in local businesses were down, following a nationally-organised mail shot that provided free poppies. This upset several donors and volunteer collectors whose views have been echoed in other areas. RBL county officials are taking these views seriously and have requested details from us, and had already arranged to put this matter at the head of the agenda of their December de-briefing meeting. Fortunately, a magnificent contribution by a volunteer friend of Hovingham made up the shortfall.

Rob Thompson



Shoebboxes - Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to all those generous people who contributed to the Christmas Shoebox collection. 32 boxes - a truly wonderful achievement- were brought to the children's assembly on 14th November which was led by Maureen Lucas

Thank you again to everyone

Carol Battersby



Get fit in the New Year

Exercise classes being held in Hovingham Village Hall on Monday evenings.

A fantastic way to get fit and kickstart those new years resolutions.

Classes are for all abilities and ages.

Legs Bums and Tums!! Monday 7.15pm

Stretch and Balance!! Monday 8.15pm

Classes cost £4 each or come along and do both of them for £6!!

Classes are being held on Mondays the 2nd 9th and 16th December and then restart after Christmas from Monday 6th January.

For more information and to book spaces please contact Katie-Mae Ellis on:

01653 628699/07515406097 or katie-mae3@hotmail.co.uk



Willow tunnels in the shape of a 25 feet dragon have recently been erected on the playground, with a few finishing touches to be done (eyes, nostrils, legs and scales). This unique structure will provide additional play for children and an information board will explain the history of willow and its uses. Our thanks to the AONB for part funding this project and to Chris and Roger (AONB volunteers) who cheerfully helped our team.

We now have a shelter which can also be used as a picnic site and possibly a classroom. A plaque in recognition to Sir Marcus Worsley will be fixed to the shelter and unveiled in the spring.

The Playground Committee have also formed a liaison with Hovingham School looking at further ways to enhance the playground. The school are more than matching our enthusiasm and plans. The project will close in the space under the timber fort/slide and feature a tunnel system as an additional play area. The school will be designing the art work for lining the tunnels with the Playground group providing assistance. . We are planning to hold an 'open day' some time in April, with a dragon naming competition and revelation of the tunnels and their unique school artwork.

David Richardson



Rainfall at Hall Farm, Hovingham (in mm)

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
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| 2010 | 83 | 58 | 47 | 21 | 11 | 37 | 42 | 42 | 82 | 64 | 74 | 31 | 592 |
| 2011 | 43 | 68 | 6 | 2 | 41 | 52 | 48 | 112 | 25 | 67 | 28 | 66 | 558 |
| 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 | 47* | | |
| Avg | 60 | 48 | 38 | 45 | 46 | 58 | 50 | 62 | 53 | 68 | 63 | 58 | 619 |

A mild autumn and we have escaped the worst of the storms - a man in a pub once told me we lived in a golden triangle of weather - how right he seems to have been (so far!!)

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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

Garden waste will not be collected in December, January and February that last collection having been made on the 29th November.. Collections will re-start on **Monday, 3 March 2014**.

Christmas trees can be taken to the Recycling Centres or can be chopped up and left in the garden waste wheelie bin until collections start again in March 2014.

Changes to garden waste collections do not affect the kerbside recycling service for plastic bottles and cans, glass, and paper and card, which will continue on the current fortnightly pattern. For details of the collection day changes over the Christmas period, a calendar of dates will be printed on a 'luggage style' tag, fastened to your bin as in previous years and the Council's web site will be updated regularly with information for residents.

For more information, please see website www.ryedale.gov.uk or telephone (01653) 600666

And check the weekly electronic diary for dates

Ryedale to charge for Green waste collection from June 2014

Nationally, around a third of English councils are already separately charging their residents to collect garden waste, which currently costs RDC £285,730 per year. Members of RDC agreed to introduce an annual fee of £27 for each garden refuse bin to be emptied, from June 2014. This will increase to £36 the following year.

The garden waste scheme is a non-statutory service which many other local authorities already charge for, so residents will be able to choose whether to opt-in or out this service. This change in no way affects the statutory waste services already provided for non-recyclable waste, or other recycling materials collected directly from the kerbside."

The Council's website will be regularly updated so residents are clear on when and how to subscribe to the garden waste collection service (and we will put details in this newsletter when available).

Hovingham Village Hall hosts St Aidan's celebration

"I could do something *really* special in here!"
- your village hall is what YOU make of it.

Ampleforth College chef Neil Swales really did do something special in creating a menu themed "Deliciously Yorkshire" at Hovingham Village Hall in September to support his local parish church. St Aidan's Roman Catholic church was celebrating its Golden Jubilee in Oswaldkirk and needed space for 90 diners - and Neil needed plenty of kitchen space to prepare his special meal. As a professional, he was surprised and delighted with the space and facilities designed by Hovingham ladies when it was renovated four years ago. .

The diners included 23 visitors from parishes in Hungary and Czech Republic who also expressed delight at the facilities we can sometimes take for granted. This is far from being the first large event held at our village hall and it is always interesting how organisers adapt the space available. Some even put up marquee liners, lay carpets and install gold furniture as part of the service provided of one of our local caterers. Others have more simple catering needs but all of them appreciate what is one of the best village hall kitchens in North Yorkshire. Another professional chef had earlier said the facilities would reduce his costs by at least 10%

More recent upgrades have included much need improvements to the toilets and the main entrance.



This winter will see a new corridor formed to conceal the rather unsightly back of stage area and new, more comfortable chairs.

Next time you are planning a large event, have a chat with us about how we can adapt our upgraded facilities to meet your needs.

Call Janice on 628952

Menu

"Deliciously Yorkshire"

by Ampleforth Chef Neil Swales

Grace before lunch - Fr Edgar

Pressed Terrine of Yorkshire Gammon
with spiced pineapple chutney
& mustard seed dressing

Pickled local salmon trout
with Pickering watercress
& lemon balm dressing

Topside of Burdass-reared Wolds beef
with Yorkshire pudding & mustard veloute

Grilled Wensleydale Buck Rarebit

New potatoes
with mint and Terrington lavender glaze
Yorkshire mixed salad

Coleslaw with Ampleforth apple
Mixed bread rolls

Elderflower jelly
with Sandhutton strawberries & clotted cream

Yorkshire curd tart
with golden raisin puree

Baked Ginger Parkin
with Ryeburn of Helmsley Hokey Pokey ice cream

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Many thanks to all those who have attended the four talks on Philosophy I gave recently, and thanks to David Sumner for his following comments. The people who attended proved to be excellent “students” – engaged, intelligent, and thoughtful. Thank you all.

There may be some more talks next year, so please keep an eye on the electronic village news, and on the notice board.



Martin Bell

Being as old as I am it’s hard to accept that, as yet, I have not understood many of the principles that have served others as the basis for their judgements and decisions in seeking philosophical truths and knowledge in today’s world.

But, as they say, I’m working on it - just having experienced the fourth of four stimulating, ninety minute lectures, by villager, Martin Bell.

Being amongst others with varying knowledge of the subject is reassuring and helpful. Martin’s relaxed lecturing expertise, a master at making complex issues simple, keeps listeners on their toes. Some, unlike me, more recently familiar with academic disciplines find it easy. Others, required to savour and hang on to his every word and sentence find it tough going but, certainly, very rewarding.

More similar but related lecture topics are being considered. Watch this space!

David Sumner

Down on the farm

What a difference a year makes. The autumn of 2012 was so wet that it was a struggle to get crops drilled. Large areas were left undrilled and then it got even wetter with large lakes of water in a lot of fields. The contrast to this year could not be greater. Most land ploughed very well enabling crops to be drilled into ideal seedbeds.

First to be sown was Winter Wheat, followed by Winter Barley then Winter Oats. Progress was quite fast without many interruptions. Only a couple of problems with the power harrow and drill held me up but that was solved with a welder and the occasional use of a hammer!! A total of 110 acres of wheat, 12 acres barley and 51 acres of oats have been sown.

Next to be sown was Winter Beans. These are sown differently to the cereals as rather than drilled into a ploughed field, they are spread onto the stubble and then ploughed in. The ploughing is then power harrowed to level it and firm it down. This makes it easier next harvest because even if ploughing looks level, it will settle over the winter and end up uneven in places which makes combining it more difficult. 32 acres have been sown and they are now emerging well.

The good weather continued once the drilling was completed, which allowed all the crops to be sprayed. This was to kill any weeds that had grown and also an Aphicide was used. Aphids can become a problem if the weather stays warm. The sprayer has been washed out, antifreeze put in and put away for the winter. Fingers crossed that it can stay there and that nothing comes along for it to be needed. Once the colder weather arrives, the crops will stay dormant for the winter which should keep any weeds and bugs at bay.

The only other field operation that could be done over the winter is to apply some fertiliser. This will depend on how dry it is to travel on the land. The fields are tested on a three year cycle for pH, Phosphate, Potash, magnesium and a few other trace elements. The results influence what fertiliser is to be used and this year I will be using just Phosphate to maintain, and in some fields improve the levels.

Over the last 10 years I have been in a **Countyside Stewardship Scheme**. This was an environmental scheme which involved hedgerow management, grass field margins and wildlife areas and has now ended. However, I have entered into another called the Higher Level Scheme. Next spring I will re-sow some of the grass margins to enhance them. Also other areas will be sown with different grass mixes depending on what type of soil they are on. Hedgerows will continue to be managed to keep them at a width and height that encourages nesting birds.

Hopefully we will not have a wet winter. We really don’t need to see water in the fields again!

Mark Wilson



Burglaries

With the arrival of the dark evenings winter, your local Policing team are concerned at the increased risk of House Burglaries. In the last few days of November we have suffered 2 burglaries, one in Sheriff Hutton, the other in Welburn.

Please consider your home security. Ensure doors and windows are locked. If you have ladders, lock them away. Too many burglaries occur where householders ladders, tools and even garden furniture are used to gain access to homes. If you go out, leave an inside and outside light on. Consider using a timer to turn lights on and off. Leave a radio on to try and give the impression of someone being at home.

Poachers

Poaching is a crime. Poachers don't just randomly kill animals. They damage crops, farm gates and fences. Forget the fanciful image of Heartbeats' 'Greengrass' taking a few rabbits for the pot or to sell to the locals. Modern poachers are either hare coursing with dogs or out shooting wild deer which fetches a considerable price on the black market. Poaching is often used as a front to locate farm machinery to be stolen.

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police as soon as possible.

Drink Driving and Speeding

As always, we ask that every resident plays their part in road safety by ensuring they stay within the speed limits on all roads but especially through our villages. You never know with certainty where our mobile speed camera vans will be.

As we head towards Christmas, your local policing team will be taking part in the 'don't drink and drive' campaign. We will be out breathalysing drivers who we consider may have consumed alcohol. Please don't get caught out, drink driving is a crime that wrecks lives.



From Malton Safer Neighbourhood Police Team

PC Paul Fenwick, PCSO Nicki Pounder

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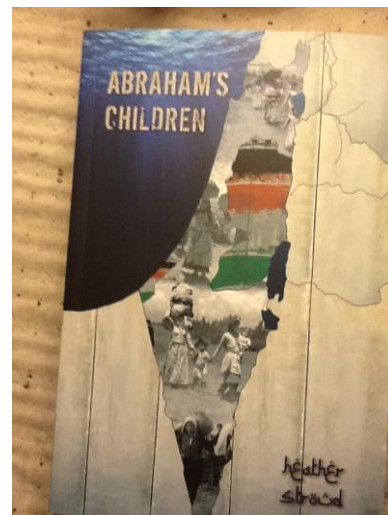
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Those of you who have lived in the village for over ten years will remember Heather Stroud who lived on the Becksides before moving out to Gilling. Over the last decade or so, she has devoted much of her time and energy in promoting the difficulties under which Palestinians live in Gaza and the West Bank.

She has now published a very readable fiction book called "Abraham's Children", in which she describes the experiences of a young English girl with a Palestinian father when she visits the West Bank. Written largely from the point of view of the Palestinians, Heather who clearly knows the area and the people very well, highlights the obstacles that ordinary peaceful Palestinians have to endure just to exist. It describes vividly a situation that even an increasing number of Israelis realise cannot be sustained. How is that the Western world, which quite rightly would not tolerate apartheid in South Africa, turn a blind eye to what is happening on the West Bank? A book which anyone concerned about the problems of the Middle East definitely should read.



Copies of the book can be obtained from Heather, (01347 888689) at £13.50. The book can also be obtained on Kindle from Amazon much more cheaply.

Eddie Lucas

Hovingham School Report

There are now thirty nine children in school; soon to be forty as another child joins us in Year 2 at the beginning of December.

The summer term ended with some great activities. The end of term treat was at Runswick Bay. This was made possible with the help of Fiona and Mick Singleton who go there regularly sailing. The good weather allowed the parents v children rounders match to take place on the cricket field. The competition was fierce with both sides of the opinion that it wasn't the taking part that counts but the winning! Despite the rules making the parents run further, they made the most rounders, but the children took the most catches!

On the last day of term school held the leavers lunch and assembly. This gave us the chance to say goodbye to the Year 6 children and wish them well with their move to secondary school. It was also the time to say goodbye to Mrs Lomas as she retired after 16 years at the school. Although a sad occasion, it was lovely to share so many happy memories of her time with us. Mrs Harland who has stepped into Mrs Lomas' shoes has settled in very well.

The dedicated team of helpers who take turns to do the Thursday assemblies continue with as much enthusiasm as ever. The children seem to enjoy seeing different people as much as we enjoy doing the assemblies. When we finally come out of the interregnum, it is intended the group continues but with the new incumbent as part of the team. We are very grateful to Martyn Boothroyd for co-ordinating the team.



School held its own harvest festival in church at the end of September which was very well attended by parents and villagers. They then took part in the church Harvest Service the following Sunday and gave a fantastic performance.

The Year 5 and 6 children took part in a day of activities with The Pearl of Africa Children's Choir co-ordinated by Ryedale School. The children spent the morning practising songs with this visiting choir from Uganda and, along with other local schools, took part in a concert in Helmsley church in the evening. The church was packed and the concert brilliant.

Along with St. Hilda's the school has hosted Neasden School's final visit of the AONB twinning project. The children from all three schools spent the day at Howsham Mill and learned a great deal about its restoration, history and the technologies now in use to ensure its sustainability e.g. the Archimedes screw generating electricity .

Next year sees the 150th Anniversary of the school and plans are being drawn up to celebrate this. One of the children (Maddy Gordon-Finlayson) has written to the Archbishop of York to ask him if he will lead a special service on 5th October

REGULAR passengers on the number 194 bus (Malton - Hovingham- Helmsley) made a deeply poignant journey today - as it took them to the funeral of its popular driver Ian Newby, who died of a heart attack earlier this month. His death at home near Bilsdale, at the age of 47, was completely unexpected and shocked family and friends.

Hundreds packed into Bilsdale's small, remote church, on the North York Moors, where his funeral was held today (Thursday, October 17). Joining many family and friends were dozens of passengers who were brought to the church in the coach Mr Newby drove so many times.

Regular passenger, Marian Hardy, from Barton-le-Street said: "He called everyone by their Christian names. He built up a rapport with everyone who got on his bus." Another regular from Hovingham added: "He would stop us outside our houses if we had a lot of luggage, or if it was bad weather. He was brilliant. We will all miss him." Susan Bowes, from Barton-le-Street, said: "He picked up a lot of school children on his route. He was very popular with them, he knew them all and all their names and would ask about what they were doing that day. He was always happy, never moody. He was just such a genuinely nice person."



Thank you to Emily Flanagan for allowing us to reproduce part of her article in the Northern Echo

Hovingham Action Group News

Environment Group

- The 2 Heritage Village signs at north and south ends of the village have been renovated. A new Hovingham sign has been erected on the Park Street entrance to the village.
- Painting of the railings on the Top Green has been carried out (by painters organised by the Parish Council) and look pristine. However, the rails in front of the hall don't look so good.
- Snow clearing is scheduled to be carried out, as in the past 2 years. Additional grit has been requested.
- A Christmas tree and lights will again be erected in the village hall location. The project has financial support from the Market and Action Groups.

Wildlife For further information contact [Ann Chapman](#).

- Further autumn planting of native snowdrops was completed and further suitable sites will be earmarked for future planting.
- The Wildlife Group has donated £200 to the Playground for willow tunnels on the playground.

Market For further information contact [Martin Bell](#)

- In a strong situation and financially sound with positive stallholder and visitor support. A count of visitor numbers is ongoing to confirm attendance.
- Any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group..

Margaret Goodwill

- Margaret vacated the village store at the end of October and the Action Group felt this had to be recognised. Therefore they marked the occasion with a bouquet of flowers and a voucher to help in her house restoration.

Playground

- A covered area and second picnic table is now in situ. The covered area will be a memorial for Sir Marcus.
- A 2nd session carried out further weeding under the hedges surrounding the playground. The ground will be sprayed with Roundup once the hedge leaves have died off and this will be repeated in spring, hopefully to avoid the need to weed in future.
- Substantial work is planned in springtime on the timber fort; please contact [Ann Chapman](#), [Carol Battersby](#), [Rosemary Stewart](#) or [David Richardson](#) if you would like to help. See article in this issue.
- The playground group are liaising with Hovingham School on this and other projects.
- The Pasture Lane development 2nd tranche of money is awaited prior to purchasing future additional equipment and expenditure.
- Willow planting in the shape of a dragon is being progressed- see the article in this issue.

David Richardson, Chairman

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- **“AONB Seats”** Two seats are to be placed along Spa Road.
- **Bus Services** – Feedback has been supplied to Mr Richard Owen of NYCC; he is discussing proposals with Stephenson's. The consultation ended on 25th November.
- **Cemetery Gates** They now close however do not catch. Councillor R. Matthews will look into options for the future and these will be part of the proposals for 2014 maintenance budget.
- **Cemetery Wall Repairs** It is proposed to undertake in Spring.
- **Churchside Telephone Pole** Water at the base of the pole has caused it to lean; Yorkshire Water and British Telecom have repaired damage and are happy it is safe.
- **Coronation Green Rail Painting** – This has been started; it needs to be finished together with black straps and top bank. Likely to be completed in Spring.
- **Flooding and Beck** The Environment Agency have strimmed the overflow channel 6 weeks ago. They will be asked to clear possible “restriction” under bridge to Lavender Cottage.
- **Litter Bin Liner** – Still seeking suitable sized liner
- **Pasture Lane Development** – Cllr R. Wainwright reported that there are on-going discussions between RDC and the developer who wishes to revise the planning agreement. The Council Solicitor is dealing with payment of the 2nd tranche.
- **Village Hall Planning Application** – The Parish Council have made a planning application to add French doors to the Community Room on behalf of the Bowls Club and HVHMC.
- **Village Name Plates** - Park Street sign has been replaced.

GENERAL FINANCE

- **2013/14 Finance** – Position continues to be healthy.
- **2014/15 Precept and Questionnaire**
 - 80% of households who responded were in favour of an increase in the Parish Council Precept; with the majority in favour of a £12 per household per year increase.
 - Councillors will incorporate this result into proposals for the 2014/15 budget and precept to be discussed at the January meeting.
 - Some Scackleton residents felt they could not support the proposed increase as they did not have the same facilities as Hovingham residents.
- **Grass Cutting** It was agreed not to cut grass again until Spring. Councillor Mrs W. Swann asked for details on Scackleton grass cutting; it was subsequently confirmed that verges in Hovingham and Scackleton were each cut five times by Cliffords in 2013.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Parish Council Meetings – 8th January and 12th March 2014 at 7pm in Hovingham Community Room
- NYCC Local Area Committee - 11th December 2013 at 10:30am in the Malton Rugby Club

SCACKLETON

- The owner of the “Old Goat Farm” has now outlined the use of the site and buildings to RDC. There are no planning conditions restricting use to just goats.
- Details of timing and loading of vehicles is required to pursue the matter further.
- DEFRA are being asked for guidance regarding animal movement restrictions.
- A notice of the farm gate tells drivers to reduce their speed to 20mph.
- Safari Supper and Market Café were very successful.

RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor Robert Wainwright

- £200,000 will be spent refurbishing swimming pools in Pickering and Norton with a long-term plan for replacement.
- Visitor Information Centres in Malton and Helmsley are to be closed.
- Budget Strategy has been approved with a Community Charge increase of 1.99%.
- Green Waste (Brown) Bin Collections will be charged for from June 2014.
- A one year trial reorganising into three committees of ten members will be initiated to reduce paperwork and cost of servicing the meetings.

POLICE

PCSO Nicki Pounder and PC Paul Fenwick attended the meeting.

- A number of issues have prevented use of speed guns. NYP have now ring fenced some duty days for this work. We do not qualify for the use of mobile speed vans.
- The effectiveness of a wide range of speed reduction measures was discussed. It was agreed to invite Richard Marr (of NYCC) to the March PC meeting.
- No one has been charged following the three burglaries in Hovingham.
- Latest Ryedale crime figures show a drop.
- Residents can take precautions to keep their property safe and a crime prevention leaflet will be distributed with the village newsletter.

December 2013

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| 1 st Sun | Benefice Eucharist - 10:30am Barton Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - R. Stannard |
| 2 nd Mon | Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin Supermobile Library in Hovingham - 5pm until 7pm - Location Hall Green |
| 4 th Wed | Worsley Arms Christmas Supper Club - 6pm Worsley Arms Hotel - Reservations required |
| 7 th Sat | Hovingham Village Market - 10:30am to 1:30pm - Hovingham Village Hall - Please come along and support the Market, Friends of Hovingham School run the Community Café. A Very Special Christmas Concert - 5pm Hovingham Church - Atmospheric Advent Music with Ampleforth & Ryedale Concert Choir, plus carol finalé with audience participation. Season refreshments, children admitted free, all proceeds to Hovingham Church. |
| 8 th Sun | Taizé Eucharist - 10:30am Slingsby Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel, M. Graham |
| 9 th Mon | Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins (NO Brown Compost Bin) Bring, Share and Enjoy Event - 6:30pm Community Room Everyone is welcome to bring some tasty treats and something to drink at this special event. |
| 11 th Wed | Ryedale Local Area Committee of NYCC - 10:30am Malton Rugby Club - All welcome Malton District Lions Club - Santa's sleigh will be visiting Hovingham between 5pm-9pm |
| 12 th Thur | Joint Christmas School Production - Ampleforth Church - A joint production between Hovingham School and St Hildas. |
| 15 th Sun | BCP Eucharist - 10:30am All Saints' Church, Hovingham Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - B. Shackleton Scackleton Carol Service - 3pm St Georges' Church, Scackleton |
| 16 th Mon | Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin Supermobile Library in Hovingham - 5pm until 7pm - Location Hall Green |
| 18 th Wed | Joint Christingle Service - Hovingham Church |
| 21 st Sat | Hovingham Village Market - 10:30am to 1:30pm - Hovingham Village Hall - Please come along and support the Market, Hovingham Action Group will run the Community Café. |
| 22 nd Sun | Joint Carol Singing Service - 6:30pm Worsley Arms Hotel - Rev. Mike Smith |
| 23 rd Mon to 3 rd Fri | School Christmas Holiday |
| 23 rd Mon | Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins |
| 24 th Tue | Christingle Service - 4pm All Saints' Church, Hovingham 'Midnight' Benefice Eucharist - 9pm All Saints' Church, Hovingham |
| 25 th Wed | Christmas Day Family Service Eucharist - 10:30am All Saints' Church, Hovingham |
| 26 th Thu | Boxing Day |
| 29 th Sun | Benefice Eucharist - 10:30am Slingsby Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Service at Slingsby Chapel led by Rev. Mike Smith |
| 30 th Mon | Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin Supermobile Library in Hovingham - 5pm until 7pm - Location Hall Green |

January 2013

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| 5 th Sun | Benefice Eucharist - 10:30am Amotherby Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - N. Smith |
| 6 th Mon | Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins |
| 8 th Wed | Parish Council Meeting - 7pm Hovingham Community Room - All welcome |
| 12 th Sun | United Covenant Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - Rev. Mike Smith |
| 13 th Mon | Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin Supermobile Library in Hovingham - 5pm until 7pm - Location Hall Green |
| 19 th Sun | Morning Praise - 10:30am Hovingham Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - F. Allison |
| 20 th Mon | Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins |
| 21 st Tue | Market Group AGM - All very welcome to come along, volunteer and help the Market. Further details from themarket@hovingham.org.uk |
| 26 th Sun | Benefice Eucharist - 10:30am Coneysthorpe Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - R. King |
| 27 th Mon | Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin Supermobile Library in Hovingham - 5pm until 7pm - Location Hall Green |